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## EDITORIAL

This is the last magazine you will receive under your current subscription. A renewal form was enclosed with the last issue. May we request that if you have not yet sent £10 (£12 for overseas) to Mrs J Ashburner, 10 Melrose Grove, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear NE32 4HP, you should do so NOW. Thanks for your co-operation.

Thanks also to those of you, a considerable number, who responded to our appeal to covenant your subscription. It really does make quite a difference to our finances!

The last issue also included a request for you to let the editorial team know what you wanted in YOUR Journal. Many responders, not surprisingly, asked for "background knowledge" which might help them in their own researches: information about towns or villages, trades and industries and the working conditions of our forefathers. "Personal stories" were also welcomed, especially if they prompted ideas which might assist other researchers. All of your comments have been noted.

This Journal recommences the popular "Know your Parish" series with an article on Bamburgh, but more of this type of article, especially on County Durham parishes, are urgently needed.

We mentioned the intended purchase of GRO indexes (Indexes of Civil Registration from 1837) for use at Bolbec Hall. As I write, they are still awaited but we will keep you in the picture.

This Journal is being issued in late November, and your editorial team is already at work on the Spring issue. Get your material to us as soon as you can, please, either before or after you enjoy what I hope will be very merry Christmas for you, but certainly get it to us before the beginning of what I trust will be a happy 1998; a year in which lots of your ancestors will reappear from the shadows of the past.

Good luck!

## NEWS FROM NORTHUMBERLAND RECORD OFFICE

*by Janet Doody*

The Searchroom staff are experimenting with a new rota system. This involves the three Searchroom Supervisors (Janet, Keith and Val) moving around more frequently between the offices at Morpeth and Melton Park. Two of them will be on duty at Morpeth every week and one at Melton Park. This new system will help increase their knowledge of the various documents and so they will be better able to advise searchers.

Manorial Court documents contain records of land transactions concerning manorial property (e.g. inheritance, sale, mortgage). The parties concerned attend the court where the property is "surrendered" and the new tenant "admitted". The surrenders and admittances can contain details of family relationships and descriptions of property.

At present staff are working through the surrenders and admittances for the manors of Hexham, held at Melton Park, and Seahouses and North Sunderland, held at Berwick Record Office. They are being assisted by Joyce Jackman at Melton Park and Ian Buchanan at Berwick Record Office. The documents are being summarised and the names of parties concerned, and property details are

being extracted. Although work has been going on for several months, only a small number of years have been completed. Eventually easy to use summaries and indexes will be available. (Two years, 1737 and 1747, of Hexham surrenders and admittances have been indexed and the list contains over 300 names).

Berwick Record Office has recently acquired two useful transcripts. These are Ellingham, burial register 1813 - 1871 and Berwick Church Street Presbyterian baptism register 1827 - 1951.

Several deposits of Parish Registers have been received. These include Branxton 1813-1997, Ellingham 1837-1997 and Lucker 1885-1994. The following parishes have deposited 20th century registers: Kenton, The Ascension; Byker, St Martin; Newcastle, St Andrew; and Belford, St Mary. Please check the location and availability of these records before visiting the office.

A new archivist, Helen Arkwright, began work on October 1st; she is based at Melton Park. Jude Ryan began maternity leave from Morpeth Record Centre on September 26th.

## NEWS 'SNIPPETS'



The East Family History Society - A One-Name society registered with GOONS. The annual membership is currently £5 worldwide, and the society produces a newsletter twice per year. Anyone wanting further information should write to: Bill East, 13 The Drive, Golders Green, London NW11 9ST.

The 1998 East Midlands and Federation of Family History Societies Conference will be held at Nottingham University 4th-6th September 1998. Application is by official booking form only which may be obtained from: Mrs Kathy Orford-Perkins, 4 Linden Court, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2AG.

Anyone wanting to trace the history of a Quaker family, or who has an interest in the history of the Society of Friends, may be interested in knowing about the Quaker Family History Society. General enquiries may be addressed to the Secretary, Christopher Pitt-Lewis, Owl's Hollow, 5 Rad Valley Gardens, Shrewsbury SY3 8AU. Applications for membership should be addressed to Katherine Slay, The Smoke Hole, Rumbolds Close, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 2JJ.

If you have family interests or live in the Wakefield area, you might like to know of the formation of the Wakefield & District Family History Society. The society, formed in June 1997, covers the Wakefield Metropolitan District. Further information may be obtained from Mrs Eileen Piper, 46 Ledger Lane, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2PH.

The North-East England History Institute is to hold an international conference on 'The Early Railways' at the University of Durham 11th-13th September 1998. Further information about the conference, or the NEEHI, can be obtained from: NEEHI, University of Durham, 43 North Bailey, Durham DH1 3EX.

The Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held at York Racecourse on Saturday 27th June 1998 from 10.00 am until 4.30 pm. There will be all the usual stalls associated with such an event. Further details can be obtained from: Mr Alex Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4ND.

The Gateshead & Newcastle branch of the Durham Light Infantry Association is seeking information on World War I hero, James Donnelly, M.C., D.C.M. and Bar, M.M., from Benwell, Newcastle, who "disappeared from history" after leaving the army in 1919. Details of the later life and death of this soldier who was wounded at the Somme in 1916 with the 10th Battalion, D.L.I. are sought. The

Association may be contacted through Mr Norman Long, 4 Bradville Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol BS18 9AS

The commencement of the certificated course in family history run by The University of Newcastle Upon Tyne has been deferred until January 1998. This is a four term course, the successful completion of which leads to the award of a University certificate. The course is assessed and students are expected to complete six assignments and a final term project which involves tracing the history of a family for six generations. A detailed syllabus is available upon request. For further details of this and other courses run by the University contact Brenda Wright at The Centre For Continuing Education, King George VI Building, Queen Victoria Road, Newcastle, NE1 7RU (tel: 0191-2225680)

Berwick upon Tweed Record Office has microfiche copies for sale of the following Bamburgh parish registers: Baptisms 1758-1812 and 1813-1902. (See advertisement on page 143). By the Spring it is hoped to also have: Burials 1813-1902, Marriages 1754-1812 and Marriages 1837-1875 but as yet we have no details of prices. Enquiries may be addressed to the Record Office at: Council Offices, Wallace Green, Berwick upon Tweed TD15 1ED, or via email:

Archives@berwickc.demon.co.uk

Alan Angus, a former Editor of our Journal, wrote to the Genealogical Society of Utah pointing out an error in transcription of the 1881 Census for Northumberland; on page 06637, the name Orange has been entered as Grange. The following is part of the GSU's reply to Alan's letter and may be of interest to our members:

*"In the past two years since the project was winding up the Family History Department has been alerted to a few instances of errors in the transcription of names in the 1881 census indexes. Unfortunately, at this late date it is much too expensive to make changes to the small number of errors which are reported. The responsibility for transcribing correctly from the original census pages was given to the family history societies participating, and although there were extra efforts made to check for accuracy, it has always been understood and expected that due to human error there would be a small percentage of error in the transcription and entering of the census data".*

We regret to learn of the death of our member Ken Ilderton in December 1996 following a motor accident near his Manitoba home. Born in Shiremoor, Northumberland in 1936, Ken was cremated in Canada and then taken to be buried at Ilderton, Northumberland in April 1997, as he had requested. His widow feels unable to continue his research at this time, and wishes to advise all correspondents of Ken's death. Our sympathies to Mrs Ilderton.



# GRAVE NEWS FROM TYNE & WEAR ARCHIVES SERVICE

*by Kath Rolph, Tyne & Wear Archive Service*

Tyne & Wear Archives Service has recently completed a six month long project in co-operation with the Cemeteries and Crematoria Office of North Tyneside Borough Council to preserve records of all the Borough's cemeteries and crematoria. The records involved are the registers and indexes of burials and cremations which have been held centrally in the office at Preston Cemetery for several years.

Staff at North Tyneside were very aware of the urgent need to preserve these invaluable records because following years of constant handling their physical condition had begun to deteriorate and they feared that eventually important information would be lost. At the same time, demand for information from the registers, particularly from family historians, has been steadily increasing and the staff also recognised that the information their registers contained should be made more widely available. Unfortunately, depositing the original records with the Archives Service for safekeeping was not a practical proposition because the records are still in constant use even though some of them are well over 100 years old!

Their dilemma was solved when, earlier this year, the Archives Service offered to microfilm the records and make the films available to the public. Now the information in the registers is not only preserved indefinitely, it is also in a format which enables it to be easily duplicated so that the records may be made available through other outlets.

The records which have been filmed are:

Church Bank Cemetery, Willington: 1879-1995

Dudley Cemetery (alias Green's Houses or Weetslade): 1934-1995

Earsdon Cemetery: 1938-1995

Holy Cross Cemetery, Wallsend: 1918-1995

Longbenton Cemetery: 1936-1995

Preston Cemetery: 1856-1995

Tynemouth Crematorium: 1959-1995

Whitley Bay Cemetery: 1913-1995

Whitley Bay Crematorium: 1960-1995

There are also separate indexes to all the registers except those for Longbenton Cemetery before 1974.

The records are available on microfilm in the public search room at Tyne & Wear Archives Service, Blandford House, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JA. Remember you will need to book a microfilm reader - this may be done by telephoning the search room on (0191) 232 6789 extension 407. Please note that cremations registers may only be consulted with permission from the Cemeteries Office - but there are no restrictions on the indexes to them.

The Archives Service is happy to carry out short, specific searches or look up single entries free of charge, but longer searches or repeat requests would be dealt with by the Paid Research Service, at a rate of £14.00 per hour with a minimum charge of 2 hours. Further details are available from search room staff.

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## NORTHUMBERLAND MILITIA

*by Simon Cains*

In the Autumn 1997 issue of the NDFHS Journal, an article by A.G.S. Bunting gave a detailed description of the records of the Northumberland Volunteers, and mentioned that the militia records are in the Public Record Office (Kew). I have searched through these records, so perhaps I can add these details to complete the picture.

The annual musters, giving a complete list of all the officers and men, begin in September 1781, ref. WO13/1645. These unfortunately do not give any details of the men, only their names.

The annual returns begin in May 1778. These give the names of the officers, but only the number of men in each company. However, they do give a histogram of the height

of the men in each company (so many between 5ft 9ins and 5ft 9½ins, and so on), and a similar breakdown of the men's ages, years of service, and whether they were English, 'Scotch', Irish or Foreign. About 1 in 5 of all the men were Scottish, so clearly they were not all born in Northumberland as one might think. These Returns also describe the state of the equipment, and appearance of the regiment, and how well they performed manoeuvres. These are stored under WO27/40, 43, 46 etc.

The monthly returns again only list the officers and number of men in each company, and where each company was posted if they were not all in the same town. This can be useful for tracing the movements of companies. The returns for 1779 are stored at WO17/958.



The marching orders are stored under WO5. For the Northumberland Militia, WO5/94 is for 1762, WO5/95 is for 1778 to 1779, and there is then a continuous record for later years. These books cover all the militias of England and the orders are listed in chronological order, but there is an index at the back of each so that the Northumberland Militia can easily be found. These orders do not give an explanation for why the militia was ordered to march, but if your ancestor was there, then you can track his movements day to day.

Another reference source for the Northumberland Militia is the book *Notices of the Services of the 27th Northumberland Light Infantry Militia* by William Adamson, which is available through any library by inter-library loan.

If anyone else is researching the militia around 1780, I would be very interested to hear from them.

*Editor's note: Mr Cain's address is 8 Oakdale Way, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 4NW*

The book by William Adamson which is mentioned was published in 1877 and there is a copy (and a second edition in 1914 continued by Robert Scott) in Newcastle Central Library (reference L355.2). As the title implies, this is principally composed of extracts from newspapers, etc., detailing movements of the Militia. There are frequent lists of officers but little or no mention of 'other ranks' by name. Another, more modern work is *The English Militia in the Eighteenth Century - the Story of a Political Issue 1660-1802* by J.R. Western (Routledge & Kegan Paul; 1965).

## A HITCH AT HORTON -- SOME "MISSING MARRIAGES"

Marriages at Horton, Northumberland from 1809 to 1812 do not appear on that plethora of information, the IGI, although earlier and later weddings are there. We should be constantly aware that the IGI is not complete, and here is a fine example! Take care with the IGI!

These marriages do not appear, either, in the H.M. Wood transcripts of the Horton registers at Newcastle Library. Nor are they included in the late Bill Rounce's marriage index for the parish 1665-1837.

Most importantly, Northumberland Record Office -- which holds the original Horton registers --- does not have the relevant volume.

You may have been seeking a marriage which, on all the evidence, should have been at this south-east Northumberland church. You wouldn't find it. Here's why.

Volume 2 of the Horton Register covers Banns and Marriages from 1754 to 1809, not including marriages late in the latter year. Volume 3 of the Registers covers Baptisms and Burials to 1812, but no Marriages. Volume 4 covers Marriages from 3rd November 1809 to the end of 1812 -- quite a short period, prior to the introduction of new-style registers in 1813.

But Volume 4, covering only just over three years, does not seem to have survived. That means that the only record of marriages is likely to be in the Bishop's Transcripts, that copy of the register entries sent annually from the parish to the Bishop of Durham, now reposing with Durham University, Archives and Special Collections.

And here they are. The Bishops Transcripts do not show the witnesses and they do not (except on one occasion) show whether the intending spouses were bachelor, spinster, widow or widower. Except where indicated, both parties were "of this parish", i.e. Horton, and the marriage was "by Banns".

3 Nov 1809 Joshua MILLER & Isabel PRINGLE; 21 Nov 1809 John NICHOLSON & Ann MOOR; 25 Nov 1809 William MIDCALF & Elizabeth ARKELL; 16 Dec 1809 James HALL & Jane DAVISON; 11 Feb 1810 John CLARK & Mary ROBSON; 24 Mar 1810 Matthew FARGUSON & Hannah NICHOL; 26 May 1810 Robert SOUTHERN & Isabel WINTREP; 2 Jun 1810 Robert RICHARDSON & Mary MOOR; 15 Nov 1810 John JOHNSON (of St Johns, Newcastle) & Hannah CLARK (by Licence); 26 Nov 1810 John JAMES & Hannah BRODRICK (of Newburn); 9 Mar 1811 Thomas TURNER & Elizabeth SWINBURN; 14 May 1811 Joseph RUTHERFORD & Mary HARDY; 18 May 1811 Robert THOMPSON & Sarah WALLACE; 3 Jun 1811 John TEMPLE & Elizabeth WATSON; 3 Jun 1811 William WILLIS (of Bedlington) & Margaret NEWTON (by Licence); 15 Jun 1811 Richard ELLISON & Martha PARTIS; 3 Aug 1811 John TUNNEY & Mary STEEL; 10 Aug 1811 Joseph LOWES & Jane WALKER; 10 Aug 1811 Richard WILSON & Elizabeth DARGUE; 2 Nov 1811 Thomas JEFFERSON & Jane CARR; 6 Jan 1812 William BELL & Mary LOWES; 8 Feb 1812 John YOUNG (of Morpeth, bachelor) & Mary NEWCOMB (spinster) (by Licence); 6 Mar 1812 James FOTHERICK (of St Andrew, Newcastle) & Jane HALL (by Licence); 25 May 1812 Matthew LOWES & Mary MARSHALL; 9 Aug 1812 William WILSON & Mary HOOD; 3 Sep 1812 John RHODES & Frances DOUGLAS; 25 Oct 1812 James BAIERD (sic) & Isabel THOMPSON; 28 Nov 1812 William WILSON & Elizabeth YOUNG; 6 Dec 1812 Robert JEFFERSON & Jane MITCHEL.

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

*The following two extracts are taken from two unidentified newspapers but relate to local events.*

*With modern research techniques, and more readily available records, could more be found out about these stories? If anyone does have more information, the Editor would like to hear from them.*

### Newcastle Link With the Mayflower

Sir, - It might interest some of your readers to know that somewhere in the city's records there exists a link between this city and the Pilgrim Fathers whose splendid venture is to-day very much before the public mind. In the Finch collection of the Library of the Taylolean Institute, Oxford, there is a copy of the Breeches Bible, once the property of Zachary Clifton, son of Richard Clifton, the venerable pastor of the Scooby Church, who shared the life of the pilgrims until they reached Amsterdam and missed the glory of the Atlantic crossing chiefly by reason of old age. Within this bible there is an entry to the effect that Zachary Clifton came with his family to Newcastle on January 4 1653, and "went housekeeping on June 6," there having been apparently as much difficulty in finding houseroom then as there is today. Another entry informs us that Zachary's son Richard died Nov 10, 1664, his daughter Hanna on April 18, 1671, and Zachary himself on May 62, [sic] 1671, and that all were buried at "All Hallows (now All Saints') Church, north ally, near the choir door, near Dr. Newton's tomb on the north side."

Clifton's burying place was no doubt disturbed and obliterated when the church was pulled down in 1786, but in all likelihood there is some record in the city which might yield us further information about this fugitive Scooby separatist. One would like to know where he lived, and where he found a sanctuary congenial to his separatist principles, assuming, of

course, that his coming to Newcastle instead of joining the *Mayflower* does not mean that he was one of "those who turned back."

(Rev.) Hector Ross.  
2, Chillingham Road,  
North Heaton,  
Sept 18, 1920



### THE BLAKE FORTUNE

#### Irish Schoolmaster's Reported Discovery

An Irish schoolmaster living near Claremorris claims that he has discovered the real owners of the Blake fortune.

Papers relating to Helen Blake's family have been found after long and patient investigations in the Public Record Office.

It is probable (says the "Star") that two or three poor families of the Sheridans will come in for their rightful inheritance. The fortune now amounts to about £140,000.

The story of the Blake fortune is a very romantic one.

General Robert Dudley Blake was the son of Sir Francis Blake, who held Twissel Castle in Durham and Tilmouth Park in Northumberland. While he was a young captain in Dublin, Robert Dudley Blake met Helen Sheridan, the beautiful daughter of a country schoolmaster.

He fell in love with her, had her educated in England, and married her in Scotland in 1819.

Their only child died in infancy, and Gerald Robert Blake died in

1860, leaving all his wealth to his widow.

Sir Francis Blake, the third baronet, who died the same year without legitimate issue, also left considerable property to his sister-in-law, Mrs Helen Blake.

This lady died in 1876 at Earl's Court-terrace at the age of 76 without making a will. The real estate was valued at about £300,000, and this went to the crown on the grounds of intestacy.

Much of it was bought from the Crown by the present representatives of the Blake family in the North of England. They, of course, cannot be dispossessed by any claimants; but Mrs Helen Blake's personal estate amounted to £119,000. The Crown took charge of this, and spent £20,000 of it in law costs and inquiries as to the next of kin, which were unsuccessful.

The remaining £100,000 which was left has now been brought up by interest to the sum mentioned above.

It has been discovered that Helen Sheridan's father, the schoolmaster, Patrick Sheridan, died in 1822. He had two other daughters, but they died without issue. The next question was whether any of Patrick Sheridan's nephews or nieces left issue, and that has been one of the puzzles of the case.

Claims have been made by the Brennans and the Doyles, and one of them came all the way from New York.

*From an unidentified newspaper dated 17th January 1909.*

# IS THERE LIFE AFTER CENSUS AND PARISH REGISTERS?

by Brian Hardyman

Many of us have searched the 1841-1891 census and Parish Registers for our ancestors and in some cases found little or nothing regarding them. All is not lost however as there are other sources which may throw up some fresh data. One of these sources could be Settlement Examinations.

These documents can be well worth searching for as they give a potted history of the person and his family in many cases. The ones set out below were found in the Parish Chest of Nailsea, Somerset. Here was located a glass manufactory in the 1790s to 1870.

THE EXAMINATION of JOHN HICKEY at present residing in the Parish of Nailsea in the County aforesaid Glassmaker touching the place of his last legal settlement taken upon oath before us two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County the 14th day of February 1816 who upon his oath saith That he is now about 29 years of Age. That he was born in the Parish of St. Thomas in the City of Dublin as he has heard and believes. That about 14 years of age he entered into a written contract to serve JACOB DICKSON & CO. of Dumbarton Glass Manufacturers for seven years under weekly wages and continued under such contract upwards of a year and then went and made a similar hiring with MR. LAMB of Newcastle in Northumberland and continued under such contract about 18 months and resided at Leamington about 4 miles from Newcastle. Then went to Southwick in the County of Durham and entered into contract to serve WILLIAM BURNS Glass Manufacturer for seven years, continued there about two years and resided during that time at Monkwearmouth in the said County of Durham. Then went to South Leith in Scotland and entered into contract as a workman to WILLIAM GEDDIS Glass Manufacturer at 25/- per week house renting and firing. About twelve months since entered into a written contract of servitude with LUCAS & CO. of Nailsea for seven years at weekly wages and has resided ever since in Nailsea. That about 9 years since he was married by Banns in the Parish Church of Monkwearmouth County of Durham to ELIZABETH EVANS and has two children born in wedlock.

SWORN at Nailsea the day  
and year aforesaid before me  
sgd E. Seymour

sgd John Hickey

THE EXAMINATION of JOHN ROBINSON at present residing in the Parish of Nailsea in the County aforesaid Glassmaker touching the place of his last legal settlement taken upon oath before us two of His Majesty's Justices of

the Peace in and for the said County the 14th day of February 1816 who upon his oath saith that he is now 26 years of age. That he was born in the Parish of All Saints Newcastle in County of Northumberland as he has heard and believe. That about nine years since he entered into contract of servitude as a Glassmaker with ISAAC COOKSON of South Shields in the County of Durham for seven years and continued under such contract nearly the whole of the time and resided in South Shields. After leaving of Mr Cookson examinant entered into contract with Messrs Lucas & Co. of Nailsea for a term of seven years servitude and has resided in the said Parish ever since. About six years since he was married by Banns at South Shields aforesaid to DOROTHY STEVENSON by whom he has three children all born in lawful wedlock.

SWORN at Nailsea aforesaid

the day and year aforesaid

sgd. E. SEYMOUR

sgd. JOHN ROBINSON

Looking at these Settlement Examinations much can be gleaned from them. We tend to feel our ancestors did not move around much. This is not the case as these documents show.

If you are lucky enough to trace documents in a Parish Chest applicable to your family it is possible that fresh data will point you in a new direction. Never give up hope if you are struggling with your research. The information is out there somewhere. The problem is finding it and the Parish Chest may be your answer.

There were at least 36 glassworkers' Settlements in this Parish Chest, and they came from various areas of Great Britain. The names were:

James PYE; Samuel HOPKINS; John DULLEY; William STALLARD; William WILLIAMSON; Thomas WILLIAMSON; William BAILEY; Samuel SMALLMAN; James SIMS; John LOT; William PERRY; William HOPKINS; William NOBLE; Robert SMART; James GROVES; Samuel HANNEY; Samuel EVANS; Richard BATTEN; George WILLIAMSON; William PERRY; John PRICE; Cornelius GROVE; Thomas BLACKMAN; William WILLIAMSON; Robert WARREN; Nathaniel WARREN; Thomas SMART; Charles WINDMILL; John GREAVE; James NOBLE; John NOBLE; John PHILLIPS; George CHURCHILL; Benjamin BROOKS; John HICKEY; John ROBINSON



# EXECUTIONS AT DURHAM SINCE 1816

by Gordon Corbett

I was looking through the burial register at St Cuthbert's R.C. Chapel in Durham when I found reference to a Jeremiah O'Connor. A man of this name was living with my ancestor Patrick Corbett's family in 1854 when the census of Roman Catholics took place. The Latin associated with his burial entry was unusual and included the expression "Capite damnatus". When translated I realised that he had been hanged and buried in the prison.

Intrigued, I took a tangent from my main research, and found the report on the West Stanley Murder in the *Durham County Advertiser* of 26th February 1909.

Jeremiah O'Connor murdered a ten year old girl, Mary Donnelly at West Stanley on 14th December 1908. The amount of local detail in the reports following the murder and trial are considerable. Along with the full tale of the murderer's ancestry, the murder, the investigation, the trial and the hanging there are other details including the inquest and the interment of the hanged man.

Whereas the details of my family are only of interest to me the list of executions following the article may produce that scrap of information that some members have been looking for.

## "Executions at Durham since 1816"

The following is a list of executions in Durham since the opening of the present prisons:

### Public

1816 August 17. John Creig on a drop erected in front of the new court house for the murder of Elizabeth Stonehouse.

1819 April 12. George Atcheson aged 18, for rape on Isabella Ramshaw, under 10 years of age.

1819 August 16. John Knight for the murder of James Hamilton, in the cabin of Newbottle Colliery Staith.

1822 March 13. Henry Anderson, Old Penshaw for a rape on Sarah Armstrong.

1822 August 9. Robert Peat, of Ravensworth, near Richmond aged 50 for poisoning his relative of the same name at Darlington, whose will he had stolen.

1831 February 8. Thomas Clarke for the murder of his fellow servant Mary Ann Westhorpe at Pittington, Hallgarth Mill, on Sunday August 8, 1830.

1832 August 3. William Jobling for the murder of Nicholas Fairless. The body was gibbeted on Jarrow Slake on August 6th and at night on the 31st it was secretly stolen and disposed of by some persons unknown. Only one case of hanging in chains occurred under the law then recently enacted. The body of James Cook the murderer of Mr Peas was gibbeted at Leicester, and so disgusting was the scene - so revolting was the "fair" which was held under the shadow of the hideous trees that the Home Office was besieged by remonstrations and the "terrible (?) thing" was removed from sight. Jobling was tried before Baron Parke.

1839 August 16. Jacob Fred. Ehlert. Prussian soldier aged 28 for the murder of the master of his vessel John Frederick Berkholts at Sunderland. The chief witness against him was the cabin boy Daniel Muller aged 19 and each accused the other of being the principal in the deed.

1848 March 23. William Thompson for the murder of John Shirley, head whipper in to the Duke of Cleveland, near Barnard Castle on the 2nd February.

1859 August 11. John Shafto Wilthew for the murder of his wife Dorothy at Hebburn.

1860 December 27. Thomas Smith for the murder of Thomas Batey at Winlaton and Milner Lockey for the murder of Thomas Harrison at Urpeth.

1863 December 23. John Cox for the murder of Dorothy Halliday at Broadmires near Plawsworth.

1865 March 10. Matthew Atkinson for wife murder at the open(?), near Winlaton. In this case the rope broke (Askern being the executioner) and the culprit fell through the drop. He was hanged about half an hour after this accident.

### Private

1869 March 22. John Dolne (?) for the murder of Hugh Ward, at Sunderland, and John McConville for the murder of Philip Trainor at Darlington. This was the first private execution at Durham. Executioner Calcraft.

1873 January 13. Hugh Shane(?) and John Hayes for the murder of Joseph Wain at Spennymoor.

1873 March 24. Mary Ann Cotton for poisoning her stepson Charles Edward Cotton at West Auckland.

1874 January 3. Charles Dawson for the murder of his paramour Margaret Addison at Darlington. Edward Gough for the murder of James Partridge at Sunnyside near Marley Hill and William Thompson for the murder of his wife at Annfield Plain.

1874 December 28. Hugh Daley for the murder of Philip Burdey at Dipton near Medomsley.

1875 August 2. Elizabeth Pearson for the murder of her uncle William Watson at Gainford. Tried before Justice Archibald. William McHugh for the murder of Thomas Mooney at Barnard Castle and Michael Gilligan for the murder of John Kileran at Darlington.

1876 July 26. John Williams for the murder of his brother in law John Waldsh(?) at Edmondsley. Tried before Justice Lush.

1878 July 30. Robert Vest for the murder of John Wallace on the Sunderland Road.

1880 November 16. William Brownlees for the murder of his sweetheart Elizabeth Holmes at Evenwood near Bishop Auckland on August 18th.

1882 May 16. Thomas Fury alias Wright alias Curt for the murder of Maria Fitzsimmons an unfortunate, by stabbing her in the breast in a house in Baine's Lane Sunderland on February 28th 1879. Fury confessed to the murder while undergoing 15 years penal servitude in Pentonville Prison

1883 August 6. James Burton for the murder of Elizabeth Sharpe (whom he married while he had a wife and family living) at Tunstall near Sunderland on May 8th 1883. Executioner Marwood who made a bungle disjoining the culprit's arm.

1883 November 19. Peter Bray for the murder of Thomas Pyle on the Red Hills, Durham on April 1st 1882.

1884 May 27. Joseph Lowson for the murder of Police Sergeant Smith at Butterknowes on February 28th 1884. Siddle was also sentenced but got free pardon. Hodgson on same charge was acquitted.

1888 December 18. William Waddle for the murder of his sweetheart Jane Beardmore at Birtley on September

2nd 1888. The murder and mutilation was on the same lines as that adopted by the notorious "Jack the Ripper".

1891 December 23. John William Johnson for the murder of Margaret Addison at Hetton le Hole on October 31st 1891. Prisoner pleaded guilty and would not withdraw his plea at the request of the judge. He was therefore sentenced to death without trial. This was the last culprit hung on the old scaffold which had often done duty at public executions.

1896 March 22. Charles Smith 33 plasterer for the murder of his wife Mary Ann Smith at Gateshead on December 16th 1887. Executioner Billington. This was the first culprit to undergo capital punishment in the new execution house.

1900 December 12. John Bowes 53 bricklayer for the murder of his wife Isabella Bowes at Seaham Harbour on September 8th 1900.

1901 December 19. John George Thompson 38 fitter for the murder of Maggie Ann Lieutand at Gateshead on September 16th.

1902 December 16. Samuel Walton 31 miner and Thomas Nicholson 21, the first named for the murder of his wife, child and mother in law at Middlestone Moor and Nicholson for the murder of Mary Ann Stewart a little girl at Bill Quay.

1903 December 8. James Duffy for murder of Ellen Newman at Sunderland.

1904 August 2. George Brease for murder of Margaret Jane Chisbolm at Dawdon.

1908 March 24. Joseph William Noble for murder of John Patterson at Windy Nook and Robert Lawman for murder of Amelia Bell Wood at Gateshead.

1908 August 5. Matthew James Dodds for the murder of his wife Mary Jane Dodds at Hamsterley. Tried by Mr Justice Grantham. Dodds was the first person convicted of murder to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal which however dismissed the appeal.

1909 February 23. Jeremiah O'Connor for the murder of a little girl named Mary Donnally at West Stanley.

Going off at a tangent occasionally, or lateral thinking or serendipity can produce the most unlikely results. There is a possibility that Jeremiah is related to my son who shares a class at school with a descendant of the hangman Calcraft.

# THE NEWCASTLE BOROUGH GAOL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION, CARLIOL SQUARE, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

by Barry Redfern

If you walked down Worswick Street in Newcastle into Carliol Square today and stood at the entrance to Telephone House with the power of time travel and took yourself back about 170 years you would find yourself surrounded by Geordie stonemasons and other craftsmen busily erecting the Newcastle Borough Gaol and House of Correction. Somewhere nearby would be the designer, the famous Newcastle architect, John Dobson. In front of you, instead of the Central Motorway and the Manors Club and its car park, you would see the boundary wall at the back of the prison, following the ancient line of the Newcastle town wall, and behind that a new school for the town, the Clergy Jubilee School, as it was known at that time.

Providing a new prison for Newcastle was part of the great wave of prison building that took place in this country at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th centuries, prompted by the work of John Howard, Elizabeth Fry and others. For hundreds of years New Gate, that great north west entrance to the town, had served as the town gaol, but had long ceased to be a secure and humane place for holding prisoners.

In 1823 the town authorities engaged John Dobson to build a new prison and house of correction and they picked for the site Carliol Croft, an open piece of land inside the town walls, which was a great favourite with town folk for public recreation. The foundation stone was laid on June 4th, 1823. Today Telephone House and all the warehouses in Carliol Square follow the same outline of the boundary walls of the old gaol. The stone for the prison came from Church Quarry on Gateshead Fell where the Queen Elizabeth Hospital now stands.

New Gate was demolished and between 1823 and 1828 Newcastle criminal prisoners were held in the dungeon of the Keep and the debtor prisoners in the cells in the basement of the Moot Hall.

Special apartments were built into the new prison for the Governor and his family. The original design of the prison enabled the Governor to view most of the prison from his apartments at any time. The Census Returns for the six decades 1841-1891 give details of upwards of 1200 staff and prisoners including the successive Governors and their families. In the returns for 1861 and 1871 only the initials are given for prisoners surnames and forenames but all the other usual information is recorded.

The first Governor of the Newcastle Gaol was James Sopwith and the "Keeper" of the House of Correction, as he was known, was John Scott and they received the first prisoners into the new establishment on February 28th 1828.

It was about 12 months later that the local newspapers were full of reports on notorious prisoners. Jonathan Martin of Hexham, brother of the famous artist John Martin, set fire to York Cathedral on February 1st, 1829 causing huge damage. He was arrested at Codlaw Hill near Hexham and held briefly at the Newcastle Gaol on his way under escort back to York to be tried for arson.

Other reports concerned Jane Jamieson, a Newcastle fishwife, who murdered her mother in the Keelman's Hospital by driving a red hot poker through her heart. She was the first prisoner in the new gaol facing capital punishment. Executions were still carried out in public at that time and the execution of Jane Jamieson took place on March 7th, 1829 on the Town Moor about opposite where the B.B.C. building now stands on Barrack Road. Her body was given to the surgeons at Newcastle for dissection. Jamieson was the last woman to be executed at Newcastle. No women were executed at the gaol.

One of the problems of prisons of the period was the dreadful smell associated with them and part of John Dobson's approach to his task was to provide an open design letting in plenty of fresh air. At the time Dobson's plan for the prison was praised and held up as a fine example for such buildings. However there was a distinct disadvantage, despite attempts to separate prisoners in a class system, in that the prisoners could easily communicate and mix with each other leading to bad influence by the hard experienced criminals on the younger offenders. Three important things happened during the two decades 1830-1850; firstly the reduction then cessation of transportation of convicts to Australia, and secondly the growth of professional police forces. Both steadily increased the population of prisons. Thirdly, there was the impact of the newly formed prison inspectorate. From the time of the first inspection in 1838 the inspectors did not like the design of the Newcastle Gaol and the ease of communication between prisoners. The shape of the prison did not lend itself to the developing ideas of the period - silence and separation. One of the inspectors went so far as to describe the establishment "*As calculated rather as a school for crime, than reformation*".



One can feel some sympathy for the town fathers of Newcastle upon Tyne who had spent a great deal of money between 1823 and 1828 to put up what they believed to be a model establishment. However, the criticism rumbled on until the 1860's when the original small prisons blocks in a radial design were pulled down and a single long prison cell block, again designed by John Dobson, was put up parallel to the back wall of the prison on the exact site where Telephone House stands today.

The entrance to the prison was a strong castle-like gate house which stood directly opposite the Duke of Wellington public house (now called Wilders). The prison housed male and female prisoners usually on short sentences of up to one or two years and also child offenders as young as 10 and 11 years of age in the early days although thankfully that practice eventually changed. There was a tread wheel in the prison and this together with stone breaking and picking oakum provided the main hard labour for prisoners in the first years of the gaol. Use of the tread wheel was later discontinued. The numbers of prisoners fluctuated across the years between around 100 to 300. More varied work gradually became available to prisoners; for example in 1881 the work included stone breaking, mat making, weaving, sack and ship fender making, picking oakum (that is teasing out old rope to make stuffing for furniture and other purposes), washing clothing and cutting wood.

There were two public executions at the Carlil Square Gaol. The first was in 1850 of a man called Patrick Forbes executed for the murder of his wife. The scaffold was put up in a hole in the prison wall opposite Carlil Street, where the office supplies shop stands now, and 16,000 people crammed into Carlil Street to watch the execution of Forbes. By that time the authorities were required to bury the bodies of executed criminals inside the grounds of the gaol. The second, which was to be the last public execution anywhere in Newcastle, took place in 1863 on a special scaffold erected on top of the prison wall at the south west corner just below where the Traidcraft shop is today. A man called George Vass was executed there. He was only 19 years of age and had murdered a woman in West Walls. Again thousands of people gathered to watch the execution.

After 1868 all executions were conducted in private inside the gaol near the south-east corner. The last executions at the gaol took place on November 26th, 1919, at 8am - Ernest Bernard Scott for murder at New Delaval and at 9.15am Ambrose Quinn for the murder of his wife at Hawes Street, Newcastle.

The Prison Commission was formed in 1877 and took over the management of the prison from the local authority. The gaol became known as H.M. Prison, Newcastle upon Tyne. Four years later the Prison Commissioners closed many prisons in England and Wales including the Northumberland County Gaol (also

designed by John Dobson) at Morpeth where the police station now stands. The county gaol was closed on October 24th, 1881 and the prisoners transferred to the prison at Newcastle.

The Newcastle prison was not seen as suitable for development given the location, restricted site and age of the buildings. The Commissioners planned further closures, including Newcastle, to create a manageable and efficient spread of prisons around the country, but the schemes were interrupted by the first world war. Other delays occurred until finally a decision was taken and the Newcastle prison was closed on March 31st, 1925, almost 102 years after the foundation stone had been laid. Coins and other objects retrieved from the foundation stone are now held in the collections of the Tyne and Wear Archives Service.

The buildings and land were sold to the Newcastle Council. Before the prison buildings were demolished the graves of executed prisoners were opened and their remains taken up and buried again in All Saints Cemetery, Jesmond Road, Newcastle upon-Tyne. There was a flurry of reports in the newspapers of the autumn of 1925 because there should have been the remains of 15 bodies in the graves but only 11 were found and one empty coffin. The authorities concluded that the bodies not found had been passed to surgeons for medical research. Another skeleton was found during the digging of foundations for new buildings on the prison site. There is no truth in the story that the garden in front of Telephone House was the original prison grave yard! Three of the prison graves were at the north east corner where the firm Thompson Brown used to be and the other graves were inside the front wall of the gaol to the right of the entrance gate about where the shop Traidcraft is today.

Tons of good quality stone were salvaged from the prison and recycled; the outer fabric of St. James and St. Basil Church at Fenham was built of prison stone, and some was used for the embankment walls at the foot of Starbeck Avenue near the Council Depot at Newington Road, also at Matthew Bank and in the construction of the Tyne Bridge.

Stand at the front door of Telephone House today and look at that low wall with the iron railing above it next to the public pavement. The great stone blocks at the bottom of the wall on the garden side are all that remain on the site today.

#### **PRISON GOVERNORS**

1828 - 1829 James SOPWITH

(House of Correction John SCOTT)

1830 - 1836 Gilbert GREY

(House of Correction Charles SLOANE)

1836 - 1860 Samuel THOMPSON

1860 - 1880 Thomas ROBINS

1881 - 1894 William WOOKEY

1894 - 1899 Captain R.H.BURGOYNE  
 1899 - 1900 Major J.O.NELSON  
 1900 Captain W.M.T.SYNGE  
 1901 - 1910 Harry BARREL  
 1910- 1915 Henry John HELLER  
 1916 - 1918 F.W.GIBSON  
 1919- 1920 (Acting Governor) Chief Warder John  
 HALES  
 1921 - 1923 F. T. REYNOLDS  
 1924 H. PICKERING  
 1925 Major the Honourable E.G.FRENCH

#### **MEDICAL OFFICERS**

1827 - 1838 Dr. William FIFE (And his son Dr. George  
 FIFE - resigned 1836)  
 1839 - 1860 Dr. Thomas Michael GREENHOW  
 1860 - 1900 Dr. Nicholas HARDCASTLE  
 1901 - 1924 Dr. William H. HARDCASTLE  
 1925 Dr. G.E. STEPHENSON

#### **EXECUTED PRISONERS**

1829 JANE JAMIESON - Murder of her mother Margaret  
 Jamieson at the Keelmen's Hospital - hanged on the  
 Town Moor at Newcastle on Saturday 7th March 1829  
 and her body was sent to the Barber-Surgeons Hall for  
 public dissection. Several spectators had their pockets  
 picked in the crowd during the execution. Jamieson, aged  
 about 30 years, was the first prisoner to be executed from  
 the new Newcastle Borough Gaol at Carloli Square,  
 Newcastle. She was the last woman to be executed at  
 Newcastle and this was the last occasion that the court  
 ordered the body of an executed person at Newcastle to be  
 delivered to the Barber-Surgeons Hall for public  
 dissection.

1844 MARK SHERWOOD - Murder of his wife Ann  
 Sherwood - hanged in the centre of the Town Moor Race  
 Course at Newcastle on Friday 23rd August 1844 by a  
 Scottish executioner Murdock of Glasgow. The last  
 execution on any part of the Town Moor. Sherwood was  
 buried inside the Newcastle Borough Gaol at Carloli  
 Square.

1850 PATRICK FORBES - Murder of his wife Elizabeth  
 Forbes - publicly hanged by Nathaniel Howard at the  
 north boundary wall of the Newcastle Borough Gaol  
 facing Carloli Street, Newcastle on Saturday 24th August  
 1850. Aged 40 years. Buried inside the gaol

1863 GEORGE VASS - Murder of Margaret Jane  
 Docherty - publicly hanged by Thomas Askern on a  
 scaffold on top of the wall of the Newcastle Borough Gaol  
 at the foot of Carloli Square facing the steps of the Royal  
 Arcade on Saturday 14th March 1863. Aged 19 years.  
 Buried inside the gaol. The last public execution in  
 Newcastle upon Tyne.

1875 JOHN WILLIAM ANDERSON - Murder of his wife  
 Elizabeth Anderson -hanged by William Marwood inside

the Newcastle Borough Gaol on Thursday 23rd December  
 1875. He was 32 years of age. Buried inside the gaol. The  
 first private execution at Newcastle.

1886 PATRICK JUDGE - Murder of his wife - hanged by  
 James Berry and John George Morley in H.M.Prison  
 Newcastle (formerly the Newcastle Borough Gaol) Carloli  
 Square at 8am on Tuesday 16th November 1886. A  
 hawker aged 48 years. Buried inside the prison.

1890 WILLIAM ROW - Murder of co-habitee Lily M.  
 Wilson - hanged by James Berry in H.M.Prison,  
 Newcastle on Wednesday 12th March 1890. A shoemaker  
 aged 40 years. Buried inside the prison.

1894 SAMUEL GEORGE EMERY - Murder at  
 Tynemouth - hanged by William Billington in H.M  
 Prison, Newcastle at 8am on Tuesday 11th December  
 1894 A soldier aged 20 years, a private in the South  
 Staffordshire Regiment. Buried inside the prison.

1901 JOHN MILLER, JOHN ROBERT MILLER -  
 Murder of Joseph Ferguson at Cullercoats - hanged by  
 William Billington and John Ellis in H.M.Prison,  
 Newcastle on Saturday 7th December 1901. John Miller  
 was 67 years of age and John Robert Miller 31 years.  
 Buried inside the prison.

1905 HENRY PERKINS - Murder of Patrick Durkin in a  
 Newgate Street lodging house - hanged by Henry  
 Pierrepont and John Ellis in H.M.Prison, Newcastle at  
 8am on Wednesday 6th December 1905. He was 40 years  
 of age. Buried inside the prison

1910 JOHN ALEXANDER DICKMAN - Murder of John  
 Innes Nisbet on a train between Newcastle and Morpeth -  
 hanged by John Ellis and an assistant Williams on  
 Tuesday 9th August 1910 in H.M.Prison, Newcastle. He  
 was 45 years of age. Buried inside the prison.

1913 JOHN VICKERS AMOS - Murder of Police  
 Sergeant Barton at Bedlington hanged by Thomas W.  
 Pierrepont and Arthur Willis at 8am on Tuesday 22nd  
 July 1913 in H.M.Prison, Newcastle. He was 35 years of  
 age. Buried inside the prison.

1917 WILLIAM JAMES CAVANAGH - Murder of  
 Henry Arthur Holyer - hanged by Thomas W. Pierrepont  
 and Robert Baxter in H.M.Prison, Newcastle on Tuesday  
 18th December 1917. He was 29 years of age. Buried  
 inside the prison.

1919 ERNEST BERNARD SCOTT - Murder of Rebecca  
 Jane Quinn at New Delaval - hanged in H.M.Prison,  
 Newcastle at 8am on Wednesday 26th November 1919.  
 He was 28 years of age. Buried inside the prison.

AMBROSE QUINN - Murder of Elizabeth Ann Quinn at  
 Hawes Street, Newcastle hanged in H.M.Prison,  
 Newcastle at 9.15am on Wednesday 26th November

person to be executed at H.M. Prison, Newcastle upon Tyne.

NB. After H.M. Prison, Newcastle upon Tyne closed Durham Prison was then used for prisoners from Newcastle and Northumberland. The first execution at Durham Prison of a prisoner from Newcastle or Northumberland was JAMES SMITH aged 23 years, hanged by Pierrepont and Philips at Durham on Tuesday 10th August 1926 for the murder by stabbing of his wife Catherine Smith at 6 Silver Street, Newcastle on Monday 26th April 1926.

#### SOURCES

A useful description of the gaol with outline drawings is to be found in the History of Newcastle by Eneas Mackenzie (1829) and a set of the original plans for the prison are held, with some other material, at Tyne and Wear Archives, Blandford Street, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Gaol Census Returns are available at the usual sources; the establishment stood in the Parish of All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Reports of the Inspectors Appointed to Visit Various Prisons were published by the government annually from 1836 to 1877 and were succeeded by the Reports of the Commissioners of Prisons 1878 onwards. Odd copies can be found but there does not appear to be a

complete collection in any local source in the north east. The British Library Reading Room at Thorpe Arch, North Yorkshire has a good collection on micro film, but the nearest full collection seen by the author was at the Prison Service College Library at Wakefield and is not readily accessible to the general public. The author may be able to help with a specific enquiry. Complete sets of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Newcastle Town Council are to be found in the reading room of Tyne and Wear Archive Service, Blandford Street and also at the Local Studies Section of the Central Library, Queens Square, Newcastle. The minutes contain much information about the management of the gaol and there are many references to the staff. An excellent collection of local newspapers is held at the Newcastle Central Library and contain detailed reports on the various trials and executions mentioned in this article. Assize records are all held at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

David Brenchley; *A Place by Itself*, 1997; Berwick upon Tweed Civic Society; ISBN 0-9530825-0-4; 309pp; £17-95 (inc. p&p).

Subtitled *Berwick upon Tweed in the 18th century*, this is the first substantial work on the town's history published since that of John Scott in 1888, and the first ever devoted to the 18th century. This book takes a comprehensive look at all aspects of Berwick life, based on the surviving records, and there are chapters on Trade, Politics, the Armed Services, Religion, Education, Relief of the Poor, Crime and Punishment, Women, Daily Life, and Recreation. The book is recommended if you want a better understanding of the conditions in which your 18th century Berwick ancestors lived and worked. It is available from the publisher, Berwick-upon-Tweed Civic Society, The Main Guard, Palace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1HN

*Durham Family History Gazetteer*, 1996; Durham County Record Office; ISBN 0-9500492-3-9; 41pp; £3.00 plus £0.75 p&p.

This is an invaluable volume to anyone researching the parish records of County Durham. The first section of the booklet lists all the ecclesiastical parishes, with their date of formation, and identifies the Registration District in

which they are situated. This will help in the search of the parish registers if an event has been found in the GRO indexes. The second section is a list of places showing the Registration District in which they are situated, and also the parish or chapelry, both now and in the past. This is a companion volume to *Durham Places in the Mid 19th Century* which was reviewed in the Summer 1997 NDFHS Journal.

Peter Cook; *Index of Births, Deaths & Marriages Extracted From The Morpeth Herald, Vol.2 April 1861 - March 1862*; Felton & Swarland Local History Society; 1997; 39pp; £3.00 plus 75p p&p inland and £1.20 overseas.

This is the second volume in what is intended to be an ongoing series. The births, marriages and deaths are in alphabetical order with the date of the newspaper edition in which the event is reported. Other information such as ages, occupations, etc. is also given. Although most of the events are local to the Morpeth area, there are entries from all over the county as well as further afield such as London and Leeds, and even Canada. The volume is available from Mr Peter Cook, 23 Benlaw Grove, Felton, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9NG. Incidentally, the first six years of this index, April 1854 - March 1860, are available on microfiche from Northumberland Record Office, Melton Park priced £4.50 plus 50p postage.



# THE OLD HANNAY BIBLE

by Jane Clay

On the 7th August 1661 James Hannay, third son of Dean James Hannay of St. Giles, Edinburgh, was married to Mary Fawkis at St. Mary's Parish Church, Morpeth and founded the Morpeth branch of the Hannay family.

The story goes that two brothers arrived stealthily by sea at Seaton Delaval one night — the reason for secrecy is obscure. James remained at Morpeth and the other, William (b. 1628, second son of Dean James Hannay), carried on with his journey to Holy Island where there was a garrison and where he later settled and married. James took with him a Bible which had been used to record family events and had belonged to his grandfather, John Hannay of Sorbie, Galloway, M.P. for Wigtown. A note in the Bible records the death of "John Hannay M.P. died 1604".

In 1579 a law was passed enforcing: "each house-holder worth three hundred Merks of yearly rent and all substantial Yeomen and Burgesses esteemed as worth five hundred pounds in land and goods, should have a BIBLE and PSALM-BUKE in the vulgar tongue, under penalty of ten pounds".

A few months later one John Williamson was commissioned under the Privy Seal to visit and search every house in the Realm: "and to require the sight of their Bible and Psalm-buke, gif they only have to be marked with their awn name, for eschewing of fraudulent dealing in that behalf".

The Hannays, complying with that order, wrote "HANNAY 1579" boldly in the Bible. From then on the family used blank spaces in the Bible to record items, e.g. "October 31st 1627 FRANCIS HANNAY was Baptised in the Parish Church of Tinnmouth".

His father was known as "Peter Hannay of Sheles" (North Shields). Francis was educated in Edinburgh, graduating in 1647, and eventually became a schoolmaster in Aberdour, Fife.

The front facing page records that:

"JAMES HANNAY, son to JAMES HANNAY, seenior was baptised in the Church of Holyrood House on December 31st 1630".

"BARBARA HANNAY, daughter of PATRICK HANNAY, Provost of Wigtown, has deceased at Morpeth, on 31st August in the year of our Lord God 1676".

This latter item is also recorded in Wigtown Parish ledger.

On a frontal page is written: "The HOLY BIBLE — JAMES HANNAY" and above, James has recorded his marriage and underneath, the names and dates of his children:

"REBECKAH - 1662 JAMES - 1664 PETER, SARAH - 1673 JOHN, MARY-1676 RACHEL - 1679"

It would appear that Rachel was not baptised as an infant, for a memo in the Parish Register of February 1733 refers to: "Rachel, daughter to James Hannay, born 1679 was baptised in St. Mary's Parish Church then aged 53 years".

Thomas Rennison, Parish Clerk, Mary Craster, Anne Hannay and Barbara Hannay all stood at the font.

One month later, in March, Rachel was married to John Winship from Hexham. Each generation continued to find small spaces to record births, marriages and deaths. The date 1654 is written in bold figures by the title "The Song of Solomon" — nothing to indicate why!

In 1809 John Hannay, son of George Hannay and his wife Isabella Cansfield, died aged 69. John had been married three times, and in the late 1700s featured prominently in a big legal dispute over property in Fife. His son George (b. 1772 by his first marriage, to Margaret Bootyman), a prime figure in this case, had married and was not living at Morpeth, so Robert, eldest son of the second marriage (to Ann Brown), was in charge of family affairs and ordered a new Journal. The old family Bible was laid aside and only used occasionally until all the available spaces had been filled. All went well for some 30 years until December 24th 1840 when Robert journeyed to Stannington Village near Morpeth to oversee Parish Church repairs, calling on relatives living at Catcherside on his way home.

That night he was brutally attacked on the outskirts of the town. His horse arrived home alone and alerted the family who found him badly injured. Robert lived only a few days, dying on 5th January 1841, and a reward of One Hundred Pounds was offered by the Secretary of State for information leading to the apprehension of his attackers.

Robert's last wish was that the old Bible should be lodged with the family solicitor for safe keeping.

After 65 years, in 1905, Robert's great grandson died and one enterprising young member of the family decided that it was time to look at the old Bible containing so much information about the Morpeth branch of the Hannays. His request was refused by the Solicitors whose practice

was now handled by the great grandson of Robert's solicitor. The young Hannay was insistent, a dispute resulted and ended in a legal case after which the Bible was returned to the Hannays, but in a deplorable state. The Solicitors' vaults backed onto the River Wansbeck which periodically flooded, the Bible had not been kept in its protective box and the paper had started to rot— also three pages had been torn out.

Since its return to the Hannays, the Bible has had three keepers. My cousin George, the present keeper, thinks that Dean James Hannay of St Giles was the Bible's second owner and, judging from the many markings, used it when composing his sermons.

Members of the family still make requests to see this wonderful old Bible and regard it with great affection,

containing as it does over four hundred and twenty years of our Hannay history.

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## WO 364 First World War Soldiers Documents: More Documents Worth a Look

by John Sheen

With the release of some of the First World War soldiers documents to the Public Record Office many family historians are being surprised. The discovery of a company or regimental conduct sheet may lead to a questioning of some family history; on the other hand it can confirm a handed down oral tradition. For example, an Army Form 103 'Casualty Form Active Service' may open one's eyes very wide indeed. In fact the discovery of a surviving set of documents may lead to a complete reappraisal of the soldiers service career.

I was brought up with a story of how my father's father 13093 Private Walter Sheen lost the little finger of his left hand to German shrapnel on the Somme. Being the good family and military historian that I am, I put three and two together and came up with the fact that he must have been wounded during the assault on Contalmaison, when the 8th Battalion of The Green Howards, reduced to 150 men, captured the village and took over 180 German prisoners. This was supported by the 'Green Howards Gazette' showing him as a casualty in October 1916.

### FIRST INJURIES

Wrong! My Grandfather came through that attack in one piece. It was not until the 6th August 1916 that he suffered his first injuries, shellshock, or in technical terms, Acute Neurasthenia. The 8th Battalion were bombing their way up 'Munster Alley' and Private William Short of Middlesbrough was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the attack. Walter Sheen however was admitted to the 70th Field Ambulance RAMC and was evacuated. He was not out of

the line for long, for, on the morning of 8th August he was marked 'Duty' and returned to the fighting in 'Torr Trench'. That has dispelled the first myth.

So when was he wounded? The 8th Green Howards, part of the 23rd Division, remained on the Somme Front throughout the autumn of 1916 and it was not until October that the next entry was made on the Army Form 103. Little finger shot off? No, of course not; wrong again! On the 3rd October 1916 the 8th Green Howards were part of an attack on Le Sars. Facing the 4th Ersatz Division of the German Army, Walter Sheen managed to get himself in the way of a machine gun bullet fired by a German gunner. He was wounded in the right forearm, and evacuated to the 1/3rd Northumbrian Field Ambulance of the 50th Division, probably the nearest available medical unit. Surely he was now out of the fighting for a bit of a rest? After all the 23rd Division had been on the Somme Front since the 2nd July and were one of the few formations to capture all their objectives. Wrong! On the 4th of October he was on his way back into the line, so the wound was only superficial!

The next entry is for a dose of the dreaded Field Punishment No 1 and the next after that, in both cases for being drunk. I was never told of that!

### ANOTHER WOUND

In January 1917 there is another wound. The finger? No, the left foot. I was never told about that either. But again, in two days he was back to the line.

Next comes some more punishment - 28 days this time. Then on the 6th June the 69th Brigade assaulted and captured their part of the Messines Ridge along with the rest of the 23rd Division. Once again Walter got through a major assault without a scratch, and later that month whilst the 23rd Division were in rest he was given no less than ten days leave. If you take off travelling time he spent six days in Durham. He even had time to be photographed with Paddy Burke also at home from the 10th Battalion Green Howards. If he had stayed at home any longer he would have missed the Battle of the Menin Road, September 20th - 25th, The Battle of Polygon Wood, Sept 26th - October 3rd and the 1st Battle of Passchendaele. He wouldn't have wanted to do that would he? Did he lose his finger? No way - not a scratch.

### THE ITALIAN FRONT

Then on the 8th November 1917 he entrained for the Italian Front. Five British Divisions, including the 23rd, were rushed out to Italy to help stem the Austrian advances. On the Italian Front that Walter managed to get his longest break from the front line when, in March 1918, he was admitted to the 24th Casualty Clearing Station and then to the 37th Casualty Clearing Station with an ulcerated cornea which kept him out of action for ten days.

A family story is now partially confirmed. The story goes that Walter and his mate Bob Berryman from Middlebrough went AWOL, but deciding that they might be shot, if caught, they returned to the battalion. As a punishment they were given the job of cutting the Austrian barbed wire in preparation for the assault across the River Piave. Army Form 103 records that 13093 Private Walter Sheen was AWOL from 9.30 p.m. 12th May 1918 until 8.30 a.m. 13 May 1918. At that time the 23rd Division were on the Asaigo Plateau many miles from the River Piave. So whilst the element of truth in the story is there, the facts are somewhat distorted.

Months later on the 27th October the 8th Green Howards led the assault of the 69th Brigade across the River Piave. During this crossing Walter's platoon Sergeant William McNally from Murton was awarded the Victoria Cross for the capture of some enemy positions. I was told how Walter and the rest of the platoon bombed an Austrian pillbox but because it was built on top of a well the bombs did not go off or kill the machine gun crew. It was in the later stages of this assault that Walter was hit in the left hand by a machine gun and was evacuated to the 9th Casualty Clearing Station, and from there to the 38th Stationary Hospital in Genoa. On the 4th November 1918 the little finger of the left hand was amputated by a British surgeon. So although it was caused by enemy action and a wound stripe awarded, my grandfathers little finger was taken by his own side. So much for German shrapnel story! Walter was sent back to England on the 2nd of

January 1919 because he was a miner and was transferred to Class Z Reserve on the 2nd February 1919.

### COMPLAINTS

How have his documents survived and included in the class WO 364 which have been released to the Public Record Office? The answer is simple. Walter applied for a pension in respect of his wounds. Army Form B 179A gives nearly all of the facts above, but in Paragraph 14 it states: "He complains [this is underlined on the document] of weakness of grip, and pain in the finger. He states there is no other disability". For his services to his country he was given one and only payment of eleven shillings!

The documents released to WO 364 vary for each individual, from a single sheet of paper to ten or more in some cases. You may find some of the following have survived:

- Army Form B 2505 }
- Army Form B 111 } Various Attestation Forms.
- Army Form B 2065 }
- Army Form B 268 - Proceedings on Discharge.
- Army Form B 178A Medical History.
- Army Form B 204 Application for discharge of a recruit as not likely to become an efficient soldier.
- Army Form B 179 Medical Report on an Invalid.
- Army Form Z 22 Statement as to disability.
- Army Form B 103 Casualty Form Active Service.
- Army Form B 120 Company Conduct Sheet.
- Army Form B 121 Regimental Conduct Sheet.
- Pension Form 90 Award Sheet(Pensions).
- Pension Form 36 Death of a pensioner.

There may also be letters and other pieces of paper and forms attached to the documents.

As a sample I traced 20 sets of documents to soldiers of the Tyneside Irish Brigade and 17 sets to men of the Tyneside Scottish Brigade. Of the Irish only five men had served overseas and in the Scottish only one. All the others were medical discharges after a short period of service, except two boys who had enlisted in the 1st Tyneside Irish under age. No two sets of documents are the same, varying in the information given and the quantity of the forms.

WO364 is to be found in the same room as the First World War medal rolls. The Documents are arranged alphabetically for the whole of the Army. An index book gives the film number or numbers to a certain surname. After that it is a simple matter to locate a reader and read through the film until an ancestors documents are located.

On the family history side of things I tried to locate nine ancestors documents in WO 364 and only found one set, but once again well worth the effort.



## KNOW YOUR PARISH: BAMBURGH

Once upon a time, Bamburgh was a royal city, capital of the ancient kingdom of Northumbria. You will sometimes find the name as Balmbro, Bambro, Bamborough, all derivations of Beddanburgh, named after Bebb, the queen of King Ethelfrith.

It lies on the north east coast of Northumberland, with magnificent beaches, but more than a mite chilly much of the time! Today, the A1 road and the main line railway from London to Edinburgh run through the parish and weekenders from Tyneside escape to their second homes, and to their caravans, in the neighbouring villages of Beadnell and Seahouses. Tourism apart, the area is primarily agricultural, with fishing as an important secondary industry. Unlike areas to the west, the land is not mountainous but rises gradually from the sea. Its highest point, 657 feet, is near Lucker.

Any mention of Bamburgh must start with its castle, which dates back to about 500 A.D. Sacked by Danes, rebuilt by Normans, a prison for David Bruce, the Scottish king, in 1346 after his defeat at Neville's Cross, and becoming ruinous during the Wars of the Roses, the castle was given in the 17th century to the Forster family, and in 1704 that extravagant and bankrupt family sold it to Nathaniel, Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham, who restored it. It was bought in the 19th century by Lord Armstrong (he of Cragside and munitions fame) and restored again by him. A 19th century writer described it "throned on its lofty pile of black basalt, dominating land and sea, as regal as Alnwick, or Warwick or Windsor, hardly less commanding in position than Dover, and far more striking". Today it stands, still dominant and still regal, the subject of countless pictures, protecting on its landward side the village of Bamburgh itself.

The village is quite small. It had a population of only 295 in 1801, of 416 in 1851 and of 345 in 1881. It has a 13th century church dedicated to St Aidan, built on the site where the saint allegedly died. Inside, there are memorials to the families of Forster and Younghusband, and of Grey of Shoreston. There is, too, an effigy of Grace Darling, who lies buried in the churchyard. It was Grace who helped her lighthouse keeper father William to rescue nine people from the stricken steamship *Forfarshire*, aground on the Farne Islands in a storm in 1838.

A major feature in Bamburgh's history, especially in the 18th and 19th centuries, was the "Crewe Charity", still in existence. Few of Bamburgh's people can have remained untouched by it, and it is hardly surprising that the Crewe Arms is one of the village hostelrys! Family historians with ancestors in the area could benefit from examining

the Charity's records, now in Northumberland Record Office.

To the north of Bamburgh lay its port, Warenmouth, which in its time was the most northerly port in England, as Berwick was then a Scottish town. Warenmouth fell into disuse in the 15th century; no trace of it now remains.

Bamburgh parish is bordered by Belford, formerly a chapelry of Bamburgh, and by Chatton, Ellingham and Embleton parishes. Offshore lie the Farne (or Fern) Islands, where Grace Darling performed her act of heroism. On these isles lived the saints, Cuthbert and Aidan, as hermits. Nowadays, they are a nature reserve, visited by day tourists from Seahouses to watch the seals and the birds. The two lighthouses, on Inner Farne and on Longstone, still illuminate the night skies, but they are no longer permanently manned.

To the south lies the township of North Sunderland. The "Sunderland" here is allegedly "Sutherlannland", meaning the land south of Bamburgh. The incongruous "North" was added as a prefix to avoid confusion with the big city 50 miles or so south. So do not make the mistake of thinking that "Sunderland" in old Bamburgh documents means that your ancestor came from Wearside! The Crewe Trustees were responsible for enlarging a harbour at the seaward end of the village, now known as Seahouses. Lime kilns reflect an industry formerly important but now replaced by a thriving fishing trade dating from about 1830.

Continuing down the coast, Beadnell also once had a thriving lime trade, and the late 18th century kilns can still be seen at the small harbour. Beadnell was once a notorious smuggling port and in 1762 no less than 2700 gallons of brandy, 400 gallons of rum, 23 hogsheads of wine, and some tea, belonging to Scottish smugglers, were seized there.

Inland are the hamlets of Lucker and Warenford, a house near the latter being the home of a famous ornithologist Prideaux James Selby.

The history of the parish, with that of its former chapelry of Belford, is well covered in some 450 pages in Volume I (1893) of the Northumberland County History. This volume contains detailed pedigrees of the families of Grey of Shoreston, Brandling of Hoppen, Forster of Adderstone, of Warenford, and of Fleetham, Younghusband of Budle, Bradford of Bradford, Wood of Beadnell and Taylor of Swinhoe. There is much more of interest for genealogists here, including (at page 327) a list of men on the Beadnell Muster Roll of 1538.

Registration District and certificates are obtainable from Superintendent Registrar, Register Office, 49-51 Bridge Street, Berwick upon Tweed TD15 IES.

The 1851 census of the Bamburgh area has been indexed and published by this Society in book form (Volume N18) - covering PRO piece HO 107/2420 folios 1 to 250) - and on microfiche.

Monumental Inscriptions at Bamburgh are available on a microfiche published by, and available from, Berwick Record Office. They also have for sale on microfiche the baptism registers 1758-1812, 1813-1902 (see advert for prices), and hope to have copies of the burial and marriages available early next year. The NDFHS Library at Bolbec Hall has a transcript of 52 monumental inscriptions bearing a death date before 1851 at Lucker Churchyard.

The "bread and butter" of baptisms, marriages and burials may be found in any one of six sets of registers. Church of England registers exist for Bamburgh itself and for Lucker, Beadnell and North Sunderland. The earliest entry in the register of St Aidan, Bamburgh is dated November 1649 and relates to two daughters of the then Minister but the registers were kept regularly only from "ye year 1692, the first 10 years transcribed from loose papers whereby some names are utterly lost and others but imperfectly known". The registers, to the 20th century, are held at Morpeth Records Centre. Newcastle Central Library has a typed transcript of Bamburgh Baptisms 1654-1757, Marriages 1653-1758 and Burials 1653-1809. Microfiche copies of transcripts of Bamburgh Baptisms 1758-1812 and 1813-1902 are available from Berwick Record Office (see advertisement on page 143).

Beadnell was a chapelry of Bamburgh but became a parish in its own right in 1854. The registers date from 1766, but it should be noted that marriages between 1781 and 1855 took place at Bamburgh. A transcript of the registers to 1812 were published early this century by the now defunct Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society, a copy of the relevant volume being held at Newcastle Library, and also at Bolbec Hall.

Lucker registers date from 1769. There is a transcript 1769-1875 by our member Mr J K Brown at Newcastle Library, and at Bolbec Hall. North Sunderland Registers (baptisms from 1833, marriages from 1837 and burials from 1833) are at Morpeth Records Centre, some on microfilm only, as the originals are still with the parish.

The Bishops Transcripts (copies of the registers sent to the Bishop of Durham) are held at Durham University, Archives and Special Collections, Palace Green, Durham for Bamburgh (from 1762), for North Sunderland (from 1842), for Beadnell (from 1767) and for Lucker (from 1769), in each case to the mid 19th century and with some gaps in the series.

The coverage of these registers by the International Genealogical Index (the ubiquitous IGI) is not complete. Baptisms at Bamburgh are included only for the period 1654 to 1757, with Marriages not included at all; Beadnell baptisms, but not marriages, appear from 1766 to 1812; Lucker baptisms appear from 1769 to 1875 and marriages from 1769 to 1781. Burials are, of course, not included on the IGI.

There were Presbyterian chapels at Warenford and North Sunderland. Records of baptisms at North Sunderland 1797 to 1981 are at Morpeth Records Centre, along with marriages 1872 -1902 and burials 1870-1898, and with Communicants' Rolls from 1871 to 1898. This chapel appears on the IGI (baptisms 1797-1837) under the title of North Sunderland, Secession Chapel of Burghers (Scotch Church).

Warenford Presbyterian Chapel dates from the middle of the 18th century. Records of baptisms 1747 to 1971 are at Morpeth Records Centre, and the IGI covers baptisms 1754 to 1854. There is a transcript at Newcastle Library. Many of the people of this area were Presbyterian and problems of "missing" baptisms may well be solved here.

Northumberland Record Office, of course, holds much more than the Parish Registers, and any of its holdings are of potential value. Mention might be made of Manorial Records. There were two manors in Bamburgh itself -- Bamburgh Castle and the Borough of Bamburgh. The castle and borough court books run from 1695 to 1911 (NRO reference NRO 452/D2/1 to 10). Among the Borough of Bamburgh records, for example, is a list of 11 freeholders, 9 leaseholders and 69 cottagers in October 1830, with smaller lists for Newtown, Budle, Elford and Fleetham.

School records include the log books of Bamburgh Church of England School 1876 to 1982 (CES 415) and admission, attendance and summary registers 1869-1982 (CES 417) and Lucker Council School logbooks from 1894 (CES 182).

The tithe maps, drawn up in about 1840, cover Adderstone, Bamburgh, Beadnell, Bradford, Budle, Burton, Elford, Fleetham, Lucker, Mousen, Newham, Newstead, North Sunderland, Outchester with Spindlestone and Glororum, Ratchwood, Shoreston, Swinhoe, Tughall, Warenford and Warenton.

The "Parish Chest" includes, for example, a list of Papists at Bamburgh (?1769), a Parish Library book 1724-1740 listing names of subscribers, Churchwardens accounts 1724-1775, and a list of alms collected and distributed for "the poor not having parochial aid" 1800-1865.

This is by no means an exhaustive list - and don't forget the extensive volume of records created by Lord Crewe's Charity!

# OUR ANCESTRAL VILLAGES

by Wyn Chalker

As family historians we are interested not only in names and dates but also in the places where our ancestors lived. If it was a small community, one can learn about intermarriages, friendships, homes, trades, local events and even local scandals. Each of us is beaver away, uncovering new information from a vast range of archives and it is quite possible that I hold the answer to your question, while you hold the answer to mine.

At the 1995 Annual Conference I arrived a little early and had 15 minutes to spend before the conference began. Not wishing to waste any time, I went to the NDFHS library, stepped through the door and there, on the first bench near the door, on top of the first pile of folders, one of my family names leapt out at me. For the first time I had evidence that someone else was researching the name Straker. I opened the file and saw, on the first page, the lost marriage I had been searching for for six years. It was at Ulgham. Ulgham????!!

Ulgham was not a place I had ever looked into and I shall be eternally grateful to Janet Brown, who had compiled this slim file of information on four surnames in the village - three of which turned out to be relevant to my research. In this file I found the reference to Janet's wonderful book, *Ulgham - Its Story Continued*, and, in the book, I found references to archive material which enabled me to push back my tree by three generations and led me to another branch of the family, which I had long suspected but for which I had not found the link.

Janet did a marvellous piece of research on Ulgham - but I want to know about Bothal, Cramlington, Ebchester, Haltwhistle, Kirkharle, Medomsley, Pelton, Plessey, Ryton, St. John Lee, Seghill, Stannington, Thorngraston and Warkworth! Every one of my ancestral lines either originated in Northumberland and Durham, or arrived on Tyneside from Scotland and Ireland. And I now live in Yorkshire! Hitherto I have been ploughing a lone furrow and I am certain that other researchers are seeking information about the villages their ancestors lived in. Many will have gathered information which is vital to someone else - and yet might still be waiting to find their own missing link.

It is not just family historians who are researching these villages. There are local historians, journalists, schoolchildren, civic societies, churches, museums and residents. I would like to see a gathering together of information; doing collectively, for Medomsley or Cramlington or Haltwhistle, what was done single-handedly by Janet Brown for Ulgham. Is this an impossible dream? We share our family trees; why not our family villages?

If Bolbec Hall can spare another filing cabinet or a set of box files, to do for Villages what they are doing for Family Trees, we could all drop in our contribution. There may even be a NDFHS member who is a resident of a particular village and who would be willing to keep an eye on the contributions for that village. Having a finger on the pulse, as it were, and knowing exactly where Oak Tree Lane is, where the old mill is or was, where the railway used to run, that the vicar is writing a history of the church, the schoolchildren are studying the local coal industry, that Mrs. White has a fine collection of old photos and Mr. Green has written about his childhood in the 1920s, - the village resident would be able to make sense of the material and might even be able to track down valuable material from other sources.

If the village archive expands, the key to it all would be its indexing. Documentation is likely to touch on several themes - trade, buildings, people, land, church - but any one piece of documentation is unlikely to slot neatly into a section headed "Church" or "Trades". A single newspaper article, for example, might mention names, places, trades and events. But, so long as each document has a reference number, it can simply be filed in order of acquisition, then indexed and cross-referenced under Names, Buildings, Trades, the Village, and so on, so that a researcher could look up a name in the Names Index, a farm in the Buildings index, Stone Masons in the Trades Index and find a description and illustrations in the Village index. A will could be located through any of these, if the surnames of the testator, the beneficiaries and the witnesses, their addresses and their trades are in the index. If an index (notebook or computer disc?) were provided for each village and if items which have been indexed were marked or stamped, then any volunteer could update the index by working on one of the items that has not yet been indexed. Members could also leave their queries on a sheet headed INFORMATION SOUGHT or DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?

I hope this suggestion is worth some discussion.

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*This seems like an excellent suggestion, but like all good ideas, it needs someone to carry it out. The Editor would like to hear of any comments, or volunteers! In the meantime, the library at Bolbec Hall does contain a copy of the Local Catalogue of Newcastle Central Library. Although published in 1932 it is a valuable starting point for local material on Newcastle and Northumberland. Is there an equivalent volume for Durham? - Ed.*



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# ROBERT ELLIOT'S GREтна MARRIAGE RECORDS

## SOME NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM ENTRIES - PART IV

In previous issues of the Journal (Vol. 22 nos. 1,2,3), we printed extracts from the registers of marriages at Gretna Green performed by the "priest" Robert Elliot. They cover the years 1811 to 1839 and the records are held by Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections, where they are freely available for inspection. We listed some marriages where one or both of the spouses came from County Durham or Northumberland, and we now continue with a fourth, and final, list.

The Society is grateful to Durham University Library, to Mrs. A. Cooper and to the literary executors of the late Mr. Roy Hudleston for permission to print these details. In the entries below, the original spelling has been retained and names of witnesses, which are usually given, are not included.

123. John **MAUGHAN** of Holt in p of Haltwhistle son of late William Maughan of afsd & Ann **BLACK** of Bradley & of p of Haltwhistle dtr of James Black of Bebside & of afsd parish 21st Nov 1822.

124. William **MILBURN**, gardner, of Semmonburn, Northld son of Edward Milburn, labourer in said p & Jane **SCOTT** spinster of Hawick, Roxburghshire dtr of late Walter Scott, labourer at Hawick 7th May 1818.

125. David **MILLAR** of Ryton township & Willenton, Co Durham & Mary **WEAR** of Brampton 2nd ... y 1816.

126. Ingleby Thomas **MILLAR** of Hasewill, Co Durham & Dorothy **MILLAR** of said p 21st Nov 1811. [Another entry has the place as "Ainswill". The *Cumberland Pacquet* 10th Dec 1811 says they were both of Shincliffe near Durham. He "esq."].

127. John **MILLER** of St Marys Without, Carlisle son of Thomas Miller of afsd & Cathring **AKIEN** of Hexham dtr of late John Akien of Dumfries 5th June 1819.

128. Robert **MILLER** of Westwood, Cumd son of Willaim Miller of afsd & Jane **MILLER** of Heweth, Co Durham dtr of late George **STEWART** of Hesket in the Forest, Cumbd 24th Feb 1834.

129. Robert **MILLER** of Penrith son of Robert Miller of afsd & Ann **WAIT** of Barneycastle and of the p of

Witeley dtr of late John **WAIL** [sic] of afsd p Co Durham 29th Nov 1838.

130. George **MITCHELL** of Carlisle & p of Harburn, Nland son of late James Mitchell of afsd & Sarah **O'HARON** of Whitehaven, Cumbd dtr of late Charles O'Haron of Whitehaven 11th Feb 1832.

131. John **MITCHELL** spirit merchant son of late John Mitchell of St Andrews, Newcastle upon Tyne & Cristin **MITCHELL** of afsd 5th May 1816.

132. Henry **MOSCROP** of Edinburgh & p of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh son of late Joseph Moscrop of Berwick on-Tweed and Elizabeth Brown **COUTS** of St Cuthberts, Edinburgh dtr of John Coutts of Great Kings Street, Manchester 21st January 1828.

133. John **MUGROMY** of Carlisle & p of Glen, Co Armaugh son of Thomas Mugomry of afsd p & Jane **THOMPSON** of Carlisle & p of Westlea, Co Durham dtr of late Willaim **ADDISON** of Wigton, Cumbd 31st Dec 1821.

134. James Endersby **NICHOLL** of Byerburnside & p of Cannoby, Co Dumfries son of late William Nicholl of London & St James, Westminster & Margaret **ROBSON** of Willewabog [?] & p of Falstone, Northld dtr of William Robson of afsd place 23rd Oct 1824.

135. Joseph **NICHOLSON** son of George Nicholson of Sunderland, Co Durham & Ann Meirop **WILLIAMS**

dtr of Captain Edward Williams, R.N., Southampton, Hampshire 2nd May 1816. [Another entry shows **WILLIAMSON** instead of Williams].

136. Joseph **NIXSON** of Carlisle & p of Penrith son of John **MOFFET** [sic] of Helton & p of Askham, Westmd & Susan **ALLISON** of St Marys, City of Carlisle dtr of Archibald **ELLIOT** of Shields 9th Dec 1832.

137. Robert **NORRAS** of Twedmouth, Northld & Jane **McMILLEN** of Gaston, Dumfriesshire dtr of Alex McMillen of afsd 23rd Dec 1829.

138. John **OVERTON** of Brampton son of Edward Overton of [Carlisle] & Ann **SHIPLEY** of Brampton dtr of Stephen Shipley of Newcastle on Tyne 17th Dec 1832.

139. George **OGLEBY** of Barrasford in p of Chollerton, Northld son of late Alexander Ogleby a soldier in His Majesty's Service & Ann **ARMSTRONG**, dtr of John Armstrong of Coust... & chapelry of Berkly & p of Chollerton 12th July 1821.

140. Thomas **PARKER** of Penrith & p of Allandale, Northld son of late William Parker of Green in p of Allandale & Mary **SCOTT** of Coadbeck, Cumbd dtr of late Michell **WALKER** of the Saugheyrygg p of Haltwhistle 17th July 1820.

141. Thomas **PEARSON** labourer at Wolsingham, Co Durham son of

Nicholas Pearson, minder, of afsd & Mary **LOWES**, widow, of afsd & p of Stanop, Co Durham dtr of Thomas **EMERSON**, minder at Killipburn p of Stanop 7th January 1819.

142. Thomas **PETICREW** of Bolton, Cumbd & Hannah **HART** of Wearmouth, Co Durham. 12th August 1815.

143. John **PHAUP** of Morpeth, Northld & Sibble **LAWRY** of Stanwex, Cumbd 5th Feb 1815. [Bride signed **LOWRY**].

144. Emerson **PICKERAN** of Brignall, Yorkshire son of late John Pickern of Beamish & of p of Tanfield, Co Durham & Ann **NIXSON** of Brignall dtr of late Richard Nixson of afsd. 23rd Aug 1825.

145. David **POTTS** of Birkhirst & p of Nether Denton son of Leonard Potts of Bewcastle & Hannah **NEWING** of Cockarshioald & p of the Shire Chapple in Hexham Shire dtr of Christopher Newing of afsd 15th Dec 1832.

146. Joshua **REA** of Dubledykes & p of Haltwhistle son of William Rea of Read peath & afsd p & Abegill **COLTHARD** of Dubledykes & p of Haltwhistle dtr of late John Colthard, Alston & p of Knarsdale, Northld 6th May 1827.

147. Josua **REAY** of Haltwhistle son of late John Reay of afsd & Jane **COLSON** of afsd dtr of late William Colson of afsd 7th January 1838.

148. John **REED** of Newburn, Northld son of late James Reed of afsd & Sarah **DIXSON** of Burton near Kendle Westmld dtr of John Dixon of afsd 8th Nov 1825.

149. John **RICHARDSON** of Alston & p of West Allan in Northld son of late Thomas Richardson of West Allan & Sarah **IRVING** of Alston Moor, Cumbd dtr of late John **STEPHENSON** or **STENSON** of Alston 7th Sept 1822.

150. John **RICHARDSON** of Hoatenlane Hartleyburn & p of Brigham son of Tiffin Richardson of Grasy southorn of afsd p & Ann

**DIXSON** of Lambley dtr of John Dixon of afsd 11th June 1829.

151. William **RICHARDSON** of Abbey Lanercost, Cumbd son of late William Richardson of Durham, Co Durham & Margaret **POTTS** of Abbey Lanercost dtr of David Potts of afsd 23rd Oct 1817.

152. William **RICHARDSON** of Greenhead & p of Shotley, Northld son of William Richardson of Wilkers & p of Muggleswick, Co Durham & Hannah **GRAHAM** of Holeraw & p of Shotley dtr of late George Graham of Holeraw & p of Rothbury, Northld 20th Nov 1823.

153. John **RIDDLEY** of Towehouse-Green in p of Haltwhistle son of George Riddley of afsd & Elizabeth **STOALKER** of Prudda Castle in p of Haltwhistle dtr of late William Stoalker of Sunderland & p of Bawzel, Northld 20th Feb 1823.

154. Thomas **RIDLEY**, by trade a seaman, of Haltwhistle, Northld & Elizabeth **RICHARDSON** of Asprete, Cumbd 17 June 1815.

155. Arthur **RIELY** of Sheallawals, son of James Riely of Co Tyrone & Mary **NICHOL** of Sheallawals & of p of Hayton Bridge dtr of James Nichol of the Commonhouse & Co Northld. 19th Aug 1829.

156. Hugh **RITSON** of Allanheads & p of Allandale son of late Frank Ritson of afsd & Isabella **NIXSON** of Allanheads & p of Allandale dtr of late John **FORAST** of afsd p 9th May 1829.

157. Robert **RITCHIE** of St Cuthberts, City of Carlisle son of late Alexander Ritchie of Ayre & p of Tarboulton in Ayrshire & Ann **SUTTON** of Carlisle & p of Wethrell, Cumbd dtr of Thomas **TININLING** of Park in p of Haltwhistle 28th May 1822.

158. John **ROBSON** of Haltenlee & p of Haltwhistle son of late John Robson of Colefell & Mary **DIXON** of Wilpham & p of Haltwhistle dtr of John Dixon of Greenrigg, p of Lamley, Northld 14th Sept 1825.

159. Lineal **ROBSON** of Leversdale & p of Erdington son of late John Robson of Hexham & Margaret **HETHRINGTON** of Kings Arms Inn, Carlisle & p of Irdington dtr of late John Hethrington of Leversdale Conirigend & of afsd p, Cumbd 12th Feb 1829.

160. Robert **ROWELL** of Low Brunton & p of Johnleys, Northld son of Edward Rowell of afsd & Jane **SOWLER** of Chalarford & of p of Simenburn dtr of late Capt John Sowler of Newcastle upon Tyne & of p of Newburn, Northld 23rd June 1823.

161. Charles **RUDDICK** of Toddholes & p of Thirelwell, Northld son of late George Ruddick of afsd & Mary **ROBSON** of Holmhead & p of Thirelwell dtr of Edward Robson of Angerton, p of Haltwhistle [between 25th & 29th Dec] 1822.

162. Richard **RUSHTON** of Harpertownaigh & p of Lamley, Northld son of Richard Rushton of Infieldbutton & p of Claton, Lancaster & Anne **RUDDAHAM** of Hartley Burn & p of Lamley dtr of John **CORRAH** of Tynehead & p of Garrigill, Northld. 10th Oct 1828.

163. Henry **RUSSEL** of Weekes [?], Northampton [another entry says Week, Nottinghamshire], private 22nd Regt of Foot & Isabella **RUMFORD** of Newcastle, Northld dtr of late John Rumford of afsd 4th Oct 1820.

164. Andrew **RUTHARFORD** of Lampard & p of Haltwhistle Northld son of Edward Rutharford of Bathe, county of Stanley [?], New York, North America & Elizabeth **THIRLWELL** of Crockholm & p of Brampton dtr of Thomas Thirlwell of afsd 28th Feb 1829.

165. David **SALKELD** of Brampton, son of John Salkeld, late of Newcastle upon Tyne cabinet maker decd & Elizabeth **TODD** of Brampton dtr of James Todd late of Hesket-in-the Forest, husbandman 18th Nov 1833.

166. Andrew **SCOTT** of p of Falfstone, Co Northld son of late John John [sic] Scott of Wearystre [?] & p of Whinnen, Co Roxburgh & Isabella



**BATTY** of Hyghfield Dodd & of Thorneyburn, Northld dtr of Arthrett Battie of afsd county 21st May 1824.

167. William **SCOTT** of Carlisle & p of Barnard Castle, Co Durham son of [name omitted] & Isabella **THOMPSON** of St Marys Calduagate Quarter, Carlisle dtr of Charles Thompson of afsd 27th July 1822.

168. William **SCRUE** Durham, Co Durham & Ann **ECCELS** [?] or **EUELS**, Durham ..... 1811.

169. Robert **SHEALDS** of Morph [sic], Northld son of late Robert Shealds & Mary **McMULLENS** of Pomford, Yorkshire dtr of late Thomas McMullens 2nd May 1828.

170. Leonart **SHIELD** of Newhouse in Cornwood & p of Alston son of late Thos Shield of afsd & Ann **BARKETT** of Cornwood dtr of William Barkett of afsd place, p & Co Northld 27th Sept 1834.

171. John **SHIPPEN** of Stilea [sic] & p of Righton, Co Durham son of George Shippen of afsd place & Margaret **BOWEAR** of afsd dtr of James Bowers [sic] of afsd 14th Dec 1822.

172. John **SIM** of Haltwhistle son of late John Sim of North Shealds & Mary **FLETCHER** of Haltwhistle dtr of late Thomas Fletcher of Yealin p of Kirkhaugh, Northld 14th March 1823.

173. John **SIMPSON** of Hipswall in the p of Danbywisk in the West Riding of Yorkshire son of William Simpson of Hipswill & Isabella **DODESWORTH** of Brunton upon Swell & of p of Scorton in West Riding of Yorkshire dtr of late Robert Dodesworth of Dalton near Darlington, Co Durham 13th Feb 1823.

174. George **SMIELS** of Carlisle & p of Kirknewton, Northld son of Andrew Smiels of afsd & Jannet **McCLOUDE** of p of Newe Abbey dtr of Thomas McCloude of afsd, Co Galloway 10th Apr 1832.

175. William **SLACK** of Hartleyburn & p of Lambley, Northld son of

William Slack of afsd & Mary **ROW** of Coarnwood & p of Lambley dtr of David Row of afsd p 6th Apr 1832.

176. Thomas **SMITH** of the Oldtown & p of Allandtown, Northld son of late Thomas Smith of Blanchland, Northld & Sarah **PARKER** of Allandale & p of Allandaletown dtr of late George Parker of afsd place 5th July 1823.

177. Thomas **SMITH** of St Cuthberts Carlisle son of late Joseph Smith of Kirkhall, Northld & Mary **HARRAS** of St Cuthberts Carlisle dtr of John MARLIN of Wreay, Cumbd 1st Oct 1824.

178. William **SMITH**, gent at Leasses p of Hexham son of late Thomas Smith of afsd & Jane **NICHOLSON** spr of Summerwoods, p of Hexham dtr of John Nicholson, gent of afsd 1st May 1819.

179. John **SNODEN** of Haltwhistle son of Thomas Snoden of afsd & Alice **LIDDEL** of afsd dtr of late Thomas Liddel of afsd 6th Dec 1835.

180. Edward **SNODEN** of Haltwhistle, son of John Snodon of afsd & Elinor **MARTIN** of afsd & p of Knarsdale dtr of Thomas Martin f Haltwhistle & aids p 22 July 1826. [?should be 1829].

181. Joseph [elsewhere shown as Isaac] **SPARK** of Hexham & Elizabeth Mary **SHAFTOE** of Hexham [elsewhere shown as dtr of Major Shaftoe of Shafto, Northld] 22 Aug 1814.

182. William **SPENCE** of Bishopwarmouth, Sunderland, Co Durham & Elizabeth **JOANS**, sd parish 27th Jan 1815 [on a torn slip of paper he is called "shipowner son to the late (torn) Spence shipowner". She is called dtr of Thomas **JOHNS**, gent. She signs Elizabeth **JONES**].

183. John **STOARY** of Talkin & p of Abbey Lanercost son of James **LAMB** of Percy Main Colliery, Northld & Hannah **JACKSON** of Talkin & p of Haltwhistle dtr of late William Jackson of afsd & Co Northld 1st Jan 1828.

184. Matthew **STOBERT** of Greeanrish & of p of Hexham son of late Matthew Stobart of afsd place & p & Isabella **DODDS** of Birkbill & p of Eldenson, Northld dtr of late William Dodds of Laingshill & p afsd. 10th Apr 1834.

185. Edward **STUART** of Penrith & Hesket-in-the-Forest, Cumbd son of William Stuart of Coathunt in p of Hesket in-the-Forest & Mary **FORAST** of Eavenwood in p of Halford, Northld dtr of Swels Forast of afsd 29th Dec 1820.

186. John **SWINBURN** of Alston, Cumbd son of John Swinburn of Hexham & Ann **FLIMMING** of Alston & p of Stanop in Wardle, Co Durham dtr of late George Flimming of Chappel in Wadale in said county. 19th Sept 1819.

187. John **TALFORD** of Harpertown & p of Lamley, Northld son of Robert Talford of Bewcastle, Cumbd & Mary **RITSON** of Harpertown & p of Lamley dtr of Henry Ritson of afsd 22 Nov 1828.

188. John **TARTON** private in First Dragoon Guards and p of Denton, Co Lancaster son of William Tarton of afsd & Ann **BLAKE** of Carlisle & p of Haltwhistle dtr of Thomas Blake of afsd county 22nd Sept 1824.

189. William **TAYLOR** of Liverpool & p of Newcastle upon Tyne son of late John Taylor of Newcastle & of sd parish & county & Elinor **GRIFFIN** of Longtown & p of Longmour, Colerane, Ireland dtr of Patrick Griffin of sd place & county 7th Oct 1819.

190. Thomas **TEARNEY** of Newcastle upon Tyne & co of Ennercellin, Ireland & Martha **FINLEA** [?] of Newcastle upon Tyne & p of Whithorn, Gallowshire 21st June 1837,

191. Jonathan **THOARNTHAT** of Brampton & p of Allerby, Cumbd son of George Thoarnthat of Wigton in afsd p & Margaret **SMITH** of Brampton & p of Haltwhistle dtr of late Robert Smith [John Robison written above] of Brampton & afsd p 28th July 1824.

192. George **THOMPSON** of Carlisle & p of Anstable, Cumbd son of late Adam Thompson of afsd p & Elizabeth **COLSON** of St Cuthberts, Carlisle dtr of late James Colson of Whittingham, Northld 22nd June 1822.

193. John **THOMPSON** of Haltwhistle & Isabella **SCOTT** of same 6th May 1815.

194. John **THOMPSON** of Bogs & p of Stapleton, Cumbd son of Christopher Thompson of Bog & Sarah **PLACE** of Twonhouse [?] & p of Haltwhistle dtr of late Anthony Place of Thorngraston, Northld 7th Jan 1823.

195. Thomas **THOMPSON** of Kella & p of Haltwhistle son of Thomas Thompson of afsd & Hannah **HARDY** of Highside & p of Lamley, Northld dtr of Christopher Hardy of Alston 7th Nov 1834.

196. William **THOMSON** of p of Kingwater, Cumbd son of late Wm Thomson of afsd & Mary **HUDSPITH** of p of Abbeylanercost dtr of Wm Hudspith of Haltwhistle 24 January 1830.

197. Charles **TODD** of Brampton & p of All Saints, Newcastle upon Tyne & Isabella **BELL** of Brampton dtr of Edward Bell of afsd Oct 1832. [No day but after 6 Oct and before 13 Oct].

198. William **TODD** of Newton Hall & of the Branceess in Co Durham son of Matthew Todd of Eisenton & p afsd & Isabela **LISHMAN** of Branceess of afsd p, dtr of William Lishman of afsd, 29th May 1825.

199. William **TOMLINSON** of Tarinrigg Moor & p of St Marys Without son of Jacob Tomlinson of afsd & Elinor **LOCK** of Tarinrigg Moor & p of Wigton dtr of William Lock of Newcastle upon Tyne 28th Sept 1831.

200. William **TURNBULL** of Corbridge, Northld son of John Turnbull of afsd & Paulina **PRESCOTT** of Corbridge dtr of Thomas Prescott of London & p of [blank] 21st May 1827.

201. Robert **VETCH** of Brampton, Cumbd son of Henry Vetch of Wark, Northld & Ann **GRAHAM** of Warwick, Cumbd dtr of late Thomas Graham 16th Dec 1822.

202. James **VICKERS** of Buffhead & p of Haltwhistle, son of James Vickers of Slaggyford & p of Knaresdale & Margaret **SNOWDEN** of Crooks & p of Haltwhistle dtr of William Snowden of afsd p & Co of Northld 22nd Apr 1835.

203. Matthew **WATSON** of the Flatts & p of Alston, Cumbd son of late Joseph Watson of Fouersfield & of p afsd & Isabella **MARTIN** of Alston & of p of Naresdale, Northld dtr of John Martin of afsd place & p 10th May 1823.

204. Stuart **WATSON** of Wigton & p of Ireby son of late Stuart Watson of afsd & Jane **WATSON** of Houghton-in-the Spring, Co Durham dtr of late George **McMULLEN** of Kirkcudbright, Scotland 22nd Aug 1831.

205. Thomas **WATSON** of Winashill [Woodhouse Hill first written] & p of Bawycell, Northld son of Joseph Watson of Blanchland & Margaret **LOUGH** of Muggleswick Co Durham dtr of William Lough of afsd p 20th July 1824.

206. Thomas **WELTON** of Haltwhistle son of late Michell **WILTON** [sic] of afsd & Dorothy **SNOWDEN** of afsd dtr of John Snawden of afsd 26th Nov 1822.

207. John **WHITE** of Whitefield, Northld late John White in the parish of ..... in the county ..... & Ann **ROBSON** ..... parish of Halt... Cumbd., the late John Robson of afsd 9th Feb 1822. [Entry badly torn].

208. Thomas **WHITEFIELD** of Broadlee & p of Allandale son of John Whitfield of afsd & Elizabeth **CRAIG** of Netherhouses & p of Allandale dtr of late John Craig of afsd 13th May 1837.

209. John **WHITFIELD** of the 3rd Dn Guards & p of Shiffnell, Shropshire son of late Robert Whitefield of afsd p & Margaret

**ELLIOT** of Carlisle & p of Haltwhistle, Thorngraston Quarter dtr of Thomas Elliot of Hensew & of afsd p 2nd May 1823.

210. Ralph **WHITLEY** of Sunderland Co Durham & Mary **HAVELOCK** of same 1760. [Marriage by Joseph Pasley].

211. James **WILESH** of Carlisle & p of St Marys Without Caldergate Quarter son of Lewiss Wilish of the Co Londonderry, Ireland & Margaret **WILKISON** of Carlisle & p of Gateshead, Co Durham dtr of late John **GOFFTON** of Billingham, Co Durham 10th Jan 1828.

212. John **WILEY** of 22nd Regt of Foot & p of Stowmarket, Suffolk son of William Wiley of afsd p & Ann **HUTCHISON** of Calduegate, Carlisle & p of Haltwhistle dtr of Richard **SEWELL** of Carlisle & p of St Cuthberts 24 Oct 1820.

213. McDonald **WILEY** of Brampton & p of Allanwick son of William Wiley of afsd p & Co Northld & Margaret **HEWITT** of Brampton dtr of late William Hewitt of afsd p 17th Nov 1834.

214. Nicholas **WILKINSON** of Craighead in p of Knaresdale son of late Matthew Wilkinson of afsd place & p & Elizabeth **HUTCHENSON** of Haltwhistle dtr of Robert Hutchenson 25th May 1835.

215. John **WILSON** of Brompton, near Northallerton, Yorkshire son of John Wilson of afsd & Elizabeth **GUNSON** of Neasham, Co Durham dtr of Matthew Gunson of afsd 10th Oct 1817.

216. William **WILSON** son of William Wilson of Stainton, North Riding, Yorkshire to Dorothy **WETHRELL** dtr of John Wethrell of Houghton, Co Durham 31st March 1816.

Would members who attend the South Tyneside Group meetings please note that the venue is to be changed.

The new venue will be in the announced in the next Journal but in the meantime members who wish to attend the meetings should contact the Secretary, Mrs Ethel Stafford.

# THE MASTER PILOTS OF SUNDERLAND

Years ago, the Port of Sunderland Authority deposited its records at Tyne & Wear Archives. Among them, Reference 237/3, is a large folio volume, with its binding in poor condition. This is the Sunderland Pilotage Commission Register of Pilots. It contains, mainly, a very large number of blank pages! - but at the beginning of the book there are lists of the Pilots: Master, First Class, and Second Class. Tyne & Wear Archives dated the lists provisionally at 1868 in their catalogue, but a comparison of the stated ages of the pilots, and their declared dates of birth, would suggest that the date of the list is slightly later, approximately 1871.

Sixty eight Master Pilots, 78 First Class and 15 Second Class Pilots are listed. Although some men are listed by name only, all are given a Register Number and many are then described under the following headings: Name, Age, Height, Complexion, Address, Date of Original

Licence, and Date of Birth. There is also a 'Remarks' column, unused.

Readers will be interested to know that in addition to this Register, there exists a second one, Ref 237/4 at Tyne & Wear Archives, that includes (a) a general list of Pilots 1868-71, and (b) separate lists of Master, First and Second Class Pilots 1872-1947 together with their age, date of first licence, and some additional remarks, notably on their promotion or death.

With the kind permission of Tyne & Wear Archives and the Port of Sunderland Authority, we publish below the full list of 68 Master Pilots. Details are exactly as given in the Register, except that surnames are printed first for ease of reference, and the list has been sorted alphabetically. It is hoped to include the other Pilots in a subsequent edition of the Journal.

ALDER	Charles	74	5' 7"	fair	18 Parade New Hendon	06 02 1826	26 02 1797
ALDER	William	68	5' 8"	fair	30 Parade New Hendon	05 02 1827	27 07 1802
ATKINSON	James	58	5' 11"	fair	28 North Quay Monkwearmouth	02 09 1839	18 10 1812
BRASS	Michael	56	5' 5"	dark	16 Carr's Yard Sunderland	07 05 1838	11 01 1815
BROWN	Henderson						
		67	5' 8"	brown	1 North Quay Monkwearmouth	01 08 1831	18 07 1803
BROWN	Burton	61	5' 4"	fair	18 Barrack Street Sunderland	05 05 1834	10 02 1810
BROWN	Edward	65	5' 6"	fair	6 York Street Monkwearmouth	01 06 1829	18 07 1805
BROWN	John	54	5' 9"	fair	11 North Moor St Sunderland	13 07 1837	21 03 1817
BROWN	Thomas	68	5' 7"	brown	20 Page Street New Hendon	07 04 1823	19 05 1803
CARTER	John	53	5' 8"	dark	25 Warren Street Sunderland	07 05 1838	24 10 1817
DOBSON	Richard	76	5' 7"	fair	27 Clark Terrace, Sunderland	18 01 1813	18 01 1795
DODDS	John	67	5' 9"	fair	38 Millum Place Monkwearmouth	05 07 1833	12 10 1803
DONKIN	Thomas	66	5' 5"	brown	6 Low Quay Sunderland	04 03 1839	13 03 1805
GIBBINS	George	66	5' 9"	fair	13 Norman St New Hendon	04 04 1844	08 01 1805
HALL	Michael	56	5' 6"	fair	40 Wear Street Sunderland	13 07 1837	13 01 1815
HALL	William	69	5' 6"	swarthy	86 Whitburn St Monkwearmouth	02 09 1839	19 09 1801
HOPPER	George	75	5' 5"	brown	22 Burleigh Street Sunderland	07 04 1823	24 04 1796
HOPPER	John	52	5' 7"	fair	22 Clark Terrace Sunderland	13 07 1837	10 07 1818
JACKSON	John	61	5' 4"	fair	25 Dundas St Monkwearmouth	04 04 1844	20 04 1810
JOBLING	Hutchinson Richard						
		66	5' 9"	brown	36 Charles St Monkwearmouth	04 10 1830	28 02 1805
JOHNSON	James	72	5' 3"	fair	11 Bull Open Sunderland	02 09 1839	21 06 1799
JONES	Henry	55	5' 8"	dark	12 Stafford Street Sunderland	04 03 1844	08 03 1816
KIDNEY	Henry	72	5' 11"	brown	14 Norman Street New Hendon	04 11 1839	15 02 1816
METCALF	George	61	5' 7"	fair	2 Causeway Monkwearmouth	04 03 1844	05 03 1810
METCALF	John	65	5' 9"	fair	2 Long Bank Sunderland	01 04 1833	07 09 1805
MORLEY	Edward	52	5' 3"	fair	9 North Moor Street Sunderland	31 05 1841	18 02 1819
NOBLE	Robert	39	5' 10"	fair	61 Tees Street Sunderland	02 06 1851	25 08 1831
PARKER	Robert	63	6' 0"	fair	5 Fowler Tce New Hendon	04 03 1844	24 10 1807
PATTERSON	William	64	5' 11"	fair	4 Chapel Street Sunderland	05 11 1826	10 10 1806
POTTS	James	67	5' 11"	fair	5 Back North Moor St Sunderland	05 07 1824	16 10 1803
POTTS	Thomas Watson						
		43	5' 11"	-	7 North Moor St Sunderland	01 02 1846	08 09 1827
POTTS	William	52	5' 11"	swarthy	26 Low Quay Sunderland	05 08 1839	25 06 1819



ROWELL	Thomas Leckers	63	5' 6"	fair	12 Waterloo St Monkwearmouth	02 09 1839	27 10 1807
ROWELL	William	50	5' 9"	brown	105 Herrington St Sunderland	06 12 1847	29 10 1820
RUSH	Henry	59	5' 6"	brown	113 High Street Sunderland	03 02 1830	30 01 1812
RUSH	Matthew	54	5' 7"	brown	7 North Moor St Sunderland	13 07 1837	29 10 1816
SANDERSON	John	60	5' 8"	fair	3 North Moor St Sunderland	04 03 1844	04 06 1811
SCOTT	John	54	5' 7"	fair	7 Stafford Street Sunderland	13 07 1837	19 10 1816
SCOTT	William Ward	51	5' 9"	fair	47 Parade New Hendon	05 08 1839	18 02 1820
SMITH	John	67	5' 7"	brown	15 Hedworth St Monkwearmouth	04 03 1844	25 07 1833
SUTTON	Thomas	59	5' 6"	fair	30 Tatham Street Sunderland	04 03 1844	14 04 1812
TAYLOR	Francis	59	5' 7"	dark	52 Lawrence St Sunderland	05 06 1843	24 09 1811
THURLBECK	George	54	6' 0"	brown	86 Coronation St Sunderland	02 07 1837	18 02 1817
THURLBECK	John	62	5' 8"	brown	10 Hedworth Terrace Sunderland	07 08 1828	22 04 1809
THURLBECK	Michael	55	5' 9"	fair	28 Hill Street Sunderland	13 07 1837	05 02 1816
THURLBECK	Michael	56	5' 6"	fair	5 Parade New Hendon	02 07 1837	10 05 1815
THURLBECK	Michael	63	5' 8"	brown	12 Woodbine Terrace Sunderland	06 02 1826	25 12 1807
THURLBECK	Robert	56	5' 8"	brown	19 Thomas Street Sunderland	13 07 1837	02 05 1815
WELCH	Francis	70	6' 1"	fair	4 North Quay Monkwearmouth	07 04 1823	10 12 1800
WELCH	William	55	5' 7"	dark	35 Barrington St Monkwearmouth	05 06 1848	31 01 1816

The following Master Pilots are listed by Register Number and name only:

BROWN	Edward	HENRY	Edward	SCOTT	Edward Hodgson
BROWN	Edward (sic)	HENRY	John	WAKE	Matthew
BROWN	Shadforth	HENRY	William	WAYMAN	Paul
BROWN	Edward	LIDDELL	James	WILSON	George
DAVISON	William	NELL	William	WILSON	William
DONKIN	John	POTTS	Thomas	WILSON	Thomas William

## LLOYD'S CAPTAINS' REGISTER 1869 AND GENEALOGY

by Peter Hull

In order to extend the study of Sunderland Master Mariners, begun with records from Lloyd's Register, 1851 (see *Lloyd's Marine Records and Genealogy*, Peter Hull, Spring 1994, NDFHS Journal), further information was obtained from Lloyd's Captains' Register 1869. This Register contains records of active Master Mariners up to and including 1869: 'active' means only those who had been to sea (as Master or Mate) in the proceeding five years are included. For each Master is given his full name, place and year of birth and certificate number, whether of service or competency, and in the latter case, place of examination. There is also a list of vessels on which he served, after qualification as Master or Mate.

In order to get a list to some degree comparable to the 1851 list, it was decided to include all Masters born in Sunderland or obtaining their ticket at Sunderland, with both tickets of service and of competency in the list. There were 650 Sunderland Masters in the 1851 sample, and there is a total of 860 in the 1869 list.

The Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen began a list of Masters in 1845. Certificates could be obtained

either as a result of examination, voluntary before 1850, compulsory after this (Certificate of Competency), or as a result of exemption, due to long service, up to and including 1850 (Certificate of Service).

This registration was an attempt to restrict service as Master or Mate to persons having adequate experience, and able to produce character and service records. Especially at the beginning there seems to have been some flexibility in the application of these rules (see later).

A look at examples of the Certificates gives an indication of the type of information that can be obtained from them. Example: MASTER'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 1850 No. 40.860 George Hull b. Sunderland Durham 8th Oct. 1803. Employed as Carpenter and Master for 23 years. Issued at Sunderland: claimed at London 22 Oct. 1850.

Attached is his application, with a list of seven previous vessels and the capacity in which sailed. In the certificate number, 40.860, the first three digits are printed and the

last two written in by hand. This might suggest that the certificates were in a printed book of 100, and the last two digits written in as they were issued: the certificate itself is quite small and could have been detached from a book.

The question arises whether the certificates were actually issued from the individual examination centres, or from the Registrar General in London. If the certificates were issued at Sunderland, then they would most likely have been in numerical order, and if placed in order of date, could give an idea of the number of certificates issued each year. This can be settled definitely. By looking for George Hull in the Register of Certificates of Service, Masters and Mates (Foreign), at Kew, we find that in this Register all Masters from every Examination Centre must have been placed in one alphabetic sequence, and then the certificate numbers allocated in order, and this must have been done at one central point.

If we turn now to Certificates of Competence, we have for example:

#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE AS MASTER

16th. Feb 1872 No: 85133 James Tennant b. 1839  
Monkwearmouth

On his application is a list of 6 ships on which he sailed as Mate (1867-71). His application for Mate's certificate gives his previous ships 1860-67.

Here the certificate numbers are completely handwritten, but the certificates themselves are large and elaborately engraved documents, about A3 size. To consider the evidence provided by the 647 numbers of the Certificates of Competence for Sunderland, these were arranged in order of date. It was found that there was a general tendency for them to increase: e.g. C1822, C4425 etc in 1851, to C34363, C29788 etc in 1868. If they were in one series, this would mean that about 30,000 certificates were issued in 18 years at Sunderland, which is obviously impossible, the more so since Sunderland was only one of 17 places of examination. However, it must have been an important place, since the examinations took place every Monday: on the Tyne, at Newcastle, South Shields and North Shields examinations were held alternately at each place on a Thursday. If we take the certificate numbers issued at Sunderland in the last five years (1864-68) we have 171 in total, or an average of about 34 per year, which must have meant that the examiners were not overworked. But I suppose they had the mates to examine as well. Also, these names in the Register were only those in active employment in 1869, as Masters or Mates: the proportion of active to inactive is unknown.

It would appear from this, that these Certificates of Competence must also have been issued in London and sent to the regional centres. This is confirmed by the following examples:

BELL Wm. Archer [born] Sunderland 1831

[certificate] C18054 Sunderland 1862  
COLE Saml. John [born] Sunderland 1836  
[certificate] C18055 Glasgow 1862

Since certificates with adjacent numbers were issued in Glasgow and Sunderland this suggests that batches of numbers were used at a central point.

The average at qualification was 30 years and 2 months, with most in their late 20's and early 30's, but a few Masters in their 40's or even 50's. The minimum legal age for qualifying as Master was 21 (Mate 18). In 1851 there were no steam vessels in Sunderland. In 1869 there were 27 Masters who had taken the voluntary examination in steam navigation (3%).

It seemed reasonable to try to identify Masters who appeared in both the 1851 and 1869 lists for Sunderland. This was more difficult than appears due to the incomplete nature of the names in the 1851 listing: the Master's name often appears without a Christian name or initial, and always without a date of birth. However, all the entries in the 1851 list must have had Certificates of Service, rather than Competence, so that only such names had to be considered in 1869. It was found that about half the Masters reappeared in the 1869 list. What, then, had happened to the other half? Some had undoubtedly died or retired: the oldest active Master was 69 years of age, but there were in fact very few over 60. The detailed career of one of these Masters throws some light on this. He was born in 1803 and lived in Jarrow and Gateshead, before going to sea as a carpenter for at least 12 years. He began building ships around 1845 in Sunderland. Taylor Potts, in his "*History of Sunderland*" says, concerning this period: "Working carpenters who had been frugal and careful and had saved a few pounds found little difficulty in commencing shipbuilding". At this time this carpenter began sailing as Master on ships which he had built (who would be better qualified!). He appears as a one third share holder on their Certificate of Registration - the other two owners may have provided the finance. He obtained a Certificate of Service as Master in 1851. He was a shipwright journeyman in 1861 and later went back to sea, but not as a Master or Mate. He was said to be a shipwright, aged 77, and he died, aged 85 in 1888 (without the benefit of a State Pension). If this history is typical, it would seem that at this time, having a Master's Certificate did not lead automatically to a life's career as a Master.

I would be willing to look through the list of Sunderland Masters in 1869, which was used here, for biographical details of any Master of interest to readers. If the Certificate number can be got from the list, a copy of the Certificate itself, with further biographic details is obtainable from the National Maritime Museum.

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# SEARCHING FOR A FAMILY HERO

by Derek Waters

I never met my uncle George. When I was born in Ponteland in 1924 he had already been dead for almost 11 years. As I grew up there were few references to him in the family and these were mostly about the manner of his death.

I have discovered quite a bit about him - more than any of my other forebears. I know some of the more obvious things. He was born to John Henry Mussell and Sarah Jane Mussell (nee Elliott) at Church Bank, Wallsend in 1882. On the 1891 Census, the family were living at 7 Oxnam Crescent, Newcastle. The following year my mother was born, and later the family moved to Dinnington village. George B. Mussell worked for the Tyne Conservancy Board for a few years as a labourer. Nothing very remarkable about these details; but I also know that he was exactly 6 feet tall; he weighed 12 stone 8 pounds; and he was strong - he took part in tug-of-war contests. A photograph reveals him to be an upright, handsome man with a waxed moustache.

The previous information came from police records, for he had joined the police force in March 1905. From the press, and from the Public Relations Department of the Northumbria Police at Ponteland, I was able to learn about my uncle's initial training of 2½ months at Drill Yard, and then his several transfers around the county. On March 10th 1911 he left his posting at Blyth to join the force at Whitley. He married Mary (Polly) Robson in 1911. She lived in Cambois, near Blyth, and it is probable that they met and courted during his service in that town. On February 12th 1912 they moved to Bedlington, into married quarters. They did not have any children.

Later that year, John Vickers Amos returned to Bedlington from America where he had worked as a miner. With some of his savings he paid £30 as bond money to James Wood Ions, a commercial traveller from Newcastle, to enable him to become the manager of the Sun Inn, Bedlington which the latter owned, John Vickers Amos - known to the patrons of the Sun Inn as Jocker - was thirty five when he began his new life with his wife and three children. In spite of his popularity with the miners who frequented his pub, Jocker did not impress his employer who suspected him of embezzling the stock.

Matters came to a head on April 15th 1913 when Amos was given one minute's notice to vacate the Sun Inn. He was also told that the new tenants, Mr and Mrs Grice, were to move in that day. The men argued and the last straw for Amos came when he was told that he would not receive one penny of his £30 bond.

Mrs Grice, her daughter and friends arrived about noon with the dispute continuing. Mr Grice was told to take over the stock and now Amos became threatening. Ions dashed to the police station to seek help, returning with my uncle, P.C. Mussell. He questioned Amos about firearms and was told that he had none. Still concerned, P.C. Mussell decided to remain where he was. The arrival of the Grice's furniture further inflamed Amos. Ions then told Amos that if he had nowhere to go, he could store his furniture upstairs. Then he took his new tenant-barmen to the cellar to check the stock. Amos went upstairs, closely followed by P.C. Mussell. Then two shots were heard coming from upstairs. Mrs Grice now passed the two children on the stairs. She was about to go down into the cellar when Amos appeared and shot Mrs Grice in the head.

Outside the Inn, Sgt. Barton heard the shots. He found P.C. Mussell lying at the foot of the stairs with two fatal gunshot wounds to his neck. Amos had gone into the yard at the back of the Inn, and the sergeant went out through the backdoor. He ordered Amos to put down the gun and he in turn was told to stop or he would be shot. The policeman stepped forward. From a range of 4 yards Amos shot him twice. Sgt. Barton staggered back towards the Inn door and fell dead in the kitchen. Amos escaped into the fields behind the Inn. Reinforcements were called and made a cordon around the area. At 7.00 pm Joseph Potter, a miner in the search party, spotted the runaway lying in Church Bank culvert. The police asked Potter to flush him out, using the rifle he carried. This he did and Amos, with blood streaming from his forehead, surrendered.

Acting Inspector Hutchinson and P.C. Smith took Amos in charge and took him to the police station where his wound was attended to. The funerals took place in the late afternoon on Friday April 18th., 1913. Shops were shut and blinds were drawn as a mark of respect for the dead officers.

According to the Newcastle Daily Journal, the crowds from many outlying districts began to assemble from noon onwards. I have a photograph taken of the scene outside the Bedlington Police Station and the whole area shows a mass of people - mostly men in dark clothes and wearing caps. Many seem to have used bicycles, with dozens of them propped beside the fountain. Coaches drawn by black horses flanked by marching policemen followed the Barrington Prize Band. The body of Sgt. Barton was in the front coach, followed by coaches of his chief mourners, then my uncle's funeral coach followed by four coaches of principal mourners. Mrs Mussell, identified as



P.C. Mussell's mother and my aunt Polly's parents were present but the widow was not in attendance.

Mrs Price was buried at a private funeral at Seghill. The Blyth News and Wansbeck Telegraph which described the event as 'one of the most terrible tragedies that has ever occurred in the county of Northumberland', reported that a fund was to be set up for the policemen's widows. A meeting was set up to decide upon ways and means of promoting this idea. Another fund was set up to fund Jocker Amos's defence, and enough was collected to engage a King's Counsel and another lawyer. Amos pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge of murder. From the diary of Inspector Gullely dated July 3rd 1913: 'Attended the Assizes held at Moothall, Newcastle at 10.30 am this day and gave evidence against John Vickers Amos, charged with the murder of Sergeant Andrew Barton and P.C. George Bertram Mussell and Sarah Ellen Fenwick Grice, at the Sun Inn, Bedlington on 15th April 1913. He was found guilty and sentenced to death'.

The Jury were only out for eight minutes before they brought back their verdict. The judge asked Amos if he had anything to say, and he replied that he had no grievance against any of the dead and that the police officers had been his friends. Referring to Ions, he said 'That man drove me wild'. The judge donned the black cap and passed sentence of death in the usual form.

As soon as the sentence was passed, a petition with over 60,000 signatures urged the Home Secretary to commute the death sentence. Later during the Northumberland Miners' Picnic held at Morpeth in July, the miners, hearing that a reprieve had not been granted, passed a resolution calling on the powers that be, to show mercy. This message was sent by telegraph to the Home Secretary and King George V. The petitioners said that Amos was only 35, had a wife and three young children and had led a respectable life. Mining accidents in America in which he had saved lives had probably affected him mentally, and on the day of the tragedy things happened to seriously affect his mental balance. After hearing that this last attempt to save him had failed, Amos issued a statement through his father in which he thanked all those who had signed the petition and concluded with the comment that, 'I have been treated throughout like a gentleman'.

It was a cold cheerless morning on Tuesday July 22nd 1913. A thousand people waited outside Newcastle Prison, watched closely by a strong force of police. A muffled prison bell tolled just after 8.00 am and the waiting crowd knew that it was all over.

Both my uncle and Sgt. Barton were awarded the recently instituted award - the King's Police Medal, and my aunt Polly was presented with this in January 1914. She was

also awarded an annual allowance payable from 16 April 1913.

I now live in London and so relied heavily on friends to assist me with my search for information about my relations in the North. The Northumberland Record Office at Gosforth and Newcastle upon Tyne Central Library were most helpful when I wrote to them, and also visited them. I was able to look at national and local newspapers of the period to read the vivid first hand accounts of the murders, the trial and the funeral - either making notes or making photocopies. I was able to visit the Sun Inn and speak with the landlord about the events, and examine his display of material on the crime. He was able to add all kinds of information such as the fate of Potter, the miner who had shot Amos. He found himself ostracised by the locals because of what he had done; he was killed in the First World War.

I was welcomed at the police station and received help from Sgt. J. W. Gibbons and a former colleague of his, ex-Sgt. Eric Wilson who is an authority on the Bedlington Murders. I was recommended to visit the Northumbria Police Headquarters at Ponteland and made an appointment for another day that week. Meanwhile I went to the churchyard at Bedlington to see the fine memorial to Sgt. Barton and my uncle.

So on that day I had been to the Sun Inn where my uncle was killed; visited the Police Station where he worked and lived; stood in the square and looked across to where his tug-of-war team colleagues would have carried him out to the hearse; I had stood by the plot of ground where he was buried: I felt I had really found my family hero.

At the Force headquarters I was shown great kindness, and in their museum was able to look at the exhibit telling the story of the Bedlington tragedy. Mary McLoughlin was able to put me in touch with the medal collector in Cheshire who owns my uncle's Kings Police Medal. He didn't want to sell it but kindly arranged for me to have samples of the ribbon. He hopes to write up the story of policemen who have died on duty.

I found in Morpeth that the story of the crime was known to a number of older people, and particularly among members of the licensed trade. One last discovery was, *An Ode Written In Memory Of The Victims* by an H. Poulson. The scroll was discovered by the landlord in 1964 during some refurbishment work. It is undated but it seems likely that it was written at about the time of the crime. But who was H. Poulson, I wonder? Now I think I've laid my uncle to rest. Now I must try to find out what happened to his father who disappeared. He was unfortunately on the other side of the law. But that's another story and it will have to wait until another time.

# MEMBERS INTERESTS AND QUERIES

This section of the Journal is to allow members to advertise their interests and to seek help from other members with their problems and queries. We will also publish any offers of help from people with specialist knowledge or information, or who are prepared to do searches for fellow members in their local record offices, libraries, etc.

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If you wish to have your interests or any queries published, send a paragraph outlining your areas of research, problems etc. to Phil Thirkell at the above address by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Please include your membership number with any correspondence and print names to avoid errors. There is no restriction on how often you may submit items but please try to be brief, as, the shorter the items, the more we can print.

Please note that it is hoped that, as a matter of courtesy, members will acknowledge any communication they receive as a result of their entry in this column.

**0020 Mr W. VEITCH**, "Haydon", 39 Ivinston Road, Darwen, Lancashire BB3 0EN

Seeking: 1) Baptism of Thomas VEITCH c1800 in west Northumberland. 2) Baptism of James BATEY c1800 probably in west Northumberland. 3) Marriage of James Batey to Mary, or Mary Anne, POTTS in west Northumberland, or possibly Gretna. 4) Any HORSEFIELD connection in south east Northumberland pre-1875.

**0169 Miss J.V. LISLE**, 19 Low Hauxley, Hauxley Links, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 0JR

Seeking information about William LISLE, son of William and Lois Lisle. William, senior, was a whaling captain for the Enderby Co./Southern Whaling Co. In 1841, William, junior, was in Newbiggin by the Sea, his father's birthplace, aged 3. By 1870 he was a solicitor of Durham, executor of his father's will. In 1895, he and his wife Annie were witnesses to his mother's will. From directories, I have found a company Thompson and Lisle at Western Hill (1865), 38 Sadler Street, Durham (1873) and 9 Pimlico, South Street, Durham (1897). Does anyone know of this firm, or have any information regarding descendants?

**0280 Mrs E.J. HOWE**, 56 Coach Road, Brotton, Saltburn, Cleveland TS12 2RP

Researching: WARD of Weardale and Stanhope area, particularly the parentage of Thomas Ward born 1838/39. Also, TELFORD and JACKSON of Haltwhistle, and FEATHERSTONE of Coanwood.

**1064, Mrs DEE DUNN**, 41 St John's Estate, South Broomhill, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9RY

Interests concern husband's family, which strangely have the same names occurring in both his maternal and paternal lines: DUNN, WOODCOCK - Embleton, Fenham and Ancroft; BROWN, CRONE - Bamburgh; PRINGLE - Lowick; HALL - Newcastle upon Tyne, Beadnell/Bamburgh area; DUNN, RUTTER, JOBLING - Stamfordham; TERNENT - Shilbottle/Guyzance; NEWTON, BROWN, - Haydon/Brampton; SCOTT, DAVISON, PEARSON - Earsdon; RAMSHAW - Hayton/Brampton, Gosforth and Seghill; LEIGHTON, HUTCHINSON - Haltwhistle; GREY/GRAY - Chatton (18/19C); DODDS - Bedlington; SCOTT, HARDING - Brampton; HESLOP - Farlam and Haltwhistle. Any information would be appreciated.

**1181 MURIEL E. SOBO**, 39 Beech Court, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 9NE

Interested in the LOWERY families, farmers and lead miners, who came to Rookhope in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Several families produced many children but where did the families come from, and how were they all related? I have some information on direct ancestors: William Lowery (1790-1852), John Lowery (1815- ) and Oliver Lowery (1851-1921). Any dates, names and family connections would be appreciated. Also seeking a photograph c.1940-1960 of The Side, Newcastle, where Tyne House has replaced earlier buildings.

**1324 Mrs M. ROBSON**, 12 Spring Terrace, North Shields, Tyne & Wear NE29 0HQ

Frederick URWIN born c1861, joiner of Dene Terrace, Gosforth, son of Thomas Huddleston Urwin, dentist, was left two family portraits in his father's will. Do they still exist? Information sought on the descendants of Frederick and his brothers Thomas H. Henry and Alfred. Also, Michael McMANUS and John Irvine PARKER were both husbands of Frances Amelia Urwin, born 1857, died 1932 Whitley Bay. Known to have had at least four children including Mary Alice, Henry and Margaret. Elizabeth EDEN married 1834 to John Urwin, possible daughter of Thomas or George Huddleston Eden who married 1817 at St Andrew's, Newcastle.

**2359 Mrs D.K.M. THOMPSON**, 4 Whitehall Court, Newland Street, Witham, Essex CM8 2AW

James THOMPSON (1816-1884) "emigrated" to Swindon as an engine driver for the Great Western Railway, baptised at Birdhopecraig [Presbyterian Chapel - Ed], son of James and Isabella (nee HALL), married 1841 to Agnes WARD at Carlisle. Father, James was "steward", what does would "steward" mean, and would there be an apprenticeship? Other connected names: Jemima GRAHAM, Thomas LOWS, POTTS, CROSIER and GUTHRIE.

**3709 RUTH SAMUEL**, 12 Park Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6QB

Seeking descendants of Joseph FURNAS (c1800-1866) and his wife Isabella nee WEALLANDS (1803-1880). He was a sailmaker for some years, of Barclay Street, Monkwearmouth. Jane, one of his five daughters, married George WHITMORE at Sunderland in 1859 and later moved to South Shields. Other daughters married PROCTOR, IRWIN and KNOWLES. Daughter Margaret, born 1845, married R.J.F. CARTER and lived at Murton Street, Sunderland where she died c1940. She had at least five children, two of her daughters being Head Teachers in the Sunderland area. Other connected names are: TURNER and WATKINS of Richmond, Guisborough and Washington areas.

**4107 Mrs P. TEBBS**, 10 Ainthorpe Close, Burdon Park, Tunstall Village, Sunderland SR3 2DE

Seeking descendants of Francis and Elizabeth BRINDLEY (nee PHIPS); they came to Thornaby from Staffordshire c1840. Their children were: Mary who had an illegitimate daughter Georgina at Killerby in 1849; Elizabeth who married Joseph HOBSON at Stainton 1843; Whitehurst married Mary Ann RUSSELL at Newcastle 1848; Sarah Ann married John Russell at Newcastle 1849; Thomas married Jane KELLY at Newcastle 1852; Jane married John BLACKETT at Newcastle 1850; John married Jane GARDNER at Newcastle 1855; Georgina; and Emily who was born at Thornaby and married Henry BEARPARK at Thornaby 1860, and later Edward PATTERSON at Morpeth 1863.

**4262 Mr.DEREK A. THWAITES**, 6 Kinloch Drive, Bolton BL1 4LZ

Seeks information on James THWAITES, born Brough, Westmorland 1836, qualified as a doctor and believed to have emigrated to America. He was the son of Thomas Thwaites the Appleby Gaoler and brother to

William Jackson Thwaites. Also searching for the parents of Joseph **CHARLTON** who married Margaret **TEASDALE** at Allendale in 1770.

**4740 Miss ALISON FRANCE**, 70 Montrose Avenue, Luton, Bedfordshire LU3 1HS (email: alison.f@virgin.net)

Has anyone found Mark **HALL**, son of John, on the 1851 or 1861 census? He was born sometime between 1841-49, either in Northumberland or Scotland. Also interested in **ANDERSON** (George, born c.1800 Bedlington); **BUDDLE** (Elsdon area); **CASELEY**, **COLLINGWOOD** (Whittingham area); **DOBBINS**, **EADINGTON**, **EVENING**, **FINNEY**, **FRANCE** (Ashington, early C20); **GLADDERS**, **HALL** (descendants of John and Rachel, nee Tait, of Ashington); **LUMSDEN**, **MILBURN** (marriage of John and Margaret before 1773); **MILLER** (marriage of John and Elizabeth before 1810); **OGLE** (Ancroft area); **PARKER** (Blyth late C19); **PEARSON**, **PERCEY** (baptisms of two sons of William and Ann, prior to 1811); **REVELEY**, **SHORT** (Jane born c.1821, daughter of William); **TAIT** (Thomas born c.1815 Wooperton); **TURNBULL** (George born c.1789 Rennington); **WILKINSON** (Michael born c.1783 Newburn).

**4884 Mrs BARBARA HEPPLER**, 11a Woodend Way, Brunton Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE13 7BG

Seeking birth and parentage of Thomas **LASHLIE** who married Dorothy **RICHARDSON** of Hexham in 1793. A gravestone at Earsdon indicates that Thomas Lashlie, son of the above, was killed 21st June 1837 aged 31, husband of Elizabeth and father of Maria. How was he killed? Also, seeking the marriage of John **ROSS**, born Rothbury 1829(?), and Jane **OGLE**, born Belford 1835(?), parents of Robert Ross born at Rothbury in 1859.

**4972 Mr T. CHILTON**, Mayfield, Tame Bridge, Stokesley, North Yorkshire TS9 5LF

Rebecca Amy **MEGGETT** was born 1851 at Sandyland, District of Wisbech St Peter, Cambridgeshire. Information sought on her father William Meggett, blacksmith, and her mother Ann Maria **DAVIDSON** and their antecedents. Also Rebecca's siblings. Andrew **CROUDACE** was baptised at Walker, Newcastle in 1835, and on his marriage certificate in 1857 his father was given as Andrew Croudace, yeoman. Where was he born and who were his parents? So far, unable to find him in Northumberland or Durham. Did he originate elsewhere? **CRUDDACE**, **CRUDDAS** or **CRUDDIS** are possibly variants.

**5439 FRANK ELGIE**, 92 Balunie Drive, Douglas, Dundee DD4 8PY

Searching for the origins of Jane Ann **TURNBULL** who married John **WILSON** at Quebec, Co.Durham in 1884. I am undertaking a one name study of my family name **ELGIE** and its variations of spelling. The family lived at Bishop Auckland, Wolsingham, Quebec and Langley Park.

**5712 Mrs MARGARET BERRY**, 5 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, Lancaster LA2 6HB

Seeking Robert **FROST**, carter, father of Grace (c1782), George (1784), Henry Nichols (1787), Dorothy (1788, m Edward **JOBSON**), Samuel Merryne (1790), all bapt. Newcastle All Saints. Other possible children are Ebenezer (1776), Robert (1778) both bapt. Wirksworth, Derbyshire and Jane (1793) bapt. Newcastle St Andrew. Robert may have originated in Wirksworth and possibly married Jane **COOK(E)** 1771 at Crich, Derbyshire. Anyone researching **MERRYNE** anywhere? Also Thomas **BELL** m. Mary **STOREY** 1833 at Newcastle All Saints and lived at Shire Moor Farm, Monkseaton. One child Mary Ann bapt 1835, m. George **CUTTER** 1854. Thomas Bell gave his birthplace as Ponteland c1801, but I can't find a baptism; only one in 1795. Did he falsify his age? I can't find his burial either (1881-1891).

**5789 Mrs C.M. TAYLOR**, 117 Littlefield Lane, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire DN34 4PN

Researching the names **McCRONE**, **HAY**, **ATKINSON**, **NICHOLSON**, **SCOTT**, **BROWN** and **THOMPSON** in the North Shields/Tynemouth area; and, **SWAN**, **BUTLER**, **SHARKEY** and **LINCOLN** of Seaham.

**5903 TONY TEAGUE**, 5 Celandine Court, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7ES

Researching **RATE** of Wallsend, Houghton and Sunderland, and **HAXSON** from Tynemouth. Christopher Rate, born 1836, married Mary Ann Haxson, born 1835, at Tynemouth in 1856. Also, **FLANIGAN/FLANNAGAN** of Bishopwearmouth and **BRANANN**. Mary Ann Flanigan, daughter of Edward Flannagan and Eliza Branann married George Edward Rate at Bishopwearmouth in 1878. Also researching **DOWNEY**, **McMAHON/McMANN**, **FARAL**, **WALKER**, **CROSBY**, **PATTISON**, **SPENCE** and **CORNFORTH**, mainly of Sunderland, and **SMART** of Sunderland and Wiltshire.

**6051 Mrs MARGARET WEST**, 6 Berens Road, Shrivenham, Swindon, Wiltshire SN6 8EG

Researching: 1) Robert **YOUNG**, a coachman, who married Isabella **BROWN** at Whittingham 1816; children, Margaret, Elizabeth, James Brown, Isabella and John, were baptised at Branton. According to letters of administration granted to his widow Isabella, residing then at Newcastle, he died in October 1846 but no death certificate found. 2) Esther **LEE** of Chatton and James **FO(R)STER** of Wooler who married at Wooler in 1770. 3) Edward **GREEN** born Rothbury, married Elizabeth **YOUNG** there in 1837, and who was buried at Hebron in 1897. They had several children including Edward, a tailor who lived at Cockle Park, and Matthew who worked on the railway at Morpeth.

**6072 & 6073 Mrs DOREEN & Mr STEPHEN ROBERTS**, 48 Churchill Crescent, Wickham Market, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 0RW

Looking for information regarding: **CRICHTON**, travelling stone mason, throughout Scotland; **GIBSON** of Hawick and Dumfries; **SANDERS** of Windsor and Gloucestershire; **DYER** of Gloucestershire and Hannah **SWINNEY** of Crook in the 1880s. Also, **ROBERTS** of Glasgow and Dalkeith; Tabitha **BEAUMONT**, later **OGILVIE** and **LAWSON** of Glasgow; Stephen Roberts, stoker in Royal Navy, son of Samuel Roberts and Harriet **PRICE** of Wales; **GOODFELLOW** of Cumberland.

**6140 Mrs MARY STEDMAN**, 50 St George's Road, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9LG

Seeking information on Thomas **HINDMARCH**, pit-sinker, son of George Hindmarch. He married Isabella **PEARSON** at Monkwearmouth 1861 and had children: John 1860; George 1862; William 1865; Joseph 1866; William 1868; Margaret Ann 1871; Hannah 1873; Mary 1874; Dorothy 1877; Stephen 1879 and Ada 1880. Stephen is believed to have been a stone mason at Raby Castle. Thomas died 1891 at Windlestone Colliery, Chilton; the family lived at Ryhope, Trimdon and Dene Bridge.

**6152 IAN PATTERSON**, 3 Pool Road, Hadnall, Shrewsbury, SY4 4BG

Needs help! Ann **JOHNSON**, born c1856 Holmside, Co.Durham, may have been the daughter of one of the following brothers and sisters: John Johnson born 1821 Lanchester, cordwainer; Robert Johnson, born 1830 Holmside, Susannah Johnson born 1834 Lanchester, or Ann Johnson born 1831 Holmside. She certainly was the granddaughter of Robert Johnson born 1796 Witton Gilbert, a cordwainer who lived in Holmside Lane in 1851 and who died in 1869. Ann Johnson married John **PURVIS**, born 1850 Whitburn, but have been unable to find the marriage or their births. Any information would be welcome.

**6157 Mrs JOAN GARDNER**, 59 St John's Avenue, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5DG

Further information required on: 1) James **MAITLAND** and Mary Ann **GREY**, both born Ireland. No marriage found; were buried at Pitlington 1902 and 1882. 2) Sarah **BESFORD** nee **TAYLOR**, born Staffordshire c1851, married Durham, daughter of John and Cordelia Taylor living at Leamside in 1881. John was born at Great Ondger but no such place found. Could it be Gravenhunger? Cordelia was born Hall Green, Staffordshire. Also interested in **ROBINSON** and **STEPHENSON** of Kirby Hill and Boroughbridge. Are there any descendants of George Robinson, stationmaster at Lambley in 1930s?



**6167 Mrs M. TOWNS**, 162 Park Lane, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne NE27 0TW

Seeking descendants and forebears of Joseph SMITH, born 1824, and Sarah (Sally) BONES, born 1834; both of Hetton-le-Hole. Had at least 6 children including: Henry Scope (1850 Bedlington); Margaret(?) (1852 Durham, living Gateshead by 1870 and had 5 children); James Pile (1851 Alnwick, married Mary J. ELTRINGHAM, living at Newcastle by 1871 and had 7 children); and Robert Burnett Ness (born 1849, married Mary Isabella SIMMONS, and had 5 children, all born in the Newcastle area).

**6181 HUGH WALDIE**, Northside Farmhouse, Bickley, Langdale End, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 0LL

1) Walter SMITH of the Parade Hotel, Middle Hendon. He was innkeeper c1880-1925, and prior to that, at Corsenside and Bellingham. Would also appreciate any information about the original Parade Hotel, rebuilt in 1936.  
2) James WALDIE, innkeeper at the Clayton Arms, Newcastle 1891-1896. He later moved to the Red Lion Hotel, Darlington.

**6241 GEORGE HARRISON WESTGARTH**, 11 Greenbank Road, Hoole, Chester CH2 3RW

Trying to find details of tug(s) owned by Cuthbert O'Connor WESTGARTH; his sons John Binney and George Harrison Westgarth later running a water-boat business with "Alice" from the Ouseburn Cut.

**6242 MARGARET WESTGARTH**, 11 Greenbank Road, Hoole, Chester CH2 3RW

Researching grandparents in Stockton on Tees: Thomas William BUSH, regular soldier, adjutant 5th Batt. DLI until retirement in 1923 when he became licensee of the Turks Head Hotel, Barnard Castle, and afterwards lived at Darlington. His wife Beatrice was a midwife in Stockton around the time of WW I. William Thomas SPEARS and Julia SCOTT. He was a foreman compositor for a local printer. Julia died aged 46, daughter of Thomas Francis Scott, boilerman, son of James Scott, a sailor who died at Middlesbrough in 1882. The Spears may have originated in Newcastle.

**6291 Mr ALAN MIDDLEMASS**, 11 Auton Stile, Bearpark, Durham DH7 7AA (email: AlanAnne@aol.com)

Robert Thompson MIDDLEMASS (born 1838, Rennington), son of Edward Middlemass (bapt. 1814 Longhoughton) and Mary THOMPSON. 1851 Census for Usworth, Durham, gives Mary born in Alnwick. No marriage found in Longhoughton, Rennington area. 1881 Census at Weetslade, Edward married again to Ann from Warkworth. Robert married Margaret REED (daughter of John Reed) in 1857 at St John's Newcastle. No census entries found for her and not in GRO indexes although said to be a minor in 1857. Only one child's birth established in Newcastle in 1860, Edward. Robert and Margaret not found in 1881 Census indexes although son Edward in Middlesbrough prior to his move to Gateshead. Also looking for the marriage and birthplaces of the parents of Charles PROCTOR. He and several siblings, William, Adam, Alexander, Elizabeth and Samuel were baptised at St James, Blackett Street between 1769-1785 while two sisters Jane and Barbara were baptised at All Saints in 1774-1776; their father was John Proctor. His marriage to Barbara sought.

**6311 HELEN GILCHRIST MYCROFT**, 23 Ball Road, Sheffield S6 4LZ

Researching: 1) James and Isabella GILCHRIST (nee LEIGHTON) of Seaham Harbour and their descendants. 2) Robert PAXTON of Pittington and his wife Hannah BELWOOD. 3) The name HUBBOCKS of Ryhope. 4) The GREEN brothers of Ryhope, five or six of whom are believed to have perished in the Great War. Happy to share information.

**6471 Mrs P.A. McPHERSON**, 10 Bankside Court, Denny, Stirlingshire FK6 6HA

Desperately seeking more information on George PYLE and Sarah HENDERSON who married in the parish of Alnwick; the witnesses were John and Phillis Henderson.

**6531 Mrs GERALDINE BARNES-LAWRENCE**, 24 Ashburton Road, Cloughton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 8TW

Trying to trace the NOWELL family. Great grandmother Caroline was born 1824 at Easingwold, Yorkshire, daughter of John, Methodist minister at Barton on Humber in Lincolnshire, who died in 1858. Caroline's brother Joseph was born at Newcastle in 1829 and christened at Brunswick Place Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Another brother William was born at Alnwick in 1832 and died at Easingwold in 1836. The IGI shows John Nowell born 1795, son of John and Margaret nee SHEPHERD. Another brother and sister who died young had MOPHET as a middle name and the IGI shows a Nowell married a Mophet so there may be a connection. John married Caroline WILLIAMS in 1819 at York, and from a gravestone, her mother was Elizabeth Williams who died in 1822. Is anyone prepared to do local research in return for research in Liverpool Record Office?

**6534 GLORIA PEARLS**, 54 Glamis Villas, Birtley, Co.Durham DH3 1JZ

Seeks birth/parentage of Archibald PEARLS who married Jane RODDAM 1758 at Allendale; at his death he lived at Dirtpot, Allenheads. Also, any information on Thomas Pears, born 1841 Greendykes, Allendale. In 1892 he lived at Horsley, Ovingham but unable to trace his death.

**6574 Ms M. COATES**, 14 Argyle Place, South Hetton, Co.Durham DH6 2UT

Researching William COATES born Wolsingham c1831, fireman and coal miner, moved to South Hetton then Murton Colliery; wife Mary born c1840; sons: George (1859) and John (1864), coal miners; daughter Sarah Jane (1870), all at South Hetton. Son Robert, coal miner, born Murton Colliery 1872, mother's name given as Mary CLEWS. Also, a Thomas WHITE, born c1830 Belfast, coal miner, thought to be an 'in law'.

**6583 LYNNE C. GRIST**, 1655 Springwell Avenue, Mississauga, Ontario L5J 3J1, Canada (email: robgrist@echo-on.net)

Researching the WILKINSON family of south Northumberland/north Durham. Herbert Wilkinson (born 1890/1, son of Frank Wilkinson, draper) was a grocer living in Blaydon in 1913 when he married Jessie OLOMAN, an opera singer. The family lived at Consett, Whitley Bay and Earsdon and had five children - a son who died as an infant, daughters Elsie, Honor and Jessie, and a son Kenneth. Herbert died 1943 at Monkseaton.

**6644 Prof. E.C. SLATER**, 9 Oaklands, Lymington, Hants SO41 3TH (email: ecslater@compuserve.com)

Any information on the firm Jos and Tom HALL, Millwrights, Joiners and Cartwrights in Whickham, or on the building that they occupied in 1917. A postcard photograph sent in that year by my father from "The Knowles", Whickham to my grandfather in Australia shows my grandfather's cousin, Tom Hall, standing in front of a two-story building in Whickham with the sign "Jos and Tom Hall, Millwrights, Joiners and Cartwrights". The building is alongside, or attached to, a three-story building with a belfry that, according to my father, was an old chapel. Tom Hall was the son of Margaret SLATER (b.1832, m Joseph Hall 1855) the sister of John Slater (1835-1870) who emigrated to Australia in the 1850's.

**6711 PETER L. HOGG**, "Rosemount", 2 Cresswell Road, Hartlepool TS26 0EG

John YOUNG born Stockton c1838 married Anne THOMPSON at Norton in 1861. Lived at Seaton Carew then moved to Low Fell, probably about 1870. Later they built "Oakfield", said to be on the outskirts of Low Fell overlooking the Team Valley and main railway line, and about three miles from Lamesley. About 1900 John moved to Dresden where he was a manufacturer of wire-bound wooden boxes. He died in Dresden in 1912 and was buried there. Does anyone know anything about the house?

**6756 Miss MARJORIE SHORT**, 8 Wingate Avenue, Billingham, Cleveland TS23 3PP

Seeking birth and marriage of Isabel SOWELL, possibly born Wallsend, aged 30 on 1841 Census. She married George PENDLINGTON, a pitman

of Wallsend where daughters Margaret and Isabell were born 1829 and 1831. A further 5 children were born after the family moved to the Seaham area c1834, and Isabel died there in 1846. **PELLINGTON, PENDLEY, PENDLINGTON** and other variants used on various documents.

**6767 JOE DAVISON**, 28 Windmill Rise, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9HU

James **DAVISON** was baptised at Easington 1734, son of John and Ann of Elemore Grange. Were they John Davison and Ann **WAKE** who married at Pitlington in 1732? Did they own the Grange, or were they just working there? Any information on Elemore Grange and its occupiers 1700-1750 would be welcome. Also seeking information on: 1) Birth/baptism/parents of Mary **LISTER** who married Houghton-le-Spring 1823 to Martin Davison. Son George born 1826 married Jane **RICHARDSON** at Durham 1852. 2) Details of Henderson Richardson and his wife Elizabeth. Daughter Jane married George Davison above. 3) Birth/parents of Robert **HARPER** and Elizabeth **WINTER** who married Penshaw 1825. 4) Birth/parents of William **WATSON** and Ann **WALKER** married Penshaw 1821. Daughter Rosannah married the above George Harper at Monkwearmouth in 1847.

**6787 Mrs SHEILA LAMB**, 67 John F. Kennedy Estate, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7AJ

1) Interested in the **KIDMAN** family of the Northumberland and Durham area. 2) Where did William **CARR**, born c1846, come from? Killed at Burnhope Engines in 1868 aged 22 years and was married to Esther **APPLEBY** at West Pelton in 1867; they had one son William John Carr born in 1869.

**6795 Rev. GRAHAM J. PEADEN**, 65 Birchway Avenue, Blackpool, Lancashire FY3 8EZ (email: gipeadon@cyberscape.co.uk)

Researching family name of **PEADEN/PEADON**, and other spellings. Looking for information in particular about: Alexander Peadon, a 17th C Scottish Covenanter who gave his name to Paddon's Hill, just off the Pennine Way. Also James **PADON/PEDON**, who, on the IGI christened Paul, Thomas, John, Ann, William and James 1745-64, mainly at Stanhope. And, Robert Padon who married Mary **CRADDOCK** 1736, christening Margaret, Robert and James 1737-42 at Barnard Castle. Would welcome information about any Peaden/Peadons in America, or Ireland.

**6815 Mr BERNARD BOND**, 29 Cheylesmore Drive, Old Bisley Road, Camberley, Surrey GU16 5BL (email: bondb@ra.gtnet.gov.uk)

Researching connections to William **BOND**, born Guide Post 1878, married to Agnus Briggs **PILLAR** possibly born in Norham 1873; lived mainly in Newcastle and Gateshead. His parents were William Bond, born Coffinswell, Devon 1833, married in Morpeth in June 1854 to Catherine **FAL(L)OON** born about 1834 in Ireland. Possibly they lived at various times in Hexham, Morpeth and Wrekenton areas. According to the Census William was in the army serving away in 1861. Thomas Pillar was born about 1834, he was master blacksmith and lived at the Plough Inn, Cornhill, married Margaret **BRIGGS** born 1844, possibly Norham.

**6822 Mrs ELAINE YORK**, 1 Bowfield Avenue, Melton Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 5TD

Does anyone have any information on The Oxford Meat Stores in the Grainger Market, Newcastle in the 1920's. Grandfather, Arthur William **PEARSON**, born 1887 in the Leeds area, was supposed to have owned it but a check on the Electoral Roll for 1929 listed the owners as John George and Laura Pearson (of 15 Lawton St. Newcastle) along with Abraham and Rosie **WOOLF** (of 8 West Ave., Gosforth). Could John and Arthur be brothers or cousins? A letter to the Market Manager got no reply. Does anyone have any information on John George Pearson or his family?

**6835 Mrs ANNE ROBERTS**, Petriana House, Kells Place, Carlisle CA3 9DT

Researching: **SWINDLE, WALTON, THOMPSON, LATTIMORE, WARD, COUSIN, GRAHAM, VIPOND, CARR, BELL, SPARK** and

**ELLIOT(T)**, all of the Nenthead and Garrigill area; also, **EADINGTON** in Northumberland.

**6837 Mrs J.W. PULLAN**, 18 Humphrey Close, Fetcham, Surrey KT22 9PZ

Seeking information on the birth of William **SCOTT**, born 1832/3, son of David Scott, a farmer. He was a seaman when he married Jane **WOOD** at St Hilda's, South Shields in 1858. Their children, born between 1864 and 1885 were: Ann Elizabeth, Emma J., Mary Eliza, all born South Shields, Jessie Caroline, John William, Janet Nora and Henrietta Gertrude, all born at Sunderland. In 1885, William, a master mariner, died at Sunderland 1910.

**6863 Mrs FELICITY JACKSON**, 20 Renown Way, Sorrento, Perth Western Australia 6020, Australia (email: nickjac@mail.iinet.net.au)

Trying to find the marriage of George **HARMERSON/HARBERTSON/HERBERTSON** of Kylee or Berrington Lough and Isabella **BLACK** from Ancroft or Teremorson (from the Census). Their children are Mary Ann c 1826, Andrew c 1827, Isabella c 1830, Dorothy c 1832, David c 1835, Elizabeth c 1837. George b 1839, Margaret c 1842 and Barbara b 1845. From the census they lived at Berrington Law, Ross, Buxton and Lucker. Mary Ann and her sister Elizabeth (both unmarried) ended up living in Bamburgh with their children Mary and Barbara and grandchildren William and Isabella. Would like to find the marriage date of George **HENDERSON** and his first wife Margaret **GLASS**, probably about 1837/8 in the Bedlington or Alnwick areas. His son Alexander Henderson married Isabella Herbertson in 1871. He was a cartman and they lived in Elswick in Newcastle upon Tyne. Their children are Margaret b 1873, Mary Ann, c 1876, George c 1878, Elizabeth c 1879, Alexander c 1881, John c 1883 and Andrew c 1885.

**6875 Mrs PETA ACKROYD**, 74 Yew Tree Way, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2SX

Interests: 1) **ALGAR**: Charles, Elizabeth (nee **MEASEY**), Edith Elizabeth, Charles Thomas, Clara, all c.1896, Thornborough, Buckinghamshire. 2) **JACKSON** of Glenfield, Leicestershire. 3) Mary **GREASLEY**, 1833-60 Woodhouse, Leicestershire. 4) Mary **NEALE** (nee Greasley), 1850-70 Frith, Leicestershire. 5) **WEDDERBURN** of Northumberland and Berwickshire: Robert James, died c.1950, and Elizabeth (nee **AITCHISON**) 1877-1968. 6) John Burns **LEES** 1871-1956, and Agnes Angus **BLYTH** c.1870-1950, both of Northumberland and Berwickshire.

**6884 Mr GERALD FARTHING**, Ashcroft, Crown Lane, Little Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6PN

Wishes to contact fellow researchers of the following: **FARTHING** (Bishopwearmouth 17th-early 18th C, Haughton le Skerne and Aycliffe mid 18th-mid 19th C); **CROFT** (Auckland St Andrew mid 18th C); **PALLISTER** (Haughton le Skerne late 18th C); **WALLACE** (Durham St Nicholas early 19th C); **MENZIES** (Belford early 19th C). Would be interested in hearing from anyone whose ancestors were engaged in water commingling in Co.Durham in the 19th century as ancestors bearing his name were millers at Coxhoe (1841), Bakeston (1851) and Croxdale (1871).

**6957 Mrs. ELIZABETH SHAW**, 10 Melrose Crescent, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8NN (email: John4Shaw@aol.com)

Is anyone else researching the family of James **BOLTON**, shepherd of Alnwick or his wife Isabella **DIXON** of Lowick? Their son, Dixon Bolton, born about 1775, was a joiner in South Shields in 1820/30s, marrying Barbara, daughter of Barnabas **FORSTER** and his wife Barbara **PICKERING**, who had been married at Walton in December 1793. Also looking for the baptism of George (Taylor?) **CRAWFORD**, born Widdrington in 1836, possibly son of Robert, shoemaker. George was married in 1858 at Tynemouth to Sarah, daughter of Richard **DEALTREY** of New Raby.

**6963 DON MORRISON**, 7 Beechwood Road, Fishburn, Co.Durham TS21 4EP (email: don.morrison@onyxnet)

Has a query regarding father's Army service in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. His Regular Army Certificate of Service, in book form, shows details of his date of enlistment 19th December 1922, Certificate of character, Final Assessment of Conduct and Character on leaving, Certificate of Transfer to the Army Reserve, and finally Certificate of Discharge. I am particularly interested in the page containing details of his Transfer to the Army Reserve 19th August 1927 which indicates "Cause of transfer" as "para.362 (11) (C) K.R. Compassionate Grounds". I have been advised that the PRO do not have the records of servicemen discharged after 1920 but I am hoping that some member may be able to translate or define the contents of the relevant section of King's Regulations quoted above. Would be grateful for any advice in how, and where, I may obtain the information I am seeking.

**7061 DIANA HAWKSWORTH**, Box 321, Lavington, New South Wales, Australia (email: dhawks@albury.net.au)

Interested in any musical activities in Sunderland mid 19th Century, especially connected with the Amalgamated Musicians Union, the Theatre Royal, the Lyceum, the Palace, and Edward Sanderson's Orchestra.

**7121 IVAN TRUMBLE**, 69 Cox Road, Williamstown, New York 13493, U.S.A.

Researching the Robert Grace **TURNBULL** family. Robert was born c1787 in, or near, Lumley, Co.Durham. His parents were John and Mary, possibly nee **BURNOP**. Robert's father supposedly ran a foundry by the name of Turnbull and Murry. Robert may have had an older brother John. Robert migrated to the U.S.A. sometime prior to 1830.

**7134 & 7135 SHARON & ELIZABETH FRANCE**, 27 Clifford Close, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 8QD (email: Elshaming@aol.com)

Seeking any information on: 1) David **BARRON** born c1820, Newbrough and wife Catherine **BATEY**? born c1815 Newcastle; daughter Annie born c.1847, Newcastle married in Sunderland 1872 to William **ELSTOB** (born c.1847) and died (Sunderland) 1921. Siblings George Elstob born c.1853, Elizabeth born c.1855 and Robert born 1858: all Sunderland. Father James Elstob, mariner married Ann **DONKIN** born c1821, also father William Elstob. Parents of Ann Donkin: Joseph born c1794 Italy, mariner, and Elizabeth? born c1797. 2) John **COCHRANE**: children John born c1869 Sunderland; Catherine born c1856 Sunderland married Dominick **GAFFNEY** born c1851 Ireland; Eleanor/Ellen? married Wilson **GLENDENNING**?; and, Dominic born c1880 was unmarried in 1928. Seeking any relations who emigrated to Kokomo, Indiana in 1800's, John Cochrane's cousin's daughter - Loretta, graduated in 1919. 3) Robert **SMITH** born c1871, died 1952, baker and master confectioner, Scotland married Eleanor **STUART** (father Joseph) born 1874 died 1954: both known Druids. Father also Robert brothers Edward P alive in 1894 and Joseph. Elizabeth Smith and children Toss, Betty, Georgina and William. Georgina married Sidney **DOOLEY** famous stage manager/Scottish comedian. William born c1910? married Margaret? And emigrated to Australia.

**7144 KENT WELLINGTON**, 1921 South Delaware Avenue, Springfield, MO 65804, U.S.A. (email: KentWell@aol.com)

Seeking researchers of the **LOWTHERT** family of Northumberland and Durham. Variations of the name include **LAWTHERT**, **LAWTERT**, **LOWTERT** and **LAUTERT**. William Lowther, born c1820, emigrated to Pennsylvania by 1840s and worked in the coal mines as a moulder.

**7147 CAROL ROUSE**, Northdown Bungalow, Blakeney Road, Morston, Holt, Norfolk NR25 7BQ

Interested in any reference to **WORDINGHAM** (sometimes **WARDINGHAM**) in the area of Tynemouth, North Shields, South Shields and Jarrow; they left Norfolk c1855-60. All Wordinghams are descendants of one couple from Stiffkey in the early 18th C. Also interested in other north Norfolk people who moved to the Northumberland and Durham area.

**7151 Mrs SANDRA SCOTT**, 25 Beechwood Close, Exning, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 7EL

Looking for Thomas **TWEDDELL** on the 1851 Census, or his birth. He appears on the 1871-1881 Censuses living in Gateshead, and the ages given indicate that he would be about 7 years old in 1851. His father was Robert Tweddell who was married to Dorothy in 1871 but by 1881 his wife is given as Margaret. Any information would be appreciated.

**7183 BARRY HUMPHREY**, 46 Hereford Street, Newport, South Wales NP9 8DT (email: barry.humphrey@virgin.net  
web site: <http://freespace.virgin.net/barry.humphrey/>)

Looking for further information on Sarah Allason Lawton **FURNESS**, born 1855 Carlisle, daughter of Thomas Allason Furness, born 1813 Ponteland, and Sarah **LAWTON**, born 1826 Ebchester. Also, Thomas Allason Furness, son of Rev John Furness and Mary **ROBSON** who married at Montith.

**7206 ARTHUR E. WALL**, 16 Marika Court, Salisbury East, South Australia 5109, Australia

Seeking any information on the marriage, etc. of Thomas **BARNES**, a miner born c1812 at Shoreswood, Northumberland; married c1836 to Ann **RANKIN**, born c1809 Ford. Also, Thomas **INGLES/INGLIS/ENGLES**, a miner, son of James and Mary, bapt. 1822 Norham; married c1847 to Margaret **DOUGLAS**, born c1822 Tweedmouth. Have checked all available records, ie GRO Indexes, IGI, etc. Any help on these families would be appreciated. Also looking for information on the **DISTON** family of Durham and Northumberland before 1820.

**7209 PAMELA LITTLEFAIR**, Box 483, Wellington, Ontario K0K 3L0, Canada

Seeking parentage of Isabella **BURNETT** born on September 30, 1879 at the Union Workhouse, Tynemouth. The birth certificate shows her mother as Annie **JOHNSON** but no father's name is given. Annie and her baby Isabella are no longer at the workhouse. The 1881 census shows a Jacob A. and Ann Johnson Church Road, North Shields, with son John W (24), daughter Elizabeth (20), son Jacob A. (9), daughter Georgina E. (11) and granddaughter Isabella (1). Could this one year old be my grandmother, who I know had some sort of connection with a Nellie and Jack **FROST**. I have a picture of my mother, Alice Isabella (Burnett) **LOVEDAY** born 1898 in North Shields, when she was a bridesmaid at their daughter Nellie's marriage to Alec **VELLA** c.1910/12.

**7229 JOHN MADDISON**, 3 Auden Close, Lincoln LN2 4BS

Seeking information about the **MADDISONS** of Unthank Hall, Weardale (1100-1350) and thence, Sir Edward, etc., and the Maddisons of "Hole House", Lanchester (1570-1850).

**7274 Mrs VICKI MOSELEY**, River Road, Lower Portland, New South Wales 2756, Australia

Seeks the marriage (10th Aug. 1852 in family bible) of Henry **CRAIGS** (**Craggs/Craiggs/Craig**) to Margery **BOOKLESS** (**Buckless/Buckleys/Buglass**); possibly in the Border area. Margery was born 1831 Eyemouth, daughter of George Bookless, blacksmith, and Margaret **WILSON**. Henry was born c1829 Scotland. Also, Thomas **MOSES** who pioneered the introduction of the motor car into the Radcliffe district. When was this? Was there anything in the local newspaper? He was an official at Newbrough Colliery from 1898-1912. Where is this colliery, and do any photographs or records exist?

**7261 Mrs M.A. CRICHTON**, 91 Federal Street, Albany, Western Australia 6330, Australia

Has a newspaper cutting, found tucked in behind a framed photograph, of great grandfather James **BELL**, who died aboard ship off Gibraltar when returning home from Australia. Presumably it came from a Durham newspaper and was sent to grandmother Selina **MORRIS**, James Bell's



daughter living in Western Australia some time after his death. It is known that he left Durham after 1<sup>st</sup> October 1919. Where would I find a record of his death, and would he have been buried at sea or in England. Until he left for Australia, James Bell had managed the 'Colpitts Hotel', and earlier the 'Station Hotel', both in Durham.

**7262 Mr W.H. MARRIOTT**, 2 FitzWilliam Street, Swinton, Mexborough, South Yorkshire S64 8RG

His mother, Jane MARRIOTT nee DIXON would like to hear from anybody who was resident, or has memories of, The Pottery Bank Children's Home For Girls in the 1930's. Some names she remembers are: Bessy and Mary BRAND, Mary DENT, Winney CROOKES, Nellie RODGERSON, Lizzie PURVIS and Chrissie CRUTCHLEY. Does anyone have any information about the death on 20 March 1922 of William Alexander Dixon, a miner aged 25 years, who died of head injuries received under suspicious circumstances? He lived at South Villas, Ashington and the death certificate was signed by Dr F.W.GUNN. Do the doctor's records survive? In which cemetery was William buried?

**7274 Mrs V. MOSELEY**, River Road, Lower Portland, New South Wales 2756, Australia

Seeking information and descendants of: 1) Elizabeth ROCHESTER (born Cramlington c1834, daughter of Robert) married Robert COULSON at Durham 1857, children, Robert (m.Jemima BROWN) and John. 2) Henry CRAIG (born Scotland c1829) married firstly Margery BOOKLESS and secondly Margaret Bookless. Henry owned a shop at Hauxley from mid 1850s to 1892 when he died. Where was Henry born and married? 3) John WILKINSON married Ann BATTENSBY at Gateshead 1859, children, Elizabeth Jane (m.Charles LUCAS), Mary Ann (m.John Battensby), Eleanor (m.Walter FRAPWELL), Charlotte Taylor (m.Thomas MOSES). 4) John Moses (born c1835) married firstly Elizabeth RACE in 1856, children Mary and George, and secondly in 1863 to Elizabeth Coulson, children, Thomas (m.Charlotte Taylor Wilkinson), Isabella (m.John LUMLEY), Elizabeth (m.ILLINGS), and Jane.

**7276 Dr J. BARRIE PEEL**, 3 Anthony Court, Rosanna, Victoria 3084, Australia (email: chejbp@lure.latrobe.edu.au)

Great grandfather Thomas PEEL (born 1825 Newcastle, died 1902 Geelong, Australia), after marrying Frances SPARKS (born 1829 Cumberland, died 1888 Drysdale, Australia) sailed for Australia 1854 ('Bride of the Sea', Liverpool), arriving in time for the birth of their first son (7 siblings were to follow). On the shipping record, Thomas was an gardener, and an Anglican, and came to Australia on an assisted passage contracted to work for 3 months. Who would pay for the assisted passage? Is there any genealogical data such as indentures relating to gardeners? Other information about this family from Durham would be appreciated.

**7288 Dr K. BLOOMFIELD**, 72 Cropwell Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham NG12 2JG

Seeking information on Daniel COOKE (c1810-1870), probably born Walker-on-Tyne, possibly a collier captain trading between the Tyne and the Thames. Also interested in his son William Cooke (1843-1925), a shipyard manager, who married Hannah MARTIN (1847-1926) and had seven (?) children.

**7330 G. ROBERT FOX** 2485 South Gleneagles Drive, DeLand, Florida 32724 U.S.A. (e-mail: gbobfox@aol.com)

Seeking information on the death and burial place of John GALLOWAY, b.12 Sep 1816 in Little Letterpin, Girvan, Ayrshire; m.24 Jan 1868, Sarah Jane SPRAGGON of Wallsend. Believed to have died about 1873-75 in Tynemouth area before his widow and children migrated to America.

**7332 Mrs F. COX nee HERRON**, East Lodge, The Parade, Hartlepool TS26 0DY

Information sought on the following families: HER(R)ON of Bishopwearmouth 1700-1800, Billingham 1800-1865 and Station

Town/Wingate area from 1865; PARKIN of Haswell area 1865; ROBSON - descendants of Nicholas and Ann and their children born Birtley 1843-1850 and Quarrington Hill 1856-1864; and HETHERINGTON - descendants of Thomas, a medicine vendor living in Newcastle from 1840 until after 1880.

**7336 Mrs B.M. KENDALL**, 5 Agar Crescent, Prestwood, Bracknell, RG42 2BY

Trying to trace James MORRISON, (father James, mother's name not known) who came from Scotland, had a son possibly also born in Scotland. He married Elizabeth BIRKETT of South Shields in 1874. The 1881 Census shows children: William, Grace, James, but he also had John (in 1884), Michael, Joseph and Elizabeth. He may have had a brother Edward who was possibly a soldier. Where in Scotland did they come from? Can anyone please help?

**7351 Mr E. STOREY**, 48 Holbeck Avenue, Flat 2, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO11 2XQ

Researching the STOREY family from Gateshead and Sunderland. John Storey, mariner living at Bishopwearmouth, married Elizabeth Eleanor DODD c1881. His father Thomas, born Kirby Stephen 1835 but also a Wear mariner - married Sarah Ann BURN, daughter of another mariner. Thomas' father, also Thomas, was born at Kirby Stephen but was married at Sunderland. Other interests: RITCHIES and BLACK of Gateshead and Newcastle; DODDS of Sunderland; WALTON of Co.Durham. Also looking for any information regarding Norman Storey who emigrated to Canada during the depression in the 1930s.

**7360 PAMELA T. LUCAS**, 49 Malton Green, Harlow Green, Gateshead NE9 7EF

Seeking information on: 1) Two branches of STEPHENSON. John Stephenson (born 1831, son of Robert Stephenson, a stone mason of Sheriff Hill, and ?Jane) and his wife Jane Stephenson (born 1830, daughter of Robert Stephenson, also a stone mason of Sheriff Hill and ?Jane). 2) Christopher FERRY (born 1815 Lamesley) probably worked at Ravensworth Castle the birth place of his daughter Charlotte Brinton (or Brunton) Ferry in 1855. 3) Abner LUCAS, brick manufacturer of Gateshead. 4) William TURNBULL (married Jane Ann COOK 1879 at the age of 24), a butcher of Sheriff Hill. His father William is listed as a joiner. Possibly related to a family of cow keepers in Gateshead High Street. 5) Also interested in RENWICK, MENHAM and WHEATLEY, all of Gateshead.

**7370 IAN WORDSWORTH**, Thompson's Oast, Hartlake Road, Golden Green, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0BL

Seeking the marriage c1800-8 of Richard WORDSWORTH, shipwright born 1779 Braithwell, Yorkshire, and the maiden name of his wife Mary. The 1851 Census (in Kent) shows Mary was born in Northumberland so the marriage may have taken place there. The Wordsworth family were nonconformists.

**7371 Mrs P. STANDAGE**, 16 Parana Close, Sprowston, Norwich NR7 8BQ

Seeking information on EDGAR, HUTCHINSON, TAITLEY, GARDNER, DAVISON and SPEDDING, of the Gateshead, Ryhope, Bedlington and Washington areas.

**7373 Mr JOHN E. ALLEN**, 7 Vowley View, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire SN4 8HT

Seeks the marriage of great grandparents, William ALLEN, born Sunderland 1850 and wife, Mary Ann (nee MAYOREAN) born Workington. Mary Ann appears on the 1881 Monkwearmouth Census (William absent) with 3 children, Elizabeth, Edward and John William. The family next appear on the 1891 New Herrington Census at the family home where my own father (John William) was born to the above Edward Allen and wife, Elizabeth Ann nee MUSSELWHITE. Any information on this

marriage, or from anyone researching Allens in Durham, would be greatly appreciated. Replies will be acknowledged and postage re-funded.

**7382 GAR W. DAVIDSON**, 2100 Silver Lane, Willow Street, Pennsylvania 17584, U.S.A. (email: gwdlanc@redrose.net)

Particularly interested in finding out more about his great grandfather Robert DAVIDSON who was born in county Durham in 1831 and who had a son William, born 1864, and emigrated to the Wyoming area of Pennsylvania to work in the anthracite coal workings there. They are believed to have emigrated sometime around 1880.

**7384 FRANK LAKE**, 510 North Street, McSherrystown, PA 17344, USA (email lakepch@sun-link.com)

Would like to contact others researching, or have these names in their research: BUCKHAM (NBL & DUR); BROWNLESS (DUR & NRY); BROWN (Durham and Lanchester 19-20th C). Also Elizabeth BEDFORD of Durham, d 1731 aged 66, m William LAKE c1700.

**7387 JILL KNIGHT**, 63 Eirst Avenue, London SW14 8SP

Calling all WOOLER researchers with North East roots. Family tradition has my Middlesex Woolers migrating in early C19 from the town of Wooler. Verification is proving difficult; one Middlesex census suggests Newcastle not Wooler. Can anyone help me with origins of Jonathan Wooler, "Gentleman", born c1769 who had at least 3 sons, all labourers/artisans: Napoleon Washington Wooler born c1820; Lafayette Cartwright Wooler born c1827 and Thomas Koskiusko Wooler born c1840. Names suggest radical political sympathies, and therefore possible connection to famous Thomas Jonathan Wooler, c1786-1853, editor of *Black Dwarf* but DNB says he came from Yorkshire.

**7397 DICK HUTCHINSON**, 22 Swan Avenue, Longford, Tasmania 7301, Australia (email: DickH@tassie.net.au)

Seeking information about: 1) John HUTCHINSON, shoemaker of Newcastle, Buxton-Howard Street area. Believed to have been in an orphanage as a boy. Married Martha MOOR. Four children survived to adulthood, Richard, John George (my father) Nelly and Sidney. John died about 1911. 2) Archibald BURNS who married Isabella BARNES c1875. He kept a grocery shop in East St, Gateshead. Archibald and Isabella had at least 14 children, including my grandmother (Isabella). Archibald is recorded in the 1891 census as been born in Newcastle, but he could have been Scottish. He is said to have been a lay preacher. 3) Any information on DEIGHTON and ALLISON (and variations) pre-1700 in the Gainford-Staindrop-Durham areas. 4) Matthew MOOR mid 1800's Newcastle area; the name was thought to have been changed from O'MOOR.

**7404 ANNI FENTIMAN**, 68 Oxhey Avenue, Watford, Herts WD1 4HA

Main interests: FENTIMAN, HOGG and HUNTER. Has done a lot of research on Fentiman but would especially like to find out more about Joseph Hunter of Benwell who was a Tyneside poet in the 18th century.

**7417 Mrs L.M. EVANS**, 26 Beacon Heath, Exeter, Devon EX4 3NP

Looking for any information regarding the family of George WILSON, born 1881 (possibly at Dawdon), son of Thomas Heaton Wilson fruiterer who died before 1924. George had at least two sisters, one named Annie, and another who became an actress, and brothers, one named Tommy who was drowned aged 13 years, plus two others who owned an inn and a baker's shop in the Durham area. George married 'Edie' and had various occupations before settling in Exeter, Devon: a Petty Officer in the Royal Navy, he served in the 102nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Corps, worked in the hotel trade and finally as a chef on Southern Region Railway.

**7418 Miss LYDIA J. FORSTER**, 1 Thorpe Bulmer Cottage, Hart Village, Hartlepool TS27 3AU

Interested in: DOUGLAS, HALL and PRINGLE of Kielder in the 1820s; and FORSTER and MOLE of Alnwick in the 1820s. There are Forsters on both sides of her family; both of Alnwick and in farming.

**7427 Mrs V.A. POTTER**, Glenview Farm, Ayle, Alston, Cumbria CA9 3NH

Seeking information about great grandmother Maria SUNDERLAND, born Hull c1859. On the 1881 Census she is aged 22, living in the household of Harriet C. DANIEL at St Giles, Durham. On the birth certificate of her daughter Winnifred she was born 1886 at Darlington. Maria gives her profession as a nurse. Winnifred was brought up by William and Caroline WATSON at Brafferton, Co.Durham.

**7429 STUART LAING**, 24 Manor Close, Clifton, Sheffield, Bedfordshire SG17 5EJ

Looking for information on Nicholas CHARLTON, born 1814 North Shields, married Jane CARR at St Hilda's, South Shields in 1837; certificate shows his father as Matthew. Nicholas and Jane had six children in North Shields and Middlesbrough before returning to North Shields. Both sons, Nicholas (1849-1917) and Matthew (1856-1937) moved to Aberdeen where their descendants still live. No trace of their four sisters.

**7432 Mrs W.H. HICKS**, 10 Richards Drive, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6LR

Names of interest include STEPHENSON and SHORT in the Houghton-le-Spring area during the 19th Century.

## HELP OFFERED

**3195 JOHN ROCHESTER**, 6 Kingsdown Mount, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2RQ

Would be willing to visit Nottingham County Record Office on behalf of any of our members who require information from that area.

**6531 Mrs GERALDINE BARNES-LAWRENCE**, 24 Ashburton Road, Cloughton, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 8TW

Has a printed copy of the surviving registers for St Mary's, Ulverston, Lancashire and, for a SAE, would be happy to check the entries for names for any members with interests in that area.

**7061 DIANA HAWKSWORTH**, Box 321, Lavington, New South Wales, Australia (email: dhawks@albury.net.au)

I am a volunteer librarian at an LDS Family History Centre and would be willing to help any members with their Australian research.

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