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EDITORIAL

I am very pleased at the response to my request for articles for the Journal. However, there never seems to be enough in hand and I would be grateful if more members could send in contributions. The articles do not need to be typed, so even if it is only a `snippet' from an old newspaper or a `gem' in a parish register send it to us and we will do the rest.

Sadly, resignations have been recently received from Doug Smith our Librarian, and Irene Cooper, Programme Organiser. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank them for carrying out their responsibilities so admirably.

We are pleased to welcome Elizabeth Lyall and Doreen Tait to the Committee and their addresses can be found on the contents page.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

NDFHS One-Day Conference, 13 May 1984

1984 promises to be an exciting year for the Society. The first ever ND FHS Conference is being organised and will take place on Sunday, 13 May 1984, at the Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. The Conference will, we are sure, appeal to family historians at all levels of experience and will hopefully bring together all of our members in the North-East for the first time. We are priviledged to have two well-known speakers to talk to us on the day - Margot Johnson, historian and author of "Durham - Historic and University City", who will speak on "Notable Durham Families" and Mrs M Gardner who will give a talk on Heraldry.

Other features of the Conference will be an opportunity to see and use the Society's Microfiche, a display of the contents of our Library and a bookstall selling back numbers of this Journal and a variety of family history publications. We also plan to display examples of the work carried out by the local groups and by our individual members. The day will be rounded off by our ninth Annual General Meeting.

Lumley Castle Hotel, set in a 13th century castle, is a most appropriate venue for our Conference, and there will be something to interest everyone. We have arranged very favourable terms with the hotel and we hope that all our local members will come along. The cost will be only £7.50 per head, which includes buffet Lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments. Just fill in the form enclosed with this Journal and return it with your remittance as quickly as possible, but in any event not later than 30 April 1984.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Probate Records

Following the item in the 'News in Brief' section of the last issue of the Journal, Tyne and Wear County Archivist Mr. W.A.L. Seaman has explained why the indexes of Grants of Probate and Letters of Administration for the period 1857-1928 were not accepted by his department when offered by the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Probate Registry. It appears that the County Archivists of Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear each declined the offer to deposit the indexes on the grounds that they would occupy a very large amount of valuable storage space and were essentially non-archival in character, containing information which was very largely non-local.

Mr Seaman points out that registered copies of Wills for areas North of the Tyne for the period 1858-1941 are available at Northumberland Record Office; those for areas South of the river for the same period are held by the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic at the University of Durham

Committee Changes

The Committee has recently co-opted Mrs. Elizabeth Lyall of Cramlington, who has kindly agreed to take over the post of Programme Organiser from Irene Cooper, who wished to resign in view of her increased commitments outside of the Society. Elizabeth has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Society for some time, and we wish her well in her new office.

We also extend our good wishes to Mrs Doreen Tait of Low Fell, who was elected to the Committee some time ago as `Minister without Portfolio', and who has now succeeded Doug Smith as Librarian.

Members are asked to carefully check the addresses and areas of resonsibilty of these and other officers before writing to the Society; full details are given on the contents page of each Journal.

The Society's Library

The following publications have been added to our Library in recent weeks; please note the change of Librarian as reported above when requesting books.

1-015	Pelling, G: Beginning your Family History. 1980.	1-076	walcot & Gibson: Marriage Indexes and how to use them. 1983.
1-075	Fenwick, E: Deaths and Marriages in Burnopfield and District, 1904-1928.	1-077	Furness, M: Marriages of Northumberland and Durham Strays, Volume 1. 1983.

THE AUTUMN MEETINGS

OCTOBER

The meeting was held on 12 October, 1983 in a comfortable room in the Royal Hotel, Hexham. For the first recent meeting to be held outside of the Newcastle area, it was well supported with about twenty members managing the journey to Hexham. It was very pleasant meeting some of our members who could not normally make the trip to Newcastle owing to distance and a warm welcome was extended to them.

The evening combined a social get-together with a visit to Don Mason's office in nearby Market Square, Hexham, where the new Microfiche is based.

The members divided into two groups to enable everyone to see and hear clearly as Don explained how the Computer File Index operates, and demonstrated the workings of the `reader'. Everyone took a keen interest in this new acquisition of the Society which we hope will considerably benefit our members both at home and away. Don reminded members of the need to consult all the various spellings of the name to be researched, and pointed out that there are some omissions from the Index. If used as a guide to original records, it should however prove a valuable asset.

Many thanks to Don for the use of his office, and his guidance in using the C. F. I.

NOVEMBER

Our November meeting got off to a very good start with the room almost filled to capacity to hear the talk given by Mr. N.A. Punshon, a local solicitor, on `Legal Records and the Family Historian'. Mr. Punshon covered a wide range of sources, including Probate records, Wills, Letters of Administration and Land Registration, describing the nature and location of each class of records. He suggested that the most informative document for the family historian was the family Will, as Letters of Administration and Probate records give limited insight to family relationships. At the end of his talk Mr. Punshon very kindly offered to answer questions and patiently dealt with a number of queries relating not only to family history but also to current Land Registration and other problems on which members sought free legal advice!

DECEMBER

The Christmas Social Evening, held at the University Employees' Club on 12 December 1983, was a great success. A good number of members supported the function and were not disappointed. Lively entertainment was provided by Johnny Handle of `High Level Ranters' fame who regaled us with a wide selection of Northumbrian songs and recitations, including *`The Bellingham Show'* and *`The Black-Leg Miners'*.

SOUTH TYNESIDE LOCAL GROUP

The South Tyneside Local Group continues to flourish. Several meetings have been held and all have been well attended. At the meeting on 7 December 1983, many topics were discussed and a very special vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Tait who have managed to record 1,500 entries in the Holy Trinity Chufrch marriage indexes in only three afternoons. This is quite an achievement and consequently the marriage index is nearing completion. The Group can now announce with satisfaction that they have successfully completed the indexation of marriages in the area of South Shields up to 1920!

Among the topics discussed was the possibility of having speakers at the group meetings to talk about subjects of local interest; the possibility of organising group transport to the Newcastle meetings was also considered as many members are hesitant about travelling to Newcastle on their own and having to make the journey home late in the evening. One item of news announced at the meeting was that the Central Library, South Shields, is in the process of obtaining on microfilm the Harton Cemetery records; more information will be published about these records in the next Journal.

The meeting concluded with the decision to hold a Dinner for the Group at the Marsden Grotto Hotel, South Shields on 4 January, 1984; subsequent meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Anyone who would like further information about the Group or has any ideas or suggestions of their own is invited to get in touch with Bill Butterley at 51, Ashley Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 OPD, *& South Shields 550430.

CENTRAL DURHAM LOCAL GROUP

In October, Alan Readdie - a founder member of the Society - gave the Group the benefit of his valuable experience when he chaired a question and answer session. Bill Rounce, our current Chairman, also visited the Group in November and assisted members with their research problems.

The Group is proving very popular and this is not suprising when you consider how much more you can learn from other people than by just reading a book on the subject. Why not take your husband/wife along too - they don't need to be members to attend Group meetings.

Mr. Maurice Handcock has kindly agreed to become the Durham Group Chairman, and at the November meeting gave an amusing account of a recent visit to the Public Record Office at Kew. Mr. Authur Marley brought along a rare book called `A Family History of the James family of West Auckland' which contained many related pedigrees. He has recently contributed an indexed list if pedigrees in his possession to the Society. Descended from the Marleys of Gibside, he can trace his own ancestry back to 1066!

We look forward to meeting many more of our Durham members in 1984 and anyone who would like to know more about the Group should write to the Chairman, Maurice Handcock, 4 John Terrace, Coronation, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham. DL14 8SN.

AN AUSTRALIAN STRAY

From Member 0658, Mr P T Reed, of 17 Florey Street, Wulguru, TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND 4811, AUSTRALIA:

In loving memory of John, the beloved son of Joseph and Emily THOMPSON, born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, 12 March 1877, died at Brisbane 25 March 1900.

(MI at Townsville, Queensland)

Mr Reed also observes that the community of Townsville took its name from Captain Robert Towns, a noted trader of his day, who was born about *1796* at Kirkharle, Northumberland. He died at Sydney and was buried at Camperdown Cemetery there, but his obelisk headstone was brought to Townsville and is now a public monument.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 15 February 1984

7.15 p.m., University Employees' Club, 33135 Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

Talk: "Across the Cumberland Border". Speaker: Mrs A Rossiter.

Monday, 20 February 1984

Salutation Irm, Framweilgat Moor, Durham.

Central Durham Local Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 7 March 1984

8.00 p.m., White Ensign Inn, King George Road, South Shields.

South Tyneside Local Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 14 March 1984

7.15 p.m., Newcastle Central Library, Princess Square, Newcastle.

Talk: "Material for the Researcher in Newcastle Central Library". Speaker: Mr Douglas Bond, Assistant Archivist. Members should assemble in the foyer of the Library at 7.15 p.m.

Monday, 19 March 1984

7.30 p.m., Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, Durham.

Central Durham Local Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 4 April 1984

8. 00 p. m., White Ensign Inn, King George Road, South Shields.

South Tyneside Local Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 11 April 1984

7.15 p.m., University Employees' Club, 33/35 Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

Talk: "Tracing a Soldier in your Family". Speaker: Mr S Shannon of the Durham Light Infantry Museum.

Monday, 16 April 1984

7.30 p.m., Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, Durham.

Central Durham Local Group Meeting.

Wednesday, 2 May 1984

8. 00 p.m., White Ensign Inn, King George Road, South Shields.

South Tyneside Local Group Meeting.

Sunday, 13 May 1984

10.00 a.m., Lumley Castle Hotel, Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street.

Ninth Annual General Meeting and Conference.

Monday, 21 May 1984

7.30 p.m., Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, Durham.

Central Durham Local Group Meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Port of Cooktown

Mrs. Mary McKinna, of Box 336, COOKTOWN, QUEENSLAND 4871, AUSTRALIA, writes:

"As a matter of interest, it is not generally realised by people tracing family history that many immigrants to Australia in the last century landed here in Cooktown. During the days of the Palmer River Gold Rush, Cooktown became a big port for overseas ships. Eventually, when the `Rush' was over and gold was found in other parts of Australia, the exodus began, until some towns around here disappeared altogether and the population of Cooktown dwindled to a few hundred people. I work on the reception desk of the James Cook Historical Museum for two days a week - my son and his wife

are the Curators - and many of the visitors are people seeking traces of ancestors. I hadn't realised how wrong I was about Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide being the likely entry ports for migrants until an excited visitor told me that she had just discovered her great, great, grandfather had landed at Cooktown and then travelled South to settle. This clue may well help someone else."

*Editor's Note: Another member, Mr. M.S. Forster, 4705 SW Brace Point Drive, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98136, UNITED STATES, brought to my attention the 'disappearance' of a similar mining settlement in Seattle called 'Newcastle', though it was coal and not gold that was mined there. I wonder just how many pioneer towns did disappear altogether at the end of the Industrial Revolution? Perhaps other members could throw some light on similar 'lost towns' of the nineteenth century.

The Scott Family Album

Mr. Bob Scott, of Regency House, 7 Overy Street, DARTFORD, Kent writes:

"I recently bought from an antique shop a Victorian photograph album which had been discovered in an attic in the Rothbury area of Northumberland. Inside the front of the album are the words "Family album of The Scotts of Jarrow on Tyne". Although I do not think the family is mine, 1 could not let all that family history be dispersed. Inside there are 51 photographs, all named, and circa 1887 - 1889. The surnames mentioned are listed as follows:

SCOTT Ralph	MARSHALL	HOW
SCOTT John George	BRAMLEY	JONES (Sea Captain)
SCOTT William (Winnipeg,	BELL	BREWIŚ
Canada)	HAND	ALDER
SCOTT Mrs. John George	WRIGHT	MORRIS
1862 - 1944	RYDER	WELCH (Cardiff. South Wales)
SCOTT John Willie (Felling,	HARRIS	KAY
Gateshead) whose father had	BOND (Cardiff, South Wales)	NICHOLS
'Oddfellows Arms'	SIMPSON	SHELL
SCOTT J.W.		
BRAMLY		
SPEARS		
MACONALLY		

I hope that these names will help someone else working on a Scott family tree, as I think you will agree this is quite a find."

The Newhams of South Shields

Mr. J. C. Atkinson, of Seahaven, Cauldwell Close, Monkseaton, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8LP writes:

"I was very interested to read the article entitled "Mount Royal: An Australian Source" in the October issue of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Journal, in particular the reference to Alexander Newham, who died during August 1881, aged 62, origin South Shields.

I have been researching the Newhams of South Shields (my paternal grandmother's family) for some years, and the following information extracted from my files may be of interest to other members:-

ST. HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS - BAPTISMS:

22 December, 1820 ALEXANDER son of JAMES and ANN NEWHAM, South Shields, Shipwright.

20 November, 1822 ELIZABETH daughter of JAMES and ANN NEWHAM, South Shields.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF SOUTH SHIELDS:

21 August, 1856 JAMES NEWHAM, Shipwright, died at Mile End Road, Aged 73. Informant

Robert Newham.

24 January, 1860 ANN widow of JAMES NEWHAM, Master Mariner (?), died at Mile End Road,

aged 76. Informant Sarah Downey."

CORNISH MINERS IN DURHAM

June Watson

As a follow-up to the very interesting talk given by Mr Alan Robinson on `Cornish Miners in Northumberland' at our June 1983 meeting, I was curious to discover where miners from Cornwall had settled in the County of Durham. For those members who were unable to come to the talk I must explain that miners in Cornwall, who had little opportunity of work owing to the running down of the lead mining industry in the area, were encouraged to move North by colliery owners who were facing prolonged strikes by the local workforce.

From the sources at my disposal locally there appeared to be little evidence to suggest in which part of the county the Cornish miners had settled, apart from extracting details from Census returns of course. Fortunately, just as I was about to 'put the topic on the shelf' I came across a small book which had previously belonged to the owners of Wingate Grange Colliery, County Durham, and which was now in the possession of Durham Record Office. This book contains a complete listing of all agreements made between the owners of the Colliery and Cornishmen willing to work for them. A fixed sum of money was advanced to each miner to enable them to pay for their removal to Wingate and each transaction is detailed, signed and witnessed by Ralph Henderson acting on behalf of the owners of Wingate Grange Colliery. Each man signed a declaration dated 6 November, 1866, allowing the money to be reclaimed from wages and the amounts advanced ranged from £2.0s.0d. to £8.0s.0d. in old currency. The list below gives the name of each miner, his hometown/county, and the relatives that would be making the journey North with him. I am sure you will agree this is a valuable source for finding many Cornish families which cannot be located in census returns, and I would be interested to hear from members who know of any other Colliery Agreement Books in existence.

NAME	PLACE OF ORIGIN	ACCOMPANIED BY
Thomas PEPPERELL James KNIGHT James KING William WETHERELL Edward PEARN Michael VIVIAN	Gunnerslake. Cornwall Liskeard. Cornwall Arrows-foot, Cornwall Gunnerslake, Cornwall Doling. Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall	Wife and family
Moses GRENVIEL Matthew EADE Richard EADE Henry BURRELL Thomas GLUISE Thomas PRICE William MATTHEWS	Pennocks, Cornwall Pennocks, Cornwall Pennocks, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall	Mother and family Wife and family
George LUCKER Francis CRAGO Joseph BUINY Richard WILTON Joseph MOYLE Arkless COLLINS	St Clare, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall St Clare, Cornwall Truro, Cornwall	
John IVY James RUNDLE John SANDERS Thomas JENKIN John HOOPER	Liskeard, Cornwall Colstock, Cornwall Crow Nest, Cornwall Chilsworthy, Cornwall Unknown Carisbrook, Cornwall	" " " "
Robert SMITH Richard TAIQUE John LARK John HOUGHTON John GEACH Junior John SOADY	Larisbrook, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Colstock, Cornwall Colstock, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall	
John GEACH Solomon RICHARDS Charles OLIVER Jacob RICKARD William HARRIS Edmond SAUE	Liskeard, Cornwall Colstock, Cornwall Liskeard, Cornwall Liskeard. Cornwall Shebbear, Devon Cornwall	
Joseph MOYLE Fred SNELL Joseph WARN Thomas WILLIAMS	Cornwall Cornwall Cornwall Bristol, Avon	Brother Wife and family

MARRIAGES IN SEAHAM PARISH 1652-1748

Andrew Pain

Seaham is a small parish on the Durham coast bounded on the north by Bishopwearmouth, to the west by Houghton-le-Spring (both being substantial parishes in terms of area and of population) and to the south by Dalton-le-Dale - a parish very much of the same scale as that of Seaham.

During the period 1652-1748 a total of 197 marriages are recorded, an average of two a year. Whilst this is a low figure it may be remarked that in 1801 the parish had a population of 115. There appears to have been a significant decline in the population of the parish over the period 1674-1801. This appears to be a common feature of communities lying close to, but not being part of, the economic upsurge at the mouths of the coal-exporting rivers. 'An average of two marriages a year, therefore may even be on the high side (a figure of 5-8 per thousand is the "working average" in demographic study) 2.

The 197 marriages are, however, inflated by 50 marriages which are specifically identified as migrant marriages. That is to say, the register shows each partner as being of a parish other than Seaham at the time of the marriage. Prior to the passing of the Act for the Better Preventing of Clandestine Marriages, 1753, usually known as the Hardwicke Marriage Act, there was no residence qualification for intending spouses. After 1753, at least one of the spouses had to have as a "usual place or abode" the parish in which the marriage was to take place. Indeed, there is no instance of a recorded migrant marriage in the marriage registers of Seaham after 1747. Clearly there may have been other migrant marriages where, for example, by inadververtence, only one spouse is shown as coming form outside Seaham whereas in fact both came from outside the parish, but I have only been concerned with the 50 marriages mentioned above.

Significantly, 52% of both the male and the female spouses of those migrant marriages come from the parishes of Bishopwearmouth and Sunderland. One might therefore be foregiven for thinking that these marriages were between young mobile couples moving into Seaham just prior to marriage in an effort to find work. "The mobility of pre-industrial populations is well-established in general principle..... Work had to be sought wherever available and movement in and around the parish was commonplace..." 3.

To test the idea of what might call pre-nuptial mobility, a period after the date of each marriage was searched in the baptismal records to identify any migrant marriage which gave rise to issue baptised at Seaham. There is only one example:

19.10.1658 George Fell of Ryhope married Mary Huntlie of Burden. Son John born 9.8.1659 and baptised at Seaham. Daughter Jane born 6.1.1662 and baptised at Seaham.

Significantly, only Jane appears in the records of the parish subsequently:

20.6.1683 Thomas Roxby of Ryhope married Jane Fell of Ryhope.

Ryhope is, in fact, only two miles away from Seaham, although it is outside the parish of Seaham, and there are instances of parents living at Ryhope and not married at Seaham baptising their issue at Seaham.

1.3.1690 Maria filia Thomae et Janae Surrat Ryop

This strongly suggests a "convenience motive" in the selection of the parish, certainly for baptisms and presumably for some of the marriages as well.

Geographical convenience is not by itself a complete explanation and as the paucity of subsequent representation in the Seaham registers suggests that many of the marriages might otherwise be easily lost sight of they are extracted below.

By way of contrast, one might mention that a similar exercise to that carried out for migrant marriages can also be undertaken for endogamous marriages (i.e. marriages between spouses where both are recorded in the register as coming from Seaham). The result does much to dispel the general idea of settled communities prior to the industrial revolution of the nineteenth Century. Fifty-four endogamous marriages appear in the marriage registers and of those, 36 subsequently appear in the baptismal registers baptising a least one issue. Of the 36 "first issue" 11 were found in the burial registers within 20 years from the date of their baptism. This leaves 25 children who seem to have reached marriageable age and who were the first issue of an endogamous marriage entered into between 1652 and

1748. Only 5 of those children appear in the marriage registers within a period of 20 to 40 years after their individual baptism. Out of those five second generation marriages only one gave rise to issue baptised at Seaham.

In other words, whilst migrant marriages appear to have no subsequent link with the parish we can say that with endogamous marriages there is generally no link with the parish within two generations. Where these rootless families drifted to is not known for certain. One assumes they were sucked into the expanding industrial areas of north Durham.

NOTES

- l. See R.I. Hodgson "Demographic Trends in County Durham 1560-1801". University of Manchester School of Geography. Research paper No. 5. May 1978.
- 2. See "An Introduction to English Historical Demography" E. A. Wrigley (ed) 1966, p.48.
- 3. Quoted from "Aspects of the Historical Population Movement and Gene flow in four selected Durham parishes". M.J. Purvis' B.A. Dissertation in Anthropology at the University of Durham.

MIGRANT MARRIAGES AT SEAHAM, 1652 -1748

AIR, Richard, of Ryhope and Elizabeth HUTCHINSON of Bishopwearmouth; 1 December 1681.

ALLISON, John, of Ryhope, Widower, and Mary TOOTIE of Bishopwearmouth; 18 October 1658.

ATKINSON, William, of Sunderland and Margaret WATT of Sunderland; 16 December 1658.

ATMAR, Martin, of Bishopwearmouth and Isabel SEIDGWICK of Sunderland; 9 October 1709.

BAYLES, John, of Bishopwearmouth and Mary WATT of Bishopwearmouth; 28 November 1664.

BIGG, William, of the parish of St. Andrew, Holborne, London, and Isabel DENT of All Saints, Newcastle; 30 August 1666.

BRABANT, John, of Bishop Middleham and Mary HETHERINGTON of Sedgefield;18 April 1734.

BREAST, John, of Bishopwearmouth and Elizabeth FELL of Sunderland; 5 June 1715.

BROMELY, Thomas, of Monkheseleton and Anne DENT of Sunderland; 27 December 1711.

BURTON, Richard, of Sunderland and Elizabeth ATKINSON of Bishopwearmouth; 30 December 1658.

CLARK, Robert, of Newcastle and Maria ATKINSON of Burden, 23 October 1684.

CROSIER, Nicholas, of Sunderland and Barbarie ANDERSON of Sunderland, 31 October 1665.

DELAVALL, Robert, of Houghton le Spring, gent., and Rebecca SHADFORTH of Bishopwearmouth; 26 May 1664.

EATON, Mr. Samuel, of West Herrington and Elizabeth WATSON of Grindon; 26 September 1706.

FELL, Georg, of Ryhope and Mary HUNTLIE of Burden; 19 October 1658.

GILROY, John, of Sunderland and Mary FOSTER of Sunderland; 14 June 1660.

GREGSO, John, of Murton in the parish of Dalton and Sarah SMITH of Ryhop; 31 March 1734.

HARRISON, Robert, of Stranton and Elizabeth WILLIAMSON of Stranton; 18 October 1665.

HERDMAN, Jacob, of Hartlepool and Dorothy FELL of Ryhope; 7 May 1725.

HUBBOCK, John, of St. Nicholas, Durham, widower, and Katherin MASON of St. Nicholas, Durham; 21 July 1664.

JOBLIN, Willm., of Sunderland, and Barbary SWALWELL of Easington; 26 July 1721.

KING, Thomas, of St. Nicholas, Durham, gent., and Francisca SHADFORTH of St, Nicholas, Durham, 24 May 1675.

MOOR, Matthew, of Teasdale and Jane EMMERSON of Teasdale; 15 August 1740.

PAXTON, George, of Sunderland and Elisabeth ATKINSON of Dalton; 3 March 1727.

PEARSON, John, of Bishopwearmouth and Elizabeth TODD of Bishopwearmouth, widow; 9 October 1664.

PORRET, Richard, of Sunderland and Elizabeth PATTISON of Easington; 11 May 1691.

POTTES, William, of Sunderland and Dorathie GREEN of Washington; 3 January 1661.

POTTS, Hierard, of Bishopwearmouth, widower, and Dorathie JACKSON of West Renton in the parish of Houghton le Spring; 18 October 1660.

RADLEY, William, of South Shields and Margaret WATSON of Houghton le Spring; 3 July 1740.

REED, Ralph, of Houghton le Spring and Mary COATS of Houghton le Spring; 4 May 1725.

RICHSON, Mr. John, of Easington and Elizabeth RALIN of Thorp in the parish of Easington; 17 April 1707.

ROBINSON, Robert, of Sunderland and Jane WHITE of Elwick; 27 September 1725.

ROBINSON, Thos., of Hawthorn and Jane MENSWORTH of Hawthorn in the parish of Easington; 13 November 1662.

ROBSON, Georg, of Ufferton, Houghton le Spring, widower, and Margery LAWRENCE of Houghton le Spring; 2 October 1660.

ROBSON, John, of Sunderland and Adah ATKINSON of Burden; 6 September 1659.

ROBSON, William, of Bishopwearmouth and Elizabeth HALL of Easington; 20 April 1672.

ROXBY, Thomas, of Ryhope and Jane FELL of Ryhop; 20 June 1683.

RUTTER, Robert, of Houghton le Spring and Jane LIDDELL of Dalden in the parish of Dalton; 17 February 1663.

SCURFIELD, William, of Bishopwearmouth and Alice NEWTON of St. Nicholas; 23 August 1664.

SHAW, Henry, of Newcastle, widower, and Jane FELL of Rihope; 14 February 1661.

SMITH, Christopher, of Stranton, widower, and Dorathy W IDDESON of Hartinpoole, widow; 28 June 1658.

SPENCELIE, John, of Sunderland and Elizabeth SANDERSON of Bishopwearmouth, widow; 25 December 1658.

STOKALD, John, of Houghton le Spring and Mary COOPER of Houghton le Spring; 30 May 1664.

TAYLOR, Georg, of Easington and Isabell SHADFORTH of Easington; 8 June 1663.

UTCHINSON, Salkeld, of St. Mary le Bow, Durham, and Margaret CARLTON of St. Mary le Bow, Durham, 29 June 1742.

W ARDEL, Mich., of Sunderland and Alice MADDISON of Sunderland; 13 May 1747.

WATSON, Robert, of Ryhope and Ann MILLER of Barnes, 25 November 1658.

W ILLOUGHBY, George, of Bishopwearmouth, and Elizabeth FOSTER of Bishopwearmouth; 18 November 1703.

WILSON, Mr. George, of Newbottle in the parish of Houghton le Spring and Mrs. Eleanor MATCHIM of The Colledge, Durham: 11 July 1739.

WILSON, John, of Ryhope and Anne BROUGH of Sunderland; 29 November 1659.

'FOR THE SAKE OF EXAMPLE'

Helen Allinson

Family history can sometimes involve one in strange experiences. For the last ten years, my mother and I have worked on our family history together and gained a great deal of enjoyment from it. On one occasion a letter of enquiry which I wrote resulted in mother appearing on television!

It happened like this; my maternal grandfather, who died on Christmas Eve, 1982, had served in the Royal Engineers during the First World War. He had a cousin with whom he played as a boy and this cousin also served in the Army during the war. Unlike Grandfather, he never came home again; he was court-martialled and shot by soldiers of his own army. During the last two years of his life, Grandad began to talk to us about his war-time experiences and about cousin Ted Roberts who was executed. He always said that he was shot because he could not resist drinking the rum that he was sent to collect for his unit. He was warned, the story went, that if he did it again he would be shot, and so he was. Several times Grandad repeated the story and it never varied. Whilst believing absolutely that Ted had indeed been shot, we thought how odd the circumstances sounded, although we had certainly heard that soldiers were shot at that time of they refused to go over the top, or if they deserted.

Shortly before Grandfather died, I wrote to the Ministry of Defence, which still holds the records relating to the First World War soldiers. I asked for details of Grandad's service and also that of his cousin. I was given full information about Grandad, but told that I needed Ted's regimental number in order to obtain information about him. I wrote back explaining that he had been court-martialled and so, presumably, his details would be in a special index. They then replied that they held no records of those soldiers "who were not discharged".

Well, it seemed that I had come to a full stop. We knew no one from that branch of the family as they had apparently been 'disowned' when Ted was shot. One day, a few months ago when I was listening to 'The World at One', I heard Judge Anthony Babbington being interviewed on the subject of his book, `For the Sake of Example' which was about to be published. It is about soldiers in the First World War who were court-martialled and shot. They had no representation at their trial; the court simply heard the case against them. I wrote to the judge, care of the B.B.C., asking if he had come across the case of Ted Roberts. He replied that he could not find any, "executed soldier who was tried under the circumstances I had described". He passed my letter on to the producer of `Sixty Minutes', who was going to do a programme on the subject to coincide with Remembrance Day, and the publication of the book. The producer rang me up and asked what I knew about Ted Roberts; I told her what little I could and thought that that would be the end of the subject. A couple of weeks later she 'phoned back to say that she had found out all the details of his case. The judge had told them to her, of course, as he was the only one allowed access to the records. The details she gave me were his Regiment, the 4th Royal Fusiliers, his date of enlistment - July 1914 - and the date of his death in 1916. However, she refused to say why he had been shot, only that it was a moving story and that he came out of it well. She wanted to "reveal all" to as near a relative as she could get - and to reveal it only when they were actually being televised. She then contacted my mother, who was not prepared to appear without first being told of the circumstances surrounding Ted's death. After a few days the presenter, Bernard Falk, rang her and told her that Ted Roberts had been severely wounded in the head, after which he had been sent back to the front, where he had deserted. Mr Falk also suggested that the interview could be filmed at my mother's home, to which she agreed. when the crew arrived two days later several member of the family were able to stay in the room to watch. Six B.B.C. personnel were involved; producer, presenter, lighting technician, sound recordist and camera-man plus his assistant. The operation took more than two hours, but the actual filming occupied only a fraction of that time and naturally not all of the film was used.

We were told that Ted was severely wounded in the head in June 1915 but in September he was sent back to the front. Seven days later he went missing and in May 1916 he was found. He was court-martailled, and on 29th May 1916 at 3.45 a.m. he was executed by a firing-squad. He was said to be "a good and plucky soldier who volunteered for daring jobs until wounded."

Ted Roberts was missing for many months before being caught; probably someone sheltered him. He either lost his nerve after being wounded, or as a result of the injury did not know what he was

doing. His family were informed by the Army that he had been shot as an example to others; they made no reply. The story about the rum must have been a cover-up, as it was then more acceptable to drink than to run away. Perhaps it was Grandfather's father who invented the story; he had been in the Regular Army himself during the 1870's and would have been horrified at the thought of deserting.

After 1917 families were simply told that their sons had died in battle; this was because public opinion was no longer so fevently in favour of the war - tales of the horrors of the trenches and of the number of bereaved families had changed all that. Three hundred and forty-six men were court martialled and executed by the British Army during World war 1 and many of them had previously been wounded in battle.

It is a tragic story!

NORTHUMBERLAND HEARTH TAX: 1664

Doug Smith

In the following extracts from the Hearth Tax we are continuing our series for Northumberland which was introduced in the July 1983 issue of the Journal. The first column shows the individuals in each township by whom the tax was payable, followed by the number of hearths in respect of which each was assessed. The second column identifies those individuals who were not liable to pay the tax. Individuals who were exempt from the tax - e.g. occupiers of properties with an annual value of less than £l - are not listed; however, a good article describing the institution and history of the Hearth Tax appeared in Volume 3 Number 3 of the Journal, which is still available from the Membership Secretary. A continuation of this series will appear in succeeding journals.

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THE PARISH RECORDS OF WARDEN, NORTHUMBERLAND

David Armstrong

The parish records of Warden in Northumberland (where the North and South Tyne rivers join together) are a delight, as various incumbents have through the centuries recorded events such as floods, huricanes, pestilence and declarations of war, in addition to the more natural occurences the registers were intended for.

Among the items recorded by Vicar Ray is one for 20 May, 1738:-

"Alexander ARMSTRONG of Allerwash persued my servant with an iron fork upon my sending to demand his wedding fees etc".

Perusal of the marriage registers shows that the wedding took place ten years previously, but the burial register shows that Mrs. Armstrong had been buried only a few days before the dunning reminder. A slight lack of diplomatic delicacy on both sides.

My great-grandfather lived at Allerwash Mill, and my grandfather was born there. Although I cannot at the moment claim kinship with the outraged Alexander, the behavioural characteristics *so* vividly portrayed by Vicar Ray have a family ring about them, and merit further research.

ELEANOR'S CACHE!

From Belford Parish Register

"Eleanor Mills, aged 66, buried 29.5.1791. This Eleanor Mills tho' always reputed extremely poor, tho' she went in rags and lay on straw nevertheless died possessed of £19 in cash, 29 gowns, 35 aprons, 20 white hankerchiefs, several of them muslin, 2 bed ticks and 61 bedgowns, cotton, linen and woollen, with various other articles, several of which were unmade up as though they had come from ye shop. Wm Armstrong, Curate."

Was Eleanor poor or rich or was she a shoplifter as the curate could be inferring?

KNOW YOUR PARISH: XIII ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND

June Watson

For more than a century after the Norman Conquest, upper Coquetdale remained in the hands of the Crown until, in 1205, King John granted his manor and forest of Rothbury to Robert Fitz-Roger, Baron of Warkworth. This grant included all the rights and privileges of the manor. The Fitzrogers of Warkworth, who eventually assumed the surname of Clavering from their manor of Clavering in Essex, held Rothbury until 1332 when John de Clavering, the last Clavering baron of Warkworth, died without an heir. The barony was then granted by Edward III to Henry de Percy, second Lord Percy of Alnwick, since which time the manor has continued in the Percy family, the Dukes of Northumberland being also Lords of the manor of Rothbury.

In remote valleys such as Upper Coquetdale, old names die hard, and family names that have been in the parish for centuries are still found today. The names of the Duke of Northumberland's tenants in Rothbury in 1569 were Thomas SWANNE, Willims MAWEVYN, Robts TEYLOR, Edwardus DYTCHEN, Rogerus GRENE, Cuthbertus BETTYMAN and Georgius CARRE, most of whom held a few acres of land with a house. Towards the middle of the 17th century freeholders began to appear in Rothbury; the rentals and rates of 1663 show the Duke of Northumberland as the largest landowner, but there were three other freeholders - Henry POTT, Thomas OGLE, and George GIBSON.

In the late 18th century Rothbury was described as a poor town of two streets, which were not paved and the houses were mostly thatched with heather. The "Three Half Moons" was the principal inn where public meetings, courts of justice, and excise sittings were held. Under its roof the ill-fated James Radcliffe, third Earl of Derwentwater, slept on the night of 6 October 1715, having marched from Greenrig on the North Tyne to Plainfield Moor in Coquetdale at the head of a small band of Northern Jacobites. The little army spent the night in Rothbury before proceeding next day to Warkworth, and on towards ultimate defeat at Preston some five weeks later. The political leanings of the inhabitants of Upper Coquetdale had been mostly Royalist during the Civil War; evidence if this can be found in the Parish Church Vestry books. Seventy years later, a large part of the Catholic gentry of Northumberland supported the Jacobite Rising of 1715; among them were Lord Widdrington and his two brothers, Charles and Peregrine, William Shaftoe of Bavington and his son John, and several Ordes, Forsters, Riddles, Thorntons, Claverings and Scotts. James Radcliffe, Earl of Derwentwater, and William Gordon, Viscount Kenmure, who had commanded the forces raised in the Scottish Borders, were beheaded on Tower Hill on 24 February 1716, the only members of the nobility to die for their part in the ill-fated Rising.

In the centre of the village green stood the old Market Cross, which was erected in 1722 and became the centre of the commerce of the district. It was demolished in 1827 by the freeholders of the village who considered it to be in a dangerous condition. Many mourned its loss and an old woman composed a rhyme in memory of the Cross which not only records its destruction but preserves the names of several old Rothbury families. The following two stanzas gives the names of many of the freeholders who were at the time threatened with legal proceedings for removing the cross:-

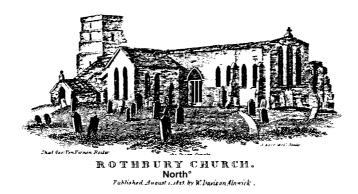
"Ye ancient inhabitants mourn for the loss Of that venerable pile, I mean Rothbury Cross, Where oft in my childhood I happy did play With youthful companions, long since away.

There were the Grahams, and the Milburns, the Storers and Storeys, The Clennels, the Snawdons, the Todds, and the Dores, The Matthews, and Mavins - that's just half-a-score; Believe me, dear neighbours, there are very few more."

A new market cross now marks the spot and was erected on 2 August 1902, to the memory of Lord and Lady Armstrong of Cragside - of munitions fame - who had contributed much to Rothbury and who had helped to preserve the impressive countryside surrounding the village. The Cragside home of the Armstrongs, with its beautiful grounds full of rhododendrons, is now in the care of the National Trust, and still attracts visitors from all over the world.

The earliest surviving parish register of All Saints Church, Rothbury begins in 1658 and runs to 1724. it is obviously a home-made book, consisting of 105 leaves of hand-made vellum bound in brown parchment. It contains a variety of items, vestry meeting minutes, excommunications, church

collections, a short history of Rothbury and a list of Rectors. There is an entry on the first page of the register to the effect that "this register was revised and placed in order by John Shotton (for many years curate) from old rags of rotten paper". After the middle of the 18th century the registers became much scantier in detail and of much less interest.



The old church stands high above the rippling River Coquet and in the churchyard are headstones and memorials worthy of more than a passing interest. Along with the Armstrong family there are memorials to many well known characters such as Walter Mavin "the Coquet Angler", whose headstone depicts the hills, streams and wildlife of Coquetdale.

Today Rothbury is a charming country town, with farming and forestry still the main occupation of its inhabitants. The population of the town in 1871 is quoted as 2,750 and by 1971 this figure had only risen to 2,800. Much of its historical interest remains to attract visitors. West of Rothbury is Tosson Tower, the ruin of a pele tower which once belonged to the Ogles. It was one of a line of towers extending from Harbottle to Warkworth as a defence against the reiving Scots. Still in a good state of preservation is nearby Brinkburn Priory, founded in the reign of Henry I and once the home of the pious Augustinian or Black Cannons. After the dissolution of the monasteries, Brinkburn was granted to John, Earl of Warwick, and has since belonged to various noteable families.

As most of the land was owned by the Duke of Northumberland, many valuable records are in his private collection at Alnwick Castle and are unfortunately not available to the public. However, one particular document was recently loaned to the Northumberland County Record Office and a photocopy may now be consulted there. Entitled "Special Report of the State of Cottages held immediately under His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, 1866", This document (reference number NRO M/48) lists the state of all the cottages under the Duke's ownership, the details of the occupants, and the conditions under which the families were living, and covers the villages of HOLLINGHILL, HESLEYHIRST, ROW (or RAW), LEE WARD, NEWTOWN, PAUPERHAUGH, ROTHBURY AND MOUNT HEALEY. Another interesting source on the topography of Rothbury is "Upper Coquetdale" by David Dippie Dixon in his "History of Northumberland", Vol XV., which can also be consulted at the Northumberland Record Office.

NORHAM NEGRO

From Norham Parish Register

"Baptised, John London, a negro boy about 8 years of age belonging to John Craster Esquire of Shoreswood baptised 15th September, 1763.

Witness:-	Samuel Samson, a black	Godfathers)	
	John Holmes)) Servants to	
	Mary Proctor) Godmother) MrCraster"	

No doubt Mr Craster, the squire, would be a well travelled man and returned from one of his journeys with Samuel and the boy John who were probably to become the first black settlers in Northumbrian border village. What happened to them when Mr Craster died: did they return to their native land or become Northumbrians. hy adoption?

FAMILY HOLIDAYS AND FAMILY HISTORY

Dorothy Oakes

One Summer a few years ago we rented a cottage at Sandsend near Whitby for a fortnight. Whilst there I used to see the buses going past the door with the destination MIDDLESBROUGH. "My Father was born in Middlesbrough", I told the children.

The following year we rented the same cottage, but this time I came prepared with a map and the idea of taking that bus to Middlesbrough and of going on from there to find the village of Middridge in County Durham where my grandmother, my father's mother, was born in 1866.

Leaving my married daughter in charge of the eating arrangements for the family, I set off early in the morning to board the Middlesbrough bus. It was a lovely sunny day in June and the bus wound its way through beautiful countryside and deposited me in Middlesbrough about an hour or so later. My plan was to go straight to Stockton and then to find out how to get to Middridge. Although my father had been born in Middlesbrough his parents moved to Stockton soon afterwards and it was there that I was taken to visit my grandmother every year when I was a small child.

The journey from Middlesbrough to Stockton was a short one and when I arrived I decided to have a look around before looking for the bus to Middridge. I went into the parish church where my grandparents, Elizabeth Ann Sample and Frederick Blackburn, were married on Christmas Day, 1884, and then found the wonderful library. At the information desk they told me how to get to Rushyford, which on my map didn't seem far from Middridge. I had a cup of coffee there (in the library!) and then went to find the bus to take me to Rushyford.

Another ride through lovely countryside and I arrived at Rushyford crossroads at about noon. On alighting from the bus I saw a signpost saying "Middridge 3 miles" and I started to walk along the long, straight road. Luckily I had brought some rolls and an apple with me so after about half an hour I sat down on the grass at the side of the road and had my lunch. Eventually I reached the village. It was very small, but a good example of one of the Durham "green" villages with a wide stretch of grass down the length of the main street. I looked around for a church - I had imagined myself looking at gravestones - but found none. Then I explored the village. Many of the houses seemed to be newly built although they fitted in very well with the older buildings. Eventually I stopped a couple coming out of a shop and asked if there was a church. "Oh, no", they said, "The nearest church would be up the road in Shildon". I told them my grandmother had been born in the village in 1866 and that her father was the village saddler at that time. "Oh", they said, "You should speak to the postmistress; she knows all the history of the village, but unfortunately she is away on holiday at the moment". I thanked them and, after taking a couple of photographs of the village, I followed their advice and boarded the bus for Shildon and the church of St. John. I didn't know it at the time but this was the church in which my great-grandfather, George Sample, had married his first two wives (my greatgrandmother was his third!).

The church was locked but I looked around the churchyard without finding any family names. Time was getting on now so I decided to take a bus back into Bishop Auckland and from there back to Stockton, Middlesbrough and Sandsend. I arrived back at the cottage just as the family were sitting down to their evening meal. I hadn't found out very much but I had enjoyed myself immensely and was truly bitten with the bug to find out more.

Back home, several months later, I decided to write to the postmistress at Middridge and she helped with a mine of information. She looked up my great-grandfather in a local directory and told me of other relatives of his who were saddlers in neighbouring villages. She told me of the legend of the Middridge fairies and even sent me a couple of old photographs of the village taken before modernisation. This induced me to want to see more of County Durham and the following year we booked a holiday in Durham City. Until then, York had always been my favourite English city, but I now think that Durham has taken over.

While in Durham City we visited the Durham Light Infantry Museum, as my father had served in the Regiment in India for about ten years. I had with me a letter written to his mother by his commanding officer, telling her that my father had been wounded on the North West Frontier fighting the Afghan tribesman. The Curator recognised the officer's name and before we left the museum he presented me with a photocopy of the officer's diary, recording the action and mentioning my father's

name as one of the soldiers wounded. He also photocopied a map of the area where the action took place.

At this time I still hadn't done much in the way of searching official records but on returning home I paid several visits to St. Catherine's House in London and found the relevent births, marriages and deaths to take me back to the early 19th century.

The next year we ventured a little further and had a lovely holiday in St. John's Chapel in Weardale. Here my great-grandmother, Mary Jane Martin, was married to her first husband. The weather was very kind to us and we had some lovely walks, ending the week with a visit to Stanley where I had discovered some third cousins.

Now, with the help of many more interesting people and newly-found distant relatives, my records are back to the beginning of the 18th century. However, I still haven't found the "roots" as the family seemed to move about so much. At the moment they are back in Yorkshire at Thirsk, but I think they must have come from elsewhere. I hope it was County Durham as I would love another holiday there!-

Editor's Note: For those members wishing to visit the Durham Light Infantry Museum the address is as follows:-Durham Light Infantry Museum, Aykley Heads, DURHAM DH15TU. Opening hours are 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Tues - Sat; 2.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. Sunday; closed all day Monday.

FORSTERS OF UPPER ESHELLS

F.J. Vaughan

The County History of Northumberland contains a pedigree of a family named FORSTER of the farm in Hexhamshire which is now known as High Eshells. The footnotes to the pedigree indicate a Catholic family but how far is it possible to uncover the history of such a Catholic family of the yeoman class? It should be stated straight away that, unless Catholic Mission registers exist, it is essential for such a family to have proved wills each generation. Fortunately, at Hexham the Mission registers begin as early as 1715' but, unfortunately, no wills can be traced for Forsters prior to 1685 and therefore any attempt to investigate earlier is virtually impossible.

The story commences in 1670 3 with the lease of a farm called Over Eshells from John Fenwick of Wallington to Robert Forster of Woole3 (in the parish of Slaley) for a term of 999 years. Robert, however, does not appear to have lived at the farm until the new house there was commenced in 1684, and we do not learn that he is a Catholic until after the so-called Popish Plot of 1679.

Although the penal laws against Catholics had been in effect since the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth I, they were enforced only sporadically, often following the discovery of some `plot'. At the end of 1678, Titus Oates had pretended to reveal a Jesuit plot to kill the king. The affair escalated beyond all proportions and a reign of terror began for Catholics. Most of the alleged ringleaders were executed and in the provinces the penal laws against Catholics in general were revived, and prosecuted actively until the death of Charles II in 1685. However, lists of persons presented, indicted and fined in the courts for recusancy provide the family historian with invaluable evidence for Catholic ancestry. We learn from the recusant rolls' that Robert Forster and his wife Jane, were Catholics. Both were convicted in 1680, when their residence was given as Wooley. In 1681 and 1682 they are of Dilston and in 1683 of Slaley. The couple paid a fine of £20 each in these years, and in 1682 Mrs Forster was fined two hundred guineas⁶, and enormous sum for those days.

The places named in the recusant rolls give a possible clue to the origin of the Forster family. As far back as 1625', Jane, the wife of Matthew Forster of Dukesfield in Slaley, was indicted as a recusant and there is also an interesting record that one Robert Forster of Dukesfield acted as a courier between Sir Edward Radcliffe of Dilston and his son-in-law Sir William Fenwick, a stout ally to the Royalist cause. In the spring of 1652, Sir William was in London, trying to avert his threatened ruin. He wrote to his father-in-law at Dilston:

Loving Sir,

I was here when Forster came from you.... There is nothing acted as yet but everyone mack there condetion known to their friendes and by petetions to the house in general, least they may suffer wherein they at not guilty for it is though ther will be tow or 3 qualificationes for the Catholicks petition have had sevell and curteus answeres and respectes, so few are in great hope and others in as great feares, God, no dut, doth all for the best....

Sir William Fenwick died a month later and his estates were forfeited at the end of the yeah.

Another problem in Catholic family research is illustrated by the obscure connection with the Forster family and Thomas Lawes. Lawes first appears in a return of papists for the Hexham parish submitted by the vicar in 1706 to the Archbishop of York': `Thomas Lowes of the Upper Ashills Yoeman and Jane his wife. An estate in the right of his wife abt £20.0.0. per annum'. This estate was later registered by him with the Clerk of the Peace under the Papists Estate Act 1717, when he stated it to be `in right of Jane my wife, for her life, as her jointure, two parts of a messuage and farm in the parish of Hexham, in my possession'." Following the death of Jane Lawes in 1722, this estate passed to Robert Forster, who died in 1736. Thomas Lawes moved to Wharnley and died in 1728. When we learn that by his will in 1684, Robert Forster, senior, left these two parts to his wife Jane during her widowhood, it becomes obvious that she later married Thomas Lawes. Such a marriage between Catholics would have been a secret one but valid by law. No doubt her first marriage to Robert Forster was also clandestine, making it impossible to learn her maiden name.

For some reason Thomas Lawes, `a reputed papist', was arrested in October 1716 by one of the petty constables of Hexhamshire under the General Warrant issued following the Jacobite Rising in the previous year. He was brought before Mr. John Bacon at Staward, who discharged him, `since no maner of information nor evidence was produced against him, of having being in anyway concerned in the late Rebellion, nor any way aiding or assisting therein, and he has long had the reputation of an honest quiet peaceable person'." Apparently, no one else was arrested in the district although the authorities were perfectly aware that several of his yeomen neighbours were Catholics.

With-the- commencement of the- registers of the Catholic Mission at Hexham in 1715, a detailed account of Forsters becomes available. It appears that Margaret Baxter and Elizabeth Winter, the two wives of Robert Forster were both Protestants. His marriage to the latter is recorded in 1726 and was witnessed by Thomas Lawes, Robert Rymer (a Catholic merchant in Hexham), and William Simpson, the groom's Protestant brother-in-law. It was illegal for a priest to perform a marriage and in 1712 Father William Gibson of Stonecraft. had fled abroad to escape a warrant for his warrant for his arrest after celebrating such a marriage.

A few years ago I unexpectedly discovered my direct descent from Fortsers of Eshells. I had traced my maternal ancestry back through several generations of farm labourers named Hall until I arrived at a marriage at Hexham Parish Church in 1799 between John Hall and Dorothy Forster. From her age, given in a Census return and on her death certificate, Dorothy was evidently born in 1776 or 1777, but a search in the registers of Hexham and the nearby parishes failed to locate her baptism. It is not recorded in the Catholic registers either, but that did not surprise me because I had not come across any hints in the family history of Catholic connections.

As a last resort to trace Dorothy's forebears, I searched at York for any wills registered for the surname Forster and was successful. The will of an Ann Forster of Watch Currock, widow, dated 1813, mentions daughters named Ann Armstrong, Elizabeth Forster, ¹² Mary Hutchinson, Margery Baty, Jane Kirsopp, DOROTHY HALL, Margaret Forster and Frances Barron. This family is clearly identifiable in the Catholic registers as the wife and daughters of Thomas Forster of Watch Currock (1729-1804).

The senior branches of the Forster family remained Catholic after High Eshells was sold in 1772, but there must be numerous descendants of Thomas Forster of Watch Currock living in the Hexham area today who would be surprised to learn of their recusant ancestry.

NOTES

- 1. A History of Northumberland, Vol. IV, by J.C.Hodgson (1897), p.63.
- 2. Catholic Record Society, Vol. 26 (1926).
- 3. In my opinion earlier Forsters living at Eshells are unlikely to be related to Robert Forster.
- 4. Northumberland Record Office, ZAN.B.26/13.
- 5. Craster, H.H.E., *Manuscript Index of the Northumbrian Entries in the Recusancy Rolls* (Newcastle upon Tyne Reference Library).
- 6. Public Record Office, E.376/59.
- 7. Craster, op.cit.8. Archaeologia A
- 8. Archaeologia Aeliana, Radcliffe Tracts, New Series, Gol.1. (1857),pp. 217,218.
- 9. C.R.S., Vol. 32.
- 10. Surtees Society, Vol 131, p.49.
- 11. Northumberland Record Office, Quarter Sessions Papers, Vol.45, Mich. 1716.
- 12. Married woman, wife of George Forster.
- According to a descendant (Capt. David Armstrong), Ann Armstrong had eleven sons, one of whom, Henry (born 1798) was educated at Cambridge University and became Vicar of Boroughbridge.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mrs Y. Armstrong, 2 Grasmere Gardens, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear **NE34 0DZ**. Please check that you include your membership number when writing. Any inaccuracies in the addresses shown in these columns should be notified at once to the Treasurer at the address shown on the Contents page. We extend a warm welcome to all of our new members, and may we please remind everyone to PRINT names for inclusion in these pages to help avoid unnecessary mistakes.

- Mrs B. MURPHY, 1557 East Garnet Avenue, MESA, ARIZONA 85204, UNITED STATES.

 Seeking information on family of Robert and Elizabeth Kidd Milhum. h.c. 1748. Children, born. Black. Cleugh, St. John's Chapel, Durham. Their child Jeremiah married Sarah Smith in 1808. She was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Waugh Smith from Allendale, Northumberland Mrs. Murphy seeks information on Waugh, Smith, Peart, Brown and Dawson, who married Milburns 1770-1800. Jeremiah went to N.B. Canada; his brothers John, Issac and Thomas, and sisters Margaret (Peart), Elizabeth (Peart) and Anne (?) stayed in Durham County in 1816 when Jeremiah left. Any postage will be reimbursed.
- 1188 (with 1509) Mr and Mrs J. BUCHAN, Glenhaven, Freemantle Road, BATHURST, NEW SOUTH WALES 2795, AUSTRALIA.

 Seeking birth of John Buchan c.1771. (Mason of Alnwick mar. Elizabeth Taylor 14.11.1802 and Barbara Hudson 19.3.1807). Is Robert Buchan buried St. Michael's, Alnwick 18.3.1843 a relative? (b.c.1770). Any information about Corporation Yard, Manor Chare, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, particularly Buchan as foreman or superintendant. Are there Masons Guild Records for Alnwick? Also birth of Samuel Jameson c.1744 mar. Jane Hindson 14.3.1780, probably Penrith area.
- 1441 Mr R.M. HALL, 23 Parkland Grove, ASHFORD, Middlesex TW 15 2JB.

 Mr Hall is researching the following: Hall (17-19C); Graham (19C); Armstrong (19C); Chambers (18C) all Sunderland, Co. Durham. Tait/Tate (18-19C); White (19C) all Bywell, Northumberland. Also Stark and Soady (17-19C) of Looe, Cornwall.
- 1472 Mrs J. WAKENSHAW,1261 La Rippe, VAUD, SWITZERLAND.

 Seeks information about social and economic situation of Alnwick and surroundings 1800-1875.

 Researching George Christer/Craster, millwright deceased by 1862, and his son George Christer/Craster, labourer, who married Elizabeth Lockey in Alnwick in 1866. Elizabeth was daughter of James Lockey, shoemaker, 8 Clayport Street, Alnwick who had died by 1866. By 1875, George Craster has moved to Clock Mill, Whickham, changed his name to Fettis, worked as a sawyer and had four daughters:- Jane, Sally, Dorothy and Ann. Researching also Key, William; Nichol, Jane; Durrant, James; Rowell (Margaret Ann); Robinson, George; Wakenshaw, Mark, 1850-1880 all in Blyth and Newsham area.
- Mrs S.J. OCOCK, 21 Richards Avenue, LINCOLN LN6 8SJ.
 E Lincoln 688804) Does anyone know where Furnace, Chester-le-Street, is/was? Interests: Bell, Margaret, born c.1826, Harlow Hill, Northumberland, father Robert Bell; Jobson, Joseph, b.c.1822, North Shields, father Richard Jobson; Nichols, John mar. 1861 Pelton (aged 21), father Robert Nichols; Hur/Her/Urworth, Ann, mar. 1861 Pelton (aged 21), father William; Johnson, George, mar. 1856, Hetton, father George Johnson; Bowden, Mary, mar. 1856 Hetton, father Joseph Bowden.
- 1534 Ms. H. HARRIS, 20 Abelia Street, NUNAWADING, VICTORIA 3131, AUSTRALIA. Researching Doxford, descended from Thomas and Margaret nee Bones of Pelton, but is interested in any in Durham. Ms. Harris has seen a supposed family tree drawn up when the shipbuilding side of the family became prominent and one (the only one) was knighted by Queen Victoria. Some doubt surrounds the validity of the tree! Thomas was born in 1813 and emigrated to Australia in 1856, together with his wife and two children, William and Sarah.
- 1557 Mrs A.B. CURTIS, `Cranham', Vyse Road, Boughton, NORTHAMPTON NN2 8SE. Researching: Hargrave Jesse (Architect/Surveyor/Civil Engineer) born 14.10.1856 at Burley Lawn, Leeds. Son of John and Mary (Halliday) Hargrave (Builder). Married at St. John's Church, Newcastle on 2.2.1880, Isabella Catherine Sinclair Swinburne, (1881 Census born Lesbury, dau. of John Swinburne, Railway Inspector). Known children:- Margaret Annie bn. 26.11.1880 and John Sinclair Swinburn hn. 18.10.1883. Address 73 George Road, Newcastle. There may be other children. Jesse Hargrave's sojourn in Newcastle cannot have been of many years duration. The family story goes he "super-intended" the laying of the tracks for the Steam Tram which operated from Wolverton to Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire, which was opended in 1887. Mrs Curtis would like to contact any descendants, and to hear of any hints as to what project building or otherwise could have brought him to Newcastle at this period, late 1870's mid 1880's.
- Mrs J.M. McKENZIE, 33 High Street, BEACONSFIELD, TASMANIA 7251, AUSTRALIA. Mrs McKenzie would like to correspond with someone who has researched the following families:- Brown-George bn. 1853; William bap. 1831; Thomas bap. 1798; Peter bap. 1754 and Thomas, all of Tanfield, Durham. Gladders - George, bn. 1786/7 Tanfield, Durham. Waugh - Tamar, born 1821/2, Nenthead, Cumberland. Middleton - John, born 1825/6, Ryton, Durham. Stevenson and Stephenson, 1760 Shotley, 1750 Tanfield.
- Mrs D.R. MORRIS, Penyboncyn, Pont Robert, MEIFOD, Powys SY22 6JN.
 (Meifod 219) Researching Harriman, Hogarth and Graham. A Harriman marriage took place in Newburn Church in 1803, they lived in Bell's Close and later Westmoreland Road, and were living in the late part of 18C. near Heddon-on-the-Wall. Seeking the marriage of Rachel Harriman and John Graham. One of their sons was born in Bell's Close in 1843. Also seeking the marriage of Thomas and Alice Hogarth, who were living in Wall and Humshaugh in 1825-35. Any information required on John Graham who may have originated in Lemington. All information gratefully received on above names.

- 1564 Mrs M.L. THOMPSON, RR 2, Box 270, BLOOMFIELD, INDIANA 47424, UNITED STATES.
- Mr L. ROBINSON, 84 Kedronbrook Road, WILSTON, QUEENSLAND 4051, AUSTRALIA. Researching: John Robinson (gt. gt. grandfather) who arrived in Australia with wife Elizabeth (Coxon), and three children, George, (gt. grandfather), John and Mary Jane. They had been living in Lanchester, Burnhope, before going to Australia. John Robinson was the son of George Robinson and Hannah (Race) of Hamsterley, near Bishop Auckland. He was b.c. 1822 at Hamsterley. D. of B. sought. George and Hannah were mar. 18.5.1797 and their other children were: Margaret (31.1.1798); Joseph (16.9.1799); Elizabeth (11.5.1804); Hannah (21.5.1806). George Robinson was possibly the son of Joseph Robinson and Isabel Sowerby (Sawerby). This needs to be confirmed but a witness at the wedding was William Sowerby (pos. Sowerly). Date of George Robinson's death required, between 1848 and 1856. Elizabeth Coxon was daughter to John and possibly Mary. Some confusion arises over Mary's age. She is shown on the immigrant list as being 30 in 1856, and on her death certificate as being 46 in 1858. The latter is more probably correct, and her birth is sought c.1812 in St. John Parish (St. John's Chapel?), Northumberland. John and Mary went with their daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Robinson to Australia.
- 1566 Miss A.E. POTTER, 14 South Court, Kersfield Road, Putney, LONDON SW 15 3HQ.
- 1567 Mrs E. GUMMOW, RR 1, LAKESIDE, ONTARIO NOM 2GO, CANADA.
 Mrs Gummow's main interests are in Tate and Lowe. She has very little information except that her grandfather's name was Edward Tate and he had a brother, James Ney Tate, from whom there was a letter in 1913 addressed 7 Baston Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne. Their father was John Tate and mother Jane Lowe. Thre was no contact with Mrs Gummow's grandfather, Edward Tate, after the death of his wife, Rosa M. Watt. in 1913.
- 1568 Mr W.J. BLACKBURN, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.
- 1569 Mr E.A.M. LAING, 99 St. Thomas's Street, PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire POI 2HE. Researching: Laing.
- 1570 Mrs B. VRITCH, 11 Orange Grove, Whickham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE16 4TA.
- 1571 Ms. R. SEAY, 611 Hillcrest Avenue North West, GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA 30501, UNITED STATES.
- Miss M.E. SCHOFIELD-PALMER, 37 Gunnersbury Court, Bollo Lane, LONDON W3 8JN. (28 01-993-2273) Researching: Palmer: Bishop Middleham. Any information on descent of children of Robert Palmer b. 1776, eldest son of Wm. Palmer and Eliz. Whitfield. Robert married Jane Paxton 1807. Five known and possible sixth child: Mary Ann b. Aug. 1808; William b. April 1811 m. Jane Towill, London, Corp. 2nd Lifeguards, son David William b. 1841; John b. 1812; Jane b. 1814; Robert? b. 1812; married Anne? This Robert Palmer appears in B.M. Census 1841-51. Palmer/Wilson: Eleanor Palmer, 4th child of William Palmer, B.M. married John Wilson, Parish Clerk of B.M. 1802. Possible sons, John, Thomas. Would be pleased to hear from any members with Palmer/Whitfield/Wilson connections in the Bishop Middleham area.
- Mrs C.B. WATERMAN, PO Box 126, PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26101, UNITED STATES. Mrs Waterman has a good deal of information on the family of John Douglass (c.1768-1818). John and Susannah (Howey) Douglass migrated from Scotland in 1818. Their marriage record was found in Kirknewton Parish, Northumberland for 4 June 1790. The parents of the emigrant John Douglass were given as William and Ann (Davidson) Douglass, but so far the only pair found with those names come with dates that would seem to be more of a brother and wife instead of parents if any relation at all. (These are a William Douglass and Ann Dividson married 27 Dec. 1784 St. Nicholas, Newcastle who had five children born or baptized in that parish between 1785 and 1794). It is believed that John's wife's parents are correct as given in the family papers. These were Andrew Howey and Margaret Mitcheson, a pair found married in Wooler Parish 1765. Mrs Waterman is seeking help in finding John Douglass' parents. Since the Kirknewton records were burned, John's birth place is unknown, although said to be Northumberland. Any help with John Douglass and his ancestors would be very much appreciated.
- Miss E.C. O'DONOGHUE, 56 Muswell Road, Muswell Hill, LONDON N10 2BE.
 (201-444-5658) Researching: Campbell (Westoe, So. Shields 1900); Lynn, Bell (Yorks? 1844); Roxborough (All Saints, Newcastle, 1846). Also Haynes (Northants, 1850's) and Willey (Nimbourne, Dorset, 1800's).
- Mr W. QUIGLEY, Pippin Street Cottage, Brindle, CHORLEY, Lancashire PR6 8ND.

 (Preston 34177) Interests: (a) Family surname Quigley, late 19C. early 20C. (Co. Durham, Esh and Stanley; County Fermanagh, Roslea). (b) Temperley surname, (Co. Durham, Dipton, Leadgate), late 19C. early 20C.
- 1576 Mrs J. ROBSON, 53 Mariners Lane, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 2SD.
- 1577 Mr Q.K. SMITH, Fern Villa, BALLACHULISH, Argyll PA39 4JE.
- 1578 Mrs J.D. WRIGHT, 120 Broadway, MORECAMBE, Lancashire LA4 5XZ. Interests: Taylor (Durham post-1820; Felton/Ulgham, N/land pre-1820); Lishman (Weardale); Snowball (Sunderland 1800-60); Hackworth (Durham, 1800-1900); Shiell, Sleigh, Denholm and Cockburn (all Berwickshire); Tinmouth (Felton pre-1750); Marshall (Ulgham pre-1750); Sym (Widdrington, pre-1750); Foster (Washington).
- 1579 Miss J.R. WILDE, 156 Thorne Road, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire DN2 5AE. (28 Doncaster 62636)
- 1580 Mr B. WILDE, 156 Thorne Road, DONCASTER, South Yorkshire DN2 5AE.
- 1581 Mrs M. CHARLTON, 10 Canterbury Way, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE13 6JQ.
- >a Mr T_T_CJANFR_,4QRixer Bank East.,Stakaford.,CHOPPINGTON.,Northumberland NE62 5XA.
- Mr G. ROBINSON, 184A Hope Street, BRUNSWICK WEST, VICTORIA 3055, Main interests: Robinson and Teasdale. Thomas Robinson (gt. gt. grandfather) was bn. c.1817/18 possibly

in Hexham, and emigrated to Australia, when unknown, but on death certificate says 22 years in New South Wales by 1861 so possibly about 1839/40. The certificate also states that he was the son of Thomas Robinson and Hannah Smith. Family Stories suggest he may have been a remittance man, lawyer or minister. The name Teasdale also appears in the Robinson line and the first mention is on the marriage certificate of Thomas' eldest daughter. Her name is given as Mary Ann Robinson, but she signs as Mary Ann Teasdale Robinson. Why? Any information welcomed, and Mr Robinson would be willing to do research relating to Melbourne or Victoria.

- 1584 Mr P.R. HADDEN-DEERING, 5 North Dene, Birtley, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 1PZ.
 - (Tyneside 410-2660)
- 1585 Mrs B. YORK, 61/62 Horninglow Road, BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire DE14 2PR. Seeking information on John Moat, gardener, of Byker and Elizabeth Alder, of Walker. They were married 3.6.1861 at Walker Parish Church. also of Henry Moat, gardener, father of John, and Mark Alder, cattle-dealer, father of Elizabeth.
- 1586 Mrs P. WILLIAMS, 22 Nevis Close, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE26 3HZ.
 (28 Whitley Bay 513382) Mrs Williams would welcome information on John Johnson, cordwainer, and family living Morpeth 1835. Francis Johnson, tailor, and family living Shotley Bridge 1870. Ralph Billany and family, Newcastle 1836. W aistell family of Durham City 1850. Dye family of Sunniside.
- Mr W.A. KEENLYSIDE, 46 Cleveleys Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, BLACKPOOL, Lancashire FY5 2AZ.
 (28 Blackpool 860979)
- Mr B.T. SAXON, 27 Heron Close, Sway, LYMINGTON, Hampshire S04 OET. (28 Lymington 682336)
- 1589 Mr J.A. FERRON, 1642 Suzanne Drive, WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19380, UNITED STATES.
- Mrs G.M. FERRON, 1642 Suzanne Drive, WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19380, UNITED STATES.
 Searching for descendants of Thomas Holmes, resided 12 Victoria Street, Sacriston, Durham in 1900. His only brother, William Henry Holmes, resided Edmondsley, Durham, emigrated to America c.1878 with his wife, Sarah Jane, nee Smith, born 6.9.1839, and children Mary Louella b.10.11.1869 (Mrs Ferron's grandmother), Elizabeth b.11.6.1878, Jane, James and Edward. Mary Louella and Elizabeth bap. Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Edmondsley, Durham. Any information on John Smith, b. 23.8.1827, brother of Sarah Jane, resided Spennymoor, Durham in 1898.
 Details sought Mary Hall, b.6.3.1802, mar. E. Smith (probably Edward). Known children: Sarah Jane, John and Mary, most likely Durham. Searching for descendants of Black, wife Marie. Resided 126 South
- 1591 Mr R. O'JOHN, Literary & Philosphical Society, 3 Westgate Road, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE1 1SE.

Street, Ouston via Birtley, about 1910. Daughter Aggie. Marie Black may have been child of Mary Hall and

- 1592 Mr J. MALKIN, 7 The Fairway, Brunton Park, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE3 5AP.
- 1593 Mrs K. WILLANS, 54 Raw Nook Road, Salendine Nook, HUDDERSFIELD, West Yorkshire HD3 3UX. Researching: Bell, Angus (both Consett, Co. Durham); Harris, Lewis (both Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales); the following all North Yorkshire: Sadler, Fothergill (various); Lee, Awmack, Manfield (all Leake); Hawkins, Lawn, Johnson, Atkinson (all Helmsley); Reed, Sayers (Osmotherley); Atkinson (Skipton/Thirsk): Mothersill (Over Silton).
- Mrs H.C. TURNER, 90 Oxford Street, Exning, NEWMARKET, Suffolk CB8 7EW. (2 Exning 648)
- 1595 Cdr. T.H. SHAW, 24 Southfield Place, EDINBURGH EH15 ILZ.
- 1596 Mrs V.J. CRANSTON-BURRELL, Keepers Cottage, Lacons Corner, Mautby, GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk NR29 3JB.

(& Great Yarmouth 730151)

E. Smith.

Mrs Cranston- Burrell is researching the names Cranston and Kirk and has a good deal of information on the Popham family going back to 1157, which she is willing to pass on to any interested members. William Cranston (grandfather) married Margaret Kirk (grandmother) in Kemptee, India, in 1890. William was a painter by trade, and Margaret a teacher. It is assumed that they were born in the U.K. as both William's marriage and his son's birth are recorded in the consular returns. The only lead to their possible birth-places are two entries from St. Catherine's, a William Cranston born at Glendale 1866 and a Margaret Kirk born Sept. 1865 at Durham. Any help with these names would be very welcome.

- 1597 Mr T.E. STRAWBRIDGE, 72 The Wynd, Pelton, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH2 IEH. (28 Durham 700948)
- 1598 Mrs N.M. McKINNA, PO Box 336, COOKTOWN, QUEENSLAND 4871, AUSTRALIA. Researching Greens of Bedlington and Ashington. John Green eloped(?) with Ann Ogle c.1790; children were Robert, Barbara, William, John, Lewis (this appears to be a family name), Mary Ann, James. Lewis married Margaret Oliver. Also Grahams and Sadlers, family names Christopher, Isaac, Rebecca or Rebekah. Isaac Sadler married Elizabeth Henderson c.1803. Christopher Graham married Elizabeth Hudson at Hexham 1788. Isaac Sadler appears to be son of James Sadler and Jane Blackett. Also any Myers related to Major Bill Myers, late of Northumberland fusiliers? His father was Mrs McKinna's grandfather's brother, and apart from George Myers having been born in Newcastle 13.1.1851/55, no further trace of his family can be found. It is beleived that his father married twice, as he was heard to have a stepmother.

- 1599 Mr L.H. CLINE, 25 Whaggs Lane, Whickham, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE164PF.

 (Tyneside 488 7314) Names of interest: Cline; Thoms; Tully; Trice (Portsmouth); Stenhouse; Gibson (Tynemouth); Porteus; Minto (Leith); Robson (Newcastle); McOlvin; Huntingdon; Robertson.
- 1600 Ms. A.C. RICHES, 50 Larkhall Rise, Clapham, LONDON SW4 6JX. (201-720-9646)
- 1601 Mr J. McALINDEN, 14 Branxton Crescent, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE6 3BJ.
- 1602 Mr D. WEAR, 415 Holyhead Road, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 8HS. (Coventry 598551)
- 1603 Ms D. WEAR,415 Holyhead Road, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV5 8HS. (Coventry 598551)
- 1604 Miss A. FAIRBAIRN, 10 Spelvit Lane, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2RD.
- 1605 Mr G.A.W. HEPPELL, 103 Burton Stone Lane, YORK Y03 6BZ.
 (28 York 24995) Interested in families of Heppell and Hedinburgh.
- 1606 Mrs M. MALONE, 2A Rathgar Avenue, West Ealing, LONDON W13 9PL. (201-579-1102)
- 1607 Miss J.H. CAMPBELL, 5 Walpole Lodge, Culmington Road, Ealing, LONDON W13 9NP. (!& 01-240-2881)
- 1608 Mr D.D. KENNEDY, 20 High Street, Oakington, CAMBRIDGE CB4 5AG. (* Histon 3284)
- 1609 Mr. T.J. SWINHOE, 13 Porchester Drive, Eastfield Chase, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 9QE.
- 1610 Mr. L. FOLEY, 2/70 Dawson Street, COOK'S HILL, NEW SOUTH WALES 2300, AUSTRALIA.
- 1611 Mr R.B. COOK, 1330 Wesley Avenue, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201, UNITED STATES. Cook - Anyone related to a Daniel or Asa B. Cook in or about 1814-20, please contact Shirley Cook, above address. She needs help!
- 1612 Mrs M.S. FRENCH, 1 Kenmore Close, Frimley, CAMBERLEY, Surrey GU16 5ED.
- 1613 Mr W. WARDLE, 3275 Sheppard Avenue East, Apartment 807, SACARBOROUGH, ONTARIO MIT 3P1.
- 1614 Ms. J.M. EASTON, 47 Lynwood Close, South Woodford, LONDON E181DP.
- 1615 Mrs B.H. BATCHELOR, 4 Gainsborough Crescent, Lower Hillmorton, RUGBY, Warwickshire CV21 4DQ.
- 1616 Mrs C.I. SOUTHERN, 86 Mill Lane, Churchtown, SOUTHPORT, Merseyside PR9 7PE. (Southport 214857)
- 1617 Mrs R. TAYLOR, 2 Croham Close, SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey CR2 ODA.
 (28 01-688-7534) Mrs Taylor would be delighted to hear from any members who are researching the following surnames: Dalziel, Dixon, Mills, and Coulson particularly in the areas of Newcastle, Monkwearmouth/Sunderland and Wooler.
- 1618 Mr G.L. HUTCHINGSON, 77 Buxton Road, WEYMOUTH, Dorset DT4 9PP. (28 Weymouth 786378)
- 1619 Mrs E.E. COX, 75 Austin Drive, Didsbury, MANCHESTER M200FA.
- 1620 Mrs M. BAINBRIDGE, Tow House West, Bardon Mill, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE47 7EG. (28 Bardon Mill 356)
- Dr R.G. STANAWAY, Fairfield, Grange Road, Heworth, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE10 8UT. (Felling 692400)
- 1622 Mr 1. EMMERSON, 127 Marwood Circle North East, CALGARY, ALBERTA T2A 281, CANADA.
- 1623 Mrs B. LODGE, 18 Queensgate Place Mews, South Kensington, LONDON SW7 5BQ. Mrs Lodge is researching two main names: Farrey and Mordue.
- 1624 Mrs L.S. HOLT, 42 Princes Road, Brunton Park, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE3 5AN.
- 1625 Mr A.G. SMAILES, 48 Aigburth Hall Avenue, LIVERPOOL L19 3PS. (0 051-427-2315)
- 1626 Mrs B. TAYLOR, 7 Crown Road, VIRGINIA WATER, Surrey GU25 4HS. (28 Wentworth 4218)
- 1627 Mr K. MILLER, 44 Kirk Lane, Ruddington, NOTTINGHAM NGI 1 6NN. (28 Nottingham 212071)
- 1628 Mrs A.R. MILLER, 44 Kirk Lane, Ruddington, NOTTINGHAM NGI 16NN. (28 Nottingham 212071)
- 1629 Mrs J. BRODHAGEN, 4630 South Victor Avenue, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74105, UNITED STATES.
- 1630 Miss M. O'FLYNN, 18 Stanley Street, HACKETT, A C T 2602, AUSTRALIA.
- 1631 Mrs M. McCULLOCH, 19 Vienna Way, STRATHPINE, QUEENSLAND 4500, AUSTRALIA.
- 1632 Mr J. PORTEOUS, 55 Firtree Crescent, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE 12 OJU.
- Mrs B.J. BORTHWICK, Southlands, Station Road, Snainton, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO 13 9A P.
 (Scarborough 85758)
- 1634 Mr F.G. HOLMES, 12 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LANCASTER LA2 6EZ. (8 Lancaster 822531)
- 1635 Mrs. I. STELL, 5 Kingsmere Avenue, LYTHAM ST ANNES, Lancashire FY8 3AT. (28 Lytham 724480)

SECOND TIME AROUND

- Mr P.R.D. DAVISON, 27 Fryup Crescent, Kemplah Park, GUISBOROUGH, Cleveland TS14 8LG. Mr Davison seeks the origin/reason for/history of Hannah Jane Hunter (nee Ford) being called an "Annuitant". She was born Islington, 11.8.1799, the daughter of Alex. Ford and Ann (Buddle), and died Seaham Harbour 20.5.1872. Her husband was Robert Haswell Hunter, bapt. Wolsingham 21.2.1796, and died Hendon Blue House as a result of a railway accident on 28.12.1852. (b) Atkinson/Atchison, Phillis. Bapt. sought (born 27.9.1809, Wooler) and marriage pre-1838 to William Dixon, a mariner on H.M.S. Vestal. (c) Bulmer/Boomer/Bower, Thomas. Marriage sought pre-1764 to Jane and bapt. c.1729. Servant then W atercartman in St. Oswald's, Durham. Freeman of Elvet Moor as "son of the same"; son of John B. "late of Hallgarth Street", St. Oswald's. (d) Davison, Geo. Marriage to Eliz. 1704, when in Lanchester, or earlier. (e) Davison, John. Burial? born 1742/3 and alive in Tanfield area 1805. (f) Hunter, Mary Ann. Bapt. sought. (Born in Haswell c.1820, likely dau. of Robt. Haswell Hunter and Hannah Jane (Ford). (g) Quilter, Frederick. Marriage to Isabella Hunter of Dawdon, pre Civil Registration. He was of Leigh in Essex and a Pilot at Seaham Harbour.
- 0180 Mrs J. LAING, 99 St. Thomas's Street, PORTSMOUTH P012HE.

 Laing/Inglis. Still seeking marriage of William Laing and Mary Inglis c.1830-36. William was a gardener at Lemmington Hall, nr. Newcastle at the birth of son William in 1837 and son Alexander 1839. Have searched Golden Square Registers, Berwick upon Tweed and Mormon Index. Berwick area and Scottish borders to be searched.
- 0387 Mr A.S. ANGUS, River View, Mitford, MORPETH NE613PR.

 Seeking information about James Knott and Mary Turnbull who married in the Tyneside area c.1830. Also any information about Hannah Yule, who married William Blackwood at All Saints, Newcastle, 29.5.1809, or about John Forster, butcher, of North Shields, and his wife Isabella Orange, whose daughter Isabella Mabel Forster married Robert Henry Blackwood 18.12.1854.
- 0516 Mr N.J. BOWMAKER, 523 Nottingham Road, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21229, UNITED STATES.
 Mr Bowmaker is interested in the forebears of John Curry and his father William Curry. Census data suggests they were born in Scotland, but may have been living in Northumberland when John married Catherine Marsh in 1841. Possible parishes Easington, Demesne, Lucker or Beadnell. Mr Bowmaker also has done considerable research on the family of George Bowmaker, whose parents resided at Doddington in 1820/30's. The Curry family may have been Presbyterian, as the Bowmakers of Easington were by 1840's. Some of George Bowmaker's elder siblings were baptized as Anglicans; his younger siblings were baptized at Wooler Presbyterian, probably George also. Birth dates are given as: George Bowmaker 19 Sept. 1827;
- 0643 Miss B.M. GARDINER, Beacon Road, GLENMONT, NEW YORK 12077, UNITED STATES. Seeks information on family of George Forster (Foster) of Durham Co. who died 19 July 1808 aged 72, then of Patefield Brow. He appears to have also lived at Daddry Shield, Brownrighouse, Westgate and Wolfcleugh, all in Weardale. He is father of Hannah born 1781 who mar. John Gardiner in 1799 and probably also of William b.c. 1774 and Anne b.c. 1771 (mar. Thomas Parker). Unable to find appropriate baptism for George c.1736 in Durham Co. He may have had brothers John b.c.1735, William and Robert. Where were they born? Who was George's wife? Any help greatly appreciated.

John Curry 18 Dec. 1816; William Curry 29 Jan. 1781. Would greatly appreciate any assistance.

- 0921 Mr J. RUSSELL IVES, 802 Arthur Street, ROLFE, IOWA 50581, UNITED STATES. Would like to hear from anyone who may have come across Edward James who married Ann Watson, and/or Andrew Young who married Jane Hope, both in Northumberland (probably the Newcastle-upon-Tyne area) during the early 1800's.
- 0992 Mrs M. BRIERLEY, 77 Edenfield Road, ROCHDALE, Lancashire OL115AA.

 Mrs Brierley has found the marriage of James Blackett and Mary Ann Turnbull in 1831 at Ford, Dissenters.

 Also James' father William who married Jane Grison/Grecian, and his father James Blackett of Belford.

 James Blackett (snr.) had offspring Isabel 1762, Elizabeth 1765, Nicholas 1769 and William 1782. Help now sought with baptism/marriage/death of this James Blackett and his wife, name unknown.
- 1139 Ms. L. BRAMBLE, 30 Chaleyer Street, ROSE BAY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2029, AUSTRALIA. Ms. Bramble is seeking the parish where her great-grandmother lived. She was Elizabeth Mary Smith, born 15.6.1868 in Darlington. Her brother William Ewart Gladstone's birth certificate gives an address: 82 Whessoe Lane, Darlington. Their parents were Stephen Smith and Grace (Rogerson). On Stephen's death certificate, he is shown as being born in Shildon, Durham and married in Darlington, and on Grace's, that she was born in Durham. Any information welcomed.
- 1254 Mrs B.A. CROZIER, 27 Thornhill Terrace, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR2 7JL. Seeking any information on Croziers (Crosier, Croser, Crosar etc.) from 1700 -1900. Particularly interested in Edward Crosier, b.c. 1800, place unknown. Also his son Henry Crozier, who was married in 1846 at Witton Gilbert. Any help welcomed desperation is setting in!
- 1288 Dr. H. STEPHEN STOKER, 765 Ben Lomond Avenue, OGDEN, UTAH 84403, UNITED STATES. Would be grateful to any member who could supply information about burial place locations in Whickham parish, County Durham, that were in use prior to 1850. Is particularly interested in the current condition of these burial locations and the existence and whereabouts of any monument inscription transcriptions. Is trying to locate burial places (and monument inscriptions) for the following: John and Ann (nee Sharp) Stoker (or Stokoe) she died in 1807; John and Sarah (nee Briggs) Stark she died in 1829; Robert and Margaret (nee Bainbridge) Sharp she died in 1808; Robert and Dorothy (nee Pallister) Stoker (or Stokoe) she died in 1784; James and Margaret (nee Thompson) Stark.

- 1290 Mrs J.K. SHASSERE, 4491 Washington Boulevard, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46205, UNITED STATES.

 Mrs Shassere seeks information on Agnes (Ann) Lyall Carr, b.c. 1845 at Amble(?); mar_to John Carr of Choppington 9 April 1864 at St. John's, Newcastle; died 15 Sept. 1912, buried St. Paul's, Choppington. Her father was George Lyall, a collier. Who was her mother? Would like to hear from Lyall researchers in this
- 1478 Mrs M.M. WISDOM, 31 Grange Lane, Bromham, BEDFORD MK43 8NR.
 Researching: Sinclair (David), Master Mariner, of South Shields, born probably 1851 and died 1919; his father Thomas, a farmer, and his wife Mary (nee Spence), born probably 1853 and died 1918. Also Rutherford (Isaac Henzel Major) born 1829, died 1886, Master Mariner of South Shields.
- 1528 Mr B.J. SIMPSON, 5 Roxeth Green Avenue, HARROW, Middlesex HA2 8AE. Mr Simpson has notified us of an addition and alteration to his interest as published on page 74 of the July 1983 Journal. They should now read: Robert Simpson settled at Herrington c.1885. Despite strong family belief that family is local, he cannot be traced earlier than 1885 electoral register. Margaret Wilkin moved to Norwich, and it is now believed that her mother was Ann Wilkin.

OFFERS OF HELP

1188 (with 1509) Mr and Mrs J. BUCHAN, Glenhaven, Freemantle Road, BATHHURST, NEW SOUTH WALES 2795, AUSTRALIA.

Bathhurst, New South Wales, was the centre of the gold rush area of 1851. Mr and Mrs Buchan would be prepared to help anyone researching in this area.

HELP WANTED

Mrs E. OLIVER, 57 Sheen Park, RICHMOND, Surrey, TW91UN.

Mrs Oliver asks if any member will do reciprocal searching - parish registers at Northumberland CRO for Greater London RO (Clerkenwell). Mrs Oliver has made a chronological index for the Diocese of Clerkenwell and Southwark and would like Belford, Berwick and Rothbury registers searched. If this fails she would be really appreciative if any of our local member would be willing to put her up for bed and breakfast so that she can do the searching at Melton Park herself.

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