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EDITORIAL

It's a bit of a joke amongst the Editorial Team that the only letters received by the Editor are letters suggesting that we have a 'Letters to the Editor' page. This isn't true, of course, although we have had a number, and your letters and comments are always welcomed.

One recent correspondent wondered whether Alan Readdie had left the Society, died, or even disappeared down a black hole. Happily, he is still with us on the Editorial Team, and is able to put a steadying hand on the tiller when necessary.

To be honest, many of the letters received are not necessarily of sufficient general interest to print in full but when they are, we do try to print them, more often as 'fillers' at the end of articles, rather than on a separate letters page. We do try to take note of suggestions for the Journal layout and content. Often the letters pose questions more appropriate to the 'Member's Interests' pages and this is where they appear. So do please keep your letters coming.

Talking of the 'Member's Interests' section, this is one area where we would welcome your feedback. The Society is becoming a victim of its own success! The membership continues to grow and quite naturally the new members, as well as the more established members, wish to advertise their interests and share their problems. The result is that now at least one quarter of the Journal is taken up by 'Member's Interests'. We have always resisted just printing lists of names being researched, trying instead to make the requests for help more interesting and enjoyable to read. The column is not just a place to advertise the family names being researched but also to share problems in locating places and sources, etc. I know that many people do enjoy reading the 'Member's Interests' section and, although we don't get a lot of feedback on the results, I have heard of people connecting with 'lost' branches of their family trees, and the establishment of long-lasting friendships. What do we do? Leave it as it is or change it? If we change it - change it to what? Any ideas?

One thing that might help could be to produce a *Directory of Member's Interests*. We used to produce one but it was a very big job and that was when the society was only half the size it is now. It would be a big job maintaining the data base and an even bigger job establishing it in the first place. Before you all rush forward to volunteer (!), just think about it. There are about 3,000 members and if we all submitted the surnames of our great grandparents that would be 24,000 names plus the 3,000 names and addresses of the subscribers. If you are still thinking about it, I'm sure our committee would love to hear from you!

Continuing the theme of finding volunteers and helpers mentioned in the Spring Journal. The meeting of 30th April at Bolbec Hall to discuss how members can help the

Society will have taken place by the time this issue of the Journal reaches you, but it's my bet that some of the vacancies in the ranks will still not be filled. It is a strange situation in that many of the members who attend the monthly meetings of their local branch take no part in helping to run the Society, while many of those who do help with various tasks (both big and small) at Bolbec Hall and elsewhere, never attend branch meetings. Overseas and Cornish members need not feel guilty about not being there, but where do all the Northumberland and Durham members get to? At the AGM, attendance is usually lower than at a regular meeting with a guest speaker, and when the election of officers takes place, everyone shrinks down in his or her seat, straightening up with a sigh of relief only when there is no fear of being pressurised into taking responsibility for some job or other.

Let's make a change this year. Attend your local branch's AGM just to see what goes on. You will find that the council and committee members are ordinary folk just like you. Don't volunteer for any job - yet, but do show an interest in helping in the Society's affairs. No commitment is being asked for at this stage, beyond that you are expressing willingness to help in some (possibly small) capacity which is (preferably) of interest to you. 'Help' here means assist. You wouldn't be 'thrown in at the deep end', but you could be capable of helping to shoulder or share the burden of some other activity which is becoming too stressful for an ageing member (poor soul!), who is still around and able and willing to give help, advice and guidance to a newcomer.

Imagine twenty volunteers going out to transcribe tombstone inscriptions, and each transcribes twenty-five - not an outrageously large number. Two sessions like that and you have 1,000 gravestones transcribed, mentioning goodness knows how many individuals by name. I'm a two-finger typist but by applying the above example to typing up manuscripts for the library, or indexing records, just think how much work we could get through with a team of people who can type with four fingers!

Can I make one more appeal - this time for material for the Journal. The Editorial Team is happy to read, edit and prepare articles for printing, but they shouldn't have to write it as well! I'm surprised that we haven't had any letters accusing 'the Team' of a Northumberland bias but the truth is that most of what we receive seems to be slanted towards the more northerly of our region. Come on you Durham members, let's have some articles - especially 'Know Your Parish'.

We aren't just looking for two or three page articles, we would also welcome material that could be used as 'fillers'. If you come across any unusual or amusing parish entries, send them in. And, don't forget we are always looking for items for 'News Snippets'. It's YOUR Journal!

NEWS FROM NORTHUMBERLAND RECORD OFFICE

by Janet Doody, Archivist

There have been many new accessions to the record office. Those of most interest to family historians are additional deposits of parish records from Chollerton and Longframlington and also Mickley school records. These are all held at the Morpeth Record Centre. School records, in particular logbooks and admission registers, are a very interesting and useful source for family historians. They contain names of individual pupils and interesting details of their way of life. For example many logbooks comment on the absenteeism of pupils at harvest times and give details of illnesses. Often a whole family are noted as missing from school during an epidemic. Records for many of the schools in the County are held at the Morpeth Record Centre. The earliest begin around 1860. Those interested in consulting them should be aware that there is a closure period on more recent and sensitive material which ranges from 30 to 75 years.

The records of St George's Psychiatric Hospital are also held at the Morpeth Record Centre. These include patients case books many of which include a photograph. The earliest male case book is being indexed from 1890 to 1897 (the records have a 100 year closure period). There

were hundreds of patients and it will soon be possible to obtain a photograph of your ancestor and details of his illness.

The Berwick-upon-Tweed Record Office has ordered additional GRO Indexes of births, marriages and deaths dating from 1871 to 1886 inclusive. They are also working on the earliest Kyloe parish register. The original was stolen in a burglary and found three days later in a field. Luckily it had been copied by a schoolmaster in the 1850's; an indexed transcript of this copy is now being made.

New shelving has been obtained and re-arrangement taken place in the searchroom at Melton Park, in an attempt to make the room more pleasant to work in. We are trying to improve conditions for searchers and to protect the archives in all three offices. There may be slight changes to some procedures (e.g. insistence on use of pencils) when using the searchrooms and we hope that you will not find these inconvenient. Unfortunately we cannot do anything about the lack of space at the Morpeth Record Centre.

PROJECTS REPORT

from Cyril Jewitt, NDFHS Projects Co-ordinator

Although the indexes to the 1851 Census for Northumberland are now complete, there is still much to be done in County Durham.

Currently, 22 people are involved in transcribing and checking piece numbers 2389, 2390, 2391 and 2392 which covers much of the area of Durham City and Easington. About 50% has now been transcribed but most still needs to be checked.

Work is being carried out by the Sunderland Group in transcribing and indexing piece numbers 2398 and 2399 covering the Bishopwearmouth area. The South Shields Group is also active in re-transcribing and indexing pieces 2399 and 2400 which had previously been published but recently found to be incomplete.

Recent projects which have been completed include: Lamesley burials 1730-1798, Trimdon St Mary's burials 1721-1812, Durham St Oswald's burials 1752-1800,

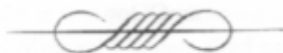
Hamsterley St James' burials 1581-1812, Witton Gilbert marriages 1837-1978 and Lanchester All Saints MIs. It is hoped that these will soon be ready for publication and details will be in a future Journal.

Also nearing completion is a further volume in the series of Personal Names in Durham Wills which will cover the years 1801-1803. This should be ready for publication later this year.

Much of the project work is being carried out by volunteers in their own homes, so if you would like to help, please contact the Society's Projects Co-ordinator, Cyril Jewitt, at 9 Hylton Road, Durham DH1 5LS.

You should also check with Cyril if you have already identified a project of your own that you wish to work on. He may be able to tell you if anyone else is working on that particular project and to advise on compatible formats for possible future publication.

NEWS 'SNIPPETS'



Concern has recently been expressed regarding rumours that parts of Elswick Cemetery, in the west of Newcastle, were to be cleared. Following a letter from Gordon Corbett, the Society's MI Co-ordinator, we have been reassured by Newcastle City Council that maintenance work being carried out in the cemetery involves some grave kerbs only and will not affect any headstones.

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In the Spring edition of NDFHS Journal we mentioned that some of the birth, marriage and death records held by the General Register Office for Scotland were to be made available through the Internet. Well, since 6th April it has been possible to search the indexes of Scottish births and marriages from 1553 to 1897, and deaths from 1855 to 1897.

The cost of searching the indexes is £6 (about 10 \$US) and for this you will be able to download up to 30 computer-screen pages of indexes. For a further £10 (about 16 \$US) a user will be able to order electronically an extract of the full record. The extract will be sent through the normal mail.

The facility is available through the website:
<http://www.origins.net>

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Any members living near Aylesbury may be interested to learn that the Buckinghamshire FHS is to hold its Open Day on Saturday 25th July 1998 from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. at Aylesbury Grammar School, Walton Road, Aylesbury. Free admission and free car parking.

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The North-East England History Institute is to hold an International Early Railways Conference from Thursday 10th Sept. to Sunday 13th September at St John's College, Durham. Over 30 papers on the history of railways before 1840 will be presented and there will be optional excursions to sites of particular interest. Details and booking form may be obtained from: NEEHI, Dept. of History 43 North Bailey, Durham DH1 3EX.

A one day conference on Sporting Heroes of the North East is to be held in Newcastle 5th September 1998.

The NEEHI is a group committed to promote study of the history of the north east region through conferences, lectures and meetings, and publications. Further

information about membership may be obtained from the address above.

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A reminder that the Yorkshire Family History Fair will be held at York Racecourse on Saturday 27th June 1998 from 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. The NDFHS will have a stall there so we hope to see you.

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This year is the 600th anniversary of the transfer of Prudhoe Castle from the Umfrevilles to the Percy family. To mark the anniversary, an Umfreville family reunion is to be held 22nd to 23rd July. The reunion will include a guided tour of Prudhoe Castle, talks on family branches and a family dinner. Further details will be supplied by Mr J.H. Umfreville, 3 Pearces Orchard, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 2LF.

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The Society of Genealogists has opened a new web site on the Internet; previously it had been part of GENUKI. The site may now be found at:

<http://www.sog.org.uk>

The pages will include details of all the SoG's facilities including available publications.

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Members with Catholic ancestry who live in the Consett area of County Durham may be interested to know of the Derwentside Catholic Family History Society. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.15 p.m. at the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Snows Green Road, Shotley Bridge, Co.Durham. For further information please contact Margaret Bower, 9 Snows Green Road, Shotley Bridge, Co.Durham DH8 0HD.

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For those with a particular interest in shoes and shoemakers, Northamptonshire FHS is holding a One Day Conference "Footwear to Footprints" on Saturday 10th October at The Cornmarket Hall, Kettering. Further details from Mr R. Bailey, 25 Gotch Road, Kettering NN15 6UF

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We have recently received the following notification from the Council of AGRA:

"You may have received a misleading letter stating that the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents is to be disbanded. This is not so: we are merely proposing to

become a company limited by guarantee - a step which many Family History Societies have already taken.

We will retain the high standards currently demanded of present members and future applicants, and will continue to promote our existing aims and objectives.

The Associations Code of Practice and Complaints Procedure will remain in force well into the next Millennium..."

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The Shropshire FHS is to hold a Family History Open Day on Saturday 6th June 1998. There will be lectures as well as stalls and displays of local and family history interest. Admission will be £3.50 or £10 including lunch. A booking form and further information may be obtained

from Mrs D. Hills, Redhillside, Ludlow Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AD.

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Brian Pears, who does such a fine job maintaining the NDFHS website, has set up a new site of places in Northumberland. This is an index of all parishes, townships, villages and hamlets that existed in the nineteenth century. For each place is given the name of the Registration District and Sub-district and there are links to the appropriate parish page on GENUKI and the address of the modern District Register Office. The site may be found at:

<http://www.swinhope.demon.co.uk/genuki/NBL/Gazetteer/>

Eventually, it is hoped that information will be added showing Ordnance Survey grid reference and longitude and latitude as well as Ordnance Survey map numbers.

NEW BOOKS AND REVIEWS

Evan Martin (compiler); *Bedlingtonshire*; 1997; ISBN 07524 0784 8; 128 pp; £9.99. Ian Roberts and Moira West (compilers); *Bellingham, North Tyne and Redesdale*; 1998; ISBN 07524 1089 X; 96 pp; £8.99. Blyth Local Studies Group (compiler); *Blyth*; 1997; ISBN 07524 0773 2; 128 pp; £9.99.

Books of old, and not so old, photographs of a particular town or area seem to be all the rage these days. Newcastle Library's *Bygone* series, often mentioned here, has produced several good examples. Three volumes in the Archive Photograph Series published by Chalford Publishing Company are useful additions to the genre.

Bedlingtonshire covers Bedlington itself and nearby spots like Netherton, Choppington, Cambois and Sleekburn with sections on 'Churches and Congregations', 'Trade, Transport and Industry' and 'At Leisure'. There are several 'named' groups, including Barrington Ladies Football Team of 1921 and, inevitably, Bedlington Grammar School Team including a certain Bobby Charlton.

The other volumes are in similar vein, each page having two photographs, with explanatory text, and the volumes should interest anyone with ancestors in the areas in the early to mid-20th century.

As well as through your own local bookseller, these books are available from Appleby's Bookshop, 60 Newgate Street, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1BE (add £1.50 to cover p&p).

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John Sheen; *Tyneside Irish, 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, a history of the Tyneside Irish Brigade raised in the North East in World War I*; 1998; ISBN 0-85952-587-X; Pen & Sword Books Ltd, 47 Church Street, Barnsley S70 2BR; £17.95

John Sheen, a regular contributor to this Journal, has produced a book which will be a gold mine to family historians interested in the Tyneside Irish. There are 264 large copiously illustrated pages and the author takes us from the formation of the Brigade, through its training in places like Alnwick, to France and the agony of the Somme, where on that one Saturday of July 1st 1916 at least 574 of "the Irish" perished and 1522 were wounded. Later WWI events, and the final laying up of the colours in 1919, complete a very full "military history" part of the book, personalised with letters from many of the men involved. There are three or four photographs on every page, many of them previously unpublished and many of them of individual soldiers (and not only, or even mainly, officers), with group photographs such as the Corporals of the 1st Battalion (64 men, all named) and "Prize Winners at the Brigade Sports Day, Woolsington 1915". There is a chapter on "Absenteeism, Desertion and Executions" before the "real meat" for genealogists, in the appendices.

The author's original intention was to locate as many of the men as possible; over 60 pages of closely-printed appendices record the level of his success. There is a complete list of the gallantry awards, from the two Victoria Crosses to the "Mentioned in Despatches"; there is an alphabetical listing of the officers, and a similar 34 page list of "Other ranks", almost 5000 names in alphabetical order, showing rank, service number, civilian address if known, date of enlistment, date of death or discharge, where buried, and "additional" information, including much miscellaneous detail and in some cases

places of birth. A veritable cornucopia of information, making me wish I had Tyneside Irish ancestors.

A poignant finale is that the last known survivor, 26 /1064 Lance-Corporal Michael Manley, died aged 104 in 1994 -- at 11 a.m. on 11th November! How apt!

Next year should see publication of a companion volume on the sister battalion, the Tyneside Scottish. John Sheen is co-author and local family historians will look forward to it eagerly.

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C.E. Allen & R.J. Thompson; *Durham Contiguous Parishes*; 1998; ISBN 1 901824 27 6; CART Publications, 66c Fortress Road, Kentish Town, London NW5 2HG; 4pp; £1 plus 30p p&p (cheques to be made payable to C.E. Allen)

A useful little booklet that might help anyone searching for that elusive event that wasn't found where it should have been. The guide list alphabetically all the parishes and their adjoining parishes.

This booklet is one of an ongoing series that already covers Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cumberland, Sussex. East Riding. North Riding, West Riding, Westmorland, Cheshire, Kent, Hampshire, Essex, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Lancashire, Huntingdonshire, Devon, Cornwall and Surrey.

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Peter Cook (compiler); *Index of Births, Deaths & Marriages Extracted From The Morpeth Herald, Vol.3 April 1862-March 1863*; Felton & Swarland LHS; 1998; 40pp; £4.00 (UK), £4.50 (Overseas) inc. p&p.

This is the third volume of a series mentioned previously in this column. All three may be obtained from Peter Cook, 23 Benlaw Grove, Felton, Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 9NG.

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Michael Southwick; *North-East Repositories II*; 1998; ISBN 0 9524750 6 5; Kingpin; 76pp; £5.00 (UK) and £6.00 (Overseas) inc. p&p from Michael Southwick, 21 Meldon Way, Hanover Estate, Winlaton, Tyne & Wear NE21 6HJ (cheques should be made payable to M. Southwick), or from Bolbec Hall.

I was impressed by the first edition of this booklet and I am even more impressed by this second, enlarged edition.

The booklet contains a description of all the repositories of Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear, Cleveland and northern North Yorkshire which hold records that may be of interest to local and family historians. For each library

or record office there are details about the opening hours, telephone and fax numbers, email addresses, parking, disabled access, etc. There is also a summary of the holdings. A most useful new feature are maps which will help visitors to the repositories for the first time to find them.

This volume will not only be of interest to local researchers but could be invaluable to people planning a visit to the area and want to plan their time to the best effect.

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Tyne & Tweed, Issue No. 52; 1998; ISSN 1043-5523; Association of Northumberland Local History Societies; 80pp; £2.50 (no details regarding p&p).

The Association of Northumberland Local History Societies is an affiliation of local history societies, specialist groups, institutions and individuals. It organises joint events and projects and issues a yearly journal, *Tyne & Tweed*.

This latest edition of T&T contains a varied selection of articles including a brief history of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, a study of the maps and plans of Northumberland, and an item about George Gibson of Stonecroft who was caught-up in the 1715 Jacobite rising.

As might be expected, some local history societies are more active than others. Some have published histories of their area and several produce bulletins with articles about their own localities. Information about local history societies in Northumberland, and enquiries about Tyne & Tweed may be obtained from: The Hon. Secretary, ANLHS, c/o Centre for Continuing Education, University of Newcastle NE1 7RU

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Mark D. Herber; *Ancestral Trails*; 1997; ISBN 0-7509-1418-1; Sutton Publishing Ltd in association with the Society of Genealogists; 674 pp; £30.00

This volume is subtitled: *The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History*, and I would not disagree with this description. There are thirty chapters covering all the sources of information that might be used by both beginner and expert. The early chapters cover the usual topics such as civil registration, census and parish registers, describing their history, how they were compiled and how to use them. Later chapters cover such sources as maps, newspapers, parish and town records, property, immigration and emigration.

At £30, this is an expensive book but it might be argued that, if you have it, you will have no need to buy another 'How-To-Do-It' book. Well worth saving up your birthday book tokens for!

TAPE LIBRARY UPDATE

The London Group has been recording many of the speakers at their meetings and the tapes are available to hire by UK members - see details below.

001	Resources for Research in Northumberland and Durham	W.E. Rounce
002	Further Resources in London for Research in Northumberland and Durham Family History	Peter Bennett
003	Non Parochial Sources in Northumberland and Durham for Research into Family History	Robin Gard
004	The Coal Industry in Northumberland and Durham	George L. Atkinson
005	Migration to Tyneside	W.E. Rounce
006	Anglo-Scottish Migration	Mrs Mamie Mason
007	Catholic Records in Northumberland and Durham	Michael Gandy
008	Trades Unions and their Records	Ms Sally Fincher
009	North East Records and their Records	D.W.V. Branfoot
010	North East Shipbuilding in the 19th Century (1815-1870)	Joe Clarke
011	A Most Melancholy Accident - The Stargate Explosion of 1826 and Mining in the Ryton Area	Geoff Nicholson
012	Not a Drum was Heard, Not a Funeral Note (And, the Rollo Family of Tynemouth	Norman Welch
013	The Shipping and Trade of Old Northumberland (1750-1850)	Tony Barrow
014	Was Your Ancestor a Coastguard?	Eileen Stage
015	The Pilots of South Shields	Bill Stephenson
016	Origins of Northumberland and Durham Names	Alan Foster
018	Beer, Barley and Brigs	David Bond
019	What Did Uncle Harry Do? (Northumberland Fusiliers)	Tom Hewitson
020	Glassmaking in Tyne and Wear	Dr Catherine Ross
021	History of the Border Country	John Almond
022	Durham History 1560-1930	John Smith
023	The Boldon Book - People, Places and Social Life in Northumberland and Durham	Alan Foster
024	The Border Reivers before 1603	John Smith
025	Keelmen (new recording)	Geoff Nicholson
026	Life and Death at Sea	George Patterson
027	Trades and Networks and Tracing Seamen in the 17th and 18th Centuries	Rosalin Barker
029	A Place by Itself - Berwick upon Tweed in the 18th Century	David Brenchley
030	The Diary of a Tyneside Teenager in the 1890s	Mrs Anne T. Simmonds
031	* North East Dialect	Alan Foster

(* a new tape since the last published list)

The tapes are available from Mrs Edith Styan, 18 Albert Street, Cambridge CB4 3BE. The cost of hire for fourteen days is £1.60, inclusive of post and packing. All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to NDFHS. To conform to strict copyright laws and undertakings given to the speakers, all tapes are FOR INDIVIDUAL USE ONLY and are only available to UK members.

NEW NDFHS FICHE PUBLICATION

PR165 St Margaret's Church, Crossgate, Durham City. Baptisms 1813-1833 marriages 1837-1900 and burials 1813-1847 is the latest microfiche available from Neil Richardson, 12 Banbury Way, South Beach Estate, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 3TY.

The baptisms are indexed alphabetically, showing date of baptism, surname, forenames of the parents and father's occupation. The burials are also indexed alphabetically and show the date of burial, surname, forename, where living and age. Both parties to the marriage are in the alphabetical section of the index.

The set of three fiche is priced at £2.50 UK, £2.90 overseas.

BOLBEC BITS

by Gerry Langley

The big news regarding Bolbec Hall is that the Society has completed the leasing of the adjacent rooms on the second floor of Bolbec Hall for expansion. A sub-committee has been set up to plan how we will use the three extra rooms that we have now acquired. We envisage two "work room/offices" comprising microfilm readers, large photocopier, computers for indexing and members enquiries, and some administration. The Postal Library will be moving into this area from the library which will allow for expansion of our ever growing collection of books, parish register transcripts and indexes, and family trees.



Bolbec Hall: Microfiche/film Room

The current plan for the third room is to make it into a meeting and lecture room. We would like to see the establishment of a Newcastle Branch at Bolbec Hall and several ideas have been put forward in this respect including a daytime/ afternoon meeting. If you have suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me. It is also hoped that, in the future, we could organise our own beginners and advanced family history courses. We have a lot of talent and knowledge in the Society and we need to 'tap' into it and share it.

Latest microfiche acquisitions at Bolbec Hall include Northumberland Record Office's latest publications, some new offerings from the growing *Northfiche* list, latest publications by *Original indexes*, the Society's full publication list and, from the Society of Genealogists, Boyd's Marriage Index for Northumberland. I am promised that Durham is also to be fiched in the near future. Watch this space.

New acquisitions to the Library come in daily and are too numerous to list. Amongst many other things are: the Alan Godfrey reprints of maps of our area (the originals were mainly printed around the turn of this century); MIs and parish register indexes for south Durham and North Yorkshire produced by our neighbours in the Cleveland FHS; several local history books and booklets; and, as they say, "much, much, more".

We are always pleased to receive donations from members of unwanted fiche from other areas once their use has been exhausted, as well as books and indexes for the library, and, of course, your own family histories and pedigrees.

Might I mention once again that the Postal Library is separate from the main Society library. We cannot lend from the main library. Catalogues are available for both and also for the fiche library. These are invaluable when applying for research as we can only research our holdings. We are still being asked for searches of material we do not hold. These are not possible. We have also produced a set of fiche with all three catalogues included. (See sales list.)

Might I make our usual plea for help. We have a growing list of members willing to act as data inputters, and we are working towards establishing a "Society Standard" for our output. The Society also needs help in many administrative ways so if you have expertise which you can offer please do not hesitate. Volunteers for Bolbec hall are also always welcome. You will be surprised how much you know when you join, and how much more you quickly learn from our experts!



Bolbec Hall: Main Library Room

Finally, the Society has decided to purchase the next 50 years of the GRO (St Catherine's that was) Indexes. This will bring our holdings up to 1936. The initial purchase has proved a great attraction, especially with the 1881 census index readily available alongside it.

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MISSING FROM THE 1851 CENSUS ?

It has recently been noticed that there are three pages omitted from the film of the 1851 Census held in Durham Record Office. HO 107/2397/F291/P1 is an instruction sheet detailing how to fill in the information for an institution but the other two sheets - HO 107/2396/F373/P1 and HO 107/2399/F606/P37 - contain details of some people in Bishopwearmouth and South Shields. Copies of the missing pages have been supplied by the Public Record Office to Cyril Jewitt, our Projects Co-ordinator, and the information is reproduced below. That elusive ancestor might just be listed!

1851 Census for Bishopwearmouth, Durham (HO 107/2396/F373/P1)

224 High Street

John	Sidgewick	Head	Mar	34	Fruit merchant	YKS Howden
Harriet C.	do.	Wife	Mar	31		YKS Howden
William	do.	Son		11		YKS Hutton
John Thomas	do.	Son		10		DUR Sunderland
George Cobden	do.	Son		8		DUR do.
Alfred Mears	do.	Son		6		DUR do.
Robert Henry	do.	Son		3		DUR do.
Charlotte Ann	do.	Dau		8 days		DUR do.
Elizabeth	Wright	Servant	Unm	23	Fruiterer's Assistant	YKS South Cave
Catherine	Robson	do.	Wid	32	House Servant	NBL Newcastle
Mary Ann	Wilson	do.	Unm	23	House Servant	YKS Easingwold
Jane	Burn	Visitor	Mar	62	Nurse	YKS Hutton

225 High Street

William T.	Moore	Head	Mar	38	Laceman & Draper	DUR Witton Gilbert
Ann	do.	Wife	Mar	29		LEI Whetstone
Joseph	do.	Son		6	Scholar	DUR Bpwearmth.
Georgina	Thompson	Apprentice		17	Mercer & Lacedealer Apprent.	DUR Bpwth.
Ruth	Charlton do.			15	Mercer & Lacedealer Apprent.	DUR Houghton le Spring
Elizab.	Kenzie	Servant		16	General Servant	DUR Sunderland

1851 Census for Westoe, South Shields (HO 107/2399/F606/P37)

12 Simon Street

Thos.	Dobbin	Son		11	Labourer's Son, Scholar	DUR So.Shields
William	do.	Son		8	Scholar	DUR do.
Pat.	Duffy	Lodger	Unm	30	Labourer	Ireland
Cornelius	Son			2		DUR South Shields
William	Hunter	Head	Mar	27	Labourer	Ireland
Jane	do.	Wife	Mar	22		DUR South Shields
William	do.	Son		1		DUR do. do.
Ann	Brown	Mother in law	Wid	56	Laundress	DUR do. do.
Mary	Hannah	Head	Wid	40	Waggonman's Widow	DUR Gateshead
Margaret	Dawson	Sister	Unm	26		DUR do.
John	Heall?	Lodger	Unm	30	Labourer	Ireland
Peter	Hulen	do.	Unm	23	do.	do.
Patk.	Campbell	do.	Unm	23	do.	do.
Patk.	Kelly	do.	Unm	60	do.	do.
William	Thompson	Head	Mar	23	Labourer at Chemical Works	YKS Hull
Mary	do.	Wife	Mar	21		NBL Lau....?
Francis	Kane	Head	Mar	36	Labourer	Ireland
Mary A.	do.	Wife	Mar	44		YKS Hull
Henry	do.	Son		13		DUR South Shields
Isabella	do.	Dau		9		DUR do. do.

SHIP & STEAM BOAT OWNERS AND MASTER MARINERS

by Neil W. Richardson

It all started while looking through a Local Directory. I found that one of my family, Jacob Tweedy, had been a Steam Boat Owner in the 19th century. Unfortunately no one could tell me where to go to next. Tyne and Wear Archives have some Minute and Account Books for the Tyne Steam Tug Association, North Shields but these only deal with the names of the boats and not their owners.

A local historian, Bob Balmour, told me of the research he had done in the Custom House Records of the River Tyne. Then started what has become a bit of an obsession. I found the records I required were deposited in Tyne and Wear Archives. There are three sets of records for the Tyne; Newcastle 1786 onwards, North Shields 1848 onwards and South Shields 1859 onwards.

My search began in the North Shields records. Bob asked me if I would transcribe the names, numbers and rigs of the ships, where they came from and their fates, and also record any ship with a Blyth connection.

The first thing that caught my attention was the people who had shares in ships. They were in all classes of society from the very rich, to miners and shipwrights. This seemed like an excellent source of untapped information for the Family Historian.

I found some information for a lady in Essex who was researching a Captain Joseph Dixon. I found him as a part owner of a ship with four other people. Ships were sold in 64 shares and a lot of the ships were part owned by the master. Joseph was born in Blyth but was living in North Shields. All the other owners were from Blyth. I went on to find more than ten vessels of which Joseph was owner, and possibly Master as well. He was recorded as being a Master Mariner in all but one record and in that one he is shown as a Ship Owner.

I found that my ancestor Jacob Tweedy had 32/64 shares in the Steam Boat *Honer* in 1853. The other owner was his brother Robert Tweedy of Blyth of whom I knew nothing and so I started research into another member of the family. This vessel was brand new and to this day I still do not know where the money came from to buy this boat, Jacob had been a rope maker and Robert an agricultural labourer. They kept this boat for a year and then sold it.

About six months later in 1854 they bought their second boat, *Fury*, again brand new. They kept this boat for three years and sold it. A few months later, in 1857, they bought their third and last Steam Boat, another called *Fury* [the other *Fury* had left the Tyne]. The records showed that Jacob and Robert twice obtained mortgages on the vessel. The first was from Mary Swinney who later bought 12/64

shares when Robert sold out, Jacob taking the remaining shares, giving him 52/64 shares. Mary Swinney was a widow and when she died she left all of her estate to Jacob [the date of probate and the names of the executors are recorded, for anyone owning a vessel, in the Custom House Records]. I have yet to find out if there was relationship between Jacob and Mary. One other transaction took place. William Tweedy, Jacob's son, bought one share. Jacob eventually lost the boat in 1880 when the mortgage was called in. Jacob died in 1885 in the work house, possibly with dementia.

I now had the names of Jacob's boats so I could try to find out more about the vessels in the two books of the Tyne Steam Tug Association. The first book I looked at was the minute book. The main matters of interest in this book were the disputes between the tugs for Foy Money paid by vessels entering or leaving the Tyne. Although this book did not start until 1875 the *Fury* featured in three disputes. The first was lost, in the second neither party turned up and in the third *Fury* won by default of the other tug making the claim too late.

In the Account Book the *Fury* is mentioned on four occasions. In the first the boat is damaged, in the second she has a broken crank pin, in the third she has a broken shaft and has to be towed, and lastly, she is again damaged. The amounts paid vary from £2 to £16 8s 4d [£16.42p].

If I require any more information about the Steamboats owned by the Tweedys, I will have to go to the Public Record Office in London, the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, or perhaps the Maritime History Group in Newfoundland. There are lots of places to search!

Bob Balmour and I have transcribed the names, tonnage, rig, the vessels' last recorded location, present location and fate, for all vessels in the North and South Shields Custom Houses. They are now being indexed.

If you think your ancestor may have had a connection with the sea, the Custom House records are well worth looking at. It is a long and often slow task but can be very rewarding.

The only thing to be careful of is that the study of shipping can be as addictive as Family History!

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WILLIAM BOUTLAND AND BILL QUAY

by R.H. Boutland

William Boutland was "a rough hearty old boatbuilder" according to *The Felling Gazette* of 1887 when describing Bill Quay industries in the mid 1850s. He was "a builder of the old collier brigs" according to *The Shields Gazette and Shipping Telegraph*. An "inventive genius who contrived and manufactured his own equipment for the salvage of vessels", (*Shields Gazette*), his business card boasts 129 ships saved from perilous situations.

"Mr Boutland is trying to raise the *Lady Feversham*" said the newspapers of April 1846. Attempts continued in September with 8 vessels and several lighters on the wreck. We know this is one attempt that failed since 1,000 lb of explosives was used by Mr Brookes in December, which sent up part of the broadside of the vessel and covered the water with floating timber from the wreck. The Tyne was quiet since it was "solid to Dents Hole together with a large quantity of snow."

William was involved with repairs, building of river craft and sea going vessels, salvaging, owning and trading. First registrations of his buildings range from the Tyne to Chichester and Liverpool. There was a continual trade in vessels, over 55 known in 39 years, as well as the building of over 31 seagoing ships in addition to the wherries and other river activities at Bill Quay. Early ownerships were with Joseph Slack, John Smith, George Walker and William Davidson, though by the end of the 1820s the only other joint owner, family apart, was Llewellyn Thomas with the 98 ton *Anna*.

William Boutland, the son of William and Elizabeth Boutland, married Mary James at Newcastle in 1816 and was described as a shipwright living at St Anthony when his daughter Jane was baptised at All Saints in 1817.

By 1818 he was at Bill Quay, according to the Heworth rating book and the shipping registration for *Hannah's Success*, though the vessel was not registered until 1834.

Sail was the favoured form at Bill Quay, though the Boutland yard built the steam vessels *Friendship* in 1829 and *Earl Grey* in 1832, perhaps taking ideas from Jonathan Robson who had built the *Ann* at St Peters in 1828 or John Boulton who built the steam vessel *Dandy* in 1824. Steam was to feature again at the yard when William Edward, one of William's sons, built the *Lady of the Lake*, a steam screw vessel in 1866.

The registration of the *Earl Grey* contains interesting details. In June 1836 a writ was issued against William Boutland and all shares were transferred by Bill of Sale to Peter Smith. Several attempts had previously been made

to sell the vessel, in 1833 and 1835. This writ was the continuation of previous events, since in November 1835 William Boutland was declared bankrupt within the technical meaning of the act. The assignees were Robert Scott of Gateshead, William Robson of Newcastle and Robert Hood Haggie of Gateshead. On December 10th the assignees were discussing the sale of the household furniture to the said bankrupt. However part of the debt must have been cleared by the sale of the smack *Unity* to Peter Cassiter and George Robertson of Kirkwall. William had bought the smack in 1833. Clearly not all William's vessels were sold for he continued to own the *Hunter* amongst others. Despite the bankruptcy he was still assessed for rates, paying £26 in 1836.

During this period William's name vanishes from shipping adverts but is replaced by Robert Maddison and William Torrance, both of whom operated from the Bill Quay yard. Other builders at Bill Quay during this period were George Shotton & Co, William Rennison and Robert Trotter, whilst Anthony Hood & Co advertised vessels to be seen at the quay. The bankruptcy was cleared by the end of 1837 and William was again advertising in 1838. Two boat races took place on the river during this time between the sloop the *William Boutland* and the *Conqueror*, with at least 30 guineas for the winner.

"A fine wooden dock for repairing vessels" is one description of the Bill Quay yard. The lease was renewed in 1840 for 20 years at a ground rent of £49 but in 1847 the yard was offered for sale and clearly bought by William, being referred to as Mr Boutland's, Bill Quay in 1848 adverts and also shown as Boutland's Quay and Boutland's patent slip, floating dock and timber yard on Brooks & Harrison's 1858 chart of the Tyne. Anthony Hood and Co. were holding the title deeds as security for a £2,327-18-9d loan when William died in 1859.

The business also had links with the Morris slipway at Pelaw Main. William's daughter Elizabeth had married David Morris - but there are other tales there.

As might be expected the Boutland ship business dealt with many Tyneside firms such as the Reays for meat, borrowed regularly from Anthony Hood Co, as well using them for timber supplies, used John Cox for Chemicals, M Unwin for chain, Losh & Co for iron, J B Bushell as ships chandlers, Angus and Wilkinson for bread and J R Loundes for medicine. Stoddart & Co provided wine and Peter Young collected the Lloyds Register Subscription. Fire insurance was with the Newcastle Fire Office and some vessels were insured with the Shields Marine Insurance Association.

Many apprentices must have worked at the yard. The 1851 census suggests 28, but the number was down to 9 boys in 1861. Only four names are known for certain: John Robson in 1831, Alexander Clayton who later went to quarry work, and William's sons Edward and Robert who were apprenticed to their elder brother William Edward.

Family disputes resulted in the yard being put up for sale in 1869, but William Edward Boutland paid £3,930 and continued with the business, later adding the lease of the Graving Dock, Wapping Street, South Shields to his freehold at Bill Quay. Harrisons acquired the Bill Quay yard towards the end of the 1890s as a repair facility, some say as the result of a bet.

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Editor's note: Mr Boutland has kindly typed for us a list of 'People Renting Rooms at the Boutland Yard, Bill Quay', for various dates from 1860 to 1866. This has been deposited in the Society's library. Mr Boutland's address is 52 The Park, Redbourn, Hertfordshire AL3 7LS

NEWHAM SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Or, What have YOU got in YOUR attic?

by Sue Horsman

Have you got anything of interest to other family historians, tucked away in your attic, or in a relative's attic? This seemed a very unlikely suggestion to me until the week before Christmas, when I visited my father.

Father gave up Family History several years ago when he moved to Knaresborough. At the time I thought that I had 'acquired' most of the 'family bits'. How wrong I was. I was showing him photographs of Newham, taken on a recent trip north, when he dashed off, and came back with a hand-written book on 'Italian Double Entry Book Keeping', that had been written by my great great grandfather, Richard Short, who was the schoolmaster at Newham in Northumberland between about 1832 and 1859.

Whilst the book itself was interesting, what really caught my eye was a loose page which fluttered out. It was the 'Names of Children attending Newham School May 1839 to May 1840'. What a wonderful piece of history,

especially if your ancestors lived at Newham, but how frightening to think that it was residing in an attic in Knaresborough.

The document shows who the pupils were, where they lived, followed by the time they attended and the fees they paid. The following is a part transcript showing the names and where the pupils lived. Where a name is in [brackets] the spelling was indistinct.

As for the original, it is no longer at Knaresborough, but has moved further south, to Castle Donington, until later in the year, when I shall contact Northumberland Records Office, to see if they would like it. I shall also be sending a copy to the NDFHS library at Bolbec Hall.

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Names of Children Attending Newham School Since May 1839 to May 1840

Name		Abode	Wm.	Jordan	Newham Barns
William	Athey	Newham	Thomas	Jordan	- do -
John H.	[Boag]	- do -	David	Murdie	Smileylaw
Robert	Chirnside	- do -	John	Murton	Highhill
John	Chirnside	- do -	Ralph	Patterson	Swinhoe
Mary	Chirnside	- do -	Thomas	[Pertus]	Newhouses
James	Chirnside	- do -	Thomas	Plender	Henhill
William	Cobb	- do -	Stephen	Plender	- do -
Margaret	Cobb	- do -	George	Pringle	Newham
Martha	Cobb	- do -	John	Pringle	- do -
James	Cobb	- do -	John	[Pertus]	- do -
George S	Cochrane	Coldrife	Thomas	[Pertus]	- do -
Percival	Cochrane	- do -	Edward	[Pertus]	- do -
William	Cummings	Swinhoe	Robert	Pyle	- do -
George	Cummings	- do -	John	Robson	Fleetham
Margaret	Cummings	- do -	Ralph	Robson	- do -
John	Clark	Newsteed	John	Richardson	Birchwood Hall
William	Clark	- do -	William	Smith	Newham Barns
Margaret	Cowens	Henhill	Jane	Smith	- do -
James	Donald	- do -	Thomas	Smith	- do -
Ann	Donald	- do -	Lancelot	Strong	Henhill
Sarah	Dickinson	Highhill	Dorothy	Strong	- do -
Thomas	Dickinson	- do -	Mary	Shell	Newham
Margaret	Dickinson	- do -	Elizabeth	Scott	- do -
Isabella	Dryden	- do -	William	Taylor	Newham Barns
Susan	Dickinson	Newham	Robert	Taylor	Birchwood Hall
James	Dickinson	- do -	John	Wright	Newham
James	Elliott	- do -	Thomas	Williamson	- do -
Mary	Elliott	- do -	Edward	Williamson	- do -
Margaret	Forsythe	Newsteed	George	Wardhaugh	- do -
W.A.	Forsyth	Newham Mill	Mary	Wardhaugh	- do -
G.G.	Forsyth	- do -	John	Wardhaugh	- do -
William	Ferguson	Fleetham	Ann	Watson	Fleetham
James	Hall	Newham	Jane	Watson	- do -
Harry	Hogg	- do -	Ann	Young	Highhill
Peter	Hogg	- do -	Thomas	Young	- do -
[Thubem]	Heron	Smiley Row	Isabella	Young	- do -
Eleanor	Hope	Newhouses	Thomas	Young	Newhouses
Jane	Hope	- do -	John	Young	- do -
Robert	Hunter	Newsteed	Mary	Whittle	Newham Barns
John	Hindmarsh	Swinhoe Cottage	George	Whittle	- do -

LIGHTLY DOES IT!

by Christine Selby

An added difficulty for future family historians must surely be the tendency of modern parents to give their offspring nonsensical forenames. Unfortunately my husband has been unable to get very far with any of his lines of research and without the once popular "surname as forename" habit his maternal family would probably have lain undiscovered as well.

Having lost his paternal great grandfather George Selby in the mists of Ireland in 1812 and George's wife, Mary Hannah Jones, a mangler, beneath the wash-house steam of Bethnal Green in 1836, he then had the shock of finding his maternal grandfather's tree completely cut down by the dreaded illegitimacy disease as late as 1906. There was only one line left to pursue and thinking it must surely be

a case. of fourth time lucky we started to look at his mother's maternal line - the Lightlys. But this, too, proved to be anything but straightforward and it was only through the use of a surname as Christian name that we were able to make any progress.

Gertrude Ethel Payne, nee Lightly, my husband's grandmother, despite her one lapse which resulted in my husband being deprived of a grandfather, was a lady. Her husbands were both prosperous and she lived in style with a maid complete with cap and apron.

She was born in Great York Mews, Marylebone, in 1881, the eldest daughter of George Edwin Lightly and Georgiana Newson. Georgiana was born in 1858 in Mile End, London.

George Edwin was a student at Oxford when he married Georgiana by licence at St. Paul's, Bow Common in 1878. On Gertrude Ethel's birth certificate he gives his occupation as Scripture Reader and he later earned his living as a piano teacher. He was only 22 when he married and Georgiana just 19. He presumably gave up his studies when he married as he did not get his degree.

Sadly Georgiana died giving birth to her third daughter in 1884 and the other two little girls were brought up by their maternal grandmother, Mary Ann Newson nee Woollard, from Hadleigh, Suffolk.

George's father, James, was a Ship's Engineer from South Shields, County Durham, although George was born in Holyhead, Anglesey in 1855, his father probably employed in the shipyard there. His mother was Eliza Jeffs a butcher's daughter from Stepney. The Jeffs come from Barking, Essex.

James Lightly had an older brother named Anthony and this is where the "surname as forename" comes in. Anthony's middle name is Hopper. Anthony Hopper Lightly born 1822 in Gateshead. This name certainly caused us inconvenience but without it we would have been completely lost.

The IGI has Anthony listed as Anthony Hopper Hopper. Parents Anthony Hopper and Anne Lightly of Gateshead. Why the change to the female line we thought? Obviously the Lightlys were wealthy and would only pass on their fortune if their daughter's husband took the Lightly name! But why Hopper Hopper?

After months of puzzling speculation and jokes about "Hopalong Lightly" we decided to ask a researcher to look at the records in the Durham Record Office for us.

He too was intrigued by the entry. By searching the Durham records he found that Anthony Hopper Hopper's parents were Anthony Hopper and Anne Lightly viz Mr. and Mrs. Lightly but the original birth entry had omitted the Lightly name.

The information recorded was "for Anthony, son of Anthony and Anne Hopper". The parents presumably pointed out that Anthony and Hopper were both forenames and that the parents were called Lightly but the clerk, did not correct the entry by erasing Hopper from the surname side, but added it to the Christian name side as well!

The correction is just discernible as different handwriting but the compilers of the IGI read the name as Anthony Hopper Hopper!

By going back further in the original records the reason for the Hopper Christian name became clear. In 1796 our researcher found the birth of Anthony Hopper Lightly senior, the illegitimate son of Mary Lightly born in Whittonstall and baptised at St. John Lee, near Hexham. The Lightlys were not wealthy landowners as we had foolishly thought but were suffering from another nasty outbreak of "wrong side of the blanket"!

Illegitimate fathers are notoriously hard to find but the Hopper name was a clue and sure enough in 1802 Mary Lightly married Peter Hopper at Gosforth. All their other children were surnamed Hopper and the family have been found together on succeeding censuses, but without the surname/forename for Anthony we would probably never have made the connection. Anthony Hopper senior's wife was Anne Kay from Felling and they further reinforced the family connection by naming a younger son Robert Kay Lightly.

We were able to go back two more generations in Mary's line to yet another Anthony Lightly, born 1705, of Fallowfield Farm, a farm still in existence in Northumberland alongside Hadrian's Wall.

We visited the area in the summer and met the present owners and also found Anthony (died 1767) and Edward (died 1791) Lightly's graves in St John Lee churchyard placed very propitiously just below the east window.

We subsequently managed to trace the Hopper line back to Moses - no not that Moses - Moses Hopper who married Ann Barcus in 1702 in Ryton, Durham. His son and grandson, both named Moses, were publicans in Newcastle.

So at least one of my husband's lines stretches back to the 18th century and who knows, further research may reveal that a farmer Lightly sold produce from his farm shop to the Romans as they marched along the Military Road!

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THE GALLON FAMILY OF TYNESIDE CLAY TOBACCO PIPE MAKERS

by Lloyd J. Edwards

Three generations of the Gallon family demonstrate the spread of clay tobacco pipemaking in the north east from Gateshead and Newcastle to other towns in the region from the late 18th century onwards.

William Gallon, husbandman of Gateshead, married Alice Vaughan. They had a daughter called Alice who died in 1793. Their son, John I, was born c1774 and married Elizabeth Tate the daughter of George Tate of Sunderland. John I was pipemaking in Gateshead by 1803 when their second son, also John, was born. Details of the first son are not known. A third son, Thomas Vaughan, was born in 1804 but died the following year. John I died in 1808.

At the same time there was another pipemaker of that name working in Gateshead. John Gallon II was possibly cousin to John I. He married Grace Potts who was born c1773 and died in 1801. It is known they had one daughter, Jane, who was born in 1796 and died in 1801. It is not known when John II died.⁽¹⁾

Robert Gallon I was probably brother to either John I or John II. He married Thomasine Scott⁽²⁾, who may have been the daughter of Newcastle pipemaker John Scott and Elizabeth Henderson. They had married at All Saints Church in Newcastle on 30th June 1765⁽³⁾. Robert was pipemaking in North Shields by 1806, and probably before 1801. However, family ties were strong enough for his daughters Jane, Sybill and Grace to be buried at St. Mary's in Gateshead in 1806 and 1808. Their other children included the future pipemakers Robert II, George and Gowan. It is not known when Robert II and Gowan were born, but George was born c1811⁽⁴⁾. Robert I had premises at Olive Street in North Shields by 1821⁽⁵⁾, and Thomasine was still there in 1855. She had taken over the business in 1847, suggesting that Robert I was dead by that date⁽⁶⁾.

Robert II was pipemaking in Market Place, North Shields by 1828⁽⁷⁾. He may have married Matilda Gallon who was pipemaking in 1841⁽⁸⁾. If so, Robert II was dead by then.

In 1855 Gowan Gallon lived in Clive Street, but had his business at "Pipemakers Bank" at the foot of Howard Street in North Shields. It seems probable that he worked for his mother taking over the business some time after 1855. It is not known when he died.

George Gallon married Jane Marwood of South Shields. They had three sons, Robert born 1835, John born 1837 and Matthew born 1839⁽⁹⁾. By 1839 he had moved to South Shields. The 1841 census records him pipemaking in Wapping Street, South Shields, where he probably

employed J. McGee, Michael Neary and John Burn, all aged 25 years. The future Durham City pipemaker, Robert Morton, then aged 13 years, may have been his apprentice. Ten years later George employed his son John as apprentice⁽¹⁰⁾ as well as McGee. He also employed Thomas Brothist as a horse groom. It is reputed that George owned a horse called "Diamond" which won a race on South Shields beach in 1848⁽¹⁰⁾. George probably died before 1890.

By 1859 his son John was living in South Shields but working as a pipemaker in North Shields, probably for his uncle Gowan. However, by 1890 until at least 1902 he was working at his father's premises in Union Lane, South Shields⁽¹¹⁾. It is not known when he ceased making clay tobacco pipes, but in 1937 an article in the *South Shields Gazette* described them as being in a ruinous state awaiting demolition. It was still possible to see the ovens in which the pipes were fired.

In 1964 the late J.E. Parsons wrote a paper, *The Archaeology of the Clay Tobacco Pipe in North East England*, published in *Archaeologia Aeliana*. It includes a photograph of one of George Gallon's pipemoulds.

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An epitaph in Sennen Churchyard, Cornwall:

Sacred to the memory of Mary, the beloved wife of Captain S. Sanderson, and fourth daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Wood of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was shipwrecked on the Breson, and afterwards perished while being drawn through the waves to the boat, January 12 185- [The last figure was obliterated]. "In the midst of life we are in death".

Despite the incomplete date, the death could probably be identified in the GRO Indexes, and the burial is presumably recorded in the Sennen Parish Register.

Taken from H.V. Morton's *In Search of England*.

IN NORTHUMBERLAND OR IN COUNTY DURHAM ?

A Trap for the Unwary

Did you know that the south bank of the River Tweed used to be in County Durham, which was a "Border County"?

Did you know that Norham Castle, that bastion of Border Wars, was a County Durham stronghold ?

Would you believe it, but Holy Island, the windswept wedge of land joined to the mainland only when the tide is out, was in County Durham, too ?

At Ancroft, one of my ancestors was buried in 1840. Ancroft was in County Durham. He now lies a'mouldering in the same grave, in Northumberland.

Confused? You may well be. The south bank of the Tweed, for a few miles at least, is in Northumberland. A glance at any map will prove that. Ancroft and Holy Island are in Northumberland, too. And Norham and its ruined fortifications.

You are quite right. They are all in Northumberland -now. But until 1844, they were all in County Durham. Parts of that county were "detached areas"-- separated from the rest of Durham and situated in part of what is now Northumberland. Unless you are aware of that, and bear it firmly in mind, your genealogical hunting could well take you to the wrong county!

Let the Reverend James Raine explain the position, as he did very adequately in the title to a great work of 1852 entitled *"History and Antiquities of North Durham as SubDivided into the Shires of Norham, Island and Bedlington which, from the Saxon Period until the Year 1844 constituted Parcels of the County Palatinate of Durham but are now united to the County of Northumberland."*

"In 1833 and 1834", we are told, "in consequence of inconvenience and grievances arising from the distance of North Durham from the county of which it formed a part, meetings were held by the inhabitants of Norham and Islandshire and petitions were presented to Parliament having for their object the annexation for civil purposes of the two shires to the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed. These petitions however failed of their wished-for effect but on 6th August 1844 (by Stat 7 and 8 Vict Cap 61) the two Districts, together with the detached parish of Bedlingtonshire, were annexed to and made parcel of the county of Northumberland and thus all reasonable grounds of complaint were removed."

So there we have it. The areas known as Norhamshire and Islandshire and -- further south Bedlingtonshire --were in County Durham.

In more detail, the parishes affected were Norham, Cornhill, Kyloe, Holy Island, Ancroft, Tweedmouth and Bedlington. The area known as Norhamshire comprised the parishes or townships of Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loan End, Longridge, Norham, Shoreswood, Thornton and Twizel. A little to the east, Islandshire took in Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe and Tweedmouth whilst further south Bedlingtonshire was made up of Bedlington itself, Cambois and North Blyth, Choppington, Netherton and East and West Sleekburn.

By the way, a small part of Belford parish -- the Ross area -- was in Durham too although most of the parish always was, as now, in Northumberland.

To complete the picture, there was also Craike, near Northallerton, in what is now north Yorkshire, but then, in Durham.

Reverend Raine mentioned the Act "7 and 8 Victoriae Cap 61." This was passed, as he says, on 6th August 1844 and it came into force on 20th October in that year. Its full title was an "Act to annex detached parts of counties to the counties in which they are situated" and it did not apply only to Durham but also to other similar areas throughout England. And, to be pedantic, Tweedmouth and Spittal did not change their status under this Act, but under a Municipal Corporations Act which made them part of the County and Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

What are the consequences of all of this for the family historian ?

In the main, the records are where you, as a modern researcher, would expect to find them. Record Offices and the like recognise the current position, so the parish registers and other similar documents for Norham, for Ancroft, for Cornhill, for Kyloe, for Tweedmouth, for Holy Island and for Bedlington, will be found in Northumberland Record Office, notwithstanding that when the registers were compiled -- until 1844 -- these areas were in Durham. The IGI too, recognises the modern position -- Norham and the others are on the Northumberland index [but see (2) below].

However, there are several situations where care might be needed. It is mainly a case of remaining alert to the position, being aware of the possibilities, and making sure that your searches are not in "wrong" places. Here are a few of the quirks; no doubt you may be able to think of others.

(1) Old documents -- especially wills and related records - - might well refer to a "wrong" (to the modern searcher) county e.g. "Norham in the County of Durham" or



Map of the Norhamshire and Islandshire section of North Durham taken from *The History and Antiquities of North Durham...* by Rev. J.R. Raine, published in 1852.

"Bedlington in the County of Durham." Your knowledge of local geography will help, but take care with smaller places, which may be less familiar. John Matthewson of Berwick, in his 1794 will, mentions his cousin Thomas Matthewson of "Unthank, County Durham". Beware of looking on a modern map of Durham for such a spot! Almost certainly, this is the Unthank a mile or two south of Tweedmouth, a good 60 miles north of "modern" Durham.

Take particular care with Grindon, which is in Norham parish and thus in "old" Durham; there are other Grindons -- in "modern" County Durham.

(2) Our Mormon friends have got it wrong by including Haggerston Castle Roman Catholic births 1786 to 1840 on the Durham IGI, instead of the Northumberland one.

(3) Early civil registration certificates i.e. those between 1837 and 1844, might well refer to a town or village as being in County Durham, when it is now in the more northerly county.

(4) The 1841 Census was taken three years before the 1844 changeover. You will remember it did not ask for a precise birthplace but simply whether the person was born in the county in which he or she now resided -- "Yes" (Y) or "No" (N). Imagine how a resident of Berwick, in Northumberland, would respond if he had been born just across the river Tweed in Tweedmouth or Spittal? He was born in what, to him, was a different county, Durham, so the answer to the enumerator would, or should, be "No". And that simple answer might well cause confusion in your mind -- you had thought he had lived in Northumberland all his life, and now he says he was not born in that county! But you should be sticking to your guns and seeking him in "modern" Northumberland! Certainly not in "modern" Durham. Beware! Don't take the "Y" or the "N" too literally.

By the next census year, 1851, the anomaly had gone. All the detached bits of "North Durham" were by then in Northumberland, so there shouldn't be a problem, especially as great grandpa was asked in that census to state the place and not just whether he was born in the county.

(5) Administration of local justice was in the hands of the Quarter Sessions, but it was the Durham Sessions, and not those for Northumberland or Newcastle, which handled crime and other topics in "North Durham." So, you will not find out about the misdeeds of your 18th century Norham ancestor by looking in the records of Northumberland Sessions. The relevant records are in Durham Record Office, and not Northumberland. The Quarter Sessions had many other responsibilities too, covering highways, licensing and much more and the Durham Record Office catalogues show "North Durham" items such as the 1796 "Return of Farmers near the Sea Coast" for Bedlingtonshire (a list prepared because of fear of possible invasion) -- ref Q/D/LM 51 -- and Returns of

NonConformist chapels for Bedlingtonshire, Norhamshire and Islandshire -- references Q/R/RM/11 to 13.

Some Land Tax Returns are also held at Durham Record Office, covering parts of Norham and Islandshire for 1759-64, 1769, 1770, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1822, 1824 and 1826-28 whilst there are Bedlington returns for 1759, 1789, 1795, 1798, 1810-14, 1817, 1823 and 1826-28.

(6) The Halmote Court records -- land records of the Bishop of Durham are held by Durham University Library and they include "North Durham."

(7) The Public Record Office's holdings of Tithe Maps for "North Durham" are, in the main, included with those for Durham. However, the local holdings for the detached areas are now at Northumberland Record Office. Have a look at the article in the Spring 1998 NDFHS *Journal* for more details.

Confusing, isn't it? Perhaps our descendants 150 years hence will be equally confused by the events of 1974, which moved bits of County Durham and of Northumberland into the new ersatz county of "Tyne and Wear", switched parts of Durham and Yorkshire into the new "Cleveland", and transferred other Yorkshire areas into Durham. They didn't think of future genealogists in 1844 or in 1974!

UNEXPECTED FIND!

by F. Stewart Hindmarsh

One would expect to find the record of a 1772 marriage in the parish register covering that particular period - not necessarily so!

The following entry appears in the Middleton in Teesdale marriage register for the period 1654 to 1680:

The banns of marriage between Richd Robinson and Elizabeth Nicholson both of this parish were published in this church on the 19th & 26th July and Aug 2 1772

by John Hogarth

The above Richard Robinson & Elizabeth Nicholson were married in this church by Banns this 16th August 1772

by John Hogarth

This marriage was solemnized between us

Richard Robinson

Eliz Nicholson's mark

In the presence of us

Thos Bainbrigg

Joseph Dent

N.B. The reason of the marriage being here inserted is the other Register being at Durham on Act of the Law Suit relating to the Charity School.

John Hogarth Curate

TRANSPORTATIONS TO AMERICA FROM NEWCASTLE QUARTER SESSIONS 1744-1777

Extracted and transcribed by Fred and Moira Furness

AGAN Edward	Stealing a pair of men's worsted stockings	16 July 1766
ALEXANDER Ann	Stealing 10s in half pence	11 Jan 1764
ANDERSON Ann w.o. Michl.	Stealing a linen handkerchief	11 July 1759
ANDERSON Christian	Stealing 1 linen shirt	10 Mar 1745/6
ANDERSON Jane w.o. Andrew	Stealing 1 silver teaspoon 1 case knife, 3 tea cups & 3 saucers	5 Apr 1758
ANDERSON Margaret	Stealing 1 silver teaspoon 1 case knife, 3 tea cups & 3 saucers	5 Apr 1758
ATKINSON Elizabeth	Stealing 2 double woollen blankets	16 Jan 1751
ATKINSON Jane w.o. John	Stealing a silver tankard	11 July 1759
BAXTER Elizabeth Widow	Stealing 2 webbs of linen cloth	7 Oct 1761
BLASH Elizabeth	Stealing 1 white linnen apron	11 Jan 1749
BRASH? Alice (Widow)	Stealing 9 yds pink & white silk ribbons, 12 yds blue satton ribbon, 14 yards pink satton ribbon & 5 yards of lawn	11 Jan 1749
BRISCOE Elizabeth	Stealing 1 man's half & 1 red & white spotted silk handkerchief	14 Jan 1756
BROWELL Eleanor w.o. Stephen	Stealing 2 silver snuff boxes, 1 pair of silver buckles & 2 pair of silver buttons	5 Apr 1758
BURN Mary	Stealing 2 women's gowns, 2 pairs of worsted stockings, 2 pair of womens shift sleeves, 2 woman's cap, 2 white aprons, 1 red & 1 white handkerchief & 1 shift	14 July 1756
CLARKE Elizabeth	Petit Larceny	10 Jan 1759
COATS Elizabeth	Stealing 2 china cups & 2 china saucers	12 July 1758
COCKBURN Eleanor w.o. William	Stealing 2 woman's horsehair hatts	12 July 1758
CRAFTS Jane See MILN Jane		
CRAWFORD Barbara	Stealing a pair of Clark leather shoes	20 Jan 1748
CROKER Thomas	Stealing 5 rye	11 Jan 1769
CRUMMEY Ann	Obtaining by false pretences, silk handkerchief & short cloak	14 Jan 1767
CUDMORE Jane	Stealing 10 shillings of silver & 20 half pennies	2 May 1764
CURRY Mary w.o. Michael	Stealing woollen purse, half guinea & 23 shillings	15 Jan 1755
CUTHBERT Matthew	Stealing 1 silver pint mugg	17 July 1751
DAND Eliz. See MILLER Eliz.		
DAWSON Andrew	Stealing red pocket book & several pairs of gloves	29 Apr 1767
DIXON John	Stealing three glass quart bottles & three quarts of liquor	8 Oct 1766
DOWDON Elizabeth w.o. James	Stealing 1 white linnen shirt	13 Oct 1756
DRAPE Thomas or DRAPER	Stealing 1 piece of gold coin & a canvas bag	26 Apr 1775
DUN(N) William	Stealing 2 pewter quart posts & 1 three gill pewter pott	16 Jan 1751
ENGLISH Jane	Stealing a scarlet cloak & silk handkerchief	25 Apr 1759
FARGUSON Elizabeth	Stealing 1 linnen apron, 2 white linnen capps & pair of bodies	11 Jan 1749
FARGUSON Robert	Stealing a spotted silk handkerchief	7 Oct 1767
FERGUSON Isabella	Stealing four linnen caps, 1 white handkerchief & 1 ribbon etc	12 July 1758
FLEMING John	Stealing 1 leather bridle	15 Jan 1755
FOOT Margaret	Stealing a canvas purse & six 3-? pieces	9 Oct 1765
FORSTER Ann See THOMPSON Ann		

FORSTER Robert	Stealing 1 pound weight of Indigo	5 Apr 1758
FORSYTH Ann w.o. James	Stealing 1 webb of linnen cloth	13 Oct 1756
GARDINER Ann	Stealing 1 piece of silver coin (a shilling)	14 July 1756
GIBSON Isabell	Stealing three bushels of coals	20 Jan 1773
GILES Mary w.o. William	Stealing a tea chest, 2 silver spoons & a gown	14 Jan 1767
GREENWATER Margery	Stealing four yards of linnen cloth	12 July 1758
GREY Ann w.o. James	Stealing 1 linnen handkerchief & pair of stockings	16 Jan 1751
GREY Elizabeth	Stealing a webb of linnen cloth	25 Apr 1759
HALL Mary w.o. John	Stealing 9 yds pink & white silk ribbons, 12 yds blue satton ribbon, 14 yards pink satton ribbon & 5 yards of lawn	9 Apr 1755
HALL William	Stealing 2 pieces of bead lace	13 Apr 1768
HART Elizabeth	Stealing a pair of shoes	9 Oct 1771
HART Margaret	Stealing a brown camblet gown	15 July 1772
HEDLEY Jacob	Stealing a pair of men's shoes	13 Apr 1768
HENDRY Margaret	Stealing a linnen apron	22 Jan 1772
HETHERINGTON John	Stealing a pair of stockings	9 Oct 1771
HILLS Durham	Stealing printed book called Milton's Paradise Lost	15 Jan 1752
HOGG John	Stealing a pair of woman's shoes	13 Apr 1768
HORN William	Stealing a wooden box	8 Oct 1766
HUNTER Martha	Stealing a pair of jersey stockings	11 July 1759
HUNTER William	Stealing 2 pair leather breeches, 2 striped linnen shirts, 1 blue & white linnen handkerchief & several other things	16 July 1755
HUNTLEY Susannah	Stealing a linnen apron	22 Jan 1772
INNIS Ann	Petty Larceny	20 Jan 1773
KENNEDY Isabell	Stealing a muslin Apron	3 Oct 1759
LAING Isabell	Stealing a pair of stays	8 Oct 1766
LAVERICK Walter	Stealing 1 cloth waistcoat	11 Jan 1758
LAWSON John	Stealing a waistcoat & handkerchief	20 Jan 1773
LIDDELL Ralph	Stealing a leather pouch & 2 half guineas	14 Jan 1767
LITHGOE Mary w.o. John	Stealing 20 yards of black silk	5 Oct 1763
MACKENZIE Charles	Stealing a coat, waistcoat & breeches	4 Oct 1769
MANNERS Ann w.o. John	Stealing 1 silver watch	13 Oct 1756
MARSHALL Wm.	Stealing a quarter of mutton	25 Apr 1770
MATTHEWS Edward	Stealing 2 pairs breeches & pair of shoes	9 Oct 1751
MIDDLEMAS Nathaniel	Stealing a pint silver shan?	9 Oct 1765
MILLER Eliz. or Eliz. DAND	Stealing of Tow cloth 14 Jan 1761	
MILN Jane or CRAFTS	Stealing a silver tablespoon & a silver cardinal ect.	13 July 1768
NEAL John	Stealing ten handkerchiefs	15 Jan 1766
NEAL Robt.	Stealing ten handkerchiefs	15 Jan 1766
NETHEREY Catherine w.o. David	Stealing pair silver sleeve buttons, half woollen blankett & half harn sheet	14 July 1756
NIXON Jane	Petit Larceny	25 Apr 1759
OGLE Mary	Stealing a cotton apron	9 Oct 1765
OLIVER Sarah	Stealing great quantities of goods	14 Jan 1756
ORD Ann	Obtaining 11 yds panted cotton by false pretences	8 Oct 1766
PAUL Aaron	Stealing 1 yellow & red Handkerchief	11 Jan 1749
PETTETT William	Stealing 1 woman's linnen cap	11 Jan 1758
PYEBURN(E) Mary	Stealing a linnen apron & a silk handkerchief	13 Jan 1762
RALSON John or RAILSON	Stealing a pair of shoes	14 Jan 1767
RICHARDSON Sarah *	Stealing 2 linnen smocks & other goods	16 Jan 1744/5
ROBINSON Jane see SMITH Jane		
ROBSON John	Stealing 1 wood shovel	5 Apr 1758
ROBSON Mary	Stealing a capuchin	3 Oct 1759
SANDERSON Edward	Knowingly obtaining goods & monies by false pretences with intent to cheat	5 Oct 1774
SCOTT Eleanor	Stealing 1 handkerchief & 2 caps	10 Jan 1759
SHARP Jane	Stealing a half wide coat	13 Jan 1762
SHAW Ann w.o. John	Stealing 1 copper pan & 1 pair of candle snuffers	9 Apr 1755

SIDEY Jane	Petit Larceny	20 Jan 1773
SMITH Jane or ROBINSON w.o. George	Stealing 2 webbs of linen cloth	7 Oct 1761
SMITH Maisy w.o. Alexr.	Stealing 4 silk handkerchiefs	12 July 1758
SMITH Margaret w.o. Robt.	Stealing four pieces of checked linnen	25 Apr 1759
STEPHENSON Margaret	Stealing a leg of mutton	29 Apr 1767
THOMPSON Ann	Stealing 1 black satin capuchin & 1 black satten bonnett	14 July 1756
THOMPSON Ann als FORSTER	Stealing three silk handkerchiefs	10 Jan 1759
THOMPSON Ephraim	Stealing four shillings	9 Oct 1771
TIFFIN Ann w.o. Timothy	Stealing a gold ring	15 Jan 1766
TINDALE William	Stealing 20 snuff boxes & ten tobacco boxes	19 Jan 1763
TROOP Isabella	Stealing a piece of silver coin (Shilling) & a woman's pocket	12 July 1758
TROTTER Ann w.o. Richard	Stealing 2 pieces of linnen	25 Apr 1750
TURNBULL Hannah Widow	Stealing four blue & white checked linnen handkerchiefs	9 Apr 1755
WALKER Robert	Stealing a pair of boots	5 Apr 1769
WALLIS Jane	Stealing 1 wood box, 1 coat, 1 waistcoat, 1 pair of breeches, five shirts & five pair of stockings	14 Jan 1756
WALLIS Jane **	Stealing 2 gallons of Geneva	10 Mar 1746
WALLIS Thos.	Obtaining goods, by false pretences	15 Jan 1766
WATERS Ann w.o. William	Stealing three pairs of boy's yarn stockings & 1 pair of men's worsted stockings	16 July 1766
WATERS Wm.	Stealing a pair of boy's black yarn stockings	16 July 1766
WATSON Thomas	Stealing three pair of shoes & 2 pair of pumps	13 July 1763
WEATHERBURN John	Stealing sixty half pennys	9 Oct 1771
WELCH Charles	Stealing a flannel waistcoat	13 July 1768
WHEATLEY Mary w.o. John	Stealing 2 remnants of claret coloured woollen cloth	8 Oct 1766
WHITELOCK John	Stealing ten shillings of lawful money	11 Jan 1758
WILSON Andrew	Stealing 2 shillings & a psalm book	20 Jan 1773
WILSON Elizabeth	Stealing an iron yetling	9 Oct 1771
WILSON James	Stealing 1 cloth apron, 1 holand apron & 1 cloth napkin	17 July 1751
WILSON James (Keelman)	Stealing 2 shillings	20 Jan 1773

ALL TRANSPORTED TO AMERICA FOR 7 YEARS (Except * Sarah RICHARDSON transported for 3 years)

** Jane Wallis given option of whipping or transportation.

USUAL WORDING: Ordered to be sent as soon as convenient to His Majesty's Colonies & Plantations in America for seven years. Any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this Town & County appointed to contract with any person for the performance of the Transportation & security of all the said offenders. The offenders to be handed over to the contractor or his assigns for a contract of seven years. The gaoler of the Town & County is to keep the offenders in safe custody until delivered to the contractors.

Extracted by M. Furness from Newcastle Quarter Session Index 1744-1777.

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ELIXIR OF LIFE?

The following extract is taken from M.A. Richardson's *The Local Historian's Table Book* for the year 1798.

January - Died, in Sandgate, Newcastle, Mr James Palmer, a celebrated vendor of *nostrums* and *quack medicines*, known by the name of Doctor Palmer. He was 100 years

of age, and for the last 30 years of his life, he was so far from adhering to the rules generally esteemed essential to the preservation of health, that he seldom went to bed sober. He served as a private soldier in the royal army, in the year 1715, and at the age of 73, with only five shillings in his pocket, walked from Newcastle to London, and back again, in the short space of eleven days, one of which he spent in the metropolis.

KNOW YOUR PARISH - HAYDON BRIDGE

by W. Veitch

The village of Haydon Bridge is situated on both the north and south banks of the River South Tyne, with the two sections being united by an ancient bridge. The first mention of a bridge was in 1296 so it has been an important river crossing for at least 700 years. The early bridges were of wood and were toll bridges which could be chained and locked. In more recent times the bridge had a chequered existence in that:

1771 it collapsed during the great flood.

1772 part of it was swept away whilst being rebuilt.

1805 a span of the bridge collapsed.

1815 two arches were swept away.

The old bridge is now pedestrianised having been replaced by a modern construction.



Old Haydon Bridge and Village

Unlike many other villages Haydon Bridge has no village green or market place although a market was held there in ancient times. The busy A69 road runs through the centre of the village but the first road in the parish was the Roman Stanegate.

Haydon Bridge would appear to have been established in the early 14th Century having been preceded by the old village of Haydon about a mile to the north of the present one. Certainly only the old village was quoted in the Lay Subsidy Roll of 1296 but the accounts of the Lord of the Manor, Thomas de Lucy, stated in 1367 that he had property in both Haydon and Haydon Bridge. Langley Castle was built by Sir Thomas de Lucy circa 1350. It was later bought by the Radcliffes, Earls of Derwentwater in 1632, and eventually forfeited due to their adherence to the Jacobite cause. The population of Haydon Bridge in 1801 was 1084 but by 1851 it had risen to 2085 where it has remained relatively static until very recent times.

Haydon Bridge was essentially a rural community but lead mines were established at Honeycrook in 1871 and Settlingstones in 1790 although this latter mine was later abandoned before being re-opened in 1833. Langley Smelt Mills were long established, particularly under the management of the Mulcaster family. Dodsworth Iron

Foundry was established in 1843. Sadly these are now all long gone. Coal mining, particularly on a small scale, has also taken place but again none remain. The Newcastle to Carlisle Railway reached Haydon Bridge in 1836.

The Loyal Haydon Lodge (No 2046) of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was established in 1852 and the Oddfellows Hall was erected in 1869. The Lodge no longer exists and the Hall is now a restaurant and guest house. There previously existed a Reading Room which was built in 1841. This is now private housing. The village has the usual multifarious activities among which are the long established Football Club, the Cricket Club which is over 130 years old, a Pack of Foxhounds (The Haydon Hunt), a Scout Group etc. It also boasted a Silver Band which has gone through hard times.

The Shaftoe Trust School was endowed by a legacy from John Shaftoe, the Vicar of Warden, in 1697. He left the rents from property to build and run his 'Grammar School'. In 1962 the Technical School, which later became Haydon Bridge High School, was opened, specialising in agriculture. The Shaftoe Trust School is now a First School only. Other schools were also erected within the parish at Grindon in 1836 and Deanraw in 1852. These two schools no longer exist although the buildings remain. The Shaftoe Trust also built 20 almshouses alongside the school in 1810.

There have always been an appreciable number of 'Inns' in the village e.g.

	1880	1828
Anchor Inn*	Geo Weatherald	John Johnson
Black Bull,	Tho. Thirlwell	Jos. Oliver
Cartsbog *	William Robson	-
General Havelock*	Anthony Hunter	-
Railway Hotel*	Fred. Steward	-
Scotch Arms	Job Waugh	Will. Pearson
Waterhouse	John Cowing	Nich. Maughan
Wheatsheaf	Cath. Cowing	-

*These still exist today together with the Haydon Hotel and a Working Mens' Club.

The Old Church of Haydon stands in its burial ground on the hillside, one mile north of Haydon Bridge. There are no houses alongside it. It is believed to have been built circa 1190 and certainly existed in 1256 when the Lord of Langley closed a reputed right of way to the Church. Until 1536 it was the property of the Priory of Hexham and became a Chapel of Ease for the Mother Church of Warden. The nave and western end were demolished to provide stone for the new church, dedicated to St Cuthbert, which was built in the centre of the village in 1796. The Old Church was in a sorry state of repair for

many years until restored in 1883 at a cost of £500. The present Old Church building is the Chancel of the original church.

In addition to the Anglican Church there were also the Independents (later the Congregational Chapel) which was erected in 1818 and replaced in 1863; the Wesleyan Chapel built in 1874 at a cost of £900; the United Methodist Free Church built in 1856 at a cost of £200, and the St John of Beverley Catholic Church built in 1873



The 'old' church of Haydon Bridge

The parish registers begin in 1654 and in the first 30 years the most common names are Maughan, Robson, Henderson, Parker, Stokoe and Armstrong. The name Maughan had been mentioned in connection with the village as long ago as 1296. There are four separate burial grounds within the village. It's a lot of Inns and places of worship for a population of only 2000.

The most famous, or notorious, family associated with Haydon Bridge were probably the Martins. The best known of these was John, the painter, whose large scale works now fetch appreciable sums of money but the most infamous was his brother Jonathon who set fire to York Minster.

The little village, nestling in the South Tyne Valley, is now subjected to a constant stream of traffic on the very busy A69 road and, being within commuting distance of Newcastle is becoming more and more a dormitory village. The shape and form of the village, like many others, is steadily changing.

What of the records of the parish? Northumberland record office has:

Parish Registers (reference EP 90) -

Baptisms 1654 to 1908; marriages 1655 to 1653, 1688,

1695 to 1742, 1743 to 1754, 1788 to 1793 and 1797 to 1953; burials 1654 to 1903; and banns of marriage 1823 to 1914.

Non-conformist registers of -

Haydon Bridge Congregational baptisms March 1817 to 1987.

Haydon Bridge Elmfield Methodist baptisms 1942 to 1950.

St John of Beverley Catholic baptisms March 1875 to 1944 (closed to public search from 1920)

List of parish Roll of Honour 1914-18 and 1930-45 (EP 90/43)

Miscellaneous items held at Northumberland Record Office include -

Minute books of Shaftoe Trust County First School from 1915.

A block plan of the Black Bull 1898.

An inventory of furniture and effects of Mrs Foreman, "The Craggs" 1895.

Papers re Shaftoe Charity.

Deeds of Scotch Arms 1718-1962 (NRO 605/1).

Deeds of Anchor Inn (NRO 463/20-29).

List of subscribers to the Lord Lieutenant's Fund for Reservists & Militia Families, Haydon Bridge Centre.



St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Haydon Bridge

Northumberland and Durham Family History Society has a transcript of the parish registers at Bolbec Hall, which is available on microfiche (baptisms & marriages 1654-1900, burials 1654-1991), price £4.50 from Mr Neil Richardson, 12 Banbury Way, South Beach Estate, Blyth, Northumberland NE24 3TY. The 1851 Census of Haydon Bridge is on microfiche CN17, also available from Neil Richardson, price £1.50

WESTGARTH FORSTER - LEAD MINER & GEOLOGIST

by G.R. Forster and R.M. Henry

In 1809 Westgarth Forster Jr published his *'Treatise on a section of the Strata from Newcastle upon Tyne to Cross Fell'*. It was an important, possibly pioneering, work by a young lead mine agent whose name also appears in the Beaumont-Blackett records as a working miner. Forster revised his work in a second edition (1821). Forty eight years after his death a third edition (1883), revised and corrected by the Rev. W. Nall, was published. It included a biographical memoir of Forster and his family history. Unfortunately this memoir contains so many errors that we, both indirect descendants, would like to correct the record and particularly the opinion that Forster and his father's advancement was accomplished by the influence of aristocratic forebears. Nall also comes in for criticism from William Wallace who comments that his paper in the Transactions of the Cumberland & Westmorland Society of Antiquaries is very erroneous and misleading as a history of mining in the Alston Moors.

The knowledge of Westgarth Forster's ancestry that we have been able to discover goes back two generations to the marriage of his grandfather, George Forster of Mire Meadows (near Whitley Chapel) to Mary Westgarth of Jefferies Rake, Hunstanworth on October 28th 1736. This marriage was recorded in both the Hunstanworth and Hexham registers and the marriage bond survives. Also from Jefferies Rake in 1735 a Hannah Westgarth married Emmanuel Palfreyman. At first, these marriages, possibly of two sisters, seemed to be the only Westgarth records for Hunstanworth although the name is common in Stanhope not far away. But luckily searching in the Quaker records showed the presence of a single Westgarth family at the time at the same location Jefferies or Jefferies Rake. Thomas Westgarth (of Jefferies) had married Elizabeth Keenleyside (daughter of a lead mine agent) in 1731. They produced a family of four surviving children. Thomas was employed by the (Quaker) London Lead Co., since payments to him are mentioned in Raistrick's *History of Lead Mining in the Pennines*, and he went on to become the Company's chief agent in the North. On 1st September 1748 he was appointed to the Corporation but sadly died later in the same month.

Thomas Westgarth's son, William (1735 - 1776), was almost certainly the William Westgarth who rose from a junior lead mine agent at Nenthead to become the Beaumont-Blackett Co.'s agent at Coalcleugh in 1763. This William also achieved prestige by the award of a prize by the Royal Society for Arts in 1769 for his invention and development of the hydraulic engine. This raised water from below the level driven for drainage and access. It was powered by surface water falling into the mine again leaving by the drainage level. The Admon granted to Thomas Westgarth's widow shows his estate to

have been valued at about £2000 and doubtless his son William was worth more than a bob or two! The relevance of this to the Westgarth Forster's will be shown presently.

Going back to 1736 it would seem that non-Quakers's Hannah and Mary Westgarth had been living with Thomas Westgarth and family, since the earliest map examined (Armstrong 1769) shows only one dwelling house though there must have been a number of miners cottages judging from entries of many Jefferies families in the Hunstanworth registers at that time. The fact that George and Mary Forster christened their first son Westgarth (1738) would imply an indebtedness or gratitude to the Westgarth family. Despite a lot of effort we have been unable to trace the parents of Mary Westgarth with any certainty. George may have moved around since the baptism entry describes him as of Dalton with Linnells in brackets, But for all later entries. George was described as of Jefferies until his death in 1753, so he may have taken over some duties at the mine after Thomas Westgarth moved, probably first to Blanchland and later to Ridinge (Allendale parish). Unfortunately we have been unable to trace the whereabouts of Raistrick's folio volume of the London Lead Co.'s accounts for the period which might possibly show payments to George. It is a curious anomaly that part of the parish of Hunstanworth including the Jefferies Rake area is included in the manor of Blanchland (over the river Derwent which is the county border). This manor was administered by the trustees of Lord Crewe and the account books (NCRO) show Thomas Westgarth paying a rent in 1735 and George Forster for 1750-53. Unfortunately the accounts only provide a patchy record. So the house at Jefferies Rake described by Nall as a Forster family mansion was simply a rented home possibly tied to the employment.

Westgarth Forster Sr (W.F.I) would have been fifteen when his father died in 1753; his mother would probably not have wanted or been able to stay on in the exposed high ground of Jefferies. She may have been the Mary Forster who died in 1765 (Alston register). From the Admon granted to Mary, George's estate was not over £60, the guarantors of the deed were both Quaker's living in the Allendale area. It seems likely that some of the Westgarth money which must have been passed to Thomas's widow Elizabeth may have been used to help W.F.I since, surprisingly, he was able to describe himself as a gentleman, resident at Coalcleugh at the time of his marriage at Durham in 1766. Two years later he paid £540 for the lease of Ivy House in Garrigill. One may reasonably deduce that he had been tutored and trained by Thomas Westgarth's son William who was by then shown in residence at Coalcleugh in the house provided for the agent. His home is marked on Armstrong's 1769 map.

William's support for W.F.I is shown in a letter in the Beaumont-Blackett records for 1771 who after he had been complaining of ill health was recommended by the mine owner to engage W.F.I as an assistant "the young man of whom you gave a good account".

In 1772 Westgarth Forster Jr (W.F.II) was baptised at Garrigill, a record amazingly not found by Nall who lived nearby at Alston. W.F.I became Second Agent at Coalcleugh in 1774 and later moved to Allenheads. William Westgarth died in 1776. Unfortunately no will or Admon has been traced. It is difficult to deduce from the records exactly who was Chief Second and Third Agent. There seems to have been a fairly rapid turnover in this occupation; not really surprising since they would probably have begun their experience working underground in what we now know to be most unhealthy conditions.

W.F.II is named in bargains for both Wolfcleugh in 1786, when he would have been 14, and at various times over the next three years. In 1787 he was also helping to supply candles. In the 1790's W.F.I was often in the bad books of the chief agent. In one case he had allowed his younger brother Thomas to set up as an innkeeper in Allenheads where the Company had always permitted only one Inn whose keeper was strictly controlled (to prevent the miners and smelters from drinking to excess). However the faults of his father did not seem to have mitigated against W.F.II who in 1795 was offered the post of Second Agent at Coalcleugh. The mine owner agreed with his chief agent's recommendation provided that he was "attentive and steady and attends to what Mr. Dickenson directs". In the same letter Col. Beaumont complains about the amount of unnecessary money laid out by W.F.I who died in 1797 with his finances in confusion. Eventually his widow and sons George and W.F.II were compelled to enter into a bond until the debt to Col. Beaumont was settled.

W.F.II seems to have continued at Coalcleugh until 1805 when the management of the mine was reorganised. Then together with John Crawhall at Allenheads, W.F.II and John Dickinson Jr at Coalcleugh were made redundant. This was at a time when demand was temporarily buoyant and the owners were looking to re-organise and bring in fresh expertise from other mine-fields.

All three came from families long associated with lead mining so it is probable that falling profits from the mines rather than personal failure led to the loss of their jobs. But it was thanks to the kindness of the Quaker Westgarth family that Westgarth Forsters, father and son, had achieved jobs originally.

For NDFHS members who have a copy of the 3rd edition of "Strata" we have made a list of the errors by Nall that we can verify. To any one interested in details of the history of the lead mines the letter books at NCRO contain a wealth of wonderful material. You will not however

find one fascinating story. John Blackett the chief agent whose letters have been quoted, had a beautiful daughter; she married a naval officer who rose to become Admiral Collingwood. At a court reception Lady Collingwood is supposed to have swept passed Diana Beaumont (joint mine owner) without apparent recognition with the result that she dismissed her chief agent at the first opportunity.

We would like to thank Mrs. Jean Bradshaw and Mrs Constance Cockwill for information.

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Editor's note: Mr. Forster can provide a complete list of the errors in Nall's biographical memoir and further family history details. His address is: Staddon Cottage, Staddon Heights, Plymstock, Plymouth. PL9 9SP

From the Birth Registers of the British Consul, Caracas, Venezuela.

7 August 1940 at Clinica Cordoba, Caracas - Rodney Colin, son of Frederick Hulsmeier and Edith Mary formerly Thompson. Father British subject by birth, born at Sunderland. Information supplied by father, employee of [unreadable] Grande Oil Company, Caracas.

DIRECTORIES FOR NORTH-EAST ENGLAND

Part 2: 1800 - 1849

by Adam Bunting

Update

I should like to thank those readers who responded to the appeal for information in my first article (*Journal*, Spring 1998, Vol. 23 p. 26). It seems that the list of 18th century directories with North-East coverage is complete as published. As a result of one member's kind efforts, I have learnt that the Guildhall Library's copy of *Bailey's Northern Directory* (1781) has some 200 Newcastle entries, with significant listings also for Sunderland (150), Berwick (50), and Durham (45), with smaller amounts for the Shields and elsewhere. It would be a tremendous help if a member with access either to Guildhall or Rochdale Libraries could find the time to make a full alphabetical list of the North-East entries, for placement in Bolbec Hall and other repositories.

1800 - 1849: Introduction

I believe that the list which follows is not complete. Pigot & Co. in particular published directories in county sections as well as in regional editions, not always in the same year, so it is not easy to have a clear picture of just how many different editions of the same Pigot's Directory were published. I shall welcome corrections and additions as before, whether for Pigot or any other directory that came out in this period.

Most directories in the first part of the 19th century were still trades-orientated. The best overall were undoubtedly those of Pigot and Co. whose great series of Directories dominated the scene for thirty years from the appearance of the first in 1814, (which covered certain cities in the North-West). The very first edition to appear in our region, *The Commercial Directory of Scotland, Ireland & The Four most Northern Counties of England for 1820-21*, is available only at the British Library, Manchester Library, and the College of Arms, as far as I know. Fortunately, Newcastle Library has the only publicly available copy of the second edition (1821).

The general pattern for Pigot was to publish a fresh directory for a region every seven or so years, with intermediate editions that often merely gave the same information, but arranged differently, perhaps with different groupings of counties, for example. The listings were obtained by Pigot himself, or a member of his small team of canvassers, one or two of whom (e.g. Parson & White), later became publishers of directories also. In 1839 Pigot was joined in partnership by an engraver, Isaac Slater, who took over the business when Pigot died in 1843. In the meantime Pigot had abandoned the Home Counties in the face of competition from Kelly,

and concentrated on the northern half of the country, where Slater continued to publish directories until 1855.

A special mention should also be made of William White and his associate, William Parson. Parson, who had worked with Pigot, started to produce directories independently from his Manchester base in collaboration with Thomas Bradshaw, father of the originator of Bradshaw's Railway Guides. In about 1820 Parson was joined by a Newcastle publisher, William White, who first helped Parson with the directory section of Baine's *History of Yorkshire* (1822). White appears to have persuaded Parson to move North, and the first of the Parson & White's Series, their *Durham & Northumberland* (1827), covering the region's major towns, was published from an office off Pilgrim Street, Newcastle. This Directory is widely available and seems to have been very popular at the time, perhaps because its handy size made it easily portable for travellers. It was followed in 1828 by a further volume which extended its coverage into the more rural areas. Its arrangement, by parish, makes it rather difficult to search when one knows only the name of the person being sought. It was however the first of our directories to cover virtually every one of the rural parishes, and is an invaluable source for that difficult pre- census period of the late 1820's. It would be a lengthy but valuable task to place every name in the two volumes of Parson & White on an alphabetical database, for its diminutive size makes it difficult, if not impossible, to reproduce in 'fiche or microfilm.

In the list of directories which follows, I have indicated repositories where copies of rarer directories can be found. This list of repositories is not intended to be complete.

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DRO = Durham Record Office; NCL = Newcastle Central Library; NRO = Northumberland Record Office; TWA = Tyne & Wear Archives.

1800 *Bisset's Grand National Directory...* by James Bisset; one known copy at Birmingham Library; 30 towns included; are any of them in our region? More information, please.

1801 *The Directory for ... 1801 of ... Newcastle, Gateshead & places adjacent.* NCL, also British and Guildhall Libraries.

1805 Holden *Triennial Directory for 1805, 1806 & 1807.* Has lists for Berwick, Newcastle and Sunderland.

Birmingham, Guildhall and Manchester. Fiche by N V Hall & G Kingsley, available at Bolbec Hall.

1806 Good *A Directory & concise History of Berwick-on-Tweed ... (&) Farmsteads twelve miles around*. This rare directory has been reproduced in fiche form by Northumberland Record Office.

1811 MacKenzie & Dent *Mackenzie & Dent's Triennial Directory for Newcastle* (includes Gateshead), NCL.

1820 Pigot & Co. *The Commercial Directory of Scotland, Ireland & the four most northern Counties of England for 1820-21*. British Library, Manchester and College of Arms.

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1824 Humble *A General Directory for Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead, and places adjacent*. TWA.

1827 Parson & White *History, Directory & Gazetteer of ... Durham & Northumberland ... and Berwick-upon-Tweed*. Covers major towns in the two counties. Available in large libraries throughout the region.

1828 Parson & White *History, Directory & Gazetteer ... 1828*. Covers villages in the two counties, and has supplements to the 1827 coverage. Widely available.

1828 Pigot & Co. *Pigot & Co.'s Directory for 1828-9*. Pages 149-206 cover towns in Durham, 565-624 Northumberland, out of 16 counties and North Wales. There is no copy of the complete directory in the North-East. However, it was also published in parts. Newcastle Library has a copy of the edition that included our region's two counties with Cumberland, Westmorland & Yorks. The Northumberland section was reprinted by Keenly Press in 1978. North Fiche has since fished the Northumberland section.

1833 Ihler, A *A Directory of Newcastle, Gateshead & their suburbs*. NRO, NCL.

1834 Pigot & Co. *Pigot & Co.'s National Commercial Directory...* A new edition covering the Northern Counties, can be found in various compilations.

1837 Pigot & Co. *Pigotts Directory of Berwick and Berwickshire*. Fiche available at Bolbec Hall.

1838 Richardson, M *A Directory of Newcastle & Gateshead for 1838*. NCL, TWA, Gateshead Library.

1839 Richardson, M *A Supplement to Richardson's Directory* - usually found bound with the 1838 edition.

1840 Robson, W *Robson's Commercial Directory of London and the Counties of ... Durham*. Copies at Halifax, National Library of Wales, and Warrington. Includes a number of northern counties, but not Northumberland. More information, please.

1841 Robson, W *Robson's Directory for Northumberland*. I have a note of one copy at NRO. This is not listed in Norton's book and may be very rare.

1844 Williams, J. *Williams's Commercial Directory of Newcastle, North & South Shields, Sunderland ...* NCL, Sunderland.

1845 White, Thomas *White's Directory ... for 1845 ... for Durham*. White was succeeded in 1846 by George Walker and an annual Directory for the City of Durham was published from this year. The only known copy of White is at Durham University Library. Walker is available at the University Library and Durham Record Office.

1846 Walker, G *The Durham Directory & Almanach for 1846*.

1847 White, F & Co. *A General Directory ... of Newcastle upon Tyne & Gateshead* Has been published in fiche by North Fiche.

1847 White, F & Co. as above, with places in Northumberland. A third edition in the same year included North Yorks.

1848 Slater *Slater's (late Pigot & Co.) Directory of (7 Northern Counties)*. Available only at British Museum and Guildhall Libraries according to Norton. More information, please. Norton notes that there must be a completely lost edition of Slater (or Pigot) that came out between 1834 and 1848 of which no copy has been found. North Fiche has fished the Northumberland section.

Walker's *Durham City Directory* was the only other one published in 1848, also 1849; unless you are able to advise otherwise!

WHAT A WEEK!

12th May 1810. Tuesday sennight at Morpeth, much respected, Mrs Sarah Swan, widow of Mr Richard Swan, formerly a butcher in Morpeth, aged 84 years.

19th May 1810. Sunday sennight at Morpeth, Mr Robert Swan, butcher, aged 44 years; and on the same evening, suddenly, Mr John Swan, butcher aged 53 years. They were brothers, and sons of Mrs Sarah Swan, whose death was mentioned in our last.

Extracted from the *Berwick Advertiser*

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.

Items for the column can be sent to Phil Thirkell, 100 Stuart Court, Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2SG, or via email address: 106146.2460@compuserve.com

If you wish to have your interests or any queries published, send a paragraph outlining your areas of research, problems etc. to the above address by 30th June. 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.

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

Seeking information on any of the following: George **BELL**, born c1802, butcher of New Market, Newcastle; wife Eleanor (**REDHEAD?**), born c1803; children: George John (c1832), Elizabeth Isabella (c1834), Eleanor Jane (c1836), James William (c1838), Phillis Mary (c1839), John Redhead (c1841), William (c1844) and Jane (c1847). George John, butcher, married in 1851 to Mary Ann **BEARS** (bpt. 1829 Longbenton), daughter of Matthew Bears and Isabella **WILSON**. By 1861 they were living at Cramlington and George J. was a miner. Known children: Phillis (c1855), Matthew (c1857), Hannah (c1859), James (c1861), Ellen (c1863), William (c1865), John (c1867), Henry (c1869) and Ann Milburn (1871) who married Henry **MOUNTAIN** in 1893.

1493 Mrs ANN BROOKER, 1 Westview, Embleton, Alnwick, Northumberland NE66 3XZ

Searching for the marriage of William **POTTS** and Ann **SPOORS** and the births of their four children before 1803. Ann was born 1771 at Mitford, daughter of Henry Spoor (**SPOORS**) and Isabel **SMAILS**. Subsequent children after 1803 were William 1803, Oswald 1805, Henry 1807 and Isabel 1811, all born at Jarrow. Also looking for help in identifying some burial entries in the family bible: Thomas Blenkinsop Potts 1934, Isabella Potts 1928 aged 45, Sarah **ANDERSON** 1911 (or 1901), John George **HARRISON** 1899 aged 19, George Harrison 1907 aged 49, Thomas and Cissie **CARR** 1923.

1977 Mrs PRESTON E. GROOME, 5 Nichols Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, U.S.A.

George **MORTON** of Bothal married Ann **DAVISON** in 1840 at Newcastle. He was born Long Horsley 1823. Looking for information about his parents George, born 1779, and Mary. Was she the Mary Morton who died 1827 at Ovingham? Also searching for the birth of Ann Davison c1821/2. Her father was William Davison, miller, born c1773 Earsdon.

2134 MRS HELEN SOUTHEN, 6 Braco Place, Christchurch 8004, New Zealand (email: hsouthen@ihug.co.nz)

John **ROBINSON** married Charlotte **ROBSON** at Stamfordham, Northumberland in 1816. They had three children but then they disappear. Son George turned up in Sandhurst (Bendigo) NSW when he married in 1862. George's marriage certificate gives details of his parents and that he was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about 1832. Unable to trace parents of John Robinson and Charlotte Robson, or where they were born. Any help appreciated.

2257 RAYMOND OXLEY, 30 Torcastle Close, Paradise, Foleshill, Coventry CV6 5QH (email: roxley@compuserve.com)

Searching for ancestors of Barbara **REYNOLDSON/RENNINESON** (nee **FENWICK**), married Thomas Reynoldson 1822 All Saints, Newcastle. They lived Dipton and she died there 1863 aged 76. The 1851 Census states that she was born Rothbury. Their son Thomas born c1825 married

Sarah **LEDGER** 1847 at Tanfield. The 1841 Census indicates that Thomas and Barbara had children: Thomas (1825), John (1830), Robert (1834 and Mary (1839).

2588 Mr R. MADDOX, 33 Glebe Road, West Moor, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 0NA

Would like to contact any descendants of John and Phillis (Jack and Daisy) **WATSON** who married Gateshead 1911. They emigrated to Australia c1915/16 with daughter Moira; a second daughter Nancy was born in Melbourne. Phillis Watson nee **THOMPSON** was born 1880 South Shields. Their last known address was Elm Lodge, Fortesque Road, Melbourne.

3073 W.L. STEPHENSON, 18 Fishbourne Road East, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3HX

Seeking the origins of Hannah **ORD**, born South Shields c1793; married firstly to Ralph **CLINT** at South Shields 1815, and secondly Noble **YOUNG** c1833, but where?

3076 FRANK PEARSON 5 Beverley Road, Whitley Bay, North Tyneside NE25 8JH

The alter rail of the Lady Chapel at St Paul's, Whitley Bay bears the inscription "A.M.D.G. and In Memory of Isabella **QUINLIN** R.I.P." There is no mention of this lady in any of the church records. Can anyone throw any light on who she was?

3486 MOIRA RUDDICK, 14 Moor Place, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4AL

Researching the **BEWICK** family and trying to connect the Bewick family of the Allen valley with that of Ovingham. Thomas Bewick, master engraver and naturalist, born at Cherryburn near Wylam in 1753, married Isabella **ELLIOTT** and had four children. Thomas John Bewick, born at Minsteracres in 1821, worked in the lead mines at Allenheads where he was apprenticed to Thomas **SOPWITH**. Bewick became Chief Engineer and remained there for 20 years. He married twice and had four children. The families at Cherryburn and Minsteracres are known to have been friends but were they related?

3565 Mrs JILL HARBERTSON (nee **BAGGALEY**), 182 Powder Mill Lane, High Brooms, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9DT

Seeking information regarding James **BLACK** born c1837 at Woodhorn (?). Also, Andrew **CARR**, shoemaker, and Ann **WATSON**, married Morpeth 1792. Ann died Morpeth in 1836 aged 67; still seeking Andrew's death. Some of their children were baptised at Morpeth - William 1793, James 1804 (described as 3rd son), William 1807 (described as 7th son) and Isabella 1811 (described as 4th daughter). Andrew and Ann were described as 'natives of Embleton', were the other children baptised there?

3651 Mrs A.P. KING, Mytten Cottage, Mytten Close, Cuckfield, West Sussex RH17 5LN

Researching Francis **SILL(S)** and Dorothy **ROBINSON** who married St Nicholas', Durham 1807 and died Sunderland 1825. She was born Chester-le-Street but unable to find anything about Francis. Their son Francis moved to Middlesbrough.

3780 Mrs EDITH STYAN, 18 Albert Street, Cambridge CB4 3BE

Can anyone tell me where exactly was Dillacres, Blenkinsopp (parish of Haltwhistle)? Is anyone else interested in the **REAY** family who lived there for at least three generations 1700-c1800. Also interested in sharing information on the family of Thomas **ROBSON**, blacksmith, and Mary, living at Wylam between 1793 and 1795. Researching **LEATHARD**, all dates and spellings, anywhere; and Thomas **THOMPSON** born 1739 Hemp Hole, Simonburn.

4014 MOYNA HARLAND, PO Box 205, Palmyra, Western Australia 6157, Australia (email: harbiz@inet.net.au)

On William **BELL's** death certificate in 1892 his address is given as Glover Terrace South Shields, but this address does not seem to appear on the 1891 street index. Perhaps it was known by another name? Can anyone help please? Seeking descendants of Ada **SCOTT** (nee **FAIR**) of South Shields who married George William Scott in 1909 and had four daughters: Winifred, Ruth Hilda, Marjorie and Dorothy (1919). Winifred married and had at least two daughters, Margaret Winifred and Elizabeth Moira Harvey, and Ruth Hilda married a man called **BROWN**.

4475 MRS KAREN HANN, 4 Hill Croft, Thornton, Bradford BD13 3QR (email: Martin.Hann@virgin.net)

Seeking information on Thomas **SOULSBY** and family of Bedlington. Thomas married Ann **CRAISTOR** 1784; Thomas may have come from Longbenton. Children: Thomas, Mary, John and Robert. Robert became Parish Clerk. Also, would love any information on the family of Edward Soulsby, baker, of Bowes Street, Blyth from approx. 1860 onwards.

4618 JENNY HEWITT, 1 Park Avenue, Morisset Park, New South Wales 2264, Australia

Seeking descendants of Richard Barrass **HEWITT** born 1901 Sunderland, died 1978 Farnley, Bradford, Yorkshire. Siblings were Joseph Martin (emigrated to Australia 1913), John, Hannah and Ruth. Wife: Phyllis; sons: Granville, Brian and David. Also, descendants of George and Elizabeth Hewitt. Children christened at Northop, Flintshire: Ann (1839), William (1840), Elizabeth (1848), Sarah and George (1851).

4680 Mrs JEAN GRAHAM, 41 Hollinhill, Lockhaugh, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear NE39 1AZ

Interested in the **BULMAN** family who farmed at Wardley Hall near Heworth in the early 19th century and at Houghall near Durham. I have some plans and sketches of Houghall before the house was demolished - where could I find more detail about Wardley?

4832 NEIL DORNEY, 13 Collingwood Terrace, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE26 2NP

Looking for information on: 1) Family of John **KEITH**, died 1902, wife Jane died 1893 and daughter Elizabeth died 1893, all at Gateshead. 2) Descendants of William D. **LONGSTAFF** of Bishopwearmouth, born 1823 Sunderland, had five daughters - Hannah, Rhoda, Amelia, Nora and Marnia - and one son Ernest, in the 1850s-70s. 3) Family of William **JOBLING** and Florence (Poppy) nee **THOMPSON** who returned from Rhodesia in 1960s. 4) Family of Thomas **VARLEY** born 1810 Derbyshire, and Margaret **STAGG** born Duddingston, Scotland, who had children Elizabeth, John, Isabella, Margaret, Thomas and Jane between 1835 and 1850 in Newcastle.

5016 DEBRA GRAHAM, PO Box 2071, Wallsend South, New South Wales 2287, Australia

Seeking descendants of: 1) Joseph Lewis **GRAHAM**, born 1873 Dinnington. 2) Thomas Orkney Graham born 1875 Newburn, married Annie **HETHERINGTON**. 3) John Graham, baptised 1880 Newburn. 4) Ann Elizabeth and Priscilla Eleanor Graham, baptised 1883 and 1889 at Newburn and brother Lewis who died aged 2 or 3 years in 1881, children of Thomas Orkney Graham born 1849 Tweedmouth and Elizabeth **BALL** born 1848 Gloucester.

5165 Mrs I. OLDACRE, 34 Pinefield Avenue, Barnby Dun, Doncaster DN3 1JN

Can anyone help with the following: 1) Mary **PLACE** of Gateshead and her daughter Elizabeth Ann Gladstone who was born Gateshead 1866 and married George Robert **WALES** born 1866 Gateshead, son of Wilson Wales. 2) Richard **O'NEIL** whose son John born 1888 and married Mary **JEFFERY** 1919 at Gateshead. The O'Neil family were general dealers in the Teams/Dunston area. 3) Frances **BYGATE** (nee **DAVISON**) wife of John Bygate of Windy Nook. 4) Ann **GRAHAM** born Hexham 1827, wife of William **HINDMARCH** born Matfen 1818.

5360 NEVILLE COSSOR, 7 Bell Crescent, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7DG

Interested in George **COSSOR** who married Ann **ORD** at Longbenton 1811 and Isabel Cossor who married James **ARMSTRONG** at Ellingham. John Cossor married Jane **HORSLEY** and they had a son Phillip baptised at Sunderland 1813. The 1851 Census for Longbenton/Killingworth shows James Cossor (38), miner, wife Ann (33) and daughter Elizabeth. Which mine did he work at, where were they married and buried?

5529 Mrs JAYNE LLOYD, 28 Rounton Road, Church Crookham, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 0HB (email: Jayne.Lloyd@btinternet.com)

Information sought on George Taylor **GREENING** (brickmaker) born c1831 Warwickshire, married 1) Mary Ann **JEWITT** nee **CLARK**(?), children: Martha (b.1864 Jarrow m.1882 at Byker to William **LEE**), and Joseph (b.1866 Wallsend). Mary Ann died 1870 and buried St Paul's, Jarrow although they lived at Westoe. 2) Jane **BRAY** nee **McCLAUGHTON** 1871 Jarrow. Also interested in Josiah **SAUNDERS** (papermaker) born 1817 Godalming, Surrey, married 1) Margaret Jane **CURRY** 1841 at Monkwearmouth, children: Thomas Martin (b.1843) and Elizabeth (b.c1849). 2) Elizabeth **HENDERSON** 1854 Monkwearmouth, children: Jane Ann, Rebecca, Robert and William. Also tracing Samuel **CRAWFORD** (shipwright) born 1815 Monkwearmouth, married Dorothy **PARKINSON** there 1836, children: Christopher, Emma Jane, Suzanna, Alice and Sarah.

5592 Mrs LESLEY BARROW, 29 Lockhart Avenue, Palmerston North 5301, New Zealand

Researching **FORSTER** families of the Chester-le-Street area. Ann Johnson Forster was baptised 1821 Chester-le-Street, daughter of Joseph, pitman, and Mary Forster of Ouston who married Gateshead 1820. Joseph died 1820 aged 25 before Ann was born. Joseph was baptised 1795, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (nee **CURRY**) Forster of Pelton. Ann married 1842 at Pitlington to Edward **TEMPLE**; father stated as John Forster, pitman. There is a marriage in 1842 at Chester-le-Street of a John Forster and Mary Forster - was it her mother?

5602 PATRICIA KING HUGHES, 3522 Newridge Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 90275, U.S.A.

Margaret Ann **SCOTT** baptised 1833 St John's, Newcastle, parents: Thomas Scott, cartwright, and Elizabeth nee **LIDDELL** living Thornton Street. Thomas and Elizabeth were married 1826 at St John's, both described 'of this parish' but neither baptism found at St John's. Seeking any information.

5656 Mrs **LUJEAN P. DUNN**, 942 E. 5550 South, Ogden, Utah 84405, U.S.A.

Seeks parentage of Alexander **CROW** born c1761 and married firstly to Jean, possibly Isabella Jean **HELME**, c1788/90. They lived Bamburgh/Belford area and had 9 children before she died c1808. Second wife was Eleanor **MARSHALL**, married c1812 and lived Mousen where 7 children were born. Their second son James, born 1820, married Ann **PRINGLE** 1850 at Embleton. Also seeking ancestral lines of Oliver **DUNN** and wife Margaret **URWIN**, Joseph and Ann **FORBES**, John **HUNTLEY** and Margaret **YOUNG**, Andrew **HUTCHINSON** and Jane **STOKOE**, William Marshall and Mary **RIDLEY**, Nicholas Pringle and Jane **MOLE**, Jacob **TWEEDY** and Ann **FRENCH**. All these families lived in Northumberland.

5664 **NORMAN CLARK TULIP**, 10 Sandy Hill Avenue, Sunmurry, Belfast BT17 9LT

Named after two uncles: 1021 Sgt. Norman **WHITFIELD**, 18th DLI, killed 1918, and 16560 L/Cpl. Clark Whitfield, 12th DLI, killed 1916. Seeks any issue from marriage of Clark; Norman understood to be single. Also interested in the progeny and forebears of Matthew Whitfield, father of the above, once Under Manager at Usworth.

5893 **Mr THOMAS PEEL**, 407 Hamill Road, Indiana, Pennsylvania 15701, U.S.A.

Looking for information on Joseph Marshall Peel's family. Son of Matthew **PEEL** and Martha **DRYDEN** of Newcastle born 1836, he had a sister Jane, birthdate unknown. Joseph emigrated to the U.S. with his wife Ann **GRAY** in 1885, living in Bellaire, Ohio until 1890, after which they moved to South Fork, Pennsylvania. Joseph was married twice more, once to Jane **THOMPSON** and once to Elizabeth **PEEK** and had seven children: Edward (1869), married Sarah **MOORE**; Jane (1874), married John Elishua **DIMOND**; John William (1881-1952), married Stella Agnes **MOSS**; Joseph (1883); Robert Dryden (1885-1966), married Martha **BOX**; and Martha (1887), married John William **SHARLESS** Would be happy to share information with anyone who is working on this family or any of its lines.

5959 **Mr IVOR LEE**, 25 Wainbody Avenue North, Green Lane, Coventry CV3 6DD

Does any reader know of: 1) The birth, c.1770, and death of Stephen **STOKER/STOKOE**, married Bedlington 1793. 2) The births of Nathan **McCREE** and Barbara **SMITH**, both thought to have been born c.1790 at Houghton-le-Spring. 3) Has the surname **CAW** appeared in any member's research, particularly in Bedale, North Yorkshire area.

6026 Mrs **AUDREY PORTER (nee CARR)**, 88 Warwick Road, St Annes, Lancashire FY8 1XL

Seeks information on: John **ARRAN/ORREN** and Mary **HUDSON** and daughter Elizabeth (1762 Bishopwearmouth). Mary Ann **BELL** born 1852 Coxhoe. Elijah **BLUNT** m. Mary **STEEL** born c1865 Moorsley. Thomas and Mary **CARR** 1818 Shilbottle and son Thomas who married Hannah **WILSON** of Ryton; children - Sarah, Joseph, Wilson, John, Mary, Ritson and Hannah. Joseph Spencerley **CLAYTON** born 1839 Bradford married Mary **STEWART** Easington Lane. William **HINDMARSH**, tailor of Harraton, native of Houghton-le-Spring, and wife Elizabeth Arran of Bishopwearmouth, son Edward born 1808 Durham/Nova Scotia(?) and his wife Elizabeth. They lived at Sherburn Hill and had children: Sarah, William, Elizabeth Ann, Mary, Hannah, John and Isabella. Matthew **INNES** c1860 Brandon. George and Susannah **MOLE** c1850 Seaham Harbour and Hetton le Hole.

6035 **WILLIAM DOWSON**, 5 Alma Avenue, Foulridge, Colne, Lancashire BB8 7NS

Researching the **DOWSON** family: Elizabeth (born 1818 Witton le Wear); John (1845 Darlington); Eleanor/Ellen (1846 New Shildon); James (1879 Darlington); Margaret (1881 Darlington); Isabella (1885 Darlington); John

Henry (1887 Darlington) and George (1890 Darlington). Also seeking information on Margaret, widow of William Dowson, living 5 Hopetown, Darlington on 1851 Census, married John **DENT** 1855 at Darlington. Her maiden names was **TWEDDLE**, born 1823 Knaresborough, daughter of John, a commercial clerk.

6097 Mrs **M.A. WALLACE**, 20 Larkfield Road, Sunderland SR2 9BE

Would like to hear from anyone who has information on William **COOPER** who married Jane **YOUNG** 1848 at Monkwearmouth. All the censuses show his birthplace as Wisbech, Cambridgeshire but no baptism found. As an old photograph of "Grandma Gallon", a relative of Thomas **THIRKELL** of the Shields area. Willing to pass it to any interested party who can show a connection.

6151 and 6152 **PATSY and IAN PATTERSON**, 3 Pool Road, Hadnall, Shrewsbury SY4 4BG

Researching: 1) James **WILLINS** born c1820/21 to John Edward. Father possibly from Wales, a coal miner and bare-knuckle fighter. Family in the Durham Coalfield by the mid-1800s. 2) Mary **HOLMES** who married 1802 at Shotley to Cally **RAMSAY**. Children included John born 1810 at Chester-le-Street. Large number of Holmes at Tanfield; were they connected to Mary? 3) John **RYAN** of Tyneside in early 1800s.

6220 **ANDREW FLETCHER**, 20 Fenton Terrace, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne & Wear DH4 7AZ

Would like to hear from anyone who has a **FLETCHER** connection with Bradford, Yorkshire pre-1860. Also, descendants of William Alfred (born 1866), Elizabeth Jane (1874) and Margaret (1878), all born Newcastle, and all children of Abraham and Jane (formerly **LAWSON**) Fletcher, When and where did Abraham and Jane marry? Also, descendants of Walter Fletcher born 1854 Bradford, died 1917 Whitley Bay.

6300 Mrs **ANN SEYMOUR**, Spring Grange Farm, Barkby Road, Beeby, Leicester LE7 3BQ

Seeking descendants of Alice **MULHATTON**, born Ireland c1830, died Birtley, Co.Durham 1872, married Barnet/Bernard **BRANNAN**, possibly in Ireland c1850s. Also, John Mulhatton, born c1834 Ireland, married Catherine **MALLON** at the Catholic Chapel, Birtley. Alice and John's father was Michael Mulhatton.

6524 Mrs **RACHEL RICHARDSON**, Jays, Laverton, Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 3SX (email: R.Richardson@ucrys.co.uk)

George **ARMSTRONG** married Frances **LAYTHORN**, both of Crawcrook, at Ryton 1838. George last noted at Skinners House, East Swalwell on 1881 Census. Information sought on their fathers, not listed on the marriage certificate. Many families listed on 1881 Census living at Skinners House - what was this house? Hannah Armstrong was the daughter of George and Frances but cannot find her birth. James **RICHARDSON** married Ann **USHER** 1830 Lanchester - cannot find birth or parents of Ann born c1810. James and Ann lived at Kyo West House, Tanfield. Priestman **MOSES** is on 1881 Census for Durham Prison. Where can I find details of his crime and sentencing? Richard Buckle **GERARD** married Sarah **EVANS** 1844 Monkwearmouth. Richard was a glassmaker: where can I find information on his place of work? William Gerard and John Evans, fathers of the couple, were mariners. Are there registers of mariners?

6535 Mrs **JOAN WILLIAMS**, 71 Garth 20, Killingworth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 0LP

Interested in William **GRAY (GREY)** born c1836 Benton, then moved to Newcastle, Alnwick, Warkworth, and back to Newcastle. He was a baker by trade and his parents were William Gray (born Eglington) and Elisabeth **DIXON** (born parish of Newton, or Scotland). William had brothers - Adam, Alexander and John, and sisters, Christianna, Ann and Mary Jane.

6600 ERIC BELL, 26 Buck Stone Oval, Leeds LS17 5HG

Researching Joseph **BELL** of Great Whittington who married c1676. Also William Bell of Prudhoe who died 1756, Joseph Bell died 1818, William Bell died 1848 and William Bell died 1921, all of Harlow Hill, the latter three employees of the Duke of Northumberland. Also Reginald Bell of Prudhoe who died 1748.

6612 Mr ROBERT KEMSLEY, 27 Silverdale Parade, Jewells, New South Wales 2280, Australia

Researching: Thomas **WALTON** and Margaret **OUTEN** born c1820, married 1847 Heworth. Robert Walton born 1845 North Killingworth and Margaret **BROWN** born c1845 Harton, married 1870 Heworth. Robert Walton born 1876 Chester le Street and Dorothy Ann **LAYBOURNE** born 1880 Swalwell, married 1905 Whickham. William Laybourne and Jane born c1800, married 1820 Swalwell? John Laybourne born 1822 Swalwell and Mary **CARR** born 1824 Swalwell married 1845. George Laybourne born 1855 Whickham and Margaret **FORSTER** born 1856 Whickham, married Gateshead. Francis **BROWN** and Mary **BELL** born 1785, married 1806. Andrew Brown born 1810 and Mary ? born 1811 Wylam, married c1835 Blyth? Edward Forster and Isabell **TAYLOR** born c1785, married c1805? Ralph Forster born 1811 and Mary **SURTEES** born c1810, married 1838 Swalwell? Thomas Surtees born c1780?, father of Mary born c1810? Johnathon Taylor and Isabella ? born c1760?, married c1785?

6630 MARGARET MILBURN, 306 South Homewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208, U.S.A.
(email: mail@zephyrs.com)

Looking for the birth of Edward **DAVISON** c1825 in West Auckland; parents possibly William Davison and Elisabeth **CROSIER**. Edward, a schoolmaster and parish clerk, married Margaret **STORER**; their son John Storer Davison married Sarah Harriet **BOTTRILL** whose family had moved to Eston c1860 from Fleckney, Leicestershire. Her father Charles worked at Fisherman's Crossing - where or what was this? Also interested in the **CUTTER** and **MITCHELL** families of Carrville St Giles and the **MILBURN** and **HISSETT** families of Easington. The Hissett's were originally tin miners from Cornwall.

6734 Mrs JULIA HOLLAND FOSTER, 15 Dorchester Road, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9JY

Looking for the marriage of Daniel Henry **LAMB**, coastguard, and Catherine **HYDE**. Three sons born in Eastbourne but no record of the marriage in Sussex. The 1881 Census for South Shields gives details of two sons Daniel Robert and George. Also any information of siblings of Richard **HOLLAND** born South Shields 1896. Researching **DITCHBURN** of Cumbria and Fyland Bridge, Durham.

6801 Mrs MARGARET VIDLER, 3/11 Clanalpine Street, Mosman, New South Wales 2088, Australia (email: haryi@fl.net.au)

Researching ancestors and descendants of: 1) William **TURNBULL** born c1808 Wallsend, married Isabella **LAMBERT** born c1807 Jarrow. Publican and blacksmith of Annfield Plain, William was son of Matthew Turnbull born c1780 Longbenton, married 1806 Jane ?**CHARLTON** born c1783 ?Hesledon. 2) Thomas **HUNTER** born c1802 Medomsley, married 1830 Deborah **BURTON** born c1807. Matthew Turnbull born 1832 married 1853 Ann Hunter born 1835 and migrated to Newcastle, N.S.W. Australia on the *Northampton* in 1879 with their eight children.

6859 Mr A G WILSON, 8 Felden Close, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 4PU
(email: alanwilson2@compuserve.com)

The parents of Jane **RACE** born 1838 in Tudhoe, Durham were John and Mary **RACE** (nee **LISTER**). They were married in Bishop Middleham in 1836. Information sought on ancestors of John. Also searching for ancestors of Thomas and Elizabeth Lister, parents of Mary. Both were born in Hett, in 1774 and 1794 respectively

6865 Mrs D.S. WRIGHT, 8 Laughton Street, Taupo 2730, New Zealand

Seeks information on: Thomas **PETTY** c1700 Bishopwearmouth; Edward **WAGGOTT** c1813 Gateshead, and Henry Waggott and Elizabeth **PARKER** married 1812 at St John's, Newcastle; William **LILLEY** c1800 Monkwearmouth; Thomas **CARTER** 1797 married Mary **ATKINSON** at Penshaw; John **DORRIT/DOORAT** c1830 and his wife Mary Ann **IREDALE**; George and Emma **WILLEY** of Broomside, Durham; Isabel **GREENER** c1747 married Joseph **WHITFIELD** 1767 at Ovingham; William **WRIGHT** born c1861, father William. Also interested in **WAITES/THWAITES** and **BALLANTYNE** of Northumberland and Durham.

6875 Mrs PETA ACKROYD, 74 Yew Tree Way, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2SX (email: packroyd@chelt.ac.uk)

Looking for descendants of Robert James **WEDDERBURN** of Ancroft who died c1950 and was married to Elizabeth **AITCHISON** (born 1877/8, died 1967/8) of Burmough, Berwickshire, in particular grandchildren Leslie (born c1931) and Dorothy (born c1933) who both lived in Newcastle, children of William (Willie) Wedderburn and possibly Norah. Also Wendy born 1938, daughter of Grace Wedderburn (born 1916, died 1938) and Foster **ROBINSON** who worked in Chertsey, Surrey. Susan and Stephen, children of Elizabeth Wedderburn (born c1938) and Eric **WRIGHT** who owns chemist shops in Edinburgh. Elizabeth was daughter of James (Jim) Wedderburn and Ann **JAMIESON**.

6901 Miss M.J. CHAPMAN, 4 Ferrers Road, Whitwick, Leicestershire LE67 5FE

Would like to contact anyone researching the families of **SPRAGGON** of Whalton and Newcastle, and **JOPLING**, **CHAPMAN**, **LONGSTAFF** and **CRAM**, all thought to be from Northumberland and Co.Durham.

7081 Rev. DENNIS LI NADIN, The Hermitage, 201 Willowfield, Harlow, Essex CM18 6RZ

Researching the **NADEN/NADIN** family and its variants worldwide. Information or enquiries welcome. Apart from three late 17th C references at St John Lee and an army birth at Berwick in 1792, all references are post 1800. There were family members at Blyth c1822, Morpeth 1843 and Hexham 1868. A number of births and marriages are registered at Newcastle and Tynemouth in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Ralph and Emma Nadin moved from Longnor, Staffordshire, via Co.Durham, to the Haltwhistle area and had five children 1894-1902, and three grandchildren 1923-25.

7133 ROBERT GRIERSON, 21 Balcombe Road, Peacehaven, East Sussex BN10 7RE

Seeking information of the **RAE** family who farmed Northumberland/Durham area at the turn of this century. Thomas Glendenning **LAVERICK** was born 1893 Westgate Road, Newcastle to Mary Laverick, domestic cook. He was raised by Mr and Mrs Rae.

7165 RAYMOND DAY, 27 Brown Avenue, Willington, Crook, Co.Durham. DL15 0EE (email: Raymond_Day@Parchment.Com)

Interested in **PILKINGTON**, **BLAKEY**, and **WRIGHT** in central and north west Durham and in particular all references to **DAY** in Northumberland and Durham. Any and all information gratefully received. (Goons Member No 2760 **DAY**, **DAYE**, **DEY** and **DEYE**).

7174 LIONEL HOVEY, 55 Farm View, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 6HU

Seeking descendants of Alfred and Jane **GORDON** aged 37 and 34 years respectively in 1881 in the Census for Wallace Green, Berwick on Tweed as boarders in the household of William and Margaret **JOHNSON**. Occupation of Alfred, musician, and Jane, musician's wife, both born in Newcastle.

7191 **WILLIAM SMITH**, 27 Harlow Avenue, Moorside Estate, Backworth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE27 0SF

Would welcome any information regarding George Robert **ANGUS**, boilermaker, born Crieff in Scotland and died 1933 aged 91 years and his wife Barbara nee **CAMPBELL**. Their last known address was South Frederick Street, South Shields. Children: Johanne, George Robert, Henrietta and Margaret.

7232 **GLYNN MORRIS**, 3 Ridgeway Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG20 0NW

Seeks information on Thomas Randolph **BROWN** and family of the Consett, Co.Durham area; he married Francis Anne **HARRIS** in 1930 at Lanchester Register Office. Last known address Dobson Street, Blackhill. His mother Selina Brown nee **LITTLE** born in Collierly, 1874 died at that address in 1936. His fathers was Thomas Brown whose details are unknown. Also seeking any living relatives of Hutton Little, born 1843, died 1912, married 1871 at St Thomas's Church, Harelaw to Mary Ellen Bessy **KIRK**, born 1855, parents of the above Selina Little, Thomas born 1881 (Tanfield), Elizabeth born 1883 (Collierly) and Hutton born 1886 at Medomsley.

7272 **RICHARD E. CUMMINGS**, 10 Beldene Drive, High Barnes, Sunderland SR4 8QD

In 1705, at Sedgefield, there was a marriage between Henry **VALKS**, weaver, and Magdalen **HARPER**, both of the parish. No records before this date - does anyone know who he was? Was he of Dutch origin? The name appears in later records as **VAULKS** and eventually **VAUX**. Any information would be appreciated.

7308 **DOUGLAS RENNOLDSON**, 41 Parkside Crescent, Parkside, Seaham, Co.Durham SR7 7UQ

Looking for the date and place of birth of Stephen **RENNOLDSON** who married 1790 at Medomsley to Thomasine **WOOD** who was born at Maxfield House, Medomsley 1790. They had six children all baptised in the area then moved to Hylton near Sunderland. On the 1851 Census the family were at Hylton House Farm and Thomastine was given as the head. Have not traced the death of Stephen.

7325 Mrs **GLORIA HADDOCK**, 15 Charmaine Street, Moorooka 4105, Australia

Local family interests include **LOWE** of Spennymoor.

7368 Mrs **SUSAN CORCORAN HAYES**, 3806 West Armour Street, Seattle, WA 98199, U.S.A. (email: Shayes7693@aol.com)

Seeking descendants of Thomas Pritchett **SALTER** of Ryton. Thomas (aged 66) appears with his family in the 1891 Ryton census. Family members include wife Mary (age 76), daughter Sarah M(ary) **BRIERLEY** (38), son John J(efferson) **Salter** (35), granddaughter Mary B(eatrice) **Brierley** (14), and grandson John W(illiam) **Salter** (12). Another son Thomas Smith **Salter** (41), father of John William, was residing elsewhere on the 1891 census date with wife Margaret and other son Thomas Jabez **Salter** (13). Thomas Pritchett **Salter** died 1892 in Ryton and James Wilkie **SMITH**, possibly brother of wife Mary, was trustee of estate. Also seeking help in identifying two photographs in the photo album of Anthony **SIMPSON**, who emigrated from Manchester to the USA. Photographs are of two young women who appear to be sisters, age approximately 15-19 who may have been born in the Newcastle area. Only identifying information is on the back of the respective photographs: Sarah Annie, born 16 Dec 1857, and Charlotte Gertrude, born 21 Sep 1861. Only family line traced to Northumberland/Durham area is that of **Salter** but not found in GRO indexes under that name. Anthony Simpson's mother was Sarah **Salter**, daughter of Thomas **Salter** who settled in Durham city in 1816.

7399 **BARBARA BANWELL**, 61 Hillcroft Road, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 7EW

What happened to James Whitfield **ADAMSON**, born Spennymoor 1877, son of Robert Whitfield Adamson (born Blue House Farm, West Rainton 1855) and Mary Annie (nee **SYME** or **SIMS**)? Have a death certificate for James Adamson, Club Steward of New Seaham Workmen's Club who died 1931 aged 54. Is he the same James?

7462 **RON BROWN**, 1 Broadlands Rise, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS14 9SF

Researching: 1) **KEENLEYSIDE** (17th-19th C) Allendale, Ninebanks, Allenheds, Hexham and Hunstanworth. 2) **WHITFIELD** (18th-19th C) Allendale and Allenheds. 3) **OLIVER** (18th C) Hexham. 4) **COWLEY** (18th-19th C) Heworth, Jarrow and Penshaw. 5) **HOYE** (18th-19th C) Tanfield. 6) John **WILSON** born c1825 Penshaw, described as sinker on marriage certificate to Elizabeth Cowley 1854 at St Peter's, Monkwearmouth. His father given as William and abode as Hodgsons Buildings. 7) Violet May **FOSTER** married Bertie **LING** 1919 at Ferryhill. Seeks her birth and parents.

7481 Mrs **GILL SILVESTER**, 53 Brentham Way, Ealing, London W5 1BE

Anne **HODGE** baptised 1771 Jarrow (parents' names not given), married Robert **BURNOP** at Jarrow in 1792. Who were Anne's parents? Also Robert Burnop Hodge, sailmaker, born 1826 South Shields. Did he have any brothers or sisters? His father was William Hodge, sailmaker, born 1793, died 1840. Who was his wife?

7494 **REUBEN JAMIESON**, 3 Deerbrook, Greenmeadow, Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 4SX

Would like to exchange information on the following: Alexander **JAMESON** who married Eleanor **DOVE** 1755 All Saints, Newcastle; James Jameson married Margaret **GRUNSTON(E)** 1786 All Saints; William Jameson married Ann **ARROWSMITH** 1812 All Saints; James Jameson married Isabella **RUTHERFORD** 1835 All Saints; Alexander **JAMIESON** married Eleanor **ARMSTRONG** 1864 St Mary's, Gateshead; Eleanor and Lionel, twins, born 1846 Hebburn Quay to William Armstrong and Jane, nee **STOREY**.

7522 **KELVIN WILSON**, Bijlwerffstraat 13-A, 3039 VD Rotterdam, The Netherlands (email: kelvin.wilson@tip.nl)

Researching in depth the early families of Cullercoats, especially **LISLE**, **STOCKS**, **CLARK**, **PEARSON**, **ARMSTRONG**, **MILLS** and **TAYLOR**. Also very interested in the Pearson, and other pilot families of South Shields. Any information on pilotage and fishing near the mouth of the Tyne would be welcome.

7524 Mr **S. ROBINSON**, 49 St James Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2LG

Seeking information on the **BARR** families in Sunderland (believed to be three) from mid-1850s onwards. Also the **ROBINSON** family centred mainly in the Deptford area of Sunderland, in particular the descendants of Benjamin, William and Robert from 1870 onwards. Also the **BROWN** family mainly living at South Hylton from 1890 being the children of Gilbert and Annie Marie Brown (nee **SIMPSON**).

7526 **GEOFFREY MILNES**, "Seremban", 25 Morley Road, Chase Terrace, Burntwood, Staffordshire WS7 8DE

William **RICHARDSON** aged 24 of Copley Lynesack married Hannah **WATSON** 1880 at Auckland, died Morley 1933 aged 77 years and was buried at Etherley. Believed to have been born 1855 at Cleatlam near Staindrop son of John and Mary nee **GARGET** who married Barnard Castle 1846. John, a countryman of full age living at Langleydale thought to have been baptised in Barnard Castle/Staindrop area, possibly son of William and Jane nee **TURNBULL**. Also, Christopher **WHITFIELD** married Eleanor **HALL** at Whickham 1776. Baptisms of Christopher and

Eleanor sought. Joseph **GARTHWAITE**, bapt. 1736 Trimdon married 1768 Monk Hesledon to Margaret **STARFORTH**. Burial places sought for Joseph and Margaret.

7548 JOHN FORD, South Oast, Sheldwich, Faversham, Kent ME13 0LN

Has any member come across Sarah **MILLING** on the 1861 Census for Newcastle. She married in 1872, daughter of John, aged 20. 1881 Census gives her place of birth as Newcastle but her birth, presumably c1852, has not been found in the GRO Indexes. The 1871 Census for Newcastle has John Milling, merchant in silks, heading a large family. None are Sarah's age but those around her estimated age were born in Scotland. Was Sarah of this family and also born in Scotland?

7552 Mrs PAT ALEXANDER, Lilac Cottage, Edenhall, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 8SX

Seeking place of birth and any information on William **THOMPSON**, cinder burner and coke manufacturer, and family. Family document gives date of birth as 3 Apr 1807. Census returns for 1851 and 1861 for Mickley give place of birth as Chartershaugh, Co. Durham. Possible parents are John Thompson and Mary **BENTON** with baptism at St. Andrews, Newcastle 1807. Possible brother John baptised 1800 St. Andrews. Married first Jemima born 1803 and died 1844 at Kyo Co. Durham. Children: Mary, John, William, Peter, Margaret and Ralph. All except Ralph born Success Row, Houghton le Spring, Ralph born Kyo, Harelaw. Married secondly c1852 at Mickley to Mary born c1815. Children: Isabella, Hannah and George. Daughter Mary married William **PHILIPSON**, shoemaker and grocer 1849 at Mickley; family were nonconformists.

7555 Mrs Esther SHORTER nee KENNY, 37 Tallyan Pt. Road, Basin View, New South Wales 2540, Australia

George **KENNY** married Jane **LAYDEN**, formerly **FLYNN**, at St Dominics, Red Barnes in 1903 and son James was born Gateshead 1907. George died 1930 and was identified by cousin Jane **SHEPHERD** of Portland Road when James was at sea. What happened to Jane's daughter Barbara Gordon Layden born 1897. Also seeking information on Bernard George **HOWARD**, mariner, married Ada Florence **SIMPSON** of Newcastle and children Esther and Catherine Howard.

7564 ANNE HOLMES, 10 Friars Walk, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire HP16 0ST

Particularly interested in her **CRINSON** family line back to 1788 when William Crinson started work at Scott's Pottery, Southwick. Also interested in **METCALF** in the 19th century when some of that name worked as pilots on the river Wear.

7582 MARY McALLISTER, 3 Hebron Way, Cramlington, Northumberland NE23 6EA

Trying to locate the families of Mary/Minnie **McCULLOUGH**, born 1870, a farmer's daughter from Co.Cork, Ireland; also, Henry **HANNA** who also could have come from Ireland. They had a child born 1892 in Glasgow before moving to Newcastle.

7593 Mrs JO FEARN, 14 Ullswater Avenue, Cardiff CF2 5PT

Researching: 1) **WIDDRINGTON**. Any and all! But, particularly Ralph, father of George Widdrington, possibly living at Seaton Delaval c1872. 2) **BURGHAM/BURGHUM**. George and Sarah Ann (nee **GRICE**) lived at Boldon Colliery and later at Ashington. Originally from Gloucestershire. Daughter Emily Maria married Joseph **WRIGHT** 1896 South Shields. George and Sarah's children: Fanny, George, Elizabeth, Albert, Edward, Emily, Arthur, Samuel and Maudy. 3) William Wright and Mary Jane (nee **MacGLASSON**); living at Shotton, Co.Durham when son Joseph born 1874.

7596 TOM JOHNSON, 5 Ruscombe Gardens, Datchet, Slough, Berkshire SL3 9BG

Seeking information on Charles **DAVIDSON** born c1785 Fenton and his wife Fortune **CASELAW** baptised 1804 at Warenford Presbyterian Church. They lived at Duddo and had two children baptised at Etal Presbyterian Church in the 1820s, later living at Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth. Also interested in William **ROBISON** born 1781 Kimmerston, Ralph **GREY**, pitman, and his wife Alice **SPENCE** who were living at Slainsford c1800-10.

7597 CHRISTOPHER PONTER, West Lodge, Maidenhead Road, Cookham, Berkshire SL6 9DA

Seeking possible link between Jane **SURTEES** (married Charles **BROWN** 1849, St Mary's, Gateshead) and the Surtees branch at Hamsterley Hall. The marriage certificate shows Jane's father as Cuthbert Surtees, a surgeon. Is he the Cuthbert baptised at Gateshead 1786, son of Martin Surtees and Margaret **RICHARDSON** who married 1784 at Gateshead?

7631 PETER JONES, 44 Rugby Road, Resolven, Neath, West Glamorgan SA11 4HH

Seeking information and connections with the names **CROW** and **SLACK**, particularly descendants of Ralf Shedrack Crow, farrier and smith of Brandling Street, Gateshead, operating from 1879 to 1901. Ralf married Mary Ann Slack at St Mary's, Gateshead in 1871.

7656 Mr R.H. TEASDALE, 66 Broadway, Tynemouth, North Shields NE30 2LH

Researching the name **TEASDALE** in the Northumberland and Cumberland areas, particularly around Alston, Garrigill, Hexham, Haltwhistle, associated with the lead mining industry, and subsequent migration to America and Canada. Also researching Margaret Teasdale born 1675 and buried at Upper Denton churchyard near Gilsland. Recording Teasdales from all sources world-wide onto a database.

7663 LOUELLA O. SEXSMITH, 450 Saddle Drive, Port Townsend, WA 98368, U.S.A.
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Researching the families of John **FOSTER** of Coldstream and Rachel **FAIRBAIRN** of Cornhill who married 1809 at Coldstream. 1st son Joseph christened 1811, Scotch Church, South Shields; daughter Jean christened in 1813; 2nd Joseph christened in 1815, both at Secession Church, North Shields; son James Ballantyne christened 1818, and son John christened in 1825 ("5th child, 4th son"), both in Golden Square Church, Berwick on Tweed. John was recorded as a shoemaker of Shaw's Lane at son John's christening. Son Joseph, shoemaker, married Margaret **SMIBERT** 1837 South Leith, Midlothian.

7670 MIKE INGOE, 5 Folly Yard Cottages, Greenside, Ryton, Tyne & Wear NE40 4SE

Researching his family name of **INGOE** and would like to contact anyone also interested in the name or with information regarding any connection to the village in Northumberland of that name.

7692 Ms P.A. GOODWILL, 13407-111 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5E 4Z7, Canada (email: patg@planet.eon.net)

Rev. George **GOODWILL** and Isabella **FOGGITT** had seven children born between 1772 - 1793 in Kyloe, Northumberland. George was a Curate at Kyloe, Lowick and Belford. Children's names William - 1771, Eleanor - 1772, Jane - 1775, Ann - 1780, Anthony - 1786, Isabella - 1790 and George - 1793. Anthony Gregson Goodwill married Margaret **FLEMING**. Their family included 12 children born 1806 - 1830 in the Parish of Berwick Upon Tweed. Children were Eleanor - 1806, Isabella - 1807, Isabella - 1810, George - 1815, Jane - 1815, Hannah - 1818, Margaret - 1820, William - 1822, John - 1824, Robert - 1826, Anthony - 1829 and

Margaret - 1830. Family moved to Belford, present on 1841 census for Belford. Robert, John and Anthony emigrated to North America around 1857 working as miners. Hoping to find present day descendants of the English branches of this family.

7702 CHARLES H. MATTHEWS, 16 Haynestone Road, Coventry CV6 1GJ

Edward Charles **LARGE** born Richmond, Surrey, son of Thomas, cabinet maker, married Dorothy **JOHNSON** of South Shields 1852 at St Hilda's; he was recorded as a mariner. Does anyone have details of ships that he commanded as he appears on the 1869 Lloyd's Register as a merchant navy Captain? He retired and became a grocer c1875. Shaftoe **STOKELL** born South Shields 1778 married Margaret **SMITH** in Sunderland 1811. Only known son was George, tug boat master and owner on the Tyne, born Sunderland 1815. Parent of Shaftoe sought and any other offspring; also what was his profession?

7709 Mrs LINDY WHITMARSH, Bracken Cottage, Poole Road, Sturminster Marshall, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3RP

Seeks the birth, c1839 in the Newcastle area, of Thomas **REAY** who emigrated to Canada in 1862. Has anyone come across him on the 1861 Census? Are there any emigration records that might help?

7710 Mrs CYNTHIA BLUNDELL, 330 Balston Street, Lavington, New South Wales 2641, Australia

Seeking information on the family of William **BARRASS** and Margaret **ABSOLEM**, married Earsdon 1818, then lived in Wapping. Children: Francis, James Absolem (m. Elizabeth **MORGAN**), Grace (m. John **KURTIN**), William (emigrated to Australia), Elizabeth (m. William **TWEEDIE** and emigrated to Australia), Margaret (m. William **HUNTER**), John, Robert (emigrated to Australia) and David.

7717 P. E. KNIGHT, 254 Bryant Road, Jaffrey, NH 03452, U.S.A. (email: schpountz@email.msn.com)

Trying to identify fully **AIMERIC (AYMER, EMERIC, AMERIGO)**, Archdeacon of Durham and of Carlisle 1196-1215; nephew of Philip of Poitiers, Bishop of Durham; brother of Peter **THEBERT**; father of Emeric de Sidgate. No surname usually given in chronicles, but sometimes called Thebert or **TAILLEBOIS**. Research of British and French Taillebois (**TAILBOYS, TALBOY**) families reveals no Aimeric, no Peter, no precise blood link to uncle Philip. Where was he born? Why Philip's nephew? Any other family relations?

7723 RON FREEMAN, 59 The Esplanade, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO11 2UL

Seeking information on the following: Ellen **FREEMAN** born Hartlepool 1856, father William George, mother Bridget (Ann), formerly **MECKEY** or **MACKEY**. Ellen's last whereabouts was working in a Catholic convent in Sunderland. Also, marriage of William **JOHNSON**, journeyman tailor, to Frances, formerly **MASON** and **GREY**, of Bishop Auckland and Gateshead.

7734 Mr B. CARTER, 7 Bailey Square, Town End Farm, Sunderland SR5 4JY

Researching William **POTTS** and Grace **ELLWOOD** and their children Joseph (1799), Mary Ann (1803), Grace (1803), William (1804), Jane (1805), Margaret (1806), John (1807), Richard (1808), Frederick (1811) and Thomas (1814) who married Elizabeth **McKEE** at Sunderland 1846. Also William **RENNOLDSON** and Mary **USHER** married Heworth 1833 and moved to Sunderland c1840. Are there any pictures of Waterworks Road and Hetton Street, Sunderland? Also researching **FAIRBAIRN**, William **PESCOD**, Joseph **HALL**, Francis **ATKINSON**, John and Jane **WRIGHT**.

7736 Mrs FERN MUIRHEAD, Box 50, Dunmore, Alberta T0J 1A0, Canada

Would like to locate other descendants of Anthony **WELSH** born c1760, probably in Alnwick, who married c1783 Eleanor **GRAHAM** born 1763 Alnwick. Descended from their son Anthony who married Harriet **BLACK** at St. Peter's, Leeds 1814. The Welsh family operated a carrier service through Northumberland, Yorkshire and Lancashire in the early 1800's.

7753 Mrs BERYL LACY, 3 Dovecote Close, Peterborough PE1 3TQ

Seeking information on the **SMITH** family of Bellingham where Walter (born c1779) was a draper and grocer, son John (c1812) was a mill labourer at Conheath, and grandson Walter (c1834) progressed from labourer at Cambo, railway labourer at Bellingham, ironstone miner at Ridsdale to innkeeper at 'The Parade', Hendon, Sunderland. His son Walter (c1860) succeeded him.

7761 Mrs K. BLACK, 3 Bluebell Close, Saxon Gate, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 8SL (email: kathy@dominouk.clara.net)

Researching various **ARMSTRONG** families from Newbiggin by the Sea, also the names **DENT, DAWSON** and **POTTER** that feature in those families. Also, information about the Coastguard Service in the region as great grandfather Henry Joseph **WHITE** served in both Cresswell and Bamburgh in the early 20th century.

7765 Mrs C. ELSENDER, 55 Woodlands Grange, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 9DG

Researching the **CRAWFORD** family. John married Jane **PROCTOR** in Wallsend 1840. He was a mariner and his father, James Crawford, was a ropemaker. Jane's father Michael was a gardener. Also researching Joseph **WILKINS** born 1796 Earsdon, described in 1841 as a "Gunner R.A." and later as a schoolmaster when his daughter Jane Hannah married Thomas Proctor Crawford in 1866.

7782 Mrs ANNE M. RAWLINGS, 13 Plymor Road, West Huntspill, Highbridge, Somerset TA9 3RR

Interests: 1) **RUSSELL** of Felling Shore, Gateshead and Newcastle. 2) **SCOTT** of Felling Shore. 3) Joseph, John and Jane **HUMBLE**, possibly of the Gallowgate area of Newcastle pre-1890s. 4) Photographs and information of the Felling Shore area pre-1950s.

7817 TIM WATTS, 27 Fossdale Moss, Leyland, Lancashire PR5 3WS (email: Lwin69@aol.com)

Mary **THOMPSON** b. 1845 in Seaham Co.Durham, married William **TASKER** (b.1844 in Seaham, Co.Durham) 1863 in Seaham. Mary died in 1934, William around 1880/1, maybe in the pit disaster. Would like to find out more about Mary's family. Any information on the two families would be appreciated.

7836 PAUL LISTER, 4 Sergison Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1HS (email: piggleston@aol.com).

Seeking information about Sarah Ann **BUCKHAM** (born Oakenshaw, Durham 1860) married Charles Matthew **LISTER** at Huttons Ambo, Yorkshire 1881. Sister Elizabeth b.1843 Lanchester, brother Thomas James b.1846 Tanfield, parents Edward Buckham and Elizabeth **STEPHENSON** married 1842 Lanchester. Edward son of Richard, pitman of Crook Hall. Elizabeth daughter of Thomas, brickmaker of Crook Hall.. Is Crook Hall distinct from village of Crookhall? Unable to find names in 1841 census. [Editor's note: There is a Crook Hall in Durham City].

7843 JOHN H. BUGLASS, 4 Little Meadow, Exmouth, Devon EX8 4LU

Looking for help with James **BUGLASS** or **BUGLESS** married Jane **HUNTER**, widow, formerly **FETTES** or **FIDDES**, at Wooler 1802. Also,

Thomas Buglass married Elizabeth of Duddo/Ford at Wooler 1826. Also, Arthur **HUNTLEY** married Jane Ann (nee **THOMPSON**) at Shilbottle 1872. Moved to Ashington by 1873 and Pegswood by 1880.

7846 Mrs PAULINE OAKLEY, Lodore, Kent Street, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3LG

Researching: John **PATTISON**, coach proprietor of Old Elvet, who married Margaret **FORSTER** in 1816 at St Oswald's, Durham. Information sought on John's parents, coaching business and date of death. Also, Margaret's parents and occupations. Also looking for information or articles about the Durham Annual Horse Fair held at Old Elvet. [Editor's note: See article - John the Coach - NDFHS Journal, January 1978].

7850 Mrs. KAY PEACOCK, 43 Durham Rd., San Anselmo, CA 94960, U.S.A. (email: KayPeacock@aol.com)

Researching **ROBSON** of Simonburn Parish: Lionel Robson b. 1747 married to Margaret; children: Mary b. 1789 Shilburnhaugh, Elizabeth b. 1790 Hawkhope (married Walter **RUTHERFORD** in 1815), Roger b. 1792, William b. 1795 Raininghead (emigrated to US), Margaret (?). Children of Elizabeth & Walter Rutherford: Lionel b. 1826, William b. 1832, Mary b. 1836, Ellen (all on 1881 Census). Children of Mary Robson (2nd marriage) and Edward Robson (different family): John Armstrong, Thomas b. 1826, Lionel b. 1828, Margaret and Mary, b. 1830 (found on 1841 and 1851 Census). Children of Roger Robson: Jane, Lionel, William and Matthew. Lionel (son of Mary and Edward) married Jane (daughter of Roger); their children: Catherine b. 1860, Mary b. 1862, Elizabeth b. 1864, Jane b. 1867, Margaret b. 1871, and Edward b. 1874 (found on 1881 Census at Hall Barns, Hexham).

7861 Ms H. BAIN, 146 Weymouth Drive, Glasgow G12 0ET (email: hbain@compuserve.com)

Seeking any information on the family of James **MACKIN** believed to be from Ireland (father Patrick). He married Annie **CLARK** at St John's, Newcastle 1859. Children: Mary Ann (1860), William Patrick (1862), Margaret (1865 Gateshead), Annie (1868), Emily (1870 Westoe, South Shields), Francis (1874), Alice (1877) and Stephen (1880 Glasgow). James and son William were glassmakers. Francis and Alice died in California and Stephen in Prestwick. Margaret married a **RUSSELL** and Annie a **COLLIER**; both stayed in the Newcastle area.

7863 DAVE KAY, 5 Grove Road, Stockingford, Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV10 8JR

1) Seeking the origins of James **KING**, born c1880, said to be the son of Michael and Mary. Was in Wallsend at the turn of the century. 2) Any north east **PORRITT** families. 3) Seeking the origins of Alexander **FRAME** whose son Alexander moved to the Newcastle area in the early years of this century, possibly from Glasgow.

7884 Miss T. BOWMAN, 23 George Street, Darlington, Co.Durham DL1 5DW

Local interests include; **GILL** and **PALLISTER** of Fir Tree and Bedburn, Co.Durham; **HOPE** of Shildon and Cumberland; **BRUCE** of Shildon, and **HOBSON** of Co.Durham.

7890 Mr N.J. TONKINSON, 54 Sylvan Drive, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5FR

Seeking information about Robert Henry **TONKINSON**, born c1882, married Edith **ROBINSON** 1902 at St Cuthbert's, Monkwearmouth. His parents were John William Cogdon Tonkinson and Sarah Ann **DENTON** married 1879. Also, Matthew **ALDERSON**, born Coundon c1840, married Mary Ann **PEARSS** 1861 at Auckland Registry Office.

7892 Mrs P. GASKELL, "Ambleside", 39 Brynton Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 3AF

Researching the name **VOGWELL** of North Shields area.

7898 MARION TOWERS, 14 Koraha Street, Remuera, Auckland 1005, New Zealand (email: jm-towers@xtra.co.nz)

Researching descendents of Cuthbert **SYMN** (**SIMN/SIMM**) and Mary **DODD(S)** who married 1844 at Allendale. Cuthbert was the son of John, woodman, and Mary daughter of William, farmer. Known issue Joseph b1857 who married Frances **FORREST**, Hannah b 1859 married Edward **Forrest**, and Jane. Other names of interest in the area include **NEVIN**, **SHORT**, **GRAHAM**, **COATS** and **THIRLWELL**. Also interested in **Forrest**, **RAINE** and **MORTON** in the Middleton in Teesdale and Barnard Castle areas.

7924 Dr DONALD STRAUGHAN, 9 Beaufort West, Bath BA1 6QB

Looking for information on the following: 1) David **ATKINS**, mariner of Tynemouth, born perhaps 1780, married Catherine **JOHNSTON** at Tynemouth 1810. Catherine died of cholera in 1832 aged 52. Their son William Johnston Atkins was born North Shields c1819, became a master mariner, and died 1876. He married Catherine **BEAGLE**, a boat builder's daughter, at Tynemouth 1841 and they had three sons: William Beagle, David Beagle and John Beagle. 2) William Dickson **SCOTT**, iron works manager, born somewhere in Scotland, living in Gateshead 1881 and possibly in Newcastle in 1891. His widow Ann White Scott, nee **WHITE**, is believed to have lived in Whitley Bay in the late 1920s.

7933 Mrs JEAN DIXON, 18 Cambridge Avenue, Marton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS7 8EJ

Looking for the marriage details for: 1) John **BELL**, born 1784 Alston Moor, Cumberland, married Ann, c1816, who was born Murton 1794. 2) John **RANSON** born 1811 South Shields, married c1837 to Mary, born 1815 Newcastle. 3) Pattison **OLIVER** born 1808 Ryton, married c1835 to Grace, born 1814 St John's, Newcastle. Also, information regarding Elizabeth **BONE** born 1847 South Shields, daughter of John Bone, river pilot. She married John Oliver 1872, Walker, Newcastle. And, the marriage, c1835, of John **COOK** and Elizabeth, both born Wallsend, lived Willington.

7934 R.I. THOMPSON-HALL, 27 Normandy Road, The Hedgerows, Hilton, nr.Derby DE65 5GW

Seeking information on Robert **DRAPER**, born Walton-on-Trent, Derbyshire 1830, married Jane **BINDER** of Middleton, Tamworth and moved to Seaham Hall to work as a gardener until his death in 1909. They had seven children, all born at Seaham: William (1858), Alice A. (1860), Ada A. (1862), Blanche Hawkins (1864), Florence Hawkins (1870), Robert (1872) and Arthur (1874). Also, Hubert S. **LAW**, grandson of the above, present at their deaths and also lived at Seaham Hall.

7969 Mrs THELMA HEDWORTH ROBSON, 29 Boston Avenue, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38 7JF

Looking for information on: 1) George **HEDWORTH**, married Elizabeth **UZZONS** 1773. 2) William Hedworth, father of the above, married Isabel **WILKINSON** 1743. Also looking for a link with the Hedworth family of Pokerlet, Beamish.

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A regular visitor to West Sussex Record Office prepared to check any records on behalf of members.