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FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 21 June 1990 Wentworth: A Yorkshire village tour. Meet 7pm in village car park next to Rocking Arms. Bus 227 leaves Rotherham 6.30pm to Rockingham Arms.
- Thursday 19 July 1990 Eyam: A Derbyshire village tour. Meet 7pm village car park.
- Monday 17 Sept 1990 Meeting at Cemetery Road Baptist Church. Joan Flett on "History of the Workhouse and Hospital at Nether Edge.
- Tuesday 25 Sept 1990 London Coach Trip, St.Catherine's House. Cost £6.50. Coach leaves Rotherham (Corporation St. Bingo) 7am, Sheffield (Paternoster Row) 7.30am Leaves London 4.30pm, arrives Sheffield c8.30pm, Rotherham c9pm. To book first telephone Sue Graves 402727 (Mon-Fri after 8pm). Cheques payable to Sheffield & District Family History Society (Coach Trips). Send to Sue Graves, 57a Fircroft Ave, Sheffield S5 0SB.
- Monday 15 Oct 1990 Jack Hoare on The 1881 Census Project.
- Monday 19 Nov 1990 Stephen Cooper "Burglars and Sheepstealers".
- Monday 10 Dec 1990 A seasonal meeting.

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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 Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm during the winter months and excursions are arranged 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 Wednesday of the month 7.30pm-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 1 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 meetings.

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EDITORIAL

Within this edition you will find a map and details of the new venue for Society meetings. Please note that in September not only are we meeting in a new place BUT on a different day. In future, meetings will be on the third MONDAY in the month. It is hoped that this new venue will encourage more local members to attend our monthly meetings. Those who have not joined us for some time will, we hope, be surprised at the hive of activity at each meeting. Do come along and join us.

This edition also contains a map of the location of The Foresters in Trippet Lane where our Library is located and a map to enable readers, unfamiliar with the area to find Sheffield Archives' new premises in Shoreham Street.

As Editor it is always exciting to receive copy for our Journal. However, occasionally, if it is handwritten, the names in the article pose problems. Can I please ask anyone submitting handwritten material to write all names in capital letters. This will avoid any incorrect spellings of people or place names. Remember, what is easy and familiar to you, because it relates to your family, may be completely new to me and other readers.

Thank you for all the material submitted for "The Flowing Stream".

MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Dr.G.Farmer.

Mr.E.Cartwright.

Mr.F.Littlewood.

A.Gordon.

Mr & Mrs.J.F.Machin.

Mrs.M.Davies.

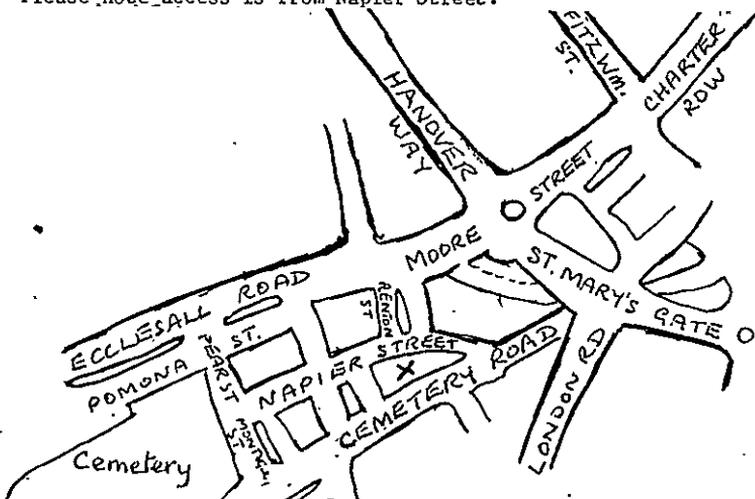
Obituary

Members will be sad to hear of the death of Mr.Stanley Shirt, a member of long standing. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - NEW VENUE

Beginning in September all Society meetings will be held on the THIRD MONDAY in the month at our new venue, the Baptist Church in Cemetery Road, Sheffield. It is hoped that this meeting place will prove to be particularly suitable for us. There is ample off the road car parking space and several bus routes pass nearby. The map shows the location of the church in detail .

A simplified street plan of the new venue - Cemetery Road Baptist Church. Please note access is from Napier Street.



NEWS AND NOTES

RECORDING IN DALTON CHURCHYARD

Mrs. Marjorie Dunn is recording Dalton Churchyard near Rotherham. Anyone (especially Rotherham members) who would be willing to help is asked to contact Mrs. Dunn on Sheffield 351827.

1881 CENSUS

Members are reminded that, although transcribing is continuing, help is still wanted especially from local people (so no postal costs are incurred). Out-of-town members willing to pay postage on material being sent will also be welcomed by the 1881 Census co-ordinator Mrs. Mary Robson, "Rock House", 126 Bawtry Road, Bramley, Rotherham. Tel. Rotherham 543829. Please contact her if you are able to help.

EAST SUSSEX 1851 CENSUS INDEX

Volumes 15 & 16 of this index and full details of other volumes are available from Mrs. C. June Barnes, 50 St. Helen's Park Road, East Sussex TN34 2DN. Please send an SAE. or 2 IRC's with enquiries and for full details.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr. G. Wait who donated a full set of copies of "The Flowing Stream". These will be used for library requests.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN GENEALOGY

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury Kent CT1 1BA runs a Correspondence Course in Genealogy. Full details from the above address.

LINCOLNSHIRE ARCHIVES OFFICE - GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Lincolnshire Archives Office, The Castle, Lincoln LN1 3AB has now appointed a Genealogical Researcher to enable them to offer a full search service on a charging basis. Searches in original documents are undertaken at a cost of £10 per hour or part thereof. Payment is required in advance (IN STERLING ONLY).

VIGO BUTTONS

Sheffield Local Studies Library wishes to find a definition of "vigo" mentioned in 19th century trade directories. It seems to have been a description of some type of horn or bone material but nothing more exact is known. Can you help? If so, please contact the library on Sheffield 734753.

1851 CENSUS FOR WOOLWICH PARISH.

Available for £5.95 + postage 50p UK £1.40 o/s surface from F.G. Reynolds, 54 Parkhill Road, Bexley, Kent DA5 1HY. Cheques should be made payable to Woolwich & District FHS.

ARE YOU TRYING TO TRACE EMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA OR THEIR DESCENDANTS?

If so, the following may be of interest. Judy Webster, 77 Chalfont St, Salisbury, Queensland 4107, Australia has an "Enquiries Index" in which you are welcome to file a "help wanted" notice. Send brief details (about 40 words) including names, dates, place of origin & if known year of emigration and places of residence in Australia. There is no charge for filing details in the index but if you require a reply please enclose either 5 x 15p UK stamps or 3 IRCs.

ERRATA

Burngreave Cemetery

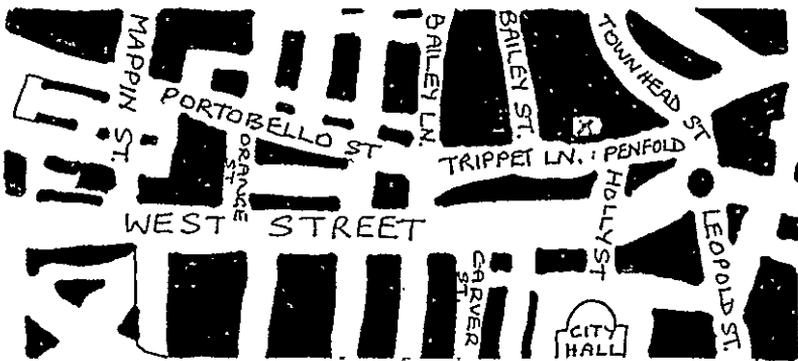
Mr. John Cooper is indexing Burngreave Monumental Inscriptions, not records as stated in Vol.10 No.3. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused to Mr. Cooper.

Transportation for Life

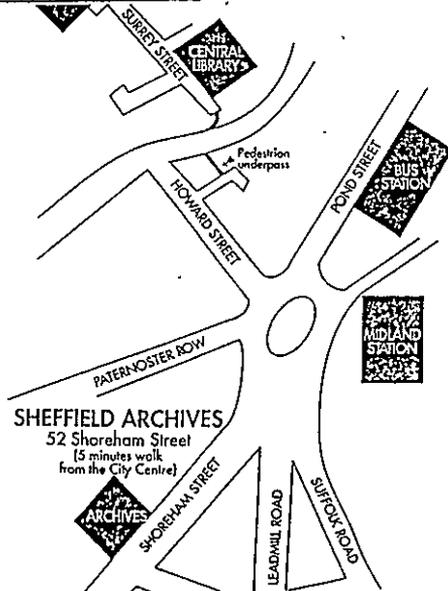
At the bottom of page 66 Vol.10 No.3 the following short paragraph was omitted:

"He has a large family 12 children. This is a fine country for free people, they can get plenty of land cheap and sell everything at a good price and as for free labourers they get 5/- to 6/- per day wages.

WHERE TO FIND OUR LIBRARY AT THE FORESTERS



WHERE TO FIND SHEFFIELD ARCHIVES



FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Yorkshire F.H.Conference June 29 - July 1st 1990.

For details see Vol.10 No.3.

Oxfordshire FHS. Conference 7-9 Sept 1990.

For details see Vol.10 No.3.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

44 Louth Road,
Sheffield S11 7AW.

Dear Editor,

Re: 'I Name this child'

I was interested to read that Mona Harrison's great grandparents named two of their children Garibaldi and Mazzini. My own great grandparents, George Edward and Susanna Huntley, christened my grandfather Kossuth in 1851 because, it is said, he admired Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, who, some two years earlier, had tried but failed to establish a republic for Hungary.

Kossuth, in turn, baptised his younger son Louis Kossuth, much to the disgust of his brother and sisters. They vowed they would always call him 'Tot' and that name stuck for the rest of his life!

Yours etc.

Mrs.Mary Hickes.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 18th January 1990. "Wentworth and its Proprietors".

For the first meeting of a new decade, about 60 people were treated to a most entertaining account by Roy Young of the fortunes of the families who owned Wentworth Woodhouse. There has been a Wentworth family since the early middle ages, when they were just landowners. By carefully planned marriages and land purchases they increased both their estates and their importance. In the reign of James I the then head of the Wentworth family, Thomas, entered Parliament, as one of Yorkshire's two M.P.s. When James I offered baronetcies for sale to wealthy landowners Thomas became a baronet. Later when he was sent to Ireland in the King's service he was created Earl of Strafford. There he acquired an estate and began to build a house on it, (planned to be the largest in Ireland). He was recalled to England in 1640 before it was finished. He was impeached by Parliament for treason and executed in 1641. His son William erected a monument to his memory in Wentworth Church though his body disappeared and is not buried there.

William died childless and the estate passed to his sister's husband Thomas Watson. He didn't like the old-fashioned Wentworth Woodhouse so he began to build a new house of red brick. He became Earl of Malton. After the 1745 rebellion a memorial, Hooper Stand, was built to commemorate the defeat of the Scots.

When the Earl of Malton became Marquis of Rockingham he decided the house being built was not grand enough so he added on a better part. The house ended by being 605ft from end to end.

The second Marquis of Rockingham died childless and the estate passed to the ownership of one of his sisters and her husband, a member of the Fitzwilliam family, the fifth biggest landowner in the country. They consolidated the estate and developed it in new fields such as mining and pottery. When in 1857, the 6th Earl succeeded the family had estates in Wentworth and other parts of Yorkshire as well as in Ireland. His second son had the Milton Estates in Northamptonshire.

The 6th Earl was the first landowner to hold the estates after the coming of the railways. Before then the family lived mainly in London but easy travel meant that William who preferred hunting to politics could spend much time in Wentworth. He built the Market Hall in Elsecar for an exhibition on the lines of the Great Exhibition of 1851 and in 1877 built a magnificent new church at Wentworth exactly one mile from the door of the Woodhouse. The 7th Earl who succeeded in 1902 brought the house into the 20th century by putting in electricity, running water and central heating.

The 20th century has seen the decline of the family fortunes. The 8th Earl Peter died in a flying accident leaving no heirs. A second cousin Eric succeeded as Earl but again died without leaving heirs. For a few years the house became Lady Mabel College but has now been sold.

Meeting on Thursday 15 February 1990. Mr. Stephen Cooper, "A House Divided".

Mr. Cooper, a solicitor who lives in Thorpe Hesley, gave us most interesting talk about his researches into some documents he found completely by accident one day. This discovery and research, he says, completely changed his life. His university training had not taught him how to do original research, so he had to learn as he went along.

In the summer of 1985 he found some title deeds relating to a house in Thorpe Hesley. The deeds were accompanied by what appeared to be a summary of a court case held in the Exchequer Court in York, 1788/9, referring to the property of a John Billam, a yeoman farmer of Thorpe Hesley, who had died in 1785. It gave details of his marital problems, in which he accused his wife of cruelty and violence, and of being his 'ruin'. In 1779, when John Billam had made his will, his behaviour was described as wild and disordered. Eventually his son had him committed to York Lunatic Asylum in February 1781 where John remained until November 1782, when he returned home. He was often violent and suicidal, although it was reported that he had calm periods.

But who was John Billam? A search of Ecclesfield churchyard revealed no gravestone, but the registers gave details of his marriage, his and his wife's burials, and the baptisms of their three children (1 son, 2 daughters). Mr. Cooper found Billam's will in the Borthwick Institute, along with the complete record of the court case which consisted mostly of statements by witnesses to John Billam's behaviour before his death. The Probate summary listed £22 in his purse, household goods valued at £12 4s, and debts owing to him of £700! He also owned freehold land, and leased land.

The witnesses included Billam's sister who described him as calm when she last saw him shortly before his death; and his neighbour, the cordwainer, who recalled that Billam would spend all day at his house, complaining of his wife's treatment; the blacksmith, the malster, an antiquarian, a farmer, and various ladies in the village also gave evidence.

The head keeper of York Lunatic Asylum, then retired, had to look in the Admission book to refresh his memory, and it was his opinion that Billam was 'relieved' after his stay at the Asylum, but not 'cured', and therefore incapable of making a will.

More court proceedings were found by Mr. Cooper in the Public Record Office. Billam's will divided his estate equally between his three children. The son contested this, saying that he should have the lion's share, and that the will was invalid because of his father's lunacy. The daughters quite naturally wanted their fair share, hence the court case. An initial settlement proved abortive, and the case continued, but then petered out. Apparently another settlement was reached out of court.

Mr. Cooper discovered an 18th century map of Thorpe Hesley by Fairbank, which showed the main street, Thorpe Street, with his homesteads on one side and crofts behind, and open fields on the other. The field book listed all the tenants and where they lived in relation to John Billam, and Mr. Cooper was able to identify the property of some of the witnesses.

Mr. Cooper commented on how much he had learned about village life and social conditions by reading the statements. He made particular mention of how people related time to the seasons and events such as Bradfield Fair Day.

Stephen Cooper has produced a book, called "A House Divided", about his researches.

Sue Graves.

Meeting on Thursday 15th March 1990. "How they lived in old Ecclesall 1600-1800." Mrs. Mary Bramhill.

With the aid of slides, Mrs. Mary Bramhill explained to an audience of over 100 members how Ecclesall had changed since the 1600s. During the 17th and 18th centuries Ecclesall was a much larger area than it is now. It stretched from the Porter Brook in the north, the Sheaf River in the south and the Limb River in the West and almost from the Round House to Cambridge Street (formerly Coalpit Lane). Division Street divided Sheffield Parish from Ecclesall. The first map available is for 1725.

Most of the land was occupied by small scale farmers who had secondary occupations making cutlery, knives etc. By 1774 a directory listed manufacturers of such items as common scissors. Lead smelting was also carried on. With the coming of enclosure most of the commons disappeared.

Mrs. Bramhill showed photographs of old tracks such as Trap Lane, old cottages now gone and drawings of farm implements.

For anyone interested in Ecclesall, the book, "How they lived in Old Ecclesall" by Mary M. Bramhill makes fascinating reading. It is available from our bookstall.

ROTHERHAM BRANCH MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting on Thursday 4th January 1990.

The Society's officers were re-elected en bloc, moved by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Gamwell. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Savage. Mr. Berry gave a talk "A Cornishman in Yorkshire". While searching in the Rotherham Parish Registers Mr. Berry came across the marriage of William Benallack and Ann Walker both of Bradgate Kimberworth in 1764. Further research of this unusual-for-Yorkshire name revealed a connection between St. Agnes in Cornwall, Grinton near Richmond, Yorkshire, Hunslet near Leeds, Rotherham, Greasbro and Rawmarsh. The obvious factor linking the Benallacks and these places were the Fentons of Leeds whose enterprises included coppermines at Chacewater, (where they co-operated with the Chacewater Copper Co. at Wheal Rose and Wheal Busy), coal mines at Hunslet and at Greasbro where both the Fentons and the Benallacks resided for a time. The meeting concluded with a round table problem and progress session by Mr. Ryder.

Meeting on Thursday 1st March 1990. "The Founding of Eston in Cleveland" by Mr.Tweedy, Lecturer at Norton College, Sheffield.

The discovery of a method of processing high phosphoric iron ore in the mid 19C made the thick iron ore seam beneath the Cleveland hills suitable for steelmaking. The iron ore mining was centred on the village of Eston some four miles south east of Middlesborough. As an increasing amount of iron ore was needed for the steel works on the south bank of the Tees more labour was required to mine it. The population of Eston became predominantly male with a labour force coming from as far afield as East Anglia and Cornwall. Mr.Tweedy's study showed a population which generally stayed a short time then moved on. Today the only remains of that once prolific industry are a few miners' cottages, their chapels and the spoil heaps in a once again rural landscape.

Meeting on Thursday 1st February 1990. Mr.M.Jones "Woodland Crafts and Craftsmen around Rotherham"

This was a well attended meeting at which a new member, Mrs.Carlin was welcomed. The meeting agreed to accept the suggestion of Ruth Harman, the archivist to visit the new Archives Office, Shoreham Street, Sheffield as an organised party. Date to be arranged. Mrs.Ann Humberstone is unable to carry on in her position as librarian. The post will be offered to members at the April Meeting.

Mr.Jones gave an excellent illustrated talk on "Woodland crafts and craftsmen around Rotherham". He explained the importance of managed woodlands and parks from medieval times to the industrial age, how the craftsmen got their names from their occupations and the many uses to which the wood was put. He showed examples of sources of information relating to the rotation of cropping woodland, the sale of timber and orders for the apprehension and prosecution of intruders and thieves.

Contributed by Mr.A.R.Berry.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

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

GREEN
PRANGLEY
PALMER

Mrs.J.Titcombe, 18 Radway Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO1 2PW is looking for the baptisms of children to William Green, filecutter of Hillfoot and Elizabeth nee Pranglely who married at Sheffield 24 March 1815 and particularly for their son Thomas born 1818-19 in Sheffield according to the censuses but not baptised in Sheffield Cathedral. Thomas married Lucy Palmer 30 May 1842 at Ecclesfield - perhaps he was baptised there?

RANDERSON

Mr.J.Randerson, 128 Leicester Lane, Leamington Spa CV32 7HH would like to contact anyone researching the name Randerson.

RUSHFIRTH/FIRTH
RUSHFORTH
RUSHWORTH

Mr.A.Cameron, 32 Cobran Road, Cheltenham, NSW,2119 Australia is seeking ancestors and descendants of Ellen Rushfirth, who was b Bowling Yks 1827 and m Henry Midgley of Nth Bierley Yks. A descendant, Miss Alice Firth was living in Bradford Yks in 1946. It is supposed that the surname Rushfirth was at some time contracted to Firth.

MIDGLEY

Joseph Midgley/Sarah were the parents of his ancestor Henry Midgley who was b.30.12.1821 in Nth Bierley. Is any member researching this family, which resided in Bierley Lane please?

ARNOLD

John Arnold, boilermaker was b.1823 at Nth Bierley his wife Mary A. b.1824 there also. Is any member researching this family which also resided in Bierley Lane?

BROUGHTON
LITTLEWOOD
PINCHBECK
HUNT
LAMB

Leanne Broughton, 536 Kinchant Street, Quesnel, B.C. Canada V2J 2R8 is seeking information on William Broughton b.1882, Sheffield; Ada Littlewood b. 1883 Sheffield; Thomas Broughton, Member of Government Police Force, Sheffield, d.1920; Jane Ann Pinchbeck; George Frederick Littlewood, Sarah Ann Hunt; Anderson Pinchbeck who was residing at 2 Court 1 Attercliffe Common in 1876 and Emma Lamb.

SWIFT HEATHCOTE
CRANMER CUDWORTH
TRAVES SWINDON
WARD UNWIN
HELLIWELL HAGHE

Mrs.C.M.Grayson-Toms, 6 Hall Road, Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9QU will send an S.A.E. to anyone with information about the families listed. She is also anxious to find pictures of Clough Cottage, Fulwood home of the Broomheads until 1925 and Bower Hill.

HALL

Mrs.M.Playle, 64 Sayegh St, Heliers, Auckland 5, New Zealand seeks help in tracing descendants of Thomas Walter Hall of Victoria St.Sheffield and Arthur John Hall of Glossop Road c1910; also information about other members of the Hall family who came from Rawmarsh. Do any still live in Rawmarsh?

HOYLAND
WHITE

Mrs.Playle also seeks information about the name Hoyland. Her known information is that James Hoyland married Mary Hall 1828 in Ecclesfield. One daughter Annie Maria Hoyland married Stephen Boothby White and emigrated to New Zealand.

SANDBECK SCHOOL

Mrs.Playle has in her possession a photo labelled Sandbeck School near Rotherham, teacher Miss O'Neill. There is no date. Does Sandbeck School still exist? Where should she look for records?

HELP OFFERED

GRAYSON
KAY
BROOMHEAD
TRAVES
WARD

Mrs.C.M.Grayson-Toms, 6 Hall Road, Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9QU found a number of family connections in the Lees Hall Golf Club records. She has information on the following families: Grayson of Heeley, Bradfield, Bolsterstone and Hunsheff, Kay

of Heeley and Intake, Broomhead of Bradfield and Fulwood, Thraves and Ward of Heeley. Please send and SAE for details.

SOUTHAMPTON & WINCHESTER RECORD OFFICES Mrs. Jenny Titcombe, 18 Radway Road, Shirley, Southampton SO1 2PW is willing to search at the Southampton and Winchester Record Offices for members. Please enclose SAE when writing.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

"COMPELLED TO WEEP" - The Apprenticeship System by Jim Golland, Gen. Mag. Dec 1989, Vol.23 No.4.

"STORY BEHIND THE STONE - JOHN WALKER" by Mark Elson, Cleveland FHS. Vol.4 No.5. Jan 1990. The life of John Walker the inventor of "friction lights" or matches.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sheffield & District Family History Society held at Mappin Street, Sheffield on 15th February 1990 at 7.30pm.

Present: Approximately 70 members under the Chairmanship of Dr. David Hey.

Apologies for Absence: Received from Mrs. D. Marsden.

Minutes of the last AGM: Had already been circulated in "The Flowing Stream" These were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report: Mrs. M. Dunn read out her report as follows:

"This will be my last report as Secretary of the Society and I would like to thank all committee members past and present for their invaluable help. I am very grateful too for other members who have helped me in many ways, Mrs. A. Gray and Mrs. M. Walker for operating yhr Library at Trippet Lane, Mrs. Gray and Mr. Wardale who have done such a lot of research for out-of-town members.

1989 was a year in which the Society grew even bigger and this was helped by the amalgamation with Rotherham Society. At a time when many Family History Societies are troubled by breakaway factions, which often cause friction and a split of gathered materials, it is satisfying to know that Rotherham chose to amalgamate. This helps to unify the aims of all historians and cause less confusion to out-of-town members and overseas members who are faced with a proliferation of small societies which are springing up in close proximity to each other.

Sadly we have lost two valuable members: one a founder member Mr. F. G. Tyack and a much younger one, Paul Yeomans. We are also losing a number of old stalwarts from the committee who feel that it is time for a break and that new and/or younger members should be given the chance to come forward to help run the Society. We shall miss the efforts of Dr. Hey, Mrs. Furey, Mr. Bullen and Mr. Perkins, all of whom insist that they will still burrow away in the background.

The growth in membership now makes the job of Secretary a hefty one and we are going to make the job easier by creating a membership secretary position.

Again in 1989 we put on displays at a couple of Local History Fairs, raised money to help the Lyceum Fund and made some very interesting trips out. We are again coming to the end of an era - in September we are changing our meetings to the third Monday in the month and changing venues. I would like to thank the Blind Institute for their kind hospitality over the past three years. The new venue will have a smaller room, car parking facilities and other advantages. I hope and trust that you will give the new Secretary your continued support and help in 1990."

Treasurer's Report: Mrs.E.Allen presented and explained the Society's Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1989 and summed up the financial and membership position as follows:

"At the end of 1989 the Society had a membership of 715 made up of 507 ordinary members, 84 joint members (which doubles up to 168) and 40 overseas members. During the year the Federation of Family History Societies revised its system of assessing fees, fixing them at 20p per head, with joint members counting as one. Our Society's bill came to £136.20 - a big increase on the last payment of £75. The Federation also requested payment in advance for 1990, by December 31st 1989. Consequently two payments appear on the accounts for 1989 - £75 at the old rate and £136.20 at the new rate making a total of £211.20. Journal production costs continue to rise as does postage and telephone. Other expenditure is fairly steady.

On the income side, as you can see, our main source of income is from subscriptions, followed by book sales, for which we must thank Eileen Perkins. Sue Graves has kept a separate account for excursions this year which are largely self-financing, but which did make a slight loss for 1989. The printer at Grenoside continues to earn a steady income and we must thank Marjorie Dunn for taking the responsibility for that.

I think the Society is financially quite healthy and I hope the members will accept these accounts - the product of many hours work."

(See page 90 for Society Balance Sheet)

Editor's Report: Mrs.D.Marsden's Report was read out for her in her absence. She had written as follows:

"As usual my report is brief but it provides me with an opportunity to thank all those members without whose help "The Flowing Stream" could never have been produced. In particular I wish to mention Susan Hammond who types the Journal with such care, Elaine Smith who provides the address labels and all those members who send in such excellent and interesting copy.

As a Society we do of course publish other books. We all wish to thank John Perkins for his untiring efforts in producing the index to the 1861 Census, together with thanks to Pam Dodsworth, Mary Robson, Fred Hobson and Richard Wardale who transcribe the material for the index and Eileen Perkins and Mrs.Burton who spend hours checking the information fed by John into his computer.

Finally, thanks are due once again to all who have sent in contributions of whatever type or length for our Society magazine."

There were no questions following the above three Reports and the Chairman sincerely thanked the three ladies for their work during the past year and for their Reports. He also expressed gratitude to every member who had helped the Society during 1989.

Election of Officers:

Mrs. Furey, Dr. Hey, Messrs Bullen, Hazzard and Perkins had stated their intention to retire from the Committee. New Committee members had been or were then formally proposed and seconded, the members being elected were Mrs. J. King, Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. F. Westwood. Miss A. Kendrick was the Rotherham representative on the Committee.

Some posts were to be changed with Mrs. Perkins taking over as Secretary, with Miss Kendrick assisting on the membership side. Mrs. Dunn was elected as Chairman. Speaking on behalf of the former Committee members Roy Bullen said that they wished to nominate Dr. David Hey as our first President as a recognition of all the good work he had done from the beginning of the Society; indeed from the days before we were an official body. The recommendation was put to the meeting and carried. The composition of the full new Committee will be published inside the next issue of "The Flowing Stream".

Any Other Business:

The President read out a letter he had received from the Venerable Stephen Lowe stating that he hopes the Sheffield Cathedral Registers and records will shortly be housed in the new Sheffield City Archives office. The news was received with great satisfaction by the members present. It was the result of tactful requests that the Society had been making for some considerable time.

There was no further business and the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1989

| 1988 | EXPENDITURE | 1988 | INCOME | | |
|------|-------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| 251 | Stationery & Printing | 269.11 | 2791 | Subscriptions | 3967.60 |
| 1178 | Journal Production cost | 1333.68 | 28 | Journal Sales | 35.57 |
| 92 | Photocopying & Dupl'g | 75.49 | 19 | Donations | 10.05 |
| 530 | Postage & Telephone | 615.41 | 1559 | Book Sales | 1515.75 |
| 200 | Room Hire | 234.00 | 740 | St. Catherine's | - |
| 85 | Speakers Expenses | 67.00 | 5 | Advertising | 15.00 |
| 431 | Books for resale | 830.89 | (1) | Income Tax | - |
| 770 | Coach Hire | - | | Overprovided | - |
| 60 | Federation Fees | 211.20 | 51 | Sundries | 6.00 |
| 25 | Books for library | 21.45 | 28 | Research | 33.50 |
| 42 | Insurance | 57.00 | 46 | Interest on | - |
| 137 | Sundries | 39.46 | | Deposit Account | 191.55 |
| 201 | Foresters Rent | 201.00 | 100 | Sale of Readers | - |
| - | Trips Account | 67.50 | - | Micro-fiche | 304.95 |
| 6 | Research | 25.50 | | | |
| 30 | Donations | 23.31 | | | |
| 493 | Printing Census Index | 177.00 | | | |
| 57 | Audit Fee | 57.50 | | | |
| 718 | Surplus for year | 1853.47 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| 5366 | | 6159.97 | 5366 | | 6159.97 |

REPRESENTED BY:

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|------|--------------------------|---------|------|--------------------|---------|
| 1329 | Surplus 1st Jan. 1989 | 2046.71 | 747 | Current Account- | |
| 718 | Surplus for 1989 | 1853.47 | | General | 990.37 |
| 57 | Creditor - Audit Fee | 57.50 | 177 | Cash & Bank | - |
| 201 | Creditor - Rent | 201.00 | | -Books Account | 295.53 |
| 1105 | Subscriptions in Advance | 1418.00 | | Bank Trips Account | 1.14 |
| | | | 1905 | Deposit Account | 3596.22 |
| | | | 582 | Stock | 693.42 |
| | | | | | |
| 3411 | | 5576.68 | 3411 | | 5576.68 |

E. M. ALLEN (TREASURER)

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

I have audited the above financial statements in accordance with approved auditing standards. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31st December 1989 and of its excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

A VISIT TO BRITISH COAL ARCHIVES

It is now about two years since my niece and I had the occasion to go to the Record Office of the British Coal Archives at Armthorpe Colliery. The colliery is on Golden Smithe Lane; you go down the lane past the colliery entrance, over the railway crossing to the top of Golden Smithe Lane. The Archives Building is on the right opposite the laboratories. An appointment is necessary. I spoke to Mr. Harry Shaw in the Record Office.

Before taking his present post, Mr. Shaw was an inspector of mine shafts in the area; so he is so to speak "a min(e)d of information" (no pun intended) on the subject.

My reason for calling was that I am 'trying' to research the maternal branch of my family - MARKHAM. The story goes, as passed down by word of mouth that my great, great grandfather ? Markham was a clerk in a mine. He borrowed money and opened his own mine. From the proceeds of the mine he purchased a large house or hall. This is where my great grandmother was born. She had a personal maid and a dog cart, so she related to her grandson, my uncle.

I have found great grandmother's death in the General Cemetery Records. Through the 1871 Census for Hensworth Common (now Norton Lane) I found she was born at Braithwell. I proceeded to check all the different churches in the area - no trace - so decided on another course, to see if I could find this said mine.

Mr. Shaw was very helpful and got out quite a number of maps of the area, pointing out different mines or shafts all in different places. He also mentioned that not all shafts sunk were registered; also in the early days sometimes a shaft was sunk on to the top of an old one. We found Mr. Shaw very knowledgeable on the subject and a very interesting person to listen to.

One thing that Mr. Shaw did stress was that they only have records of "Coal Mines". They have apparently had people who were emphatic that a mine was in a certain area and after much time spent on research, found the mine in question was either an "Earth Mine" or a "Lead Mine". British Coal Archives cannot help in locating these.

Anyone who has an ancestor who did own a "Coal Mine" and would like information on the true locality, should contact the Record Office at Armthorpe Colliery.

Though my search was fruitless, listening to Mr. Shaw explaining about the different shafts and mines was fascinating and more than made up for my disappointment of not finding anything about great, great grandfather's mysterious "mine".

Contributed by Mrs. M.J. Bird, 51a Crescent Road, Sheffield S1 1HN.

May I add a postscript in the hope that anyone reading may have seen anything in their research. My great grandmother was said to have been born at Braithwell (1871 Census). She married a John Mapplebeck and they lived at Conisbro' when Michael, their son was born (1840). I found his birth at Doncaster Archives along with other children: William born Conisbro', John born Braithwell and Joshua born Braithwell. As yet I have been unable to find the marriage. Whether he died before the birth of William I do not know but on William's birth certificate it states "Ann Markham w of John Mapplebeck w of Joseph Hallam". William took the name of Hallam. I am unable to find a second marriage either and yet I have the births of all the children. My grandmother had told my uncle she had eloped with Joseph Hallam who was a bailiff on a farm and that she was disinherited. Michael, her son was taken by the Mapplebeck family. On the 1871 Census, he was recorded as aged 30 yrs. S in L - another mystery.

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE (cont)

John Grayson of Bolsterstone was convicted of felony and had his death commuted to transportation for life. He arrived in Hobart Tasmania on 7th May 1830. This is the second in a series of letter from John to his father.

Dear Sir;

I have taken the liberty of writing to you hoping that you and yours are well as this leaves me at this time, thank God for the same. I have never had any letter from England but the one you wrote in 1835 in which you state that you had given one to father. But he never sent it nor did I ever receive any except the one you sent. I should be very happy to hear from you if you will take the trouble to answer this. I should take it as a kindness if you would let me know how they are all getting on at home and what alterations there is since I came away.

I have to inform you that I am very well myself. I have been living this last three years with a gentleman in Hobart Town of the name of John Walker Esquire, a very large miller and merchant—7 pairs of millstones together with water and steam and large warehouses at 3/- per week, board 16/-, but now, me and another person have taken a steam corn mill on the wharf, a new one at £270 per annum which is likely to answer well. We have plenty of work and good trade and I hope in a few years that I will be able to live independent if we are fortunate. People that are steady and persevering get on well.

I have had liberty to work for myself 3½ years in which time I saved £150 cash and if I wanted I could borrow £500, but my partner has plenty of money and is a good miller as well.

All I want is you to write and let me know how all our family is getting on, having never heard from them these twelve years, it is natural to enquire after them though I expect they never think of me unless it is to degrade me, but I hope they will forgive me as they hope to be forgiven.

It is a long lane that has no end to it. God in heaven knows what man is born to go through. I cannot say that I shall ever be happy in mind in this colony for I never see a man or woman since I left England that ever I saw in my life before to my knowledge.

I have never been in any trouble since I came to this land in any shape or form, but have got a good name amongst all classes of the community. I have lived upwards of eight years with one gentleman, Mr. Downward. That man would do anything for me in reason.

I hope you will answer this as soon as convenient for I shall be glad to hear from all of you. Enquire how Thomas Crawshaw and his family is getting on. I have never heard from them since I left home.

I wrote an answer to your letter but I expect you never got it so I never wrote since till now.

You will please to see my brother and ask how he is getting on and father and uncles. This is giving you a great deal of trouble but I hope I shall live to pay you for it. When you write direct as under, William Butterworth at Messrs. Davison & Co., Derwent Foundry, Macquarie Street, Hobart Town, Van Dieman's Land, the man I am in partnership with.

I must conclude with my best wishes to you and family and all enquiring friends.

John Grayson.

Hobart Town Van Dieman's Land.

Sept 1st 1842.

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WHO WAS ISABELLA COULSON?

A manuscript book dated 1777 of Cook/Housekeeper recipes and ailment remedies has recently come into my possession. It includes choice items such as:

- Mrs.Hallam's Pickle for Sturgeon.
- Mrs.Crayster's Hunters Pudding.
- Mrs.Grey's Little Plum Cakes.
- "To pot lobsters for London".
- "A caution for Sweetmeats".
- "For the Cholic".
- "For an Asthma".
- "Artificial Asses Milk".

I have photocopied every page of this fascinating book and would be pleased to donate the copy to any member who can identify the author. If completely foiled I will post it to the Secretary! The clues are as follows:

1. The book was found amongst the effects of Mrs.Eliza Josephine Leslie-Moir (nee Foulds) who died in 1956 and who once lived at Old Hall Sheffield about a hundred years ago.
2. The book is inscribed in firm adult. educated handwriting "Isabella Coulson's Book 1777".
3. During the period 1750-1800 Josephine's family lived in the village of Harthill (see my article about this family in Vol.9 No.3 of The Flowing Stream).
John FOLDS (c1743. Married 1771 to Eleanor CUTT of local Farmers family) was the village tailor.
Son George FOLDS (c1774. Married 1799 to Mary Glossop) was the village Mercer and Draper.
Son Samuel FOLDS (c.1780. Married 1807 to Mary JARVIS of Barlborough) became a surgeon on Change Alley, Sheffield.
Son Charles FOLDS (c1783. Married 1812 to Elizabeth BILK) also worked as the village tailor.
4. The first recipe is headed "Dr.Cooper's Fish Sauce". This may refer to the famous surgeon Sir Astley Paston Cooper who trained surgeon Samuel FOLDS.
5. Inside the cover of the book is pasted a newspaper cutting letter, Sheffield Times, September 1848 describing an alleged cure for cholera. The letter writer lived in Dublin!

The IGI for Yorkshire records an Isabell COULSON c 4.6.1729, Filey. Father Christopher but Harthill Parish Register and other village records may well reveal the actual identity of Isabella.

Contributed by Stuart Foulds, 90 Southlands Ave, Orpington, Kent BR6 9ND.

STRAYS

GILL Samuel b. Sheffield YKS, mar. Lydia PALLETT Sheffield YKS, d. 12 May 1905 near Mount Morgain QLD Australia aged 52.

PALLETT Lydia b. Sheffield YKS, mar. Samuel GILL Sheffield YKS, d. 3 Mar 1906 Mount Morgan QLD Australia aged 53.

GILL Gertrude b. Sheffield YKS, mar.(1) Charles William HAZELL, 8 Apr 1896 Mount Morgan QLD Australia at age 20; mar. (2) James WILLIAMSON, 1 Jun 1912 Rockhampton QLD Australia; d. 30 Nov 1939 Rockhampton QLD Australia.

HAZELL Charles William b. Sheffield YKS mar. Gertrude GILL 8 Apr 1896, Mount Morgan QLD Australia at age 28, d. 19 Jan 1907 Mount Morgan QLD Australia aged 39.

Contributed by Judy Webster, 77 Chalfont St, Salisbury, QLD 4107, Australia.

SHEFFIELD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY 1903-08 (cont)

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Wharton | Rich ^d | Little Sheffield | Edge Tool Maker |
| Amory | ThmoY | Hartshead | Grinder |
| Hulben- | John | Pea Croft | Cutler |
| Kirby | Thomas | Top of Garden St. | Painter |
| Wild | James X | Smith Square | Cutler |
| Walton | John | 49 Broad Lane | Cutler |
| Spencer | Edward | Broad Lane | Cutler |
| Gregory | Samuel | Snig Hill | Cutler |
| Register | Jn ^o X | Pea Croft | Cutler |
| Barker | Aaron | Goal St. Little Sheffield | Silver Smith |
| Ashwell | John | Bar Spring | Cutler |
| Dearden | Mark | 2 Copper St. | Scissor Smith |
| Brittlebank | Joseph | Scotland St. | Scale Cutter |
| Bowden | John | Steelhouse Lane | File Smith |
| Lord | Joseph | 26 Broad Lane | Razor Maker |
| Challener | George X | Jerico | File Smith |
| Robinson | William | Spring St. | Carpenter |
| Shaw | Tho ^s | South St. | Plater |
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| -oron | - X | Sheffield Moore | Spade Maker |
| Hainley | George X | Sheffield Moore | Spade Maker |
| Bradly | Rich ^d X | Court 90 No.1 Pea Croft | Cutler |
| Johnstone | Matt ^w X | Attercliff | Collier |
| Coldwell | Rob ^t X | Attercliffe | Scissor Smith |
| Swallow | James X | Attercliff | Scissor Smith |
| Smith | William X | Arundel Lane | Edge Tool Maker |
| Wright | Joseph | Spring St. | Edge Tool Grinder |
| Waterhouse | Tho ^s | Duke St. Park | Silversmith |
| Wright | Tho ^s | Little Sheffield | Tool Maker |
| Lee | Robert | Duke St. Park | Taylor |
| Carleton | W ^m | flatt St. No.2. | Taylor |
| - | - X | Ridyard Ford, High St. | file Maker |
| Thompson | William | Snig Hill | Taylor |
| Lodge | George X | Green Lane No.17. | Fender Maker |
| Gray | - uel X | Green Lane No.17 | Stove Grate Maker |
| Hayley | George X | Green Lane No.17 | Fender Maker |
| Richardson | Benjamin | 2 Bayly St. | File Maker |
| Padly | Thomas X | 2 Sands Paviors | Button Maker |
| Hibbard | Joseph | Pea Croft | Fender Maker |
| Hill - | Mich ^l | Pond St. No.62 | File Smith |
| Ratcliff | John | Bridge Houses | Grinder |
| Law | Joseph | Bailey Lane. | Edge Tool Maker |
| Allott | John | 4 Pinston Lane | Cutler |
| Thompson | John X | Coalpit Lane | Cutler |
| Harwood | Heny | 92 Duke St. Park | Cutler |
| Filbey | Samuel | 2 Broad Lane | Cutler |

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| Thornton | -n | 5 Solly St. | Cutler |
| -orbron | -as X | 55 Hollis Croft | Paper Maker |
| Hearnshaw | George | Grimesthorp | Cutler |
| Booth | John X | Brightside | Forge Man |
| Newton | Stephen X | 16 Cross Smith field | Cutler |
| Jackson | Joseph X | 26 Allen St. | Cutler |
| Hasland | John | Duke St. | Cutler |
| Gould | Chas X | Crossburgess St. | Cutler |
| Sampson | Timothy | Furness Hill | Scissor Smith |
| Hallam | Abel X | Green Lane | Fender Maker |
| Walker | Josh X | Jericho | Cutler |
| Gould | James X | Scotland St. | Cutler |
| Goodwin | John | Jerico | Cutler |
| Bradley | Jonathan | Jerico | Cutler |
| Armitage | W ^m X | Allen Lane | Cutler |
| Richards | George | Silver St. | Cutler |
| Lodge | William | Gibraltar | Blacksmith |

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| Taylor | Benj ⁿ | 2 Pea Croft | Razor Maker |
| Thorpe | Josh | Coalpit Lane | Penknife Cutler |
| Timm | W ^m X | 5 Garden St. | Scale Cutter |
| Riddings | Geo | 30 High St. | Watch Mak |
| Dewsnap | James X | Carver St. | File Smith |
| Maxfield | Thomas | sisors smith | Coalpit lane (sic) |
| Fox | John | 45 Burgess St. | Cutler |
| Coggin | Rich ^d | -en St. | Edgtool Smith |
| Hinchliffe | Thomas X | Healey | Cutler |
| Preston | Jonathan X | Radford St. | Taylor |
| Roebuck | Will ^m | Collier | Darnall (sic) |
| Clayton | W ^m | Cutler | Attercliffe |
| Ball | Abraham | Scissor Smith | Gibraltar |
| Arnal | George | Cuter | Attercliff |
| Rollit | John | Cutler | Scotland |
| Burkinsher | Nickles X | ? | Edgtoolmaker |
| Shaw | W ^m X | Bayley field | Cutler |
| Milner | John | Arundel Lane | Cutler |
| Machin | Thomas | 43 Pond St. | Cutler |
| Outwin | Richard X | Norfolk Lane | Button Maker |
| Gott | W ^m X | 2 Pond St. | Edgtool Mak ^r |
| Cockayne | - | Bridge St. | Cutler |
| Wheeldon | Jarvis X | Burgess St. | Edge tool maker |
| Furniss | Chas X | Coalpit Lane | Cutler |
| Brooks | Geo ^e X | Carver Lane | Cutler |
| Cooper | James | Bark St. | Fender Maker |
| Milne | James | West Barr Green | Scissor Smith |
| Goddard | Charles | Darnall | Cutler |
| Roebuck | Robert X | Darnall | Collier |
| Padley | Adam | fargate | Cutler |
| Midleton | James X | Bridgehouses | Grinder |
| Jarvis | John | Bridghouses | Cutler |
| Ryed | Ephraim | Bridghouses | Grinder |
| Exley | Geo X | Scotland St. | Grinder |
| Bulhouse | William X | 66 Pond St. | File Maker |
| Cardwell | Richard | West Bar | Taylor |

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Contributed by Roy Bullen.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY WITH A YORKSHIRE KIDNAPPING

It seems I've always known of "Uncle Lewis", or Joseph Lewis Walton. He came to New Zealand from Stocksbridge, Yks, at the age of 16 with his parents Mary Ann (nee Blyde) and Joseph Walton, arriving in Auckland, May 1865, on the Clipper Ship "Empress" after a 98 day passage from London. Also on board were Thomas Walton, said to be Uncle Lewis' brother, and Thomas' wife Ruth (nee Chappell), born in 1834 at Oxspring, Penistone, Yks. Apparently Thomas, a stonemason, died in 1867 leaving Ruth a childless widow.

The Waltons were preceded to Auckland by a Nicholls family group of 10, mostly from around Chesterfield, Dby. That group included the parents of my great grandfather Reuben, who had married Elizabeth, Uncle Lewis's sister, in May 1861 at Elder Yard Chapel, Chesterfield. We still have the diary written on board the sailing ship "Tyburnia" by Elizabeth and Reuben during their 1863 voyage that Elizabeth did not enjoy.

Sadly, at the age of 29, March 1870, she died of typhoid at Thames, N.Z. when my grandfather Joseph Reuben Walton Nicholls, the first of my forebears born in New Zealand, was a little over a year old. His oldest sister Lillian, born in 1862 at Rye Hills Cottages, Nottingham, had died as a result of a throat infection in 1868 at Kapanga, Coromandel, N.Z. after his next sister Mary Ann had been born and died there in 1865 and 1866 respectively. Walton's only remaining sibling was Ada Elizabeth, born 1866, and she died childless in Auckland, December 1897.

In 1871 the widowed Reuben married Ruth Walton (nee Chappell) and they lived in Auckland, but Reuben's son Walton was cared for mainly by Reuben's brother John Nicholls (born April 1843 Folly House, Brampton, near Chesterfield) and his wife Annie (nee Danby) who lived in Thames N.Z. near the surviving Waltons.

Walton Nicholls' grandfather Joseph Walton, was a wiredrawer by trade and the letterhead for his accounts in the 1850s, while on Fenton Terrace, Thuroland, near Sheffield, shows he was "Agent for all kinds of Needles &c." In January 1874 when Walton Nicholls was about five this grandfather died, aged 65, and in August 1886 Joseph's wife Mary Ann also died in Thames. That left Uncle Lewis and his children as my grandfather's only known Walton relatives in New Zealand, apart from his sister Ada.

Joseph Reuben Walton Nicholls married Helen Hieatt at Thames in April 1893. Although the Hieatt lot were in Souldern, Oxf, from at least the 1600s to 1900s my grandmother's parents and eight of their children actually set out from Mexborough, Yks in July 1883 for their historic voyage to New Zealand. This was on the S.S. Doric which berthed in Auckland on 17 September, and we have the diary about their journey. The Doric was the pioneer of the New Zealand Shipping Company's direct line of steamers and largest merchant steamer to have entered the Waitemata Harbour.

In about 1898 Walton Nicholls bought a farm at Puriri near Thames. This farm was part of the deceased estate of Reuben's sister and husband who were in the family group of 10 that arrived in 1863. My grandmother kept a diary beginning in 1909, when the youngest of their six children was near five, to around 1930, by when Walton had left the farm and had seven grandchildren. From this diary, we know that the week Uncle Lewis spent in Auckland with Walton and family at the time of my parent's wedding in March 1925 was about his last visit from Thames before he died in November 1925, aged 76, a bit over six months before I was born.

In July 1875 at Thames, Joseph Lewis Walton had married Auckland-born Mary Frances Cleveland, a daughter of Capt. George Cleveland. Of Walton's eight children, Lily died in August 1881 as an infant. Then in December 1893

only a few months after Uncle Lewis's nephew Walton had married, his wife died, to his great sorrow, leaving him with seven children. The eldest, Joseph Lewis Walton Jnr, was seventeen and Ernest the youngest was just over two. Uncle Lewis lost his daughter Annie Maud Mary, aged 20, in January 1899. By then Mary Frances's mother (born Sarah Jane Willets and married in Towcester Parish Church, Nth, June 1857) had come to the family's aid and was known as "Grandmother Cleveland". The six remaining children reached adulthood, going their various ways around the world, and in detail, that is another story.

Uncle Lewis went to England on the R.M.S. "Orsova" in 1914, some months after his daughter Jane Emily (Mamie) Longshaw had died in New Zealand when her son Louis was born, and was based in New Malden, Sry, with his two small grandchildren and their mother Maggie. A few years before, Frances Margaret (Maggie) Lack had married J. Lewis Walton Jnr. He had been educated at Thames High School and School of Mines, then elected a member of the Chartered Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, London, in 1905 and was currently in Kenya. Later he became Vice Chairman of the first board under the Milk Scheme of London's Milk Marketing Board.

From a daily diary, some of which is very hard to decipher, we have Uncle Lewis's account of visiting the places of his early years in Yorkshire after travelling by train to Penistone in July 1914. He and Maggie were met by a Miss Louisa Smith and conveyed to Bullace Grange at Thurlstone, residence of the late Mr. Wm. Smith, a great friend of Joseph Walton. The next day, a Sunday, they were at John Thomas Smith's residence and on Monday Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Maggie and Uncle Lewis went in a four wheeler to his native village of Thurgoland. They saw the old house where he was born and then the old Greenmore Chapel and Sunday School he used to attend. Several old men remembered his father. From there they went to Stocksbridge, saw both houses the Waltons lived in some years later before going to New Zealand only a few months under 50 years previously, and on to around Langsett. Back at Thurlstone he notes: "I have seen many beautiful places since I landed in England six weeks ago but none have touched my heart like the sights of to-day..but how few people are left that I used to know...found one old lady a Mrs. Charlsworth..."

Tuesday he continues: "Called on my old friend and playmate Mrs. Charlsworth and had a long talk...my mother's mother died when my mother was quite a baby and one or both of her parents were Roman Catholic and it had been decided by her father to put her in a convent...when her grandfather Mate by some means kidnapped her and brought her to a place called Langsit where she was brought up by him to the Protestant Religion the history of the Mates of Yorkshire is very interesting..." The following day Uncle Lewis went through a wire mill "belonging to Mr. Granvill Smith," noting "the new & improved method to draw steel wire."

As below, Uncle Lewis made another visit in August, and in October his son Charles (Charlie) Cleveland Walton was with him. Charlie had left New Zealand with a B.D.S. degree, and in 1910 was an Instructor of Swimming at Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, where he obtained a D.D.S. He became established as a dentist in British Guiana and in 1934 as a Major in the Militia was appointed M.B.E. While his father was in London Charlie was visiting for September and October then returned from New York for Christmas.

When Uncle Lewis was again at Thurlstone in August he went with Aunt Bella and others to see Aunt Batty and Uncle William, then the next day to Uncle Oliver's. A day later Uncle Oliver took him to Ecclesfield, where Uncle Joseph showed him Ecclesfield Old Church "built 1200 years ago". Also we know that the "Granvill Smith's" had a little son, Wm. Lewis Smith and

that J.T.Smith had a daughter who married a Batty. In addition, in October 1914, Uncle Lewis and Charlie visited two nieces, "Mrs Abert & Mrs Hawkings" near Chesleyn Hey, Birmingham, apparently from around Stocksbridge, in 1864. Nevertheless, present knowledge of our family is such that these uncles, aunts and nieces are something of a mystery.

However, in a long 1914 letter to his son "Ern" (a magistrate in Gisborne, N.Z. at the time of his death in 1958) Uncle Lewis referred to Langsett as the village where his mother was brought up by his grandfather Mate and that she was born in Pontefract, but kidnapped. He goes on: "...all this Smith family as well as myself are the lenial descendants of the Mates of Langset." Apparently their advent goes back to when folks were clapped in quod for political and religious offences, then kept there until they either changed their opinion or died. In that period there appeared at Langsett, in the Yorkshire moorlands, two gentlemen who settle there. When the folks around wanted to know their names they answered that they were Mates and no other names would they give so that name stuck to them. It is supposed these two were fugitives from persecution by the Romish Church of old.

It will be realized that the kidnapped child was my great great grandmother who I believe was baptised with her name in latinised form, Maria Anna Blyde April 1807, Tanshelf, Pontefract, with her parents being Joseph and Elizabeth Blyde. They also had a Joannes and Henrietta, baptised November 1805 and October 1810 in Tanshelf. Joseph Walton and Mary Ann Blyde married December 1831 in the Parish of Silkstone, Yks.

Hopefully areas of interest covered will overlap with those of others who will be catalysed into making contact.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE SITE OF THE OFFICES
OF THE "TELEGRAPH"

On Friday 31st October 1913 there appeared in the pages of the "Telegraph" the first part of some historical notes written by R.E. Leader (our famous Sheffield historian). The notes concerned the site on which the Telegraph's offices were built in York Street. This extract appeared in our Journal Vol. 8 No.1, No.2 and No.3. The following extracts are from the Telegraph on Saturday 1st October 1913 and Monday 3rd October 1913.

Saturday 1st November 1913. Part II.

"During the two hundred years we have been traversing these properties which thereafter formed the corner of High Street and York Street saw, of course, many changes. Behind the High Street frontage there were, no doubt, from the first, the customary minor structures in the yard between the house and the garden or croft - workshops, wash-houses, coalfolds, cow-houses, brew-houses, swine hells, stables, with the all-essential and carefully regulated well. Peter Simon's smithies were probably there, for some were standing when Hildreth entered into possession. And soon after seven or eight minor tenements had sprung up, with four warehouses. "A new erected message not yet finished" was arrested by Hildreth's bankruptcy. But unless, as is possible, there was a passage through the Crown yard, these up to 1771 could only be reached from Hartshead, not from High Street, by the narrow path, Hildreth's yard, over which Nicholas Broadbent had acquired right of way. The opening of York Street gave a frontage to houses built with their backs opening into this yard, which remained until not many years ago, under the new designation of Vine yard, a name given because its Hartshead end was beside the Vine Tavern. Before being finally closed by magisterial order this jennel had, in some way, effected communication with High Street through an entry. The plan (not shown here)....shows the area with its curious intersection by the yards, or courts, so characteristic of old Sheffield.

The Vine Tavern.

In its earlier days the Vine Tavern had hung out in succession the signs of The Barrel, The Jully Tar, and The Chequers. In the days of his gay youth when he was engaged on Gale's "Register", and before he began hymn writing, James Montgomery indited, and Gales published, some lines entitled, "A Snug Supper at an Inn." On the poem, where it stands in the "Register's" file, there are inscribed the words in Montgomery's writing, "On the Vine Tavern". But for the date (1791) one might suppose this to be the Hartshead Vine almost next door the the poet's office. Both office and tavern are now engulfed in the "Telegraph" printing works - and for those who remember the Vine in its latter days, its disappearance is no matter for regret.

It is evident that the back land sold in 1728 by Peter Simon to Nicholas Broadbent lay not immediately behind his frontage but trended easterly, and that the house Broadbent built was what became the Vine in after years. For there is in existence a plan dated 1823 which shows that even then the north-east corner of Hartshead and York Street, in our own time occupied by Mrs. Kilcoyne and Mr. Barnascone, was, except perhaps for a few workshops, mostly vacant. It had been sold in 1781 by John Turner, of the Hartshead, to John Hoyland possibly the son of and Edmund Hoyland, one of the Hildreth tenants. John Hoyland was an iron and steel merchant, then, or, afterwards, succeeded by his son, John Hurst Hoyland, in...and been part of Vennor's back side of the west side of York Street, afterwards George Tucker's metal warehouse, and the printing offices of the "Sheffield Times" and of Taylor and Winterbottom. The Hoyland family afterwards lived in Springfield, Convent Walk, between which and the lower part of Broomspring Lane one of them, about 1850 (incredible as it may seem) sank, and worked, a small coalpit.

Occupants of Hildreth's Yard.

Before and uring Hildreth's time there were, in his yard, or abutting on it, one or two tenants who, among scissor smiths, plumbers and so forth, call for a few words of notice. Jeremy Pybus, shoemaker or clog maker, son-in-law of Obadiah Barlow of the Hartshead, founder of the firm long celebrated for "Barlow knives", was here in 1722. The name Robert Wilson occurs, and I like to fancy that this may have been the man who has been called "the father of Sheffield Surveyors". Many plans by him, with most interesting elevations of the half timbered houses of his time, are preserved in the Norfolk Estate office and elsewhere. He was paid by the Town Trustees, in 1721, for making a map of Sheffield, of which, to our abiding regret, no copy is known to exist. His gravestone in the old Churchyard, afterwards appropriated by the relatives of a deceased grinder, tells us that he died 9th of May, 1733, aged 70. He is called in the Parish Register "Mathematician".

Later (1772), there is the name of "Mr. Dodge" among the Hildreth's yard tenants. The Rev. Nathaniel Dodge, curate-in-charge of St. Paul's, since the Rev. Henry Downes could not well be doing duty at Ecclesfield and here at the same time, scandalised the good church people by associating with the then persecuted Methodists. John Wesley, when preaching here in 1759, visited Mr. Dodge on a sick-bed and thought him "on the verge of eternity". But he was not. For in 1760 he apprenticed two sons as cutlers, and William Dodge, one of these, was making penknives here in 1774. Moreover, there is Mr. Hildreth's close connection with St. Paul's Church to support the probability that "Mr. Dodge" was the Rev. Nathaniel. John Lee, for many years Clerk to the Parish Church, was here up to his death in 1788. According to Hunter, he possessed "a volume of matters relating to Sheffield which appeared to have belonged to an Attorney". Another lost treasure!

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Contributed by Jose King.

"THOMAS THE BUTLER"

Having spent 50 years in the meat trade as apprentice, journeyman, and Master Butcher, I have met people from all walks of life, but one of the most interesting, was a retired butler, "Thomas" by name, he would admit to no other.

In 1927 I was an apprentice butcher at the newly opened branch shop of the Sheffield & Ecclesall Co-op at Bents Green. Most Wednesday afternoons a spritely 84 year old, retired butler would call in the shop, ostensibly to make a purchase, but always to regale us with some of his experiences at "The Big House", as he called it, never revealing the name or location of the house. It was down south, he would reply when asked.

He was first employed at the house in 1853 at the age of 10 years, under the orders of his father, the head footman, doing the menial tasks disdained by other servants. The indoor staff totalled some 50 men, women, young girls and boys, but several of the outdoor staff were also fed from the extensive kitchen. The food required to feed the Master's household and the considerable staff was mainly produced on the home farm, and the 35 acres of kitchen gardens, herbs, soft fruits, orchard and greenhouses; 60 beehives supplying honey. Every second Monday 1 bullock was slaughtered, dressed and quartered to be hung in the downstairs larder, adjacent to the wine cellar, for some 10 to 14 days. During the months of October to April 2 or 3 pigs would be killed each month, most of the pork being cured for bacon and ham. Sheep were killed as required.

Each month, the sides of pork from 2 pigs, less head and feet were salted in the prepared brine vats, (each holding 25 gallons), for 28 days, and then hung in the smoking house for a further 28 days. These sides would keep for use all the year round. The brine making was supervised by the butler, salt and salt petre being added to 22 gallons of water, the amount of salt being judged sufficient when an egg floated. To this was added 20 lbs of honey boiled in 3 gallons of water.

A renowned Wiltshire bacon company announced in the 1970s the marketing of a new product, "Sweet Cure Bacon". Maybe the old recipe book from the "Big House" fell into their hands.

Occasionally the Master would instruct the butler to prepare for one of his special House parties. Notice of such was given a minimum of 14 days before the event, which, being special, meant preparing "Porterhouse Steak". This was the butler's duty. Taking a whole rump from the larder (where it had been hanging for 2 weeks) he cut 8 or 10 steaks $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, leaving the last 2 smaller steaks on the bone (butler's perks). These steaks were placed three to a dish, in earthenware containers about 20" square, and subject to the Master's wish, were covered with Champagne, Port wine, home brewed mead or cider, and then left in the wine cellar for 14 days. Morning and evening the butler turned each steak and on the morning of the 14th day he handed them over to the housekeeper (his wife) who drained the steaks, preparatory to cooking. The residual liquid was used for making mustard, or horseradish sauce, whatever wine was used.

However, there were occasions when the butler deviated from the given instructions. Should any of the guests be listed as ungenerous by the butler, Champagne would be omitted from their dish, cider being used as a substitute, the resulting saving of a bottle or two of Champagne added to the butler's perks. A generous guest was one who put gold in the butler's hand on his departure. Having spent a few days shooting, being wined and dined lavishly by the host, what mattered was a gold sovereign.

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