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FUTURE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 13th September

Special Meeting at The Foresters to listen to a tape recording of Anthony Camp, Director of the Soc. of Gen. talking about the contents of the Soc. of Gen. Library. 7.30pm start. Please note the library will not be available for research on this night.

Thursday 21 September

Dr.Margaret Barnett: Transportation to Western Australia.

Tuesday 26 September

London Coach Trip: Cost £6. Depart 7.30am Paternoster Row, leave London 4.30pm arrive back 8.30-9pm. To book - first telephone Sue Graves 402727 (Mon-Fri after 8pm) to ensure seats are available. Cheques payable to Sheffield & District FHS (Coach Trips), send to Sue Graves, 57a Fircroft Ave, Sheffield S5 0SB

Thursday 19th October

Open Meeting. A similar meeting held last year proved very popular, enabling members to exchange ideas and problems. If you wish to put on a small display and/or give a short talk on some aspect of your family history please contact Sue Graves (402727 Mon-Fri after 8pm). Refreshments available. There will also be a Bring & Buy Stall for items of family history of local history interest, book and unwanted gifts etc. The proceeds from the stall and refreshments will go to the Lyceum Restoration Fund (see News & Notes).

Wednesday 8th November

There will be a meeting for beginners at the Foresters 7.30pm. Members of the Committee will be there to help members with their problems or show them how to begin. If possible please contact the Secretary Mrs.M.P.Dunn on 351827 if you wish to attend. Please note the library will not be available for normal research on this night.

Thursday 16th November

"How I tried to follow the Bagshaws", a talk by Prof.R.Newton.

Thursday 18th January 1990

To be announced

Thursday 15th February 1990

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Tuesday 20th February 1990

Poss Coach Trip to London/Kew

Thursday 15th March 1990

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Thursday 19th April 1990

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Tuesday 5th June 1990

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at The Blind Institute, Mappin St (off West St.), Sheffield on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm during the winter months and excursions are held for the summer. Informal meetings are held at the Ancient Order of Foresters, Trippet Lane, Sheffield every Wednesday 1.30-4pm and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month 7.30-9.30pm. The Society caters for those parts of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire which are within convenient travelling distance of Sheffield. The annual subscription is £6 and £8 for joint membership (only one Journal).

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31 May 30 November

ROTHERHAM BRANCH.

Meetings are held at the WEA Rooms, Corporation St., Rotherham 7-9pm on the 1st Thursday of each month except August. Speakers are engaged at alternate meetings; the other meetings are given to members' interests and discussion. Members of the Sheffield Society are welcome to attend the meetings.

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EDITORIAL

Members aware of the concern for the environment will be pleased to know that recycled paper is to be used from now on for all editions of "The Flowing Stream".

The swap box introduced at our last indoor meeting proved to be very popular. All local members are requested to bring their unwanted family history magazines for loan to other members.

The coffee table is also proving popular especially with a number of members attending our meetings straight from work.

It was rewarding to receive recently a letter from a New Zealand member who was overjoyed to find that the book "Dark at Seven" that we had reviewed was in fact about one of her ancestors.

Thank you to all contributors. All new members in particular are invited to send in articles, or snippets of information of interest to other members.

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NEWS AND NOTES

AIDS TO CONSERVATION

Conservation Resources UK Ltd., Unit 1, Pony Road, Horspath Industrial Estate, Cowley, Oxon, OX4 2RD, has leaflets giving guidance on the proper care and protection of paper memorabilia and photographic material.

KELVEY FAMILY BIBLE

The following details were found in a Bible purchased at an antiques fair by Mrs.H.Paulucy.

Alfred Earnist Kelvey, born Godley Hyde 7 May 1892 wife Alice Lillian Kelvey br Chesterfield 18 April 1896 . Wed at Owlerton Church 13 Dec 1916.

Children: Frances Lillian Kelvey 401 Langsett Road 13 Dec 1917
 Alfred " " " " 19 Sep 1918
 Fred " " " " 21 Aug 1922

FamilyEvents: mother Mary Ann Banks age 59 years br 10 Jun 1861 at Madley,
Shropshire.
sister Frances Sissons Formally Kelvey aged 29 years br 27
Dec 1893 br Godley Hyde.
brother James Henry Kelvey 32 years 26 Feb 189 br Godley Hyde.

ROTHERHAM LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Rotherham Library as produced a series of leaflets detailing holdings that are of interest to Family Historians. The leaflets on the following subjects Anglican Parish Registers, Nonconformist Registers, Sources for Family History and a Brief Guide to the Archives & Local Studies Section can be obtained FREE from the Archives & Local Studies Section, Brian O'Malley Central Library, Walker Place, Rotherham S65 1JH. Copies of the leaflets can be seen at the Foresters.

LONDON ARCHIVE USERS' FORUM

Despite its name membership of the London Archive Users' Forum is not restricted to people living in London or the surrounding area; it is open to all who have interests in Greater London or who use London archives. Members have the opportunity to attend regular talks and 'behind-the-scenes' visits to London Repositories. They receive a quarterly Newsletter which provides news of the Forum's activities and also keeps them up-to-date with changes in opening times of local archives in the Greater London area.

The Forum acts as a representative body and has recently been corresponding on behalf of its members with the local authorities in the boroughs of Hackney and Lewisham where financial cuts have caused restrictions in archive provision and care. Membership costs £5 per year for individuals (£3 for each additional member at the same address) or £15 for organisations. Cheques should be sent to Dr.P.Croot, Victoria County History, 34 Tavistock Square, London WC1.

BEWARE!!

Halbert's Inc.Family Heritage, Ohio. Enquiries have been made about the credibility of this firm and their publications. They were featured on T.V.'s "Watchdog"and the Trading Standards Office at Bristol are aware of their activities and are monitoring them. The Federation has made the following statement: "Whilst Halbert's Inc. are careful to keep within the framework of British law their advertisement could be regarded as misleading to family historians. We suggest, therefore, that you advise any members enquiring about the publication not to purchase it, as they may be very disappointed in the content, despite the 'money back' guarantee".

WEST OF SCOTLAND CENSUS RETURNS & OLD PAROCHIAL REGISTERS

A directory of public library holdings in the West of Scotland with a parish atlas is available price £1.50 + 24p p+p UK (70p o/s surface worldwide) from Glasgow Libraries Publications, The Mitchell Library, North St, Glasgow G37DN, Scotland.

1861 CENSUS OF SHEFFIELD VOLS. 7 & 8.

Vol.7 & 8 of the 1861 Census of Sheffield are now published. See inside back cover of this journal for details.

1851 CENSUS OF SHEFFIELD

The index of part of the 1851 census, made by Ted Shortland has been removed from our library at the Foresters. It was incomplete and very bulky. Members can of course consult the complete index at the Foresters on microfiche.

AN INVITATION TO ALL LOCAL MEMBERS

Those local members who have never attended a meeting at the Blind Institute may not be aware of all that happens on the 3rd Thursday in each month. In addition to our Speaker, there are announcements from the Secretary and other Committee members of interest to members. Cups of coffee are available both before and after the meeting. There is a large very well stocked publications table where books and leaflets, charts and maps can be seen and purchased. The swap box may have in it just the magazine you've been wanting to see. And, in addition there are the committee and other members able and willing to talk to you and offer help, if you need it. Do come along and give it a try. The bus services are excellent and there is plenty of parking space nearby. We look forward to seeing you in October.

LYCEUM THEATRE RESTORATION FUND APPEAL

This theatre built in 1897 has miraculously survived the ravages of time, threats of demolition and sheer neglect. It is the only Victorian theatre in the provinces that has survived which can be restored to its former glory. Sheffield needs a proscenium arch theatre which can take professional touring companies. It housed our ancestors, and those of us over 35 will have many memories of shows, artists and pantomimes there. The EEC are giving us £5 million, Sheffield City Council £5 million and the public have to raise £2 million. It is a truly beautiful theatre, or will be when done. We have been asked to help raise money for this appeal.

I propose as one of our efforts to hold a bring and buy stall at the October meeting at the Blind Institute. It is an open meeting as Professor Newton will now speak in November to give us more time in October. If you have any item, picture or book which you are willing to donate to the stall it would be appreciated; old research books, local history books, memorabilia or if all else fails that unwanted Christmas soap or talc etc. Perhaps we could have a raffle - any offers? Any other fund raising suggestions would be welcomed. Coffee will be served in October with the profits going to the Lyceum Fund. Let us do our part to preserve the past.

Marjorie Dunn.

THE CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

On Wednesday 13th September at the Foresters members will be able to hear a tape recording made by Anthony Camp, Director of the Society of Genealogists. It describes what is available in their library, Please note that no ordinary research will be possible on this evening but there will be lots of ideas gained for other avenues to investigate, and sources to try.

SHEFFIELD RECORD OFFICE - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the Sheffield Record Office will close on September 4th 1989 and the provisional date for re-opening in the new building on Shoreham St, Sheffield is November 13th. The new building is situated at the station end of Shoreham St about 200 yards from the station. The address for postal enquiries remains as Surrey St, Sheffield.

THE COLVERS OF HALLAMSHIRE

The book "The Colvers of Hallamshire" has been lent to the Secretary until November. It is a remarkable family history covering the Colver family. In addition there is considerable detail about the Swift, Nutting, Nicholson, Bygott and Porter families in Sheffield. The Secretary is willing to look up details of the above names for out-of-town members only. Local members will be able to see the book for themselves as it will be deposited in the Archive Department in Sheffield in November.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

30th Sept 1989 at Loughborough University.

The joint annual conference of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire F.H.Societies is hosted this year by Leicestershire FHS. The programme consists of lectures on Constables and Overseers, Tracing the history of your House, Our Ancestors and the Gas Industry and Midland Friendly Societies in the Eighteenth Century. For details send an S.A.E. to Eric Orbell, 33 Vandyke Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5UB.

14th Oct 1989 at Epworth, South Humberside.

The Isle of Axholme FHS are holding a Family History Day on the theme of migration of families, "They didn't move about did they?". Speakers will be looking at some different migrant groups. There will be lectures on the Founding of Easton in Cleveland, Huguenot & Walloon Settlers, A One-Name Study and "A Genealogical Miscellany". For details send and S.A.E. to Mrs.A.Turner, 194 Melton Road, Sprotbrough, Doncaster DNS 7NX.

28th Oct 1989 at Scarborough.

"Talkabout Family History" a one-day conference hosted by East Yorks FHS, Scarborough Branch. Topics covered include "The Howards of Castle Howard", Non-conformists and Wills and the Common Man. For details send an S.A.E. to Mrs.Sue Carsey, 29 High St, Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 0HH.

21st Oct 1989 at Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire FHS are holding a one-day conference "Skeletons in the Cupboard". The programme will probably consist of lectures on "Your ancestor was a criminal", JPs and their records, Police History and "In the High Courts". For details send an S.A.E. to Mrs.J.S.Presland, 35 Lodge Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9HA.

30th Mar to 3rd Apr 1990 at Newquay, Cornwall.

This is the 5th British Family History Conference. The programme will provide a choice of 20 lectures with discussions on national, Cornish and overseas aspects of family history, a choice of organised visits to St. Michael's Mount, Lanhydrock and Trevice and opportunities for other visits, also two evening entertainments. For further information send and S.A.E. to the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Norman Hicks, An Gernyk, Philleigh, Nr.Truro, TR2 5NB.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

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Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation of the services of the two lady assistants in the FHS Library during the informal meeting at the Ancient Order of Foresters' premises last week. They were most helpful with every enquiry and did their best to make my wife and I, as new visitors, feel

very much at home. Nothing seemed to be too much trouble to them and they helped my own research enormously.

As I know that such willing and enthusiastic helpers are so hard to find and yet so frequently unrecognised I felt I must write to put their help on record.

Yours etc.,

Stanley Brookes.

Ed.'s note: The Committee and general membership of the Society would like to add their thanks to Mrs. Ann Gray and Mrs. Mary Walker for all the time and effort they put into running the Society Library every Wednesday afternoon.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 16th March 1989. Sheffield Theatres by Martin Olive.

Martin Olive gave us a lavishly illustrated account of Sheffield Theatres. Sheffield Local History Library has more than 3000 18th and 19th century playbills. Many of them, however, are in a very poor state. At the moment they are undergoing a programme of washing, de-acidifying, laminating and encapsulating. It is hoped to index them when they have all been treated.

Sheffield Fair was in existence in 1297. By the 19th century it was held by the Don near the Cattle Market. The first public theatricals in Sheffield took place there.

The earliest playbill is from 1751 for a theatre in Angel Yard. In 1761 a scheme was put forward for building on Norfolk Street Assembly Rooms with a dance hall and a casino. Subscriptions were invited. In 1763 the theatre was built and then enlarged 10 years later. It was finally demolished about 1930.

Many of the library's playbills are from a collection made by a Mr. Wilkinson. Bills were often sent to people as an advertisement for a programme. Early theatre performances were for the gentry but by the late 18th century entertainment was pandering to a more popular taste. The social unrest and undercurrent of radicalism in the 1800s divided audiences. Radicals went into the gallery. The gentry stayed below.

Entertainment began to be more varied with tightrope walkers and other circus acts as well as plays, music and dancing.

Rivalry to the theatre was provided in the 1820s by music halls. One was built in 1825 in Surrey St in part of the library buildings. These music halls were more of a concert hall - not the entertainment they were later to become. Lighting of theatres was by gas so consequently many theatres were destroyed by fire!

The Botanical Gardens in the 19th century were not generally open to the public belonging as they did to private proprietors. They were occasionally opened for entertainment and fireworks.

Many vacant blocks had huts put up on them for entertainment. In the Corn Market was the Chinese Pagoda. No other evidence for it exists save a chance survival of a playbill for a performance "The Fall of Algiers, 1830.", so the play was probably from about that year.

West Bar was an entertainment centre. Many of the public houses had buildings behind for entertainments. Beer tokens paid for entry to the

theatricals. Many were closed down by the end of the 19th century because of the fire risk.

The Surrey theatre was first a casino then a theatre and a zoo aswell. It was finally destroyed by fire. All the animals fortunately were rescued and the theatre empty at the time. It was never rebuilt.

T.Yondan who had been responsible for the Surrey theatre opened the Alexandria Music Hall built on stilts over the River Sheaf. At times it had elephants on stage! It was later renamed the Adelphi Theatre.

The Theatre Royal, built in 1763 was rebuilt in 1773 and again in early Victorian times. In the mid 1880's a large facade was constructed and the buildings made much longer. By the later 19th century playbills were mass produced in London for touring companies. They just had the theatre's name stamped on them. The library has a number of such programmes.

The City Theatre was one of the theatres on the site of the Lyceum. There is a long history of entertainment on the site but it did not compete well with the Theatre Royal or the Empire that was being built. In 1897 the Lyceum was built on the site.

The Empire Theatre took over from the music halls that had been located behind the West Bar pubs. Moss Empires built not only a theatre but also shops on either side of it. Top London stars came to perform there. Pantomimes were particularly popular.

In the 1920s the Hippodrome with its revolving stage was built. Horses could gallop on stage and still stay in view! After World War I it became a cinema.

The Attercliffe Palace was a very famous suburban theatre. It started as the Alhambra. After World War I it became for a time a cinema then reverted back to being a variety theatre until after World War II. In the early years of this century there were many melodramas performed using spectacular costumes. The library has a set of photographs signed by the artists.

The Theatre Royal was burnt down in 1935. The Empire survived World War II although the buildings on either side were hit. It closed and was demolished in 1959.

The Albert Hall in Barker's Pool was built as a concert hall with a large organ but it was underused, became a cinema and then also was burnt down.

Contributed by Mrs. Denise Marsden.

Meeting on Thursday 20th April 1989 - A Tour of Old Ecclesfield.

We found the journey from Surrey to Ecclesfield for Cyril Slinn's tour of the village to be very well worth while. Fortunately it was a clear still evening when the party of fifty or so members set out to see first an old gloomy workshop typical of the scores of such buildings where so many of the nineteenth century villagers tapped out their files. Working almost as much by feel as by sight these craftsmen with their apprentice sons and daughters cut a remarkable variety of fine durable files although after a long day - or a long night when the week's quota had to be made up - there was inevitably a reject or two to be kept for home use. (I still have a few).

Then on to see an old cruck-built house, now a fine bakery but unfortunately closed at the time of our visit. These old cottages with their thick stone walls and enormously heavy stone slab roof lined much of the length of the High Street until quite recent times.

The Church too was just closing - for an unscheduled choir practice - when we arrived but we still had time for a speedy tour of the interior and of

the Churchyard with the grave of Joseph Hunter (the celebrated historian and genealogist). After examining some of the exquisite wood carving of past ages in the Church furnishings, we were rewarded with the sight of a ghastly butcher's block of a modern altar. This monstrous product of modern times should certainly be viewed by all our members. We were also told that the Church fabric wasn't nearly as old, merely 15th century, and not 12th century or even earlier as many Ecclesfielders believed. But someone seemed to have overlooked the careful research undertaken by that eminent Victorian architect M.E.Hadfield (of Sheffield) who traced 11th century stonework in the tower and even earlier work in the nave.

Another village legend, that a secret tunnel ran between distant Whitley Hall, the Church and the Priory, our next port of call, was ruefully dismissed by Mr. Banham our host and guide at the latter establishment. He told us that the comfortable old building, now a composite of 13th, 15th and 19th century work had recently been surveyed by Dr. David Hey, our distinguished Chairman, and colleagues from the University. They had concluded that the reputed entrance to the tunnel, now a sealed cavity in the wall of the study was in fact nothing more than the remains of a medieval cess-pit, or what passed for an indoor closet in those days! Oh how romance can be so easily destroyed!

It does seem however that these learned gentlemen had never been informed that, in the early 1930s, three intrepid Rover Scouts from the Ecclesfield Troop had descended the stone steps in this cavity and penetrated a tunnel for about 50 yards before further progress had been blocked by a roof fall. The Vicar at that time had then had the entrance sealed to put a stop to any further dangerous escapades. Another member of our party recalled that during World War II a group of soldiers billeted in Whitley Hall had also explored the tunnel from the other end.

These stories reminded me of a Surrey legend that an underground passage ran from the house of Lord Bute on the perimeter of Kew Gardens to Kew Palace, reputedly for secret liaison with Queen Charlotte. This had long been dismissed by the experts as another 'old wives tale' until, during building work a few years ago, a heavy bulldozer slowly subsided into a hole and revealed this very well preserved tunnel.

I understand that at least one of the youths who explored the Ecclesfield tunnel is still living locally. Is it not time that he recorded his experiences for posterity before the cynics have everything their way?

Contributed by Stanley Brookes, Walton Manor, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 7SA.

Meeting on Thursday 18th May 1989.

After a very brief Extraordinary General Meeting at which the sentence "New Branches shall be formed only on the authority of the Executive Committee" was accepted as an addition to paragraph 5 of the new Constitution, members enjoyed a fascinating talk by Alison Morrish.

"Birth, Death & Marriage in Victorian England."

The talk was based on an exhibition held at Cusworth Hall and was lavishly illustrated by pictures taken at the exhibition. Local material had been used whenever possible.

Pregnancy in the Victorian era was a time of great strain. Many babies, and indeed many mothers died. Large families were a status symbol. If there were no children it was considered to be the woman's fault. The churcing of women was considered very important, as a cleansing ceremony but also as a thanks for a safe delivery.

Inevitably the exhibition reflected the middle classes and the well-off. Nothing has survived from the poorer classes.

In Victorian times the nurse was closer to the child than his mother. Children often only saw their parents in the evening for a short time and were always on their best behaviour, dressed up and clean for the visit. Nursery life was often very dull. Children were often only allowed to have out one or two toys at a time. They were isolated from life outside and had no freedom. Cusworth has quite a collection of old Christening robes. These have been donated by families who have often found that even at birth modern children are too large for old family Christening gowns! Many traditional Christening gifts were displayed, mugs and jugs with the child's surname on, cutlery, money boxes and even pin cushions. Before the invention of the safety pin, a baby's nappies were fastened up with dressmaker's pins so a pin cushion was an appropriate gift. Coral necklaces were given as a charm to ward off evil. Day gowns for babies were also long like Christening gowns but the embroidery was only at the bottom. Feeding bottles were used even in Victorian times although wet nurses were common. The audience was surprised to learn that packeted baby food was available so long ago. Before 1880 prams only had 3 wheels because the law said that 4-wheeled vehicles could not go on the pavement.

After marriage a woman was subservient to her husband. The word 'obey' was always in the marriage service. The Victorian attitude was that it was the man's place to rule and the woman's to yield. For the marriage gown up to the mid 19th century any colour was acceptable and clothes were often worn afterwards as normal garments. It was only later in the century that white became the fashionable colour.

In Victorian times death was accepted as part of everyday life. Even poor families had a laying out set in readiness. The state of public health made life precarious. All classes could be affected by poor hygiene and epidemics spread rapidly.

There was a shortage of burial grounds in the 19th century in England. Bodies were often exhumed to make room for another burial. As a solution to this problem several cemeteries were set up which have become monuments to Victorian taste. Funerals gave families a chance to display their wealth. Working class people tried to emulate the better off. Mourning demanded totally black garments for all the household. Even the jewellery was black with Whitby jet being very popular.

Contributed by Mrs. Denise Marsden.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

HAWKSWORTH

Mrs. K. Collins, 286 Newton Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0SY is seeking information about William Hawksworth, spade maker, who married Mary before 1819. The 1851 census for Osborne Street states that he was born 1786 Rotherham and she was born 1791 Penistone. Checks at these parishes were fruitless. Also seek baptisms of George Gillott, whitesmith, c 1735/42 and his son's wife Lydia Sykes c 1765, also Jonathan Roebuck and Ann Ward who married 1773 Sheffield St. Peter c 1750. Any help appreciated and postage refunded.

GILLOTT
ROEBUCK
WARD
SYKES

WILD
BOULDING

Mrs.J.M.Wild, "Jules", 66 Golf Road, Deal, Kent, CT14 6QB is seeking information on the descendants of Walter Wild and Margaret nee Boulding both from Hoyle St who were married on 7th April 1856 at St.Philip's Church Sheffield. Walter was a Razor Blade Forger.

SAYLES
BIBBS
SMILTER/SMELTER

Mrs.B.Garner, Four Winds, 46 Heath Ridge Green, Cobham, Surrey, KT11 2QJ is seeking the birth or baptism or any definite evidence of parentage of Philip Sayles 71786-1857 b. Sheffield. 1851 census, death cert & tombstone checked. No record of baptism at Cathedral. Married 20th Mary 1815 to Mary Bibbs at Sheffield Parish Church, both 'of this parish'. Died 28th July 1857 at Carter lane, Eckington, Derbys., occupation 'farmer'. The fine tombstone is no help. The will gives no clue to parentage. He may be the son of William Sayles of Sheffield, occupation unknown and Ann Smilter or Smelter, minor gentry.

BRIDGE
RUSTON

Mrs.M.E.Studd, Treetop, North Heath Lane, Horsham, Sussex RH12 4PZ needs help in tracing the descendants of George Bridge 1826-1869. He was married at the Parish Church of Rotherham 1846. He died in Deritend, Aston, Birmingham. Information is also needed on his wife Mary Ann nee Ruston 1825-1859.

HEPWORTH
HAWLEY

J.B.Raynor, 23 Carisbrooke Ave, Leicester LE2 3PA is seeking to establish the relationship between William Hepworth, grocer of Cheapside, Barnsley and Samuel Hepworth, butcher of Shambles Street, Barnsley. (1800-1820 period). Likewise, is there a link between Edward Hawley living in Barnsley 1851 (aged 32) and the Hawleys of Swinton and Rawmarsh. Mr.Raynor would appreciate making contact with anyone researching these Hawleys or Hepworths.

P.Hea:

John Wood, 34a Eleanor Crescent, Newcastle, Staffordshire ST5 3SA has some manuscript sermons probably written by an ancestor and very likely from the Sheffield/Derbyshire/Notts area. Each one is headed by the abbreviation P.Hea: followed by the date, e.g. P.Hea: Aug: 11. 1672. The dates are between 1671 and 1683. P.Hea: may be the abbreviated name of the place or church or chapel where the sermon was preached or possibly the name of its clergyman-author. Has anyone come across this abbreviation in registers or elsewhere?

NEW FEDERATION PUBLICATIONS

A LATIN GLOSSARY FOR FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORIANS

By Janet Morris, Senior Assistant Archivist, Hertfordshire Record Office. Family history quite apart, this booklet easily becomes compulsive reading. It is amazing how many of the everyday words we use have Latin origins (often subtly different). Try looking up 'audio', 'australis', 'cissor', 'compostum', 'focus', 'gregarius', 'meretrix', 'oeconomus', 'pedagogus', 'perquisitio', 'posse', 'rata', 'stadium', 'video', 'zona'; or for a sexist joke,

'paraphernalia'. Even if we learnt Latin at school, most of us have forgotten it, and it was the wrong sort of Latin anyway. This Glossary includes most of the commoner words which occur in parish registers, wills, and the simpler types of title deeds and manorial records. Helpful to beginners as well as those with some knowledge of Latin, it is a most useful companion to Eve McLaughlin's SIMPLE LATIN FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS.

Two new 'Gibson Guides' compiled together with Colin Rogers.

POLL BOOKS c 1695-1872: A DIRECTORY TO HOLDINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Until 1872 when the secret ballot was introduced, voting for Members of Parliament, by those entitled to vote, was a public matter, and a record of just how they did so was kept and frequently published. Before 1832, in England and Wales, only those with 40s. freeholds could vote (for County members) but these included many of relatively humble status. After 1832 the franchise was much widened, but poll books continued to be published. This Guide lists concisely the location of all known printed and manuscript poll books in public repositories, throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

ELECTORAL REGISTERS SINCE 1832; AND BURGESS ROLLS; A DIRECTORY TO HOLDINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The 1832 Reform Act greatly widened the franchise, and enacted that the names of all those qualified to vote be published annually. The resultant Electoral Registers continue to this day, but the printed lists for the 19th and earlier 20th century survive much more rarely than might be expected. This is the first attempt ever to list those in record offices and local studies libraries throughout England, Wales and Scotland, and shows just where these amazingly informative lists can be consulted. Burgess lists, of those entitled to vote, mostly for Borough representatives, continued in parallel into the 20th century, but sometimes survive from much earlier (even medieval) times. These and 18th century lists of county freeholders, are also included in this Guide to much neglected sources for family, local and social historians.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

FINDING OUT ABOUT THE "INCHCLUTHA"

By Bill Burran. Liverpool Family Historian Vol.10 No.2 June 1988, gives details of sources used to trace a sailor ancestor drowned, in 1883.

ONE DAY CONFERENCE - 1987. "WHAT'S IN A NAME" reading list.

Bedfordshire FHS Vol.6 No.8 Winter 1988.

USING A COMPUTER TO KEEP TRACK OF THE STRAYS

I began my family history researches in May 1986 and like many other enthusiasts started to transfer my records from daily work notes to neater charts and family trees prepared by hand. Luckily for me, my wife had begun several months before me and also purchased a word processing computer. This article I hope will be interesting to all family historians who are hesitating over the decision to purchase a microcomputer. (I am told, by the way that I should write disk = disc and programme = program!).

The computer we are using is the AMSTRAD 8512. It is one of a family of microprocessors, the other members being the 8256 and the 9512, each having its own merits. When new it cost £480 but cheaper second hand machines can be bought as the buffs change to newer models. As a comparison our Brothers Electronic typewriter EP44 which has small memory store was £249. The 8512 has the feature of a twin disk drive system, giving one benefit of being able to have a programme disk (the instruction commands to enable the computer to work in a particular fashion eg. as a word processor) and a data disk (for your records) plugged in at the same time without the need for the constant exchanges needed by single drive systems.

For my family history I use the word processor package for family trees, some work in connection with preparing the Sheffield or out of county strays, articles such as this one and of course all correspondence. We have replaced the original, simple instruction pack with a later, quicker version called Locoscript 2 which has been worthwhile the extra cost at £19. The accompanying printer is called a "dot matrix" and used nine tiny hammer pins to form the character print of the alphabet and symbols as they strike the inked tape onto the paper. The fonts so produced are not quite as good as those produced by the "daisy" wheel (a rotating disk with preformed characters at the end of stalks or petals which are then struck by a hammer onto the tape ribbon) of the 9512 but quite acceptable in its near letter quality (NLQ) form.

I was lucky enough to be able to spend several days reading census returns at the PRO in Portugal St. which, because of the quantity of repetitive information to be written down, lent itself to being stored on computer disk in a home devised form using a different computer instruction set called Data Gem (price £39). This is just one of many data packages devised to help you store and sort out your records. We found this programme inconvenient to use (you will sometimes make a poor choice) but eventually bought "AT LAST PLUS".

I am using the combination of "Locoscript 2" and "At Last Plus" to process records I have received by the hundred from our own members. For example the many strays from all over the country who married at St. George's Brook Hill will be printed on slips and despatched to the societies in their county of birth. I will treat similarly the Sheffielders who went to live in Birmingham or other countries so that not only will I be able to produce the standard 5" x 3" slip format for you to search on society evenings and at conferences but the computer will be instructed to give out the same information in a different layout better adapted for either the journal or in separate book form when sufficient numbers have been sent to me. The latter style being the greatest help to out of county and overseas members. Was Eileen Beech's work on the 1851 Derbyshire census strays any use to you?

If you have found a lot of strays and are using a computer it would be most helpful if you could send them to me already recorded, with all the usual details, in disk form and I will return it to you on completion of the transfer. We can read 5¼" BBC disks, 3½" to 5¼" IBM compatible disks and of course the 3" Amstrad. The ones and twos are equally welcome on slips.

Computer users read on!

To begin with look at the way in which records are presented to you and decide how you want to group the information it contains so as to create the correct number of fields and then determine the maximum number of characters in each field.

To record the information I use the word processing programme initially as it has a "copy" and "paste" feature which enables me to repeat a word or address phrase by pressing just two keys when I am entering a record, you quickly get into a routine of typing or "pasting" the text.

To transfer the information into the "At Last" database having already determined the number of fields I require, I then set my Locoscript page to have the same number of lines as there are fields. The data, which has been chosen as my first field should then always be at the beginning of each page. If it isn't then there is a mistake which can be easily corrected.

The final stage of this phase is to convert to ASCII, store this newly created file in the volatile memory, exchange my word processing data disk for the "At Last" one and store that file on it. Next the "At Last" start of day disk is loaded and the ASCII file loaded into a pre-formed pattern each with its own written heading.

At this point the data processing programme comes into its own strong points by its ability to sort and print the records however the operator wishes.

Notes Compiled by)
Mrs. A.J. Linsley) Paste
Sheffield FHS)
member no.148)

All the detail could be printed in slip form:

WRAGG	Charles	Marriage	23/10/1856
Charles WRAGG, 23, Bachelor, Stonegravels, Chesterfield, DBY, OCCUPATION:- Book Keeper			
FATHER:- James, OCCUPATION:- Earthenware Mgr			
Elizabeth MARRIOTT, 35, Widow, Broad Street, YKS, OCCUPATION:-			
SPOUSES FATHER:- Edward Morley, OCCUPATION:- deceased			
CHURCH:- St Johns', Sheffield, YKS.			
WITNESSES -			
REFERENCE - FF			
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Alternately it could be in "List" form:

MARRIAGE STRAYS:- ST. JOHN'S, SHEFFIELD

23/10/1856 WRAGG Charles, Chesterfield = Marriott Elizabeth

Three methods of display have been shown and others can be devised.

Contributed by Michael Bunting, Firgorve, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Nr. Aldershot, Hants, GU12 5LL.

WILL YOUR RECORDS LAST?

Some eighteen months ago, I read an article about the self destruction of paper produced since the middle of the last century due to its acid content. I was slightly sceptical. Never having seen any I dismissed it as being another scare story. Hadn't I held my 4 x Gt. Grandfather's Will in my hand some four years ago at the C.R.O. And I remember it looked in good condition.

Some weeks later a newspaper cutting, circa 1920 fell out of my files. It was rather brown and very fragile. I began to wonder. Our friendly neighbourhodd archivist made some recommendations for storage. There was a final comment about wood pulp and acid.

More recent digging in the never ending heap of memorabilia, acquired after the death of an aunt, brought to light again some fifty sheet of quarto bank paper. This was a record of her wartime job as a train marshall, organising and accompanying evacuees from London to escape the Blitz. The very meat on the bones of F.H. research! Well worth preserving. But the bank paper was yellowing and very inflexible compared with today's product.

So I started making enquiries. I will not bore you with the details, save to say that I have been in conversation with or written to paper and ink manufacturers, suppliers of photocopying equipment, archivists and librarians and the Office of Population Studies. The list includes makers of film and photographic paper, those employed in preservation work and even a library in the USA. A temporary halt has been called because facts have emerged and are worth passing on.

The archivists and the librarians are understandably the most concerned as they are at the sharp end. The British Library is spending £5.5 million per annum on conservation and preservation. But questions are being asked about the wisdom of accepting books which are printed in acid paper, as this will only compound the problem.

For those those not familiar with the subject, let me recapitulate on this acidity business. For years paper was made from rags. But the ever increasing demand for paper showed that the supply of rags could not keep pace. A substitute, wood pulp, had been suggested as far back as 1719. But it was not until the middle of the last century that it was used in significant quantities. Wood pulp contains lignin which is a prime agent in causing paper to discolour and disintegrate. Alum was introduced as a size to control ink absorption, but it is an acid. So to quote one authority on acid deterioration - "This is the cause of some 19thC volumes looking fine on the shelves, but on being opened the leaves fall like confetti".

The acid content of early inks, acid rain and the acidic by-products of the burning of coal for domestic heating can only be mentioned, as frankly they are external agents. By general consensus it is paper manufactured since the middle of the last century, with its wood pulp content that is at risk.

At the national level strenuous efforts are being made within the confines of staff availability and finance to salvage the situation. At Wakefield there are some wonderful examples of the conservationists' art by the West Yorkshire Archive Service. I saw a book with pages headed "Photographs of Thieves and Suspected Persons who have been in Custody at Halifax" c1894 complete with age, occupation, charge and sentence. The original pages had been removed, treated, re-mounted and the photographs covered in transparent paper and the whole book of one hundred and ninety-nine pages re-bound. Note the date.

But what of the Family History researcher. The ramifications of this phenomena are frankly alarming. We have not got access to the equipment used by the professionals, and would we have the skills? But perhaps our requirements are in the area of prevention. I would not like to adopt one authority's recommendations. This involves applying a solution of magnesium and calcium bicarbonate to each sheet of paper and allowing it to dry! The Family Bible is likely to pose a few problems I fear. It is likely to take care of a few wet Sunday afternoons. At our level I am certain that we must ignore film or other recording techniques, if only on the grounds of access and practicability. The information on film is frankly not very encouraging as I am told that its life length after one hundred years is by no means assured.

I like to think that my records which are like yours, and include biographies, certificates of B,M and D., press cuttings, that letter from California confirming a marriage etc. etc. will not be confined to the dustbin following my demise. Though sometimes I suspect from glances directed at "that heap" that it will be lucky to survive the last burp, at the obligatory ham tea. I maybe looking for an immortality substitute. But our efforts are records of events passed, which will become history - our very personal history. So what can we do? One solution is to transfer the information to Permanent Paper. Whilst not easy to acquire it has several advantages. It is produced with longevity as a prime objective, is offered with a five hundred year guarantee, it will take all normal inks and gives photocopies of very acceptable quality.

Contributed by Mr.A.R.Morris, 27 Lee Lane East, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5RF.

Ed.'s note: This article was sent to us by a non-member but in view of the importance of knowing about acid-free paper it was decided to publish it. Further information can be obtained from the author Mr.A.R.Morris.

WORDS AND MORE WORDS

I enjoyed very much reading Mrs.Allen's article in the Apring 1989 edition of "The Flowing Stream" in which she recorded her list of words and expressions typically used within her family, and peculiar to Yorkshire. I feel I must set the record straight, and say that most of the words are in use in Derbyshire as well! I was born in Grindleford (approximately 10 miles south of Sheffield in Derbyshire) and some of the words were new to me and some I'd forgotten I once knew, but most of them I recognised. I now live in Cheltenham, but we do go back and visit my mother, who still lives in Grindleford, from time to time. During our visits, I am frequently called on to translate words for my husband used by my Derbyshire relatives! As Mrs. Allen says, some of the words are rather difficult to define: I understood "chavled" to mean not so much worn to shreds, as hacked at unevenly, as used by my mother to describe my first attempts as a young teenager to cut out my

first dress pattern. My attempts to cut the material by following the paper pattern round the edges were somewhat less than smooth - "a chavelly mess" she called it!

As I write about "chavle" I am reminded of another word used to describe a similar effect, but when done intentionally: "jimp". A "jimped" edged is one which is deliberately scalloped or trimmed!

In addition there are a few more words which I would like to add to Mrs. Allen's list, like her I do not know whether they are peculiar to Derbyshire or my family - perhaps other members will let me know!

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| rost | to pull impatiently at something which is proving intractable: it usually breaks! |
| sile | heavy downpour of rain e.g. "it's siling it down". |
| crozzled | scorched, as when cooking - overdone: some people prefer it like that. |
| marlucks | mess: you've made a marlucks of that". |
| slive | stealthily make off with something, as when the dog steals your dinner: presumably "take a sliver." |
| goster | loud raucousness: "gostering and laughing" |
| gormless | slow on the uptake, dim-witted |
| gone-out | similar to "gormless": he looked at me "gone-out" |
| churr | sound made by car engine whilst driver is trying unsuccessfully to escape from a muddy patch on the road (unmade) outside my mother's house. |
| flummoxed | flustered, confused. |
| wittle | worry: "she wittles herself to death" |
| cherrup | complain, harangue someone at great length. |

And finally, I am reminded of a story told to me by an office colleague who was Welsh. He married a lass from Halifax, and they went to stay with her relations from time to time, as we all must. One Saturday, they went shopping to Huddersfield Market, and he bought a raincoat. He went back to the family home, well pleased with his "find", and wanting to show it off to the family; however, he was somewhat perplexed when one of his wife's relations asked "does it turn the rain?" I couldn't understand his confusion at first, but he explained that he hadn't heard the expression before and understood it literally: "does it turn the rain?" - turn the rain what into? Do I need to explain that the question was "is your coat waterproof?"

Contributed by Mrs.R.Lockie, 29 Pittville Cres.Lane, Cheltenham, Glos.GL52.2RA.

NOTES ON SOME OF MY AMERICAN ANCESTORS (conc)

"They were very successful so far as acquiring a fortune was concerned, for a long time being the larest land holder and the heaviest (sic) tax payer in Putnam County, owing over four thousand acres in the neighborhood of Greencastle. After seven years boarding with his father-in-law during which time Isaac Mahan had built a commodious brick residence on Washington Street in the first block east of the south-east corner of the Public Square in Greencastle to which he moved in the year 1831 (something wrong here with

the "seven years," because they were married in 1830. yet he only left Maryland in 1825, and Isaac moved in 1831). As the house he vacated had been for seven years the principal hotel of the town, and its custom had been established, John Hammond continued to entertain the travel (sic) for many years after. He lived in the same house until his death May 24 1871. His widow soon built a modern and large residence in the adjoining lot that had formally been occupied by the first Methodist Church erected in Greencastle. This house she occupied with her daughter Julia Ann, who married Capt. John C. Dunbar of Greenfield, Ind. The hotel property stood until the great fire of October 29 1875 when it, with many others was consumed. The new residence was saved by the heroic efforts of the neighbors and the feat of Capt. Dunbar climbing on the roof to the attic and putting out a fire that had already gained considerable headway.

"John Hammond was a positive character, loved discussion, and took a prominent part in the questions of the day. Violently opposed to slavery, a staunch Whig until the formation of the Republican party with which he afterwards affiliated. He stood squarely for his country during the Civil War and showed a decided opposition to the sympathy exhibited by many of his democratic neighbors for the Southern cause. He was a decided advocate for Temperance, and did much toward inducing his intemperate neighbors to reformation. He was also opposed to the use of tobacco in any form, and often lectured his young friends upon the waste and filthiness of the tobacco habit." (But he did not, apparently, forego his inheritance which had been built up on slavery and tobacco!)

The Frederick Town Herald of 29th Jan. 1814 contains the following obituary notice of Mary Hammond, the wife of Vachel. "Departed this life on the 22nd inst. aged 64 years, Mrs. Mary Hammond, consort of Mr. Vachel Hammond near (?) Liberty Town after a painful illness of two years during all of which time she exhibited a remarkable instance of meekness and christian fortitude and spent her latest breath emblematical of the truly virtuous and pious life she had lived. In the death of Mrs. Hammond society at large has lost one of its most valuable ornaments; and her family and connections one of their best and sincerest friends. She was a kind, intelligent and industrious wife - a tender and instructive mother - a gentle and kind mistress. Decent and respectful in the upper circles of life - plain affable and charitable to those in the lower. Her counsel was remarkable for two things - the excellence of her advice and the extreme modesty with which it was given. Mrs. Hammond has left a large and respectable connection to bewail her loss and a number of neighbours and old acquaintances to drop the tear of gratitude. Whilst her soul, we trust will be given to the Lord and Saviour - come my good and faithful servant and enter into the joys of thy Lord in the mansions of everlasting bliss and bid adieu to all the cares and sorrows of this world."

The Rev. Rezin Hammond (born on 17th April, 1788 at Libertytown, Maryland) married Anna Thompson McWilliams (b. 16 Sept. 1794 at Rockingham Co. Virginia) on 1st January, 1811 (she died at Charlestown, Indiana on 24 March, 1878) and he died at Charlestown, on 5th November 1874. The DePauw and Indiana Methodism Archives state the the Rev. Rezin Hammond was a "Local Preacher" and not an ordained minister; he was listed in the Minutes for the Silver Creek Circuit for 13 Sept, 1823 (when he would have been aged 35½) and was frequently in attendance at those Quarterly Conferences, held at Charlestown, Indiana. The Methodist Historical Society in Baltimore told P.S.N. (July 27, 1970) that a preacher of that name was a member of the Baltimore Conference 1807-1816 (when he would have been aged between 29 and 33), and this seems to be a reasonable age for him to have been an active pastor. He had "been recommended for the travelling ministry from the Frederick (Md.) Circuit February 1807. He travelled circuits: Ohio, Falls

Point (Md.); Stafford and Fredericksburg (Va.); Staunton (Va.); Frederick (Md.); Annapolis (Md.); Montgomery (Md.) and Harford (Md.) in that order, the last for two years. In 1816 he took a local relation and we have no further reference to him."

A transcript from the 1850 Census Return for Charlestown:-

Rezin Hammond	aged 62	male	born in Virginia, preacher worth \$1400
Ann T. (Thompson)	" 56	female	" " Indiana
Julia A.	" 15	"	" " "
Rezin	" 5	male	" " "

However the Revd. Rezin Hammond (1788-1874) seems to have had at last six children in all:- Wesley S. (1811-1895); William C. (1818-?); Rezin Robert (1828-1897); Thomas C. (1828-?), Rezin's twin Julia A. (b.1835) and Rezin (b.1845).

As a contrast to the information given above, the Rev. Siders, Pastor at Charlestown Methodist Church in August, 1967, consulted a previous Pastor (then living in Texas) whose father had prepared a list of earlier Charlestown M.E. Church pastors, over the period 1859-1929, and the Rev. Rezon (sic) Hammond is listed as one of two pastors who served in the one year period 1869-1870, when he would have been about 82. This was the only time when two pastors were listed together, and it is possible that Rezin had come out of retirement at that age, for perhaps part of a year only, to help out in an emergency. This was the only church, of about eight in Charlestown which had any reference to him. A local person is said to have believed that the Revd. Rezin Hammond had lived to "about 100", but 1874 seems more reasonable a date for his death.

Rezin Robert Hammond was born in Charlestown, Indiana, in 1828 and my brother found him in the 1850 Census Returns for Washington Township, Marion Co.:-

Reason Hammond	aged 22	male	born in Indiana and worth \$1,500
Martha Martha,	" 18	female	" " New York.

and in the 1880 Census:-

Rezin R. Hammond	aged 52	male,	Farmer
Martha	" 48	female,	Keeping House
Francis H.	" 22	female,	at home
William C.	" 62	male	brother - boarder

2 servants

The Commercial Directories start to be helpful at this date, and Rezin Robert moved to Washington Township (3½ miles north of Indianapolis) in 1848 to farm land purchased by his father (Rev. Rezin Hammond). On 20 Dec 1888, he married our grandmother, Mary Viola Hicks, but we do not know what happened to Martha, or to Francis. In 1889, he moved to 160 E. St. Joseph, where he was in Real Estate. In 1893 he moved to 32 Cheery St. - no occupation - where he died on 9th May 1897, but in 1972 it had been renamed 32 E. 10th St. where it was still identifiable, although in process of demolition for a new through-way.

His obituary notice appeared in the local paper. "DEATHOF RESIN R. HAMMOND. After a Long Illness He Died at His Home in This City. Resin Robert Hammond sixty eight years old, died at his home, 32 East Tenth Street, last night of a complication of diseases brought on through old age. Resin Hammond was well known in this city. He was born in Charleston, Indiana in 1828. His father a Methodist minister had attended the first auction sale of land after Indianapolis was made the capital of the State, and made heavy purchases. The son came to this county when a young man to look after this property. At nineteen he went to Cincinnati and was graduated in the Bryan and Stratton

Business College. Later he was a purser on a Mississippi steamboat.

"He removed to Marion county when about twenty-three years old, and lived in this county forty-five years. He devoted most of his time to a successful management of his own business interests, and his property. Soon after removing to Indianapolis he married. He had several children, but his first wife and children all died a number of years ago. (Nevertheless, they were alive in the 1880 Census and one wonders why they had all died by 1888, when he married again.)

"Mr. Hammond invested largely in Florida orange land, and for the past fifteen years spent many of his winters there. About nine years ago he married a Mrs. Miller, of Orlando, Fla. They had two children, one a boy, who died (Cecil R. b 26 Sept 1890, d. 14 Jan. 1892) the other a girl (our mother Thelma Celeste b. 26 July 1893, d. 19 Aug 1985) who with her mother survives him. Two sisters and a brother of Mr. Hammond are also living. "He had been sick for nearly two years, and for the past six months had not been able to leave the house. His death was not unexpected, and he left his affairs in good condition."

There are some unsolved questions about his second wife, Mary Viola Hicks. She was born on 16th May, 1858, at Rome, Georgia and was married (as Mary Viola Hicks) to Stephen C. Miller on 6th August 1883, when she was 25; but she had another marriage (her second or her third?) to Rezin R. Hammond on 20th Dec 1887, when she was 29 and her name was given as Mary Viola Smith the name appearing twice on the marriage licence. Viola M. Hammond was a beneficiary under the Letter of Administration of her father, J.W. Hicks, who died intestate on 14th January 1895. Thelma claimed that she and her mother "would have been very wealthy" if Viola had not let the confidence tricksters take so much from her. I remember her as a formidable and very haughty and exacting woman who died on 8th Dec, 1929, when I was 17.

Contributed by Prof. Roy Newton, Flat No. 3, 20 Hardwick Cres., Sheffield S11 8WB.

LEES HALL GOLF CLUB (cont)

Lees Hall Golf Club, Norton, Sheffield, 1913-14 (cont)

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Saturday: E. HYDE.

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to be continued...

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EXTRACT FROM PATERSON'S ROADS

Being an Entirely Original and accurate description of all the Direct and Principal Cross Roads in England and Wales with part of the Roads of Scotland. 18th Edition by Edward Mogg 1826.

SHEFFIELD is a large, populous, opulent and lively town, pleasantly situated on an eminence at the confluence of the rivers Sheaf and Don; the generality of its streets are regular and handsome, but the smoke which arises from the numerous forges employed in the neighbourhood communicates a blackish tinge to the buildings; and although the town is not deficient in the elegancies of life, yet it is chiefly estimable in a commercial point of view. The public structures being more calculated for utility rather than ornament have little claim to investigation from those who are engaged in the business of the town; it may, however, be observed that there are three churches, one of which dedicated to the Trinity, contains among other monuments to four Earls of Shrewsbury of the family of Talbot, and likewise the remains of William Walker of Darnall, who was interred at the entrance of chancel door in the year 1700, and is, from a variety of circumstances, believed to have been the executioner of that unfortunate monarch Charles I. An hospital was founded on the Eastern side of the river Sheaf, by Henry, Earl of Norwich, in 1670, and to this charitable institution Edward, Duke of Norfolk gave the sum of £1000, which was appropriated to the erection of a chapel that is capable of containing a large congregation. Here are likewise meeting houses belonging to the different sects of dissenters, and several charitable institutions. Sheffield has long been celebrated for its extensive and various manufactures of cutlery and plated goods, which constitute the chief support of its population, and the sources of its increasing prosperity, its situation contributes in no small degree to the furtherance of these works, and the abundance of coal found in the neighbourhood is likewise highly favourable to them.

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John Cary 1817.

Sheffield, a corporate town.

Houses 7927. Inhabitants 35,840. (Almost doubled in 9 years!)

Contributed by F.N.Snowden, 72 Patching Hall lane, Chelmsford, CM1 4DB.

SYKES FAMILY HISTORY

My grandmother, Emily Poynton was the daughter of a John Sykes said to be a builder's foreman on an estate in Ireland. Luckily Emily was married to Francis Poynton who was a farmer and policeman in Ireland. The records of the Royal Irish Constabulary are in the Public Record Office at Kew and they are indexed, so I was able to write for the details of my grandfather's service record, one of the details given was the date of his marriage. Then I was able to send for the marriage certificate from the Irish Register Office, Joyce House, Lombard St, Dublin. The marriage took place 4th Sept. 1879 at Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow. Ireland. Emily Poynton's father's name was given as John Sykes, his occupation as "Plumber". A look at a map of the area showed that the estate nearby Shillelagh is that of Coolattin Park, the Irish estate of Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorkshire. A family tradition alléged that John Sykes came from Yorkshire and indeed Sykes is a Yorkshire name. Could this be the connecting link. The next step was to find out if a John Sykes worked for Lord Fitzwilliam. And now we find ourselves with a plethora of John Sykes. We wrote to the Sheffield Library where the Wentworth archives are houses and learnt that a John Sykes who was an architect for Lord Fitzwilliam (our John Sykes was said to be an architect in family tradition) and built the miners' lodging house at Elsecar; he is mentioned in the estate papers till 1856.

We wrote for details from the census of this John Sykes and received details of the household of John and Mary Sykes at Clayfield, Wentworth 1841 and 1851. This John Sykes probably worked at the Duke of Devonshire's estate at Chatsworth in Derbyshire as he married Mary Pleasance at Edensor, Derbys 30th October 1821 (IGI) and their son Henry was baptised at Edensor. However this John Sykes was born c1801 so could not be our John Sykes.

Meanwhile we learned of another John Sykes living at Mechanics Hall; Wentworth 1851 with wife Frances and mother-in-law Elizabeth Smith from Owston, Yorks. However, in 1861 he is still in Wentworth parish living at Cortwood Lane with his mother Susannah. By that date our John Sykes should be living in Ireland so that eliminates that candidate.

Meanwhile we had obtained, through the kind help of the Rev. Noel Young of Carlow, a list of Sykes births, marriages and deaths from the Shillelagh parish registers. From this we identified the burial of our John Sykes in 1886 aged 66, therefore born 1820 and we sent for his death certificate, which confirmed our identification. Once again the certificate stated his occupation as "Plumber" so where did the family tradition of an architect and building foreman fit in. We wrote again to Sheffield for a Sykes baptism in 1820 from the parish registers and recieved notice of three Sykes baptisms in 1820. One was of a Samuel, son of Benjamin and Mary Sykes, one of a John son of Samuel and Susan and one a John son of James and Mary.

We re-checked the Shillelagh baptisms; in 1836 a James and Mary baptised their son Frederick born 1833 at Shillelagh and in 1835 they baptised their daughter Priscilla at Shillelagh. At last we had identified our John Sykes, baptised 27th August 1820 at Wentworth, his father James was a master mason. According to the IGI other children born to James and Mary at Wentworth were Samuel in 1818 and Charles in 1823.

An Irish researcher called Brian Cantwell has transcribed all M.I.s in Co. Wicklow so we were able to write for details of any Sykes tombstones. Luckily there was one in Shillelagh churchyard though unfortunately some of the dates on it had not survived. This shows that James and Mary both died in the mid 1850s and are buried in Shillelagh along with their son Ezra who died aged 22.

Meanwhile we'd put a letter in the local Wicklow paper and were contacted by a local lady Dorothy Hemenstall, whose husband was a descendant of the Sykes family and she could tell us much. Her husband's family as is obvious from their name were of Yorkshire origin and were brought over by the Fitzwilliams to tenant one of their farms. This was a policy of the Fitzwilliams to bring in their own Yorkshire tenants as they brought their own Yorkshire workmen over to work on their estate.

James and Mary Sykes we found lived at a farm called "The Rock" from the geological formation on which it was sited. This farm was about two miles from Carnew and a good carriage ride from Coolattin. It passed to their daughter Priscilla who married John Free whose daughter Mary married George Hemenstall.

In this family too had descended the tradition of the "architect". It seems likely that James Sykes was a worker of some standing, as a master mason no doubt left in charge of architectural work being carried out, perhaps even allowed to improvise for himself.

A tradition has persisted that the architect died as the result of an accident on the building site. It would be interesting if an account existed in a local newspaper or perhaps a Sheffield newspaper as the Sykes must have had many relatives back at Wentworth.

Contributed by Margaret Baker, 17 Gorse Hill, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 4EG.

THE SONG OF THE WATERMILL

Listen to the watermill, through the livelong day
How the clicking of its wheels wears the hours away
Languidly the autumn wind stirs the greenwood trees
In the fields the reapers sing, binding up their sheaves
And a message in my mind, as a spell is cast,
THE MILL CAN NEVER GRIND WITH THE WATER THAT IS PAST

Take this message to your heart, loving friend and true
Happy hours are fleeting by, youth is passing too
Learn to make the most of life, lose no happy day
Time will never bring you back the chances thrown away
Leave no tender word unsaid, love while love can last
THE MILL CAN NEVER GRIND WITH THE WATER THAT IS PAST.

The above poem was given to Ross Thompson, Rawdon, Copt Hewick, Ripon, HG4 5DB by an old man who had managed to put the old mill where he lived back in working order. He said it was the first song he had learnt.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTER OF SOUTHEASE

The Register of Southease, Sussex for 1604 shows that a widower married again. The rector of that day, shaking his head at such reckless behaviour, made the entry and added, in microscopic Latin, "A shipwrecked sailor seeks a second shipwreck."

Contributed by Roy Bullen.

SOME MEMORIES OF OLD NORTON

My story begins at Four Lane Ends in 1856 when Joe William was born to Thomas Murfin, coachman, and Martha Birch. Few people now living will know that this Four Lane Ends was in Norton Lees where the top of Scarsdale Road met the ancient Derbyshire Lane and then carried on via the old Norton Lees Lane to the old Norton Lees village. The ancient Cross Scythes Inn was at Four Lane Ends and picked up stage coach travellers on the way south. The old inn has gone, and all the old cottages and farms except one. Joe eventually became a blacksmith, with a smithy first at Woodseats, and then in Norton. In 1880 he married Rosetta Biggin whose family has been traced back to James Biggin baptised in 1712. Her grandmother Elizabeth Lee was one of the Romany Lees. Now Joe has changed his surname from Murfin to Shaw, and began to work for Sir Nathaniel and Lady Creswick at Norton Green, whose habit was to drive around the villages in their carriage and throw pennies to the eagerly awaiting children. My father got reprimanded for trying to get a second penny by running across the green to meet the carriage on its way round.

When old Mrs. Bagshaw was living alone for so many years at Oakes Park, she would not have any men on the premises, but asked for Joe to shoe the horses and do any blacksmith work.

For forty years Joe was Sexton and a bellringer at St. James' Norton, and formed a close friendship with the Rector G.W. Hall. The family with five sons and a daughter Ethel Mary lived at a small hamlet of a few houses called Maugherhay which has since been replaced by blocks of flats.

The sons were all choristers in Norton Church choir, and in 1900 they won the world championship for five treble singers!

The eldest son Bert Shaw began painting in oils, and was awarded an annuity provided by the sculptor Sir Francis Chantry to encourage local artists. He was a bellringer for many years. The youngest son Stanley (my father) began work as a knife grinder at Tyzacks alongside a friend called Ted Shortland. Sometimes he would play the piano at what was the New Inn at the top of Ashbury Lane, Norton, when it was kept by Mr and Mrs. Shopherd. On one occasion his father Joe rode a horse into the pub for a bet. Stan also went gardening at a large house called The Grange at the top of Bunting Nook.

Neighbours of the family at Maugherhay were - the Linacres next door, then Mr. Henry Birtles, then Mr. Broomhead, who wore a long white beard. At that time Norton House was occupied by the Welbys.

I hope that my ramblings will bring back happy memories of old times, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone having remembrance of these old characters, particularly about Thomas Murfin, coachman and tailor, round about 1850-1860, whose whereabouts and antecedents remain tantalisingly shrouded in mystery.

May I acknowledge help already given by the late Ted Shortland of Sheffield and Mrs. C. Holloway of Bolsover, formerly Miss Shepherd whose parents kept the New Inn mentioned earlier.

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SHEFFIELD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY 1803-08 (cont)

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Hallam	Geo	Gorden St.	Cutler
-	Richard	Duke St, Park	Taylor
Carnall	John	Eyre Lane	Cutler
Clayton	Thomas	Carver St	Silversmith
Tye	John X	Jehulane	Joiner
Swindin	Henry	Paradise Square	Silversmith
Webster	John	Queen St	Fork Maker

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Simpson	-	Green Square	Silverplater
Crossland	James.	Broad St, Park	Farmer
Linley	George X	Howard St.	Shearsmith
Ma ^C Donald	Angus	Arrundel Lane	Shearsmith
Oxley	Edmund	6 Hall Ford Scotland	Cutler
Bamford	John	Bank St.	Cutler
Straw	Peter	36 Broad Lane	Chaser
Clark	-	Coalpitlane	Engraver
Nowill	Edward X	Garden St.	Cutler
Woollen	John	Bridgehouses	Cutler
G-	John	Norfolk Row	Servant
Woolhouse	Joseph	Coalpitlane	Cutler
Taylor	William	643 Trinity St.	Mason
Lowthere	Rob ⁿ	Bridgehouses	Merchant
Atherton	W ^m	Spring St.	Silverplater
Cut ^s	Thos	Allen St.	Moulder
Berry	James X	Furniss Hill	Mason
Broadbent	Thomas	Howard St.	Cutler
Wigfall	-	28 Water Lane	Cutler
Hulley	-	Carver Lane	Silversmith
Beldon	-	Coalpit Lane	Silversmith
Marples	-	Green Square	Tool Maker
Wagg	- X	Attercliffe	Castor
Ryals	James	8 West St.	Cutler
Cutt	- ard	Attercliffe	Chainmaker
Needham	Edw ^d	Sands pavers	Cutler
Heane	Edw ^d	25 Snigghill	Tin Plate worker
Fox	Rich X	Water Lane	Porter
Thorpe	John X	Duke St, Park	Collier
Bate	Hiram	3 Castle St.	Grocer

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Parkin	John	10 Meadow St.	Cutler
Jubb	John	6 Milk St	Shoe maker
Greenwood	James	Lee Croft	Scissorsmith
Siddall	Jos ^h X	71 Harvest Lane	Grinder
Aspin	William	6 Sambourn Square	Scissorsmith
Barrick	William	9 Simscroft St	Scissorsmith
Mosley	George	4 Pond St	Cutler
Melthorpe	Richard X	5 Sewdhill	Edgetoolmaker
Balm	John	4 Shewdhill	Edgetoolmaker
-	-ram X	2 Castle Orchard Lane	Cutler
Gillam	Mathias	Tricket Ford, Park	Cutler
Turner	Will ^m	8 New Hall St.	Show Maker
Makin	Thomas	34 Pond St.	Silversmith
Hill	George	Ct.100 2 Scotland St.	Cutler

Walton	George X	5 Peacroft	Grinder
Gillam	John X	Tricket Ford, Park	Cutler
Wild	Benjamin	26 Pond St.	Cutler
Barber	Thomas X	143 Snowhill, Park	Cutler
March	Jas X	2 Old St.Park	Fork Grinder
Hukin	-	42 New St. Park.	Silversmith
Elliott	- X	20 Broad St. Park	Cutler
Judson	-	102 Broad St. Park	Cutler
Hides	Benj ^m X	Milnsands	Cutler
Finch	William X	Milnsands	Filesmith
Taylor	-	30 Hawley Croft	Optician
Hepki-	Tho ^s	Scotland St.	Saw Maker
Lawson	John	Fargate	Plater
Woolhouse	Sam ^l	Scotland St.	Cutler
Cloge-	Joshua	2 Queen St.	Plater
Inman	-	Young St. Sheffd Moor	Brushmaker

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Jenkinson	John	Shear Bridge	Plaisterer
Wragg	Thomas X	Sheff ^d Manor	Cutler
Whittington	Temple	9 Gibberalter St.	Shoe Maker
Walker	James	Castle Green	Shoe Maker
Taylor	Thos.	Attercliffe	Paiver
Rowbotham	Rob ^t	Sheffield Moor	Dye sinker
Nadham	Abraham	Orchard Lane	Basket Maker
Whittington	John	9 Gibberalter St.	Shoe Maker
Milner	Frances	Steel House Lane	Filesmith
Beet	Benj ⁿ	Lambert St.	Cutler
Betts	Tho ^s	7 Lambert St.	Filesmith
Bamforth	Will ^m X	Ct.4 Hollis Croft	Augar Maker
Booker	John	5 Carver St	Fender Maker
Bennison	Benj ⁿ X	47 Snowhill, Park	Cutler
Waterfall	John	Attercliffe	Cutler
Osborn	Sam ^l	Cheney Square	Hatter
Proudhome?	James	Townhead St.	Razorsmith
Woollen	Thos	Neepsend	Scissorsmith
Green	John X	8 Wicker	Butcher
Harrison	James	Coalpitlane	Taylor
Willey	Thomas X	Attercliffe	Scissorsmith
Oakes	Mark X	Attercliffe	Scissorsmith
Bright	Matthew	Green Lane	Scissorsmith
Dearman	Isaac X	16 Trippit Lane	Cutler
Dearman	James X	16 Trippit Lane	Cutler
Grayson	Tho ^s	Castlegreen	Blacksmith
Clayton	Tho ^s	Holliscroft	Silver Plater
Curtis	George X	Carver St.	Cutler
Armitage	Joseph	3 Grown High St.	Sawmaker

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Parkin	-	Tenter St.	Cutler
Oakes	Matthew	Attercliffe Bridge End	Scissorsmith
Day	John X	27 Waingate	Shoemaker
Hill	John X	Fowler Fd. Lee Croft	Cutler
Clark	Josh	12 Arundel St.	Cutler
Cradshhead?	A.	Fargate	Optitician

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