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EDITORIAL

"Big R" -- the British Isles Genealogical Register -- has now been published and contains over 280,000 entries from over 16,000 contributors all over the world. Most English counties have their own separate section but the Northumberland and Durham sections have been combined and list people who are interested in particular families from our two counties. N.D.F.H.S. members should find with this copy of the *Journal* a microfiche envelope containing three fiche, which we are distributing free of charge and we do hope that they will be of great help to you. All sections, including ours, contain a large number of entries from subscribers claiming an interest in any reference to a surname anywhere in the British Isles and you should use common sense in writing to these contributors. Those researching a less common name may be interested in any reference to the name as well as having much information about it, but those listing 'common' names are usually 'trawling' for a 'lost' ancestor rather than collecting entries for the surname as a whole. And please read the introduction to help you find your way around! And remember that the N.D.F.H.S. did NOT compile these sections and cannot answer any queries! Non-members can purchase the fiche for the two counties for £2.50 post free, (£2.70 abroad) from Mr. K. Dalkin, 12 St. Aidans Crescent, Crossgate Moor, Durham DH1 4AP. Sections for other counties can be obtained from the appropriate Family History Society.

And now for an appeal on behalf of your Committee as a whole. We do not publicise telephone numbers of Committee members - deliberately, as all officers are unpaid volunteers who have a heavy workload, but they are all also entitled to some "free time". Telephone calls interrupt this, and "jump the queue" and it is often impossible to know whether a caller is a member or someone else just seeking to use the Society's resources free. Please write and don't phone if you want to borrow Library material, exchange Journals etc., or communicate with an officer of the Society on a non-urgent matter. Thanks.

Finally, your Editor would welcome articles for publication for possible future consideration. I have a few on hand, but more are always useful. So get typing!

NOTES AND NEWS

Northumberland and Durham Family History Society's One Day Spring Conference is planned for Saturday 22 April 1995 at Cramlington High School, Cramlington (buses from Newcastle stop outside the door), from 9.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. There will be a choice of speakers, with two lectures running simultaneously. Cost is £12.50 including a buffet lunch. More details, and a booking form, will be included in the next *Journal*.

Professor Michael Montgomery, Department of English, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC 29208, U.S.A. is seeking published and unpublished documents, especially family letters, from before 1830 written in informal English i.e. irregular spellings and grammar for a project to determine from such documents the speech patterns of people in earlier days of the United States. If requested, anonymity of all material will be scrupulously respected.

The State Library of Queensland is undertaking a search for original material relating to the state's history from European exploration to the present - letters, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, art works, newspapers etc. Donations of original material would be welcomed, or the Library will make copies if donors want to retain originals. In the U.K. contact Sara Joynes, Queensland Heritage Retrieval Project, Australia High Commission, Australia House, Strand, London WC2B 4LA. In Australia contact the Library at P.O. Box 388, South Brisbane QLD 4101.

Did you respond to the plea in the Spring *Journal* from Lancaster University for details of movements of families? By early May, almost 5,000 completed Data Collection Forms had been received but the University is still seeking replies and will accept requests for forms until the end of 1994 and will accept completed forms until early 1995.

In connection with an Open University course, Sheila Davidson of Little Meadow, 15 Lewes Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 7SP, is examining causes of deaths occurring in 1845, 1865 and 1885 and would like details from any death certificates held by members for those years. Send her either photocopies or originals and she will pay copying and postage costs. It would be useful if date and place of birth were also stated and, for a woman, how many children she had. The project has an end September deadline so an early response would be welcomed.

Interested in the Morgan family? If so, you may like to learn more about new Societies researching the name by writing to Mrs. J. Morgan, 11 Arden Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands B93 8LP (telephone 0564 774020). Or contacting Mr. A. Morgan of 22 Jesmond Park West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7BY (telephone 091 281 1957).

If anyone is interested in a One-Name Society for the Seymour family, please contact Alan Seymour, 8 The Approach, West Clacton, Essex CO15 2NE. Another new group is researching the Mander/Maunders families. Write (with stamped addressed envelope) to Group Administrator, 49 Ferguson Avenue, Gravesend, Kent DA12 5LX.

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2. If you wish to covenant, you should in addition, complete the Deed of Covenant form enclosed, and also the "Certificate of Covenanted Payment", following carefully the instructions below the Deed and on the Certificate.
3. Send the Covenant documents (Deed and Certificate), with the renewal form and cheque, to Mrs. J. Ashburner.

Note that you should not enter into a covenant unless you pay income tax at the basic rate (currently 25%). If you are married and your spouse pays tax but you do not, then do not enter into a Covenant. U.K. tax rules for married couples were changed in 1990 and this is the post-1990 position.

Please note that for technical taxation reasons, if you renew your subscription and complete a covenant form on or before 1 November, your cheque will not be banked by the Society until that date.

THE BEDLINGTON TERRIER BREEDERS

by Elizabeth Curran Cooper

My interest is not in tracing my family, but in finding out as much as possible about early breeders/owners of Bedlington Terriers, the county's very own special animal.

Little did I think I would be able to contribute anything which might be of use to fellow members, but my eye was caught by George Bell's piece on Longbenton, in the Summer Issue. Bell makes no mention under "Leisure and Social" of the Longbenton pub, and I can offer the following extract from a very long letter published in the *Newcastle Daily Journal* of Tuesday, January 18th, 1876.

Written by Thomas Brack Wall, at that time landlord of a pub at 78 Henry Street, Shieldfield, Newcastle, he was casting his mind back to his childhood, spent in Longbenton.

"I may say for myself, without egotism, that I may lay claim to a knowledge of the breed of the Bedlington or Northern Counties Terrier for half a century. I was born in a village called Longbenton, which, as your readers are well aware, adjoins Gosforth, West Moor, Killingworth, Bedlington, and all the villages where those dogs were to be found. My grandfather and father were fanciers of all sorts of dogs; likewise my mother's family, who were named Boggon of Longbenton, and who kept the class of terrier in dispute. My father, in the due course of time, left Longbenton and took a public-house at Hetton-le-Hole, and built a cock-pit -- cockfighting being one of the principal sports of the day -- for the use of the public."

After describing a walk taken with his father and half a dozen dogs, Wall continues:

"My father also bred bull dogs, amongst whom were the celebrated Tiner and Lion, the last-named having fought against Rodney during the great pitmen's strike in 1832. Rodney was brought by certain Staffordshire men who came to this locality as 'blacklegs'."

Wall then discusses some of the dogs his father left to him, the only son, when he died in 1838, and goes on:

"... I remember being in Longbenton when there was a badger baiting in the long room of Boggon's, the Black Bull Inn, many of the old 'fancy' were present, namely Davey Bell, Geordie Mordue, Tommy Thompson, Adam Hutton, Jimmey (sic) Staig, Geordie Waite, Johnny Cowell, Stoney Jimmey (sic), and a whole host of other celebrities. The badger got up the chimney, and my father's dog Tathey was slung down the chimney with ropes to bring 'Mr. Brock' down."

Joseph Boggon is listed in Parson and White's 1827/28 *Directory* as the landlord of the Black Bull, so confirming a portion of Wall's letter. As for the badger baiting which took place there, it may have been illegal by then. John Pease's Act, outlawing badger baiting, dates from 1835.

Three points in these passages interest me. Can anyone tell me whether the great pit strike of 1832 affected the pit at Bedlington? Was it "great" in scope, duration, or both?

Does any member know anything at all about the Staffordshire strike breakers? Were they nailors? If not, can anyone tell me about Staffordshire nailors who came to Bedlington about that time.

Tommy Thompson, one of the "celebrities" mentioned by Wall, was a very much respected early Bedlington Terrier breeder. He lived at Wideopen. Any information about him, particularly his occupation (if any) would be of interest. He owned a famous Bedlington Terrier named Tip, sometimes called Bow Alley Tip. Was there a Bow Alley in Wideopen, and does it endure to this day?

Editor's Note: Mrs. Cooper's address is 3 and 5 Ladygate, Beverley, Yorkshire.

FAMILY BIBLES

Mr. J.H. Scott, 23 Shores Green Drive, Higher Wincham, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6EE, had a small Bible which had been embossed to show that it had been presented under the terms of the Will of the Earl of Wharton (who died in the 17th century) to Coverdale Anderson of Powburn/Glanton, Northumberland in 1919, he having satisfied the conditions of committing to memory a number of Biblical passages. Apparently, Coverdale Anderson was born about 1906 and was the son of the local schoolmaster and he played the organ in the local Presbyterian church before leaving the area. Any relative may like to contact Mr. Scott.

Mrs. J. Wheeler, 19 Longford Park, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 3LW, asks if anyone knows the location of a Bible which belonged to her mother and which refers to a family in the Howden-le-Wear and Bishop Auckland area - Ronald Etherington, Elsie Clough nee Etherington and sisters Rhoda, Agnes Elizabeth and Joan Caldleugh (born 1930), born to Elizabeth Caldleugh or Etherington nee Suggett (born 1897), youngest daughter of Thomas Suggett (born 1859) and Elizabeth Robson.

Mrs. S.A. Gardner, Balder View, Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, County Durham DL12 9NR, has Bibles relating principally to the family of Annett of Widdrington. John Wilkinson Annett born 1848 at Widdrington married Mary Thomasina Clarkson born 1848 at Whitby in 1876 and children's details are given. There are also details of Riddell births in Lowick and Hetton-house in north Northumberland 1802-1811 and of later Riddells, mainly in the Felton area with a linked family Mutum of the Barnard Castle area in the 1930's. The Bibles belonged to Mrs. Gardner's maternal grandparents.

THREADS OF FAMILY HISTORY

The Federation of Family History Societies, for its 21st Anniversary in 1995, announces "Threads of Family History", by kind permission of the Ontario Genealogical Society, on whose idea it is based. It is a special competition of textile craft to be exhibited by the Federation during Autumn 1995 and the exhibition will attempt to show how family history can be creatively used in the many forms of needlework and other textile crafts. Participants will be asked to take the process beyond the merely decorative, integrating family history, to produce an heirloom for future generations.

Any type of textile craft is eligible - embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint, weaving, rug hooking beadwork etc., and there is no need to be an expert craftsperson.

Before you begin your heirloom, write on or after 1 October for the complete rules and an entry form to Mrs. Jill Valentine, 157 Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1JZ, enclosing a 9" x 4", self addressed stamped envelope or two International Reply Coupons. Application is restricted to members of Societies affiliated to the Federation.

TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

Durham Record Office has accumulated a number of manuscript indexes and transcripts of parish registers which have been compiled by volunteers working in the Record Office. Until these are typed they cannot be made available for use and it is possible there are people out there with time on their hands and a personal computer - or even a steam driven typewriter - who may be able to help.

The manuscripts cover the following areas - Spennymoor, Tudhoe, Durham St. Margaret, Witton Gilbert, Easington Lane, Darlington St. Luke, Newbottle, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Bishop Middleham, St. John's Chapel, Stockton St. Thomas, Croxdale.

If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Miss Jennifer Gill, the County Archivist, at Durham Record Office, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL.



ANCESTORS BORN BEFORE 1800

This picture is of Joseph Reed (1796-1886), born and died South Shields, a master tailor and outfitter who was prominent in Wesleyan affairs in the Shields and Jarrow area and who allowed his wife to wear no jewellery except her wedding ring. His second wife was Mary Stokoe (1794-1891), the daughter of a vintner, whose family is traceable in Ryton back to the 16th Century. Mary was born in The Close, Newcastle and baptised at All Saints.

This Joseph Reed was third of this name in a family sequence which begins with Joseph who was parish clerk and schoolmaster at Hartburn. The eighth in the line is the grandson of Mr. P.T. Reed of 7 Villa McCauley, P.O. Box 229, Townsville, Queensland, 4182, Australia, who sent this photograph which was taken by J.H. Haggitt of 34 Market Place, South Shields, probably in the 1860's.

PRE-1920 GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Every year, thousands of "group" photographs are taken. By this, I mean such groups as school classes, sports teams, works outings or "day trips", military units etc. - other than purely family occasions such as weddings or christenings. Sadly, in most cases, individuals are not identifiable, except perhaps for one or two people like Uncle Fred or Aunt Mary.

On the other hand, many family historians would be delighted to find a previously unknown photograph on which an ancestor or relative appears.

Maybe some members will have such photographs dating from the early 20th century or earlier. If you have any PRE-1920 photos of AT LEAST EIGHT PEOPLE, ALL OF WHOM CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME (e.g. from details on the back of the photograph) and which relate TO A NORTHUMBERLAND OR DURHAM GROUP, send a copy (a clear photocopy will suffice) to the Editor with as much information as possible about the nature of the "group", the date and the individual names. It may be possible to publish one or two but in any case we will be happy to list the names, event, etc. in a future Journal. You might make another member very happy!

But PLEASE, stick to the guidelines - only pre-1920 (that brings in all World War I groups), only those where everyone is named and NO GROUPS CONSISTING WHOLLY OR MAINLY OF FAMILY, e.g. WEDDING GROUPS. No "public" photographs e.g. the local big wigs or the Newcastle United team of 1908, although one of Bedlington Colliery Juniors side of 1912 would be okay!

Mrs. Anne Simmonds of 6 Marlborough Road, Bedford MK40 4LG gets the new project under way. Readers may recall her article "John Taylor's Diaries", which appeared in the Summer 1993 *Journal*. A photograph of some of the people named in the article has been found, apparently taken in the Dunston area about 1900, perhaps a teachers outing or from the Ravensworth Road Methodist Chapel in Gateshead and the following can be identified - Margaret, Ada, Annie, Lily, Thomas and John Taylor, Jack Noble, Ages Sharp, Jennie Scott and her brother George, Tom Kent, Mrs. Hopper nee Wright, Lydia Dinning nee Sharp and Lizzie Pugmire (who married John Taylor in 1903).

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

The Society's Project Co-ordinator, Mrs. P. Bruce, 44 Cheadle Avenue, Hadrian Park, Wallsend, Newcastle upon Tyne NE28 9QS writes:-

My job is to co-ordinate the Society's projects and volunteers. I want to create a computer Data Base of volunteers and project information, so that any member can check with me before starting a project, to ensure that it has not been done before, or is currently being done.

I will be able to assist anyone who is keen to help and will keep in contact with anyone working on a Society project -- not to hassle them but to enquire every now and then what stage they are at, offer help if needed. I hope you will contact me -- if you are planning a project on your own it would be soul destroying to devote time and energy to it only to find that some else has already done it!

So, if you want to help by transcribing, indexing or typing, or if you have any ideas about what projects can or should be done, or if you are planning to embark on a personal project of your own, please don't hesitate to contact me.

008 KENNETH MITCHELL, Ph.D., 1911 - 1994

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell of Fourstones, a well-known family and local historian and transcriber of parish registers from the North and South Tyne valleys, died on 16 April 1994.

He had been born in Whitley Bay on 12 April 1911, the son of a Newcastle man who had worked his way up from office-boy to solicitor. With this example of the benefits of hard work and self-help to guide him, young Kenneth Mitchell had every incentive to make the most of himself, and this is what he proceeded to do. He was sent to King's School, Tynemouth, where his ability in Mathematics made such an impression that he was declared ineducable by his then teachers and moved on at the early age of 16 to Armstrong College in Newcastle. Kenneth Mitchell's next move as a student was to Peterhouse College, Cambridge, where he obtained a Ph.D. in Mathematics, won the Smith's Prize and became Senior Wrangler.

His first employment after leaving Peterhouse was at Leeds University, where he lectured in Mathematics until the outbreak of the War, when he was seconded to the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, where he worked with Dr. Barnes Wallis on the calculations for his "Bouncing Bomb" project. After the War he returned to his native north-east as lecturer in the Applied Mathematics Department of King's College, which was then the Newcastle branch of Durham University and successor to the former Armstrong College. He remained in that position for the rest of his career, playing a larger administrative part as time went on, including serving on the Development Committee which oversaw the transformation from King's College to Newcastle University in 1963. During the War Dr. Mitchell's parents had moved to Hexham, and it was there, and later at nearby Fourstones, that he himself settled with his wife, Doris (nee Thompson, also from Whitley Bay, who died in 1981) and two daughters, Diana and Ann.

After his retirement in the mid-1970's, Dr. Mitchell was free to pursue his other interests. As a young man he had been interested in astronomy, but although the interest remained all his life he did not take it up in any practical way. His administrative experience stood him well in local government, however. He was Secretary of Hexham Liberal Association and served for about 20 years on Hexham Council, for some of that time as Chairman. He was also a keen musician, in this respect taking after his mother, who had been a fine pianist. Again his administrative talent was put to good use and he was Chairman of Hexham and District Musical Society for many years.

It was his interest in local history and, in particular, local family history which will most interest members, however. Ever a practical man, when he found some parish registers difficult to read he set about a programme of transcribing all he could. This was, of course, well before the Parish Records and Registers Measure, which now in effect obliges Church of England clergy to deposit in the local County Record Office all disused registers which began over a century ago. Getting access to registers and permission to transcribe them was then often a case of personally chasing up clergy and persuading them to co-operate. Such were Dr. Mitchell's powers in this respect that he was also instrumental in getting many local registers deposited in Northumberland County Record Office long before that might otherwise have happened.

Dr. Mitchell's generosity was such that copies of most of his transcripts were deposited in Northumberland County Record Office, in Newcastle Central Reference Library, where they have greatly supplemented the older H.M. Wood transcripts, and in the Library of the Society of Genealogists, who assisted in indexing some of them. By arrangement with his family, to whom we are most grateful, most of Dr. Mitchell's collection of parish register and family history material is now in our possession, and will eventually form a section of our library to be known as the "Mitchell Collection". We are also looking into the best ways of making this collection available to members, either on loan or as publications, while preserving its integrity. The "working papers" nature of much of it, however, means it may have to remain as reference only, until such time as we can obtain permanent premises.

Dr. Mitchell joined the N.D.F.H.S. within its first year and became member number 244. His personal family interests were published in the Journal in April 1976, but his real interest was in families connected with his adopted parish of Warden, and on these he became an acknowledged expert. In recent years he had been working on a comprehensive history of that parish, which it is hoped may yet be published.

The N.D.F.H.S. wishes to express its sympathy to all Dr. Mitchell's immediate family and friends in their loss.

INDEX OF THE REGISTERS OF ST. PETER'S, MONKWEARMOUTH

by Ken Coleman

Shortly after being bitten by the genealogical bug some years ago, I made my first visit to the Public Record Office in London to look for the birthplace of my paternal great-grandmother, Jane Stothard and was rewarded by a census return giving her place of birth as Hylton (Hilton), County Durham. Subsequent investigation led me to the ancient parish of Monkwearmouth, now part of the City of Sunderland.

Sitting in front of the reader at Durham County Record Office, whilst anxiously waiting for the microfilm of parish registers to arrive, my imagination ran wild as I contemplated the possibility of tracing my ancestry right back to the 16th century. How can we all recall with clarity the adrenalin flowing as we pored over our first parish register or census return, searching for that elusive ancestor! Then, winding excitedly through the frames of the microfilm, I paused at a page of 18th century text and suddenly felt an awful feeling of disappointment rising within me as I read:

... that on the twelfth day of April, 1790, a terrible fire broke out in the dwelling house of the Reverend Jonathan Ivison, Minister of Monkwearmouth ... which entirely destroyed the same, together with all the household furniture thereunto belonging and, amongst other articles, the Registers of Marriages, Christenings and Burials belonging to the said parish (being of great antiquity) was totally consumed except the Registers of Marriages from the sixteenth day of October, 1785 the Registers of Christenings from the second day of September 1779, and the Registers of Burials from the first day of January, 1768. During a meeting of the principal inhabitants of the parish of Monkwearmouth, held in the church vestry on 4th January, 1791, it was proposed that an advertisement be inserted in the Newcastle newspapers for every person concerned to fetch copies of such private registers as they had in their possession to the vestry where attendance was given by the Church Wardens and several of the principal inhabitants of the said parish every Tuesday for the purpose of entering the same into this book.

It was believed that a candle knocked over by Jonathan Ivison had started the fire in Monkwearmouth Hall during the early hours of that fateful April morning. It must have been all too much for him, for he died later that year. His wife Isabella married the Reverend Thomas Gibson on 7 July 1795.

So it was that a register of births was started, commencing with a number of entries on 25 January 1791 and continuing with a steady stream of information from a variety of sources including family Bibles, prayer books, baptismal certificates etc., over the ensuing years. A few details had been inserted by the churchwardens, Matthew Brodrick and John Avery, as late as 1797.

The eminent genealogist Corder, who had been lent the book in 1937, and had attempted to sort out the records in chronological order, noted: "A large number of birth dates prior to the fire were entered as received but they were somewhat confused and manifestly only a scrap of the original register which was stated to be of high antiquity." Corder transcribed many of the entries but must have reached a point when his enthusiasm had waned, for he wrote "... but it would take too long to sort them out. Someone should take over the job of sorting into correct date order."

During my visit to the county record office that day and certainly on the journey back, I realised just how I felt about the possibility of vital ancestral links being absent from the records. This led me to think about the others that would follow in my footsteps, spending hours winding through hundreds of births searching for a particular surname ...

The following week I joined the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society. Being mindful of (if not inspired by) Corder's words, I delayed my personal ancestry tracing and instead undertook a project to compile an index of the births/baptisms of St. Peter's. In the belief that success of such a venture would largely depend on research and preparation, I set about checking the repositories in order to determine the extent (and accessibility) of relevant material. I wrote firstly to Sunderland library, who kindly sent me Herbert Maxwell Wood's (1909) extracts of family notices from the *Newcastle Courant* 1745-1800, relating to Sunderland and district. They obliged me also with a copy of Wood's article entitled "Extracts from the Monkwearmouth Parish Registers". The article from 1902 contains several hundred selected baptismal, marriage and burial entries taken from the original register - many of which I discovered are not to be found among the random entries in the Register of Births. The library also provided me with an indexed version of the monumental inscriptions in St. Peter's Church, and other little gems including a "taste" of Corder's manuscripts of "Monkwearmouth Families" which had been specifically bequeathed to Sunderland library.

Next was a letter to Durham University requesting copies of all pre-1790 bishops' transcripts. A very nice reply came from the Assistant Keeper, enclosing copies of bishops' transcripts which survive for 1766-1767 (burials), and christenings, marriages and burials for 1768-1774; 1782 and 1787-1789. With so many gaps, here was yet a further disappointment!

Bill Rounce, then Chairman of N.D.F.H.S., kindly lent me his 144 page index of Monkwearmouth marriages to aid my research. As these entries were in male surname order, I felt compelled to index them alphabetically, both male and female, up to 1799. Doug Smith, also of N.D.F.H.S., sent me copies of Protestation Returns for 1641 which complemented the Hearth Tax Returns for 1666 and 1674, supplied by Durham County Record Office several weeks earlier. Through the N.D.F.H.S. library service - much to my surprise and delight - I found an article which appeared in the *Wearmouth Magazine* for December 1882, entitled "Monkwearmouth Registers 1683-1706". In it was a list of burials reproduced from the original register which the writer Edward J. Taylor had been lent by W.H. Longstaff F.S.A. of Gateshead. The list, covering 24 years, contains 335 entries (14 burials per annum!) indicating the small population of Hilton Ferry, Southwick, Fulwell, Monkwearmouth town and shore.

At this time I was frantically trying to collate the mine of information being obtained from the various sources. The Latter-day Saints, Crawley Stake chapel, announced the opening of a branch genealogical library, and I found it very convenient to use the facilities for reading microfilms on a regular basis. I optimised my two-hour weekly trips to the library in such a way that I was able to return home with enough information in note form, which could be easily assimilated.

It occurred to me fairly early on into the project that for my index to be of any practical value to anyone, it had to be as accurate as I could make it, given the comparative scantiness of surviving records. This required every person (other than those already in the birth/baptismal register) who was known to have resided and/or worked in the parish of Monkwearmouth in the 17th or 18th century, to be included in the index, albeit with some form of identifying status. Thus, where it is fairly certain that an individual was born in the parish and (in all probability) baptised in St. Peter's Church, the year would be estimated a "c" (circa) would precede the year. Where no tangible evidence exists that the person originated in the parish, an asterisk succeeds the year (see illustration at the end of this article).

Utilising the Corder's "Monkwearmouth Families" as a basis, I began entering surnames gleaned from the various sources onto A4 plain sheets set horizontally. Within 12 months I had some 250 sheets on which I had constructed skeletal pedigrees or family trees. Hundreds of individuals' names very soon increased to thousands. It did, however, become difficult, often impossible, to establish precise relationships between males with the same Christian name. As the index progressed, I had to consider that hundreds of individuals would have been born during the years prior to 1779 and that it was necessary, therefore, to check all burials up to 1870, recording ages at death.

The project has been ongoing for several years now, mainly due to limitation of spare time and availability of microfilm readers in the local library. The index when completed will be in two parts. The first and most important part will cover all recorded births/baptisms up to 1799, which seems to be a fairly sensible cut-off point. Unless my enthusiasm wanes, I hope to attempt a partial re-construction of a pre-1779 register of births/baptisms although I may never get around to compiling part two of the index from 1800 onwards, in which case I will gladly pass on the same challenge that Corder put out 50 years ago that someone should take over the job etc. . . .

NAME	BORN	BAPTISED	NAME	BORN	BAPTISED
Beverly, William	c.1768*		Blenkinsop, Isabel	1777	
Bewell, Eleanor	1785	(1786)	Blenkinsop, John	c.1740*	
Bewell, John	c.1760		Blenkinsop, John	1770	
Bewick, Ann	1769	(1769)	Blenkinsop, Mark	c.1760*	
Bewick, Ann	1794	(1796)	Blenkinsop, Nicholas	1781	(1782)
Bewick, Elizabeth	c.1772*		Bowr(e)y, John	c.1770*	
Bewick, Elizabeth	1796	(1796)	Bowr(e)y, John	1793	(1793)
Bewick, George	1767		Bowr(e)y, William	16--	
Bewick, George	c.1789	(1789)	Boyd, John	16--	
Blenkinsop, Ann	1783	(1783)	Boyd, Stephen	16--	
Blenkinsop, Dorothy	1779	(1780)	Bradford, John	c.1740*	
Blenkinsop, Dorothy	c.1787	(1787)	Bradford, John	c.1769	(1769)
Blenkinsop, George	1772		Bradford, William	c.1772	(1772)

Editor's Note: This is a slightly abridged version of an article which appeared in *Family Tree Magazine* in February 1994, and it is reprinted here by permission of that publication. The author, Mr. K. Coleman of 75 Sycamore Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex RD19 3UL, adds that progress on the index has slowed considerably over the last 18 months, but he hopes that Part I, up to 1799, should be completed in draft form by the end of the year. In the meantime, he will search the records without charge, provided a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed, but contributions towards costs would be welcomed.

WILLS IN ALLENDALE MSS AT NORTHUMBERLAND RECORD OFFICE

Copies of the Wills of the individuals below, which relate mainly but not wholly to Hexham and Hexhamshire people, are in Allendale Mss at Northumberland County Record Office under the references shown.

The date given after each name is the date the Will was made.

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NRO 672/77/1 Joseph **LEE**, Gentleman, Newbrough, 6 April 1728; John **CARR**, Gentleman, Hexham, 14 April 1738; John **JOHNSON**, Tanner, Hexham, 13 August 1745; Jane **LORAINE**, Widow, Newbrough, 26 May 1746; Barbara **ALLGOOD**, Widow, Newcastle, 31 January 1755; Hugh **WATSON**, Husbandman, Taylor-Burn, 29 June 1757; Joshua **DOUGLAS**, Newcastle, 1 April 1760; Jane **BATY**, Spinster, Hexham, 9 June 1761; Michael **STOKOE**, Skinner and Glover, Hexham, 1 December 1764; John **RICHARDSON**, Limestone Brey Allendale, 23 January 1766; Margaret **TURNER**, Widow, Hexham, 24 March 1768; James **YATE**, Yeoman, Ordley, 7 February 1769; Mary **LISTER**, Widow, Newcastle, 10 May 1769; Mary **CRAIG**, Widow, Hexham, 7 July 1769; Thomas **LEE**, Carpenter and Joiner, Hexham, 25 August 1769; Elizabeth **ARMSTRONG**, Hexham, 3 April 1770; Wilkinson **KIRSOPP**, Tanner, Hexham, 3 May 1771; Mary **AYDON**, Spinster, Hexham, 7 August 1777; Charles **CHARLTON**, Farmer, Laker Hall, Ovingham, 18 April 1779.

NRO 672/77/2 Jonathan **SPARKE**, Yeoman, Blackhall, 15 December 1780; Matthew **CARR**, Joiner, Hexham Fellside, 29 December 1781; Barbara **ATKINSON**, Widow, Hexham, 15 June 1782; Henry **ATKINSON**, Gentleman, Haydon Bridge, 3 June 1783; Thomas **ATKIN**, Cooper, Hexham, 1 August 1784; William **DUNWOODY**, Weaver, Hexham, 17 November 1785; William **ROBSON**, Widower, Hexham, 14 March 1786 (Probate only); Thomas **CHARLTON**, Farmer, Matfen Moor Houses, 16 November 1787; Mary **HEWSON**, Widow, Hexham, 14 March 1789.

NRO 672/77/3 William **LAIDMAN**, Vicar, Warden, 27 November 1781 (with related papers); Ann **ERRINGTON**, Widow, Hexham, 10 October 1790; Isabel **POTTER**, Widow, Hexham, 29 January 1791; Joseph **WINTER**, Gentleman, Chipchase, 8 February 1791; Robert **ROBSON**, Butcher, Hexham, 15 December 1791 (extract only); John **WATSON**, Yeoman, Dunkirk, Wall, 7 January 1792; Nicholas **WATSON**, Gentleman, Taylorburn, 6 March 1794; Elizabeth **HALL**, Woollen Draper's wife, Newcastle, 22 September 1794; Isaac **HUNTER**, Gentleman, Dukesfield, 26 July 1794; Hannah **CHARLTON**, Widow, Laker Hall, 11 February 1795; Thomas **WILKINSON**, Husbandman, Bingfield Redhouses, 7 December 1795; Ann **GRAHAM**, Widow, Clargill, Cumberland, 4 April 1796; James **RENWICK**, Gardener, Hexham, 9 January 1797; George **OXLEY**, Husbandman, Hexham Fell, 8 June 1797; John **GREEN**, Husbandman, Whittonstall, 21 September 1797; Philip **JEFFERSON**, Cordwainer, Hexham, 18 June 1798; William **RIDLEY**, Barber, Hexham, 23 August 1798; John **HUTCHINSON**, Taylor, Acomb, 22 December 1798; Hannah **GIBSON**, Widow, Hexham, 19 January 1799; George **MOWBRAY**, Mortimer, Berkshire, 13 June 1799.

NRO 672/77/4 George **SURTEES**, Husbandman, High Fotherley, 27 May 1800; George **PEARSON**, Husbandman, Wester Old Town, 12 May 1801; James **DALTON**, Miner, Upper Farneyside, 12 February 1802; Abraham **SHIELD**, Shoemaker, Allendale, 7 March 1802; Simon **DODD**, Gentleman, The Steel, 9 March 1802 (draft); James **JOHNSON**, Carrier, Hexham, 1802 (draft); Dorothy **JAMESON**, Widow, Hexham, 18 June 1803; Mary **GIBSON**, Spinster, Kearsley, 20 August 1803; Mary **ROWLAND**, Widow, Rawgreen, 28 February 1804; James **JOHNSON**, Carrier, Hexham, 9 June 1804; Ann **KELL**, Widow, Tyne Green, 21 January 1805; Thomas **BENSON**, Farmer, Low Yarridge, 27 January 1805; John **LEE**, Commander, Hexham, 10 June 1805; John **ROWELL**, Yeoman, Catton, 4 July 1805; Edward **SPEARMAN**, Weaver, Wall, 1 August 1805; Ann **DOBSON**, Widow, Hexham, 7 October 1805; Lancelot **NEWTON**, Hatter, Hexham, 11 October 1805; James **JOHNSON**, Carrier, Hexham, 1805; John **DODD**, Butcher, Hexham, 13 February 1806; Mary **FORSTER**, Widow, Hexham, 24 February 1806; Mary **LITTLE**, Widow, Hexham, 9 May 1806; Ann **HARRISON**, Widow, Pontefract, Yorks, 21 May 1806; John **SNOWBALL**, Gentleman, Wharnley, 9 January 1807; Robert **WINTER**, Hatter, Hexham, 4 February 1807; George **BUTES**, Gentleman, Aydon Castle, 26 June 1807; James **ROBSON**, Clogger, Hexham, 28 November 1807; John **CUTTER**, Husbandman, Hexham, 26 September 1808; George **RIDLEY**, Gentleman, Beltingham, 27 January 1809; Janet **LIDDLE**, Spinster, Hexham, 2 June 1809.

NRO 672/77/5 Joseph **BELL**, Miller, Harlow Hill, 7 December 1808; William **BATES**, Gentleman, Chollerton, 24 February 1810; Edward **CHARLTON**, Plasterer, Acomb, 2 August 1810; Christopher **DICKINSON**, Tanner, Hexham, 8 March 1811; Edward **STEEL**, Husbandman, Mile House, 15 March 1811; Richard **GREEN**, Husbandman, Corbridge, 10 April 1811; Nicholas **BARROW**, Joiner, Allendale, 18 May 1811; Nicholas **BARROW**, Joiner, Allendale, 18 May 1811; Robert **COMMON**, Gamekeeper, Robins Folly, 4 June 1811; John **DAGLISH**, Glover, Hexham, 15 February 1812; John **BELL**, Husbandman, High Warden, 4 June 1812; Matthew **BELL**, Husbandman, High Warden, 4 June 1812; William **ROCHESTER**, Husbandman, Linnels, 26 April 1813; Joseph **FORSTER**, Farmer, Yarridge, 1 July 1813; George **RIDLEY**, Gentleman, Beltingham, 15 December 1813; Robert **PATTERSON**, Husbandman, Harrington New Houses, 9 March 1814; James **ROBSON**, Miller, Hexham, 15 April 1814; James **HALL**, Shopkeeper, Hexham, 7 May 1816; Osith **BLACKETT**, Spinster, Allendale, 7 July 1816; William **GREEN**, Dyer, Peckriding, 30 May 1817; Margaret **HEPPLE**, Gentleman's wife, Wallington, 31 December 1817; Ann **WIGHAM**, Spinster, Hexham, 5 January 1818; William **ORD**, Gentleman, Walker Place, Tynemouth, 9 January 1818; Michael **BROWN**, Gentleman, Dilston Park, 13 May 1818; Cuthbert **SNOWBALL**, Gentleman, Wharnley, 17 July 1818; William **ROCHESTER**, Yeoman, The Linnels, 10 December 1818; Jane **BLACKETT**, Spinster, Allendale, 7 November 1819.

NRO 672/77/6 Michael **BELL**, Glover, Hexham, 7 February 1820; George **SPARKE**, Gardener, Hexham, 15 May 1820; Robert **HORNSBY**, Gentleman, Catton, 14 February 1821; Robert **CURREY**, Jobber, Lillswood, 20 February 1821; Thomas **YOUNGER**, Shoemaker, Hexham, 7 July 1822; John **KIRSOPP**, Gentleman, Gillgate Bank, Hexham, 15 July 1822; Isabella **ARMSTRONG**, Widow, Dilston, 20 August 1822; John **HEPPLE**, Cooper, Cambo, 8 March 1823; Margaret, **HEPPLE**, Cooper's wife, Cambo, 8 March 1823; John **WHITE**, Yeoman, Middle Acton, Allendale, 22 March 1823; Thomas **JOHNSON**, Yeoman, White Hall, 8 November 1824; John **SMITH**, Gentleman, Hexham, 24 July 1824; William **HUNTER**, Cartman, Hexham, 25 April 1825; John **LOWES**, Miller, Fine Chambers Mill, 6 September 1825; John **GREEN**, Yeoman, Corbridge, 3 October 1825; Thomas **BATES**, Coupland Castle, 5 December 1825; Thomas **CANT**, Gentleman, Penrith, Cumberland, 1 May 1826; George **SIMPSON**, Merchant, Allendale, 8 July 1826; Edward **KELL**, Innkeeper, Wall, 19 March 1827; Jane **COWING**, Widow, Shankport, Haltwhistle pa., 1 May 1827; Thomas **WIGHAM**, Gentleman, Hindleywrea, Allendale pa., 3 May 1827; Joseph **ELLIOTT**, Gardener, Hexham, 21 July 1827; Thomas **WRIGHT**, Common Carrier, Halton Castle, 25 September 1827; John **TEASDALE**, Yeoman, Sidley, 10 January 1828; John Moore **BATES**, Gentleman, Heddon on the Wall, 25 March 1828; William **COOK**, Husbandman, Wooley, 28 July 1828; Eleanor **CHISEN**, Widow, Hexham, 23 September 1828.

NRO 672/77/7 James **ELLIS**, Gentleman, Otterbourne Hall, 25 January 1830; Mary **FELL**, Widow, Hexham, 16 February 1830; Lydia **RUMNEY**, Spinster, Newcastle, 23 February 1830; Thomas **DODD**, Gentleman, Linacres, 12 June 1830; William **BELL**, Farmer, Harlow Hill, 14 January 1832; Margaret **STOKOE**, Widow, The Hags, 3 April 1832; Matthew **GIBSON**, Monkwearmouth Shore, County Durham, 29 May 1832; Mary **FELL**, Widow, Hexham, 28 February 1833; Ann **FENWICK**, Widow, Hexham, 1 March 1833; Thomas **HILL**, Yeoman, Wall, 14 March 1833; Edward **HEPPLE**, Gentleman, Bingfield Hall, 31 January 1834; Margaret **WIGHAM**, Gentleman's wife, Hindleywrea, 28 July 1835; Isabella **PEARSON**, Straw Hat Maker, Hexham, 3 October 1836; Sarah **FELL**, Spinster, Hexham, 11 January 1838; William **SCOTT**, Farmer, Thornbrough, 24 April 1838; Sarah **ROBSON**, Widow, Hexham, 3 May 1838; James **PIGG**, Gentleman, Haydon Bridge, 8 May 1838.

YORK AND CANTERBURY WILLS

In the last Journal we discussed, at some length, Wills relating to Northumberland and Durham people and explained that, in the main, pre-1858 Wills would be proved at Durham. We now turn to those proved elsewhere, i.e. at York or Canterbury.

With effect from 12 January 1858, the proving of Wills and the granting of Letters of Administration was placed in the hands of various Probate registries established under the 1857 Probate Act - after several hundred years, responsibility for probate matters ceased to be the concern of the Church.

Prior to 1858, the Bishop of Durham administered Probate matters over the whole of the counties of Durham and Northumberland and the records are held by Durham University Library Archives and Special Collections, 5 The College, Durham. There were however some important exceptions.

a) The area known as Hexham and Hexhamshire, covering the parishes or chapelries of Allendale, Allenheads or Allendale St. Peter, Bingfield St. Mary, Carrshields or High West Allen, Hexham, Ninebanks or Low West Allen, St. John Lee, St. Oswald in Lee and Whitley Chapel. Wills etc. relating to testators in this area would be proved at York up to 1837 and thereafter (1837-1857) at Durham.

b) The Northumberland parish of Thockrington, which was an 'ecclesiastical peculiar' of a York prebend.

c) The Will of a person dying with bona notabilia, i.e. goods, debts etc. worth over £5.00, in both Durham Diocese and also elsewhere in the Province of York would be proved at York. The is likely to be particularly relevant in the southern parts of County Durham, adjoining Yorkshire and near the Hexham area.

d) The Will of a person dying with bona notabilia in both Durham Diocese and in the southern part of England i.e. within the Province of Canterbury would be proved in the Prerogative Court at Canterbury (P.C.C.). This Court also had jurisdiction over the whole of England and Wales during the Commonwealth period 1650-1660.

Pre-1837 "York Wills", relating to Durham or Northumberland under a), b) or c) above would be proved either in the Prerogative Court at York or at the Dean and Chapter Court there. The surviving Probate documents for these Courts are held by University of York, Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St. Anthony's Hall, York YO1 2PW. (Telephone 0904 642315.) Prior to 1630, Wills generally survive only in the Probate Registers i.e. the Wills themselves no longer exist.

There are printed indexes of Probates granted in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts at York up to 1688. These are in the Record Series volumes published by Yorkshire Archaeological Society, volumes 4, 6, 11, 14, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28, 32, 35, 49, 60, 68 and 89 for the regular Wills and volumes 38, 73 and 93 for the Dean and Chapter Wills. It is generally thought that few Hexhamshire Wills survive for this period.

For the period 1688 to 1731, there are typescript indexes at York (which are also available through Mormon Family History Centres). Also at York, there is a series of manuscript lists from 1732, which are arranged month by month and grouped by the initial letter of the surname.

The indexes mentioned in the previous two paragraphs list all of the Wills proved at York, but there is an index, for the period 1688 to 1799, which attempts to identify and list all the Wills at York which relate to Hexham and Hexhamshire, so far as these Wills can be identified from the place names shown in the York indexes. This is in manuscript and was compiled by our late member, Dr. Kenneth Mitchell. A copy is held by Newcastle Central Library and this Society has arranged for it be microfiched and it is now available for sale to members (see page 84).

Volume 60 of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society Record Series is an index to the names mentioned in a Probate Act book for Hexham and Hexhamshire which exists for 1593 to 1602.

Allendale Mss in Northumberland Record Office - references NRO 672/77/1 to NRO 672/77/7 - includes original Wills of 147 people mainly with Hexhamshire addresses but also a few others, from the period 1728 to 1838. A list is given on pages 81 and 82.

N.D.F.H.S Journal Volume 6, Number 2 (January 1981) has an article by D.W. Smith entitled 'A Most Peculiar Peculiar' which deals with Hexhamshire Wills and in particular it lists Wills in a collection of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle which is now at Northumberland Record Office reference NRO M15 B34. Entitled *Hexhamshire Testamente Registrare*, it covers Wills from 1694 to 1707, and is possibly a compilation of a slightly later date.

H.M. Wood's transcripts in two volumes, with a separate index, of J. Raine's *Testamenta Eboracensis* is at Newcastle Central Library. This covers Wills of Northumberland and Durham people proved at York for years to about 1783 but it is an incomplete listing, with some entire Wills transcribed but for others only a skeleton outline is given.

There are selected extracts of some York Wills 14th to 16th centuries in Volumes 4, 30, 45 and 53 of Surtees Society publications.

Photocopies of Wills etc. proved at York can be ordered from the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, St. Anthony's Hall, York YO1 2PW. (Telephone 0904 642315.) Prior to 1630, Wills generally survive only in the probate registers and can be copied only by photography (charged in March 1994 at £5.50 per photograph). After 1630, there is a standard charge of £2.00 for photocopies of each probate bundle (including Will, Inventory etc.) regardless of the number of pages to be copied. Up to date charges are contained in a free leaflet available from the Institute. You should not send any money with your original request.

'Canterbury' Wills - Wills proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (P.C.C.) are at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR. (Telephone 081 876 3444.) Indexes covering the period 1383 to 1700 have been printed in various volumes of the Index Library, published by the British Record Society. The Society of Genealogists is in the process of publishing a series of volumes indexing P.C.C. Wills from 1750.

The Prerogative Court of Canterbury had sole jurisdiction over Probate matters during the Commonwealth period and Gateshead Library has an *Index of Commonwealth Wills, Durham and Northumberland (and some Yorkshire)* which is in a pencilled Mss, compiled early this century by Mrs. C.E.B. Trentham.

Abstracts of the Probate Acts in the P.C.C. is a series 'Year Books of Probates' edited by John and G.F. Matthews. Four volumes of Commonwealth Probates were published between about 1910 and 1927. Some of the volumes have a place index, which shows several Northumberland or Durham testators. The lists are in alphabetical order but it is not clear whether it is a complete list or merely, as the title would appear to indicate, a selection. Copies are in Newcastle Central Library (929.3 indexed under Canterbury Prerogative Court).

INDEX OF YORK WILLS PROBABLY RELATING TO HEXHAM AND HEXHAMSHIRE

A New N.D.F.H.S. Microfiche Publication

Our late member Dr. Kenneth Mitchell was a prolific transcriber and indexer of genealogically valuable material relating to the Hexham area and Tynedale.

One of his manuscript indexes lists the Wills of Hexham/Hexhamshire people which he identified from the complete indexes of Wills proved at York and held by the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research there.

Dr. Mitchell's index covers the years 1688 to 1799 and is prefaced by his own warning - "The list is one I found worth making for my own use; I have attempted to search out from the 1688-1731 index, and from the calendars 1732-1799, entries referring clearly or possibly to Hexhamshire, my net growing wider as the work neared completion. This is a matter of accepting entries recognised as clearly local, rejecting others clearly not local and cannot be regarded as likely to be complete, nor can every entry be guaranteed as local. Acomb, for example, may be the village near Hexham or the suburb of York City - in this case, lacking any indicator such as 'N'd' or 'S John Lee', one gambles on the name of the deceased, or indicates doubt by '?'."

A bound copy of Dr. Mitchell's index has been available for some time at Newcastle Central Library.

This Society has now produced a microfiche edition (two fiche) which is available from Mr. K. Dalkin, 12 St. Aidan's Crescent, Crossgate Moor, Durham DH1 4AP. Price £1.50 including postage in U.K., £1.70 overseas.

WILLS IN SHARPE MSS AT DURHAM

Dr. D.W. Burdon, 186 Rosemary Hill Road, Sutton Coldfield B74 4HP writes:-

In connection with the present series on Wills, you might note that Sharpe Mss 31 to 37 contain Wills, with an index in Volume 37 and that Volumes 38 to 40 contain Wills relating to the Darlington neighbourhood resulting from the practice of George Allen. Raine Ms 40 also contains Wills and inventories.

Editor's Note: The Sharpe Mss are in the Dean and Chapter Library in Durham Cathedral. Dr. Burdon also draws attention to Volumes 60, 64, 65, 66, 70, 74 and 75 which contain Monumental Inscriptions collected by Sir Cuthbert Sharpe who died in 1849 and which include many inscriptions no longer in existence. It is hoped that the Society will, in the near future be in a position to publish some of these.

"MISSING" NEWCASTLE MARRIAGES?

The microfilm copy of marriages at Newcastle St. John's Church which is held by Northumberland County Record Office is (or was until recently) defective in that pages 284 to 291 inclusive of the original parish register have for some reason not been filmed, covering the period 2 March to 10 April 1825.

Here are the "missing" marriages, taken from the Register itself. Unless stated otherwise, in each case the bride and groom were both "of this parish", and the marriage was "by banns".

2 March	TODD, Mitchell	LUCAS, Ann
5 March	LOWES, Thomas	JOBSON, Margaret
6 March	ORMISTON, James	HUME, Isabella
6 March	HURST, William	LIDDLE, Barbara
6 March	BURLISON, John	TULLY, Margery
7 March	HARRISON, John (All Saints)	WHITFIELD, Jane Margaret (by licence)
7 March	COALMAN, David	MORROW, Elizabeth
13 March	GIBSON, Thomas	HUDSON, Mary
14 March	SHEVILL, Edward David	DRYDEN, Ann
14 March	WHITTAKER, Thomas	CAMERON, Barbara
15 March	SMITH, John	RONTREE, Margaret
20 March	CROW, John	HANDLING, Margaret
21 March	HOLMS, John	HALL, Ann
26 March	LIDDLE, William	KNOX, Jane
27 March	HENDERSON, Thomas	VAREY, Jane
27 March	TURPIN, John	RAMSEY, Margaret
28 March	SOULSBY, Edward	CLISH, Frances
3 April	HERBERT, Henry	TOWNS, Elizabeth
4 April	FIFE, William	BAINBRIDGE, Emily (alias Emily Fife)
4 April	HALL, John	THOMPSON, Alice
4 April	MILLER, David	STORY, Mary
6 April	FARRAGE, William	WATSON, Isabella
8 April	LEE, George	PEEL, Mary Ann
10 April	GRAY, William	WAGGOTT, Margaret

Thank you to Mr. George Bell for this information.

CONSISTORY COURT PAPERS

The Society recently published *Personal Names in Wills at Durham 1787-1791*, and it was advertised for sale in the last *Journal*. The following Wills which were mentioned in the book were also the subject of Proceedings in the Consistory Court of Durham i.e. disputed Wills and other testamentary matters. The relevant Cause Papers are held by Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections, 5 The College, Durham in boxes Consist P11 and Consist P12, abbreviated to CP11 and CP12 in the list below. These papers vary in size and content and usually show the date of death of the testator (as shown below).

The "Will No." is a reference to the number in the *Personal Names* volume and is NOT a reference used by Durham University Library.

Will No.	Testator	Date of Death	Reference
500	Henry Brown	5 November 1788	CP12
20	John Burrell	5 April 1778	CP11
349	William Commin	29 November 1788	CP11
191	John Cook	24 August 1787	CP11
516	Jane Crawford	---	CP12
373	Joseph Gilhespy	18 September 1788	CP12
563	Jonathan Kidd	8 March 1790	CP12
808	John Story	July 1790	CP12

REGIMENTAL DESCRIPTION BOOKS

Captain Erik A. Gray

A large number of regimental description books are held in the old War Office collection of records at the Public Record Office at Kew, but the holdings (in the classes WO25, WO54 and WO67) are patchy and incomplete. Family historians tend to overlook the fact that what once existed may not have survived the passage of years, and this is certainly true of this particular collection, which should be approached with an open mind. Books exist only for certain regiments over particular spans, of which most relate to the Napoleonic Wars, although a few contain entries from earlier and later periods.

In Napoleonic and earlier times, when the British Army was an unrefined institution, which imposed cruel punishments on defaulting soldiers, description books served two very useful purposes. First, they enabled details of each soldier's service to be placed on record. Second, and certainly more important, they enabled a man's description to be posted up at hostelrys and circulated to local officials if he deserted.

Desertions then were by no means uncommon. Some men even became "professional deserters". For example, in *"Gone for a Soldier"* (ISBN 0 304 322431) Victor Neuberg tells us that, according to Clarke's *The History and Topography of Ipswich*, a RICHARD KEDGSON was hanged at Rushmore, near Ipswich, after confessing that he had enlisted forty-nine times into different regiments in England, Scotland and Ireland, deserting from each only to enlist into another. In so doing, he had received nearly 400 guineas in bounty money; and, of course, the King's Shilling forty-nine times.

If apprehended, perhaps having been denounced by an inn-keeper, the soldier who had been foolish enough to desert, was usually flogged by the regimental drummers in front of the regiment as a lesson to all. Such punishments were often accompanied by a term of hard labour. Persistent deserters, or those who deserted on campaign, were either hanged or sentenced to transportation to the Colonies for life or a shorter period.

Recently, I was browsing through the fading manuscript entries in a dusty description book for the years 1814-1816 of the 42nd (Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot. You perhaps know the regiment better as The Black Watch. Those of the book's entries which were legible provided a wealth of information: one in particular caught my eye. It concerned Private DUNCAN MCGREGOR, who was recorded as 41 years of age and to have been born at Callendar, Perthshire, a Taylor by trade, who enlisted in the 42nd Foot on 16 August 1811, having previously served for 17 years and eight months in the Bredalbane Fencibles.

Apart from those details, which would have been vital, interesting and exciting, for anyone seeking them, the entry gave an excellent personal description of this old Highland soldier. There cannot be many of us who have any idea of what our early forbears looked like. Duncan McGregor's description ran to the following:-

Make or form	Stout
Head	Round
Face	Round
Eyes	Grey
Eyebrows	Black
Nose	Large
Mouth	Small
Neck	Short
Hair	Black
Shoulders	Broad
Arms	Thick
Hands	Small
Thighs	Thick
Legs	Short
Feet	Large
Height	5' 5¼"

Not all description books go as far as this one did; but most yield ages and birthplaces and give soldiers' heights, colour of hair, eyes and complexion. Ages must, of course, always be treated with caution, because young lads seeking to enlist often added to their real ages by a year or two, in order to make themselves 18. They did so because that was the minimum age for enlistment for man service and men's pay was a few pennies more than boys. While the minimum age for enlistment for boy service was 15, many boys were taken younger. Some boy drummers were as young as 10; those of such tender years probably possessed fathers or older brothers in the regiment.

Soldiers' descriptions, including ages and birthplaces, may be found in many places. Principal sources are the large collections of attestation and discharge documents (WO97) and the admission to out-pension registers of the Chelsea Hospital (WO116 and WO117). The smaller collections include certificates of service of Kilmainham Hospital pensioners (WO119 via WO118), and similar certificates for Chelsea out-pensioners (WO121).

At certain periods, mostly after c.1830, soldiers' ages and heights may also be found in the recruits' section of muster returns (WO12); while birthplaces and trades at enlistment may also appear in musters in the return of men having become non-effective, i.e. by discharge, desertion or death.

THE HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY AND THE FOOT GUARDS

Captain Erik A. Gray

This little piece may be of help or interest to anyone who had a forbear who served in the Household Cavalry or the Foot Guards before 1900. It may be helpful first to define those two great institutions of the British Army.

Until the regimental amalgamations of recent times, the Household Cavalry comprised the 1st and 2nd Regiments of Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards; while, prior to 1900, the Foot Guards consisted of the Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards. The Irish Guards were raised in 1900 and the Welsh Guards in 1915. The advice that follows does not apply to them.

The three ancient regiments had earlier been known as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Foot Guards. Although second in precedence after the Grenadiers, the Coldstream Guards, whose Latin motto is 'Nulli Secundus' ('Second to None'), have always used the Coldstream title, having been raised in the little village of that name in the Borders country in 1650 during the English Civil War. The regiment is, in fact, older than the British Army, which was not created until 1660, when King Charles II returned from exile to resume the throne. The Coldstream Guards are therefore older than the Grenadier Guards, hence their forceful motto to make the point.

Pre-1913 records of all regiments and their soldiers, including those of the Household Cavalry regiments and the Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards, are kept at the Public Record Office at Kew. What is not to be generally known, however, is that, exceptionally, all these regiments possess some very good records of soldiers' service of their own. These may be helpful to anyone who is distanced from Kew, because, in return for a modest fee, the regiments are prepared to consult their sources and provide information to any member of the public.

In respect of ancestors who served in either the 1st or 2nd Life Guards or the Royal Horse Guards, enquiries should be made of the Curator, Household Cavalry Museum, Combermere Barracks, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3DN. Anyone with a forbear who soldiered in the Foot Guards should write to the Regimental Adjutant, R.H.Q. Grenadier, Coldstream or Scots Guards, as appropriate, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ. For obvious reasons, enquiries should be kept short and to the point, and full names and, if possible, the approximate span of the ancestor's service should be given. A self addressed envelope should accompany your enquiry or a couple of International Reply Coupons if you live overseas. Do please remember the same applies should you wish to make any enquiry of me.

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ROBERT TOWNS

Mr. P.T. Reed, 7 Villa McAuley, Box 229 Castletown P.O., Townsville, Queensland 4812 Australia writes:-

I wonder if any member can tell me anything of the social background (farming? clerical? professional?) of Robert Towns born December 1794 at Kirkharle?

He was a shipmaster who settled in Sydney, married well and became a rich man and member of the Legislative Council. He is best known as the originator of "blackbirding", (the recruiting of South Sea islanders as canefield labourers) and gave his name to the city of Townsville (1864) in north Queensland.

CONSTABULARY MATTERS

Durham Police Forces

by T.A. Sergeant

My great grandfather hanged himself. He was a policeman.

Now you'd be quite wrong to think that the two facts - hanging himself and being a policeman - were connected in any way. In fact, he died long after he left the Police Force.

All I had on my suicidal great-grandpa's police career was the "job description" as a "Borough Police Officer" on the birth certificate of a daughter born in South Shields in 1860 and the entry "Police" on the 1861 Census there.

I did want to know more about that police career. The Editor confirmed that no articles on the topic had appeared in the *N.D.F.H.S. Journal*. So, thought I, should I research it and tell our readers all about it? So I did and now you are stuck with that, rather than with the tale of why great grandpa, ex-policeman, found it necessary to end his own life. That, as they say, is another story. So "Police Records in County Durham" it is. Here goes!

Obviously, the records of various Courts, Quarter Sessions, press reports and many other archives might mention an individual police officer but it was the personnel records of the various forces I wanted to know about, hoping thereby to uncover more about great grandpa and his service.

I found that the surviving records are patchy. They exist from some Police forces but not for others. Another snag is that the personnel records now held by local Record Offices are "closed for 100 years". So, in general, you'll only be able to look at those covering periods prior to 1894 - and you could be thwarted, too, if the particular record you want covers, say, the period from 1886 to 1903. You'll have to wait until next century for that one.

Police forces as we know them were a 19th century invention, usually established in the 1830's or 1840's. Durham County Constabulary was created in 1839 and there were various independent forces in County Durham - at Durham City (not absorbed into the County Force until 1921), at Hartlepool (absorbed 1947), at Sunderland (1967), at Gateshead (1968) and at South Shields (1968). Some large towns - Darlington, Jarrow, Stockton, West Hartlepool - never had their own forces. The County force had the responsibility there.

Durham County Record Office has some **Durham County Constabulary** records i.e. those relating to the "County" areas. You can look at the General Order Books (references CCP 1/1-4) from 1849 to 1891. They will tell you what rules and regulations the Chief Constable was issuing to his men - the "standing orders" of the time. But apart from these regulations, the volumes relate solely to personnel affairs and they are very handy indeed for our purposes. You won't find ages, places of birth, addresses of recruits - which, as we shall see, are available for other forces - but once enrolled, it ought to be possible to follow a man's complete career, at least until the "closed for 100 years" rule starts to bite. There are details of movements from one police station to another as a career progressed, details of promotions, some glimpses of pay levels and notes of misdemeanours, and worse, resulting in cautions, fines, downgrading and even dismissal from the force.

The first book (CCP 1/1) begins with an order dated 3 January 1849 - "No member of the Durham County Constabulary to be allowed to marry without first obtaining the consent of the Chief Constable to do so, and any one who shall transgress this order will be dismissed the Service". Clearly, the newly appointed Chief, Lt. Colonel George Francis White, a veteran of the Sikh Wars of 1845/46, and Durham's second Chief Constable, appointed on 7 November 1848, felt the need, very early in his new job, to tighten up.

Not long after, he was "determined to put a stop to drunkenness and debt which, he has reason to believe lead to most of the irregularities that are brought to his notice, and" - the ultimate sanction - "must end in dismissal".

P.C. Alexander Purvis was an early sufferer under the new chief. He was presumably recruited before the surviving record begins in 1849 but in October 1850 he was "found guilty of drunkenness and frequenting a public house at Gainford, reduced to 2nd class, this being the third offence of drunkenness recorded against him". The Chief Constable used the misdeeds of the unfortunate P.C. Purvis to remind his men "that if they cannot exercise sufficient command over themselves to refrain from such which must quite unfit them for the office of Police Constable they had much better resign the Service than put him, the Chief Constable, to the painful exercise of his duty in dismissing them from the force, which must be disastrous to their future prospects."

In December 1850 we find P.C. Purvis, "No. 60, Stockton, dismissed for absenting himself . . . without leave and for appropriating £2-18-6 for a fine and costs to his own use". So ended an inglorious police career.

I decided to follow one Matthew Farbridge, "(Recruit) No. 38", posted to Wickham in March 1851. He was moved to Tanfield, to Coundon, to Darlington, to Haverton Hill, to Hartlepool, to Bishop Auckland, to Gainford, to Annfield Plain, to Leadgate, to Consett, to Stockton . . . and you can follow our ubiquitous policeman on his

promotion to 2nd Class Constable at 17/- per week in 1852, to 1st Class Constable in 1853, to Sergeant in 1859. He had his human frailties, though, and in 1853, he was fined 5/- and severely reprimanded for disobedience of a Magistrate's order and other "highly irregular conduct". In 1854, another 5/- fine was levied at Hartlepool for his "being in a state of intoxication". Another offence, costing him 2s/6d, whilst at Tanfield, was "going to Newcastle in plain clothes without leave from his superintendent". Not until 1901 were constables, when off duty, allowed to wear "civvies".

Farbridge's later career, unhindered by his early indiscretions, saw him promoted to Inspector, and finally, in 1872 to Superintendent. He retired on a pension, doubtless well earned, in March 1889.

As can be seen, Farbridge's career was quite easily followed through the records. Tracing the progress of a policeman of Durham County will become even easier when an alphabetical index to these Order Books, currently being compiled by the County Record Office, is completed.

Durham County was a relatively large force, increased to a strength of 181 men by 1857. By contrast, the separate **Durham City** force was quite small, less than 20 men. Its records are also at Durham County Record Office. The earliest which survive, apart from Charge Books 1857-1865 (Du 1/59/4-6) are the Duty Books from May 1860 to January 1871 (Du 1/59/111-115). These are daily records of the hours worked by each man, listed under police numbers rather than name, but if you can obtain his number, you should be able to find your ancestor's work load and perhaps something of what he did for every day. There is a general order book (Du 1/59/3) for 1871 to 1884 giving information parallel to that for the County Force, outlined earlier - disciplinary moves, punishments, promotions, and some details of special duties. On 15 April 1876 Durham Races were taking place. "The whole of the available force" were to parade daily at 12.30 "in dress coats and white gloves" and "P.C. 5. Thomas Coldwell will patrol Bath Lane and back and front of Old Elvet and will see that no Gamblers commence with Tables or Stalls so as to obstruct the free passage of the Public."

The lack of detailed personnel records for the first years of the force's existence is disappointing, but there are full weekly pay lists, in a standard form, for every week from 1883 to 1897, bearing the signature of every officer as he signed for his wages. I examined the list for the period 20-26 March 1884. Head Constable John Smith received £2-17-8 for his weeks efforts, sergeants Mark Lawson, Skelton, Pearson, Wm. S. Arnold and Joseph Causfield each received £1-13-6, Merit P.C.'s James Houlds and Alick Mason were paid £1-9-0, P.C.'s 1st Class Jewitt Purvis, John Jas Lewis, Thomas Turnbull, John Grosert, Wm. Mabon, Richard Brown and John Logan earned £1-7-6 each, 2nd Class, P.C. Alfred Hall got £1-5-6 and the only 3rd Class P.C., John Reid, earned £1-4-0. In addition, each of the 15 men in the force, including the Head Constable, received 6d per week Boot Money.

You will need to go to Tyne and Wear Archives Service at Blandford House in Newcastle if your quarry was a member of the Gateshead or Sunderland Forces.

Number of Each Rank		Rank	On Appointment	after Service	after further	Class	Travelling and
Senior	Including		" Promotion	" 3 years	service of 4 years	" Merit	House Allowance
1	1	Chief Constable	£250 per Ann ^m	-	-	-	£100 per Ann ^m
1	1	Super ^r & Chief Clerk	£120	£125 per Ann ^m	£130 per Ann ^m	-	£40
4	4	Super ^r 1 st Class	£100	£110	£115	-	£40
1	3	Super ^r 2 nd	£80	£85	£90	-	£40
2	2	Inspector	£65	£70	£75	-	-
19	25	Sergeants	23/- per week	24/- per week	25/- per week	-	-
52	65	Constables 1 st Class	20/-	21/-	22/-	-	-
52	65	do 2 nd	18/-	-	-	1/- per week	-
14	15	do 3 rd	17/-	-	-	-	-

Pay Scales of Durham County Policemen in 1857; reproduced by permission of Durham County Record Office.

The first policemen in **Sunderland** are listed in a sturdy volume at T.W.A.S. headed "Examination of Constables for the Appointments of Police Constables" (ref. 209/640). Despite the heading, this book comprises a list of recruits, there being a separate entry for no less than 644 of them between 1837 and 1865, generally giving them "name, age, height in feet and inches, residence, where born, trade or occupation, married or single, number of children, if ever in the Army, cause of leaving, remarks". Quite a lot of valuable detail here. The first to be named is Sunderland's first Chief Constable, William Brown, aged only 34, born Retford, Notts, a "clerk" prior to joining. Not mentioned is his earlier Police service in London.

Brown's early recruits included 50 year old John Bailes, 5' 9" tall, living in Bishopwearmouth but born across the river in Monkwearmouth, a shoemaker, married with four children and Barnabus Hedley, aged 46, 5' 8" tall, living in Sunderland, born Hedworth, farmer, married with eight children. These two men, and 40 others, were recruited on 11 November 1837, but some did not last long in the force. For example, William Atkinson, a Lamesley-born labourer, was dismissed days later.

Although not "personnel records", mention might be made of early "Charge Books" for Sunderland covering 1837 to 1843 (T.W.A.S. ref. T209/636 to 639) and you will find individual policemen named therein. Typical is an entry of November 1837 when P.C. John Haslehurst (age 25 and born Stockton, and previously a nailmaker) entered a charge against one William Harrison of Sunderland for "fighting in the Low Street". In the too brief Victorian period from 1837 to 1843 you ought not to have any problem in discovering the "customers" of your Sunderland "bobby".

Other 19th century Sunderland personnel records, and indeed other charge books, do not apparently survive, no more being listed until a series commencing in 1939, which of course are "closed".

Gateshead's early policeman can be located in T.W.A.S. ref. T 144/2, a volume covering 1842 to 1874 and described as a "record of recruits, giving details of ages, heights, places of birth, trade or calling, marital status, number of children, previous employment, reason for leaving the force" - much the same detail as in the corresponding Sunderland volumes mentioned earlier.

An early Gateshead Constable was George Mole, sworn in during 1864, aged 26, six feet tall with a fresh complexion. He had been born in Whittingham, Northumberland, could both read and write, lived at Mount Pleasant and had been employed by William Gibson, a mason, of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

In 1872, one Nils Lundgren, aged 22, a musician born in Helsingborg, Sweden was recruited. What was he doing in a Tyneside Police Force?

Two later volumes T144/3 and T144/4, covering 1842 to 1905 and 1906 to 1968 and an Attestation Book with names and addresses, and dates of swearing-in, covering the entire life of the separate Gateshead Force from 1836 to 1968 (ref. T144/1) are also held at T.W.A.S.

What about the **Hartlepool** Force? Well, Cleveland Archives tell me that they hold no personnel records - and nor does Durham Record Office.

What about my policeman great grandfather, the one who hanged himself? Ah! Yes! Presumably, he was a member of the **South Shields** Force, established in the 1830's. Here we encounter one of the first principles of genealogy! "You will find all relevant records - except the very ones in which your own ancestor appears." Tyne and Wear Archives Service hold no early 19th century records for the South Shields Constabulary. If anyone out there happens to know where they are, one frustrated article writer would be delighted to know! Then I might be able to discover a little more about the life of a 51 year old widower. I already know about his death. He was found, hanging, by his son when the boy returned home from an evening at chapel. I knew that boy. He was my mother's uncle and he died in the 1960's, an old man with a nervous twitch of the eye caused, so I was later told, by the shock of discovering his father with a noose round his neck.

By the way, I don't suppose you know where the Newcastle Coroner's Records for 1882 can be found?

If you are interested in police history in general, you might like to know about the Police History Society. Membership costs £8 - write to Mr. Richard Cowley, Membership Secretary, 12 Mallard Close, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants NN14 4TQ. The Society holds an Annual Conference and publishes an Annual Journal and a Newsletter three times a year. It does NOT hold records from police force files and so cannot help with enquiries about specific officers.

There are a few publications dealing specifically with local police forces. For Durham County, *Durham Police; A Short History; An Insight into the Formative Years of Durham Constabulary* by A.S. Watson is a 14 page booklet of background information and there is the much fuller *Policing the Land of the Prince Bishops; The History of Durham County Constabulary 1840-1990* by A.S. Watson and D. Harrison, 1990 (ISBN 1-872902-00-6). The Gateshead Force is covered by P.D. Gatiss, *The History of the County Borough of Gateshead Police, 1969* and for Sunderland there is *Back on the Borough Beat; A Brief Illustrated History of the Sunderland Borough Police* by John Yearnshire 1987, which has a particularly good selection of photographs.

There is a useful article *The Policeman* in *Family Tree Magazine*, October 1990 which covers general background and lists the records of the Metropolitan Police.

The author has promised to try to cover police forces in Newcastle and Northumberland in the next issue of the *Journal*.

WANTED - BY WINNIPEG POLICE!

John Beattie's relatives are wanted by Winnipeg Police!

John emigrated to Canada probably in late 1910 or early 1911 and joined Winnipeg Police, probably in February or March 1911.

As a police constable, John was electrocuted in a building damaged by fire and he died on 13 April 1911.

He was a bachelor, and a telegram was sent to his mother in Newcastle, advising of his death.

No details of her name or address are known.

Constable Beattie was the first of eight Winnipeg policemen to die on duty and a plaque to their memory is being unveiled in Winnipeg later this year.

The Police Department are anxious to trace any known relatives, however distant. If you can help, contact Constable Milligan, c/o Winnipeg Police, Box 1680, Winnipeg, R3G 2Z7, Canada. (Telephone: 204-9866094.)

LLOYDS REGISTER - AN INDEX

Members interested in nautical matters will recall the article entitled *Lloyds Marine Records and Genealogy* by Peter Hull which appeared in the *Spring Journal* and that the author mentioned an index he had compiled of over 600 Sunderland vessels, and of their masters, extracted from *Lloyds Register*.

The main difficulty in using *Lloyds Registers*, from the view point of a genealogical searcher, is that although they list all the vessels in alphabetical order, there is no similar alphabetical list of the masters who appear against the name of each ship, so that trying to discover on which ship an ancestor sailed can be a very time consuming task, given that for example the 1851 *Lloyds Register* listed over 11,000 vessels!

We have now been told of a way round this for certain years. The Society of Australian Genealogists has a *Captains Index* - a consolidated alphabetical index, on some 60,000 cards of all the masters mentioned in the *Lloyds Registers* for the years 1834, 1836, 1848 and 1852. This was compiled some years ago by volunteers, and is in the overseas library of the society in Sydney. One of our members, Mrs. Janet Robinson, 34 Hampden Avenue, Wahroonga N.S.W. 2076, Australia will be happy to look up this index on behalf of other N.D.F.H.S. members. She will reply by airmail and asks only that (if you live in the U.K.) you send her a British 41p stamp which she can then use in connection with her own enquiries to the U.K. Thank you, Mrs. Robinson, for the offer.

STANWIX OF DURHAM

by M. Dunn

An article by Mrs. Margaret McEwen-King in the Summer 1992 *Journal* prompts me to record how I found some of my own distant cousins through the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society. Like Mrs. McEwen-King I had searched the family history journals for my ancestors over a period of years, but many of them had reasonably common names, such as William Allen who came from "near Birmingham" - and hundreds of William Allens must have begun life in that area. But one branch of my family had what I felt was a fairly uncommon name. However, it was never mentioned in the journals, and as far as I know any history of the *Stanwix* families of Durham has still to be seen in print.

I have only the one family connection with County Durham and that is through my great grandfather *Thomas William Stanwix* (1821-1876). Thomas was born in London, the eldest son of *Peter Stanwix* and his wife *Henrietta Anne*, formerly *Brookes*, who was the daughter of *Lt. Martin Brookes, R.N.* Thomas came to Tasmania in 1845 at government expense having been found guilty of embezzlement at Manchester in 1843. There were six younger Stanwix children - *Francis* (b. 1823), *Frances* (1825), *George Brookes* (1827?), *Jane* (1829?), *Amelia Henrietta* (1831), and *Neville John* (1832). Their father Peter was a wine merchant with business premises at New Burlington Mews, 151 Regent Street, London, and when the two youngest children were baptised the family was living at 14 Avenue Road, near Regents Park.

Most of this information I had discovered by 1985, but the origins of my great great grandfather, Peter Stanwix, completely eluded me. I searched every county in the I.G.I. and the only Peters I found were in County Durham, but I could find no evidence to connect my Peter with the County. In 1989, through a London researcher, I obtained a copy of Peter's Will, which indicated the year of his death (1833), but not the date. After hours of patiently deciphering difficult handwriting from unclear photocopies, reference was found to his "kind and dear relatives at Keverstone". Also mentioned were three mourning rings to be given to his friends "Arthur Stork (Stark?), Drinkwater Meadows and Thomas Freshfield Scarth of Keverstone in the County of Durham, Esquires".

On Stork and Meadows I have drawn a blank, but Thomas Freshfield Scarth became agent for the Duke of Cleveland at Raby Castle, and resided at Keverstone Hall, in the parish of Staindrop. The family of Peter Stanwix occupied the farm house at Keverstone. The two dwellings are situated side-by-side and the property is now known as Keverstone Grange and farmed by the Littlefare family.

But back in 1989 I wondered where was Keverstone? It did not appear in our 1988 *Ordnance Survey Motoring Atlas*, but reference to *Bartholomew's Gazetteer of the British Isles* produced a "Raby with Keverstone" described as being seven miles north-east of Barnard Castle. Phillimore's *Parish Atlas* placed Keverstone about two miles from Cockfield where a Peter Stanwix was baptised in 1790. So it appeared that I may have found my Peter's birthplace, and if so, then the family was traceable through the parish registers back to 1679, but there was still no proof that the Keverstone Stanwix was the same family as the Cockfield Stanwix. However, there was some circumstantial evidence. Along with Peter an Elizabeth Stanwix was baptised in 1790 - the possibility was twins, and my grandmother Frances, granddaughter of Peter, had had twins in 1891. Also, an Amelia Stanwix, age given as three years in the burial register, and possibly the youngest daughter of Peter Stanwix, had been buried in Cockfield in November 1833.

At this stage we decided that we would have to visit Durham and do some serious work at the County Record Office, and I also thought that it was now appropriate to join the N.D.F.H.S. - obviously County Durham was part of my ancestry. But it appeared that none of the members were researching the Stanwix family, so Mr. Ashburner sent me the addresses of six Stanwix's from the Durham telephone directory, and very kindly contacted the Vicar of Cockfield who sent a copy of his own history of the Parish in which there was reference to Stanwix headstones. Perhaps one of them would belong to my Stanwix family!

I wrote to the six Stanwix's and received only one reply - from Edwin Francis Stanwix of Chester-le-Street. He did not think that we were related, which, as it happened, we weren't, but his son lived in Western Australia where Eddie and his wife had visited, so he had replied to my letter as a friendly gesture and invited us to visit when we were in Durham. We finally made the trip and arrived in August 1990. I believe that the hottest ever temperatures were recorded that Summer, and the microfilm reading room at the Durham County Record Office must have been the hottest place in all England! But I should add that the staff were so courteous and helpful in what were extremely trying conditions. In between researching we spent a very pleasant time at Chester-le-Street with the Stanwix's, and later met the Vicar of Cockfield, the Reverend Ian Gomersall, who escorted us to the church-yard to see the Stanwix headstones.

And there was the proof. There are two headstones, one engraved on both sides, on a double grave enclosed by a low iron railing. The first named was Elizabeth Stanwix who died 23 February 1791, aged 27 weeks (so they were twins), followed by her brother Thomas Stanwix (1785-1826) and her father Peter Stanwix (1749-1829), and then came her twin brother, Peter Stanwix "late of Regents Park, London, son of the above Peter Stanwix, died 20 June 1833". Immediately after this entry the stone has flaked away, but part of the age of the next burial was still discernible - Aged two . . . This must have been little Amelia Henrietta, who would have been two years and 10 months when she died in November 1833. So I really had found my Stanwix family.

On returning home I continued to correspond with Eddie and Jean Stanwix, and in December that year I received a bulky envelope from them which proved to contain the best Christmas present of all (with apologies to my family - but they agree!). It was a copy of five closely typed pages containing extracts of letters between a London researcher and Mrs. Maurine Ingalls of Lawrence, Kansas, U.S.A. It was a mine of information and included, among other things, a record of the marriage of George Brookes Stanwix, a younger brother of my great grandfather Thomas, and the dates of birth and death of his nine children. This document had belonged to Eddie's cousin, whose daughter had sent it to another cousin who had sent it on to Eddie, who forwarded a copy to me. But it was dated 1964! Mrs. Ingalls had sent copies to those Stanwix's she could trace in England hoping to find some information about her great grandfather, Peter Stanwix, but after nearly 27 years I held little hope of finding Mrs. Ingalls.

Here I was with all this information about my Stanwix family, but what chance had I of passing it on to the newly discovered American branch of the family? My first thought was Telecom Directory Inquiries, who informed me that there was no longer a Mrs. Ingalls living at the address given in Lawrence, Kansas. In fact there was not a single Ingalls listed - but through one of those twists of fate I was able to talk to the operator in Lawrence who, in answer to the next query, said that there were six entries in the directory under Stanwix. She couldn't give me their addresses (it is against the rule!), so I wrote to the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Lawrence, told them my story and pleaded for a photocopy of the page of the directory listing the Stanwix addresses. Several weeks later an envelope arrived containing not a photocopy, but the page torn out of a phone book! There was no covering letter - just the torn out page.

So once again I wrote to six Stanwix's, and this time I was not at all hopeful, especially when one letter was "returned to sender, not known at this address!". Then on 23 March 1991 I received a reply, not from a Stanwix, but from Mrs. Ingalls herself. Maurine is the eldest of four daughters of George's youngest child, and she was delighted to know that after all those years someone "out there" could give her some information about her great grandfather and his ancestors, and I was just as thrilled to know about her branch of the family. Of course she had never heard of my great grandfather Thomas, although she has letters written to her grandfather George by Jane and Neville in which they referred to other members of the family. But my Thomas was the "black sheep", and as such I daresay his name was never mentioned by the family. But he "made good" - becoming Superintendent of Police and Council Clerk of the Municipality of Green Ponds here in Tasmania.

Although I have been able to discover so much there is still more to learn about Thomas's family. His sister *Frances Stanwix* (1825-1875) married *George Avery Fletcher* (c. 1828-1876) of Derbyshire, at Manchester in 1853. George was an engineer and surveyor and became the first Town Clerk of Bendigo in Victoria, Australia, a position he held for over twenty years. They had four children, all born in Victoria, and both Frances and George are buried in Bendigo along with Frances' mother Henrietta Anne, who died in 1862.

George Brookes Stanwix married *Celinda Houser* at Concord, Wisconsin, in 1856 and they had nine children. After the fourth child was born they moved to Lawrence in Kansas and their descendants still live in and around Lawrence. *Jane and Neville Stanwix* travelled to Australia in 1853 with their mother Henrietta Anne, and Frances and George Fletcher. They sailed out of Liverpool on the *Falcon* as First Class cabin passengers - in such different circumstances to their brother who had endured the journey eight years earlier as a convict. But then he did deserve it - as the Millbank Prison record states he was "living at the rate of £500 with a mistress and a carriage", while receiving a salary of £250. Such extravagance had to be funded by someone, and unfortunately it happened to be his employer - and Thomas was only 22! Within two months of his arrival in Tasmania he was courting *Davinia Campbell McDougall Wishart*, the wealthy widow of whaling master *Henry Wishart*. He eventually married Davinia, and after her death married my great grandmother Sarah Phillips. Dear Thomas, bless him, seemed to have had an eye for main chance!

After working on the gold diggings and in Melbourne for several years Neville returned to England, and in 1861 was living on the 200 acre farm at Keverstone with his uncles John and George Stanwix. By 1871 Jane had returned to England and settled at Keverstone with the two middle Fletcher children - Alice and Avery Forrester John Fletcher. Their youngest sister, Jane Sophia Diana Aston Fletcher (known as Daisy) sailed from Melbourne for England on the *Durham* on 13 October 1875, and went to Chesterfield in Derbyshire, presumably to her father's family. The farm at Keverstone was disposed of in 1881 about 12 months after uncle John's death, and Jane and Neville returned to London to live. Jane is said to have married in 1881 or 1882, but Neville's eventual marital status is unknown, although he was still single in 1881. Jane's death date is at present unknown, but Neville died in or near East Preston in 1919. Francis Stanwix, the second eldest son of Peter Stanwix remains a problem. He was born in 1823 and was still living when Thomas came to Tasmania in 1845, but beyond that nothing more is known.

So to anyone who is cogitating joining the N.D.F.H.S., my recommendation is go ahead and do it. It only takes one person out there - either to recognise your problem ancestors, or, as in my case, to be willing to show friendship, and a whole new world has opened up to you.

Oh yes, I must add in conclusion that we had visited the U.K. in 1988 and rented a car. On our travels we came to Cockfield and stopped briefly. I took a photograph of St. Mary's Church, but decided against a close look at the headstones - I didn't want to become too attached to the Cockfield Stanwix's and then find that they didn't belong to me at all. But the proof was there all the time as I was to discover two years later - "Peter Stanwix late of Regents Park, London" - that taught me a lesson and I haven't passed a likely churchyard or cemetery since without having a thorough search.

Editor's Note: Mrs Dunn's address is 16 Amanda Crescent, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Australia 7005

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The usual handful of new NDFHS publications, in book form, microfiche or both, are advertised this time.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

New fiche cover Lamesley and Usworth in County Durham and Ford in the far north of Northumberland. Also, all the MI's at Shincliffe, just outside Durham City, have been included on two fiche which include a transcript of the burial register 1828-1930. Thanks to all who have helped and especially to Mrs. M. Johnson for her Shincliffe efforts. Lamesley/Usworth and Ford cost £1.00 each, £1.30 overseas; Shincliffe £1.50 (£1.70) - order from Mr. K. Dalkin.

1851 CENSUS INDEXES

There are two new volumes, both the work of Mr. L Baker and the Society is grateful to him. There is a 132 page volume for Houghton-le-Spring (PRO piece number HO 107/2393) and a 178 page volume for Gateshead (HO 107/2402). Each volume comprises a surname index by family group, giving ages and Census folio numbers. Relationships, occupations and birthplaces are not included but these can easily be found on the Census itself using the indexed folio numbers. Both volumes are available in both book form and as microfiche. Fiche £1.50 each (£1.70 overseas) available from Mr. K. Dalkin. Books from Mrs C. Davison - Gateshead (£4.50 - £5.50 overseas), Houghton (£3.75 - £5.00).

INDEX TO HEXHAMSHIRE WILLS PROVED AT YORK 1688-1799

Described on page 84. Fiche available from Mr. K. Dalkin - £1.50 (£1.70 overseas).

DURHAM QUARTER SESSION & ASSIZE PRISONERS 1861-71

Compiled by Fred and Moira Furness from volumes at Durham County Record Office, this set of six microfiche lists alphabetically all those awaiting trial at either Durham Quarter Sessions or Durham Assizes from 1861 to 1871, with brief details of the alleged crime, the verdict, and the sentence and including names and details, where appropriate, of the 'victims' of crimes. Available price £3.00 (£3.50 overseas) from Mr. K. Dalkin.

WHEN BRITANNIA RULED THE WAVES

The Royal Navy in the 1881 Census - Part II

This is the second and final list of extracts from the Royal Navy part of the Census of 3rd April 1881. The first part appeared in the *Summer Journal*.

The list is of men born in Northumberland or Durham and gives the name of the ship, its type and location, followed by locally born men in the crew, giving name, age, marital condition (U - Unmarried, M - Married), rank or rating, county of birth (DUR - Durham, NTM - Northumberland) and the place of birth. The counties, and spelling of the places, are as shown on the microfiche transcription produced by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints so the responsibility for showing Newcastle as being in County Durham presumably rests with the naval Census enumerator. Blame him, too, for a few peculiar spellings! In the column for rating, a '+' sign indicates that the full Census entry has been abbreviated in the transcript from which the extracts for this article were taken.

The Public Record Office piece numbers for the Royal Navy Census of 1881 are RG 11/5633 to RG 11/5642 inclusive. The Census material is Crown Copyright and is reproduced by permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. The extracts from the microfiche version have been reproduced by kind permission of the Corporation of the President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

An error crept into the article in the previous *Journal*. In the last sentence of the opening paragraph, it was stated that naval shore establishments abroad were listed under the appropriate town or county. It should have said that shore establishments *in the U.K.* were so listed. Apologies to anyone who was misled.

BACCHANTE - 5TH RATE IRON CORVETTE CASED WITH WOOD - DETACHED SQUADRON

SPRATT, George	20U	Able Seaman	NTM	Berwick-on-Tweed
RUSSELL, Thomas	23U	Able Seaman	DUR	Sunderland
WOOD, James	17U	Boy 1st Class	DUR	Gateshead
MILLER, William	17U	Boy 1st Class	NTM	Newcastle
GRAHAM, William	18U	Ordinary 2nd Class	DUR	Sunderland
GRAINGER, John	18U	Ordinary	-	Newcastle upon Tyne

INCONSTANT - 1ST CLASS IRON FRIGATE CASED WITH WOOD - DETACHED SQUADRON

DODDS, John H.	25U	Engine Room Artificer	DUR	Gateshead
REFFERTY, Bernard	23U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland
MUCKLE, Robert	31U	Gunner R.M.A.	NTM	Belford
KERR, Hobart	22U	Private	NTM	Newcastle

GARNET - SCREW CARRETTE - SOUTH EAST COAST OF AMERICA

SPENCE, William	20U	Ordinary	DUR	Hartlepool
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MINOTAUR - FIRST RATE IRONCLAD - CHANNEL

SMITH, James W.	24M	Stoker	NTM	Newcastle
METCALF, John	22U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland
BELL, William	35M	Stoker	NTM	Newcastle
KELLY, John	23U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland
TAYLOR, William	18U	Ordinary	DUR	Sunderland
MARTINDALE, Frederick	17U	Boy 1st Class	NTM	Newcastle
DOUGLAS, John C.	17U	Boy 1st Class	DUR	Jarrow on Tyne
BLACK, William	17U	Boy 1st Class	DUR	Sunderland
HUISTENDAHL, Lars G.	17U	Boy 1st Class	DUR	Sunderland
ROBSON, John	25U	Gunner R.M.A.	DUR	Blaydon on Tyne
PICKERING, Henry	25M	Private R.M.L.	DUR	Stockton on Tees
KENT, James	22U	Leading Seaman	DUR	Sunderland
MORRISON, John	27U	Leading Seaman	BEW	Berwick on Tees

DARING - SLOOP - MEDITERRANEAN ON WAY TO CHINA

LIGHTLY, Jonathan	17U	Boy 1st Class	DUR	Durham
PEARSON, John D.	16U	Boy 1st Class	-	Sunderland

SEAHORSE - SPECIAL SERVICE STEAMER - GENERAL SERVICE

FIELD, Henry	18U	Signalman 3rd Class	NTM	Berwick
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THUNDERER - 1ST CLASS TROOP SHIP - MEDITERRANEAN

FRY, Charles, H.	25U	Stoker	NTM	Tynemouth
WRIGHT, Richard	26U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland
HAILES, William	45M	2nd Captain Main +	DUR	Sunderland

HECTOR - 4TH CLASS TORPEDO DEPOT SHIP - MEDITERRANEAN

BEST, Henry	26M	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland
McMILLIAN, John	19U	A.B.	DUR	Stranton

HIBERNIA - FLAG SHIP - MEDITERRANEAN

FINLAY, Jones	21U	Pte	DUR	Bishop Aulky
McNALLY, John	22U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland

VICTOR EMMANUEL - 1ST CLASS RECOVERY SHIP - HONG KONG CHINA

JONES, Alex	28M	Captain Fore +	NTM	North Shields
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DOTEREL - COMPOSITE SLOOT - PROCEEDING TO THE PACIFIC

BAKER, James	24U	Stoker	-	Newcastle on Tyne
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CONFLICT - SCHOONER - AUSTRALIA

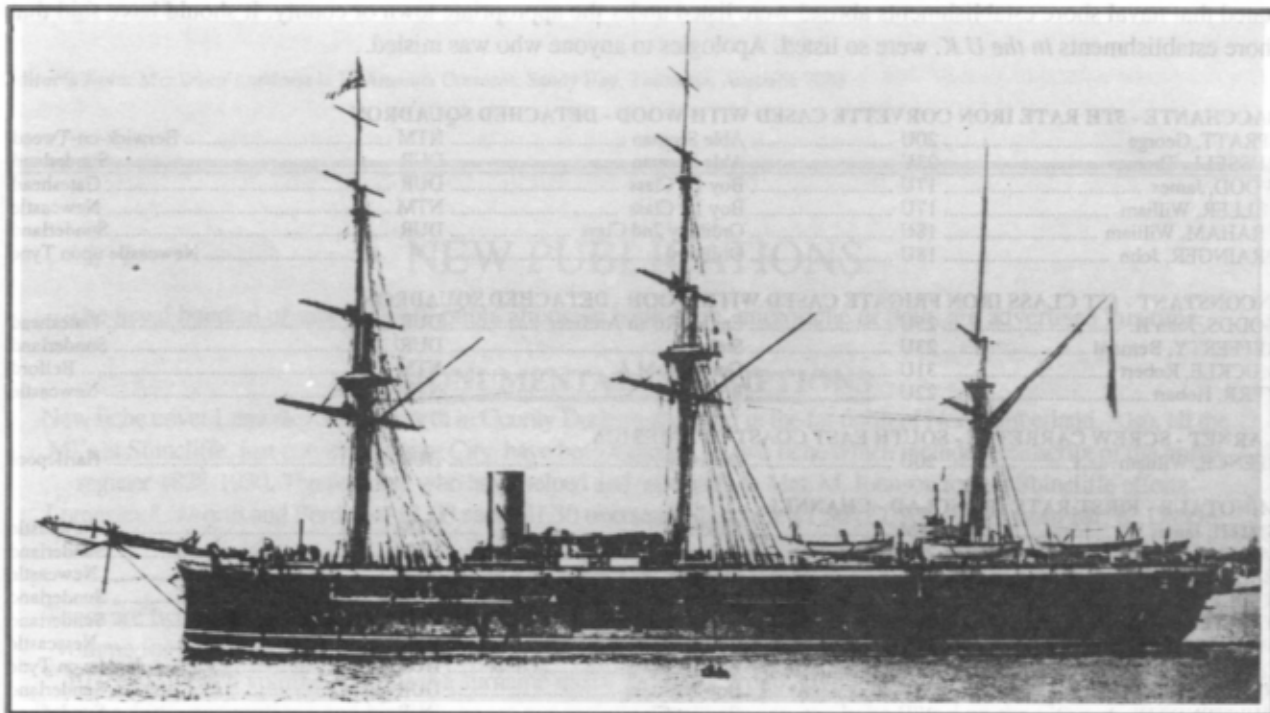
ROUTLEDGE, John	29M	Qr. M.	NTM	Newcastle on Tyne
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NORTHAMPTON - 2ND CLASS ARMOUR PLATED - NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES

McCUE, Stephen	21U	A.B.	DUR	Durham
WOODHEAD, Daniel	28U	Stoker	DUR	Thornley
PEARSON, John	40U	Sk. Shwt. 3rd Class	DUR	Sunderland
WHALEY, Bryan	19U	Ordinary	DUR	South Shields
WALTON, Richard	19U	Ordinary	DUR	Darlington
STEWART, James	18U	B.I. Cl.	DUR	Sunderland
DOBSON, John S.	18U	B.I. Cl.	DUR	Bishopwearmouth
RICHARDSON, Robert S.	25U	Gunner	DUR	Cassop
MILLS, William H.	21U	Ordinary	DUR	Peaham
ANDERSON, John	20U	Ordinary	-	Berwick on Tweed

IRON DUKE - 2ND RATE IRONCLAD FRIGATE - CHINA

ELLIOTT, George	41M	Engineer	DUR	South Shields
BRUMELL, John	19U	Clerk	NTM	Morpeth
PALLISTER, Thomas	25U	Carpt. Crew	DUR	Gateshead
HARDYMAN, Frederick	21U	Carpt. Crew	NTM	Newcastle



H.M.S. *Iron Duke*, which had a handful of local men aboard her on the China station in 1881. She was the first capital ship to use the then recently opened Suez Canal, being taken through in three days by three tugs, after discharging all but 50 tons of her coal. The canal at the time was only 24 feet deep.

CLEOPATRA - STEEL CORVETTE - DETACHED SQUADRON

RYLES, George A.	19U	Ordinary Seaman	NTM	Tynemouth
JONES, George	22U	Stoker	DUR	Sunderland

HELICON - DESPATCH VESSEL - MEDITERRANEAN

MacFARLANE, Robert	20M	Signalman 2C+	DUR	Hartlepool
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SUPERB - 1ST CLASS IRON SCREW SHIP ARMOUR PLATED - MEDITERRANEAN

HALL, Basil W.R.	15U	Midshipman	DUR	Sunderland
BISSETT, George W.	22U	Ordinary Seaman	DUR	Holy Island
MILLS, Edward	22U	Ordinary Seaman	DUR	South Shields
HIGGINS, Jacob	31U	Gunner R.M.A.	NTM	Newcastle upon Tyne
KENNEDY, Frank	22U	Gunner R.M.A.	NTM	Newcastle upon Tyne
McCLARNE, George	26M	Gunner R.M.A.	DUR	Consett
McCLARNE, Robert	23U	Gunner R.M.A.	DUR	Consett

FALCON - GUN VESSEL - MEDITERRANEAN

CORCORAN, Henry 22U W.O. Servant DUR Newcastle

BOADICEA - 3RD CLASS SCREW CORVETTE - CAPE AND WEST COAST OF AFRICA

SHIELD, Henry 17U Boy 1st Class DUR Newcastle
 ROBSON, John S. 26U Able Seaman NTM North Shields
 ROBSON, Thos W. 18U Ordinary Seaman DUR Newcastle
 CROSS, Frederick 20U Ordinary Seaman DUR Sunderland

DIDO - CORVETTE 2ND CLASS - CAPE AND WEST COAST OF AFRICA

JOHNSON, James 44M Leading Stoker DUR Darlington
 GOLDEN, Jno James 19U Ordinary NTM All Saints, Newcastle

IRIS - 4TH CLASS STEEL DESPATCH VESSEL - MEDITERRANEAN

HARRISON, Gilbert E. 29U Lieutenant DUR Hart
 SPENCER, William 48M Shipwright DUR South Shields
 McCANN, Joseph 19U Ordinary - Newcastle on Tyne
 SHIRKEY, James 28U Stoker DUR -
 BAKER, James 24U Ordinary DUR Newcastle

CYGNET - GUN BOAT - MEDITERRANEAN

DONNIEY, John 20U Ordinary Seaman DUR Heworth

MOORHEN - COMPOSITE GUN BOAT - CHINA

CONNER, Henry 26M A.B. Seaman - Berwick on Tweed
 MURLEY, Thomas 22U Private DUR St. Oswalds

MAGPIE - SURVEY VESSEL - CHINA

POLLEY, James 31M Ships Corporal DUR Sunderland

GRIFFON - GUN VESSEL - NORTH AMERICA AND WEST INDIES

JONES, Richard 24M Act. E. Room A+ DUR Gateshead on Tyne

LONDON - 2ND CLASS STORE SHIP - EAST INDIES

WRIGHT, James 20U Ordinary Seaman - Newcastle
 WINSHIP, Walter 20U Ordinary Seaman - Newcastle
 SOMMERVILLE, William 21U Ordinary Seaman - Newcastle on Tyne

FLORA - TENDER - ISLE OF ASCENSION

JEFFREY, Jno 25U Signalman DUR Durham

ENCOUNTER - CORVETTE - CHINA

GILBERT, Walter R. (Revd) 31U Chaplain NTM Gosport, Newcastle
 SNAITH, Jas 19U Signalman 2nd+ - Newcastle upon Tyne

CHAMPION - CORVETTE - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

SCOTT, William 19M Ordinary 2nd Class DUR Southwick

RIFLEMAN - GUN VESSEL - ON PASSAGE TO SOUTH EAST COAST OF AMERICA

THOMPSON, Richard 23U Stoker DUR Sunderland

RUBY - SCREW CORVETTE - INDIES

GARDNER, Edward 23U Private R.M.L.+ NTM Newcastle upon Tyne
 WARD, Thomas 26U Private R.M.L.+ NTM Newcastle

ORONTES - 1ST RATE TROOP SHIP

JOYCE, Joseph 33U Private R.M.L.+ NTM Newcastle on Tyne
 SMITH, John L. 20U Stoker DUR Gateshead

MOSQUITO - GUNBOAT - CHINA

MAXWELL, Edward 24U Bombardier R.M.+ DUR Stockton

MODESTE - 4TH CLASS WOODEN CORVETTE - CHINA

DAVIDSON, William 22U A.B. DUR Sunderland

TRIUMPH - 2ND RATE ARMOUR RATED - PACIFIC

GILLESPIE, Edward 21U Ordinary Seaman NTM St. Johns
 MERRETT, William 32M Leading Stoker DUR Seaham

TEMERAIRE - ARMOUR PLATED 1ST CLASS - MEDITERRANEAN

MILBURN, Thos 19U Ordinary 2nd Class+ DUR Heworth
 ALLEN, Alexander 33M Captain R.M.A. NTM Norham

FLORA - 4TH CLASS RECEIVING SHIP - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

MURRAY, Robert 20U Private R.M.L.+ NTM Newcastle
 BILSLEY, John 21U Private R.M.L.+ DUR Norton Stockton on Tees+

WOLVERENE - CORVETTE 4TH CLASS - AUSTRALIAN

BAKER, W.H. 18U Midshipman DUR Pitlington
 SIMPSON, Robert A. 28U Surgeon - Whitburn Furham
 CARTER, Henry J. 19U A.B. DUR Greatham
 BELL, W.M. 18U Ordinary NTM Newcastle
 CORRIGAN, James 29M A.B. NTM Newcastle
 McNALLY, David 18U Ordinary NTM St. Johns

MIRANDA - STEAM SLOOP - AUSTRALIA

HERON, Robert 18U Ordinary DUR West Hartlepool

CORMORANT - COMPOSITE SLOOP - AUSTRALIA

BEER, John 13U Car. Crew - Newcastle on Tyne

EUPHRATES - INDIAN TROOP SHIP

ROBINSON, William 24U A.B. DUR Sunderland

BARNES, Thomas 20U Private Royal+ DUR Sunderland

WALSH, James 28U Private NTM Newcastle upon Tyne

ZEPHYR - GUNBOAT - CHINA

ROBINSON, Joseph 22U Stoker DUR Sunderland

EMERALD - 4TH CLASS CORVETTE - AUSTRALIA

TELFORD, Thomas 23U Stoker DUR Gateshead

BLAKEMORE, James 17U Boy 1st Class NTM Walker

McKEW, Jno 18U Ordinary NTM Newcastle on Tyne

BEACON - GUN VESSEL - EAST INDIES

ISMAY, Jas 19U Ordinary - Newcastle on Tyne

PEGASUS - SLOOP - CHINA

HUTCHINSON, Frederick 32U Lieutenant DUR Heggleston

CURACOA - 4TH CLASS SCREW CORVETTE - CHINA

NEASHAM, George 26U Gunner R.M.A. DUR Bishop Auckland

WILD SWAN - SLOOP - EAST INDIES

MORRISON, Michael 23U Private DUR Gateshead

PELICAN - SLOOP - PACIFIC

LINWOOD, John 23U Private Royal+ DUR West Hartlepool

LIFFEY - 6TH RATE WOODEN FRIGATE - STORESHIP AT COQUIMBO

GIPPS, Edward F.E. 17U Assistant Cle.+ NTM Corbridge on Tyne

RAMBLER - GUN VESSEL - WEST COAST OF AFRICA

GREEN, John W. 17U Boy 1st Class DUR Durham

PENGUIN - SLOOP - PACIFIC

MINTER, James 22U A.B. DUR South Shields

GANNET - SLOOP - PACIFIC

PLATT, Charles 44M Chief Engineer NTM Alnwick

FLETCHER, William 24U Stoker DUR Sunderland

ALCOCK, William 27U Private R.M.L.+ DUR North Shields

Editor's Note: Cleveland F.H.S. has produced a 16 page booklet - "1881 Census Royal Navy, Yorkshire and Durham" containing details of men born in these two counties. Available post free in U.K. £1.20, overseas £1.50, from Mr. D.W. Taylor, 106 The Avenue, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS7 0AH.

JUST FOR FUN

Who has the greatest number of Christian names you have come across in your researches? Fred Furness nominates a widow who gloried in the names of Isabella Whilhelmina Jacobina Carolina Adelina Cunningham Campbell Sharp nee Moffat who married plain John Davison at Elswick St. Stephen on 19 April 1873.

Can anyone beat that?

FAMILY HISTORY COURSES

A "Trace your Family History" course, under WEA auspices, runs for 10 Fridays from 30 September from 10.00-11.30a.m. at Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham. A flexible course, geared to suit group needs, our Chairman Geoff Nicholson is the tutor. Pre-enrol if possible (telephone 091 384 7464), to Mrs. R.H. Fairlie, 3 Cedar Drive, Durham DH1 3TF, but if you make your mind up at the last minute, just turn up at the first meeting.

A reminder that the University of Newcastle has a Certificate in Family History course on Wednesday evenings from 5 October (see page 37 in *Summer Journal*). Details from Centre for Continuing Education, Newcastle University NE1 7RU.

NEWCASTLE DEBTORS PETITION OF 1812

To His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of the United Kingdom.
The Petition of the Undersigned Debtors confined in the prison of Newgate, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Humbly sheweth - That we, his Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with a Statement of our grievances and sufferings, and with humble solicitation.

That your petitioners bend with due submission to the Laws of their Country, which have doomed them to Imprisonment, and to the countroul it has given to Creditors over the persons of their debtors, but the legislature has shewn that it was never intended such a power should be perpetual, and various Acts have therefore from time to time been passed, both in the present and in former reigns, for the relief of Insolvent debtors - That all these various Acts have been of a temporary description, and limited in their operation; so that their benefits were no sooner extended to the objects of them, than another body of unfortunate debtors were claiming the like relief, and upon similar grounds - That the present embarrassed and precocious state of Commerce has added extensively to the Catalogue of the Unfortunate, Your Petitioners have therefore been writing, with anxious solicitude, for some permanent measure of the Legislature, that would alleviate or remedy their sufferings, and their hopes and expectations have been sanguinely and fondly turned to that period when your Royal Highness was to assume the unrestricted exercise of the Royal Authority. - Your Petitioner therefore now most humbly appeal to your Royal Highness's humanity and magnanimity, in soliciting their speedy restoration to the bosoms of their afflicted families and to society. And that your Royal Highness may be graciously pleased to recommend to the early notice of Parliament such measures as in your Royal Highness's wisdom may seem best calculated to relieve our distress.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound
Shall ever Pray

Janus Foster
Wm Geo. Meddell
John Bupper
John Francis
John Stewart
James Hornum
John Watson
Wm. W. W.
John Westop
Thos. Thompson
Thos. Thompson. Chrissop

Franc. Shephard
John Archibald
Edward Turner
Rich^d. Thompson
Joseph Thindhangh
John Henderson
William Irving
Ralph Aldrick
John Errington
Benjn. Suttkland

Fifteen of whom are Married who with their Wives & Children amount to the Number of Eighty-two.
Newgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, March 7th 1812.

Editor's Note: This Petition is in the Public Record Office ref. HO 42/121 and a copy was sent to us by Mrs. M. Lavan.

NEWS FROM DURHAM RECORD OFFICE

If you felt it was even busier in Durham Record Office in the last few months than at any time before, you were right. In the period April 1993 - March 1994, there were 8,652 visitors using the office, a 15% increase over the previous year, which in turn had shown a 21% increase over 1991/92. The problems of overcrowding are recognised and it is hoped that before long it will be possible to take action to alleviate them.

WAS IT MURDER?

by Maurice A. Lincoln

"Researching BELL and RAILTON of Haltwhistle. Members of Bell family owned several properties in the area including a farm called Comb Hill and a pub called the Spotted Cow. The rents were collected by Charlie Bell who used to do the rounds on horseback until one rent day when he was murdered and robbed of the money he had collected. Such an event may have appeared in the local papers, but the date is not known, but probably after 1860. There is a stone by the side of the Great North Road to mark the spot."

This paragraph appeared in the Members' Interests column of our quarterly magazine. One of my main interests is tracing and connecting the various families in the area around Haltwhistle by reason of the intermarrying that takes place in such rural districts. The names of Bell and Cook had recently been added to my list; also my earliest Armstrong ancestor lived at Comb Hill in 1725.

A correspondence was started, and I offered to trace Charlie Bell's murder, which proved to be slightly more difficult than it at first appeared. The mistake I made was that of jumping to conclusions, with the result that I was led astray (not for the first time!). I phoned Haltwhistle Public Library. The librarian listened to my tale, and suggested I phone again the following day, promising to ask around. When I called back she enthusiastically told me that she had mentioned it to her daily cleaning lady who claimed that her husband's father had found the body, and that there was indeed a plaque of some sort set into the wall of a building near Chollerford. This didn't quite fit in with what I'd been told, but knowing how family stories get distorted over the years, I tried following it up. To cut a long story short, with the help of the librarian in Hexham Library's Local Studies, in the *Hexham Courant* for September 1924, I found the story of the grudge killing of a motor cyclist near Chollerford. In any case his name wasn't Bell.

In the Haltwhistle register, where I should have looked in the first place, I eventually found the burial of a *William Bell* in February 1861. A search through the *Newcastle Daily Journal* around that time produced a report of the inquest on William Bell.

(From Newcastle Daily Journal of 14 February 1861)

SUSPICIOUS DEATH AT HALTWHISTLE

"An inquest was held on Tuesday, at the Crown Inn, Haltwhistle, on the body of Mr. W. Bell, grocer and tea dealer, Haltwhistle. On Friday, Mr. Bell left home after twelve o'clock noon for the purpose of soliciting orders and receiving payment of out-standing accounts. On his return, evidently feeling himself unequal to the labour of walking home, a distance of five or six miles, he left his samples at a farm-house; and on passing Twice-Brewed Ale, on the North Road, he called and asked for a glass of ale, but as the landlord said they had none fit for drinking, he ordered a pot of whiskey, offering the landlord a share. Afterwards he got a little bread and cheese. Pulling his purse out of his pocket he laid down 1s.; but Mrs. Mason refusing payment for what he had eaten, Mr. Bell refused to receive the unspent 6d., and consequently, ordered another pot of whiskey. About ten o'clock P.M. he replaced his portmonie in his left hand trousers pocket, carefully buttoned up his under and over coverings, and set off homewards.

He was pressinglly invited to stay over night; but from apprehensions that his father and friends would be alarmed he declined the invitation. The night was extremely boisterous and bitterly cold; and snow was falling heavily, with a strong east wind. Next day a man, named Hugh Elliot, who had been at Haltwhistle purchasing a few articles for family purposes, on returning home, was induced to fall back, in consequence of his cap being blown off his head. While following it, he met with the corpse of poor Bell. Alarmed at the sight, he ran in great terror to the public house, a distance of nearly one-and-a-half miles, where he lodged his report. By this time a second party had met with the dead body. Arrangements were immediately made to convey it home, where it was ascertained that the purse and its contents (£6 more or less) were missing. Nothing of importance was elicited before the Coroner beyond the fact that, although the hands and knees were skinned by crawling upon them, there was no evidence of other injury to the person. Whether the money had been abstracted from the pocket during life or after death is a question which may probably never be solved; but as the body had evidently been moved, and the clothes unbuttoned, suspicion is strong that it has been taken from the person after death. The verdict given was to the effect that Bell had died from exhaustion and starvation."

So, he wasn't on horseback, or collecting rents. Two other genealogical facts emerge - his father was still alive at this time, and as he would "be alarmed", it is probable that William was not married. There is a stone on the Military Road, by the way, near the *Once Brewed Inn*.

Reading the news for that week was also entertaining. Lola Montez died then. She was an Irish dancer and courtesan of the time, being mistress of King Ludwig of Bavaria. Princess Michael of Kent has published a book *Cupid and the King*, about five Royal mistresses; Lola Montez being one of them. Mrs. Gore also died that week. She was well-known for her wit and conversational ability (I read), being a prolific writer of novels (about 70 in all), and thought by the newspaper reporter to be the writer of the day who would be remembered in years to come. I checked up in the *Oxford Companion to English Literature* - she's there all right, but who now has heard of the novels of Mrs. Gore? Will Barbara Cartland be remembered I wonder?

The final "human" story worth quoting concerned an 18 year old girl, who had walked between the table in her home and the fire, and her crinoline caught alight. She dashed upstairs to neighbours, who were having their meal (I assume the actual flames were out by this time), but the man of the house pushed her away from his door, and closed it. She made her way into the street for help, collapsed, and was taken to hospital, where she died from her burns, "giving birth to a child in the midst of all this suffering". This item was written in very flowery prose, but unfortunately didn't say whether she was married, or whether the baby lived.

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MEMBERS INTERESTS AND QUERIES

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 0190 Mr. L.B. LANDER**, 195 St. Patrick Street, Apt. 206, Toronto, Ontario M5T 2Y8, Canada.
Researching the **Moran** family of Newcastle. Peter and Mary Moran left Ireland for Newcastle c.1847. He worked for the Water Company. Children were: Margaret born c.1833 (married 1858 James Lander), Thomas 1836-1867, James c.1839, Mary c.1841, Patrick c.1844-1858, Hugh c.1846, William c.1852 and Annorah c.1856. James, Mary and Annorah were living in Connecticut, U.S.A. in 1876. Thomas, Hugh and William may have left descendants in Newcastle.
- 0658 Mr. P.T. REED**, 7 Villa McAuley, Box 229 Castletown P/O, Townsville, Queensland 4812, Australia.
Hannah **Sopwith** (bapt.1731 St. John's, Newcastle) was the daughter of Ralph and Dorothy Sopwith. Her granddaughter Mary **Stokoe** (born in the Close, Newcastle 1794) was my great grandmother. Thomas Sopwith of a farming family at Angerton near Hartburn moved c.1770 to Newcastle and founded a cabinet making and building business. From him descended the lead mining engineer and Sir T.O.M. Sopwith, the aircraft designer. Does anyone know if these families are linked? [Editor's Note: See Member 5491 on page 106 re the Sopwith cabinet making business.]
- 1196 Mrs. JANET ROBINSON**, 34 Hampden Avenue, Wahroonga, New South Wales 2076, Australia.
Would like to hear from anyone who has further information regarding the following: 1) Anthony **Purvis** married Margaret **Goodbed** 1777 Newburn. 2) Gilbert **Nevens** married Ann **Foster** 1791 Newcastle. 3) John **Boult** (Bowlit) married Mary **Hunneymann** 1778 Heworth, and Barbara **Willy** married John **Bold** (Boulit) at St. Peter's, Bywell 1743. 4) Alexander **Allen** married Margaret **Hall** (his second wife) 1840 at South Shields. 5) Dorothy **Henderson** married John **Gibson** 1843 St. Hilda's, South Shields. 6) John **Bell** (c.1805-1884), buried at Westoe, South Shields, who was a master mariner and married to Anne **Grey** c.1832. No marriage for them has been found in Durham or Northumberland.
- 1673 Mrs. MAUREEN COLLINS**, 3 Barons Way, Egham, Surrey TW20 8EH.
Searching for the marriage c.1854 of George **Gibbison** b.1833 and Elizabeth **Davison** b.1828. Would appreciate any information regarding James **Gibbison** b.1855. Records suggest that he lived with Matthew **Tate**, glassmaker of Manchester. Also interested in the family of George **Gibbison** and Elizabeth **Wilson** - Barbara (1797), George (1799), James **Wilson** (1802), Adam (1805), Robert (1807), Elizabeth (1809) and John (1812). Have searched numerous censuses but unable to locate any members of this family.
- 1827 Mrs. L.A. GALLAGHER**, 21 Glenn Crescent, Marton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS7 8ED.
Researching the following families: **Fothergill** (Newcastle 17-20th centuries), **Keys** (Haltwhistle late 19th century, Newcastle 20th century), **Whaley** (Allendale 18/19th centuries, Newcastle 20th century) **Craik** (Tweedmouth 19th century, Newcastle 20th century) and **Gallagher** (Carlisle 19th century, Newcastle 20th century).
- 2326 EDNA MARSHALL**, 21 Cooksey Avenue, Harbord, New South Wales, 2096, Australia.
Researching grandfather Matthew **Elliott**, born 1864, son of George **Elliott** and Jane, and died at Chopwell 1921. He married Phoebe Ann **Freek** 1886 and they had seven surviving children: Nicholas Oliver 1888 married Elizabeth **Wallace**, John Thomas 1891 married Eva **Maddison**, Elizabeth Jane 1894 married John **Dinning**, Robert Aquilla 1898 married Edith **Crabtree**, Rebecca Hazzard Waugh 1901 married James **Bell**, Isabella 1904 married George **Callender**, George 1908 married in Australia. Matthew had two brothers Tom and George who moved to Australia c.1886. Their birth certificates give their father as George **Elliott** and mother as Jane **Arkless** but George's death certificate gives his mother as Jane **Turnbull**. Any information or help in solving this problem would be appreciated.
- 2843 Mr. ADDISON LOWES**, P.O. Box 305, Heidelberg 3084, Victoria, Australia.
Stephen Nott **Addison**, married Sarah **Hewison** 1856 at Wallsend and later, in 1877 at Tynemouth, to Dinah Francis **Rose**. Seeking birth details of his two wives. Stephen Nott **Addison** was the son of John Reed **Addison**, b.1804 Earsdon, married to Alice Nott **Wyatt**. Her father was Thomas, mother Elizabeth, or North Shields. Previous descent possibly John **Addison** and Mary **Reed**. Can anyone help please?
- 3015 CAROLE E. ATKINSON**, Auckland House, Low Flatts Road, Chester-le-Street, County Durham DH3 4AW.
Interested in: 1) William **Johnson** married Mary **Caseley** in 1790 at Longhorsley, children were John, Mary, William, Elizabeth, Barbara and at least three other daughters. Elizabeth moved to Barnard Castle c.1824, where did the rest go? She had ten children as a single woman and married John **Cain** in 1846. The 1851 Census gives his place of birth as Darlington, but no trace found. 2) John and Elizabeth **Bateman** of Houghton-le-Spring and their children Mary, William, Margaret, Daniel, John and Robert. William married Mary **Ward** at Houghton-le-Spring in 1832, children Elizabeth, William, Isabella, John, Jane, Henry, Robert and Mary Ann. Only information is on John who married Alice **Proud** at Houghton in 1861 and they had several children born in the Pelton/Burnhope area. Alice died in 1877 and John remarried to an Isabella.

- 3601 Ms ARLENE J. LEWIS**, 219 Brownwood Court, Irving, Texas 75060, U.S.A.
Has birth record for Thomas **Hope** 1860 at Houghton-le-Spring which shows parents as James Hope and Jane **Loaton**. Would appreciate any information about this couple or their families.
- 3890 DENNIS F. CHARLTON**, 8 Weigela Court, Frankston, Victoria 3199, Australia.
William **Charlton** was born of Jane Charlton in 1867 at Bellingham Workhouse. The father was not named, nor was a maiden name given for Jane. Where did she come from, and where did she go? Can anyone suggest how to find out more information about Jane in particular, and the workhouse system in general?
- 4028 Mrs. M. WARD**, 4 Linton Road, Nether Poppleton, York YO2 6LT.
Has anyone come across a William **Parker** aged 11 on the 1851 Census? In 1841, he and his mother were living in Longbenton and he later moved to Stanhope. It is hoped that his location in 1851 may help to indicate what happened to his mother.
- 4181 Mrs. MARY BOWES**, 21 Carlton Street, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 2DT.
Looking for William **Kennedy**, bottlemaker born 1841, and his wife Mary, nee **Pearson** born 1843, on the 1881 Census. In 1871 they were living at William Street, Southwick, Sunderland with two sons - George aged nine and John aged four. William and Mary may have separated sometime after 1871 as Mary had an illegitimate child in 1880. She eventually married the father, Robert **Rome**, in 1889 after the death of her first husband. Robert was 20 years her junior and on their marriage certificate, they gave their address as The Times Inn, Southwick, but they weren't there in 1891. Sometime after 1889, they moved to Blyth and opened a general dealers shop in Bowes Street. Any information on the above would be gratefully received.
- 4222 Mrs. VAL PERKINS**, 2 Withnall Drive, Shavington, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 5HG.
Seeking information on Robert **Hardy** and Jane **Littlefair**. Their son Robert was born at Seaham Harbour in 1854; Jane was born c.1825 at Sunderland. Also interested in **Drake**, **Nevison** and **Rugless** (18-19th centuries) around Tyneside, **Cornforth** of Gateshead (19th century) and Masham, Yorks (18th century) and Francis Crowther **Hanson** of South Shields, born outside the county mid to late 1700's.
- 4223 H.B.R. ELLIOTT**, 29 South Barnton Avenue, Edinburgh EH4 6AN.
1) Margaret **Hedley**, daughter of John Hedley described as a mercantile clerk, married Joseph **Elliott**, a commercial traveller, at Bensham Road Wesleyan Chapel, Gateshead in 1893. He was 28 years, she was 23. The Hedley family lived at Avenue Road, Gateshead at the time of the marriage. Can anyone assist in locating the birth of Margaret c.1870? 2) Henry Elliott, born Heworth 1757, married Sarah **Leadbitter** in 1783. He owned a building business in Scotswood, Newcastle. A grandson, Robert Elliott, was a chemist who had a shop in High Street, Gateshead until 1927. Would be pleased to hear from any relations.
- 4608 JOHN L. JOHNSTONE**, 61 Salisbury Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 7AG.
Seeks help with the family of Richard **Robinson**, born Haswell Moor, Easington 1876. His parents were Richard Robinson and Dorothy **Davison** but a search of the St. Catherine's indexes has not revealed a marriage in the Sunderland area. Has anyone come across it? Their other children were Andrew (b.1866), Thomas (1868), Harriet (1873), Robert (1879), Ben (1880) and Elizabeth (1886). Richard junior married Elizabeth Jane **Carr** in Sunderland 1896 and later moved to Ashington. His father, a traveller, was dead by the time of the marriage.
- 4657 Mrs. MARGARET ANDERTON**, 31 Knights Templar Way, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP11 1PX.
Searching for: 1) Baptism and parents of Hannah **Anderson**, born Brotherwick, Warkworth c.1806/8, who married Andrew **Howey** at Warkworth in 1835. 2) Baptism and parents of Andrew Howey, born Oldheaton, Cornhill c.1800/3. 3) Baptism and parents of Adam **Mather** and Jane **Grey** who married in 1821 with the consent of their parents.
- 4695 Mr. F.L. CLEGG**, 8 Frost Drive, Irby, Wirral, Merseyside L61 4XL.
Seeking birth of George **Pattison** c.1816 at Chester-le-Street who was brought up on the Lambton Castle estate by his grandmother. Also seeking the marriage of this George Pattison between 1861 and 1868, probably in the Gateshead area, to Ann **Lisle**, b.1825 Hexham.
- 4824 Mr. A. TEMPERLEY**, 20 Lilburne Crescent, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 4JF.
Is anyone researching the family trees of **Temperley** families, especially branches in the Cambridge, Haydon Bridge, Alnwick, Sunderland, Wark and Blanchland areas?
- 4979 Mrs. M.P. KEERS**, 6 Storey Street, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 6RL.
Any information regarding: 1) The birth of Septimus **Cooper** born c.1824 at Wrekenton or Throckley Fell, one time prize fighter, horse dealer and later clothes dealer of Gallowgate, Newcastle. 2) The parents of William **Lillie** born c.1818 at Kyoel/Lucker, and also his marriage to Mary **White** born c.1822 Bamburgh. 3) Thomas **Archer**, dyer, living in Percy Street, Newcastle in 1837. 4) Francis **Smith** born Newcastle c.1780. Known to be a silk stocking weaver in Newcastle in 1837, the 1851 Census for Earsdon shows him as a brick maker.
- 5001 Mr. J.H. THOMPSON**, 43 Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 9DN.
Has the original indenture, dated 1823, of George **Thompson** of Newcastle, apprenticed as house carpenter to George **Cantley** of Newcastle. George Thompson, born 1808, lived in St. Lawrence Road, Byker. His son Archibald lived in Conyers Road, Byker in 1891. His family included two step daughters named **Rutherford**. Descendants sought.

- 5009 CAROL SMALL, R.R.1, Denfield, Ontario N0M 1P0, Canada.**
Seeks any information regarding the following: 1) John **Charlton**, born 1810 Wark, son of Edward, married Mary **Carr**, born 1824, daughter of George Carr and Margaret **Breckons** of Chollerton. John and Mary's family: Edward (1844), Elizabeth (1847), John (1849), Margaret (1852), Ann (1860) and Ann (1861). 2) George Carr and Margaret Breckens had following family: George (1814), Thomas (1826), Jane (1829), John (1831), William (1834) and Elizabeth (1837). 3) Ralph and Elizabeth **Atkinson** of Gosforth, and their family Robert (1837), Mary (1840), Margaret Petrie (1842), Elizabeth (1844), Frances Ellen (1846), Sarah (1848) and John (1851). 4) Harry **Calvert** born 1865 at Wheatbottom, Helmington Row, son of Robert Calvert and Ann **Brunskill** of Crook, married Mary Jane **Dawson** born 1870, daughter of James Dawson. Harry and Jane lived at Witton Gilbert and raised the following family: Eleanor born 1890, married a **Piett** at Langley Park and had children Ronnie, Robert and Nellie; Ann born 1892 married a **Stoddart**; James Dawson born 1894 married Mary and lived at Greenside Bank, Rowlands Gill; Thomas (1899-1974) married Ada **Charlton** and lived at High Spen; Grace born 1900 married James **MacDonald**, lived in Middlesex; Harry married Mabel **Smith**, lived at Rowlands Gill; Margaret married Rudolph **Senegga** and lived Middlesex; and George lived in the Benwell area.
- 5210 PETER BURNS**, Shealy Street, North Shields, Tyne and Wear NE29 6SH.
Seeking information about the marriage of Peter **Burns** and Ethel **Eckels** c.1919, and the Burns family before the marriage. They had two sons: Peter born 1920 Chester-le-Street and Francis Lewis born 1922 Gateshead. Also anything on the Eckels family, possibly in the London area (of German descent). Also looking for the marriage of Ethel Burns to a **Zimmerman** in the late 1940's.
- 5222 Mrs. P. GIBSON**, 8 Brunton Avenue, Fawdon, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2PT.
Hunting for descendants of great great grandparents Hugh **Cochrane** and Margaret **McIntyre**, formerly Cochrane, nee **Oliphant**, married at Kirkmabreck, Kirkcudbright in 1836. Their daughter Hannah married Edward **Pedwell** at Kirkmabreck in 1868, and a son William was born Egremont in 1882. The family later moved to Durham City. Aunt's names that can be remembered are Sarah **Hook**, Meggie **Palmer** and Lucy **Jefferson**, and an uncle Ned Pedwell.
- 5234 Miss MARGARET WOODWARD**, 89 Crawford Village, Upholland, Lancashire WN8 9QS.
Robert Crawford **Scott** was born Berwick-on-Tweed c.1826, and married four times; who were his wives? He had a child to each wife - three sons and a daughter. The sons were all apprenticed at 13 years old to sail ships and became master mariners. His heir, also Robert Crawford **Scott**, born 1853 retired to Liverpool, married Elizabeth and had two daughters Agnes and Edith. The second son George died of fever in Canada. James Harrison **Scott**, born Liverpool 1863, married Margaret **Cave** 1889.
- 5249 Mrs. ROBERT AKENHEAD**, 14240 Crimson Drive, Sun City, Arizona 35351, U.S.A.
Seeks information concerning Robert **Akenhead**, born 1775, probably in Falstone, parents Thomas and Elizabeth nee **Coxill**. He married Elizabeth **Little** and they had sons - Thomas and Adam at Falstone before emigrating to New York state in 1801 or 1812, possibly via Canada. Their recruiter in England was Charles **Williamson**. Any information about the family would be greatly appreciated.
- 5251 VALERIE HICKMAN**, 3 Crown Point, Conway, Arkansas 72032, U.S.A.
John **Davidson** was a widower when he married Ann **Harker** at Staindrop in 1818. Who was his first wife, and were there any previous children? John and Ann had four children between 1819 and 1834 - Mary, Joseph, John and Harker - born in Barnard Castle. John gave his place as: 1) Langleydale, Staindrop c.1885, and 2) Dentgate, Durham c.1888. No record of his birth has been found and any help or advice would be appreciated on this 'dead end'.
- 5254 Mrs. MURIEL PRATT**, 28 Astor Crescent, Ludgershall, Nr. Andover, Hants SP11 9RF.
Hoping to find out more about **Cook**, **Olde** and **Winwood** families. Mary Ann **Cook**, born 1913 Bishop Auckland, married William **Pratt** 1931 St. Pancras, London. She was one of 12 children of Walter **Cook** and Sarah Ann nee **Winwood**. Walter was born 1887, son of William **Cook** and Marie nee **Olde**, and Sarah, daughter of John Thomas **Winwood** and Ada nee **Powell** was born in 1888. Walter and Sarah married in 1907. William **Cook** later remarried and had three more children.
- 5259 Mr. W.L. CAMPBELL**, 71 Whinside, New Ridley Road, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7EJ.
Looking for Police Superintendent George **Thompson**, age 45, in the Consett area, in the 1861 Census. Also any photographs that might have survived. Also, any news of Patrick **Campbell**, son of William, born 1870, emigrated to the U.S.A. after 1891, possibly Boston. Where in 1851 was William **Campbell**, born Ireland 1846, father Arthur?
- 5264 Miss L.E. ALEXANDER**, 19 Rake Lane, North Shields, Tyne and Wear NE29 8EY.
Needs advice and contact to obtain information from Gibraltar. William **Alexander** left the army in 1867 and lived in Victory Street, not returning to England. Have his army records up to 1867 but need help in finding his subsequent history. Also researching the **Beck** and **Richardson** families of Nenthead in the 1850's.
- 5266 ALAN BIRD**, 3 Beetaloo Street, Geebung, Queensland 4034, Australia.
Seeking help on South Shields families: Thomas **Robertson**, marine dealer whose son James 1836-1919 married Jane 1843-1877, daughter of Charles **Love**, mariner. Ephraim **Rennison** and Phillis **Wyndham**, married 1773 Lesbury, and family of six born Lesbury and South Shields. Fifth child, Windham, married Mary **Lesley** at Jarrow. Warkworth families: Robert **Symm** and Catherine (nee **Anderson**) had children baptised at Warkworth - John (1843), Margaret (1846), James (1848) and Robert (1850). John married Isabella, daughter of Robert Jopson **Watson**, millwright, b.1819. **Watson** and **Jopson** families, parishioners at St. Lawrence, Warkworth. **Watsons** later appeared at South Shields.

- 5279 Mrs. JUNE ALLEN**, 141 Springdale Drive, Barrie, Ontario L4M 4Y1, Canada.
Researching: Andrew **Allen**, born 1851 possibly at South Shields, son of Andrew Wright Allen. He married Jane Large, daughter of Edward Charles **Large** and Dorothy **Johnson**, at St. Hilda's, South Shields. They had nine children, one of whom, Thomas Spence Allen, emigrated to Canada in 1910/11 with his wife Mary Ann **Gurr**, daughter of Henry William Gurr and Mary Jane **Kay**.
- 5280 LOIS SALEEBA**, 10-12 Andrew Crescent, Croydon, Victoria 3136, Australia.
Researching all **Tarbit/Tarbitt/Tarbet** families in Northumberland and Durham, especially the descendants of Henry Tarbit, joiner, and Ann **Coxon**, married 1863 in Newcastle, and lived at Throckley Pit. Henry was descended from Henry, shoemaker, born Wooler 1801, son of John Tarbit and Margaret **Winchester**. Where did John come from? Other names of interest are **Jowsey** of Bedlington, early 1800's, and **Taylor** of Wooler, pre-1800.
- 5285 Mrs. S. HODGSON**, 25 Wark Avenue, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne NE27 0SU.
Seeks information about William Booth **Holloway** and Mary Ann **Armstrong** of Backworth who married in 1887. Also John **Wright** and Alice **Dudgeon** of Dudley, married 1877.
- 5302 JACKIE GRAY**, 52a Oxbridge Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS18 4JF.
Information would be greatly appreciated/exchanged regarding: **Gray/Grey** (especially Stanhope/Brancepeth); **Vart/Veart** (Bishop Middleham/Staindrop/Cockfield/St. Helens Auckland); **Wearmouth, Batey/Beattie, Pratt, Shearer, Gulliver** and **Trippett** (anywhere); **Lish/Clish/McLish/Macklish** (especially Weardale/Gosforth); **Deanham** and **Maughan** (Durham); **Wall** (Egglestone area); **Ord** (Bishop Auckland/Spennymoor); **Spence, Nixon, Anderson, Bedle, Moses, Walton, Bainbridge** (Teesdale); **Binks** (Witton-le-Wear); **Reed, Alton** (Woodham), **Armstrong** (Stanley) and **Raine** (Teesdale/Weardale/Lunedale).
- 5320 RAY BARRASS**, Vanbrugh House, Manor Road, St. Helen Auckland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham DL14 9EN.
Researching: 1) Thomas **Barras(s)**, born Byker Hill, Northumberland 1819/20, died in an explosion at Leasingthorne Colliery, Durham 1853. Married Jane **Triffitt**, born c.1825/26 at Colliery Row (Houghton-le-Spring?); date and place of marriage not known. Children: Mary Anne, baptised Cassop 1845, Elizabeth (1848), William born 1851 Leasingthorne, and one other (details not known). Also Jane (Triffitt) **Barrass** had a child James Ritson **Barrass** born 1854 at Coundon. 2) John **Harris**, born Redruth, Cornwall c.1826/27, died Langley Moor, Durham 1887. Married Jane **Matthews**, also born Redruth, and had children: three died very young, John William Henry born Cockfield 1854, John Elisha (1855), Elizabeth Jane born Spennymoor 1859 (emigrated to Australia), Richard born Cleator Moor, Cumberland 1861, Mary born Cassop 1862/63, Annie born Crook 1867/68. Any information about these families would be welcome.
- 5330 GORDON WALLACE**, 1 Park Close, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 8ND.
Interested in **Bramwells, Brammers** or **Bramers**. 1) Robert Bramwell and Ann **Henderson**, married 1809 at Kirkhaugh. They had children in the Alston/Nenthead areas up to 1819. 2) Robert Bramwell and Mary **Lightfoot**, married 1863 at Garrigill. They had five children by 1872 then left the area. 3) John Bramwell and Catherine **Spottiswoode** married 1861-64 at Alston, had five children up to 1871, then moved to County Durham where Catherine's death was registered in the Auckland district in 1875. 4) William Bramwell and Sarah **Armstrong** married 1835 at Alston, had ten children by 1861 before leaving the district.
- 5351 Mrs. WENDY PAYNE**, 80 Ward Avenue, Grays, Essex RM17 5RN.
Wants information on Alice **McMasters**, born 1802 Whitehaven, Cumberland, married William **Earle**. They had three children: Elizabeth born 1827, William **McMasters** 1832 and Ann. Alice married a second time to Robert **Chicken**.
- 5364 Miss MARJORIE ROBSON**, Flat 2, Regent Court, 17 Lawn Avenue, Doncaster DN1 2JE.
Looking for the marriage of George **Ormston** to Mary **Moor**. On the 1841 Census he was a grocer of High Street, Sunderland. George was 36 years old and Mary 35 and their eldest son was aged nine. Not found on any subsequent Censuses.
- 5369 BRENDA MORRIS**, 10 Cranbourne Grove, Tynemouth, North Shields, Tyne and Wear NE30 2NB.
Would like to hear from anyone who has information about **Poad** and **Ladyman** families in the area.
- 5375 Mrs. M.A. HICKMAN**, Ashtree Cottage, Coulter Lane, Burntwood, West Midlands WS7 9HN.
Researching **Leslie** and **Robson** families. John George Leslie married Margaret Ellen Robson at Christchurch, New Seaham in May 1880. Their addresses were given as Henry Street, New Seaham and Hall Street, Seaham Harbour. Margaret's brother, Rev. Tom Robson, a Primitive Methodist, lived at one time at Rothbury Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle. Any details would be welcome.
- 5378 MARTIN J. DANIEL**, 602 Colinet Street, Coquitlam, British Columbia V3J 4W9, Canada.
Is the Benjamin **Lowther** living at West Allotment in 1903 the person of the same name living at Weetslade, Dudley at the time of the 1871 and 1881 Censuses? Benjamin had two sons, Robert and James. Robert married Viarlandren **Jacques** in 1903 aged 21 of Whitley Bay, daughter of Andrew Jacques, deceased. Also anything regarding William **Fatkin** and Margaret **Vanley**, parents of Elizabeth who married John George Paxton **Jacks** in 1898. Elizabeth lived at Heworth Lane, Durham. James **Latty** married Elizabeth Jane **Todd**, had a daughter Ellen born 1862 at Horton, Blyth. She married 1882 to Benjamin Lowther, son of Robert Lowther and Jane **Bell**.
- 5392 Mr. J. PINKNEY**, 34 Craven Close, Salford, Lancashire M5 3JW.
Seeking the birth/baptism of John **Pinkney** at Shildon 1835, son of William Pinkney and Jane **Metcalf**. Also Jacob Pinkney, born c.1760, married Margaret **Appley** 1781 at Staindrop. He may have come from Romalldkirk, Yorks.

- 5400** **JOAN HARVEY**, 3 Mariners Lane, Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear NE30 2RU.
Researching the **Armstrong** family in the early 1800's in the Hexham area. Their occupations seem to be mainly tanners and glovers. Also seeking information on John Armstrong born c.1782, married **Margaret Grey** 1801.
- 5462** **OWEN GILMORE-NOBLE**, 53 Melmerby Court, St. James Park, Eccles New Road, Salford, Manchester M5 4UP.
Researching the following mining families: 1) **Gilmore** of Langley Moor 1880/90's. 2) **Emery** of Easington, South Hetton and Murton Colliery 1870's. 3) **Cullen** of Murton 1850/60's. 4) **Longstaff** of Oughterside and Birkby, Cumberland to 1880's and Browney and Brandon 1880's onwards, particularly the wrestling career of John and the maiden name of his wife Ellen. 5) **Jackson** of West Hetton 1860's and Browney 1860's onwards. 6) **Kirtley/Kirkley** of Shiny Row or Southwick 1850's onwards. 7) **Palfry** of Coxhoe. 8) **Slater** of New Herrington, Castle Eden and Sherburn Hill. 9) **Coates** of Castle Eden 1880's and Sherburn/Thornley 1920/30's. 10) **Lister** of New Herrington. 11) **Jones** of Hartlepool 1840/50's, Durham 1850-70's, Spennymoor 1870's and Ferryhill after that. 12) **Mather** of New Durham 1860's. 13) **Ingram** of Spennymoor 1870's onwards.
- 5466** **JOHN BOWES**, 123A Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 7DH.
Looking for information about the **Bowes** family of Brompton and later in the 19th century, of Sunderland. Particularly interested in William Bowes, born Brompton 1789, married Ann **Cooper** of Thornton, Pickering, and moved to Sunderland by 1837. He may have founded a mill at Cornhill which subsequently failed financially, and he is reputed to have died at Port Elizabeth, South Africa in 1867.
- 5469** **Mrs. EMMA THOMPSON**, 1 Mason View, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 6EZ.
Interested in any **Bullerwell** or **Gaffney** families in Northumberland or Durham. Also looking for information about James Latham **Gore**, a police officer in Newcastle between June 1875 and March 1897. He had previously been in the army for 21 years. Any help or information would be appreciated.
- 5474** **B. FAIRBAIRN**, 109 Wigley Road, Hanworth, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 5HB.
Interested in any **Fairbairn** families in the Northumberland area.
- 5488** **DOROTHY TINDALE**, 53 Brookfield Lane, Churchdown, Gloucester, Gloucestershire GL3 2PR.
Interests include **Tindale** in County Durham in the 18/19th centuries, and **Grierson** of Sunderland during the 19th century.
- 5491** **Mr. R. WYLIE WRIGHT**, P.O. Box 153, Kaiapoi 8252, New Zealand.
Would welcome any information regarding the following: 1) Robert Arthur **Kent** and his firm of cabinet makers, Sopwith and Kent of Camden Lane, North Shields, c.mid 1800's. 2) Thomas and Jane **Hall** of Backworth and their daughter Elizabeth Hannah who married Robert Arthur Kent in 1881. 3) Robert Arthur Kent's second wife Agnes Wallace **Laidler** (or **Laidlaw**), married 1894 at St. George's, Cullercoats. She was the daughter of Ralph and Eleanor Cunningham Laidler (Laidlaw) of Berwick upon Tweed. 4) John Hall (1893-1955) of Newcastle, son of John and Emma Hall (nee **Munro**), married Isabel Helen Margaret **Wilson**. John Hall was a mechanical ordnance inspector for Armstrongs, spent two or three years in the U.S.A. as an ordnance inspector during World War II and lived at Tynemouth after retiring. Would also appreciate suggestions for finding out about the general history of North Shields/Tynemouth area.
- 5500** **Mrs. J.M. JORDISON**, 6 Windermere Avenue, Heworth Grange Estate, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE10 0XP.
Local family interests include **Annison**, **Sweeney**, **Graham** and **Jordison**.
- 5505** **Mrs. EVE PECKHAM**, 50 Chadwick Road, Eastleigh, Hants SO5 5GH.
Seeking information about Robert **Harle** (engine fitter), born 1853, and his father Thomas (also an engine fitter). Also of his wife Mary **Park** whom he married in Sunderland in 1881. Other family names include **Stitson** and **Redman** living in Newcastle late 19th/early 20th centuries, particularly Sarah Ellen Stitson born 1876.
- 5506** **Mrs. SUSAN WHITE**, "Dhekelia", 115 Cove Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 0HF.
Researching the **Armstrong** family from Middleton in Teesdale. Elizabeth Armstrong, mother of Mark died 1850 aged 75 years. Two daughters of Mark and Margaret Armstrong - Elizabeth died 1824 aged 16 and Elizabeth died 1824 aged 12. Mark Armstrong was the district agent for Leach Co. had a son William born 1829. He became a draper in Middleton and married 1850 to Jane, daughter of John **Graham**. Thomas Edward **Robinson**, born 1872, married Eleanor Armstrong c.1900. His sister Elizabeth married John **Pocklington** and they had one daughter and three sons. Would like to contact any descendants.
- 5509** **Miss GAYNOR T. JOHNSON**, 30 Florence Avenue, Hull Road, Hessle, North Humberside HU13 0AP.
Researching the **Burgon** and **Biggs** families of Berwick upon Tweed and the **Fowlerton** family of Ayton, Berwickshire. John Burgon married Darling Biggs c.1838. Both were born c.1815/16. Who were her parents? John's parents were John Burgon and Mary Fowlerton, both born c.1791 and married at Berwick 1810. Who were John and Mary's parents? The name Burgon had origins in France, derived from a place name in Burgundy. Does anyone know what the French connection is, or why the family emigrated to England.
- 5528** **Mrs. B. HERBERT**, 5 Meadow Hill, Duns Road, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland TD15 1UB.
Seeks information on the **Short** family who were blacksmiths in the Houghton-le-Spring area 1755-1800 and then in the Whitburn area from 1800. All the first sons of each generation were named Jacob. Also any information on William **Moat** listed in 1838 as a nurseryman in Bath Lane, Newcastle, and whose cottage, because of the external shell decorations, was known locally as Oystershell Hall. [Editor's Note: See Member 5555 on page 107 re Short.]

- 5531 Mr. JEFF ELLIOTT**, 13 Lockstile Way, Goring on Thames, Oxfordshire RG8 0AL.
Researching: 1) Elizabeth **Blenkinsop**, born c.1816, married in County Durham to Ralph **Walker**, born c.1820. 2) Jane **Embleton**, born c.1816, married Joseph **Roberts** at Kelloe 1855. 3) Joseph **Elliott**, born Percy Main c.1807, married Hannah **Watkin**, born Longbenton.
- 5535 MARGARET WAIGHT**, 19 Coopers Close, West End, Southampton SO18 3DE.
Seeking information about great grandmother Ann **Hutton** (or **Hudson**), born Jarrow c.1859. Also, parentage of Hunter **Todd** born c.1714 Bowesfield, Stockton, father's name possibly Thomas Elizabeth **Masterman**, born c.1740, married Hunter **Todd**, junior, at St. Helens, Auckland in 1764. The **Todd** family lived in Stockton, West Auckland and finally Melsonby, North Yorkshire between 1714 and 1850's. Family occupations were farmer, butcher and brewer. Would be grateful for any information regarding the above ancestors.
- 5536 Mr. J. PROCTOR**, 51 The Rogers, Shanklin, Isle of Wight PO37 7HH.
Seeks information on **Proctors** living in All Saints parish, Newcastle in 18/19th centuries, particularly John and his wife Barbara, nee **Donkin**, married c.1765. Also any information on Charlotte, daughter of Timothy Proctor, born 1845 and married William **Wood** c.1800 and was living in Gateshead in 1895. She had a son Timothy by James **Hall** in 1873 and a daughter Margaret by William **Wood**.
- 5544 Miss CLAIRE YEARSDON**, 2 Chapel Lane, Binfield, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 5AS.
With what I believe to be a rare name, I would welcome any information regarding **Yearsdo(e)n** who are known to have been in the South Shields and Tynemouth areas. Also researching the name **Travis**.
- 5555 Miss J. MADDISON**, 126 Carr Lane, Grimsby, South Humberside DN32 8JP.
Seeks information about the **Purvis** and **Short** families of Whitburn 1800 onwards. Would like to find the maiden name of Jane Short who married Jacob Short. On the 1851 Census she was living at Whitburn aged 38 with her family, all born at Whitburn. The eldest child was 14. Also, Cuthbert Purvis died 1823 aged 48 and his son, also Cuthbert, died on the same day aged about 22. Cuthbert's other sons, Michael aged 15 and William aged 19, both died on the same day in 1813. Would like to find the circumstances of these deaths.

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- 3386 ANGUS J. KINDLEY**, 12 The Limes, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 2AY.
Has recently completed writing his family's genealogy and has deposited a copy in Northumberland Record Office. The work has involved researching lead mining operations in Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmorland, and further research connected with the Tyne, especially Byker, Wallsend and Elswick. The finished work contains nearly 2,000 names which have been indexed and Mr. Kindley would be happy to check for a particular name for any interested member.

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 N.D.F.H.S. 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.

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