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EDITORIAL

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the AGM produced several changes in the Society's Officers, one of which means that there is to be a new Journal Editor. The last five years have been a most interesting and stimulating time for me (GN) but other interests and commitments - not unconnected with genealogy - have become somewhat neglected and are now calling for attention with a voice which cannot be ignored. It is also my opinion that five years is quite long enough for a Journal such as this to go without an injection of new ideas to keep it as "fresh" as it ought to be.

As this will therefore be the last issue to be edited by me it is appropriate that I take this opportunity to thank all who, over the last five years, by contributing articles - whether or not they were published! - or by assisting with production and distribution, have helped to make the Journal as popular among members as it apparently is. Your efforts are appreciated and your new Editor, Adam Bunting, deserves your continued support and encouragement in the future, so keep those articles flowing, please!

We have certainly come a long way since the first edition, an optimistic 120 copies, was laboriously produced by Alan Readdie and myself on a duplicating machine which neither of us could really master. Nowadays, thanks to Durham University's Reprographic Unit, our 800 plus copies come with a minimum of effort on our part. With the encouragement and participation of the membership, however, the Society and its Journal should be able to continue its growth and improvement for a long time yet.

Since this Journal will probably reach you even later than usual, the fault being entirely mine (GN), and as I am to take over your new Editor's previous responsibility of co-ordinating MI recording work, it may be appropriate to comment that we are both simply swapping one kind of "dead-line" for another!

SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

Another year has come and gone, and another Annual General Meeting of this Society, which means that it is subscription time again. For the first time in the Society's five year life, we have had to increase the subscription - inflation has caught up with us at last! With this Journal, you will find a remittance slip. Please return it, with your subscription, as soon as possible, and in any event before 1st September, to Mr J.G. Scott, 33 Bywell Close, Crawcrook, Ryton, Tyne & Wear, who is our new Treasurer. The sub. is £3 for UK members, £4 for overseas with the Journal sent by surface mail, and £8 for Air Mail. (For USA and Canada \$9 and \$18 respectively, which includes a small amount to cover the cost of converting dollar cheques). Please remit early - reminders cost money, and the October Journal will not be sent to you unless you have paid.

You are asked to note the other Officers of the Society and their addresses - there are some changes:

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The Federation of Family History Societies runs a "bed and breakfast" scheme under which members offer accommodation to researchers from other areas. If you want to take advantage of it to visit a distant Record Office, write to Mrs C. Walcot, 9 Richmond Road, Birkdale, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 4SB, enclosing SAE, and you will be sent a copy of the register. She appeals for someone in our area to offer accommodation. Can you help? There is of course a modest charge - the suggested rate is £3 per head per night for bed and breakfast, and £2 for an evening meal.

The cost of birth, marriage and death certificates from the Registrar General at St. Catherine's House, London, has recently increased yet again. It is, of course, still cheaper to search the indexes yourself, or, if you are certain of the correct District, write to the local Registrar of Births, etc.

If you are interested in the name of Lamb, you may like to know that Mr H. Lamb (member 364) has sent the Society a list of all the entries of that name from the 1851 Northumberland Census. We also have a pedigree and some notes on a Whitfield family in the Barnard Castle area in the late 1700s and subsequently. If you would like to borrow either of these, write to the Librarian (address above).

Last, but by no means least, a very warm welcome to a newcomer, the Cleveland Family History Society, covering South Durham and North Yorkshire (in "old" counties, that is) and thus to some extent overlapping our area. A Journal is proposed, the sub is £3 UK, £7 overseas, and the Secretary is Mr J.R. Chapman, 16 Belmont Avenue, Billingham, Cleveland, TS22 5HF. It is already flourishing!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1980-81

Subscriptions for 1980-81 are due on or before 1 September 1980, and as in previous years the October issue of the Journal will be despatched only to those members whose subscriptions have been renewed; to save expense no other receipt will be issued.

The Society has in the past incurred considerable expense in converting overseas remittances and overseas members are asked to pay their subscriptions (and any other payments to the Society, e.g. for publications) by one of the following methods, which are listed in order of preference in terms of conversion costs.

(1) By British Postal Orders where these are available.

(2) By Sterling Drafts drawn on a British Bank (Sterling drafts drawn on foreign banks are very expensive to convert). Local Banks throughout the world should be able to obtain drafts drawn on British Banks if given two or three days' notice.

Payments by methods 1 or 2 should be made at the sterling subscription rate; payment by method 3 only may be made in overseas currency.

(3) By cheque in local currency, at the dollar subscription rate if paying in US or Canadian dollars, otherwise by converting the sterling subscription at the appropriate exchange rate and adding 10% to cover conversion costs.

The Society will benefit considerably if members comply with the above arrangements, and this will, of course, help to keep down any future increase in subscriptions.

J.G.S.

THE GRAINGER FAMILY OF NEWCASTLE

A.J. Pain

"Few men have accomplished so much as he by way of improving the physical aspect of their native town" - thus Lawson's *Tyneside Celebrities* (published in 1873) on Richard Grainger.

Grainger was born on 9 October 1789 and Lawson adds "in High Friar Street Newcastle upon Tyne". Wilkes and Dodds in *Tyneside Classical* (published in 1964) point out, however, that he was born into a two roomed upstairs tenement and cite contemporary records that his father Thomas was "porter pokeman gannin' on the quay who died while his second son Richard was yet a very little fellow, about 1810". Richard's mother came from Gibraltar (it is believed the daughter of a private soldier) and seems to have been quite remarkable. Near contemporaries record that she "was an excellent woman honest, frugal industrious clever and neat-handed. She earned a subsistence for herself and her three children after her husband's death by clear starching, glove making etc. Living in a poor locality in an upstairs tenement she kept herself, her children, her two small rooms and the narrow stairs that led up to them clean and tidy."

Richard's building career began in partnership with his brother George but he died early and soon Richard was working from 3 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day (according to the Penny Magazine of 11 April 1840) to earn a living. His break came when he was engaged to build houses in Higham Place, then came the east side of Carliol Street "and the greater part of Blackett Street". In 1826 he began the building of Eldon Square and shortly after that Leazes Terrace "consisting of seventy magnificent stone built houses". In 1832 he purchased for £50,000 Anderson Place (the former seat of Sir William Blackett a picture of which appears in *Tyneside Classical*). On these lands he then built the New Market, the Theatre Royal, Grainger Street and Grey Street, "the handsomest street in the town and few streets in any town or city in the Empire can vie with it".

That is only a brief outline of his spectacular achievements and it was with great interest therefore that I came across an abstract relating to land in Grainger Street which provided a lot of information about his family. His will was dated 2 October 1857, he died on 4 July 1861 and the will was proved at Newcastle on 27 November 1861. Apparently he had thirteen children and I will deal with them in chronological sequence.

Thomas Charles Grainger was born on 6 April 1822. He died on 9 February 1884, his will being dated 5 June 1883 and it was proved in the Principal Registry on 12 March 1884.

Hannah Arundale Grainger was born on 12 May 1823. She married James Atkinson Sharp on 15 September 1852 and died in January 1866 having had three children, namely Sophy Grainger Atkinson Sharp, Jane Alice Salkeld Sharp and Richard Grainger Atkinson Sharp. Hannah's husband was one of the executors of his father-in-law's will. In 1881 he was apparently living on the Isle of Man.

Anne Amelia Grainger was born on 10 December 1824. She married Edward Liddell on 29 September 1847 and died on 16 March 1886. Her will dated 5 January 1886 was proved on 2 June 1886. There were three children of the marriage: Edward, Annie and Henry.

Rachel Elizabeth Grainger was born on 21 October 1826. She married William Burns on 27 December 1865. William died on 18 January 1877. Rachel's will dated 26 January 1883 was proved in the Probate Division of the

High Court of Justice in Ireland on 28 July 1883. She left the bulk of her estate to provide a site for and endow a church and school and a residence for a clergyman in the vicinity of Rawcliffe Terrace Southshore. Apparently the charitable gift was void at law.

Sarah Sophia Grainger was born on 8 September 1828. She married Alexander Smith on 12 February 1851. She died in October 1852 leaving a daughter surviving her: Jessie Mabel Smith.

Richard John Grainger was born on 8 February 1830. He died in March 1865 without issue.

Joseph Arundale Grainger was born on 21 May 1831. It is not clear if he was ever married, but he died without issue on 24 March 1872. He was one of the proving executors of his father's will in 1861.

Adelaide Matilda Grainger was born on 31 October 1832. She married Denis Richard O'Callaghan of Tullernleigh, County Cork, and both were alive in 1886.

Juliet Isabella Grainger was born on 3 August 1834. She married Thomas James Nash on 8 July 1856. In 1886 they were living at Scripplestown House, County Dublin.

George Foster Smith Grainger was born on 16 July 1835. He died on 1 June 1874 without issue.

Maria Theodosia Grainger was born on 14 January 1837. Her first husband was Edward Joseph Hunt whom she married on 28 September 1861. He died on 9 March 1870. Sometime in February 1879 she married Edwyn Greer. There were no issue of either marriage and Maria died on 25 July 1882, intestate.

John Clayton Grainger was born on 15 May 1839 but died in September of that year. Henry Benjamin Grainger was born on 16 October 1842 but died in the same month.

Having dealt with the children of Richard Grainger I can add a little about his grandchildren. It will be recalled that Hannah Arundale Sharp had three children. Sophy married Morgan Jones on 29 January 1879. In 1886 they were living in Llaniloe in the Parish of Laugharne, Carmarthen. Jane married her cousin, Henry Liddell, of Benton Park, Northumberland. In 1886 Richard was a lieutenant in the Royal Sussex Regiment stationed at Devonport.

Anne Amelia Liddell likewise had three children. Henry, as we have seen, married his cousin. I have no information about Edward, but Annie married Hubert Edward Henry Jerningham of Longbridge Towers, Northumberland.

Sarah Sophia Smith's daughter, Jessie, married Edmond Albert Joseph Edouard Marie Tyrel de Poix on 13 March 1875, but she died in March 1876.

Thus the Grainger family illustrates the rapidity of social movement at a time when we tend to think of a rigid social structure. No doubt members have other examples to a greater or lesser degree that perhaps ought to form the basis of a regional study.

WHAT THE TOMBSTONE DOES NOT TELL

"In memory of ... Jacob Hutchinson of Holling Close died 1st December 1800 aged 62" (Allendale Churchyard).

Allendale Parish Register shows that Hutchinson "drowned, consequence of lunacy".

THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES'
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BEDFORD, 30th MARCH 1980

R.E. Vine

The AGM was preceeded by the presentation of the "Elizabeth Simpson" Award. This is an annual award to be made by a committee of the Federation after the AGM have chosen the nature of the activity to be recognised. Last year (which was also the first year) the meeting selected Society Journals as being the subject of the competition. Colin Chapman, General Secretary of the Federation and a member of the awarding committee, listed the factors which had been used in weighing the forty or fifty entries with such eloquence that he was begged to publish these as guidelines for Journal editors. The winner was a journal with which Elizabeth Simpson herself had earlier been closely associated. The North Cheshire Society received a plaque donated personally by Elizabeth Simpson.

The Chairman of the Federation Mr Palgrave Moore passed the chair to the President, Colonel Swinnerton, who then made the opening address. He announced that the recent addition of the Herefordshire and Shropshire Societies now gave the Federation complete national coverage, enabling it to speak with increased authority on matters of concern to family historians, such as the proposed economies at the P.R.O. Colonel Swinnerton went on to say that he viewed his post primarily as a public relations task for archives. He liked to visit as many societies and areas as he could, getting to know the local situation. For example, in some areas there was a strong Anti-Mormon influence at work amongst the clergy and he tried to advise on how this might be reduced. Turning then to the national institutions, he reminded us that there was much cause for concern at the situation developing at the P.R.O. and St. Catherine's House. The Government was proposing 10 per cent cuts across the board and such cuts fell harder upon the smaller institutions which could not make many economies without immediate deterioration in the service they offered, whereas the larger bodies had more scope for making cuts with less obvious effects. Perhaps we could all write letters to try to encourage the government along this line of thought. The Lord Chancellor and our M.P.s were the proposed recipients for the letters. St. Catherine's House was under severe strain from the numbers of visitors, especially in the summer months, and he particularly deplored the practice of organising coach parties, which several times in the past had turned a very difficult situation into an impossible one.

After expressing his gratitude to the Secretariat of the Federation and other enthusiasts who had worked hard on the publications of the Federation, the President concluded by asking those present to consider whether we were encouraging our society members to be family historians or to be merely genealogists.

Next came the Treasurer's Report. Mr Leigh-Dugmore said that he was pleased to announce a 40 per cent increase in publication sales. It had been possible to keep the expenses of the Federation in 1979 at a similar level to those in 1978 without any reduction in activities and as a consequence the Federation was very healthy financially. (I have a copy of the Federation Accounts and Balance Sheet if anyone is interested.)

Colin Chapman reported for the Secretariat. Nine people were now involved in handling a deluge of mail. He was fortunate in living in a four-bedroomed house in unmarried state as his rooms were steadily filling with boxes and chests. On membership there were two developments, one was that many of the One Name Societies had become indirect members by joining the new Guild which was a member, and the other was the increase in overseas Society members, several more of these were considering joining. He was also pleased

to note increasing interest from professionals. Two members of the P.R.O. staff had been present at the previous days meetings. (Bedfordshire hosted a four day conference to accompany the AGM.) Publicity generally was going well. The repeat of the Gordon Honeycomb series on TV was said to have an audience reaching one million people, but no leaflets were being offered by the BBC on this occasion.

In the projects report by John Rayment, we were told that in some areas great strides were being made in recording M.I.s by getting the Womens Institute involved. In Norfolk these ladies were working on or had completed three hundred graveyards after receiving advice on the methods. In other places the local P.C.C.s had been provoked into taking advice on mapping their burial grounds because of a requirement when obtaining burial plot faculties.

George Pelling, making the Education Liaison report, said that he had been in correspondence with a number of Local Authorities and was actively encouraging them to hold adult classes in Family History.

On publications, volume 2, number 3, of the Federation News and Digest was produced for this meeting. The publisher had mysteriously labelled it Winter 1980 on the cover, but it was correctly described as Spring 1980 inside. The next edition was to appear in the Autumn, and deadline for news and reports was 2nd June.

There was some discussion on the topic of whether the Federation should apply to become a registered charity for tax purposes. But C.R. Humphrey-Smith said that he had been advised on a previous occasion that a body could not itself receive tax relief in this way if it contained members, some of which were already registered charities. The Federation was in this situation and he was quite sure that there was no chance of it receiving relief even if the constitution was changed to enable registration.

Future meetings: September 1980 at Lancaster; April 1981 at Birmingham; Autumn 1981 at Gloucester. Because of the need for these meetings to be held during the holiday periods of educational establishments, it was proving increasingly difficult to meet the constitution requirement that the AGM be held before April. We could not at the present meeting amend the constitution but we were asked to suspend the relevant paragraph in order that the April 1981 meeting could be constitutional.

Enquiry had been made into whether family history journals could be posted at newspaper rates. Apparently regulations specify that publication must be no less frequent than every 7 days. However, there is talk of "an obscure sub-paragraph" relating to sending educational matter and it was suggested that the Post Office H.Q. Genealogical Society (a member of the Federation) be asked for their advice.

One more possibility in the publications field was mentioned: the Federation might enter into a joint publication of a volume with one of the smaller societies and specific proposals are invited.

Mr Leigh-Dugmore resigned as Treasurer, but all other officials and members of committee were re-elected.

A WOMAN PASSING AS A MAN

The Burial Register for St. Cuthbert's Etherley, 24 November 1869, records: "A woman, name unknown, who had lived as, and passed for, a Man under the name of Joseph Josiah Charles Stephenson. Abode: Toft Mill Lane. Age: Thought to be above 80 yrs."

TRANSCRIPTS IN DURHAM COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

J.A. Readdie

The last two or three years have seen great activity in the field of parish register transcription and indexing, and copying of monumental inscriptions, in the county of Durham. In particular, the 1813-37 marriages for a very large area of the county are now indexed, rendering the task of searchers very much easier. Family historians of present and future generations will owe a great debt to the small band of people who have undertaken this invaluable work, and particular mention must be made of Mr W.E. Rounce, Mr P.R. Joiner and Major L.M. Kenyon-Fuller. The following transcripts have been deposited in Durham County Record Office at County Hall, Durham, where they have been bound and numbered. Numbers 1 to 41 are manuscript or typescript, Volumes 43 to 51 are printed volumes, mainly of the now defunct Durham and Northumberland Parish Register Society.

1. Jarrow - Baptisms 1813-37, in alphabetical order.
2. Jarrow - Marriages 1813-37, in alphabetical order of males.
3. Jarrow - Burials 1813-37, in alphabetical order.
4. Jarrow - Marriages to 1812, in alphabetical order of males.
5. Staindrop - Marriages 1813-37, Banns 1823-35, with index.
6. Ryton - Monumental Inscriptions with index and plan.
7. Whorlton - Baptisms and Burials 1813-40, Marriages 1813-37. Index.
8. South Shields, St. Hilda - Marriages 1653-1812, in alpha. order of males.
9. South Shields, St. Hilda - Marriages 1813-37, in alpha. order of males.
10. Boldon - Marriages 1573-1837, in alpha. order of males.
11. Whitburn - Marriages 1813-37, in alpha. order of males.
12. Castle Eden - Monumental Inscriptions with plan. No index.
13. Winston - Baptisms & Burials 1813-40, Marriages 1813-37, Banns 1824-37, with index.
14. Stranton - Index to Baptisms 1580-1673, Marriages 1580-1650 & Burials 1583-1671.
15. West Herrington, St. Cuthbert's - "Oldest Monumental Inscriptions".
16. Auckland, St. Andrew - Pre-1837 Monumental Inscriptions in alpha. order.
17. Haverton Hill, Redundant Church of St. John - Monumental Inscriptions, with index.
18. Penshaw & High Usworth - Pre-1851 Monumental Inscriptions. Index.
19. Longnewton - Monumental Inscriptions. Index.
20. Elton - Monumental Inscriptions. Index.
21. Sadberge - Monumental Inscriptions. Index. Also copy of transcriptions made in 1832 at Middleton St. George, Dinsdale, Hurworth, Sadberge and Haughton-le-Skerne.
22. Staindrop - Burials 1807-1840. Index.
23. Muggleswick - Marriages 1813-37. From Bishops' Transcripts.
24. Staindrop - Baptisms 1813-40. Index.
25. Bishopwearmouth - Marriages 1567-1837, in alpha. order of males.
26. Penshaw - Marriages 1754-1837, in alpha. order of males.
27. P.R. Joiner's South Durham Marriage Index, 1813-37, Vol. I. In alpha. order of males. Cockfield, Coniscliffe, Darlington, Denton, Egglescliffe, Gainford, Heighington, Haughton-le-Skerne, Hurworth, Longnewton, Middleton St. George, Sadberge, Sockburn, Staindrop, Whorlton, Winston.
28. P.R. Joiner's South Durham Marriage Index 1813-37, Vol. II. In alpha. order of males. Aycliffe, Bishop Middleham, Bishopton, Egglesstone, Escomb, Hamsterley, Merrington, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Norton, Redmarshall, St. Helen Auckland, Sedgfield, Stockton, Stainton.
29. Middleton-in-Teesdale - Marriages 1753-1837, Banns 1754-1811. Index.
30. Middleton-in-Teesdale - Baptisms 1753-1837. Index.
31. Middleton-in-Teesdale - Burials 1753-1840. Index.

32. Marriages, in alphabetical order of males: Easington 1570-1837; Dalton-le-Dale 1653-1837; Kelloe 1693-1837; Seaham 1652-1837; Usworth 1835-41; Washington 1603-1837.
33. Egglestone - Baptisms & Burials 1795-1840. Index.
34. West Boldon & Shildon - Pre-1851 Monumental Inscriptions. Index.
35. Marriages, in alphabetical order of males: Houghton-le-Spring 1563-1837; Penshaw 1754-1837; Hetton-le-Hole 1832-37; West Rainton 1827-37.
36. Marriages, in alphabetical order of males: Sunderland, Holy Trinity 1719-1837; Heworth 1696-1837; Monk Hesledon 1592-1837; Trimdon 1721-1837.
37. Marriages, in alphabetical order of males: Chester-le-Street 1582-1837; Lamesley 1603-1837; Witton-le-Wear 1558-1837; Witton Gilbert 1568-1837; Shildon 1834-37; Satley 1560-1837; Edmundbyers 1764-1840.
38. Bishopwearmouth - Marriages 1568-1837, in alpha. order of males.
39. Cockfield - Baptisms 1813-40, Burials 1807-40, Marriages 1813-37. Index.
40. Marriages - Pitlington 1575-1837, Croxdale 1732-1837, Castle Eden 1698-1837, Muggleswick 1755-1846. In alpha. order of males.
41. Jarrow - Index to 1851 Census.
42. Elwick Hall, Vol. I - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1592-1742. Index.
43. Elwick Hall, Vol. II - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1741-1900. Index.
44. Ryton - Marriages 1581-1812. DNPRS.
45. Bowes - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1670-1837, Bishops' Transcripts 1615-1700. Yorks. Arch. Soc. Par. Reg. Section, vol. CXXVII.
46. Durham, St. Nicholas - Marriages 1540-1812. DNPRS.
47. Seaham - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1646-1812.
48. Winston - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1572-1812. DNPRS.
49. Sherburn Hospital - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, 1678-1812. DNPRS.
50. Whorlton - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1626-1812. DNPRS.
51. Middleton St. George - Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1616-1812. DNPRS.

THE CORDER MSS IN SUNDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

D.W. Smith

In the Local Room of Sunderland Central Library are thirty-six manuscript volumes presented in 1947 by James Watson Corder (d. 1953). They represent his life's work - virtually an attempt to chronicle every family in the town. Each volume is of ledger size and the information contained is of inestimable value to those who have had connections, however brief, with Sunderland.

Several volumes deal with streets, business premises and local industries and have a strong genealogical bias. One volume deals with Quaker pedigrees (Mr Corder was himself associated with the Friends), while the remaining volumes cover the pedigrees and register entries of Sunderland Families. Viz:

1. Friends Pedigrees and Notes.
2. Church Cess and Rates 1732-1816.
- 3-4. Wear Shipbuilders.
5. Monkwearmouth Families.
- 6-19. Sunderland Families.
- 20-22. Copies of Bishopwearmouth Parish Register.
- 23-27. Copies of Sunderland Parish Register and part Monkwearmouth.
28. Copies of Monkwearmouth Parish Register.
30. Bishopwearmouth and Panns - historical notes.
31. Bishopwearmouth - miscellaneous notes.
32. Monkwearmouth town - historical notes.
- 33-36. Sunderland parish - historical notes.

The register entries from which Corder largely based his pedigrees came from the three ancient parishes of the town - Bishopwearmouth, Monkwearmouth and Sunderland Parish Church. Others include Robinson Lane (Presbyterian) Chapel, its successor St. George's, Malings Rigg Scotch Church and occasional entries from Christ Church and the printed volumes of the Northumberland and Durham Parish Register Society.

Each volume is indexed and the pedigrees are cross-referenced wherever possible. The whole is easy to read. Local tales concerning families are included - at times slightly scurrilous (I have found "worthless nonentity" or "unsatisfactory character" to be common verdicts, even the naming of guilty parties in divorces) and the pedigrees are each followed by register entries of the name. These can vary from half a page to fifty in the case of the Browns! Since their deposit in the Library, additions have been continued by inclusion of newspaper cuttings or corrections and fuller pedigrees by families concerned and by the library staff. They are of especial value in cutting down the tedious search for entries in the original parish registers.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

IV. CHOLLERTON, NORTHUMBERLAND

D.W. Smith

Chollerton is a large parish to the north of Hexham, comprising the townships of Chollerton, Barrasford, Great Swinburne and Colwell, Little Swinburne, White Sidelaw, Gunnerton, Birtley, Buteland and Broomhope. It is bounded by the parishes of Corsenside, Thockrington and St. John Lee. It is an agricultural area with a church that is possibly pre-Conquest. St. Giles was rebuilt in Victorian days but still retains its pillars of Roman monoliths.

The registers date from 1643 - the earliest (1643-1723) remaining only in the form of a copy "taken as far as possible by Matthew Wilkinson, clerk in ye year 1766". The commonest surnames are Dinning, Robson, Urwin, Hutchinson, Kell, Macdowell, Colson, Cant, Shipley and Wilkinson, but a tremendous amount of intermarriage took place in this isolated area. Indeed all attempts to disentangle the Robson clan have proved fruitless to date.

This was of old the country of the Errington clan whose town at Cocklaw still stands, and of the Riddells and Swinburnes. It was also, as witness an inscription "orate pro eis" as late as 1633, an area where the old Catholic faith continued to hold out. Several recusants seem only to have partly conformed even to the mid-eighteenth century. Fr Bonaventure Hutchinson, a Franciscan, (c.1690-1750), came from Colwell and was active in the area (see CRS XXVI). The remains of skeletons found under the chancel of the ruined chapel at Colwell have been thought by some to suggest a priest active here in the seventeenth century. Indeed, the main families were then both Catholic and Jacobite - Riddells of Swinburne Castle, Charlton of Reeds mouth and Bower and the Hodgsons of Tone, who maintained a domestic chaplain until 1812. Hence, it is worth checking for possible entries in the registers of Swinburne Castle (1828) and of Stonecroft (1737) and Cockshaw in the CRS volumes.

Chollerton registers at Northumberland Record Office contain baptisms 1643-1933, marriages 1664-1925 and burials 1664-1891. The Bishops' Transcripts date from 1769-1868. The marriages have been included in Boyd and the M.I.s recorded.

The chapelry of Birtley after being in ruins for many years was restored in 1765 and served by a curate from Chollerton. The registers contain baptisms 1730-1867, marriages 1730-1837 and burials 1728-1908. The Bishops' Transcripts run from 1769 to 1834.

There was also a domestic chapel for the Reeds at Chipchase Castle though (in 1774) "ye owner will allow no one any jurisdiction". It was evidently on the site of an earlier one as four services a year were recorded in 1723.

The Visitation returns for Chollerton in 1774 show the vicar determined "to reside in the parsonage during ye 6 winter months but living at Brampton 27 miles away, the curate lives in the vicarage for the 6 months absence". The Sacrament was celebrated six times a year and services held each Sunday. Of 172 families (excluding Birtley) six were papist, twelve presbyterian but no meeting house of any description was there.

Chollerton parish is covered in detail in Northumberland County History Volume IV, part 2. The copy of the parish register in Newcastle Central Library was compiled from the North Tyne Magazine and edited by the Rev. Edward E. Forbes in c.1896-1910. It covers the years 1643-1814 and contains *inter alia* entries and parish news from Greystead, Humshaugh, Falstone, Corsenside, Wark and Simonburn, which give the flavour of parish events at the turn of the century.

The Rev. Forbes bravely attempted to disentangle each family and his humorous comments are indeed useful, and, as far as I have found, quite accurate. His successor said of him:

Mr Forbes during his tenure of office has built his own monument by his painstaking rewriting and editing of the Parish Registers. This constitutes a permanent gift to the parish and the archaeological world. He may be said to have constituted himself wholesale purveyor of ancestors to many of us who hitherto had been content only with the dim consciousness of having a grandfather; but now we rejoice in a pedigree as long as the longest. He has made us all brush ourselves up and whisper to one another Noblesse oblige.

THUNDER, LIGHTNING, RAIN AND HAIL

SOME INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE BELFORD PARISH REGISTERS

"The Harvest of 1787 was remarkably late owing to the wetness of the summer. In the early land there was a most abundant crop both of Hay and Corn. In the Moorland a great deal of corn was to lead in the latter end of October and November and in many places they were obliged to stack it in the fields. In a field belonging to Basington a crop of beans was standing uncut in December. A very high wind did great damage among the corn. It continued about 48 hours and at Edinburgh was accompanied with thunder and lightening which rent ye spire of St Andrews in the new town." (Burial Register, 1787)

"Hailstones or rather pieces of ice, some of them weighing 10 oz and filling a beer glass when dissolved were said to have fallen this day at Newcastle. A few days before at Trimdon, Durham, hailstones 4" x 3" fell during a thunderstorm and destroyed a large field of wheat, broke 200 panes of glass in one house, killed poultry and knocked down pigeons on ye wing. (Baptism Register, 28 July 1792)

THE LIZZIE WEBBER AND THE EMIGRANT

Patricia J. Storey*

On 31 July 1852 the Lizzie Webber, followed on 10 September by the Emigrant, sailed from Sunderland for Australia, the first emigrant ships to leave the Wear for the colony where gold had been discovered the previous year. The voyage would take some four months and no certain future awaited those who set forth, alone or with their families, hoping to find a better life on the other side of the world, either by seeking riches in the gold fields or by settling to their former or new occupations.

Both vessels were new ships built on the Wear. The Lizzie Webber had been built by John Pyle at his North Shore shipyard for the joint owners, John Webber and Thomas Stephenson Rountree. Webber was a timber merchant and farmer, variously described as from Horsham, Sussex, and from Balcombe, Devon. Rountree, a master mariner from Sunderland, commanded the vessel on the long voyage out. Both men were accompanied by their wives and families and intended to settle in Australia.

Little or nothing seems to be known about Webber, or his family, or his fate in Australia, while published details about Rountree conflict with those to be found in local sources. According to the Australian Dictionary of Biography, Thomas Stephenson Rountree was born in Sunderland on 7 July 1818, the son of William Rountree, marine captain, and Mary, née Dodds. However, Sunderland parish baptismal register describes him as born on 9 June 1818, son of William Stephenson Rowntree, master mariner, of Sunderland, and his wife, Mary Ann Hunter. The source of this confusion is not clear, but a William Rowntree and Mary Dodds were having children - William (b.1810) and Mary (b.1814) - in Sunderland at about the same time as William S. Rowntree and Mary Ann. The only Thomas Stephenson Rowntrees who appear in local records are, firstly, the sixth son of Thomas Rowntree and Elizabeth, née Stephenson, born in 1805, and brother of William Stephenson Rowntree (b.1787), who married Mary Ann Hunter of the Parish of Hart at Sunderland in 1808, and had a son, the second Thomas Stephenson Rowntree, born 9 June 1818. Since the Thomas Stephenson Rowntree who emigrated to Australia named his first born son William Hunter, it seems likely that he was indeed the son of William S. Rowntree and Mary Ann Hunter and the Australian Dictionary of Biography 'got it wrong'. Does anyone know more about this?

When Thomas Stephenson Rowntree emigrated he took with him his second wife, Ann, née Ogle, whom he had married at Sunderland in 1847. His first wife, Elizabeth, née Potts, had born him a son (William Hunter) and three daughters and the daughters at least must have accompanied Thomas and Ann to Australia - the passenger lists do not give the names of the Webber and Rountree families but when Thomas died at Balmain, New South Wales, in 1902, he was survived by 3 daughters by his first wife and 2 sons and 2 daughters by his second. These eldest daughters, Elizabeth Ann (aged 12 in 1851), Mary (10) and Jane (8), together with their step-mother and year-old half-sister, Anne Ogle, were at 22 D'Arcy Terrace, Bishopwearmouth, in the 1851 Census, although neither Thomas Stephenson Rountree, nor William, were there.

The Lizzie Webber was a 213 ton vessel with room for just over one hundred passengers, although only 82 embarked at Sunderland. The passage out cost £25, for which sum "everything except beds" was found for the emigrants. She also

* This article is based on both personal research and information provided by Mrs Clarke (Roker, Sunderland) and Mr William Rounce, who in turn received information on the emigrants in The Emigrant from Mrs N. Wylie (19 Puerta Street, Burwood, Australia).

carried a general cargo and had a crew of 12. A list of the emigrants is printed at the end of this article. The *Sunderland Herald* described them as all appearing "to be respectable persons, and mostly in the prime of life". Certainly many of the men had useful trades which they intended to follow in Australia, although others were heading for the gold fields - the *Sunderland Herald* reported that one group of half a dozen men (two coal miners, two pit sinkers, a joiner and another man who had been variously employed) had joined forces to work together at the diggings, having borrowed their passage money from "a gentleman of their acquaintance" whom they were to repay with one quarter of what they were able to realise in their first year.

The Lizzie Webber was seen off by an enormous crowd - put by the *Herald* "on a moderate calculation" at "not less than" twenty five to thirty thousand persons - including a band. She left the river on 31 July and sailed the following day for Melbourne, arriving there on 4 December 1852, having called at Capetown, where a few of her passengers disembarked.

Arrived in Australia, Rountree at least fared well. He sold his share of the Lizzie Webber in 1853 and settled down ashore, building and repairing ships at Balmain and for a time in the later 1860s exporting timber from New Zealand to Sydney. He became an alderman and served as Mayor of Balmain, where he died in December 1902.

The second emigrant ship to leave the Wear for Australia was the *Emigrant*, built by Jackson & Co., Hylton, which, like the Lizzie Webber, carried both emigrants and a general cargo. The *Emigrant* was larger than the Lizzie Webber, having room for 150 emigrants, and when she sailed she carried 116 adults and 31 children, together with a mixed cargo, which included a large quantity of glass being exported by James Hartley & Co., the Sunderland glass manufacturing firm, to their Australian agent. The ages of the emigrants ranged from an infant of 3 months to a "patriarch of 75".

A plan for the emigrants to have shares in the vessel, which would then be sold in Australia, failed when a number of the passengers preferred simply to pay passage-money. Mr John Dennistoun, the *Emigrant's* owner, therefore returned a portion of their payments to those who had opted to take shares so that they became passengers and gave up all interest in the vessel. The emigrants involved in this plan are marked "x" in the list below.

After several days delay due to bad weather, the *Emigrant* sailed on Saturday, 11 September, watched by a large crowd, and, having called at Plymouth to pick up more emigrants, she arrived in Port Philip, Australia, on 3 January 1853. Sadly, the day before, one of passengers, Jane McColl, wife of Hugh McColl, printer, from South Shields, died as the ship entered Hobson's Bay.

The *Emigrant's* captain on this voyage was Richard Williams, brother of the former *Sunderland* Chartist leader and future Alderman and proprietor of the *Sunderland Times*, James Williams (d. 1867). Richard, the younger son of Richard and Ann Williams, had a long career at sea and finished his days as a pensioner at Trinity House, London, where he died in November 1900, aged 82.

A third vessel, the *Electricity*, was launched on 13 September 1852 from William Pile's yard, said to be intended for the Australian trade and having accommodation for one hundred passengers. No report of her departure for Australia with emigrants appeared in the *Sunderland* press, however - does anyone know what happened to her?

The emigrants who sailed in the Lizzie Webber and the *Emigrant* were a mixed bunch. Many were local, however, and information about some of them was given in the local newspapers' reports of the sailing and further details

can be found from such sources as local directories and censuses, although positive identification can be a problem at times. I have appended notes of these details to the lists which follow in the hope of putting a little flesh on some rather bare bones.

The list of emigrants in the Lizzie Webber is taken from the *Sunderland Herald*, 6 August 1852, while the list for The Emigrant comes from two sources: the *Sunderland Herald*, 17 September 1852, which gives only the names of the emigrants, and a list of immigrants with their occupations or relationships drawn up by Mr Rounce from information supplied by Mrs Wylie. The existence of these two different sources for The Emigrant explains why there are some discrepancies noted below - where alternative names are given, the first version comes from the *Herald*, the second from Mr Rounce's list. There are also some names which appear on one list only and these are marked with either one asterisk (*Sunderland Herald* only) or two (Mr Rounce and Mrs Wylie only).

If anyone can shed any light on any of the queries raised above or in the notes below, or has further details about any of these emigrants before or after their arrival in Australia, I would be delighted to hear from them (Miss P. Storey, 29 Macdowall Road, Edinburgh, EH9 3EQ, Scotland).

LIZZIE WEBBER

Henry ALLISON, blacksmith
John BENNETT, blacksmith
George BLACK, joiner
A. BOOTH + wife & 2 children
Benjamin BOOTH, mason
John BOOTH, labourer
Thomas BOWMAN, draper
William H. BRADLEY, woolstapler
George BULMAN, agent + wife & 3 children
William BURNS, engineer
Donald CAMPBELL, plasterer
Thomas CHARLTON, miner + wife & child
Thomas CHESTERTON
Jonathan CHIPCHASE, shipwright¹
Edward CLARK, miner
Thomas CLEMENSTON, schoolmaster + wife & 3 children
Charles COGDEN, plumber
John COOK, miner
Thomas CREE, labourer + wife & child
Thomas ELIOTT, farmer
Henry ELLIOTT, shipwright
John William ELLIOTT, farmer²
Andrew FINLAY, sailmaker
William James FINLAY, grocer
Thomas GRANT, joiner

Lawrence GRAY, blacksmith + wife
Michael HALL, miner + son, Thomas
Alex HAMILTON, miner
Thomas HARPER, joiner + wife & 2 children
Robert HENRY, farmer
Robert HOWIE, tailor
John HUMBLE, butcher
William LEWIS
James M'CABE, farmer
David McKAY, farmer
Richard MAWSON + sister
Thomas NISBETT, builder
John OLIVER, joiner
George C. ORD
Robert ORD, agent + wife & 3 children
Robert Cook ORD
John PATEY
Matthew POTTS, grocer
Elizabeth POWTON
John ROBSON, draper
Robert SMITH
William SWINBOURN, grocer + wife
Caleb THOMPSON, joiner
John WALKER, labourer
John WHITE, miller + wife & 3 children
Joseph YOUNG, miner
William YOUNG, labourer

¹ 1851 Census: 4 Green Terrace, Bishopwearmouth:
Jonathan Chipchase, head, mar., 53, shipwright b. Stockton
Mary " wife, mar., 46, dressmaker employing 10 apprentices b. Stavely, Yks.
Emily Ann " dau. 16, at home Bishopwearmouth
Ada Mary " dau. 12, scholar "
Elizabeth Steel niece, unmar., 23, dressmaker Cardiff, Wales

² Mr John Elliott, farmer, of Newbottle, returned thanks on behalf of the emigrants during the farewell proceedings; *Sunderland Herald*, 6 Aug. 1852.

THE EMIGRANT

John BAKER, labourer
Thomas BATES, agent + wife, Caroline
/Thomas BIRD, grocer + wife, Ann, & sons, Bolton S. & Thomas¹
Cuthbert Robert BLACKETT, Independent minister + wife, Mgt, & daus, Caroline
& Jane; Cuthbert Robert BLACKETT, jun., druggist; Thomas Mordey BLACKETT,
draper.²
George BOOTH, shipwright
Sarah Ann BOSTON, mate's wife
**William BRAITHWAITE, printer³
Susannah BRIGGS, wife of carpenter + son, James B. BRIGGS
*Mrs BROWN
John BULMAN, joiner
Hannah CAMPBELL, spinster
Moses CHEVIG/CHERRY, labourer
William DAVIDSON, agent
Thomas DENTON, cabinet maker
John EAGLING, gardener
/John EGGARS, joiner + wife, Caroline, & children: Anne, John, Mgt, Eliz.
Robert FAIRBRIDGE, butcher + wife, Jane/Hannah

/ Emigrants marked thus, together with E.H. Robson, R.W. Fletcher, R. French and T.B. Stephenson, signed a memorandum to John Denniston, owner of The Emigrant, before the ship sailed, accepting his offer to return a portion of their payments so that they became passengers, not shareholders, and gave up all claim to an interest in the vessel; *Sunderland Herald*, 17 Sept. 1852. No one of the name of French appears in the lists of emigrants; Robson, Fletcher and Stephenson could all be either emigrants with the wrong initials so not recognisable as such, or relatives of emigrants.

¹ Bolton Stafford Bird, b.30/1/1840, Hazlerigg, Nb., son of Thomas Bird, schoolmaster, and Ann, née Stafford; emigrated to Victoria in 1852 with his parents, who took up land at Clunes; 20/4/1867 married at Melbourne, Helen, dau. of Robt. Chisholm, former Glasgow banker; Congregational minister, 1867-77 - resigned from ministry due ill health and bought a farm near Geeveston where he pioneered the export of apples to England; lost farm following collapse in 1891 of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land; moved to Bruny Island. Elected to House of Assembly for Franklin in 1882 and had active political career until 1923 when he did not seek re-election to Legislative Council. Died 15/12/1924. Survived by son and two daughters. See: Australian Dictionary of Biography, vol. 3.

² Cuthbert Robert Blackett, jun., b.9/10/1831, Southminster, Essex, twin son of Rev. Cuthbert Robert Blackett, Independent Minister, and Margaret, née Mordey; served apprenticeship as pharmacist in Norfolk before emigrating; returned to study at London and Heidelberg, 1868-71; pharmacist in Fitzroy, 1871-87; his twin brother [was this Thomas Mordey Blackett?] had established a pharmacy at Williamstown in 1857; founder member, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia; President, Pharmacy Board, 1883 to death; government analytical chemist, 1887-1902. Died at South Yarra, 18/10/1902. Married (1) Sarah Jane Hope & (2) in 1870 at Stokesby, Norfolk, Margaret Palmer. His eldest son by (2) was William Arthur Mordey Blackett (1873-1962), a leading Victoria architect, who was in partnership, 1914-32, with his cousin, Wm. Blackett Forster [Luke Forster and his wife, Anne, née Blackett, from Rothbury, emigrated on the Ellen from Liverpool in 1852, with their son, Wm. - was Wm. W.B. Forster's father?]. Australian Dict. of Biog., vols. 3 & 7.

³ 1851 Census: 8 Bridge Str., Sunderland: Wm. Braithwaite, head, mar., 54, master grocer, wife Mary, son William (unm., 22, grocer & stationer, b. Bishopwearmouth) & dau. Margaret. The Williams family also lived in Bridge Street and it seems likely that the William Braithwaite, printer, who emigrated was the younger Wm. of the 1851 census. Capt. Richard Williams' brother, James, and Wm. Braithwaite, sen., were active members of Sunderland Unitarian Chapel, whose bap. reg. 1830-37 (PRO Non-Parochial Registers, indexed as Presb.) lists the children of William Braithwaite, grocer, & Mary, née Jackson, including Wm. John, b. 27/12/1828.

Robert FENWICK, joiner + wife, Robertina Jane, & sons: John, George, Robert & William¹
 Henry FLETCHER, draper
 Henry FOREMAN, joiner
 Robert FOREMAN, joiner
 Robert FOX, painter
 John GATLIFFE, broker's agent
 Henry HARDY, shoemaker
 James HARDY, tailor + wife, Elizabeth
 Calvert HARKER, agent
 *William HARRISON (?*William MORRISON)
 William John HARRISON, Boy
 Sarah HIND, spinster²
 +Edward HUNTER, labourer + wife, Jane, son, Robert, & infant son, Edward
 George JOLLY, glassmaker + wife, Mary, & infant dau., Anna Mount
 Andrew KERR/KEIR, jun., cabinetmaker
 **Ellen KERR, wife of Kerr + dau., Jane Ann, & son, Wm. Thos.
 Edward LAMBTON, agent + wife, Margaret
 Peter LINDSAY, labourer
 +Hugh McCOLL, bookseller & printer + wife, Jane, & children: James Heirs, Mary, Jane, Agnes & Eugene³
 Georgette McDONALD, spinster
 Joseph MACKIE, ropemaker
 John C. MILLARD/MAILLARD, agent
 Isaac MILLER, baker
 William MORELL/MURRALL?, tallowchandler
 **William MORRISON, druggist (?*William HARRISON)
 Elizabeth PARKIN/PARKER, wife of seaman + son, William, & dau., Mary Ellen
 Robert PROCTER, butcher + wife, Mary⁴
 Jane RICHARDSON, servant to Ridley
 +William RIDLEY, draper + wife, Elizabeth, & children: Elizabeth Jane, William John, Isabella & Rowell

¹ 1851 Census: 15 Union Street, Bishopwearmouth: Robert Fenwick, head, mar., 35, Cabinet maker Master employing 5 men & 3 boys, b. Lambton, Durham; Robertina, wife, 28, sons John (5, scholar), George (4, scholar) & Robert (2), all born Bishopwearmouth; Alice Fenwick, widow, mother, 78, formerly Tollgate Keeper, b. Sedgfield, Durham; Sarah Hind, servant, unm., 54, House servant, b. Sunderland.

² Servant of Robert Fenwick in 1851 Census (see note 1) but described as Sarah Hind FENWICK in Sunderland Herald list of emigrants.

³ Hugh McColl, b.22/1/1819, Glasgow, eldest son of James McColl & Agnes, née Cowan; apprenticed to a Glasgow stationer; in business in Market Place and later 5 King Street, South Shields, in the 1840s as a printer, bookseller, map-seller, bookbinder and nautical instrument dealer; while in S. Shields acted as secretary of Tyne Conservancy Committee; when he emigrated he took with him 40 cases of type and a Columbian and Albion press. Five of his 6 children emigrated with him. His wife died just before the end of the voyage and he remarried in 1856. He had a varied career in Victoria, beginning as a printer, but making a name for himself as an advocate of irrigation schemes. He died on 2 April 1885. His son, James Heirs McColl (1844-1929), was minister of water supply, 1893-94, and later a Federal politician. See: Australian Dict. of Biog.; C.J. Hunt, The Book Trade in Nb. & Durham to 1860, p.62; Sunderland Herald, 17/9/1852.

⁴ 1851 Census: 84 High Street, Sunderland: Robert Proctor, head, mar., 30, butcher, b. Billingham; wife, Mary (24, b. Sunderland); widowed 'mother', Mary Toft (56, master mariner's widow, b. High Seaton, Northumberland); & 'sister', Jane Toft (unm., 21, straw bonnet maker, b. Sunderland).

Charles RIPPINGALE, tailor + wife, Hannah, & children: Martha & Joseph
 Robert RIPPINGALE, gardener
 Joseph ROBERTSON, farmer
 Christopher H. ROBINSON, builder + wife, Mgt, & children: Sarah, Thos, Eliz
 Robert ROBSON, Sen., Farm Bailiff
 Robert ROBSON, Jun., Labourer
 William ROBSON, shipchandler + son, Thomas/William, jun.
 Thomas SCORER, enginewright
 James SCOTT, gardener + wife, Jane, & children: Rosamond, Sherburn/Harburn
 & Walter
 Thomas SCOTT, butcher
 Charles SMITH, butcher¹
 Foster SMITH, labourer¹
 /**Joseph SMITH, currier + wife, Mary, & infant son, William¹
 John SOUTHERN, joiner
 William SOUTHERN, forgeman
 James SPENCELY/SPENCER, enginewright
 /William STEPHENSON, painter + son, Wm. Geo. N. STEPHENSON, grocer, & dau.,
 Elizabeth
 Jane STOTHARD, wife of seaman
 Edward SWAN, provision dealer + son, Thomas William¹
 Isaac SWAN, butcher + wife, Mary, & infant son, Thomas¹
 William SWAN, butcher + wife, Mary, & daughters Mary, Frances & Ann¹
 Ann SWINBURN(E), spinster
 Cuthbert SWINBURN(E), boy
 Elizabeth VASEY, servant
 James VINT, jun., agent³
 Robert WHITE, butcher
 Robert YOUNG, butcher + wife, Hannah/Margaret
 /Thomas B. YOUNG, agent + wife, Maria, & daughters: Mgt. Eliza, Maria Harriet
 & Mary (infant)⁴

¹ Mrs N. Wylie (19 Puerta St, Burwood, Australia) would like to hear from anyone with connections with the Swans or the Smiths who sailed on board The Emigrant.

² Taylor Potts, History of Sunderland, pp. 201-202: William Stephenson, painter, emigrated with his son William and one of his daughters. "He had a good business, and was considered fairly well to do in the trade, but nothing could deter him from going, so off he went, leaving his wife and part of his young family behind. Years after, one of his daughters went to service at Mrs Love's, at Durham, and being a comely looking girl, young Love married her. Her husband was the heir to upwards of one million pounds sterling. The son William, who emigrated with his father, has risen in position and station and in the year in which we write, 1887, is chairman or president of the Wesleyan Conference in Australia."

³ Does anyone know if this was James White Vint, bap. Bishopwearmouth, 29/10/1834, son of James Vint, chemist?

⁴ The 1850 Sunderland Directory lists Thomas Brown Young & Son, res. 4 Frederick St, but they were not there in the 1851 Census. Taylor Potts, History of Sunderland, p. 201, states that amongst "our local noted tradesmen" who emigrated on the Lizzie Webber and The Emigrant was "Brown Young, the Sailmaker, who was a prominent Wesleyan, but left the old connexion during the purging by the fly leaf controversies. He was one of the principal men in the erection of the South Durham Street Tabernacle." G.E. Milburn's two articles in Antiquities of Sunderland, XXVII (1979), on Sunderland Wesleyanism and John Young's Diary (John, a Sunderland chemist, was a son of T.B. Young and his first wife, Ann Dixon), include further information on T.B. Young: b.1794; sailmaker, shipowner and shipbroker; a 'leader of the "Rebel" group of Wesleyans in the troubles of 1834-36', who resigned and became a founder of the Wesleyan Association in Sunderland; his son's diary shows him as 'hasty in temper, rather domineering but obviously capable.'

MARRIED IN LONDON

The following Northumberland and County Durham marriages have been extracted from the registers of two London parishes by Marjorie Stewart.

St. Paul Shadwell, 1671-1754

- 31.8.1682 Annbros Hamlett of North Sheels, br. and Hannah Skinner of South Sheels in the Bishoprick of Durham, Wid., Licence.
24.5.1688 Lewis ffrost of Southshield in County of Dunelud., br., & Elizabeth Collins of Shadwell, sp., Lic.
28.1.1718 John Thompson of St. Paul Shadwell and Anne Smith of South Shields in County of Durham, Lic.
2.10.1720 Daniel Lawson of Newcastle upon Tine in Northumberland, & Sarah Hickson of this, Lic.
25.11.1720 Patrick Tate of Blyth, Northumberland, br., & Isabella Bolton of this, sp., Lic.
22.8.1726 Benjamin Scott & Ann Wattson both of Tinmouth in County of Northumberland, Lic.
15.10.1740 William Hornby of North Sheilds, in Northumberland, widr., & Elizabeth Hives, of this, wid., Lic.
10.12.1742 George Nicholson of Tinmouth in Northumberland, widr., and Mary Quinn of St. George's in Msex., wid., Lic.
4.8.1745 William Pea of St. Dunstan Stepney, Msex., br., & Florence Marr of Morpeth in Northumberland, sp., Lic.
18.5.1748 John Taylor of Holy Island near Berwick upon Tweed in County of Durham, br., & Margaret Harper, wid., Banns

All Hallows, London Wall

- 14.7.1792 Christopher Jubb & Martha Nurse of Jarrow in County of Durham, sp., Lic.

THE CATHERINE: A SUNDERLAND SHIP LOST IN 1821

The following monumental inscription from Warkworth Churchyard tells the sad end of a Sunderland ship:

THE CATHERINE

Placed by the owners, widows, and parents of the crew of the ship Catherine of Sunderland which was lost on the Coquet Island on the 4th day of November 1821 when every person nine in number perished.

Samuel Hunter of Monkwearmouth Shore. Master aged 26 years. Son in law to Robert & Mary Hay, Baker, of the same place.

Robert Hay, brother in law of the above of Sunderland Mate aged 24 years whose body was found and interred here.

James Reed son of George & Dorothy Reed of Monkwearmouth Shore grocer aged 17 years whose body was found and interred here.

William Merriman son of Wrightson and Jane Merriman of Sunderland aged 21 years whose body was found and interred here.

Richard Wynn son of Mathew and Margaret Wynn of Washington Staith. Carpenter. aged 21 years.

Thomas Gilhespy aged 25 years and Robert Day of Sunderland. Seamen.

William Smith aged 20 years of Monkwearmouth Shore whose body was found and interred here.

The Catherine was bound from London to Sunderland.

She was owned by Thomas Elliot of Offerton Timber Merchant Sunderland.

She was wrecked on the Pan Bush Rocks in a storm which precluded the spectators from rendering any assistance.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Would members please send lists of their interests, for inclusion in the Directory of Members' Interests, to Mr W. Mantey, 178 Trehitt Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE6 5DY: specific queries for printing in the Journal should be sent to Mr Mantey also for the time being (see Late News, p. 120).

The deadline for the October issue of the Journal is 17 August. Please include your membership number when writing.

- 674 Mr J. BESTFORD, 140 Fletcher St, Woollahra, NSW 2025, Australia.
Would be interested in hearing of any occurrences of the name Bestford in either Durham or Northumberland.
- 676 Mrs F. BULLIN, 6 Sime Rd, Mauurewa, New Zealand.
Mrs Bullin is a descendant of Samuel Parker of Newcastle, and would like to make contact with anyone tracing the family of Lieut.Col. Thomas Bates or anyone who has information on a shooting of a gamekeeper in Alnwick about one hundred years ago. She has several photos of Alnwick Castle, and an old lady in a donkey cart, and believes the women in the photos to be Parker Aunts, but has no idea of how they fit in to the family.
- 742 Mrs E.T. BROCKBANK, 8 Stonehaugh Way, Ponteland, Newcastle, NE20 9LX.
Would like to hear from anyone who knows about William and Ellen Forest, who lived at the Manure Works, Walker, in the 1870s, and are thought to have had 13 children, of whom the youngest girl was Tamar, later Jobling, born 1876.
- 756 Dr M. WHITE, 17 Buckland Ave, Newtown, Vic. 3220, Australia.
Wishes to establish further details of the Chicken family, coal-miners of N. Tyneside. Mathew Chicken married Elizabeth Spears, Longbenton, 1815. Their children were John, b.1816, Thomas, b.1818, and Rebecca, b.1822, plus three others, who are not in the Longbenton or St. Peter's, Wallsend, records. Dr White would be grateful for a search for these in Christchurch, N. Shields, and St. Alban's, Earsdon, and also the death of Thomas Chicken's wife in 1854. Thomas emigrated to Victoria in 1856, remarried in 1865 and died on the Bendigo goldfields in 1873.
- 767 Mr R. HEWISON, 144 Goulden House, Winders Rd, Battersea, London, SW11.
Would like to make contact with the descendants of the younger brothers of Thomas Hewison (1813-73) of Coxhoe. They are in the Pelton/Gateshead/Felling area. Also, descendants of William Brown Hewison (1891-1965), m. Ann Prest at Sedgfield in 1919, or any Hewisons anywhere.
- 803 Mrs V.H. EUSTACE, Gardens Cottage, Parkside, Wimbledon, London, SW19.
Interested in the Carr family in Corbridge, Stamfordham, Felton, Simonburn, Newbonn and Kenton in the 18th century and later in Newcastle, Gosforth and Gateshead, marrying into the following families: Noble, Paterson, White, Aitkin, Bainbridge, Leighton and Harrison. Hoping also to trace a runaway marriage in the mid-nineteenth century between James Thompson and (possibly) Anne Lyons, née Stuart. James is said to have come "from over the border". Finally, has anyone else come across a Montevideo-Uruguay connection? There is some link with a Celedonia Naturadad Leoncia Jones and a Juan Beinto Secundino Brown, in 1907.
- 805 Mrs A. TAYLOUR, 14 Eastlands Pl, off East Rd, Rugby, Warwicks, CV21 3RS.
Would welcome details of the Rennison and Pearson families of Houghton-le-Spring. Particularly, the marriage of George and Isabella Rennison, living at W. Rainton in 1841, and the baptism of their son, Thomas, b.1817. They were miners. Interested also in the Hindmoors, joiners of West Auckland, particularly the marriage of John and Elizabeth Hindmoor, believed to have eloped before 1824. Where are William & Dorothy Surtees in the 1841 Census? They were from N. Yorks, Croft and Pateley Bridge respectively, and were iron moulders by trade.

- 827 Mr B.G. TAYLOR, 29 Davys Pl, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 4DL.
Seeks the baptisms of John Taylor (of Hawkwell) and Isabella Elliott (of Chollerton) and their subsequent marriage (not in Boyd). They had three sons in Stamfordham, 1810-1816, but were not there in 1841. Also seeks the Berkleys/Birkleys of Newburn 1786, Ponteland 1795-1804, Elsdon up to 1839 and possibly Newcastle thereafter; the Ords of High Carrick, Elsdon, and the Davisons of Corsenside, both before 1755; the Charltons of Heddon-on-the-Wall c.1760; and the Allans of Elsdon before 1730.
- 833 Mr D.S. LYTH, 10 Ullswater Ave, Acklam, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, TS5 7DR.
Researching the following families: Lyth, W. Hartlepool, from 1850 (Methodists); Steventons, W. Hartlepool, 1870; Borthwicks, W. Hartlepool, and of Berwick before 1850; Ellis and MacNay, West County Durham, 1880/90; Lyth and Hoggarth, Whitby, 1800-1850.
- 835 Mr T. SWAN, 14 Lyndhurst St, S. Shields, Tyne & Wear.
Researching the Swan family in Newcastle c.1840, esp. Robert Swan and his wife Ann, whose son Thomas was baptised at All Saints 15th Aug. 1845. They lived then at Union Terrace. In 1868 Robert was a master mariner. Also, Gilbert Llewellyn Swan, b.1895-1900, emigrated from the Wrexham area in the 1920s or 1930s for Australia. He was last heard of in Corina, Murrayville, Victoria, in 1957. Also, the Rae family of N. Shields, esp. John, a joiner, supposedly born in N. Shields in 1800. His son, John, was baptised there 1 Jan. 1826.
- 840 Mr D.J. WHITTEN, 112 Lanercost Dr, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 2DJ.
- 841 Mr E. SMITH, 6 Gorton Cl, Peterlee, Co. Durham, SR8 2NS.
Thomas Smith, millwright of Stockton on Tees, married Jane Rimington at Aycliffe in 1820. Their children were William Rimington (1821) and Dorothy (1823), both baptised at Aycliffe. Information is needed on Thomas' birthplace, any other children, and Thomas' whereabouts in later life. Other families of interest are: Broxholme, Easington-Lane, 1877 and E. Rainton, 1879; family of William Janes Neel, coastguard, Seaton Sluice or Tynemouth, 1880-1883 and Sunderland 1886; Neel families of Sunderland and Easington, 1854-76; Easey/Easy family anywhere, any period.
- 842 Miss J. YOUNG, 7 Eldon Gr, Hampstead, London, NW3 5PS.
Researching the Gascoigne family. Thomas Gascoigne married Ann Kekwick. He was farming at Wolsingham in 1817, and at Haughton-le-Skerne in 1827. His son, Theodore Glossop Gascoigne, farmed at Aycliffe 1851-1858, and Coatham Munderville 1865. He was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Darlington, and died there in 1871. Also interested in the Blacklin family of Heighington - Col. Sir Richard Blacklin, Royal Scots, carried the colours at Waterloo.
- 843 Mrs C.T. SMITH, 36 Princes Sq, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland.
- 844 Mr R.G. SYMES, 17 Parklands, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, BS20 9LL.
- 845 Mrs K.E. BURTON, 6 Low Woodhead Cottages, Riddlesden, Keighlay, W. Yorks, BD20 5QT.
- 846 Miss A. THOMPSON, 77 Wood Lane, Ferryhill, Co. Durham.
- 847 Mrs C. BUCKELL, 62 High Ridge Rd, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP3 0AU.
Interested in the Hartley family of Co. Durham, particularly the marriage of James Hartley and Dorothy Johnson and their children. Also the Buckell or Buckle family before 1839 in the Abingdon/Wantage area. Any information about Inns in Thistle Green, Stockton on Tees, 1885, would be very helpful.
- 848 Mr D.W. RUTHERFORD, 34-251 90th Ave S.E., Carriage Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2J 0A4.
- 849 Mr D. SHORT, Merchant Taylors' School House, Ashwell, Baldock, Herts. SG7 5LY.
Mr Short is interested in the following families: Short, of Alnwick, Hutson of Kyloe, Sligh, Voy and McLaughan.
- 850 Mrs J. CRAWFORD, Conc. 4 Tay RRI, Midland, Ontario, Canada.

- 851 Mrs C.K. SKILLING, 12 Blenheim Cl, Brantham, Manningtree, Essex, CO11 1TJ.
- 852 Mrs J. WEARS, 'Ione', Chelmsford Rd, Felsted, Essex.
Tracing the Wears family of Durham City and surrounding villages. William Wears (1828-1909) was born in Wolsingham, but his whereabouts are unknown until his marriage in 1852. His father's name was John.
- 853 Mrs M. YOUNG, 4 Dene View, Castle Eden, Hartlepool, Cleveland.
- 854 Mr R. VICKERS, 45 Cameron Rd, Hartlepool, Cleveland.
- 855 Mr S.I. PORTEUS, 11 Westerton Gr, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland TS19 8RL.
Seeking the parents of Thomas Porteus, mariner, R.N., born c.1770, died 1843, Newcastle. He married Mary (b.1783, dau. of John Thompson, cabinet maker) in 1803 in Newcastle. She died in 1861 in Durham. Thomas was the youngest of four - Henry, staymaker, Ann, Isabella, Thomas. His parents were either James Porteus (a staymaker) and Ann Congleton (m.1747, St. Nicholas, Newcastle) or John Porteus and Ann Westgarth (m.1744, Newcastle). Also seeking the baptisms of the said Mary Thompson, her elder brother and three elder sisters.
- 856 Mrs W.G. MITCHELL, 19 Woodlands Way, Barton, Preston, Lancs. PR3 5DU.
Researching the Wheatley family from the Birtley area; also the Humble, Kirkup, Bainbridge & Lowther families.
- 857 Mrs A.N. PAPE, Street Lane Post Office, 61 Street Lane, Leeds, LS8 1AR.
- 858 Mis H.M. KENT, 209 Tamworth Rd, Fenham, Newcastle 4.
- 859 Mrs E.A. WILLIAMS, Skelton Cottage, Marske, Richmond, N.Yorks, DL11 7NF.
- 860 Mr G. NAIRN, 77 Primrose Cr, Dalkeith, EH22 2JR, Scotland.
Researching the following families: Tate of Alnwick, 1800-1880, then Blyth, 1900; Aldus of Harlepool & S. Shields, 1850-1900; Alexander, Newcastle 1900. Also the families and more details of the following people: George Wilson Tate, who married Margaret Ann Henderson and was killed at the Somme, 1916, aged 39; Henry Aldus, rivetter, born c.1855; Alexander Alexander, born c.1870, Newcastle area. He was a carter and is said to have had stables near Lees Lane, Newcastle.
- 861 Mr D. ROBINSON, 1500 Wilton Way, Sacramento, California 95825, USA.
- 862 Mr T.W. PATTINSON, 57 Park Ave, Gosforth, Newcastle NE3 2HL.
Trying to trace the Appleby's of Wylam and Ovingham, and a John English Culley, who was a policeman in Coundon, Co. Durham, c.1872.
- 863 Rev. Canon J.O. COLLING, The Rectory, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 2TL.
- 864 Mrs V. WEARNE-FROST, "The Cedars", 4 Park Ave, Blackheath, NSW 2785, Australia.
Researching the Holmes and Mossman families of Berwick-on-Tweed, 1800-1820. Around 1795-1800 William Mossman married a Miss Ledgerwood, and they had three children: Adam, who emigrated to N.S.W. in 1829; a daughter who married Mr McLeod and lived at Emerick Farm, Norham; Eleanor, born c.1800, married Thomas Holmes c.1820. Their daughter, Jane, was born c.1821 at Berwick-on-Tweed. Jane emigrated to Sydney in 1836, with her mother, who by then was married to William Randolph Smee.
- 865 Mr M.F. SMITH, 2 Eaglesfield Rd, Shooters Hill, London, SE18 3BU.
Interested in the following families: Forster (Tynemouth, 1794); Hall (Tynemouth, 1856); Watson (Earsdon, 1794); Davison (Earsdon, 1767); Benson/Beamson (Chester-le-Street, c.1750); Kidd (S.Shields, 1784); Oxnet (Whickham, c.1766); Vinton (Gateshead, c.1766); Haggerston (Chester-le-Street, c.1750, S.Shields, c.1806, and Tyne mouth, c.1826).
- 866 Mr P. WADE, 26 Mitchell St, Lalor Park, NSW 2147, Australia.
Seeking information on the Glendennins of Hexham and the Wades of W. Rainton, Co. Durham.
- 867 Miss A.L. CLENNELL, 10 Oxford Cl, Silksworth, Sunderland, SR3 1JX.
- 868 Miss P.S. WELSH, The Flat, 14 Lavant St, Petersfield, Hants.
- 869 Mr E.L. GARTHWAITE, Port Soif Lane, Vale, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

- 870 Flt.Lt. C.W. DAVIES, SSSG(ops), S.H.A.P.E., B.F.P.O. 26.
- 871 Miss S.I. OSBORN, The Cottage, Oxwich Gr., Gower, Swansea, W.Glamorgan, S.Wales.
- 872 Mr W.G. DOBINSON, 62 Doulands Ave, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4V 3N8.
- 873 Mrs K. FETTERS, 2905 E 27 Ct, Des Moines, Iowa, USA, 50317.
Needs information on the Heathcote family, in particular, James, his wife, Mary Ann Chadwick, and children: Ellen (m. Henry Connick), William (m. Mary Ann Stephenson), Hannah (m. Daniel Riding) and Elizabeth (m. Eli Skelding). They lived in the Durham/Coxhoe and Spennymoor area 1860-1880, when they emigrated to the USA. James returned to England, where he died.
- 874 Mr C. GREENWELL, 58 Gulliver Rd, Hartlepool, Cleveland.
- 875 Mrs R.E. PRITCHETT, Chestnut Gr, Bibury, Gloucester.
Researching all Joplin(g)s and Joblin(g)s from Northumberland and Durham; also Atkinson as far as they are involved with same. Would like to find the birth of William Henry Jopling, accountant, born 1834/35 (d.14 May 1910, aged 75). He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Jopling. Thomas d. 20.10.1875, aged 66, and was a whitesmith in Newcastle.
- 876 Mr R. TEMPEST, The Cottage, Meaford, Nr. Stone, Staffordshire.
- 877 Mrs I.M. ELLEFSEN, 121 The Furlongs, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 OAL.
- 878 Mr I.S. THOMPSON, 22 Fetcham Ct, Newcastle, NE3 2UL.
- 879 Mr D.J. ANDERSON, 25 Ivanhoe, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear.
- 880 Miss W. CUTHBERT-BROWN, 1 Milking Barn Lane, Bridge Farm, Arborfield, Berks. RG2 9HT.
- 881 Mr B.A. ANDERSON, 15 Lake Farm Rd, Rainworth, Mansfield, Notts. NG21 OED.
- 882 Mr G. BRAMFITT, 4 Cottessmore Rd, Bordon, Hants.
- 883 Mr T.H. STOTHARD, 195 Forest Rd, Loughborough, Leics. LE11 3HS.
- 884 Miss N. SCHNIEDEWIND, 155 Plains Rd, New Paltz, New York 12561, USA.
- 885 Mr A.M. JOHNSON, 25 Jewel Walk, Bewbush, Crawley, W. Sussex, RH11 8BG.
- 886 Local History Dept., S. TYNESIDE CENTRAL LIBRARY, Catherine St, S. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE33 2PP. S. Shields 568841, ext. 270.
- 887 Mr J.R. SALKELD, 72 The Broadway, Grindon, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR4 8NS.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 16 Mr F.J. VAUGHAN, 3 Sylvester Ct, Sylvester Rd, Wembley, Middlesex.
In 1841 at Calf-Field, Haltwhistle, lived the following members of the Edgar family: William (80), Mary (70), William (40), John (40), Nicholas (35), Mary (30), David (65), William (5), and in 1871 at Keepwick Mill, near Chollerton, lived William Hepple and Mary, his wife, both 65. Does anyone know the subsequent fates of either family? The Hepples are believed to have gone to the USA; did the Edgar family also emigrate?
- 46 Mrs J. COOKE, 40 The Roystons, Surbiton, Surrey.
Information is required on the Pickering family of Morpeth and Bonas Hill, Whalton, prior to 1710, esp. the connection between John (b.1683, m. Margaret Davison, Morpeth, 1709) and George (b.1690, m. Ann Ainsley, Morpeth, 1731) and Ralph, b.1699, at Morpeth, son of Walter Pickering and Catherine Moore, who were married at Stannington, 12 April 1683.
- 100 Mrs E. JIRKA, 1268 Croyden Rd, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124, USA.
Christianna (Christie) Morrison was born 31 March 1840 or June 1839, S. Scotland. Her parents may have been Alexander Morrison and Mary MacDonald. Her birth record is required, and all available data on her family. Matthew Locke and Margaret Trumble (Turnbull) were married between 1800 and 1820 in N. Northumberland or S. Scotland. Is there a record of this marriage?

- 114 Mr H. ROSS, 118 Willoughby House, Barbican, London, EC2.
Would like any information on Dorothy Ross, unmarried mother of George Ross. He was baptised on 24.3.1831 at Rainton Chapel, Houghton-le-Spring, and by 1841 was living with Isabella Dial and her family in W. Rainton.
- 178 Mrs R. ATHEY, 143 Ridge Ave, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068, USA.
Interested in the following people: Jonas Athey (b. Northern England c.1810); Elizabeth Frances Ashton (b.10.5.1846; went to USA c.1851, aged 5); George Price Ramsay (naturalised in USA 1840); Henry Ramsay (b. in England, 1820); John D. Minto (born 7.9.1799, Wylam); Mary Minto (b.1825, Wylam); Mary Hutchinson (b.30.12.1800, Hexham). John Minto and Mary Hutchinson were married in 1820 in Heddon on the Wall.
- 450 Mrs M.M. SCOTT, 29 Allanson Rd, Rhos-on-Sea, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd LL28 4HL.
Does any member know anything about Wood's Hotel, 50 High Street, Berwick upon Tweed, and the family who kept it? It was there in 1900 and probably much earlier. Also interested in the following people: Frank Watson Wood, an artist, born in Berwick upon Tweed, Sept. 1862; Agnes Wood, b.1799, m. Thomas Crichton, Coldstream Bridge, 1820; Frances Wood, son of Thomas Wood and Jean Redpath, baptised 1778 in the Kelso area.
- 466 Mrs J.L. BROOKS, Portis, Kansas 67474, USA.
Needs information on the parents of Thomas Allan and his brothers, Robert and Samuel Allan. They came to the USA c.1851, possibly from Durham. Thomas' wife was Mary Jane Burnell. Also, information on John Allan (1819-1867), who is buried in Durham. Other family interests in England are Joseph Gledhill and William Leigh.
- 485 Mrs A.M. BUXTON, Gemini Cottage, Little Lane, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 7NQ.
Interests now include: Metcalf (Newcastle, flaxdressers), Nicholson (Warkworth, merchants); Nixon (Simonburn, cattle dealers and shepherds), Kirk (Haltwhistle); Armstrong and Winship (Benwell).
- 514 Mr I. HELPS, 48 Chapel Rd, Billingham, Cleveland.
Searching for the parents of Lydia Watson, b. Longbenton, March 1824; her father, George, was a miner. Also, the births of Edward Smith and Elizabeth Hutchinson, who were married in June 1798 at Bishop Middleham, and the Gilroy family of Easington in the mid-1800s. Mary Gilroy married George Ord, a blacksmith, in 1764 at Castle Eden.
- 645 Dr A. BIRD, Old Forge, New St, Halsall, Ormskirk, Lancs. L39 8RS.
Dr Bird has spent a number of years collecting references to the Scambler family: Skamley, Scrambler, Skamler and other variants. He has almost every entry after 1837 and hundreds from before then, but is mystified at the appearance of the name in Northumberland. On 17 June 1784 John Scambler and Margaret Hedley were married at Netherwitton, and they had 4 children; on 30 May 1790 Richard Scambler and Mary Warner were married in Whalton and they had one child. Does anyone know anything about these people?
- 647 Mr A. BRADLEY, 15 Cedar Ave, Shirley, Southampton, Hants. SO1 5GX.
Would like some information concerning Thomas Bradley and Ann Rawlings, parents of John Bradley, who was born at 10 Mill Street, Sunderland, on 22 Aug. 1845. John had at one time three drapers shops in Sunderland and his daughter kept a butcher's shop.
- 691 Mr J. TURNBULL, 2A Stowell Terrace, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 ONX.
Looking for information on the names Crosby, Carr and Milne in the Sunderland area in the 18th and 19th centuries. More particularly, the marriage of William Crosby and Sarah Fletcher, c.1832. Also Pearson, Gateshead and Auckland, 18th & 19th cents., and Milne in the Gateshead area.

- 730 Mr D. ARMSTRONG, High Grow Law, Hepple, Morpeth, Northumberland.
Seeks information about William Armstrong, believed b.1717, d.28 Nov. 1816, aged 99. He married Hannah Shield at Allendale on 3 Jan. 1744 and is thought to have live at or near Staward, Nb.
- 737 Mr W.P. RIDLEY, 23 The Riding, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.
Searching for information on the following: William Dixon, who married Rachel White at St. Peter's, Monkwearmouth, 22.7.1794; Thomas and Mary Wallis, who lived in Knarsdale, Haltwhistle, in the 1740s; and Adam Johnson, who lived in Asholm and in Haltwhistle in 1790.
- 779 Miss S.L. MARSHALL, 145 N. Byron, Shelley, Idaho 83274, USA.
Would like to contact any descendants of: William Simpson, born 10.3.1782; John Simpson, b.1809; John Simpson, b.1744/46; Thomas Simpson, bap. Jan. 1772; James Simpson, b.28.6.1776. They were all christened at St. Margaret's, Bishop Auckland.
- 799 Mrs J. HOOKS, 137 Stewart St, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, L6K 1X8.
Researching the Adamsons of Northumberland and Durham. Jonathan Adamson (b.7.9.1809, Co. Durham) was a member of a large family. At the age of 9 he was hired out to a large landowner, John Sherwood, of Northumberland. In 1832 he went to Canada with Mr Sherwood. His younger brother, James (b. c.1819) joined him in 1841/2.
- 801 Mr W.G. STOCKPORT, 87 Park Ave, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 2LD.
Correction: Mr Stockport is seeking details about John Smithson (b. Durham City 1787), not John Simpson, as stated in the April issue of the Journal.
- 808 Mrs D. BARFOOT, 44 Middle Park Rd, Birmingham, B29 4BJ.
Searching for the marriage of Robert Wright Pearson and Ann Nicholson, who lived at 6 East Stanley. Oswald Harcourt Pearson was born there in June 1895, the youngest of five brothers. He served with the 2nd Durham Light Infantry.
- 809 Miss P. PRINCE, 23 Manning St, Newtown, Geelong 3220, Victoria, Australia.
Researching Jonathan Prince, who married Sarah Elizabeth Ryder. In 1866 he was a master mariner and lived at 7 Mauds Lane, Sunderland. Later they lived at Moorgate Street, Sunderland. They had 3 children: Harriett (b. 2.9.1863), Jonathan (b. 18.1.1866) and William (born c.1867).
- 832 Mr R. YORK, 4 Wyndham Close, Orpington, Kent, BR6 8JX.
Interested in the York(e) and Iveson/Ivison families in S. Durham and N. Yorks, and in particular in the marriage of Henry York(e), tailor, to Frances (?), probably c.1820. Their 3 children were born near Darlington in the early 1820s.
- 836 Mr K. LEADBITTER, 16 Marina Grove, Copnor, Portsmouth, Hants.
Looking for information about Frederick George Leadbitter, born c.1860, who lived at 21 Allergate, Durham City. He married Thomasine (Osborne?) and moved to 10 Crossgate Moor, c.1914. He was related to Jack and Annie Willis of Gilesgate, Co. Durham.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 122 Mrs J.B. THOMAS, Fairwood RTI, Box 165-C, Como, Mississippi 38619, USA.
- 147 Mr A.K.S. PHILLIPS, 139 Stanley Rd, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 2BL.
- 299 Mr W. COWAN, 5 Valebrooke Ave, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, SR2 7LS.
- 369 Mr A. SWINBURNE, 55 Trefoil Wood, Marton, Nr Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
- 520 Mrs S.M. PARKER, 3 The Old Police Station, Coach Lane, Farringdon, Oxon.
- 589 Mr T. ROBINSON, Flat 1, 2 Maiden St, Yallourn 3838, Victoria, Australia.
- 760 Miss M. SHAIL, 23 Mill View Ave, Fulwell, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.
- 787 Mr P. RUTHERFORD, 24 Broad Acres, Hatfield Garden Village, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9LD.

DEATHS

We regret to announce the deaths of the following members:

- 9 Mr R.W. CROMARTY, 40 Portland Rd, E. Grinstead, W. Sussex, RH19 4EA.
294 Mr L. COLLING, 35 Rosebury Ave, Leigh, Greater Manchester.
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OFFERS OF HELP

- 516 Mr N. BOWMAKER, 523 Nottingham Rd, Baltimore, Maryland 21229, USA.
Mr Bowmaker is willing to search cemeteries in the Baltimore-Washington area for anyone whose family may have moved there.
- 847 Mrs C. BUCKELL, 62 High Ridge Rd, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 OAU.
Mrs Buckell, whose interests appear in "Members and Their Interests" (p. 110), is prepared to carry out research in Hertfordshire.
- 875 Mrs R.E. PRITCHETT, Chestnut Grove, Bibury, Glos.
Mrs Pritchett, whose interests appear on page 112, is willing to search in Gloucester, Oxford or London in exchange for research in Northumberland and Durham.
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HOW'S THIS FOR A FAMILY?

Mr A. Angus found the following note among papers belonging to his grandfather, George Angus:-

"Copy of Note in handwriting of the late William Laws

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Family of the late Mr M. Reed and his wife Eleanor.						
1st Confinement		2	Children			
2nd	do	1	"			
3rd	do	3	"			
4th	do	4	"			
5th	do	1	"			
6th	do	3	"			
7th	do	1	"			
8th	do	2	"			
9th	do	1	"			
10th	do	1	"			
11th	do	1	"			
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The above I gathered from Mrs Walton, who was one of the four birth, and the only member of the family now living. This she gave from memory and could vouch for its accuracy. Aug 25/90. signed W.L."

Mr Angus believes that he has traced Mrs Eleanor Reed in the 1861 Census as a widow, aged 74, living in Westmoreland Terrace, Newcastle, with her granddaughter, Margaret Walton. The Laws and Reed families were connected by marriage.

USEFUL FOR HOLY ISLAND RESEARCHERS

The transcripts of the Holy Island registers in Newcastle Library include a supplementary volume which is an index to the other volumes and also includes Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1813-37, making it one of the few transcripts in the Library to go beyond 1812.

FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fifth annual general meeting of the Society was held in the YMCA, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 14 May 1980. 28 members were present and a particular welcome was extended to one, Mrs Christofferson, who was on a visit from the USA. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Anne Spendiff and Mr Geoffrey Nicholson.

The Minutes of the last AGM were taken as read.

The Secretary's Report for the year was received:

"Interest in family history shows no sign of diminishing, and enquiries regarding membership of the Society are received almost daily. Membership continues to grow, and 120 people have joined in the past year. Alas, costs also continue to grow, and although we have held an unchanged subscription of £2 since the formation of the Society in 1975, the time has now come for an increase and, not without regret, the committee propose an increase to £3 for UK members and to £4 (\$9) and £8 (\$18) for overseas surface and airmail respectively. These increases allow a small margin for increased costs, especially of postage, and we do not anticipate that any further increase will be needed next year. You are asked to approve the proposed increases, and the Treasurer will explain them in more detail.

"Changes were made in the Society's Constitution at a meeting earlier this year, mainly to obtain charitable status (on which correspondence is continuing), and the new constitution was published in the April 1980 Journal.

"Monthly meetings have been held, on a variety of topics, although two of our proposed speakers could not attend.

"Apart from the quarterly Journal, the Society's only publication to date has been the Directory of Members' Interests (1977), long since sold out. Work on a new Directory is at an advanced stage and it should be published later in the year. Plans to publish parts of the Monkwearmouth registers were deferred, the task proving larger than anticipated, but the Society has now made its first publication of primary sources - the Bishops Transcripts of the Northumbrian Parish of Kirknewton 1762-1788 - and the response to date is encouraging and appears to indicate a need for publications of this sort.

"I have been Secretary since the Society was formed and have decided that the time has come to step down. Don Mason is also resigning from the post of Treasurer and Geoff Nicholson will be responsible for the July Journal but will then hand over to a new Editor. It would be churlish to let Geoff "retire" without acknowledging the debt the Society owes to his efforts in producing a good quality Journal, but we know that his successor will keep up the good work, provided the members continue to send in suitable material. Thanks also to Pat Storey for her typing efforts, and an especial word of thanks to Bill Rounce, who has handled, with no aid, the enormous task of collating, enveloping and posting the Journal. If your Journal is sometimes a little late, spare a thought for the work which goes into getting it to you and another 800 members!

"Proposals for new officers will be made at the meeting, but there is a great need for more volunteers to undertake parts of the considerable work of running a Society such as this. If you think you can help in any way, however small, please come forward - to help the next year to be another successful one."

The Treasurer's report was considered next (see also balance sheet and income and expenditure account, p. 119):

"The accounts for the year ended 31st August 1979 show a less favourable result than in previous years. The subscription income was slightly higher at £1,448. Inflation has taken its toll with the expenses, thus the lower than anticipated excess of income over expenditure of £75.

"For the current financial year ending 31st August 1980, it is anticipated that the Society will break even. So we consider that now would be an opportune time to look at the level of the subscriptions and the Committee recommends that these be increased as from 1st September 1980 to:

Ordinary U.K. Membership	£3.00 p.a.
Family U.K. Membership	£4.00 p.a.
Overseas Membership (Surface Mail)	£4.00 p.a. (\$9.00)
Overseas Membership (Airmail)	£8.00 p.a. (\$18.00)

"This has been the first time that it has been necessary to increase the subscription rates since the Society was started in 1975, but postal charges and stationery costs have escalated and, at the same time, income from overseas members has, as a result of the stronger foreign exchange situation, been reduced. It is considered that, if the subscriptions are not raised at this point, the Society will be faced with an estimated deficit of about £350 in 1981.

"We are still in correspondence with the Charity Commissioners regarding the Society's charitable status and, to date, the situation has not been resolved."

The new subscription rates were approved.

In the absence of the Editor, Mr Readdie appealed for a supply of articles, letters and other items for the Journal.

Mr Hewitson, the Society's new Librarian, mentioned the problem of the exchange of journals. Some £25 to £30 was spent on journals exchanged for those of other societies and it was sometimes difficult to know where to draw the line in agreeing or refusing to swop. The Committee had discussed this recently and resolved to continue exchanging with other "county" societies. One-name societies are not currently exchanged with and there is also a growing number of one-town societies, like York, whose Newsletter had begun this discussion. He wished that members of our Society would make more use of incoming journals, which are, of course, available on loan.

Mr Bunting commented on the programme for the past year, which had seen a change in emphasis with the inclusion of two social occasions in an attempt to enable members to get to know one another better. There had been a poor response to the proposed visit to London, which had had to be cancelled as a result. He appealed for more feed-back from members about and more suggestions for meetings and other events. A discussion ensued about the feasibility of a visit to London and it was generally felt that it required to be planned well in advance.

Election of Officers: nominations had only been received for one member per post so the meeting approved the following arrangements:

Chairman: Mr A. Bunting
Treasurer: Mr J. Scott
Secretary: Mr A. Readdie would continue to hold this post until July, when Mr W. Mantey would take over
Membership Secretary: Mrs Anne Spendiff [See Late News, p. 120]
Librarian: Mr R.W. Hewitson
Programme Organiser: Mr A.S. Angus (Mr Angus took over this post from Mrs Joan Bunting when she was obliged to resign earlier this year due to lack of time)

Editor: Mr G. Nicholson would produce the July issue of the Journal and then hand over to Mr A. Bunting, to whom copy for the October and subsequent issues should be sent. His address is: 17 Moor Place, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4AL.

Auditors: Russell Mann and Co. had resigned and Mr D.G. Mason had agreed to resume this position, which he had held before becoming Treasurer.

Other Committee members and their jobs:

Mrs J. Summers, Tyne & Wear Record Office liaison
Mr W.E. Rounce, collation & despatch of the Journal
Mr W.E. Wallace, Northumberland projects
Mr R.E. Vine, computer list/address labels
Mr G. Nicholson, to take over Monumental Inscriptions from Mr Bunting in July
Mr J.A. Readdie, "minister without portfolio"

Mr Bunting announced that an updated list of churchyard M.I.s which had been copied would be published shortly in the Journal, and asked any member who knew of churchyards or burial grounds in danger from clearance or any other cause, to inform the committee as soon as possible. Mr Nicholson would be taking over specific responsibility for the card index of M.I.s copied and the location of these from July.

It was noted that the Society's first publishing venture, the Bishops' Transcripts for Kirknewton, was now available. This small beginning was welcomed and suggestions invited for further publications. The Bishops' Transcripts for Monkwearmouth (another parish which had lost its registers from fire in the late eighteenth century) and Newcastle marriages, 1813-37, were two ideas under active consideration.

Mr Chapman, secretary of the newly formed Cleveland Family History Society, spoke briefly about this new venture. The first meeting had been held on 20 April and had attracted a large audience. The new society (subscription £3 p.a.) already had 64 members and intended to produce its own journal. Mr Chapman had undertaken the production of the first number of this and in studying the journals of a large number of other societies had come to the conclusion that those of the Cumbrian and of our own Society were the best!

CENSUS STRAYS

1851 Census: Lambeth, Surrey:-

2 Manor View: Benjamin McLeod, head, 42, Brewer, b. Durham
Louisa " wife, 39, b. Surrey, Rotherhithe
Herbert " son 10, b. Mddx., Stoke Newington
Fanny " dau 4, b. Surrey, Stockwell
Eliz. Christal, wid, mo-in-law, 81, b. Mddx., London

46 Sussex Road: George Robins, head, 26, Police Constable, b. Suffolk, Stoke
Eliz. " wife, 27, b. Nb., Berwick-on-Tweed
Isabella " dau., 3 do.
Eliz. " dau., 1 do.

3 Rochester Place (Stockwell):

Wm. Herbert, head, 70, Superannuated Custom H. Officer, b. Durham, Durham
Mary " wife, 62, b. Berks, Appleford

St. George, Hanover Square, Belgrave, Westminster: 12 Gillingham Street:-

Henry Pearson, head, 51, Draper, b. Durham
Amelia A. " wife, 35, b. Mddx., London
Henry C. " son, 1 do
Walter E. " son, 1 mo. do

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 1979

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Building Society	£180.00	
Cash at Bank - Deposit Account	841.00	
- Current Account	284.00	
Officers Float	<u>39.00</u>	£1,344.00

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Subscriptions in advance	564.00	
Provision for taxation	34.00	
Sundry Creditors	<u>83.00</u>	681.00
		<u>663.00</u>

PUBLICATIONS RESERVE

Balance brought forward	158.00	
Sales of Directories	13.00	
Amount set aside	<u>180.00</u>	351.00

ACCUMULATED FUND

Balance brought forward	237.00	
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>75.00</u>	312.00
		<u>663.00</u>

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1979

INCOME

Subscriptions Received		£1,448.00
Sales of Journal	153.00	
Donations	13.00	
Building Society Interest	15.00	
Bank Deposit Interest	<u>60.00</u>	241.00
		<u>1,689.00</u>

Less EXPENDITURE

Journal Production	866.00	
Postage	443.00	
Meeting Expenses	38.00	
Stationery	11.00	
F.F.H.S.	12.00	
Library Purchases	7.00	
Publications	180.00	
Function	10.00	
Provision for Taxation	27.00	
Provision for Audit Fees	<u>20.00</u>	1,614.00

<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE:</u>	<u>75.00</u>
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The above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account have been prepared from the books and records maintained by The Northumberland and Durham Family History Society and the Accounts are Certified as correct and in accordance therewith.

3 Market Street,
Hexham, Northumberland.

RUSSELL MANN & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YULE FAMILY BIBLE

24 Lambley Close, Sunnyside,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE16 5XH.

Sir, My friend recently bought a job lot of books at an auction. On checking through the books she found that one was a family bible with some family history in it. The bible was owned by John Yule of South Shields and passed on to his son Matthew Yule. It contains eighteen entries from 1765-1834. If any of the Society members are Yule descendants and would like the bible they are very welcome to it. If they would contact me on Whickham 886682 I can supply the name and address of the present owner of the bible.

Hazel McAlwane (Mrs)

WINSHILL/ATKINSON LETTERS

Eaglescliffe 782957

Greystones, The Spital,
Yarm, Cleveland, TS15 9EX.

Sir, I have recently been in correspondence with a lady in south Wales who has just come into possession of some papers left by her aunt. Among these papers are copies of two letters from her grandmother's brother in Wisconsin in 1850 to her grandmother and husband. My correspondent asks me if I can pass on these letters to someone who would find them of interest.

The letters were written in April and November 1850 by Joseph and Elizabeth Ann Winshill or Winskill from: New Diggings, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. From the envelope on the later of these letters the recipient was Mr James Atkinson of Nent Head, Alston.

If anyone is interested would they please contact me and I will pass on the letters and put them in touch with my correspondent.

Paul R. Joiner

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 17th September

Dr Gibby: "'Liars' or 'Deliberately Misleading Statements as a Hindrance to Genealogical Research'".

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

Wednesday, 15th October

Mr G.L. Fairs, "The Mystery of James Drummond of Biddick - Earl of Perth?"

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

Wednesday, 13th November

Mr F. Manders, who has recently moved from Gateshead to take over from Miss June Thompson as Local Librarian in Newcastle Central Library, will speak on the local collections in Newcastle Central Library.

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

LATE NEWS

1. Since the AGM in May, Mrs. Anne Spendiff has been obliged to resign as Membership Secretary due to pressure of work. Correspondence which would otherwise have been sent to her should be directed to Mr. Mantey, the Society's Secretary, until a new Membership Secretary can be appointed.

2. An appointment system will be introduced at Durham Record Office from 4th August. Intending visitors must phone first - Durham 64411 and ask for Record Office Search Room.