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EDITORIAL

I have recently received a number of articles, mainly to do with -individual family histories. Each one **reflects, in its own way, endless hours of patient research to which has** been devoted all the loving: attention to detail that all serious genealogists cultivate. I shall do my best to ensure that every one is duly published, as each has its own contribution to make.

Were I to ask for anything better, it would be for more articles of a general nature. This is not as simple a request as it seems, for articles in a regional Journal such as ours, can easily be too general. I can see little point in publishing material that can readily be found in any of the standard text-books on the subject. What is needed, is material that is of interest and relevance to readers with family connections in this area. For our Journal to continue with high standards, we must hope for a reasonably steady supply of such articles. At present, I am constrained to publish much that is of high quality but, I fear, narrow interest. One useful suggestion has been for the Journal to re-print earlier articles. This will partly solve the problem, but only partly so. For the rest, it is to our readers that we must look. I know you will not fail us!

I have been over-occupied with other problems since Christmas, and have been unable to attend any meetings since November. If this Journal comes to your doorsteps late, you have me to blame. Dave Linley, Pat Storey and Yvonne Armstrong have again performed sterling service in typing the Index and other items for this Journal. I am sorry if my efficiency has not matched theirs.

Finally, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the North-East dialect, the "Addinah" mentioned in the last Journal (page 15) is, of course, just one way of spelling the Northern version of "I don't know"!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Federation Secretary

Please note that the address of the Federation of Family History Societies' Secretary, Mrs Ann V. Chiswell, has been changed to:

96 Beaumont Street, Milehouse, PLYMOUTH PLZ 3AQ

The MacDuff Clan

The MacDuff Clan Society, re-organising under the patronage of Col. Gordon-Duff, Drummur Castle, Scotland, is asking all Duffs, MacDuffs, McDuffs, Abernethys, Fifes, Fyffes, Humes, Kilgours, Spences, Spens, Scrymgeours, Fernies, Syras (Ceres), Wemyss and any others interested in re-activating this great clan to contact the British Secretary, Mrs Clare Abernethy, Fogrigarth, BRIDGE-OF-WALLS, Scotland.

The Armstrong Trust

Headquarters: 6 St. Cohne Street, EDINBURGH EH3 6AD. This large and growing organisation is devoted to advancing public education in the history of the Scottish Border with England, and to bringing together all Armstrongs in order to "establish a true and lasting account of the Armstrong Clan". The annual subscription is £5 and the address for applications:

Mr G. Armstrong, 30 St. George's Crescent, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear.

The Trust has a long list of publications, mainly extracts from public records mentioning Armstrongs from all over North-East England. Many of these have already been deposited in local Record Offices.

THE WINTER MEETINGS

DECEMBER

The 'Green Dolphin' was the venue for a seasonal get-together by a good number of Society members, many of whom expressed appreciation of this opportunity to chat to fellow members and to the officers of the Society in such convivial surroundings!

JANUARY

A well-attended meeting was addressed by Mr. T.H. Rowland, who showed a large number of slides of views of rural Northumberland, country homes, and various sites connected in one way or another with Northumberland [families.it](#) gave encouragement to those members who hope to associate their ancestors with more than just a now-defunct pit village or derelict ship-yard.

FEBRUARY

It is remarkable how, in this country at least, the gifted amateur can perform better at his subject than many a professional. Mr. Bill Dumble was one such example, talking extremely knowledgeably on the subject of palaeography and its interpretation. Some examples were passed round for members to decipher, but, absorbing as this was, an even greater interest was shown in Mr. Durable's fascinating descriptions of how the various types of writing had developed, and how the (sometimes strange) letters came to be formed.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11 May
Eighth Annual General Meeting

7.15.p. m. at YMCA, Ellison Place

Wednesday 15 June
Talk by Mr Alan Robinson on 'Cornish Miners in Northumberland'.

7.15.p. m. at YMCA, Ellison Place

July and August

Summer recess - no meetings

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missing Entries

Mrs Jane Gregson, of 295 St. Johns Road, CLACTON-ON-SEA, Essex CO 16 8DE, writes:

"Sir, you published a letter from Dr. Keith Lovet Watson in your January issue giving the reaction he received at the General Registry Office to his suggestion that a missing entry might be entered in the records. I am happy to assure him that this is not always the case.

While at the General Registry Office some two years ago, a friend who had recently become interested in genealogy looked for the references to her mother's death. She knew the date and place of death - her mother was killed by a bomb in Lewisham High Street during the war - but was unable to find the entry.

After some investigation, she was able to get a copy of the registry entry from the Registrar. This she then took to the GRO as proof and they agreed to include the entry. The entry has been made - she checked.

It appears that a number of entries, while available from local registrars, are not recorded at St. Catherine's House for the war years, particularly for the London area, as some of the GRO copies were destroyed in enemy action."

Australian Elliotts

Mrs Valerie Whitehead, of 8 Gidgee Street, CABRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES 2166, AUSTRALIA, writes:

"Sir, I am researching a family from your area and would appreciate any information. The following is the information I hold at this time. Mary Thompson, (daughter of William Thompson) married: Thomas Erving Elliott on 18.8.1856 in Crook, parish of Crook, County Durham. Established Church. Issue: John Elliott, born 13 September 1859 at Howden-le-

Wear; William Elliott, born 1860 at Howden-le-Wear; Margaret Elliott, born 13 January 1862 at Willington and Robert Elliott, born 1863 at Willington.

Mary remarried Mr Brian Bainbridge circa 1876/77 in Durham.

With Mr Bainbridge, Mary and the four Elliott issue came to Australia per ship "La Hague" in 1877. I have most of the genealogical records of all these people since their arrival here in Australia. I realise that the chances of further information from you are slim, but I would appreciate this little information going into your Journal on the chance that someone is researching this same family."

WHERE HAVE ALL THE WHARRIERS GONE?

Anne English

My grandfather, Edward Wharrier, was born in Low Felling on 8th August 1862. It has been possible to trace his family back to another Edward Wharrier, whose marriage in 1727 to Mary Gray of Hazon, is recorded in the Shilbottle Parish Registers. To date his baptism has not been found.

Between these two Edwards lie four generations of Wharriers. Three were called John - two of them ropemakers in Newcastle - and one was James, my great grandfather.

James Wharrier was born in North Shields at the end of 1816, and married Jane Brown of Byker in 1842. They had a large family, born between 1843 and 1862. I have records of nine children, although there are gaps, so there might have been more. My grandfather was the youngest in the family, his mother dying in 1870. Grandfather married and had a family of four, two boys and two girls, but my sister and I were the only children in the next generation, so our direct link with over 250 years of the Wharrier name has ended.

So, where have all the Wharriers gone? I became a member of NDFHS in September 1979, at the start of my interest in family history, and so far haven't found anyone else researching this name. Each time the Journal arrives I turn to the Members Interests and Second Time Around pages, then study the articles with their splendid lists of names. Nothing. I have found no mention of the name in any of its forms.

James Wharrier became a colliery engineman, moving frequently from one colliery to another, so his children were born in a number of villages in Northumberland and Durham. Strangely enough not all the earlier births have been found yet in the London-based records. I do have records of marriages, mainly in the Trimdon area, for most of the children of James and Jane, and as they had families, the line did continue.

In order of age, the children of James and Jane were:

Ann, born 1843, married Robert Hall. In 1881 they were in Kelloe with a family of seven.
John, born 1846/47. On the 1861 Census he is living at home, listed as a colliery stoker, aged 14. No later details known.
Jane, born 1848/49, married Joseph Clark Wilson 1868. Family.
Elizabeth, born 1850/51, married James Mordica 1871.. Family.
Margaret, born 1855, married Joseph Peat, c 1874. Family. (*Their eldest son, James Wharrier Peat, married a Hannah Heightley in 1899. A daughter, Jane, married Hannah's brother, Robert, later the same year.*)
James, born in Prussia 1856/57, married Eleanor? c 1876. Family. (*Their daughter, Jane, and Margaret's second son Thomas, were baptised on the same day in 1877. Jane married a John Dinning 1895.*)
George Brown, born 1859, married Mary Jane Scott 1882. Family.
Edward, born 1862, married Elizabeth Swinbank 1886. Family

Most of these marriages, and subsequent baptisms, are recorded in the Kelloe parish register. Someone has done family history research at some time, because against the name of Elizabeth Peat, daughter of Margaret and Joseph, baptised 6th May 1883, is the pencilled note - born 16th April 1883. That gives me some hope.

Even though a number of these lines have, like my own, lost the name of Wharrier, there must surely be some remaining, as well as an increasing circle with Wharrier connections. In the meantime I will continue to open each copy of the NDFHS Journal in the hope that someone else, somewhere, is interested in the elusive Wharrier name.

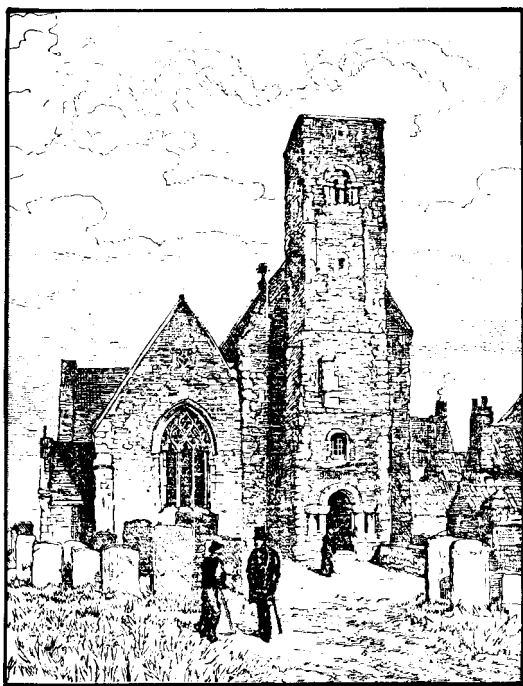
MONKWEARMOUTH: THE LOST REGISTERS

Doug Smith

On 13 April 1790, at about one o'clock in the morning, a fire broke out at Monkwearmouth Hall adjoining the church of St. Peter. The Rev. Mr. Ivison and his family narrowly escaped and soon the entire house was destroyed. The contents of the house were also lost, including the church registers which were reputedly "of great antiquity". At a meeting shortly afterwards it was decided that the loss might to some extent be made good by re-recording whatever information could be gathered, and advertisements were accordingly placed in the Newcastle papers inviting people to come forward with such Family Bibles and other records as might be in their possession. These details, on being sworn before a magistrate, were duly copied down.

What, then, remains of this unique attempt to reconstruct a parish register, and how much further can the process now be taken with new sources at our disposals?

The copy registers now at Durham Record Office contain baptisms from 1779, marriages from 1735 and burials from 1768. All of the pre-1790 entries are imperfect, having been entered as each piece of information came to hand, and are hopelessly out of chronological order. One would expect them to be incomplete - after all, only a tiny minority of the population would read the Newcastle papers of the day; family Bibles might be few or memories short, and of course as in any age many people would simply not bother to come forward.



MONKWEARMOUTH CHURCH, SUNDERLAND.

Some attempts were made to clarify this confusion, and there are several indexes to the pre-1790 entries, most of which are only slightly less confusing than the register itself. Another index covers all marriages from 1785 - 1900, another covers burials from 1683 - 1706, and yet another lists baptisms 1716 - 1796 "compiled from other sources", which may simply mean that further information was coming in.

Most curious are the detailed entries of burial for 1683 - 1706, which seem to be full copies made from the lost originals and were once in the possession of W. H. D. Longstaffe, a local historian of Gateshead. These were published in the short-lived "*Wearmouth Magazine*" in 1888, and a copy is now in our FHS Library.

The indefatigable Mr Corder made extracts from the reconstructed registers and these can be consulted in Sunderland Library. Other extracts covering the years 1733-1812 were made by the 'Great Transcriber', Herbert Maxwell Wood, and were published in Volume 3 of the Proceedings of Sunderland Antiquarian Society. These are also incomplete, but again a copy is in our Library.

Other useful sources include the Monkwearmouth entries appearing in "*Durham Marriage Bonds*" and the reports of births, deaths and marriages of Monkwearmouth families in the "*Newcastle Courant*", 1745-1800, published in Volume 13 of the Proceedings of Sunderland Antiquarian Society.

Corder's "*Monkwearmouth Families*" manuscripts in Sunderland Library reconstruct several Monkwearmouth pedigrees, but the number is small compared with his twentyfive volumes covering Bishopwearmouth and Sunderland.

In such a situation the surviving gravestones at Monkwearmouth assume great importance in the reconstruction of the registers. A copy of these monumental inscriptions has, with the kind permission of the Vicar, recently been deposited in our Library.

THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY

Doug Smith, our new Librarian, whose address appears on the Contents page, ask us to draw attention to the following important points:

Borrowing Books. Books may be borrowed by post, or may be ordered for collection at Society Meetings; if the book which you require is already out on loan, your request will be dealt with as soon as the book becomes available.

Postage. Members borrowing by post are asked to pay postage both ways, but as postage varies considerably according to the weight of publication, please do not send stamps with your order. When returning the items borrowed, please enclose stamps to the value of those of the package when received.

Returning Books. There is no fixed period for the return of items borrowed from the Library, but members are asked to return books as quickly as possible as other members may be waiting for them.

We regret that the facilities of the Library are not available to overseas members, as the cost of return airmail postage would be prohibitive. Similarly, because of the difficulty and expense of providing adequate packaging, we regret that heavier volumes (marked * in our lists) are not available to postal borrowers. Doug will however be happy to look up references in particular publications in the library upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope or two international reply coupons.

Later this year we hope to produce a catalogue listing all of our holdings to date; in the meantime fairly complete lists of the various sections of the library may be found in the Journals for January and April 1981 (Volume 6 Nos 2 and 3) and January 1982 (Volume 7 No 2). A list of recent additions appears at the end of this article.

The Society has recently reviewed its arrangements for exchanging Journals with other United Kingdom Societies, and we have made agreements under which we will receive the Journals of the following Societies; a similar review of overseas Societies will be undertaken shortly, and the result will be published in a future issue of our Journal.

Berkshire FHS	Hampshire Genealogical Society	Rossendale SGH Lancashire
Birmingham & Midland SGH	Hertfordshire F&PHS	Scottish Genealogy Society
Bristol & Avon FHS	Kent FHS	Sheffield & District FHS
Buckinghamshire FHS	Leicestershire FHS	Shropshire FHS
Cambridgeshire FHS	Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology	Somerset & Dorset FHS
FHS of Cheshire	Liverpool & District FHS	Suffolk Genealogy Society
Cleveland FHS	Manchester & Lancashire FHS	Sussex FHG
Cornwall FHS	North Cheshire FHS	Wiltshire FHS
Cumbria FHS	North Middlesex FHS	Windsor Slough & District FHS
Derbyshire FHS	North West Kent FHS	York FHS
Devon FHS	Northamptonshire FHS	Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical studies
East Surrey FHS	Nottingham FHS	
East Yorkshire FHS	Oxfordshire FHS	
Essex SFH		

Whilst many of these regional journals follow a similar pattern to our own, some may provoke suggestions and new ideas for our Journal. In the hope and expectation that these exchange journals will be *used*, Doug has prepared the following brief summary of articles of general rather than regional interest which have appeared in recent additions to our collection. Prospective borrowers should quote the reference number shown; the numbers in Bold type indicate the volume number.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND

- 6,7 Family History and the wider outlook;
Genealogy and home Computers; History of the
Midshipman.

BRISTOL AND AVON

- 28 Orphanage 1836; Jacobites named Sobieski.
29 Bristol Riots 1793, with list.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

- 3,6 Dating Clockmakers.
3,8 Re-marriage and bigamy of transportees.

CHESHIRE

- 12,1 Lloyds Marine; Wills and legal phrases.
12,2 The Quaker Penns.

ESSEX

- 26 Roxwell Light Infantry 1803; Applying for
Census searches 1891.

HAMPSHIRE

- 9,3 Later ships named Mary Rose; Naval family from
Trafalgar. Shipwreck of Doddington on Cape
1755; Translating money values to the present
day

KENT

- 3,7 Historical Manuscripts Commission.
3,9 Post Office HQ records.

LEICESTERSHIRE

- 30 Survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade; The Leicestershire Regiment at Ladysmith.

NORTH CHESHIRE

- 9,3 Indexing the 1851 Census; Guppy's "Homes of Family Names".
9,4 Collecting Strays; Early Maps and Surveys.
10,1 Records of seamen.

NORTH WEST KENT

- 2,8 Erebus Antarctic Expedition 1839; Microcomputers and Family History; Bunhill Fields Burials; Naval History Library; Convict prison hulks.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

- 4,1 Shop signs; Scots grave superstitions.
4,2 Collecting strays.

OXFORDSHIRE

- 2,8 Oxford City Archives; History of burial in Woollen cloth.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT

- 3,3 Czech research.
4,1 Glossary of old words.

WINDSOR AND SLOUGH

- 6,2 History of the Police Force.

IHGS

- 10,65-66 Gibbs London Glass painters; Murders in Fife 1730s; Register and Licentiate of Genealogists; Sussex Barge building.
10,67-68 Siddall-Rosetti; Fox of Batley, Yorkshire.
10,69-70 Heaton family firm; Medieval colleges at St Andrews; Belgian genealogy; Literacy 1876.
11,81-82 Medieval House of Lancaster and Portugal; Names of Nobility; Evolution of surnames; Emigration to Virginia 1600s.
12,93-94 Scandinavian Armorial; Emigrants to New England 1630; Finnish Nobles; East India Company families; Sources for internal and external migration; Solving genealogical problems.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

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| 1-057 | Gibson, J.S.W. and P. Pesket. Record Offices and how to find them. 1981. | 1-070 | Monkwearmouth Parish Register: Incomplete Abstracts 1683-1812. 16pp. 1983. |
| *1-058 | Shakespear, J. The Thirtyfourth Division, 1915-1919, 1922. | 1-071 | Monkwearmouth Monumental Inscriptions. 25pp. 1980. |
| *1-059 | Cooke, C.H. Historical Records of 9th Service Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. 1925. | *1-072 | Veitch, R. Index to Newcastle Quarter Sessions Records, 1831-1836. Index to subjects and names in Quarter Sessions records at Tyne and Wear Record Office; includes references to constables, court cases, removals, transportation, etc. Most useful, with brief note on names and cases, and reference to follow up the whole story. 1983. |
| 1-060 | Cox J. and T. Padfield. Tracing your ancestors in the Public Record Office. 1981. | 1-073 | Smith, D. <i>Monumental Inscriptions of Ryhope Old St Pauls</i> . 1976. |
| *1-061 | Maclean, H. Transactions of the Cumberland Parish Register Society: Watmillock 1579-1812 and Matterdale 1634-1720. 1908. | 1-074 | McLaren Kerr, D. John Winspear - Hardepool Shipbuilder . Mid-19th Century shipbuilding and lists. 1982. |
| 1-062 | Wood, H.M. Transcript of Holy Island Parish Register: Baptisms and Burials 1578-1716 and Marriages 1578-1837 . | 2-141 | Northern Bibliography. List of recent additions to Northern libraries. Vol 2 No 4, 1981 |
| 1-063 | Gibson, J.S.W. Census Returns on Microfilm 1841-1881: A Directory of Local Holdings. 1982. | 3-034 | Race, S. We Races. Race family of Weardale. 1982. |
| 1-064 | Gibson, J.S.W. and M. Walcot. Marriage Licences: How to find and use them. Background history. 1982 | 3-035 | Henderson, K.D.D. <i>Notes on Northumbrian Families</i> . Atkinson of Washington; Foster of Eshells; Can of Slaley and Dotland; Johnson and Dixon of Whitley Chapel; Cook of Slaley; Angus of Broomley and Styford; Bell of Aydon; Chatt of Dotland; Nixon of Dotland; Oliver of Blanchland; Ord of Barber House; Teasdale of Steel; Grey of Longhorsley; Purvis of Ford. 86pp., Manuscript. 1983. |
| 1-065 | Holding, N. Tracing World War I Army Ancestry. 1982. | 3-036 | Morris, D. Notes on the Naval Career of Captain Joseph Cook of Sunderland, 1876-1938-1983. |
| 1-066 | FFHS. Accommodation Register. 1982. | | |
| 1-067 | Mellor, H. London Cemeteries: An Illustrated Guide. Gazetteer to famous, infamous and once-famous-now-obscure burials in London. 1981. | | |
| 1-068 | List of British Repositories for the LG.L Paper. 1982. | | |
| 1-069 | Gibson, J.S.W. Quarter Sessions Records for the Family Historian. Lists Northumberland and Durham with brief classes of records. 1982. | | |

Editor's Note: Doug's list illustrates the vast range of articles available in other Society Journals. Members requiring more of such information should consult the comprehensive abstract section in Family History News and Digest, published twice yearly by FFHS and available at our meetings or from Mrs. Ann Chiswell, 96 Beaumont Street, Milehouse, **PLYMOUTH PL2 3AQ**.

AT LAST!

From the "**Berwick Advertiser**", Saturday April 1st 1815:

"At Wigton on Tuesday last Mr. John Todd, joiner, to Miss E. Aiston after a courtship of 30 years."

GANNIN' ALONG THE SCOTSWOOD ROAD

David Armstrong

You all know the Tyneside National Anthem - Blaydon Races. (Oh you don't? OK, here it comes, first three verses and chorus. You may sing):

*Aw went to Blaydon Races, twas on the ninth of Joon,
Eiteen hundred an' sixty-two, on a summer's afternoon;
Aw tyuk the 'bus frae Balmbra's an' she wis heavy laden,
Away we went along Collingwood Street, that's on the road to Blaydon.*

CHORUS

*O Lads, Ye Shud ha' seen us gannin'
Passim' the foaks upon the road just as they wor stannin'
Thor wes lots o' lads an' lasses there, all wi' smilin' faces,
Gannin' along the Scotswood Road, to see the Blaydon Races.*

*We flew past Armstrong's factory, and up to the Robin Adair,
Just gamin' doom to the railway bridge, the bus wheel flew of there.
The lasses lost their crinolines off, an' the veils that hide their faces,
An' aw got two black eyes an' a brdken nose'm gam teWtaybon Waces.*

*When we gat the wheel put on, away we went agair,
But them that had their noses broke, they came back ower hyem;
Sum went to the Dispensory, and sum to Doctor Gibbs's,
An' sum to the Informary, to mend their broken ribs's."*

So what? Well, my paternal grandfather,, Dr. Luke Armstrong, of Newcastle, was not only in partnership with Dr. Gibb at the time of this mythical occurrence, but he was also surgeon to the Dispensary and the Infirmary. So although he doesn't himself feature in the song, it's a near miss. And please note the spot in Scotswood Road where the wheel is supposed to have come off - near the railway bridge, or in Ordnance Survey terms, Grid Ref. NZ 214635.

Luke Armstrong married Anna Jane Armstrong, who although bearing the same surname, was no traceable relation. (His family came from the North Tyne, hers from Allendale).

Delving into family history, it turned out that Anna Jane had two elder brothers, Charles Robert and James, whose sad stories came to light in the course of research. James' tragic demise is to be found in Fordyce's Historical Register of Remarable Events:-

"19th January 1858. A very distressing accident occurred this evening, near Newcastle, by which a young man, about 19 years of age, Mr. James Armstrong, son of Charles Armstrong, Esq., of Axwell Park, met a lamentable and premature death.

It appeared that the deceased, after business hours, having been detained later than usual, went with his brother Charles to partake of tea at Mr. Roach's, Grey Street, after which they prepared to go home, but the night being very boisterous they deemed it necessary to engage a cab.

About half way between the railway arch on the Scotswood Road and the Suspension Bridge, the deceased got out of the cab for a moment. On attempting to re-enter the vehicle his hat struck against the upper part of the doorway and fell to the ground, and, as he was in the act of picking it up, a pistol, which he carried loaded to his pocket, exploded, and its contents lodged in his abdomen.

In a state of excruciating agony he was rapidly driven home, where he died in less than half an hour, in the presence of his afflicted parents and other members of his family."

In other words, this accident happened by the railway bridge in the Scotswood Road, or Grid Ref. NZ 214635. An odd coincidence.

One would surmise that whatever Charles Robert and James had been drinking that evening, tea was an unlikely choice; and that it was possibly they rather than the night which was boisterous. The reason for poor great-uncle James getting out of the cab for a moment can only be guessed at!

But why was James carrying a pistol - and a loaded one at that? Enquiry from H. M. Coroner for Tyne and Wear revealed that his office had only retained records since 1900. A visit to the Gateshead Public Library revealed an article in the Gateshead Observer of 23rd January 1858 which said briefly that at the inquest someone had given evidence that James, in company with many others, had been in the habit of carrying pistols since the murder of Mr. Stirling.

Further rabbiting through the archives showed that a Mr. Robert Stirling, a young surgeon, had

been brutally murdered a couple of years previously some short distance away from Axwell park by being shot in the abdomen with home-made buckshot, hit on the head, throat cut while still **alive and then thrown in the bushes**. His gold watch and money were missing. Two **men confessed to the crime and were arraigned at the Assizes**, but were acquitted on some technicality over the confession. So whoever had perpetrated this ghastly deed was or were still in circulation, and one can understand a sensitive young man being apprehensive.

The tragic irony however was that because Robert Stirling had been shot in the abdomen by persons unknown, James Armstrong was similarly mortally shot by his own pistol.

And what of Charles Robert, who was 21 and with James at the time of the accident? Enquiry from some elderly relatives elicited a vague reply to the effect that there seemed to have been something wrong with him, and that he had been sent over to Carlisle to be looked after. Their father said they were never to speak about him.

Search over at Carlisle showed that Charles Robert appeared in the 1861 Census, aged 25 and living with his bachelor uncle and spinster aunt, William and Mary Lamb, at Brisco Hall, just South of Carlisle; occupation, land agent. He was still there for the 1871 Census, but no occupation shown.

Charles Robert's **and James' father (my great-grandfather)** was Charles Armstrong, land **agent to the Clavering** family, living at Axwell House, near Blaydon. His will made provision for all the large family, but when it came to Charles Robert, inheritance was to be held up for 12 months or *"until he shall have conducted himself morally and soberly to the satisfaction and approval of my said executors"*. From various codicils, and from his mother's will, it is apparent that he never got his portion.

How Charles Robert invoked parental disgrace will never be known, nor whether it had anything to do with James getting shot or not. He died at Brisco in Cumberland on 27th July 1886 at the age of 51, and a copy of his **death certificate obtained from** St. Catherine's House, London, gives the cause of death as *"Paraplegia 25 years"*.

So he had been paralysed from the waist down for a quarter of a century. We have no clue as to **the** cause of the paraplegia, but do we possibly and reluctantly wonder if we are not confronted with an Old Testament picture of a Victorian papa refusing to forgive his invalid son for some distant youthful peccadillo?

A sad story, with a touch of Grand Guignol.

A CHANCE MEETING

Elizabeth Macfadyen

While on holiday at Whitley Bay in the summer of 1974, I took the opportunity of visiting the library in South Shields with the intention of checking the Post Office street directories for 19 Shadwell Street in 1898 when my father William Bone was born at this address. The occupant turned out to be a Mrs. Elsie Coverdale, fish seller, not Andrew Bone as I had expected. Feeling a bit disappointed I made my way downstairs, stopping to look at some photos of variety artistes who had appeared in Music Hall. I was very interested, and noticed a lady beside me also looking at them. I mentioned that my father had been a dancer and juggler in the 1930's and had worked in a number of theatres all over England using his stage names of Will Eden, then later as Marcella the dancing juggler. In the course of conversation I told her my father had been born in South Shields but the family moved about a lot because my grandfather had also been in variety billed as Andy Burns, clog dancer and comedian. When I said I had been looking up 19 Shadwell Street in the street directory, she looked amazed and said that was the address where she had been born, her grandmother was Mrs. Elsie Coverdale! It was now my turn to be amazed at this chance meeting. **The lady's name** was Mrs. E. Purvis and she offered to take me to 19 Shadwell Street. The house, which had been demolished, was once the old Customs House built in the 16th century.

I was sorry I had so little time to speak to Mrs. Purvis as I was going home the next day and had to refuse her kind invitation to visit her home. We did however, correspond when I returned home but unfortunately we never met again before she died.

In conclusion, this chance meeting led in 1975 to a more dramatic meeting with my father whom I had not seen for 40 years: but that is another story.

THE BROWNS OF SALT-LAKE CITY

J.K. Brown

About ten years ago when I was only mildly interested in family history my father read an advertisement in the personal column of the "*Newcastle Journal*", inserted by an American lady, whose husband was surnamed Brown. Mrs Lelah Brown of Bountiful, near Salt Lake City, Utah, was anxious to trace the ancestors of her husband and also if there were any of the same family still in Northumberland. She gave personal details of her husband's ancestry. His grandfather was the son of William Brown, born 1781 at Knightside Farm, Elsdon, Northumberland and who with others from the same area had emigrated to the State of New York in the year 1801.

As my ancestors, also named Brown, were at Laingshill and the Raw farms, Elsdon in the same period, my father and I replied to the advertiser, Mrs Lelah Brown. We have since corresponded regularly and, on both sides of the Atlantic, we established our relationship.

The Browns of Salt Lake City are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and it is interesting to know how there can be a connection between the tiny village in a remote and sparsely populated rural area of Northumberland, and the vast city of Salt Lake in that far away state of Utah.

To illustrate the connection one should now start at the beginning.

Up until the year 1980 when Lancelot Brown of the Motehill died, there had been Browns in the Elsdon area, or Redesdale, for nigh on five hundred years, (see *Journal*, Vol 8 No. 1).

I have traced my paternal ancestors back to the Brownes of Hatherwick Farm, who were there in the year 1589. Sons of the Brownes of Hatherwick married and then lived at different farms in Redesdale. The main family were still at Hatherwick in the latter part of the seventeenth century and branches were at Overacres, Ravenscleugh (grandparents of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown) and farms in the Rawside ward. One branch was at Raylees Farm prior to 1710; the head of this branch was a John Browne who owned one of the four tenements at this farm. When he died in February 1711 he was successively succeeded by his son Thomas and his grandson, also called Thomas. Son Thomas purchased Knightside Farm from a William Hall in the year 1763 and when he died in 1782 his son Thomas (grandson of John), living at Greenchesters, inherited Knightside. Thomas moved to Knightside and founded the family branch there. Mrs Brown of Utah originally believed that the Browns of Knightside were from the Ravenscleugh Browns but I have proved conclusively that they and her husband's ancestors were from Raylees, before Knightside.

Thomas, now of Knightside, had married Eleanor Hedley in 1765 and they had a family of one son and three daughters. Alas, tragedy struck: between the years 1772 and 1775 Eleanor and all the four children died.

However, within nine months, Thomas remarried; this time he married Elizabeth Brown of Monkridge and they also had four children, one of whom was called William, born 1781.

William aged only twenty years, with about fifty other Northumbrians from the same area, left his native heath to sail for the U.S.A.. The group of emigrants terminated their journey in the Seneca area of New York State. Then in 1805 William married Jane Straughan, another of the party, and they commenced farming. Their farm in Little Church Road, Stanley, Ontario County, New York, is still farmed by their direct descendant, Bob Robson. A daughter of William married a Robson, a descendant of one of the original party of emigrants.

William and Jane had eleven children, six girls and five boys, one of whom was William born in 1816. Father William died in 1854 and is buried in the Little Church, No. Nine, Stanley, Ontario County.

The younger William, as his father had done, left home in the Eighteen-thirties. He went to Palmyra where he joined up with a religious sect, and with them travelled south-west to Salt Lake City. They arrived in the city in the year 1847. William Brown was a founder member of the Mormon church, a personal friend of Joseph and Hyrum Smith and Brigham Young. William became a bishop in the Church of Latter Day Saints at Bountiful, Utah. He had four wives, (imagine four wives, all at the same time - I could say that as well as being a bishop he was a martyr!) He built three large homes for his three families when he moved to Bountiful, whilst his first wife stayed in Salt Lake City at the first home.

He died in 1892 at Bountiful, Utah, and Mrs Lelah Brown's husband Clyde Brown is the surviving grandson of the Bishop and the first wife.

The descendants of Bishop William Brown and his four wives have formed a Brown Society and hold a reunion, annually, to which I am always invited. Well... you never know!

NEWCASTLE QUARTER SESSIONS

Fred Furness

Following up the "Tuesday Night Projects" published in the Journal for January 1982 (Volume? Number 2), Mr Ronnie Veitch (Member 1101) completed a sterling piece of indexing work on the 103-page Newcastle Quarter Session Book (Ref. No. 540/8) covering the period 1831 to 1836.

A slip was written for each of the principals in each case, showing their involvement, date of session and page number. Mr Veitch's devoted work on this book began on Tuesday 13th October 1981 and was completed on Tuesday 7th December 1982 with a final total of 3191 slips, which must make future use of this book a much less daunting task than it used to be.

My wife Moira sorted these alphabetically and typed them into a 65-page document, a copy of which was deposited with the Northumberland & Durham Family History Society. The 3191 slips plus another copy of the document were deposited with the Tyne and Wear County Council Archives Department.

Mr Veitch has subsequently started work on Newcastle Quarter Session Book [Ref. No. 540/10](#), while my wife and self are currently close to completing a similar exercise on Book 540/9.

Editor's note: This kind of work is still being done by only a handful of our members. Any more volunteers? If interested, contact any committee member who will be glad to suggest ideas.

WESTMORLAND STRAYS

From the Parish Register section of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian Society, Volume 21 (1933).

Humphrey ROWLANDS of Allendale and Elizabeth HUDSON OF Hackthorp; married 11th November, 1706. (*Parish of Lowther*).

James DENT of this parish, bachelor, and Martha WINDER, Single woman, of Allendale Parish in Northumberland; married 11th March, 1756. (*Parish of Lowther*).

EPITAPH

The following epitaph from Bolsover, Derbyshire, was recently published in the Journal of the Sheffield and District Family History Society:

HERE
LIES IN THE HORIZONTAL POSITION
THE OUTWARD CASE OF
THOMAS HINDE
CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
WOUND UP IN HOPE
OF BEING TAKEN IN HAND
BY HIS MAKER
AND BEING THOROUGHLY CLEANED
REPAIRED AND SET A-GOING
IN THE WORLD TO COME
ON THE 15TH AUGUST 1836
IN THE 19TH YEAR OF HIS AGE

Unfortunately, it is not original! The words are shamelessly copied from a longer epitaph in similar vein dedicated to George Routleigh, Watchmaker, who died at the age of 57 on 14 November 1802 and is buried in the village of Lydford, Devon. Does any member know of an even earlier instance of this epitaph, or indeed of any other epitaph - particularly in our own area - which would be of interest or amusement to our readers?

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM VETERANS OF THE 36TH FOOT

J. Robert Williams

The additional Forces Act passed on 29 June 1804 directed that a second battalion be formed by thirty-seven regiments of the line. One of these regiments was the 36th (Herefordshire) Regiment of Foot which was to organise its new battalion, according to the regimental history, from men raised in the county of Durham. This battalion was placed on the establishment of the army from 25 December 1804.

Apart from a brief spell in Jersey from May 1808 to July 1809, the second battalion was employed in Great Britain throughout its existence. However drafts were sent to the first battalion which saw much active service in the Napoleonic wars. The second battalion was disbanded on 24 October 1814, the men fit for service being transferred to the first battalion.

It is thus not surprising that we find some Durham born men amongst the Chelsea Out-Pensioners of the 36th Foot shortly after and during the French wars. What is surprising is the small number. However I have extracted all the names of **identifiable** Durham and also Northumberland born men from the 36th Foot who became Chelsea Out-Pensioners between 2 June 1806 and 26 December 1838. The names are taken from a large bound register (WO 120/25) in the Public Record Office at Kew. Each pair of pages of this volume has fifteen columns: 1. "Admission" (the date of becoming an Out-Pensioner); 2. "Names"; 3. "Age"; 4. "Quarter Master Serjeant"; 5. "Serjt. Major"; 6. "Serjt"; 7. "Compl."; 8. "Private" (these last five columns give the number of years service in the respective ranks); 9. "India Service" (subdivided into "East" and "West" and giving the years served in each if any); 10. "Total Service"; 11. "Rate per Day" (amount of pension); 12. "Complaint" (why discharged from active service); 13. "Where born"; 14. "Trade or Occupation" (This also includes a physical description, height, colour of hair, eyes and complexion); and 15. "Remarks". Only the details from columns 1,2,3,10,12,13 and 14 are recorded with these notes. After 12 December 1827 not all the columns are completed in the register, in particular "Age" and "Where Born".



OFFICERS' SILVER SHOULDER-BELT
PLATE, 36TH FOOT, CIRCA 1812.

AS BELL: Adm. 9 Sept. 1812; Age 24; Service 13 yrs 6ms (including 5 yrs 6ms in 70th Foot and 1yr 6ms in 4th Veteran Battalion); Compl. "Diseased viscera from (.); sentry and blow on the side in Portugal"; B. Newcastle, No'land; Tailor, 5ft 4 inches, grey, fresh, brown.

THOS BELL: Adm. 12 Oct. 1813; Age 27; Service 6yrs 9ms; Compl. "Gun shot wound of left elbow at Salamanca 22 July 1812"; B. Sunderland, Durham; Taylor, 5ft 6 inches, brown, grey, brown.

ROBT TAYLOR: Adm. 16 Nov. 1814; Aged 21; Service 3yrs 6ms; Compl. "Amputated left leg"; B. Alnwick, No'land; Tailor, 5ft 6 inches, brown, grey, fair.

GEOE FLINT: Adm. 28 Feb. 1815; Age 31; Service 9 yrs 10ms; Compl. "Injured face and jaw"; B. Morpeth, No'land; Weaver, 5ft 8 inches, black, black, dark.

ROBT CARR: Adm. 9 June 1819; Age 30 (says 32); Service 14 yrs 7ms (including 1yr under age and 1yr 6ms in 4th Veteran Battalion); Compl. "Reduction and wounded left shoulder at Salamanca and forehead"; B. Durham; Miner, 5ft 3 inches, dk bro., grey, fresh.

JAS FORSTER: Adm. 9 June 1819; Age 26; Service 9yrs 6ms (including 1 yr 6ms in 4th Veteran Battalion); Compl. "Reduction and diseased collar bone"; B. Newcastle, No'land; Lab., 5ft 5 1/2 inches, brown, hazle, fresh.

ROBT LINDSAY: Adm. 9 June 1819; Age 33; Service 13 yrs 2ms (including 1yr 6ms in 4th Veteran Battalion); Compl. "Reduction and severe wound thro right side of thorax"; B. Alnwick, No'land; Laborer, 5ft 6 inches, brown, grey, fresh.

WM MCDONALD: Adm. 9 June 1819; Age 34; Service 15yrs (including 1yr 6ms in 4th Veteran Battalion); Compl. "Reduction and chronic hepatitis"; B. Durham; Lab., 5ft 5 inches, lt.bro., grey, fair.

THOS PLOUGHES: Adm. 12 May 1824; Age 36; Service 19yrs 1m; Compl. "Impaired respiration"; B. Barnet Castle, Durham; Weaver, 5 ft 10 inches, br. grey, fair.

AARON JOHNSON: Adm. 22 Sept. 1824; Age 42; Service 13yrs 7ms (including 2yrs 5ms in Dumbarton Fencibles); Compl. "*Gent bad health and worn out*"; B. Whitfield, Northumberland; Smelter, 6ft 1/2 inch, Brown, blue, pale.

WILLM MCGEE: Adm. 19 April 1826; Age 45; Service 18yrs 7ms (2yrs 7ms in McLeod's Fencibles not allowed); Compl. "*Worn out and bad health*"; B. Newcastle, No'tand; Cordwainer, 5ft 6 inches, sandy, blue, fresh.

JAS REPWORTH: Adm. 17 Jan. 1827; Age 48; Service 21yrs 7ms; Compl. "*Long service*"; B. Durham; Tailor, 5ft 10 inches, grey, blue, pale.

ANTHY YATES: Adm. 20 June 1827; Age 41; Service 21yrs 1 lms; Compl. "*Worn out*"; B. Durham; Lab., 5ft 4 inches, brown, blue, pale.

JNO ADDISON: Adm. 12 Dec. 1827; Age 39; Service 21yrs 1m (plus 1yr under age); Compl. "*Wom out*"; B. Barnard Castle, Durham., Lab., 5ft 5 inches, light, blue, fresh.

A general Order of 1 June 1847 authorised the award of the Military General Service Medal to survivors of the Napoleonic wars who had taken part in one or more of twenty-nine actions commemorated by bars supplied with the medal. The medal was issued in 1848. I have consulted "*The Military General Service Medal 1793-1814*" compiled by Colonel K.O.N. Foster, Berlin, 1947 and found four names listed amongst the 36th Foot recipients corresponding with those of four of our fifteen Durham and Northumberland men. If the four are the same men then this proves they were still alive in 1848.

A Thomas Bell received the Medal with the bar "*Salamanca*".

A Robert Can received the Medal with the bars "*Corunna*", "*Salamanca*", "*Pyrenees*" and "*Toulouse*".

A George Flint received the Medal with the bars "*Roleia*", "*Vimiera*", "*Salamanca*" and "*Pyrenees*".

A Robert Lindsay received the medal with the bars "*Salamanca*" and "*Nive*".

Footnote: "*Historical Records of the 36th Foot*", compiled by Richard Cannon, London 1853.

HAMPSHIRE STRAYS

Abstracted from Coltart's transcript of the Registers of St Thomas, Portsmouth, 1776-1812.

James BAILLIE of Sunderland, Durham, married Ann HICKS, minor, by Licence, 12 March 1812.

Robert BELL, mariner, of South Shields, Durham, married Frances MORDUE of the same, by Licence, 15 July 1806

John GILLIESPY, mariner, of North Shields, married Margaret COCHRAN, sojourner, by Licence, 21 June 1805.

John JOHNSON of Sunderland, Durham, married Hosiah CHEFFORD of St George Psalter, Lancashire, by licence, 24 October 1781.

William LEE, widower, of Shields, Northumberland, married Sarah COLLINS, widow, by Licence, 10 May 1779.

George PEARSON, mariner, of South Shields, Durham, married Elizabeth BROWN of the same, 4 September 1811.

Thomas POWELL, mariner, of Tynemouth, Northumberland; married Barbara ROBSON of the same, by licence, 6 November 1806.

Ralph SHERATON of Stockton, Durham, married Mary BRADLEY, by Licence, 5 September 1797.

John SMITH, mariner, of Newcastle on Tyne, married Susannah COPPELL, by Licence, 12 April 1781.

Ralph WETHERBOAN of St Andrews, Northumberland, married Elizabeth CASSON of the same, by Licence, 2 December 1782.

The original transcript includes an index by male names only. It is interesting to note the marriage of Margaret Cochran, sojourner, by Licence - an unusual occurrence. The Hampshire Allegations for Marriage Licences granted by the Bishop of Winchester, 1689-1837, (Harleian Society, Volumes 35 and 36, 1893) mentioned only two of the above, the marriages of John Johnson to Hosiah Chefford and of John Smith to Susannah Coppell.

OLD B OB

W. Veitch

I have called the central character of this factual tale 'Old Bob' and have not yet given him a surname. The reason why will become clearer as the tale unfolds.

My first contact with what proved to be 'Old Bob' was in the 1871 Census for Haltwhistle where, listed at East Hotbank, were:

<i>Edward Robson</i>	<i>45 years,</i>	<i>head</i>	<i>farmer of 200 acres</i>	<i>born Simonburn</i>
<i>Elizabeth Robson</i>	<i>72 years</i>	<i>mother</i>	<i>housekeeper</i>	<i>born Simonburn</i>
<i>Robert Veitch</i>	<i>19 years</i>	<i>servant</i>		<i>born Simonburn</i>

Knowing that this Robert Veitch did not fit my family pattern at that time I decided not to investigate him any further. However some time after I was told of an Old Bob Veitch who used to turn up at my great grandfather's farm at Westley Bank and claim to be a relation of those Veitches. My great grandfather, William Veitch, always avowed that Old Bob was not a Veitch but, in fact, was a Robson. That he was thus disowned is not really surprising as he is recalled as having an unkempt beard and of dubious and disreputable appearance - almost the appearance of a tramp.

The civil record of his birth is most intriguing -

"Hexham Registraton District, Chollerton Sub-district. Born 20 November 1851 at West Stonefolds, Robert Veitch, son of Mary Robson. (No father's name given). Informant: Edward Robson, of West Stonefolds. Mother unable to attend. "

As no father is listed it is difficult to determine whether his christian names are Robert Veitch and his surname Robson (as his mother) or if it is meant to imply that his full name is Robert Veitch. Certainly if this certificate is taken literally then his christian names are Robert Veitch and his surname Robson. The real puzzle is that on 4th December 1848 Edward Robson, a widower of full age and farmer of Stonefolds in the parish of Simonburn and son of Thomas Robson, married Mary Veitch a spinster of full age of Hotbank in the Parish of Haltwhistle and daughter of Robert Veitch, farmer, yet here in 1851, three years later she has a son with the birth being registered by her husband, yet no one is listed as the father. The obvious conclusion is that Edward Robson knew that he wasn't the father and that he didn't know who was the father - or wasn't prepared to say. However, Edward Robson must not have been totally unforgiving as evidenced by the 1871 Census where 1.9 year-old Robert Veitch was living with Edward and Edward's mother. Mary is not listed and may have been dead by then. We shall also see that Robert returned regularly to Hot Bank in later years but even so Edward called him his servant and not his son! The comments of William Veitch also suggested that he knew more about the situation than he was prepared to reveal. One possible inference is that William could well be related to the Veitches of Hotbank. However all this does is to illustrate the mystery surrounding the ancestry of 'Old Bob'. Certainly throughout his lifetime he was known as Robert Veitch.

Regarding his personality, and background, I can do no more than quote a reminiscence given to me by Mrs Annie Peel (nee Nicholson):

"Robert Veitch, Bob as he was known to our family, lived in a farm cottage at West End Town, Thorngraston. This cottage belonged to the farmer Mr Robert William Harding. It was a very old cottage with the name "Malabar" and the date 1600 above the door. Before coming to West End Town Bob farmed at East Hot Bank which is directly north of the Housesteads Roman camp. While at West End Town he worked on the land for Mr Harding and my father. His cottage was just across the fields from Birkshaw, my father's farm. His cottage is mentioned in Tomlinson's History of Northumberland. Bob was quite a character and always wore the plaid instead of an overcoat. Wherever he went he carried a sack and always threatened to put my younger brothers and sister into the sack when he was going to the "Sunny North" as he called it when he was going back to East Hot Bank to help in the hay. He was much sought after as a weather prophet and I know that neither Mr Harding nor my father would cut the grass in the fields until they had been given a forecast by Bob. I knew him when I was a girl of 10 years old. He had a very bad chest cold and often came to my father's for mother to make him something to eat. He was gardener to Miss Ord who lived in the White House. This was a big house near his cottage. I believe he played the violin and his cottage was a gathering place for the farm servants from round about. He lived in the cottage until around 1916."

Following this he appears to have lodged around the district and eventually reappears in the records of the Shaftoe Trust at Haydon Bridge where relating to the Trust Almshouses we find:

12 October 1922
9 January 1923
12 April 1923

Mr Robert Veitch allocated a house.
Reported as not satisfactory a tenant - house not kept clean. Smoked in bed.
Died 3 March 1923 after being removed to Hexham Workhouse Hospital.

So 'Old Bob' departed from this life leaving us with the same puzzle - was he a Veitch or was he a Robson. Possibly he himself didn't know, and those who appeared to know more than they were telling are also long gone. He did, however, leave behind two relics which are now in my possession. One is a silver tea spoon engraved M. V. and the other a Sampler measuring 26 inches by 18 inches - which is unusually large for a Sampler - which contains the inscription "The Sampler is the work of Mary Veitch aged 14 November 8, 1821."

If I knew whether he was related to my great grandfather William Veitch I would have fewer genealogical problems than I have at the present time. However, Old Bob, whatever your surname, R.I.P.

GREAT GRANDMOTHER REMEMBERED

Mavis E. Gettings

I've been fortunate enough not to have had to do any serious research concerning my maternal great grandmother, for I can remember as a child visiting her in her small house at Lintz Ford by the River Derwent. Recently I took my mother back there, as she had been born and brought up in the area, but nothing now remains of the two rows of houses that once comprised the little village of Lintz Ford in County Durham.

My great grandmother was Elizabeth Swinburne, nee Elizabeth Hallimand (1850-1934). From her parent's bible, which is still in the family, I learnt that her parents were Thomas Hallimand (tailor) born Sedgefield 1815 and Elizabeth Pearson born Rainton Meadows 1814, who were married at East Rainton in 1837. They listed the first five of their family. My great grandmother was their seventh and was also born at East Rainton. Sometime after this the Hallimand family moved to Coxhoe.

In 1871 great grandmother married John Swinburne (moulder) of Lamesley near Gateshead (1849-1925). This I have always understood took place at Stockton, but here some research is required. They started their married life at Felling, moving to Burnopfield and finally on to Lintz Ford. Great grandmother wrote in her family bible the names and dates of her ten children, my grandmother being her eldest girl.

Before her marriage, great grandmother had worked at Hardwick Hall, Sedgefield, where incidentally two of my own children were born when it was used as a maternity home in the 1950's.

I have now lived more than half my life in Scotland, but my link with great grandmother is still alive, as I often visit an elderly relative near me, who is a great niece of hers. The link here is great grandmother's sister Margaret Hallimand: who with her husband, a Durham miner, and their family left Coxhoe and came to Scotland, settling at Bo'ness to work at the Kinneil Colliery. Here, in a house with a view over the Firth of Forth, is on display, a photograph of my great grandmother, Elizabeth Swinburne.

Margaret Hallimand brought with her to Scotland a teaset she had been given in Coxhoe as a wedding present, and though in no way valuable, I look upon this teaset of 120 years old, and still almost complete, as one of my cherished possessions. For, like Margaret Hallimand, I too came to Scotland with my young family because of employment, and of course, we are both connected through great grandmother.

In January of this year, myself, my daughter and my very Scottish grand-daughter, visited Whitley Bay in Northumberland for the celebration of my own mother's 80th birthday. I hope in years to come this little Scottish girl will remember her Durham-born great grandmother as well as I remember mine.

GENERATION GAP

Extracted from "Sunderland Mirror" dated 4th January 1840:

"At Ponsontown, Mrs Hemsworth, of a son, the father of which is 102 years old."

Seen at British Newspaper Library, Colindale, London N.W.

'MY BONES AND MY FLESH'

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CONNECTIONS: THE 'BONES' FAMILY OF AUCKLAND AND AYCLIFFE.

Peter Hendra

The system of kith and kin was both much more extended and paradoxically much more closely knit in the seventeenth century than it is now. Samuel Pepys' kinship to the Earl of Sandwich, for example, was not so much sought after by the former as accepted as a matter of natural obligation by the latter. From the top to the bottom of the social scale in the civilisation of three hundred years ago these patterns of relationships by blood and by marriage led not only to a close awareness of the social obligations within the group, but also to a knowledge of the shades of social difference which were such a feature of the society of the time.

The false calm of Elizabethan County Durham into which Bartholemew 'Bownas' was born and in which he married was ultimately to dissolve in the middle of the following century. One of Bartholemew's sons, John, born about 1602, would marry Ann daughter of John **Richardson** in 1627. In the hundred years which followed, the pattern of kith and kin was to include a dozen or so families from the neighbouring parishes, Aycliffe in particular, as well as those in parishes which would have been a healthy day's walk away, such as Chester-le-Street. The Richardsons flourished in the parish of Auckland St. Andrew in the first half of the seventeenth century: in particular Ann's brother Richard, baptised in 1595, fathered some nine children who survived long enough to get to the font.

Ann Richardson's family by John 'Bownasse' was of five boys one of whom at least died in infancy, and three girls: during 1639 Ann and John moved into the neighbouring parish of Aycliffe and it was in the church there that three of them married. Ann 'Bownasse' (b. 1630) married **William Chambers** at Christmas 1655 despite the alienation of the Church of England from the Protectorate government; John 'Bownas' (b. 1636) raised his family of nine children at Aycliffe after 1666, and Thomas 'Boonies' my own ancestor married Alice **Shawter** there in November 1666, doubtless amidst gossip of London's recent disasters.

Alice's grandfather Thomas Shawter had married Agnes **Denn** at Aycliffe in November 1583. One Anne Shawter may have been their daughter: she married twenty-six year old William son of Richard **Blitherman** at Aycliffe in 1619: with one exception, their ten children were born in the parishes of Auckland St. Andrew and Aycliffe between 1620 and 1637. Thomas' daughter 'Ceseley' ventured as far as Chester-le-Street to marry at 34 one Robert **Brown** whilst Alice's own father George Shawter stayed at home in his own parish to raise his brood of six. Alice's sisters also started their married lives at Aycliffe: the elder of the two, Ann, married John **Welfoot** in November 1654, whilst the younger, Elizabeth, married Ralph **Whitfield** in the Spring of 1663. This Ralph was the son of the 1621 marriage of Ralph Whitfield to Jane **Elgey**, and having fathered three children at Aycliffe, moved his family to Stanhope: one of his own children, another Ralph, baptised here in 1677 was to marry Ann **Hall** in 1703. Alice's three brothers, George, Thomas and Christopher all produced families of their own at Aycliffe. Of George's eleven baptised children Jane (b. 1665) married William **Maugles** in 1696, and Hester (b. 1678) married William **Norton** in 1706, both in their own parish.

The 1666 marriage of Alice Shawter to Thomas 'Boonies' resulted in ten children between 1667 and about 1690, and while copulation thrived, so did the spelling of the parish clerk, as the family name appears as 'Bownas' or 'Boonace' all renderings of the same thickly accented name via an educated but perhaps not local parsonical ear. Of these, Richard 'Bouness' married Jane **Armstrong** in June 1717, and Jane daughter of another brother Robert 'Bones' married Edmund **Pattinson** of a family which had lived at Houghton-le-Spring in the seventeenth century. Two sons of Alice and Thomas, Robert and Bartholemew were the progenitors of the Bones families at Chester-le-Street in the following century.

Thus, through the complexities of family ties, it can be seen that three hundred years ago a clergyman taking for his text 'Ye are my bones and my flesh' would have been readily understood in a context which would today be almost inexplicable: patterns of kinship were significant and a part of everyday life, a reflection of the structure of seventeenth century society and the way it viewed itself.

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- 0575 Mrs P. MEIN, West View, 6 Abingdon Road, Rowstock, DIDCOT, Oxfordshire OX11 0JW.
Would like to hear from anyone else interested in Mean/Mein of Norham and Coldstream, 17/18C. Also Allan/Allin in Coldstream 1750. Dalglish family also 1750. A Phillis Ridel married William Mean in Norham in 1854. Has anyone any information on Phillis? Finally, the Browns 19C. of North Shields and Shrewsbury.
- 0961 Miss M. W. GRAHAM, 76 Mount Road, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7NS
Any information welcome on John Graham m. Hannah Curry late 1840's living at Altonside, Haydon. Also Robert Robson, shoemaker, believed a native of Redesdale, m. Jane Hedley, formerly Brazil, and living at Harton in 1850's. Would like to contact any Brazil or Robson of that area.
- 1119 Dr. S.R. CRAGGS, 106 Mount Road, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7NN
Seeking information on the following: Wilson, forbears and issue of John and Mary (Middle Rainton); Rimington, Richard Gibson (born in Rotherhythe, Surrey, Aug. 1821) and Ann Pearson, daughter of George Pearson (Durham), and issue. Dryden (Middlesbrough); Laycock (Chester-le-Street); Davidson (Coundon); Simmon and Greenwell (Shincliffe); Surtees (Revs. William and Ambrose William) and Wilson, (Pelton Fell). Does anyone know if the burial records of Providence Row Cemetery in Durham still exist? Miles, forbears and issue of James (born in Eastleeche, Glos.) and Eleanor Stobart or Stewart (Alnwick), from Black House, East Denton, Northumberland. Craggs, forbears and issue of John Craggs (1821-1899) of Weardale and later Hetton-le-Hole; Middleton, forbears and issue of Robert Middleton (Easington Lane).
- 1212 Mrs T. JANSEN, 26 Ivernia Road, FYNNLAND, DURBAN 4052, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.
Researching the family of William Davies (Mariner). Son John Davies b.c. 1842 South Wales was Master mariner, Merchant Navy, and mar. Elizabeth Embleton, daughter of Thomas Embleton, blacksmith, on 15 November 1863 at St. Thomas', Bishop Wearmouth. Issue: Edward b.c. 1867; John b.c. 1869; Caroline b.c. 1871; Elizabeth Mary b. 5 January 1874; Harriet Isabella b.c. 1876; Charles H. b.c. 1878; Mary b. 1880; Stanley b. 16 August 1884. All born Durham. Edward was said to be an Engine Fitter. Two of the daughters were married to (i) Mr. Shotton and (ii) Mr Gibson. Possibly members of the family also went to Australia. Stanley Davies died in South Africa in 1962, 12 December.
- 1360 ~~Miss I. SKIPSEY, 24 Warwick Road, NEWPORT, Gwent, NP23 8LL.~~
Seeking the date of birth of Louisa Tiller, possibly born in Fowey, Cornwall, c. 1840's. Married 1870 to John Skipsey (who was born 1849 in Whickham, Co. Durham and died in 1885 in Gibraltar). Also looking for details re. John Skipsey's father, Joseph Skipsey, a coal miner, who married Elizabeth Smith. (When?) Also interested in Joseph Skipsey, a collier poet, born in 1832 at Percy Mains, near Newcastle, married 1854, died 1903, the youngest of 8 children. Any details of his family would be appreciated, together with any information regarding his father, Cuthbert Skipsey, who was accidentally shot and later died in 1832 after an affray at the Percy Mains Colliery where he was an overman.
- 1308 Dr. J. THOMAS, 125 Maxwell Street, SOUTH PENRITH, NEW SOUTH WALES 2750, AUSTRALIA.
Dr. Thomas is seeking the following: the family of George Arkless, b. 1840 and his wife Elizabeth Briggs, b. 1848, both of Durham. By 1890 (when grandfather Frederick was born) they were living at Quality Row, Haswell, Easington Par. Also the baptism/birth of George Arkless c. 1840 and ~~Elizabeth Briggs c. 1848 to establish their parents and details of any brothers and sisters.~~ Any information wanted on Arkless family. Also any information on Hilda Isabella Smithson, b. August 1890, daughter of Thomas Smithson and Isabella Elliot.
- 1323 Mrs D. BIDDLE, 6 Towers Road, Hatch End, PINNER, Middlesex HA5 4SJ.
Seeking baptisms of William Surtees and Barbara Steward whose marriage took place at Seaham on 13th November 1751.
- 1350 Mr L.R. LEISHMAN, 11 Rembandt Drive, MIDDLE COVE, NEW SOUTH WALES 2068, AUSTRALIA.
Is seeking the birth and death of John Lishman, married to Mary Stevenson, described as farmer and living at Hylton c. 1820. Their son, Joseph shown as born at Hylton Castle, Southwick, Durham in 1820. He married Margaret Davidson in Newcastle in 1846 and had two children, Mary Jane and Margaret on arrival in Australia c. 1857, heading for the goldfields around Ballarat, near Victoria. His wife died in 1860 and Joseph re-married in 1861 to Mary Ann Heard, daughter of George and Mary Ockridge. By time of death in 1885, Joseph had four living offspring and eleven deceased from both marriages. He was described as a platelayer on death certificate. Any help appreciated.
- 1354 Mrs I.M. BLACKBURN, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.
- 1355 Mrs E.H. BROWN, 10 The Glebe, Stannington, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 6HW.

- 1356 Mrs A.D. RUSSELL, 14 Westbourne Avenue, South Shore, BLACKPOOL, Lancashire FY16JA.
- 1357 Ms. S.V. WILLIAMSON, Pippins, Hillhead, Chittlehampton, UMBERLEIGH, Devon EX37 9RG.
Researching Taylor, Bishop Auckland, Durham 19C; Cooper, Brandon, Durham 1860-74, but would particularly like any information on Heslop from North Bitchburn, (1800), colliery workers.
- 1358 Mrs E.M. SNOWDON, 3 Croslands Park Road, BARROW-IN-FURNESS, Cumbria LA13 9LA.
Researching; Snowdon of Medomsley, Ebchester, Shotley and Gateshead, all Co. Durham. Glen of St. Aidan's, Newcastle on Tyne. Proud of Weardale, Durham. Would welcome any information particularly on Snowdons, who went to live in Barrow-in-Furness c.1901. Mrs Snowdon's father and grandfather were both Joseph Proud Snowdon.
- 1359 Mrs E. INNES, 61 Crosslea Avenue, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR31LU.
- 1360 Dr. E.R. GISH, 5 East Fifth Street, FULTON, MISSOURI 65251, UNITED STATES.
Seeking the parents of Margaret James, b.c. 1595, who married Rev. Marmaduke Blakiston on 30 June 1585 at St. Mary-le-Bow. She died 10 March 1636 in Durham. Was her father the William James who was Bishop of Durham in 1596? Also seeking the parents of Henry Lawson, born Durham or Northumberland, who was mayor of Newcastle Upon Tyne, b.c.1650. His daughter Barbara married George Blakiston, Sheriff in Cumberland. Who were his and her mother's parents?
- 1361 Ms E. STOKOE, 44 Sandringham Road, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9QZ.
- 1362 Mrs W.R. ROSE, 126 Longford Road West, Reddish, STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK5 6HY.
- 1363 Mr J. FAIL, 14 Fatfield Park, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE38 8BN.
Researching: Fail; McLoughlin; Laing; Coombs. All Sunderland.
- 1364 Ms S. THOMPSON, 7 Lyedowns, Lambourn Woodlands, NEWBURY, Berkshire RG16 7SD.
Researching: Bogue (Gateshead, Co. Durham, Newcastle c. 1850); Comb (Blyth, Northumberland c.1900); Willoughby (Gosforth, Lesbury, Longhoughton); Foreman (Longhoughton). Last two Northumberland, c.1840.
- 1365 Rev I.K. STUBBS, 192 Windsor Road, Coppice, OLDHAM, Lancashire OL8 1RG.
- 1366 Mr P.W. HODGSON, 15 The Chesters, West Denton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE5 1AF.
(☎ Lemington 679948) Interested: Hodgson (Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham 19/20C.); Leaf (Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham c.1820).
- 1367 Mr J.E. BROUGH, Beechview, Hightae, LOCKERBIE, Dumfriesshire DG11 1JS.
(☎ Lochmaben 555) Researching: Brough (Penshaw, Co. Durham, Gateshead and Newcastle, 1800-1982); Hibbs (Tyneside, 1800-1982); Smith (Newcastle from early 1800's); Reed (Tugboat owners, North Shields, from mid-1800).
- 1368 Miss B.M.C. RICHARDS, 10 South Terrace, Staindrop, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL2 3LB.
Researching: Rogerson (Barnard Castle, 1800-1925); Race and Braithwaite (19C.) All Co. Durham.
- 1369 Mr K. ROBSON, 32 Chaucer Road, LONDON E7 9NB.
Interests: Oselton (Minsteracres, Espershields, Heworth, Co. Durham, Prudhoe Northumberland); Watson (Warden, Northumberland); Welch (Warden); Vannan (Hunstanworth, Co. Durham, Blanchland, Northumberland); Lawson (Muggleswick, Co. Durham); Walton (Weardale, Co. Durham).
- 1370 Mr C.R. RIDDELL, 98 Mount Road, High Barnes, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7NN.
Researching: Riddell, (Northumberland 1790's); Aldridge (Sunderland, 1877); Smith (Hebburn, Durham 1857); McKinnie (Sunderland); Bruce (Co. Durham) Also Unsworth, Wetherald, Curry.
- 1371 Mrs G. PETERSON, 21 Thornton Street, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL3 6AA.
- 1372 Mr V.I. RIDDELL, 37 Millais Road, Itchen, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire SO2 7FY.
- 1373 Mrs D.C. BANKS, 58 Rydal Road, Haslingden, ROSSENDALE, Lancashire BB4 4EF.
- 1374 Mrs C. HARDING, 479 Aigburth Road, LIVERPOOL, Merseyside L19 9DL.
- 1375 Mrs E. KIPLING, Summerfield House, Gas House Lane, Low Stanners, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 1SR.
- 1376 Mrs M.D. LEE, 25 Richmond Way, Barns Park, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 7XE.
- 1377 Mrs J. LINDSAY, 5 Quatre Bras, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3JY.
- 1378 Mrs. O.J. PEARSON, "Acorns", New Road, ASCOT, Berkshire SL5 8QB.
- 1379 Mrs E. STEELE, 8 French's Avenue, DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire LU61BH.
- 1380 Mrs P.A. DAGGER, Oak House, Horsmonden, TONBRIDGE, Kent TN 12 8LP.
- 1381 Mrs M. MCKENZIE, 31 Longmeadows, East Herrington, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 3SB.
- 1382 Mr A. HALL, 10 Newcastle Road, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 3TZ.
- 1383 Mr. J.T. ORMSTON, 14 Thompson Road, Denton, MANCHESTER M34 2RS.
- 1384 Mrs J.A. FORSTER, 33 Brieryfield Road, Maudland, PRESTON, Lancashire PR18SR.
- 1385 Mrs P. ATKINSON, 6 South Prettyman Street, KNOX, INDIANA 46534, UNITED STATES.
- 1386 Mr C. PETERSON, 1908 Dixie Drive, WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN 53186, UNITED STATES.
Researching: Rickaby. Robert David b.c. 1800. His father was in British Navy, captured in war of 1812, released by sympathisers in U.S.A. Trade - shoemaker. May have worked on Erie Canal (U.S.A.). John Rickaby, his brother. No information. Thomas L. Rickaby, b. 1862, Durham. Musician poet. This family may have come from Newcastle upon Tyne area. Any information on "Rick's Abbey"?
- 1387 Mrs E. ROWSELL, 300 Twickenham Road, ISLEWORTH, Middlesex TW7 7DU.
Researching: Rennison (Co. Durham 19C.); Green; Pearson (Co. Durham 19C.); Burnip; Hindmoor

- (Co. Durham 18C.); Brunton; Richardson (Co. Durham 18C.); Simpson.
- 1388 Mrs B.A. THOMAS, 24 Cedar Park Road, ENFIELD, Middlesex EN2 OHE.
Researching: Briddick (Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, and Durham, 19C., Stanhope, 18C., Aycliffe, 17C. and Allendale, Northumberland). Extra details wanted on all these families. Also any details on coal mining life in 19C., and particularly the village of Wooley Terrace which no longer exists. Also researching Kirsop(p) of Gateshead and Houghton-le-Spring, 19C.
- 1389 Mrs L.R. FELLIS, 96 Towne House Lane, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS 78412, UNITED STATES.
Researching Redfearn. Francis Redfearn (1777-1858), his wife Ruth Milner (1779-1857) had 3 sons and 3 daughters. They emigrated in 1830 and settled in Wayne Co, Ohio, then moved to Hancock Co., Ohio where 5 of children married. The allied families of the 3 daughters include: Charles Worthington Goldsborough, Robert L. Levitt and John M. Aten. Two Redfern brothers, grandsons of Francis and Ruth Redfearn mar. two sisters, daughters of Joseph and Susanna (Greenawalt) Lash. Mrs Pells has just completed and had published the family history of the above entitled: The Francis Redfearn family.
- 1390 Mr J. SKINNER, 2 St. Brenda's Court, Clifton Park, BRISTOL BS8 3BN.
- 1391 Mr J.C. HYMERS, 36 Chambers Court, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO L6Z 1J1, CANADA.
Interested in any information appertaining to the following: Charles Brown Hymers b. 29 Dec. 1849, North Shields, married Maria Snowdon, 6 Nov. 1873 at St. John's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne. Worked as a coachmaker both in Newcastle and Sunderland. Joel Charles Hymers/Hyman or Hymen, b. 1822, probably North Shields, married Margaret Ann Redford/Radford, 3 Feb. 1847, Scotch Church, North Shields. Worked as a tailor in North Shields and Newcastle. Also looking for any photographs of Norfolk Street Boys Board School and Hudson Road Boys School, Sunderland during the period 1880 to 1900.
- 1392 Mr M. BURLEIGH, FRSA, 39 Alma Place, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE20 OLY.
- 1393 Mrs P. WILSON, 18 Devon Road, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN2 1PQ.
(☎ Swindon 25981)
- 1394 Mr A.J. WEIGHTMAN, Homelea, Burnmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EY.
(☎ Durham 852651) Researching: Horner (Stranton, Co. Durham, 1800); Johnson (Stranton, Co. Durham, 1813); Kerr (Melrose, 1750); Burn (Rainton, Co. Durham, 1800). Also Weightman.
- 1395 Mrs M. WEIGHTMAN, Homelea, Burnmoor, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne and Wear DH4 6EY.
(☎ Durham 852651) Researching: Elliott (Sunderland, 1850); Hall (Willington, 1850); Jordan (Crook, 1850) All Durham.
- 1396 Mr P.M. WILKINSON, 9 Thornley Close, Ushaw Moor, DURHAM CITY DH7 7NN.
(S Durham 730500) Interests: Gowland (Stanhope); Longstaff (Stanhope); Beadle (Middleton-in-Teasdale); Wilson, Maddison, Rumney, Dawson (St. John's Chapel). All Co. Durham 1700-1800.
- 1397 Mrs J. DAVIES, 14 Eastover Close, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL BS9 3JQ.
Interests and information sought: Watson & Kennedy of Whickham; Margaret (?) and James Watson whose son William, b.1733, married Mary Kennedy 1762; Sarah Hewi(t)son of Lamesley who married **James Watson** in 1795 at Gateshead; Gustard, esp. Henry b.c.1776, married **Ann Holt**, their son **Thomas** b.1794, Houghton-le-Spring; Marriage of Anthony Robson, b.c.1779 Houghton area, to Eleanor Davison,
- 1398 Mr F.A.C. MAUGHAN, Oakside, Brandeston, WOODBRIDGE, Suffolk IP13 7AE.
Researching: Maughan, Elliot, Richardson, Green, Leighton, (all Bywell area, Northumberland); Brown, Simpson (Tanfield Lea, Co. Durham); Collingwood (Morpeth, Whittingham, Northumberland); Lawson (Brayton, Northumberland). Blake (Ford, Northumberland); Dickson (Newcastle, Kelso, Northumberland). We regret to say that Mr Maughan has died since joining the Society. Members with a close interest in the above families who may wish to make contact with his relatives are asked to wait for a suitable interval before writing to Mrs M. F. Maughan at the above address.
- 1399 Mrs C.M. GOFFIN, 42 Park Road West, BIRKENHEAD, Merseyside L43 8SE.
(☎ 051-652-3088) Researching: Patterson (St. Andrew's), Ross (St. Nicholas'), both Newcastle. Stevenson (Hexham).
- 1400 Mr J.S.BELL, 29 Nautilus Road, ELIZABETH EAST, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5112, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: Stanley (Stanley/Standley). A minor branch of the Stanley family settled in Alnwick sometime prior to 1700. Information is sought on the relationship between these Stanleys and the main Stanley peerages (Alderley and Derby). The split could have been much earlier than 1700. Information is also sought specifically on Edward Jacob Stanley (Chamberlain of Alnwick 1701-1706), his ancestors and descendants. Information also required on family of Margaret Bowmaker (b.1746) who was descended from John Bowmaker (Milner) who married Edward Stanley 25.6.1764.
- 1401 Mr S.C. PINKNEY, 30 Burnt Oak, Cookham, MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire SL6 9RN.
Researching: Brason of Co. Durham 1920; Jackson of Stockton on Tees, Co. Durham 1880.
- 1402 Mr P.R.G. THIRKELL, 3 Skelton Court, Kingston Park, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE3 2TD.
(S Newcastle-upon-Tyne 866431) Researching: Thirkell and de Poitiers (Newcastle, Northumberland, 19-20C); Thirkell and Parkin (Witton Gilbert, Co. Durham 19C); Thirkell (Staindrop, Co. Durham); Gray (Monkwearmouth, Co. Durham 19C.).
- 1403 Mrs P.I. SHEKLE, 41 Kimberley Road, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN2 4EN.
Interests: Mason and Laverick (Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham 1800); Briggs (Sunderland, Co. Durham 1800); Stephens (Stockton, Co. Durham 1800).
- 1404 Mr W. CUMMINGS, 3 Rayleigh Drive, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE13 6AQ.
(☎ Wideopen 367752) Interest and information welcome on **McQueen, John**, b.c. 1710. **Where? Parents? Married? Died 1767 Belford.** Doull, Alexander, b. 16 December 1849. **Where? Doull, John** (father of Alexander). **Born? Married? Died? Cummings, William** b.c. 1844, South Shields? Any information on parents. Laidler, Marjery, b.c. 1847, South Shields? Marriage to William Cummings?

- 1405 Mr W.B. PATTISON, 63 Cherwell, Sulgrave, WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE37 3LD.
- 1406 Mrs E. REDFEARN, 5057 North Miner Road, GALENA, ILLINOIS 61036, UNITED STATES.
- 1407 Mr F. GREEN, 286 Mersea Road, COLCHESTER, Essex CO2 8QY.
(S Colchester 71506) Interested in Pickering, Robson and Kidd. Ralph Pickering b. 1847, d. 1902, was pharmacist in Newcastle who married Elizabeth Ann Robson, b. 1849, d. 1930. She had brothers Jake and Joss and sister Sally Robson and brothers-in-law Thomas Pickering who was an auctioneer in Blaydon, and Matthew who originated in Belsay and married a Miss Mossop of Cumbria. Elizabeth Ann was also related to John Kidd who was born at Tyne Head House, Garrigill, Cumberland in 1805 and came to Newcastle where he was a choir-master at Silver Street Primitive Methodist Chapel and later at Nelson Street Chapel until after 1861. He married and had a daughter Mrs Jane Kidd Snowdon. Help needed in connecting the above families and tracing ancestors of Pickering and Robson.
- 1408** Mr H.A. LINES, Little Harle, Back Lane, MALVERN, Worcestershire WR14 2HJ
(S Malvern 3404) Trying to prove the connection between William Aynsley, b. 1715 at Kirkwhelpington, (son of Gawen Aynsley b. 1669 of Little Harle Towers, Northumberland) who married Elizabeth Whitfield at Stannington, in 1732, William became Water Bailiff in Newcastle 1738. John Aynsley was born in Gosforth in 1738. Was John William's son? William later became Chief Justice of New Jersey in 1758 and died that year. John went to Fenton Colliery, [Staffs.as](#) manager c. 1760 and in 1775 founded the Aynsley Pottery Company, Longton, Staffs. Mr Lines is John's direct descendant through his mother's line but would like any information to connect John and William.
- 1409 Mr J.M. JQUES, 14 Macduff Road, LONDON SW 11.4DA.
(S 01-720-1770)
- 1410 Mr D. GREY, 24 Shelford Park Avenue, Great Shelford, CAMBRIDGE CB2 5LU.
(S Cambridge 842096) Researching: Appleby, Cunningham, Ford (Alnwick, Northumberland); Appleby (Morpeth, Northumberland); Woods, Armstrong, Derrick, Richardson, Scott (Newcastle, Northumberland).
- 1411 Mr B.J. MUMFORD, 52 Leander Avenue, North Lodge, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 4BH.
(S Chester-le-Street 885669)
- 1412 Mr D. LOVATT, 25 Cedarwood Croft, Great Barr, BIRMINGHAM B421HS.
- 1413 Mr M.O. COOMBS, 18 Tudor Court, Castle Way, Hanworth, FELTHAM, Middlesex TW 13 7QQ.
(S 01-890-3222)
- 1414 Mrs J.E. HONEYBALL, 102 Chestnut Drive, Marton-in-Cleveland, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 8BY.
- 1415 Mr T.W. WEDDELL, 47 Kingswood Avenue, Shortlands, BROMLEY, Kent BR2 0NR.
(S 01-460-6188)
- 1416 Mrs D. ALDERSON, 16 Ranson Street, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 7LG.
(S Sunderland 283737) Researching: Bold (North Shields, mid 19C.); Paget (Sunderland, c. 1840); Waggott (Newcastle, c. 1810); Allen/Allan (Dunbar, 1840-50).
- 1417 Mr T.G. DUSTAN, 17 Lowe Street, BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO L1C 1X4, CANADA.
Is trying to trace the background of Andrew Mather and Anna Patterson who went from Northumberland to Canada with their children in the 1820's.
- 1418 Mr P. O'SULLIVAN, 128 Hyde Road, YERONGA, QUEENSLAND 4104, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information on Brice, c. 1857, England. Also O'Sullivan, O'Hara, Shea, Nelan.
- 1419 Mrs M. O'SULLIVAN, 128 Hyde Road, YERONGA, QUEENSLAND 4104, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information on maternal grandmother, Annie Scaling, who was born and lived in Newcastle Upon Tyne. For undisclosed reasons, she was brought up by an uncle, possibly a policeman. She was first a teacher, then went to Australia as a domestic. The only official record is the shipping list. She travelled on the "Taroba" from Yorkshire, leaving London on 3 April 1889, aged 18, free and single. Her marriage certificate of 1st February 1890 gives her age as 22 which is incompatible with shipping list, and she names her father as William Scaling, policeman and mother Jane. Mrs O'Sullivan can give information on her life from her arrival in Australia.
- 1420 Mr H.C.N. SCOTT, 3 St. Ann's Court, St. Anne's Gardens, Llanrhos, LLANDUDNO, Gwynedd LL30 1SD.
- 1421 Mrs B.A. STEVENS, 12 Barrett Street, ALBERT PARK, VICTORIA 3206, AUSTRALIA.
Researching: George Jolly (glassmaker) b. 1828 Newcastle on Tyne, married Mary Ivison from Carlisle in 1851. Migrated to Australia in 1852 on the "Emigrant" which was carrying a shipment of glass to Australia from Newcastle. Nathaniel Jolly, b. 24.12.1826, Gateshead. Nathaniel Jolly (Glasscutter) b. 15.2.1803 Gateshead. Nathaniel Jolly, (glasscutter) b. 27.6.1773 Ryton, married Dinah Jenkins from Wiltshire on 7.9.1793. John Jolly married Eleanor Steel on 7.9.1761.
- 1422 Ms E.A. DUTTON, 447 Nimitz Avenue, STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA 16801, UNITED STATES.
Researching: Gladston(e) (Newcastle, Northumberland, Gateshead, Co. Durham); Robinson (Gateshead, Co. Durham).
- 1423 Mr R. WALKER, 17 Coachlight Court, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62703, UNITED STATES.
Mr Walker would like to communicate with descendants of John Walker of Hetton-le-Hole; or anyone who would make local enquiries; John had three sons(known), John Alexander, b. 1881; Lancelot b. 1889 and William. Father John was a saddle-maker who died before 1904. His wife was Elizabeth Hall, b. 1852 in Northumberland, and who, with her two sons, John Alexander and Lancelot went to Springfield, Illinois in

November 1904. William, also a saddle-maker, stayed in England. Their last known address in England was Easington Lane, Hetton-le-Hole.

- 1424 Mrs M DENHAM, 217 Redcar Lane, REDCAR, Cleveland TS10 2JW.
(☎ Redcar 482745) Trying to trace the baptism of her great grandmother, Elizabeth Armstrong, said to have been born 3 Jan. 1833 at Butterwick/Fshburn/Shadforth, a daughter of Philip Armstrong. The Sedgefield Registers show baptisms of several children of Philip and Barbara Armstrong 1823-34 but no Elizabeth. She married Thomas Barron at Murton in Cleveland in 1855 as Elizabeth, but later information suggests she may have been known as Barbara. 1851 Census shows a Philip Armstrong and family, cordwainer and grocer in Fshburn Village, This Philip would be Elizabeth/Barbara's brother. I have more details if anyone can help confirm that Elizabeth and Barbara are the same person. Any descendants of Philip of Fshburn Village, children named Elizabeth, Robert and Barbara born 1846-50?
- 1425 Mr A. SANDLES, 5 Winton Park, Hairmyres, East Kirkbride, GLASGOW G75 8QW.
(☎ East Kilbride 26262) Researching: Hewson (Newcastle, 1842); Dodds (Benwell, 1863); Westgarth (Sheriff Hill, 1870). All Northumberland.
- 1426 Miss M. MITCHELL, 10 St. Bede's Terrace, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR2 8HS.
- 1427 Dr. D. LIDGATE, 5 Merlin Close, Offerton, STOCKPORT, Cheshire SK2 5UH.
- 1428 Miss M. COATES, 3 Briar Glen, Murton, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 9SQ.
- 1429 Mr. H. TODD, 11 Torquay Avenue, BURNLEY, Lancashire BB 10 2NW.
 Researching Todd and Bickerton in the Alnwick area, Northumberland, particularly in Rennington and Embleton parishes. Also Curry family who were resident at Rugley and Bolton, Northumberland 18 and 19C.
- 1430 Mrs L. LINTERN, 50 Oakwood Avenue, PURLEY, Surrey CR2 1AQ.
 Researching: Welsh and Parry in Northumberland and Durham, 19C.
- 1431 Mr. A. STAIG, 140 Phyllis Avenue, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO M1Y 3, CANADA.
 Interested in the. name Staig any areas and periods.
- 1432 Miss M.C. BRAIDFORD, 3 Holly Terrace, South Moor, STANLEY, County Durham DH9 7AA.
 Seeking birthplace of William Braidford, born in Scotland, April 1842. His father William Braidford was a flaxdresser and his mother was possibly Ellen Templeman. It is believed the parents died leaving the infant William, who was taken to Luton by relatives. At the time of the 1851 Census he was living at Windsor Street, Luton, Bedfordshire with an uncle named James Robinson. Later he was bound apprentice to coal mining under a firm called Messrs. Robinson in South Staffordshire. Any information prior to 1860 would be welcome on: -Braidford and Templeman in Luton, Beds. and in the linen towns and villages of Scotland. Also Braidford and Garbett in South Staffordshire.
- 1433 Mr W. DONKIN, 122 Vine Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 4RG.
(☎ South Shields 552297) Mr Donkin's father was born on 27 February 1869 in Durham City, the sixth of seven children. He was accidentally killed in 1915 at Palmers Shipyard, Jarrow. He was the son of William Donkin and Anne Jane Clementson who were married at St. John's, Newcastle 21 August 1858. William died on 2 May 1892 and Anne Jane died 25 October 1908. William had been a prominent tobacconist in Durham Market Square and his father was also William Donkin. Anne Jane's father was George Clementson, wine and spirit merchant. Any further information, especially on Clementson line would be welcome.
- 1434 Miss S.D. TAYLOR, The Pharmacy, High Street, Bishops Waltham, SOUTHAMPTON S031AB.
 Is interested in the Aiston/Iveston/Oyston/Auston (varied spellings of Aiston) family who came from Blaydon. William Aiston (Iveston) married Sarah Spoor in 1779 and all the Blaydon Aiston's seem to descend from these two. Other interests: Magdalene Gordon (Newcastle b.c.1860); Thompson (Blaydon, 1860's) Margaret Gray (b.c. 1795).
- 1435 Mr D.E. BREWIS, 1 Old Rectory Close, Walton on the Hill, TADWORTH, Surrey KT20 7RX.
(☎ Tadworth 3123) Mr Brewis' chief interest besides Brewis is Errington (his middle name) and the personal history of his great great grandfather Thomas Errington of Sewing Shields on the Roman Wall near Hexham.
- 1436 Mrs I.A. GRANT, 17 Melrose Avenue, Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8BA.
(☎ Whitley Bay 529917)
- 1437 Mr D. BATE, 26 Woodside Terrace, East Herrington, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 3SG.
(☎ Sunderland 282062)
- 1438 Mrs M. BATE, 26 Woodside Terrace, East Herrington, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR3 3SG.
(☎ Sunderland 282062)
- 1439 Mr K. CARR, 9 Springhill Walk, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612JT.
(☎ Morpeth 55789)
- 1440 Mrs F.M. CARR, 9 Springhill Walk, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612JT.
(☎ Morpeth 55789) Seeking information on John Forster, b. 1820/1 at Kentstone N. Northumberland, who married Isabella Chambers, b. 1825/6 at Haggerston. Were living in Newcastle in 1851 when first son, John, born. John Forster had two brothers - one a pattern maker - also living in Newcastle. A sister of either John or Isabella married a Mr Powell of Gateshead (probably a grocer). John and Isabella moved to Stamfordham in 1852 where they had two more sons, Adam and James. Also interested in tracing William Forster, grandson of Adam, believed to be living in S. E. Northumberland.
- 1441 Mr R.M. HALL, 23 Parkland Grove, ASHFORD, Middlesex TW 15 2JB.
- 1442 Mrs C.E. PEARS, 38 Beacon Street, Low Fell, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE9 5XN.
- 1443 Mrs G.E. EASTON, 64 Marine Terrace, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 2LR.

- 1444 Mrs G.M. FOSTER, 2 The Corner House, Shincliffe, DURHAM CITY DH1 2NH.
- 1445 Mrs M MILLER, 209 Harrogate Road, LEEDS, West Yorkshire LS7 3PT.
(☎ Leeds 694959)
Researching: Dodshon and Gibson of Shildon, Co. Durham, 19C.
- 1446 Mrs H.A. BAILEY, Braybrooks, Sudborough Road, Brigstock, KETTERING, Northamptonshire NN14 3HP.
(☎ Brigstock 339)
- 1447 Mr G. PRINCE, 51 Glenleigh Drive, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 9HA.
(☎ Sunderland 287307) Looking for date and parish of birth of Thomas Prince, married 8 April 1885, aged 23, living at 30 Wear Street, Sunderland.
- 1448 Mrs E. PRINCE, 51 Glenleigh Drive, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 9HA.
(☎ Sunderland 287307)
- 1449 Mr W. SHERLAW, 5 Olive Grove, Burton Joyce, NOTTINGHAM NG14 5FG.
Seeking information on George Sanderson, residing in Hepple, Northumberland in 1824, according to indentures of son, John (b.1809/10). Also Jewett family related to Margaret b. 9.4.1850, married J. Wear, Hexham.
- 1450 Mrs G.R. ARKLEY, 15 Abbey Drive, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 4JU.
- 1451 Mr J.A. AMOR, 17 Springhill Walk, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612JT.
(S Morpeth 512271) Researching Amor/Amour, Ryton, Winlaton, North Shields; Kennedy, South Shields; Angus, Morpeth; Burrell, Ryton.
- 1457 Mrs M. AMOK, 17 Springhill Walk, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612JT.
(☎ Morpeth 512271) Researching Deacon, Durham; Marshall, Fatfield; Stoker, Heworth.
- 1453 Mr W. CRAWFORD, Ravensmead, Northside, Kilham, DRIFFIELD, North Humberside Y025 ORU.
(☎ Kilham 694)
- 1454 Mr. D.K. CUNNINGHAM, 42 Wold Road, Pocklington, YORK Y04 2QG.
Seeking information on the date, parish and address of the marriage of Richard Cunningham, potter of Ballast Hills, Newcastle to Isabella Liddle, b. c. 1843 Newcastle. Their children were Richard b. c. 1862; James b. 6 January 1864; George b.c. 1866; Mary Ann b.c. 1868 and Isabella b.c. 1870, q11 born in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Known addresses of the family were: April 1871 18 Albion Row, Newcastle (All Saints' Parish) and January 1864 Javel Groupe Close, Newcastle (St. Nicholas' Parish). Any information on children and descendants (except James) would be welcomed.
- 1455 Mrs G. TAYLOR, 22 De Montfort Road, KENILWORTH, Warwickshire CV8 1DE.
- 1456 Mrs M.A.A. SIBLEY, 100 Queens Walk, RUISLIP, Middlesex HA4 ONS.
(☎ 01-845-2601) Seeking birth, marriage and death of Thomas Main, Quarryman, living in Spittal, 1847 when his son, James Main, married. James' d.o.b. unknown but Tweedmouth shown on 1871 Census. He married Ann Knox on 21.11.1847 at Tweedmouth and died 22.5.1904, Tweedmouth. He was a Labourer/Platelayer. His son, Alexander Main, b. 9.9.1853 in Spittal, married Margaret Fleming Elliot (widow) on 11.6.1881 in Berwick and died 10.3.1909 at Ancroft. He was a Railway Porter/Coalminer/Deputy Overman. His son, James Alexander Main was born 19.9.1883, Tweedmouth, Mar. 31.12.1910 to Mary Ann Amelia White Bailey at South Shields. He died 11.2.1970 at Morpeth. He was a Gents Hairdresser and Coalminer.
- 1457 Mrs I EVANS, Greenholme, Spurlands End Road, Great Kingshill, HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire HP15 6HX.
(S High Wycombe 713474) Mrs Evans is trying to establish the connection (family legend) between Grace Watson and Grace Darling. Grace Watson was married to William Manson, and in December 1846 gave birth to Mrs Evans' grandfather, Robert Manson at Leith, Edinburgh. This is all the information that Mrs Evans has.
- 1458 Mrs A. HUDSPETH, 74 Kaoota Road, LINDISFARNE, TASMANIA 7015, AUSTRALIA.
Is seeking the marriage of John Hudspeth to Elizabeth Welch(?). John is stated as coming from Durham. Mrs Hudspeth would also like to hear from others interested in the surname "Hudspeth".

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0028 Mr. P.R.U. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS14 8LG.
Details Sought: Dixon, Ralph (1785, Branxton - 1860, Spittal, Tweedmouth, "mariner", "naval pensioner", "fisherman"). Career and marriage to Ann Elliot, pre-1811 sought (not in Boyd). Noble, Henry, 1836 Fersfield, Norfolk - 1917, Aycliffe. Employee of Ord and Maddison's, Quarriers 1861-1917 at Crawleyside, Hulands, near Bowes and Aycliffe, where Manager. Photos and career details sought. Brown, Annie, of Weardale. Details/photos of her private day school at Waterhouses in the 1890's sought. Smith, John George (1891-1943 of Spennymoor); employee at Tyler's shoe shop; chock drawer at Whitworth and West Cornforth Pits; "businessman with horse and van"; successful athlete, managed by Jack Egglestone; Captain and left-winger of Spennymoor Wednesdays. Old photos sought.
- 0169 Miss J.V. LISLE, 15 Edwin Avenue South, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 9AX.
Interested in any reference to a R.C. family, Abdon. Anthony Abdon, b. 1816 Liege, was a zinc smelter and travelled a great deal. Seeking marriage to Elizabeth Farrell, b. 1826 Whitechapel, Middlesex before 1845 when 1st child, Henry, was born in Holywell, N. Wales. Would appreciate any information also on Bones family of Back Horton Street, Bradford in 1848. Thomas Bones married Margaret Flynn; children include James, b. 1835; Margaret 1837; William 1839 and Michael Bones, b. 1848 who was known for 45 years in Newcastle as Thomas Taylor. Seeking his marriage to Roseanna Abdon c. 1886. Two of Michael/Thomas'

- brothers were said to have emigrated to Queensland, Australia where they were sheep-farming and one went from there to Ohio, U.S.A.
- 0396 Mr A.W. CARR**, 5 Boultons Lane, Hunt End, REDDITCH, Worcestershire B97 5NY.
Trying to trace the marriage of Andrew Carr/Kerr to Martha Dryden c. 1826. Census returns give Andrew's birthplace as Berwick Bounds and Martha is recorded as "a native of Bucton". She died in 1838 aged 39 at High Hedgely. They were possibly Presbyterians as their 2nd, 3rd and 4th sons were all recorded in Presbyterian Church Baptism records. Any information on their respective births c. 1790 and c.1799, and the births of their 1st son Andrew(?) c.1827 and 5th son, John c. 1836 (he was 5 in 1841). Andrew's second marriage to Catherine Grieve, "native of Scotland" in 1839/40 is also sought.
- 0485 Mrs A.M. BUXTON**, Gemini Cottage, Little Lane, Greetham, OAKHAM, Rutland LE15 7NQ.
Seeking information on Esther Winship, shown in the 1871 Census as having been born at Barlow c. 1807. She married John Armstrong at St. John's, Newcastle on 7.6.1829. Could anyone check the Ryton register for reciprocal research in Leicester P.R.O., or to a more limited extent, at Northampton.
- 0517 Mr J.F.H. DAGGER**, Oak House, Horsmonden, TONBRIDGE, Kent TN12 8LP.
Isabella Collingwood, b.c. 1742 married Henry Thompson, waterman of St. George's East, at St. Paul's, Shadwell (both London) 10 December 1763. The family bible shows: Isabella died 17 October 1784 aged 42; Mother Margaret died 1771; Brother Robert (c. 1744-1784). I.G.I. and London Parish Records for Isabella's parentage inconclusive. Were the Collingwoods of Northumbrian extraction? Seeking the parentage, marriage and burial of George Cresswell/Craswell; "Of Dean Houses", Gosforth at son John's bap. 6 July 1797 (birthdate, P.R.'s and family bible). Was George son of Thomas and Sarah Bap. 7 Nov. 1774 at St. Hilda's, South Shields? Family letter states that George had brothers, James and John.
- 0564 Mrs P.M. GROSSET**, Copper Lodge, Gelston, GRANTHAM, Lincs NG32 2AE.
Looking for the birth of William Sanderson, a builder who died in Newcastle in 1866. Possibly born in Scotland. Dickinson's from Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees. Morpeths, 18C. from Allendale and possibly Hexham. Also the Sanderson and Waite families who had a double marriage, (not at the same time, but two from each family) in 1860's.
- 0715 Mr E.K. GREEN**, Selworthy, 8 Shiphay Avenue, TORQUAY, Devon TQ2 7EA.
Requires help with: (a) information on births, deaths and marriages of John Joseph Jefferson, joiner of Sunderland (wife?); the parents of Robert William Jefferson b. 1888 who married 17 July 1905, St. George's Church, Sunderland to Jane Ann Cowe of 27 Robinson Terrace, b. 1884. (b) similar info. sought on Jane Ann's father, William Cowe, fisherman. Also births, deaths and marriages of John William Robinson, publican of Royal Oak Hotel, Sunderland, and his wife Katherine Ann. Their daughter was Jane Taylor Robinson b. 11 December 1886 at Easington, who mar. Frederick Payne, engine driver at Seaham Harbour on 24 December 1905. Mr Green is prepared to give reciprocal help in his home area.
- 0753 Mr J.K. NESBIT**, 6 Grasmere Avenue, SUTTON COLDFIELD, West Midlands B74 3DG.
Is interested in corresponding with anyone who has found coupled with the surname Hardy any of the following, usually second, names recorded since 1830: Conyers, Hunter, Blakestone or Blakiston, Taylor, Robson, Bellerby and Benson.
- 0822 Mr C. CLINT**, 19 Byron Road, Locking Village, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Avon BS24 8AG.
Mr Clint was baptised at St. Mary's (R.C.), Stockton, born 3.3.1921 at Robson Maternity Home, Stockton-on-Tees. His mother was Lucy Osbaldeston (nee Oliver) and father Albert Clint, possibly 2nd Officer, Steamship. Any information would be very gratefully received on the above, or from any relatives. Lucy Osbaldeston lived at 58 Hume Street, Stockton.
- 0965 Mrs D.L. GRUNDY**, 303-11th Avenue South West, AUSTIN, MINNESOTA 55912, U.S.A.
Seeking information on place and date of birth and parents of John Smith. 1861 Census birthplace shows Sunderland, Durham; 1871 Census shows Durham, Durham. He married in 1860 at Eston, Nr. Middlesbrough, Yorks. to Jane Elizabeth Steele. His father was shown as George Smith, cutter. John had a music store in Middlesbrough at his marriage. He died as result of a mining accident in January 1884, aged 45½, in Eston, Yorks. He had a sister, Jane, who mar. a William Robson, 10 June 1850 at Gateshead, but they don't appear in 1851 Gateshead Census. Any postage will be reimbursed.
- 1089 Mrs S. FOSTER**, 24 Maning Avenue, Sandy Bay, HOBART, TASMANIA 7005, AUSTRALIA.
Information sought about Mary Collingwood born at Trimdon, 1792. She mar. John Pickering on 6 January 1817 and died at Hart 10 November 1818. Also Jane Sharp who was born 19 May 1782 at Hartlepool. She was the daughter of Cuthbert and Eleanor Sharp. She married William Calvert on 29 December 1805 and lived in High Street, Sunderland.
- 1132 Miss D. NICHOLSON**, 7b Windmill Road, LEAMINGTON SPA, Warwickshire CV31 3ES.
Can anyone help with the baptism of Hannah Digney(?) b.1831 at Tynemouth. Her father was William Digney, son of Peter Digney. She married George Nicholson in 1884. They had a son, Peter.
- 1153 Ms K.N. STOKES**, 673 Kilkenny Drive, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA B3T 3E2, CANADA.
Seeking the surname of Hannah, b.1796, Hamsterley, Durham. Married Michael Athey. Child Robert Athey was bap. 8 December 1816, Medomsley. Would also appreciate marriage date of Hannah and Michael. Also looking for death and marriage dates of Richard John Winn, b. January 1789, South Shields. Married Elizabeth Butler (when?). Oldest child bap. 1811. He was a shipwright and died before 1837.
- 1190 Miss S. LEWIS**, 26 St. Margaret Avenue, Deepcar, SHEFFIELD S30 5TE.
Francis Lewis died in the Union Workhouse, Stockton-on-Tees, on 7 December 1881. His wife Isabella (nee Bird) remarried on 22 April 1882 to a widower named Caleb Burgess. Caleb and Isabella lived in Mount Pleasant, Low Spennymoor. He was a moulder aged 51. She was 42. Caleb had two sons, Caleb and Fred from his first marriage to Mary. Both Mary and Caleb came from the Midlands (Dudley area). Isabella had at least four children from her marriage to Francis Lewis, Mary (known as Polly), Rachael, William Francis and Margaret. Can anyone supply any information on any of the above?

- 1327 Mr W.D.M. MITCHELL, 507 Riverdale Avenue, CORNWALL, ONTARIO K6J 2K5, CANADA.
Would anyone look through item 1-649 in the Society's Library (1851 Census re. Lambs), or give addresses where the Register of Ships (before 1900) is held? Researching the following: Mitchell - William, b. **Alnmouth, bap. Lesbury 17 June 1781, married at Gosforth 26 December 1809 to Margaret, bap. 24 August 1783** of Longhoughton, daughter of Robert Gibb and Anne Dawson. Their issue: William bap. 7 December 1810; Mary bap. 10 January 1813 (both Lesbury). Mary may have mar. James Heatley. George and Joseph, b. Alnmouth, bap. Lesbury 14 February 1819. George [mar. at](#) Earsdon 7 Sept. 1838 to (i) Eleanor b.c.1819, daughter of John Dobson and Anne White. Their issue - Margaret b.c.1839; Mary b.c. 1841; Eleanor **b.c.1843, Isabella b.c.1845 and Elizabeth b.c. 1848 (one married Edward McKenaie of Blyth). Eleanor died** Cowpen Quay 3 January 1849 of Asiatic Cholera. George [mar. at](#) Newcastle 18 August 1850 to (ii) Mary **b.c.1815, Eleanor's sister. Their issue - William b. Cowpen Quay 7 August 1851 and John b. Blyth c. 1854.** Seeking info. on George's siblings, William, Mary and Joseph; George's daughters and son John. John listed in 1881 Census at 10 Bowes Street, Cowpen [mar. to](#) Dorothy with children Helena and Ge--t Dobson, the latter a son born Limehouse, Middlesex c.1880. Also Lamb - Mary Elizabeth, second wife of Capt. William Mitchell and reputed to be related having descended from a daughter of Anne (Dawson) Gibb by her second husband, William Richardson. Mary Elizabeth's marriage and death between 1899 and 1917 believed buried at Sunderland. All information needed.

OFFERS OF HELP

- 0574' Mrs A. STRANGE, 20 Briar Walk, Oadby, LEICESTER LE2 5UF.
Mrs Strange offers research in Leicester in exchange for research in Newcastle or County Durham.
- 1115 Mr J. MORLEY, 1 Hillbrow Close, Wood Street, GUILDFORD, Surrey GU3 3DF.
Mrs Morley would be prepared to research in the Guildford area for any members with Surrey connections.
- 1176 Mrs C. JENKESON, 43 Parkdale, Danbury, CHELMSFORD, Essex CM3 4EH.
Mrs Jenkeson would welcome searches made on her behalf in Newcastle and/or Durham Record Office in return for searches in the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford. Her ancestors originate (according to present stage of investigation) in Hazlerigg, Northumberland and Darlington, Middleton-St-George, Shildon, Coundon Grange and Helmington Row, Co. Durham.
- 1397 Mrs J. DAVIES, 14 Eastover Close, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL BS9 3JQ.
Mrs Davies is willing to do research for members in Bristol or Taunton in Exchange for research in Durham Record Office.

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- 0127 Canon L. RULE WILSON, 12 Townsend Close, St Briavels, LYDNEY, Gloucestershire GL15 6TJ.
- 0194 Mrs D.M. EADES, Flat B, 24 Weld Street, CAMBRIDGE, NEW ZEALAND.
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- 1111 Mrs C. LAVILL, Felton Hall, 9 Mervyn Place, Plimmerton, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.
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- 1158 Cdr R. PORTEOUS, RN, Barbados Coastguard, HQ Barbados Defence Force, St Anne's Fort, ST MICHAEL, BARBADOS.
- 1233 Mr W.F. HUGHES, 32 Commercial Road, HYDE PARK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5061, AUSTRALIA.
- 1264 Mrs E. MACAULAY, 22 Balmoral Road, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL13PE.
- 1267 Mr J.E. WALLACE, 72 Deerswood Court, Ifield, CRAWLEY, West Sussex RH11 0HE.
- 1287 Mrs E.E. BLACKIE, Lot 29, Natilie Road, LOGAN VILLAGE, QUEENSLAND 4206, AUSTRALIA.
We are sorry to report the deaths of Members 0743 Mr A. P. Patterson and 1398 Mr F.A.C. Maughan, and we extend our sympathy to their families.