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EDITORIAL

As the new Editor of the Society's Journal, I want first to thank my predecessor, Alan Angus, for his sterling work on your behalf since 1986. He has had a long spell as Editor, maintaining a high standard throughout, and we in the Society are grateful to him for his efforts.

I am rapidly learning that there is more to this job than meets the eye, and I have quickly grasped that without input from its readers, no Journal of a Society like ours can hope to succeed. Our quarterly magazine is the main link between our members all over the world, and it must be my aim, as Editor, to provide you with the sort of articles and information you want. So I begin my editorial career with two requests.

First, tell me what you would like, let me have your suggestions about the kind of material we should (or should not!) include and I'll see what can be done. Second, I want each of you to consider whether there is an article you could write, or whether you have some hint or snippet of information which might help other readers, and having considered this, I want you to sit down, put pen to paper, and send it to me. I can't promise to print everything, but one thing is certain - if I receive nothing from you, the members, then there will be no Journal!

I would particularly like to receive articles on lesser known sources of material which might be of interest to your fellow family historians, sources which you have found useful or perhaps on which you have a little specialist knowledge.

One more request. If you want a reply or acknowledgement to your letters to me, please, please, please, send a stamped addressed envelope (2 International Reply coupons from overseas). Thank you.

FROM THE TREASURER

Appeal Update

The Autumn Journal contained an appeal for financial help with the cost of the 1881 census project. I am writing this in early September, just before this issue of the Journal goes to the printer, to let you know about the wonderful response we have had so far. In the two weeks which have passed since you received the appeal, 115 members have responded with very generous help and the appeal fund stands at over £ 1000, already half way to our target. My thanks to all of you who have helped so willingly.

Subscriptions

The current subscription was due on 31st October 1990. Please make sure that you have already renewed your subscription for next year. Remember, if we have not had your renewal by 31st December, you will have to pay a rejoining fee of half your usual subscription. All payments should be sent to Mrs K. Davison at the Gateshead address on the inside cover. Remember, too, that you should pay by cheque and should have cancelled any standing order.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Godfrey Duffy, whose useful article on Irish genealogy appeared in the Summer 1990 Journal, opened the new season with a spirited talk on Irish research, with particular emphasis on this area. He pointed out that Irish people who came here during the famine of the 1840's were usually of rural origin, poor, Gaelic-speaking, possibly illiterate and usually reluctant immigrants. The majority landed in the Cumbrian towns of Whitehaven, Workington and Maryport and tended to settle in specific villages or areas which then became predominantly Irish. Mr Duffy mentioned the extant Catholic records in Ireland and pointed out that Newcastle Library has a copy of the I.G.I. for Ireland. He also mentioned two useful sources which can be found in the Library-R.J. Cooter's M.A. thesis of 1972 on "The Irish in County Durham and Newcastle 1840-1880" and T.P. MacDermott's "Irish Workers in Tyneside in the Nineteenth Century" (Essays in Tyneside Labour History, 1984).

HELP WANTED

Mrs Susan E. Rowbotham, 'Boscombe', 222 Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, writes "Help! I am an enthusiastic but frustrated family historian with family connections in the Newcastle, Seaton Sluice, Earsdon and Hesledon areas but who lives with her young family in Gloucestershire. I live just a short distance from Cheltenham Reference Library and within easy reach of Gloucestershire Record Office. I would be glad to search in these or other places locally in exchange for the same in Northumberland & Durham area".

SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

The Annual General Meeting of the Group was held on 19 June 1990, when the Secretary reported another successful year. Meetings had been well attended and speakers had covered a wide variety of subjects: topics ranged from the use of computers in Family History to the physical characteristics of Abraham Lincoln.

Mary Graham reported that the Horton MIs had been completed, and that the recording of Blyth Links Cemetery MIs were well under way. Work on the 1851 Census was also continuing, and she thanked all who were assisting in any of these projects.

During the year we lost three of our original members: Mr Ward, a tireless worker on our behalf despite his advancing years, Mr Keenlyside and Mrs Gibson of Cambois. Since the AGM we regret to announce the death of another member, Mr A.M. Graham, husband of Mary Graham, our Treasurer and Project Co-ordinator. We extend our sympathy to all the families.

LONDON GROUP

The main part of the joint meeting with the Catholic Family History Society held on Saturday 14 July 1990 was a talk on "Catholic Records in Northumberland and Durham". It was given by the Chairman of the Catholic F.H.S., Michael Gandy.

With great enthusiasm and with many historical facts the speaker led us from the times when the community was in general Catholic (providing us all with thousands of Catholic ancestors), through the time of the Irish Famine and the consequent movement of the Irish to England and further afield, to specific records in Northumberland and Durham - some of which were on display at the meeting.

It was a most stimulating address and an introduction to another set of records well worth investigating.

The second part of the meeting was the A.G.M. of the Group. The office bearers elected were: Chairman - Alan Craggs; Vice Chairman - David Morris; Secretary and Treasurer - Wendy Bennett.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Saturday 17 November 1990 at 10.30 a.m. Miss Sally Fincher will give a talk on "Trade Unions and their Records".

Saturday 9 March 1991 at 10.30 a.m. there will be a talk on "Methodism in the North east" by V. Branfoot.

BOWRON OF COTHERSTONE

A collection of mainly 19th century documents relating to the above family has recently been unearthed. Names mentioned are BOWRON, WALTON, PRATT, BYERS, LANGSTAFF, HOLMES, JOPLING, CLARK and MARKHAM. If any members are interested in learning more of this family, they should contact Miss D. Icton, 19 Court Drive, CROYDON CRO 4QA.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Directory of Members' Interests

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

"Reading the Members and their Interests section of the Journal - and who does not? - you never know what you may discover or how you can help another member - I began to wonder whether our Directory of Members' Interests is being utilized to its full advantage.

For £2.75 post free, it includes approximately 6000 surnames, together with the names and addresses of almost 3000 folk who are interested in them. What a source of potential information is available!" (Copies are available from Mrs C. Davison, 22 Ferndale Avenue, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear NE36 OTQ).

Some Hampshire Strays

Ms Judy Berry, of 5 Hambling Close, Bulwell, NOTTINGHAM NG6 7DX, writes:

"I have just completed some work on the Burial Registers for Lymington, Hampshire, for the period 1812-1837, and have extracted the following details of people from Northumberland and Durham:-

18 May 1818	George Robertson, aged 40, of North Shields, Northumberland.
20 Sept 1819	George Barker, aged 54, of Sunderland, Durham.
6 Oct 1819	James Tullison, aged 47, of Sunderland, Durham.
24 Oct 1821	Todd Nicholson, aged 16, of Sunderland, Durham.

I hope they may be of use to someone".

A Durham Vet

Mrs J. Wears, of 2 Highfield Villas, East Mill, HALSTEAD, Essex CO9 2EH, writes:

"Visiting Alford Folk Museum, Lincolnshire, I came across a display of veterinary equipment. The following information was given with the exhibit, and may be of interest:

John Attwood Shaw, born in Wolsingham, County Durham, in 1878. He trained at the Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh, before going into practice as an assistant in Cirencester. In 1906 he bought his first practice in Alford, staying here until the outbreak of World War I. In 1914 he joined the Royal Veterinary Corps, serving the full four years of the war. After 1918 he returned to practice in Alford until his retirement; he died here in 1971.

His veterinary equipment, some quite gruesome, was donated by his niece".

CLASPER - A GOOD GEORDIE NAME?

Rod Clayburn

A number of years ago, whilst undertaking family history research, I discovered that relatives had covered most avenues for me. The fascination with my name Clayburn and my mother's maiden name Clasper led me to one-name research.

Following the initial 'Clasper' search I checked all English speaking telephone directories and came up with more than 300 names worldwide. I wrote to every one and received a very good response. This was followed by a listing of all births, marriages and deaths at the General Register Office (St Catherine's House), and finally, or should I say to date, a complete listing of the British section of the IGI for the name Clasper.

There are still a number of sources to be examined, but the story to date is very much concerned with the Northumberland and Durham area. The earliest Claspers appear in the 14th Century around Ponteland and Whickham on either side of the Tyne. A small group was found in North Lincolnshire, but these had disappeared by 1837, and 50% of Claspers still live in the North-East. Variants are almost non-existent; I have corresponded with one family with the name Clasper.

No definite meaning for the name has been forthcoming from more than 100 correspondents. The Oxford English Dictionary gives a 'clasper' as "one who puts clasps on old books", but this appears to post-date the origins of the name. Another theory was that the name derived from 'clapper' when the double 'p' was written in Old English: a Hanoverian name, this also appears to be after the origin of the name in the North-East.

Apart from Harry Clasper, the famous Whickham rower, little else has appeared in print. A researcher has examined the indexes to the Society's Journals for me, but to no avail. There was some correspondence with a member who listed the name among his interests, but that was for a fairly recent reference. We feel that the name is as Geordie as Ridley or Stoker, but do any of you Tyneside experts know better?

Editor's Note: Mr Clayburn's address is 4 Winnham Drive, FAREHAM, Hampshire PO16 8QE.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Tuesday, 4 December 1990.* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group meeting. Xmas Social.
- Thursday, 6 December 1990.* *Newcastle, 7.15 [p.m.](#)*
[N.D.E.H.S. meeting - Social](#) Evening - Pot Luck Supper.
- Monday, 10 December 1990.* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting. Xmas Party.
- Wednesday, 12 December 1990.* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting. Social Evening.
- Thursday, 13 December 1990.* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting. Xmas Social.
- Thursday, 3 January 1991.* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
[N.D.E.H.S. meeting - Mr J. Hoare](#) of the Genealogical Society of Utah will talk about the 1881 Census Project.
- Thursday, 10 January 1991.* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting.
- Tuesday, 15 January 1991.* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group meeting.
- Monday, 21 January 1991.* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting. Mr P. Bowes - Aspects of Weardale - Part 2.
- Wednesday, 23 January 1991.* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting.
- Thursday, 7 February 1991.* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
[N.D.E.H.S. meeting - Mr G. Patterson](#) - Life and Death at Sea in the 19th Century.
- Thursday, 14 February 1991.* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting.
- Monday, 18 February 1991.* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting.
- Tuesday, 19 February 1991.* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group meeting.
- Wednesday, 27 February 1991.* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting.
- Thursday, 7 March 1991.* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*
[N.D.E.H.S. meeting - Mrs A. Burton](#), Northumberland County Archivist will give a talk on 'The Way We Were'.
- Saturday, 9 March 1991.* *London, 10.30 a.m.*
London Group meeting. Mr V. Branfoot will talk on 'Methodism in the Northeast'.
- Thursday, 14 March 1991.* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*
Sunderland and District Group meeting.
- Monday, 18 March 1991.* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group meeting.
- Tuesday, 19 March 1991.* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group meeting.
- Wednesday, 27 March 1991.* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group meeting.

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

Newcastle:	British Legion Club, Lonsdale Terrace, West Jesmond.
Durham:	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.

A BIT OF GENEALOGICAL FUN

Family history is all about detective work. That is part of the fun. So let's break new ground. Let's have a competition - with a prize - to find out how good an investigator you are.

Here's what it's all about. A correspondent in Ohio sent me two photographs of a "gentleman's billfold" which my American-English dictionary tells me is a wallet. It is in leather and has a silver clasp engraved with the words 'JOSEPH GAMUL, NEWCASTLE, 1750'. On the back is another silver piece with 'ROB GIB' engraved over two clasped hands. The present owner inherited it from his father, but knew nothing about the billfold, about Joseph Gamul, or about 'Rob Gib'.

Your task is to find out as much as you can about Gamul, and his life and also to see if anything can be discovered about 'Rob Gib' or the billfold itself.

The rules are simple:-

1. You must only use sources which are open to public access (although if anyone uncovers any 'private' material, I'd like to know about it).
2. You must quote the nature and location of the record fmm_wbicJa_vcvLa tainrri.P.aizb-far-t.,inrJluijn\$ references or page numbers if appropriate.
3. You win one point for each relevant fact e.g. one each for dates and places of birth, death, marriage, one each for discovering parentage, children etc., and one for every fact you uncover about events in his life, what he did, what happened to him etc.

I do NOT want a family tree. I do not want his ancestry traced (except his parents) or any descendants discovered. You should confine yourself to the man himself and to others who featured in his lifetime activities. Similarly with 'Rob Gib'. But you can have free rein on the billfold - anything about its 'life' will count.

The entrant with the most points wins and will get a year's free membership of the Society. Editor's decision is final!! No phone calls to me please, but send your answers to NDFHS Competition, 38 Archery Rise, Durham DH 1 4LA, to reach me by 31st January 1991. If I get enough replies, I'll print an article about it and how you all went about it ... I can assure you that there are quite a few facts which can be unearthed, so good hunting!

P.S. I know this competition is unfair! Local members have the best chance, but it is only a bit of fun, and maybe in the future I'll devise something where local access is not so vital.

MISSING LINKS IN NEWFOUNDLAND?

Frances McKinlay

Being a new member of the Society and living in Newfoundland, I have spent hours of fascinating study discovering many names and places of birth printed in the 1988 *Directory of Members' Interests* that match closely with death notices here.

I have found several entries which hopefully will pertain to my own family trees - I had no idea our Directory was such a valuable and helpful publication. Teamed with a series of books published here in Newfoundland by our Maritime History Library and written by Mrs Gertrude Crosbie, it makes a fantastic combination. Mrs Crosbie's books are made up of every newspaper announcement in all the Newfoundland papers of the period 1825-1882, listing Births, Marriages and Deaths - complete with where in England, Scotland and Ireland the person or persons came from.

Many people from such places as Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny and County Cork in Ireland; Devon, Dorset, Poole and London in England (and other parts, but those listed are most plentiful); and Greenock, Glasgow and Moffatt in Scotland are included, and anyone with connections in these places might perhaps find missing links in Newfoundland.

For example, in the Directory there is an entry for Cowan, Border Area; we have several families descended from Cowan of Moffatt. Another is for Gibson, Carstairs, Lanarkshire; we have families descended from Gibson of Lanark, which is very near to Carstairs. Then I wonder if Ms M.J. Auckland is aware that a William Beck, from Albany, Carlisle, Cumberland, was married on 18 September 1872 to Mary Rourke - and so the list goes on.

Editor's Note: Mrs McKinlay's address is II James Lane, SAINT JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND A1E 3H3, CANADA.

LOOKING FOR A PAINTER

Moira Rutherford

Stories that your mother told you can be a great starter to a search into your past, but beware the handed down legend. The mis-read clue can set you back years. In my case the folk lore came from an aunt who died 15 years ago. She told me that her Granny Wood had been a woman of character who had refused to marry her first baby's father, a soldier called Frederick Naylor. The baby, my Granny White, had been brought up by the natural parents, farmers in Richmond, but later, when Granny Wood had married in County Durham, she had sent for her child. The aunt said that when she was a child her mother had gone to Durham to meet her father who was emigrating to America, and that he had died there. A good romantic story.

Granny White died in 1940, so there was never the chance to hear the story first hand. Her grave at Waterhouses gave her name as Sarah Naylor White, and she was married, four months pregnant with my aunt, at Durham Register Office in December 1894 as Sarah Naylor of Waterhouses, daughter of William Naylor, stonemason, deceased. It was only when I tried to find Grandma White's birth certificate - Sarah Naylor about 1873 in Durham or Yorkshire - that I began to wonder about those marriage lines

The second story concerned some paintings owned by various members of the family. Mine was a watercolour of a bridge with a background of hills that I was given after the death of Grandpa White in 1949. My aunt told me they were painted by Granny Wood's father, a journeyman who used to go wandering in the countryside, a pack on his back, and had left home late in life to live in Gateshead or Newcastle. I fell heir to others in the seventies. Some were signed S Parkin, and some were dated: a watercolour of High Force, 1866; an oil of Cullercoats, 1896. If the painter was Grandma White's father, rather than the legendary Naylor soldier, her name at birth must have been Sarah Parkin. So again I searched the records unsuccessfully.

Further investigation of her mother, Great Granny Wood, was my next tack. A census search of Waterhouses in 1881 had not unearthed any suitable Woods. The cemetery at Waterhouses held two of her daughters, two granddaughters, and at least one great grandchild, but no stone to her memory. But I had a four generation picture of her with me as a sturdy, sitting-up baby in Waterhouses - and as I was born in November 1932 she must have been alive in 1933. A younger aunt (the only sister of my mother surviving at that time) remembered going to her funeral, travelling from Annfield Plain to Crook and the weather being fine. So it must have been after her marriage in 1934. A search of the classified deaths in the Northern Echo disclosed the exact date, and her death certificate revealed that she had died, aged 84, at Croft Street, Crook, the home of one of her daughters. The Crook connection was understandable: I remember my great aunts living there - one of them was the widow of a butcher, Herbert Langstone - but as regards finding S Parkin I was no further on. I hopefully acquired some north country Margaret Parkin birth certificates in the 1850s - an expensive way to get nowhere in particular.

I went round various relations who had S Parkin paintings. I located about twenty, took photographs, made notes of all those with dates. The scenes were sometimes easily identified. They ranged from Richmond Castle in the south to Cullercoats in the north, and in between were country scenes that could well be Weardale or the Lake District. One of my mother's cousins said that he thought the Woods had come from Hunwick, and that most of the paintings had been distributed by his mother, Aunt Liza Lewis of Ushaw Moor, Granny Wood's youngest daughter. I had made a special journey to Ushaw Moor not long before her death but could only **get the same** vague story I already had. She was close to 90 and was more interested in telling me about her latest operation. Her daughter and sons were very helpful: they produced unframed watercolours from boxes and cases and discussed endlessly the possible locations. Apparently a family called Race, first cousins to Aunt Liza, had had Parkin paintings but had sold them when they moved.

Until this point I had taken little interest in the antecedents of the Wood family, taking the view that they were not blood ancestors of mine because Great Grandmother only became a Wood after my grandmother was born. But I went to Hunwick and took down names from the gravestones in the churchyard, particularly looking at Christian names beginning with S. Quite a lot of Woods, none of them with names that connected, but several other names with the unusual Christian name of Simpson. I went back to the death registers, searching from about 1886 to 1902. The only possible S. Parkin was a Simpson Parkin who died in Sunderland in 1899. It seemed a long shot so I left it. But I scoured the 1881 census and found Granny Wood, aged 29, born in Wolsingham, living at Hunwick Road Ends with John Wood (41) and Richard (17), John (14), Hannah (12), Joseph (11) and Sarah Wood (6), my grandmother (born in Newton, County Durham), and her two half-sisters, Margaret Ann (later Mrs Langstone of Crook) and Esther Wood. From the birth places it seemed that John came from Thirsk, his eldest son by his first marriage was born in Hunwick, and the other children were born in Broughton, Yorkshire. I found John Wood, aged 32, in the 1871 census in Great Broughton, a jet miner living with his first wife Mary (28) and their young children. Could Hannah Wood have married a Race? There were lots of them in Hunwick. I was filling in the jigsaw but had not learned a single thing about my painter. Nor had I found any trace of Great Granny Wood as a Parkin in Wolsingham.

Looking at the Landscape

Last summer I spent a day in Bishop Auckland trying to establish whether a very pretty S Parkin painting could be the bridge there. It was undated, but I thought the railway bridge built in 1843 would have had to be in the picture too and it wasn't. Old photographs and a clamber about the banks showed that the view I had was quite possible in the 1860s, and my painting was almost certainly the double-arched stone bridge built around 1400 - sometimes called Newton Cap Bridge. That connected back with my census note - I saw that Sarah was born at Newton Cap, not Newton, which I had not been able to trace. This had been her painting - perhaps given to her when she married in 1894 by someone who knew it was where she was born.

Then I spent a day taking pictures of the cliffs at South Shields. They looked remarkably like the ones in the S Parkin watercolours one of my cousins had given me - one of them had three fisherwomen with kilted skirts and kreel baskets and nets. Marsden cannot be far from Sunderland. I ordered the Simpson Parkin death certificate.

Simpson Parkin died of old age in the Union Workhouse in Hylton Road, Sunderland, on Christmas Eve 1899. He was 86 and his occupation was given as farm labourer of 25 Rothsay Street. Well, it is possible. Not a single one of the S Parkin paintings I have located has a hint of industrialisation. Could Simpson be my painter? I looked fruitlessly for the marriage of John and Margaret Wood. John Wood is a very common name and not one of them had married a Margaret Parkin. I pored through Parish records of Hunwick and found nothing of significance - only the baptism of Richard Wood in 1863 and his half-sister Eliza (my great aunt Liza Lewis) in 1887. As she seems to have been the custodian of many of the pictures I ordered her birth certificate.

Bingo! - it gave me the maiden name of Great Granny Wood - it was Lee. No wonder that I have never been able to find either her birth certificate or her illegitimate daughter's. I have now traced her wedding. Unless she was illegitimate too and bore her mother's name S Parkin could not be her father.

Perhaps I should pursue the Yorkshire connection - was John Wood's first wife Mary a Parkin? Are some of that wandering 19th century workman's amateur paintings treasured by some of her descendants also? So far I have not found a single written source for my painter, but I do know, where he must have stood when he painted an enchanting watercolour of Witton-le-Wear - the view has not changed much in a hundred years.

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MELBOURNE GENERAL CEMETERY

Tombstones in the Wesleyan Section:

William Lamb Sinclair, late of Sunderland, England, died 7th August aged 39 years. Erected by his bereaved widow.

(Death index shows that he was aged 34 years; no parents listed; died at East Melbourne)

George Jamieson, born at Prudhoe, Northumberland, 17th July 1815, died at Carlton 9th September 1884.

(Death index shows that he was the son of John Jamieson)

Rev. Thomas Adamson, born at Sunderland 24th September 1846, died 25th February 1916. His wife Emily Ann died 25th April 1912 aged 59 years.

(Death index shows that he was the son of Thomas Adamson and Elizabeth nee Smith; she was the daughter of John and Martha Cartwright nee Osborn)

Thomas Brown Young, late of Sunderland, who after having preached the gospel for over 50 years fell asleep in Jesus 31st October 1876 aged 80 years. His wife Marion died 26th December 1882 aged 63 years.

(Death index shows that he was the son of John Young and Mary nee Brown; she is not recorded, but there are references to Maria, Mary and Mary Ann).

Tombstones in the Roman Catholic Section:

Walter John Oakley, husband of Ann, accidentally killed 18th November 1910 aged 36 years, late of Newcastle on Tyne. Also her parents Catherine Mungovan, died 17th January 1889 aged 40 years, and John Mungovan, died 25th January 1890 aged 46 years.

(Walter John Oakley was the son of William Oakley and Catherine nee Goodwin; Catherine Mungovan was the daughter of Michael and Mary Duggan nee O'Brien; John Mungovan was the son of Patrick and Mary Mungovan).

Editor's Note: the above items were sent in by Ms Helen D. Harris, of 20 Abelia Street, Nunawading, VICTORIA 3131, Australia. Ms Harris is editor of *The Genealogist*, the quarterly journal of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies.

EMANUEL SWEDENBORG AND THE NORTHUMBERLAND CONNECTION

F. S. Hindmarsh

Emanuel Swedenborg, the Swedish philosopher, physicist and mystic, was born in Stockholm on 29 January 1688 or 9. In his youth he showed unusual brilliance in scientific matters and became an inventor of note. His inventions ranged from a system for determining longitude at sea by observation of the moon among the stars to an experimental model of a flying machine; he knew however that it would not fly. In 1745 he believed that he had received a divine commission to interpret the spiritual meaning of the Scriptures. He did not found a sect, but his views attained great popularity. Swedenborg died in London on 29 March 1772 and his body was placed in a vault under the altar of the old Swedish Church at Princes Square, St George's in the East, London. In 1787 the New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborgians) was organized by Robert Hindmarsh of Alnwick, then living in London.

Robert Hindmarsh was born in Alnwick, Northumberland, on 8 November 1759, the second son of James Hindmarsh, one of John Wesley's preachers. Robert, who was never a Methodist, became a printer and set up for himself at 32 Clerkenwell Close, London, where he described himself as "Printer to the Prince of Wales." On 1 April 1794 he took up the Freedom of the Stationers Company by Redemption (i.e. Purchase) and was admitted to the Livery of the Company on 6 May 1794. On 27 November 1798 he wrote an article which appeared in Dodsley's *Annual Register* on "Useful Projects for a method of applying an elementry or physical power to blast furnaces and for all other works where power is required." This article appears to have been based on one of Swedenborg's inventions. In 1778 he had become acquainted with Swedenborg's *Heaven and Hell*, and in December 1783 had formed a Society for the purpose of studying Swedenborg's works. After his retirement he wrote a history of the New Church. He died on 2 January 1835 and was buried in the churchyard of Milton-next-Gravesend. His portrait by S.W. Reynolds is in the National Portrait Gallery. Although Robert was the organizer and founder of the New Jerusalem Church he had never met Swedenborg. In his Will he left Swedenborg's cane or walking-stick with the initials E.S. engraved on the top to his son Henry, together with a portrait of Emanuel Swedenborg painted by his brother John in or about the year 1784. He also left the following information for future genealogists to ponder over:-

"I may add, as rather a singular case, in relation to myself and the No.5, that my grandfather had five children; my father five children; myself five children; and my three sons each five children, and no more. My wife and I were married on the 7th May, 1782; and she died on the 2nd of March 1833; consequently we lived together fifty years and ten months, wanting five days. During all that time we never had a death in our house. And we have seen five generations in the family, viz 1. My father and mother; 2. Myself and wife; 3. Our children; 4. Our grandchildren; and 5. Our great-grandchildren. (This Memorandum is made on the 12th of May, 1834) - R.H."

From the above information I have so far managed to complete the following:-

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| Grandparents: | Robert Hindmarsh, tanner of Alnwick. Admitted Freeman of the Tanners Company, Alnwick, 27 October 1712. Heir at Law of brother Luke Hindmarsh. Married Margaret, daughter of William Belby of Beal, Northumberland. |
| Parents: | James Hindmarsh, baptised Alnwick 12 July 1732. Periwigmaker, Methodist, Innkeeper "at Castle Inn, Alnwick. Chief English and Mathematics Master at John Wesley's Kingwood School, Bristol, 1765-1773. Methodist Preacher 1771-1783. In 1777 he was in London under Wesley, but left to join his son Robert. Ordained Minister of the Society (Swedenborgians) in Great Eastcheap, London, 1788-1794. Died at Keighley, Yorkshire, 18 August 1812. His wife Jane was buried at the Bunhill Burial Grounds, London, on 17 July 1815 aged 77, at a cost of £1-5-0. |
| Issue: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hannah, baptised Alnwick 15 October 1755, married William Illingworth of Yorkshire.2. Elizabeth, born Alnwick 20 May 1757, baptised 22 June 1757, died at Kingswood, Bristol, 6 September 1777 aged 20 of consumption.3. John, baptised Alnwick 13 September 1758. Pupil at Kingswood 1770. Artist. Two of his engravings are in the Guildhall Museum Library, London. Buried 8 July 1794 at Warkworth, Northumberland, "of Amble New Hall."4. Robert, born Alnwick 8 November 1759, baptised 20 January 1760. Pupil at Kingswood, left in 1773. Married Sarah, daughter of Henry Paramor of Canterbury, Kent. Founder of New Church. Died 2 January 1835.5. Phyllis? |
| Children of Robert and Sarah | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Henry, born 20 September 1783, baptised St James, Clerkenwell, London. Solicitor of 7 The Crescent, London E.C. Admitted Freeman Stationers Company January 1811. Died 10 February 1847. Estate to wife Elizabeth (his second wife?). He married his first wife Mary Kraushaar at Edmonton 17 October 1812. She was buried at Bunhill from 7 Jewin Crescent on 22 April 1836 aged 59. |

2. George, Lawyer's Clerk. Son Alfred Hindmarsh, House Agent of 139 Old Street, London, married Henrietta, daughter of Henry Furze, Watchmaker, at St Luke's, Middlesex, 1 January 1845.
3. Elizabeth, married Hodson. Daughters Sonia and Elizabeth. (Note: circa 1900 a J.S. Hodson owned the painting of Swedenborg by John Hindmarsh).
4. Jane, married Sloap.
5. Charles, Solicitor who died prior to 1835. In 1817 of 4 Suffolk Lane, Cannon Street, London. Married Mary Micehill at St Brides, London, 1821. Issue: Ellen, Maria and Charles, who was a French Polisher and Cab-Driver of Poplar, London, and married Mary Ann, daughter of John Gittoes, Hairdresser, at Poplar on 9 November 1846. Son Henry born 5 December 1861; daughter Ann born 14 April 1862 at St Pancras, London.

James Illingworth Hindmarsh appears to have been a nephew or a cousin of Robert Hindmarsh 1759-1835. James was born in 1805 and died at Whitby in February 1870. He was a solicitor at 7 Jewin Crescent, London, until 1860, when the London Times of 26 January reported the Partnership of Hindmarsh & Evans was dissolved, and that Mr Hindmarsh appeared in person, insolvent. He married Hannah Cooke, and they had issue:-

1. Henry Edward Hindmarsh, born 2 May 1829; attended Merchant Taylors School, London, 1839-44; Suffolk Lane, London.
2. James Illingworth Hindmarsh, born 12 July 1838 at 7 Frances Place, Holloway, Islington East, London.
3. Robert Hindmarsh, born 14th June 1842; attended Marchant Taylors School, London, 1853-54. Later went to America.
4. William Hindmarsh, born 12 March 1844 at 15 Tibberton Square, Islington East. Buried at Bunhill Fields 26 March 1844.
5. Fanny Hindmarsh of Whitby, Yorkshire, married Algernon Hope Powell, Clerk at General Post Office, at St Pancras Church, Middlesex on 15 September 1868.

In 1908 Swedenborg's coffin was taken to Sweden on H.M.S. Fylgia, and the coffin and its contents, including the skull, were examined. In 1958 the coffin and its contents were again examined in Upsala by Professor Folke Henschen (my father-in-law Simon Eklund's old friend and neighbour) and his team of American, English and Swedish scientists. They came to the conclusion that the skull was a substitute replaced by Captain J.D. Holm, a Swedish phrenologist in 1816. The genuine skull was still in Holm's museum in 1845, and in 1852 he informed the Swedish authoress A.E. Ehrenborg that the skull in Swedenborg's coffin was a false one. Holm died in London in 1856. In the late 1860s a skull signed "E. S'borg" was exhibited in London, and in or about 1900 the skull was purchased in a London antique shop. In 1911 a William Rutherford located the skull and wrote to the Rector of the University of Upsala enclosing photographs and a cast of the 'English' skull. In 1915 the skull was acquired by a Mr Williams, and on his death in 1956 it was inherited by Dr Charlotte Brandt. In March 1978 the skull was auctioned at Sotheby's in London and was purchased by the Swedish Royal Academy of Science for £1650.

At one time, until I had read Professor Henschen's paper, I had rather suspected that Robert Hindmarsh had been involved in the theft, knowing of his interest in Swedenborg. Plus the fact that he had visited the vault at the Swedish Church in about 1790 with five or six members of the New Church who were desirous of seeing the body and witnessing its state of preservation. Hindmarsh wrote at the time:

"On removing the lid, and the upper part of the leaden coffin within, which had been sawed through at the time of the first visit, to enable the beholder to see the face of the deceased, we all stood for a few minutes in silent astonishment to observe the physiognomy of that material frame - The features were still perfect, the flesh firm, and the whole countenance, as the only remaining criterion whereby to judge the fidelity of the painter who had taken his portrait while living, yielded the most satisfactory proof, that the artist had been particularly successful in handing down to posterity the true likeness After surveying him a while I place my hand on his forehead; and I then observed, that the lower part of the nose gave indication of approaching decomposition; but whether this was the effect of air admitted to the body since the first visit, when the leaden coffin was opened, or whether the slow ravages of time, independent of such adventitious cause, had previously begun the work of pulverization, to which all material bodies are subject, I was not able to determine. This, however, is certain, because it was afterwards found to be true, that the whole frame was speedily reduced to ashes, leaving only the bones to testify to future inspectors of the coffin, that a man had once lived and died."

Emanuel Swedenborg's Cranium - A Critical Analysis by Folke Henschen. Presented to the Royal Society of Sciences of Upsala, 4 December 1959.

Rise and Progress of the New Jerusalem Church 1861, edited by E. Mackley.

Editor's Note: Mr Hindmarsh's address is 12 Roy Street, Tawa, NEW ZEALAND.

DRAMA IN THE THEATRE

by Joyce Wakenshaw

The registered surname on the birth and marriage certificates of my maternal grandmother is Fettis. All her children, (and some of theirs) were given the middle name Craster because though the reason was unknown, it was deemed important and significant.

I grew up conscious of the myth and mystery attached to the fact that my great-grandfather's real surname was supposedly Craster, but that he had been obliged to change it to Fettis. It was hinted that he had deserted from the Indian Army (or his father had) and to avoid detection he chose another name, hence he was prevented from claiming an inheritance. Two other myths (or facts?) came to light on questioning aunts after my family history search began: i.e.

1. he had run away from home because he had thrown a man downstairs;
2. he thought he had killed a man - but hadn't!!

It was the urge to be able, at long last, to establish the facts and disregard the fiction of the Fettis-Craster tales which provided the motivation for my first family history investigations.

My first discovery was that my maternal great-grandmother, Elizabeth Lockey of Alnwick, had married not a George Fettis, but indeed a George Craster, widower, in Alnwick in 1866. However, I had no indication of the need for a change of name between February 1869 when second daughter, Sarah Craster was born to Elizabeth nee Lockey, wife of George Craster in Alnwick and fifth daughter Anne Fettis, (my grandmother) was born in 1875 to Elizabeth nee Lockey and George Fettis at Clock Mill Wickham. Strange, I thought, to choose a name like Fettis, if for some reason or another anonymity was sought - why not choose Jones, Brown or Smith? Using the genealogist's skill of intelligent guesswork substantiated not before unreasonable, if not exact, proof, I found an answer.

The Alnwick 1861 census includes a George Christer with wife Isabelle and son George William - the place of origin of George Senior is Hexham and I found in Hexham a record of the marriage in August 1819 between an Ann Christer and George Fettis a millwright.

The 1841 Hexham census includes the George (millwright) - Ann Fettis household, but there is no mention of a George, aged 3 or 4, which is the presumed age of George in 1841. However, other members of the 1841 family of Fettis have Christian names which are repeated among my grandmother's sisters and brothers - so it is reasonable to believe that George Craster was brought up in this Hexham family. George Christer/Crister/Craster of Alnwick gave his father's profession as millwright on all three of his marriage certificates.

The Alnwick Mercury of September 1863 announced the birth of a daughter to a Mr Craster Fittes and in June 1864, the death of an 11 month-old daughter of Mr George Craster. The link therefore could be established without a doubt, but without an explanation for the name change. Desertion from the Indian Army seemed highly improbable.

As a rest for my brain and a reward for my patience, at the end of my visits to Melton Park Record Office, I reserved the last hour to delight in the columns of the *Alnwick Mercury* of the 1860s. This newspaper offers a wonderful mirror of life in the mid to late 19th century, with its Victorian advertisements, jokes, social chit-chat and records of court sessions! Well, I reasoned, late one Monday evening, if desertion from the Indian Army is unlikely and if great-grandfather thought he'd killed a man (but hadn't), I might glean something if I read the court sessions attentively. I started with the March 1869 edition because George Craster (whom I now refer to warmly as "Aad George") was still in Alnwick in February 1869. I read each week's edition and regaled myself with descriptions of Victorian life until I spotted in the edition of 17th April, 1869, the headlines "FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE THEATRE" - and there, some lines down.. "On Monday night, Geo Craster, a man employed about the theatre ..." I began to bite my finger-nails, he thought he'd killed a man. I reflected, an ancestor of mine, a criminal! But read on, read the account in the 24th April 1869 edition and the final summing up on 1st May ...

FOLLOW UP

17 April 1869

FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE THEATRE.

A melancholy and fatal accident took place at the Theatre here, on Monday night, when Mr Charles Mathews, the celebrated comedian, was engaged to perform with Mr Clifford's company. The announcement that Mr Mathews was engaged, of course caused the house to be filled to overflowing. A young man named Robert Turner, a cabinet maker to his trade, and of the age of 32 years, who had been sitting in the gallery, attempted to make his exit by walking over the roof to the side boxes, so as to go down the stairs leading to them. This has very often been done by those who sit in the gallery, and has frequently occasioned great annoyance to the manager, and the person stationed at the head of the stairs to keep order, has on more than one occasion been knocked down in striving to prevent them from doing so. On Monday night, Geo. Craster, a man employed about the Theatre, was at the head of the stairs, and when he saw Turner making for the boxes, he said to him "There is no road this way." Turner still persisted, and a number of people in the gallery encouraged him, shouting, "Go on, Bob, give him one." Turner finding his progress opposed by Craster, struck at him right and left, and got to the boxes, where the two men closed, grappled each other and wrestled. Craster's back was to the pit, and he was inclining over so much, that those in the pit expected to see him thrown headlong over. The two men fell among the boxes. Craster was undermost, and Turner seemed to have the best of it. The scuffle lasted about a minute. Craster then extricated himself and rose, but Turner remained lying. Deceased was taken up and carried home, and Dr Caudlish and Dr McVail were summoned, but he died before they arrived. Craster was apprehended by the police on a charge of causing the death of Turner. He was much concerned, and said that he was very sorry for it—he had not meant to do any injury to the deceased. He was brought up on Tuesday forenoon, before H. Lisle, Esq., and was remanded until to day (Saturday,) Mr Lisle refusing to take bail. On Tuesday evening, an inquest on the body of the deceased, was held at the house of Mr George Pike, Star Inn, before Thomas D. Smith, Esq., deputy coroner for North Northumberland. The jury first viewed the body and the place where the catastrophe occurred, and then proceeded with the evidence. Frederick Williams, brother in law of deceased, identified the body. George Balmбра described the scene in the theatre. He said deceased got up and walked over the roof to the boxes, and got to the boxes after giving two or three blows to George Craster, who was one of the assistants in the theatre. Craster was endeavouring to prevent the passage from the gallery to the boxes, and was standing at the head of the stairs. After Turner left the gallery, Craster told him he had no right to come that way. After the blows had been struck, they got into the boxes, and both went down. When Turner came forward, Craster tried to put him back, but Turner would not go, and blows took place then. The people in the gallery called out to Turner "Give it him, Bob; pitch into him." Turner struck right and left at Craster, and at the beginning of the scuffle Turner seemed to have the best of it. When they fell, Craster was undermost. Witness then went forward to where they were lying. He could not see where Craster's arms were; he saw only one, which was lying on the form. It was his right arm. Their heads were to the stage and feet to the gallery. Witness went and asked Craster to let him alone, but the latter said he was not going to be thrown over into the pit. Turner was too many for him. Deceased was picked up, and carried to the door by one of the performers. There was a number of people in the gallery at the time. After the fight, Craster got up and left Turner lying. Mr John Clifford, manager of the Alnwick Theatre, stated that George Craster was in his service. He was bill poster and general deliverer and gallery check taker. Occasionally he performed other necessary duties. Among others, he was directed, as the boys were noisy, to keep the top of the boxes, and other similar duties. When he was preventing people from passing over the top of the boxes on Monday evening, he was obeying his instructions.

Witness was short sighted, and though he saw a scuffle in the boxes, and one partially over, yet he could not say who the parties were. Robert Hogg also stated the nature of the struggle. At this stage of the proceedings, the coroner put it to the jury whether they were able to come to a verdict on the evidence adduced, or that an adjournment should take place for the purpose of holding a post mortem examination. The latter course was adopted, and the inquest was adjourned to yesterday, the examination to take place in the meantime.

24 April 1869

THE FATAL OCCURRENCE AT THE THEATRE.

ADJOURNED INQUEST.

An adjourned inquest was held on the evening of Friday, the 16th inst., at the house of Mr George Pike, Star Hotel, before Mr Thomas D. Smith, deputy coroner for North Northumberland, on the body of Robert Turner, the young man who met with his death in a scuffle at the conclusion of the performances at Alnwick Theatre on the night of Monday, the 12th inst., as described in last week's *Mercury*.

George Brewis, groom, deposed that he was in the gallery at the Theatre on the Monday night. The deceased was also in the gallery. Witness remained till the end of the performance, when he saw the deceased attempt to leave the Theatre by going over the top of the boxes to the side-boxes, at the right hand side of the gallery. Craster was standing at the top of the stairs there. Some parties had gone out by the same way before Turner, and witness saw others about to follow him. Craster shouted twice or thrice to deceased to keep back and not come that way; but deceased still went on, and Craster with his hand pushed him on the breast backward. Deceased was taller than George Craster. Deceased then struck Craster, and they "got into grips," deceased falling forward upon Craster. Witness was standing on the bottom seat in the gallery and saw the whole of what took place. George Balmбра was also near, standing on the top of the box. There was a struggle, and the people shouted, "Go on, Bob, pitch into him; don't let him beat you." Deceased had Craster half-way up on the side of the box and partly over, and the gallery people shouted "Pitch him over." He raised Craster a second time, and again they shouted, "Pitch him over." Witness could not tell where Craster's arms were at that time. They then fell on the floor in the front of the box, their heads being towards the stage. Deceased was uppermost, and they were face to face; deceased's face was on Craster's shoulder. Witness could not see their arms then. They were between the form and the front of the box. They were down about a minute; Craster rose first. Witness then went down to the place with the rest who were present; and when he got there Craster was standing. Turner was half lying, half sitting, and they were assisting him to get up. Craster was picking up his cap. Deceased did not speak. Witness saw one of the actors and John Nesbitt pick him up and carry him down. Witness then went out by the proper way from the gallery, and found deceased in the yard, lying against the wall. Witness said "What's the matter with you, Bob?" but deceased never spoke; his eyes were turned up so that the whites were visible. Witness knew deceased, who was of a very hasty disposition, although he had never seen him fighting. It was usual for the gallery people to go out by the side-boxes; they would not be stopped by anybody. While witness was in the yard Craster brought a chair for the deceased, who seemed in a fit, and a mug of water was also brought for him. When they were down witness thought he heard Balmбра say "Don't choke him, Geordie;" and Craster replied, "There is no fear of my choking him? let him leave loose, and I will leave loose." Turner had the best of the scuffle, for he was far the stronger of the two. I thought deceased was in a fit and I advised those present to carry him home.

Henry Candlish, M.D., read the result of a post mortem examination he made in conjunction Dr D. McVail. The following are the principal portions of it:—"Deceased appeared to be about 30 years of age. The body was well developed, and gave the impression that in life he was a young man possessed of considerable strength. Over the left side of the frontal bone were three deep indentations in the integument, the largest of which was about half an inch long. The ears, cheeks, and neck were of a dark purple colour, and the chest, sides of the trunk, and upper limbs were also purple. A slight sanious discharge issued from the right nostril. Over both legs, in their anterior aspect, were marks of bruises. One indentation was over the front of the right tibia, and there were two external to the left. The brain presented quite a healthy appearance. There was slight pleuritic adhesion on the right side of the chest. Both lungs were greatly engorged with venous blood and had a very dark appearance. The venous system of the thorax generally was filled with dark fluid blood. The liver and spleen were very dark in colour and highly congested, but they were normal in all other respects. The kidneys were sound in texture, but also considerably congested with non-arterialized blood. From the appearances disclosed by the post mortem examination of the body, we are of opinion that death resulted from asphyxia." Suffocation or strangulation presents such appearances as those described. It appeared as if pressure had been applied to the windpipe, the extravasation being greatest there and about and below the ears. Death actually resulted from suppression of the process of respiration. Witness did not believe the extravasation of blood was caused by the immediate pressure of the fingers or a cord. The windpipe was not lacerated, and the inference from that was that the violence had not been so excessive as to rupture the rings of the windpipe. It was quite possible to inflict such injuries in a struggle, and death might ensue in one minute after the suspension of respiration. It was highly improbable that death would result merely from the manner in which the men fell. It must have been from some direct pressure. There was no apoplexy in the case.

Mr D. C. McVail, L.R.C.P., entirely coincided in the report and in all that Dr Candlish had said. In reply to the coroner, he said that the appearances were not such as would be likely if a man had desired to make away with the subject. It appeared more as if the pressure had been applied without the determination to destroy life.

The Deputy-coroner, in summing up the case to the jury, pointed out that the deceased had no right to take the road which he did; and persons like Craster, who were acting on the side of law and order, seemed to receive little sympathy at the hands of an unreasoning and brutal mob such as frequented the place in question, not only on Monday night but on many other occasions. It appeared the deceased was hounded on by those people; and if Craster had really been thrown into the pit, as they urged, Turner might have had to stand on a more serious charge than Craster or anybody else was now at all likely to do. He would ask the jury if Craster had done any more than was necessary to protect himself? If not, then the law justified him in what he did.

The jury, after having deliberated in private for nearly half an hour, returned the following verdict: "We find that Robert Turner died at the Theatre, Alnwick, on the 12th day of April inst., from asphyxia, caused in a struggle with George Craster, when the said George Craster was in the discharge of his duty."

As the verdict returned by the jury did not acquit Craster from blame in this most melancholy affair, he was only liberated from custody on bail and the examination of the case will be gone into by the magistrates to day.

Poor "Aad George" what a time he lived through, and what a scandal in the town of Alnwick. Obviously, though proven not guilty, he had to escape the shame and move from Alnwick to Westoe, South Shields, where his family is noted in the 1871 census, head of family George C. Fettis and each of his children registered with the middle initial C. before the surname Fettis.

Over the years I have been able to put a fair amount of flesh on the bones of poor "Aad George" but so far I have no record of either his birth or his death.

1st May 1869

THE FATAL OCCURRENCE AT THE THEATRE.

George Craster was brought on on remand on Saturday last, before H. Lisle, (chairman,) Major Grey, S. F. Widdrington, C. H. Cadogan, and J. Craster, Esqs., being charged with the manslaughter and causing the death of Robert Turner on the 12th ult. Mr R. Middlemass appeared to conduct the case against the prisoner, who was defended by Mr Busby. The court was crowded, and the utmost interest taken in the proceedings.

A number of witnesses were examined. G. Brewis and Geo Balmbray repeated the evidence which they had previously given at the inquest. Henry Candlish, M.D. and D. C. McVail, L.R.C.P., also gave similar medical testimony to that which we published last week. The following fresh witnesses were examined:—

David Bell, coachmaker, deposed that on the night of the 12th April he was at the theatre. When the performance was over and the people were leaving the gallery, Robert Turner, Jos. Drysdale, and witness went from the seats in the gallery towards the side box in the north side of the house over the top of the front box. George Craster stopped them and pushed Turner with both hands; Turner pushed at him, and then they got into holds and got down. Craster got his arm round Turner's neck and seemed to press it very much. Geo Balmbray shouted out "Craster don't choke him." Craster then let go his hold. Turner seemed as if he were dead. The time they were engaged did not occupy more than two or three minutes; they were down twice. Turner tried to put Craster over into the pit and witness considered it a life and death struggle on the part of the latter. Witness heard some one shout out in the gallery, "Go on, Bob," the whole of the time. J. Drysdale and witness were quite close to them. Balmbray came and helped some others to lift up deceased. There were no blows struck by either party.

Joseph Drysdale gave testimony precisely similar to that of Bell.

John Green, draper, also described the scuffle in the side boxes.

Thomas Brewis, printer, nephew of deceased, stated that on Sunday, the 11th ult., he was returning from Alnmouth with deceased, who then told him that Craster had said "he would put it unto him, the first chance he had," because he (deceased) did not give him sixpence for a raffle into which Craster had put deceased's name without having any authority to do so.

Mr Busby objected to this being received as evidence in the case.

The case for the prosecution being closed, Mr Busby addressed the Court on behalf of the prisoner, and contended that the evidence adduced showed the case to be one of excusable homicide, and that his client ought to be discharged.

After a consultation, the justices came to the conclusion that they could not commit the prisoner for manslaughter on such evidence as had been adduced. The prisoner was therefore discharged from custody.

FOLLOW UP

In the Summer 1990 issue, the article "The Personal Ancestral File" by Richard L. Halliday, mentioned a computer programme which could be ordered from Salt Lake Distribution Centre in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr J.W. McSparron of 14 Treedale Close, Coventry CV4 9HQ states that he contacted the Centre and was referred to the U.K. Distribution Centre at 399 Garretts Green Lane, Birmingham B33 0UH (Tel: 021-784 9555). The shop is open each Thursday from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. for callers. Mr McSparron also states that the cost of obtaining the PAF is £25.16.

A PARTIAL RESTORATION

Douglas W. Smith

The Registers of Chollerton, Northumberland, appeared monthly in the "*North Tyne Magazine*" from 1896 - 1910. This publication covered the country parishes of Simonburn, Chollerton, Corsenside, Humshaugh, Colwell, Greystead, Gunnerton etc. Hence they contained much information on parochial activities at the turn of the century and inter alia, the Registers of Chollerton were transcribed and edited by the Rev. Edward Esme Forbes, the incumbent. Not only did he undertake this considerable task but attempted to work out the history of the families themselves. This was done with great accuracy, and much humorous comment on the amazing amount of intermarriage that had taken place over the centuries.

This valuable printed volume was stolen from Newcastle Library some two years ago and thus we have lost the irreplaceable parish information of last century: there are no copies of the old "*North Tyne Magazine*" known.

Fortunately many years ago I made a photocopy of this volume from 1643-1763 (the original covered the years up to 1815) and so was able to arrange for Newcastle Library to photocopy "my" copy of "their" original copy. In return they agreed to give another copy to our [E.H.S. Library](#). So all is not lost, the register is saved and Bill Rounce has plans in hand to continue the task. I did not, however, copy the parish news and notices of those days. Reading them gave one an insight and flavour of Northumbrian country life at the end of the century and unless some errant individual restores this illgotten volume, this is lost forever.

The successor to Mr Forbes wrote of him:

"Mr Forbes during his tenure of office has built his own monument by his painstaking rewriting and editing of the Parish Registers. This constitutes a permanent gift to the parish and the archaeological world. He may be said to have constituted himself wholesale purveyor of ancestors to many of us who hitherto had been content only with dim consciousness of having a grandfather; but now we rejoice in a pedigree as long as the longest. He has made us all brush ourselves up and whisper to one another Noblesse oblige".

ABERDOUR PORT BOOK

The following extracts from the *Aberdour Port Book - 1852 to 1862* were sent in by Miss M.S. Stewart, of Airlie Cottage, 7A Hawkcraig Road, ABERDOUR, Fife KY3 OXB:-

DATE	SHIP NAMES	BELONGING	MASTER'S NAMES	TONS	DUES s. d.
1853 Jan 4	Sarah	Sunderland	Money	39	3 1
Jan 7	Sarah	Sunderland	Money	39	3 3
Apr 14	Janette	Stockton	Beaumont	72	6 0
1854 Jan 31	Midge	Newcastle	Jenner	59	4 11
Mar 1	Charlotte	Sunderland	Welsh		4 11
1855 Mar 17	Friends Goodall	Newcastle	?Foule	63	5 3
May 12	Hannahs	Berwick	Spowart	42	3 6
May 16	Two Brothers	Sunderland	Calvert	44	3 8
1856 Aug 18	Atlanta	Berwick	Johnston	24	2 0
1857 May 8	James Dowel	Newcastle	Readhead	46	3 10
Jul 3	Panope	Seaham	Adams	154	12 10
Aug 25	Nathaniel	Newcastle	?Branshey	165	13 9
1858 Jan 12	Union	Newcastle	Pringle	32	2 8
1859 Jun 6	Gleaner	Newcastle	(no name)	27	2 3
Dec 19	Wm. Griffiths	Newcastle	Walkersen	36	3 0
1860 Nov 3	Bee	Hull	Owen	72	6 0
Dec 13	Industry	Newcastle	Roberts	30	2 6
1861 Feb 19	Derwent	Sunderland	Fuller	63	5 3
Apr 6	Snowdrop	Sunderland	Scarborough	30	2 6
Oct 26	Elizabeth & Margaret	Newcastle	Grounsell	30	2 6
Nov 4	Elizabeth & Margaret	Newcastle	Grounsell	30	2 6
Nov 12	Elizabeth & Margaret	Newcastle	Grounsell	30	2 6

WILLIAM MORALEY OF MORALEY

F.J. Vaughan

An article under the above title appeared in the Winter 1988 Journal (Volume 13, No. 4). It was transcribed from a pamphlet printed in 1743, entitled "The Unfortunate: or The Voyage and Adventures of William Moraley of Moraley in the County of Northumberland, Gent, written by himself".

The pamphlet was not written as a family history; in fact the writer mentions his father, grandfather and two uncles without naming any of them, and particulars of earlier generations are inserted for good measure. It has however, been possible to verify most of his facts from other sources. This is particularly interesting in view of the fact that the parish registers are of no help (those of Simonburn do not commence until 1681), and no wills exist for the family at York or Durham prior to 1725.

I will use the modern spelling of Moralee for both the placename and surname. Various spellings were used in the 17th century.

Joseph Foster's *Pedigrees Recorded at the Heralds' Visitations of the County of Northumberland 1615* under the family Ridley of Walltown confirms the marriage of Elizabeth Ridley to William of the Moralee, but the Ridley pedigree shows that Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Thomas Ridley, younger brother of Nicholas Ridley of Willimoteswick. This Nicholas died in 1573. Hodgson's *History of Northumberland* (pedigree of Ridley of Willimoteswick) does inform us that Alexander Ridley was the third brother of the Nicholas Ridley who died in 1585, and also states that Alexander Ridley married Barbara Crane, the daughter of Thomas Crane of Crowhall. The will of this Thomas Crane dated 1582 refers to his wife Agnes, which is a strong indication of the truth of the Thomas Moralee marriage to Agnes Ridley. The will of Marmaduke Ridley was proved at Durham in 1629, and the Inventory to this will shows that he owed 2 shillings and 8 pence to Agnes Ridley at Whitshiels, indicating that she married Thomas Moralee after that date. At the Durham Registry numerous Inventories survive when the original wills have been lost, and the lists of debts owing to and owed by the deceased can be very useful to family historians.

The London records reveal the baptism of William Moralee at Christchurch, Newgate, on 1 March 1698 (old style), and at Lambeth Palace there is a record in the Faculty Office of the Special Licence for the marriage of his parents. This document states that his father William Moralee was 28 years of age in 1697. The marriage licence particulars were sworn by Solomon Bouqurt, Clockmaker. This led to the Records of the Clockmakers Company in the Guildhall Library of the City of London, and it was found that William Moralee was the son of Ridley Moralee of Simonburn, Northumberland, yeoman. He was apprenticed in 1680 and for a time served as an apprentice to Thomas Tompion. These facts do not fit with the description of his grandfather Ridley Moralee as "the Chief of an ancient family and considerable estate".

The best find was a case in the Chancery Court in London (*Blacket v Morrale* 1683). This case does not seem to have got further than a Bill and Answer and was then dropped. It concerned a claim by Alexander Moralee of Latterford, Simonburn, to be entitled to possession of the farm of Whitshiels in the parish of Haltwhistle: Alexander claimed as great grandson of Alexander Ridley of Whitshiels, but the claim was ludicrous and too long to describe here. However Alexander swore a statement at Hexham on 20 January 1683/4 that he was the eldest son and heir of Ridley Moralee, who had died about six months previously; that Ridley Moralee was the only son of Agnes Ridley who had married Thomas Moralee, and that Agnes was the daughter of Alexander Ridley. All this confirms the account given in the printed pamphlet, and we now know that Alexander Moralee is the "extravagant" uncle of the author.

I was particularly intrigued by the author's call at two places "where I was known". The phrase suggests that he received a somewhat cool reception at the two places, but does not name the inhabitants. One place was "a little house near the boundaries of the two counties", the other was "Crowhall". My own ancestor John Moralee was living at Crowhall at the time of his marriage in 1737.

One final comment. It is extremely unlikely that the Moralee family had any Charter from King Edward I, but William Moralee is a direct descendant of Edward III, and the evidence through various female lines is sound.

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TALE OF A CONVICT

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The Summer 1988 Journal contained a list, prepared by Mrs M. Furness, of individuals sentenced at Newcastle Quarter Sessions to "transportation" between 1836 and 1855. At that time I was searching for a Joseph Fawcett and having no luck. I decided to follow up the Joseph Fawcett in the article. All I had to go on was the simple entry:- Fawcett Joseph, shopbreaking, 16 March 1843, 10 years. The subsequent trail led me down paths I had never before researched and gave me a very interesting story of Joseph Fawcett and his banishment to the other side of the world.

This was not Joseph's first offence. He had been convicted earlier, on 16 October 1839, of a misdemeanour in obtaining money by false pretences and had been imprisoned for 14 days. A fine of £6.6s.6d. had to be paid by the Council to cover the costs. A further conviction on 7 April 1841 was for simple larceny and this time he was given six months hard labour and the costs were £7.3s.10d.

However, this did not deter him and he was convicted again for shopbreaking on 16 March 1843. At first, the sentence was noted as "imprisonment" but this was crossed out and "transportation beyond the sea" substituted. And so Joseph Fawcett aged 19 years was to be sent away from his native land to a destination still to be decided.

I then went to the Public Record Office at Kew to trace where he went. Kew is a difficult place at which to research because each piece of information is filed in separate files and records. It took many visits and many hours to extract the story but it was a very worthwhile search.

Joseph was sent to the prison hulk *Justicia* at Woolwich to await his fate. The prison warder's log shows he was of good conduct; the surgeon's report shows he was healthy. He was allocated to the *Emerald Isle*, sailing for Van Diemens Land, later Tasmania, on 28 June 1843, carrying 214 male prisoners and no females. What a 19 year old thought of this can only be imagined. I doubt if he had even heard of Van Diemens Land, let alone knew where it was. The ship's records show him to have been of good conduct and indeed he was lucky to have sailed on this ship which was new and well run. The Surgeon's Log shows that there was only one death - a 55 year old convicted at Worcester Assizes who literally gave up and died. The surgeon was devastated. The poor man was buried at sea Lat 15.50 N, Long 26.40 W - near the Cape Verde Islands in the North Atlantic - having lived 35 days on the *Emerald Isle*.

When he landed in Tasmania on 12 November 1843, Joseph Fawcett was put to work in a Probation Gang. In the 1849 census, he is shown as having been pardoned and was working for a Mr A. Haynes in Hobart. Few free pardons were issued to allow the prisoner to come home. Most were given either a second class pardon, where they were free within the limits of the Colony, or a Conditional pardon, where they were free within the limits of Australian Colonies and New Zealand or for all countries except those in Europe.

The *Emerald Isle* was built in Moulmein, Burma in 1836 - 501 tons - and was last listed at Lloyds in 1857. Possibly because of her convict links she was refurbished and renamed. I was amazed to find a photograph of the *Emerald Isle* during a search at the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. The picture shows this beautiful sailing ship at anchor in Port Adelaide alongside the *Henry Porcher* and the *Eden*, two other convict ships, and the *Goshawk*.

Sadly, I still do not know if Joseph belongs to me because I never found where he came from in the period before he was transported. The Court records did not give a home address. If any reader recognises Joseph born approximately 1824 I would appreciate it if they would contact me.

Thank you, Mrs Furness, for setting me on Joseph's trail. It was a fascinating search.

Editor's Note: Mrs Nicholls will give a copy of her research material to anyone interested in the subject of the article. She is looking for the parents of John Fawcett, blacksmith, who married Jane Kell at Jarrow in 1806. She has traced one son Joseph, a collier who married Ann Stoker and later Mary Aitman(?). He died at Murton Colliery in 1869. Mrs Nicholls address is 51 Hilldale Road, Cheam, Surrey SM1 2JA.

A KEEN GARDENER?

March 16, 1767. Died, at Gateshead, Edward Train, gardener, who went by the name of "The Hermit". He had lived twenty years in his garden, and during that time had never lay in a bed. The reason of this retired life was said to have been occasioned by a disappointment in love.

(From 'Local Records' by John Sykes)

INDEX TO HODGSON'S PEDIGREES

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In the next few issues of the Journal, we intend to publish an index to an important manuscript collection of pedigrees which may not be generally known except to those engaged in detailed research in the north - *Hodgson's Pedigrees*. Certainly people outside the area have little idea of the richness of this collection which was compiled and indexed by two great genealogists who were active during the first half of the century.

John Crawford Hodgson (1854-1927) was for twenty two years librarian at Alnwick Castle, a role which gave him full scope for his talent in local history. He contributed over forty papers to the ~~Newcastle Society of Antiquaries and some ninety to the Berwickshire Naturalists Club. He became~~ President of the Antiquarian Society and editor of many volumes of the Surtees Society publications. ~~Because of his "unrivalled knowledge of genealogy"~~ he was given editorship of the great *Northumberland County History* - indeed he was the last survivor of the original committee which began this 15 volume task. Unpublished at his death were the 35 volumes of additions to this, together with twelve volumes of manuscript pedigrees. These were presented to Newcastle Central Library and were indexed by H.M. Wood.

Herbert Maxwell Wood (1869-1929) is well known to most people working out their family trees as the donor of 486 volumes of parish register transcripts in Newcastle Library. This enormous and valuable bequest resulted from a lifetime of tireless transcribing. His cumulative *Index to Hodgson's Pedigrees* is another very useful tool, for the original volumes were somewhat confusingly numbered 1-1X, A - C. The index was printed in 1929 in the now defunct Newcastle Records Series, Volume IX, entitled "Miscellanea". Long out of print, the volume is unobtainable and inaccessible to people overseas. I have therefore thought it worthwhile to include this Index in our Journal in sections until all the surnames are covered. The originals are very delicate and of enormous size, with information varying from one or two line pedigrees to full detail including original letters and documents. It is a mine of information, though with a bias towards Northumberland families, all written in a tiny, fine readable hand. Newcastle Library has a microfilm copy of Hodgson's work.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The Society's Librarian, Mrs D. Tait, has provided a list of the latest additions to the Library. She also says that it has become obvious, after publishing the long list of additions in the Summer Journal, that many members are unaware of the existence of the Library catalogue and of the entire contents of the Library, and were also unclear about the procedure to be followed when borrowing material. She recommends the purchase of a Library Catalogue, price 75p, from Mrs C. Davison, 22 Ferndale Avenue, East Boldon. Tyne and Wear NE36 OTQ.

She wishes to remind members to add at least 10p to the postage cost when returning borrowed items, to cover the cost of labels, envelopes, sellotape etc.

Mrs K. Willans of 9 The Ridgeway, Kenton, Newcastle on Tyne NE3 4LP has taken over the distribution of the Exchange Journals which we receive from other Societies. Please write to her, and not to Mrs Tait, if you would like to borrow any of these Journals - same rules as for the Library.

The Library continues to grow, but Mrs Tait still looks to members for their Family Trees and/or any indexing they may have completed.

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In the Summer 1990 issue, on page 54, Mrs D.M. Blenkinsopp mentioned an unwanted birth certificate she held. Members are reminded that the Library contains a file for such certificates relating to Durham and Northumberland, listed at 6.035 in the Library Catalogue. The Librarian intends to index these, but at present she does not have enough to justify this. She invites members to send any certificates which they may have which do not relate to their family. She points out that they will still be available to you if you find there is a connection after all.

A HAIRY EPISODE

'The many melancholy accidents that have lately happened in consequence of mice getting into Ladies hair in the night-time, induced the society of arts, at their last meeting, to offer a premium to the person who should invent the neatest and most useful bed-side mouse-trap. In consequence of this encouragement, we have the pleasure of informing our female readers, that a silver-trap is now invented by Mr Moses Martingo, as is night-caps, made of silver ware, as flexible as gauze, and yet so strong that no mouse, or even rat, can gnaw through them. Our correspondent informs us that the present demand for these articles are incredible, Mr Martingo employing no less than 40 hands in that branch only'.

(From the 'Newcastle Courant' January 1777)

FELONS ALL

April 13, 1752. The following felons from Morpeth Gaol were put on board the Owner's Goodwill, Captain Moorland, in order to be transported to South Carolina for seven years, viz: Robert Armstrong; J. Fall and Margaret his wife; Robert Clark, and Elizabeth his wife; William Fall and Jane his wife; James Robertson; James Cowburn alias Cockburn; Dominick M'Connel; Alice, wife of Robert Gibson; Jane Gregg, widow; Elizabeth, wife of J. Wilson alias Taylor; Thomas Kimmins; Peter Brown; Jane Campbell alias Wilson; and Jane Gregg Junior. Armstrong was the person that used the gaoler and his wife and the turnkey so barbarously. These felons were part of very numerous gangs of Faws who infested the county of Northumberland and who were incessantly shop-breaking and plundering. Fourteen were advertised as having returned within two years, and were again lurking about Northumberland.

(From 'Local Records' by John Sykes)

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mr J.A. Readdie, 38 Archery Rise, Durham DH1 4LA.

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

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 2034 Miss A.C. BUCKHAM, 52 Wheatall Drive, Whitburn nr. Sunderland, Tyne and Wear SR6 7HQ
(Tel: 091 5293007) Seeking the whereabouts of Timothy Dacey, a mariner, who was away from his home in Sunderland on the night of the 1871 Census. Also interested in Buckham of Stamfordham and Ponteland, Peel/Peal and Fletcher of the Chester le Street area; Brewis of Dinnington; Hatherwick/Haddrick of Newcastle; Polly/Polley, Brougham and Wright in the Maryport area of Cumberland, all in the 18th to 19th centuries. Doxford and Hedley of Northumberland in the 17th to 18th centuries, and Storey of Gateshead and Sunderland in the 19th to 20th centuries.
- 2832 Mrs S. FENWICK, 23 Kestrel Drive, Riversdale, Ashington, Northumberland NE63 8JS
(Tel: 0670 813237) Researching Eskdale of North and South Shields and Whitby. Seeking baptism of James Eskdale in Whitby about 1799 or any connections. Also baptism of William Fenwick about 1827 in North Shields - possibly Methodist. Also researching Lowden, Bainbridge, Robson, Wheatley, Rowlands, Planten, Wears and Thewlis all of North Shields; Tilley and Wood of Gateshead and Williamson, Calder, Geddes, Grant and Crawford of Banff and Glasgow.
- 3098 Mrs V. WANN, 49 Medina Road, Holloway, London N7 7LA
(Tel: 071 6090140) Seeking the baptisms of Edward Wann/Wawn in Newcastle about 1835, the son of Robert a glass polisher, and of Charles Herbert Brittain in Newcastle about 1892, the son of Alfred a clarinet player. Also seeking the marriage of George Bunn and Jane Young in Gateshead between 1830 and 1840. Other names being researched - Mitchinson and Richardson of Ryton, Thompson and Patrick of South Shields, Hall and Bagler of North Shields, Handyside, Wilson, Turner, Johnson and Ashton of Newcastle.
- 3142 Mr C.D.C. NIXON, 134 Hillary Place, Fort McMurray, Alberta, T9H 3T6 Canada
Researching the Ismay, Hall and Sinclair families of Whickham, and the Nixon, Richardson, Lawson and Aithy families of Horsley, Heddon and Ovingham. Particular interests are 1. George Ismay who married Margaret Sinclair on 28th August 1768. George possibly the son of George Ismay and Ann. 2. George Nixon who married Jane Richardson on 31st October 1802 at Heddon, Northumberland. George was possibly the son of George and Ann Nixon. 3. George Sinclair who married Margaret Ismay on 18th February 1738 at St Mary's Church, Whickham.

- 3202 Mrs R.M. ROBSON, 41b Mill Close, Monk Fryston, Leeds, West Yorkshire LS25 5ED.
Seeking any information on Andrew Grant, sometimes Andrew Wilson Grant, and his wife Margaret Bessford/Bestford who were married at All Saints, Newcastle on 20th October 1846. He supposedly was born at Berwick on Tweed about 1824 the son of Robert Grant. Margaret was born at Gunnerton in Chollerton parish Northumberland about 1828. She was possibly illegitimate and most likely non-conformist. Also researching John Lyall/Lyell son of widow Patrick, wife of James of Holborn, Lowick, Northumberland. John married Margaret Atkinson/Aitchison prior to 1823 in the Belford area.
- 3212 Mrs J.C. BARTRAM, 31 Cause End Road, Wootton, Bedfordshire MK34 9DA
Seeking any information on Joseph Miller, a master hairdresser, of Sunderland, born 1860-1861 the son of Joseph Miller a bottle maker. From his first marriage to Elizabeth Hannah Stafford (1862-1911) there were three sons the youngest of whom was Albert Edward born in 1891. Joseph was married for the second time to May Maud Watson, a widow, daughter to Allen Dobbing also a hairdresser. A son from this marriage, Joseph Miller, was killed during World War II whilst serving in the Royal Navy. Would like to establish where the family was living at the time of the 1861 to 1881 Censuses.
- 3216 Mrs D.M. HENDERSON, 111 Longwestgate, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO II 1RQ
Seeking any information on Henry Sweeney of Tynemouth and Hebburn, his brother Joseph Sweeney of South Shields, and their two sisters of Wallsend, from the 1880's to the 1940's. They were all the children of Edward Sweeney - mothers name unknown. Henry Sweeney married Alice Egdel at Holy Saviours, Tynemouth, on 20th October 1897 and lived at Grey Street and Front Street respectively. Joseph was a Turf Accountant in South Shields. Any information would be greatly appreciated.
- 3277 Mr D.B. KIRKLEY, 26 Beatrice Street, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 6AL
Researching the Dalton family in Baldersdale before 1800, and branches in Gateshead, Barnard Castle and Durham City in the 19th Century, also associated families of Dent in Baldersdale and Weelands in Durham City. Also researching the family of Kirkley in the parishes of Shotley and Lanchester before 1800.
- 3379 Miss J. APPLETON, 4 Tynedale Close, Wylam, Northumberland NE41 8EX
Seeking the marriage of Joseph Whitelock born about 1796 in County Durham and Ann Gibb born 1808 in Yorkshire. They had three children, Ann born 1841, Margaret E. born 1844 and Jane born 1848 all at Bill Quay. Also seeking information on the ancestry of Henry Appleton baptised 13th November 1697 at Whorlton, South Durham, the son of Robert Appleton.
- 3604 Mr G. DAGLISH, 95 Hilda Park, Chester-le-Street, Durham DH2 2JS
Seeking the marriage of Joseph Dagl(e)ish and Ellen(a)/Eleanor, (surname unknown). The family were living at 224 Easton Place, Gateshead in 1851. Josphe is believed to have been buried at St Mary's Church, Gateshead, in 1849. Seeking confirmation that same Joseph was the son of Robert Daglish and Ann Black who were married in 1792 at Ryton. Also seeking the first marriage of their eldest son, Nicholas, who was baptised in 1820. According to the 1841 Census he was living at Garden Street, Gateshead with wife Ann an daughter Mary aged 5 years. Also looking for details of the marriage of Reuben Charles Daglish, son of the above Nicholas, who was married sometime between 1881 when he was living at Blyth, Northumberland, and 1893 when as a widower he married Sarah Ann Young of South Shields.
- 3629 Mr G.N. ROBINSON, Candidaschouw 30, 2726 KB Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.
Seeking baptisms and parentage of Thomas Robinson, a mason and parish clerk, born 1719, and Elizabeth McDouell, born 1722. They were married at Aycliffe on 22nd April 1744 and had nine children all born at Aycliffe. Thomas died on 8th March 1799 and Elizabeth on 6th November 1809, both at Aycliffe. Searching for baptism of William Nesbit(t), a millwright and later master of the Swing Bridge who was born about 1846 at St Johns, Newcastle. Also seeking any information on Dorothy Richardson born about 1846 at Newburn. Her parents were possibly Adam and Isabella Richardson. She married William Nebit(t) and must have died young as William later re-married.
- 3732 Mrs J. TAYLOR, P.O. Box 408, Northampton, Western Australia 6535
Researching the surname High in County Durham, particularly any mention of the name in the 1861 and 1871 Censuses. Anthony High was born around 1800 and was a shoemaker. He had at least two sons, Anthony born 1825-30, and Isaac born 1830-33. Both were later coal miners. Anthony married Jane Atkinson **in 1853 and they had three children, the marriage** and baptisms taking place at Escomb. Isaac married Jane Armstrong, both residents of Perkinsville, at the parish church in 1857. A son James was born and baptised at Perkinsville in 1866 and a daughter, Elizabeth Jane born and baptised in 1875. Presumably there were other children before and after James, but where? On the I.G.I. for County Durham there are "High" entries from 1600 to 1653 then a 200 year gap. Seeking the birthplaces of Anthony the shoemaker and his sons Anthony and Isaac. Any information welcome.
- 3774 Mrs P. McCALVEY, 32 Upper Park Road, St Leonards on Sea, Sussex TN37 6SL
Seeking any information on the following families from the Newcastle and South Shields areas: Mulkern/Mulkerrin family who came from Co. Mayo about 1880. James Gates, a shoemaker, born about 1820 of a Catholic family and married to Mary Blyth. Blyth and Dakers family legend has it that one of these lines were connected with the Ravensworths. John McCaivey married for a second time in 1884 at St Bedes to Mary Ann Devlin. **The McCaivey family have been found on the 1851 Census** index for Newcastle - All Saints folio No. **532** - and it would be greatly appreciated if someone could look them up to find birthplaces. Patrick Hanlon born about 1835 the son of a barrow man from Team Valley. Patrick built up the business and left twelve grocery shops when he died. Alexander Dow/Dove who served in the Crimea and ended his days in an army pension home in Berwick. He had a son Hector born about 1860. Mrs McCaivey is willing to do reciprocal research in Hastings and St Leonards.
- 3784 Mr D. PATTINSON, 91 Thornhill Road, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 9QE
Seeking the baptism of Nicholas Ridley about 1809 the son of Nicholas and Thomasine Ridley. Other children were baptised at Falstone and Chollerton. Also seeking the identity of the mother of David Nicholas Ridley, born 1836-37, the son of Nicholas Ridley a butcher of Newcastle on Tyne, and formerly of Falstone. David was possibly born in or near Newcastle as this is where he settled in adulthood.

- 3793 Mrs J.A. MESSHAM, 21 Blea Beck, Askam in Furness, Cumbria LA16 7DG
Seeking any information on Richard Kirton, baptised 1794 at South Shields, and married to Eleanor Burrell in 1827 at St Hildas. Also researching Edward Dotchin born about 1850 and married to Elizabeth Hodgson. They lived in the Newcastle or Gateshead areas. Would be interested in any information about their descendants.
- 3795 Mrs E. WALKER, Greystones Farm, Over Silton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 2LH
Seeking the births of 1. Mary Ann Canby about 1871 who married William Howe in Kyo in 1888 and had a son George born in 1891, and 2. Margaret Kellett, born about 1840 at Woodland, the daughter of John and Margaret(?) Blackett. Also seeking the baptism of Jane Isabel(la) Patterson about 1830 at Wolsingham, and her marriage to James Hodgson about 1856.
- 3825 Ms R. REDMILE, 4710 Decarie Boulevard, Apartment 35, Montreal, Quebec H3X 2H5, Canada
Seeking information on the surname Proudlock/Proudluck anywhere. Especially Robert Proudlock born in 1797 at Paunchford in the Elsdon area, and died in 1853 at Rothbury. His wife Ann - surname unknown - born about 1798 at Farnham. Also seeking descendants of John Orde (1848-1937) and his wife Frances Proudlock (1848-1921) namely Ellen born 1880 and married to Andrew Johnson; Susan (Maggie) married to an Anderson, and Georgina (Ina) married to a Clegg.
- 3878 Mrs A. BELLERBY, Elm Cottage, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 1JA
Researching the Bellerby family who seem to have come from the Lanchester and Tanfield areas. Particularly interested in William Bellerby born 4th May 1766, who married Margaret Patterson on 18th June 1808. Was he the son of William Bellerby born in 1715? This would make him quite elderly at the birth of his son. Also was William Bellerby (born 1715) the son of Thomas Bellerby born in 1681? Would be most grateful for any information.
- 3935 Mr I.C. MITCHELL, 18 Langdale Avenue, Formby, Merseyside L37 2LB
(Tel: 07048 31837) Seeking the date of marriage of Francis Mitchell and Elizabeth Birkett of Harperton, Lambley, somewhere around 1854-1857. Also any details on the family in the Lambley area between 1856 and 1904. Francis Mitchell, a servant of husbandry, is mentioned in the 1861 Census for that area. He had two daughters - Mary (married about 1900 to William Heslop) and Margaret. He originated from Scotland and is supposed to have built the Wesleyan Chapel in Lambley. May have had a connection with another Mitchell family in Farlam.
- 3964 Mrs K. STEVENS, 27 Walford Avenue, Worle, Weston Super Mare, Avon BS22 OYZ
Researching William Brewis (baptised 31st March 1799, the son of John Brewis and Mary Elliott) and Elizabeth Aikens (baptised 12th May 1800, the daughter of James Aikens and Mary Bittelstone) who where married at Monkwearmouth on 7th October 1822. They had a son John born 29th March 1823 and a daughter Mary Ann born 25th July 1925. Were there any other children? John was a merchant seaman - later Master Mariner - and married Catherine Aylmer in London. What happened to William and Elizabeth Brewis and daughter Mary Ann? Also seeking the baptism of John Brewis who married Mary Elliott on 23rd September 1792 at Holy Trinity, Sunderland. He may be the son of Thomas Brewis and Margaret Pye who were married on 7th June 1767 at Whitburn, and had a son John baptised on 17th April 1768. Mary Elliott was the daughter of William Elliott and Rachel Marshall. This line goes back through Calvert/Marshall to a John Marshall of Murton who married an Elizabeth Harrigaud, the daughter of Richard and Jane nee **Gibson**. Would like to trace the origin of the name Harrigaud.
- 3981 Mr A. OUSLEY, 27 Central Avenue, Fitzwilliam, Pontefract, West Yorkshire WF9 5AT
Looking for the baptism of Adam Stevenson about 1825 in the Lowick area of Northumberland. He married Isabella Bell, formerly Cracket, at Morpeth Register Office in 1865, and lived at Widdrington. Also seeking any information on Matthew Stevenson of Pegswood/Ashington in Northumberland about 1865. Any information would be greatly appreciated.
- 3986 Mrs S. MATTHEWS, 11 Westgate Avenue, Winsford, Cheshire CW9 2ND
Researching the family of Dr Thomas Randell, Rector of Sunderland 1892-1910, and Rector of Ryton **1910-1915**. Particularly interested in his son George P.P. Randell born in 1879 and last heard of in Aldershot. Also daughter Mrs H. Carr, 10 Park Lea Road, Roker, Sunderland. Seeking any descendants of the children of William Todd Thirkell of 12 Nelson Street, Sunderland, who died in March 1908. There is a family vault at Bishopwearmouth cemetery.
- 3991 Mrs M.W. BLEIDNER, 2000 Coco Plum Drive, Apartment 706, Marathon, Florida 33050, United States.
Researching Mary Coxon the daughter of Edward Coxon, born 24th October 1827 in Newcastle. Her mothers maiden name was Gibson. She had a brother Ralph maybe two years older or younger. Her mother died when she was three years old and she was raised by grandparents who proscribed her mother's marriage. No record of her baptism can be found in Anglican, Methodist or non-conformist registers of Newcastle. Her Gibson grandfather was a Methodist preacher or lay reader. No record can be found either of her parents marriage. There is possibly a shipping connection but which side? Mary later married John Wylam in 1848 at Pitlington.
- 4013 Mrs M. HAYES, 38 Clarke Street, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty 3001, New Zealand.
Interested in the Hays and Anderson families in the Sunderland area. George Lightfoot Hays married Ann Anderson at Monkwearmouth in 1829. In 1841 they were living at Burleigh Close, Sunderland, but they cannot be traced on the 1851 Census. George must have died between 1850 and 1858 as Ann travelled to New Zealand with 7 or 9 children as the wife of Thomas Hornsby in 1858. Interested in any information about these families.

- 4028** Mrs M. WARD, 4 Linton Road, Nether Poppleton, York YO2 6LT
Interested in the Parkin family of Longbenton. George Parkin married Isabel Crone on 2nd November 1776. Also seeking any information on the Parker family of Longbenton before 1800, and Amos Almond who married Ann Armstrong at Washington on the 12th July 1789.
- 4031** Mr G. BANNISTER, 25 Northfield Drive, Woodsetts, Worksop, Nottinghamshire S81 8QF
Searching for the marriage of John Bannister and Charlotte Andrew, who were living at 3 Lilburne Street, Old Shildon about the turn of the century. Also seeking the births/baptisms of their three children - Ada, Annie and Henry Andrew (grandfather).
- 4040** Mrs S. DENNISON, 7 Helena Street, Lumsden, Southland, New Zealand
Seeking births, marriage and deaths of James Elliott, a Police Inspector in Sunderland during the 1800's who married Elizabeth Hunter. Their children were William Hunter born about 1858, and Sarah born about 1859, married to Thomas Crawford, a butcher, and died on 11 th January 1930. Would also like any information on a Nellie Thompson, niece of Sarah Crawford, who inherited a property at 126 Chester Road, Sunderland. Names of the parents unknown.
- 4045** Mrs D. WILSON, The Paddock, 36 Main Street, Scholes, Leeds LS15 4DH
Seeking the baptism and parentage of John Jefferson about 1803. In 1841 he was a collier at Whitley. He died of cholera in 1849. Would he be buried at Whitley, or how were cholera victims disposed of? He had three brothers, William born 1799, Thomas born 1806 and Robert born 1808. All three were colliers and all were dead before the 1851 Census. Also seeking the baptism of Mary Mills, the wife of John Jefferson, said to be 45 years of age in the 1851 Census. Children of John and Mary were - John born 1827, Thomas born 1828, Robert born 1831, Jane born 1832, Margaret born 1837, Mary born 1840 and Elizabeth born 1844.
Searching for the baptism and parentage of William Johnson, possibly about 1804. His wife was Isabel, and children - Isabel born 1824, Mary Ann born 1835, Ann born 1828 and William born 1830. William Johnson was a mariner at North Shields in 1841.
- 4050** Miss C.J. MOTT, 28 Hauxley Drive, Red House Farm Estate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2SR
Researching the family of Robert Vardy, a surgeon for 54 years at Whalton, Northumberland, and his wife Ann Forster. They married at Whalton on 17th June 1816. The Vardy family have been traced back to 1720 in Durham, but was John Vardy, an innkeeper and Robert's father, married to Jane Robinson of Felton or Jane Hutchinson by whom he had an illegitimate daughter, Hannah? Also researching the Bell family of Bell's Farm in Horsley, Northumberland. There were four Bell brothers, two of whom went to Australia to make their fortunes but returned without success. Anthony Bell married Jane Vardy in Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne on 18th February 1874. He was a partner in Bell and Dunns, ships chandlers on the Tyne. His father was Joseph Bell, a farmer, and possibly one of the brothers on Bell's Farm.
- 4053** Mr A. DAVISON, 55 Frankwood Avenue, Yiewsley, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 8QS
Seeking the baptism of David Dixon Davison who was born in North Shields in 1820. Search has been made at the County Record Office at Gosforth without success.
- 4054** Mrs J. McMEEL, 7c Irvine Place, Stirling FK8 1BZ, Scotland
Seeking any information on John Skeen (possibly connected to Scoon) who was born somewhere in Scotland about 1806. He married Elizabeth Stewart and was a lawyer in Wooler when his first son Charles Stewart Skeen was born in 1838. Charles married Jane Jackson and moved to Newcastle. Also seeking any information on the following (1) Ann Grieves, born in Newcastle in 1833 (daughter of Thomas Grieves, a tailor), who married Edward Tate, born 1833 at Walbottle, the son of Robert and Ann; (2) Roger Mole, born 1846 in Newcastle, son of John Mole and Margaret Straker, who married Mary Jane Simpson in 1869, and (3) Lionel Stainsby, born 1838 at Darlington, son of John Stainsby and Sarah Rigg. Also researching Hopton, Benn, Oates, Appleyard, Briggs, and especially information on Isaac and Mary Cliff born about 1775, all in the New Wortley area of Leeds; Cowling and Parkinson of Pateley Bridge, and Todd, Gray and Batterson in Luton.
- 4056** Ms L. EVEREST, Box 316, Armstrong, British Columbia VOE 1130, Canada
Interested in Race, Halford, Pinman, Bland and Trotter.
- 4059** Mr N. MORRIS, Heron Cottage, 7 Riverside, Reedham, Norfolk NR13 3TQ
Researching Emily Martin, aged 19 years when she married Hutchinson Campbell Morris at Jarrow in 1888. Her father was William Martin, a maker of weighing machines from 1879 to 1894 at Higham Street, Newcastle. Other children were Eliza, Richard, John, Sarah and Alice. The family may have originated in the Midlands. Also seeking information on Mary Ellen McGinty, aged 18 years when she married John William Emmerson at Southwick in 1885. Her father was John McGinty (deceased) and her address was given as 6 Granville Street, Millfield. Her birth is not recorded in England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.
- 4060** Mrs M.K. LASCELLES, Grange House, Meadow Lane, Belmont, Durham DH1 1SN
(Tel: 091 3863724) Researching James Fitzpatrick, born in Sunderland about 1819, who was living at Hareholm Chapel near Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning at the time of the 1861 Census. He married Margaret Jackson (born 1825 at Northallerton, the daughter of John Jackson a schoolmaster) on Christmas Day 1844 at St Andrew's, Auckland. Seeking baptism and parentage of Simon Kenn(e)y, born in Richmond about 1828, and at one time an innkeeper in Church Street, Durham City. Family tradition says that his father was an Irish linen merchant. He married Elizabeth Brough who was born in Maryport in 1833. Apparently Elizabeth should have inherited land at Newcastle Quayside. Looking for information on James Cassidy and Bridget Dempsey who, were married in Scotland in the 1850's and lived in County Durham. Researching the Gibbon and Clish families who lived in the Bishop Auckland area in the mid 1850's. Also seeking the parents of Henry Collinson who was born in Hebburn in 1857.
Searching for the ancestors of William Button, born in 1814, who farmed at New Ivesley Farm, Waterhouses, and his wife Mary Dryden who was born about 1838 and came from Easington. Finally, looking for the birth of John George Hogarth, a miner, who was living at Hamilton Row in 1893.

- 4066** Mrs A.E. COWAN, Glendale, Sandhole Lane, Shipton by Beningbrough, York YO6 1BL
(Tel: 0904 4705 10) Researching the Dixon family who were joiners in the village of Lesbury near Alnwick. Seeking the parents of John Dixon who was born in 1791 at Shilbottle, and his marriage about 1819 to Elizabeth (surname unknown) who was born at Edlingham. Also interested in Margaret Simm of Lowick who married William Dixon in 1855; Isabella Ann Hudson of Warkworth who married John Cornet Dixon in 1882; Ellen Atchison of Norham or Scremerston who married Robert Dixon in 1905, and the Knox family of Heighington, County Durham.
- 4068** Mrs J.M. BLACKBURN, 7200 SW 83rd Street, Plaza, Apt.E. 204, Miami, Florida 3314, United States
Seeking any information on Jonathan Robson, born about 1842 at Toft Hill, County Durham. He was the son of William Robson born in 1803 at North Cowton, Yorkshire, whose parents were John and Hannah Robson. Also searching for descendants of Robert Robson born in 1840 at Dalton, Yorkshire, the son of John Robson who was a miller at Toft Hill, about 1851. Children of Robert Robson were-Margaret, Annie and John. They were residing in Shildon, in 1919. Another son, William, was killed in World War 1. Would also like any information on the Race and Taylor families living in Bishop Auckland about 1919.
- 4070** Mrs R. BARTLETT, 15 Westlands Way, Leven, Beverley, North Humberside HU17 5LG
Researching Jackson and Sullivan of Warden and Haltwhistle. Seeking the marriage of George Jackson and Catherine Sullivan of Co. Down, Ireland, about 1851, possibly in the Warden area. Have been unable to trace any English/Irish marriages around this time - was there any reason for this?
- 4071** Mrs M. MAHONEY, 28 Leaholme Gardens, Pedmore, STOURBRIDGE, West Midlands DY9 OXX
Seeking any information on William Wilkinson Tennet, born at Houghton le Spring, who had three known children by Jane Elizabeth Lewins, also of Houghton le Spring. Did they marry? Also seeking the birth of Mary Caroline Tennet about 1861 in Newport, Monmouthshire.
- 4075** Mrs J. CATO, 7 The Coronet, Horley, Surrey RI-16 9EX
(Tel: 0293 784000) Researching the following in Newcastle upon Tyne: Cato and Sadler 1800 to date, Jamison and Gustard about 1800, Leighton 1760 and Hall 1790. In Bishop Auckland: Priestmand and Ridley about 1840 and Holden in 1800. Winship and Dobson of Corbridge about 1750. In Sheffield: Sadler 1700 to 1800, Howard 1750, Westbrook 1760 and Sands in 1720. Sadler of Emley 1650 - 1700, and Bingley of Woolley in 1650, both in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Also Bennett, Goodwin, Woodfield and Lucas in Birmingham during the 19th Century, Lemay, Betambeau, Dujardin, Pearson, Leverett and Moseley in East London during the 18th Century; Boddy in East London from 1750 to 1930, and Oakley, Gater, Watson, Lowing, Carter in East London during the 19th Century.
- 4076** Mrs P.A. HOLROYD, 4 Darren Close, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire PO14 2LU
(Tel: 0329 663995) Seeking information on the Dobson family, mainly shoemakers who lived in Ferryhill in the 19th Century, and the Ainsworth family who lived in Hartlepool. Also researching Daniel/James Johnson, a joiner (undertaker?) son of Philip Johnson, who married Sarah (Ellen?) Davison, daughter of James Davison, at Hartlepool in 1876.
- 4085** Mrs H. MILLER, 4 Southfields Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 1BU
(Tel: 0323 645986) Researching Alex Scott, born between June 1809 and June 1810 in the Parish of North Shields. He was a Councillor of Tynemouth in August 1879, a shipbuilder and owner of the ship "Alexander" which was lost in 1852. Seeking his marriage and date and place of death.
- 4088** Mrs J. SIMS, 8 The Orchards, Epping, Essex CM16 7BB
Researching the families of Tinwell and Wilkie in Newcastle and Sunderland.
- 4100** Mrs C. ROBSON, 20 Thirlmere Crescent, Normanby, Cleveland TS6 OEU
Researching John Bainbridge who married Priscilla Williamson at Greatham in 1820; George William Robson who married Catherine Jane O'Connor, possibly at Darlington about 1900; Alfred Charles Cook who married Mary Elizabeth Gobbet at Whitworth about 1895, and Michael Cook born about 1700 at Whickham.
- 4101** Mrs J.B. NOAKE, 142 Middle Deal Road, Deal, Kent CT14 9RJ
(Tel: 0304 363683) Interested in John Richardson, a farmer born 1816, and Hannah Finlay, born 1819, who were married in 1846 at Middleton in Teesdale.
- 4103** Mr M.S. POTTS, Brooke House, The Parade, Parkgate, South Wirral, Cheshire L64 6RN
(Tel: 051 3361494) Researching the Potts family of clockmakers commencing with George Potts of Berwick about 1750, and later of Darlington. His son Robert 1777 was apprenticed in Darlington and later moved to Pudsey with his son William who established the clockmaking business of William Potts and Son in Leeds in 1833. Attempting to establish any family links with other clockmakers of the period, namely James Potts of Belford about 1800; William Potts of Newcastle about 1780; Edward Potts of Newcastle about 1850; Robert Potts of Patrington about 1780 and subsequent generations of John of Howdon and Joshua of York. Any assistance will be most welcome.
- 4107** Mrs P. TEBBS, 10 Ainthorpe Close, Burdon Park, Tunstall Village, Sunderland SR3 2DA
(Tel: Wearside 5236843) Seeking information on the family of John Graham and Ann Howe who were married at Aycliffe in 1819. John's parents were Ralph Graham of Aycliffe and Elizabeth Temple of Heighington. Also any information on Francis Brindley born in Sunderland 1857/58, the son of Thomas Brindley from the Liverpool area, and Thomas Foster Stansfield who lived in Sunderland in the 1880's and came from the Manchester area.

- 4108 Mrs M. OUGHTON, 25 Birch Avenue, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5JE
Researching Oughton, Houghton, Aughton, Haughton and Auton during the 16th to 20th Centuries, especially John Oughton/Houghton of Gateshead 1670-1695; Adolphus Haughton, barber of Birtley 1750-1770; Alice Oughton born at Hetton or Durham in 1847; Peter Oughton born Coxhoe in 1849; marriage(s) of Richard Oughton, born Hetton in 1834 and a widower in Hetton Downs at 1871 Census; Robert Jordon, born 1800 at Murton, married to Elizabeth Heron (born 1802 in Scotland) living in Shincliffe in 1841 and Carrville in 1851 - forebears and descendants sought. Also seeking descendants of George Oughton Ambler born 1886; John Oughton Ambler born 1891; Jabez Ambler born 1895; Mary Ann Ambler born 1898, all at Tudhoe Colliery. Also marriage about 1833 of George Oughton born Lumley in 1810 and Mary Spooner of Percy Main, Northumberland. Researching coalminer emigration from Hetton or Houghton to Illinois, United States, 1868/9 and returns to Durham 1873-1875. Other families sought are Hindmarsh, Hindmarsh and Hymers. William Hindmarsh was baptised 27th April 1740, the son of William Hymers of Hetton Fieldhouse.
- 4109 Mrs L. DEFTY, 8 Howson Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4RX
Researching Richard Defty from Browney, believed to have been a mine sinker, and his sons who travelled County Durham in a caravan sinking mines in the early to mid 19th Century. Seeking baptisms of Joseph Elliott and Sarah Pringle who were married in Gateshead in 1829. Seeking any information on Richard Thompson Bothroyd, a clock and watchmaker in Ferryhill in 1841.

Also researching Elliott, Hopps, Headley and Halton of Shildon mid 19th Century; Black of Stranton late 19th Century; George Fowler born in 1822 at Darlington, and Ann Howdon, born 1786, and her daughter Ann born 1818 in Darlington.
- 4110 Mr G.W. WALTON, 17 Shaftesbury Road, Epping, Essex CM16 5BH
Seeking information on Isaac Walton born 1863 at Nenthead/Alston to Elizabeth Walton. He moved to North Shields about 1880, joined the Police Force and reached the rank of Inspector. He married Hannah Jackson in 1888 and died in 1900 aged 37 years. Also researching the Jackson family of Alston and Allendale, and the Clementson/Clemiston family of Allendale. Any help greatly appreciated.
- 4119 Mr J.N. & MRS A. GILLIS, "Robins", Goreswood Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 7DH
& Researching the family of Charles Gillies who was with the Gateshead Constabulary between 1882 and 1906.
- 4120 Would like to trace his birth about 1852 possibly in Hawick with the surname Hewitt. Interested in hearing from any descendants of Charles and his wife Annie.
- 4123 Mrs E.G. HUNT, 7 Ambleside Avenue, Rawtenstall, ROSENDALE, Lancashire BB4 6RY
Seeking baptism and burial of Richard Mitchison born about 1792. He married Alice Clark at Eglington in 1810 and they lived at Lilburn. Also seeking any information on Elizabeth Henderson, born 1882, who married James Aldred Mitchison. Researching Mitchison of the Embleton area, Purdy of Adderstone and Taylor of Warkworth.
- 4127 Mrs W. CHALKER, 13 Margerison Crescent, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 8QZ
(Tel: 609287) Seeking the marriage of Alexander Watson (1860-1914) a cider manufacturer and later a gold wire worker, and Ann/Elizabeth Ann Finnigan between 1894 and 1903. Alexander's first wife, Rose Hannah Clay, died at Hexham in 1894, and information is sought on their son Donald McDonald Watson born in 1894. Would also like any information on the Union Workhouse at Elswick, Newcastle, where Alexander died in 1914. Interested in any Watsons of Jarrow, Felling or Heworth, and the Tiplady family of Ryton, in particular Maria Tiplady born in 1818. Seeking the family of Samuel Huston, a Presbyterian Minister, (twice married - second wife Mary McIlroy) who was born in 1811 at Larne, County Antrim and died in Belfast 1899. He was at Larne 1811-1842, London 1842-1850 and 1883-1891, Brechin 1851-1856, Newcastle 1856-1877, Alderney 1877-1883 and Belfast between 1891 and 1899. Also researching William David Brown, born 1816 in Seghill, a publican of Newcastle, Tully of Newcastle and Warkworth and Strakers of Stannington and Bothal.
- 4134 Mrs J. GEE, 2 Gloucester Avenue, Redwood Park, South Australia 5097
Researching Dodds, Herbert, Miller and Bone/Brwen all of the Pelton Fell, Newfield and South Pelaw area of County Durham. They were mostly miners. Also Hemsley of Gosforth, Longbenton and Dudley; Livingstone of Longbenton, Gosforth about 1850, and Hopper of Newcastle and Fawdon Farm, Gosforth.

We also welcome the following new members who had not sent details of their interests before the printing deadline in September. **If they still have not done** so, and would like some notes published, they should contact Mr Readdie at the address at **the beginning** of the article.

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SECOND TIME AROUND

0169 Ms J.V. LISLE, 11 Glebe Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 0JQ

Interested in any information regarding John Ellwood. In 1915 he was a cartman and was living at 124 Hamilton Street, Newcastle upon Tyne. In 1919 he was on the Absent Voters List. He was then a private in the Arnr3~ VP.tP-riinarv, C.nr_gs.,anfLwas- awarAfLthaBriIM.Wu MrAal_anrl.thr vi He is possibly the same John Ellwood who died in 1940 at St Josethns's Home.. ~~Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne,~~ aged 70 years, a general labourer formerly of Scotswood.

0915 Mr W. MANN, 111 Tenth Avenue, Brantford, Ontario N3S 1G5 Canada

Seeking parentage and siblings of Thomas Coltman, born about 1792 in County Durham, who married Mary Carr on 11 th May 1817 at Chester le Street. It is believed that Mary, born in 1789 at Chester le Street, was the daughter of John Ferens. Also interested in the surname Holliness.

1193 Mrs J. GRISDALE, 16 Van Dyck Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5NQ

Seeking the marriage of George Davison and Isabella Dixon about 1837, possibly in the parish of Wittingham as they both appear to have been born in that area. George was born in 1803 at Rothill, the son of Joseph Davison and his wife Mary Turnbull. George and Isabella were living at Harlaw Hill, Longhoughton, in 1851 and had the following children - Elizabeth born Whittingham 1838; Mary Ann born Whittingham 1840; Isabella born Whittingham 1842; George born Whittingham 1844; Joseph born Hadham (7) 1847; John born Longhorsley 1849 and Thomas born Harlaw Hill 1850/1. They later had Margaret born West Chevington 1852, and possibly Mary and Ann (twins?) born Longhorsley 1853 and Ann born at Felton in 1855. Also seeking any information about Thomas Wake Davison and Elizabeth Armstrong who were married in 1832 at St Nicholas, Newcastle, but living in North Middleton in 1840 and Pigdon in 1841. They had the following children possibly born in the Mitford parish-Edward Armstrong born in 1833 and married to Elizabeth Barker of Broom at Durham in 1855; James born about 1834; Thomas born about 1836; Richard Wake born 1837; George born about 1838 and Elizabeth born about 1840.

1511 Mr J.R.S. WATSON, 4 Welton Close, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7EP

(Tel: Stocksfield 842828) Seeking baptism and parentage of Robert Watson, a mason/bricklayer of Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, born about 1800. He married Ann Rippon, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Rippon, at St Johns Church, Newcastle, on 20th November 1827. They had three children, Elizabeth baptised 1829 and John baptised 1831 both at All Saints Church, Newcastle. They were then living at Low Heaton. The third child, Ann, was baptised at New Road Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Newcastle, when they were living at Bigges Main. Robert Watson was killed in an explosion together with his cousin Thomas Hedley, a mason, whilst working down St Lawrence Colliery on 24th November 1834. They were buried in Longbenton churchyard. The burial register indicated that R. Watson was 30 years of age living at Heaton West Pit.

1643 Mr M.S. TIMMS, Wall Hill Cottage, Strawberry Lane, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 3QF

Has anyone knowledge of Martha Moffat? According to the Census returns for Spittal she was born in Scotland about 1812. She married John Storar of Spittal about 1840. She died in 1853 and is buried in Tweedmouth Cemetery. Searches of a large number of parish registers as well as all known records of irregular marriages have not revealed the place/date of her baptism or marriage. Martha could have been "in service" in Northumberland in 1840, and as John Storar was a journeyman stone mason the area of search is very wide.

- 1754 Mr K.D. COOK**, 12 Weingarth Street, Holder, Canberra, ACT 2611, Australia
Seeking any information on Alexander **Richardson** (son of George Richardson and Eleanor **Emery**) and his wife Deborah Elizabeth **Beaney**. They were living at 8 Co-operative Terrace, Newsham, Blyth when their third child Hilda was born on 14th January 1896. Also any information on William **Bell** and his wife Isabella **Stoker** who were living at 11 Albion Street, Murton Colliery, Northumberland, in 1888.
- 1814 Mrs J. BROWN**, 8 Ollerton Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE10 9RT
Seeking the baptisms and parents of Anthony Stoves and Rebecca Stoves who were married in 1826 at Bishopwearmouth. Was Anthony the son of John Stoves and Christian Clavering of Longbenton? Also seeking the marriage of their son Thomas Stoves (born 1848 at Byers Green) to Martha Blackburn. Looking for the births of Robert Thompson Brown about 1845; Isaac Thompson Brown 1876-77 the son of Robert Thompson Brown and Jane Ann Paddington, and Ellen Tompkians about 1837 the daughter of Thomas Tompkians, a platelayer. Ellen married Alexander Thompson in 1858 at St Johns, Newcastle. Address given as "this Parish".
Also researching the Teague/Taighe/Tage family who came from Shrewsbury to Berwick, then to Newcastle by 1841 and Gateshead by 1851 where they stayed.
- 2015 Mrs B.J. KOLLE**, 16 Parsons Street, Mordialloc, Victoria 3195, Australia
Seeking the marriage of Thomas **Barlow** and Elizabeth **Donnison** who lived in Newcastle upon Tyne, and the baptism of their son, Adam, about 1805. An entry in the Newcastle Courant of 7th April 1821, shows Adam was committed for trial to the July Quarter Sessions at Newcastle on a charge of "stealing oranges from a box at High Crane Wharf which had been landed from the Ellil trader". Following the trial the newspaper report of 14th July 1821, stated 14 year old Adam - described as a "notorious offender" had been sentenced to transportation for seven years. All trial documentation indicates Adam - a native of County Durham - had been found guilty of stealing iron rather than oranges. He arrived in Sydney on the "Shipley" on 11th March 1822. Especially interested to locate High Crane Wharf, and can anyone explain the meaning of Ellil Trader? Could it be a boat? Also in the newspaper report of 14th July, was mention of an assault victim - Thomas Donnison - described as a keelman. Any information about this man may also assist in locating a relationship between him and Adam Barlow.
- 2623 Mr G.H. FLEETHAM**, 62 Rembrandt Avenue, Whiteleas, South Shields, Tyne and Wear NE34 8RU
Seeking the marriage of Gulielemus **Fleetham** about 1618 to 1620. His first child was baptised in 1621 at Heighington, County Durham.
- 2641 Mrs M. PHEE**, 205 Hudson Parade, Clareville Beach, New South Wales 2107, Australia
Seeking information on the parents of Mary **Rain** born 1812 at Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham. She married Christopher **Purdum**, born in 1808 at Kenton, Northumberland. In 1851 they were living at Pit Seaton Delaval with their children, Hannah born 1836, John born 1837, Richard born 1840, Christopher born 1842, Thomas born 1844, George born 1847, and Mary Jane born 1849. Also interested in the parents of Ann **Gansby** born 1809 in North Shields. She had a sister, Eleanor, who married George **Johnson** and had the following children - Robert born 1832, James born 1834, Ann born 1839, George born 1840 and John born 1844. Eleanor was dead by 1851. Great-grandparents John Johnson and Mary Jane Purdom went to Newcastle, New South Wales about 1870.
- 3108 Mr W. REED**, 23 Godfrey Road, Artarmon, Sydney, New South Wales 2064, Australia
Information sought on the ancestors and siblings of William **Douglas(s)**, baptised 21st November 1813 at Ovingham, the son of William Douglass, pitman, and Mary **Errington** of Newburn Parish. He was a railway engine driver at Wylam colliery when he married Ann **Kirsop** (baptised 1st November 1812 at Corbridge) on 17th May 1835 at St Nicholas, Newcastle. Their four children were - Ellen baptised 1836; Mary Errington born 12th May 1838; William Errington born 17th May 1840 (married Mary **Tait** 1865) all baptised at Ovingham, and George, born about 1844-45 at Marley Hill, County Durham, and married to Isabella **Charlton** in 1872. Ann died about 1845-1850 and William re-married Elizabeth **Taylor**, (baptised 11th May 1828 at Longbenton) on 27th January 1850 at St Mary's Church, Gateshead. Children of this marriage were Hannah, born 1851, Mary Errington born 1853, Jane Ann born 1855, John born 1857, Elizabeth born 1859, Margaret born 1861, Alice (?) born 1863, Robert Errington born 1864 and Elizabeth born 1867. Most of these children were born at Netherton Colliery, Bedlington.
Also interested in the circumstances that led to the suicide of William Douglas on or around 28th July 1868 at Whinney Hill Plantation near Barrington Colliery, Bedlington. It appears the coroners records for this area have not survived. Can anyone help?
- 3227 Mr A.M. MENNIM**, Croft Cottage, Sutton on the Forest, York YO6 1DP
(Tel: 0347 810345) Seeking details of the early life of Alexander **Mennim** born 14th June 1809 at Cornhill, and in particular his marriage to Catherine **Smith** of Whalton. This probably took place before 1853 when he was the proprietor of the Blink Bonny Hotel, Christon Bank, Embleton.
- 3596 Mr A.Y. PEPPER**, 65 Brighton Road, Scarborough, Western Australia 6019
Seeking any information on George (great-grandfather) and Thomas **Dixon** who together with their wives, sailed on the "Mary" for West Australia in 1849. They were the sons of Robert Dixon. Who was this elusive family? Any help greatly appreciated.
- 3650 Dr P. HULL**, 49 North Grange Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3AG
Seeking information on William **Tennant** and Margaret **Turnbull** who were married on 15th July 1830 at Bishopwearmouth. Margaret was born in Newcastle about 1811. Also researching Robert **Hull** of Tudhoe, Brancepeth, a labourer, who married Elizabeth daughter of George **Lowes** of Merrington. Their first child, George, was born on 9th October 1802 and baptised at Bishopwearmouth. They later lived at Heworth (Templeton) and had two daughters, Jane born 24th March 1807 and Margaret born 20th January 1810. Both were baptised at Heworth St Marys.

- 3709 Mrs R. SAMUEL, Le Cateau, 12 Park Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6QB
Looking for any information about Wilfred Cuthbertson known to have been an engineering apprentice at Vickers Armstrongs, Newcastle, in 1916. He is believed to have returned to his sisters home "somewhere on the Tweed" during the early part of 1917. Also researching the Furnas family of Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. Joseph Furnas probably married Isabella Wealand in 1825 at Sunderland. He was a sailmaker and known to have had two daughters at least: Jane who married George Whitmore at Monkwearmouth in 1859, and May or Mary who married Fred (?) Carter and lived in Murton Street, Sunderland. She was still alive in the early 1930's and had a large family mainly of unmarried daughters, several of whom were teachers. One is believed to have been a Headmistress at Murton Colliery. Any information welcomed.
- 3773 Mr F. JOYCE, 3 Edgeworth House, Oakenfield, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 7JB
Seeking the baptism of John Inkerman Joyce about 1866, a mariner, who was married on 31st December 1888 at the Parish church of Tynemouth Priory. His age was given as 22 years and his address as 13 Union Street, Tynemouth. His father was John Joyce who was deceased in 1888. Would be most grateful if someone could check the 1871 and 1881 Census returns for Union Street to find the birthplace of John Inkerman Joyce. All replies will be acknowledged.
- 3780 Mrs E. STYAN, 18 Albert Street, Cambridge CB4 3BE
Researching Thomas Thompson, almost certainly the son of Thomas Thompson and Ann Charlton of Simonburn who was baptised in 1771. He married Isabella Eggleston in 1793 at Hexham, and together with his son Thomas who married Elizabeth Pattinson, were millers at Crowhall Mill and Chainley Mill in the Haltwhistle area. Also researching Luke Johnson, born at Whitley Chapel, Hexhamshire about 1767 - 1782. He married Elizabeth Lee of Allendale in 1804, and they lived and died in Whitfield at Bears Bridge. John Johnson, believed to be their son, was born in Whitfield about 1806-1811 and married Jane Walton in 1841. Seeking confirmation of the parentage of Michael Walton of Alston who was born in 1768/9 and married to Isabella Walton the daughter of William and Elizabeth Walton of Rase, Alston. They moved to Whitfield between 1804-1811.
- 3950 Mrs P. ROBISON, 44 Chicken Road, High Farm, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 8NN
Seeking any information on great-grandfather Robert Cain, born 1823 in Ireland. He married Ann McMaughin/McMahon also born in Ireland in 1833. They had six children - Catherine 1855, Sarah 1856, both born in Scotland; Annie born in Newcastle in 1861; Robert (grandfather) born 1865; James born 1866, and another daughter born at Wrekenton in 1873 where they lived until 1875. In 1881 the family were living at Railway Terrace, Heworth, but the father, Robert Cain, is not listed. A search has been made for his death in the St Catherines House Index over a twenty year period without success. One of the daughters, Annie, married a McClaren and resided in Stanley and died in the 1920's. Grandfather Robert married Mary Madden in 1890 at Washington R.C. Church.

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We regret to report the deaths of members 0034 Mr A. P. Brown, 0270 Mr F.S. Porritt and 1241 Mr A.M. Graham. We extend our deepest sympathy to their respective families.



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