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EDITORIAL

I am sure that all our members will be pleased to receive the Summer edition of the Journal on schedule! Unfortunately, late renewal of membership over the Christmas period does severely hamper our distribution programme and it would help a great deal if members would send future renewal subscriptions to us in plenty of time - or better still, why not pay by standing order?

Please keep sending your letters to me; without them it is difficult to assess exactly what our members would like to see in the Journal. Articles large or small are gratefully received and need not be typed, although clear handwriting is essential.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The Committee wishes to draw to members' attention the fact that admission to our Annual Conference on Sunday 13 May 1984, at Lumley Castle Hotel, is by ticket only; there is no reduction for members who do not wish to take lunch. Any members who specifically wish to attend the Annual General Meeting but not the Conference should write to Mrs. J.E. Watson at the address on the Contents Page of this Journal; special arrangements will be made to admit them to that part of the programme free of charge, but such members will be asked to withdraw as soon as the Annual General Meeting ends.

Ticket sales are going well, with applications from far and wide, so do get your own application in the post to the Editor (enclosing a S.A.E. please) to arrive no later than Friday, 4th May, 1984. The charge is £7.50 per head which includes morning and afternoon refreshments and a substantial buffet lunch. With your support the Conference is sure to be a success - there will be something to interest family historians at all levels of experience.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Disruption at the Public Record Office

A modernisation programme is under way at the Chancery Lane Premises of the Public Record Office, and will obviously result in some disruption of the services available to the public. Problems are likely to include temporary unavailability of certain classes of records while access to the strongrooms is obstructed, some restriction of the seating available for searchers, temporary reduction in the general level of service provided and, inevitably, some noise from the construction operations.

Intending visitors are advised to check in advance by telephoning the Enquiry Desks at Chancery Lane (IM 01-405-0741 Ext. 277 or 298) or Kew (02 01-876-3444 Ext. 401) for advice on the level of service available during the progress of the work, which is expected to take between two and three years to complete.

Reading Rooms throughout the Public Record Office will close from 1 to 12 October 1984 for stocktaking; the Rooms are also closed on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Holidays and on Friday 25 May and Monday 24 December.

One Name Societies

Members may be interested to hear of three new One Name Groups catering for the surnames Metcalfe, Alderson and Reid/Reed.

Mrs Nina E Benson, 5 Coxwold View South, WETHERBY, West Yorkshire LS22 4PU is Secretary of the Metcalfe Society, and would be happy to hear from prospective new members; Mrs Benson will also try to deal with brief queries from non-members in return for a stamped addressed envelope.

Mrs G M Alderson-Walker, Burnt Walls, Greenhead, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA6 7HX, NDFHS Member 1538, is Secretary of the Alderson Society which will hold its inaugural meeting in the Darlington area in April; anyone interested in joining the Society should write to Mrs Alderson-Walker for details, enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope.

The Secretary of the Reed/Reid Society is Mrs J Bell, 14 Ferriby Road, HESSLE, North **Humberside HU13 0PG, NDFHS Member 1332. Mrs Bell is co-operating with Mrs D Tait, NDFHS Member 1239, in compiling an index of Reeds and Reids in the Newcastle area; so far, about 500** references, mainly from the second half of the 19th Century but with some earlier extracts from apprenticeship records, have been indexed by Christian name. Mrs Bell will be happy to check the index in return for the usual stamped addressed envelope, and would be glad to receive particulars of references to these surnames from anywhere in the country supported by full details of the original sources.

Bad News!

As from 1 April 1984 all Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates cost £10 each from St. Catherine's House by post, and £5 in person or from local Registry Offices.

Index to Volume 8

The indefatigable Dave Linley has again undertaken the task of producing a comprehensive index to the year's Journals; the draft is now complete, but was received too late for distribution with this issue. The Index - which, as last year, will be produced as a pull-out supplement - will be included with the Autumn 1984 Journal, due for publication in July/August 1984.

THE WINTER MEETINGS

JANUARY

Our first meeting in 1984 was held at our new venue, the Newcastle University Employees' Club. The speaker was Mr Edward Atkinson, a City of Newcastle Guide who gave *us* a very detailed talk entitled '**Roots**'. Mr Atkinson, originally from Kendal, Westmorland, told us how he had traced his own Westmorland ancestors and how he discovered numerous world wide branches, one of which included an Archbishop.

In his capacity as City Guide Mr Atkinson proved to very knowledgeable on the pedigrees of notable Northumbrian families, giving us many interesting details including a link with the Greys of Howick (Earl Grey of the famous Reform Bill) and Princess Diana of Wales. Other families mentioned were the Trevelyans (originally Cornish), the Thorntons, John Scott, who eloped with Bessie Surtees and who later became Earl of Eldon and Lord Chancellor of England, the Blacketts, the Ords and finally Admiral Lord Collingwood of Trafalgar fame. All of these families had made some contribution to Newcastle and to our heritage.

There was a tremendous turn-out for this meeting and we hope that the relaxed atmosphere of the new venue coupled with the opportunity it provides for members to meet socially after the speaker has finished is encouraging more members to come along.

FEBRUARY

At our February meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs Ann Rossiter, one of our own members, give a very interesting and informative talk entitled '*Across the Cumberland Border*'. Her topic highlighted the hitherto genealogically neglected extreme west of Northumberland, the north west area of Durham and east Cumberland.

Up to the time of the union of the two crowns in 1603, this area, known as the West and Middle Marches, bordering Scotland to the north, was hostile territory. Cattle stealing and plundering was a daily occurrence - this was the home territory of the Border Reivers. The notorious Grahams were acknowledged by almost every other clan as the most ferocious, feared and lawless. Such was their reputation that the authorities, in an attempt to make the region a safer place in which to live, banished the Grahams from the area. Some were sent to Ireland, some to fight in continental wars, and some westward to the Cumberland coast. Many surreptitiously returned. Most of those who did go into west Cumberland settled there and integrated with the local population, so that today Graham is one of the commonest of Cumberland surnames. Other clan names were also 'on the move'; the Elliotts, Armstrongs, Nixons and Robsons respected no county demarcation line and they lived alongside the Cumbrian Fletchers, Renwicks, Hetheringtons and Keenlysides.

Their descendants in the 19th century were the lead and zinc miners of Allendale, Allenheads, Alston, Garrigill, Nenthead and Stanhope. These miners were often on the move, signing a contract

or agreement with the mine owner to work for only a fixed period, usually six months, and then moving on. This movement is reflected in the 1851 and later census returns of the area, where in the 'place of birth' column it is not unusual to find that every member of a family was born in a different township or village.

When the lead mines closed this independent breed of people sought employment in the coalfields of Durham, West Cumberland, Northumberland and as far away as Australia, South Africa and Canada.

CENTRAL DURHAM GROUP

The monthly meetings of the Durham Group are proving to be very popular, with new members appearing at each session. The Group meets informally at the Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor, Durham on the third Monday of each month (see our programme page for details). Maurice Handcock, the Group chairman, tells me that the members are learning so much from each other's research and that there is a regular exchange of views and ideas.

The January meeting was held in very wintry weather, and very few members were able to attend; however, the February meeting was a different story! At that meeting, on 20th February, a substantial group enjoyed listening to the experiences of two members who had recently undertaken research at Northallerton County Hall. They emphasised the necessity of booking a viewer in advance and explained there was a charge of £1.50p for the sessions, which are from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Another member had been to the Public Record office at Kew and gave helpful hints on how to obtain the correct files when seeking information there.

Maurice was happy to report that Middlesbrough Reference Library now holds the I.G.I. micro-fiche for the whole country; this will be a great help to those members living in the south of the county who have been unable to travel to the Mormon Branch Library in Sunderland. The members were also eager to know when the next Society Journal was likely to appear; there should be no further problems on this score as difficulties we have been experiencing with distribution and printing have now been ironed out and although we cannot guarantee an exact date we can promise that the Journal will be on schedule.

If you would like further information on the Durham Group, Maurice Handcock, the Chairman, would love to hear from you. He can be contacted at: 4 John Terrace, Coronation, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham DL14 8SN. (IS Bishop Auckland 773292)

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

The South Tyneside Group have certainly got their message across to the people of South Shields! With the help of the 'South Tyneside Post', a local 'free' newspaper delivered to thousands of homes in the area, they have stimulated a lot of interest by an advertisement giving details of their meetings. Several of those who came along to the last meeting joined the NDFHS the same evening. One gentleman in particular claims to have traced his tree back to 807!

Membership is now very healthy and with many important tasks being carried out by the Group the extra 'hands' will be very welcome.

The Group Chairman Bill Butterley has brought to our attention an error in their report in the Spring Journal. It was announced that the Group had completed a marriage index for South Shields up to 1920. This should have read: "The Group hopes that the next project to be undertaken by Group members will be an index of all marriages in the South Shields area up to 1920". We apologise to Bill and the Group for this misprint.

Anyone is welcome to attend the Group meetings in South Shields, and if further details are required please ring Bill at South Shields 550430 or write to him at 51 Ashley Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 0PD.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Sunday, 13 May 1984

Ninth Annual General Meeting and Conference

*10.00.am., Lumley Castle Hotel,
Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street*

Monday, 21 May 1984

Central Durham Local Group Meeting

*7.30.pm., Salutation Inn,
Framwellgate Moor, Durham*

Wednesday, 6 June 1984

South Tyneside Local Group Meeting

*Venue may
See below*

Wednesday, 13 June 1984

Talk: : "A Catholic Archivist". Speaker: Mr Robin Gard.

*7.15.pm., University Employees' Club,
M_{F-15} Jesmond Road, Newcastle*

Monday, 18 June 1984

Central Durham Local Group Meeting

*7.30.pm., Salutation Inn,
Framwellgate Moor, Durham*

Wednesday, 4 July 1984

South Tyneside Local Group Meeting

*Venue may change
See below*

Summer Recess - Meetings resume in September

The South Tyneside Local Group meets at 8.00. pm. at the White Ensign Inn, King George Road, South Shields, but due to increasing numbers the Group is outgrowing its accommodation and is thinking of moving, possibly to Cleadon, which would make meetings more accessible to members living in Sunderland. In the meantime members are advised to telephone Bill Butterley at South Shields 550430 to confirm the venue for the above meetings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Cornish Question

Mrs. E. E. Cox, of 75 Austin Drive, Didsbury, MANCHESTER M20 OFA writes:

"I have recently joined the N.D. F.H.S. and purchased Volume 8 of the Journal which I found most interesting and informative. It was whilst reading these Journals, and Dave Neville's article on the Trewick Tree in the October edition in particular, that I learned about the Cornish miners who were brought to Cramlington in 1865. This made me wonder whether a similar incident may have made my father's family move from Somerset to Co. Durham at the same period.

My grandfather, James Ross, his older brothers Philip and Charles, and their sister Emma and her husband, Alfred Kurl, all moved to Durham in the 1860's. It would appear that Philip came with his family c. 1866-67 and Emma and Alfred and their family c. 1870-71. Charles and James, who were both unmarried at that time must have arrived between those dates.

According to the 1871 census Philip and Charles were labourers in a brickyard and Alfred a colliery labourer. There is no occupation given for James, then only thirteen years old, but the 1881 census gives his occupation as coke-drawer. They all lived in Hunwick, Co. Durham.

Was there a strike in a brickyard or a colliery in the Hunwick/Helmington Row area in 1866-67 and was "foreign" labour brought in? I have often wondered why the family travelled so far and if any member could provide an answer to this question I should be most grateful."

Unusual Christian Names

Mr. Alan Angus, of 'River View', Mitford, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 3PR writes:

"In his letter in the October 1983 Journal, Mr. Selby Angus asks for help in tracing the origin of his Christian name. Although he says that his first assumption - that it was the maiden surname of one of his ancestors - has proved incorrect, I think it is probably the true explanation, and that it does in fact derive from some remote connection with the Selby family.

I cannot substantiate this, or help Mr. Angus with his problem, but I can give an example of another unusual Christian name being preserved through several generations.

Some branches of the Knott family on Tyneside have used the name 'Leadbitter' as a Christian name for nearly two hundred years. During this time its origin has been almost forgotten, but it actually goes back to about 1770 when John Knott, the son of a farmer at Warden, married Margaret Leadbitter, the local squire's daughter. The Knotts, proud of their connection with one of the leading families in the district, have used Leadbitter as a Christian name ever since.

I suspect that a similar explanation accounts for the name Selby."

Hunstanworth Lead Miners

Mr. G.R. Forster, of Staddon Cottage, Staddon Heights, Plymstock, PLYMOUTH, Devon PL9 9SP writes:

Whilst at the Public Record Office at Kew recently, I came across three lists of lead miners who worked at the Jeffry's Mine, near Hunstanworth, Co. Durham between 1715 and 1719. As these include some family groups and the early parish register for Hunstanworth has not survived, I have put the names together in the hope that they may be of interest to some members. The lists came from records of the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates, (Ref. FEC1 706A and 706B). There were also testimonies on oath in 1720 from John Dawson of Wossum Meadows, Thomas Wall of Boltshope, Hunstanworth, John Stuart of High House, Hunstanworth, and John Armstrong of Hall---burn, Hexham. These four were all described as yeomen though all had long experience of working in the mine and only one did not sign his name.

Lance Armstrong	Thomas Hindman	Math. Renwick
Edward Blenk	Edward Herryion]	Thomas Roddow
Thos. Blenkinsope	Isaac Herryion) Herryson?	John Rudson
Rowland Burton	William Herryion	George Short
Edward Carricle	Wm. Jerming	Robert Smith
Wm. Coalsworth	Nich. Lyddell	John Teasdale
Christopher Dawson	John Marshall	George Thompson
Robert Dixon	John Orde	John Tweddell
Samuel Dridon	William Orde sen.	Thomas Wall
Lance Eagleston	William Orde jun.	Lance Walton
Roger Fleming	W m. Omsby	Robert W haley
James Garth	Richard Parker sen.	George Willis
Anthony Gartham	Richard Parker jun.	Claudy Wilkinson
Ambrose Graeme	Thos. Potts	Thomas Wilkinson
Robert Grey	Wm. Raine	William Wilkinson
John Hill	Jo. Readshaw	John Wossum

After the 1715 rebellion there were disputes as to the ownership and rights to work the mine including one with the Bishop of Durham's agent in the area with the delightful name of Mr. Stonehever."

Correction

On page 84 of the October 1983 issue of the Journal we published a letter from Ms M Foy of Bedford under the heading "*The Stroughair Tree*". We apologise for an error in the birthdate of the Mary Ann Stroughair who married Thomas Shotton in 1884; the correct date is 2 April 1857 rather than 23 June 1834 - this was in fact the birthdate of Mary Ann's father, Henry Stroughair.

THREE RED HERRINGS

DIXONS OF DUKES FIELD: 1780 -1880

K. Henderson

Identifying a Dixon family in Hexhamshire is like trying to find a special blade of grass in a bundle of hay.

From Allendale across the shire into Slaley and on to Chester-le-Street and Washington in County Durham the records have been full of Dixons since records began, or at any rate since the time of the first Elizabeth. At the beginning of the 19th century they were farming, or working on the land at Allenheads, Cockersfield, Stobby Lee, Hill House, the Holmes, the Staples, the purlieu of White Hall and High Black Hall, Mollerstead and the Steel, Juniper and the Lee, Red Head Mill, Woodside and Dukesfield.

My quarry was Thomas Dixon, Mill Agent, of Dukesfield Hall, who was buried at Whitley Chapel on December 8th, 1823 in his 34th year.

Dukesfield lies in the parish of Slaley, on the eastern edge of the shire, but its tenants seem to have patronised Whitley Chapel. According to Volume VI of the County History, p. 372, the estate comprised, at the end of the 19th century, the farms of Dukesfield Hall, West, Middle, and East Dukesfield, Dukesfield Fell, and the hamlet of Dukesfield Mill. Near the latter place, which is situated on the Devil's Water, are the remains of the large lead smelt mills, where at the beginning of the century the produce of Mr. Beaumont's lead mines in Allendale were smelted. Dukesfield Hall is described as an old mansion house of three storeys "*and near it are some heather-thatched cottages and offices formerly used in connection with the smelt mills.*" It was advertised to let on December 5th 1807, with stabling for 5 horses.

Thomas Dixon was transferred there from Podsbank in Allendale in 1814 or 1815. I knew he had been born near Haydon Bridge in 1790, and was educated at Haydon Bridge School, but it was not until recently (through the good offices of fellow-member Stan Goode) that I learned that his parents, William and Jane Dixon, were resident at the time of his baptism (Christmas Day 1790) at Langley Castle. Presumably he was a member of the Allendale branch of the clan. At the time of, or soon after his appointment to look after the lead mills he married Mary, daughter of John Carr of Dotland Park and his wife Thomasin Davison of Marleycoat Walls, near Slaley. (There was a minor red herring here because Hodgson's pedigrees have mixed up this John with his cousin Jack Carr of Ford Westfield, whose son John was mayor of Newcastle in 1840)

Thomas and Mary had five children:

Thomasin born 1816, married George Atkinson of Peepy, in the parish of Bywell.

William born 1817, died 1841.

Jane born 1819, married William Cook of Wooley and Juniper.

Mary born 1821, died 1841

John born 1823, married (i) Jane Cook, sister to William, who died 1853; (ii) Elizabeth Elliot.

Thomasin was known to her family as "May", and posterity identified her with Mary. Having deduced her existence from a name in one of her father's schoolbooks (rubbed out, and Mary's name written in over it) I assumed her to have died young until I found from the registers of Whitley Chapel that it was Mary who died young and Thomasin who married Atkinson of Peepy, who ruined himself by transferring his pedigree herd to a new farm near Seaham Harbour, where the sea air disagreed with them.

After Thomas' death his widow returned to live at Dotland Park. The sale of her farm gear at the Hall on March 26th 1824 provides an introduction to some of the red herrings encountered during my researches.

Peter Dixon bought some rakes and forks, a scythe and hay spade, hand clips, back and belly bands, for a total outlay of eight shillings.

Thomas Dixon paid 8d. for "*a sile and shearers*".

Josh Dixon bought a milk-disher (1/8d.), Elish a hand-churn (7/9d.), Harry a table (6/-) and "*picters*" (1/8d.).

Mary left Dotland Park as soon as her niece Thomasin Johnson was old enough to look after the Carr uncles and went to live in a cottage at Juniper, apparently provided by her son-in-law William Cook, who was also resident in Juniper at the time. In her old age she was looked after there by William's daughter Mary (b.1843). Whilst there Mary, though still a young girl, fell in love with John Dixon of Juniper, who was no relation. She was not allowed to marry him until she came of age.

The first red herring - Peter Dixon of Dukesfield Hall.

Peter, son of Peter Dixon of Dukesfield Hall, was baptised at Whitley Chapel in 1788 (A Peter Dixon had been a witness in 1770 to the marriage in Whitley Chapel of Joseph Dixon to Mary Chatt). A Peter Dixon was tenant of West Dukesfield and the Hall in 1808 and still had the farm in 1823. The Belle Dixon of Middle Dukesfield who died aged 20 in 1813 and Isabelle Dixon of Middle Dukesfield who died in 1817 aged 63 were, presumably, members of the same family. They had no connection with our Thomas, but were probably related to -

The second red herring - Thomas Dixon the second, of Dukesfield Hall.

This Thomas, possibly the purchaser of the sile and shearers, was a local man. He was installed at the Hall by the end of 1829 and we know quite a lot about him because his diary has been preserved in the family, who generously allowed me to take extracts from it some years ago. He had connections in Allendale and seems to have been related to half the shire. His parents lived close by, and the Dixons of Juniper and Mollersteads were cousins, though it does not appear that the John Dixon of Juniper who married Mary Cook was one of them.

The diary begins in January 1830 when he and his wife Jane seem to have been newly married. There are references to "*our Joseph*" which might imply a grown-up son but was probably a younger brother. Jane had what sounds like her first child in 1833 and during the previous two years they took an active part in the social round of young married couples, attending dog-trials at the Travellers Rest or "Sporting" (quoits, pigeon shooting etc.) at the Clickem Inn. Both these hostelries happily survive. There was a goose-feast at the Clickem at Christmas and a Club Feast on New Year's Day, (to say nothing of a "*Love feast*" at Whitley Chapel at Michaelmas). The entry for January 4th 1831 reads: "At Hexham. Bobs at night with my father and Jos. Dixon. Very dirty". Jos. Dixon, possibly the purchaser of the milk dishes, seems to have been a more distant connection than "our Joseph" or "old Joseph", mentioned elsewhere.

This diary is well worth publishing for the light that it throws on social life in the shire 150 years ago. I will restrict my extracts to passages recording comings and goings at Dukesfield, the prevalence of Dixons, and unusual events. (Names in brackets are from Whitley Chapel Registers.)

- 1830 -** *March 23rd* Gardening for Wm. Dixon at Juniper.
April 24th Old Bill Dixon the Steward buried (William Dixon of Juniper?).
June 10th John Dixon took bad on the road (John Dixon of Lee?).
August 20th Mrs. Peter Dixon died.
October 2nd Old Nance Dixon of Lee died.
October 30th Father measuring turnips for Dixon's folk.
November 27th Robt. Dixon opened his ale-house.
December 6th Helping Bill Dixon make a ? ham? (indec.)
- 1831-** *January 13th* Bownas taken Dukesfield Farm. (This was West Dukesfield, farmed since 1823 by Thomas Teasdale, previously by Peter Dixon. Joseph Bownas retained the lease till 1841, but in the 1850's it was held by another Dixon, called Giles).
January 25th Mrs. Cook of W ooley buried on Monday. (This was the mother of William, widow of Anthony Cook, Headmaster of Trinity House School, Newcastle).
Hannah Dixon and Aunt Peggy here yesterday.
March 5th Mr. Nixon here giving us notice to move.
(N.B. In a note written at the end of the year he refers to "The failure of Thomas Teasdale, farmer of this place, his imprisonment and removal to Middle Dukesfield". Also Bownas entering to this farm [West Dukesfield] and our removal to the farmhouse to make room for Bownas's new farm hand).
July 12th Old John Carr of the Park buried. (Mary Dixon's father).
October 24th John Dixon helping me in the garden.
November 12th A preaching at Wm. Dixon's.
November 28th Old **Peggy** Dixon of Ouarrv House died.
- 1832 -** *January 8th* John Dixon of Heads in our house.
January 19th Thos. Teasdale removed to Hexham.

- January 23rd* Peter Dixon of Steel died. (Aged 29).
January 30th Uncle John repairing Dukesfield Old House for Jenny.
February 7th Helping Jenny to flit.
March 13th Old Robert Dixon of Mollersteads died last night. (Aged 73).
June 18th Thomasin Dixon here. (?Our Thomasin, aged 15 1/2?).
June 19th Hedley the Piper here.
July 27th To Slaley. On to Joseph Dixon afterwards.
August 14th My father at Quatre Bras.
September 1st Wettest week ever known at harvest.
September 2nd John Dixon at our folks.
September 22nd Idle. At Slaley seeing the church. (Newly restored).
 Finest harvest ever known.
- 1833- *February 5th* Father and Tommy meeting Nixon and settling for a fresh farm.
February 9th Our folk taking possession of their new farm (Quatre Bras).
 (N.B. I haven't been able to trace Quatre Bras this side of Hexham. The new farm can't have been far away because Dixon senior was made parish clerk in 1836. (See below). Unfortunately, Whitley Chapel records do not go back that far).
February 25th Old Peter Dixon of Red Head Mill died. (Aged 65).
April 6th Old Sally Dixon hanged herself.
May 6th Jane delivered of a daughter at 8.00 this morning.
June 20th Smelting hearth ends. Old ore finished this week.
September 1st Brother George here.
September 4th Our Joseph gone to Jones Marshall to work.
September 29th Our folk and us at Uncle John's at Lee.
October 10th Tommy Carr and Peter Dixon churns.
November 1st On smelting awhile for Joseph Dixon, who is in Hexham concerning church rates.
December 13th Dikeing out the sheep. Our house on fire.
 (N.B. During 1833 "Dickenson's Farm" at Middle Dukesfield was leased to Thomas Dixon and James Errington.)
- 1834- *January 11th* At Juniper expecting a ventriloquist.
February 16th got Jane christened.
February 27th Thomasin Dixon here. Aunt Peggy also.
 Our Peter left the Mill.
March 9th Our Joe at home.
May 16th At Peter Dixon's sale.
June 21st Dixon and Thomasin married today. (Look up register).
July 31st Jane at Thomasin Dixon's. (The bride of June?).
October 22nd Weaned little Jane today.
 Parliament Houses burned down last Thursday night.
- 1835- *January 18th* Payday at Dukesfield mill. Much fighting at the lower mill. Stewards go off to Allendale.
January 31st Mary Dixon of Juniper got her bed last night or this morning.
March 27th Old Bill Dixon of Dukesfield died this forenoon.
 (William Dixon of Middle Dukesfield aged 61).
April 15th Got letter from Mr. Johnson to go to Blaydon.
 Spent whole week at Blaydon.
May 11th Went down to Blaydon with Thomas Steel in the steams.
May 23rd Came home in the steam-jack at Dilston with three horses.
October 18th Came here (from Blaydon) with Betty Purvis and Thomas Dixon.
October 31st Our Joe came home. Been working at Riding Mill.
- 1836 - *January 23rd* Our folk giving up the Haugh.
June 5th Re-opening the chapel. My father is a clerk. (N.B. Name in records?).
June 12th Railway opened to Derwent Haugh.
June 28th Railway opened from Hexham to Haydon Bridge.
- 1837 - *January 13th* Begun move to Blaydon.

After the death of Thomas his widow married J. White, of the well-known firm of James White, coal and coke merchants, of Hexham. She was known in the family as "Grannie Dixon". The diary is in their possession. I don't know what happened to their daughter Jane. I was not then interested in red herrings, and have not since had an opportunity of consulting records and registers locally. (I suppose it couldn't have been the daughter Jane who married James White?)

The third red herring.

In the year 1875 "Miss Mary, the youthful daughter of the late Mr. James Dixon of Dukefield

Hall, was led to the hymeneal altar at Hexham Abbey by Robert Sheard Esq., corn factor of Wakefield, Yorks. the best men were Mr. Fearey of Belfast and Mr. John Carr Dixon of Tyne Mills, a cousin of the bride, who was given away by her Uncle Joseph Dixon of Tyne Mills, under whose hospitable roof she and her brother have been since the loss of their esteemed father."

It is the mention of John Carr Dixon that made this entry a red herring, because of the Dotland Park connection through Mary Carr, and also because Mary Dixon, nee Cook (born in 1843) had in her possession when she died a photo of a young man of about that time, taken in St. John's Wood, and inscribed "To Grannie Dixon from John Carr Dixon."

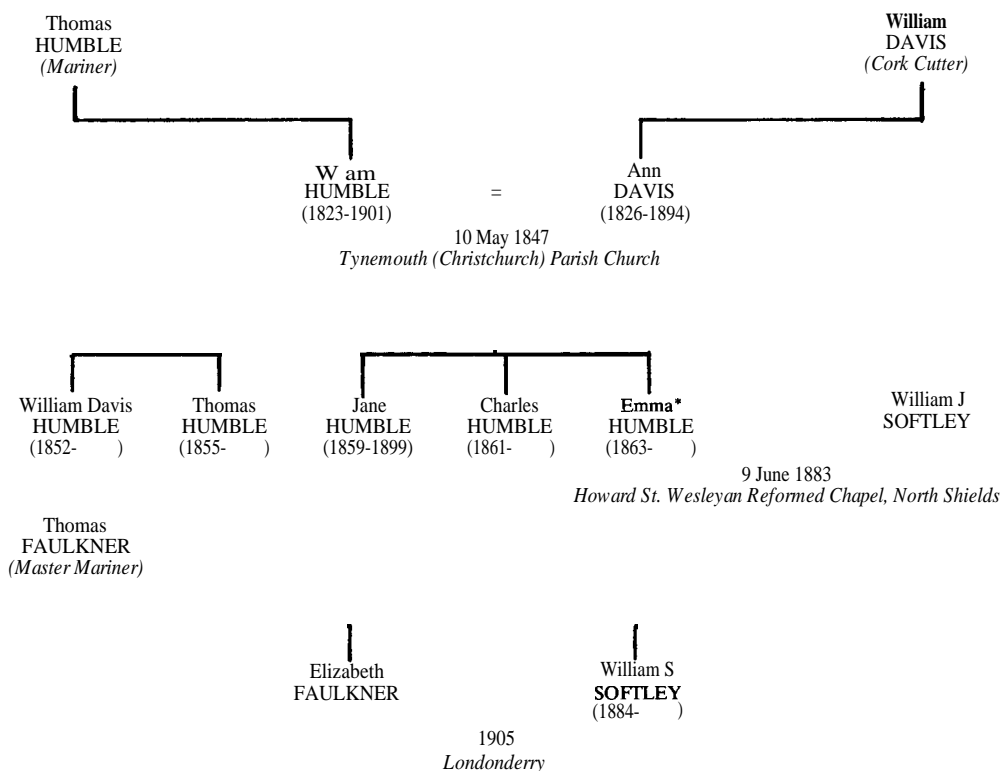
Mary's own grandchildren were not born until well into the 20th century. Her son John was not born till 1871, which rules out the possibility that the photo was presented by him to his paternal grandmother. Nor could it have been given to Mary's grannie, Mary Dixon, nee Carr, (whom, it will be remembered, she looked after in her old age) because the old lady died in 1859, the year of birth of her grandson John, the Hamburg merchant, son to her son John by his second wife Elizabeth Elliot, and brother to George Dixon, the Hexham solicitor.

The John Carr Dixon of the photography remains a mystery.

MORE HUMBLES

Charles Softley

For more than forty years my great-grandfather, William Humble, had a business in North Shields. On my grandmother's birth certificate he was described as a ship chandler of Lime Kiln Shore. From 1858 onwards trade directories described his work in slightly different ways - cork manufacturer, life buoy and belt maker and even, in one instance, a boat builder along with a Mr Harrison. When I obtained a copy of his marriage certificate I discovered he was originally a mariner. Interestingly enough his father-in-law was a cork-cutter. Could it be that he was able to use his father-in-law's know-how as an opportunity to give up the sea? After William Humble's death in 1901 his sons carried on the business separately. The sons in question were William Davis Humble and Charles Humble. As far as I know the last reference to the business in a directory was in 1913. The tree can be summarised as follows:



'Emma (Humble) Softley emigrated to Canada in 1932.

Editor's Note: Members with an interest in this family can contact Mr. Softley at 3, Broadview, Cheriton, FOLKESTONE, Kent C M 3ES.

ATTEYS O F SED GE FIELD

F. Banks

My wife's family name is ATTEY, of Sunderland and originally from Sedgfield, Co. Durham around 1690. The name also appears in many other Co. Durham parishes and in Durham in 1582.

The name Attey sounds the same whichever way you say it, whichever dialect you use, yet we have so far found 30 spelling variations of the name.

ADTHY	ATHEW	ATHTHY	ATTEE	ATTHERS	ATTI
ATEY	ATHEY	ATHY	ATTEY	ATTHEW	ATTY
ATHAY	ATHIE	ATHYE	ATTHA	ATTHEY	ATTYE
ATHE	ATHTHE	ATTAY	ATTHE	ATTHIE	AUTHEY
ATHEE	ATHTHEW	ATTE	ATTHEE	ATTHY	HATHEY

The derivation of the name is uncertain. "Dweller by the enclosure, close or common pasture", from the Old English *"teag"*, is one expert's suggestion. The place name Athies, near Amiens in France is also suggested, and Atte and Atto were Frisian personal and family names.

Professor Reaney names John Atte Tye from the Essex Subsidy Rolls of 1327, and another book states that the Custodian of Limerick in 1311 was John de Atie or Athy.

"Surnames of Ireland" states that Athy was one of the tribes of Galway, of Norman stock, but first settled in Co. Kildare in 1300 in the place called Athy in that county.

In 1583 the Return of Aliens in the Duchy of Lancaster includes *"John Attey, a cordwayner, born in Gelderland, hath been in England 19 years and is of the English Church"*.

So, the family search continues. We have a long way to go back from Sedgfield in 1690!

MORE CANADIAN LINKS

Bill Rounce

Since compiling the list which appeared under the heading *"Canadian Links"* on page 89 of the October 1983 Journal, I have received more letters from Canadian members enquiring about Northumberland and Durham folk who emigrated there before the middle of the nineteenth century. If anyone is interested in any of the following names, I should be glad to pass on addresses to help to establish more Canadian links.

JOSEPH COLLING, who married Jane FEATHERSTON by licence at Stanhope on 25 November 1805.

JOHN FEATHERSTONE, brother of the Jane mentioned above, who was born in 1790, married Jane HODGSON (1798-1882) at Stanhope on 10 May 1817, and died in 1864.

MARGARET SCOTT, who was born in the Hexham area in 1811, the daughter of Adam SCOTT and Jane COWANS. The surnames of Margaret's grandmothers were ACHESON and DOLSON.

Editor's Note: Bill's address is 40 Salcombe Avenue, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY.

A MARRIAGE O F CONVENIENCE!

From the *"Newcastle Daily Journal"*, Saturday 12th January, 1867:

"Edward Thayes and Miss Helen P Jellman attended by Mr Austin Humphrey and Annie E Crause went to St Paul's Church, the former to get married and the latter to act as groomsman and bridesmaid. They all stood up before the alter and the officiating clergyman, the Rev. Mr Dunn, supposing that both couples were to be married requested the gentlemen to join hands with their respective ladies, which was done, and in a very short space of time the four were made two. The situation being fully realised by the latter couple, they concluded to accept what they could not very well help, and all adjourned to their boarding house quite pleased with the result of the preacher's mistake".

THE CURIOUS CASE OF JOSEPH APPLEBY

Duncan Grey

Appleby, I thought, was not a terribly common surname. As it was my mother's maiden name I decided to trace that line of my family tree as an introduction to my interest in genealogy. As it has turned out it has provided me with a chastening warning to check my facts thoroughly before believing what only seems to be true.

Starting with the fortunate clue that my great grandfather was called William Cunningham Appleby, it took very little time to discover that his father too was William Cunningham Appleby, born in 1838, in Alnwick. I was delighted to see that the source of this middle name was his mother, Jane Cunningham, who had married Joseph Appleby. Both seemed to have come from Alnwick, and a brief search of Clayport, Alnwick, in the 1841 census revealed the following information: Joseph Appleby, Ann Appleby, their children Joseph and William. William's age matched that of my great great grandfather's, the address was that at which he was born, and the only curiosity lay in the presence of Ann. I assumed that Jane had died and either Joseph re-married, or that Ann was a servant and the census taker had mistaken her for a wife.

I was interested to see that Joseph, described as a "hind" on his son's birth certificate, had now advanced to a "fellmonger", but saw no problem there, as an agricultural labourer could surely turn his hand to preparing skins for tanning.

The 1851 census showed the Applebys in the same place, but now Ann had been replaced by Catherine, explicitly described as "fellmonger's wife". This confirmed my notion that Ann was simply a servant helping to look after the children, and that Catherine had replaced the dead Jane. I found the marriage certificate and even traced the family of Catherine Appleby (nee Strafford). The 1861 census showed that Catherine herself had now disappeared and been replaced by a servant - named Ann. Curious, but not improbable.

Being told that Wills were a great source of genealogical information, I searched the Index of Wills and Administrations and found, to my delight, that Joseph Appleby, Skinner, of Alnwick, had died in 1872 and had left nearly £5000. The money was left mainly to his elder son Joseph, and William was given a small annuity with enough restrictions and conditions to ensure that he didn't spend it all at once. He was clearly not to be trusted.

Registers, census returns, wills, certificates of birth, marriage and death, together with trade directories and some inconsequential entries in tithe returns had now given me a clearer picture of the life of Joseph Appleby than I could have hoped, but the fate of Jane Cunningham perplexed me. I returned to the 1841 census.

Next door to the Appleby's lived a family of Cunninghams. What could be more cosy than to live next door to one's in-laws? The eldest member of the family was one Jane Cunningham, aged 60, and there were other female Cunninghams aged between 3 and 25 years old. Presumably the old lady was Jane's mother, but there was no father in the house, and no mention of Jane herself. I turned to the parish registers and approached them by way of the card index to marriages 1813-1837 held by the *N. D. F. H. S.* I was astonished to find the following information:

*Joseph Appleby (Alnwick) married Ann Ogle (Alnwick) in Alnwick 4.4.1832;
Joseph Appleby (Morpeth) married Jane Cunningham (Alnwick) in Alnwick 28.1.1834*

I knew William Cunningham Appleby's mother was Jane Cunningham from his birth certificate. I knew Joseph Appleby was born in Alnwick from the census returns. How could the facts fit? How many women had Joseph Appleby married? The solution is blindingly clear with hindsight, but was extremely perplexing at the time. There were two Joseph Appleby's! Which was my great great great grandfather?

Only by inspecting the microfilmed registers at the County Record Office did I finally solve the riddle. Joseph of Morpeth married Jane Cunningham in 1834, daughter of William Cunningham and Jane Brown. They lived at Clayport, Alnwick, and had three children, Jane (1834), William Cunningham (1838), and John Joseph (1840). The register notes that by the time of the baptism of William Cunningham they had moved to Ulgham, which is where John Joseph was born. In addition, another Joseph Appleby had married Ann Ogle, in 1832, and had two children, Joseph (1833) and William (1838). They too lived at Clayport in Alnwick, but this Joseph was described as a "skinner".

So the problem had been solved. There were two Josephs, one from Morpeth, the other from

Alnwick. They had both lived in Clayport, Alnwick, and married within two years of one another to girls from Alnwick. They had children at the same time, two Josephs and two Williams, and the children called William were born less than two months apart. To cap the coincidences the Alnwick Joseph seems to have lived next door to the Morpeth Joseph's mother-in-law!

I still find the coincidences hard to believe, but this time the facts do seem to fit. Unfortunately, the Reverend E.A. Nicholson, curate of Morpeth at the probable time of my ancestor's birth, copied "at distant periods" only those births "such as he thought of importance", according to a note on the register, so I have so far been unable to trace Joseph's parents, but if you have a Joseph Appleby on whom you want information, I now have several pages of notes about a skinner or fellmonger in Alnwick 1792-1872. Anyone interested?

NO NEED TO QUEUE FOR KEW

Maurice Handcock

A visit to the Public Record Office at Kew should not be undertaken without first finding out what records are kept there. If you write to the Public Record Office, Kew, RICHMOND, Surrey TW9 4DU, **saying that you intend to do some research there, they will send you a small brochure called "Information for Readers",** a very clear map showing the many ways of getting there, and an application form for a Reader's Ticket. This form you complete and hand in at Reception on arrival, at which time you will be also requested to produced evidence of identification such as pension book, driving licence or passport.

After searching the indexes at St Catherine's House, the atmosphere at Kew was very calm and relaxing. I went to Kew because I wanted to discover some record of my great-grandfather's service with the Metropolitan Police; Scotland Yard do not retain staff records for longer than fifty years. I also wished to look at some Customs records, my great-great-grandfather having been a Customs Officer according to my great-grandfather's marriage certificate.

On arrival at Kew with the necessary documentation, an officer approved my application and issued a Reader's Ticket which is valid for three years. After having signed the Visitors' Book at the foot of the stairs, I was directed to a very large room in which there were thirty tables, each seating eight readers lettered A to H. At the counter nearby I was provided with a small bleeper bearing the number of the seat to which I was allotted; I was then directed to the next room where all the reference files are kept, so that I could identify the papers or documents relevant to my search.

A very helpful - though somewhat harassed! - lady clerk was dealing with a small number of readers and she informed me that the file MEP4 which I needed was on the shelf at the other end of the room. Having quickly perused this file I selected the section number that I wanted. The next stage is part of the electronic age; I had to sit at a computer terminal and type out my seat number, the Reader's Ticket number, the file number and the section number. This is not as easy as it sounds, because if a wrong number is pressed the screen will immediately flash a message "You have asked for a file which does not exist" or some such statement, in which case the whole procedure has to be repeated. However, I completed my task at last - to the satisfaction of the computer, if not to mine, as the impersonal screen informed me that the file was not then available and asked me to return later.

So I had to desert the 'Electronic Instructor' and return to the 'Helpful Human' on the counter who then made out a small yellow form in duplicate, requesting the file I wanted. I had to take this form back to the reading room and hand it to the counter clerk. I then sat at my allotted seat and patiently waited, placing the bleeper carefully on the table.

The view was pleasant as I gazed across towards the Thames, and watched through the autumn-tinted trees as the passenger-steamers chugged up and down the river. However, that was not the main purpose of my visit; I was drawn back to earth by the gentle bleep-bleep and at once went to the counter-only to find that it was my next door neighbour's bleeper which had signalled! The sound is so faint, so as not to disturb the readers, that one really should not only listen but watch the instrument, as a small light flashes when the bleeper goes off. At last, 45 minutes and several passenger-steamers later, my bleeper came to life and I was able to collect the file at the counter and do my research.

I followed the same procedure when requesting CUST files - the ones for H.M. Customs and Excise. Altogether I was at the P.R.O. for three hours, during which I examined two files for about five minutes. One must be patient, but as I said at the beginning, find out exactly which records are available before going there!

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN SUNDERLAND LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTLON

We print below a comprehensive list of the principal records of genealogical interest available to researchers at Sunderland Reference Library. Details of the location of the Library and times of opening are given at the end of the article.

PARISH REGISTER TRANSCRIPTS

BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH		SUNDERLAND PARISH CHURCH	
Baptisms:	1567-1921.	Baptisms:	1719-1862.
Marriages:	1567-1924. (Incomplete from 1754)	Marriages:	1719-1839.
Burials:	1567-1876. (Incomplete from 1813)	Burials:	1719-1812.
MONKWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH			
Baptisms:	1691-1853.		
Marriages:	1700-1866.		
Burials:	1683-1706; 1768-1830. (Incomplete from 1768)		

TRANSCRIPTS OF OTHER REGISTERS

ROBINSON LANE CHAPEL		FRIENDS REGISTERS	
Baptisms:	1727-1825.	Births:	1660-1802.
		Marriages:	1661-1771.
		Deaths:	1657-1814.
ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, VILLIERS STREET			
Baptisms:	1825-1917.		
MALINGS RIGG CHAPEL			
Baptisms:	1777 - 1879.		
	Also a copy of Register of Births 1796 -1879.		

PRINTED REGISTERS: COUNTY DURHAM

BISHOP MH)DLEHAM	1559-1812.	ST. MARY IN THE SOUTH BAILEY - DURHAM CITY	
		Baptisms:	1560-1812.
CASTLE EDEN		Marriages:	1559-1812.
Baptisms:	1661-1812.	Burials:	1559-1812.
Marriages:	1698-1794.	 	
Burials:	1696-1812.	ST. MARY LE BOW - DURHAM CITY	
CONISCLIFFE	1590-1812.	Baptisms:	1571-1812.
		Marriages:	1573-1812.
DALTON-LE-DALE	1653-1812.	Burials:	1571-1812.
DINSDALE	1556-1813.	ST. NICHOLAS - DURHAM CITY	
		Marriages:	1540-1812.
EBCHESTER	1619-1812.	 	
		SATLEY	
ELWICK HALL	1592-1900.		
		Baptisms:	1560-1812.
ESH	1567-1812.	Marriages:	1646-1812.
		Burials:	1652-1812.
GAINFORD		Burials:	1653-1812.
Baptisms:	1569-1784.	 	
Marriages:	1569-1761.	SHERBURN HOSPITAL	
Burials:	1569-1784.	Baptisms:	1692-1812.
LANCHESTER	1560-1603.	Marriages:	1695-1763.
		Burials:	1678-1812.
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE		 	
Baptisms:	1652-1812.	STANHOPE	
Marriages:	1616-1812.	Marriages:	1613-1812.
Burials:	1616-1812.	 	
RYTON		WHITBURN	
Marriages:	1581-1812.	Baptisms:	1611-1812.
ST. MARGARET'S - DURHAM CITY		Marriages:	1579-1812.
Marriages:	1558-1812.	Burials:	1579-1812.
		WHORLTON	
		Baptisms:	1626-1812.
		Marriages:	1713-1812.
		Burials:	1669-1812.
		WINSTON	
			1572-1812.
		+ Banns:	1754-1809.

PRINTED REGISTERS: NORTHUMBERLAND

ALNHAM		ILDERTON	
Baptisms:	1688-1812.	Baptisms:	1724-1812.
Marriages:	1705-1812.	Marriages:	1727-1812.
Burials:	1727-1812.	Banns:	1727-1812.
BEADNELL		Burials:	1727-1812.
	1766-1812.	INGRAM	
BERWICK		Baptisms:	1696-1812.
Baptisms:	1574-1700.	Marriages:	1684-1812.
Marriages:	1572-1700.	Burials:	1682-1812.
BOTHAL WITH HEBBURN		LESBURY	
	1680-1812.		1690-1812.
CHATTON		LONG HOUGHTON	
	1712-1812.	+ Banns:	1646-1812.
CORBRIDGE			1754-1805.
Baptisms:	1654 - 1812.	MELDON	
Marriages:	1657-1812.	Baptisms:	1707-1812.
Burials:	1657-1812.	Marriages:	1727-1812.
EDLINGHAM		Burials:	1716-1812.
	1658-1812.	ST. NICHOLAS - NEWCASTLE	
EGLINGHAM		Marriages:	1574-1812.
Baptisms:	1662-1812.	WHALTON	
Marriages:	1663-1812.		1661-1812.
Burials:	1662-1812.	WHICKHAM	
HALTON		Baptisms:	1576-1756.
	1654-1812.	Marriages:	1579-1812.

COPIES OF THE CENSUS

1841. Also includes Whitburn and Cleadon.
 1851. Pre-1974 Sunderland Borough.
 1861. Pre-1974 Sunderland Borough.

1871. Pre-1974 Sunderland Borough.
 1881. Includes all present districts inc. Hetton, Houghton, Washington, etc.

OTHER GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Local newspapers are available from 1831 to date. Indexes to these papers exist for the years 1831-1907 and 1940 to date. These indexes do not include births, deaths and marriages. However, any substantial report in a newspaper about an individual merits an entry in the BIOGRAPHY FILE. This is an index to individuals compiled from the newspapers and the other library stock, i.e. books and pamphlets.

MAPS

Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile. 1st ed. 1855. District except Washington.
 Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile. 2nd ed. 1894. District.
 Ordnance Survey 25" to 1 mile. 1939/40. Old Borough Area.
 The Library also hold current O.S. maps at all scales for the District area. There are also a number of maps of varying quality and value dating from 1737.

MARRIAGE BONDS

Copies of the Durham Marriage Bonds from 1590 to 1813 are kept in the Library. The complete set has been indexed for Sunderland names and is in the process of being completely indexed.

STREET DIRECTORIES

The Library contains a set of local street directories dating between 1827 and 1963. Gaps do exist in the set but coverage is especially good between 1850 and 1930.

POLL BOOKS AND ELECTORAL REGISTERS

Poll books and registers of electors exist from 1832. There are copies for 1832, 1837, 1841 for the Borough of Sunderland and several others between 1840 and 1850 for Bishopwearmouth and Monkwearmouth. From 1850 there is an almost complete sequence up to date.

CORDER MANUSCRIPTS

A unique collection of 38 manuscript volumes, including transcripts of parish registers, pedigrees of Sunderland families and topographical detail relating to Sunderland and Bishopwearmouth. There are volumes relating to shipbuilders, clockmakers, the glass industry and a separate volume on the potteries. Mr. Corder finished work on the volumes in the 1930's but his interest

was mainly in pre-1900 material, but many items are traced up to the 1930's. They are an invaluable source for most topics relating to Sunderland, its people and its streets.

All the above items can be consulted in the Local Studies Section of the Reference Library, Borough Road, Sunderland. Hours of opening:

Monday to Thursday.	9.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Friday.	9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Saturday.	9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Editors Note: We are grateful to Mr J P Hall, Head of Sunderland Local Studies Library for allowing us to reproduce this most valuable article.

CEMETERY RECORDS FROM VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Mrs Helen R Harris, a member of our Society who is supervisor of cemetery records for the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, has sent us the following list of monumental inscriptions from the State of Victoria relating to immigrants from Durham or Northumberland. Mrs Harris can provide further information about the entries marked * in return for two international reply coupons; members should write to her at 20 Abelia Street, NUNAWADING, VICTORIA 3131, AUSTRALIA. The name of the cemetery is given in brackets at the end of each entry.

- *ALLAN, Nicholas Swan, died 24 January 1865, aged 36. Gateshead, County Durham. (*Clunes*)
- ANDERSON, Frank, died 5 April 1958. Son of the late James and Ada, brother of Jane, Jack, Bert and Stan. Shildon, County Durham. (*Myrtleford*)
- *BARBER, George, died 26 February 1897, aged 82. Bowden, Northumberland. (*Warmambool*)
- *BEACHAM, John, died 13 October 1884, aged 55. County Durham. (*Clunes*)
- BEESTON, Letitia, died 6 January 1894, aged 64. Erected by her loving brother and sister. Born Northumberland, 29 October 1830. (*Smythesdale*)
- *COLLINS, Ann, nee WALTON, died 22 September 1860, aged 31. Late of Weardale. (*Smythesdale*)
- *DOBSON, Hannah, nee GRAHAM, died 17 April 1855, aged 23. Woodburn, Northumberland. (*Creswick*)
- *EGGLESTON, Elizabeth, died 21 February 1887, aged 57. Spouse John's date of death obliterated (broken stone) but one of them was born in County Durham. (*Smythesdale*)
- FREEMAN, Mary Isabel, died 7 September 1973, aged 80. County Durham. (*Campbell's Creek*)
- GANDEVIA, Mary, born 24 September 1864, died 7 September 1891, aged 36. Spouse was Dr Neville Gandevia. She was born Sunderland, County Durham. (*Branxholme*)
- GRANT, Thomas, died 23 June 1887, aged 69 years 9 months. Formerly of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. (*Birregurra*)
- *HARRISON, John died 18 August 1871, aged 53. Weardale, County Durham. (*Creswick*)**
- HENDERSON, Edward, died 13 July 1864, aged 48. Late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (*Tamagulla*)
- *HENDERSON, William, died 29 July 1901, aged 48. Northumberland. (*Lilydale*)
- *LONGRIDGE, John, died 3 April 1885, aged 56. County Durham. (*Smythesdale*)
- PATERSON, James, died 31 July 1905, aged 70. Weardale. (*Kiandra, New South Wales*)
- *RICHARDSON, Ann, died 26 November 1870, aged 35. Spouse George, late of Durham. (*Maryborough*)
- *RICHMOND, John Weems, died 11 July 1875, aged 51. Durham. (*Clunes*)
- ROBINSON, George, born 9 May 1833, Chester-le-Street, County Durham; died 1 October 1860, aged 27. (*Amherst/Talbot*)
- ROBINSON, John, born 26 September 1842, Allendale, Northumberland; died 15 February 1894 at Marnoo. Stone erected by wife and son. (*Gray's Bridge*)
- *SCOTT, John, died 4 September 1896, age not given. Northumberland. (*Werribee*)
- *SMURTHWAITE, Robert, died 18 August 1868, aged 24. Howden, Durham. (*Ballarat Old Cemetery*) (*Mrs Harris can supply a photograph on request*)
- STEEL, Gilbert, died 29 November 1884, aged 65. Late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Died at Bute & Downs Mine; inquest held. Stone erected by wife and children. (*Clunes*)

STEPHENSON, Richard Errington, died 9 March 1929, aged 25. Sunderland, County Durham. (*Maryborough*)

*STURGEON, John, died 11 March 1855, aged 20. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (*Creswick*)

*TINKLER, Robert, died 27 April 1874, aged 53. County Durham. (*Coghill's Creek*)

WALKER, Thomas, Civil Engineer, died 24 December 1878, aged 61. North Shields, Northumberland. (Chewton)

*WATSON, Joseph, died 24 May 1885, aged 58. Late of Durham. (*Creswick*)

*WATSON, Thomas, died 8 September 1900, aged 65. Durham. (*Pyramid Hill*)

†WILKINSON, John, died 26 July 1900, aged 79. Durham. Erected by his friend William WILSON. (*Briagolong*)

†WILKINSON, Margaret, died 1892 aged 69. Married. Durham. (*Smythesdale*)

WILKINSON, William, died 1914 aged 90. Durham. (*Smythesdale*)

*WOOD, Jacob, died 19 September 1880, aged 67. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. (*Warmambool*)

THE COOK CONNECTION - A SECOND LOOK

John Skinner

Family folklore has always maintained that the name Cook, in my Aunt's Dulcie Cook Carter, was an allusion to a genealogical connection with Captain James Cook, strengthened by a long association with South Shields in particular and the the North-East in general.

Having never looked at the Cook pedigree, I went back to fairly standard source material about the life of Captain Cook and was very puzzled by the clear fact of no further direct issue from any of his six children. Fate and served him badly in this respect. Then in 1979 I obtained a copy of the genealogical study of the family of Captain Cook, compiled by C.E. Thornton at the Birthplace Museum, Middlesbrough. ¹ This made clear the position. All associations were through Cook's sister, Margaret. But the interesting item was the chain (Chart 3 of Thornton's study) which showed Margaret's daughter's marriage to a John Carter and a list of their ten children. So the possibility was there! Unfortunately, Chart 3 did not list the parishes of birth so I decided to adopt the prescribed and conventional strategy of working backwards from the present day - with a target in sight.

My aunt, Dulcie Cook Carter, had died in 1968 but my uncle, a Charles Francis Lundgren (a surname I have extensively researched) provided Dulcie's own details and those of her father.

The easy steps were under way. Victor Cook Carter's birth certificate was obtained and through the Census returns, that of his father, a Robert Young Carter. Both were located in South Shields. I was lucky with Robert as he was born in 1839, two years after the start of civil registration. Furthermore, census returns for 1851 showed Robert's father to be a William Carter, baptised at Redcar, Yorks - a master Mariner. The geographical connections were very much on course but I had to identify this William with the William of the Middlesbrough study to establish absolute proof.

This last step I took in the following way. I asked the Cleveland County Archivist ² for the register details of a William Carter baptised Redcar, 1798/9, without adding any other details. David Tyrell was particularly co-operative and by courtesy of him, I now have a letter which listed Thomas, William, Christiana, Mary and Elizabeth, the children of a John Carter, from the Parish of Marske. The names and dates all agreed with the Middlesbrough study, so establishing the "Cook" connection.

The fact that John Carter had ten children opens up the possibility of many other lines of connection, which may interest the enquirers who keep up a constant flow of correspondence to the Cook Museum; indeed, the social history of the Carters, from Whitby to South Shields and on to the present day connections with Sunderland, would itself make an interesting study.

NOTES

¹ Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, Stewart Park, Marton-in-Cleveland, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS7 8AT.

² David H Tyrell, County Archivist, Cleveland County Record Office, 81 Borough Road, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS1 3AA.

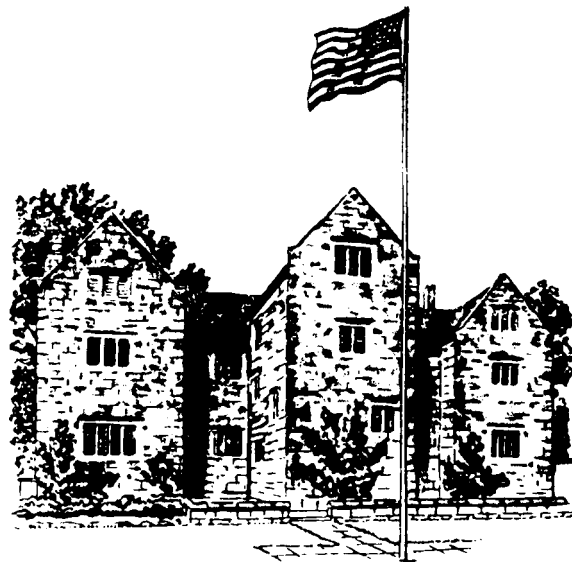
KNOW YOUR PARISH: XIV WASHINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM

Geoff Nicholson

Washington parish originally comprised the townships of Washington, Barmston and Usworth but in 1832 Usworth township was formed into Usworth parish, taking with it North Biddick, a detached area to the south. The boundaries of the modern Washington New Town, however, approximate quite well to those of the original parish, the main difference being that the new town also includes Fatfield and Harraton, both of which were in Chester le Street parish to 1850, then in Birtley until 1875 when, with North Biddick, they became the parish of Fatfield.

Washington New Town now proclaims itself on road signs as "the original Washington", and so it is. It seems originally to have been an estate of the Bishop of Durham but in 1180 William de Hertburn obtained it "by exchange". He and his descendants thenceforth called themselves "de Washington" - or more correctly "de Wessington". It is interesting that in the local dialect - a variety of W earside - the town is often referred to as "W eshington", which is much nearer to the mediaeval spelling than to the modern.

The Washington family produced a noteworthy Prior of Durham, John de Wessington (prior -1416-1446), which goes a long way towards making up for the fact that a descendant of a branch which left the area at an early date for Westmorland, Northamptonshire and ultimately the American colonies became a leader of those in rebellion against their lawful king. The direct line of the de W essingtons failed before 1400 and, after passing through the Mallory and Tempest families, the manor was bought in 1613 by William James, Bishop of Durham and was eventually split up among his daughters. Washington Old Hall, a place of pilgrimage for American visitors, contains a few fragments of the home of the de Wessingtons but as it stands now it is mainly the work of the Tempest and James families. It eventually degenerated into a multi-occupied slum and was in danger of demolition earlier this century before being saved by transatlantic interests.



WASHINGTON OLD HALL

Washington's early industry, apart from agriculture, was coal-mining, although until the 19th century the depth of the coal meant Washington was on the edge of the worked coal-field. One early mine of local importance was Oxclose, which flourished in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In the 1960's there were four working pits in what is now the New Town - Usworth, Washington "F" Pit, Glebe and Harraton; today all have closed and only the "F" pit winding gear still stands as a monument, with the winding engine preserved in its winding house.

The River Wear was once a busy area of Washington, with a concentration of coal staithes and some boat building `cheek by jowl' on a short stretch of waterside. Until quite recent times the only major non-mining in Washington was Washington Chemical Works, founded in the 1840's by Hugh Lee Pattinson. Pattinson built his mansion almost adjacent to the Old Hall - it is now "Dame Margaret's Hall School". His daughters married local industrialists, one of whom, Isaac Lowthian Bell, lived at Washington before moving to Rounton Hall, North Yorkshire, to be nearer his extensive iron works at Middlesbrough. Another son-in-law was Robert Stirling Newall who ran the chemical works for many years, the name of Newall only recently being dropped following a take-over.

Washington's records include a fair amount of "Parish Ch6st" material, including records of the

Triplett charity. This was founded by the Will of Rev. Thomas Triplett, a 17th century Rector who left the interest on £300 to be spent on apprenticing poor boys from Washington, Whitburn and Woodhorn (Northumberland). The Parish Registers are in Durham County Record Office, Baptisms 1612-1974, Marriages 1603-1977 and burials 1600-1900. The Bishops' Transcripts are in Durham University Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic for the period 1765-1847, as are the Wills to 1858. The pre -1851 monumental inscriptions have been recorded, and Washington registers to 1812 are included in the H M Wood transcripts and in Boyd's Marriage Index.

The town's population today is of mixed origins - the inevitable result of the rapid development over the last fifteen years. Of the "original" families - i. e. those there since as long ago as, say, 1965 - many are of Irish origin, reflecting the large influx of Irish miners in the late nineteenth century. Usworth Colliery, for instance, Was started (sinking) in 1845 and the 1851 Census shows that labour was mainly drawn in from the surrounding coalfield. Expansion later in the century, however, brought in so many Irish workers that Usworth Colliery became virtually a Catholic village - one possible source of the friction which undoubtedly existed between the Usworth and the "F" pit workers.

Washington's place names have been much affected by the development of the New Town. This has happily given a new lease of life to some old names, such as Oxclose, Glebe and Barmston, but the writer regards as unfortunate the naming of so many areas after places or persons having some slight connection with the later Washington family, whose connection with the town was really very tenuous - among them Concord, Sulgrave, Albany and Columbia. Some of the innovations, such as Donwell, are suitably ethnic; however, similar comments can be made about local pub names. The Commercial Hotel on the village green changed its name to the Washington Arms (the original Stars and Stripes) before the New Town was designated, but recent years have given us the '*Honest Boy*', the '*Duke of Albany*', the '*George Washington Hotel*', the '*White House Club*', and even the '*Silver Dollar*', all of which the writer hopes will one day be re-named!

REGISTERS OF SHIPS

Bill Neil

Because of the huge bulk of ships' papers and personnel lists, and because the Censuses from 1861 record those aboard British merchant ships, the Public Record Office has disposed of all but a 10% sample of its holdings of "Agreements and Crew Lists" for years after 1860. Fortunately, the remaining 90% of these records have found a variety of new homes; details of the dispersal are as follows:

The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

The Museum holds approximately 10% of the records for the period **1861-1913**. Except for those already in the PRO class **BT99**, the holding includes all documents for the years **1861**, and **1905**.

United Kingdom Record Offices

A further 10% of the records have been distributed around 42 local record offices. The officer in charge of the Long Room at the Public Record Office will supply full details of these deposits on request.

Maritime History Group, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada.

The University accepted the remaining 70% of the records in **1971**. Their holding covers some **70,000** vessels trading in the British Empire between **1863** and **1913**; documents are indexed on a computer file according to the ship's official number and the year.

As there is a 70% chance that a particular record will be held in Newfoundland, I would suggest that this is the logical place to begin a search.

Some useful articles and pamphlets on the subject are listed below:

- i) *Naval Records*. Catalogue of an Exhibition at the PRO. **HMSO 1950**.
- ii) *Ranks and Titles of Naval Officers*. PRO.
- iii) *Records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen*. PRO.
- iv) *Emigrants: Information about them from records in the Public Record Office*. PRO.
- v) *Deaths at Sea*. NDFHS Journal, Volume 2 Number 4, July 1977.
- vi) *Guide to the contents of the Public Record Office*. HMSO.
- vii) *Genealogists Handbook*. Society of Genealogists.
- viii) *An Index to the Crew Lists and Agreements of the British Empire*. Pamphlet. Available from the Maritime History Group, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

NORTHUMBERLAND HEARTH TAX: PART III

We publish below a further selection of extracts from Doug Smith's transcript of the 1664 Hearth Tax, covering townships on the North side of the middle Tyne Valley. As before, the first column shows the persons chargeable in each township, followed by the number of hearths in respect of which each was assessed. The second column shows those persons who were not liable to pay tax, though wholly exempt persons such as occupiers of properties with an annual value of less than £1 were not listed. A good general article describing the institution and history of the Hearth Tax was published in Volume 3 number 3 of this Journal, and Parts I and II of this series appeared in Volume 8 Number 3 and Volume 9 Number 1 respectively; all of these back numbers are still available from the Membership Secretary.

CORBRIDGE

Mr Stephen Anderson	4	John Fenwicke
John Radcliffe	5	Mathew Cowen
Mr John Weldon	4	Edith Dinnon
William Hudspeth	2	Wm. Usher
William Greenwell	4	Henry Rowell
Robert Hudspeth	3	Richard Greene
Mr. Fenwicke	2	Cuthbert Hudspeth
Edward Hudspeth	1	John Cragg
Ralph Carr	1	Law. Jo..
John Martindale	1	Rowland Nicholson
Anthony Hall	1	Susan Bicnall
Mr. Hudspeth Jnr.	1	Mary Jackson
Mr. Alex Hearon	2	Geo Carr
George Milburne	1	John Nicholson
Henry Winschipp	1	Thomas Robson
William Winschipp	1	Rich Bates
John Carnaby	2	John Heyslopp
Cuthbert Readhead	1	Math Owen
James Longland	1	John Lowrey
Anthony Greenwell	1	William Todd
Nicholas Errington	1	Tho. Smith
Arthur Digg	1	John Newton
Francis Burton	1	John Ridley
James Wilson	1	John Cutter
Thomas Fawside	1	Mrs. Fenwicke
Ralph Lumley	1	Widdow Ridley
John Tate	1	Thomas Joblyn
Charles Armstrong	1	Cuthbert Hudspeth
Mathew Greenwell	1	George Liddle
Widdow Algood	2	Hen. Robinson
John Richley	1	Widdow Spaine
James Todd	2	Low Bates
Rbt Hudspeth	1	John Muggan
		Widd. Hymers
		Thomas Potts
		Lyonell Smith
		Rbt. Gibson
		John Richardson

DILSTON

The Lady Ratcliffe	22	Widdow Hymers
John Burdon	1	Widdow Bewicke
Edward Browell	1	John Makepeace
Anthony White	1	Rbt. Hearon
John Sharpe	1	Rbt. Hoggert
John Hearon	1	
Alexander Swinburne	1	
John Chat	1	
Widdow Hetherington	1	
John Stobbert	1	
Robt. Hoggert	1	
George Stobbert	1	
John Green	1	
Thomas Bolus		

AYDON CASTLE

William Winscheppe	4	Robert Pace
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AYDON

.. ..	4	John Moffitt
Christopher Ridley	2	John Readhead
Henry Wishipp	2	Edward Moffitt
John Cooke	2	Edward Longlands
		Roger Nilson
		Andr. Thompson

CARRHOUSE & WHITEHOUSE

John Robson	1	Widdow Jobling
Richard Dunn	1	Widdow Dotson
Samwell Hall	1	

GREATE WHITTINGTON

LITTLE WHITTINGTON

Mr Symond Walton	1	Widdow Dowry
Widdow Bell	2	Robert Martin
Thomas Younger	1	Thomas Davison
Christp. Taylor	1	Ralph Langland
John Rotchester	1	Widdow Cooke
Widdow Gibson	1	Edward Lambent
John Cooper	1	Ellinor Gibson
Edward Longlands	1	
William Gibson	1	
Thomas Cooper	1	
Widdow Davison	1	
Charles Barron	1	
Rbt. Gibson	1	
Edward Carnaby	2	
Richard Longlands	1	
Alexand. Wilkinson	1	
William Robinson	1	
Edward Rotchester	1	

NEWTON HALL

Matthew Cowleson	1	John Browne
John Hunter	1	William Browne
Peter Jobling	1	George Younger
William Hunter	1	William Laidley
		Tho. Browne

NEWTON

John (Watson?)	2	Widdow Lamb
George Harrison	2	Anne Hunter
.. Davison	1	John Coxon
Henry Ridley	1	Thomas Halle
.. Younger	1	Edward Halle
Thomas Bailes	1	John Leighton
John Hunter	1	John Wilkinson

EACHWICK

Thomas Patteson	2	Thomas Ramsey
Widdow Clarke	1	Widdow Muteland
William Milburn	2	
Thomas Clarke	1	

HARLE(OW) OF THE HILL

	1	Cuthbert Hedley
.. ..son	1	John Davis
W iddow ..	2	Thomas Hopper
Edmond Tweddell	2	William Makepeace
George Robson	1	Kathren Hedley
.. Harrison	1	Ann Patteson
John Harrison	1	Anne Meners
John Greenwell	1	Isabelle Lawson
Thomas Hall		Edward Arthur
		Edmund Witherell
		Arthur Johnson
		Widd. Burdis
		Rbt. Todd
		Isabell Stott

CLAREWOOD

Edward Reed	1	John Hall
Christo Robinson	1	
Christo Cooke	1	
Richard Jopling	1	
Robert Wilson	1	
John Cooke	1	
William Cooke	1	

HORSELEY

George Batey	1	Math. Story
George Batey Jnr	1	Robertt Anderson
Cuthbert Softley	1	Thomas Stawper
Anthony Simpson	1	Mary Errington
Thomas Patteson	1	Anthony Hutchinson
Thomas Slater	1	John Browne
Robert Smith	1	Jams. Forster
Widdow Simpson	1	John Thirlwell
Robert White		Thos. Robinson
Nicholas Simpson	1	Kather Turner
		Thom. Story
		Rbt. Jackson
		Rbt. Clarke
		Jo. Story
		John Leighton
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MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERSTS

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 ODZ. 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.

- 0902 Miss C. J. TODD, "The Old Vicarage", 24 Church Road, Tweedmouth, BERWICK-ON-TWEED, Northumberland. TD15 2AN.
Interests include all people bearing the surname Todd, especially Clement Wilson Todd, b.c. 1830 either in South Shields or in Seghill, Northumberland, and his wife Margaret (nee?) b. 1820, d. Boldon Collier, Co. Durham 1909. Also interested in Henry Urwin, b.c. 1880 in South Shields, visited Australia and South Africa and d. in Canada in 1909. Was married to Elizabeth Davison.
- 1018 Miss K.R. DODDS, East Cocklaw Farm, Humshaugh, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 4HN.
(☎ Humshaugh 374) Interests include: Dodds - Ponteland/Elsdon, Nb. 18-19C; Brewis - Killingworth/Stannington, Nb. 18-19C; Tulip/Tudop - Ovingham, Nb. 18-19C; Lawrence - St. John, Newcastle, Nb. 19C. Bailey - Mickley, Nb. 19C; Stobert/Ellison - Ponteland, Nb. 19C; Roberts - Falstone, Nb. 18C.
- 1067 Mr J.O. DeRUSETT, 5 Stratford Close, Beaconhill Green, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 8HW.
Particular interests are within the Ridley/Joicey/Liddle and Howard families, who were all inter-married.
- 1227 Mr R. NUBLEY, 66 Alderside Crescent, LANCHESTER, Durham DH7 OPZ.
Seeking information from any source or period on the following names: Nubley, Nubbert, Nubler, Nubling, Nobler, Nobley, Noubley, Newbly, Nubla; Knubley, Knobley, Knoblah, Knobly, Knoubley.
Researching: Lanchester Parish, period 1750-1850.
- 1229 Mr R.L. NICHOLSON, 21 Bishops Way, ANDOVER, Hampshire SP103EH.
(☎ Andover 52192) Maternal research into the Beaumont family. Grandfather was Alexander Beaumont, probably of Scots derivation with Fifeshire connections.
- 1230 Mrs J. NICHOLSON, 21 Bishops Way ANDOVER, Hampshire SP10 3EH.
(☎ Andover 52192) Main line research into the Smeaton family, and other spelling derivations of the name. Known to have been on the land in Northumberland at Elford c. 1805. There is strong possibility of Scots connection before this date. Also interested in associated families of Robson and Downey of Northumberland; Milburn of Long Horsley and later of Plessey c. 1825/27; Rowley and Batchelor of Gateshead c.1830 onward.
- 1310 Miss M. ATKINSON, 21 Loop Road, Kingfield, WOKING, Surrey GU22 9130.
Researching: GL.gt.gt. grandfather Edward Atkinson; his son James Atkinson (b.c.1818, Wallsend) mar. Mary Armstrong (dau. of Thomas Armstrong, b.c.1824, Shiney Row, Co. Dur.); their children Edward (b.c. 1846 Trimdon), Elizabeth (b.c.1849, Thornley), Thomas (b.c. 1851 Thornley) and gt. grandfather John Armstrong Atkinson (bn. 6.11.1854, Thornley). John Armstrong Atkinson mar. Ann Appleton (b.8.7.1847, Hutton Henry, Co. Dur.) dau. of William Appleton and Elizabeth Thomson - she had a brother Robert and sister Susannah (mar. William Fox, 2 dau's.). Grandfather William Appleton Atkinson was b.27.3.1886 in Ludworth, and mar. Mary Ellen Patterson. Descendants have been traced of his younger brothers, John Armstrong Atkinson b.1890,

and Anthony Atkinson b.1898, but not the others. (1) James Atkinson mar. Ester and had 6 or 8 children; (2) Ann Atkinson mar. William/George Toye - 2 sons pos. George and John; (3) Polly Atkinson m.? Lonsdale - 2 dau's. Elizabeth (m. Wm. Fish?) and Madge.

- 1406** Mrs B. REDFEARN, 5057 North Miner Road, GALENA, ILLINIOS 61036, UNITED STATES.
Interests: Robert Redfearn b.1755, d.1835, resided near Middleton in Co. Durham. Also Mary Robinson and Ann Seward (or Tuard) of Co. **Durham**.
- 1455** Mrs G. TAYLOR, 22 De Montford Road, KENILWORTH, Warwickshire CV81DE.
Would appreciate information on: Watson Mews, 1813-1888, Allendale; Charles/Charlton Mason, 1817-1900, Simonburn; John William Rowe, 1869-1921, Ryton.
- 1474** Mrs L.E. SCHMIDT, 1501 Cloyden Road, SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92705, UNITED STATES.
Seeking information on Matthew Henderson and Margaret Williamson mar. 1797 in Great Ayton, Yorks. ; Ann Brooks of Doncaster, Yorks. who mar. Wm. Bruce in Tynemouth, [Nb.in](#) 1796; James Silvester b.c. 1786 who mar. Elizabeth Craggs in 1811 in Clifton, Bristol, Gloucs., and moved to Covent Garden, London in 1830; Sarah Harrison of Tynemouth Nb., who mar. Benjamin Bruce of Tynemouth in 1772.
- 1539** Mrs B. WALDOCK, 343 Beechgrove Drive, WEST HILL, ONTARIO M1E 4A2, CANADA.
Researching Forster, Thomas, born Halton 20.1.1793 mar. Barbara (?) c.1816, lived near Wark (Simonburn). Needs marriage information. Other interests include Greener and Kell, Stamfordham and Kirkheaton area.
- 1608** Mr D.D. KENNEDY, 20 High Street, Oakington, CAMBRIDGE CB4 5AG.
(☎ Histon 3284) Seeking information about Thomas Rutherford, said to have been an anchormsmith in North or South Shields in second half of 18th century. William Davidson b.c.1807 perhaps in the Rothbury area, [mar.at](#) Elsdon in April 1834, died East Brunton July 1847; also details of any marriage and death, after 1845, of Jane Kennedy (bap. 25.12.1824 at Stapleton, Cumberland, father Barnard Kennedy); her parents had moved to Blenkinsop near Haltwhistle in time for 1851 Census but there is no trace of Jane.
- 1619** Mrs E.E. COX, 75 Austin Drive, Didsbury, MANCHESTER M20 0FA.
Interests are: Russ - Crook/Helmington Row, 19C. Somerset 17-19C.; Thompson - Crook, 19C.; Robson - Bishop Auckland, 19C.; Bowran - Bishop Auckland, 19C.; Orton - particularly seeking the marriage of George Bowran and Elizabeth Orton c.1805 (children baptised at Auckland St. Andrew); Linton - blacksmith of Crook, 18C.; Mason - Chester-le-Street, 18C.
- 1625** Mr A.G. SMAILES, 48 Aigburth Hall Avenue, LIVERPOOL L19 3PS.
(☎ 051-427-2315) Researching the following, all pre-1900: Smailes - Alnwick/Craster; Archbold - Alnwick, Embleton; Taylor - Sunderland(?), married into Hull; Hull - Sunderland; Kelly - Sunderland.
- 1628** Mrs A.R. MILLER, 44 Kirk Lane, Ruddington, NOTTINGHAM NG11 6NN.
(☎ Nottingham 212071) Researching: Raine, Ovington, Ritson, Ure; all Co. **Durham** 19-20C.
- 1630** Miss M.O'FLYNN, 18 Stanley Street, HACKETT, A.C.T. 2602, AUSTRALIA.
Interests: Little - Robert Henderson Little, metal worker, and Ann Hunter, of Newcastle. Daughters Ann (b.1834) mar. Thomas Gibson at Tynemouth in 1856 and went to Australia; Mary (b.c.1837) went to Australia and mar. Charles Barlow. Gibson - Samuel (1799-1858), farmer of Murton, Nb., and wife Mary (c. 1795-1880). Children - Sarah (mar. Townsend), Mary Ann (mar. Ogle), Elizabeth (mar. Huntley), Ann (mar. Thompson), Isabella (mar. McCarthy), Thomas (mar. Ann Little), Samuel (mar. Ann Dawson). William, Thomas and Samuel went to Australia in 1850's. Ogle - William Ogle, Brewer, lived at Wapping Street, South Shields in 1880. Mar. Mary Ann Gibson. Dau. Hetty mar. John McCarthy. Suspect other connections with Gibson family (see Gibson) and would like to hear from anyone who may know. The Ogle family believed to be of Irish descent.
- 1632** Mr J. PORTEOUS, 55 Firtree Crescent, Forest Hall, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 0JU.
Searching for parish of birth for James Porteous, shown in Brampton (Cumberland) Census as being born 1806 in Scotland, and on marriage certificate, 1843, his occupation was shown as Cooper at the Brampton Brewery. His father was John, husbandman. Was this John Porteous the same who married Isobel Craig at Inveresk, Midlothian, and who was shown in family book as being in Ridgholme, Edinburgh in 1805? The marriage took place on 4.12.1801.
- 1633** Mrs B.J. BORTHWICK, Southlands, Station Road, Snainton, SCARBOROUGH, North Yorkshire YO13 9AP.
(☎ Scarborough 85758) Main research into Borthwick family, and would like to contact any other member doing same research. Searching for marriage of Robert and Agnes Roger at Lamberton Toll c.1850. Does anyone know anything of Lamberton Toll records?
- 1634** Mr F.G. HOLMES, 12 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LANCASTER LA2 6EZ.
(☎ Lancaster 822531) Interests are: Holmes; Heron; Harle and Longstaffs. John Holmes was [mar.at](#) Scruton (nr. Ainderby Steeple) [Yorks.21.11.1782.Heron](#) shown as living on Tow Law road out of Willington at Black Hamilton (or Hambleton), pre-1800. William Harle (Harrel) was bap. 9.3.1797 at Staley, son of W m. Harle of East Dukesfield and Ann. Any information on these latter? William was possibly viewer, engineer or manager at a colliery at Frankland, Co. Durham. Any information of Frankland collieries and Page Bank? Longstaff interests based at South Church, Ingleton (Gainford), Co. Durham pre-1800.
- 1636** Miss M.M. McDONALD, 629 Grand Marais Road East, WINDSOR, ONTARIO N8X 3H6, CANADA.
Interests include MacDonald's of Holy Island including Capt. Henry Thomas MacDonald, 53rd Regiment, Army; Pattinson's of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Allied families Chadwick, Taylor, Graham and Brown.

- 1637 Miss R. GALLAGHER, 58 Maple Street, SHEERNESS, Kent ME121XL.
(☎ Sheerness 667983) Researching Francis Gallagher, son of Peter Gallagher, mar. Margaret Ann Johnson, dau. Isaac Johnson in South Shields 1868; they had a son Peter, born in Westoe area. It is known other Gallagher's lived in Westoe area. Also interested in the families Fisher, Allan, Burrell and Young of All Saints Parish, Newcastle.
- 1638 Miss S.M. BELL, 103 Swanwick Lane, Swanwick, SOUTHAMPTON S03 7DX.
- 1639 Mrs J. WILLEY, Spring Creek, FORTH, TASMANIA 7310, AUSTRALIA.
 Interests: paternal grandfather, John Watson, bn. Stanhope 2.8.1855. Parents were Sarah Watson and William W aymouth/W eymouth. Lived at East Black Dean, W eardale, until they left U.K. in teens or early twenties, apparently on a ship for New Zealand where he was married on 12.4.1882. Husband's grandparents: James Paxton Willey and Eleanor Bainbridge Mordey. James paxton Willey was [bn_in](#) Sunderland, 1860. Eleanor Bainbridge Mordey was [bn_in](#) Sunderland on 5.12.1861. Her father was possibly George Mordey who eventually went to Cardiff. Was James Paxton Willey's father, William, Mayor of Sunderland?
- 1640 Mr J. SPRAGGON, 24 Foxton Road, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV3 2HN.
 ('S Coventry 456850)
- 1641 Mrs V. SPRAGGON, 24 Foxton Road, COVENTRY, West Midlands CV3 2HN.
 ('S Coventry 456850)
- 1642 Mrs A. PIKE, 26 Delungra Road, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA 7250, AUSTRALIA.
- 1643 Mr M.S. TIMMS, Wall Hill Cottage, Acton Bridge, NORTHW ICH, Cheshire CW 8 3QF.
 Interests: Storar-Tweedmouth, Nb.,1750+; Jarrow, Co. Durham, 1800+;Dickeson-Tweedmouth, Nb., 1750+; Moffat - Borders, 1800+ ; W ebber - Devonport, Devon 1800; Pentyer - Cornwall, 1750; Halfpenny-Rotherhithe, Surrey, 1800; Deptford, Kent, 1800; Richardson - Alfreton, Derbys. 1800.
- 1644 Mr C.R. BLOOD, 1 Farndale, Greenways, SPENNYMOOR, County Durham DL16 6SG.
 Interests: Blood - Tudhoe/Spennymoor/West Hartlepool/Leeholme, Co. Durham; Tipton, Staffs; Warwick; Rutter - W illington/Birtley, Co. Durham; New York, Tynemouth; Pumford - Spennymoor, Co. Durham; Downie - Spennymoor; Powell - Spennymoor.
- 1645 Mr D. HODGSON, 20 Beach Road, Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 2NS.
 Interests: Hodgson, Robert, b.1872/3?, Sunderland?; Margaret Ann Nevin, bn. 1874/75, where?; Luke Gray, bn. 1820-50?, Tynemouth?; Mary Ann Oram - any details please.
- 1646 Miss D.M. MILBURN, 76 Wyeree Road, MANDURAH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6210, AUSTRALIA.
 Is interested in tracing the Milburn family, with allied names Campbell, Barr, Caley. Great-grandfather Thomas Milburn mar. Elizabeth Campbell, and was a clerk at a Metalworks in Newcastle; Grandfather William Milburn, bn. 23.10.1886 at 75 Maple Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, mar. Catherine Margaret Barr. He had 3 brothers and a sister, Thomas, Ernest, Harry and Annie. Thomas or Ernest went to live in Canada. Would like information on this branch. Father Edgar Barr Milburn, bn. 9.1.1926 mar. Freda May Caley.
- 1647 Mr J.A. ASHBURNER,10 Melrose Grove, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4HP.
 Main interests: Woodhouse - Jarrow, 19C, Kelling, Norfolk, 18-19C; Donnelly - Jarrow, Co. Durham, 19C; Hutchinson - Jarrow, 19C; Bewick - South Shields, Co. Durham, 18-19C; the following all Cumberland: Ashburner - Ulverston/Barrow, 17-19C; Jackson - Whitehaven, 19C; Geldert - Furness/Ulverston, 18C; Townson - Ulverston, 18C; Swainson - Ulverston, 17-18C; Kirkby - Furness, 17C; Graham - W allsend, Nb. 19C; Hinton - London, Middlesex, 18-19C.
- 1648 Mr R. HETHERINGTON, 3 Deyncourt, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE20 9RP.
(☎ Ponteland 23557) Researching: Featherston/Pearl/Emerson/Milburn, all Heathery Clough, Co. Durham pre-1800; Race - St. John's Chapel, Co. Durham pre-1800; Heatherington - Cumberland pre-1800.
- 1649 Mrs M.G. HEATHERINGTON, 3 Deyncourt, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE20 9RP.
(☎ Ponteland 23557)
- 1650 Mr E.R. PICKERING, Upfield, Longhoughton Road, Lesbury, ALNW ICK, Northumberland NE66 3AT.
(☎ Alnmouth 830575)
- 1651 Mr N. ROBSON, 71 Cranbrook Road, Parkstone, POOLE, Dorset BH12 3BW.
 ('S Poole 743902)
- 1652 Mrs P. ROBSON, 71 Cranbook Road, Parkstone, POOLE, Dorset BH12 313W.
 ('S Poole 743902)
- 1653 Mr J. BRIDGE, 37 Park Avenue, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9NJ.
 ('S Sunderland 486356)
- 1654 Mrs F.J. BRIDGE, 37 Park Avenue, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9NJ.
 ('S Sunderland 486356)
- 1655 Mr J. HODGSON, 53 Wolviston Road, BILLINGHAM, Cleveland TS23 2SF.
 ('S Stockton 556950)
- 1656 Mr B. HODGSON, 53 Wolviston Road, BILLINGHAM, Cleveland TS23 2SF.
 ('S Stockton 556950)

- 1657 Mrs M. ROBSON, Snuff Mill Cottage, Mitford, MORPETH, Northumberland NE613PY.
- 1658 Mrs A.B. MOORE, 400 Harcourt Drive, OSHAWA, ONTARIO L1H 6V6, CANADA.
Would like information on Warner, Turner and Thirlwell families. William Warner and Elizabeth had son William bap. 23.8.1761 at Sunderland, Co. Dur. He mar. Barbara Turner (bap. 21.1.1770, Stannington, Nb., dau. of Robert Turner and Jane) and died 1801 possibly at sea. Family were living at Whitby, North Yorks. Their offspring were Elizabeth (bn. May 1796, died 20.2.1799, South Blyth, Earsdon P.R.); William (bn. 27.11.1799, South Blyth, mar. Urella Savary in Aug. 1826 in Nova Scotia, and died Dec. 1892 in Nova Scotia, Canada. He may have been same Wm. Warner listed as passenger on ship "C. Cain", Captain Wilkes, which arrived at Boston, USA, on 31.12.1823 from another port in USA. He was a ship-builder in Nova Scotia; Robert (bn. 30.12.1801, Earsdon P.R.) He was a cordwainer, lived at Haltwhistle, then Redpath. He mar. Elizabeth Thirlwell on 10.9.1828 at Haltwhistle and had son Robert [bap_6.10.1833_Any](#) information gratefully received.
- 1659 Mr C. BALMBRA, 5 Stations Road, Smallford, ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire AL4 OHA.
(☎ Bowmansgreen 22832)
- 1660 Mrs I. BALMBRA, 5 Stations Road, Smallford, ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire AL4 OHA.
(☎ Bowmansgreen 22832)
- 1661 Sgt. J.D. SHEEN, Mt. Pltn., 5 Armd. W ksp., REME, BFPO 106.
Interested in the Frater family of Heaton-le-Hole; The Tyneside Irish Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers, especially trying to trace a Pte. John Connolly; The 8th Bn. Green Howards and 9th Pioneer Battalion The Border Regiment 1914-1919; The Sheen family found in Sunderland Bridge Dec. 1851, moved to Durham City and have been there since.
- 1662 Miss R. BUTTON, 2 Elizabeth Street, SEAHAM, County Durham SR7 7TD.
Would appreciate information on the following: John Hawkins became a Master Mariner and is said to have been killed in China c.1857/8, (born 1803 - Sunderland); James Henderson was a sailor and had 5 sons, all Shipwrights. Mary Henderson's age in 1841 Census Returns is given as 51, and she lived at Church Street, Bishopwearmouth.
- 1663 MRS. P. BROWN, 88 Leighton Street, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE33 3BT.
(☎ South Shields 556282)
- 1664 Mrs C.C. HEWARD, 5 Queensway, MORPETH, Northumberland NE612BG.
- 1665 Mrs I. GOTT, 40 Falmouth Road, Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE6 5NS.
- 1666 Mrs M. ICKES, 7708 Fortyseventh Avenue, TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98443, UNITED STATES.
Interests include: Tate - Alnwick, 18-19C/Berwick upon Tweed, 18C, INK Other names out of area are Adcock/Cable/Humphrey/Lewin/Berry/Butler/Peppiatt/Tate/Thornton/Turvey/Ringwood/W hatman/Wheeler.
- 1667 Mrs B. BROOKER, 37 Beaumont Avenue, WEYMOUTH, Dorset DT4 7RF.
Is interested in names of Clark and Monkhouse in 19C. Durham. Resident in "Sidegate" and "Framwellgate".
- 1668 Col. R. HIND, Secretary's Flat, RMIG, 31 Great Queen Street, LONDON W C213 5AG.
- 1669 Mr J- ROW E, W oodsmoor, Hillcrest Drive, Slackhead, MILNTHORPE, Cumbria LA7 7BB.
(☎ Milnthorpe 3567) Researching: Byerley/Carr - Lanchester, Co. Durham, 17-18C; Lishman/Newton - Stamfordham, Nb. 18-19C; Tate - Ovingham, Nb. early 18C; Graham - Bywell, Nb., early 18C; Nb., early 18C; Jewitt - Ebchester, Co. Durham early 18C; Byerley - Middridge, Co. Durham, 18C.
- 1670 Mr M. MILLER, 46 Community Road, Oldfield Lane, GREENFORD, Middlesex UB6 8XF.
Interests: Miller/Heslop - Holmside, Co. Durham, 19C; Finney/Head - Gateshead, Co. Durham, 19C; Gray - St. Andrew's/Stamfordham, Nb., 19C; West - Gilesgate/Crossgate, Co. Durham, 19C; Slater - Stillington, Yorkshire, 19C.
- 1671 Mr E. SHAW, 20 Bankwell Drive, Etherley, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham DL14 OHG.
(☎ Bishop Auckland 832825)
- 1672 Mrs. J SHAW, 20 Bankwell Drive, Etherley, BISHOP AUCKLAND, County Durham DL14 OHG.
(☎ Bishop Auckland 832 825)
- 1673 Mrs M. COLLINS, 3 Barons Way, EGHAM, Surrey TW20 8EH.
(☎ Staines 52260) Researching: George Gibbison mar. Elizabeth Wilson at Shilbottle, 1796. James and Ann (Stannard) mar. c. 1820's. When exactly? George Gibbison mar. Elizabeth Davison c.1854 and had 9 children, first child James bn.1855 had a shop in Clayport Street, Alnwick. Any information on this shop welcomed. James Wilson Gibbison bap. Shilbottle 5.2.1802. Other interests are: William Venus bn. Denwick c.1811, William Davison bn. North Chatton c.1784 and William Davison b.Denwick 1850, all from Northumberland.
- 1674 Mr T.W. GRIEVE, 74 New North Road, REIGATE, Surrey RH2 8NA.
Interests: Grieve of Ashington or Bothal, Nb. 19C; Proudlock of Ashington, Nb. 19C; Wardle pre-1900.
- 1675 Miss K. HUTCHINSON, 28 Dene Lane, Fulwell, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 8EJ.
- 1676 Miss J. JOBST, RT 2, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS 61350, UNITED STATES.
Researching: Guthrie of Newcastle, Nb. early 1800's; Aitken of Southwick, Sunderland, Co. Durham, early 1800's; Redpath of Wearmouth, Co. Durham, early 1800's; Watson of Bishopwearmouth, Co. Durham, late 1700's; and Harrison of Sunderland, Co. Durham, c.1800.

- 1677 Mrs V.M. STOCK, 61 Merlin Way, Covingham, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN3 5AN.
 (☎ Swindon 694145) Particular interest in Sheldon/Blackett Sheldon of Newcastle upon Tyne, Nb., 19C. Shildon of Haughton-le-Skerne, Co. Durham, 18C. Other names outside are: Sheldon/Shildon, Blackett, Squince, Chapman/Squance/Chesson/Pearson/Clark/Lord/Almond/Alger/Pannell/Betteridge/Rickard/Gurney/Stock/Mitchell/Gilbert/Hitchcock/Bethridge/Bellington/Arnold/Paine/Furlonger/Beridon.
- 1678 Ms D. PRH)DEY, 21 Reading Drive, SALE, Cheshire M33 5DJ.
 (☎ 061-973-2889) Researching: Temple of Hurworth, Co. Durham, 19C; Rochester of Darlington, Co. Durham, 19C; Other names outside area: Priddey/Godridge/Gilthorpe/Hinton/Seary/Ash/Orme/Lane/Aston/Foster/Hooton/Cowling.
- 1679 Mrs M. FARNSWORTH, P.O. Box 275, IRYMPLE, VICTORIA 3498, AUSTRALIA.
 Interests: Page/Fowler/Pinkney/Hohnes of Monkwearmouth, Co. Durham, 19C; Stafford of Fulwell, Co. Durham, 19C; Vart of Bishop Auckland/Cockfield, Co. Durham, 19C; Graham of Wrekenton, Co. Durham, 19C; Spence of Shildon, Co. Durham, and Reeth, Yorks., 19C; Ealles of South Church, Co. Durham, 19C. Also Farnsworth and Summerland.
- 1680 Mr T. HUTCHINSON, 151 Royal Crescent, RUISLIP, Middlesex HA4 OPN.
 (☎ 01-845-2741) Researching: Arkle/Peckitt/Haldon (Haldane)/Midcalf, any place, time; the following all Co. Durham: Hutchinson/Henderson/Bates/Routledge, 1750 on; Lambton, 1600 on; Willis/Hepplewhite of Jarrow, 1750 & 1800 on; Todd of Trimdon, 1750 on; Lonsdale/Wind of St. Mary's, Gateshead, 1750/80 on; Urwin/Cowell/Stead of Pittington, 19C; Nelson of West, Rainton, 19C; Raine/Wearmouth of Hunwick, 19C. on; Naisbitt/Cowell of Penshaw, 19C. on; Hepplewhite of South Shields, 19C. on; Cowell of Shincliffe, 19C. on; the rest all Northumberland: Charlton/Swann of Bedlington, 18C. on/17-20C.; Carr of Newbiggin, 19C. on; Vazey of N. Shields, 18-19C; Walker of Choppington, 17-19C; Jowsey of Hartburn, 17-18C; Swann of Woodhorn, 17-20C; Dunlop/Hownham/Knox of Bamburgh, 18-19C/19C; Dodds of Blyth, 19C. on; Widdrington of Walker, 19C. on.
- 1681 Mrs P.A. WIGGINS, 7 Egerton Court, Paradise Road, RICHMOND, Surrey TW91LN.
 Would appreciate any information on name Bailes. George Bailes was b.c.1830/1, possibly of Westmoor, Nb., He mar. Mary Wall on 1.4.1851 in Newcastle upon Tyne. George and his father, Thomas were coalminers, possible connection with Killingworth Colliery in early 19C. Information sought on name Wall as above, Mary, whose father was William, a coalminer. Other interests are: Bowcock/Kirby of Leek, Staffs; Hales of Lanes.; Hales/Spencer of Stoke-on-Trent; Metcalfe of Richmond, Yorks.; Woolley of Cheshire.
- 1682 Mrs N.C. WALTON, 27 Orchard Paddock, Haxby, YORK Y03 8DW.
 (☎ York 761307) Interests: Thomas Henry Walton who married Georgiana Robinson and had son Ralph Edward, bn. 28.10.1916 in Newcastle upon Tyne, Nb. Also: Mullett/Brickwell/Barns of High Wycombe, Bucks; Nash of Loudwater, Bucks; Goode of Billbrooke/Tettenhall, Staffs; Darby of Rowley Regis, Staffs; Campbell of Essex; Goode of U.S.A.; also Cockrill and Hodgetts.
- 1683 Mrs S.W. THOMPSON, 1768 Sixth Avenue North West, CALGARY, ALBERTA T2N OW 2, CANADA.
- 1684 Col. K.C. STROTHER, 727 Twentieth Street, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90402, UNITED STATES.
 Interested in information concerning William Strother of Kirknewton (?) parish, Nb., who emigrated 1650-1669 to the Virginian Colony. There is some reason to believe that he was the eldest son (unmentioned in father's will) of the William of Kirknewton (1597-1667) who had from his nephew, Colonel William, the title of Akeld for life. This Colonel William was cited in Royal Composition Papers, Newcastle-upn-Tyne, 1649 and fined £1095-10-0d. This line has been traced back 5 generations by direct line to a William of East Newton who was owner of Money Laws in 1550. The line of descent from one of the many Strother families of 14C is uncertain. William Strother, the immigrant, received title in 1669 to a tract on the Rappahannock River, ipst below modem-day, Fredericksburp,, Virpjniia-hut_ this is na lnnpXr in. family; hands.. William. in. 1669 was married with at least 2 children. He may have come over earlier, perhaps as an indentured servant, and married later. A tract of land some miles down-river was deeded in 1652 to a William Strodder/Strowder who may well be our ancestor.
- 1685 Mr R.P. HEDLEY, 1 Dark Lane North, Steeple Ashton, TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire BA14 6EY.
 (☎ Keevil 870252) Researching: Hedley of Leadgate, Co. Durham, 19C; Wheatley of Binchester, Co. Durham, 19C; Stelling of Consett, Co. Durham, 19C; Ord (Bell Ord) and Spencer of Greenside, Nb., 19C.
- 1686 Mrs A.P. HEDLEY, 1 Dark Lane North, Steeple Ashton, TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire BA14 6EY.
 (☎ Keevil 870252) Interests: McAleenan of Ryton, Nb., 19C; March of Ryton/Greenside (?), Nb., 19C.
- 1687 Mr M.J. BYRON, 159 Trotwood, CHIGW ELL, Essex IG7 5JW.
- 1688 Mrs J. ASHBURNER, 10 Melrose Grove, JARROW, Tyne and Wear NE32 4HP.
- 1689 Mr R. THOMAS, 221 West Benton, STOCKTON, ILLINOIS 61085, UNITED STATES.
 Researching the family of Thomas Harrison b.c.1828 Hetton, Co. Durham, and Ellen Gray bn. 17.8.1829 Thorp, Co. Durham. Their large family was born at Byers Green and a daughter Mary Ellen Harrison [bn. 27.4.1872/3](#) was researcher's grandmother. Thomas Harrison was a grocer who died (1880's) after going "broke" during a miners' strike.
- 1690 Mrs J. FEENEY, 36 McCracken Avenue, DONALD, VICTORIA 3480, AUSTRALIA.
- 1691 Mrs D.M. GAULD, 12 Ernle Road, Wimbledon, LONDON SW 20 OHJ.
 Researching: Hepple/Heppel(1) of Hexham (Corbridge, Haughton), Northumberland pre-1837. Dodds of Tweedmouth area, Northumberland pre-1837.

- 1692 Mr J.E. BINNS, 22 Denbeigh Place, Benton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE 12 8DE.
(☎ Newcastle 663811)
- 1693 Mrs M. BINNS, 22 Denbeigh Place, Benton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE12 8DE.
(☎ Newcastle 663811)
- 1694 Mrs JAMIESON, 9 Hill Rise, Pakuranga, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.
- 1695 Mrs R. McWIGGAN, 12 Austral Place, W ideopen, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE13 7HH.
(☎ Wideopen 364900)
- 1696 Miss W.A. WEATHERSPOON, 12a Northlands Road, Adstock, BUCKINGHAM MK18 2JJ.
- 1697 Mrs I. WEATHERSPOON, 12a Northlands Road, Adstock, BUCKINGHAM MK18 2JJ.
- 1698 Mrs L. ROSENBERG, Box 468, SPRING VALLEY, NEW YORK 10977, UNITED STATES.
- 1699 Mrs E. CALLADINE, 50 Marondale Avenue, NEW CASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE6 4HJ.
Interests: Walton of St. Andrew's, Nb., pre-1851; Wears of Hexham, Nb., pre-1790; Spors of Westgate, Nb., pre-1880; Westgarth of St. Thomas', Stanhope, Co. Durham, pre-1790; Also Kitchin of Ulverston, Cumberland, pre-1871; (K)nubley of Hesketh, Cumberland, pre-1815; Also Ayers of Norfolk; Tait/Maclennan of Scotland; Calladine of Derbyshire; Finley of Ulster.
- 1700 Mr B.G. HAY, 17 Longbanks, HARLOW, Essex CM18 7NT.
(☎ Harlow 414108)
- 1701 Mr D.W. SCOTT, 62 Haydon Road, Oxhey, WATFORD, Herfordshire WD1 4DD.
(☎ Watford 29689)
- 1702 Miss M.E. ROBINSON, It High Mill Road, Hamsterley Mill, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE39 1HE.
- 1703 Mr H. ROBINSON, 11 High Mill Road, Hamsterley Mill, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE391HE.
- 1704 MR A. ROBINSON, I1 High Mill Road, Hamsterley Mill, ROWLANDS GILL, Tyne and Wear NE39 1HE.
- 1705 Mrs B. COLEMAN, 23 Maxwell Street, Tuaramurra, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2074, AUSTRALIA.
- 1706 Mrs C.M. MORRIS, 11 Bramley Grove, Bluntisham, HUNTINGDON, Cambridgeshire PE17 3XG.
- 1707 Mrs E.A. LONGSTAFFE, 29 Truby King Crescent, Pine Hill, DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.
Researching and seeking information on the family of Robert Longstaff who lived in the Newcastle/North Shields area. Joseph Shaw Longstaffe, his wife Jane (nee Mole) and their son George Robert aged about 11 left England and arrived in Canterbury, New Zealand c.1890/1. Joseph had been employed as a railway signalman with the London and North Eastern Railway Company. Two families of Longstaff were employed by the railways at adjacent stations, and as they both had the same initials, Joseph's family added an "e" to Longstaff. Joseph's father was Robert, a labourer, his mother's name unknown but there were sisters and brothers, Elizabeth, Mary, John and William (who also worked for the railways). On Joseph's Death certificate, it states that he was born in Westmoreland, but no details of a town or particular area. Some descendants of John still live in North Shields, but any further information on earlier members of the Longstaff's would be appreciated.
- 1708 Mrs M.E. FENWICK, 9 Rye Close, Brightlingsea, COLCHESTER, Essex C07 ORA.
(☎ Brightlingsea 3829)
- 1709 Mrs N. McFADDEN, 118 Beaconsfield Terrace, Gordon Park, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND 4031, AUSTRALIA.
- 1710 Mrs M. COOLEY, 10 Stockers Avenue, WINCHESTER, Hampshire 5022 51-13.
(☎ Winchester 65609)
- 1711 Mr S.H. HARWOOD, 14 Hill Park Road, Highweek, NEWTON ABBOT, Devon TQ12 1NU.
- 1712 **Mrs W.A. HARWOOD**, 13 Hill Park Road, Highweek, NEWTON ABBOT, Devon TQ12 1NU.
- 1713 Mrs D.M. HARRISON, 2 W hinney Hill, DUR1-IAM CITY DH1 3BG.
- 1714 Mrs R.F. BOWYER, Moorfield, Causey Hill, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 2DW.
(☎ Hexham 602856)
- 1715 Mrs H.D. SMITH, 1 Mill Rise, Mutton Hall Hill, HEATHFIELD, East Sussex TN218NN.
(☎ Heathfield 3467)
- 1716 Mr D.C. CAUDWELL, 42 Netherton Close, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH2 3SP.
(☎ Chester-le-Street 884061)
- 1717 Mrs M. CAUDWELL, 42 Netherton Close, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH2 3SP.
(☎ Chester-le-Street 884061)
- 1718 Mr T.K. STEWART, 20 Park Parade, Roker, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR6 9LU.
- 1719 Mrs L. JOHNSON, Hillcrest, NEERIM SOUTH, VICTORIA 3831, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information on: Joseph Reed, believed born in Allendale or Sparty Lea, Nb., c.1867/8. His parents were William Reed and Ann Askew. Joseph Reed worked for Mr Thomas Stobart at Burn Tongues (farm?)

for 6 years -1882/1888. He then left and sailed for Australia from Liverpool or London on the ship "Ortpuz" on 28.9.1888. He is thought to have disembarked at Albany in Western Australia and travelled to the gold mines at Kalgoorlie. Joseph Reed is Mrs Johnson's grandfather, and would appreciate any information on these names, as well as any on Mrs Thomson, Joseph Reed's aunt. Would like information on the following places: Allendale/Sparty Lea/Carr Shield/Westfield/Haughton Common/Haydon Bridge and Hexham/Swinhope Mill. Does anyone have information on the co-op store at Coanwood where William Lowrey worked. He is thought to be a life-long friend of Joseph Reed and lived at Herdley Terrace in Coanwood in early 1900's.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0056 Mr L. HARLE**, 9 Heatherdale Gardens, High Heaton, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE7 7QR.
Seeking the burial of Barbara Harle of Hartburn, Northumberland, c.1750 and marriages of Jonathan, Thomas and John Harle, all baptised at Hartburn 1766-74. The marriages, probably in mid-Durham, of George, Matthew, Robert and Joseph Harle, baptised 1818-1823 and any information about John Joseph Harle of Allendale who died in the Bristol area in 1925.
- 0079 Mrs D. HALL**, 10 Newcastle Road, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 3TZ.
Wanted: Marriage of Thomas Gall and Jane Potts before 1848, north Northumberland, and marriage of John Gall and Elizabeth before 1811, lived Doddington, children baptised Wooler Presbyterian Church.
- 1030 Mrs A.H. GILPIN**, 5 Grasmere Crescent, WHEELER HEIGHTS, NEW SOUTH WALES 2098, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking further information on the following: Hannah Simpson (grandmother) was born in Newcastle upon Tyne 20.12.1862. She went to Australia in 1865 aged 2, with brother Newark aged 4, and her mother Frances, aged 25. Her father, Anthony Simpson, had gone to Australia a year earlier. He married Frances Langstaff at St. John's, Newcastle upon Tyne on 11.4.1859. Frances Langstaff was born at Brough Buildings, Byker, on 30.5.1839. Her parents were William Langstaff and Hannah Breckens. The 1851 Census shows them living at 249 Diana Street, Westgate, Newcastle upon Tyne. They had 8 children at that time, eldest Biorich aged 15. William Langstaff was born at Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne c.1801 and Hannah Breckens was born at Bellingham c.1805.
- 1152 Mr A. GRAY**, 9 Queen Street, Birtley, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham DH3 1EB.
Seeks the birth of Mary W inn/Wind at Birtley c.1806; Nicholas Chapman c.1796-1801 at Chester-le-Street; Michael, Thomas and Mary Annie Gray b.1878-1890, offspring of Joseph Gray and Sarah Bolton, born somewhere in Co. Durham. Also the marriage of Samuel Smith to Mary Harrison c.1828-30, possibly in Ryton area of Co. Durham.
- 1190 Miss S. LEWIS**, 26 St. Margaret Avenue, Deepcar, SHEFFIELD S30 5TE.
Has anyone information on: (1) Burgess, Isabella, died 1895 at Holden Street, Grangemouth. Her husband was Caleb. Both had been married before and had children from their first marriages. Burgess had Richard, Frederick, Ellen, Caleb and Emma. Isabella's children (surname Lewis) were Mary, Rachel, William Francis, Margaret and pos. one other. Her first husband, Francis Lewis died in 1881. (2) Dixon, Margaret from West Rainton married William Bird in Sunderland, 1839. They had the following known children, Margaret, William, Thomas, Mary D and Isabella. Any information on these would be helpful. (3) Mitchinson, Mary Ann gives her place of birth as Sunderland c.1798/99. The only birth/baptism found is Billingham Parish Register to parents William Mitchinson and Mary Mickle (Muckle) living at Woolviston, Sedgfield.
- 1219 Mrs S.M. HARRIS**, 158 Westfield Lane, Idle, BRADFORD, West Yorkshire BD10 8UB.
Main line of research is the Owens family of West Auckland/Escomb/Witton Park, esp. Richard Owens b.1836 West Auckland as Richard Vasey, son of Mary Vasey, family servant, Evenwood and St. Helen's, Auckland. Would like to contact anyone who is looking into Vasey family of area. Possibility that Mary Vasey may be same Mary Owens (b.c.1820, Woodland) who married John Owens (b.c.1820, St. John's Chapel), miner in 1841 Census of West Auckland as later connections between families. Also interested in Elliott family of Wark/Billingham area esp. family of Peter Elliott b.1744 married Ann Angus 1772, and died 1812 at Wark. (Possible son of Edward Elliott who mar. Jane Charlton 1730 Chollerford). Elliott family well known as cartwrights and branch of family later moved to Willington as grocers. Any other information on Bowmer/Bulmer family of Durham/Crook; Harle family Durham later Cotherstone, and Parker family of Alston parish welcome.
- 1305 Mr P. PINKNEY**, 2 Old Common, Furneaux Pelham, BUNTINGFORD, Hertfordshire SG9 0LQ.
Is seeking dates of baptisms and mothers' names of the following: Thomas Shillaw b.c.1831 Byker Hill, Father William; Mary Ann Cole b.c.1832 Birtley, Father James; Edward Pinkney b.c.1828 Tudhoe, Father John; Sarah Mossion b.c.1835 Stockton, Father William. Also seeks help with (?) Pinkney, son of Edward, Government mines inspector emigrated to Virginia, USA, pre-1926. Edward Pinkney, son of Thomas Pinkney and Elizabeth Westgarth emigrated to Virginia, USA, c.1926. Mr Pinkney would be delighted to hear from any descendants of either of above, or from any descendants of other children of Thomas Pinkney and Elizabeth Westgarth. Did they have any brothers and sisters?
- 1407 Mr F. GREEN**, 286 Mersea Road, COLCHESTER, Essex C02 8QY.
Seeking information on the family of Thomas Hall, 1786-1859, yeoman and freeman of Newcastle Smith's Society who lived in Newcastle. Also the distantly related families of Pickering, Robson, Kidd and Moat, all of Newcastle.

- 1468 Miss S.F. REED, 3 Orchard Way, SELBY, North Yorkshire YO8 OJE.
Seeking information re. Robert McPherson and Agnes Vinnicombe who were married possibly in Scotland (dau. Mary b.1838, states place of birth as Scotland). In 1850's were living in Tanfield where dau. Elizabeth was born in 1852 and son Andrew in 1853. Andrew lived in Ebchester and had son Dave. Another son, Robert(?), lived at Bear Park and had daughter Joycelyn Vera. Would like to contact any descendants. Information also sought re. Robert Fenwick who married Elizabeth Beck (b.1811 at Low Friarside). Family **Thomas/Ann/Joseph/William/Mary/Robert born between 1838 and 1853 at Tanfield and Whickham.**
- 1527 Mrs P. PHILPOT, 133 Brighton Road, PURLEY, Surrey CR24HE.
Seeks the marriage of Jane Harper (born 10.4.1839 at Southwick, dau. of Archibald Harper and Jane Johnson) to James Reay (born 13.10.1838 at Seghill, son of John Reay and Jane Atkinson). Jane was married first to Christopher Cunningham in 1861, and had at least 2 sons, Christopher and Frank. Mrs Philpot's grandmother was from second marriage to James Reay and an address on her birth certificate (16.2.1882) is 32 Dene Terrace. Any information/monumental inscriptions on any of above names would be welcome.
- 1605 Mr G.A.W. HEPPELL, 103 Burton Stone Lane, YORK YO3 6BZ.
Mr Heppell's specific interests are Hepell and Hedinburgh. Particularly requires birth of John Heppell c.1760 and his marriage to Mary (?) c.1780-86, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, Durham or Northumberland. Would like to hear from any fellow Heppell researchers. The Hedinburgh's sought lived in Sunderland in the 1860's.

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- 1527 Mrs P. PHILPOT, 133 Brighton Road, PURLEY, Surrey CR2 4HE.
Mrs Philpot visits St. Catherine's House about once a month and would be happy to search for information for members.

HELP WANTED

- 1397 Mrs J. DAVIES, 14 Eastover Close, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL BS9 3JQ.
Would the Mr Gustard who contacted Mrs Davies, and who has a mutual interest in the name Gustard, please get in touch again as Mrs Davies does not have his address. Mrs Davies is trying to trace John Gustard, born pre-1742 probably in the south-west area of Sunderland.
- 1631 Mrs M. McCULLOCH, 19 Vienna Way, STRATHPINE, QUEENSLAND 4500, AUSTRALIA.
Mrs. McCulloch is the Research Officer for the Queensland Family History Society and requests help in tracking down the following two books that she wishes to purchase:-
"The Diaries and Correspondence of James Losh", Vol I diaries 1811 - 1823, Edited by Edward Hughes. Published by Andrews and Co., Sadler St, Durham, and Bernard Quaritch, 11 Grafton St, New Bond St., London 1962.
"The Diaries and Correspondence of James Losh" Vol II diaries 1824 - 1833, letters to Charles 2nd, Earl Grey, and Henry Brougham - Edited by Edward Hughes. Published as above 1963.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 0244 Dr K. MITCHELL, 8 Tyne Terrace, W ark, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE48 3LL.
(☎ **Bellingham 30440**)
- 0378 Mr C.A. HEDLEY, 56 Links Avenue, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE261TG.
- 0600 Mr G.A. MATTHEWS, 55 Westgarth, Whorlton Grange, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE NE5 4NJ.
- 0651 Miss M. STEWART, Airlie Cottage, 7A Hawkcraig Road, Aberdour, BURNTISLAND, Fife KY3 OXB.
(☎ **Aberdour 860210**)
- 0962 Miss C.J. TODD, 24 Church Road, Tweedmouth, BERWICK-UPON-TWEED, Northumberland TD15 2AN.
- 1031 Mr J.P. WOOD, 10 Acadia Bay, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R3T 3H9, CANADA.
- 1211 Mr J.C. STRATFORD, 8 Woodland Drive, New Brighton, WALLASEY, Merseyside L45 IND.
- 1463 Mr F. ROBSON, 135 Baldertongate, NEWARK, Nottinghamshire NG241RY.
- 1464 Mrs E.B. ROBSON, 135 Baldertongate, NEWARK, Nottinghamshire NG241RY.
- 1664 Mrs C.C. HEWARD, The Junipers, Gubeon Wood, MORPETH, Northumberland NE616BH.