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FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 15 Feb 1990 AGM followed by Mr. Stephen Cooper: A House Divided.
- Tuesday 20 Feb 1990 Coach Trip: London, St. Catherine's House. Leave Paternoster Row 7.30am, return about 8pm. Cost £6.50. To Book: first phone Sue Graves (402727 Mon-Fri after 8pm). Cheques payable to Sheffield & District FHS Coach Trips". Send to Sue Graves, 57a, Fircroft Ave, Sheffield S5 0SB or pay at meetings.
- Wednesday 14 Mar 1990 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.
- Thursday 15 Mar 1990 Mary Bramhall: How they lived in Ecclesall, 1600-1800.
- Thursday 19 April 1990 Dr. D. Hey: The Leading Families of Sheffield, 1670-1720.
- Wednesday 25 April 1990 Beginners' Meeting at The Foresters 7.30pm. The Library will not be open for ordinary research on this night.
- Wednesday 9 May 1990 Special Meeting at the Foresters to discuss the trip to PRO Kew on 5 June 1990.
- Thursday 17 May 1990 Possible meeting to a churchyard: details in next Journal.
- Tuesday 5 June 1990 Coach Trip: PRO Kew. Cost £6.50. To book contact Sue Graves as above. See article on p.48 of Vol.10 No.2 The Flowing Stream.
- Thursday 21 June 1990 Wentworth: a Yorkshire village tour. Meet 7pm in village car park next to Rockingham Arms. Bus 227 leaves Rotherham 6.30pm to Rockingham Arms.
- Thursday 19 July 1990 Eyam: a Derbyshire village tour. Details in next Journal.
- Monday 17 Sept 1990 To be announced
- Tuesday 25 Sept 1990 Coach Trip: London St. Catherine's House. To book contact Sue Graves details above.
- Monday 15 Oct 1990 Open Meeting
- Monday 19 Nov 1990 To be announced

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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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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

Beginning a new decade seems an appropriate time to look back briefly at the last ten years of our Society. At the start of the '80s we had a small but growing membership. At the end of 1989 we had over 700 members, many local but others from distant parts of the world.

The Spring 1980 Journal records the start of a plan to index the 1851 Census for Sheffield - a project begun by few areas at that time. Ten years later we have three censuses completed and the other two in progress - a good record for a relatively small society.

Several years ago the Federation suggested a five year plan to transcribe and index all monumental inscriptions in each Society's area. The five years is more than over but alas our area remains very underrecorded.

By the end of the '80s the world was coming to realise the damage we were doing to this planet of ours. At the present rate of abuse of its resources it will soon not be the green and pleasant land of our ancestors. Perhaps our "new decade resolution" should be to do all we can on a personal level to make sure our descendants have at last as good a planet to inherit as our ancestors left to us.

Looking to the immediate future the Society will this year see a number of changes. We hope to have a new more satisfactory venue for our monthly meetings in the autumn. There will be several changes in our committee. We shall be making detailed plans for our hosting of the Autumn 1991 Conference, and asking for help from members with its organisation. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to this Journal. Please keep sending in your articles and snippets of information.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

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Mr.A.D.West.
Mr.J.E.Clayphon.
Mr.D.Jenkins.

Obituary

Members who regularly attend our monthly meetings will be saddened to hear of the death of Paul Yeomans, one of our younger members, after a long illness. Paul was often seen helping to set up equipment and in many ways contributed to the smooth running of our meetings. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

NEWS AND NOTES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As from September 1990 our monthly meetings will take place on the 3rd MONDAY in the month.

TANKERSLEY REGISTERS 1598-1840

The Society wishes to thank Mr.F.Hobson for his transcription of Tankersley Registers 1598-1840, a copy of which is deposited in our library at The Foresters.

M.I.s AT ZION CHAPEL, ATTERCLIFFE.

The Society wishes to thank Mr.John Cooper for the gift of his recording of the M.I.s of Zion Church, Attercliffe. Any enquiries about them should be sent to Mrs.M.P.Dunn, 359 Baslow Road, Totley, Sheffield S17 3BH, enclosing an S.A.E.

BURNGREAVE CEMETERY

The indexing of Burngreave Cemetery Records by Mr.John Cooper is almost complete (only 6 sections not done). Mr Cooper is willing to consult the index in return for an S.A.E. and details sent to Mr.J.W.Cooper, 4 Marlcliffe Road, Sheffield S6 4AG.

BALCHIN ONE-NAME STUDY

Mrs.P.A.Green, 2 Falconers Cottage, Milton Ash, Martock, Somerset TA12 6AL has all BALCHIN Births, Deaths and Marriages on Computer as well as Will Indexes 1858-1988 and many other details connected with the name Balchin.

She will supply details provided an S.A.E is sent together with your connections to the name Balchin.

WANTED - VOL.9 No.2 OF THE FLOWING STREAM.

If anyone has a copy of Vol.9 No.2 of the Flowing Stream that they no longer want, please contact Mrs.Dunn. Kent FHS needs a copy and we are unable to supply one.

1841 INDEX AND LISTS ETC.

Mrs.M.Furéy, 58 Stumperlowe Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 3PR (Tel. 0742-302567) holds the index to the 1841 Census and various other lists. She will always be happy for OUT-OF-TOWN members to call in person if they will please telephone in advance.

PORTUGAL ST. CENSUS ROOM.

The Portugal St, Census Room is to be moved from Easter 1990 to Chancery Lane Public Record Office.

CLWYD PARISH REGISTERS

Clwyd Parish Registers are being transcribed and indexed. Anyone interested in advance subscription should contact Mr.H.S.Blackwell, 40 Belvedere Drive, Wrexham, Clwyd for further details. Volumes currently being produced are for Wrexham, Gresford, Llangollen and Ruabon.

1851 CENSUS INDEX FOR EAST SURREY

Vol.IV Croyden district 1851 Census Index is available price £3.60 + 35p p+p (UK),+£1 Surface O/S or £2.70 airmail) from Miss Sue Beach, ESFHS, 5a William Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 SNN.

1851 CENSUS INDEX FOR SOUTH SUFFOLK

1851 Census Index for Bures St.Mary, Bures Hamlet, Nayland, Stoke-by-Nayland, Wisington & Assington can be obtained from Mrs.Janise Turner, 10 Elm Close, Gt.Bentley, Colchester, Essex CO7 8LU price £2.25 (Incl p+p UK),(£2.50 O/S surface, £3.25 airmail). Payment only acceptable in British £ Sterling.

RUDMAN SURNAME INDEX

Mike Rudman, 71 Ellerdine Road, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 2PN now has a sizable index of Rudman births, marriages, deaths, census returns etc. He would be happy to answer any enquiries on this surname in return for any information you may have and an S.A.E.

WEST MIDDLESEX FHS 1851 CENSUS INDEXES

The West Midlands F.H.S. has been indexing the 1851 Census for its area of interest. They have now produced a number of Surname indexes which cover all of a PRO Piece number, except for Hampton. Published on microfiche are:

KENSINGTON DIVISION: St.MARY, PADDINGTON Reg. Dist. HO 107 1466
St.JOHN, PADDINGTON " " HO 107 1467

BRENTFORD DIVISION (Pt 2):

ISELWORTH & TWICKENHAM Reg. Dist. HO 107 1698

KINGSTON DIVISION: HAMPTON Reg. Dist. HO 107 1604 (part)

(The index covers the parishes of Teddington & Hampton which were the part of Kingston Reg. Division in Middlesex.)
These are £1 each except Hampton which is 50p (incl.postage)

They also have the following 1851 Census Indexes in book form:

Staines Division - Sunbury & Staines Districts HO 107 1696
Brentford Division (Pt 1) Acton, Brentford & Chiswick HO 107 1699.

These booklets are £2 (incl. P+P). These indexes are available from Mr.R.Chandler, "Veris", Cockshot Lane, Dormston, Worcester WR3 4LB.

BERKSHIRE FHS 1851 CENSUS INDEX.

Vol.9 covering Wokingham, Basingstoke and Henley Registration Districts is now available price £3.05, (£3.25 O/S Surface, £4.15 airmail) from Mrs. J.Debney, 8 Hucklebury Close, Purley on Thames, Reading RG8 8EH.

NORTH CHESHIRE FHS 1851 CENSUS INDEX.

The 1851 Census Index Vol.5 Altincham Registration District is now available from North Cheshire FHS, 91 Stretford House, Chapel Lane, Stretford, Manchester M32 9AX price £2.50 (UK), £3 (O/S surface) and £3.50 (O/S airmail).

ACCOMMODATION REGISTER

A new edition of the Federation Accommodation Register can now be consulted at the Foresters.

"THE PACKARDS"

The Society wishes to thank Brigadier John Packard for his gift of a copy of his book "The Packards" for our Library. As there have been Packards in Sheffield and district since the early 1700s Brigadier Packard felt our Society might be interested in a copy of his book. The early Packards in the area were either gamekeepers or involved in the steel industry. At the moment Mrs.M.Dunn holds the book and is willing to consult it for out of town members on receipt of an S.A.E.

INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES COURSES

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies is holding Residential Classes at Allington Castle, Nr.Maidstone 23rd- 27th July 1990
Beginners Course £165, 28th-30th Sept 1990 Advanced Course £85.

The course for beginners is suitable for those who have just started to trace their family history and who wish to have a comprehensive overview of the basic sources. It is also suitable for those wishing to revise their knowledge.

The advanced course will assist experienced researchers in solving problems. More unusual sources will be dealt with so that everyone will find something new and of value. Opportunities for practical experience will be provided in both courses and students will find these events an invaluable way of improving their knowledge and comparing techniques.

Details are available on receipt of a 9" x 4" S.A.E., from the Registrar at the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA.

The Institute is once again offering its services to teachers and students of family history. The new detailed syllabus outlining the graduated levels of assessments and qualifications offered by the Institute is now available at 70p each plus plus a large (6" x 9") S.A.E. with a 24p stamp. Those who wish to enroll their students, or even themselves, for assessment are invited to request the relevant information from the Registrar.

THE BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The British-Australian Heritage Society, PO Box 5, St.Thomas Centre, St.Thomas St., Ryde, Isle of Wight, UK., telephone: 0983-614199 is now a registered Educational Charity with the new name of The British-Australasian Heritage Society. The new Society will produce a Journal concentrating on problems associated with tracing Family History across the world and the use of computers to store, sort, search, match and automatically distribute Genealogical data. Those suffering a physical disability will continue to be employed to enter the mass of data.

THE WORDSWORTH AND BEDFORD FAMILIES OF PENISTONE

Mr.P.R.Collins, 67 Mirfield Road, Witney, Oxford OX8 5BH has inherited material comprising a bound book entitled "Genealogical Memoranda relating to the Family of Wordsworth" collected by Edwin Jackson Bedford, privately printed³(50 copies) and dated 1881. The family seat was presumably Water Hall, Penistone, as a painting of it is included. The first part outlines the origin of the Wordsworths of Penistone from 1392 and goes on to list extracts from Parish Registers from 1644-1805 (Penistone), the those of Silkstone from 1556 (Godfray Wordsworth) 1715. Then follows the family tree.

Part 2 is the Pedigree of the Family of Bedford of Hull, Dewsbury, Penistone etc. published in 1879. This starts with John de Bedford, Sheriff of Hull 1332. The second book is handwritten and is partly a copy of the above. In addition the descendants of various families are shown before there is a section entitled "Pedigree of Royal Descendants of Edwin Jackson Bedford" which starts in the year 630. There is also a handwritten copy of a letter from the King of Norway relating to the seizure of a ship in 1316 (pity it's not original). Mr.Collins would like to make contact with members of the family concerned.

YORKSHIRE FAMILIES

Three editions are now available as follows:

- Vol.1 £2.95 inc p+p
- Vol.2 £2.45 inc p+p
- Vol.3 £2.95 inc p+p
- Vol.3 m/fiche £2.50 inc p+p.

From Mr.J.P.Perkins, 24 Withens Ave, Sheffield S6 1WE.

LONDON LOCAL ARCHIVES

Where to find local records throughout Greater London: the 2nd edition of this list of all the London local authorities and their archive repositories gives details of facilities, opening hours and how to get there. It includes county record offices whose area and holdings cover parts of Greater London. Fully revised with maps and a detailed place-index. Price £3.10 by post from GLAN c/o Archives Section, Bromley Central Library, High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1EX.

RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY IN YORK

A guide to researching family history in York is available price 75p from York Reference Library, York.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

5th British F.H.Conference, Newquay, Cornwall 30 Mar-3 Apr 1990

Full details in Vol.10 No.2 Winter 1989 of The Flowing Stream.

Bedfordshire FHS One Day Conference 12 May 1990

Title: "All in a Day's Journey or Transport and our ancestors". Venue: Houghton Conquest Village Hall, Bedfordshire. Topics covered:

How our ancestors moved around and the records that were left
Migrants and migration records
Road travel in the days of the coach
Sea travel
Records of the railway workers

Cost incl tea, coffee and a good lunch, about £7.

Full details from Mrs.G.Dolman, 20 Blackwood Crescent, Blue Bridge, Milton Keynes, MK13 0LP.

Yorkshire FH Conference June 29th-July 1st 1990

Title: Sources for Yorkshire Ancestry. Venue: College of Ripon and York, St.John, Ripon. Topics covered:

West Riding Quarter Sessions
East Riding Registry of Deeds
Alehouses, Inns and Taverns
Yorkshire Sources at the Society of Genealogists
Sources at the Local History Library
Richmond and its records

Full details from Mrs. Iris Slater, 4 Orchard Way, Strensall, York YO3 5UF.

Oxfordshire FHS Conference 7-9 Sept 1990

Title: Population Mobility. Venue: Oxford Polytechnic. Full details from Mrs.C.Newbigging, Conference Co-ordinator, 4 Allin Close, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5AX.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

16 Taunton Ave,
Northampton,
NN3 3LX.

Dear Editor,

Re: "I NAME THIS CHILD"

I was interested to read the article by Mrs.Allen on "given" names in the Flowing Stream and reminded of the names given to my grandfather and his brother in 1861 and 1864. My great grandparents were called Edward and Catherine Emma Cadman - common enough - Edward was a wood turner in Brightside, Sheffield. Their first children were called Arthur Edward; Emma; and Mary Emma but in 1861 their second son was called Garibaldi and in 1864, the third was called Mazzini - no Italian connections but despite his normal practical occupation, great grandfather was a great reader and studied current affairs!

Garibaldi and Mazzini were, of course, both heroes of the Italian Unification Movement, and Edward had followed the struggles with interest and some admiration. In 1860 Garibaldi was at the head of his 1000 red-shirts conquering Sicily and Naples, an expedition which was much supported in England. It was in 1864 that he visited London.

Neither my grandfather nor his brother were impressed by their names and suffered considerably from the teasing of their friends and contemporaries!

Neither gave fancy names to their own children!

Yours etc.
Mona Harrison.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 21st Sept 1989. Transportation to Australia.

Dr. Barnet became interested in convicts when she visited Freemantle. She was told that little was known about convicts before their arrival in Australia so she asked for 20 names at random and began her research. From the records she learnt that Captain Cook went to the Pacific to find wood for masts etc. for England. England wanted this fine new country for the Crown so she raised her flag.

Western Australia was a virtually unknown country divided from the rest of Australia by desert. In 1829 Captain Freemantle claimed the new land. Western Australia was to be for free settlers, not convicts. Professional people were attracted to the land and went out with servants, pianos etc. Small tradesmen also went out. The problem was soon apparent; the land was not very good but it was cheap and the free settlers wanted labourers.

A party was sent inland to view the area. They found it to be good and named it York. Wheat, barley etc. grew on this fertile pleasant land so a community settled there.

In 1863 a chaplain's wife reviewed the country and wrote a book on her findings. She mentioned flies, dust, health problems, Aborigines and the lack of everyday articles. The three main problems faced by the community were lack of capital, labour and transport. Chinese labour was brought in but not generally liked. Juvenile offenders were brought in, 100 Pentonvillians. Western Australia asked for permission to become a penal settlement. Crime was rising in the home country, prisons were overcrowded. England thought this a heaven-sent opportunity for disposing of convicts. No women or Irish were to be transported, only males under 45. Warders and their families and retired soldiers were to be guards and a reserve force in times of trouble. (Some had served in the Falklands).

In 1850 the first convicts were sent out. Sheds had to be built. Soon a second ship arrived. Tools were needed, barracks, stores, roads and public buildings to be built. There were never enough labourers.

After a period of time convicts had tickets of leave and could buy property and do as they wished but not return home.

There was an excess of males so shiploads of single women were sent out (Irish and those mainly from workhouses). This had a stabilising effect. The harsh times were receding. More moral ideas were appearing and it was hoped convicts could do well in Australia and make a future for themselves. When a ticket of leave was granted a convict could send for his/her wife or husband (at government expense!)

Later transports in 1853 sent older less well men but political prisoners were not welcome. In 1857 a group of Sinnfein (killers and violent men) were sent. There was trouble on their arrival (a Western Ancestor Magazine gives details).

Dr. Barnett traced the lives of some individual convicts. A William Moat was convicted of stealing a sack of oatmeal and was sentenced to one year imprisonment and 7 years exile over the sea. Moat was pardoned in Australia, married bigamously and had 9 children.

The Reverend William Beresford was charged with falsifying a cheque at York Assizes. He was found guilty and sentenced to transportation for the length of his natural life.

There was an increase in crime in the 1850s and 1860s. The first part of a sentence was spent in an English prison, the second part in hard labour and then lastly, transportation, though this was expensive.

A typical prison day began at 6am when the doors were opened. Work began at 6.30am and continued until 7pm. Lights out was at 9pm. Sometimes a prisoner had a loom in his cell. At Portsmouth Prison work was often in chains in the docks. At this time the first frozen lamb came from New Zealand.

On arrival in Australia there was a medical and a religious service. A new set of clothes was issued together with a mattress, a knife and fork and a mug. Convicts often sang and played a musical instrument if they could get one.

When William Beresford obtained a ticket of leave he became a tutor. Later he was given a conditional pardon and went to Freemantle where he became the mouthpiece of the working class as an editor. Although a generous man of great charm he died in 1881 a bitter, senile old man.

In 1931 some old letters were discovered from a woman in England to her convict husband William Sykes. William was born at Wentworth and was a puddler. He went poaching. A gamekeeper lost his life when William and his associates were apprehended and the gang was convicted of manslaughter. Sykes was given 6 months solitary confinement and was then sent to Portsmouth. His wife's letters say how much she and the family miss him. She cannot give him up. She sends him home comforts. tea, pickles, sugar, cheeses, tobacco, a loaf, books, ink and writing paper. Sykes sailed on the Norwood. Conditions were not too bad. Uniforms with arrows were issued. Sykes said he was single! In Australia he found the food not too bad. There was 9 hours labour each day and they lived in tents. There were swarms of flies. His wife still wrote. She begged him to write. William got his ticket of leave and went to York. He had several jobs but did not apply for his family to join him. In 1890 he died aged 63 years.

Most convicts had previous convictions prior to the one for which they were transported. Most were employed when they committed the crime. The usual excuse was drunkenness. The settlers feared that when the convicts were given tickets of leave they would be dangerous but their fears were unfounded. Convicts often took responsible jobs and were respected people. Due to the shortage of women the convicts left few descendants. Some ended up in lunatic asylums and some in houses for aged men.

When the official length of sentence was served convicts were allowed to return to England. But if they returned before then they were sent back to Australia with a further sentence.

In 1868 the Home Government decided transportation was too expensive and it ceased. This was a serious loss to Western Australia and it took some time to overcome. However, the early convict labour had given Western Australia the foundation on which it grew.

Contributed by Mrs. Irene Reaney.

Meeting on Thursday 19th Oct 1989.

The evening was given over to social activities. Our Chairman Dr. David Hey was available to answer questions about early sources of information. The bookstall proved to be very popular. Coffee and homemade biscuits were on sale. Proceeds from this and the bring and buy stall raised £30 for the Lyceum Restoration Fund and the Lyceum's own stall raised a further £20.

Meeting on Thursday 21st Nov 1989: How I try to trace the Bagshaws.

Prof. R. Newton's illustrated talk was based on research he is doing into a branch of his wife's family, the Bagshaws. He found his computer invaluable in sorting out the vast amount of material he had amassed. These Bagshaws had a family firm in Sheffield that for over 130 years did printing and engraving work. They eventually went out of business because they did not diversify. The story was illustrated by using census material, parish registers and many family photographs. One particularly interesting story of an ancestor was told in the papers of the time. During the 19th century a group of people was travelling in the dark by train to Glossop. Thinking they had reached the station when the train stopped, two members of the party stepped out on to the parapet of Dinting viaduct and fell to their deaths. A young woman who followed them out of the train stepped back on to it when she failed to see her companions. A fourth member of the party then stepped out and also fell off the parapet.

Profesor Newton used telephone directories to show areas of the country where the Bagshaw family is concentrated and also a map of civil registration districts with a Bagshaw overlay. The talk was of particular interest to Beginners because it highlighted and illustrated the use of many different sources.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Will members please note that this section is for problems and not interests in general. Please keep your contributions in the format shown and as brief as possible.

FLETCHER
HOLMES
JEBB/JUBB
EYRE
GLADWIN
BEIGE/BRIDGE

Mrs. M. Jackson, 8 Park Road, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 4PG is seeking information on Elizabeth Fletcher who married William Holmes. Their son Enoch her grandfather was born in Bierlow in 1864. In 1866 the family moved to Manchester, father being a railwayman. In the early 1900s Enoch came to Sheffield to look up one of his cousins, Dorothy Eyre Jebb (or Jubb) who worked in a P.O. probably in the Pitsmoor area. She was called after Dorothy Eyre nee Gladwin of Hassop Hall, Derbys, with whom there was a family connection. Enoch also had two cousins on his mother's side called Albert (or Arthur) and John Beige (or Bridge). Both were non-conformist ministers (one being congregational) working in Ipswich in World War I. Mrs. Jackson would like to contact anyone who knows these Sheffield families. She has family trees of both the Gladwin family when they lived in Stubbin Court, Chesterfield, and the Eyre family of Hassop Hall (now died out). Both families seem to have had Sheffield and Yorkshire branches. Mrs. Jackson is willing to send copies to anyone interested.

- LEE Mrs.J.O.Lee of 93 Green Park, Chatteris, Cambs PE16 6DN seeks information on Benjamin Lee and wife Emma Dawson whose son Frederick was born at Brightside, Sheffield on 12 June 1874. The family later moved to Fleetwood, Lancs. There is possibly a connection with a pottery firm run by Joseph Lee at Rawmarsh. Births and marriage in Sheffield area?
- BRIDGE Mrs.M.Studd, Treetops; North Heath Lane, Horsham, Sussex RN12 4PJ is seeking information on the descendants of George Bridge born 1827 in Chesterfield, Derbys and his wife Mary Ann (nee Ruston) born in Laneham, Notts in 1827. They were married in Rotherham in 1846 and had a daughter Mary Elizabeth. George died at Aston Warwick but lived after 1872 in the Kimberworth area of Rotherham.
- (W)RAGG Mr.L.Birch, 30 Harcourt Close, Bessacarr, Doncaster, DN4 7RN needs help in tracing the baptism of Joseph (W)ragg born 1754. His father John (W)ragg was a nailer. Joseph was married at Doncaster 'St.George's' Parish Church on 22 May 1780 to Sarah Buryley of Kirk Sandall near Doncaster and was buried at Arksey near Doncaster 17 Nov 1833. Postage refunded if anyone can help.
- THOMPSON Mr.G.Ross Thompson, Rawdon, Copt Hewick, Ripon, HG4 5DB is seeking information about the parents of George Thompson who died at Rawmarsh Feb. 20th 1849 aged 56 years and his wife Ann (Nancy) who was born in Rawmarsh about 1799. Their son Aaron b. Rawmarsh 1830, marr 1869 d. 1884 and his wife Mary (Duke) had a shop in High Street, Rawmarsh in 1881.

HELP OFFERED

Emigration to
Australia

Mrs.Judy Webster, 77 Chalfont St, Salisbury, QW4 4107 Australia is willing to offer advice to members trying to trace someone who emigrated to Australia. With the enquiry please send 3 IRCs, full details of names and dates and if, known the place of residence in Australia.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

WHAT DID OUR ANCESTORS EAT? by C.June Barnes.
Family Roots (Journal of Eastbourne & District FHS)Vol.4 No.2 Oct 1989

THE NON-CONFORMIST ELEMENT adapted from a talk by Michael Gandy.
UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS adapted from a talk by Pamela Horn.
Both in Origins, magazine of Bucks FHS Vol.13 No.2 June 1989.

SURNAME VARIATIONS

My interest in family history commenced in August 1987 with my paternal grandmother, but then I quickly moved over to research my maternal grandfather's side as my mother and other relatives were able to provide a great deal of information. The family name is Hibberston and it had been impressed on both my mother and other members of the family that there was no connection between their name and others similarly spelt eg. Ibbotson, Ibbertson, Iberson, Ibberson, Ibbutson etc.

I joined the Family History Society in January 1988 and from my copy of "Members' Interests" I found that two were researching Ibberson in Sheffield and Ibbotson from Gringley on the Hill.

After writing to them, the first did not appear to be connected with my research, and although the second had no connection it did look as though he was researching the branch of Ibbotsons from Gringley on the Hill, who were realtives of close friends of mine, Jack and Dorothy Ibbotson.

After corresponding with Michael Bunting who lives in Aldershot but originates from Sheffield we established a link between his family and Jack's. Michael produced a family tree showing both branches originating back to Benjamin Hibberstone who had been baptised in Headon in Nottinghamshire.

The most interesting part of the tree for me was the different ways in which the surname had been spelt, in particular for the children of Benjamin:

father:	Benjamin Hibberstone 1793/5 Headon married West Markham 1815 name recorded as Ibbeson
children:	Martin Hibbeson 1817 Gringley William Hibbeson 1818 " " John Hibberstone 1821 " " Gervase Hibberstone 1823 " " Vincent Hibberston 1826 " " Mary Hibbitson 1828 " " Elizabeth Hibbitson 1830 " " George Hibbison 1835 " "

The family came to Sheffield and on the 1841 Census Benjamin and his wife, Vincent and George were recorded as Ibbotson. John had married at the Sheffield Parish Church as Hibberston, but on the Census he was Ibbotson. On subsequent Census Returns they were all known as Ibbotson.

Altogether there were seven surname variations. Originally it was Hibberstone finally evolving into Ibbotson. The reverse is the case for my family.

In 1715 Joseph Ibbotson died in Smalldale, Derbyshire, leaving a will written in his own hand and spelling the names of his family as follows:

own name Ibbotson
wife Ibbottson
brother Ibbottson
children Ibbutson

Inspection of the actual Bishop's Transcripts in Lichfield showed that a grandchild called Joseph was married as Ibbenson, but his three children were baptised as Ibbotson. One of the children called Joseph was married in 1791 as Ibberson, and his first child Thomas, was baptised as Ibberson and married in Sheffield in 1813 also as Ibberson. Thomas had nine children and they were all baptised as Hibberston, and when he died in 1868

he was recorded as Hibberson on both his will and his death certificate. There had been a total of six variations in the spelling of the surname. Some of the variations are the same as in the Gringley examples, but altogether there are eleven different spellings. To this can be added a further six taken from records of some children baptised at later dates to different members of the second family:

Ibbson, Ibson, Ibbison, Ibison, Ibberston and Hibbertson.

Both families demonstrate the wide variations in spelling which does cause a great deal of confusion for the researcher.

Contributed by Eileen Cooke, 41 Hallam Grange Close, Slayleigh Lane, Fulwood, Sheffield S10 4BN.

NAMES APPEARING IN MORTGAGE OF 1837

As the following was dated 18th January 1837, it may contain names of interest to members searching for ancestors pre civil registration.

Mr. William Munnings Thomas)	Mortgage of estates at Sheffield and at Newbould, Derbys, subject to Mr. Thomas Pearson's mortgage (in London)
and Mr. James Ward)	
to)	
Mr. George Rodgers)	

Signed in my presence H(enr)y Avis, clerk to T.M. Vickery, Esq. and in Sheffield, in presence of John Copeland, Solr and Joseph Fenton.

Details of persons involved then and previously:

Wm. M. Thomas, gentleman of the Coast Guard Custom House, co. Mddx.
James Ward, carpenter of Over Newbould, co. Dbys.
George Rodgers, merchant of Sheffield
John Tappenden; Joshua Jebb
Dame Sarah Caroline Sitwell then (1811) of Renishaw Hall
Wotton Byrchinshaw Thomas of Chesterfield
Joseph Hayward; Thomas Pearson
John Smith Wright (who married Dame Sarah Caroline)
George Kitchen

Land and Occupiers:

In Union lane and Porter lane, Sheffield (abutting late John Hode's land). Dwelling house, stable, and ten new homes, previously in possession of John Witherford and Peter Dodd. Six other houses in possession of George Gill; Daniel Cadborn; Joseph White, John Gardiner and George Andrew. Other houses late in occupation of William Barlow, Hugh Ashton, Thomas Fisher and Charles Davies.

In Over Newbould:

Barn Yard, Corn Field or Croft, Bennitt Field, Three Nookes Field, The Wells, Rough Field, Great and Little Storth, the Mean Lees; formerly occupied by George Green.

Contributed by Mrs. M. Furey, 58 Stumperlowe Crescent Road, Sheffield S10 3PR whose thanks go to Mrs. Goodman of Chilwell, Nottingham for allowing her to use the above.

ECKINGTON COURT ROLLS

Mr.H.Garratt is at present working on a calendar of the Eckington Court Rolls that are in the Sheffield Local History archives and thought that the two rather interesting genealogies that can be deduced from entries in the rolls might help someone somewhere with their researches. Court Rolls are full of family relationships, usually only simple ones such as husband and wife or father and son. These are a little out of the ordinary and might gladden someone's heart long before he has his calendar ready to deposit in the Local History Library. He has included the references so that the original manuscripts can be studied by anyone who is interested.

Genealogy deduced from entries in the Eckington Court Rolls
now in the Sheffield Local History Archives

Court of 8 April 1769 (MD 6768)

RICHARD COWLEY = SARAH ("both long since dead")
of Renishaw ↓
↓

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
RICHARD (only son; ANN = JOHN BOWER SARAH = WILLIAM FIELDS MARY = THOMAS GODDARD
↓ deceased) butcher, of of Killamarsh of Norton
↓ Chesterfield (both deceased) (both deceased)
↓ (both deceased) ↓ ↓
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
MARGARET FOLJAMBE RICHARD "eldest WILLIAM "eldest THOMAS "eldest
late of Eckington son and heir" son and heir" son and heir"
widow; deceased
"only daughter
and heir"

NB Richard, Ann, Sarah and Mary were Richard and Sarah Cowley's only children. Richard Bower, William Fields and Thomas Goddard had come to the manor court to claim their inheritances which resulted from Margaret Foljamba's death.

Court of 11 October 1782 (MD 6769)

JOHN RODGERS deceased
↓

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
ELIZABETH HEWITT JANE HOBSON HANNAH WAKEFIELD JOHN ATKIN = MARY
widow, of Beighton wife of WILLIAM widow, of Renishaw ↓
HOBSON ↓

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓
JOHN ATKIN ELIZABETH = ISAAC BOWNES JANE WOODCOCK ESTHER
grocer, of butcher, of widow, of under
Sheffield Eckington Eckington 21 years

NB All the people mentioned other than John Rodgers were alive at 11 October 1782 when they came to the court to claim their individual inheritances which resulted from John Rodgers' death. John Atkin represented Esther as her guardian.

Contributed by H.Garratt, Lower Batter Farm, South Crosland, Huddersfield,
HD4 7BY.

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE

One morning, browsing through some notes on Stocksbridge by the local historian Joseph Kenworthy I came across a series of letters written by John Grayson of Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land between 1832 and 1848, to his father and friends at Stocksbridge. Since Grayson is one of the names I am researching in my family history, I was most interested in the letters - and there was indeed a family connection.

John Grayson was baptised on 4th November 1804 at Bolsterstone, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Grayson of Eldercliffe, Hunshef. His brother, George, was born in 1806 after which his mother died and some years later his father, Joseph married again, to Sarah Helliwell. They had at least six children, including my great, great, great grandmother, Ann Grayson, who was born on 27th September 1824. John Grayson was, therefore, my great, great, great, great half uncle! A further family connection occurred when John Grayson married Sarah Crawshaw of Langley Brook, Midhope, the daughter of my great, great, great, great grandparents Thomas and Hannah Crawshaw.

Both the Crawshaws and Graysons were reasonably comfortable farming families in the area, and John Grayson learnt the skills of farming and milling.

Kenworthy refers to "bad companions" as a reason for John straying from the straight and narrow, but anyway, late in 1805 John became involved in a fight in which he injured a man, as a result of which he ran away from home, leaving his wife and infant son. He re-appeared on the night of 5th December 1805 in the chimney of a banking house belonging to Messrs Percival in Northampton. The owners thought that he was "intending to steal" and he was taken into custody.

At Northampton Assizes on 9th March 1829, John Grayson alias William Butterworth (as he started to call himself) was convicted of felony and sentenced to death. The sentence was then commuted to transportation for life. John arrived in Hobart, Tasmania on 7th May 1830, never to return.

The following letters show what an effect transportation had on this unfortunate young man, and I for one feel that the sentence was extremely harsh considering the crime!

Contributed by Mrs. Claire Roebuck, 4 Wordsworth Ave, Penistone, S30 6EX.
N.B.

Mrs. Roebuck has quite a lot of information about the Grayson and Crawshaw families mentioned in the letters which she would be most willing to pass on to anyone interested.

Dear Father.

I now take the opportunity of writing these few lines to you hoping they will find you and all the family well as it leaves me at present thank God for it.

I am no more worthy to be called your son. But I have taken it upon myself to address to you the state of my case. I am now transported out of my native land for my natural life unto a parent land where there is no happiness on this side of the grave for me. But I hope if I trust in God Almighty to grant me his grace that I may continue in his works to my life end.

Dear Friends I left England in December 1829 and arrived in this colony in April 1830. We had a very good passage. After landing I was assigned to the service of Mr Richard Downward, Pitswater, near Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land. My master is from Cumberland. He has two mills, a water wheel and a wind mill, and my work is chiefly to attend to them sometimes one and then the other. He has about 40 acres of land in cultivation. He is no farmer himself, he knows nothing but soldiering. I have all the ground to sow and he is very fond of me.

All I should wish for is to have a mitigation of sentence, once more to have my liberty. I have written a letter to Lord Wharndcliffe expecting a mitigation and I have written to William Beet and all I should wish for you to do is to [.....] for a petition.

I know that my persecutor [prosecutor] that is the man who I injured would sign for a mitigation of sentence. But dear friends there is no one knows but those who have tried the experience of being banished from your country and the hardships you have to go through.

A prisoner here lives bad, lays bad, and always thought bad upon, there are some of the worst characters here of any part of the world.

He has his provisions weighed out to him every Saturday night for the week and if you look wrong they can take you before a magistrate and give you 50 lashes or 3 months in irons. For the least you ever do there is 25 lashes with a cat-o-nine tails but I have been here for going on of 3 years with my master and have escaped so far.

This land they say is 16,000 miles from England. There are plenty of black natives, savages who run wild in the interior part of the land and whenever they come across a white person they kill them. There has been upwards of 100 white people killed since I have been in this colony.

There are about 14,000 inhabitants in this colony and about twice as many prisoners. The prisoners work and toil and labour hard for the settlers for nothing.

I hope you will send me a particular account of England and all my relations especially of my own brother George and all our family and all of them at Langley Brook, for I long to hear from them, though I am banished from them never more to return to give any satisfaction whatever.

There is no one knows what is on my mind but myself and it is almost more than I can bear.

For many a long hour I think of what I have done wrong by running away from home and being such an undutiful son to a [.....] father. But I was distracted or I should not have done what I did.

If any of our family was so inclined as to come out to this colony they might do very well. A free steady man can do very well. Provisions are cheap and labour dear. Good mutton 3d a lb beef the same, tea is 1/6 a lb. Sugar 2½d to 3d lb tobacco 3/- lb butter 1/6 lb fowls 3/6 a couple eggs 2/- a dozen wheat 6/- a bushel, barley the same and there is plenty of land to be had cheap. But they are bad farmers none of them have been accustomed to it. Wearing apparel is cheap but tools are dear such as axes, cross cut saws, files or anything in the mechanical way

Dear Father, I want you to send me an answer as soon as you can. I desire nothing from you of any value but I wish you to send me a small parcel with 2 or 3 letters from all our friends and from Wm Beet Wortley and tell him to send me as many old newspapers as he can get from the last twelve month back.

You can make up a small parcel and send it up to London Docks by Pickfords as ships are loading there every week for Van Dieman's Land. Pay carriage to London and I will pay the remainder. Direct it as follows.

For William Butterworth at Mr. Richard Downward Sorrel Mills Pitswater near Hobart Town Van Dieman's Land.

Dear friends I hope you will not forget to write me as early as possible and let me know the state of things at home for I should be glad to hear from you for there is not a single person on this island that I know or have ever seen before in my life. There are a great many people coming out of here from all parts of England so I must conclude with my kind love to all and every one of you; give my respects to all who know where I am.

I remain your unfortunate son,

John Grayson.

Hobart Town,

Van Dieman's Land,

July 1st 1841.

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FAMILY NAME OF WOOLLEN AND ITS NEAR NAMES

I have been interested in my family name Woollen for some years, but until recently I have not had the time to spend on research into the name. I have yet actually to meet someone named Woollen who is not a relative and so I have always imagined that I would not have a difficult task. Certain facts are starting to make me doubt this although the number in the UK telephone directories is small. I am writing for the Sheffield and District Family History Society's Journal because I lived for my first twenty one years in Rotherham, including three years at Sheffield University. My father's family came from Braithwell near Wickersley on the outskirts of Rotherham. There were and possibly still are several Woollens in the Sheffield area.

I have travelled a little in the USA and have never met a Woollen there. Imagine my surprise when, a year or so ago, my son in Ealing, London received a letter from an American asking if he were interested in genealogy and whether he knew anything about Woollens in the UK. He passed

the letter onto me and I wrote to Ed Woolen in Virginia to find to my amazement that the genealogy of Woollen and its near names was very much alive and flourishing there. Ed's father had dropped one "l" from his name some years ago perhaps just to confuse the likes of me!

Ed has spent much time in recent years chasing his ancestry and has been very successful in the USA, but despite sending several letters to Woollens in the UK he has found little interest until recently. Ed has written a 168 page book with a further 128 pages of records and 90 pages of index about the USA Woollens and received the 1985 annual award for the best work on family history in Maryland. I have been able to make a photocopy of the book.

Ed and co-workers have been able to trace their ancestors back to the original emigrants who went over on a boat called the "Griffin" in 1633 sailing from the Isle of Wight to Boston. The original emigrants were John, Jane and Edward who were in the custody of William Wilkes.

In his researches in the USA, Ed has discovered little in the UK about the Woollens who emigrated and so I have the task of making the links between the Woollens that I know of and those who emigrated to the USA in 1633. From family records, I can only go back to my great, grandfather, which is some eight generations after the time that they emigrated. I am about to start investigating Sheffield and Rotherham records.

Genealogists may be interested in the computer equipment. I already have a general interest in computers, and so will put everything on to disc using a BBC Master 512, although I might consider a Winchester hard disc when my records start to approach 1,000. I have been waiting for the Genealogy Society's sponsored "Heritage" programme which I have started to use. It appears to be a good programme with many nice features but as with most family history computer programmes it does not help much with family tree experimentation. It did have a simple CAD (computer aided drawing) component which is a start. I believe that computers should be able to give a lot of help with the automatic drawing of family trees since it is a very important part of ancestry tracing; I have ideas about it. Heritage is an interactive disc based system, i.e. all records are kept on disc and are called from the disc and saved from computer memory as one moves from one record to the next. The number of records that can be stored depends upon the number of disc surfaces one is using and whether Acorn's DFS (disc filing system) or Acorn's ADFS (advanced DFS) is being used. Heritage automatically makes the links between fathers, children, grandparents and wives, by automatically making their records. This has the slight disadvantage of being slow, i.e. the reading and writing to the disc takes time, really only significant when one is developing the record layout. The alternative of working entirely in computer memory seriously limits the number of records that can be kept, eg. as used in Microaid's Family History genealogical programme.

One very nice feature of Heritage is that one can easily change fields at any time and certain fields can be made very long. This means that notes can be part of each record, unlike the Church of Latter Day Saints' genealogical programme PAF for the IBM PC or the Amstrad CW, where notes are kept in a separate programme. The ability to have access to the record index whilst one is working on a record is a good feature.

I also have a Z88, the small, low priced lap computer, which seems ideal for collecting records away from home and I intend to write a programme which will transfer data from the Z88 into Heritage.

I would be pleased to make contact with anyone with an interest in the name Woolen or its near names whether in the Sheffield area or elsewhere, also in records of the trades in the Sheffield area.

Contributed by W,B,Woollen, "Greensward", Townsend, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon,
OX11 ODX.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS AND DEDICATIONS IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

KIMBERWORTH ROAD

St. Paul's was built in 1901 and in 1978 was joined by the churches of St. John the Evangelist Masbro, erected 1864 and St. Michael and All Angels Northfield formed in 1895.

Hymn/Psalm Board

In memory of Ernest and Sarah Rice who worshipped in this church for many years.

Inscription

In memory of Alexander Puddicombe. Vicar 1932-40.

The Rev. Alexander Puddicombe had been Curate in Charge of St. James Clifton and in 1924 had accepted the living of Braithwell before coming to St. Pauls.

Chapel Screen

AMDC These screens are erected in affectionate memory of Arthur and Alice Ada Saul by their son Feb 1 1925.

Alter Rails

AMDC These alter rails were erected by his friends in affectionate memory of Arthur Saul for 30 years Warden of this church who entered into rest Jan 31 1924.

(Mr. Arthur Saul had been a builder in the family of builders headed by George Saul and Sons of Kimberworth. The Sauls were builders of repute with a name for quality. Arthur Saul's last important work as a builder was St. Hilda's Church Shiregreen.

The screens were fitted by Arthur's son Norman Charles also a builder of Kimberworth).

In memory of James William - Bertha Raistrick who served this church for many years.

Erected in gratefull remembrance of Arthur C.R. Kempston first vicar of this parish 1916-1926 who entered into rest at Coniston 10 January 1936 aged 53 yrs.

The Cross and Candlesticks were given in memory of Albert Leigh Lay Reader and Church Warden in this Church May 6 1962.

This Reredos and Panelling was erected in memory of Eliza Gertrude Watson The wife of John William Watson Benefactor of this Church 1951.

This Organ was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield and opened by Mr. G.C.Gray Mus Bac Thursday 11 June 1936, and was built by the parishoners

and friends at a cost of £1.050.
Rev. A.Puddlecombe Vicar
Mr.J.Draper)
Mr.Albert Leigh) Churchwardens

The two Clergy Stalls were dedicated in loving remembrance of Mary Ann Leigh who entered into rest the 30 July 1934.

B.A.Pridmore 1898 - 1968.

The Processional Crucifix was given by Jessica Wragg who died Jan 5 1962 aged 75 yrs in memory of Henry Greenway first vicar of this Parish

These alter rails were dedicated in loving memory of James Humprey Poole, Priest Curate 1898 - 1902 Vicar 1909 - 1918..

These gates were dedicated in loving memory of Leonard Webster Priest Vicar 1924 - 1931.

Given by past and present teachers in grateful remembrance of Albert Leigh whose devoted leadership of the Sunday School extended over a period of fifty years.

In loving memory of Catherine Mary (Cassie) Thompson died September 28 1936.

To the glory of God and in memory of William Wake of Osgathorpe House a patron of this living and a churchwarden and benefactor of this church died April 14 1896 aged 77 yrs RIP.

(Originally at Neepsend Parish Church)

to be continued.

TRAGEDY AT THE BLACK BULL

Members visiting Ecclesfield Church and Priory with Mr.Cyril Slinn in April 1989 will have passed and perhaps called in the Black Bull Inn in Church Road which nearly 200 years ago was the scene of a bare-fisted fight to the death.

In this Inn on 11 Apr 1815 in the company of Miss Mary Johnson and her father Samuel, a heated argument broke out between John Boulden and Joseph Rhodes, both labourers of Ecclesfield. This soon erupted into a bar-room brawl until the landlord intervened and hustled the contestants into the road outside. There, stripped to the waist and surrounded by the crowd, the bare-knuckled fight continued long and hard until Joseph Rhodes could no

longer rise from the ground. Carried home, Joseph languished from extreme bruising to the head, face, belly and body before he finally expired on Friday 28 April.

At the Coroner's Inquest on the following day the Surgeon of Ecclesfield David Sadley gave evidence that Joseph Rhodes died as a result of 'mortal bruises'. The Ecclesfield Constable William Foster was instructed to take John Boulden into custody and prepare a Bill of Indictment charging John with 'feloniously killing and slaying' Joseph Rhodes. The Bill was signed and individually sealed by William Hutchinson, Joseph Almond, Matthew Chambers, William Froggatt, John Fisher, Thomas Hinchcliffe, Joseph Yeardley, Thomas Beatson, James Wilkinson, Samuel Baker, Thomas Parkin, Benjamin Matthewman, Jarvis Connelly, William Pepper, John Rawlin, William Bullas, William Firth, William Taylor, Edward Hunt and Thomas Firth all 'good and lawful men' of the township of Ecclesfield and the four neighbouring townships of Kimberworth, Wortley, Wentworth and Tankersley. At the same time David Sadley, the Surgeon, the two Johnsons (father and daughter) and James Wilkinson Surgeon of Rotherham were bound over in the sum of £40 to give evidence before Grand Jury at the next Assizes in York.

John Boulding* was escorted to York and incarcerated in the dungeons of York Castle to await trial. On the 8th of July at the Summer Assizes held in the Castle John was found guilty of manslaughter. But whether owing to the favourable evidence of witnesses - the Court transcripts have disappeared - or to continuing elation over Wellington's victory at Waterloo a couple of weeks earlier, the 32 year old John was let off with a nominal fine of one shilling, payable to William Carforth, High Sheriff, and discharged immediately.

The prosecution was ordered to pay the costs of the hearing totalling £32:13s. These included the solicitor's fee 3gns; drawing 6 sheets of brief at 6s:8d per sheet plus £2 for two fair copies; the fees of two barristers Mr. Maude and Mr. Wailles at £3:5s:6d and £2:4s:6d respectively; the Ecclesfield Constable's attendance at 7s:6d per day, the two Surgeons at 1gn per day, the Johnson witnesses at 7s:6d per day, all for four days each; and the coach hire of witnesses to and from Rotherham at 6gns.

Lucky John returned to the bosom of his family in Town End Road, Ecclesfield where, two years later his wife Alithea from Thurgoland gave birth to a daughter Anne, my great grandmother.

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*Spelling varies from document to document.

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ALIAS

Stannington Unitarian Church.

Died Nov 8 1910, Thomas Allison alias John Harris aged 75 years, 253
School Road, Sheffield.

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SHEFFIELD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY 1803-08 (cont)

Dyson	John X	4 Bower Spring	Scissor Smith
Bocock	Jas.	High St.	Shoemaker
Battie	George	37 Hollis Croft	Table Knife Cutler
Greatorex	Josiah	89 Scotland St	Moulder
Drabble	James	Sheffield Moor	Cutler
Cheetham	George	8 Snig Hill	Cutler
Bingham	Joseph X	Carver St.	Cutler
Walker	John X	Bailey Field	Fender Maker
Sampson	John	41 Burgess St	Sither Smith
Sellers	William	orchard st.	Saw maker
Rothery	John	Orchard St.	Cutler
Phillips	Adam X	Bailey Field	Shoe Maker
Chester	John	4 New St.	Publican
Gray	Thomas	6 Nags Hd Ct. Haymarket	Cutler
Slinn	John	89 Fargate	Turner
Alsop	Joseph X	Coal Pitlane	Filesmith
Crookes	George X	New St, Park	Cutler
Stevin	George X	Carver Lane	Cutler
Bagshaw	Geo X	Solly St.	Grinder
Housley	Benj ⁿ X	Park Gate	Blade Maker
Taylor	John	Attercliff	Cutler
Ashall	Benjamin X	Attercliff	Cutler
Booth	George X	Brightside	Forgeman
Nee	William	Duke St, Park	Taylor
Hawke	Edw ^d	Meadow St.	Mettle Smeth
Oldfield	Joseph	Bayley Street	Scissor Smith
Ashforth	William	Grimesthorp	Mason
Norris	William	Cheney Row	Scissor Smith
Atkinson	William	Carver St.	Silver Plater
Elliot	Tho ^s	Broad Lane	Cutler
Bromhead	W ^m	Townhead X	Razorsmith
Hage	Tho ^s	Lee Croft	Scissorsmith
Bramall	John X	Bridge St.	Sadler
Carreer	George X	Copper St.	Scissor smith
Johnson	Joseph X	Bridge houses	Scissor Smith
Wingfield	John	West St.	Case Maker
Needham	William	2 Flat St.	Meal Man
Parkin	John	Ridgord's Ford	Joiner & Carpenter
Battersby	Edmund X	Lambert St.	Cutler
Taylor	Joseph X	Brinsworth Orchard	Filesmith
Slack	James	30 Coalpit Lane	Cutler
Jones	James	Greens Square	Turner
Bradbury	Samuel	Attercliffe	Labourer
Co ^t s	William	30 Trinity St.	Cutler
Pryor	Sam ^l	Smithfield	Scissor Grinder
Blackburn	Sam ^l	Newstreet Park	Cordwainer
Hall	Benjamin	Broad Lane End	Blade Maker
Arnold	John	29 Duke St. Park	Brass Worker
Ibberson	Wiam	101 High St. Park	Cutler
Rodgers	W ^m X	7 Wicker	Grinder
Hodgkinson	W ^m	6 Wicker	Grinder
Firth	Luke X	26 Furnis Hill	Grinder

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Bagaley	David X	Edward St.	Filesmith
Wright	Mich ^l X	Grey stones	Edgstooll Mak ^r
Sampson	Sam ^l X	Coalpit Lane	Cutler

Sutton	John	52 Arundel St.	Scissor Smith
?Hathiss	John	15 Meadow St.	Filesmith
Barson	Matt ^w	44 Broad Lane	Cutler
Parkin	Josephas	16 Meadow St.	Cutler
Parkin	W ^m	16 Meadow St.	Cutler
Wilson	John	11 Norfolk Row	Scissor Smith
Bennett	W ^m	14 Church St.	Tailor
Parkin	Ebenezer	36 Spring St.	Grinder
Lawson	Geo	9 White Cross	Cutler
Taylor	Josh	20 Hawley Croft	Cutler
Turton	John	Carver St.	Saw Maker
Newton	John	Newfield Bridghouses	TRIANGLE BOY
?-orton	Fred ^k	Cross Burgess St.	Triangle Boy
Wood	W ^m	Bridghouses	-
Johnson	James	46 Trippet Lane	Cutler

16th March 1807.

Turner	Tho ^s	Flat St.	Factor
Law	George X	6 Pea Croft	Mason
Daff	Joseph X	93 Spring Croft	Plasterer
Moston	James X	Attercliffe	Edge Tool Maker
Swift	Joseph X	Hollin St.	Cutler
Bownes	Jonathan	10 Shudehill	Cutler
Ragg	George	West Lane	Cutler
Obbles	George	Holly St.	Cutler
Johnson	Tho ^s X	Bridge St.	Cutler
Vickers	Jon ⁿ	Gibraltar	Filesmith
Steele	Sep ^s X	Gibraltar	Scissor Smith
Heald	Will ^m	Peacroft	Buttonmaker
Willey	George X	Attercliffe	Scissorsmith
Marshall	John	peacroft	Cutler
Twigg	Thomas	Cheney Roo	Silver Smith
Bennet	William	Attercliffe	Shoemaker
Best	John X	Holy Croft	Filesmith

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Johnson	Jonathon X	Carver St.	Haft Presser
Weldon	George X	Burgess St.	Cutler
Grayson	Joseph X	Pond Hill	Filesmith
Burgin	Sam ^l	Jericho	Cutler
Saint	John X	Forge Lane	Cutler
Smith	Henry X	Carver St.	Joiners Toolmaker
Damm	Thomas X	Spring St.	Fork Grinder
Mason	Henry	Pond Lane	Cutler
Middleton	Luke	Gibraltar	Grinder
Hoyland	Edward	Coalpit Lane	Cutler
Muscroft	John X	Corn Hill	Cutler
Broadhurst	George	Hay Market	Cutler
Lindley	William	High St.	Grocer
Armsted	Josh	1 Holliss Croft	Taylor
Crosland	Samuel	Trinity St.	Mason
Jones	Robert	Burgess St.	Cutler
Wilson	John X	Pea Croft	Cutler
Bottomley	Joseph	6 Sycamore St.	Silver Plater
Sanderson	Joseph	Bridghouses	Fork Grinder
Richards	James	Cloth Houses	Edge Tool Maker
Wrad	W ^m	6 West Lane	Filesmith

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A HISTORY OF BIRCH HALL

Birch Hall in Trippet Lane, now Hawson Jefferies & Co, was, in the 19th century a workmen's mission started by Pastor A.S.O.Birch. The following are some notes he made on how he came to do this work.

Christian work in the 'Grand Circus' of Sheffield being a workman's mission to workmen, by A.S.O.Birch, F.S.A.Hon.Sec.

In the winter of 1880-1, my attention was particularly directed to some of the homes of Sheffield workmen. Pained at the sight of so many men waiting outside the public house on Sunday at noon for the houses to open, and with the reluctance with which they left them at 'turning out time'. Felt intense pity and commiseration.

Scores of cases where the wages have not been, on the average, in the teens of shillings for six months together. Rent must be paid to secure shelter. Coal must be had to prevent starvation, the remainder barely secures bread and tea.

Any Home Missionary will tell us that this state of things may be found in nearly every yard in Sheffield, and is by no means always the result of drunkenness.

This knowledge led to pity the men who had no lovely drawing room in which to lounge of a Sunday afternoon.

Went to hear Rev.J.Surman Cooke who spoke about 'Work in Theatres amongst the million'. What could I do for Sheffield! Churches had failed by their ordinary methods to reach the masses of our population.

Suggested that either the Theatre of Circus should be hired for religious comfort, to come in their working clothes. Met scores of people who admitted that they had not gone to Church or Chapel for months because they had not got clothes.

A committee consisting of two of each denomination, was formed, with power to carry out the proposal as soon as possible. The building not being an Ecclesiastical building was another great help. Hundreds and thousands of men have gone to the Circus when an Act of Parliament would have forced them to a place of worship.

Bills posted on walls, hand bills, attracted 500 people on the 1st Sunday, 1000 on the 2nd Sunday and 3000 on the 3rd Sunday.

Men took their seats with hats on, smoking pipes and calling to each other. How shall we keep them interested?

Now all Sheffield men loved to sing. Selected 15 or 16 of Sankey's most popular hymns and had them printed on sheets, so every man who entered received a copy. Acquired soloists. Mr.Moxon formed the String and Brass Band (all volunteers) 1200-1500 men singing well known hymns.

Services to be carried on by working men - a 'Workmen's Mission' but not in opposition to the Churches of Christ.

Drunken men and moderate drinkers have been induced to come to our meetings, direct from public houses. Professors of atheistic opinions and men who have never been spoken to about religion found the Gospel message so cheering.

A lot of generous subscribers to enable work to be carried on. Meetings perfectly free though could contribute.

Committee and staff of workers number nearly one hundred. Nine tenths being poor men drawn out of drink school.

PASTOR A.S.O.BIRCH. DEATH OF A MISSIONER and SOCIAL WORKER

One of Sheffield's most prominent evangelists and social workers, Pastor A.S.O.Birch Superintendent of the Workmen's Mission, Birch Hall, Trippet Lane, died at his home, 2 Priory Avenue, Sheffield yesterday.

Pastor Birch was born at Rotherham in 1847, and his early years were spent in Chesterfield, where he was educated at the Wesleyan Day School. After serving an apprenticeship in cabinet making, he decided to come to Sheffield as the result of the deep impression made on his mind after a visit to a large men's class at Carver Street Wesleyan Chapel. He felt that there was Christian Service for him to do in Sheffield, and in 1868, he obtained a situation with Messrs. John Manuel and Son, Devonshire Cabinet Works, Carver St. He at once claimed Church membership at Carver Street and heartily threw himself into Christian work. He came under the observation of Alderman John Fairburn, who helped to secure him a responsible post in the Corporation. This he resigned in 1879 when he commenced business as an accountant and estate agent.

The keen interest which Mr.Birch took in social problems led him in 1880 to call a meeting at the Albert Hall to consider the question of the large number of Sheffield poor who attended no place of worship. To this meeting 50 or 60 workingmen came, with several gentlemen of high position in the city. Mr.Birch explained that a vast majority of men never attended a place of worship, and that churches and Chapels had failed by ordinary methods to reach the masses of the population. He suggested that either a theatre or the circus should be hired and workingmen be invited to come in their working clothes; also that the meeting should be addressed by workingmen, and the expense of carrying it on should be raised by subscription.

To this the meeting agreed, and Mr.Birch took the Grand Circus, Tudor Street (now the Lyceum) and issued thousands of handbills. The first Sunday about 500 attended, the second 1000, while on the third 3000 people were present. Many prominent citizens used to come and sit on the platform with the scenery all around them, and the accompaniment of horseskicking their boxes, donkeys braying and frequently lions roaring while the singing was going on.

The movement grew rapidly, and at one stage in its career, when the Montgomery Hall was taken, the crowds were so great that it became necessary to have a police officer at the door. After using in turn the Temperance Hall, Sanger's Circus, the Montgomery Hall, the Central Hall, the Albert Hall and the Vestry Hall, the present freehold, known as the Workmen's Mission, in Trippet Lane was bought in 1906.

Thousands of men, women and children in Sheffield have good cause to remember with affection Pastor Birch and his band of workers. No one was ever turned away, and many transformed lives can be traced to the meetings in the Workmans Mission Hall. Very rarely if ever did the poor apply in vain for food. Pastor Birch spent nearly all his hours in one of Sheffield's poorest districts, gathering together the boys and girls, striving to get hold of the men and women, and bringing some happiness and comfort into many houses.

In his last annual report, Pastor Birch wrote: "Every Monday night, and every Saturday night, all the year round, and for 20 years, men and women who are sober, and ask for it, have received something to eat and drink. On these nights there is always a semi-religious meeting - plenty of singing - recitations - short addresses, and so we help them to drive dull care away. Of course we keep open all day on Sundays, and we never fail to

provide 30 small loaves of bread, and they always go in the afternoon. There are a dozen poor old folk, whom we know, who have not sufficient to keep body and soul together, whom we allow a weekly pension of 1s, 1s6d or 2s6d. This however, is but a small part of the great social and religious work inspired by Pastor Birch. We learn that the mission will be continued by a Board of Management of the trustees. Pastor Birch leaves a widow, four daughters, and one son. The funeral will take place at the General Cemetery on Friday 11th July 1924.

Contributed by L. Birch, 30 Harcourt Close, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 7RN
(Grandson of Pastor A.S.O. Birch)

SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES

From other parishes or townships to Attercliffe. Ref. CA26/1 Sheffield R.O.

SALT	Joseph	From Sheffield	12 July 1717
	wife & children	" "	" " "
HOOLE	John	" "	26 January 1719
	wife & children	" "	" " "
THOMPSON	George	" "	18 April 1720
	wife & children	" "	" " "
BLITH	Solomon & wife	" "	20 May 1720
GODWARD	Thomas, shoemaker	" "	- Dec 1725
	wife & family	" "	" "
BARNESLEY	Jonathan	" "	15 April 1725
OAKES	Matthew	" Ecclesall Bierlow	23 June 1726
	Mary	" " "	" " "
HALL	Thomas & wife	" "	- June 1728
CARR	Stephen, cutler	" Sheffield	19 June 1728
	& wife	" "	" " "
STANIFORTH	Simon	" "	20 July 1736
	Sarah	" "	" " "
BULLEVEN(T)	Richard	" "	13 Oct 1736
	wife & family	" "	" " "
CRAWSHAW	James	" "	18 May 1739
	wife & family	" "	" " "
HARDEY	Thomas & wife	" "	11 July 1740
MARSH	Samuel	" "	14 May 1742
ASHTON	Richard	" Ecclesall Bierlow	28 Feb 1743
	wife & family	" " "	" " "
PARKIN	Thomas	" Sheffield	10 March 1744
	Mary	" " "	" " "
PARAMORE	John	" "	30 March 1744
	Mary	" "	" " "
LEDBETOR	Sarah	" "	15 July 1748
TYSON	William	" Nether Hallam	17 Nov 1748
	wife & family	" " "	" " "
DENTON	Jonathan	" " "	27 Feb 1730
	wife & family	" " "	" " "
WOOD	Thomas & family	" Sheffield	4 May 1731
WEBSTER	Leonard, cutler	" "	27 - 1731
	& family	" "	" "
CHADWICK	Joseph, cutler	" "	20 June 1733
	& wife	" "	" " "
MARRIOTT	George	" "	21 Aug 1733
	Sarah	" "	" " "

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Contributed by Mrs. M. Furey.

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