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EDITORIAL

I am writing this during what passes in England for summer, but even that will soon be gone and the dark nights will be with us again. Thoughts will no doubt turn from holidays and gardens to family history and ancestry problems. This winter, in the spare time you have from compiling your own tree, why not help the Society, and your fellow genealogists, present and future, by doing some indexing work, possibly in the comfort of your own home? I know many of you are busily engaged already on census indexing, but there are plenty of other areas where help is needed. The Society has plans to prepare microfiche of local records of one sort or another, which we would then make available for sale to members near and far. Many of these would benefit from having an index. You would need to have a microfiche reader and a computer might be helpful but is not essential. We would send you a fiche and you would compile an index to a standard pattern so that if necessary your work could be merged with that done by other members. Here is a chance for all members, local or not, to help your Society, so if you would like to assist, please drop me a line.

NOTES AND NEWS

The Davison Family Association of Northumberland and Durham has been formed by a Sunderland man now living in Denmark. He wishes to contact anyone with the surname or maiden name of Davison who lives in, or originates from, Durham or Northumberland. No rules or subscriptions yet. All letters answered. Please contact Gerry Davison, Box 242, DK 7800 Skive, Denmark.

If you are interested in the Hodgson family, you may wish to contact Mr. Bruce G. Hodgson, 8 Little Rock Drive, Scarborough, Ontario M1M 3N6 Canada who has formed an organisation called SHARE - Surname Hodgson Association and Research Enterprise - which issues a newsletter sent to almost 200 people in eight countries. First year membership is free. Mr. Hodgson arranged 'Gatherings' in north eastern England in 1989 and 1992 and more are planned.

An Anglo-French Family History Society has been formed. Details from Patrick Pontet, 65 The Drove, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3PA. Three publications on French research are already available.

In the Summer Journal, under the heading "The Fruits of our Labour", we printed an offer by Mr. Robert O'Keefe to 'write up' family histories for our members. Unfortunately, we printed Mr. O'Keefe's address as 17 Naworth Drive, Westerhope. The correct house number is 12. Our apologies to Mr. O'Keefe and to any readers who may have been inconvenienced.

A series of six regional books has been published, detailing every known Catholic mission and chaplaincy 1700-1880, with register dates for baptism, marriage, confirmation and death. Volume 4 covers North East England. Each volume costs £6 plus 70p postage etc. The complete set, covering the whole of England, Wales and Scotland, costs £33.80 including postage. Contact Mr. M. Gandy, 3 Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR.

Darlington Library has a Local History Event from 6th September to 2nd October, comprising talks, demonstrations and exhibitions. Special days have also been arranged on a variety of topics including Family/Local History Advice and a Family History Course. Contact Catherine Copeland or Marion Raine tel: 0325-469858. And, don't forget the Local and Family History Day at Durham County Record Office on 16th October.

News of two WEA courses at Elvet Methodist Church, Old Elvet, Durham. A fortnightly five session beginners course (cost £12.50) starts on Friday 8th October at 10.00 a.m. and a fortnightly four session Family History workshop, using less commonly used sources such as Poor Law and Quarter Sessions records, starts at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 15th October. Enrol at first meetings.

With the last Journal, we enclosed a leaflet about the British Isles Genealogical Register being compiled under the auspices of the Federation of Family History Societies. This is really an update of a members interests directory and a family directory rolled into one, hopefully attracting non members with interests in the area as well as Society members. I am told about 7000 forms have been returned. Have you sent in yours yet? Please don't wait for the November deadline before you post yours off!

The London Branch of the NDFHS is holding a One Day Conference on 26th March 1994 at the Society of Genealogists in London. The theme is 'Trades and Occupations of the North East'. Admittance by ticket - contact Mrs. W. Bennett, 16 Grayshott Laurels, Lindford, Bordon, Hants GU35 0QB.

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Please note that subscriptions for 1993/94 are due for payments on or before the 1st November 1993. This subscription will cover the Spring to Winter 1994 Journals. At the AGM in May this year it was agreed that the subscriptions would remain unchanged for the coming year.

Your prompt compliance with the instructions below would be much appreciated and would help to avoid any problems and unnecessary work. Please note that reminders will not be sent, nor will receipts be issued, but delivery of the Spring edition of the Journal may be taken as confirmation that your subscription has been received.

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These amounts include a sum to cover the very high cost of converting non-sterling cheques.

For the information of our U.S. members, we have recently heard of a scheme by which they may purchase sterling cheques through Ruesch International at the cost of \$2.00 per cheque. This may be done by phoning Ruesch International, Washington D.C. on freephone 1-800-424-2923. It may also be done by post to Ruesch International, 10th Floor, 1350 Eye Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20005.

Canadian members are able to obtain sterling money orders which are negotiable in U.K. banks and post offices.

We should very much like to hear of any other ways that sterling payments may be easily made by our overseas members thereby saving themselves and the Society money. We will certainly pass on any information that we receive.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill in the enclosed renewal form.
2. Make cheque payable to NDFHS.
3. Write your name, address and membership number on the back of the cheque.
4. Send the form and your cheque to Renewals, Mrs. J. Ashburner, 10 Melrose Grove, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear NE32 4HP

If you do not intend rejoining, it would greatly help if you could still return the form indicating that fact.

Your help in following the instructions, thereby avoiding unnecessary work for the Society's officers, would be greatly appreciated.

MICROFICHE PUBLICATIONS

1. MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

The Society's holdings of tombstone inscriptions have for some time been offered for sale, by photocopying the lists for individual churchyards to meet orders. Some of these holdings are now available for sale on microfiche. Each fiche costs £1 post free (£1.30 overseas) and covers several churchyards as indicated below. Order from Mrs. K. Willans, 9 The Ridge Way, Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4LP. An application form is enclosed with this Journal.

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| 1. Bedlington, Blyth Old Chapel (Earsdon Parish) | 8. Dinnington, Ponteland (Part 1). |
| Cramlington and Horton (Part 1). | |
| 2. Bolam, Hartburn, Meldon. | 9. Edlingham, Rothbury. |
| 3. Bothal, Hebron, Morpeth, Netherwitton, Newbiggin. | 10. Gosforth, Longbenton, Newburn, Newcastle Convent/Good Shepherd, Newcastle St. Anns, Newcastle St. Pauls, Wallsend. |
| 4. Brinkburn, Hepple, Holystone Chapel (Alwinton parish), Longframlington, Longhorsley. | 11. Horton (Part 2). |
| 5. Cambo, Heavenfield, Kirkwhelpington, Thockrington, Whitfield. | 12. Matfen, Ryal, Stamfordham. |
| 6. Chollerton, Dalton, Heddon, Kirkheaton, Milbourne. | 13. Ponteland (Part 2). |
| 7. Corsenside, Elsdon, Horsley. | 14. St. John Lee. |
| | 15. Stannington, Whalton. |

COUNTY DURHAM

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| 1. Brancepeth, Witton Gilbert. | 2. Monkwearmouth, Penshaw, Ryhope, Shildon, Sunderland, Washington. |
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Members may wish to note that some of the lists above have not previously been available for purchase - Hebron (176 inscriptions), Newbiggin (33), Longframlington (216), Newcastle Convent/Good Shepherd (46) and Monkwearmouth (130).

2. FAMILY NOTICES FROM NEWCASTLE COURANT

The *Newcastle Courant*, a weekly newspaper, was one of the earliest in the area. In the early years of this century, Edwin Dodds copied the notices of births, marriages and deaths (and some other items, e.g. bankruptcies) from its columns for the years 1723 to 1820 and his six volumes of extracts are now held by Newcastle Central Library. A detailed article about them appeared in the Summer 1991 issue of this Journal under the heading 'Hatches, Matches and Despatches in the Newcastle Courant'. As that article pointed out, the Courant Notices were 'news items', frequently giving background information about the people involved and of their lives or occupations, or the cause and circumstances of death, all of which can add considerably to the bare details of name and date of an ancestor. The Notices covered the whole of Northumberland and Durham and not just Newcastle and Tyneside.

Newcastle Library has kindly allowed the Society to copy the volumes onto microfiche and the first three volumes (1723 to 1800), together with an index to them are now available for sale. These three volumes cover over 1100 pages, most of the original being in typed form, with some manuscript and some printed pages. The set of 13 fiche covering the three volumes are available from Mr. J.A. Readdie, 38 Archery Rise, Durham DH1 4LA, price £6.00 post free (£7.00 overseas). An application form is enclosed with this Journal.

3. FIRST WORLD WAR ROLLS OF HONOUR

Durham Light Infantry Museum & Arts Centre, Durham has kindly allowed the Society to microfiche three volumes published shortly after the end of the First World War by two large employers and by the Hartlepool War Memorials Committees.

1. U.A. Ritson & Sons Limited - Roll of Honour.

A list of 'Directors, Officials and Workmen' of this firm of colliery owners - 905 in all, including 142 who died - from Burnhope Colliery and South Pontop Colliery in County Durham and Preston Colliery near North Shields in Northumberland. Gives names, nature of occupation at the colliery and regiment or ship in which served.

2. Pease & Partners Limited, Darlington. Memorial and Record.

Lists 4174 employees of the company who served in the War, including 543 dead, with a separate list of those decorated for gallantry, with a brief citation. Gives name and regiment/ship. Covers St. Helens, Windlestone, Eldon, Roddymoor, Bankfoot, Bowden Close, Wooley, Waterhouses, Esh, Ushaw Moor and Thorne Collieries in County Durham, Peases West Brickworks, the Ironstone Mines at Upleatham, Loftus, Lingdale and Ayton in North Yorkshire, the Limestone Quarries of Weardale, Tuthill and Bishop Middleham and Tees, Normanby and Tees Bridge Iron Works.

3. Memorial Rolls, Hartlepool.

Alphabetical list of men from Hartlepool and West Hartlepool who died. Approximately 1900 names, giving pre war address, rank, age, regiment or ship and date and place of death.

Each of the three fiche costs £1.50 post free (£1.70 overseas) from Mr. J.A. Readdie, 38 Archery Rise, Durham DH1 4LA. An application form is enclosed with this Journal.

NEWS FROM DURHAM RECORD OFFICE

Durham Record Office was used by more visitors last year than in any previous year. 7555 members of the public used the Record Office Searchroom in 1992/93 compared with the previous highest total of 6500.

This increase in visitors had the inevitable effect of increasing the waiting time to use a microfilm reader but the recent purchase of two new readers has now resulted in the waiting time being brought back down to about two weeks.

Even if money was available to buy more readers all available space in the microfilm room has now been occupied.

The Record Office has begun the third inspection of parish records as required by the Parochial Registers and Records Measure and over the next five years all parishes in the diocese of Durham will be visited. The inspection will undoubtedly lead to the deposit of more documents in the Record Office. The salary costs incurred in the inspection are met by the diocese of Durham.

NEWS FROM NORTHUMBERLAND RECORD OFFICE

The Northumberland Record Office is running three courses this autumn:-

(1) Tracing the History of your Property - 25th September 1993.

(2 & 3) Family History for Beginners - Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office,

6th November 1993 and Northumberland Record Office, 20th November 1993.

The staff will also be giving talks in local libraries on family history in the autumn. As a contribution to the 'Year of the Older Person' Record Office staff will be assisting at 'Open Days' held in the Libraries in the County in August and September. Lists of parish registers and non-conformist registers are available for purchase from Melton Park.

WHAT'S ON THE I.G.I.?

PART II

The last Journal, on pages 53 to 55, included a list of Church of England parishes in Durham and Northumberland which were in existence prior to 1837. For each such parish, we attempted to show the earliest dates for which baptisms and marriages were included on the International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) prepared by the Mormon Church.

That list showed that the coverage for many parishes ceased at 1812 i.e. baptisms and marriages after that date were not on the I.G.I. Hexham was one of those parishes. A Society member has pointed out, quite correctly, that Hexham baptisms and marriages which took place after 1812 do in fact appear on the I.G.I. So far as can be made out, there seems to be coverage to 1837. Your Editor extracted the published details from the 'Parish and Vital Records Listing' - the P.V.R.L. - which appears at the start of the I.G.I. and is a sort of master index to it. I do not wish to bore you with too detailed an explanation, but so far as Hexham is concerned, the P.V.R.L. is confusing, and - dare I say it - incorrect. Apologies to any members who may have been misled and be warned that there may be other parishes, similar to Hexham, where the P.V.R.L. does not accurately reflect the position, and therefore our published list may be incorrect.

With similar reservations, and as promised last time, we now print a list of Non-Conformist churches and chapels in the two counties which are included on the I.G.I. for pre-1837 periods, showing the earliest and latest dates for which Christenings are included. The names of the churches or chapels are as shown on the P.V.R.L.

Please note that baptisms 1786 to 1840 for the Haggerston Castle R.C. (parish of Ancroft) are included on the I.G.I. for Durham rather than Northumberland. Please note also that the P.V.R.L. indicates that the I.G.I. includes marriages for certain periods; the parishes involved are indicated in the list by an asterisk.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Bap. = Baptist

R.C. = Roman Catholic

M.N.C. = Methodist New Connexion

Ind. = Independent

W.M. = Wesleyan Methodist

Presb. = Presbyterian

P.M. = Primitive Methodist

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Alnwick, Bethal Methodist N.C.	1800-1836	* Cheeseburn Grange & Stella R.C.	1775-1840
Alnwick, Clayport or Green Batt		* Ellingham R.C.	1779-1840
Presb. Meeting House	1785-1838	Etal, Presb.	1767-1879
Alnwick, Ebenezer Meeting House, Presb.	1817-1831	Felton, Felton Park R.C.	1792-1840
Alnwick, Portergate St., Scotch Presb.	1760-1836	Gilanton Presb.	1784-1837
Alnwick, Sion Meeting House, Presb.	1762-1837	Haggerston Castle R.C. - (See Notes)	1786-1840
* Alnwick, St. Mary's R.C.	1794-1840	Harbottle, Presb.	1736-1802
Alnwick, Wesleyan Methodist	1787-1837	Hartley, Presb.	1789-1802
Alwinton, Biddlestone Hall R.C.	1767-1840	Hexham, Stonecroft R.C.	1715-1832
Bavington, Presb.	1754-1882	Hexham, Bethania Chapel, P.M.	1824-1837
Belford, United Secession Chapel,		Hexham, Ebenezer Independent	1782-1837
United Presbyterian	1820-1841	Hexham, Wesleyan	1797-1836
Bellingham, St. Oswald R.C.	1794-1837	Horsley, Independent	1785-1837
Berwick, Bankhill Congregation, United Presb.	1835-1838	Howdon Panne, Independent	1835-1837
Berwick, Chapel St. Shaws Lane, Presb.	1764-1858	Newcastle All Saints,	
* Berwick, Golden Square Presb.	1771-1837	Carlisle St. Chapel, Presb.	1759-1837
Berwick, Primitive Methodist	1824-1837	Newcastle All Saints, New Road W.M.	1833-1837
* Berwick, R.C.	1793-1840	Newcastle All Saints, Silver St., P.M.	1824-1837
Berwick, Walkergate Lane,		Newcastle, Butchers Hall, Swedenborgian	1832-1835
Calvinistic Baptist	1805-1837	Newcastle, Castle Garth, Presb.	1709-1820
Berwick, Wesleyan Methodist	1796-1837	Newcastle, Groat Market Meeting, Presb.	1726-1836
Branton, Presb.	1785-1837	Newcastle, Hanover Square, Presb.	1743-1837
Bywell St. Peter, Minsteracres R.C.	1795-1840	Newcastle, Hanover Square, Unitarian	1781-1844
Callaly Castle, R.C.	1796-1839	Newcastle, John Knox, Presb.	1835-1875
Capheaton R.C.	1760-1784	Newcastle, New Court Chapel, Baptist	1812-1837

Newcastle, Old Postern or Clavering Place Chapel, United Secession	1797-1837	North Shields, Norfolk St., Scotch Church	1783-1837
Newcastle Postern Chapel, Postern St., Ind.	1784-1837	North Shields, Stephenson St., Particular Bapt.	1790-1837
Newcastle Salem Chapel, Hood Street, formerly Bethel M.N.C.	1793-1837	North Shields, Union St., P.M.	1823-1837
Newcastle St. Andrew, Percy St., New Jerusalem Swedenborgian	1808-1837	North Shields, Wesleyan Methodist	1800-1837
Newcastle, St. Andrew Brunswick Place, W.M.	1786-1837	North Sunderland, Secession Class of Burghers, Scotch Church	1797-1837
Newcastle, St. James Chapel, Blackett St., Ind. or Presb.	1746-1845	* Rothbury, Thropton R.C.	1769-1840
Newcastle, St. Nicholas, Close St. Chapel, United Secession	1752-1837	Spittal, United Presb.	1751-1853
Newcastle, Tuthill Stairs, Baptist	1781-1837	Stamfordham, Presb.	1754-1875
Newcastle, Wall Knoll Presb.	1781-1844	Tynemouth R.C.	1784-1809
Newcastle, Zion Chapel, Westgate St., Ind.	1821-1829	Tynemouth St. Andrews, Camden St., Ind.	1816-1837
North Shields, Bankside Dissenters	1799-1820	Wallsend Carville Wesleyan	1803-1837
North Shields, Bethel, Ind.	1835-1837	Wallsend United Secession or Presb.	1813-1837
North Shields, Low Meeting, Presb.	1756-1812	Warenford, Presb.	1754-1854
		Wooler, Cheviot St., Utd. Presb.	1749-1833
		Wooler, United Associate Tower Hill Presb.	1786-1836
		Wooler, West Chapel Presb.	1752-1857

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Barnard Castle, Newgate St. Ind.	1806-1837	Muggleswick, Rowley Chapel, Particular Bapt.	1778-1836
Barnard Castle, Wesleyan	1803-1837	South Shields, Barrington St., Bapt.	1820-1836
Bishopwearmouth, Bethal Chapel, Villier St. Ind.	1811-1837	South Shields, Chapter Row, Methodist	1823-1837
Bishopwearmouth, Sans Street, Wesleyan	1797-1837	South Shields, New Presb.	1786-1857
Bishopwearmouth, Smyrna Chapel Presb.	1831-1836	South Shields, Scotch Church	1785-1838
Bishopwearmouth, St. Mary's R.C.	1809-1837	South Shields, St. Hilda P.M.	1833-1837
Bishopwearmouth, Unitarian	1831-1837	South Shields, Wallis St., Ind.	1824-1836
Chester-le-Street Bethel Independent	1813-1837	Staindrop Ind.	1806-1837
Durham, Framwell or Claypath Chapel, Claypath Street	1778-1837	Stanhope, High House, Forest Quarter, W.M.	1818-1838
Durham, Old Elvet Chapel, M.N.C.	1832-1840	Stanhope, Ireshopeburn, Presb.	1783-1822
Durham, St. Oswald, Croxdale R.C.	1801-1840	Stella, St. Thomas Aquino R.C.	1775-1838
* Durham, Chapel of Secular Clergy & the Jesuits Chapel R.C.	1739-1839	Stockton, Brunswick Chapel, Wesleyan	1824-1858
Esh Laude R.C.	1795-1839	Stockton, Green Dragon Yard and West Row Chapels, Ind.	1799-1836
Felling Ind.	1831-1837	Stockton, High St., Presb.	1688-1836
Gateshead Half Moon Lane Presb.	1783-1837	Stockton, St. Mary's R.C.	1783-1840
Gateshead High Street Wesleyan	1812-1838	Sunderland, Flag Lane P.M.	1823-1837
Gateshead M.N.C.	1833-1839	Sunderland, Maling Rigg, Non-Conformist	1758-1860
Hartlepool St. Hildas R.C.	1834-1840	Sunderland, North Bridge, Presb.	1778-1843
Hamsterley Bapt.	1768-1837	Sunderland, Old Meeting or Corn Market Chapel, High St., Ind.	1719-1837
Houghton-le-Spring, St. Michaels R.C.	1831-1840	Sunderland, Robinson Lane, Non-Conformist & St. George, Non-Conformist	1727-1860
Houghton-le-Spring, Wesleyan Methodist	1837-1840	Sunderland, Spring Garden Lane, Presb.	1766-1837
* Lanchester, St. Cuthberts Chapel and at Pontop Hall, R.C.	1778-1839	Sunderland, St. Stephen United Presb.	1827-1875
Middleton-in-Teesdale, Hude St., Particular Bapt.	1824-1836	Sunderland, Baptist Meeting House	1797-1837
Monk Hesledon, Hardwick House and Hutton House R.C.	1808-1839	Sunderland, Zion Chapel M.N.C.	1807-1836
Monkwearmouth Shore, Dundas St., Ind.	1788-1837	Swalwell, Ebenezer Chapel, Presb.	1733-1836
Monkwearmouth Shore, Bridge Road, Scotch Church Presb.	1778-1856	Westgate, P.M.	1824-1837
		West Hartlepool, Brougham St., P.M.	1834-1897
		Winlaton, Providence Chapel, Ind.	1830-1837

A Gretna Green Marriage

Not all weddings at Gretna Green were of the 'young lovers eloping' variety, as this note in the *Newcastle Courant* of 16th August 1806 shows:

"On Monday se'nnight, at Gretna Green, Thomas Wallace aged 78 years (a widower whose wife departed this life the 25th ult) to Elizabeth Jobling, widow aged 59. They are both paupers in Tanfield Workhouse."

Se'nnight (seven nights) = a week.

NEW BOOKS

Recent publications from the Federation of Family History Societies include the following:

Welsh Family History : A Guide to Research (cost £11.50 post free in UK, £12.30 overseas surface mail, £16.65 Airmail) is a 300 page compendium of articles which has been described as "the first authoritative guide to research" in this field.

There are several volumes available in the series of *British Genealogical Bibliographies* by Stuart Raymond which now cover Dorset, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Suffolk, Norfolk, Wiltshire (each county volume at £6.60, £6.95, £7.85), Oxfordshire (£5.50, £5.65, £6.30) and, moving nearer our home area, Cumberland and Westmorland (£5.55, £5.80, £6.85). These volumes comprehensively cover their field - as suggested by the series title cataloguing articles of genealogical interest and pedigrees in published works - but you should not expect to find anything about your 'Ag. Lab' ancestors in them! This is because "all the old work is about gentry . . . genealogy used to be an interesting study for gentlefolk". Thus observes Michael Gandy in another new booklet, *Planning Research : Short Cuts in Family History* (3.25, £3.40, £4.05) which is an enjoyable 'read' of 57 pages and contains a lot of sound advice, often of the 'Yes, that's obvious - why hadn't I realised it before now?' variety and pointing to the mistakes we all make from time to time.

Colin Rogers and Jeremy Gibson have produced four volumes of *Poor Law Union Records* (each at £4.45, £4.90, £6.15) Part 2 covers 'The Midlands and Northern England', and like the other volumes covering South East England and East Anglia, and South West England, The Marches and Wales respectively, it has a useful historical introduction to the subject and then a county-by-county catalogue of what registers, lists, correspondence etc. will be found in each County Record Office. The fourth volume is a Gazetteer of England and Wales which lists all the Poor Law Unions created after the reforms of the 1830's and the specific areas they cover. For example, we learn that the Haltwhistle Union embraced Bellister, Blenkinsopp, Coanwood, Featherstone, Haltwhistle, Hartleyburn, Henshaw, Kirkhaugh, Knarsdale, Lambley, Melridge, Plenmeller, Ridley, Thirlwall, Thorngraston, Wall Town and Whitfield.

UK orders should be addressed to FFHS, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS, whilst overseas readers should write to Mrs. P. Berner, 15 Dover Close, Hillhead, Fareham, Hants PO14 3SU. Please note all payments should be made in sterling. Overseas members having difficulty with this might like to contact an organisation such as Ruesch International. Details of the service they have to offer can be obtained from 1350 Eye Street NW, Washington DC 20005, USA. (And see page 66 of this Journal.)

Two new books on local maritime history. *Tall Ships : Two Rivers* by A. Barrow and A. Osler (published by Keep Date, Newcastle at £18) and *Press Gangs and Privateers* (Bewick Press, Whitley Bay, £6.95 - ISBN 0-9516056-9-0), which is a collection of essays on the two themes written by acknowledged experts. Both should be available through any bookseller.

A list of all with the surname Cook in the 1881 Census of County Durham is in *Durham Cook Book*. Indexed by parish and also by name and gives full information. This costs £20 including postage from our member Mr. David Cook, 116 Chatham Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, U.S.A. who admits it 'sounds a lot, but we don't have any sponsors, advertisements etc. to reduce the cost of printing'.

A TALE OF JOHN FLETCHER & Three Sisters

"On Saturday last, John Fletcher, sailor, was charged with bigamy before the Sunderland bench. The prisoner, it appeared, married a woman named Mary Ann Maddison in 1850, who ran away from him with another man in 1851. He then paid his addresses to her sister Maria who assumed the name of Fletcher, as being the widow of a man who died at Hamburg, and married her. Three months afterwards she also eloped and left poor Jack again a widower. In this extremity he threw himself at the feet of the next remaining sister, named Tenia, whose surname was Owen, she having a husband of that name. After his marriage with Tenia, Maria - envious of her happiness - came forward to claim poor Jack who was consequently committed to Durham Gaol."

(From *Durham Chronicle* December 2nd 1858)

A MOST MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT

by Geoff Nicholson

That laconic title actually appeared in a local newspaper in early June 1826, above a story about a colliery explosion on 30th May in which 39 men and boys died. The explosion was at the Stargate Pit of Messrs. Dunn & Co., which worked part of the Towneley Main Royalty in Ryton parish, County Durham.

One thing which seems extraordinary when the events are viewed through modern eyes is that nowhere is there yet any memorial to those who died. Only one of the victims is mentioned on a tombstone in Ryton Churchyard - and that just records the date of death without mentioning the event itself. Popular tradition has it that the victims - or most of them - were buried in a mass grave, and a particular site in the Churchyard is usually pointed out as being its location.

A few years ago I compiled a small booklet (long out of print) about the explosion for Ryton and District Local History Society - what led up to it, what exactly happened and how it was dealt with. Now, some members of that Society have had a memorial erected in the Churchyard, near to the supposed site of the grave, and the booklet is to be re-published, together with some material about the later history of the pit (which closed in the 1830s, re-opened in the 1870s and did not finally close until the 1960s). I have been promised that some copies of the new publication will be made available to this Society's bookstall, as members might well like to read for themselves just what happened in one of the region's lesser-known disasters, which was no doubt typical of many which brought tragedy to ordinary mining families. Remember that in the days of the Miner's Bond (not abolished until the late 1860s), many miners would move on from one coal mine to another on the annual expiry of their Bonds. This made the mining community a very mobile one, so those who happened to be in the Ryton area in 1826 may well have been related to others almost anywhere else in the north-east coalfield at other times.

To whet your appetite, then, here is a list of the victims of the Towneley Main explosion of 1826.

LIST OF VICTIMS IN THE TOWNLEY MAIN EXPLOSION - 1826

NO	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	BURIED (JUNE 1826)	COMMENTS
1	Thos BROWN	60	Stella	Thur 1	
2	Thos CLAYTON	13	Dog Leap	Fri. 2	
3	Francis COULSON	18	Woodside	Thur. 1	
4	John DOWSEY	12	Woodside	Thur. 1	Son of 5.
5	Leonard DOWSEY	38	Woodside	Thur. 1	Father of (4) and brother of (6).
6	Richard DOWSEY	28	Stella	Thur. 1	Brother of (5).
7	John ERRINGTON	24	Dent's Hall	Thur. 1	
8	John FORSTER	18	Woodside	Thur. 1	
9	John GRAY	23	Stephen's Hall	Thur. 1	Blown up shaft.
10	John HALL	10	Woodside	Thur. 1	
11	Joseph HOWDEN	16	Woodside	Thur. 1	Brother of (12).
12	Thomas HOWDEN	18	Woodside	Thur. 1	Brother of (11).
13	Thomas LIDDLE	40	Stephen's Hall	Thur. 1	Brother of (14) and subject of inquest.
14	William LIDDLE	38	Bewes Hills	Thur. 1	Brother of (13).
15	Matthew NEWTON	41	Greenside	Wed. 7	Died of injuries.
16	John PARKIN	48	Greenside	Thur. 1	
17	Brown PHILIPSON	24	Stella	Thur. 1	
18	James ROBSON	15	Greenside	Sat. 3	Brother of (20) and (21).
19	John ROBSON	20	Greenside	Thur. 1	Brother of (24).
20	John ROBSON	21	Greenside	Sat. 3	Brother of (18) and (20).
21	Robert ROBSON	17	Greenside	Thur. 1	Brother of (18) and (20).
22	Thomas ROBSON	15	Greenside	Fri. 2	Son of (26) and brother of (27).
23	Thomas ROBSON	17	Bewes Hills	Thur. 1	Son of (25).
24	Thomas ROBSON	25	Stephen's Hall	Fri. 2	Brother of (19)
25	Thomas ROBSON	39	Bewes Hills	Sat. 3	Father of (23).

NO	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	BURIED (JUNE 1826)	COMMENTS
26	Thomas ROBSON	43	Woodside	Fri. 2	Father of (22) and (27).
27	William ROBSON	11	Woodside	Thur. 1	Son of (26) and brother of (22).
28	William ROBSON	29	Woodside	Thur. 1	
29	William SCOTT	19	Woodside	Fri. 2	
30	Matthew STOKER	15	Dog Leap	Thur. 1	Blown up shaft.
31	Thomas STOKER	48	Dog Leap	Thur. 1	Blown up shaft.
32	Isaac TAYLOR	46	Stella Path Head	Thur. 1	
33	William TAYLOR	36	Folly	Sat. 3	
34	Cuthbert TURNBULL	12	Greenside	Thur. 1	
35	Thomas WAUGH	10	Folly	Thur. 1	
36	Joseph WHEATLEY	19	Dog Leap	Thur. 1	Brother of (38).
37	Michael WHEATLEY	59	Stella	Thur. 1	Uncle of (36) and (38).
38	Thomas WHEATLEY	21	Dog Leap	Fri. 2	Brother of (36).

OTHER MINERS OF WHOM SOMETHING IS KNOWN

NO	NAME	COMMENTS
39	Luke BELL	Survivor. Gave evidence at inquest.
40	Robert BELL	Injured.
41	John BROWELL	Escaped to bank (surface). Brother of William (42). Gave evidence at inquest.
42	William BROWELL	Escaped to bank (surface). Brother of John (41). Gave evidence at inquest.
43	John Joseph CLARK	Injured. Brother of Thomas (44).
44	Thomas CLARK	Injured. Brother of John Joseph (43).
45	Samuel COOPER	Overman. Gave evidence at inquest. His carelessness when lighting a fire was the probable cause of a later accident.
46	James HALL	Viewer of all Stella Grand Lease Pits. Gave evidence at inquest.
47	Joseph PHILIPSON	Injured.
48	William RODDAM	Horsekeeper. Brought up unconscious. Gave evidence at inquest. Drowned in pit, 1828.
49	Thomas SNOWDON	Brakesman. Gave evidence at inquest.
50	Robert TAYLOR.	Injured.
51	Elliot TIPLADY	Injured.
52	William WAUGH	Gave evidence at inquest.

NORTH EASTERN WAR DEAD

A Hampshire member mentions the Military Cemetery at Netley, on the outskirts of Southampton. The country's first purpose built military hospital was opened there in 1856 to cope with the carnage of the Crimean War, and during World War I some 50,000 patients were treated. It was demolished in 1966 but nearby is the Cemetery, hidden in woodland. Ms. Hilary Murray, 31 Crusader Road, Hedge End, Southampton SO3 4PD noted the names of 11 men from the Durham Light Infantry and Northumberland Fusiliers who are buried there, and she says that 'should anyone wish to have a photograph of the stone, and/or of the cemetery, I will be happy to oblige for the cost of the print and postage'. The names are:

9689	Cpl. H. Court	D.L.I.	25 September 1916.
320053	Pte. T. Atkinson	D.L.I.	8 October 1917.
6320	Pte. A. Tomkins	D.L.I.	23 February 1917.
11376	L/Cpl J. Revely	D.L.I.	6 November 1914.
11841	Pte A.H. Dray	D.L.I.	5 November 1914 age 22.
18/1386	Pte. A. Cheater	D.L.I.	27 August 1916 age 24.
9427	Pte. D. Wootton	D.L.I.	22 October 1914.
4260138	Cpl A. Pickup	N.F.	6 December 1920.
46641	Pte. F. Scott	N.F.	3 October 1917 age 31.
44819	Pte. F. Gray	N.F.	20 December 1918.
9844	Pte. A. Sadler	N.F.	21 December 1914.

METHODS FOR THE STUDY OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF A SURNAME (HULL) IN COUNTY DURHAM AND THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

by Peter Hull

When I first became interested in family history, and enquired about some of the surnames of ancestors, I was told that one was local to Durham and Northumberland, while another was not. While being very impressed by the knowledge of the person who told me, I wondered "exactly what does local mean, and how does he know?" To illustrate the methods which were later explained to me, which can be used to obtain information about the frequency and geographical distribution of surnames, I have used data for the name HULL. This is only because I have happened to collect this information, and I must stress that the methods can be used by anyone for any name.

There are three readily accessible sources of information about English surnames, which fortunately cover about four Centuries: telephone directories; the St. Catherine's House Indexes and the I.G.I. There are of course others, such as indexes to wills, but they are not so extensive or systematic.

Perhaps the first thing to ask about any surname is: What does it mean? In books such as *The Penguin Dictionary of Surnames* (Basil Cottle), or *Dictionary of Surnames* (P.H. Reaney) we are told that surnames can be derived from a first name, from a local name, from an occupation or from a nickname. It would seem, for example, that the name Hull could be derived from the name of a location, a hill, by a vowel change (I think that this is more likely to happen in Southern rather than Northern speech). Alternatively, it might have arisen as a diminutive of the first name Hugh. In fact, the old diminutives for Hugh were Hulin and Hulot (like Molly for Mary). As an example, in one case the name of one John Hulleston Rudd appears in a deed as being the son of Hugh Rudd. The name almost certainly arose several times independently, in different parts of the country, as with many other names.

Data from the 1991 telephone directories can give an up-to-date distribution of a name. For example, there are about 17.215 million entries in all the British telephone books (about 100 of them). This estimate was made by counting the total number of pages (58,555) in all books and multiplying by 294 (the average number of entries per page). Then, taking the British population at the last census as 55.5 million, the personal entries in the 1991 directory are 31% of the total population. Then there are 3503 entries for Hull in all the books covering England and Wales. So:

$3503 \times 100 \div 31$ gives an estimate of 11,300 people called Hull,

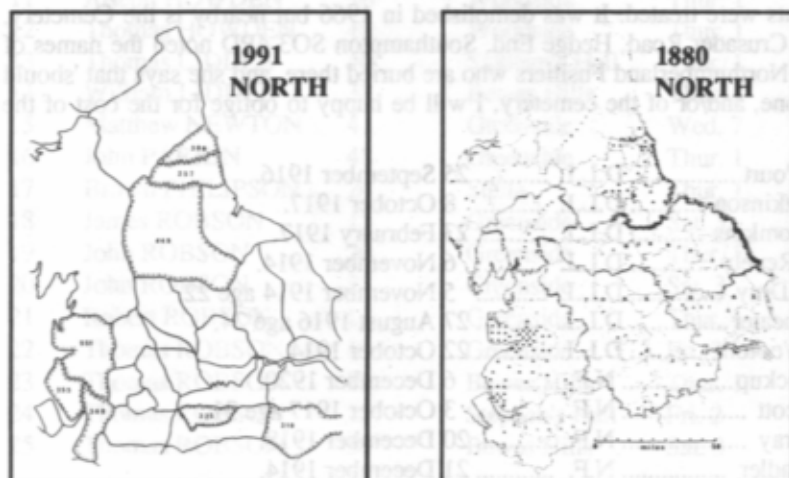
OR

230.8 per million in England and Wales (Error \pm 2%).

But it is possible to treat the area covered by each book separately. Therefore, for each book in the North of England the number of HULLs per million was calculated and in the first diagram (labelled 1991 North) are entered the frequencies per million in those areas where this is notably above the national average. This gives the impression of areas of high frequency in Durham, West Lancashire and the East Midlands. (There were also high frequencies in Dorsetshire and Northern Ireland, not shown on the map).

The same areas of high frequency recur in maps based on deaths reported to the Registrar General in the 20 year period around 1880. These figures are taken from the St. Catherine's House indexes, which give the name and

Registration District for each death. The mean frequency of Hull for the whole of England is calculated as 227 per million (see below), very similar to that in 1991. Each circular symbol, in the figure labelled 1880 North, represents 5 deaths in the 20 year period in the Registration District in which it is placed. South West Lancashire and County Durham appear as the same areas of high frequency of the name at this time, as now appear from the telephone book data, except that we can be more precise in locating the areas, because of the greater geographical subdivision represented by the Registration Districts.



As an example, there were 1189 Hull deaths between 1881 and 1890, and 5,244,770 deaths of all names in England and Wales (Registrar General's Report). Thus 226.7 deaths per million were of people named Hull.

Also, in the period 1881-1890 the mean population was 25.974 million. If 226.7 per million were called Hull, then there were approx 5888 + 3% persons of this name at that time.

The last source of information is the I.G.I. It is possible to calculate the mean frequency of the events recorded (baptisms and marriages) for the years covered (roughly 1550 to 1840).

For example, total entries, England:

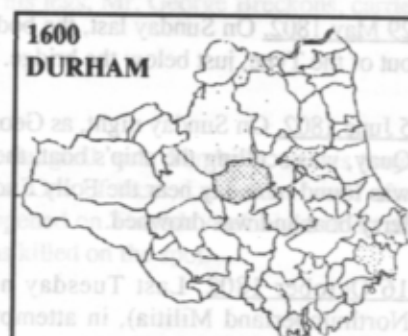
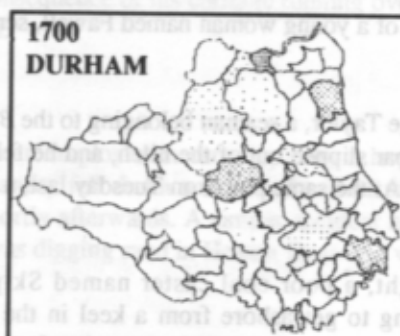
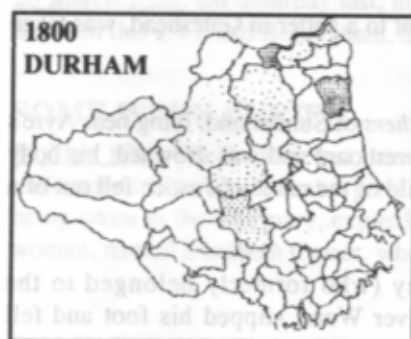
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= 55.154 million entries.

Then for Hull, English frequency

= $\frac{14195 \text{ entries}}{55.154}$ = 257 per million,

similar to the values previously calculated.

This calculation can be done for individual counties, and those with well above average frequency for Hull are Durham and Lancashire (and also two Southern areas found previously). These are the small areas which appear in 1880 and 1891, and I was very interested to see that, despite all the movement of people which must have taken place, the name still appears at a high frequency in what were probably its areas of origin, and that the overall frequency of the name has remained fairly constant. I would not be surprised if this were true of all names, except very rare ones, but more information is definitely needed.



It is also possible to attempt to follow the frequency, over a period of time of a surname in individual parishes. I have taken County Durham as an example, as this was an area of interest shown on the other maps. Here the entries were divided roughly into three periods, and on each of the three maps one dot represents a baptism or marriage: those after 1750 (figure labelled Durham 1800) those between 1650-1750 (labelled Durham 1700), and those prior to 1650 (labelled Durham 1600). It appears that the name is widely distributed at the end of the period (1800), but at the beginning (1600) it is confined mostly to three parishes Pitlington, Billingham and especially Brancepeth, which may have been its place or places of origin.

If you are interested in the distribution and origin of a name, try the calculations on your favourite surname. Then you could answer the question: "Is it a local name?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Hull's address is 49 North Grange Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3AG and he would be glad to help anyone starting on a task similar to his, and to see the results. Although I have not seen it, I read that *Understanding English Surnames*, by Sir William Addison (1978; reprinted 1980 B.T. Batsford) has an appendix 'A Topographical List of Peculiarly Local Surnames'.

MEMORIAL CARDS

Mr. F.S. Hindmarsh, 12 Roy Street, Tawa, New Zealand has the following memorial cards:

Sarah, daughter of George and Mary Urwin of Edmondbyers died July 8th 1867 aged 21. William Martin of Knock Shield who died May 20th 1870 aged 62 also Hannah his wife who died April 2nd 1853 aged 42.

Nicholas Robinson died at Star Gate, November 11th 1873 aged 13 years 8 months. John, eldest son of Jacob and Sarah Anderson of Dudley Place, Allenheads who died 27th May 1874 aged 16. Also Joseph, youngest son who died January 3rd 1873 aged 1 year and 7 months.

A CATALOGUE OF UNEXPECTED DEMISE

A selection of sudden deaths, reported in the columns of the *Newcastle Courant* in the early 19th century. The date quoted is the date of the relevant issue of the newspaper.

SOME FELL IN . . .

6 June 1801. On Wednesday last the body of Mr. Thomas Wake, coal-fitter, was found drowned in the River Wear. He was a person much esteemed.

10 October 1801. Died. At Leith, Captain R. Barker of the ship *Newport*, of Stockton. He came ashore, on the evening of the 21st ult in liquor and while going on board, slipped his foot and was drowned. He has left a wife and seven children at Stockton.

6 March 1802. Last week, as the *Mary* of Sunderland, Captain Bingham, was on her homeward passage, the captain and some of the crew were employed painting the moulding of the ship; unfortunately, a rope gave way and the captain was drowned.

29 May 1802. On Sunday last, the body of a young woman named Fawell, servant to a hatter in Gateshead, was taken out of the Tyne, just below the bridge.

5 June 1802. On Sunday night, as George Taylor, a seaman belonging to the *Brothers* of Sunderland, lying near Ayre's Quay, was sculling the ship's boat, the oar slipped out of the notch, and he fell overboard and was drowned; his body was found next day near the Folly End. At the same place, on Tuesday last, a child of the name of Justice fell out of a ferry boat and was drowned.

16 October 1802. Last Tuesday night, a poor coal caster named Skipsey (who formerly belonged to the Northumberland Militia), in attempting to get ashore from a keel in the River Wear, slipped his foot and fell overboard. He was carried away by the ebb tide, beyond reach, and unfortunately drowned. He left a widow and a large family.

6 November 1802. About eight o'clock on Monday evening, Caleb Watson, late butler to R.H. Williamson, Esq. of this town, missed his way and unfortunately fell over the quay into the Tyne, between the bridge and the high crane, and was drowned. He left a widow and one child.

27 November 1802. On Monday last, John Addison, a boy belonging to the brig *Peggy*, lying in Sunderland harbour, fell from the topmast head and was killed.

11 December 1802. Charles Downs, a sailor belonging to the *Austin* of Sunderland, on the passage to Holland, was unfortunately washed overboard and drowned.

SOME FELL OFF . . .

22 August 1801. Died, on the 14th instant, in the 20th year of his age, by a fall from his horse, at Denton-park, James Ibbetson Esq., third son of the late Sir James Ibbetson Bart, of that place; in consequence of his falling with violence against a tree, he expired instantly.

6 March 1802. Died. Yesterday se'nnight, Mr. Swan of Denwick near Alnwick. His death was occasioned by a fall from his horse a few days before.

31 July 1802. Yesterday morning, the body of Mr. Amos Barnes of this town, plumber, was found on the Town Moor. It is supposed he had been returning home from the country, and fell from his horse, as the body appeared to have been dragged in the stirrup, being much bruised.

15 January 1803. On Sunday evening last, Mr. Thomas Chapman jun. of Lumley Thicks near Chester-le-Street, had the misfortune to fall from his horse, into a ditch, between Lambton Hall and his own house and was suffocated.

SOME FELL UNDER ...

24 January 1801. On Monday last, Mr. Robert Hall of the Milestone near this town was run over by one of his carts and expired on Wednesday. He left a widow to whom he was married only a few months ago.

29 August 1801. On Monday last, Mr. Henry Dobby, a house steward and butler to William Russell Esq. of Brancepeth Castle in the County of Durham, was run over by a horse. He was instantly taken to the castle, where he died within two hours.

10 April 1802. Last week, as Mrs. Gray of Monkwearmouth and her mother Mrs. Shipley were driving in a single horse chaise down a narrow lane leading to Whitburn, by some accident, the chaise was unfortunately overturned and Mrs. Shipley was very seriously injured. She died on Saturday.

8 May 1802. On Saturday afternoon last, a girl about seven years of age, named Elizabeth Rivers, while playing in the New Road, near this town, got under the wheels of one of the Shields coaches and was killed instantly.

12 June 1802. On the 4th instant, an inquisition was taken at Alnwick on view of the body of James Hogg, of the age of three years and ten months, who was rode down by Richard Slade, a private in the 4th regiment of dragoons, quartered there, on the Monday preceding.

26 March 1803. On Saturday last, in consequence of his carriage running over his legs, Mr. George Breckons, carrier between this town and Bellingham, died.

SOME WERE BURIED ...

14 May 1803. On Tuesday last, some men employed in carrying away a large dunghill, near Sandgate, in this town, undermined it so much, that a great quantity fell down and buried two of them. One of them, Lancelot Hume, after being taken to the Infirmary, expired shortly afterwards. A similar accident happened on Thursday se'nnight to an old woman, named Elizabeth Croser, who was digging sand in Heaton Dean and was killed on the spot.

SOME WERE BURNED ...

24 July 1802. On Monday, the 12th instant, the youngest son of R. Green Esq. of Cleadon, unfortunately playing too near a fire, his cloaths caught the flame and he was burnt in so dreadful a manner that he expired in a few hours.

5 November 1803. On Wednesday, a child belonging to Mr. John Tewart, of Pilgrim Street in this town, slater, being left alone in the house, unfortunately got its clothes set on fire and was so dreadfully burnt as only to survive about an hour.

14 May 1803. On Tuesday afternoon, a fine boy, 4 years of age, the son of George Arrowsmith, ostler at the Nag's Head, Butcher Bank, in this town, in attempting to get a tin of milk on the fire to warm, was burnt to death.

24 March 1804. At Morpeth, on Wednesday, a child four years old, belonging to Ralph Green, labourer, was left in the house alone, when unfortunately its cloaths caught fire and before it was discovered it was burnt so dreadfully that it died the same night.

SOME HAD THINGS FALL UPON THEM ...

7 February 1801. Died, on Sunday last, at the Infirmary, George Bilton, in consequence of a hurt he received from the fall of a piece of timber a few weeks ago.

27 March 1802. On Thursday se'nnight, as Corporal Tindale, of the Sunderland Loyal Volunteers, was working among some timber, at South Shields, two pieces fell by accident and injured him; he died on Saturday. He was buried at Wearmouth with military honours on Monday, at the expense of the corps.

12 June 1802. Yesterday se'nnight, a fine boy, about 9 years old, of the name of Johnson was unfortunately killed in a wood, near Durham, while gathering chips, by the falling of a tree.

31 March 1804. Tuesday last, a young man, son of a widow of the name of Crombie, in the Greenses, Berwick, was killed by a large piece of rock, weighting about a ton, falling upon him, while digging in a seam of coal.

SOME JUST LOST THEIR WAY ...

20 November 1802. On Tuesday morning last, Jane Hilston, an old infirm woman, was found lying dead in a gapstead, on Tuggall Moor, Northumberland. It appeared that she had lost her way during the night, and had perished by the inclemency of the weather.

29 January 1803. On the 18th instant, as John Craister of Bedlington was returning home from Morpeth, he lost his way and was found dead the next morning, within a mile of Bedlington, a little off the road. It is supposed he had died by the inclemency of the weather. He has left a widow and five children.

16 April 1803. On Sunday morning last, the body of James Anderson, a miller, in the service of Mr. Boggan, was found in a stone quarry, on the Windmill Hills, Gateshead. It is supposed he had missed his way the preceding evening and had fallen over the precipice.

SOME WERE TIRED OF LIVING ...

7 March 1801. On Thursday, a coroner's inquest was held on the body of Wm Fawcett, butler to R. Bryan Abbs, Esq. of this town who had poisoned himself with laudanum. Verdict - Lunacy.

19 June 1802. On Wednesday last, Thomas Rennison, a tanner, put a period to his existence by cutting his throat, in the beam-house of Mr. Robson's tannery at Alnwick. He had been in a state of despondency for a considerable time.

11 September 1802. Yesterday se'nnight, a poor old woman of Hillgate, Gateshead, named Isabella Cruddas, in a fit of despondency hanged herself.

27 November 1802. On Wednesday, at South Shields, a poor woman, of the name of Brown, in a fit of insanity, hanged herself over the bed rail in a handkerchief.

12 November 1803. A coroner's inquest was held yesterday se'nnight, at Berwick upon Tweed, on the body of Thomas Horn, a private soldier in the 61st Regiment, who was found in a garret belonging to the Nag's Head Public House, suspended by the neck.

8 December 1804. In the night of Tuesday last, the wife of Mr. Geo Shearer, blacksmith, at the Westgate in this town, cut her throat with a razor so dreadfully that in a few minutes afterwards she expired.

BUT, FOR SOME, THERE WAS LIFE ...

17 July 1802. On 4th instant, Sarah Brown, wife of John Brown, miner near St. John's Chapel, Weardale, was delivered of three female children and on the 8th instant, Isabella Peart, cousin of the above, and wife of John Peart, miner, was delivered of three male children. The children and their mothers are all likely to do well. What is still more remarkable, Sarah Brown has had nine children at four births and Isabella Peart now has ten sons.

THE PASSENGER LIST OF THE 'Lord Delaval'

The emigrant ship *Lord Delaval* sailed from Berwick on Monday 13th September 1852 for Australia. The local newspaper, the *Berwick Advertiser*, reported that some 50 berths had been taken by Berwick people, but 'as she has gone to London, no doubt a full complement will be made up. It was reported that her stay in London was likely to extend to a month, at the end of which time the passengers will be forwarded hence by railway'. The ship was advertised to sail to Port Philip.

Unfortunately, the paper does not list the passengers. Can any Australian member assist in identifying the Berwick people on board?

KNOW YOUR PARISH - XXXIV

BRANCEPETH

by Geoff Nicholson

1. INTRODUCTION

The old parish of Brancepeth is in the valley of the River Wear, lying mainly on the north bank but partly on the south, and with Brancepeth itself on the main road up the valley (A690), about six miles west of Durham City.

Originally the parish comprised the Townships of Brancepeth, Brandon and Byshottles, Crook and Billy Row, Helmington Row, Stockley, Tudhoe and Willington. During the course of the nineteenth century, however, each of these became a separate parish, or a part of one, with the exception of Stockley, a 'deserted village' site immediately adjacent to Brancepeth itself. Brancepeth village is not far from Dere Street, the main Roman road to the north, and probably lay on a spur from that road which pointed towards Durham. The village has probably never been very large and now consists of only one street, at right angles to the main road and having at its south end Brancepeth Castle and St. Brandon's Parish Church.

Its name is popularly supposed to have originally been 'Brawn's Den', the 'Brawn' being an ancient beast, probably mythical, which was killed by one Hodge of Ferry (i.e. one of the Ferry family of Ferryhill). This may have its origin in some pre-conquest incident, the details of which are now lost, but it is more likely that Brancepeth is 'Bran's-path', a reference to the minor Roman road which passes nearby and which leads towards Brandon ('Bran's-dene'). It is always possible that Bran was the original Anglian settler, who made his mark on the area and was seen by the earlier inhabitants as a bestial interloper.

2. THE CHURCH

2.1 The Building

Most of the structure of the church is of the 13th and 14th centuries, the oldest part being the tower of about 1200. The interior contains many monuments and mural tablets. There are some 13th century tombs of members of the Neville family and several mural tablets to members of the Mills family of Willington, one of whom was Chancellor of the Diocese of York and another a Colonel in Queen Victoria's Army.

The chancel ceiling is supposed to have been brought from Durham Cathedral at the Reformation.

2.2 The Churchyard

The pre-1851 Monumental Inscriptions (135 of them) were recorded by two members of this Society in 1977. Surnames occurring on more than one of these early stones were found to be Bowes, Brown, Chambers, Collingwood, Dowell, Fenwick, Forster, Friend, Hall, Harling, Harrison, Hudson, Jackson, Johnson, Madgin/Madgen, Miller, Mills, Oliver, Ord, Pickering, Richardson, Rutherford, Scorer, Smith, Stockburn, Thompson, Wallace, Wheatley and Wilson. (*Editor's Note: see page 67 for a microfiche of the Brancepeth tombstone inscriptions.*)

3. THE CASTLE

Brancepeth Castle is very impressive, especially from a distance, where from the south it looks rather similar to Raby, but with gate-house towers which have been likened to perfectly made chess pieces or to a well matched cruet set. This apparent contradiction is because the original castle, a genuine and large mediaeval one, said to have been the earliest castellated building in County Durham, and built by the Bulmer family, was drastically altered and 'restored' by Matthew Russell in about 1817. The architect responsible for this desecration was John Patterson of Edinburgh. The parts of the original building which remain are now embedded in the later and the character of the whole has thus lost a lot of its integrity, although it must be said that the result is highly impressive on first acquaintance.

4. OWNERS OF BRANCEPETH ESTATE

4.1 Neville

The estate of Brancepeth was in the possession of the local family of Bulmer for several generations, possibly from before the Conquest (which had little effect locally until well after 1066) until the last of the line died in the late 12th century. The reason for it becoming so important so early probably had to do with its lying on a minor Roman road, not far from a very major one, and in a position to control access to Weardale along the north side of the Wear.

Emma, the Bulmer heiress, married Geoffrey de Neville and Brancepeth was part of her dowry. The Neville family is well known in local and national history. The Raby branch became Earls of Westmorland and gave us several well known characters. One such was the 14th century son of the first Lord Neville. He was called the 'Peacock of the North' and he had a fine record in fighting the Scots, but ultimately was killed in a Border skirmish. His younger brother, the second Lord Neville, led the English forces to victory over the Scots at the Battle of Neville's Cross in 1346. He lies in a now much-mutilated tomb in Durham Cathedral.

The Earls of Westmorland, like most of the local gentry, never recognised the Reformation and remained staunchly Catholic, regardless of the pressures put upon them. Mainly as a result of this, in 1569 it was Charles Neville 6th Earl of Westmorland who, together with the Earl of Northumberland, plotted to oust Queen Elizabeth and put Mary, Queen of Scots, on the throne of England. This rebellion, known as the Rising of the Northern Earls, was a very serious matter indeed for the British government, every bit as dangerous as those of the Jacobites were to be a century and a half later. Fortunately it soon fizzled out, the leaders fled and many of their more humble followers were put to death. The Earl's estates were confiscated and he himself died in exile in 1601.

4.2 **Russell and Hamilton**

Brancepeth remained Crown property until 1613, when it was granted to Robert Carr. After Carr himself fell from grace in 1629 the estate passed through various hands in a short time, coming into the Cole family in 1636. Ralph Cole had begun his life as a Newcastle blacksmith but by the time he had bought Brancepeth he had made a huge fortune out of the coal trade. The Cole family almost typify the old Lancashire saying "clogs to logs in three generations". In their case it took slightly more than that, but their descendants did eventually return to the masses of ordinary people from which they had so spectacularly arisen. Ralph Cole's grandson, Sir Ralph, sold Brancepeth in 1701 for £16,000. The new owner Sir Henry Bellasis, whose son William died in 1769. William Bellasis' daughter sold Brancepeth and this time it passed fairly quickly through the hands of the Fauconberg and Tempest families before being acquired by William Russell. The Russells were another family which had made a fabulous fortune out of the County Durham coal industry. It was the Russells, notably Matthew in 1817, who re-modelled the Castle in such a drastic way. The Russell line also soon came to an end. Emma Maria, the heiress of the Russells, had married Gustavus Hamilton, of Lord Boyne's family and he, in 1850, took the name of Russell after that of Hamilton and quartered the Russell Arms with his own.

5. **THE TOWNSHIPS**

5.1 **Brancepeth**

Brancepeth is now a very quiet, sleepy little village. The castle, after being occupied by the Army during World War II, became a research centre for a Sunderland glassworks, but even they have now moved out. The main activity in the area nowadays seems to be centred around the nearby golf club.

5.2 **Brandon and Byshottles**

Visitors often comment that whereas Brandon is easy to find, they can never locate 'Byshottles'. This displays their ignorance of local place-names, for 'shottle' is from the same root as 'bottle' and 'bothal', both of which are frequently-found place-name elements in the north-east, and which mean simply 'a small settlement'. Bothal is, by itself a place-name found in both Northumberland and County Durham and '-bottle' names include Shilbottle and Harbottle in Northumberland and Newbottle in County Durham, as well as probably, Bottle Bank in Gateshead and Battle Hill (not the misleading 'a') in Hexham. 'By-Shottles' is therefore just a simple way of saying 'the small places nearby'.

Brandon parish was formed in 1877, to include Brandon, Brandon Colliery, New Brancepeth (also sometimes called 'Sleetburn'), Browney, Langley Moor, Littleburn and Meadowfield. This is a large district, within which coal mining was almost the only non-agricultural industry in the 19th century. Strakers and Love had a pit at New Brancepeth in 1894 and the North Brancepeth Coal Co. had Littleburn Colliery at that time.

5.3 **Crook and Billy Row and Helmington Row**

The parish of Crook and Billy Row (St. Catherine's church) was formed in 1845 and Crook swiftly became a mining 'boom-town'. It therefore awaits an article of its own in this series. Nearby Helmington Row, with parts of Crook and Willington parishes, became the parish of Sunnybrow in 1889. The main coal-mining centres have been at Sunnybrow (Strakers and Love) and at Bowden's Close (Pease and Partners).

5.4 **Willington and Stockley**

Willington, with the Township of Stockley, was formed into a parish of its own in 1858, and included the smaller mining villages of Oakenshaw, on the hill above Brancepeth and Page Bank, by the Wear, as well as the small town of Willington (which should not be confused with the Willington Township, including Willington Quay, in Wallsend parish, Northumberland). The land owners were the Nevilles and later Lord Boyne, as with Brancepeth, but the Fenwick family also had an estate here in the 19th century, as did the Strakers. Two large mines, Brancepeth 'B' and 'C' pits (Strakers and Love) were formerly on the east side of Willington.

Stockley was an ancient village, which seems to have effectively disappeared in 1838. It was a 'twin' of Brancepeth, its E-W main street almost adjoining the south end of Brancepeth's N-S one. Its site is now just a few mounds in a field adjacent to Brancepeth Castle grounds. There is evidence to suggest that Stockley was once larger than Brancepeth (not difficult) but that its decline and eventual disappearance was engineered by Matthew Russell to improve the view from the windows of his newly-restored castle.

5.5 Tudhoe

Tudhoe, unlike the rest of the former Brancepeth parish, lies on the south side of the River Wear. The parish, which was formed in 1866 and reduced in size by the formation of Tudhoe Grange parish in 1884, took in parts of Merrington parish as well as of Brancepeth. Its history should really be taken with that of the nearby mining and steel-making town of Spennymoor so, again, it awaits a member to write it up for this series.

6. RECORDS

Brancepeth parish registers are in Durham County Record Office, 1599-1977. They are also covered by H.M. Wood transcripts in Newcastle Central Library, 1599-1812, and the marriages are in Boyd's Marriage Index for the same period. Baptisms and marriages are on the I.G.I., also 1599 to 1812, and the Bishops' Transcripts in Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections, run from 1762 to 1847. The pre-1851 Monumental Inscriptions have already been mentioned. Where Probate material exists for Brancepeth people it will normally be found in Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections.

Brancepeth is covered by the usual County Histories, and usually in the section on Darlington Ward, although the parish moved to Durham Ward during the course of the 19th century. The Brancepeth estate papers are in Durham County Record Office, where they are catalogued under the reference D/Br.

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MARRIAGE INDEX

- A New Service for Members -

For some time now, George Bell, the Society's computer co-ordinator, has been compiling an index of marriages in our two counties. This is in two parts - one for Durham and one for Northumberland - and gives the names of bride and bridegroom, the place and date of marriage and the parish of any individual who is not 'of this parish'. Ancillary details, such as names of witnesses, are not included. The total number of marriages indexed is now about 150,000 and is growing daily. Eventually, it is hoped that there will be a complete index of all Northumberland and Durham marriages prior to 1837.

George is now able to search this computerised index for the period 1813 to 1837 ONLY for that elusive marriage which *you* have been seeking. You must give the surname and Christian name of both bride and groom. George expects a big postbag, so please keep your request brief and to the point, and send it to Mr. G. Bell (N.D.F.H.S.), 113 East View, Wideopen, Tyne and Wear NE13 6EF. The cost of this service for UK members is £1 (please make cheques payable to N.D.F.H.S.) plus a stamped self-addressed envelope. No SAE - no reply! For overseas members, the search will be FREE provided three International Reply Coupons are enclosed to cover costs.

It will be possible to do 'One Name Study Searches' for members i.e. to extract all entries for a given surname, but you must write first and obtain a quotation, which will be based on the commonness of the surname. For Smith in Durham, for example, there are over 2400 entries, requiring 43 pages to print! A search of this sort would cover the complete indexes of all Northumberland and Durham parishes so far included on the computer, up to 1837.

THE ADVENTURE OF THE SUNDERLAND EXILE

Watson: Good day to you, Holmes. I have been passing the time reading that estimable periodical, the Essex Family Historian - the May '92 edition - and I came across a reference to a man, his wife and their seven children being 'removed' from Brightlingsea to Sunderland in 1830. There is some little mystery there which I felt might interest you.

Holmes: 'Removed', you say, Watson? You do indeed intrigue me. And Brightlingsea? And Sunderland? I know of Sunderland, of course. You will remember our adventures there in the Adventure of the Missing Monkwearmouth Parish Registers in which we tried to establish, without success as you will recall, that the loss by those precious volumes in a fire in April 1790 was not quite the accident it seemed. A friendly lot of folk. But Brightlingsea? Brightlingsea? I confess my memory is not what it once was, and my AA Road Atlas is in my carriage, but I assume from your reference to my second favourite Family History Journal - that from Northumberland and Durham is of course my favourite - that Brightlingsea is in Essex?

Watson: As ever, Holmes, I am astounded by your powers of deduction. It is indeed in Essex, near Colchester. But...

Holmes: The other part of your conundrum, Watson? 'Removed.' Since we are in the realms of Family History, I think we must be talking about the early 19th century Poor Law and the plight of many of our forefathers. You will recall that if some poor fellow in straitened circumstances became a financial burden on the parish in which he lived, in terms of the Poor Relief which that parish had to pay him, and if our poor friend had a 'settlement' elsewhere, the Overseers of the parish where he lived were prone to trying every device to have the unfortunate 'removed' back to the place from whence he came, perhaps many years earlier.

Watson: You are right, Holmes. Imagine... a man, a wife and no less than seven little ones. What a burden they would be on the pockets of the good citizens of the place where he lived, Brightlingsea! Little wonder they wanted him to be sent back to Sunderland, eh, Holmes?

Holmes: Of course, my good chap. But there must be more to it than this? Where is the mystery you mention? What is so unusual?

Watson: The mystery, or one of several, is that our man and his family went back to Sunderland by steamer, which I would have thought was not normal, but moreover they were accompanied on their journey by a solicitor, one Ambrose and at a cost to Brightlingsea, including Ambrose's return journey, of no less than £49-7-0. A huge sum in those days, Holmes! Indeed, I may say it is still a huge sum to an impoverished medical man like myself. Why, I have wondered, did Brightlingsea spend so much? It might have cost the less to have continued to give the man his Poor Relief. Any why did Ambrose trouble to accompany them? I have done some little enquiring, Holmes, and I find that the Overseers Book tells us that our Wearside friend had received a weekly payment at Brightlingsea from at least the end of 1826, sometimes as low as a single shilling and never higher than eleven shillings and sixpence and that the last payment was made in May 1830.

Holmes: Can't you see, Watson? The Essex Overseers had already paid out for three and a half years and with seven infants - and, doubtless, more to come - they could perhaps see no end to their largesse. So £49-7-0 might have seemed cheap at the price!

Watson: And the solicitor travelling with them? Why that, Holmes?

Holmes: Elementary, my dear Watson. Perhaps our worthy Mr. Ambrose had friends or relations in Sunderland. Or, just as likely, some lady awaiting him there. If he could persuade Brightlingsea to pay his travel bill, on the pretext that his legal expertise would be needed to persuade Sunderland to accept our friend, then he could dally with the lady at no cost to himself!

Watson: Those are uncharitable thoughts, Holmes, but you and I both know of the capacity of man, even legal man, for duplicity! It is indeed possible. By the way, knowing of your likely interest, I have checked the baptism of Brightlingsea parish. It shows nine children - not seven - of our friend and his wife Anne between 1815 and 1828. There was Mary Ann in 1815, Thomas also in 1815, Matilda Ann in 1817, William in 1819, Thomas in 1820, Elizabeth in 1821, the twins Matilda and Sarah in December 1824, and Eliza in 1828. I puzzled on the number of nine, Holmes - I do not have your agile brain - but at length decided to examine the burial register and there I found that the two Matildas were each laid to rest in the Brightlingsea churchyard in 1818 and 1830. So, even my weak arithmetic showed that there were now seven left, the number I was seeking, although I confess I am not sure why there were two Thomases!

Holmes: Let me say, Watson, that Thomas number one must have died, and that leaves only six. But no matter, you

are learning that you must always check back to the original sources. I occurs to me that perhaps some member of my favourite Family History society . . .

Watson: You mean, Northumberland and Durham?

Holmes: Your powers of recall are improving, Watson. As I was saying, some member may have been searching for years for this pauper, despairing of ever locating where he was before he arrived in Sunderland in 1830, or of finding how big a family there was. Your efforts may be of immense assistance to that member! But is there anything else?

Watson: Just one aspect which I consider to be of little importance. The Overseer Disbursements show that on 18th May 1830 they paid one William Bennett £1-0-0 for 'attending at Bromley and giving information' about our paupers true settlement. Clearly Mr. Bennett was in the pay of the Overseers. I imagine they will have said to him 'Go and dig up some dirt on that wretched man so that we can send him back whence he came'. It was a harsh world, Holmes, was it not?

Holmes: We all know how fortunate we are to be alive now rather than then Watson! But, my friend, you have so far omitted, as I cannot fail to notice, to tell me the poor traveller's name. We know his wife was Anne and you have established the names of at least some of his brood. We know the solicitor was Ambrose and that the informant was one Bennett . . . Goodness, Watson . . .

Watson: Holmes, are you all right? You have gone deadly pale!

Holmes: It will pass, Watson, fear not. But tell me, why the mystery about the pauper's name. I cannot imagine that you have simple forgotten it, or failed to ascertain what it was in view of the intensive genealogical instruction I have given you these past months.

Watson: Ah, Holmes, I knew you would spot that omission and I have to confess that it was a deliberate one on my part. You and I habitually call each other by our surnames, as gentlemen should, but I have known you long enough to learn of your Christian name and it is because of that name that I did not mention our pauper's appellation to you.

Holmes: Come, man. Why so coy? Out with it.

Watson: The man's Christian name was Thomas.

Holmes: And the . . . the surname?

Watson: My good friend, the surname was Sherlock. The same as your Christian name. He was Thomas Sherlock.

Holmes: Good Lord, Watson. I feared it was so. It was your mention of Bennett which triggered my recall! Your pauper is my long-lost great-uncle Tom! I have never made it known until now, but of course you will be aware that every family has a skeleton in its cupboard. Tom Sherlock was a relation on my mother's side. My dear deceased mother's favourite aunt persuaded mother to name me after Auntie's long vanished brother. There was a family tale that he had gone north, accompanied by the family lawyer, to sort out some legal difficulty involving the daughter of a nobleman. I understand Uncle Tom was something of a man with the ladies, Watson. Anyway, some fellow from the north called Bennett - I was told it was Gordon Bennett but I may be mistaken - came down to the south, on behalf of the nobleman, to find Uncle Tom and take him back north to face the music. Auntie never saw her brother, or heard from him again. That was the story, but I fear we were misled, Watson. I see now that there never was a nobleman. Poor Uncle Tom was a pauper! Auntie would have died of shame but I, the bearer of his name, am an open-hearted man, as you know. I cannot bear him any ill-will. But there is a lesson there for you, Watson. Always take family legends with a very large pinch of salt.

Watson: Indeed, Indeed!

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was submitted by a Mr. A.C. Doyle who did not give his address but does not appear to be a member of the NDFHS. Mr. Doyle wishes to thank Mr. Alfred Wakeling of Brightlingsea, a member of the Essex FHS, for his research at Essex Record Office and elsewhere, and for his considerable effort in uncovering the basic facts and figures expounded by Watson. One further mystery remains - Mr. Wakeling reports that the relevant 'Removal Certificates' for the period have been 'lost or mislaid'. Perhaps that is a euphemism for 'destroyed to hide the evidence'.

Can any reader tell us the true story? The names and dates mentioned by Watson are accurate.

THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES

by T.A. Sergeant

"It is my Royal and Imperial Command . . . that you address all your skill and all the valour of my soldiers to exterminate the treacherous English and walk over General French's contemptible little army." - Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany to one of his generals, 19th August 1914.

The "contemptible little army" was the original British Expeditionary Force (B.E.F.) in France and Belgium at the beginning of the First World War. They fought at Mons le Cateau in August 1914 and at the First Battle of Ypres in November of that year.



The 1914 Star & Clasp

In 1917, King George V ordered the award of a new medal, the 1914 Star - commonly known as the 'Mons Star' - to those who had served in France and Belgium between 5th August and 22nd November 1914. He further ordered the award of a clasp bearing the dates '5th Aug - 22nd Nov 1914' to those men who had been under enemy fire during that period. 378,000 of the medals, with their watered red, white and blue ribbons, were issued.

A few men in naval units which had served ashore, but most were regular soldiers or from the Territorial Army. They were the 'Old Contemptibles'. Among them were men of the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry and 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, and many local men serving in other units.

In June 1925, a Capt. J.P. Denny formed an organisation called the 'Old Contemptibles Association', its members to be known as 'Chums', its aims and objects 'to foster the spirit of the Contemptible Little Army' and to assist 'Chums' who were in distress or difficulty - 'to strengthen the bonds which, disregarding minor differences, held us together through adversity in 1914'.

Branches of the Association sprang up all over the country - for example, at Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, West Hartlepool, Stockton and South Bank locally. The Newcastle branch was formed in 1930. It met every Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Hotspur Hotel in Newcastle's Haymarket. Some of its records survive and are held by the Durham Light Infantry Museum at Aykley Heads in Durham. What still exist are the application forms for membership, in which former 'Old Contemptibles' were required to state a name, address, rank, unit, date of discharge, sometimes a regimental number, and give a certificate that the 1914 Star was held and its all important clasp, without which there could be no membership. There is very little ancillary information, but one poignant note appears on the back of Private James Robb of Jarrow's application - "40 years. Married. 4 Children under 14. Last employed 12 months ago. Labouring - trying anything". So much for the 'Land Fit for Heroes.'

The D.L.I. Museum has kindly permitted publication of the details from the forms, and abbreviated details are given below. Maybe your father, grandfather or uncle is among them? If so, the Museum will be happy to supply you with a photocopy of the application form completed by the former soldier. Write to Mr. S Shannon, D.L.I. Museum and Arts Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham. You MUST include a stamped addressed envelope (2 International Reply Coupons from overseas). Alternatively, you can go to the Museum to examine the documents yourself but you must make a prior appointment by phoning Mr. Shannon on (091) 384 2214.

The application forms are held under various categories and in the lists below, I give the rank, name, town or area in which the soldier lived (the full address is on the application form), and the regiment. Not quoted here, but on the forms, is the date of the application.

The following abbreviations are used:

Pte.	= Private	Cpl.	= Corporal
L/Cpl	= Lance Corporal	Sgt.	= Sergeant
Dvr.	= Driver	Gnr.	= Gunner
Bombdr.	= Bombardier	R.F.A.	= Royal Field Artillery
D.L.I.	= Durham Light Infantry	N.F.	= Northumberland Fusiliers
N.H.	= Northumberland Hussars	R.A.M.C.	= Royal Army Medical Corps
R.N.D.	= Royal Naval Division	A.S.C.	= Army Service Corps
K.O.Y.L.I.	= Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry	R.E.	= Royal Engineers
R.A.	= Royal Artillery	R.G.A.	= Royal Garrison Artillery
K.R.R.	= Kings Royal Rifles		

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Lt. Col. Sir Alexander **LEITH** Bart, M.C., Newcastle, N.H., 5 Apr. 32. Able Seaman Robert George Yorston **BOOCOCK**, Tynemouth, R.N.D., 8 Feb. 61. L/Cpl. Wm. **PARKINSON**, Gateshead, Royal Fusiliers, 8 Mar. 61. Cpl. F.R. **BATHGATE**, Gateshead, K.O.S.B., 23 May 61. Dvr. James C.B. **SNOWBALL**, Benwell. Pte. Edward Gregory **CROSSLING**, Newcastle, N.H., 6 Jly. 60. Sgt. Thomas Henry **CLARK**, Newcastle D.L.I., 1960. Sgt. James **ROBINSON**, Walker, Royal Irish Fusiliers, 1960. L.S. George **GILL**, Newcastle, R.N.D., 1960. Sgt. George Henry **COUSE**, Newcastle, Royal Irish Fusiliers, 28 Mar. 60. Pte. James **ARNOTT**, Felling, D.L.I., 5 Mar. 60. Pte. George **TURNER**, Ashington, D.L.I., 4 Dec. 59. Cpl. Frederick George **LEE**, Byker, R.F.A., 8 Nov. 59. Cpl. Thomas **DISHMAN**, Newcastle, 15 Jun. 59. A/Sgt. Wm. **McDONALD**, Pendower, R.E., 13 Nov. 58. S.Q.M.S. Robert Johnson **BARRAS**, Gateshead, N.F., 18 Sep. 58. Sgt. Wm. **NEWBY**, Willington Quay, R.A.M.C. Fus. George **HARWOOD**, Consett, N.F., 27 Apr. 58. Shoemsmith John Chapman **MIDDLEMISS**, Pendower, R.F.A., 18 Feb. 58. Pte. Albert Frederick **LOCK**, Gosforth, Royal Fusiliers, 1 Nov. 57. A/Cpl. Thomas **WARD**, Gateshead, 2nd Dragoon Guards, 10 Jun. 57. Gnr. George William **VIPPOND**, Newcastle, R.F.A., 13 Jun. 57. L/Cpl. John **BROWN**, Newcastle, Scottish Rifles, 17 Feb. 57. Pte. John **DONNELLY**, Newcastle, N.F., 10 Oct. 53. Sgt. George Christopher **FORSTER**, Hexham, N.F., 25 Aug. 53. Capt. Thomas **APPLEBY**, Earlston, Berwickshire, N.F., 30 Nov. 52. Pte. Thomas **VEITCH**, Byker, K.O.Y.L.I., 16 Dec. 48. Col. Wm. St. A. **WARDE-ALDAM**, D.S.O., Riding Mill, Coldstream Guards, no date. Joseph S. **HOWSON**, Newcastle, D.L.I. no date. L/Cpl. Thomas Arthur **WATSON**, Doncaster, N.F., 30 Dec. 36. Charles **KENT**, D.C.M., Forest Hall, D.L.I., 28 Apr. 56. Pte. John **HAWDEN**, Walker, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, 1 Mar. 56. Pte.

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Name in full: James Robb
X Address: 9 Drury Lane, Jarrow-on-Tyne
Unit served with: 5th August - 22nd November, 1914. 2nd D.L.I.
Y Battery, or Company, etc.: 2nd Coy. Rank on discharge: Private
Y Date of discharge: 3.3.1919
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Have you ever been a member of this Association before? no
I AGREE, that in the event of my leaving the Branch, voluntarily or compulsorily, I will hand back the Badge of the Association.

Date: May 27th 1932. Signature: J. Robb

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Credentials examined by: M. Macdonald Chairman
Date of acceptance: May 27th 1932. Hon. Secretary
Transferred from: _____
Transferred to: _____

Unemployment Particulars
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(c) Members who had resigned:

Sgt. David Francis **RICHARDSON**, M.M. Fawdon, R.E. Pte. Wm. **DAVIDSON**, Newcastle, Royal Scots. Rifleman Robert **DOCHERTY**, Gateshead, K.R.R. Lt. Col. K.E. **DUNN**, Gosforth, N.H. Pte. Thomas Wm. **ELLIOTT**, Ryton, R.A.M.C. Able Seaman George Wm. **ERRINGTON**, Scotswood, R.N.D. Pte. Wm. **FORREST**, Heaton, N.F. Pte. Wm. **HAMILTON**, Fenham, N.F. Able Seaman Thomas **LUMSDEN**, Seghill, R.N.R. Sgt. Frederick **LAKE**, Benwell, 5th Royal Lancers. Bombdr. John **McNALLY**, Felling, R.F.A. Pte. Charles Henry **NAYLOR** Walker, D.L.I. Henry **NETTLETON**, Fenham Barracks, R.F.A. A/Sgt. Daniel **NELSON**, Felling, Signals. Pte. Alfred **RICHARDSON**, Byker, Queens Bays. Sgt. Wm. **RIX**, Newcastle, Royal Hussars. Cpl. George **SINCLAIR**, M.M., Gateshead, R.E. L/Cpl. John **SINCLAIR**, Craster, N.F. Pte. Ralph Edward **THOMPSON**, Blyth, N.F. Sgt. Alexander McKay **VINCE**, Heaton, Seaforth Highlanders. Sgt. Cyril Harris **WATSON**, West Denton, Royal Irish Fusiliers. Bandsman Albert **WILLIAMSON**, Nenthead, N.F.

FAMILY BIBLE

Mr. Michael Corner, 101 Hartburn Village, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 5DR has a **STAINBANK** Family Bible. The family lived at Kirby Ravensworth, North Yorkshire and later at Barnard Castle, near Darlington and at Byers Green and Newfield. The entries start in the early 19th century. An interesting note is one which states 'Agust 19 1826 John Hall 92 yor and Richard Scot 85 Your of Age Fought in the Ospitle and John Hall killed Richard Scot with the Blose that he got and Scot died on the 21 of that Month.'

Members are invited to send details of any Bibles they have to the Editor.

A MINOR ENTERPRISE

Report on the Minor Enterprise carried out by the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry on the night of the 14th/15th March 1916.

A detachment of the 2nd Batt., Durham Light Infantry consisting of two officers, five sergeants and thirty-nine other ranks made up the total party. Capt. Smith R.N.R. was attached to the party. This officer was to make a breach in the enemy wire through which our party would rush the trench. The object of the enterprise was to capture a prisoner, from whom could be extracted information as to the disposition of the enemy troops, and any other useful information.

The detachment was split up into three parties (a) Scouts, (b) Torpedo Men under Capt. Smith and (c) the Raiding Party. This last party was again split up into two groups which were to enter the trench at two separate points.

The Raiding Party was organised as follows (a) Bayonet Men, (b) Grenadiers and (c) Men for Removing Prisoners, the whole being under the command of 2nd Lieut. W.I.P. Griffiths-Jones.

ARTILLERY SUPPORT: A.I.O.O. from the 42nd Battery was up in the front line trenches in order to cause a 'barrage' if the situation demanded such an action.

SCOUTS: This party was to reconnoitre the line of advance and report any movement of the enemy.

TORPEDO PARTY: This party under the command of Capt. Smith was to place the torpedo in position, preparatory to blowing a gap in the enemy wire.

On the return of the Scouts the party would advance as follows:-

No. 1 Torpedo Man carrying his torpedo, No. II Torpedo Man carrying his torpedo, No. III Torpedo Man carrying his torpedo, No. IV Wire Man, Capt. Smith with torpedo exploder, two men carrying coil of wire for the exploder, four ladder men, 2nd Lieut. Griffiths-Jones, Sgt. Lowe (NCO i/c No. I Raiding Party), Sgt. Tighe (NCO i/c No. II Raiding Party), 1 Bayonet Man No. I Party, 1 Bayonet Man No. II Party, 1 Bayonet Man No. I Party, 1 Bayonet Man No. II Party, 1 Grenadier No. I Party, 1 Grenadier No. II Party, 1 Grenadier No. I Party, 1 Grenadier No. II Party, 1 Man for Removing Prisoners No. I Party, 1 Man for Removing Prisoners No. II Party, 1 Man for Removing Prisoners No. I Party, 1 Man for Removing Prisoners No. II Party, 1 Grenadier No. I Party, 1 Grenadier No. II Party, 1 Bayonet Man No. I Party, 1 Bayonet Man No. II Party, 4 Men and 1 Sergeant to guard or block any communication trench, 2 Bayonet Men to act as personal escort for 2nd Lt. Griffiths-Jones.

The Password was NEWCASTLE.

The following Officers and NCO's and Men took part in the enterprise:- Officer in charge of Party - Capt. C.H. Green, Officer in Charge of Raiding Party - 2nd Lt. W.I.P. Griffiths-Jones.

LEFT RAIDING PARTY: NCO in charge 9075 Sgt. Lowe, 10824 Pte. Gibbons - Bomber, 25419 Pte. Devlin - Prisoner Escort, 11626 Pte. Bowes - Prisoner Escort, 22625 Pte. Furn and 26134 Pte. Swain - Bayonet Men, 8915 Pte. Graham - Bomber.

RIGHT RAIDING PARTY: NCO in charge 9054 Sgt. Tighe, 10143 Pte. Wilson and 9081 Pte. Darrell - Bombers, 23015 Pte. Patton and 9744 Pte. Hamilton - Bayonet Men, 9628 Pte. Donnighan and 15966 Pte. Burdess - Prisoners Escorts, Officers Escorts - 12066 Pte. Fletcher and 9203 Pte. Stephenson.

RESERVES: 20750 Sgt. Wardle, 11179 Pte. Lowther, 8626 Pte. Ward, 8487 Pte. Barrett, 8899 Pte. Renwick, 8808 Pte. Canavan, 8471 Pte. Crawford, 7286 Pte. Robinson, 6447 Pte. Hamilton, 10070 Pte. Turnbull.

BLOCKING PARTY: 11007 Sgt. Mason, 12021 Cpl. Parker, 22528 Pte. Kettle, 8651 Pte. Ward.

TIME FUSE MEN: 9578 Pte. Colbeck, 11756 Pte. Thornton.

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TORPEDO MEN: Capt. C.A. Smith R.N.R.

TORPEDO MEN: 9992 Pte. Roper, 11207 Pte. Allen, 27173 Pte. Dew, 8277 Pte. Peacock.

LADDER MEN: 9785 Pte. Kennedy, 25327 Pte. Hind, 8405 Pte. Johnson, 27318 Pte. McCabe.

WAITING MAN: 6871 Sgt. Wood.

EXTRA DETAILS: 9044 Pte. Layton, K.S.L.I. Scout, 9023 Pte. Broman, W. Yorks. Pte. Wright, W. Yorks.

DRESS: All men wore 'fatigue dress' without a hat which was replaced by a 'cap comforter' worn on the head. All faces were blacked. Rifles and bayonets were carried and each man had two Mills No. 5 Grenades in his packet. NCO's carried 'knob kerries', the later arm being carried by every Man of the Raiding Party.

Enterprise Report

... a further enterprise was carried out the following night, 14th/15th March by the 2nd Bn. Durham L.I. ... the point selected for the raid was at the L.S.b 7.3 and the party were again accompanied by Capt. Smith, R.N.R. and his torpedoes. At 3 a.m. the torpedoes were placed under the German wire and ready to be fired off, however, heavy rifle fire broke out from the German trench and a number of the raiding party retired on to their reserves. The party were formed up again and guided by Capt. Green, 2nd D.L.I. Pte. Layton K.S.L.I. and Pte. Brooman 1st West Yorks across No Man's Land to the German trenches. The party entered the trench led by Capt. Green and 2nd Lieut. Griffiths-Jones shot and wounded the sentry and passed down the trench for a distance of 50 yards throwing bombs into the dugouts as they went, from which loud cries and shouts were heard. The German trench was 8 to 10 feet deep and in very good condition, with wooden floors and hurdled with brushwood and expanded metal. Capt. Green succeeded in getting one prisoner out of the trench with great difficulty, but it being impossible to find a gap in the wire the prisoner was pulled through the standing wire. When half way through they were bombed and fired at by the Germans, one bomb unfortunately blowing the German prisoner to pieces, whose remains were left hanging up in the wire. The whole party returned to their trenches at 4.30 a.m. with only two casualties, slightly wounded, after a very gallant piece of work.

War Diary

Capt. C.H. Green and 2nd Lt. W.I.P. Griffiths-Jones were with parties. A prisoner was captured and the party having achieved its object 2nd Lt. Griffiths-Jones blew the whistle for the retirement. The party got out of the trench two men carrying or pulling the struggling but wounded prisoner. There yet remained the return journey and the passing of the wire (enemy). In this latter the party found great difficulties becoming entangled in the same. The prisoner commenced to shout and scream and although the Bosche was standing on his fire platform looking over the trench he fired no shots or threw no bombs. Capt. Green gagged the prisoner and no sooner had he done this than the Bosche apparently thinking their man to be dead threw a bomb at the prisoner's escort, which happened to strike the prisoner in the stomach killing him outright and wounding Sgt. Tighe. The passage of the wire took about ten minutes but once through the party sustaining only one casualty (Sgt. Tighe).'

Editor's Note: The above was extracted from unpublished War Diaries of the 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry held by the D.L.I. Museum and Arts Centre, Durham, who have kindly given permission for publication. Most unusually, the diary mentions 'other ranks'.

THE SEAWEED CUTTERS OF SEATON SLUICE

For 'Labour Work wrought at cutting seaweed and burning it into kelp', there was an all female labour force, according to the Glassworks Labourers Account Book 1796-1802. The cutters each received 11d per day - Ann Davison, Mary Crawford, Margaret Stephenson, Sarah Crawford, Nelly Hopper, Elizabeth Dawson - whilst the burners received 8d per day - Jane Crawford, Ann Murton, Barbara Murton, Mary Mulby and Jane Crawford Jr., during the period 15th to 29th July 1801.

Their male colleagues, for 'Labouring work Wrought at the Glasshouses at Seaton Sluice' from 27th September to 11th October 1799, received varying sums up to two shillings per day - Joseph Lee, Matthew Hudson, Thomas Forster, Alex Smith, John Morgan, Thos Miller, Thos Wiley, William Grant, Peter Robson, William Clarke, William Robson, Robert Graham and John Turnbull. The female labourers, less well paid, were Eleanor Murray, Jane Gibson, Jane Graham and Ann Raffield.

The Account Book from which these details are taken is in the Forster Collection at Northumberland Record Office (ref For/1/12). It details all the wages paid for labouring work between 11th November 1796 and 31st December 1802, for cutting seaweed etc between 3rd June 1801 and 25th August 1802, for clearing away rubbish at the old Glasshouse 1st January to 26th February 1800 and for erecting the new Glass Houses between 26th February and 8th November 1800.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by A. Greensmith

Being a new boy to Genealogy, perhaps my early experience with the efforts of not one, but two 19th century Registrars trying to deter my enthusiasm may be of interest to others who are embarking on the quest for their ancestors.

My great grandfather Joseph was married in Newcastle Registry Office and the certificate shows his father as John Smith. The certificate for the birth of my grandfather, issued in Gateshead, showed my great grandmother as Rebecca Smith. From these it might be reasonable to assume that as my name is Greensmith, someone had adopted/acquired the 'Green' prefix somewhere along the line. This provided no real encouragement to continue my researches by trying to find Joseph Smith, but I searched all over Durham and Northumberland, without finding any trace of him. Having prepared notes on my progress for circulation to other members of the family, an excellent way of jogging their memories, it came to light that Joseph had moved from Nottingham to try to find his fortune on Tyneside - which he never did incidentally. So, a new line of enquiry and there he was, Joseph Stephenson Greensmith, born in 1851 in Nottingham. (Why did he drop his middle name? Life would have been so much simpler for his great grandson's researches!) After visiting that area it became obvious that it was a local Nottingham name and I have now gone back to around 1650 and hope to progress even further.

So what went wrong? One can only speculate of course, but it is now certain that Joseph was the first Greensmith on Tyneside, at least post registration, and perhaps the dialogue at the Registry Office went something like this:- 'Name please?', 'Joseph Greensmith', (very slowly and deliberately with a marked pause between the syllables) 'Father's name?', 'John', so down it went as John Smith. The same scenario was probably repeated when registering the birth of their first child, hence Rebecca Smith. Strangely enough the marriage is recorded as Greensmith in the G.R.I., but the birth of their son appears under Smith. They went on to have seventeen children, of whom thirteen survived and all except the first were registered as Greensmith so it would seem the Registrar got accustomed to hearing the name. In fairness to Registrars, whilst Joseph could write, his reading was possibly not so good and he probably never spotted the errors and of course nowadays, the Registrar has the registrant check every detail.

Editor's Note: The address of Mr. Greensmith is 22 Church Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle NE3 1AN.

BOYS OWN PAPER - WINNERS

The following boys from Northumberland and Durham were prize winners in *The Boys Own Paper* during the years 1907-1912.

William Henry SHEPPARD aged 19 won 7/6d
William TIMLIN aged 14 won 10/6d

No other ages or prizes are given.

APPLETON Aiden	18 Alexandra Terrace	Bensham, Gateshead	1907
ALEXANDER John Wm	126 Sidney Grove	Newcastle	1907
BEWLEY W. Flemming	5 Warden Street	Newcastle	1908 & 9
BLACKHAM Charles Edgar	4 Summerhill Street	Newcastle	1907
BROWN Sidney	4 Argyle Terrace	Newbiggin-by-Sea	1912
BUTLAND William T.	Newbrough	Fourstone-on-Tyne	1907
CARTER J. Reuben	89 High Street	Hartlepool	1908
DAVIDSON Thomas S.	38 Vicarage Street	North Shields	1907 & 8
DUNN Clifford	228 Trevelyan Terrace	Dean Rd., S. Shields	1907
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GRIMES W. Crawford	7 St. Michaels Terrace	South Shields	1907
JEFFERSON Joseph Jnr.	86 St. Leonards Street	Sunderland	1907
JOHNSON E.R.	10 Deckham Terrace	Gateshead	1907
KELLETT Arthur	54 Ninth Avenue	Heaton, Newcastle	1910
LIDDELL T.E. Jnr.	Hartlepool Street	Thornley	1907
MCDONALD Fred	Station House, Manors	Newcastle	1911 & 12
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ROBSON Arthur	7 Glebe Crescent	Washington	1909
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SMITH Joseph Riddle	North Middleton	Morpeth	1906 & 7
SOULSBY Ernest Wharrier	104 Joan Street	New Benwell, Newcastle	1906 & 7
SURTEES Robert Ronald	Viewdale, Mt. Pleasant	Consett	1907
THOMPSON Russell	4 Rowley Street	Blyth	1907
THWAITES Joseph Edward	29 High Durham Street	Bishop Auckland	1907
TIMLIN Wm.	7th Row	Ashington	1907
WALSHAW Joseph	4 Lindisfarne Terrace	Tynemouth	1907
WILKINSON Henry	18 Airey Terrace	Gateshead	1907
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Portraits (left to right): Henry Hood, John Pearey and John Tinning.

These worthy gentlemen are, from left to right, Henry Hood, John Pearey and John William Tinning. Hood was coxswain of the Lifeboat *Job Hindley* of Seaton Carew and was awarded the Albert Medal by Queen Victoria on the occasion of the wreck of the schooner *Atlas of Drammen* on March 11th 1884 when, with John and Mathew Franklin, he effected a rescue in perilous conditions. Tinning was coxswain of the Blyth No. 2 lifeboat who was decorated for attempting to save the assistant coxswain Mark A. Fairburn in heavy seas on 16th October 1898. His life saving record comprised four from drowning, four from fire and one from the front of an express train! John Pearey was a Chester-le-Street railway porter who was awarded the silver medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for saving, at great personal risk, a child who had strayed upon the line.

The portraits are from a publication called *Royal Magazine 1898*, which was sent to us by Mrs. Pat Lewis of Essex FHS. Copies of parts of it have been placed in our Library. If any member has spotted an ancestor, our Librarian Mrs. D. Tait will be able to supply further details of the exploits mentioned, provided a Stamped Addressed Envelope is enclosed.

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In the magazine of another Family History Society, I have noticed a feature called 'Photographs of Ancestors Born Before 1800.' Do any of our members have similar pictures? If so, send them along to the Editor, with a brief note of the genealogical details known, for possible publication. Not originals please - we would not wish them to be lost or damaged in the post - but a clear photocopy should suffice. Preferably photos of Northumberland and Durham people if possible.

HAS ANYONE LOST MARK CUMMINGS?

'During the earlier part of the year, Mark Cummings, builder, Sunderland, sailed from London in the barque *Calabar*, with his wife and six children, for Adelaide in South Australia where he intended to carry into effect a contract for erecting military barracks and government offices. A few days before the *Calabar* arrived at her destination, which she reached in 85 days, Mr. Cummings was seized with determination of blood in the head and shortly afterwards expired. Next day, his remains were taken on shore and buried in the churchyard of Adelaide. His wife and family are left helpless in the colony. The deceased was presented with a piece of silver by his friends before his departure.'

(From *Durham Chronicle*, November 4th 1853)

ATHLETIC JUNIORS A.F.C.

WINNERS

OF THE

SOUTH SHIELDS ASSOCIATION LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP, 1894-5



This photograph shows 'Athletic Juniors A.F.C., Winners of the South Shields Association League Challenge Cup 1894-5'. The men are named as (back row, left to right), Mr. J. Buglass, G. Brown, J. Scrafton, W.E. Irvin, J. Dodds Esq. (President), W.G. Potts, T. Buglass, S.P. McVay, (middle row) P. Youngson, R.F. Heron, T.S. Urwin (capt.) W. Scaife, W. Chaplin, E.E. Coates, (front) T.S. Ferguson, R. Davies.

Does anyone recognise an ancestor? If so, contact the Editor, who can supply a larger print, for a small fee.

A SEARCH for NELSON'S MEN

The Nelson Society seeks information about any men who served with Nelson. Do you know anything about their lives, where they lived, their naval service, church memorials, and where they now rest? This is a national appeal, the results of which are being used by the Society to help promote interest in Nelson and the men who served with him. There were 17000 sailors of all nationalities in the British Fleet alone at Trafalgar. Where are their final berths? There must be many in our area, like Commander David Atkinson who 'was present in HM Ship *Theseus* at the Battle of the Nile under the immortal Nelson' and whose tombstone, recording his death in 1839, is in St. Edmunds Cemetery in Gateshead. If you have any details at all about these heroes, and particularly about their graves, please write to Mr. G. Dean, 8 Wrenfield Grove, Liverpool L17 9QD.

A LIST OF LISTS

Lists of names can be of great potential interest to family historians. After all, what are parish registers and census returns but lists of people at a certain place at a certain time? Over the years, the Society has printed many name lists from a wide variety of sources and it is clear from a questionnaire we issued a couple of years ago that many of you find them valuable. We are continually recruiting new members, many of whom will not be aware of the contents of previous Journals and of the lists we have printed in them. With apologies to longstanding members, many of whom have seen them before, we now provide a 'list of lists' - details of name lists from Journals from Volume 1 (1975) to Volume 16 (1991). The list is not exhaustive and does not include, for instance, lists of only two or three names, or lists of 'strays' - people found in records from an area far from Northumberland or Durham. The volume and edition number is given first, followed by the year i.e. 3.4 (78) indicates that a list appeared in volume Three, Number Four in 1978. Northumberland is abbreviated to Nbl., and Durham to Dur. The title of the article is in bold print.

- 2.3 (77) **THE CATHOLICS OF HEXHAM IN 1687.**
List of almost 500 Catholics confirmed in August 1687 at Dilston Castle by Bishop John Leyburn during his 'Confirmation Tour'.
- 3.2 (77) **BISHOP JOHN LEYBURN'S CONFIRMATION TOUR 1687.**
Similar list of confirmations at Callaly, Cartington and Swinburne, Nbl.
- 3.4 (78) **BISHOP JOHN LEYBURN'S CONFIRMATION TOUR 1687.**
Similar list of confirmations from Netherwitton, Nbl. and Newcastle.
- 3.4 (78) **THE POOR OF BISHOPTON 1842.**
List of paupers receiving relief.
- 4.3 (79) **THE BLACK SHEEP.**
Complete list of Durham Gaol inmates 30 March 1851 with age, occupation and birthplace (from Census).
- 4.4 (79) **SOME BLACK SHEEP WERE BLACKER THAN OTHERS.**
Details of offence, Court and sentence of many on 'Black Sheep' list above.
- 5.1 (79) **RUNAWAY REGISTERS AT HADDINGTON.**
List of Nbl. and Dur. people who married at English Episcopal Chapel, Haddington 1763-1795.
- 5.2 (80) **THE HEXHAM RIOT.**
List of dead and wounded in Hexham Riot 1761 when militia opened fire.
- 5.2 (80) **THE ENCLOSURE OF HARBOTTLE COMMON.**
List of names from claims, allotment papers and other documents 1816, relating to Harbottle, Nbl.
- 5.2 (80) **DEATHS ABROAD FROM NORTHUMBERLAND TOMBSTONES.**
Two pages of extracts of details from stones at 23 Nbl. churchyards of members of local families who died abroad.
- 5.3 (80) **NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM APPRENTICES AT YARMOUTH 1563-1665.**
Northumberland and Durham apprentices at Yarmouth 1563-1665 and Workhouse apprentices at St. Lukes, Chelsea 1794-98.
- 5.4 (80) **THE LIZZIE WEBBER AND THE EMIGRANT.**
First emigrant ships to leave the Wear for Australia (1852). List of over 150 passengers, with biographical details.
- 6.2 (81) **HEXHAM TESTAMENT REGISTRATE.**
Hexhamshire testators 1694-1707.
- 6.2 (81) **FELLING COLLIERY MINING DISASTER.**
List of 92 men killed in 1812.
- 6.3 (81) **RECORDS OF NEWCASTLE FREEMEN.**
Partial surname list.
- 6.3 (81) **THE COMING OF THE IRISH TO JARROW AND HEBBURN.**
List of Irish-born residents from 1841 and 1851 censuses.
- 6.4 (81) **NORTHUMBRIANS IN GARRIGILL 1851.**
Nbl. and Dur. born people in 1851 census of Cumberland chapelry near Alston.
- 7.3 (82) **A COLLIERY PAYROLL IN 1802.**
Nbl. and Dur. workers at Howgill colliery.
- 7.4 (82) **THE HARTLEY FAMILIES.**
List of 204 victims, with biographical details, of colliery disaster 1862.
- 7.4 (82) **ARRIVAL OF THE ZEALANDIA.**
Nbl. and Dur. emigrants to New Zealand 1859.
- 7.4 (82) **THE DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY AT TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND.**
Tombstones of soldiers dying in Maori Wars 1864.
- 8.2 (83) **NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM VETERANS OF THE 36TH FOOT.**
Soldiers in Hertfordshire regiment who became Chelsea Out Pensioners 1806-38, with descriptions etc.
- 9.1 (84) **CORNISH MINERS IN DURHAM.**
List of Cornish born miners at Wingate Colliery 1866.
- 9.1 (84) **MARRIAGES IN SEAHAM PARISH 1652-1748.**
List of marriages where both parties came from other than Seaham parish.

- 9.2 (84) **HUNSTANWORTH LEAD MINERS.**
List of miners 1715-19.
- 9.4 (84) **PEGGY PIT DISASTER.**
List of victims of 1885 colliery accident near Fencehouses.
- 10.1 (85) **HETTON-LE-HOLE.**
List of 'principle inhabitants' from 1828 directory.
- 10.2 (85) **DISASTER AT HEBBURN COLLIERY.**
List of victims of 1852 explosion.
- 11.1 (86) **THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE.**
List of Nbl. and Dur. participants.
- 12.3 (87) **AN ELIZABETHAN PEW LIST.**
Pew list 1595 Middleton-in-Teesdale.
- 13.1 (88) **APPRENTICESHIP RECORDS 1793-95.**
List of Newcastle/Nbl. apprentices from PRO records of tax on indentures.
- 13.1 (88) **PRISONERS DISCHARGED IN VICTORIA.**
Nbl. and Dur. born men released from Australian prisons 1871-73 with details of offences.
- 13.3 (88) **NEWCASTLE KEELMEN IN THE 18TH CENTURY : THE SCOTTISH CONNECTION.**
Information and list of Scots-born keelmen 1739/40 (about 50% of total workforce).
- 14.1 (89) **AFTERMATH OF A TRAGEDY AT SEA.**
List of fishermen (with family details) lost at sea from Spittal, Nbl. in 1765.
- 14.2 (89) **AUSTRALIAN FIRST FLEET.**
List of female convicts on *Lady Penryhn*.
- 14.3 (89) **SOME WENT MISSING.**
Deserters from R.N. ships 1852-1900. Nbl. and Dur. born.
- 14.4 (89) **SUNDERLAND CLASS REGISTERS.**
Schools records of St. Patricks R.C. School 1883.
- 14.4 (89) **PRISONERS DISCHARGED IN VICTORIA.**
Nbl. and Dur. born men released from Australian prisons 1868-81 with details of offences.
- 15.3 (90) **JUST PASSING THROUGH.**
Baptisms and burials of soldiers from Hexham Registers 1693-1735.
- 15.4 (90) **INDEX TO HODGSON'S PEDIGREES.**
Letters A to D. An alphabetical index to the collection of pedigrees prepared by J.C. Hodgson. Letters E to M in 16.1 (91), N to S in 16.2 (91) and T to Y in 16.3 (91).
- 16.1 (91) **PRESBYTERIAN MIGRATION FROM NORTHUMBERLAND.**
List of Presbyterians moving from Nbl. churches to elsewhere. From Communion Rolls, 19th century.
- 16.1 (91) **CHILDREN IN COAL MINES 1841.**
List of children who gave evidence to the Childrens Employment Commission about conditions of coalmines. Over 30 collieries listed.
- 16.2 (91) **PRESBYTERIAN MIGRATION INTO NORTHUMBERLAND.**
List, from Communion Rolls, of worshippers moving into the chapels in Lowick, Chatton, Newcastle, Harbottle and Wooler, 19th century.
- 16.3 (91) **DID GREAT-GRANDFATHER HAVE A LICENCE FOR HIS DOG?**
1877-78 list of offenders against Dog Licence Laws. Sunderland area.
- 16.3 (91) **ADMISSIONS OF DURHAM CHILDREN TO DEAF & DUMB ASYLUM, LONDON AND ROYAL SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN, MARGATE, 1811 TO 1887.**
- 16.3 (91) **CHILDREN IN GLASS HOUSES 1862.**
List of child employees who gave evidence on conditions in Glass Houses to Childrens Employment Commission.
- 16.3 (91) **PRESBYTERIAN MIGRATION INTO NORTHUMBERLAND (and see above).**
Communion Rolls from Falstone, Etal, Seaton Delaval and Clavering Place, Newcastle chapels.
- 16.4 (91) **CATHOLICS IN DURHAM CITY 1713.**
List from 18th century pocket book.
- 16.4 (91) **DURHAM YEOMANRY CAVALRY.**
1820 list of members of local Volunteer force.

NOTE: Copies of each of the editions in Volumes 12, 13 and 14, Volume 15 (except 15.3), and Volume 16 numbers 1, 2 and 3 can be obtained from Mr. W.E. Rounce, 40 Salcombe Avenue, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY for £1.25 post free, £2.00 overseas Airmail.

Earlier issues are out of print, but a photocopy of the relevant article can be supplied by Mrs. K. Willans, 9 The Ridgeway, Kenton, Newcastle NE3 4LP for 60p postfree, £1 overseas.

Cheques payable to N.D.F.H.S. This list does not include extracts from Northumberland Hearth Tax.

UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

We have previously listed 'unwanted' birth, marriage and death certificates held by our Librarian, Mrs. Doreen Tait and we now have published a further list. If any of them interest you, please contact Mrs. Tait, quoting the reference number, name and type of certificate. Please send your own 'unwanted' certificates to Mrs. Tait. Someone else may well be interested - but please, Durham or Northumberland only.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

80	KEERS James	13 March 1847	Easington
81	ROBINSON Sarah	6 March 1838	Darlington
82	HERRON Robert	14 April 1846	Stockton
83	WILSON James	17 May 1850	Heworth
84	WILSON Robert	27 February 1879	Gateshead
85	FORSTER Alice	12 October 1891	Houghton-le-Spring
86	FORSTER Thomas	27 July 1853	Bishopwearmouth
87	CAMPBELL Jane Ann	5 May 1853	Bishopwearmouth
88	BIRCH Frederick	7 April 1888	Bishop Auckland
89	SNOWDON Adam Jackson	17 February 1892	South Shields
90	MAUGHAN Margaret	13 July 1861	Tynemouth
91	LIDDLE Margaret Jane	27 October 1888	Consett
92	MOORE John	4 February 1877	South Shields
93	MORRIS Catherine	14 May 1896	South Shields
94	MORRISON Catherine	11 July 1844	Middleton
95	WATSON Elizabeth	5 March 1863	Darlington
96	LONSDALE Robert	3 March 1842	Lanchester
97	KEERS John	23 January 1855	Durham
98	KEERS William	13 January 1874	Lanchester
99	KEERS William	20 September 1867	Lanchester
100	BRUNTON Joseph Mattison	8 February 1886	Tynemouth
101	HOLM Serina Hansen	15 July 1889	Tynemouth
102	METCALF George	18 February 1868	South Shields
103	METCALF Walter	18 February 1868	South Shields
104	WATSON Frederick Lancelot	22 January 1938	Gateshead
105	HALL Mary	26 May 1853	Newcastle
106	HALL Mary	1 March 1853	Gateshead
107	HALL Mary	26 March 1853	Newcastle
108	HALL Mary Ann	2 May 1854	Newcastle
109	HALL Mary	12 April 1852	Tynemouth
110	HALL Mary Ann	26 April 1854	Newcastle
111	IRWIN Robert	8 August 1860	Hexham
112	IRWIN Ann	3 July 1862	Hexham

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

62	METCALF George	Margaret Grieves	19 March 1864	South Shields
63	HODGSON John	Elizabeth Lowe	17 September 1855	Stanhope
64	WILSON Thomas	Mary Leybourne	4 April 1847	Gateshead
65	STEWART William	Mary Ann McDonald	14 June 1841	Tynemouth
66	WALTON Michael	Mary Stewart	13 November 1838	Wallsend
67	RICHARDSON Isaac Spence	Jane Ann Crookshanks	10 November 1891	Gateshead
68	LIDDLE Joseph	Elizabeth Ann Fallons	25 January 1888	Benfieldside
69	McWILLIAMS Andrew Eustace	Ruth Johnson	31 March 1888	Benfieldside
70	BIRCH Charley	Margaret Watson	13 May 1861	Auckland
71	WEARMOUTH Thomas	Mary Pinkney	16 February 1858	Brancepeth
72	KEERS James	Mary Ann Hardy	24 November 1866	Pelton
73	LAW William Melville	Isabella Talbot	30 March 1918	Bishopwearmouth
74	KEARS Thomas	Isabella Bates	2 April 1843	Pittington
75	NESBITT John	Sarah McKeown	13 November 1876	Morpeth
76	SMITH John	Elizabeth Gray	15 October 1894	Newcastle
77	CHURNSIDE Thomas Edward	Mary Elizabeth Grey	28 November 1894	Tynemouth
78	DICKSON James Bryce	Elizabeth Jane Gray	19 August 1895	Newcastle
79	BECK Robert	Alice Jane Mather	30 September 1856	Newcastle
80	PILKINGTON Thomas	Elizabeth Mather	18 February 1861	Newcastle
81	GLASS William	Barbara Pearson	25 December 1847	Witton Gilbert

DEATH CERTIFICATES

58	HALL Catherine	7 September 1840	Morpeth
59	HALL Catherine	20 December 1839	Castle Ward
60	CARTER Elizabeth	6 September 1882	South Shields
61	ROBINSON Charles	24 November 1846	Tynemouth
62	CLARKE Mary Ann	30 May 1844	Morpeth

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members, whose names do not appear in the Member's Interest column, have joined since the deadline for publication of the last NDFHS Journal. They can of course send their interests and queries to Phil Thirkell for inclusion in future Journals at any time, if they want to.

Welcome to all our new members.

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MEMBERS INTERESTS AND QUERIES

Items for this column should be sent to Phil Thirkell, 100 Stuart Court, Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2SG. If you wish to have your interests or any queries published, send a paragraph outlining your areas of research, problems etc. to Phil Thirkell at the above address. The deadline for the Winter Journal is 30th September 1993. Please include your membership number with any correspondence and print names to avoid errors. Try to be brief, as the shorter the items, the more we can print. Any inaccuracies in the address shown in these columns should be notified at once to Jenny Ashburner, Membership Secretary at the address shown on the contents page. Welcome to all our new members.

- 0028 Mr. P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, Guisborough, Cleveland TS14 8LG.
Help wanted with any of the following: 1) Philis Aitchison b.1809 Wooler, baptism and marriage to William Dixon c.1838 sought. 2) Thomas Bulmer/Boomer/Bowmer buried 1816 (aged 87?) St. Oswald's, Durham, baptism and marriage to Jane pre-1765 sought. North Riding connection. 3) Origins of John Davison m.1771 Ryton to Isabel Nixon. Lived Tanfield and died 1816 aged 82. 4) Ralph Dixon (1785 Braxton to 1860 Spittal), pilot, R.N. mariner, fisherman. Career details and marriage to Ann Elliott pre-1811 sought. 5) Mary Ann Hunter (c.1820 Haswell to 1867 Seaham Harbour), possibly daughter of Robert Hunter and Hannah Jane. 6) Clement Minto married Dorothy Wallis, Alwinton 1738 - origins sought. 7) Henry Noble, b.Norfolk 1836, d.Aycliffe 1916. Career details at Ord & Maddison Quarries sought and photo. 8) Origins of William Oliver, in Merrington from 1729. 9) George Smith (1803 Cox Green to c.1855 Escombe), son of George of Oxnam, ROX and Philis of Middleton. Married Eliz Jones, Panteg, MON c.1827 - origins sought.

- 0856 Mrs. PATRICIA MITCHELL**, 19 Woodlands Way, Barton, Preston, Lancashire PR3 5DU.
Due to a typographical error in the last Journal, it may have read that Mrs. Mitchell was offering information regarding Felton Park. She was in fact asking for information about the Felton Park estate in Northumberland, especially its previous owners.
- 1234 Mrs. E. HARTMAN**, 106 High Street, Hinderwell, N. Yorkshire TS13 5ES.
Mary Vest married Robinson Morpeth at All Saints, Newcastle in 1827. They had at least six children: Mary (bapt. 1828), Sarah (1830), Tom (c.1831), Jane (1832), Margaret (1834) and Nicholas (1837). Did Mary already have an illegitimate child William, bapt. 1825 Wallsend? Have collected over 100 Vest names but unable to connect them except one John Vest, born c.1808, who was in the same house as Mary Morpeth, pauper, at Old Walker Farm in 1841. William aged 17 also listed. Vest and Morpeth used as a family name until the 1940's. Can any descendant of Robinson Morpeth help? Would also like to hear from anyone who can give any information about William and Elizabeth Parkinson who married 1845 and had at least four children: Robert (1849), Elizabeth (c.1863), William Nicholas (1865) and Dorothy (1869).
- 1277 Mr. R. SALKELD**, 124 Coombe Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BL.
Researching the Salkeld family from 1500 but also needing information on the Fenwick family 1460 to 1560. In particular, was John Fenwick of Wallington also of Warenton, and was either of them ever a tenant of Fowberry in Bamburgh?
- 2268 MICHAEL BROWN**, Iddesleigh, Queens Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL.
Interests include: Thomas William Brown, bricklayer born c.1880 Gateshead; Edward O'Brien, merchant seaman born 1842 in Newcastle, married to Emma and had three children, John Boston, Margaret and Mary; John Thompson, labourer born Newcastle 1833, died 1875-81, married to Anne, children John, Joseph, Jane and William all born in Gateshead; John Willis, batman born c.1819 lived at Hetton-le-Hole and had a son Isaac born 1845; Henry Armstrong, shoemaker born c.1819; James Tate, coal miner of Easington Lane, born 1843, married Elizabeth Carr and had eighteen children; Nathan Ramsay had a son John born 1882 who was on the stage, part of Vasey and Ramsey - "Speciality Artistes & Expert All-Round Dancers". Also Robert Hood of Seaham, William Scott of Houghton-le-Spring and Robert and Elizabeth Davidson living in Seaham in 1869.
- 2691 Mrs. J. HEDLEY**, 12 Mitford Close, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2QE.
Seeking the descendants of Christian Brunswick, mariner of Copenhagen, born 1770. He married Jane Pearson at St. Paul's, Jarrow in 1798 but all their children were baptised at St. Hilda's, South Shields. There was a Brunswick family living in Dunston early this century. Also looking for the descendants of Matthew Johnson, engineman, and his wife Dorothy nee Parkin who died 1860 and 1866, Low Felling, Heworth. Son Matthew and daughters Elizabeth Slater, Mary Aiston and Alice Bainbridge left Liverpool for New Orleans 1853/4 with their families. They may have moved on to Salt Lake City as they had previously been baptised into the Mormon Church in Sunderland. Another son Thomas was living at Heworth in 1881 and a daughter Ann Harbottle, born 1822 was alive in 1866.
- 2837 Mrs. M. JOHNSON**, 4 Telford Close, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2YJ.
Francis Carr of Houghton-le-Spring, master mariner, married Mary Ann Natrass of Stanhope sometime between 1793 and 1799, but where?
- 3500 RUSS C. SURTEES**, RR # 1, Box 94, North Lancaster, Ontario K0C 1Z0, Canada.
Robert Surtis/Surtees of Bryans Leap married Elizabeth Harper 1742 at Tanfield. They had five children: 1) Robert, born 1743, married 1776 to Catherine Gray, 2) Margaret, born 1747, 3) Elizabeth, born 1748, married Robert Anderson at Tanfield 1773, 4) John, born 1751, possibly married Ann Scorrer, and 5) Cuthbert, born 1755. Cuthbert married Jane Anderson at Lanchester 1781 and they had three children who survived to adulthood: 1) Margaret, b.Monkwearmouth 1782 and m.George Worthy 1805, 2) Elizabeth, b.1785, and 3) Robert, b.Monkwearmouth 1787 and later emigrated to Canada. Would like to correspond and exchange information with anyone with information of the descendants of the above.
- 3535 K.B. DOLAN**, 39 Chatsworth Terrace, Darlington, County Durham DL1 5DH (Telephone: 0325-481010).
Seeks any information or references to the surname Leadbitter in any part of the country (or abroad), and from any period.
- 3695 ALAN TURNBULL**, 66 Buckinghamshire Road, Belmont, Durham DH1 2BE.
Looking for anyone related to, or with knowledge of, Nancy Turnbull who appears on the 1992 upgrade of the IGI for Yorkshire, and also appears on a Mormon film entitled 'Baptisms of the Dead', which took place in the Arizona temple in 1934. Also information on Ernest Hollings who appears on the same IGI and whose baptism took place at Logan temple in 1927. Is anybody researching, or linked to, the name McGlasson?
- 4344 OLIVE M. DICKINSON (nee FLECK)**, 72 Raumanga Heights Drive, Whangarei, New Zealand.
Researching Captain James Cook and his Fleck relatives. Does anyone know of Robert Fleck, brought up by his uncle Sir William Baxter, chainmaker, reputed to be Mayor of South Shields. Robert's grandfather was Robert, son of Henry Fleck, born 1725, died 1789. In 1865 Robert married Mary Ann Lane in London. She was the granddaughter of Lord Harrington who had an estate on the River Shannon in Ireland. Robert had four children, including James Baxter Fleck. The New Zealand Flecks are keen to regain contact with the British Flecks who seemed to live in London and Hampshire at that time.

- 4484 HENRY OLIVER**, 1 Batt House Road, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7QZ.
Seeks information about: Humphrey Atkinson who married Ann Dixon at Hunstanworth 1727; William Dixon (will proved 1722) and his wife Isabella of Harwood Shield; Edward Kell who died at Wall 1723; Mary Lee who married William Lee at Allendale 1805; Phillis Oliver of East Woodburn who apprenticed Andrew Oliver to Andrew Dodd, blacksmith of Newburn, 1740; Jane, born c.1730, who married Andrew Oliver of Benwell Hills before 1760; Isabella Randsome and Joseph Stott married Hartburn 1771; John Robinson and Mary Robson married Hartburn 1777; Mary Robinson and Joseph Robson married Stannington 1756; Robert Rowell and Jane of Wall married before 1691.
- 4581 SHIRLEY MAY**, P.O. Box 1210, Geraldton, Western Australia 6530, Australia.
Looking for the date and place of birth of Isabella Marr who married John Harrison at St. Andrew's, Newcastle in 1816. Also, Andrew Hindmarsh, born c.1780, who married at Hartburn to Margaret Tate, daughter of John Tate of Simonburn - any information would be welcome. Sarah Hindmarsh, born Hartburn 1799 married Thomas Patterson - require date of marriage, birth and parents.
- 4624 Mrs. M. EAST**, 49 Weekholme Road, Grimsby, South Humberside.
Researching the following families: **Race** (Grinton/Reeth and Winston 17th C.), **Smurthwaite** (Witton-le-Wear 18th C.), **Dunlop** (Bamburgh 17/18th C.), **Richardson** (Lamesley 18th C.), **Bell** (Jarrow 19th C.), **Lodge** (Cockfield 18th C.), **Hall** and **Richardson** (Hetton-le-Hole 19th C.) and **Hawke** in 18/19th C. Cornwall.
- 4657 MARGARET ANDERTON**, Daws Hill Lodge, 31 Knights Templar Way, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 1PX.
1) Searching for the parents of Thomas Denton, b. November 1828 (father William) who married Mary Ann Twizell in 1851 at St. John's, Newcastle. 2) Any information on the **Kerr** family who settled in the Newcastle area from Scotland, in particular John Kerr and his daughter Elizabeth b. 1851/52 in Scotland who married Henry Mather in 1875.
- 4667 Mrs. D. MORGAN**, 12 Manor Garth, Kirklevington, Cleveland TS15 9LG.
Seeking information about Matthew Heckles who married Mary Ann Wilson at Esh in 1900. Also the family of James Hudson who married Isabella Wilson at Esh in 1894. Their children were Robert b. 1894, Percy b. 1897, Wilfred b. 1902 (died the same year), Harold b. 1903, Charles b. 1905 and James b. 1907. Also looking for George Morris Wilson who was born at Stockton 1911, son of George and Jane Elizabeth Cotterill Wilson. He is believed to have been in the police force in Manchester before retiring to the Grantham area.
- 4798 Mrs. SHEILA PEARSON**, Summer Lodge, Beanburn, Ayton, Eyemouth, Berwickshire TD14 5QY.
Would appreciate any information on the **Muter** family, anywhere and at any time. Also any information regarding descendants of Nicol Ritchie, goldsmith (1790-1861), and his son John Ritchie, brushmaker (1819-1859). Both were born in Edinburgh and moved to Newcastle in the 1820's.
- 4820 ROB WILSON**, 6 Keble Close, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1UN.
Seeking information about William Wilson, shoemaker of Berwick upon Tweed in the early 1800's. He had five children by his wife Sarah: Margaret 1816, Ann Eliza 1822, James 1823, Archibald 1826, all baptised at Berwick, and John White baptised at Eyemouth in Berwickshire. William's family appear to have received poor relief between 1826 and 1829, and apparently he was in gaol in 1828. He may have been the brother of another shoemaker James who lived in the same area of Berwick with his wife Elizabeth and four children.
- 4869 TERRY ARTHUR**, 1 Lenore Terrace, Dyke Head, Woodside, Ryton, Tyne and Wear NE40 4QX.
Would appreciate any information on the families of Michael Keenan, born c.1834, son of Bernard Keenan, and Rose Martin, daughter of Patrick Martin, all born in Ireland. Michael and Rose were living at Willington, County Durham at the time of their marriage in 1855 at St. Cuthbert's R.C. Church in Durham. Their children, all born in Willington, were: James (b. 1855), Maggie (b. 1857, married Patrick Boylan), Jane (b. 1860, married Owen Woods), Elizabeth (b. 1866) and Patrick (b. 1871, married Mary Cahill). Also researching Milmo(r)e and Mattimo(r)e who left County Sligo and Roscommon to settle in North East England.
- 4870 Mrs. H.M. KOELLNER**, 21 Bergalia Street, Moruya, New South Wales 2537, Australia.
Looking for help from anybody with information about the **Forster** family of Witton Gilbert in County Durham in the early 1800's. Thomas was the son of Joseph Forster and Isabella Armorer, married Elsdon, NBL in 1799. Thomas emigrated to New South Wales in 1834. There were at least two brothers, one was Matthew, and sisters Hannah and Sarah, all born Witton Gilbert. Also, Forsters who occupied Bishop Middleham Hall until early this century. Known christian names: Douglas, Dorothy and Elsie. Some connection with the brewery there - 'original one having been burnt down about 10 years ago, new building mostly unused since father amalgamated with the Newcastle Breweries here ... Doug in charge here'. (Quote from note on postcard from Dorothy c.1910).
- 4878 Mrs. MARY CROCKER**, 17 Bincombe Drive, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7BE.
Agnes Harland/Harling and John Cummings/Cummins were married at St. James', Coundon, Bishop Auckland in 1876. Their fathers, Richard and John, respectively, were both miners. Seeking information on the two families in the Auckland and Durham areas. Known to be in Hetton-le-Hole in 1896 but details before that not known.
- 4898 Mrs. M. STEPHENSON**, 13 Tynedale Drive, Cowpen Estate, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 4LH.
Looking for information on George Stephenson, born 1851 Yorkshire, who married his second wife Flora Ireland at Gateshead in 1884. They had children: William, David and Thomas. His father was also George, a publican. Also interested in information regarding Dennis Donnelly, born 1859 at Gateshead, son of Michael.
- 4952 Mrs. C. HYDE**, 71 Broomhill Road, West Wylam, Northumberland NE42 5HX.
Researching Thomas Coulson, farmer of Haltwhistle, and Ann Cousin of Ninebanks c.1840. Also John Woodhall, miner, born Reeth in North Yorkshire but later moved to Tow Law, Durham.

- 4957 J.W. CHARTERS**, 33 Linley Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 7EJ.
Would welcome any information regarding Samuel Charters, born 1833 at Berwick, married Margaret MacDonald, and died at Tynemouth 1914. Also information about his parents, James Charters and Elizabeth (nee Brown).
- 4966 Mrs. J.A. BROWN**, 45 Odra Street, Camira, Queensland 4300, Australia.
John Dawson, grocer and shoemaker, born 1799 Newburn and baptised there at St. Michael and All Angels, second son of John Dawson, blacksmith, native of St. John's, Newcastle and Margaret Jewitt, daughter of Robert Jewitt and native of St. Andrew's, Bywell. John Dawson married Elizabeth Scott c.1828 and in 1851 they were living at Murton West House. Any information to add to the above would be gratefully received.
- 4967 TOM HILL**, 10 Primrose Terrace, Perth PH1 2QP.
Interests include Robinson, Thwaites, Carpenter, Frank and Moore. Information sought regarding Richard Robinson, a builders clerk of works, living in Heaton, Newcastle 1897, and his wife Sabina, nee Carpenter.
- 4972 T. CHILTON**, Mayfield, Tame Bridge, Stokesley, North Yorkshire TS9 5LF.
Any information on John Chilton (Crawcrook) who had a son John bapt.1664. Possible link with Chilton of Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street. Also interested in Croudace/Cruddes/Crudis/Crowther families of Northumberland pre-1850 and Trainer/Trainor of Newcastle, although believed to originate from the Glasgow area 1860-80.
- 4974 DENISE MARR**, P.O. Box 2428, Forster, N.S.W. 2428, Australia.
William and Elizabeth Taylor travelled from Ireland to Durham c.1846. They had three children already, James b.1841, Robert 1843 and Elizabeth Jane 1845. A fourth child James was born at Brancepeth in 1853. He married Sarah Ann Garside, daughter of Henry, a miner, at St. Mary's, Whickham. Their children were: Elizabeth 1866, William 1867 at Kerpier, Henry Garside 1868, Robert 1872 at Newcastle, James 1874 and Jane 1876. The first Robert arrived in Australia c.1863. Any information regarding the family would be appreciated.
- 4975 Mrs. E. DERBYSHIRE**, 3 Hartley Old Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 4HH.
Endeavouring to trace the connection between two gentlemen shown in separate photographs. One is known simply as Tom and was in the 12th (Prince of Wales) Royal Lancers c.1890's. The other was known as James Anderson, Corporal in the Royal Artillery 1914-18. His name was actually James Derbyshire, or Darbyshire, illegitimate son of Jane Darbyshire. He was born 24th October 1885 at Pemberton. Tom and James are thought to be brothers or half-brothers. Can anyone help with information please?
- 4981 Mrs. KATE DE BURGH**, The Dairy House, 29 Briantspuddle, Nr. Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7HT.
Seeking information on the following families: 1) Dennis Hill b.Worcestershire but had a drapery business in the 19th C. in Tynemouth and Newcastle. One son was Charles Dennis Hill, also a draper. 2) James Robson b.Ponteland, m.Ann Cook, living in Walton in 1830-60's and was a farmer/butcher/auctioneer. Their daughter Anna Eliza married Dennis Hill in 1868. 3) Robert Smith, grocer m.Ann Bage in 1807 at All Saints, Newcastle. 4) Joseph Sampson, shipwright, native of Alnwick, m.Mary Meek 1794 at Jarrow. Their known children were Joseph (1794), Mary (1796) and William Thomas (1798).
- 5006 Mr. D.A. PIERCE**, 24 Old Farm Road West, Sidcup, Kent DA15 8AG.
Seeks information on John Pierce (Pearce), a miner. At the time of his marriage in 1862 to Elizabeth Stephenson he lived at Ramshaw in the parish of Hunstanworth. He was born c.1839, son of William Pierce. There may be a link with Bettws-y-Coed in North Wales. Also interested in Wardell/Wardle families of the Billingham/Stockton area.
- 5010 Mrs. CAROLE DEANS**, 1 Wisteria Close, Oprington, Kent, BR6 8LE.
Researching the Deans family. John Deans was born 1836 North Shields; Robert Garrett Deans c.1810/11 at Tynemouth and married Alice Tindle, also of Tynemouth - no date known. John Deans was born in Newcastle c.1767 but died in Paddington, London aged 89. The Deans family seem to have left the north east about 1840, settling in the Limehouse area of London, although Robert and Alice finally settled in Yarmouth where they died.
- 5012 NORMAN COLEMAN**, Linwood, Coast View, Swarland, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9JG.
Looking for the origins of John Blakey, countryman, and his wife Isabella, nee Gray, the parents of Henry Blakey born at Medomsley 1853. Also interested in the name Coleman in the Bishopwearmouth area prior to 1830.
- 5021 Mrs. A.J. SNELLING**, 2 Roseleigh Cottages, Holland Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 9AR.
Information on any of the following would be welcome. Adamson: Margaret b.Longnewton 1815. Robert bapt.1783 Norton m.Bishopton. Appleby: Ann Elizabeth b.Staindrop 1801. George m.Barnard Castle 1799. Bage: Jane, daughter of Thomas and Mary, bapt.1764 Whickham. Boyes: Margaret, daughter of Robert and Ann, bapt.1792 Bishopton. Bulmer: Eaglescliffe c.1850. Cooper: Ann, daughter of Richard and Sarah Whitfield, bapt.1806 Whickham. Gibson: Sarah/Sally, m.Darlington 1795. Hall: Margaret, b.Elton 1843, William, b.Norton 1809, Isaac, b.Gainford late 1700's. Hills: Robert, Norham or Bamburgh 1810, and Eggescliffe and Denton later. Kingston: Rachel, m.Eggescliffe 1808. Lodge: John, m.Eggescliffe 1887. Richmond: of Sadberge. Walls: Margaret of Hartburn, b.late 1700's. Walton: Mary b.late 1700's Staindrop.
- 5022 Mrs. M. ELLIOTT**, Taigh Geal, Bunloit Hill, Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire IV3 6XG.
Seeking the birth c.1830 of Samuel Elliott, engineman of Wallsend. He married Ann Scott and they had a son Samuel who married Isabella Robson 1883 at Walker. Also 1) The birth registration of the above Isabella Robson who was bapt.1860 at Low Walker; she may have been adopted. 2) Birth of George Robson (father of the above) 1820 at Forest Hall and his marriage to Isabella, born Chester-le-Street.

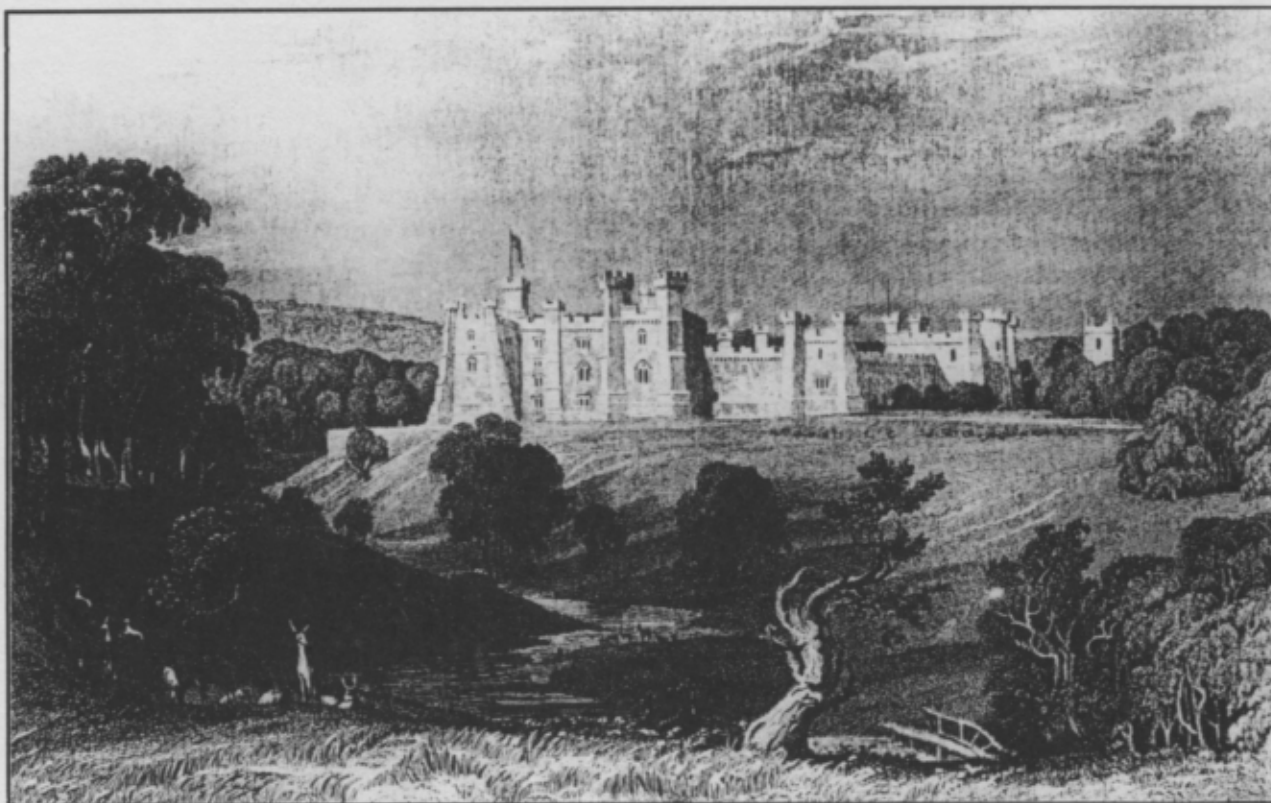
- 5032 **MARILYN PIERSON**, 5 Blair Crescent, Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 1M9, Canada.
Would appreciate any help with the following families: 1) Ralph **Davison**, born c.1835, son of Robert, married Elizabeth **Wright**, daughter of William, at Earsdon; children, James W., Robert and Kate. 2) James **Proctor**, b.1835 Seaton Delaval, and Janet **Lee**, b.1857 Cramlington; children, Margaret, Isabella, Mary, Jane, Nellie, Ida, William and Tom. 3) David **Thewlis**, b.1845, and Jane **Liddel**, b.1846 North Shields; children, Margaret, Elizabeth, David, William I. and Annie E. 4) Thomas **Heslop**, b.1840, and Hannah **Oliver**, b.1846 South Shields; children, Margaret, James, Joseph, Richard, Thomas, Hannah, Catherine, Jane and Sophia. Does anyone know of any Salvation Army records regarding sponsoring emigrants to mining jobs in British Columbia?
- 5039 **Mrs. VIOLET VARDY**, 30 Curzon Court, Lordswood, Southampton, Hampshire SO1 6NB.
Interests: 1) **Carling** and **Hamilton Carling** of North/South Shields, Tynemouth, Sunderland, Whitby, Bristol in 18/19th C. - sailmakers, merchants, shipping agents, photographers. 2) **Hamilton**, Keeper of Records at Stirling Castle (not proved). Several sons and daughter, Margaret - suggestions on how to research this invited. 3) **Crathorne**, William Francis, Thomas, Margaret, born St. Pancras, London c.1830, orphaned 1839. William sent to uncle Wm. Carling at Sunderland. Would like to find out who became guardians to Margaret and Thomas. Other interests - **Brice**, **Towler**, **Taylor**, **Venus** of the above areas, and Thomas **Williams** and wife Anne Hamilton, 1800's Bristol.
- 5040 **Mrs. JACQUELINE E. MARSON**, 14 Laburnam Close, Kildgrove, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1BB.
Looking for the marriage of John **Oliver** and Margaret **Shield** of Ouseburn, Byker c.1840-45. They had a son William Renwick **Oliver** in 1846. John was a coach painter. Margaret may have been a widow, **Shield** being her maiden name. also researching the name **Manners** in the Bishop Auckland and Gateshead areas, and **Parr** in Gateshead.
- 5044 **VERITY J. CROOK**, 38 Meltham Avenue, Withington, Manchester M20 8FF.
Searching for any information about Ephraim **Crook** who married Hannah **Todd**. Their children James, Joseph, Hannah and John William were born in the Seghill area 1868 to 1878. Also interested in any of their descendants, probably living in the Seghill or Ashington areas.
- 5049 **DAVID BRIGGS**, 19 Clifford Road, Chafford Hundred, Grays, Essex RM16 6QF.
Researching the **Charlton** family in the Bellingham, Simonburn and Ryton Woodside areas, and the **Dixon** family in the Ovingham, Minsteracres and Ryton Woodside areas. Particularly interested in Siddle **Dixon**, born 1838 at Prudhoe, sometime huntsman with the Braes of Derwent Hounds at Minsteracres Hall near Hexham, and publican of the Fox and Hounds public house at Ryton Woodside.
- 5073 **Mrs. SHEILA L. BROADLEY**, 25 Walmer Park Village, Church Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth 6070, South Africa.
Searching for information about two brothers John and William **Rogerson**, said to be born in Sunderland in 1820 and 1822. John married Elizabeth **Carter** in London in 1846, when his father is given as John, an excise officer. John and Elizabeth emigrated to South Africa between 1855 and 1862, and he died in Cape Town in 1867. William is said to have died at Hawes, Yorkshire in 1855. There was also a sister Fanny and possibly another brother Charles. Any information on this family would be much appreciated and all letters will be answered.
- 5078 **SIMON PATTERSON**, 14 Castle Road, London N12 9ED.
Would like to hear from anyone researching the name **Patterson** to see if their lines meet, particularly with reference to Thomas **Patterson** (1780-1864) of Sheriff Hill Pottery, Ephraim **Patterson** and Matthew **Patterson**, born 1819.
- 5086 **Mr. A.C. JOHNSON**, 2 Weare Close, Fortuneswell, Portland, Dorset DT5 1JP.
Doing research into the **Carr** side of his family. A letter of administration dated October 1816 was granted to Bethya **Carr** following the death of her husband George at Longbenton in 1812. Bethya is thought to have also died there in 1818. Three of their children are believed to be George (b.1787), Aaron (b.1789) and Bethya (b.1798). Any information about the rest of the family, and George's ancestors, would be appreciated.
- 5087 **Mrs. CAROLE WARBY**, Little Orchard, 89 Watford Road, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire WD4 8QH.
Any information would be appreciated regarding the families of Burnett **McCreedy**, born South Shields 1888, and Christina **Summers**, also born South Shields 1889. They married at South Shields Registry Office in 1909.
- 5090 **Mrs. EVE CHAPPELL**, 10 Sturgeon Way, Stanton, Nr. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2ED.
Seeking great grandmother's birth date/place thought to be Chester-le-Street area c.1847. Catherine Margaret **Lumley**, daughter of Richard, married Thomas **Appleby** in Lincolnshire. Their son Henry born 1879 at Cocken near Chester-le-Street married Sarah Ellen **Dixon** of Netherton at Morpeth R.O. 1903. He died at the Somme and was later buried at St. Mary's, Morpeth. Willing to research in Suffolk in exchange for Northumberland/Durham.
- 5093 **Dr. PATRICIA DOWNES**, Firbank, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury, Tarporley, Cheshire CW6 9SX.
Particularly interested in the **Shaw**, **Stone** and **McColl** families of the area - late 19th/early 20th centuries.
- 5094 **Miss S. HALL**, 692A Ripponden Road, Moorside, Oldham OL4 2LP.
Seeking information on the following: James **Brotherton**, master tailor, believed to have connections with Berwick, the Army and the U.S.A. He is known to have been alive in 1870. Also his daughter Georgina, born c.1850 in U.S.A. or possibly Berwick, married Thomas **Mulhatton** at Newcastle Registry Office in 1870, was living in Birtley in 1875, and at Manor Chare, Newcastle in 1878 and died in Oldham, Lancashire in 1914. Anxious to trace her date and place of birth. Would also like any information about 'The Freemasons Arms' public house in Manor Chare, Newcastle, kept in Georgina's time by Jack **Ivers**, believed to be a relative.

- 5096 BEVERLEY PRICE**, 8 Jackson Street, Pialba, Queensland 4655, Australia.
Tracing the family of her mother Dorothy Margaret Isabella Hall, born 1902 at Ritton White House near Ewesley in the parish of Netherwitton. She had brothers: Robert Pretoria, b.Gateshead 1900, John Nicholas, b.Bellingham 1901 and Thomas, b.Bellingham 1904. Their parents Robert Nicholas Hall and Margaret Annie Bird married Newbrough in 1898. His father was William Hall, ex police officer who was born at Embleton. Her father was John Bird, farm labourer. The children were placed in the poor house about 1908 and Dorothy and Thomas were later fostered by a family called Albright. Dorothy worked at a house called Overdale or Averdale in Lindisfarne Road, Newcastle. Any help or information would be gratefully received.
- 5097 Mrs. C. ASHTON**, 7 Woodview, Sprotbrough, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN5 7OS.
Interested in the **Eeles** family of Bishop Auckland, Merrington, Redmarshall and Kirby Ravensworth before 1859.
- 5098 ROBERT GIBBINS**, 401 Willoughby House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BN.
Researching the **Gibbons** family of Sunderland, together with the families of their various spouses - **Hornberger, Reed, Thompson and Garthwaite** being the known ones.
- 5100 Dr. D.R. BRUCE**, 103 Foxwood Lane, York, North Yorkshire YO2 3LQ.
Interests: **Bruce** (Aycliffe, Great Stainton?, Hartlepool), **Rutherford and Rewcastle** (Hexham, Acomb, Gateshead), **Stout** (Nenthead, Gateshead) and **Thompson** (Alnwick) - all in the 19th century.
- 5102 ALAN EARLE**, 603 Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS16 9BN.
Interested in the name **Earle** and its variants. Direct line traced back to Edward Earl who married Mary White at Chester-le-Street in 1750. Also interested in the name of **Preston** in Gateshead at the turn of this century, and the name **Hold** prior to the birth of Christiana Hold at Easton in 1894.
- 5104 ANNE STARK**, 40 Station Road South, Murton, Seaham, County Durham SR7 9SE.
Researching the names **Stark, Bentom, Hepple, Parkins, Johnson, Dakers and Wallace**.
- 5107 L.G. JAMES**, 4 Davenhill Park, Aintree, Liverpool L10 81Y.
Trying to find the birth/bapt. of Mary Ann **Renwick**, who according to the 1891 Census for Bangor, North Wales was born at "Hexam" c.1835. She married James **James** at Chester in 1858 and her father was given as James Renwick, labourer. Any information about her, or her family, would be appreciated.
- 5115 Mrs. MARY WALLACE**, 16 Tynevale Avenue, Winlaton, Tyne and Wear NE21 5DF.
Searching for the birth and parents of Thomas **Wallace** born c.1852/53 at Harton Colliery, South Shields. He married Elizabeth **Watson** at All Saints, Newcastle in 1875 and lived in Gibson Street, Newcastle at the time of the 1891 Census. Any information would be appreciated.
- 5119 Mrs. JOAN MUIR**, 222 Hagley Road, Hayley Green, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 1EB.
Researching **Carse/Carss** families in Northumberland. Particularly looking for the marriage of James Carse and Caroline **Barnes** c.1848. James' father Robert was a blacksmith at Longframlington. Caroline was the daughter of William Barnes, gamekeeper of Barras Lodge, Chillingham. Also looking for the birth/baptism of James **Marchel** c.1835.
- 5120 Mr. M.S. GIBSON**, 67 Highfield Road, Beverley HU17 9QS.
Seeking information about Thomas **Gibson** who married Eleanor **Campbell** in 1833 at St. Peter's, Monkwearmouth and lived at Silver Street, Sunderland 1833-1848. Their children were Thomas, William, John, Matthew, Ellen and Ann. (Andrew and George died young). Details needed of Kate **Gibson**, born 1880 Sunderland who emigrated to Pensacola, Florida just before the First World War.
- 5131 JOHN S. LEE**, 119 Southville Close, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 8AN.
Interested in tracing the **Stirling** family of Northumberland, especially any information regarding John Stirling and his wife Rebecca **Todd** who married at Morpeth 1752. Where did they come from before settling in Morpeth? John had a sister Mary born in Morpeth 1732.
- 5132 Mrs. S.G. STEELE**, 5 Wildcroft Drive, Wokingham, Berks.
Northumberland interests include **Steel, Chreseson, Burrell and Gibson** families in the 18/19th centuries.
- 5142 PETER SOMERVAIL**, 124B Bridge Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6DA.
Research interests include **Skeen** of Berwick/Tweedmouth pre-1830, **Atchison** of Berwick/Tweedmouth/County Durham pre-1830, and **Groves** of Gateshead/Heworth/South Shields pre-1840. Particularly wishes to find the parents of Ann Atchison, born c.1813/14 at Berwick or Tweedmouth. She later married William Skeen, possibly in Scotland as they lived there for a while in Edinburgh where their first two children were born. They later moved to Surrey where Ann died in 1864 aged 50.
- 5148 Mrs. BARBARA KENNEDY**, 9 Maunderville Crescent, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 2EW.
Seeking information regarding the marriage of Jacob **Fleming**, possibly to Mary **Coatsworth**. A daughter Abigail was born Stanhope 1825/26, and she later married Thomas **Dickinson**, a lead miner, at Newbiggin-in-Teesdale in 1854. Thomas' father was Robert Dickinson. Any information on these families would be appreciated. Also researching **Braund** families in the Cramlington area 1870-1900.

HELP OFFERED

Mr. BARRY POWNEY, 10 Basil Close, The Richmonds, Abbeydale, Gloucester.
Has been researching the name Powney and its variations worldwide for ten years. He has gathered a tremendous amount of information and would be happy to share it with others. Anyone requiring Powney information should contact Mr. Powney providing a SAE or two IRC's. It may be pointed out that at least 300 Powney's have been born in the Durham area.

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