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# EDITORIAL

As so many of you have responded to my request for articles, my first duty must be to thank all of you for a splendid response to a real crisis. I can not promise that every article will eventually appear in the pages of the Journal, but every effort is appreciated. Normally, I shall only acknowledge articles that are accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope, and even then it may take some time for a reply, as I am a dilatory secretary even at the best of times. The important thing now is for the flow of articles to continue. At present, there is hardly enough for the April edition.

I should welcome your reactions to our new format. The reduced number of pages does not imply a reduced Journal - the same amount of material will be published as usual, but in a smaller space. Hitherto, the Journal has been typed in Edinburgh, printed in Durham, with cover printed in Humberside, and collated in Jarrow! Our new printers should ensure that some of our harder-worked members will at last be able to return to the practice of genealogy rather than spending their valuable spare time doing thankless work which, from now on, will be done professionally under one roof. Pat Storey will continue to type our more vital listings, particularly members' interests, and Bill Rounce will continue his monumental struggles with the British postal system.

Alan Angus has now completed the programme up to the summer break and will welcome suggestions for the autumn. I am sorry to have to report that the December social had to be cancelled at short notice through lack of numbers. We have managed to avoid any cancellation fee by re-booking for June (see future programme), but I am beginning to wonder, as chairman, whether there is any point at all in trying to organise social events. Can it be that our membership is really interested only in what it can get out of the Society, genealogically speaking, and is it so short-sighted as not to realise that some of the best information can be obtained by informal contact in a sociable atmosphere? Your views on this would be appreciated for the Journal's columns. I get so few letters to the editor that it is impossible to gauge just what our members really think - about the Society, the Journal, The Committee. We are working in the dark. Does anyone have a light?

## SECRETARY'S JOTTINGS

As I write these notes, I have just had a telephone call from our membership secretary, Mrs. Power, announcing the election of our one thousandth member. We have recently experienced an upswing in membership applications and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new members, especially Member 1000, Mr. Jewitt of Durham.

In consequence of this I wish to appeal to all our more experienced members for articles for this Journal, that will be of interest to people just starting out to research their family history. After all, to a lot of people, census returns, civil registration & probate records are a closed book.

## *FUTURE PROGRAMME*

### **Wednesday, January 14**

Talk by Mr. S.N. Wood on "Newcastle upon Tyne Old and New"  
Y.M.C.A. Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

### **Thursday, February 12**

A 'must' for beginners - and a change of programme. A talk by founder member, Donald Mason, F.S.G., on using local records in genealogical research.  
Y.M.C.A. Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

### **Tuesday, March 17**

Talk by well-known local writer Mr. S. Beckensall on "Northumbrian PlaceNames".  
Y. M. C. A. Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p. m.

### **Wednesday, April 15**

Talk by [Lieut. Col. R.M. Pratt](#) on the History of the Northumberland Fusiliers.  
Y.M.C.A. Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13

Annual General Meeting. Followed, as usual, by a chance for members to get together and show their work.

Y.M.C.A. Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.

Friday, June 12

Social Evening at Five Bridges Hotel, Gateshead. Further details plus application form in April Journal.

## THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our season of monthly meetings got off to an excellent start with an amusing and stimulating talk by Dr. Gibby which he simply entitled, "Liars", though with a sub-heading "Deliberately Misleading Statements as a Hindrance to Genealogical Research."

Members of long standing will recall a talk given by Dr. Gibby in December 1976, (Journal Vol. I No. 3), in which he gave many instances of cases where research has been seriously hampered, or even rendered completely fruitless, by people who have chosen to give deliberately misleading information to the recording authorities. His September talk went one step further by detailing the doings of one notorious individual whose entire life seems to have been spent in hoodwinking his contemporaries into believing that he had a background and qualifications to which he was in no way entitled. So as not to offend any possible surviving relatives, Dr. Gibby has requested that we do not print the name of our offending friend. Suffice to say that he was born in 1857 and died before the Second World War, having lived the last years of his life as rector of a parish in North-East England.

Our mystery man claimed to have been the son of a captain R.N., but there is no record of him among the naval records for 1857. It seems more likely that he was simply the son of an ordinary ship's mate. He claimed to have had an extensive education, not only at what was then University College, Durham, but also at Heidelberg University and at Washington College, Maryland, Tusculum College, Tennessee, and Huron College, London, Ontario. He claimed a number of degrees from these and other institutions, but Dr. Gibby has been able to find no evidence whatsoever to show that he had any right to such degrees, and none to show that he ever attended any of the institutions that he so proudly laid claim to.

Without being able to refer specifically to names and dates, it would be pointless to give a complete list of this man's other claims to distinction. There is no doubt, for instance that he never was one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, and that he was never chaired as a Welsh Bard. The point of Dr. Gibby's talk was that all this man's so-called distinctions are faithfully recorded in 'Who's Who', as well as Masonic records and other printed publications, without apparently the least effort having been made by the compilers to check the veracity of the statements. Dr. Gibby's audience took the point that it is so often dangerous to accept uncritically statements made in print or in writing, even in reputable works of reference. He also showed that it can often be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to check them.

## THE OCTOBER MEETING

One of our members, Mr. G. Fairs, having made the long journey up from the Welsh borders, gave a most intriguing talk on the mystery of James Drummond of Biddick, who claimed to be the Earl of Perth.

Students of Durham County family history will already be aware of this famous case, which for romantic content can scarcely be bettered by fiction. Mr. Fairs acquainted us first of all with the historical background to the story. The Drummonds had always had strong Jacobite and Catholic affinities and, for his support to the cause, the fourth earl was given the titular Dukedom of Perth by the exiled James II. The story concerns his grandson, James Drummond, sixth Earl of Perth, who took part in the rising of 1745, was wounded at Culloden, and was said to have escaped on board a French warship where he died of his wounds before reaching the coast of France, and was buried at sea, leaving no issue. As his brother John died a year later, the earldom passed to other families.

So much for history. The alternative account is more interesting, and Mr. Fairs' story, together with

details of the research that he has undertaken, will shortly be the subject of a detailed article in the Scottish Genealogical Magazine. Briefly, it is believed that Drummond did not die aboard that French ship, but that the whole story was a cover for his escape to England. He is said to have made his way to the East coast of Scotland and to have taken ship to Sunderland, from whence he made his way up the river Wear to Biddick, near Penshaw. Now Biddick was at that time a favourite refuge for persons on the run, either as criminals or to escape the clutches of the press-gangs. Drummond was made to feel welcome and lodged at the house of a pitman named Armstrong. He set up first as a shoe-seller, then as a ferryman, and married Armstrong's daughter, who was as well known for her good looks as for her intelligence and vivacity. This marriage took place at the parish church of Houghton-le-Spring in 1749, and is recorded in the registers there.

Two sons, James and William, were born, and the family continued to live in obscurity at Biddick. Drummond died in 1782, having witnessed the destruction of most of his family papers in the great flood of 1771. When the Act of Attainder was repealed, James the elder son, now a pitman, made no effort to reclaim his earldom. This task was left to his eldest son, Thomas, also a pitman, whose petition was presented to the House of Lords in 1830. They in turn referred the petition to a committee of privileges and a jury decided in Thomas' favour in June 1831. Mysteriously, the affair was never satisfactorily concluded, and Thomas Drummond died at Penshaw in 1873, described as the "alleged Earl of Perth."

Mr. Fairs then described the rival claims to the earldom and reviewed the evidence concerning the supposed drowning of James Drummond. Searches in the French archives have revealed very little evidence, and what there is is confusing. There is a diary of a junior officer aboard the French warship "Mars" in which the burial of the Duke is mentioned, but there is doubt as to whether this officer was competent to judge the true identity of the Duke.

The meeting concluded with a lively discussion as to what further research could be done, particularly in North-East England, to prove or disprove the claim. One idea was that a rigorous search should be made to try to prove that the Drummond who was married at Houghton in 1749 was in fact not a native of Scotland. The entire story is extremely fascinating and members who are interested in the full details should consult the pages of the Scottish Genealogical Society's Journal in which Mr. Fairs' article is shortly to appear.

## THE NOVEMBER MEETING

About fifty-five members - one of our best turn-outs for some time - met at Newcastle Central Library where the new Local History Librarian, Mr. Manders, gave a talk on the material available to genealogists researching North-East families.

He mentioned those resources that are familiar to denizens of Floor D, but which members who do not have the good fortune to live within travelling distance of Newcastle must find hard to go without. In particular, he spoke about the 486 volumes of transcripts of parish registers by H.M. Wood; Boyds Marriage Index; Hodgson's Volumes of Pedigrees (now only available on microfilm); the transcripts of Durham Marriage Bonds, (also available at Sunderland and Gateshead); and the lists of family notices from the Newcastle Courant, 1723-1820, nearly all of which are indexed. These notices contain some very informative obituaries, and often there is an account of the funeral a few days later with perhaps a list of mourners.

Many street and trade directories are now available on open shelves on Floor C, though the researcher must always bear in mind the fact that they are selective. Mr. Manders also mentioned the Census returns for 1841, 1851, 1861, and 1871, for the City of Newcastle only, though it is hoped to extend them to the immediately adjoining areas. The 1881 Census will, he said, not be available until January 1982, and the Library hopes to obtain a copy soon after that date.

Mr. Manders asked members to bear in mind that the person at the control desk on Floor D has to supervise four rooms, obtain films, newspapers and books for readers in these rooms, as well as obtain books from the stack for readers on Floor C, so patience is the order of the day! He also asked members to tell the staff if any books or films are deteriorating.

*Editor's note:* The interest shown in this meeting is further proof that many members are most interested in obtaining basic information on the whereabouts of records and how to use them. We are

sure that Don Mason's talk in February will be of further help, but, as Bill Mantey says elsewhere in this Journal, the more articles we can put out on basic sources, the better, although such articles are best if they have a North-East bias.

## A MOST PECULIAR PECULIAR

*D. W. Smith*

Hexhamshire presents an anomaly amidst the genealogical records of Northumberland. Unlike those detached `bits' of the county - Norhamshire, Islandshire and Bedlingtonshire which, in any case, were administered by the diocese of Durham - Hexham and its `shire' was an important part of the county administered as an ecclesiastical Peculiar of the Archbishopric of York.

The "shire" in fact consisted of Hexham town, Ninebanks, Allendale and West Allen, St. John Lee, St Oswald and St Mary Bingfield. To this might be added the even more `peculiar' position of Thockrington which technically was administered by a Prebendary of Thockrington at York. The area thus differs in the history of its ecclesiastical records from the rest of the county. Even the B.T.s at York begin at a slightly earlier date than those remaining at Durham. They cover:

Hexham 1741-1836	Allendale 1741-1842
Ninebanks 1767 - 1841	Allendale St Peter's Chapel 1793-1842
St Mary Bingfield 1773 only	
St John Lee 1741-1836	Whitley (chapel) 1765-1842

Regarding testamentary evidence the position is technically complicated, though in reality little has survived. The Archbishop of York, as the title suggests, had superior claim over the Bishopric of Durham, so that Hexhamshire wills were proved at York and filed in the various courts there - Chancery, Dean & Chapter, Prerogative. It may be that occasionally, from the outlying borders of the ,shire', some wills were entered at Durham - though I have not come across this lapse. The notebooks of Raine at N.R.O., called "Testamenta Ebor," cover the wills of Northumberland and Durham folk at York, from 1558-c.1783, but not all wills are noted and for some, only a skeleton outline is given.

Of the very early records for this Peculiar that have survived the centuries of neglect, there is little, whilst in the case of Thockrington, it seems, nothing at all.

An Act *Book* for Hexhamshire dated 1593-1602 exists at the Borthwick Institute, and an index to the names can be found in Vo1.60 of the Yorks. Archaeological Society transactions. This Act Book is the only early document of the Peculiar court we have: previous wills are presumed to have perished.

Still another source for the period 1694-1707 comes from the collections of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries (NRO ref.M15 B34). Entitled "Hexhamshire Testamente Registrate" it is possibly a compilation of a slightly later date and not in chronological order. An index to the names is given here: Needless to say, if a testator had possessions outside, as well as within the diocese of Durham, his will would be proved at either York or Canterbury.

Despite the difficulties to be overcome in tracing Hexhamshire wills, they can produce evidence to help supply those missing pieces of the jigsaw at what is, after all, often close to the start of the parish register itself. Certainly the surprisingly large gaps in the Hexham Abbey Register can be overcome by using these sources. As an example, I found the custom of entering the `sponsors' in the Abbey register of baptisms could point to possible relationships. An Edward Newbigin had a son baptised in 1732 but no marriage entry has survived. The sponsors were called Todd and Charlton, and the burial of the mother Margaret was recorded much later. Trusting that these sponsors were closely related, I looked for a Margaret Todd near to the likely date of her birth. None was recorded but there was a Margaret Charlton. A search of "Testamenta Ebor" indeed revealed Charlton wills, one of which left a bequest to a "niece Margaret now wife of Edward Newbigin". Further searches in the Society of Antiquaries book revealed further references to Charlton wills and relationships to this family.

Thus a missing piece of evidence was re-constructed from this slight clue, and the godparents played a part in the history of their charge that they could never have envisaged.

# HEXHAM TESTAMENT REGISTRATE

## *Names in Order of entry*

- 1694 Mathew Fairlamb. Hexham. skinner & glover  
1695 John Charlton. Acomb yeoman  
John Nivin. Lipton Sheile. Allendale. yeo.  
1694 William Johnson. Hexham  
1685 George [Dawson\\_ye](#) Hope. Allendale. farmer  
Thos. Robinson. Battshill in Allendale. yeo  
John Dawson. Shiddon in Allendale.  
John Bell. Hexham.  
John Bell. Wester Hynneyhill. Allendale  
William Errington. Hexham. yeoman.  
William Teasdale. West Allendale.  
1696 Jane Bell. Hynning hill. Allendale  
Robert Pearson the elder. of Errington  
John Johnson. Hexham. farmer  
Thomas Jackson. Hunter Gap. Keely.  
Allendale  
Francis Little. Holywell.  
Robert Pearson. Bishopferk. Allendale.  
1695 Richard Walton. Pearothouse.  
1694 John Robson. Hexham. glover  
1676 Richard Ord. Nether Ordley.  
1696 George Armstrong. Sandhoe.  
John Charlton. Wall. gent.  
John Cragg. Hexham. cordwainer  
William Lee. Hexham. shoemaker.  
Christopher Simpson. the Lee. fuller.  
John Taite. Hexham. gent.  
John Leadbitter. Hexham. tanner  
Joseph Oxley. Hexham. weaver  
1697 Robert [Baxter\\_Chareheads\\_Allendale\\_yeo](#).  
1694 John Batteson. Woodmas. Allendale.  
1699 John Richard alias Richardson. Parkeside.  
Allendale.  
George [Carr\\_ye](#) Lee. Hexham.  
1699 Robert Swinburne. Podsbanke. Allendale  
Catherine Leadbitter. spinster.  
John Heron. Payesin.yeo.  
1697 Frances [Shiell\\_ye](#) Huntrods.  
Allendale. (inventory only)  
Thomas Williamson. Burnfoot. yeo. (inv only)  
1698 Leonard Shield. Bridge Eale.  
1699 Alexander Williamson. Hayricke. Allendale.  
1699 Leonard Wilson. Dryfide. Allendale.  
1699 John Cozzy. Whitehill. Allendale.  
(inventory only)  
Richard Gibson. Hexham. saddler  
Robert Booteland. Hexham. cordwainer  
Philip Jefferson. Hexham. tanner.  
1698 Edward Robson. Ninebanks.  
1700 William Parker. glover.  
Isabella Cuthbert. Allendale.  
(inventory only)  
1600 Francis Errington. Hexham gent. (inv. only)  
1699 Gerrard Keenlside. Corry Hill. yeo.  
1700 William Leadbitter. taylor.  
(inventory only)  
1700 Joh [Bell\\_ye](#) Gateshead. Hexham. (inv. only)  
William Teasdale. Dirlpotshield. Allendale  
Robert Bell. High Sheel (inventory only)  
John Richardson Allendale toen. (inv. only)  
1699 John Aynsley. the Hill (inventory only)  
1700 Thomas Dawson. Hexham. apothecary. (inv only)  
1701 John Walton. Farmshield. Allendale. (inv only)  
1701 Thomas Wilson. Halimbush. Allendale. (inv. only)  
John Stoute. Strother Meadows. (inv only)  
Edward Shaftoe. Hexham. (inv only)  
1701 William Pattison. Ordley. (inv only)  
1701 John Johnson. Allenheads. (inv only)  
Christopher Williamson. Chapel House. yeo  
1700 John Richardson. Smallburns. Allendale.  
1702 Joseph Walton. Appletree. West Allen  
Samuel Kell. Wall.  
1703 Christopher Stevinson. Allendale  
Robert Nicholson. Acomb.  
William Corry. Hexham. glover.  
Roger Barron. Hallington. yeo.  
1702 Fenwick Downes. Hexham. gent.  
1700 Joseph Bell. Hexham. carpenter.  
1703 Henry Fenwick. Hexham. yeo.  
James Oliver. the younger. Butcher. Hexham  
William [Rowman\\_Ridlamhope\\_Hexham\\_yeo](#).  
1703 James Hind. yeo.  
1701 James Charlton. Butcher. Hexham.  
1703 John Archbald. Baggery.  
Robert Stokoe. Hexham. skinner & Glover.  
1704 John Errington of Catton. yeo.  
(inventory only)  
Barbara Spark. Batulaw. Allendale.  
Thomas Lee. Acombe. yeo.  
Elizabeth Teasdale. Lightshiel. Allendale.  
1703 John Thirlwell, elder of Easter Grindrydge. yeo  
Anthony Watson. Swinhope shield. Allendale.  
(inventory only)  
William Dawson. Elphay greens. Allendale.  
(inv only)  
Cuthbert Bell. Hexham. skinner. (inv only)  
1705 James Watson. Hexham. dyer. (inv only)  
Timothy Johnson. yeo. (inv only)  
1704 Cuthbert Bell. skinner & glover.  
1705 James Watson. Hexham. dyer  
Timothy Johnson. Hexham. yeo.  
1700 Nicholas Walker. Hexham.  
Matthew Lee. Middlehope. Allendale.  
1700 Thomas Wise. Allendale. clerk.  
Barbary Bell. Hexham.  
Margaret Walton. Nethermore. Allendale.  
Matthew Lee. Whitley shield. Allendale.  
Edward Stokoe. Hexham. glover & skinner.  
1707 John Whitton. Hexham tobacconist.  
1706 Titus Angus Juniper House. fuller.  
1700 Peter Thirlwell. Mollersteads. yeoman

# FELLING COLLIERY MINING DISASTER

*J. Turnbull*

Coalmining in the parish has a long history, but it was the winning of the High Main Seam at the Brandling Main Colliery in 1779 which effectively marked the beginning of large scale mining in Felling. By 1811 this seam had been exhausted and the Low Main Seam was opened up at a depth of 116 Fathoms making the pit one of the deepest in the area. This Colliery was the scene of one of the most dreadful mining accidents in the history of the Coalfield.

On May 25th 1812 at 11.30 a.m. when the late shift had descended to relieve the early, the mine exploded killing ninety two men and boys, three-quarters of the workforce at the mine. This was a local disaster which gained national significance for two reasons. Firstly, the Rev. John Hodgson, the Vicar of Heworth, published a full account of the accident, which was the first effective blow against the "Gentlemen's Agreement" made between the Coalowners, the Magistrates and the Newspaper publishers whereby accidents were not reported. Henceforth the law making it necessary for a magistrate to hold an Inquest following a death in the pits was enforced. Secondly, the accident stimulated a movement for greater safety within the pits which resulted in the simultaneous development of the safety lamp by Humphrey Davy, one of the most eminent scientists of the day, and George Stephenson, the Colliery Engineer.

In spite of this, accidents continued because of the ignorance of the miners, who refused to use the lamp properly, and the cupidity of the Coal owners, who saw the invention as a means of opening up old pits formerly condemned as inaccessible because of the presence of "fire damp".

## Appendix:- PERSONS KILLED IN THE DISASTER

*N. B. Persons marked "M" were married men.*

Name	Years Old	Employment	Name	Years Old	Employment
John Knox		Trapper	Robert Hall	13	
Robert Hutchinson	11		George Mitcheson	18	
- Dobson, Unknown	a boy		Mathew Pringle	18	
Gregory Galley	10		Thomas Young M.		
John Surtees	12		John Jacques	14	
George Culley	14		Edward Pearson	14	
George Reay	9	"	William Richardson	19	
William Gardiner	10	"	Christopher Culley	20	
Thomas Craggs	9		Jacob Allan	14	
Robert Dobson	13		Thomas Bainbridge	17	
Andrew Allan	11		Matthew Bainbridge	19	
Joseph Gordon	10		Ralph Hall	18	
Thomas Gordon	8		William Galley	22	
Michael Hunter	8		George Robson	15	
Joseph Young	30	"	Robert Gray Leck	16	
Robert Pearson	10	"	William Jacques M.	23	
John Archibald Dobson	15		Thomas Ridley	13	
Robert Harrison	14	Wagon Driver	George Kay	16	"
John Harrison	12		John Pearson M.	58	Shifter
George Ridley	11		Isaac Greener	24	Hewer
James Craigs	13		Matthew Brown M.	28	"
William Dixon	10		George Pearson	26	"
Thomas Robson	18	Putter	John Wilson M.	32	Hewer
Philip Allan	17		Isaac Greener M.	65	
George Bainbridge	10	"	John Wilson M.	30	
Edward Bell	12		Paul Fletcher	22	
James Kay	18		John Hunter	21	
George Bell	14		Thomas Bainbridge M.	53	
Thomas Richardson	17		John Wood M.	27	
Henry Haswell	18	"	Jeremiah Turnbull M.	43	
Joseph Anderson	23	"	John Haswell M.	22	
Joseph Pringle	16	"	John Bumitt	21	

Name	Years Old	Employment	Name	Years Old	Employment
Joseph Wilson M.	25		John Turnbull M.	27	
John Boutland M.	46		Matthew Sanderson M.	33	
Thomas Craggs M.	36		Robert Gordon M.	40	
John Greener	21		Christopher Mason M.	34	
Edward Richardson M.	39		William Sanderson M.	43	
William Dixon M.	35		Edward Haswell	20	
John Thompson M.	36		Ralph Harrison M.	39	Horse Keeper
John Pearson M.	64		Benjamin Thompson	17	Craneman
Thomas Bears M.	48		Nicholas Urwin M.	58	Braking incl'd
Charles Wilson	20				<b>Plane</b>
Michael Gardiner M.	45		William Boutland	19	Crane on -
James Comby M.	28				Setter
Robert Haswell M.	42		William Hunter	35	Deputy
Joseph Wood M.	39		George Lawton	14	Lamp Keeper
John Wilkinson M.	35				

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## EVENING CLASSES

A course of 10 weekly lessons on tracing your family tree is to be repeated in the Spring Term in South Shields. This course ran last term and was fully subscribed, showing the great interest in the topic. The Education Authority has agreed to repeat the course, which is from 7 p. m. to 8.30 p.m. on Thursdays, enrollment taking place on the first two sessions, Thursday, January 15th and Thursday, January 22nd. It is to be held in the Chuter Ede Comprehensive School, Community Centre, in Galsworthy Road, Biddick Hall, South Shields. The usual Adult Education course fees apply and more details can be obtained from Mrs. A. Power, Telephone South Shields 563894, who is to run the course.

The course consists of 8 topics and practical workshops, with 2 outside visits, and is open to all residing under South Tyneside and Newcastle Education Authorities.

## A NICHOLSON DROWNING

*Mr. Hendra (Mem. No. 483) has sent us the following:* From the May 1773 number of 'The Universal Magazine' published by John Hinton at the King's Arms, Paternoster Row, London (p.275): 13 May 1773: "The Friends", Capt. Nicholson, a collier, in the river, from Shields, driving up with the tide, just at coming into Pool, Capt. Nicholson being upon the quarter-deck, the heel of the vessel catching hold of a cable, drove the tiller with such violence against the Captain, as to knock him overboard; and though the boat was alongside the ship, and all possible means used to save him, he was drowned.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Work this one out!*

*Mr. Allan Angus*, our programme organiser, of 'River View', Mitford, Morpeth, Northumberland writes: I have been doing some research into the Dobson family of Ovingham and Harlow Hill, and came across the following reference to them in the Newcastle Courant for 21st June, 1783:

'Married Thursday, at Ovingham, by the Rev. Mr. Gregson, by a special licence, Mr. John Dobson, of Harlow Hill, to Mrs. Dobson, Innkeeper of the same place. It is very remarkable this is the third brother's son Mrs. Dobson has been married to. We hear that there dined at the wedding dinner on Thursday last, at Harlow Hill, the bridegroom, bride, and mother, mother, grandmother, aunt, son and daughter, and two cousins, and in all but three persons.'

If I have got it right the three husbands were all first cousins, grandsons of John Dobson of Harlow Hill. I have not been able to work out how all the other relationships arise, or who was the third person at the wedding dinner. Perhaps someone can enlighten me.

### *More Stray Marriages*

*Mr. S.G. Smith, BA (AGRA)*, member No. 709, of 21 Homefield Close, Swanley, Kent, BR8 7JH (Telephone: Swanley 68166) writes:- About five years ago, I took it upon myself to index the marriages not just of one county, but of two, Kent (or more precisely, the Rochester Diocese) and Westmorland, where I have family connections, though the majority of my ancestors are Durham and Northumberland folk.

To date, I have c. 35,000 Kent marriages and c. 20,000 Westmorland marriages indexed on slips. Not surprisingly, I have come across a few Durham and Northumberland 'strays' in the course of the project, and though there are probably more than those listed below, I have tried recently to keep a systematic note of the 'strays' that I have come across.

It is not surprising that many Durham folk strayed over the border into Westmorland to marry. What is perhaps more surprising is the number of Durham and Northumberland 'strays' that I have come across here in Kent. Below, I list those entries which may be of interest to members of the Society.

Naturally, if anyone comes across any Kent or Westmorland characters marrying in the North East (or anywhere else for that matter), I would be interested to hear about them, so that they can be 'fed' into the main indexes. Likewise, I am always pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to help on the indexes, i.e. anyone who has access to the transcripts at the Society of Genealogists Library, or the records at Kendal, and can spare an hour or so, transcribing or indexing. If anyone is interested, they can contact me at 21 Holmfield Close, Swanley, Kent.

(Please note, there is a charge of £2.50 for searches in the index.)

### **DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND 'STRAY' MARRIAGES**

#### **The Westmorland & North Lancashire Marriage Index**

John Cousin of Middleton, Durham - Elizabeth Blackett, 18 Jul 1802 at *St. Michael, Appleby* (By Lic.)

William Colthird of Stanhope, Durham - Anne Croxton, 1 May 1790 at *Warcop*.

Rev. Mr. Joseph Harrison of Netherwerden (Netherwitton?), Northumberland - Elizabeth Mattison, 15 Jun 1739 at *Warcop*.

John Horne of Middleton, Durham - Agnes Wilson, 27 Oct 1787 - *Warcop*.

William Puntone of Heighinton, Durham - Margaret Sanderson, 25 Apr 1700 at *Warcop*.

Christopher Robinson (wid) of Middleton, Durham - Elizabeth Robinson of Bowness, 16 Jun 1830 at *Windermere*.

Lancelot Sanderson of Stainthorp (Staindrop?), Durham - Agnes Orton 8 Jun 1731 at *Warcop*.

John Ure, Private in the Perthshire Fencible Cavalry - Jane Proud, 1 Feb 1797 at *Shap*, banns having been published at *Stockton*, Co. Durham.

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John Walker of Barnard Castle, Co. Durham - Susan Coulthard 31 Jul 1802 at *Long Marton*.

From:-

The West Kent Marriage Index (Rochester Diocese - incl. S. E. London)

William Boyle, of Sunderland, Co. Durham - Matha Brothers 6 Jul 1811 at *Greenwich*.

Henry Forster, Gent. of Clendon (Clendon), Co. Durham - Anne Wall of St. Mary Rotherhithe, Surrey, 15 Nov. 1731 at *St. Luke, Charlton* (By. Lic.)

Vincent Lambert - Elizabeth Dunlop of Berwick upon Tweed, 24 Nov. 1800 at *St. Paul, Deptford*.

William Lee of South Shields, Co. Durham - Sarah Gordon, 9 Oct 1799, at *St. Paul, Deptford*.

George Liddup of Monkwearmouth, Co. Durham - Mary Robinson, 7 Dec 1749, at *St. Nicholas, Rochester*.

George Seal of St. Nicholas, Deptford - Mary Bruce of Southills (South Shields?), Co. Durham, 11 Aug 1747 at *Morden College, Charlton*.

George Walker of Newcastle upon Tyne - Hellen Walker, 3 Feb 1802 at *St Paul, Deptford*.

William Williams of Tynemouth, Northumberland - Susan Chandler of Greenwich, 30 May 1717 at *Lee*.

## STRAYS FROM "ALLEGATIONS FOR LICENCES" IN REGISTRY OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER

John Spain of North Shields in the county of Northumberland, age 24, bachelor, and Sarah Rosendall of Northwood, spinster, minor, at Northwood on 9th May 1794.

Henry White of Newcastle in the county of Northumberland, soldier, age 21, bachelor, and Elizabeth Brown of Ringwood, spinster age 21, at Ringwood on 16th April 1782.

## DANGERS OF COUNTRY LIFE

Death in the district of Lanchester, Co. Durham, on 27 June 1847, of Eleanor Scott, female, a widow of 76 years. Found suffocated in a corn bin, and it is supposed she fell in when reaching for some oats.

*From a death certificate*

# TEMPEST OF HOLMSIDE

## A. *Tempest*

An account of the first appearance of the Tempest family on the Durham scene is to be found in Robert Surtees' remarkable history under the manor of Holmside, within Lanchester parish. He describes an association which dates from 1450, the England of Henry VI where the end of the Hundred Years War saw only the rise of internecine strife in the Wars of the Roses.

Roland Tempest, the first of Holmside, is described by Surtees as the second son of Sir William Tempest and Eleanor, daughter of Sir John Washington. The father was a member of the Tempest Family already long established in Yorkshire. In his own right he held the manors of Studley and Hertford, Yorks, Hetton, Northumberland, and Trefford County Durham. In addition his wife Eleanor was sole heiress to one half of the manor of Washington.

Roland's wife is said to have been Isabel, daughter of Sir William Elmedon of Durham. Like any sensible younger son in a time where only the eldest could expect inheritance, this appears to have been a marriage which provided a step upwards in society. The bride's mother Elizabeth was a member of the Northumbrian Umfrevilles, most prominent in Henry VI's time, being Sir Robert Umfreville, High Admiral of England and a Knight of the Garter, great uncle to Isabel. It is from Sir Robert (d. 5 Jan. 1436) that Surtees derives the Tempest's title to the manor of Holmside ..... from amongst a multitude of possible Umfreville co-heirs he selected Roland Tempest the husband of his grand niece Isabel and by will or deed estated him in the said manor". (1)

A bright start in life, but perhaps not less than one might expect given his family's position. What seems to have escaped mention in Robert Surtees' account is that Roland Tempest was very likely Sir William Tempest's 'natural' son. The evidence for his illegitimacy rests on his exclusion from most of the deeds transferring family property between 1443 and 1452.

In May 1443 William Tempest, elder 'brother' of Roland, and son and heir of Sir William, " . . . declares that he has inspected a charter made by his father granting lands in Thornton-le-Street (nr. Thirsk) to my brother Roland Tempest. By Jan. 1444 William Tempest was dead, his father the knight had died three years before, and his heir found to be his infant son John some two years old. The unfortunate child died before April 1450 when his heir was not his uncle, as would have been the case had Roland been legitimate, but his father's sisters; Dionysia the wife of William Mallory and Isabel wife to Richard Norton. Similarly, on the death of his mother, Dame Eleanor, in 1451, Roland is also excluded from inheritance in favour of these same sisters. The writer speculates on the broad-mindedness of this lady in respect of her husband's lapses and more pertinently on the identity of the woman who would seem to be the co-founder of Tempest of Holmside, Stella, Old Durham and Wynyard.

Despite exclusion from his father's estates, Roland was not neglected; aside from the land granted at Thornton-le-Street, between 1442 and 1449 he acted as customer of the port of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in respect of duty due on wool and wine trading. It may well be that he resorted to sharp practice, as in Nov. 1446 his name appears on the Pardon Roll. By 1448 he was a member of the Commission of Array for Chester ward, County Durham. He also evidently owned land at Aldeburgh as in Aug. 1443 John Aneslee of Newcastle, labourer, was accused of stealing fifty of his wethers valued at £10.

But what of Roland's windfall of the manor of Holmside, the supposed gift of his wife's great uncle Sir Robert Umfreville? In fact, the estate never belonged to Sir Robert, but was part of the estate of Agnes Umfreville, grandmother to Roland Tempest's wife and sister-in-law to Sir Robert. The inquest held at her death in 1421 gives five daughters as co-heirs, among them Elizabeth Elmeden, Roland's mother-in-law. Further at this lady's death in 1446 her heirs were found to be four daughters including Isabel wife of Roland Tempest. Far from having Holmside bestowed upon him Roland in fact inherited only one quarter of one fifth of the manor.

The businesslike Roland seems to have been far from satisfied with his share, and quickly took steps to acquire the whole. By Oct. 1452 he seems to have achieved this, for once again he has fallen foul of

authority. He is pardoned in consideration of a fine of £10 for the trespass made by him in acquiring, without the Bishop's licence, three whole fifths of Holmside from the other co-heirs. John Heron and John Lound are similarly fined. They seem to have been Roland's legal henchmen and did well by the association, as in Nov. 1447 he transferred his land at Thornton to them. In Oct. 1452 Roland had licence legally to settle Holmside; he obviously thought more of the place than Surtees did four centuries later when he pictured "the gloomy hall of the Tempests nearly immersed in wood and morass". The exact date of Roland's death is unknown, though it must have been prior to 1468 when the only son, Robert transfers lands in his own right.

Holmside remained in the Tempest family until 1569, when Robert Tempest and his son Michael joined the ill-fated rebellion of the Northern Earls. Both were subsequently attainted for their treason, but escaped abroad and died in exile. The manor was forfeit to the Crown and the remaining representatives of the family scattered. If man is a product of his times, then Roland Tempest appears to have been no exception ". . . under Henry VI every ambitious man who aspired to found the fortunes of his family as well versed in the process of law as well as the siegecraft of forcible entry; such a man kept in his pay not only archers but lawyers and jurymen".

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## KNOW YOUR PARISH: VI SIMONBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND

*D. W. Smith*

Simonburn - This enormous parish stretches from Hadrian's Wall to Carter Bar. Much of the area until the 18th Century was wild and solitary with few tracks across the fells. It is Roman Wall country where once marched the legions of N. Africa, and centuries later it formed part of the Middle Marches, home of the Border Reivers and their clans - Robsons, Charltons, Milburns and Dodds.

The church of St. Mungo dates from Anglian days and the parish once covered 260 square miles, the largest in England, hence the title of the "Great Parish". In 1811 it was divided and became the mother church to seven `daughters' - Wark, Falstone, Thorneyburn, Greystead, Bellingham, (which was already a chapel of ease), and Humshaugh which remained a chapelry until 1832. The living of Simonburn had passed with the Derwentwater estates in 1715 to the patronage of Greenwich Hospital, and, until quite recently, only ex-chaplains of the Royal Navy were appointed - something of an anomaly in this rural area!

The parish history is covered in NCH Vol. 15, and also by an excellent and sympathetic treatment in a guide book by Rev. Canon Davis (pub. F. Graham, 1972), which illustrates the astonishing wealth of characters and events connected with this remote place.

The registers begin on 27 March 1681. Of the first two pages only tattered remains are left, difficult to read; a printed copy of these pages can be found in the Chollerton Register in Newcastle Central Library. NRO has a film copy of the registers from 1681 to 1959. Also Churchwardens' Accounts 1787-1912; Vestry Minutes 1787-1921, and a tithe book of 1775. The B.T.s date from 1762 - 1856.

The principal names in the registers - Robson, Ridley, Smith, Wilkinson, Allgood, etc., have scarcely changed. But in addition to the registers, the papers (NRO) of Allgood of Nunwick, the local landed family, contain a store of documentary material concerning Simonburn folk - court rolls, militia lists, census and parish books etc., and should be consulted for their rich detail.

# REVISED INDEX TO COPIES OF NORTHUMBERLAND MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

*A. G. S. Bunting*

Introduction. The first attempt at an index of this kind was published in Volume 2, No. 1 (October 1976), since when the number of additions, alterations and omissions has made it obsolete. This is the second attempt at such a list, but the same caveats apply: I have no doubt there are yet more mistakes and omissions in the list, and it is up to the individual researcher to verify the whereabouts of these copies prior to visiting his chosen place of search. Note especially that the card index at 'SOG' may not include all the parishes for which M.I. copies have been sent. Any new 'finds' or further information of any kind connected with Monumental Inscriptions should from now on be addressed to our new M. I. Co-ordinator, Mr G. Nicholson, whose address appears elsewhere in this Journal.

The following notes should be read in conjunction with the index:-

1. Locality. This may not necessarily be a parish church - for instance Mindrum burial ground lies several miles from Carham Church.

2. Contents. For example: 24/1611-1851 means there are 24 M.I.s listed, complete between 1611 and 1851. The number of M. I. s may be approximate in some cases. This list may well include many names of persons buried after 1851. Lack of time and personnel have forced us to limit our coverage for most burial grounds to this date. Thus, all stones bearing a date up to and including 1851 have been copied. Neighbouring post-1851 stones have also been copied if they obviously refer to the same family. Note also that you will be very fortunate to find an M.I. for the family you are researching bearing a date much before 1750, and indeed, the great majority of M.I.s recorded are from the nineteenth century. The letter 'I' indicates that a particular copy is believed to be incomplete, for the dates shown.

3. Repositories:

DPD = Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic, University of Durham, South Road, Durham, DL1 3LE.

DRO = Durham County Record Office, County Hall, Durham, DL1 5UL.

GPL = Gateshead Public Library, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.

NCL = Newcastle Central Reference Library, Princess Square, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

NRO = Northumberland County Record Office, Melton Pk, N. Gosforth, Newcastle.

PRO = Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1LR.

SLC = Genealogical Department, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150, USA.

Sac. Antiq. = Society of Antiquaries, Black Gate, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

SOG = Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JX.

TWRO = Tyne and Wear Record Office, West Blandford Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

I should like to express my thanks to the staff at all the above repositories for their help in compiling this list.

4. Notes. Date of compilation is given, where known.

AA = *Archaeologia Aeliana*

PSAN = Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Locality	Contents	Repositories	Notes
Allendale	7/1789-18451	NRO, SLC	Bell MSS
"	62/1785-1851	DPD,GPL,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Alnham	24/1611-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1973
Alnwick	14/1767-1851 I	NRO	Bell MSS

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Alwinton	256/1701-1959	NRO,SOG	Old part of yard
Bedlington	122/1706-1851	NCL,NRO	
Belford	22/1732-18881?	NCL,NRO	In P.R. transcript
Bellingham	14/1624-1836 1?	NRO	Bell MSS
Beltingham	62/1729-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Benwell	8/1716-1754	NRO	Bell MSS. "Inscriptions in Benwell Chapel Yard remaining in 1815"
Blanchland	50/1746-19121	NRO, Soc. Antiq.,SLC	1913. R. Miller MSS
	59/1746-1912 1?	GPL,NCL,NRO	1913. R. Miller Typescript
	33/1746-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975, adapted from above
Blyth Old Chapel	34/1764-1871	NCL,NRO,SLC	1908
	34/1764-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	Adapted from above
Blyth, St. Cuth.R.C.	1912-1951	PRO	
Bolam	65/1324-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Bolton	10/1700-18311?	NRO	Bell MSS
	26/1700-1837	NRO,SOG	
Bothal	30/1743-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Broomhaugh Baptists	23/1745-1966	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG,Baptist Union	1974
		NCL, Morpeth Library	1973
Bymess	137/1687-1969	NCL, Morpeth Library	1973
Bywell St. Andrew	8/1735-18401	NRO	Bell MSS
	38/1735-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Bywell St. Peter	10/1737-18451	NRO	Bell MSS
	28/1709-1800	NRO,SLC,Soc.Antiq.	
	60/1709-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Chatton	99/1762-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
<b>Chillingham</b>	31/1730-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Collerton	75/1637-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Corbridge	70/1669-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Cornhill	10/ ?	Berwick Nat. Club, Vol. 20, p.58	
Dalton (see Newburn)	3/1839-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG,TWRO	1975
Earsdon	70/1776-1851	SOG	
Edlingham	20/1712-1837	NRO,SOG	
Elsdon	23/1721-1836	NRO	Bell MSS
Falstone	8/1742-1850	NRO	Bell MSS
"	139/1727-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	
Felton	20/1736-1844	NRO	Bell MSS
Ford	329/1586-1851	SOG	1978
Greystead	7/1832-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	
Halton	28/1743-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO	1974
Haltwhistle	79/1742-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	
<b>Hartburn</b>	10/1692-1826	NRO	Bell MSS
"	284/1692-c.1900	NRO,SOG	1971
Haydon Bridge	91/1636-1907	NCL,NRO	In P.R. copy, 1908
Heathery Cleugh	1810-1885	SOG	
Hebron (Bothal Psh. )	45/1718-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	
<b>Heddon-on-the-Wall</b>	<b>11/1748-1832 I</b>	NRO	Bell MSS
	101/1724-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Hexham Cemetery	14/1802-1851	NCL,NRO,SOG	See also below
	1800-1950	SLC	
Hexham Abbey	45/1404-1712	NCL,NRO	<b>Proc.Soc.Antiq. Vol.18 (1898)</b>
	170/1724-1864	NCL	Hexham UDC
	272/1610-1851	NCL,NRO,SOG	Copy includes all above references except SLC, plus St. Mary's below
Hexham St. Mary R.C.	14/1696-1851	NCL,NRO,SOG	Included with above copy
Holy Island	6/ ?	Berwick Nat. Club, Vol. 7, p.34	
	234/1698-1942	NCL,SLC	1944
Holystone	20/1650-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Horton	70/1517-1851	NCL,NRO,SOG	1976
Howick	34/1733-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	
Ingram	33/1675-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1974
Kirkharle	78/1483-1971	DPD,NRO,SOG	
	18/1709-1851	NCL,NRO,SOG	1975
Kirkhaugh	76/1711-19011?	NCL,NRO	In P.R. copy
	52/1714-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	Adapted from above
Kirkheaton	15/1761-1851	DPD,NCL,NRO,SOG	1975

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Kirknewton	36/1617-18861	DPD,NCL,NRO,SLC	AA, 3rd Ser. Vol.21
Kirkwelpington	244/c.1800-1950	SLC	
Knarsdale	185/1717-1909	NCL, NRO	In P.R. transcript 1910
Kylee	156/1689-1851	NCL, NRO	1974
Lambley	157/1729-1909	NCL, NRO	In P.R. transcript 1911
"	38/1729-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	from above
Long Benton	40/1581-1851	NCL, NRO	
Longhorsley	11/1742-1831	NRO	Bell MSS
"	61/1727-1837	NRO, SOG	
Lucker	52/1732-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	
Meldon	46/1667-1971	NRO, SOG	
Mindrum	42/1675-1960	NCL, NRO, SOG	
Mitford	37/1725-1837	NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
Morpeth	222/1719-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG	
Netherwitton	111/1749-1950	NRO, SOG	1971
Newbiggin	40/1723-1851	NCL, SOG	
Newbrough	46/1696-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG	
<b>Newburn</b>	175/1695-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG, TWRO	1975
Newcastle: at NRO there is on open shelves, a consolidated index to the M.I.s of St. Andrew's, St. John's and St. Nicholas'.			
All Saints	500/1650-c.1850	NRO, SLC	1904
Ballast Hills Cemy	?/1707-1853	GPL	1904
"	10/1769-1831	NRO	Bell MSS
Jesmond Cemy (or Newcastle General Cemetery)	2514/1807-1917	NCL	1919
"	?/1837-1967	PRO	
St. Andrew	447/?	NCL, NRO, SLC	1906 (best)
"	?	NRO	East MSS, 1883
"	?	NRO	Epitaphs'A-Ro', 1921
St. Anne	27/1814-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG, TWRO	1975
St. John	47/?	NRO	T. Bell, 1830
"	495/1570-1901	NCL, NRO, SLC	1906 (best)
"	203/?	NCL	1934
"	331/?	NCL	Newcastle City Engineers (less detail than others)
NB: Copies also exist at SOG, dates unknown			
St. Nicholas	134/1755-1832	NRO	1832
"	?/1522-1859	NCL, SOG	1906
Westgate Cemy.	51/1810-1843	NRO	Bell MSS
"	510/1829-1859	NRO	1916
Ninebanks	41/1773-1851	NCL, NRO	
North Shields:			
Christchurch	?/1698-1927	SOG	N.B. Tynemouth Priory
"	<b>229/18th/19th cents.</b>	NRO	1830, T. Bell, Tynemouth Priory
Albion Rd. Cemy.	?	SLC	
St. Andrew's Chap.	20/1737-1832	NRO	Bell MSS
<b>Ovingham</b>	c.240/1660-1911	NCL, NRO, SOG	1912
Ponteland	21/?	NRO	Bell MSS
Rothbury	67/1676-1839	NCL	Hodgson MSS
St. John Lee	147/1712-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	
Shotley, St. Andrew	59/1575-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
Shotley St. John	8/1817-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
<b>Stamfordham</b>	154/1603-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
Stannington	79/1719-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	1975
Thockrington	17/1750-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	
Thorneyburn	8/1827-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	
<b>Tynemouth - see North Shields</b>			
Ulgham	21/1697-1832	NCL, NRO, SOG	
Wallsend, Holy Cross	38/1757-1828	NCL, NRO, etc.	PSAN, 3rd Ser., Vol. 3, p.58
"	11/1625-1802	NCL, NRO, etc.	AA, 3rd Ser., Vol 6, p. 191
"	12/1726-1808	NCL, NRO, etc.	PSAN, 3rd Ser., Vol. 14
N.B. The list in PSAN 3rd Series Vol. 14 contains alterations and additions to the preceding two lists. There is also a MSS list at SOG, dates unknown.			
Warden	51/1704-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO	
Wark	13/1831-1851	NCL, NRO	
Warkworth	211/1630-1887	NCL, NRO, SOG, SLC	Printed 1890



Locality	Contents	Repositories	Notes
Whalton	85/1564-1851	NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
Whitfield	?	NCL, NRO	In P.R. transcript
Whitley	100/1768-1851	DPD, NCL, NRO	
Whittonstall	117/1763-1972	DPD, NCL, NRO, SOG	1974
Widdrington	40/1746-1837	NRO, SOG	
Woodhorn	75/1683-1851	NCL, NRO	
Wooler	280/1729-1937	NRO	

**Conclusion:** This index reflects the tremendous effort put in by a handful of people starting with Bell back in the 1830s and continuing now with A. Readdie, D. Mason, J. Jewitt, Mr. and Mrs Spence, and other members, all too few for what is an enormous task. The huge Newcastle cemeteries need up-dating and many post-1851 M.Ls across the country remain as yet unrecorded. May I urge all members to take an active interest and to support Geoff Nicholson in a task that is not without its rewards.

## THE CORBY5 OF DURHAM

*Edward W. Corby*

The story of the Corbys who lived near Durham City in the 16th and 17th Centuries is not unknown to Catholic Historians. Their story was told by the Rev. John A. Myerscough S.J. in his book "The Martyrs of Durham and the North East"

Briefly Ralph Corby the elder lived at Hett in the 16th Century, brought up as a Protestant in troubled religious times. He was a dealer in surface coal mining, working as an agent for the Dean at the Rainton coal pits and at Spennymoor. His son Gerard was also raised as a Protestant but became converted to Catholicism. He married an Isabella Richardson from Yorkshire and as a result of religious persecution took her to Ireland where he obtained employment with the Countess of Kildare at Maynooth to the west of Dublin. Here was born his son Ralph on 25th March 1598. At the age of 5 Ralph was brought back to England and to Durham and his brother Ambrose was born here in 1604.

As Ralph grew up he studied at St. Omer, at Seville and at Valladolid where he was ordained. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1626 and in 1631 was sent to Durham as part of the English Mission during the reign of the ill-fated Charles I. Unfortunately Ralph was seized by the Parliamentary rebels at Hamsterley on 8th July 1644, conveyed to London, imprisoned at Newgate prison tried at the Old Bailey and on 7th September 1644 he was executed at Tyburn.

This is the story known to the historians, but I wanted to know more about the Corby family so I investigated further. On the face of it this branch of the Corby family must have died out since Ralph and two of his brothers became priests and as such did not continue the line. The fourth brother died as a student. However I have yet to discover whether Gerard had any brothers or Uncles. Certainly there was a Corby living at Spennymoor in 1692 since John Corby described as a Yeoman of Spennymoor entered his son John as an apprentice shipwright with Edward Procter of Newcastle on 5th March 1692. Is it a coincidence that Ralph Corby the elder had business at Spennymoor 100 years earlier?

Secondly I asked, why did Gerard Corby take his wife to Maynooth in Ireland to seek refuge from persecution? Did he perhaps have relatives there? Who was the Countess of Kildare?

Well that last question opened up a whole new field, for investigation revealed that the Countess of Kildare at the relevant time was Lady Frances Howard and as I had read elsewhere it was a William Howard who in 1606 purchased part of the estate of Corby in Cumberland from Thomas Blenkinsop and in 1624 bought the rest including the manor house known as Corby Castle from Thomas Salkeld.

Where the Corbys of Durham descended from those who came from Corby in Cumberland and did Gerard go to the Countess of Kildare because he was already known to the Howards?

Obviously a great deal more research is needed but a brief study of the Howards proved the connection between William and lady Frances for both were descended from the line of the Dukes of Norfolk being in fact second cousins once removed.

Research must continue and with the help of other North-east Corbys I hope to discover much more and continue this story at a later date.

# STARTING FROM SCRATCH

*W. Mantey*

The term that provides my title seems to be universal throughout the English-speaking world. It refers, of course, to a line scratched in the dust to mark the start of a race. For new genealogists the dust is the dust of centuries, and the race is both through and against time.

To start with, you know your own name, your date of birth, and the names of your parents. If you are lucky you may, like my father, have a family bible which, in my father's case, lists his marriage, the burials of some of my grandparents, aunts and uncles, and the births and marriages of all my father's children and grandchildren.

Start by talking to your parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents if possible. They have the first lap of your "race" in their heads even if they claim they can't remember. Maiden aunts are my favourite, and therefore maiden great-aunts must by definition be greater!

There are problems, of course. The human memory fades all too quickly, so visit your aging relatives soon, and always make a point of visiting twice. Whilst starting to visit my wife's family, I visited one of my aunts who told me "all she knew" - which was a lot. When I revisited her a month later she proceeded to tell me all she had remembered since, which was a lot more!

It goes without saying that she was wrong on some points, which brings me to the next problem: in a **list of fourteen siblings she had given me two different orders of age, both of which were wrong** in some respects. Furthermore, my father knew so little about his family that we had to use certificates to be certain of his mother's maiden name. Then, of course, people are deliberately vague or give false information about crucial dates, for illegitimacy and hurried marriages are not as uncommon as one may wish to believe.

Faded memories and false information are not the only problems when interviewing old people. We could talk to as many of the older generation as we wanted and still end up "on scratch" unless we make detailed notes of what they say. If possible, use a tape-recorder; but take those notes down in any case, for they will be come a way of life during your search. Some of your information may sound like gossip, rumour or legend, but in it there will be clues for you to follow up, mixed with stories of your family, their mannerisms, affectations and way of life. Try, however, not to be vague about what you want to know, or Auntie will be equally vague about what to tell you.

Your older relatives may, therefore, lead you to more concrete evidence. They will know the whereabouts of the family bible if it exists, and, perhaps more excitingly, a box, wallet, or perhaps even an old handbag containing all the things that people don't want to throw away: death notices, wedding invitations, christening certificates, newspaper cuttings, photos, medals, letters, condolence telegrams, and of course, a collection of birth, marriage and death certificates. Some old ladies have amazingly detailed memories. You must try to elicit details of people's birthdates, or at least their age relative to their brothers, sisters, or spouses. They may well be able to inform you about religious denominations, where people were married or buried, whether there is a family burial plot or headstone, and who people were named after. Dates are, of course, difficult to remember, but events can often be related to national or local events - the start of World War One, the Abdication, sister's wedding, mother's death - the list can be very lengthy and, if you are lucky, accurate. You must then check as much as you can in order to assess Auntie's strong points and weaknesses, following which, you can go back for more.

Some people may of course, have to be interviewed by letter. Always let people know exactly who you are and what you are doing. Tell them what you know, and what you have been told. Make a point of emphasising how valuable your correspondants' knowledge is. Keep your request for information as brief and clear as possible, and do remember that people are usually prepared to tell you more about others than about themselves.

*Editors* note: This is the first of what I hope may be more than just an occasional series on hints for beginners. Old hands who have additional useful tips for "starting from scratch" are invited to add to Bill's ideas - all letters welcome!

## MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and "Second Time Around" should be sent to Mrs. A. Spendiff, 16 Augustus Drive, Bedlington, Northumberland, NE22 6LF. The deadline for the April Journal is 7 February 1981. It is essential that you enclose your membership number when writing.

914 Mr. S.W. SWAN, Grange House, East Holywell, Shiremoor, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE27 OSS. Researching the Swan family of Wallsend and Alnwick 1800-1900, esp. George Swan (b.?1816, Alnwick; d.1878, Wallsend). Also his wife, Maria, nee Bruce (b.?1828, Alnwick; d.1910, Wallsend). They had a farm behind the Black Bull on Wallsend High Street and possibly came from farming families in the Alnwick area. They certainly lived there when they were first married. Also interested in the Freeman family of S. Shields. They were river pilots, linked with Thomas Freeman (b.? 1829, S. Shields) and his wife Ann (b.?1833, nee Frazer?). Looking for the marriage of William Swan and Elizabeth Ann Freeman, c.1886; not, as first thought, in S. Shields.

915 Mr. W.H. MANN, 111 Tenth Ave, Brantford, Ontario, N3S 1G5, Canada.

916 Mrs. C. HANCOCK, 43 Cornwall Ave, Silsden, Nr. Keighley, W. Yorks.

917 Lt. Col. D.F. OAKLEY, c/o Shape Technical Centre, P.O. Box 174, 2501 CD, The Hague, Holland.

Interested in the Hutchinson family of Monkwearmouth and Cumberland and the Pattisons, Harwoods and Sandersons of Monkwearmouth - all 19th century.

918 Miss. S. L. SNYDER, 167 Ridgeview Dr, Latrobe, Pa 15650, USA.

Researching the names Heatherington/Hetherington and Vasey. Richard Heatherington lived in Alston, Cumbria, c.1820 and moved to Quarrington Hill, near Durham, where he married Mary Vasey in 1857. They sailed from Newcastle c.1860, accompanied by a son, possibly William.

919 Mr. T.C. TAYLOR, 19 Redcar Rd, Marske-by-the-Sea, Cleveland, TS116BS.

Interested in the forbears of John Taylor and Dorothy Simpson, who were married and lived at Sandy Island, Seaton Sluice, c.1840. Also, their relationship with the Fenwick family.

920 Mr. T. TODD, Villa Magnol, Fosse Andre, St. Peter Port, Guernsey.

921 Mr. J.R. IVES, 802 Arthur St, Rolfe, Iowa 50581, USA.

922 South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc., Box 13, Post Office, Marden 5070, S. Australia.

923 Mr. H. W. MATTHEWS, 1 Springfield Gdns, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

924 Mr. G.C. KIRTLEY, 9 Crimdon Tce, Blackhall Rocks, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

925 Mr. I. APPELGARTH, 59 Happy Valley Caravan Park, Hartlepool, Cleveland, TS24 9RF.

Main interest is the Applegarth family, who came to Hartlepool from Sunderland; they were living at Waterloo PI, Southwick, in 1848 when William was born. His father, George, a butcher, married Sarah Donald, but Mr. Applegarth is unable to trace the marriage.

926 Mr. A. FULTON, 1 Lloyd Rd, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham 20, W. Midlands.

927 Miss V. PORTASS, 13 Oakdene Ave, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL3 7HR.

Interested in the 40th Regt. of Foot (2nd Somersetshire) at Waterloo. Also, in George Aellwin Wilson Prince, b.1835 or earlier, and thought to come from Kent.

928 Mr. S. CAINS, The Cleaves, 21 Countisbury Rd. Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS20 1PY.

Wants to trace the birth of Alexander, son of Alexander and Mary Cairns, Northumberland, 1755/6. Would also appreciate any information on the Northumberland Militia, c.1777-80.

929 Mr. J.A. DIER, 15 Leighton Ave, Bolton, BL14EH.

930 Miss E.D. WHITEHEAD, 146, Gretna Rd, Green Lane, Coventry, CV3 6DQ.

931 Mrs. Y. ARMSTRONG, 2 Grasmere Gdns, S. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE34 ODZ.

Researching: Sherlock & Parade, Liverpool, 1880s; Saunders, Cheshire, 1800s; Schmidt & Sinclair, Leith, Edinburgh, 1880s; Mason & Moffitt, Sunderland, 1880s; Matthews, Derbyshire, 1850s; Hanson, Derbyshire, 1820s.

932 Mr. R. W. GREBBY, 135 Benton Park Rd, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7NB.

Interested in any Grebby connections anywhere in the country, and, specifically, Jane Ann Hutson, Newcastle, 1883-1954; Elizabeth Ridley, Lanchester & Coxhoe, 1831-90; and Margaret Harvey, Byker, Newcastle, 1866-94.

933 Mrs. E. AMEY, 15 The Regents, Norfolk Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3PP.  
 Researching the Bewick family, esp. the ancestors of John Bewick (b.1811) and Jane Ballentine (b. 30/9/1814), whose marriage (at Christ Church, N. Shields, 2/11/1834) and nine children were recorded by John Bewick in a book in Mrs Amey's possession.

934 Mrs. L. RYAN, 885 Singing Height Dr, E1 Cajon, Ca. 92020, USA.

935 Mrs. D.J. ELM, 22 Portobello Grove, Portchester, Fareham, Hants, P016 8HU.  
 Seeks information on the Green and Hunter families from the Alnwick and Tynemouth areas; particularly, would like any information relating to John Joseph Hunter, who was living in Tynemouth in 1861 with his wife, Ann (formerly Cavenor).

936 Mrs. P. GREENWELL, Box 1800, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, TOC 2H0.

**937 Mr. A. FELTON, 30 Southern Way, Romford, Essex, RM7 9PA.**  
 Interested in the whereabouts in 1861 of Henry Martin, a chemical works manager, and married to Hannah. In 1871 he was retired and living at 180 Eldon St, S. Shields. Also, the whereabouts before 1875 of Robert Felton, farmer, married to Jane. His son, George, married Mary Martin at S. Shields in 1875 and they went to London c.1877.

938 Mrs. M.R. JONES, 27 Lancashire Dr, Belmont, Durham, Co. Durham.

939 Mrs. I. WEARMOUTH, 12 Ilchester Rd, Lanrumney, Cardiff, CF3 9RG.

940 Miss E. YOULL, 7 Eston Rd, Laxenby, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

941 Miss S. ORNDOFF-BLAIR, 155 Woodland Ave, Apt. 50 B, Waynesburg, Pa 15370, USA.  
 Researching the genealogy of Nicholas Blair, who married Mary Wilson. Their children were Nicholas, Robert, Mary, Nellie and Joseph (b. 15 May 1888), who married Maria Taylor. Also, Joseph Taylor, believed to have been born in Ireland and who married Sarah Bell. They lived in the Newcastle on Tyne area, and had eleven children.

942 Mrs. L.M. HALL, 89 Barden Lane, Bumely, Lancs., BB101JF.

943 Mr W. HILDREW, 61 Linden Grove, Woodsmoor, Stockport, Cheshire, SK2 7JR.

944 Dr E.J. PEARSON, "Acorns", New R, Berks.  
 Researching the following families: Armstrong & Hunt, master mariners, Bishopwearmouth; Todd, Keelmen, Sunderland; Nelson, mariners, Bishopwearmouth; Baxter, watermen, Bishopwearmouth; Bell, countrymen, Scots Gap; Hodgson, brick manufacturer of Stockton; Vaux, brickmaker of Auckland; Pearson, miners, Trimdom/Easington; & Waggott, of Blaydon.

945 Mr B. BUCKLEY, 45 Albury Pk Rd, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear.

946 Mr RICHARDSON, 33 Houghton Ave, Cullercoats, N. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE30 3NQ.  
 See Mrs M.J. Richardson, member no 276.

947 Mr. H. COCKWILL, 15 Lintzford Rd, Hamsterley Mill, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear, NE39 1HA.  
 See Mrs C.M. Cockwill, member no 293.

948 Mrs DRYSDALE, 4 Gosforth Pk Villas, N. Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
 See Mr R.M. Drysdale, member no 512.

949 Mrs LIVINGSTONE, 216 Jesmond Dene Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2JT.  
 See Mr S Livingstone, member no 563.

950 Mrs M.J. CARR, Marley Croft, Merry Leazes, Allendale Rd, Hexham.  
 See Mr A.J. Carr, member no 612.

951 Mr P & Miss H. JOBEY, Bridge House, The Brents, Faversham, Kent.  
 See Mrs M.A. Jobey, member no 649.

952 Mrs P.A. ARMSTRONG, High Grow Law, Hepple, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7LH.  
 See Capt. D. Armstrong, member no 730.

953 The Librarian, Southlands College, Wimbledon Pk Side, London SW19 5NN.

954 New York Public Library Preparation Services, Acquisitions Division, Fifth Ave & 42nd Street, New York City, New York 10018, USA.

955 Mrs D. JACKSON, 5 Birchfield Gdns, S. W. Denton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE15 7SL.

956 Mr E.A. DAVIDSON, 36 Briarside Cl, Fellside Park, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE16 5UH.

957 Mrs M.E. DAVIS, 20 Oakfield Cr, Blaby, Leicester, LE8 3HS, Leics.

958 Mr E.W. CORBY, 21 Durham Tce, Framwellgate Moor, Durham, DH15EH.  
 Interested in any reference to Corby anywhere, but [esp. to](#) Ralph Corby of Hett, father of Gerard

Corby whose children included the martyred Catholic Father Ralph Corby. Also, John Corby, of Spennymoor, late 17th century, whose son, John, was apprenticed as a shipwright 1692-99.

959 Mrs S.V. SANDERSON, 87 Long Acre, Bingham, Nottinghamshire.

Would like information about John Winder Mills, who was born in India in 1849 and went to live in Scotland as a boy. He married Margaret Potts Thornton in Jarrow in 1869, when he was a joiner. Other interests are: Sanderson of Stanley; Lumley of South Moor; Appleby of Ox Hill, Tanfield; Black of Tanfield; Thornton & Potts of South Shields.

960 Mr T.J. QUEVN, 70 Pendower Way, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE 15 6LS.

961 Miss M.W. GRAHAM, 76 Mount Rd, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.

962 Miss C.J. TODD, 7 Townsend Cr, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE612XW.

963 Mr S.P. COE, 9 Bunces Cl, Eton Wick, Windsor, Berkshire.

964 Mrs R.J. LINDBERG, 2117 Retford, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, 63033.

965 Mrs D.L. GRUNDY, 303 - 11th Ave S.W., Austin, Minnesota 55912, USA.

Interested in information about John Smith, who was born c.1838 in Durham. He was the son of George Smith, a tailor, and had a music store in Middlesbrough at the time of his marriage to Jane Elizabeth, dau. of Wardle & Ann Steele, in Eston, near Middlesbrough, in 1860. He died in Eston in 1884 as a result of a mining accident, leaving 12 children.

**966 Mr J.H. WALTON, Laburnum House, 10 Derwent View, Chopwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

967 Mrs E. MacFADYEN, 2 Martlet Dr, Spateston, Johnstone, PA5 OSJ, Strathclyde, Scotland.

Would like to hear from anyone interested in Francis Bones, innkeeper of Lemington, 1820-36. His wife's name was Elizabeth and they had at least eight children, one of whom was John Bone, who married Mary Ann Carr in Gateshead, 1851, where they resided in Church Walk, Hillgate, until their deaths - John in 1887, aged 62, and Mary Ann in 1895, aged 65.

968 Mr W.D. MERCHANT, 3 Beckenham Cl, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear, NE36 OEJ.

969 Mr P.T. CROTCH-HARVEY, 76 Cowleaze, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, OX9 4TB.

Interested in the following, all before 1850: Coulthad, of Ellenborough, Cumbria; Hawking of Haltwhistle, Northumberland; Horsley of Whickham, Co. Durham; Lumley of Birtley, Co. Durham; Moncrieff, Telford and Waugh, all of Farlam, Cumbria; & Robson of Winlaton, Co. Durham.

970 Mrs G.M. STOKES, 202 The Hallow, Bath, Avon.

Interested in the Mulvaney and Binns families. Elizabeth Mulvaney married Joseph Binns, a cabinet maker, before 1874, perhaps in Alnwick. One of their children, Theresa, was born in Dec. 1874 at Ogle Terrace, Alnwick. She married a Cane in Gosforth in 1906.

971 Mr J.R. CRONE, 9 Cleadon Old Hall, Cleadon Village, Nr. Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.

972 Mrs L.H. HARVEY, P.O. Box 115, Reevesville, S.C. 29471, USA.

Needs information on Heaton (John, Charles or their three brothers), who went to America between 1670 and 1800 and settled in lower Carolina (now South Carolina). Also, Harley (Edward, Joseph, or possibly William), who went to America between 1600 and 1800 and settled in lower Carolina. Other names of interest are: Dukes, Hazelwood, Reeves, Tucker, Valentine, Bell, Clayton, Ahrens, Brownlee, Mellard, Bradwell, Bonneau, Dubois & Lamon; all before 1800.

973 Mrs J.F. CLEPHAM, 21 Peterscroft Ave, Ashurst, Southampton, Hants. S04 2AB.

Has a lot of information on Robert Clephan and his descendants, but would welcome more detail. He was born in Linton, E. Lothian, in 1777 and came to Stockton as a baker. He married Elizabeth (Bails?), who was born in Stockton, and they had 9 children. One of these, James, was a journalist, antiquary and poet, and editor of the Gateshead Observer.

974 Mr K. WRIGHT, "School House", Dame Flora Ave, S. Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE34 9RD.

975 Miss J. FOTHERGILL, 103 Upper Hird St, Broomhill, Keighley, W. Yorkshire.

Has information on the following names: Wilde, Murgatroyd, Smith, Rhodes, Wood, Sunderland, Rushworth & Rothera. Particularly interested in Ralph Turnbull (b.1850) and his wife, Jane Gray, b.1856, Houghton-le-Spring.

976 Mrs G. GIBSON, 31 Rice Cr, Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand.

977 Mrs, J.M. COMPER, Elm Tree Farm, Eastgate, Cawston, Norfolk, NR10 4HQ.

Would like to trace the marriages, in Newburn or elsewhere in Northumberland, of Thomas & Elizabeth Atkinson, pre-1795, and of Thomas & Elizabeth Gair, pre-1785. Also, the baptism of John Cairns. Interested in any family using the name Wright, Cairns from 1850 onwards. Any clue to a William Wright, tallow chandler, 1840-1850, in Northumberland or Durham, would be much appreciated.

978 Mrs L. JOHNSON, 61 Orchard Ave, Garston, Watford, Herts.  
Seeking information on the birth-place of Joseph Johnson, b.1865-6, and living at Edward St, S. Shields, at the time of his marriage to Mary Ann Borwick. Also, any information on the father of Mary Ann, named John or George Young Borwick, a seaman.

979 Miss J. M. FOY, 12 Loring Rd, Sharnbrook, Bedford, MK441JT.

980 Mr M.T. BANKS, 63 Grants Cl, Mill Hill, London, NW71DE.

981 Mrs L. ROBINSON, 57 Beech Gr, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE26 3PL.

982 Mrs A. SHADCOTT, Craig-y-Don, Eashing Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 2JZ.

983 Mrs M.G. CLARK, 19 Feversham Rd, Walisbury, Wilts., SP13PP.

Hoping to find someone interested in the names Davis, Clark and Hart, anywhere in Durham, but particularly in the Thornley and Wheatley Hill areas.

984 Mrs M.M. GRAVES, 9 Hemlock Terrace, Deep River, Ct. 06417, USA.

## **SECOND TIME AROUND**

28 Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Cr, Kemplah Pk, Guisborough, Cleveland, TS14 8LG.  
Seeking the marriage of John Bulmer (or Boomer/Bowmer) to Elizabeth before 1732. When John died (c.1742) she moved from Guisborough to St. Oswald's, Durham. Also, information and/or photographs (for loan) of Annie Brown of Weardale, who had a private school in Waterhouses in the 1890s. Does anyone know of the baptism of Alex Ford, who was born in Polwarth, Berwickshire (c.1776) and lived in Islington and Houghton? Or any details of Henry Noble, who was born around Diss, Norfolk, 1836, and worked in quarries in Crawleyside (1860s and 1870s), Hulands and Bowes (1880s) and who became manager of Orde and Maddison's Quarry in Aycliffe in the 1900s?

194 Mr D.M. EADES, 9 Gordon Terrace, Malamata, New Zealand.

Mr Eades has sent no less than 31 names of interest. Unfortunately, there is not room to publish them all, but local ones are: Douglas of Heddon on the Wall and Alnwick, 1800; Landells, Alnwick, 1800; Burn, Scott & Richardson, all Alnwick: Davidson, Potter, Johnston & McLatchie, all of Edinburgh.

446 Mr R.E. HAVELOCK, 35 Thanet Rd, Erith, Kent, DA8 3RB.

Interested in the Havelock family, anywhere, anytime. Particular areas of interest are: Haltwhistle, Hexham, Newcastle, Gateshead, S. Shields, Sunderland, Alston, Cleveland, Guisborough, Middlesborough, Stokesley & London.

614 Mr E.S. MILLIGAN, 209 Guthrie Ave, Alexandria, Va 22305, USA.

Still seeking information about John Scott, who was a Police Constable in Durham c.1840-60 and later served at Newcastle Dockside (Quayside?). He married Ann Ward, and their daughter, Mary Ann Scott, was born at 263 High Conside, Lanchester, Co. Durham, on 26 July 1865.

622 Mr S. CUTHBERTSON, 60 Velmead Road, Fleet Hampshire. GU13 9LS

Would like to correspond with any member researching Cuthbertson. Mr Cuthbertson's own researches have stopped with the marriage of James Cuthbertson to Dorothy Robinson in Tynemouth, 1766. The family appear to have many maritime connections, most of the men being either master mariners or shipwrights. James may well have been the master of the Yeldham c.1790.

636 Miss M. PORTER, 31 Blakesley St, Chatswood, NSW 2067, Australia.

Would like to hear from any members who are interested - genealogically or otherwise - in Joe Wilson, the Tyneside songwriter, who married Miss Porter's great Aunt, Isabella English.

782 Miss D. HIBBERT, 2 Bramcore Drive, Beeston, Nottingham.

Is searching for the baptism of Robert Richardson, which took place in or around Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the period 1817 -1819. Robert was the son of John Richardson, husbandman or labourer, and married Dorothy Defty at South Shields in 1844, living out the rest of his life in Sunderland.

803 Mrs V.H. EUSTACE, Gardener's Cottage, Parkside, Wimbledon, Surrey.

Trying to find the birthplace of John Thompson, publican and brewer, who married Elizabeth Jane Lyons in the parish of St. John (both 'of this parish') in Feb. 1852. She lived at 32 Hill St in 1851, but he cannot be traced locally. It was a 'runaway' marriage on his part. She died in 1857 and he died in July 1859, aged 33, both of "The Plough", 10 Pitt St. His father was Robert Thompson, a farmer. Unfortunately, Mrs Eustace has not given us the name of the town where all this took place, although she does ask if anyone has any knowledge of the old Elswick Lead Works, since Elizabeth's father, Barnard Lyons, was a lead manufacturer.

904 Mrs J. TODMAN, 13 Ramsey Ct, Broadfield, Crawley, W. Sussex.

Would like to hear from anyone with the surname Tulip, or anyone researching this name.

## OFFERS OF HELP

- 750 Mrs E.A. SMITH, 24 Vista Encanta, San Clemente California 92672, U.S.A.  
Would be pleased to help any member whose investigations lead them towards the far west!
- 892 Mr M.W. McMULLEN, 281 Friendship Ave S.E., Salem, Oregon 97302, U.S.A.  
Will help with sources, names and addresses, Mr McMullen says: "I do not do research work, but I can help with the bewildering system of governments in these united but highly individualistic states".  
Can recommend some professional researchers in the States.
- 927 Miss V. PORTASS, 13 Oakdene Ave, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL3 7HM.  
Offers help with Darlington, Co. Durham and Borthwick, York, Parish Registers, in return for help with: Stanwick, Northamptonshire; Croft, Lincolnshire; Margate, Kent, and Surrey.
- 937 Mr A. FELTON, 30 Southern Way, Romford, Essex. RM7 9PA.  
Offering exchange help at St. Catherine's House; see Mr Felton's interests in "Members and their interests".

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- 008 Mr J.K.BISHOP, 11 Rue de Chene, Oberhausbergen, 67200 Strasbourg, France
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- 221 Miss P.E. CALVERT, 773 Riversdale Road, Camberwell, Victoria 3124, Australia.
- 240 Mrs B. KERN, RRI, Box 46, Colby, Kansas 67701, United States
- 261 Mr. J.P. EYRE, 9 Rochford Grove, Barns Park, Cramlington, Northumberland.
- 313 Mr W. NEIL, 1 Clifton Park Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.
- 353 Miss M.H. ABEL, 38 Heathside, Hounslow, Middlesex.
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- 493 Mr D.J. HALL, c/o Kramer-Italo Ltd, PO Box 3578, Lagos, Nigeria.
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- 657 Mrs D. OATES, 83 Broom Lane, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE16 4QZ.
- 672 Mrs G.M. WAREHAM, "Willowdene", Little Coxwell, Faringdon, Oxfordshire.
- 681 Mrs. P.I. EVANS, RT2, Box 115B, Hale Center, Texas 79041, United States.
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- 795 Miss J.L. LOWRIE, 57 Beech Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 5QR
- 835 Mr T. SWAN, 46 Basil Way, South Shields, Tyne & Wear NE34 8UD.
- 872 Rev W.G. DOBINSON FTCL, 322 North Edward Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C 4P2, Canada.
- 910 Mr. J.L. ROBERTSON, 1138 North Santa Rosa, Tucson, Arizona 85712, United States.

# DEATHS

We regret to announce the deaths of the following members.

- 172 Mr. J. W. GOWLAND, of Bosworth Gardens, Newcastle.  
454 Mr J.I. HARLE, of Niddrie, Victoria, Australia.  
463 Mr W.N. WALTON, of Essex Gardens, Gateshead.  
771 Miss E. JOHNSON, of Highfield Drive, South Shields.

# MISSING MARRIAGE

Mr. C.R. Humphery-Smith, of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, has sent us the following entry, found originally by Dr. Gibby, from the original records of Southwick, near Monkwearmouth. This marriage does not appear in the records at St. Catherine's House. Let us hope there are few such examples!

January 4th 1868, William Burns, 19, bachelor, pitman, resident at Southwick son of Joseph Burns, deceased, married by banns with Jane Kinnair 20, spinster of Southwick, daughter of Robert Kinnair.

# A DORSET BURIAL

From a tombstone at Tyneham, Dorset: "Here lyeth the body of William Freeman (a native of Durham), late coachman of the Rev. William Bond. He died December 10th 1802 in the 24th year of his age.

# "WITH CONSTABULARY DUTIES TO BE DONE....."

*D. W. Smith*

If great-uncle Bill or grandmother's father had been a policeman in Northumberland last century, it may be there's an old photograph lying about. Probably it shows a be-whiskered face below a domed helmet. And no doubt he's clasping a truncheon - (Queen Victoria issue) - truly a terror to poachers on dark, wet, windy nights and the gamekeeper's best friend!

But if not, there need be no despair over the wanton destruction of family memorabilia by our elders. His likeness can be recaptured.

In the Northumberland Record Office amongst the Constabulary Records there exists a document that can only be compared with the Description Books amongst army musters. This is the Record of Service Book which covers the years 1857-70. It deals in detail with the police personnel. For not only does it give name, age and birthplace, but even height, weight, colour of eyes and hair, complexion, trade, married state and number of children, record of former service, as well as date of appointment to one of the four classes of constable.

Altogether a rich source of information. And it seems they did have their moments in great grandpapa's day. Against some of the names reprimands were entered for drunken or riotous behaviour. No doubt these roisterous occasions, as they later reflected, were worth the loss of a day's pay. Their lot, after all, was not a happy one....