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EDITORIAL

As we come to the end of our second volume the Journal would appear to be well established, yet one thing which continues to cause surprise is the lack of any large-scale feedback of opinion and criticism from members. With over four hundred readers, we surely cannot be pleasing everyone, yet little or nothing in the way of criticism has been received. Several members, it is true, have indicated that they like the Journal as it is, and it is gratifying to hear this, but please don't be shy in telling us how to make improvements - we do mean it when we say that criticism will be welcomed. The present format and policy have been evolved by your Editor, with assistance from the Committee, but it is still important to know what you, the members, think about what, after all, is your own Journal.

It is also appropriate at this time to thank all those who have helped to produce the Journal over the last two years, and especially Pat Sterey, whose typing skills have been essential in creating an orderly page from your Editor's scribble and attempts at typing. In this context we should not forget Mrs M.C. Bullock-Anderson, who typed the Directory of Members' Interests, a major task in itself. Reference was made at the AGM to the growing size of the problem of collating, stapling and putting into envelopes over four hundred Journals each quarter. This has hitherto been done in the houses of your Editor or Secretary, by a handful of Committee members, but the size of the job has dictated that we move to "neutral ground" and establish a centre where an enlarged squad of volunteers can make a determined effort to complete the job in one evening. Offers of suitable rooms in Newcastle and in Washington have been received and several members have volunteered their services. The longer the list of volunteers, however, the lighter the burden will be for each, so if you think you may be able to help please drop the Editor a line.

While thanking those who have helped produce the Journal mention should also be made of the courteous service we receive from our printers, Durham University's Reprographic Unit, and from Fr. Walter of the Hedgehog Press; who prints our covers.

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

In the first issue of the Journal, way back in October 1975, a detailed list of Church of England parish registers held by Durham County Record Office was printed. Members might like to note the additions made since then, as shown in an up-to-date list recently prepared by the Record Office. The dates in brackets are those of the earliest entry in the register. Belmont (1858), Billingham (1570 - microfilm), Bishopton (1653 - microfilm), Bishopwearmouth Christ Church (1876), Collierley (1841), Coundon (1842), Crook (1843), Darlington St. Hilda (1888), Darlington St. James (1873), Darlington St. Paul (1872), Dunston Christ Church (1872), Dunston St. Nicholas (1929), Ebchester (1619), Eighton Banks (1863), Embleton (1650 - microfilm), Evenwood St. Paul (1867), Fatfield (1876), Fir Tree (1869), Forest and Frith (1845), Gateshead Christ Church (1872), Gateshead St. Andrew (1905), Great Stainton (1562), Hamsteels (1874), Hartlepool Holy Trinity (1852), Haswell (1867), Norton (1574 - microfilm), Pallion St. Luke (1869), Satley (1797), South Shields Holy Trinity (1834), South Shields St. Hilda (1653), South Shields St. Jude (1884), South Shields St. Mark (1870), Stanley (Crook) (1877), Stella St. Guthbert (1845), Stockton St. John (1872), Sunderland Holy Trinity (1719), Sunderland St. Andrew (Deptford) (1846), Sunderland St. Mark (1872), Sunderland St. Stephen (Ayres Quay) (1879), Thornley (1848), Westee St. Thomas (1864), Wolsingham (1631).

The Branch Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Queen Alexandra Road, Sunderland, is now open. The

opening times are Wednesday and Thursday, 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; Friday, 2.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brief details of the facilities available were given in the April issue (p. 89). It is not necessary to be a member of their church to use the library, but it is advisable to telephone first for an appointment (Sunderland 285787), as demand frequently exceeds the supply of microfilm and microfiche readers. This library will undoubtedly be of immense value to local genealogists.

New societies have been formed to cover the following areas - East Yorkshire (Mr A. Kennington, 7 Eden Close, Beverley, North Humberside), Oxfordshire (Mrs M. Beck, 90 Hockmore Tower, Cowley Centre, Oxford), Buckinghamshire (Mrs B. Thorpe, 35 Castle Street, Aylesbury, Bucks), South Wales (Mrs D.L. Brook, 7 Werfa Road, Roath, Cardiff).

Subscriptions for the year 1977/78 are due on 1st September. A renewal form is enclosed - please help the treasurer by sending it to him with your subscription as soon as possible. The address is Mr R.E. Vine, 24 Wentworth Court, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9PR. Subscription rates are unchanged at £2 for UK members (£3 family subscription) and £2.50 for overseas members (\$5 USA/Canada) or £5 (\$10) if you want the Journal sent by Air Mail.

MARRIAGE INDEXES WHICH BRIDGE THAT GAP

Although Boyd's Marriage Index, which is described on p. 102, is a most useful tool it stops short for most parishes at the year 1812. This leaves an awkward gap for the 25 years from 1812 to 1837, when civil registration began. There are a few indexes which cover the period, however, for certain limited areas, and members of this Society are beginning to fill in the gaps for Northumberland and Durham.

Alan Readdie has compiled an index for north Northumberland, 1812-1837. This is in two volumes and covers the parishes of Alwinton, Whittingham, Edlingham, Felton, Lesbury and all parishes to the north of these. It is indexed under the male name and copies have been deposited in local reference libraries and record offices.

Mr W.E. Bounce (member 181) has made an index for the same period, covering (vol. 1) Jarrow and (vol. 2) Heworth, Boldon, Whitburn and South Shields. Copies are deposited in Newcastle Library, Durham Record Office and the Society of Genealogists. Again, entries are indexed under the male name only.

Another index which is under way for Co. Durham is being compiled by your Editor, and is planned to cover north-west Co. Durham. Parishes included at present are Ryton, Winlaton and Whickham (Whickham is in Boyd). Tanfield and Lanchester are being added (Lanchester is also in Boyd). Entries are indexed under male and female names and full dates are given, together with places of origin and condition - i.e., whether br, sp, or wid. This index is still in slip form but readings will be supplied by the Editor in return for a stamp.

BORDER NAMES

"There can, indeed, be few people of North Country or Lowland extraction who do not number among their progenitors Armstrongs, Elliots, Scotts, Bells, Nixons, Grahams, Routledges, Charltons, Robsons and others who were border reivers; in other words men living in the counties on either side of the Border that separates Scotland from England, whose circumstances constrained them to earn a living by robbing and plundering others."

Godfrey Watson: "The Border Reivers", 1974.

IN SEARCH OF RICHARDSONS

A.G.S. Bunting

1. Introduction

I am still a comparative novice to the science of genealogy. I have made many mistakes and followed a number of false trails in tracing my wife's ancestors, an obscure family of Richardsons living in County Durham, and despite the name being very common in the county, I have managed to trace the family back to Sedgefield in the late sixteenth century. I hope this article will be of some encouragement to those readers who have the misfortune (genealogically speaking!) of a common name to trace. Virtually every connection between one generation and the next was made only with the help of sources other than the Registrar General's records and the parish registers. The mistakes I made will, I hope, be instructive to the thousands of Smiths and Jones who wish to trace their family history.

2. Wrong Birth Certificate

I had not realised how easy it is to obtain the incorrect certificate of birth. My wife's earliest known ancestor, her great-grandfather Ralph Richardson, had said that he came from the Sunderland area. We had his death certificate and, going on the age given at death, I asked a friend to search for the birth certificate, which revealed the birth of Ralph Richardson, son of Robert, at Seaton Colliery near Seaham, reasonably near Sunderland. The fact that Ralph himself had been a miner, plus the fact that he named one of his sons Robert, apparently after his father, seemed to lend further support to the theory that this certificate was the right one. I therefore commenced a wild goose chase that led me, via the 1851 census of Seaham, to eighteenth century Tanfield, where Richardsons abounded like locusts. Finally, I did what I should have done at the outset - I obtained Ralph Richardson's marriage certificate. This showed that he was in fact the son of an elder Ralph, and was married from an address in Mill Street, just off the Scotswood Road, in Newcastle.

3. Post-1871 Census Returns

The marriage took place shortly after 1881 and I accordingly made application for the 1881 census return for 7 Mill Street, enclosing a letter from my father-in-law giving the required permission, and naming Ralph Richardson as the object of my search. In due course I received a letter from the PRO, giving the invaluable information that both Ralphs were resident at 7 Mill Street, Ralph junior having been born at Monkwearmouth Shore (Sunderland), and Ralph senior at Bishop Auckland. Note that only the age and place of birth of named persons can be supplied from post-1871 census returns. I shall have to wait four more years before I find out who else resided at 7 Mill Street. The 1881 census had provided me with the vital clue, however, and had taken me back to a baptism in Bishop Auckland in 1822.

4. Shute Barrington's Parish Registers

The next three generations back were comparatively easy to trace. Ralph senior was indeed baptised in Bishop Auckland in 1822, the second son of John Duncan Richardson, a flax dresser, and his wife Sarah, née Vickers. I have since been able to fill in, in some detail, the life of John Duncan. I knew that Vickers was a Weardale name, and found his marriage to Sarah at Stanhope. More important was the discovery of his

baptism in March 1798, at Bishop Auckland. All North-East genealogists bless Bishop Shute Barrington who ordained that, from 1797 to 1812, registers should be kept more completely than they ever have been before or since. The entry read: "John Duncan Richardsen, first son of Matthew Richardson, shoemaker, native of Kirk Merrington by his wife Eleanor daughter of William Duncan a native of Scotland". I found several more similar entries for other children of Matthew Richardson, and I was able to fill in details of his life from the parish register of St. Andrew Auckland, land tax returns and the Durham County Advertiser. I finally found the record of his death in the Poor House at Bishop Auckland in 1848.

5. Confusion of Identity

I then had no difficulty in finding Matthew's baptism in Merrington Church Register: "Matthew son of William Richardson", in 1769. I found the baptism of a second son, William, and the marriage of William Richardson and Jane Coleman early in 1769, somewhat less than nine months before the birth of baby Matthew! The burial register also revealed the deaths of William and Jane in 1823 and 1799. Neither of them left wills. I then carefully went over other Richardson entries in Merrington register, and found in 1771 a burial of William Richardson, son of William Richardson of Yarm. I jumped to the conclusion that this must refer to the death in infancy of the second son, and accordingly assumed that William originated in Yarm, on the Yorkshire bank of the Tees. I wrote to the Society of Genealogists and obtained extracts of all Richardson entries from their copy of Yarm register, and traced the family back to the beginning of the register. I was wasting both search fees and time! The Vicar of Merrington had written "of Yarm" in his burial register in order to show the difference between the resident William, and the newly-arrived Yorkshireman. I would have remained in ignorance of this, had I not looked at a few Wills.

6. Will and Bond

There are about 450 Richardson Wills and Administrations at the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic of Durham University. I have listed many of them but have so far found only two that refer to "my" Richardsons. I was looking through some Richardson Wills and asked for one of Matthew Richardson, of Bishop Auckland, dated 1788. I thought it might have some connection with my research, but was still happy with the Yarm theory. It ran to three long pages and mentioned Matthew's sons Matthew and William, and his grandson Matthew, son of his son William. It could have been a mere coincidence of names, but there was one other piece of supporting evidence: old Matthew left his property in Newgate Street to his grandson Matthew, and I knew from the early nineteenth century land tax returns that Matthew junior did in fact live in Newgate Street. It was some time before I learnt that each time a Will was made, the executors signed a bond saying that they would faithfully perform the terms of the Will. The bond for Matthew's Will said, in part, that William Richardson, yeoman of Merrington, would faithfully carry out the terms of the Will of Matthew Richardson of Bishop Auckland, his late father. This clinched the connection - but without this supplementary source, the parish registers would have been inadequate, and I would never have found the right family.

7. Elimination

Matthew Richardson had married Martha Downs at Seaham in 1736, and then raised his family at Bishop Auckland. He owned two properties in the town and farmed land nearby, although I have yet to find evidence of his tenancy among the archives at Durham University. There is no baptism

of Matthew Richardson at Bishop Auckland prior to 1736. I decided to start searching parishes around Bishop Auckland and Seaham and hoped for something to turn up. I searched well over a score of parishes and found many families of Richardsons, and then the microfiche of Durham baptisms appeared (after all that work!) and I searched that too. It produced a number of possible entries and, although it took some time to eliminate all but one of them, I think I have managed. Again, it would have been impossible without supplementary sources. I was able to eliminate some entries by either finding proof that children had died in infancy, or had married in the same or neighbouring parish in which they had been born. This took a long time, but in the end I was left with two conflicting baptisms:-

(1) Matthew, son of William, butcher, and his wife Margaret,
at Easington;

(2) Matthew, son of Matthew, currier, at Durham St. Nicholas.

Entry (1) was further from Bishop Auckland but close to Seaham where the couple were married. There was nothing to choose between the two, and I started with the currier of Durham. I found much information about him from the registers of St. Nicholas, Durham, and the very informative records of the Guild of Carriers and Tallow Chandlers at Durham University. The Durham guild records are little known, and provide excellent genealogical information for a difficult period - the eighteenth century. Note, for example, the details of the apprenticeship admissions:-

(a) 20th July 1720. Matthew son of Matthew Richardson, currier,
bound to Ralph Marshall of the City of Durham.

(b) 4th Feb 1689. Matthew son of Robert Richardson, yeoman,
late of Benridge, Northumberland, bound to Robert Nixon
of the City of Durham, currier.

In addition there are details of admissions of freemen, accounts (including disbursements to widows), meetings (with names of those present), and so on. The records provided me with a clear link from Durham back to Benridge in the parish of Mitford, Northumberland. Both the carriers, father and son, were duly admitted as freemen of the City, having served their apprenticeship. At this point I hoped eventually to be able to prove that "my" Matthew, yeoman of Bishop Auckland, was the same one who had started his apprenticeship as a currier in 1720.

8. The Poll of 1761

Not many people had the vote in the mid-eighteenth century. Over much of Durham county, a handful of freeholders in each parish had the right, but in the city, every guildsman, no matter how lowly his estate, could vote.

In the election of 1761 a poll book (copy in County Record Office) was printed showing the names of all voters. In the country areas, the following details were given: name; abode; where the freehold was situated; of what the property consisted; and who occupied the property. In Bishop Auckland I found a Matthew Richardson, freeholder, occupying his own house. This must have been "my" Matthew, or so I thought. For the sake of completeness, I looked at the lists of City voters. Here the plan is slightly different; the details given are name; trade; and abode. I found nineteen Richardsons voting in the City and, among them, the following surprising entry: Matthew, currier. Abode: Morpeth! The surprise that a man could live in Morpeth and vote in Durham, was followed by the realisation that this could only refer to Matthew (2), living at Morpeth when I knew that "my" Matthew was busy raising a family in Bishop Auckland. Clearly, Matthew (2) was now out of the question, thanks to the use of these invaluable supplementary records, the Durham guild archives and the 1761 Poll Book.

9. Conclusion

The only alternative left was Matthew (1), baptised at Easington in 1710. I have accepted this as being the correct entry but hope to find some kind of supporting evidence. The Easington family is linked, by another Will, to an old-established family in Sedgefield which seems to have existed long before the start of parish registers there.

I am by no means satisfied with my work as yet. I have failed so far to find any mention of the family in the census returns from 1841 to 1871, and am not confident of the purely circumstantial evidence linking Bishop Auckland and Easington. We must check and double-check every record in the hope of finding the vital links; but they are there, somewhere, and it is possible, given luck and patience, to trace a family with a common surname, as long as every available record is searched.

Acknowledgements

My thanks to the staff of Durham County Record Office, Durham University Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic and Newcastle Central Library for their patience and invaluable help with my searches.

CLOTHING THOSE DRY BONES

D.W. Smith

The recent recording of MIs by members has produced a work that will be of immense value to genealogists and to future generations. Some of these inscriptions will solve problems of relationship which no other record can show.

One inscription which has turned up is that of Joseph Neal, gardener to Mr Fenwick of Bywell. He was living there during the terrible night of 16 November 1771 - known throughout the north as the Great Flood. This was the result of several days of rain followed by a freak storm which carried away buildings, cattle and farm stock and created misery for many. All the bridges came down: Newcastle bridge with its shops and houses collapsed into the Tyne and only the bridge at Corbridge managed to survive. Devastation was recorded in places from the Solway down to Xarm, but no people suffered more than the folk of the Tyne valley and no places more than Ovingham and Bywell. Indeed, the population of the latter spent the night clinging to roofs and trees whilst even the coffins in the churchyard were washed out of the ground.

A subscription was raised by the local gentry, so great was the sympathy aroused by these sufferings and loss of property. The needy were asked to forward to the committee an inventory of their lost goods with an estimated value and witnessed by responsible persons. These inventories have survived and are at Northumberland County Record Office. An interesting one is that of James Drummmond of Biddick, ferry boatman. He claimed, and was paid, £4.5.0 - Was this the Duke of Perth tradition states was in hiding there after Culloden?

The inventory of Joseph Neal of Bywell is of especial interest. He describes the entire contents of his house, down to the number of cabbages planted in the gardens, together with the value placed on each article. This gives a full picture of a Northumbrian farmhouse in the mid-eighteenth century, and a typescript copy of the list has been deposited in the Society's library. Early wills often give inventories, but these are rather rare at this later date. If you had ancestors living in the Ovingham and Bywell area at this time, it is worth looking at these records, especially when

burials occur the following week - possibly the result of exposure. You may obtain extra material with which to clothe those dry bones of genealogy.

Some years later, a Newcastle man from Paradise Street, was called before the bench on a minor charge. "And how long," asked the Judge, "have you lived in Paradise?" "Since the Flood, My Lord," he replied. They understood each other perfectly!

ONE MAN'S EDINBURGH

J. Ramsay

This article is intended to show the range of material in libraries, record offices and other places in Edinburgh which can help the genealogist. Other Scottish towns have libraries, etc., with records of use to genealogists but, apart from its closeness for those of us who live in North-East England, Edinburgh has so many repositories containing records from all over Scotland that it is an especially valuable centre for research for anyone who has traced their ancestors to north of the Border. This article is not meant to be a comprehensive guide but instead to indicate the range of material to be found in the various repositories which I have visited. I have not, for instance, included the periods of the registers I used because I had to confine my search to given periods, not the full period covered by them.

1. New Register House, Princes Street (Open: 9.30 - 4.30, Mon. - Thurs.; 9.30 - 4.00 Fri.)

New Register House contains parish registers, census enumerators' returns, the registers for births, marriages and deaths, and M.I. transcripts. Personally, I have used the 1841 Census returns; M.I. transcripts, pre-1855 West Fife; and parish registers for Dunfermline (Baptisms, by John Christie), the Abbey Church, Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy (Baptisms), Paisley Abbey (Baptisms), Paisley Low Church (Baptisms), Penningham, Wigtonshire (Baptisms), Neilston (Baptism and Burial registers), Dumfries, and the burial registers of South Leith, Greyfriars, St. Guthbert's, Carlton, Cannongate, Buccleuch and Newington Churchyards, Edinburgh.

Lord Lyons Office

Register of Genealogies.

2. Scottish Record Office, Princes Street

The Scottish Record Office (Old Register House) contains MSS and legal records, including Wills; Marriage Settlements; Records of Family Arrangements; Deeds relating to graves and their upkeep; the Register of Sasines; Deeds of Land and Property; Poll Tax Rolls of Renfrewshire, 1695, which list David Semple published in the Glasgow Herald in 1864 (see article in the Scottish Genealogist, Feb. 1964; Records of Mortality, Carlton Burial Ground, Edinburgh.

3. New College Library, Mound Place (9.00 - 5.00, Mon. - Fri. in vacations; 9.00 - 10.00, Mon. - Thurs. & 9.00 - 5.00, Fri. in term)

New College was founded as a Free Church college after the Disruption (1846). Its Library contains a large collection of material relating principally to the various Scottish churches and including church and parish histories and lists of ministers. Much of this material can be found elsewhere but some of it is rare and anyone with Scottish ecclesiasti-

cal interests is likely to find a visit to this library useful. Its holdings include New College Student Rolls; McKerrow, History of the Secession Church; Scott, Annals of the Original Secession Church; and McKelvie, Annals and Statistics of the United Presbyterian Church.

4. Edinburgh Central Public Library, George IV Bridge (9.00 - 8.30, Mon. - Fri., 9.00 - 1.00 Sat.)

The Edinburgh Room and Scottish Room, as their names imply, contain the library's large holdings relating to Edinburgh and Scotland respectively. Some material is on open shelves, some has to be requested from the staff on duty, who are always willing to help inquirers. The Reference Library is a standard public library reference room.

(a) Edinburgh Room

Edinburgh Street Directories

The Scotsman, the Evening News and other local newspapers

John Smith's MSS of Old Calton Burial Ground, Edinburgh

M.I.s, including South Leith Churchyard, North Leith Churchyard and Some Monumental Inscriptions of Edinburgh Churchyards (all by J.F. Mitchell) and St. Guthbert's Churchyard Inscriptions, Edinburgh.

Blackwoods Magazine

A Theater of Mortality by Montieth - some Edinburgh M.I.s and Epitaphs in Greyfriars Churchyard and other Churchyards and Burial Grounds in Edinburgh and Suburbs by R. Montieth, 1707.

(b) Scottish Room

The Scottish Genealogist (with indexes), 1954 to date. Vol. 3, July 1956, includes Summary of Genealogical Data from Tombstones in the North Leith Cemetery, Coburg Street

John P. Wood, Memorials of various families and lists of proprietors of land and valuations (c.1830)

Peter Gouldesbrough & A.P. Knp, Hand List of Scottish and Welsh Record Publications (Scottish Section)

William A. Lindsay, A Pedigree of the House of Stewarts (pedigree of the Royal House of Stewarts)

G.M. Stewart, comp., Galloway Books, vol. I, Illus., Pers., facs., Genealogical Tables (1914) (relates to the various branches of the Stewart family of Galloway)

Adam W. Ferguson, Sons of the Manse (1923)

Epitaphs and Monumental Inscriptions.

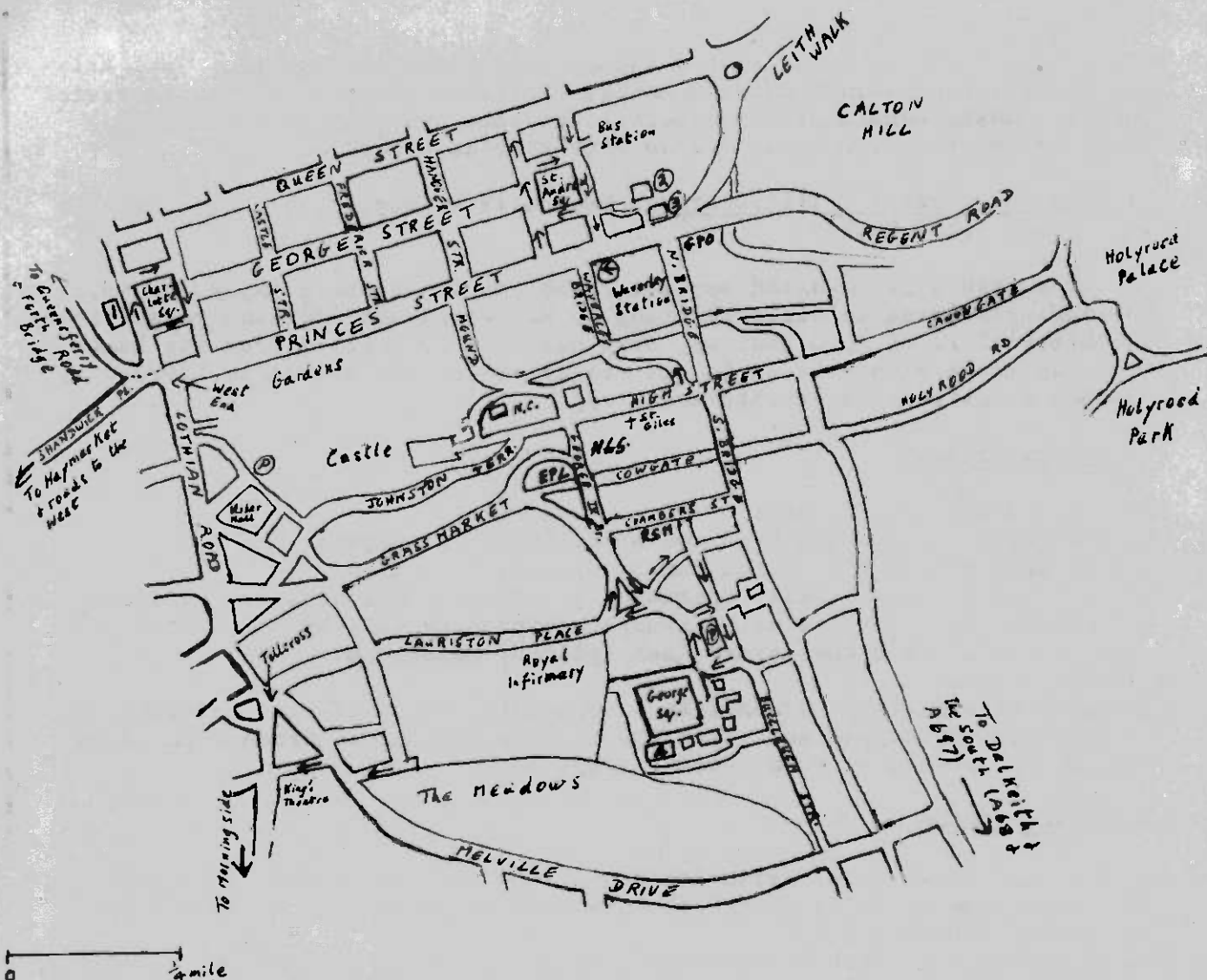
(c) Reference Room

T.R. Thomson, Catalogues of British Family Histories.

5. National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge (9.30 - 8.30, Mon. - Fri., 9.30 - 1.00 Sat.)

The National Library of Scotland is a copyright library so contains many volumes not easily found elsewhere. It has taken a special interest in attempting to fill any gaps in its holdings in relation to the North of England as well as to Scotland. A reader's ticket is required and should be applied for in advance although a temporary ticket for a short period may be issued if one visits the Library without having done this.

The Library's holdings include street directories for many towns and a number of Scottish and London newspapers. All books other than reference



- ④ Airline Terminal, Waverley Bridge
- 1 West Register House, Charlotte Square
- 2 New Register House
- 3 Scottish Record Office

4 Edinburgh University Library, George Square

EPL = Edinburgh Public Library, George IV Bridge

NC = New College, Mound Place

NLS = National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge

RSM = Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street

Ⓟ = Car Park (other parking in central Edinburgh is by meter or ticket machine)

books shelved in the reading room, have to be applied for, but, apart from volumes housed in the Annexe, which take several hours, are usually produced in quarter or half an hour.

McFarlane, Genealogical Collection

McIan, Clans of the Scottish Highlands

Gerald Hamilton Edwards, In Search of Scottish Ancestry (1971)

McIan, Highlanders At Home: A Gaelic Gathering

D.J. Steel, Sources of Scottish Genealogy and Family History

Joan P.S. Ferguson, Scottish Family Histories held in the Scottish Libraries (pub. by the Scottish Central Library, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, with an accompanying book on Scottish surnames)

Sara Harcup, Historical, Archaeological and Kindred Societies in the British Isles

Card Indexes of the National History Society of Scotland at their List of Family Histories
McKenzies Genealogical Collection.

6. Edinburgh University Library, George Square

Intending visitors are recommended to write to the Librarian in advance of their visit.

Department of Manuscripts (open 9 a.m., closes 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri. in vacations, 9.30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs., 5.00 Fri & 12.30 Sat. in term)

Matriculation and Class Lists.

STRAYS?

T. Chilvers

Mr Chilvers (member 38) has sent us a list of "strays" which perhaps are not strictly that, in that the people concerned have all remained within our region, but have moved from one end of it to the other. They are mainly entries of people from Berwick and Tweedside who were living in the Hartlepool and Middlesbrough areas in the 1851 and 1871 censuses. The distance they had wandered from home is as great as that from London to Birmingham, which those who have the misfortune to dwell in those more crowded parts of our island would certainly regard as far enough to qualify as a "stray", so we make no further apology for publishing these as such. Further selections will appear in later issues.

Hartlepool Census, 1851

35 Cambridge Buildings

Charles MEASOR	Head	?	Dock gate man	North Shields
Dorothy do	Wife	?		Hartlepool
Esther do		7		do
Henry do		4		do
George do		2		do

94 Bedford Street

Jemima SNOWDON	Head	?	Wid Grocer	Holy Island
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182 Croft Street

George PHILLIPS	Head	39	Coastguard	Scotland
Elizabeth do	Wife	?		?Burnham Overy Nk

216 Walker's Place

Mary BROWN	Servt	?	Servant to Charles B.ROOK	Berwick
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245 Pump Street

Richard BRUCE	Head	25	Blacksmith (journeyman)	Brafferton Nb
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105 Town Wall

Eliza PURDY	Servt	?	Servant to Chris DAVISON	Berwick
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105 Southgate

John McDUGALL	Head	37	Shipbroker	Berwick
Christian do	Wife	33		do

41 Middlegate Street

James MARSHALL	Head	39	Ship's Carpenter	Holy Island
Mary do	Wife			Bury St. Edmunds Sk

BOYD'S MARRIAGE INDEX

The vast index of marriages compiled principally by the late Percival Boyd is one of the greatest finding aids available to English genealogists. Those of us interested in Durham and Northumberland are particularly fortunate. The coverage of the two counties, whilst not complete, is much fuller than for many other areas, and a brief description may be useful to some members of the Society.

The full index will be found only in the Society of Genealogists in London and in the Library of the College of Arms. It includes 4211 parishes, some 37% of all parishes in England, with between six and seven million names. Certain sections have been copied and are deposited with local repositories. The Durham and Northumberland sections are in Newcastle Central Library.

The Durham section includes 71 parishes (69% of the county), while the Northumberland part includes 84 parishes (73%), the indexes for both counties being almost wholly compiled from the vast collection of parish register transcripts prepared by H.M. Wood. The Northumberland section also includes the Cumberland parishes of Alston and Garrigill. Marriages after 1812 are not included, the only exceptions being marriages at Durham Cathedral and Chester-le-Street, which are included to 1826, and at Lancaster and Whickham to 1837. It should be stressed that in some parishes the full period to 1812 is not covered. Bamburgh, for example, is included only from 1653 to 1758, Elsdon to 1780 only, Anckland St Andrew from 1558 to 1653, Anckland St Helen from 1653 to 1773 and Gateshead from 1559 to 1662 only.

It is purely an index. Full details of marriages are not given, but if a marriage is found, it is usually a simple matter to find the actual entry, with fuller details, in the Parish Register concerned or a transcript of it. The index shows the names of the parties and the parish and year in which the marriage took place.

The indexes are arranged alphabetically, but it is important to realise that the arrangement is phonetic. Thus Thompson, Thomson, etc., appear under Tomson, Hicks under Hix, Scott under Skot, White under Wite, and Surtees under Surtis. The Christian names are abbreviated, e.g., Dav, Edw, Han, Mgt, Nic for David, Edward, Hannah, Margaret, Nicholas. The Durham sections show both males and females. Thus the marriage of Ralph Brown and Mary Spotswood (Whickham, 1763) will be found under both Brown and Spotswood. For Northumberland, however, after 1700, there are separate indexes for males and females. The indexes are in separate volumes for 25 year periods, e.g. 1601-1625, 1626-1650, etc.

It will be apparent, therefore, that a great number of pre-1812 marriages can be traced using the index. Failure can be for a variety of reasons, the most obvious being that the parish in which the marriage took place is not included in the index, or only included for a certain period. Some notable parishes are completely excluded - Darlington and Stockton in County Durham, for example. All the Newcastle parishes are included, however. It might be useful to list those parishes which do not appear for any period - Allendale, Bellingham, Billingham, Birtley (Northumberland), Bishopton, Cornhill, Corsenside, Croxdale, Darlington, Edmondbyers, Elwick, Falstone, Haltwhistle, Hart, Hartlepool, Haughton-le-Skerne, Heddon-on-Wall, Heighington, Hunstanworth, Kirkharle, Kyoce, Lamesley, Longhorsley, Medomsley, Monkwearmouth, Norton, Penshaw, Sadberge, Simonburn, Stannington, Stockton, Stranton, Thockrington, Ulgham, Whittingham, Whittonstall, Whitworth, Wolviston.

OUR LIBRARY

M.E. Wilson

The following is a further instalment of accessions to our rapidly growing library. Earlier lists will be found in the two previous issues of the Journal. Members wishing to borrow material should quote the Box number and the Item number, as given below, and are requested to keep items for a minimum time as other members may be waiting to borrow them.

Additional Journals from other regional family history societies will be listed in the next issue.

We are grateful to those who have donated material to the library, and are always pleased to receive such gifts. Leaflets and guides from Record Offices - especially those outside our area - would be most welcome additions and members visiting these during the summer could do the society a service by obtaining whatever they can in this line.

A supplement to the Members' Directory (corrections, additions, new members' interests, etc.) will be published soon - possibly with the October Journal. Please let Dr Wilson have full details as soon as possible if you wish your entry to be changed.

- Box I:38 "The Northern Catholic Calendar, 1976" (donor, Mrs Cole)
II:13 Staffordshire C.R.O. & Wm Salt Lib. Pt. I, "List of Staffordshire P.R. transcripts" 1974 (donor M.E.W.)
II:14 Kent, B. "Where to find P.R.s in Yorkshire" (in progress) 1977 (donor YFHS)
II:15 Golisti, K. "Yorkshire Register of M.I.s" (in progress) 1977 (donor, YFHS)
II:16 Durham C.R.O. "C. of E. Parish Registers ... in D.R.O." Feb. 1977
II:17 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 1. Darlington pre-1800. 1976
II:18 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 5. Stockton and Darlington Railway. 1975
II:19 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 4. Newspapers. 1974
II:20 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 6. Darlington Maps and Plans. 1974
II:21 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 7. Elections. 1975
II:22 Darlington Ref. Lib., Local History Guides: 8. Darlington Church History. 1977
II:23 N.Tyneside Libraries Services Leaflet no. 8, Local Studies. n.d.
II:94 Durham Record Office, "Copies of Parliamentary Papers in D.R.O." 1977
II:95 Durham Record Office, "Documents relating to the treatment of the poor, 17th - 19th centuries". 1977
II:96 Durham Record Office, "Documents relating to World War I". 1977
II:97 Durham Record Office, "Documents relating to General Strike and Miners' Strike, 1926, and Depression, 1929". 1977
II:98 Durham Record Office, "Documents relating to housing, 17th - 20th centuries". 1977
II:99 Durham Record Office, "Documents which relate to national events or foreign affairs". 1977
Box III: 1 Birmingham & Midland Soc. for Gen. & Heraldry, "Personally Speaking". 1974
III: 2 Martin, B.E. "Edgcumbes of Edgcumbe"; "Parsons & Priests, supplement" (many Martin family references). 1976. (donor, author)
III: 3 Glazebrook, C.J. "Schedule of Deeds & Writings relating to the manors of Bixton & Glazebrook". 1975. (donor, author)
III: 4 Watson, K.L. "... of ships & shoes & sailor-men ...". n.d. (donor-author)
III: 5 Sturgess, R.W. "Aristocrat in Business" (3rd Marquis of Londonderry). 1975. (donor, Mr Neat)

- Box III: 6 Curray, R.E. "Agrippa Henderson & Letha Etycheson Henderson". n.d. (donor, author)
- III: 7 Rawlins, C.W.H. "Family Quartette" (Rawlins, Hooper, Windham, Russell). 1962. (donor, Mr Neat)
- III: 8 Richmond, K. & Crago, M. "A genealogical study: Richmond, Campbell, Cairns, Croft". 1975. (donors, authors)
- III: 9 Fitler, E.P. "Notes on the Conyers family of Co. Durham", Penns. Gen. Mag. (U.S.A.). n.d.
- III:10 Strother, A.P., Junr. "The Strother Family". n.d. (donor, author)
- III:11 Titler, C.J. "de Umfraville, Barons of Prudhoe, Earls of Angus". 1976. (donor, author)
- III:12 Dalton Gen. Soc., index vols. 1-4; journal 5. (donor, society)
- III:13 Filby Association newsletters, 1975; 1975-6; 1976; Historical notes on the manors of Filby, Norfolk (donor, society)
- III:14 Grubb Family Association journal, "Grubbing Around", vol. III; 1. (donor, society)
- III:15 Harrington Family Miscellany, vol. 1: 3,5,7,8,9. (donor, society)
- III:16 Higginbottom Family Bulletin, no.23,24,25,26,27. (donor, society)
- III:17 I'Anson Times, vol.I: 1,2. (donor, society)
- III:18 Milbourne/Milburn newsletter, no. 2 (donor, society)
- III:19 Palgrave Society journal. intro., no. 8,9,10,12. (donor, society)
- III:20 The Rose Tree, vol.I:1,2,3,4,5. (donor, society)
- III:21 Swinnerton Family History, vol.I:10; vol.II:1,2,4,5,6. (donor, society)
- III:22 "Meot" Thirkill/Threlkeld families. no.2,3,4,5,6,7,9,11,12,13. (donor, society)
- III:23 Tull/Tall/Toll/Tuel family newsletter, no.13 (donor, society)
- III:24 Walcot Family Bulletin, no.1,2,3. (donor, society)

DEATHS AT SEA

W. Neil

A query in a recent Journal (Vol. 2, No. 1) concerned the recording of deaths at sea. As far as I am aware the main facts on this subject have not been brought together before, so the following information may prove useful to members.

Records of deaths at sea since 1st July 1837 are included (together with other deaths, such as Service Records, Colonial and Foreign), in the "Miscellaneous" Section, General Register Office, St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6JP. These are on the fifth floor and one must be conducted there by an assistant. General Register Office Pamphlet PAS2, "Summary of Registers and Records in the Custody of the Registrar General", describes these records. This is the most comprehensive set of records of these deaths, but there are also two other important collections.

Records of deaths at sea (1872-1891) are held by the Public Record Office under Sections BT 158 (passengers) and BT 159 (seamen). These may be duplicated by the records at the General Register Office; I have questioned staff at both places but no one seemed to know. Three random checks, however, have all proved to be of cases which were duplicated. The PRO pamphlet, "Records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen", describes these records, together with many others associated with the sea.

Records of deaths at sea (1892 to present day) are held by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Cardiff, CF5 2YS (Phone 0222-561221), and copies of these are also held in the General Register Office. These do not include some deaths resulting from, say, the total loss of a ship - i.e. where there was no one left to record anything. The charge for searches in these records is £1-50 for a five year period (plus the cost of a certificate).

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE MERCHANT ADVENTURERS
OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(SURTEES SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS 93 (1895) AND 101 (1899).)

Records of trade guilds can be immensely rewarding for genealogists. Not only is evidence of descent provided in the lists of enrolments and admissions to the various companies, but much "flesh" can be added to the "bare bones" of names and dates if the minutes, accounts, ordinances and other records are examined.

Surtees Society volumes 93 and 101 deal with the Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle, one of the many guilds which existed to establish and maintain rights and privileges for the "brothers" in the "fellowship" and to obtain exclusive rights to carry on a particular trade or calling in their own town.

Membership of the guild could be obtained either by patrimony (i.e., the right of a father to enrol his son) or by servitude (i.e., by serving a specified term of years as an apprentice to a Freeman). Pages 1 - 80 of volume 93 cover the ordinances, and those relating to apprentices are the most interesting. In 1603, for example, after "great disorder and abuses" the apprentices were forbidden to "daunce, dice, carde, mum or use anye musick eyther by nyght or daye in the streets, neyther to wear anie indecent apparell ... nor to wear any velvete or lace ... neither shall they weare their hair longe nor lockes at their eares like ruffians". The minutes (pp. 81 - 279, volume 93) show that the apprentices were in trouble again in 1649, when Nathaniell Massy, Israell Feilding, Anthony Greenup and others were required to conform to the rules in "hare, manners and apparel, but they did carry themselves contemptuously in the face of this courte, refusing to conforme". Three days later, Massy, Feilding and Greenup had the "superfluous ribbining" to their clothes removed, and their hair shortened before being imprisoned with an allowance of only 2d each in bread and "one quarte of table beare" per day. Nathaniel Massy, who was the son of Henry Massy of Kendal, clerk, must have seen the error of his ways, for he was admitted to the company in 1656 and in fact became their clerk in 1665. He died in May 1700.

The most direct genealogical evidence will be found in the details of descent given with the lists of enrolments of apprentices and admissions of Freemen which make up most of volume 101. They include references to "nearly every family of note in the northern counties for the past 300 years". The merchant classes were in the main recruited from families of some standing, and hence many sons of gentry became apprentices, as their only means of entering the trading community. The introduction to the volume lists "a few of the most prominent" - from Northumberland: Bertrams, Bewicks, Carrs, Collingwoods, Crasters, Erringtons, Fenwicks, Forsters, Greys, Hazelriggs, Herons, Lisses, Mitfords, Muschamps, Ogles, Riddleys, Roddams, Shaftos, Selbys, Swinburns and Widdringtons and from Co. Durham: Bewes, Brabants, Blakistons, Burdons, Conyers, Edens, Hedworths, Hodgsons, Maddisons, Marleys, Salvins and Tempests.

The lists of enrolments, etc., are very incomplete before about 1563 but thereafter there are detailed lists which show the names of the apprentices and of their fathers and masters, dates of apprenticeship, and of enrolment or admission, and often some ancilliary detail, such as date of death. Apprentices came from all over the north and from 1579, when records of locality commence, to the end of the seventeenth century the 936 admissions and enrolments comprised 30% from Co. Durham, 15% from Northumberland, 20% who resided in Newcastle (including sons of members), 15% from Yorkshire, 6% from Cumberland, 5% from Westmorland and 9% from elsewhere or from unspecified places.

In 1814 the Elizabethan Statute requiring apprenticeship as a preliminary to the exercise of a calling was repealed, and the rights and privileges of the Merchant Adventurers were finally abrogated in 1835, when the Municipal Corporations Reform Act enacted that anyone could keep a shop or carry on a trade.

The final pages of volume 101 comprise lists of those who, in the nineteenth century, had not taken up the freedom of their company, but who had taken up the Freedom of the City, a kind of "double franchise".

Both volumes are fully indexed, so a search is therefore a short task and likely to be well worth the effort for anyone who has reason to think that an ancestor may have been a merchant in Newcastle. The original records of the Merchant Adventurers are in the Tyne and Wear Record Office, but in most cases the Surtees Society volumes will prove far easier. There were, of course, many guilds in Newcastle other than the Merchant Adventurers, and many people still hold the now purely nominal title of "Freeman of the City", the most recent recruit being President Carter of the USA, who was enrolled as an "Honorary Freeman" on his visit to the city in May this year.

CALLING ALL COPIERS!

A.G.S. Bunting

In Northumberland our Society has made considerable progress towards completing the transcription of all pre-1852 gravestones. The list below shows that only about thirty yards remain to be covered. A number of these were only opened in the early nineteenth century and therefore should not take too long to copy.

It is now time to turn our attention to County Durham. Here, at least ninety yards remain to be recorded and a major effort is needed if the kind of disaster which happened recently at Shildon is not to be repeated (see Journal, Vol. 1, No. 4). I would say that some of the most threatened graveyards are among the more recent, being in old industrial areas, scheduled for redevelopment. I would ask members interested in copying County Durham churchyards to attend particularly to these areas, whose nineteenth century churches are indicated in the list below.

Much of the good work has been done by a few dedicated enthusiasts - so few, in fact, that I could count them on my hands and still have a few fingers left over! Our priority has been, and will remain, that of copying in the field. The work of indexing, typing, etc. will have to wait until enough people are prepared to come forward to lighten our burden. Your help, whether with transport, tape-recorder or typewriter, will be more than appreciated. If you want to copy your favourite churchyard, remember always to contact me (Gosforth 857371) before starting, just to make sure that no one else has been there before you. As an example of the recommended way to record your work, the following extracts from your Editor's work at Washington may help:

- 2 John and Sarah LOCKEY, Washington; s Thomas d 25/5/1796 a 14;
4 children d inf; a/n Sarah d -/-/1803 a (5)6.
 - 3 Gathbert TURNBULL and his wife Ann. (rest illegible).
 - 9 Richard STODART, Ayton Banks, d 1756 a 52; w Ann d 20/11/1796 a 95;
s Richard d 25/11/1819 a 76; s Ralph d 25/10/1837 a 92; Sarah,
w a/n Ralph d 16/2/1848 a 72.
- (Abbreviations: a/n, the above named; d, died; d inf, died in infancy;
dan, daughter (of); s, son (of); w, wife (of).)

Pre-1852 Northumberland Churchyards still uncopied

Alnwick, Ancroft, Bamburgh, Beadnell, Bellingham, Branxton, Brinkburn, Carham (1845), Carr Shield (1842), Cornhill, Corsenside, Cramlington, Cresswell (1837), Dinnington (1835), Doddington, Elsdon, Embleton, Falstone, Felton, Greystead (1818), Humshaugh (1818), Ilderton, Kirkharle, Lesbury, Longframlington, Norham, North Sunderland (1842), North Shields, Seghill (1850), Shilbottle, Thorneyburn (1818), Tweedmouth, Walker (1848), Wallsend, Wark.

Pre-1852 County Durham Churchyards still uncopied

If a churchyard is not mentioned in these lists it means either that that particular yard has been copied, or at least "spoken for", or that the church was not founded until after (or in) 1852. It may mean, however, that I have omitted somewhere which members with local knowledge may know about. This applies particularly to nonconformist burial grounds and possibly may also be the case with some of the more obscure chapelries. I would be most grateful for information on any anomalies or omissions.

Auckland St. Andrew (needs copying 1837-1851), Auckland St. Helen, Aycliffe, Barnard Castle, Benfieldside (1850), Billingham, Birtley (1850), Bishopston, Bishopwearmouth St. Thomas (1846), Brancepeth, Byers Green (1845), Castle Eden, Cockfield, Collierly (1843), Coniscliffe, Coundon (1843), Crook (1843), Croxdale, Dalton-le-Dale, Darlington Holy Trinity (1843), Dinsdale (needs copying 1822-1851), Durham St. Giles, Easington, Ebchester, Elwick Hall, Escomb, Esh, Etherley (1834), Ferryhill (1843), Gainford, Gateshead St. Cuthbert (1848), Greatham, Grindon, Hamsterly, Hart, Hartlepool, Haswell (S. Hetton, 1838), Houghton-le-Skerne (needs copying 1831-1851), Heathery Clough (1835), Heighington, Hetton-le-Hole (1832), Houghton-le-Spring, Hunstanworth, Hunwick (1846), Hurworth (needs copying 1832-1851), Hylton (Low Ford, 1821), Ingleton (1834), Jarrow, Kelloe, Lamesley, Lanchester, Lynesack (1848), Medomsley, Merrington, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Middleton St. George (needs copying 1831-1851), Monk Hesleden, Monkwearmouth St. Peter, Monkwearmouth All Saints (1850), Newbottle (1850), Norton, Pelton (1845), Rainton West (1825), Redmarshall, Seaham Harbour (1841), Sedgfield, Sherburn Hospital, Shincliffe (1826), S. Shields Holy Trinity (1834), S. Shields St. Hilda, S. Shields St. Stephen (1846), Southwick (1845), Staindrop, Stainton-le-Street (Great Stainton), Stella (R.C., 1831), Stockton Holy Trinity (1838), Stockton St. Thomas, Stranton, Sunderland St. Andrew (Deptford, 1841), Sunderland St. Thomas (1830), Thornley (1844), Trimdon, Whickham, Whitworth, Whorlton, Wingate (1842), Winston, Witton-le-Wear, Wolsingham, Wolviston.

MORE BORDER NAMES

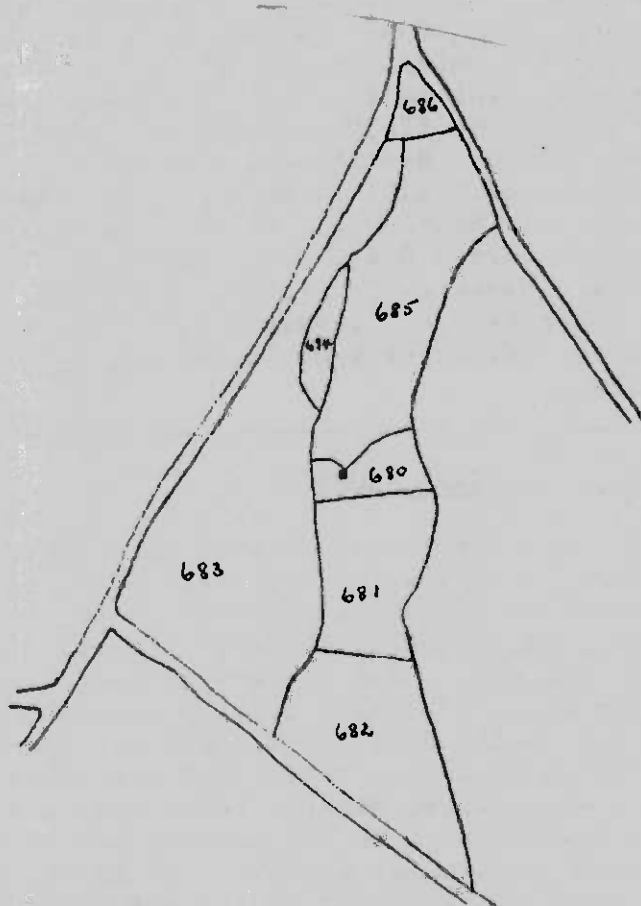
"... the principal surnames in North Tynedale were the Charltons, the chief family, who might be considered as half of the whole population; the Robsons, a quarter; the Dodds and Milburns, another quarter; and they could raise six hundred men, horse and foot. The inhabitants of Reedsdale, who lived more by the cultivation of the soil, were richer and more numerous than those of Tynedale, but they could not raise so many able and active men. Their principal surnames were Hall, Reed, Potts, Hedley, Spoors, Dagg, and Fletcher. The most of the above names, represented as being the principal in Tynedale and Reedsdale, about three hundred years ago, are still of frequent occurrence in those districts. On the gravestones in Elsdon churchyard the names of Potts, Hall and Hedley appear to be the most numerous; in Bellingham churchyard those of Charlton and Dodd occur most frequently; and in Falstone churchyard an inscription on a modern gravestone records the name of Dagg. Robsons are to be met with in every part of Northumberland, and the surname is one of the most common in the County." Stephen Oliver, "Rambles in Northumberland and on the Scottish Border (1835, reprinted by F. Graham, 1974).

TITHES AND TITHE MAPS

D.G. Mason

Tithes were a charge upon the produce of land payable to the church by the owners and occupiers of land. Under the Tithe Commutation Act of 1836, tithes could be commuted into a payment of money rent, and during the period following the enactment of this statute very detailed maps and schedules (tithe awards) were drawn up for each parish showing the area of each parcel of land and giving the names of both the owner and the occupier and in some cases the name of the piece of land and its state of cultivation. The following detail is from the Tithe map of Hexham Parish:-

<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Occupier</u>	<u>Numbers on Plan</u>	<u>Name of Land</u>	<u>State of Cultivation</u>	<u>Quantities in Statute Measures</u>	<u>Amount of Rent apportioned on the several lands payable</u>
Coeke, Layton	Atkinson Joseph	680	Haggs Closes	Grass	A.R. P. 0 2 20	£ s. d. 0 3 6
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		682	" "	"	2 2 36	0 9 4
		683	" "	"	6 2 33	1 6 0
		684	" "	"	0 2 11	0 0 6
		685	" "	"	3 2 7	1 2 9
		686	" "	"	0 1 33	0 1 0
					16 2 5	3 13 1



An alphabetical index of owners and occupiers of lands in the County of Northumberland has been prepared by the Northumberland County Record Office from the schedules of the tithe maps that they hold, and this is now available to the public. The staff of the Record Office are to be congratulated for making available to researchers an Index of such importance.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Please note the standard county abbreviations: Du = Co. Durham, Nb = Northumberland, others as in the Members' Directory, p. 2.

- 156 Mr J. RAMSAY, c/o Mrs Coxon, 4 Akenside Terr, Jesmond, Newcastle.
Mr Ramsay sends us two intriguing queries. Firstly, he has been researching the family of Bletchynden, of which Edward Bletchynden arrived in Falstone Nb as an excise officer before 1835. Edward's origins have not been found but there is a documented armigerous family of that name from the Aldington and Mersham areas of Kent. Can anyone provide the connection? Secondly, he has recently come across "Morpeth" used as a Christian name, and would be interested to hear of any other examples of this, particularly in the Young family, and any Morpeth/Young marriages.
- 317 Miss A. DOUGLAS, 29 Bewick Ct, John Dobson St, Newcastle, NE1 8EG.
Miss Douglas, who is well acquainted with post-1837 records, would nevertheless appreciate help with earlier local material, particularly with respect to Hodgson of S. Shields. Other interests, all late 18th/early 19th century, are Kent (Barbican, Plymouth), Watkins (Shebbear, Devon), Lucas (Plympton, Devon), Stephens (Altarnun, Cornwall), Douglas (Calton, Glasgow) and Desforges (anywhere, any time).
- 380 Mrs P.B. CONNER, 404 Forest Drive, North Syracuse, N.Y. 13212, USA.
Mrs Conner is a descendant of George, a son of James Harlan of Monkwearmouth, where he was baptised in 1650. George and his brother Michael were both Quakers and they emigrated first to Ireland, where they each married Irish girls, and then to Delaware, USA. Mrs Conner, who is a beginner at genealogy, would welcome any help and advice.
- 381 Mr W.G. WILSON, 4 Prior's Terr, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, NE30 4BE.
Families of interest are Charlton, Milburn, Dodd and Robson of North Tynedale from the 14th to the 17th century and Johnston, Wilson and Barnfather of Wigton Cu in the 19th century. A special interest is in border history (13th - 18th cent.)
- 382 Mr C.R. ALEXANDER, 6 Trevegllos Pk, Quintrell Downs, Newquay, Cornwall.
Families of interest are Alexander (Newcastle, Gateshead, Durham City, Lancaster and Leeds), Bean (N. Shields), Lumley (Lancaster), Bayley/Baily (Rye and Peasmarsh, Sussex) and Varloe (London and Cornwall). Mr Alexander, who is secretary of the Cornwall Family History Society, offers searches on a reciprocal basis in the Cornwall County Record Office, Truro, Royal Institute of Cornwall, Truro, and the Local History Library, Redruth.
- 383 Mrs A.N. JACKSON, 221 Rednal Rd, King's Norton, Birmingham, B38 8EA.
A major interest is in Waugh of the Watergate/Windy Ridge area of Simonburn parish, Nb, and she would be interested in contacting anyone of that name still living in the area. Other interests include Roper and Wise (both of Holm Cultram, Cu), and Nichol and Routledge (Lanercost and Bewcastle, Cu).
- 384 Miss J.M. WILSON, 1107-1254 Pendrell St, Vancouver, BC, Canada, V6E 3N4.
Seeking the parents of Christopher Jobson, born c1822 in Gosforth, the son of John Jobson, a collier, and wishes to determine whether this was the John, son of Mark and Margaret Jobson, born in Longbenton in 1794 and possibly also the John Jobson of Percy Main whose wife Margaret died aged 25 in 1821.
- 385 Mrs B.W. NORRIS, 16772 Roxdale, Yorba Linda, California 92686, USA.
Seeks birth date and place, and the parents of William Battensby, born somewhere in Du c1825. William married, in Middlesex, on Christmas Day 1850, Ann Sarah Buss and his children, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Austin, John, Sarah Jane, George and Alice, were all born in that county.

- 386 Mr B. MASSINGHAM, 186 Milburn Rd, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 0PH.
Along with all aspects of Heraldry, genealogy and local history, Mr Massingham is interested in his own surname (Aylmerton, Nf and Cramlington, Nh), Pike/Pyke (Nf) and Pooley (Nf).
- 387 Mr A.S. ANGUS, "River View", Mitford, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 3PR.
Interested in Angus (Dunkeld, Scotland), Laws (Tyneside, esp. John, 1765-1844, of Breckney Hill) and Malloch (Perthshire).
- 388 Mrs H.Y. McLEAN, 4 Tutchen Street, Tauranga, New Zealand.
Seeks marriage and death material for Emma Louisa Grubb and Samuel Binns. They lived at 21 Ramsay St, Hartlepool, and Samuel, a blacksmith, was killed in the first German zeppelin raid at Middleton, Hartlepool, on 16 Dec. 1914. Families from other areas are Grubb (Staffs), Constant (London), Welch (Mr), Lloyd (Tipperary), Milne (Kc), Munro (In & Glasgow) and McLean (Glasgow).
- 389 Mr J. KAY, 6 Briarhill, Hilda Pk, Chester-le-Street, DH2 2LL.
Interested in the families of Fulton (Berwick, borders and Newcastle), Maddison (Houghton-le-Spring and Hull), Anderson (Houghton-le-Spring), Kay (Leeds and Sunderland) and Crawford and Cummings (both Hetton-le-Hole).
- 390 The MOSSOP Family Foundation, 2899 Walnut Hill Av, Philadelphia, Pa 19152, USA.
Founded in 1910 by George Joseph Mossop (1885-1962) to correlate the data and papers which his grandfather George Clement Mossop (1829-1912) had gathered together since his arrival in Philadelphia in 1847, the Foundation now has the aim of establishing a permanent depository for the family's records and corresponding with, and maintaining a directory of, Mossops and their descendants. Interested in all Mossop references (including Moscrop) throughout our area.
- 391 Mr D.W. READY, 115 Sheldon Av, Pittsburgh, Pa 15220, USA.
Mr Ready has concentrated on his maternal ancestry so far, and finds that on several lines he is the eighth or ninth generation in the USA. He is now interested in the following 18th century families: Hagen (Dow), Grimes, Hutchinson, Bryan, Sheppard, Sutton, Lincoln, Watson and Canan. On his father's side, Mr Ready is following Hines and Ready, both 19th century.
- 392 Mrs E.D. BOORMAN, 9 Manor Av, Hounslow, Middlesex, TW4 7JP.
Tracing Awd/And (Staindrop), Appleby (Barnard Castle), Askew (Allendale), Davison (Haydon Bridge), Simpson (Copley), Turnbull (Simonburn) and Ward (Shotley).
- 393 Mrs L.A. SMITH, 10 Sandhurst Court, Acre Lane, London SW2.
Seeking information on Guthrie, particularly Alexander, a tailor, whose sons John and William by his wife Janet were born between 1790 and 1795. William Guthrie was apprenticed to Thompson (printer) in 1806. He was a printer (the first) in Blyth by 1815, but from 1820 he operated from London, with his brother John. William's first wife, Frances Elizabeth, died in 1840 and he remarried Julia Sugden in 1842. Among William's family were his sons, Alexander and William Alexander, both born in London about 1820.
- 394 Mr J. MELLANBY, 2 Montague Rd, Cambridge, CB4 1BX.
Mr Mellanby's grandfather, John Mellanby, usually described as a shipbuilder, was born in West Harlepool in the early 1840s and died in Barrhead, Scotland in 1908. The only earlier scrap of information he has found is the signature "Wm Mellanby", probably of 18th century date, inside an old book.
- 395 Local Studies Centre, Old Central Library, Howard St, N. Shields.

- 396 Mr A.W. CARR, "Annay", 76 Oakly Road, Redditch, Worcs, B97 4XE.
Mr Carr believes his surname may have originated north of the Border as Kerr. He knows his grandfather, John Richard Carr, was born in 1864, the second son of Richard Carr (b1840), son of Andrew Carr (b1811). A link is sought between this Andrew and Andrew Kerr (b1790, died at Powburn in 1873).
- 397 Mrs M.A. HILDREW, 13 Grange Avenue, Manchester, M19 2EY.
Tracing Hildrew (Tyneside), Mason (Hartlepool) and Rolis (Tyne-side), all in the 19th century.
- 398 Mrs Q. KRANTZ, 28 Brinker Rd, Barrington, Illinois 60010, USA.
- 399 Mrs M. BAKER, 18 Mardale Gardens, Low Fell, Gateshead, NE9 6QA.
Seeks the baptism of George Law (born Alston Cu 1834), who married Abigail Kelly (born Laxey IoM) c1864, in Cu (?Egremont). Mrs Baker would also be pleased to contact any of her Law relatives in New Zealand (children of her father's cousins). Other interests include Joseph Thompson, publican in Birtley in the 1860s and 1870s, the Clews/Cluis family in the Isle of Man, who may have been of French extraction, Peter McLardie, born in Fort William in 1833, who went to America in the 1870s and lived in Lynn, Boston, Mass, and Jean Primrose Baird, born Paisley c1833.
- 400 Mrs M.P. SCANLON, 63 Hampton Rd, N. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE30 3HJ.
- 401 Mr I.H. PATTISON, 42 Wendan Rd, Newbury, Berks, RG14 7AF.
- 402 Mr B.W. YATES, 17 Chestnut Av, Codishead, Nr Manchester, M30 3AS.
Researching Briggs and Maddison, both of Gilesgate, Durham, in the 19th century.
- 403 Mr P.D. MANNERS, 6 Gaialands Cresc, Litchfield, Staffs, WS13 7LU.
Mr Manners is interested in all Manners references in Nb and Du and particularly mentions 18th and 19th century families in Lambton, Pittington, Penshaw, Chester-le-Street, Fatfield and Sherburn Hill (all Du) and Earsdon Nb. Special problems are the birth dates of Joseph Manners, c1801 in the Lambton area, and Joseph Manners, c1818 in Pittington. Also sought is the marriage of Joseph Manners to Jane, between 1790 and 1795. Another family of interest is Holmes of Chester-le-Street (18th and 19th centuries).
- 404 Mrs E. GRANT, 4250N 350W, Ogden, Utah 84404, USA.
- 405 Mrs D. LOMAS, 1 Greybourne Gdns, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR2 9DT.
Seeks baptism (1st quarter of 19th century) of George Walker of Southwick, Sunderland, who married (?) Ellen and whose son George was born in 1848. Also seeking parents of Ralph Brown who was born at Backworth Nb on 18 March 1816, married Mary Ann Robinson of Bishop Auckland and died at Ryhope Du on 7 Feb. 1875.
- 406 Mr W. ELLIS, 335 North Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.
Mr Ellis wishes to trace details of Charles Ireland (? a miller) who lived in Durham City in the 18th and 19th centuries. Other families of interest are Ellis (Oldham La) and Derby/Daerby (Consett Du, 17th - 19th centuries).
- 407 Mrs M. WALLACE, 21 Collingwood Av, High Farm, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear.
Mrs Wallace's maternal grandfather, James Wright Ovington, was born in Wylam Nb. His mother, Ann Wright, was born in Ryton Du c1826, the daughter of John Wright according to her marriage certificate (Newcastle 1846) but this birth/baptism record has not been found and there are several John Wrights to choose from in the area. Also interested in Ovington of Ryton and Wylam.
- 408 Mr A.B. RODENBY, Deerwood, Debdale Hill, Old Dalby, Leics.
Tracing Rottenbury in Du, esp. in Monkswearmouth and Sunderland, and wishes particularly to find the birth of Robert Rottenbury (c1767-1772) and his marriage to Ann Battersby (c1788-1794). Another interest is in death records of mariners in the period 1804-1837. (See Mr Neil's article on p. 104.- Ed.).

- 409 Mr F. DIXON, Anick Grange, Hexham, Northumberland.
Mr Dixon, who has the evocative Northumbrian name of Fenwick as his Christian name, is tracing Dixons from the Allendale area. Ancestors John and Hannah Dixon are said to have left Allenheads in 1849 to go to a farm called "Armitage". Does anyone know where this is? Other interests are Graham (Allendale Nb, Alston and Garrigill Cu), Moffat and Readshaw (Alston Cu) and Scott (N. Shields Nb).
- 410 Dr L.H. HUTCHINSON, 15 Woodlands Rd, Shotley Bridge, Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 0DB.
Families of interest are Hall of Holburn Wharf, Chatham (19th century), Wilkie of Edinburgh (18th century) and Hutchinson of Peel St, Newcastle (19th century). A particular interest is in John Hall of Newcastle and of New York, USA, around 1800.
- 411 Miss N. PARK, 15 Station Av Nth, Fencehouses, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, DH4 6HS.
Researching the Park family throughout Du, and esp. Houghton-le-Spring, in the 19th and 20th centuries. Miss Park is particularly interested in George Frederick Park who was born in Durham c1880.
- 412 Mr A. COLLINSON, 15 Ravensdale Cresc, Low Fell, Gateshead, NE9 5YJ.
Mr Collinson's interests are Collinson (Wolsingham Du), Hall (Cumwhitten Cu), Wilkinson (Witton Gilbert and Lanchester Du), Bilton (Gateshead) and Robey (Newcastle under Lyme).
- 413 Mr A. DODDS, 14 Portman Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2UX.
Families of interest are Dodds (Auckland) and Hills (Berwick/Ancroft), both in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 414 Mrs V.M. CHAPMAN, 16 Belmont Av, Billingham, Cleveland, TS22 5HF.
Mrs Chapman is seeking the whereabouts of the pre-1850 records of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Lawrence, Lartington. Lartington is on the south bank of the Tees, to the west of Barnard Castle and is in that part of the former North Riding of Yorkshire incorporated into Co. Durham in 1974. Families of interest are Chapman (Ronaldkirk NRY, Gainford Du, Bishop Middleham Du and Durham City), Hunter (Staindrop Du and Cocker-mouth Cu), O'Dwyer and Moor (both Newcastle).
- 415 Mrs M.M. PATTISON, address as for member 401.
- 416 Mr D.W. KIRK, 15 Barnham Grove, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 0DU.
- 417 Mr P. STEVENSON, 36 Raven Lane, Norton, Cleveland, TS20 1LZ.
Mr Stevenson offers help in his local Record Office on a reciprocal basis and is interested in Stevenson (Wo and Ay), Scott (Mayo and Leeds), Darby (Wo), Wooley (N. Staffs) and Smith (Leeds and Jersey).
- 418 Mr J.B. CHAPMAN, address as for member 414.
- 419 Mr F. BRUCE, 4 Oakwell Oval, Roundhay, Leeds, LS8 4AL.
Mr Bruce is researching his own surname and the localities where it is recorded in local records. He would no doubt be interested to hear of any Bruce references, no matter where from.
- 420 Mr D. MORRIS, 14 Holmwood Avenue, Shenfield, Essex, CM15 8QS.
Mr Morris has had considerable success in his researches - so much so that he has been able to send us pedigree charts showing all his own 16 great-great-grandparents and 15 of his wife's. Families which he is researching at present (all 18th century) are Potts and Windlow (both S. Shields), Hall (WallSEND), Anderson (Gateshead), Weddell (Edinburgh/Kelso), Peacock (Arkengarthdale, NRY), Church (Witham, Essex/Rochester, Kent), Morris and Exall (both Maidstone K), Hills and Ellington (both Mildenhall Sf) and King and Chinery (both Gazeley Sf).
- 421 Mr J.W. COULTHARD, 19 Albion Avenue, Acomb, York, YO2 5RA.
Interested in Coulthard throughout Du and on the Yorkshire side of Teesdale, and also in Walker of Aycliffe and Stockton.

Specific problems are the birth of Timothy Coulthard c1750 (married in Stanwick, 1773) and of another Timothy Coulthard in 1695 in "Forcett". Mr Coulthard also seeks the birth of Nathaniel Walker c1760.

- 422 Mrs L. CHRISTOFFERSON, 430 North 15th St, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501, USA. Mrs Christofferson is descended from the families of Longstaff, Walton and Hillery, from S.W. Durham. Places with which they are associated are Barnard Castle, Newfield and Bishop Auckland (Du) and High Startforth (NBX).
- 423 Mrs M. MEEKE, Pinfold Farm, Smallwood, Nr Sandbach, Cheshire.
- 424 Mrs W.G. WHITTAKER, 4104 Hinsdale Av, Bakersfield, California 93306, USA. Seeks birth or baptism of John R. Sutherland, born 1835 in "Durham" (City or County?). His father, John (born c1815) married Eleanor Taylor in 1834 and emigrated to California. John senior had a brother James who was in charge of a mine at "Whitwell" Du, and whose son William also emigrated to California (in 1862). William was born in New Durham in 1844 but his baptism is not in the register of St. Giles, Durham, which was the local Anglican Parish Church.
- 425 Mr T.B. DAND, 11 The Avenue, Loansdean, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2DG. Mr Dand, who is just commencing his investigations, suspects that his family came from the Hetton, Du, area as his grandfather was born near there. He has noted the existence of Dands in Nb, however, at Bedlington (19th century) and Braxton (13th).
- 426 Mr J.F. DAGLEAS, 29 West Meadws Road, Cleadon, Nr Sunderland.
- 427 Mr G.A. RUTHERFORD, 31 Elmsford Grove, Longbenton, Newcastle.

Change of Address

- 341 Mrs L. MORGAN (formerly Miss L. POUNTON), Tophill Farm, Woodside Green, Lenham, near Maidstone, Kent.
- 346 Mr N.C. BEATTIE, 112 Cecil Rd, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 9NU.

SECOND TIME AROUND

Please note the standard county abbreviations: Du = Co. Durham, Nb = Northumberland, others as in the Members' Directory, p. 2.

- 175 Mr D.W. SMITH, "Simonburn", 22 Careen Cresc, Middle Herrington, Sunderland, SR3 3TP. Mr Smith, who is attempting to trace all Newbigin references in Nb and Du, is also interested in Charlton (Hexham), Surtees (Whittonstall), Fenwick (West Hall) and White (Ovingham) - all in the 17th century. Other families of interest are Coven of Stella (early 19th century), Campbell of Ryton (1770s), Appleby of Corbridge and Stamfordham (1640-1940), Telfer of Falstone (1800s), Smith of Staindrop (1800s), several Corbridge families (Sharp, Watson, Robson, Pace and Hudspeth) and several from Chollerton (Robson, Shafto, Hutchinson, Reed and Casson) from the 17th and 18th centuries.
- 260 Mrs S. TEBO, Rt 1 Roca, Nebraska, USA. Interested in tracing descendants of James and Elizabeth Shirley of Berwick. Their children were James, Thomas, Elizabeth and Mary. James married Dorothy Middlemast and emigrated to Canada; Thomas married c1841 Elizabeth (?Thompson) and was an Innkeeper of Castlegate, Berwick, in 1851. The children of Thomas were Andrew Thompson (born c1838), Robert Thompson (born c1843) and Isabella (born c1849). Other interests are Middlemast/Middlemiss (Borders), William Brown (born c1800 and lived in Bermondsey, Surrey), Palmer (St. John's, Surrey) and Holmes, Taylor and Messenger (Stokenchurch, Oxon).

274 Mr R.B. BOYS, 69 Elms Road, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Mr Boys has fallen into a trap which lies waiting for us all - he has mis-read a parish clerk's handwriting and as a result he asked (in Vol. 2, No. 1) for information on Susanna "Smoland", who married George Boys (marine, of Sunderland) before 1835. It now appears that Susanna's name should be Roland. This has not halted Mr Boys' progress, however, and he has now proceeded to the marriage of William Boys to Alice Allison at Sunderland Holy Trinity in 1748. Any information on the origins of this couple would be appreciated.

283 Mrs J. LAMBERT, 141 Brodie Avenue, Liverpool 18.

Mrs Lambert's greatly expanded list of interests now reads: Hapburn (Nb and Du, esp. the baptism of Henry (?Scotland), who was married at Durham in 1740), Eltringham (any except those in Ryton, Du or Ovingham, Nb, which have already been well researched), Bell (baptism of John in Nb 1810-1816 and his marriage to Margaret Blackett cl837), Dunn (baptism of Joseph cl828 and his marriage to Margaret Crawford of Eyemouth cl850 (probably in Scotland) and baptism of Thomas in Nb cl799), Whitfield (baptism of Elizabeth who was married at Chester-le-Street, 1800), Wharton (baptism of David whose son John was born at Stanhope in 1766), Short (baptism of Hannah cl802, probably the daughter of a pitman near Bothal, Nb), Crawford (baptism of James cl800, probably at Berwick), Hull (baptism of John and his marriage near Brancepeth Du cl750), Shaw (baptism of Roger who was married at Warden in 1777), Southern (baptism of Thomas and his marriage cl700 near Chester-le-Street) and Young (baptism of Cuthbert who was married at Ryton Du in 1732 and the baptism and marriage of Andrew of Yetholm whose son John was baptised in 1735).

296 Mr D.W. BURDON, 186 Rosemary Hill Rd, Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands, B74 4HP.

Additional interests are Bamlett and Hardcastle (NRY and Du), Surtees and Shields (all Du and Nb), Snaith (Witton-le-Wear and Brancepeth), Kay (Tanfield and Chester-le-Street), Raine (Anckland and Durham), Greenwell (Chester-le-Street), Rowell (Simonburn and Ovingham), Reed (Haydon Bridge, esp. Plankey Mill) and Wanless (Chester-le-Street and Salisbury, W).

299 Mr W. COWAN, 100 Westernmoor, Blackfell, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE37 1LT.

Interested in Cowan, Cowen, etc. of Sunderland. Alexander Cowan, son of John and Elizabeth, was baptised in Robinson's Lane Chapel in 1779; further details are now sought of his parents and of his marriage to Elizabeth Cummins. There is possibly a link with Berwick since Alexander's son was living there in 1851, next door to another family of the same name. Other interests are in Rennay and Short (both Sunderland) and Woodifield (Kirk Merrington and Sunderland).

303 Mr E.K. URWIN, 54 Rivermead Rd, Haughton Green, Denton, Manchester, M34 1PG.

In addition to his general interest in Urwin, reported in our last issue, Mr Urwin is specifically seeking the forebears of Thomas Urwin, blacksmith, of Newcastle (All Saints and St. Andrew's parishes) who was born in 1813 and of his wife, Eleanor Butters, born in Shields in 1812. Another family of interest is Lambert of Berwick, especially Robert "redfisher" born cl750 and descendants of Robert Lambert, born in Berwick in 1805, who was agent for Richard Grainger, the builder who redeveloped much of Newcastle in the mid-nineteenth century. Other interests are Smith (Ford, cl770), Taylor (Berwick, cl800) and Grant (Berwick, cl800).

- 313 Mr W. NEIL, 70 Atbara Rd, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 9PD.
Mr Neil has abstracted all the Foster/Forster names - about 115 families - from the 1861 census of Sunderland, defined as North and South Bishopwearmouth, East and West Sunderland, and Monkwearmouth, which includes Southwick, Fulwell, Roker, etc. (piece nos. 3765 to 3784). He has also extracted all Neil/Neal/Neel/Kneal etc. references from the 1851 Isle of Man census (piece nos. 2523 to 2526), and found 658 such individuals - 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Isle's population.
- 337 Mrs A. STOREY, 820 Burnhamthorpe Rd, Apt 1007, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada, M9C 4W2.
Mrs Storey's special interests are the British army in Ireland and emigrant ships' lists of passengers from Ireland. Local surnames of interest are: Hedley (Chollerton and all Nb), Law(e)s (Byton Du) and Storey (S. Shields Du) and from other areas: Davison, Sellers, Hepton and Walker (all from the Driffield area of NRY), Stivens and Blackadder (both Glamis, Scotland), Byrne (Forfarshire), Hopewell (Sligo, Ireland, Lincs and Nova Scotia), Log(g)an (Coleraine, Ireland, London and Oregon, USA) and, from New Zealand, Logan, Weagant, Wade and Dillon.
- 346 Mr N.C. BEATTIE, 112 Cecil Rd, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 9NU.
Mr Beattie has two interesting old letters which may be of interest to other members. One is dated Nov 14 1910, from "Aunt Annie Baty" of 3 Dock St, Tyne Dock, S. Shields, to a Canadian nephew. This was not her home address - she was staying with a niece (Mrs Wallace). The other letter refers to a Sarah Jane Hudson, born Feb. 18th 1863. Sarah was the fourth of the 13 children of Robert Hudson and Hannah Watson. She herself married a Mr Sisterson and had a family of 14 - just managing to outdo her parents!
- 375 Mr W. HIND, PO Box N1143, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas.
Mr Hind points out a couple of errors which crept into his interests as published in the last Journal. It is Thomas Hind (not William) whose birth/baptism record is so elusive and who was probably a son of Oswald Hind and Ann Blakiston. Thomas Hind was not simply a blacksmith, as stated previously. He specialised in spade and shovel making, in which line he established a family business. Also, Mr Hind's great-great-grandfather, Fenwick Clennell, had Fenwick as a Christian name and, therefore, although possibly sharing a common Clennell ancestry, was not actually a descendant of the Fenwick-Clennell family of Harbottle Nb.
- 378 Mr C.A. HEDLEY, 31 Southward Close, Seaton Sluice, Northumberland, NE26 4EA.
Mr Hedley is primarily interested in the Hedleys of Redesdale and has traced his own line (with much help from the late W. Percy Hedley) to Reynold Hedley of Hatherwick, near Elsdon, and Closehead, who was rate collector for Monkridge Ward in 1687 and died in 1723 at Closehead (bur Elsdon). He was twice married but his own origins are still unclear. Mr Hedley is also trying to establish a link between the Redesdale Hedleys and those of Hedley on the Hill, Nb. Another interest is in the descendants of William Hedley (bap Elsdon 1841), who emigrated to Canada. He married a Miss Patterson and had three sons (Joseph, James and Robert) and two daughters.
- 379 Miss M.B. THOMPSON, "Chine", 18 Pentylands Close, Highworth, Swindon, Wilts, SN6 7JY.
Miss Thompson sends a special plea to all New Zealand and Australian members for help with one of her problems. Her grandmother, Alice Ruth, nee Maddison, always said that her family owned a large timber company at Westport, New Zealand, but all attempts

to trace this have been unsuccessful. Miss Thompson's great-grandfather, John Maddison, (1859-1887), was born in Anstralia according to the 1871 census, but his apprenticeship indentures (1873) say he was a native of Sunderland. His parents emigrated about the time of his birth from Sunderland to New Zealand. Another search is for the marriage of John's sister, Zenobia, to William Robert Patterson of Melbourne in 1886. The couple eventually settled near Melbourne, but they may have been married in either Anstralia or New Zealand.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Mr E. Hollerton

Mr E. Hollerton, of the North Tyneside Library Service, based at North Shields, gave a talk which was aimed initially at beginners, before he moved on to discuss some of the records of his area.

A useful booklet dealing with these records is "Anglican Parish Records, a survey by Nigel Yates", the Library's Occasional Paper No. 1 (1975). This is more fully described on p. 120.

THE APRIL MEETING

A HASTILY-ARRANGED MISCELLANY

It was most unfortunate that news of the illness which prevented Col. Swinnerton addressing us as planned on "One man's look at genealogy" arrived shortly after publication of the April Journal. As it was, there was still some hope until the week before the meeting that things might be able to go ahead as planned. In the event the meeting had to proceed on a hastily put-together programme in which the three brief speakers were your Editor, Mr Bunting and Fr Vincent Smith.

In the first item Mr Nicholson gave a short report of the Annual Conference of the Federation of Family History Societies, which he had attended. This Conference was held at Owen's Park, Manchester University, on March 26th and, besides an exhibition of books and other material of interest to family historians, included four most interesting lectures: Fred Markwell on "Treasures in our County Record Offices", J.L. Rayment (the Federation M.I. Co-ordinator, a short of "national Adam Bunting") on "Plotting a churchyard from square one", H. Ellis Tomlinson on "Prominent Families in Civic Heraldry" and what Mr Nicholson found a most absorbing study by Dr C. Rogers entitled "Crisis year of 1623". This latter item was the story of Dr Rogers and his WEA class's hunt for the cause of a sudden large increase in the death rate throughout Lancashire in 1623, and the process of elimination and detailed investigation which resulted in the gradual discounting of all the likely epidemics, leading to the realisation that successive years of poor growing seasons and bad harvests had produced famine and starvation throughout the north. The techniques of the genealogist had been used to reconstruct families but the work also touched on demography, geography and medicine. It was asserted that the effect was noticeable throughout the north of England - has any member noticed it in any parish which he has studied particularly deeply? Your Editor has looked for it without success in Ryton, Da, but it may still have occurred elsewhere.

Next Adam Bunting gave a talk which is the substance of his paper

"In Search of Richardsons" (p. 94).

Finally, Fr Vincent Smith treated us all to a set of anecdotes about his own family which were enthralling and amusing, as much for the way in which they were delivered as for their own sakes.

It is hoped to obtain the services of Col. Swinnerton, to whom we all wish a speedy recovery, at some future date.

THE MAY MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 19th May 1977 at 7.15 p.m. in the YMCA Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle.

Members will surely agree that the key man in any Society, and especially ours, where the written word is the essential means of communication among a far-flung membership, is the Secretary and that this Society is well served indeed by Alan Readdie who puts a tremendous amount of time and effort into the job. The Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting is therefore a most important statement of the position of the Society and for this reason is now given in full, together with that other essential barometer of our fortunes, the Statement of Accounts.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is the Society's second AGM, and at this time last year we had some 270 members. It is satisfying to report that fewer than 30 failed to renew their membership and we are now over 400 strong.

The Society suffered a grievous loss in July with the death of the Chairman, Mr C.P. Neat, who had played such a large part in the formation and establishment of the Society. It is sad also to report the death of Mr T. Graham of Blyth.

Monthly meetings have been held, except in July and August, covering a wide range of topics, and attendances have usually been about thirty. We have also visited Durham County Record Office (in June), the Department of Palaeography at Durham University (in November) and the Genealogical Library of the Mormon Church in Sunderland (in March).

Following Mr Neat's death, Fr W. Vincent Smith agreed to act as Chairman on an interim basis. Under their powers in the Constitution, the Committee co-opted Dr M.E. Wilson and Mrs A. Power to act as Librarian and Programme Organiser respectively. Their appointments need to be ratified by the membership.

The quarterly Journal remains the main link with those members - the vast majority - who cannot attend local meetings. It continues to be well received and the subject of favourable comment. The Editor, Geoff Nicholson, is dependent on members' contributions and a reminder of this is not out of place here. The Society also published, in April, a Directory of Members' Interests, following the precedent set by several other similar societies. Out thanks to Dr Wilson for her work in completing the vast task, started by Mr Neat, of collating the mass of information submitted by members.

The task of collating and distributing the Journal is now too large for a handful of Committee members, and volunteers to assist with this quarterly task would be most welcome.

The library is growing, and now contains Journals of most other Societies, plus a collection of standard textbooks, the kind gift of Mrs Neat.

Finance is the Treasurer's province, and it will suffice for me to point to the relatively healthy state shown by the accounts and to mention that the Committee recommend an unchanged subscription for the forthcoming year. This was not an easy decision in these inflationary times and it is almost inevitable that an increase will be necessary next year. In proposing no increase, it is hoped that members will help by spreading the word and encouraging new recruits, and the unchanged sub also makes it unlikely that we will this year achieve our aim of more publications, but if the position continues to be satisfactory, this might be possible at a later date.

The Committee would welcome comments, suggestions or criticisms from members and in particular Mrs Power would appreciate suggestions on topics for future meetings.

EDITOR'S REPORT

In a few brief words your Editor re-iterated much of what has already been said in Editorials regarding the need for a flow of suitable articles for the Journal and also called for more criticism from the members, providing it be of a constructive nature (see the Editorial of this issue). The opportunity was also taken to publicly thank Miss Pat Storey for her work in typing successive issues.

M.I. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mr Bunting gave a brief resume of the work accomplished to date and a survey of what still remains to be done (see his article on p. 106).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Apart from confirming the co-option of Mrs Power as Programme Organiser and Publicity Officer and Dr Wilson as Librarian and Directory Compiler, the elections produced no change in the Committee, in spite of Fr Smith's declared willingness to stand down in favour of a younger man, should anyone else wish to stand. Fr Smith pointed out that not only is he approaching eighty - he is much nearer to that age than are the majority of members! However, as there were no other candidates he was prevailed upon to offer himself for re-election. The Committee for 1977/78 is therefore:

Fr W. Vincent Smith (Chairman)
Mr A.G.S. Bunting (Vice-Chairman & M.I. Coordinator)
Mr J.A. Beaddie (Secretary)
Mr R.E. Vine (Treasurer)
Mr F. Davison
Mrs M. Hey
Mr D.G. Mason (Auditor)
Mr G. Nicholson (Editor)
Mrs A. Power (Publicity Officer and Programme Organiser)
Dr M.E. Wilson (Librarian and Directory Compiler)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee's recommendation of making no change in the rates of subscription for the coming year was passed unanimously.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 1977

ACCUMULATED FUND

Brought forward	41.51
Excess of income over expenditure for current period	55.49

Balance of Deposit, Northern Rock Building Society	515.25
Barclays Bank Ltd.	186.84

RESERVES

Unexpired subs	408.50
Cost of publishing Directory of Members' Interests	180.00

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Subs in advance	2.50
FFHS subscription	5.00
Balance due to Treasurer	9.09
	<u>£702.09</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
11 MONTHS ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 1977

Printing - Journal	434.14	Subscriptions received	919.00
Provision for cost of printing Directory of Members' Interests		Proportion of 1975/6 subscriptions bt fwd	<u>223.50</u>
11 x £10	110.00		1142.50
Postage - Journal	186.46	less 6/12 of 1976/7 subs	408.50
- Others	33.93	less 7/12 of additional 1975/6 subs	
Stationery	17.88	received	60.00
Room Hire & Speakers' Expenses	31.20		<u>468.50</u>
Subscriptions and Donations	10.00	Subscription Income for period	674.00
Excess of income over expenditure for period	55.49	Donations received	30.32
		Building Society Interest	13.98
		Sales of Journal	126.50
		Other Sales	<u>14.30</u>
	<u>859.10</u>		<u>859.10</u>

In my opinion, the above accounts reflect a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 28th February 1977, and of its income and expenditure for the 11 months ended on that date.

D.G. Mason
Certified Accountant.

GENEALOGICAL EXHIBITION

Following the AGM Mrs Power's display of genealogical material was inspected and much admired by members. Included were examples of pedigrees made out in a variety of standard forms, and "record" material of many types arranged in sufficient ways to ensure that each member went away with at least one new idea. The exhibition included examples of documents - both the originals and in photostat form - and of the ways in which they could prove of use. Mrs Power is to be congratulated on producing such a comprehensive and interesting display.

BED AND BREAKFAST REGISTER

Members are reminded that the Federation of Family History Societies have a Bed and Breakfast Register, the idea behind which is that anyone conducting a search far from home should be able to obtain inexpensive accommodation with the family of someone who, being interested in the same subject, may be able to pass on lots of useful local information. While the list's coverage of some counties is good, there are currently no entries on it at all from Northumberland, County Durham or Tyne and Wear. Perhaps you have a room to spare for a fellow family historian - if so, please contact Mrs C. Walcot, 9 Richmond Road, Birkdale, Southport, PR8 4SB, and enclose a SAE. The Federation recommended rate to charge is £2 per person per night. A copy of the current list is in our library.

AN OFFER OF HELP

Mr W. Wallace, of 16 Turners Way, Morpeth, NE61 2YE (member 251), has, in connection with a course on historiography, recently acquired copies of the registers to 1812 of Newcastle St. Nicholas, Charlton, Elsdon, Ingram, Eglington and Alwinton. The Newcastle St. Nicholas register is marriages only; all the rest are CMB and all but the last are indexed.

ANGLICAN RECORDS OF NORTH TYNESIDE

An interesting and useful summary of the records of the Established Church in North Tyneside is contained in the booklet "Anglican Parish Records, a survey by Nigel Yates" which was published in 1975 as Occasional Paper No. 1 of North Tyneside Libraries. It lists all the Anglican records of the area - not only the parish registers but also such items as Vestry Minutes, Churchwardens' Accounts, etc., together with their location in 1975 (Church, County Record Office, Library, etc.). A brief ecclesiastical history of each parish is included, indicating when each was formed, which was its mother parish and other historical details.

The booklet (like Gaul) is in three parts: Ancient, Victorian and Modern parishes. Appendices give details of access to the records, church architecture and church plate.

It is hoped that the information on parish registers will be summarised in a future edition of this Journal.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

July and August

Summer break - no meetings.

Wednesday, September 21st

Mr J. Shannon, of the Durham Light Infantry Military Museum, Durham, will speak on "Military Records".

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

Wednesday, October 19th

Our first "heraldic" meeting. Mrs Gardener will speak on the general topic of "Heraldry".

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

Wednesday, November 16th - talk on surname derivations - details in next issue.

LATE NEWS: Tyne & Wear Record Office opens at West Blandford Street, Newcastle, on 18 July. Pilgrim-street search room closed from 8 July.