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OBITUARY

CHARLES PHILIP NEAT, FIMTA, FSG

Although not a native of the North-East, Charles Philip Neat has for many years been regarded as the most knowledgeable of the region's laymen where matters pertaining to its records and their genealogical value are concerned. It was his unrivalled knowledge of local genealogy, coupled with his great practical common sense in all administrative matters and the deep respect in which he was held by people of North-Eastern descent all over the world, which made him the natural choice to be Chairman when the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society was formed just over a year ago.

Mr Neat was born in Worcester in 1906 and was educated at Worcester Royal Grammar School. After working in the Borough Treasurer's Department at Cheltenham he moved north in 1934, to the City Treasurer's Department at York. In the same year he became a member of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, to which he was elected a Fellow in 1948. While at York, Mr Neat's interests ranged from fell-walking (Secretary of York Rambling Club) to bee-keeping and chess. It was during his time in York that he met and married his wife, and that his two sons were born.

The move to Sunderland which was to lead to Mr Neat's involvement in local antiquarian pursuits took place in 1948 when he became Finance Officer (later Treasurer) of the Sunderland Area Hospital Management Committee, a position which he held until his retirement in 1966. In his first years in Sunderland Mr Neat was best known as a chess player. He had been York City Chess Champion in 1934; now he came to represent Durham County at the game. His active mind soon led him into other fields, and he became a member of the Sunderland YMCA Management Committee and a keen Esperantist. Mr Neat was Treasurer and, later, Churchwarden of St. Andrew's Church, Roker, from the mid 1950s until 1962. As Churchwarden he followed in the footsteps of an ancestor who had been churchwarden of Bishop's Canning, Wilts, in the days of Queen Anne, when that church, centre of a parish in which generations of Neats had lived and worked, received a Royal visit.

Mr Neat's interest in genealogy began when in 1953 he re-visited Cheltenham to attend his mother's funeral. His sister handed him a collection of family papers, including several Victorian mourning cards. Studying these helped to while away the long train journey home, and before reaching Sunderland he had deduced some three generations from this material. From then on, business visits to London were always combined with genealogical searches.

As Mr Neat's genealogical interest and knowledge became known, searchers, especially those from overseas, began to turn to him for help and advice so when he retired he began to accept clients on a professional basis. Ever one to be at the forefront of developments in his chosen field, Mr Neat was in 1968 a founder member of the National Association of Genealogists and Record Agents, of which, latterly, he was also Auditor.

Mr Neat's lasting genealogical memorial will be the Northumberland and Durham volume of the National Index of Parish Registers, which is shortly to be published. He was Editor of that volume and its detailed accuracy reflects the painstaking care which he gave to it. Much of the material for the forthcoming Yorkshire volume of the series was also prepared by Mr Neat, though it must fall to other hands to complete it. His work on the National Index of Parish Registers was the culmination of a long and fruitful connection with the Society of Genealogists, of which Mr Neat was elected a Fellow in 1970.

Among his many other interests, Mr Neat was a member of Sunderland Antiquarian Society, for which he edited a volume of "Antiquities of Sunderland" and, from 1969 until only a week before his short illness, was Treasurer of Durham County Local History Society. He was also a member of Tyne and Wear County Council's Archive Users' Advisory Committee.

Charles Philip Neat was a man with many interests, yet he never involved himself in any activity in which he did not eventually become a leader and an authority. His meticulous attention to detail and his readiness to assist others with their problems will long be remembered by his worldwide circle of friends.

Mr Neat leaves a widow, two sons and two grand-daughters, to all of whom we extend our sympathy.

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SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

Our chairman, Mr C.P. Neat, who died on July 6th, will be sadly missed. His death means certain changes are necessary in the Society's organisation. Fr W. Vincent-Smith, whose article on Roman Catholic Genealogy was published in the January Journal and who gave an interesting and entertaining talk at the April meeting, has kindly accepted the Committee's invitation to act as Chairman, on an interim basis, and his election to this post will be proposed at a brief Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the December meeting at Newcastle YMCA. Other nominations are invited.

Dr Margaret E. Wilson, 18 Craggside, Witton Gilbert, Co. Durham, has kindly agreed to take over the Society's Library and requests to borrow the Journals of other Societies should be sent to her. She has also taken over preparation of the proposed Directory of Members Interests. As the Society now has over three hundred members, it is hoped to publish this in 1977. If you have not already supplied details of your interests, or wish to add to those already sent, please write to Dr Wilson as soon as possible and in any case before December 31st, which is the deadline for the first edition of the Directory.

New Regional Societies formed, or about to be formed, are for Liverpool, Lincolnshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridge and Glasgow. I can supply details in return for a stamp.

Mr D.C. Cargill, 20 Ravelston Gardens, Edinburgh EH4 3EL, has a card index of Cross-Border Marriages prior to 1855. This comprises marriages in Scotland where one or both parties came from England, and marriages in England where a Scot was involved. It should prove most useful to our members, and contains some 6600 marriages, extracted from Scottish Registers (particularly in the Border area), from Northumberland and Cumberland Registers, from various newspapers, etc. Some marriages of soldiers in, for example, Dunbar and Dumfries are also included. The charge is 50p for each unsuccessful search (remit with enquiry), with a total charge of £2.50 for each successful search for a particular marriage.

Finally, have you renewed your subscription yet? If not, please do so now - we cannot send any future Journals to you if you don't!

19th CENTURY EDUCATION RECORDS FOR SOUTH SHIELDS

C.T. Watts

Education, before the nineteenth century, was without doubt a prerogative of the well-off. Any schooling that was available to the poor majority was provided by Church or Charity on a local basis. The efforts of the British and Foreign School Society and the National Society for promoting the Education of the Poor created respectively many British Schools and National Schools. The State eventually recognised the efforts of these societies and provided the first Government grant to assist them in 1833. The first such school in the town, the South Shields Union British School, dates from this period, having been founded in 1834.

Under Forster's Act of 1870, School Boards were set up to provide a more universal education system. Further Acts of Parliament in 1876 and 1880 made education compulsory for the under-10s. In 1891 this compulsory education was made free by a further Act. The School Boards provided this universal education by founding new schools and by taking over existing non-Board schools. Not everybody looked upon this as progress, however. The headmaster of South Shields Union British School left no doubt about his opinion of the new Board schools when he made an entry in his log-book for the week ending 31st January 1890.

I am quite certain that the new Board School mentioned above [Westoe] has crippled our supply of raw material, and that after 19 years of successful competition we are forced to succumb not to superior excellence but to unfair means. What the end of it will be I cannot at present say, but the prospect is gloomy.

That his pessimism was warranted is attested to by two curt entries later in the same log-book:

July 21st 1893	Now under School Board
Oct 31st 1900	School closed. 144 on register.

The records of the School Boards have been passed down to their successors, the local Education Authorities. In search of these records, my brother and I enquired of the South Shields Education Department. This department was totally uninterested in the possible existence or fate of these records; it was only by perseverance that we tracked them down to the old education offices in Westoe Village. The Education Department had moved to new offices in Jarrow and had abandoned these records in a basement. One could easily envisage how a future call for extra space might have resulted in the records having been sold for salvage. Luckily the basement was dry and its contents, although dusty and disorganised, were relatively unravaged by the passage of time.

In this basement was contained the complete history of the School Board's activities from its foundation until almost the present day. Here was to be found such varied items as enrolment registers from the nineteenth century and a modern school crossing attendant's "STOP - CHILDREN CROSSING" sign. I shall now mention some of the items found there which might interest a genealogist or local historian.

The first items likely to interest a genealogist were the Enrolment Registers and Admission Registers of many of the early schools. In the enrolment registers are to be found details such as those taken from that for the South Shields Union British School, viz:

No	Name	Date	Age (or Birthdate)	Residence	Occupation of parents
1680	William Guthrie	1 Sept 1874	31/12/62	Commercial Rd	Carpenter
(Parents: William; mother dead)					

Sometimes, previous schools and standard achieved was also noted. The Admission Registers contain very similar information. For example in that for Westoe Secondary School is to be found the entry:

No:	595
Admitted:	5-10-96
Date of Birth:	12-2-84
Name:	Watts, Robert
Father:	Watts, Thom.
Address:	8 Stanhope Road
Last School:	Laygate Lane
Presented at Last Exam:	Standard VI
Specific Subjects:	No: I Stage: 2
	No: III Stage: 2

These are delightfully enlightening, though I confess that I can only guess at the meaning of the last two lines of the entry.

Every headmaster was required, by the School Inspectors, to keep a Log Book of the day-to-day life of the school. Many of these were to be found here. The contents varied enormously, as each headmaster had his own ideas as to what was significant enough to record. In some cases, lists of examination results were included; in others the headmaster noted only absences of staff, their conduct, the curriculum and the general demeanour of the pupils. Sometimes the headmaster wrote quite detailed commentaries on the times; in one case very strong feeling was expressed about the way the magistrates allowed parents to go unreprimanded when they kept their children away from school. The chances of finding something of genealogical value are not great, but the reward can be high. For example, in the Log-Book for South Shields Union British School is an entry for the week ending 2nd December 1881 which reads as follows:

Admitted 3 boys. Mr. Redmayne and Mr. Brewer exchanged places, P.T. Pupil Teacher Sharp reported to me that a book of some value had been taken from his drawer in school. As a new "Barnard Smith's" Arithmetic had been stolen from a 1st Section Drawer, I determined to find out the culprit if possible. P.T. Mole reported having seen the recently stolen book on a stall in the Market. I ordered Sharp to fetch it and request the man to come up on Tuesday afternoon to identify the person who sold it to him. During the dinner-hour Sharp happened to tell Land, another P.T., about this and Land absented himself the same afternoon and the whole of the next day. Knowing the facts of the case I suspected him at once and wrote for his father whom I subsequently saw. On Thursday Land put in an appearance. I accused him and he confessed. He is guilty of extorting money from several boys in his class besides and is, I am afraid, a bad case. I certainly think he ought to be dismissed for 'gross immorality', and I intend to see the Managers on Saturday morning. Work progressing favourably.

An entry for the week ending 23rd June 1887 records the School's contribution to the Jubilee celebrations for the 50th year of Queen Victoria's reign.

On Tuesday morning I marched the whole of the boys - who wore white rosettes and medals - to the market square where the

whole of the elementary schools of the Borough joined in singing loyal and patriotic songs. The conduct, discipline and military drill of this school were singled out for special comment in the public press and I was highly complimented. It was very gratifying to me to hear the cheers of the crowd which greeted us on our way to and from the market. On their return to school every boy received a bun an orange and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of pure sweets. Closed school at noon Thursday for the Midsummer Vacation.

Perhaps the prize item to be found in this collection was a "Census of the Children of School Age (5 - 13 years) Resident in the Borough of South Shields Recorded June - July 1887". This consists of two large registers (17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13" x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") in which each family with children of school age is noted. The entries, which are arranged alphabetically according to the first letter of the surname, contain parents' names, father's occupation, address, childrens' names, date of birth and school attended. Some attempt was made to keep it up to date for a year or so after its origination. A typical entry is:

<u>Surname:</u>	Watts	<u>Christian</u>	
		<u>Name:</u>	John Mary Ann
<u>Occupation:</u>	Block & mastmaker	<u>Address:</u>	22 Alderson St.
<u>Names of</u>		<u>School</u>	
<u>Children:</u>	William <u>Born:</u> 7-2-75	<u>Attending:</u>	Ocean Road Boys
	Jane -5-76		
	John 26-6-78		

From the size of the registers it is estimated that they list some 40,000 names, i.e. half the town's population. They no doubt duplicate much of the information contained in the ordinary census, but its arrangement makes them of especial importance to genealogists interested in South Shields.

In the limited time available we were unable to make an exhaustive search of the basement's contents and may well have missed something. For example, one of the log books refers to an earlier census taken around 1878, but we did not find this. We did notice an alphabetical set of files on the teachers of South Shields, but these were only of passing interest to us. In addition, we made no effort to examine the copious quantities of more formal records (some contained in steel boxes) such as Education Committee minutes, Bills of Quantity and Plans relating to the various school buildings.

All the above records have now been taken into the safekeeping of the Tyne and Wear Record Office, where they are being sorted and made available to researchers. Before this deposit, we were kindly allowed to borrow certain of the documents for more detailed study and took the opportunity to have certain of them microfilmed. A copy of this microfilm is available at the Society of Genealogists. It contains the following items:

1. School Census of South Shields (June/July 1887), A - K;
2. As 1, L - Z;
3. Enrolment Register for South Shields Union British School (Feb 1869 - Oct 1883);
4. Candidates for Enrolment at the South Shields Union British School (Feb 1874 - Nov 1883).

Regrettably, however, I cannot at present offer to search my own copy of this film for members, as I do not possess a microfilm reader!

THE JUNE MEETING

VISIT TO DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

Mary Hey

The June meeting of the Society was in the form of a visit to the Durham County Record Office. Mr Neat opened the meeting by thanking the then County Archivist, Mr J.K. Bishop, for inviting us to the Record Office and congratulated him on his appointment as Lancashire County Archivist. He also thanked Mr Bishop for his valuable work on the Society's committee and for acting as our programme organiser. Mr Bishop then conducted members on a tour of the Record Office, which was opened in 1963 and is situated on the lower ground floor of County Hall, Aykley Heads, Durham.

Record Sorting Room

This is designed for the initial reception of newly acquired records. When County Hall was built, in the early 1960s, Dr Seaman, the first County Archivist was able to assist in the design of the Record Office and among his suggestions which were accepted was that of the purpose-built loading and unloading bay, where documents could be moved between the Sorting Room and a vehicle without being exposed to the elements.

All types of records are received, and they arrive in various states of repair. The Ebchester Parish Registers, for example, had only recently arrived and were in the room at the time of our visit. The earliest of these is said to have once been buried in the ground and later dug up - with a fork! Unbelievers were shown the fork holes in the book as proof.

Cataloguing normally takes some three to four weeks but the period before the public can have access to them can be much longer if the documents need treatment in the Fumigation Room or the Repair Room.

Fumigation Room

Records which are badly affected by damp are treated in a special Fumigation Room which leads directly from the Record Sorting Room. When in use, this is effectively a sealed chamber, in which crystals of Thymol are heated to produce a bacteriocidal vapour. This process continues for about 48 hours. At the time of our visit the room contained, among other records, some of the earliest Minute Books of the now defunct Blaydon Urban District Council. These were badly charred and very brittle, having recently been in a fire. They had actually been deposited with Tyne and Wear Record Office but were in Durham for treatment as the Durham Record Office has much the better facilities for handling such fragile material.

Repair Room

Here we were given a demonstration of document repair by Mr Wearmouth, the Chief Repairer. This work is done on a glass-topped bench which can be lit from underneath. The fragile documents are placed on a plastic sheet to enable them to be turned easily. They are then treated with a solution of tap water and Lime Water, to neutralise any acid in the inks. This is necessary because before 1836 inks contained materials which attack the paper. The repair is done with the document wet to prevent the adhesive used from distorting the paper and also to have a cleansing effect. Bound books, such as parish registers, etc., usually have to be dismantled before repair, in which case they are re-bound in a modern but appropriate binding, the old covers being carefully preserved inside.

Strong Rooms

For the best preservation of records a constant temperature of 13°C (55°F) is maintained in all strongrooms. After cataloguing all documents are placed on shelves which are numbered for quick retrieval. In all, there are some two miles of shelving in the Record Office. One of the Strong Rooms has its shelving in racks, mounted on rails, which saves much valuable space. The records kept in this room are mostly those likely to be relevant to the current business of the County Council.

Maps are stored in cylinders in their own section of the Strong Rooms.

Another great space saver is the collection of reels of microfilms, which allow details to be kept of records held elsewhere.

Discussion

In the discussion which followed our formal tour, many interesting points were made, both by Mr Bishop and by those members who had had much experience of using the facilities of the Record Office.

In response to a question it was stated that no guide to the records held had yet been printed, because new accessions were still coming in at a rate which meant that any guide would be well out of date almost before it could be printed. However, a detailed catalogue of parish records is kept up to date and is available for consultation.

A microfiche index to County Durham baptisms is now available. This contains about half a million names of people baptised up to 1812 and covers some 90% of the 'historic' Co. Durham. For each baptism the microfiche index gives surname, Christian name, date and parish. The index is contained on about thirty separate microfiche sheets, each of which has some 15,000 names. When placed on the microfiche reader the entries are just visible to the naked eye, though some users prefer to augment the reader by using a magnifying glass. Each sheet has a quick reference surname index in its bottom right-hand corner, which gives a grid reference (e.g. M 14) to the area of the sheet which contains that surname. With a little practice this can be a great time-saver. Mr Bishop stressed the importance of reserving a reader in advance of any visit requiring the use of either microfilm or microfiche. It is only when intending to use a reader, however, that any appointment is necessary.

Registers are accepted for deposit only when the incumbent will waive his fees for searching in them. Many incumbents side-step this rule by depositing their records and then, when faced with an enquiry from a member of the public, visiting the Record Office to look up the entries themselves, charging their enquirer the standard fee which would have applied had he searched records still in his own custody. New legislation should soon abolish fees for all public records and may allow the authorities rights of inspection which would lead to the compulsory deposit of ill-kept records still kept in insecure, damp, church 'safes'.

The Record Office receives many letters asking for brief searches, and when specific details are provided the staff do their best to provide an answer. If the queries are long and vague then a search by the staff is impracticable and a list of local professional searchers is supplied.

In his closing remarks, Mr Neat commented that the microfiche index of Durham baptisms was a truly remarkable tool for the local genealogist. He himself had made great use of it. Mr Neat said that as a Society, as we gained experience we should help one another, and that the conducted tour given by Mr Bishop together with the interesting and constructive comments made by members was a good example of how this worked in practice.

INDEX TO NORTHUMBERLAND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

A.G.S. Bunting

Introduction

This is a summary of the lists of Northumberland Monumental Inscriptions at present available to searchers. Our Society is actively engaged in a programme of copying the Monumental Inscriptions from those pre-1851 churchyards still outstanding, and I have no doubt that many more lists will be making their appearance in local libraries, etc., later this year. Readers more knowledgeable than myself will doubtless detect errors and omissions; details of any such errors, plus new acquisitions, will be published in future editions of the Journal. One never knows what may turn up during searches at County Record Offices, and this list includes only what I have been able to find so far at Melton Park. This includes the two hundred-odd M.I.s recorded by the antiquarian T. Bell in the 1830s, which are mentioned separately; they may, in a few cases, help to supplement the contemporary lists but I have not had time to compare them. The best Newcastle lists are the work of E. Dodds, who compiled them at the beginning of this century. They are well indexed and take into account all earlier listings. Their wealth of additional manuscript notes, newspaper cuttings, etc., make them a 'must' for members interested in eighteenth and nineteenth century Newcastle families.

The following notes are intended as a guide to the index, and should be read carefully. The index is arranged as follows:-

1. Name of locality. This need not necessarily be a parish - it could be a chapelry listed as a separate entity within the alphabetical series.
2. Contents. For example: 24/1611-1851 means there are 24 M.I.s listed, complete between 1611 and 1851. The number of M.I.s may be approximate in the case of some of the larger lists, especially those for Newcastle. The list may well include some names of persons buried after 1851. The method recommended for our copiers is to copy all gravestones bearing inscriptions up to and including 1851, including any post-1851 inscriptions that may appear on these stones. Neighbouring post-1851 stones that obviously refer to the same family are recorded also. The letter 'I' after the date shows that the list is believed to be incomplete - I have placed a letter 'I' if there is any reasonable doubt that the list is incomplete. For example, Bell did not record about twenty M.I.s at Bolton chapel that belonged 'to the tenantry of the district', and I have no doubt that most of his other work has a similar 'snob bias'!

3. Repositories:
GPL = Gateshead Public Library
NCL = Newcastle Central Reference Library
NRO = Northumberland County Record Office, Melton Park
TWRO = Tyne and Wear Record Office, Newcastle

Nearly all the Newcastle Library material is on microfilm at Melton Park.

4. Notes. The final column gives information as to when the copy was made, and any other relevant points. AA = Archaeologia Aeliana.
PSAN = Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I should like to express my thanks to the staff at Melton Park and Newcastle Central Library for their help.

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Repositories</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Allendale	7/1789-1848 I	NRO	Bell MSS
"	62/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Alnham	24/1611-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1973
Aldwick	14/1767-1851 I	NRO	Bell MSS
Alwinton	256/1701-1959 I	NRO	Old part of yard
Belford	22/1732-1888 I	NRO, NCL	1908, in PR transcript
Bellingham	14/1624-1836 I	NRO	Bell MSS
Beltingham	62/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Benwell	8/1716-1754	NRO	Bell MSS "Inscriptions in Benwell Chapel Yard remaining in 1815"
Blanchland	50/1746-1912 I	NRO, Soc Antiq	1913, R. Miller MSS
"	59/1746-1912 I	NRO, NCL	1913, R. Miller MSS
"	33/1746-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975, adapted from above
"	?	GPL	
Blyth Old Chapel	34/1764-1871 I	NRO, NCL	1908
"	34/1764-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	adapted from above
Bolam	65/1324-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Bolton	10/1700-1831 I	NRO	Bell MSS
Bothal	30/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Broomhaugh (Baptist)	23/1745-1966	NRO, NCL, GPL Baptist Union	1974, Angus family burial ground
Byrness	137/1687-1969	NCL, Morpeth Library	1973, Bellingham Local History Group
Bywell St. Andrew	8/1735-1840 I	NRO	Bell MSS
"	38/1735-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Bywell St. Peter	10/1737-1845 I	NRO	Bell MSS
"	28/1709-1800	NRO, Soc Antiq	1906
"	60/1709-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Chatton	99/1762-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Chillingham	31/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Chollerton	75/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Corbridge	70/1669-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975
Cornhill	10/ ? - ?		Berwick Nat. Club, Vol. 20, p. 58
Dalton	3/1839-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975, bound with Newburn M.I.s
Earsdon	?	TWRO	
Edlingham	20/1712-1837	GPL	
Elsdon	23/1721-1836 I	NRO, GPL	
Falstone	8/1742-1850 I	NRO	Bell MSS
Felton	20/1736-1844 I	NRO	Bell MSS
Halton	28/1743?-1851	NRO	Bell MSS
Haltwhistle	79/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Hartburn	10/1693-1826 I	NRO, NCL, GPL	
"	284/1692-1900	NRO	1835, Bell MSS
Haydon Bridge	91/1636-1907	NRO, GPL	1971, all except NW corner
Heddon on the Wall	11/1748-1832	NRO, NCL	1908, in PR copy
"	101/1724-1851	NRO	Bell MSS
Hebron (Hebburn)	45/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Hexham	45/1404-1712	NRO, NCL, GPL	In Morpeth parish PSAN, 1898
"	286/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	Includes stones removed
Holy Island	234/1698-1942	NCL	1944, J.P. Hill
"	6/ ? - ?		Berwick Nat. Club, Vol. 7, p. 34
Holystone	20/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	

Ingram	33/1675?-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Kirkhaugh	76/1711-1901 I	NRO, NCL	In PR copy
"	52/1714-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	Adapted from above
Kirkheaton	15/ ? -1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Kirknewton	36/1617-1886 I		Hodgson, AA, 3 Ser. Vol. 21
Knarsdale	185/1717-1909	NRO, NCL	1910, J. Robinson
Kyloe	156/1689-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Lambley	157/1729-1909	NRO, NCL	1911, J. Robinson in PR copy
"	38/1729-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975, adapted from above
Lesbury	?	GPL	
Longhorsley	11/1742-1831 I	NRO	Bell MSS
"	61/1727-1837	NRO, GPL	
Meldon	46/1667-1971	NRO, GPL	1971
Mindrum	42/1675-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Mitford	37/1725-1837	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Netherwitton	111/1749-1950	NRO, GPL	1971
Newburn	175/1695-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975
		TWRO	

Newcastle N.B. At the Northumberland County Record Office there is, on open shelves, a consolidated index to the M.I.s of St.Andrew's, St.John's and St.Nicholas'.

All Saints	c500/1650-cl850	NRO	1911
Ballast Hills Cem.	?	GPL	
Jesmond Cem.	2514/1807-1917	NRO, NCL	1919, E. Dodds
St. Andrew	447/ ? - ?	NRO, NCL	1906, E. Dodds (best)
"	?	NRO	"Inscriptions in yard", 1883, Rev. East.
"	?	NRO	1921, "Epitaphs A-Ro"
St. Anne	27/1814-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975
		TWRO	
St. John	47/ ? - ?	NRO	T. Bell (notebook)
"	495/1570-1901	NRO, NCL	1906, E. Dodds (best - includes Bell's work)
"	203/ ? - ?	NCL	1934, J. Madsen
"	331/ ? - ?	NCL	1957, N/cle City Engineers (less detail than others)
St. Nicholas	134/1755-1832	NRO	1832, T. Bell
"	? /1522-1859	NCL, GPL	1906, E. Dodds & H. Leighton
Westgate Cem.	51/1810-1843 I	NRO	Bell MSS
"	510/1829-1859	NRO	1916, E. Dodds
North Shields,)	20/1737-1832 I	NRO	Bell MSS
St. Andrew's)	no dates ?I	GPL	
Ovingham	c240/1660-cl911	NRO, NCL	?Robinson, 1912
"	no dates ?I	GPL	
Ponteland	21/18th cent.	NRO	Bell MSS
Rothbury	?	NRO	
"	67/1676-1839 I	NRO, NCL	J.C. Hodgson MSS
St.John Lee	147/1712-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Shotley, St.Andrew	59/1575-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
" St.John	8/1817-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Stamfordham	154/1603-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Stannington	79/1719-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1975
Tynemouth	229/18th & 19th cents.	NRO	1830, T. Bell
"	no dates ?I	GPL	

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**"A DYER, SUPPOSED TO BE THE RIGHT HEIR
TO THE MERCHANT ESTATE."**

R.W. Cromarty

After the burial of my mother alongside my father in Tweedmouth Cemetery in April 1966, Mrs Howe, an elderly lady of Berwick upon Tweed, told me about the above unusual entry in the Burial Register of Tweedmouth Parish Church. It had been added to the entry recording the burial of one of our ancestors, John Friar, in April 1800. She also told me of family stories related to her by her mother and maternal grandmother, who was my great aunt. Upon my mentioning to Mrs Howe that family history was my great interest, she promised to let me have all she could remember. Doing this inspired her to delve into the accumulated family papers, old birthday books, family Bibles, etc., from cupboards and attics.

None of the mass of information she sent mentioned Detchant, but it did provide enough to start a pedigree which in due course was to be extended to include present day descendants. Contrary to the advice given in books for beginners in genealogy, which is to start with yourself and work back, the following part of the Friar Pedigree shows that we started the other way round as this information was readily available:

Richard Frier 1689-1748 (headstone, Tweedmouth Churchyard)

John Friar 1729-1800 (headstone, Tweedmouth Churchyard)

John Friar 1759-1838

Robert Friar 1769-1847

Master Mariner and Shipowner. Batchelor.
(headstone, Tweedmouth Churchyard)

As no entry was found in the Baptismal Registers of Tweedmouth or Berwick-upon-Tweed Parish Churches for Richard Frier or John Friar, it was possible that they were born in or near Detchant, near Belford. However, no Friar was found in the registers of Belford Parish Church in the period 1701-1812, nor in Detchant - or as it was then called, Detchon.

In Volume 1 of the Northumberland County History the following information was found, extracted from the Bell Collection in Alnwick Castle:

Stephen Fryer (Cordwainer of Newcastle upon Tyne)

Thomas Fryer (Cordwainer of Newcastle upon Tyne) - Mary Reay

Robert Fryer
Romford, Essex, d.1680

Son Son Son Stephen Fryer
1683-1759

Abraham Fryer d.1724

Martha d.1731 = Henry Gillum

Henry Gillum
(heir in law)

Nothing appears to be known of three of the sons of Thomas Fryer. The fourth son, Stephen, was a cornfactor, unmarried, who died intestate worth over £100,000. His personal estate went to his only next of kin, Mrs Dorothy Proctor of Gateshead. Just before his death, at Little Benton, he had bought the estates of Middleton (456 acres) and Detchant (2263 acres without a mansion house).

Stephen's uncle Robert had married Mary Frost of Romford, Essex, and

had made his home there. Robert, his children, and grandchildren, died before Stephen so Stephen's real estate passed to his heir in law, Henry Gillum. This included the Middleton and Detchant estates. He does not seem to have lived there (a family named Wake did so during the period 1700-1800), nor did his son, Stephen Fryer Gillum (who was High Sheriff of Essex in 1803), and in 1857 his grandson, also Stephen Fryer Gillum, sold this property.

It seems most unlikely, however, that John Friar, dyer of Tweedmouth, was a grandson of Thomas Fryer, cordwainer of Newcastle upon Tyne, and so the next of kin of Stephen Fryer - the "right heir to the Detchant Estate". If any member has information that indicates a possibility that Richard Friar 1689-1748 was a brother of Stephen Fryer 1683-1759 I would be delighted to have it, if only to justify the Vicar's supposition (this would be of no financial advantage to present day descendants).

John Friar's eldest son, Master Mariner John Friar, is mentioned in letters in Hodgson's Pedigrees. He retired from sea-faring after making a lot of money in the West Indies - by piracy, it is hinted. In 1823 he purchased from Sir F. Blake for £4,500 the Duddo estate (1648 acres) and later Grindon Ridge (207 acres), Greenlaw Walls, and other property, but continued to live in a thatched house in Tweedwood in what has been described as a "near manner". He made Thomas Friar, the second son of his only brother Robert, his heir after hearing that Thomas often did not pick up his wages (he was a joiner). John considered that this saving habit would enable Thomas to hold on well to any money left to him.

Robert, John's brother, was a carpenter and millwright. He married Mary Carr and had eight children: Ann b.1795; John 1796-1874, married and had issue; Thomas 1801-1889, the heir of John Friar; George 1803-1863 unmarried, a stonemason (he built Meadow Cottage in Tweedmouth where he and succeeding generations have ended their days, the last being Mrs Howe's mother); Jane b.1808, married and had issue; Richard 1809-1881, millwright, married and had issue - a great-grandfather of Mrs Howe and myself; William b.1810, went to USA gold digging and was killed by Indians; Mary 1812-1903, married and had issue.

After the death of John Friar in 1838 his heir, Thomas, took up residence at Grindon Ridge, near Norham. He seems to have made settlements on his sisters and brothers from his legacy. Certainly his brother Richard received £100 a year which enabled him to retire and be described as a "gentleman" in the Register when he was buried.

With James Wilson, a Berwick artist, Thomas went on the Grand Tour of Europe. In 1840 "in the House of His Excellency the British Ambassador to the Court of France" (to quote from the marriage certificate) he married Emma Stafford, Spinster, a daughter of John Stafford who was then living in Paris with his family. John Stafford was born John Abbs, of a coal and landowning family of Monkwearmouth, and had changed his surname in 1805. (For the Abbs family, see paper by E. Watts Moses in "Antiquities of Sunderland", 1938.)

Thomas and his bride settled down to a quiet county style life at Grindon Ridge. Of their two children, a son, John Edmund Achille Friar, 1843-1917, married and made his home in Brighton, Sussex (his grandson, John Friar, b.1920, is unmarried, so possibly the remains of Master Mariner John Friar's wealth will eventually pass to descendants without the Friar surname) and a daughter, Emma Friar, married and had issue.

A memorial window to Thomas in Norham Parish Church shows Arms

GENEALOGICAL SOURCES IN GATESHEAD CENTRAL LIBRARY

The following list of genealogical sources in the Local Studies Department of Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 4LN, has been kindly supplied by Mr T.S. Cardy, Borough Librarian.

ORIGINAL PARISH REGISTERS

Gateshead, St. Mary	C. 1559-85, 1587, 1608-1889; M. 1559-84, 1587, 1608-1906; B. 1559-1584, 1587, 1608-1889; Banns 1754-1811. The first parish register (1559-1662) is at present at St. Mary's Church; a transcript and a microfilm copy are available at the Library. A name index is in progress at the time of writing.
Gateshead, St. John	C. 1825-1918; M. 1825-1929; B. 1825-1924; Banns 1825-1897. There is an index to burials 1884-1901.
Gateshead, St. Edmund	C. 1865-1972; M. 1865-1972; B. 1865-1971; Banns 1894-1967.
Gateshead, St. Aidan	C. 1892-1964; M. 1895-1964.
Gateshead, St. Columba	C. 1902-1968; M. 1898-1968.
Heworth, St. Alban	C. 1843-1953; M. 1843-1946; B. 1843-1960.

ORIGINAL METHODIST REGISTERS

Baptism registers for the following churches and chapels:

Bensham Road Circuit, Gateshead, 1875-1960; Central Hall, Gateshead, 1837-1915; Charlotte Street Mission, Gateshead, 1876-1889; Cuthbert Street, Gateshead, 1890-1963; Gateshead South Circuit, 1943-1963; Heworth (P.M.), 1897-1921; Kibblesworth South, 1939-1964; Low Fell, 1883-1927; Mount Pleasant (N.C.), 1858-1888; Mount Pleasant (Wesleyan), 1884-1968; Saltwell, 1938-1960; Usworth Colliery, 1923-1957; Washington (N.C.), 1871-1882; Washington Staiths, 1870-1938; Windy Nook (Albion Street), 1938-1941; Windy Nook (N.C.), 1883-1922; Wrekenton (N.C.), 1885-1916.

NON-PAROCHIAL REGISTERS (MICROFILM)

Births/Baptisms:

Felling Congregational Chapel, 1831-1837
Gateshead Half Moon Lane Presbyterian Chapel, 1783-1837
Gateshead High Street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, 1812-1837
Gateshead New Connexion Methodist Chapel, 1833-1837
Stella Roman Catholic Mission (St. Thomas Aquinas), 1775-1838
Swalwell Presbyterian Chapel, 1778-1837
Winlaton Congregational Chapel, 1830-1837
Index available.

PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTS

In addition to a complete set of the publications of the Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society the following are available:

Alston, Cumb.	C. 1700-1812; M. 1715-1815; B. 1703-1812.
Durham Cathedral	C. 1609-1896; M. 1610-1896; B. 1611-1896.
Elsdon, Nb.	C. 1672-1812; M. 1672-1812; B. 1672-1812.

Esh, Du.	C. 1567-1812; M. 1567-1812; B. 1567-1812.
Haydon Bridge, Nb.	C. 1654-1812; M. 1654-1812; B. 1654-1812.
Knarsdale, Nb.	C. 1695-1812; M. 1701-1812; B. 1695-1812.
Lambley, Nb.	C. 1742-1812; M. 1742-1812; B. 1742-1812.
Lanchester, Du.	C. 1560-1848; M. 1560-1837; B. 1560-1847.
Medomsley, Du.	C. 1608-1730; M. 1608-1730; B. 1608-1730.
Newcastle, All Saints	C. 1600-1803.
Ovingham, Nb.	C. 1679-1812; M. 1679-1812; B. 1679-1812.
Rothbury, Nb.	C. 1653-1812; M. 1653-1812; B. 1653-1812.
Shotley, Du.	C. 1675-1812; M. 1670-1818; B. 1690-1812.
Stanhope, Du.	C. 1812-1830; B. 1813-1860.
Tynemouth, Nb.	C. 1607-1734; M. 1607-1734; B. 1607-1734.
Warkworth, Nb.	C. 1677-1812; M. 1677-1812; B. 1677-1812.
Whickham, Du.	C. 1576-1756.
Whitfield, Nb.	C. 1612-1812; M. 1612-1812; B. 1612-1812.
All Indexed.	

TRANSCRIPTIONS OF EPITAPHS AND GRAVESTONES

Alston; Blanchland; Ballast Hills Cemetery, Newcastle; St. Mary's Church, Gateshead; St. Edmund's Church, Gateshead; St. John's Church, Gateshead; St. John's Chapel, Weardale.

MARRIAGE BONDS

Durham Marriage Bonds, 1594-1815; 16 volumes; indexed.
Yorkshire Marriage Bonds relating to the diocese of Durham, 1590-1713;
1 volume; indexed.

WILLS

DURHAM wills; collected by J.W. Robinson; 9 volumes and index.
DURHAM wills; extracted ... by Geo. Neasham; 2 volumes and index.
INDEX of Commonwealth wills, 1649-1660, for Northumberland and Durham;
1 volume.

DODDS COLLECTION

Six volumes of genealogical notes. Indexed.

[■]REGISTERS of births within the Heworth School Board and Felling Education Committee area, 1868-1940; with indexes, 1868-1892, 1897-1940.

RATE BOOKS

Gateshead	1749, 1785 (Low Ward), 1825-32 (St. John's Parish), 1838 (North West Division), 1841, 1850, 1851, 1857, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1866, 1886, 1915, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951.
Birtley	1833-1837, [■] 1848.
Whickham	[■] 1851-1946, 1951.
Winlaton	[■] 1853, 1911, 1921, 1928, 1931, 1941.

The above include church, poor and general rate books.

ELECTORS' LISTS

Gateshead burgess rolls 1835/6; 1836/7; 1840/1; 1847/8; 1862/3-1864/5;

[■] Held on behalf of Tyne and Wear County Archives Department.

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1867/8-1870/1; 1872/3-1873/4; 1875/6-1891/2;
1894/5-1898/9; 1900/1-1904/5; 1906/7-1914/5.
Gateshead parliamentary electors' lists 1832, 1837, 1842, 1847, 1851.
Gateshead electors' lists 1918-1939, 1945 to date.

POLL BOOKS

Gateshead 1837, 1852.
North Durham 1820, 1833, 1865, 1868.

DIRECTORIES

Directories are available for the following years:

1778, 1795, 1801, 1824, 1827-8, 1828-9, 1833, 1834, 1838, 1844, 1847, 1848,
1850, 1851, 1853, 1854-5, 1856, 1858, 1859-60, 1864, 1865, 1868, 1869-70,
1870-71, 1873-74, 1874-75, 1876-77, 1879, 1883-84, 1885-86, 1887-88,
1889-90, 1893-94, 1897, 1899-1900, 1901-2, 1903-4, 1905-6, 1907-8, 1909-10,
1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1918, 1921, 1925, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1934,
1935-6, 1937, 1938, 1939.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS' BOOKS (MICROFILM)

- 1841: Bedlington, North Blyth, Cambois, Choppington, Netherton, Sleekburn, Boldon, Gateshead, Gateshead Fell, Harton, Heworth, Hedworth, Jarrow, Monkton, South Shields, Lamesley, Ouston, Pelton, Plawsworth, Ravensworth, Tanfield, Stanley, Beamish, Lintz Green, Urpeth, Waldrige, Broom, Muggleswick, Crawcrook, Ryton, Ryton Woodside, Stella, Chopwell, Winlaton, Whickham, Dunston, Swalwell, Witton Gilbert, Byers Green, Coundon Grange.
- 1851: Heworth, Gateshead, Gateshead Fell, Marley Hill, Dunston, Swalwell, Whickham, Blaydon, Winlaton, Chopwell, Ryton Woodside, Crawcrook, Ryton, Stella, Cocken, Burnmoor, Lambton, South Biddick, Little Lumley, Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, Waldrige, Plawsworth, Pelton, Edmondsley, Urpeth, Witton Gilbert, Ouston, Harraton, Birtley, Lamesley, Kibblesworth, Usworth, Great Usworth, Barmston, Washington.
- 1861: Pelton, Harraton, Ouston, Birtley, Barmston, Washington, Lamesley, Heworth, Gateshead, Whickham, Dunston, Swalwell, Winlaton, Stella, Ryton, Crawcrook, Ryton Woodside, Chopwell.
- 1871: Witton Gilbert, Pelton, Harraton, Ouston, Birtley, Barmston, Washington, Usworth, Lamesley, Heworth, Gateshead, Marley Hill, Crookgate, Whickham, Fellside, Dunston, Swalwell, Bleach Green, Winlaton, Barlow, Blaydon, Stella, Ryton, Crawcrook, Ryton Woodside, Chopwell.

TITLE DEEDS

The Library has a large collection of title deeds (some 1300 bundles) relating to properties in Gateshead which have been demolished. These can not only give information on the history of the houses themselves, but also details of relationships within the family which owned them.

FAMILY PAPERS

The Library has two collections of family papers - the Cotesworth MSS and the Ellison MSS. The bulk of the papers relate to Gateshead and Whickham, but some refer to estates in other areas of Northumberland and Durham. The papers date mainly from the late seventeenth to the early nineteenth century. Full lists are available for consultation, and there is a name index to the title deeds in the Cotesworth MSS.

ODD BORDERERS

We continue this series of cross-border parish register entries from border parishes in the period 1837-1855 with some further burials from Cornhill and some baptisms from Norham.

Cornhill burials 1849 and 1851 (1850 is missing. Cornhill burials, 1837-48, appeared in the last issue.)

Alex John PALMER	Coldstream	Mar. 8 1849	1
Agnes GLADSTONE	do	Apr. 5	9 months
John SCOTT	do	Sep. 21	59
David SCOTT	do	Oct. 23	17 months
Agnes SCOTT	do	Nov. 11	11 months
John WEATHERLY	do	Dec. 15	14 weeks
Ann JOHNSTON	do	Sep. 20	41
Mary PURVES	do	Jan. 20 1851	32
Mary SMITH	do	Mar. 18	84
Eliz DAVIDSON	do	Apr. 13	80
Jane ROBSON	Swinton	June 21	27
Geo BRADY	Coldstream	Sep. 2	28
Susan WILSON	do	Sep. 9	38
Agnes PURVES	do	Nov. 7	78
John WILSON	do	Nov. 20	39
Richard Prichard BEDDEK	Portobello	Dec. 30	58

Norham baptisms 1837-1841

1837	July 4	Ann	d Hugh & Mary Ann McCORMACK	Glasgow	Tailor
	Aug 15	Eliz	d Wm & Frances Holmes	Lennel Hill	
		Frances	NICHOLSON	par Coldstream	Farmer
1838	April 5	John	s Matt & Nichodemus KENNEDY	?Dunbar	Basket maker
	Dec. 17	Isabella	d Wm & Frances Holmes	Lennel Hill	
	do	Frances	NICHOLSON	par Coldstream	Farmer
	Dec. 28	Isabella	d Wm & Harriet DODDS	Foulden Deans	Farmer
1839	April 23	Phillis	d John & Phillis MACLEAN	Haddington	Shoemaker
1840	Jan. 21	George	s George & Grace Ann SMITH	New Ladykirk	Farmer
	April 15	Jane	d Wm & Frances NICHOLSON	Lennel Hill	Farmer
	Aug. 9	Ellen	d William & Janet BLYTH	Yetholm	Potter
1841	Feb. 8	Robert	s John (decd) & Mgt SMITH	Hawick	Vagrant
	July 14	Agnes	d Thomas & Isabella THOMPSON	Kirkliston(?)	Gardener
	Aug. 17	Phillis	d Alexander & Janet KNOX	Edinburgh	Basket maker
	Sep. 1	Mary	d James & Mary PENMAN	Dunfermline	Weaver
		Macfarlane			

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Ulgham	21/1697-1837	NRO, GPL	
Wallsend	N.B. The following three listings are all different. I hope to bring them together at some future date.- AGB.		
Holy Cross	11/1625-1802 I		AA, 3 Ser., Vol. 6, p. 191
"	38/1757-1828 I		PSAN, 3 Ser., Vol. 3
"	12/1726-1808 I	NRO, NCL	Wm Richardson, "Supplemental notes on Holy Cross Church Soc. Ant. 1910, bound in PE transcripts
Warkworth	211/1630-1887	NRO, NCL, GPL, etc.	1890, Dand & Hodgson, printed 1974
Whalton	85/1564-1851	NRO, NCL, GPL	1974
Whittonstall	117/1763-1972	NRO, NCL, GPL	
Widdrington	40/1746-1837	NRO, GPL	
Wooler	280/1729-1937	NRO	by Vicar

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

- 6 Mr R.E. VINE, 24 Wentworth Ct, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland.
Our Treasurer, Mr Vine, has sent a list of 102 surnames in which he is interested, including many from Essex, Gloucs, Herts, Mdx, Oxon, Somerset, Wilts, Birmingham, Staffs, Yorks and Scotland, and several Huguenot names. From Northumberland he is interested in Langhorn, Philipson, Railton, Thompson (all 1750-1820) and Co. Durham names are Armstrong, Brownlees, Close, Dixon, Duel, Hunter, Main, Pattison, Pickering, Ridsdale, Sowerby/Soulby, Stokesley, Walton, Wrangham (all Darlington/Stockton area); Dunn and Newton (both Sedgefield); Lonsdale (Hartlepool); Robinson (Auckland); Robson (Wolsingham); Lynn, Strong and Wastell/Waistell/Westall (all areas). In addition he is interested in a group of "border" families from the Berwick area: Bonner, Clark, Hepburn, Leith and Reavely.
- 138 Mr M.L. TAYLOR, 13 Dene Rd, Wylam, Northumberland, NE41 8EY.
Tracing families of Taylor (Rothbury, 19th century) and Lough (Blyth, 18th century).
- 195/6 Mrs D. & Miss E.S. CLARK, 70 Southcliffe, Roker, Sunderland, SR6 0PH.
Families of interest are: Wilson, Renney, Reed, Snaith (Sunderland); Hardy (Northumberland/Borders); Grabham (Morden); Parker (Leicester); Worthington (Sunderland/Lancs); Sinclair (Parson/Parton, Scotland); Kell (Northumberland); Turner (Hull); Madgin/Madgson (Sunniside); Knox (Walker); Watson (Co.Durham). Is seeking the birth of Samuel Worthington, c1780, who in 1826 was an engineman, living at Low St, Sunderland.
- 236 Mr G. CATNACH, 84 Polwarth Rd, Brunton Pk, Gosforth, Newcastle, NE3 5NE.
Is descended from a family of Catnach, living in Burntisland, Fife, but has a problem in that his ancestor, John Catnach, was born c1770 and there were two persons of that name born around then. One of these became a printer in London (the "Catnach Press"), having passed through Newcastle on his way; the other, who is Mr Catnach's most probable ancestor, had a son, John, born in Newcastle c1802, though his birth record has not yet been found.
- 237 Mr D.W. STADDON, "Cragside", 9 Wythwood, Haywards Heath, Sussex.
The Staddon family originated in Teignmouth, Devon, and other of Mr Staddon's ancestors are from Jersey (McLeod) and Oxfordshire (Westall) but local interests are Hopper (Bellingham, 19th cent., of Irish descent and most of family eventually emigrated to Wisconsin, USA) and Burdon (Co.Durham). Has accumulated much information on 19th century Staddons on Tyneside and Wearside and has background data on Fairless of Corbridge in 17th century.
- 238 Mr E. BICKLE, Salisbury Hse, 71 Front St, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne.
Mr Bickle's ancestry is mainly from the West Country and he is interested particularly in the parentage of William Cudlip Bickle (born 1833) and Jane Opey (born 1840) who were married in 1859. At the time of the marriage they were living in the Beeralston/Beerferris area, near Tavistock. Has information on Thomas Bickle, who sailed on the Mayflower in 1679 and on the origin of the name Bickle.
- 239 Mr G.S. ADWICK-HORNER, 3 Grantham Ave, Hartlepool, TS26 9QT.
Interested in Elwood, throughout Co.Durham (before 1860) and in Walton of Alston (before 1750).
- 240 Mrs B. KERN, Rural Route 3, Box 46, Colby, Kansas 67701, USA.
Families of interest are Allan (John, rope manufacturer of Durham, children born in 1820s and 1830s), Armstrong (James and Mary of Urpeth, 1802), Benson (Ann, born c1744, Kirkoswald, Cumberland), Blakeman (Staffs, 17th cent), Baldwin (Bucks, 16th cent), Edwards (Wales), Janes (Essex), Hawley (Derbys), Northrup/Northrop (Yorks),

Platt (Herts), Wheeler (Kent), Wood (Essex) and Burnell (Durham and Northumberland). Mrs Kern seems to have had a measure of success in her researches, in that most of the above families have been traced to the 16th century. One outstanding problem, however, is the baptism of Ann Benson.

- 241 Mr K.C. MAVIN, 17 Range Rd, E.Burwood, Melbourne, Victoria 3151, Australia. Interested in Mavin (Borders, Northumberland); Shipley (N. & S. Shields); Chisholm (Borders); Atkinson (S. Shields). Mr Mavin gives his special interests as the River Tyne, "The Geordie" and transport history in the North-East.
- 242 Mrs R. HAMMOND, 76 Corder Rd, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2XB. Interested in the following 19th century Hartlepool families: Anderson-Thynne, Turnbull and Hansell.
- 243 Mrs W.H. WALTON, 909 Walnut St, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074, USA. Interested in the Waltons of Righouse and Hawkwellhead, both in Stanhope parish and in Peart of Chapel House and Lanehead, also in Stanhope parish. Would be interested in any information on the Pearts of Westerblackdene, Weardale - she already has the wills of John (1569) and Cuthbert (1577). An example of the Society's international connections - Mrs Walton first heard of us from member no. 200, Mr M. Peart, who lives in Ontario, Canada.
- 244 Dr K. MITCHELL, Stanegate East, Fourstones, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 5DX. Although the Mitchells originated from Scotland, Dr Mitchell has many local interests, in particular the family of Joseph Black (married Ann Ladzyrie, Newcastle St. John's, 1820); the birth of Matthew Westmorland who married in Durham in 1699/1700; the ancestry of John Harrison, silversmith, Darlington c1827, especially the movements of his father William, Officer of Excise, who married Ann Hopper of Hurworth, and the birth of Thomas Ewbank, who married Alice Moorie at St. Mary the Less, Durham, in 1781. Is interested in Ewbank generally throughout the North-East, esp. John Ewbank, the painter (believed to be a relative of Thomas).
- 245 Mrs L. PETRIE, 24 Dene Rd, Wylam, Northumberland. Mrs Petrie's main interest would appear to be the Yorkshire family of Beilby in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 249 Mrs T.M. HETHERINGTON, 202 Glentower Dr, San Antonio, Texas 78213, USA. Interests include Swinburne, especially the family of her grandfather, born 1851, who went to America as a young man.
- 250 Mrs B. BRACK, 17 Lockharton Gdns, Edinburgh, EH14 1AU. Mrs Brack, who is an approved searcher in New Register House (the Scottish equivalent of St. Catherine's House) has offered to do short searches for members, on a reciprocal basis. Her own ancestry is mostly confined to a triangle between Leeds, Middlemoor and Nidderdale but has recently discovered that a great-great-grandfather, Simon Wood, a blacksmith of Leeds, was born in Hurworth, Co. Durham. Another Yorkshire family of interest is Fortune/Porton of Kilderwick in Craven. The Bracks have been traced to Andrew, of Whickham in 1720, and mentions in the 1640 Protestation Returns suggest that it should be possible to extend this family to an earlier date in the same area.
- 251 Mr W.I. WALLACE, 16 Turners Way, Kirkhill, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2YL. Families of interest are: Wallace (N.Northumberland/Borders); Rogerson, Davison, Waddell, Telfer (all Alwinton and Borders); Telfer, Brydon, Pollard (central Northumberland, Tyne valley, Newcastle, Kirkheaton, Stamfordham and Benwell); Barker (Lanchester and Bedlington); Stoutt, Robinson (Haswell and Easington); Harding (Co. Durham); Dryden and Hunt (last reported in Benoni, Transvaal!). Is willing to search locally in return for assistance in New Register House, Edinburgh.

- 253 Mrs D.J. HAMNER, 122 Brittany Dr, San Antonio, Texas, 78212, USA.
Mrs Hamner's main interest is in Shepherd of Heighington, which family has been traced to a John Shepherd who was probably born c1755. In particular, she seeks death details of Thomas Shepherd (bap Heighington 1823) who possibly moved to Darlington after 1878. Other families of interest are Crawford, Henderson (Heighington); Watson, Wright, Bradley (Manfield, Yorks); Pontefract and Turton (Huddersfield). The Turtons are the same family as Thomas Turton (b1780), Bishop of Ely.
- 254 Mrs A. REILLY, 25 Ozanne St, Paddinton, Q4064, Brisbane, Australia.
Families of interest are Ackinclose (anywhere), Simpson, Peacock, Grimwood and Northover (Suffolk). Mrs Reilly, who is a comparatively recent emigrant (1963), was born in Corbridge.
- 255 Mrs L. WITTY, 19 Norburn Park, Witton Gilbert, Co. Durham.
Interested in Barnett and Beresford, both from Sunderland.
- 256 Mrs B.L. WITTY, Lindisfarne, 22 Norwich Rd, Newton Hall, Durham DH1 5QA.
Families of interest are Lilburn (Northumberland before 1790 and Durham), Yetts (Northumberland and Edinburgh) and Grey (Holy Island).
- 257 Mr A. LONGSTAFF, 2627 East, 10000 South, Sandy, Utah 84070, USA.
Interested in Dunn, Hall, Longstaff, Moor and Wardell/Wardle (all S.Shields). Also Buchanan (Newcastle All Saints); Hetherington (Newcastle/Stockton); Mainard/Maynard (Stockton); and Wardell/Wardle (Morpeth). Wishes to find more details of George Maynard, who in 1841 was aged 30-34 and living at Stockton, but not born in the county. He is known to have been a shipwright but was not in Stockton in 1851. Also seeks ancestors of Thomas Longstaff who married Sussana Grey at Stockton in 1826. He was dead by 1841 but his death record has not been found. Wishes to know where the death would be recorded if Thomas had died at sea.
- 258 Mr W. FORD, 13 Arthur St, Ashwood, Victoria 3417, Australia.
Wishes to contact descendants of William Philip Matthewson (born Seghill 1829, son of John Matthewson, miner) and his wife Hannah Thompson (born Durham 1834, dau. of Michael Thompson and Mary Ann Houlst). The Thompsons seem to have moved around a great deal in the Rainton/Durham/Houghton-le-Spring area. Before emigrating to Australia in the 1850s, William and Hannah lived in Castle Eden, Haswell Lane and Oakenshaw.
- 259 Dr C.T. WATTS, 27 Fairview Ct, Manor Rd, Ashford, Middx, TW15 2SN.
Dr Watts, whose interesting article on S. Shields rating records in our last issue is followed up elsewhere in this Journal by an equally absorbing account of that town's education records, is particularly interested in the lives of mariners from S. Shields - their living conditions and their migration from N.E. Norfolk in the early and mid 19th century. S. Shields families of interest are Watts (originally N.E. Norfolk), Curry (originally Lanarkshire), Thorn(e) (originally Devon?), Burton (watch and clock makers), Horsbrugh (originally Kelso), Balmer (originally Jedburgh), Wiseman (originally Strathavon, Lanarkshire) and Young (Tyne Pilots). Another Tyneside family of interest is Vinton. N.B. Vintons are possibly of German origin and members of the family were engaged in iron and steel making in the 18th century in the middle and lower Derwent Valley. Several Vintons were based in Winlaton Mill and worked for the Crowley Iron Works - Ed/
- 260 Miss S. TEB0, Rt 1, Roca, Nebraska 68430, USA.
Interested in the Berwick upon Tweed families of Shirley and Middlemast/Middlemist/Middlemiss. Would like to contact descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth Shirley who lived in Berwick in 1851. Thomas had two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary, and a brother, James, who married Dorothy Middlemast and went to Canada c1837. Their parents, James and Isabella Shirley, were both born in Scotland.

- 261 Mr J.P. EYRE, 4 Ashton Rd, Emmbrook, Wokingham, Berks.
Tracing emigrant Eyre/Ayre families from Derbyshire to Durham in the early 19th century. Also interested in McIntyre (Durham/Auckland/Cassop), Hannon (Consett/Usworth), Halpin (Easington/Seaham), Crawford, Phillips, Holdsworth, Bartley, Hunt, Nuttrass, Wilson and Greenwell. Seeks the marriage details of a Catholic couple, John Eyre and Margaret McIntyre, probably in the late 1830s in the Coundon/Durham/Cassop/Thornley area. Also seeks a connection between the Eyres and Cuthbert Allison, a brewer and publican of Hetton in the 1840s.
- 262 Mr A.J. ROBINS, 13 Lucerne St, Vermont, Victoria, Australia 3133.
Mr Robins is interested in families from several different parts of the country. Local families are Herbert, Moore and Pearson, all from Durham. In each case the earliest known reference is in the mid-19th century. Specific queries are for the births of Thomas Moore (c1832, son of George Moore, whitesmith), Mary Ann Herbert (c1832, daughter of Edward Herbert, weaver) and James Pearson (c1849, son of John Pearson, plasterer). When Thomas and Mary Ann married in 1855, they were both living in Crossgate, Durham; when James married in 1869 he was living in South St.
- 263 Mrs V.M. FOREMAN, 13 Briardane, Lanchester, Durham, DH7 0QD.
Mrs Foreman's major interests are Andrews, of Sunderland, and Thornton. Her greatgrandparents, Sophia and Robert Andrews, lived at 104 Hawarden Crescent.
- 264 Mr H. PROCTOR, FRCS(Ed), 7 Tudor Grove, Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands.
Interested in Proctor of Newcastle and Northumberland, especially the grandchildren of William Proctor, Sheriff of Newcastle in 1684, and in the armigerous families of Proctor. Another interest is in the Myers family of Durham.
- 265 Mrs O. MAUGHAN, 227 Algernon Road, Lewisham, London, SE 13.
Mrs Maughan's interests are in McFarland, Patterson, Fotheringham, Teasdale/Teesdell, Treweeke, McLane/McLean, and Proctor, all of Sunderland and district in the 19th century.
- 267 Mrs M. WALTER, 1285 Marine Drive North, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. V7P 1T3.
Interested in Davison and Grey, both of Alnwick and environs in the 17th to 19th centuries.
- 271 Mrs H. DUMPLETON, 7 Parkthorne Drive, North Harrow, Mdx, HA2 7BU.
Families of interest are Dixon, throughout our area, and Bruce of Northumberland in the 19th century. Another interest is in steam boats and cargo ships on the Tees.
- 272 Mr P.D. THOMSON, 56 Walton Lane, Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 6EU.
Interested in Thomson of Hawkwell, Stamfordham, Penshaw, Cleveland and Norton, and also in Burn (Hawkwell), Armstrong (Fenwick and Stamfordham), Sheen (Surrey and Newcastle), Raisbeck (Stockton), Rudd (Stockton), Colling (Hurworth), Ramage (all areas, esp. Aberdeen and India), Dixon (Quakers of Guisborough) and Hartley (Darlington). Special interests include India and her records and the Army of the H.E.I.C. Mr Thomson is willing to share his knowledge of these subjects and also wishes to verify a footnote in Longstaffe's "Darlington" (p.244), "... James (Thomson of Hawkwell) was cousin to Thomson the poet (b Ednam 1700)".
- 273 Mrs C.G. DRAKE, 312 Johnson Ave, Warrensburg, Missouri, 64093, USA.
Mrs Drake's grandmother, Jane Eleanor (Jackson) Smith Woods, was born in Lamesley parish in 1862 and was the daughter of Mary (Anderson) and Samuel Jackson. Mary Anderson was born in 1842 at the Ridsdale Iron Works, the gaunt castle-like ruins of which are a landmark beside the A68 road near West Woodburn. Her mother was Jane Robson and her father was Michael Anderson; they were married at Corsenside in 1841, when his father was given as John Anderson and her father as Thomas ?Charlton. A witness at this marriage was Lancelot Anderson. Mrs Drake's queries are:

was Lancelot a brother of Michael? Who was Michael's mother?
And who was Jane Robson's mother?

- 274 Mr R.R. BOYS, 69 Elms Rd, Heaton Moor, Stockport, Cheshire, SK4 4PT.
Is interested in tracing a connection between the Boys family of Sunderland and the Boys on W. Berry's "Pedigrees of families of the County of Kent". So far he has reached George Boys, bl835, son of Susanna Smoland and George Boys (marine) (Sunderland PRs). Mr Boys would like any information on the father of George Boys, and his ancestors. Is also interested in any "tales and legends" of the Boys and of any local Boys heraldry.
- 275 Mr J. DAWSON, 16 Cranbrook Ct, Kingston Park, Newcastle, NE3 2YR.
Local interests are Dawson (Newcastle, Ingoe and Matfen), Hall (Newcastle), Saint (Humshaugh), Ridley (Newcastle, Ingoe & Matfen), Slater (Newcastle) and Firral (Humshaugh). Families from other areas are Boyd, Hubble, Coutts, Woolley, Riddall and Oldwell (all S. London) and Nicholson of Cumberland - in fact, it would appear that this Nicholson connection establishes a relationship with members no. 4 (your Editor) and 143.
- 276 Mrs M.M. RICHARDSON, 33 Houghton Ave, Cullercoats, N. Shields, NE30 3NQ.
Interested in the family and movements of her grandfather, Richard Abbott, fruiterer, 44 East Holborn, S. Shields, cl865 and her grandmother, Mary Marshall, Blackstone Burn, Benfieldside, Shotley Bridge, cl884.
- 277 Miss M.O. REVELY, 7 Thompson Ave, Victoria Pk, Cardiff, Glamorgan, CF5 1EX.
Main interest is in Revely of Bamburgh in the 18th century, and is especially seeking the birth of Wm Revely, born Bamburgh cl780, and his marriage to Hannah Lamb, native of Warkworth, cl800. William and Hannah were dissenters. Other families are Spencer (Woodbridge, Suffolk), Gibb (Newcastle and Northumberland), Ward (Newcastle and Northumberland) and Lamb (Amble and Acklington). Miss Revely is a great-niece of Dr C.J. Gibb of Blaydon Races fame.
- 279 Mrs K.D.V. THORP, Stonehurst, 70 Hibbert Lane, Marple, Cheshire.
- 280 Mrs E.J. HOWE, 56 Coach Rd, Brotton, Saltburn, Cleveland, TS12 2RP.
- 281 Mr K.C. RICHMOND, 1 Mitre Pl, Castle Cary, Somerset, BA7 7EP.
- 282 Mrs N.F. WYLIE, 19 Puerta St, Burwood 3125, Victoria, Australia.
- 283 Mrs J. LAMBERT, 141 Brodie Ave, Liverpool, L18 4RG.
- 284 Miss C.H. McRAE, 28 Aroona Rd, N. Caulfield, Melbourne 3161, Victoria, Australia.
- 285 Mr G.W. BARTLEY, 146 Cresswell Dr, Beaconsfield, Quebec H9W 1E7, Canada.
- 286 Mrs V. KETCHAM, 2460 9th Av, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 2N3, Canada.
- 287 Mr D. le P. WEBB, "Bell Place", Bell Lane, Syresham, Brackley, Northants.
- 288 Mr A. RIGG, 21 Waldrige Rd, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.
- 289 Mrs B.A. PAYNE, PO Box 22, 170 High St, Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 290 Mr G. KELLY, 1524 Lewisham Dr, Mississauga, Ontario, L5J 3R5, Canada.
- 291 Mr J.R. HORSMAN, 1 Buttermere Close, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, DH2 3DN.
- 292 Mr C.J. TITLER, 10 Jordan's Close, Boxgrove Park, Guildford, Surrey.
- 293 Mrs C.M. COCKWILL, 4 Box Ridge Ave, Purley, Surrey, CR2 3AP.
- 294 Mr L. COLLING, 35 Rorebury Ave, Leigh, Lancashire, WN7 4JZ.
- 295 Miss R.H. HORNSEY, 145 Summit Ave, Summit, New Jersey, 07901, USA.
- 296 Dr D.W. BURDON, 186 Rosemary Hill Rd, Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands, B74 4HP.
- 297 Stockton Reference Library, Church Rd, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TU.
- 298 Mrs C. WILLIAMS, "Dyffryn", Stockton Rd, Easington Village, Co. Durham.
- 299 Mr W. COWAN, 100 Westernmoor, Blackfell, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE37 1LT.
- 300 Mrs E. DABBS, 20 Prospect Terrace, New Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 4EJ.
- 301 Mr I. DODD, "Brierley", 37 Croft Pk, Menston, Ilkley, W. Yorks, LS29 6LY.
- 302 Mrs J.M. TONKS, 17 Pennhouse Ave, Wolverhampton, WV4 4BG.
- 303 Mr E.K. URWIN, 54 Rivermead Road, Denton, Manchester, M34 1PG.
- 304 Mr J. SCOTT, 7 Ottershaw Park, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 0QG.
- 305 Mr J. HALL, School Bungalow, Darlington Rd, Richmond, Yorks, DL10 7BH.

- 306 Mrs N.E.N. EVANS, 18 Seacroft Rd, Cleethorpes, S. Humberside, DN35 0AZ.
 307 Mrs J.R. SMITH, Wentworth, Chinnor Rd, Bledlow Ridge, High Wycombe, Bucks.
 308 Mr J.D. NEAT, "Linden", Kensington Ave, Thorner, Leeds, LS14 3EH.

Changes of Address

- 28 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 3 Esk Mill Cottages, Castleton, Whitby, N.Yorkshire.
 24 Mr J. HARKER, 276 West Wycombe Rd, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP12 4AB.
 67 Mr T.M. LIDGATE, 5 Merlin Close, Bosden Farm, Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 5UH.
 72 Rev H. EMBLETON, The Vicarage, 17 Victoria Dr, Bognor Regis, W. Sussex, PO21 RH1.
 137 Mrs M. JAY, 4 Bentley Croft, Hamilton Rd, Redditch, Worcs, B97 5BD.
 194 Mrs D. EADES, 28 Clifton Terrace, Tauranga, New Zealand.
 230 Mr D.G. LINLEY, 20 Dartmouth Ave, Newcastle, Staffs., ST5 3NX.

SECOND TIME AROUND

The interests and problems of anyone making progress on his or her family history will not be static. As old problems are solved new ones will appear and new interests will be added to those already notified. This feature has therefore been introduced for the publication of further interests and queries from members who have already been the subject of a paragraph in "Members and their Interests". Contributions from such members will be welcomed by the Editor.

- 22 Mr W.C. WOOD, "Westholme", Shadforth, Durham, DH6 1LJ.
 Interested in Wood (Kelso, Morpeth, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street), Catchside (Birtley, Chester-le-Street); Chalder (N.Yorks and S.Durham); Trotter (Ferryhill); Lonsdale (Shiney Row); Hunter (Newcastle); Reay (Houghton); Archbold (Newbiggin).
- 28 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 3 Esk Mill Cottages, Castleton, Whitby, N. Yorkshire.
 Mr Davison is trying to trace the parentage of Thomas Bulmer, who was born c1729, and his marriage to Jane ?. He was a servant and, later, a watercartman in St. Oswald's parish, Durham. Another search is for the parents of Mary Ann Hunter, born c1820 in Haswell. She married George Davison at Bishopwearmouth in 1837 and lived at Ryhope and Seaham. Their children were: Robert Hunter Davison, Elizabeth Alice (Williamson), Jane Ann (Pickering), Georgiana (Strong), Isabella (Durmond) and Mary Margaret (Miller). Mr Davison suspects, but cannot prove, that Mary Ann Hunter's parents may have been Robert Haswell Hunter of Wolsingham and Hannah Jane Ford of Islington, Middlesex. He is also seeking the marriage of George Bulmer (stonemason) to Elizabeth Hodgson in the period 1828-36; they were of Durham City and Merrington. Yet another problem - the burial of Robert Haswell Hunter, who died at Blue House, Sunderland, on 28th December 1852.
- 32 Mr D. MARTIN, 23 Felton Dr, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 9ED.
 Mr Martin is compiling a book on the "Martins of Northumbria" and would appreciate any local or national MI, census or PR entries mentioning any Martins at all. Photographs, pedigrees, etc., would be most welcome.
- 34 Mr A.P. BROWN, 56 Marlborough Road, Slough, Bucks, SL3 7LH.
 Mr Brown wishes to repeat his offer, made in our first issue, that he is available to carry out research in London as he travels to the Society of Genealogists and the Public Record Office about once a month.
- 38 Mrs M.H. JOHNSON, 6512 16NE, Seattle, Washington, 98115, USA.
 Mrs Johnson's first query, in Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Journal, has led to her establishing a relationship with member No. 80 (Col. Hall of Georgia). Her next project is a rather more difficult

one - an ancestor called his plantation "Snowhill" and Mrs Johnson wonders whether it was named after a place in our area. Has anyone any suggestions? /There is a Snowhill in Gloucestershire and Snowhills in Beds, Surrey and E. Sussex, as well as the now defunct railway station in Birmingham. As far as I know, the nearest we can get locally is Snow's Green, near Shotley Bridge.- Ed./

- 45 Mr R. GALLOWAY, 15 Torver Close, Wideopen, Newcastle 3.
Mr Galloway is mainly interested in Galloway of the East Neuk of Fife, especially of the parish of Carnbee. He requires information on William Galloway, born c1750, his spouse, Mary Clark, and their family, of Carnbee. He is also researching Hardie, McFarlane, Forgan, Marr and Melville of East Fife.
- 82 Mr J. NESBITT, 6A Abercrombie Street, Hawick, New Zealand.
Mr Nesbitt's interests are Nesbit and variants of Cramlington (prior to Andrew, d1828, aged 72); Levison/Levinson of Trimdon (prior to Thomas, d1882); John Gills, born 1843, probably of Shildon, died in New Zealand, 1910; Paul of Cranny Farm, near Magherafelt, N. Ireland, prior to Robert (1795-1876).
- 133 Mrs C.R. CUMMINS, 22 N State St, Dover, Delaware, 19901, USA.
Mrs Cummins is at a dead end, searching for the parents of Timothy Cummins (Comyn, Cumin), who emigrated to the USA before 1731 and died in 1746, leaving three children (minors): Daniel, Harriett and Agnes. A large landowner, he is called in deeds "Hatter" or "Planter". He was a member of the Merchant Adventurers' Company and his family made several marriages with descendants of George Blakiston, Sheriff of Newcastle in 1656, who went to Maryland in 1668. Blakiston was the son of the Rev Marmaduke Blakiston and Margaret James of Newton Hall, and was baptised at St. Margaret's, Durham, in 1611-12. He married Barbara Lawson at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, in 1638. When Marmaduke Blakiston was a Prebendary at Durham, one Simon Comyn was a financial officer of the Cathedral, so perhaps this is the origin of the connection. Other of Mrs Cummins' interests are: (1) William Warmouth, Mayor of Newcastle, whose mother was Isabel Baxter and whose wife was Judith Whittingham, daughter of William Whittingham, Dean of Durham; (2) Nicholas Baxter, wool merchant; (3) the family of Henry Lawson, Sheriff of Newcastle, son of Robert Lawson of Longhirst, Northumberland; and (4) the Prideaux family of Newcastle, whose daughter, Sarah, married George Blakiston mentioned earlier.
- 137 Mrs M. JAY, 4 Bentley Croft, Hamilton Rd, Redditch, Worcs, B97 5BD.
Mrs Jay informs us that the family she is interested was wrongly given as "Hind" when it should be HIRD. For several generations this family kept the Fleece Inn at Darlington. A 13 year-old son of the family was in 1851 a "Railway Clerk". Possibly this was on the Stockton and Darlington Railway. There is also a connection with World War I Admiral Sir Arthur Kipling Waistell (1873-1953), through the marriage in 1835 of Elizabeth Jane Waistell and Matthew Hird.
- 194 Mrs D. EADES, 28 Clifton Terrace, Tauranga, New Zealand.
Mrs Eades is searching for a Gretna Green marriage for Margaret Douglas and Adam Landells, probably 9th March 1832, and wishes also to find the birthplaces of Margaret and Adam.
- 259 Dr C.T. WATTS, 27 Fairview Ct, Manor Rd, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 2SN.
Dr Watts makes a special appeal to Australian members for some trace of John Stokoe Watts, b1881 in Jarrow, second son of John Watts by his first wife Clara (Reay). He was brought up on Tyne-side and worked in the family business, Watts, Hardy & Co. Ltd., which made nuts and bolts, built and repaired railway waggons and supplied oil, grease and pit timber. John Stokoe Watts is believed to have emigrated in the early 1920s, at which time he was a bachelor, though he may, of course, have married later. The only later trace of him is a mention in his step-mother's Will, written in 1929.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Committee have decided that the best way to deal with the situation arising from the death of our late Chairman, Mr C.P. Neat, is to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, formally to elect a new Chairman. Twenty-one days notice of such a meeting is required, so it cannot be held at the October meeting, and since numbers are limited at the November meeting it would be undemocratic to hold it then. Notice is therefore given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the YMCA Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Thursday, 9th December, 1976, at 7.15 p.m. and that nominations are invited for the position of Chairman. The Committee have already nominated Fr. W. Vincent-Smith; any other nominations should be in the hands of the Secretary three days before the meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, October 20th

Mr D.C. Cargill, FSG, FSAScot, will give a talk on "Scottish Records".
YMCA Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

Thursday, November 11th

Visit to Durham University Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic, South Road, Durham. Please note that because of shortage of space at South Road the numbers attending this meeting have to be strictly limited. Anyone wishing to attend should telephone Alan Readdie (Durham 68426) well before the meeting.

Meet outside the Department (opposite the New Inn) at 7.15 p.m.

Thursday, December 9th

Extraordinary General Meeting, followed by a talk by Mr A.P. Champley of Tyne and Wear Record Office on "Aspects of Palaeography and Genealogical Research".

YMCA Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

Thursday, January 20th

Members' evening - details in next Journal.

YMCA Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

REMINDERS

Directory of Members' Interests

The final compiling of the first edition of the Directory of Members' Interests will commence in the New Year. A deadline of December 31st 1976 has therefore been set, and any interests not received by that date cannot be included. As the second edition may not appear for a long time, members should not miss this opportunity for inclusion.

The Directory will be compiled as a comprehensive index, so that a member interested in, say, Smith of Hexham, will be able to see at a glance who else is interested in that family and who in Smiths from elsewhere. As such it will be more useful than the Members' Interests pages of the Journal, which in many cases are simply summaries of the main local interests of members who may have sent details of many more families (including non-local families) than could be mentioned in the Journal. The Members' Interests pages will continue, to cover the interests of members joining in the future. The "Second Time Around" pages will also continue.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were due for renewal on September 1st. If you have not yet renewed yours, please do so immediately, OTHERWISE NO MORE JOURNALS CAN BE SENT TO YOU!

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This index covers the personal names of all individuals mentioned in Volume 1, including any mentioned in the Members' Interests pages. It does not, however, include general references to families. For instance, 'interested in the family of Smith' will not produce an entry in this index but 'seeking details of John Smith' will do so. All families mentioned in the Members' Interests pages, together with any others of which we have been notified by the member concerned, will of course eventually be included in the Members' Directory.

All the following names are 'genealogical', i.e. names of members, authors of articles, etc., have not been included.

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