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EDITORIAL

Once again the thanks of the Society must go to Mr D.G. Linley for compiling the index to our last volume. Our thanks also to all who have sent articles for publication. We are again in the happy situation of having far more material available than we can publish in one issue, so if you have contributed something but do not see it here - you have not been forgotten; all will appear in due course.

Our "Know Your Parish" series is off to a good start and we hope Dr Burdon's effort will stimulate many other contributions of this type. Another innovation this issue is that we have a "Letter to the Editor". We would like to continue publishing these, so if you have any brief comment on anything at all relevant to the Society or to the Journal, it will be welcomed. Brevity, however, is important - 150 to 200 words is the ideal length for this sort of contribution.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

I. MEDOMSLEY, COUNTY DURHAM

Dr D.W. Burdon

The parish of Medomsley was originally a chapelry within the parish of Lanchester, in Chester Ward of County Durham. From 1727 to 1838 it was annexed to the neighbouring chapelry of Ebchester, and both communities were served by a single priest. The church of St. Mary Magdalen, which has its origins in the 12th century, is situated in Medomsley village, pleasantly located on high ground overlooking the Derwent valley.

The old chapelry consisted of three townships, each containing a village and several farmsteads. Medomsley township included Bradley, Byerside, Darwencote and Hamsterley, and corresponds closely to the modern parish of Medomsley. Benfieldside contained the village of Shotley Bridge and five farms, including Snows Green and The Law. The third township was Conside with Knitsley, and contained Consett. In 1847, Benfieldside, part of Conside with Knitsley and some detached portions of Ebchester became a separate chapelry. The remaining portion of Conside with Knitsley became the parish of Consett in 1862. Within the reduced parish of Medomsley a chapel of ease, named Christ Church, was commenced at Hamsterley in 1892, to replace a schoolroom used for services since about 1852.

Medomsley is a rural parish and until the opening of coal mines from 1839 onwards the inhabitants were mainly employed in agriculture. Some parishioners, however, were described as miners before the mines opened, and these were perhaps employed at nearby Pontop. In 1793 it was stated in the Durham "Diocesan Book" that there were about a hundred houses in the chapelry, and by 1801 this had risen to 157. The population in 1801 was 754. By 1851 the population of the township of Medomsley had doubled, whereas that of Benfieldside, and of Conside with Knitsley, had increased 10-fold and 20-fold respectively. It was not until 1881 that Medomsley achieved a 10-fold increase in population.

The parish registers of Medomsley commence in 1608 and have been deposited at Durham Record Office. During the period 1743-1761 there is a sharp fall in the number of recorded baptisms. Burials are erratic from 1730 to 1761 and then cease until 1783. There are transcripts of the registers 1608-1730 at Gateshead and Newcastle Reference Libraries, and marriages for this period are in Boyd's Marriage Index. Baptisms are included in the LDS microfiche index (CFI). The Bishop's Transcripts commence in 1766, but

those for the years beginning March 1767 and 1785 are missing. The registers of Christ Church, Hamsterley, commencing 1852, and of Benfieldside St. Cuthbert, commencing 1848, have also been deposited in Durham Record Office.

The earliest Quaker meeting house in County Durham was established in Benfieldside, but was subsequently abandoned. The Diocesan Book for 1793 states that John Swinburn and his family, and a husbandman who worked under him, were the only papists, and that there were three families of Methodists. With the rapid growth of population in the nineteenth century Free, Primitive and Wesleyan Methodist, and other nonconformist chapels were built in Medomsley and its daughter parishes.

Apart from parish registers, there are few other genealogical sources. The Churchwardens' Accounts 1803-1853 are deposited at Durham Record Office. Land tax returns start in 1759, but there are only eleven returns available before 1820. Mawson's Deeds, deposited at the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic, Durham University, include material relating to Medomsley, and there are also some Medomsley Deeds at the County Record Office. Medomsley Fell was enclosed by the Lanchester Inclosure Act of 1773, and the tithe apportionment was made in 1817.

The main landowners were the families of Hall, Hunter, Swinburn and Surtees. Accounts of these appear in the principal local histories and in the MS collections at Newcastle Reference Library.

Christopher Hunter, M.D. (1675-1757), the antiquary, was born at Medomsley. After his death, his extensive manuscript notes were dispersed, but it is not known whether any of them referred to Medomsley. Two volumes, consisting of ecclesiastical records, are in the Dean and Chapter Library, Durham, and another in the Allgood of Nunwick MSS at Northumberland County Record Office. The latter contains a little genealogical material, especially of the Hunter family. A MS history of Medomsley, prepared by the W.I., is held at Durham Record Office.

THE JUNE MEETING

QUIZ AND SOCIAL EVENING

Members who made the journey to the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Woolsington, enjoyed a convivial evening which provided the opportunity to discuss genealogical and other topics informally, over a drink, and to enjoy the excellent buffet. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the eagerly awaited Great Genealogical Quiz, in which a team representing Northumberland (Mr D.G. Mason and Mr W.E. Wallace) was narrowly defeated by the County Durham side (Mr G. Nicholson and Mr R.G. Hewitson). Northumberland, in fact, took an early lead and held it most of the time but fell in the end to the relentless pressure of a County Durham side desperate to complete the business and return to the bar. As the questions and answers were found interesting and educational by those present, we give the questions here - and the answers on p.13. Our thanks must go to our chairman, Adam Bunting and to his wife Joan for compiling the questions and to Adam for acting as chairman of the Quiz.

ROUND 1 - DATES

Why are these dates important to genealogists? (a) 1538; (b) 1812;
(c) 1754; (d) 1597; (e) 1653; (f) 1858.

ROUND 2 - WHERE?

Where would you go to find and search the following records?
(a) Records of the City & Guilds of London.

- (b) Records of the Archbishopric of York.
- (c) Records of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.
- (d) Old Parish Registers in Scotland.
- (e) A huge index of all 18th-century apprenticeships.
- (f) Most original nonconformist registers.

ROUND 3 - WILLS

- (a) Where is the Principal Probate Registry?
- (b) Name one type of extra document that can often be found with an old will.
- (c) If a person died intestate, what could his next of kin do?
- (d) Whom did curatation and tuition bonds affect?
- (e) What was a "peculiar"?
- (f) Were women allowed to make wills in the 18th century?

ROUND 4 - NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM

- (a) How many ancient Newcastle parishes (pre-1800) are there?
- (b) Name them.
- (c) How many ancient Durham City parishes are there?
- (d) Name any four.
- (e) In what parishes were the following townships: Ovington, Killingworth, Otterburn?
- (f) What places are associated with these families: Trevelyan & Tankerville?
- (g) In what parishes were the following townships: Lambton, Raby, Tudhoe?
- (h) What places are associated with these families: Neville and Tempest?
- (i) Which one of the following is not in Boyd's Marriage Index: Holy Island, Wooler, Tynemouth, Felton, Kirknewton?
- (j) Which one of the following is not in Boyd's Marriage Index: Boldon, Washington, Durham St. Oswald, Norton, Gateshead?
- (k) If a man died with lands and property in Allendale, where would his will be proved?
- (l) Name one place outside Durham and Northumberland whose people had to prove their wills at Durham, at the Consistory Court.
- (m) For what industry were the following once famous: (i) Seaton Sluice; (ii) Bedlington (apart from coal and shipbuilding); (iii) St. John's Chapel; (iv) South Shields?

ROUND 5 - JOBS

What sort of work did the following do? (All from N.E. industries)

- (a) A corver; (b) a viewer; (c) a cordwainer; (d) a fuller; (e) a hostman;
- (f) a runner; (g) a chairman; (h) a hammerman.

ROUND 6 - ORIGINS OF NAMES

What occupations did the following surnames stem from?

- (a) Turner; (b) Coward; (c) Conyer; (d) Webster; (e) Whitbread;
- (f) Fletcher; (g) Bailey; (h) Biddell; (i) Spellman; (j) Nasmith.

ROUND 7 - MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) What was the lower age limit for service in the militia?
- (b) What was the upper age limit for service in the militia?
- (c) Where are the Chaplains' Returns kept?
- (d) What are the Chaplains' Returns?
- (e) In Vol. 5 of the National Index of Parish Registers there is an entry: "Registers of Jesuit House, Worcester, 1685-1720". Why should this entry be treated with caution?
- (f) JOHN and RALPH are brothers. JOHN has two sons, TOM and DICK. RALPH has one son, HARRY. TOM, DICK & HARRY all have one son: TOM, jun., DICK, jun., and HARRY, jun. What relationship is RALPH to DICK, jun.?
- (g) What relationship is TOM, jun., to HARRY?
- (h) When was the Hearth Tax first imposed?

- (i) When was the first National Census?
- (j) What is the only County Durham parish register to start in 1538?

ROUND 8 - HERALDRY

- (a) What, in heraldry, is (i) a crest; (ii) a bend?
- (b) What colour or metal is (i) "or"; (ii) "gules"; (iii) "argent"; (iv) "sable"?
- (c) What is "canting arms"?
- (d) What is a "label"?

THE "RUNAWAY REGISTERS" AT HADDINGTON

"Gretna Green was not the only place where runaway couples from England were married There was an Episcopal Church at Haddington which was convenient for such as came north via Newcastle and Berwick-on-Tweed, and it cannot be doubted that the services of a duly ordained clergyman of the Church were preferred by many to the rough and ready, though efficacious, offices of the blacksmith on the western end of the Borders." These words in "Northern Notes and Queries" (or "The Scottish Antiquary"), published in Edinburgh at the end of the last century, preface a useful list of marriages which took place between 1762 and 1795, and which "are contained in three thin quarto Volumes, which have been called, not unfitly 'The Runaway Registers'." The full list comprises details of 224 marriages of couples from all parts of England and appears in Volume 3, pages 68-71 and 118-127, and Volume 4, pages 14-17. Those relating to people from Northumberland or Durham are numerous, and we print them below.

Register of Marriages for the English Episcopal Chapel in Haddington (sic), N. Britain

1763	April 29	John WRIGHT & Mary MORROW, Chester-le-Street, Durham,
	Aug 31	Wm HOW of Haughton & Jane GARTHWAITE of Bp. Auckland, Durham.
1765	Feby 3	Thomas BASNET, Weaver, and Mary SHIPTON, Widow, both of Darlington, Durham.
1765	May 14	Mark WHITEHEAD, Sailor, & Kath. NESBITT, both of South Shields, Durham.
1764	May 21	Ralph WALKER of Durham, & Eliz. ROBSON of Haughton-le-Spring.
	July 2	Daniel YOUNG, Surgeon, & Eleanor LOCKHART, both of Berwick.
	July 12	Jerom RUDD, Surgeon & Hannah ALLEN, both of Darlington.
(NOTE: Though printed as 1764, the three marriages above seem to have taken place in 1765, and "Northern Note" indicates that in the privately printed pedigree of the Allans of Blackwell Grange, the Rudd-Allen marriage is given as July 20, 1765.)		
1765	Sept 30	William TATEHAM of Stockton, Merchant, & Jane Chrisop of the same Parish, Spinster. Witnesses: Alice Tatham, Barthw Bower.
	Oct 5	Thomas SMART of Whickham, Co. Durham, Gent., & Margaret CARR of St. Oswald, City of Durham. Wit. Margaret Mason, Barthw Bower.
	Nov 6	Thomas CROFT, Farmer, & Elizabeth White, Spinster, both of Sedgfield, Co. Durham. Wit. Barthw. Bower, John Foster.
1766	Jan 19	Patrick OGILVIE of Dundee, last from Newcastle, Shipmaster, & Ann BURN of St. George's in the East, London, Spinster. Wit. Ka. Raitt, Barthw. Bower.
	March 31	James MOORE of St. Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne, Mercht., & Mary ADAMSON of the same parish, spinster. Wit. Helen Anderson, Barthw. Bower.
	May 27	William MENZIES of Ancroft, Co. Durham & Ann CROWTHER of Lowich (sic), Co. Durham. Wit. Selby Crowther, Barthw. Bower.

1766 July 23 John HALL of Branspeth, Co. Durham, Mercht., & Alice BEDFORD of the city of Durham & Parish of Elvet, Spinster. Wit. Wm. Gurner, Barthw. Bower.

Aug 17 John REDHEAD of St. Nicholas, city of Durham, Grocer & Isabella AISLEY of same parish, Spinster. Wit. Wm Garner, John Dunlop.

Aug 25 John COLE, Gent., & Sarah SALKELD, Spinster, both of Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. Wit. James Fairbairn, Barthw. Bower.

Dec 21 William BURDON of Stranton, Shipmaster, & Mary CLAXTON of Hart & Chapelry of Hartlepool, both Co. Durham. Wit. James Fairbairn, Barthw. Bower.

1767 May 8 Henry HENDERSON of Embleton, Co. Northumberland, Butcher, & Catherine BROOKS of Alnwick, same county, Spinster. Wit. John Johnston, Barthw. Bower.

Aug 2 Gerrard SELBY, Esq., Commander of His Majesty's Cutter "Meredith" and Catherine PEMBLE, Spinster, both of the chapelry of Belford, Co. Northumberland. Wit. James Fairbairn, Bw. Bower.

Oct 28 William DENT of Darlington, Mercht., & Mary ROBSON of the same Parish, Spinster. Wit. Edwd. Lister, Will Andrews, John Carfrai.

1768 Feb 1 John MITCHISON of All Saints, Newcastle, Plummer & Elizabeth GREENHOW of St. Andrews in Newcastle, Spinster. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Wm Garner.

April 5 Thomas LINDSAY of Alnwick, Schoolmaster, & Elizabeth REAY of St. Andrew, Newcastle. Witc. Susannah Mitchison, Barthw. Bower.

April 12 Thomas GREENWELL of All Saints, Newcastle, Tallow-Chandler, & Ann SMITH of Wolsingham, Co. Durham, Spinster. Wit. Barthw. Bower, John Greenwell.

June 21 Thos. SAMPLE of Eglingham, Co. Northumberland, Farmer, & Margaret SMITH of Belford, same co., Spinster. Wit. William Garner, Gilbert M'Gillivray.

July 21 Thomas DAIL of Whitby, Co. York, Mariner, & Ann DURHAM of South Shields, Co. Durham, Spinster. Wit. Martha Major, Barthw. Bower.

Sept 27 John LANDELL of St. John, Newcastle, Merchant & Jane GREENHORN of Pryton, Spinster. Wit. John Brown, Barthw. Bower.

Nov 14 John SHERRATT of St. Martins in the Fields, Co. Middlesex, Esq., Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Foot, & Jane JEFFERIES of Ford, Co. Northumberland, Spinster. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Gilbert M'Gillivray.

1769 June 25 Thomas CARSE of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Miller, & Eliz. SCOT of same Town. Wit. John Hoy, Alex. Fraser.

Aug 16 John BURN, M.D., & Elizabeth ALDER, Widow, both of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Wit. Sarah Fairbairn, Barthw. Bower.

Dec 12 James THORBURN of Ford, Farmer, & Elizabeth MENZIES of Brankstone, both Co. Northumberland. Wit. James Fairbairn, Francis Thorburn.

1770 June 30 John MILLS of Morpeth, Co. Northumberland, & Ann SCOTT of the same parish. Wit. William Willey, Barthw. Bower.

1771 Oct 15 John DODDS of Warkworth, Co. Northumberland, Mason, & Elizabeth PATTISON of the same parish. Wit. Barthw. Bower, John Pierie.

Nov 6 Archibald MEGGET, Esq., of Gifford, East Lothian, & Elizabeth WELLS of Darlington, Spinster. Wit. T. Innocent, Jas. Fairbairn.

1772 April 11 Henry HAMMOND of Newport Pratt, Co. Mayo, but late of Berwick-upon-Tweed, & Mary NEALSON of Berwick. Wit. George Goodwill, Barthw. Bower.

1772 July 28 The Revd. James CRUIKSHANKS, Minister of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters in Shaw's Lane, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Margaret DODS of the same congregation. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Wm Garner.

Oct 10 Thos DODDS of Cornhill, Co. Durham, Toll-bar keeper, & Mary MILLER, late of North Shields, now of Cornhill, aforesd. Wit. John Nisbet, Thomas Hann.

Nov 11 John BAILLIE of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Shopkeeper, & Margaret JEFFIRY (signed Geffiry) of the same. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Gabriel Wilson.

Nov 19 John SCOTT [later Lord Eldon] of the parish of All Saints in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Fellow of University College in Oxford, & Elizabeth SURTEES of St. Nicholas Parish in the same town, spinster, were married at Blackshiels, N. Britain ~~according to the form of~~ (sic). Wit. James Fairbairn, Thos. Fairbairn.

1773 June 12 James BOLTON of Wooler, Co. Northumberland, Mason, & Isabel JAMIESON of the same parish. Wit. William Litster, Sarah Fairbairn.

Aug 16 George HALL of Felton, Co. Northumberland, and Jane CARR of the same parish. Wit. Wm. Garner, George Horsbrough.

Aug 19 John WILSON of Alnwick, Co. Northumberland, Surgeon, & Ann WILSON of the same parish. Wit. James Fairbairn, Barthw. Bower.

Oct 13 Samuel WIDDEL of Shilbottle, Co. Northumberland, Farmer, & Jane PAXTON of the same parish. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Betty Smith.

1774 April 29 George HENDERSON of Newton, Co. Northumberland, Miller, & Jane MENZIES of Cornhill, Co. Durham. Wit. Barthw. Bower, James Fairbairn.

Oct 20 Thomas HINDMARSH of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Joiner & Cabinet Maker, & Elizabeth ALDER of the same parish. Wit. Wilfrid Younghusband, James Fairbairn.

1775 Sep 27 Edward STEEL of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Mariner, & Isabella HOG of the same parish. Wit. Thomas Carss, Josiah Dods, Isable Steel.

Dec 3 James BLACK of Tweedmouth, Co. Durham, Barber and Peruke Maker, & Mary LAMBERT of the same parish, widow. Wit. Barthw. Bower, Henry Jacobson.

1777 Oct 5 William Augustus CANE, Lieutenant in His Majesty's Second Regiment of Foot, & Dorothy OGLE of St. Johns, Newcastle. Wit. John Butler, Gilbert M'Gillivry.

1778 June 4 Robert GILLIES of Berwick-on-Tweed, Mason, & Margaret CLARK of the same Town. Wit. Jas. Nisbet, Geo. Foster.

June 27 William Bacon FORSTER of Adderstone, Co. Northumberland, Esq., & Lady Katherine TURNOUR of Kirisford, Co. Sussex, md. 'in this Chapel'. Wit. Jas. Nisbet, James Fairbairn, Ann Boxall.

Sep 22 Robert RICHARDSON, Junr., of Alnwick, Co. Northumberland, Attorney at Law, & Mary WATSON of Embleton, Spinster. Wit. Edwd. Henderson, Sarah Fairbairn.

1779 Jan 19 James POTTS of Norham, Co. of Durham, Overseer of the Coal-works at Greenlaw Walls & Rose POTTS of the same Parish. Wit. Ja. Nisbet, Mark Proudfoot.

Sep 3 Michael COULTER of Lisbury, Co. Northumberland, Farmer, & Mary COULTER of Morpeth, Spinster. Wit. Jas. Nisbet, Thomas Fairbairn.

1780 May 22 William SKELLY of Eglington, Co. Northumberland, Farmer, & Margaret SCOTT of the same Parish. Wit. Thomas Arthur, James Fairbairn.

May 25 Edward HOGGBANKS of Wolsingham, Co. Durham, Writer, & Isabella METCALFE of the same parish. Wit. George Sawers, T. Hinslie(?), Jas. Nisbet.

1783 Sep 16 William HUNTER, Lieutenant in the Durham Militia, and Sarah DODSWORTH of Rippon, Co. York. Wit. Wm Brunton, Jas Nisbet.

1792 Jan 19 Thomas SEMPLE of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Butcher, & Jane ROBERTSON of the same parish. Wit. William White, Jas. Nisbet.

1793 April 19 Miles MONKHOUSE of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Wine Merchant, & Dorothea Ann HOPPER of Elvet in the City of Durham, Spinster. Wit. Elizabeth Bowker, William Loftus.

1795 Nov 24 Alexander RAMSAY of Dunse, Butcher, & Frances SPEARS of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Wit. Alexr. Thom, Thomas Temple.

(Note: The above entry is shown as 1795 but appears before the marriages for 1794 and may therefore be in error.)

SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE TROUBLES

G.T. Millican

When researching a name most people may have some variety of spellings to contend with. In the search for Millicans the variations are almost like Heinz - 57 Varieties.

M I L L I C A N
E N N E K E E
U G O A
Y S Y

By using any permutation of the letters above the various forms of the name can be arrived at. Examples which have been found are as follows:

MILLIGAN	MILIKIN	MILLEGAN	MULLIGAN	MILLICHAN	MINNIKEN
MILIGAN	MILLICAN	MILLIKANE	MULLIKIN	MYLLIGHAN	MINIKEN
MELIGAN	MELLICAN	MULLICANE	MYLLIKIN	MILIKYNE	MINIKIN
MELEGAN	MELICAN	MULIGEN	MILLISON	MULLIKEN	MILCANA
MILLIKEN	MYLLYKYNE	MULLIGAIN	MILICAN	MINNICAN	MILLICANA
MILIKEN	MILLIGANE	MILIGNE	MILLIKAN	MINNIGAN	

It is probably because of the Anglicising of the Irish alphabet that all the varieties have developed. The following attempts at an Anglicised spelling of the originals of the name indicate something of the problem which must have troubled the people who were required to write the name on mainland records - O'MAOILEAGAIN, O'MAOILEACAIN, O'MAOLAGAN and O'MAOLACAIN.

When I started to trace my own family some years ago I came to a dead end in Glanton, Northumberland, at the birth of the first child of George and Elizabeth (Telford) Millican which was recorded by the Presbyterian Church in Glanton in 1800. No record of the marriage of George to Elizabeth Telford has been found. It is known from the 1851 census that Elizabeth came from Scotland but the story is told in the family that George came north from Yorkshire looking for land to farm. I would be grateful if anyone can offer any help here if they know of any Millicans in Yorkshire in the 1700s.

When I found this dead end I decided to try to research other Millican families in the hope of coming up to George and Elizabeth from earlier times. So far no luck. As the list of names increased the interest in the whole history and origin of the name developed so much that there are now over a thousand names on file card and a mass of history accumulated. I am now convinced that the name Millican did not exist in this form but for one exception, Cuthbert Millican of Sebergham, who signed the Protestation Roll in 1641. Can anyone prove me wrong? All other signings of the Protestation Roll are spelt by one of the selection listed above and as generations progressed several developed into Millican.

The main English source of the name is undoubtedly Cumberland. A number of families moved East to Alston Moor where they became lead miners, during the many poor years in this form of mining they moved down the Tyne, settling in Northumberland and Durham.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for inclusion in this and the Second Time Around column should be sent to Mrs Anne Spendiff, 17 Augustus Drive, Bedlington, Northumberland. Entries for the next (January) issue of the Journal should reach Mrs Spendiff by 1st November. Please include your membership number when writing.

- 531 Mrs P. FIDIAM, Tees Bank House, 337 Coniscliffe Rd, Darlington, Co. Durham.
Interested in the Fidiam family anywhere at any time. Also Buntin, or Bunton, and Mowbray families of Witton Gilbert in the 18th century; the Nixon and Watchman families, Chester-le-Street, 19th century; Fowler family, Monkwearmouth, 18th century; Wood family, Durham City, 19th century.
- 587 Mr W. TOYN, "Cleeve", The Grove, Broom Lane, Whickham, Newcastle.
Would like any information on the following: (1) Robert Wilson married Mary Bryden 16/5/1799 (place unknown). There were twelve daughters of the marriage, who were born in Lowick, Etal and Tweedmouth, 1801-1822. The only son, William, was born in Etal in 1813. The family was probably Presbyterian. Robert Wilson is said to have been born in Tiptoe and to have been a butcher. (2) The birth of Thomas Ternent (or Tranent), c.1789 in Northumberland, the son of Thomas Ternent and Agnes Grey. (3) Anything on Mary Elizabeth Duffy, b.16/2/1892 at Benton Park Lodge, daughter of James Duffy and Mary Ann McCreish.
- 722 Mr R.K. HARLE, 44 Sherburn Park Dr, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear.
- 723 Miss L.T. BIRES, Sunset Drive, MR2, Baden, Pennsylvania 15005, USA.
- 724 Mr J.E. RUSSELL, 23 Milbank Court, Darlington, Co. Durham.
- 725 Mr D. BURN, 2 Lavan Sands, Thornhill, Acklam, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS5 8TU.
Mr Burn would be interested in information about Walter Burn, who was probably born in the 1680s in or near the parish of Gainford, although no record of his baptism appears in the Gainford register.
- 726 Mrs E. BOYLE, 19 St. Leonards Ave, Windsor, Berkshire.
Researching the name Emmerson, and seeking esp. the marriage of an Emmerson and an Appelby before 1849.
- 727 Mr S.E. CHAPMAN, 117 Thornbridge Drive, Frenchevill, Sheffield S12 4YH.
Would like information on John Pattinson Chapman, whose father, Snowdon Chapman, was born c.1829. Also David Markwell, whose daughter, Mary Ann, married John Pattinson Chapman in 1852 in the Sunderland area.
- 728 Mrs A.M. McLEOD, 619 Georgian Pl, Sherwood Pk, Alberta, T8A 2T6, Canada.
Seeks the marriage of Peter Burn and Margaret Joicey in the Longhorsley area, c.1759, and the birth of Hannah Watson, in Whittington in 1840. Would also like information on the following families: Joicey (Netherwitton, Longhorsley, 18th cent.); Johnson (Haltwhistle, 18th cent.); Dickinson (Haltwhistle, 18th & 19th cent.); Watson (Whittington, 19th cent.); Burn (Netherwitton, 18th & 19th cent., Longhorsley, 18th cent., Haltwhistle, 18th & 19th cent., Brampton, Cumbria, 19th cent.); Hewitson (Aspatria, Cumb., 19th cent.); Reay (Cockermouth, 18th & 19th cent.); Rutherford (London & Dublin, 19th cent.), Lloyd (London, 19th cent.).
- 729 Mr R. WILSON, 490 John Williamson St., S. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE33 5HW.
- 730 Capt. D. ARMSTRONG, High Grow Law, Hepple, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7LH.
- 731 Mrs K.A. RAMSDEN, Treveen, Eighton Banks, Gateshead, NE9 7XD.
- 732 Mr K. LINGE, Acca, 6 Luxmoore Ave., Willington, Co. Durham, DL15 ODY.
- 733 Dr I.R. MCGILL, 57 Paynesdown Rd, Thatcham, Nr. Newbury, Berkshire.
- 734 Mr G.L. FAIRS, Thornton House, Bear St, Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, HR3 5AN.
Interested in the following families between 1850 and 1918: Fairs (Gateshead), Cowrie (Branxton, Cornhill, Crookham & Lowick, Northumberland), Craggs (W. Rainton & Penshaw, Co. Durham).

- 735 Mrs L. CROWTHER, 32 Jubilee Dr, Thornbury, Avon, BS12 2YQ.
Surnames of interest are Swinbank, Greenwell, Dunn, Brett & Young, in and around the Witton-Gilbert, Langley Park & Nettlesworth areas of Co. Durham. Richard Swinbank (19) married Ellen Brett (17) in 1877. Richard's father, also Richard, was a coal-miner and was dead by 1877. Ellen's parents were Alfred & Ann (?) Brett of Whitstable, Kent. Thomas Greenwell married Elizabeth Dunn c.1890. George Dunn (possibly a Scot) married Ann ?, c. 1850. The younger Richard Swinbank had a half brother and sister, Joseph & Margaret Young.
- 736 Mrs H.S. CARPENTER jr., 7927 Pine Lake Rd, Jacksonville, Florida 32216, USA.
- 737 Mr W.P. RIDLEY, 23 The Riding, Newcastle upon Tyne 3.
Mr Ridley would like information on the following people: Philip Ridley, born 1792/3 in W. Allendale, and living at Grey Craggs Cottage, Coanwood, in 1871; Isabella Birkett, née Ridley, born 1778/9 at Haltwhistle; her husband, Miles Birkett, who died before 1851; William Oliver, born 1792/3 at Haltwhistle and living at West Garbutt Hill, Coanwood, in 1871; his wife, Elizabeth Wallace, or Wallis, born 1796/7; James Henry Balmbra, who was living at Aycliffe in 1865 and was stationmaster at Acklington in c.1890.
- 738 Dr E. HODGSON, Dept. of Entomology, N. Carolina State University, Raleigh, N. Carolina 27650, USA.
- 739 Mr J.O.L. BRASS, Ridgeway, Windmill Lane, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, DE6 1JA.
Interested in the family of William Levi Brass, who was born in Escomb, Co. Durham, and is understood to have lived at the Angel Inn, Escomb, and to have died at Esh Winning in 1915. He married Hannah Isabel Nicholson, who once lived at Boulby, N. Yorks. After Escomb, she lived at Esh Winning and died at Shildon c.1936. Other names of interest are Frith, of W. Cornforth, Nicholson & Corner. The Corners are understood to have emigrated to New Zealand.
- 740 Mrs L. VEALE, 37 Eastmont Road, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey.
Would like information on the Pallas family, esp. the marriage of Richard Pallas (a keelman) and Mary Boys. Two of their children, Thomas and John, were born in Sunderland in 1814 and 1818. Also, details about John Tindle would be welcome. He was the father of Matthew (born c.1829), but was dead at the time of his son's marriage to Isabella Metcalfe in 1848 at Sunderland Parish Church.
- 741 Mr C.K. ROBINSON, 111 Rothbury Rd, Newton Hall, Durham, DH1 5QB.
- 742 Mrs E.T. BROCKBANK, 8 Stonehaugh Way, Ponteland, NE20 9LX.
- 743 Mr A.P. PATTERSON, "Rydal", 37 Langdon Rd, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset, BH14 9EQ.
Family names are MacKenzie, Hindmarsh, Walker & Sinton. Specifically, Mr Patterson would like information on his greatgrandfather, Robin Patterson, who lived at St. Cuthbert's Inn, Monkhouses (near Bamburgh), from the 1840s to 1871. Any information about the MacKenzies and Walkers in Seahouses, Bamburgh & North Sunderland in the first half of the 19th century would be welcome.
- 744 Mr J.R. TOMBLING, 15 Oaklands Ave, St. Peters, Broadstairs, Kent.
Would like to trace the birth of John Tumlin, who died 7/5/1769, and his wife, Mary, who died 28/1/1773, both at Capheaton near Kirkwhelpington. Their marriage record is also sought.
- 745 Mrs I. GUMM, 22 Heathdale Gdns, High Heaton, Newcastle, NE7 7QR.
- 746 Mrs A.N. LOVE, 37 Winston Dr, Eston, Cleveland, TS6 9LX.
- 747 Prof. M.R. DICKSON, 1026 Woodside Parkway, Silverspring, Md 20910, USA.
- 748 Mrs J.M. DODDS, Shellsborough, Woolacombe, N. Devon.
Seeking information on Edmond Dodds. A snuffbox in the family's possession is engraved as follows: "Presented by Captain Barclay of URY and the other proprietors of the Defence & Union Coaches to Mr Edmond Dodds, Road Surveyor, as a mark of respect for the very great attention bestowed by him in keeping in repair the turnpike

roads under his charge - Jan. 1838." Dodds is described on his son's marriage certificate (1842) as a farmer. The son, Patrick Anderson Dodds, was married in Lichfield, but lived in N. Shields in 1834 and in Hartlepool in 1846. He died in 1868.

- 749 Mr J.D. GORDON, Albion Cottage, Albion Terr, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6EL.
- 750 Mrs E.A. SMITH, 24 Vista Encanta, San Clemente, California 92672, USA.
Researching Jane Barrowforth and her sister, Ann, born 1796 & 1790 respectively in Lumly, Durham. They were living at 16 Northampton Place, Southwark, Surrey, in 1851. Jane married Daniel Roberts, a Master Tanner, who was born in Battersea in 1798. There are said to be quite a few Barrowforths in the parish of Houghton, Durham, but all are from Biddick, not Lumley. Also interested in Charles Newby & W.S. Rowe, who married into the Barrowforths when they lived in Durham.
- 751 Miss M.A. CLENNETT, 54 Berkeley Close, Ruislip Gardens, Mdxs.
Miss Clennett would welcome any information on the Clennet(t)s in the 18th century or earlier.
- 752 Mrs M. METHERELL, 18 Court Rd, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Mdxs. UB10 8TE.
Researching Joseph Ritchie (b.1814, N.E. Durham) and his wife, Ann Stafford (b.1816, N. Gosforth). Also Timothy McSherry (b.1828, Ireland) and his wife, Ann Henry (b.1831, Ireland). The Irish birthplaces are proving elusive. Their son, Timothy, married Mary Cain, daughter of Bridget and Bernard Cain, and all these families lived in Bedlington. After Timothy Sr.'s death (1864, aged 36), Ann married a Patrick Gillooly or Gillhooly in 1867.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 169 Miss J.V. LISLE, 15 Edwin Ave South, Forest Hall, Newcastle, NE12 9AX.
Interested in a Roman Catholic family called Abdon. Anthony Abdon, a zinc smelter from Belgium, was at Felling Shore, Heworth, in 1861. His wife, Elizabeth Farren (Farrell or Varell) was born in Middlesex in 1826. Their family consisted of Henry (b.1845, Wales), Mary C. (b.1846, Mülheim, Ruhr), Arthur A. (b.1851, Farlam, Cumberland), Anthony (b.1855, Jarrow), Mary Ann (b.1859, Brampton), Rosanna (b.1862 and baptised at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Felling). Miss Lisle would like to trace Rosanna's marriage to Thomas Michael Taylor (sometimes referred to as Taylor-Bone or Bone-Taylor).
- 466 Miss J.L. BROOKS, Portis, Kansas 67474, USA.
Interested in Thomas Allan, who left England for the USA c.1851, aged c.25; his wife, Mary Jane Burnell; and his brothers, Robert & Samuel Allan. Also seeking details on John Allan (1819-1867), who died and is buried in Durham. Other family lines from England are Joseph Gledhill and William Leigh.
- 598 Mr B. ROBSON, 11 Fulthorpe Ave, Mowden Estate, Darlington, Co. Durham.
Researching Peaps (Wallsend, 1829), Locky (Alnwick), Addison (Thursby), Hindhaugh & Weir (Northumberland), Hall (Newcastle 1812+) & Jewson (Newcastle 1838+).
- 654 Mrs J. WILLCOCK, 131 14th Ave, Tauranga, New Zealand.
The earliest information on the Willcocks is the marriage of Henry to Mary Featherstone, 12/7/1877, at Darlington Register Office. Their fathers were Henry Willcock, a platelayer, and Robert Featherstone, pitman. Both were dead in 1877. Henry jr.'s son was Robert Henry, born 12/3/1888 at Darlington, and there was probably a daughter, Lilian. Other families are White (Workington, Jarrow), Nicholson (Whitehaven, Wrexham, Workington), Tallentire (Cumberland), Thornham, Everson, Barker, Chester, Roantree, Cordukes (all Yorks.), Jenner (Edenbridge, Kent), Hicklin (Notts. area), Darcy, Culshaw, Brierly, Grimshaw, Kirby, Porter, Johnson (all Lancs.), Darcy, Grimshaw (Cheshire), Beckett, Friend, Aylward, Humphrey (all Kent with possible Surrey and Sussex connections).

- 682 Mr R. ATKINSON, 29611 Pierre Drive, Novi, Michigan 48050, USA.
 Seeking information on Robert Atkinson of Bradley Hall, Wolsingham.
 His wife was Mary and his father Thomas or Robert. Robert & Mary
 had 8 children at Bradley Hall, 1775-94, including Thomas, b. 1 Dec.
 1790, who married Sarah, ?née Bell, (b. c.1793 in Marwood or Barnard
 Castle), and whose son, Robert, was born in Marwood or Barnard
 Castle c.1819. Mr Atkinson would like a list of deaths, 1812-1837,
 from Wolsingham. He is also interested in the Black Horse Inn,
 Willington, Co. Durham, which was once owned by William Friend, who
 married Jane, dau. of Thomas Atkinson of 25 High Farm, Willington.
 Do High Farms and Farms Low still exist? Other interests are in
 Metcalfe and Olley. Jane, dau. of Ann & Matthew Metcalfe (a mason)
 of Willington, married Robert Atkinson, Sr., at Brancepeth, 25 Nov.
 1854. Mary Ann Olley, b.1862, married Robert Atkinson, Jr. of
 Willington at Durham Registry Office, 2/1/1883; they lived at
 Brancepeth Castle, where they worked for Lord Boyne, and their
 children were born at Langley Moor and Brancepeth.
- 711 Mr T.W. ARKLE, 6 Mostyn Close, Sutton, Ely, Cambs. CB6 2QJ.
 The wrong entry was put with Mr Arkle's name in the last issue of
 the Journal. He is interested in the family name of Arkle, esp.
 in Northumberland.
- 715 Mr E.K. GREEN, Selworthy, 8 Shiphay Ave, Torquay, Devon, TQ2 7EA.
 Seeking information on John Green of Darlington c.1800, who married
 a Miss Feetham, a descendant of Dame Feetham of Town Farm, Sadberge,
 who died c.1842, aged 100. Any details regarding the Feethams and
 their connection with Darlington, Haughton le Skerne and Sadberge,
 would be welcome.
- 718 Miss V. KEMP, 383 Lode Lane, Solihull, W. Midlands.
 Researching the names Milbourne and Manners, and would like informa-
 tion on William Milbourne, who married Elizabeth Manners in 1870 in
 Newcastle. William and his father, also William, were plumbers.
 Elizabeth was from Bishop Auckland; her father, James Lindsley
 Manners, was born in 1805 and was a farmer.
- 720 Mrs H. ALLINSON, 125 Westerham Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
 Mrs Allinson is interested in the Allinson, Redfearn, Shield, Scott,
 Walton, Collins & Calvert families in Teesdale, not Teeside, as
 stated in the last issue of the Journal.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 14 Mr D.G. HARRIS, 6 New England Close, Bicknacre, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex.
 147 Mr A. PHILLIPS, 534 Eastern Ave, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex, IG2 6EJ.
 240 Mrs B. KERN, RR1 Box 46, Calby, Ks 67701, USA.
 324 Mr P.J. CRAGGS, County Hotel, Birmingham Rd, Walsall, W. Midlands, WS1 2NG.
 388 Mrs H.Y. McLEAN, 36 Hampton Ter, Tauranga, New Zealand.
 626 Mr D.M. SQUIRE, 2 St. Stephen's Ave, Ealing, London, W13 8ES.

CALLING ARIZONA

Do we have any Arizona, USA, member, who knows, or can contact, Mrs Nila
 Bake of Prescott? Mrs Bake wishes to join the Society; we know this because
 she has written to say so, but we cannot reply as she did not send us her
 address. The postmark on her letter is Prescott, Arizona (zip code 86301).

HELP WANTED

Mr R. Cail, 3 Grangewood, Wexham, Slough, SL3 6LP, who is vice-chairman
 of Windsor and Slough FHS, would like to contact anyone who can search for him
 in DURHAM County Record Office in return for reciprocal help in BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
 and/or BERKSHIRE County Record Offices.

QUIZ ANSWERS

How have you scored in the Quiz given above on pp. 3-5? Here are the answers.

- 1a. Parish Registers began.
- 1b. Printed Parish Registers - "Roses' Act".
- 1c. Hardwicke's Act - Marriage Registers improved.
- 1d. Bishops' Transcripts started.
- 1e. Beginning of the Commonwealth - Cromwell. Many parish registers not kept.
- 1f. Probate Courts transferred from Church to State control.

- 2a. Guildhall Library, London.
- 2b. Borthwick Institute, York.
- 2c. Prior's Kitchen, Durham.
- 2d. New Register House, Edinburgh.
- 2e. Society of Genealogists, London.
- 2f. Public Record Office, London.

- 3a. Somerset House.
- 3b. Inventory. Probate Bond.
- 3c. Arrange for an Administration.
- 3d. Children - when both parents had died and guardians had to be arranged.
- 3e. A small area, e.g. parish or manor, where probate was granted by a local official and not by the archdeacon or bishop.
- 3f. Some - as long as they were not married! Single women only, until 1882.

- 4a. 4. 4b. St. Nicholas, St. John, St. Andrew, All Saints.
- 4c. 7. 4d. Cathedral, St. Giles, St. Margaret, St. Mary the Less, St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Nicholas, St. Oswald. 4e. Ovingham, Longbenton, Elsdon.
- 4f. Trevelyan: Wallington, Hartburn parish or Netherwitton; Tankerville: Chillingham.
- 4g. Chester-le-Street, Staindrop, Brancepeth.
- 4h. Neville: Raby or Barnard Castle; Tempest: Durham City, Shincliffe, Bradley, Wolsingham, Holmside, Stanley, Stella, etc.
- 4i. Kirknewton. 4j. Norton. 4k. York.
- 4l. Craike in Yorkshire; Over Dinsdale and Girsby, Yorks.; Alston, Cumberland.
- 4m. (i) Glass; (ii) Iron; (iii) Lead; (iv) Salt.

- 5a. Made 'corves' (baskets for carrying coals).
- 5b. A colliery overseer.
- 5c. A shoemaker, worker in leather.
- 5d. Cleans and thickens cloth - hence "fuller's earth".
- 5e. Originally received strangers who came to buy coal in Newcastle - later controlled the selling of coal.
- 5f. Worked in a shot-tower.
- 5g. Operated sedan chairs.
- 5h. A blacksmith's unskilled assistant; or, a steam hammer operator; or, in mines, forced down the coal with wedges.

- 6a. Worked at a lathe. 6b. Cowherd. 6c. Made coins.
- 6d. Weaver. 6e. Made bread from wheat. 6f. Made arrows.
- 6g. Bailiff. 6h. Beadle. 6i. Story-teller! 6j. Knife-maker.

- 7a. 16. 7b. 60. 7c. St. Catherine's House.
- 7d. Birth/marriage/death records of army personnel.
- 7e. Many Catholic registers moved around the country; in fact, this register contains entries for many places, but there is not one Worcester record.
- 7f. Great-uncle. 7g. First cousin, once removed.
- 7h. 1662. 7i. 1801. 7j. Durham St. Oswald.

- 8a. (i) Design mounted on the helmet; (ii) Diagonal stripe across the shield.
8b. (i) Gold; (ii) Red; (iii) Silver; (iv) Black.
8c. Arms that give a pun on the person's name.
8d. An addition to arms to show a junior branch, or a son of the main family.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On reading the article, "Eight Great-Grandparents", by the late Miss Dodds, in the July 1979 Journal, "The Mawsons of Lowther" sounded familiar. I checked my records to find that the Will of my second cousin four times removed (great-great-grandfather's second cousin), John Mounsey of Askham, Westmorland, dated September 1860, begins as follows:

... First I nominate and appoint my Brother in law James Mawson of Lowther in the County of Westmorland aforesaid Builder and ... Joint Executors

It names his sister Hannah, the wife of James Mawson, and his nephews and niece, John Mounsey Mawson, Joseph Mawson and Matilda Mawson.

I presume that this James Mawson was the brother of John Mawson, Miss Dodds' grandfather, the mentioned second son of Joseph and Lydia Mawson.

Yours sincerely,

P.M. Brough (member no. 13)

A STRAY MARRIAGE

From Charlton (by Greenwich):

Henry FORSTER gent. of Clendon in the county of Durham and Anne WALL of the parish of St. Mary, Rotherith (sic) in Surrey widow were married November ye 15th 1731 with License from his Grace the Ld. Archbishop of Canterbury.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, October 10

"Any Questions?", with a panel of experts including a member of staff from Tyne & Wear County Record Office.

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

Thursday, November 15

"Mining History and Records"

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

Friday, December 7

Northumbrian Evening, with traditional food and entertainment - piper, dancers, etc., at Five Bridges Hotel, Gateshead. Tickets, £4, available from Adam Bunting (see enclosed slip).

Thursday, January 17

Indexing Workshop.

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

Wednesday, February 13

Talk on Palaeography (understanding old handwriting).

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

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Mr D.G. Linley has again kindly undertaken the indexing of the Journal and this index follows the same lines as that published last year apart from one change made in order to save space: in the genealogical name index, instead of listing all the page references to a surname followed by references to specific Christian names, we have only given a general page reference for a surname where there is no subsequent reference to a particular Christian name on that page.

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The place index lists all place names mentioned in volume 4 except members' addresses and "modern" places such as record offices, etc. It is arranged by counties, with Durham and Northumberland first, followed by other English counties, Scottish counties, Irish counties, Jersey, and finally the rest of the world, with each section in alphabetical order. Hamlets, farms, etc., appear under their parish or nearest village.

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THE WITCH OF WASHINGTON

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My wife descends from John Atkinson of Washington, who married Anne Keighley, "both of this parish", on May 31st 1757.

When I was trying to trace an earlier connection many years ago the sexton asked me if she was connected with "our witch". Jane Atkinson, the witch in question, "came from outside, and lived in a hut on the edge of the village. She used to walk about with a switch in her hand knocking the tops off the corn stalks. And wherever she passed the crops withered and the cattle were taken with a murrain. So in the end we tied her up and threw her into the pond where the war memorial is now. She sunk, and we pulled her out, but she was still alive so we flung her in again. The same thing happened but the third time we left her till she was dead. Rector he said we had no right to do it, because it weren't proved she was a witch. So he buried her in the churchyard. You'll find her name in the book."

"What date?" I asked.

"About that time (1757). My grandad said it was when we were fighting the French."

The actual date was 1676: "proestigiatrix, ut aiunt" - "a female conjuror, so they say".

I must admit to being perturbed by this story, having been told that my wife as a child had the unpopular habit of knocking off the heads of flowers with a stick. But I have found no Simanthas among the descendants of John and Anne, whose son Job was beadle at Washington from 1803 till his death in 1834. A great-grandson, John Job Atkinson of Bowburn Hall (now a hotel) was known as the Father of Ventilation (in coal mines), and his son, Sir William, discovered, and after fifteen years of effort persuaded the industry, that coal dust is subject to spontaneous combustion.

To round off the story, a descendant of Job Atkinson in the seventh generation, born in Brisbane in January 1977, was christened Job after the beadle in Washington.

STRAY

Headstone, Holy Trinity Church, Dupoon, Scotland: SOLOMON SUTHERLAND, South Shields, Town Councillor, who died in Dunoon, 10th July 1870.