

The Flowing Stream



FUTURE PROGRAMME

Meetings will be held at the Baptist Church on Cemetery Road at 7.30pm,
entrance on Napier St.

- Monday 10 December 1990 Seasonal Meeting: Endcliffe Museum, Ecclesall Road. An introduction to the Museum will start our seasonal meeting, followed by the opportunity to look about. Food, carol singers, and the Book Stall. Traditional costume optional. Meet 7pm.
- Monday 21 January 1991 John Perkins: A Ramble Around my Family.
- Monday 18 February 1991 Pauline Saul: Some Orphan!
- Monday 18 March 1991 Eileen Stage: Was your Ancestor a Coastguard?
- Monday 15 April 1991 Pauline Marples: Putting a Family History on slides.
- Monday 20 May 1991 to be announced
- Monday 17 June 1991 Sheffield Town Hall: A guided tour.

Coach Trips 1991 (Provisional dates)

- Tuesday 12 February 1991 London: St.Catherine's House, Cost £7.
- Tuesday 4 June 1991 London Kew PRO, Cost £7.
- Tuesday 24 September 1991 London: St.Catherine's House, Cost £7.

Coach Rotherham (Corporation St. Bingo) 7.10am; Sheffield (Paternoster Row) 7.40am. Leaves St. Catherine's/PRO Kew 4.30pm, arrives Sheffield c.830pm, Rotherham c9pm.
To book: Tel. 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.

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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 the Metropolitan Districts of Sheffield and Rotherham. 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 meetings.

Rotherham Branch Officers:

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EDITORIAL

This editorial is being written a few days after our first meeting at our new venue in Cemetery Road Baptist Church. It proved to be excellent for our purposes, sufficient space, carpeted, warm and with a kitchen at our disposal so we can provide cups of coffee. The area around the church was quiet and has plenty of parking space. There is even a larger room available when we outgrow the present accommodation! It is hoped that many more local members will start to attend the monthly meetings.

Apart from the excellent talks that are arranged there is the opportunity to have a good look at our bookstall, to chat to other members over refreshments and to take away magazines from the very large collection now amassed in our swap box. For those members who are unable to attend our library at The Foresters this is an excellent way of seeing the magazines produced by other societies. So why not come along to our next meeting?

Thank you to all those who contributed in any way to this edition.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Miss J.Alexander, 8 Graham Noll, 203 Graham Road, Sheffield S10 3GR.
Mr.S.W.Clark, 409 Kings Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8GN.
Ms.J.Leaney, 5 Selby Rise, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 5ED.

Change of Address

Mrs.J.Robson, c/o W02 G.Robson, Office of COS, HQ Northag, BFPO 40.

NEWS AND NOTES

THE RETURN OF OWNERS OF LAND 1873: CORNWALL

Facsimile of the original, produced as an A5 booklet; 68 pages; an alphabetical list of over 5000 names, with addresses, of persons owning one acre or more in Cornwall. Introduction by Cliff Webb, FSG. Price £2.95 plus p+p 30p UK; 50p o/s surface; £1.20 airmail. Available from Mrs.R.A.Cleaver, Beverly, 17 Lane End Drive, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2QQ.

PARISHES OF THE LIZARD 1851 CENSUS INDEX AND TRANSCRIPTION ON MICROFICHE

Including descriptive booklet; listing over 7400 persons resident in the twelve parishes of the Lizard on the census night in 1851. Price £3 plus p+p 20p UK; 30p o/s surface; 70p airmail. Available from Mrs.R.A.Cleaver, address above.

INDEX TO 1851 CENSUS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Volume 5 has now been published. Price £3.25 (UK) incl. p+p, £3.50 o/s surface, £4.75 airmail. Available from Mrs.C.Dawson, 22 Ferndale Ave, East Bolden, Tyne & Wear NE36 0TQ.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY

New telephone numbers (061): Archives Dept. Search Room 234 1980
Local History Library 234 1979
Town Hall 234 1900.

You are advised to ring the Archives to check current opening hours.

TREASURER'S TREAT

Sorry to sound like nagging BUT - annual subscriptions (£6 single, £8 joint) are due once more. Please help the Society by using the slip provided and returning it to the Treasurer with your subscription. Your membership number is on your membership card, and also in the top left hand corner of the address label on your 'Flowing Stream' envelope.

If you change your membership category (i.e. from joint to single, or vice versa) please add a note on your slip to that effect.

It is not often we have to grumble about people paying twice but this has happened and had caused a deal of extra work in returning the second payments. The Committee has therefore decided that any duplicate payments in future will be deemed as a donation to the Society and not returned unless requested. Please give the Treasurer a treat - make the annual membership renewals (which entail hours of work) as trouble-free as possible.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Members will be pleased to hear that the M.I. project for St. Philip's Church is now completed. Indexes can be viewed at either the Society library on Trippet Lane or at Sheffield Archives, Shoreham Street. I also hold an index myself if members wish to make enquiries. All enquiries are welcome but must be accompanied by an SAE. Contact Frank Westwood, 11 Hail Mary Drive, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield S13 9XW. Tel. 693885.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN.

Will members please note that the material stored at the Library at the Foresters is for reference only and must not be taken away. This means that the information is always there for everyone to use. There are, however, various items which seem to have gone astray amongst which are the details of the holdings of the Sheffield Record Office. Could members please check in their own papers for any items which may have been picked up by mistake and return them as soon as possible as they are in constant use.

If any members have any books or information which they no longer need the Society would greatly appreciate them for the Library. Any magazines from other societies can, of course, be taken and deposited in the Swap Box at our monthly meetings.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Huntingdonshire FHS 18 May 1991.

To be held at Godmanchester near Huntingdon. The theme of the conference is 'Naval, Military and Royal Air Force History and Records'. Details from Mrs.M.Land, 31 Rectory Road, Bluntisham, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE17 3LN (Tel. 0487 840043)

Sheffield & District FHS 6-8 Sept 1991.

Our Society is hosting a weekend conference and the FFHS Council Meeting at Ranmoor Hall. Further details later - but please keep these dates clear as many helpers will be needed.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

Kalkoensprenk 6
4386DD Vlissingen NL

Dear Editor,

For those members that have lost relatives in Flanders or France between 1914-1918, it may be of interest to know that I have photographs of Canada Farm Cemetery near Everdinghe/Poperinge in Belgium, and Chili Trench Cemetery near Gavrelle on the Arras/Douai Road in France.

I am willing to make copies of these photographs for anyone who has an interest, but I cannot supply pictures of any one particular grave save that of Frank and Richard Fitzakerley, as those are my kin. I also have a photo of the memorial plaque in St.George's Church in Ypres of the York and Lancaster Regiment.

Yours etc.,
R.M.Wilson-Fitz Akerley (Mrs)

15c St.John's Road,
Sevenoaks,
Kent,
TN13 3LR.

Dear Editor,

I wondered if the following would be of interest to members? I was recently given a copy of "The Coronation History of the Barnsley British Co-operative Society Ltd for the years 1862 to 1902. This book covers a large area around Barnsley and gives biographical details of many members and officials of the Society. I have just completed a name index for the book and would gladly supply details for any name on receipt of an S.A.E.

For any member who had ancestors in the Gleadless area I can well recommend two books by Pauline Shearstone. They are "Gleadless from Village to Suburb" and "Old Gleadless - just a little country village", and can, I believe, still be purchased from the author at 43 Seagrove Crescent, Gleadless Town End, Sheffield.

Hoping that the above information will be of help to other members as they have been so helpful to me.

Yours etc.
Barbara Moore (Mrs)

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 17 May 1990 at Burngreave Cemetery.

On a cool but dry evening, 21 members of the Society joined Mr. John Cooper in Burngreave Cemetery to learn the technique of transcribing Monumental Inscriptions. Not as straightforward as it might seem. The weather, and the collapse and vandalism of the graves all take their toll.

At the start of the evening Mr. Cooper set the early arrivals the task of transcribing a number of graves, and then went through the 'problems' which arose. He gave a few tips on how to make an inscription more 'visible' if it had suffered from weathering, using grass or a smooth stone.

If you are interested in joining Mr. Cooper in the still enormous task of transcribing the monumental inscriptions in Sheffield's churchyards and cemeteries, please contact him (see inside front cover).

Meeting on Thursday 21 June 1990 at Wentworth Village.

On a very wet evening, to put it mildly, about 30 members of the Society visited Wentworth Village. In the Old Church, Mr. Roy Young described the monuments there, which included that of the 1st Earl Stafford, his grandparents, his parents and his son. That of the Earl had been cleaned recently, revealing something of the original colours which had been painted over by the Victorians.

Mr. Young went on to describe the subsequent inhabitants of the 'Big House', Wentworth Woodhouse, recently bought by an industrialist/millionaire. The members then had an opportunity to look at a display of memorabilia in the Old Church called 'Wentworth during the Victorian Period.' It was not possible because of the inclement weather, to visit the Victorian Church or to go for a walk about the village, so the party retired to the house of Mr. Young and his sister Betty who served tea and biscuits. Mr. Young is an avid collector, and members were allowed to browse through the house.

Meeting on Thursday 19 July 1990 to Eyam Village.

On a very sunny warm evening, in stark contrast to Wentworth, members were given a guided tour of the Derbyshire village of Eyam by the members of the Eyam Village Society. In the Parish Church the members were reminded of the details of the plague, plus the results of recent research and discussions on the effects on the village. Two fountains in the village used to give the inhabitants a choice of 'hard' and 'soft' water, one stream running off limestone and the other off millstone grit. Some members of the group visited the outdoor space where the villagers worshipped during the plague.

All above contributed by Sue Graves.

ROTHERHAM BRANCH MEETING June 7 1990.

Three new members were welcomed: Mr. Palmer, Mrs. Keaton and Mrs. Shaw. Mr. Paul Satterthwaite gave a talk on "Public Houses and Licences in the Rotherham area". Mr. Satterthwaite came to Rotherham as a child with his parents who took the Turners Arms (Green Bricks) in Psalters Lane, Holmes, where his interest in public houses began by finding out who had lived there before.

Later in life, on becoming redundant, he revived his interest in public houses and began to research the histories of all the public houses in Rotherham town centre. On this being completed he moved his interest into the suburbs and is now engaged in recording all the public houses in the Metropolitan Borough. Mr. Satterthwaite has indexed his work which enabled him to give a questions and answers session. Quite a number of members who

had ancestors in the licencing trade were given the dates their ancestors moved in, how long they were in, and who succeeded to the licence. In many cases it was a member of the same family. Should any member of the Society wish to trace a licensee, Mr.Satterthwaite will oblige. They should send any queries together with known details to Mr.A.R.Berry, 64 High Greave Road, Rotherham S65 3LR.

Contributed by Mr.A.R.Berry.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

- CLARK Mr.S.W.Clark, 409 King's Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8GN is seeking any references to the name Clark in Sheffield either for use in connection with his family or for elimination. He will answer all letters.
- LARRET Mr.G.Ross Thompson, Rawdon, Copt Hewick, Ripon, North Yorks HG4 5DB asks if anyone has a Larret in the family? He is trying to trace the origin of this name. So far he has discovered Larret, son of George & Anne Thompson b.Rawmarsh 1826, d.Rawmarsh 1841; Larret (wrongly written in the IGI as LAMB) son of John & Mary Thompson b.Rawmarsh 1846; and Daniel LARRETT who married Elizabeth Thompson in 1803/4 in Oxtou, Notts. Can anyone help?
- STANIFORTH Mrs.R.A.Du Cane, Forest Cottage, Pilley Bailey, Lymington, Hampshire is seeking information about descendants of John Staniforth of Darnall, Yks, Commercial Clerk, who married Frances Sarah dau of Thomas Hawke of Darnall, silversmith in 1863. Known children include Ellen, b.1864; Laura, b.1868; John Edwin, silversmith, b.1869, Amy Hawke, b. 1872; Thomas Henry, die-sinker, b.1874; Frank, b.1876; Rowland, b.1880. John Staniforth helped his mother run the Wellington Inn, Darnall in 1901. His wife kept a tobacconists in 1900. She died a widow, in 1923 at Attercliffe Road, Sheffield.

HELP OFFERED

Mr.S.W.Clark, 409 King's Road, Stretford, Manchester M32 8GN is willing to look up reference numbers etc. in the St.Catherine's House indexes up to 1919 held in the Manchester Record Office, on receipt of an SAE.

THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

General Interest (cont)

93. Registering the People. OPCS Spotlight 12. (leaflet)
94. Crookes. The history of a Sheffield village.
95. A list of South Yorks JPs. 1745-1845 (A); 1846-1888 (B).
96. How you got your name. The origin and meaning of surnames. J.P.Hughes.
97. Tracing your Ancestors in the PRO by Jane Cox & Timothy Padfield.
PRO Books etc.
Ten London repositories.
98. Genealogical Society, Utah.
99. Changing Landscapes in South Yotkshire. Derek Holland.
- 100.
- 101.
- 102.
103. Publish Family History. Inexpensive ways to do it yourself. Ian Tampleton.
- 104.
- 105.
106. YAS. Yorkshire Strays.
- 107.
- 108.
109. Reminiscences of Mosborough during the present century 1886. George Foster.
110. Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. Story of a Century
1824-1924 (a)
Sheffield Musical Union. Canadian Tour 1908. (b)
James Dixon & Sons Centenary Celebration 1906 (c)
James Dixon Fete in celebration of victory & peace 1919. (d)
Names remembered from 1919 (e)
111. Extracts from Sheffield Register 1572-1837 (A) & (B)
- 112.
113. The Fountains Abbey Rental.
114. A Sheffield Childhood. Winifred Albaya.
115. Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers. Ed.Cecil Humphrey-Smith.
116. Sheffield Strays 1984.
117. List of Projects, General Library Salt Lake City.
118. Introducing Sheffield History - How it was then.
119. Street plans of Doncaster (A), Rotherham (B) Barnsley (C)
120. Transport in South Yorks 1830-1970.
121. Sheffield 200 years ago.
122. Unwilling emigrants, Alexandra Hasluck.
- 123.
124. The Wigfull Mill 1750-1948. Star Flour Mills. Sheff. 3.
125. The Family Historians Enquire Within. F.C.Markwell & Pauline Saul (1988)
- 126.
127. Genealogical Research Directory. National & International.
128. Yorkshire West Riding. English Surname Series I. George Redmonds.
129. Society of Genealogists information.
- 130.
131. Derbyshire Strays booklet.
- 132.
- 133.
134. Sheffield City Lib. Local Studies leaflet: Basic Books on Sheffield history.
135. Harlaxton Through the Ages. James Murden.
136. Papers concerning Milne, Metters/Matters & Pierce.
- 137.
138. People & Places of the Eckington District. G.W.Shaw.
139. Brief.Account of Little Sheffield.
140. The House of Howard and Sheffield. Local History Leaflets 9. Sheffield
City Library.

141. A Railway Chronology of Sheffield area.
142. Laxton. A guide. J.D.Chambers.
143. Dictionary of Genealogy.
- 144.
145. New Zealand in colour.
146. A History of the Sheffield Philatelic Society.T.G.Brown.
- 147.
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154. The Family Tree Detective. Colin D.Rogers.
155. A Century of Sheffield 1835-1935. David Robins, Folio 1 & Folio 6.
- 156.
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164. Royston. People of an ancient parish (A) & (B)
165. Guide to Archive Collections of YAS 1931-1983 & to collections deposited with the society.
166. Guide to QuarterSessions records of West Riding of Yorkshire. 1637-1971 and other official records.
167. 1851 Census of Manchester. Vols 1-18.
- 168.
- 169.
- 170.
- 171.
172. Whereabouts of Yorkshire Parish Registers. 1 & 2.
173. How they lived in Old Ecclesall by Mary Bramhill.
174. Papers concerning the Coldwell family.
- 175.
- 176.
177. Births & Baptisms of 1. Zion Chapel, Oughtibridge
2. Wesleyan Chapel, Cawthorne.
3. Wesleyan Chapel, Mount Pleasant, Thorncliffe.
- 178.
- 179.
180. Borthwick Institute of Historical Research.
181. Was Your Grandfather a Railwayman?
- 182.
- 183.
184. How to write a Family History. Terrick Fitzhugh.
185. The Making of Barnsley. Brian Elliott.
Barnsley info.
- 186.
187. The British Library.
188. Nottingham PRO.
189. Extracts from Patersons Roads 1808.
190. Woodhouse C. of E. M.I.s
Woodhouse Meth. Chapel M.I.s.
191. Street plans of Rotherham.
192. Street plans of Leeds.
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to be continued.

TRANSPORTATION FOR LIFE (conc)

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. These are the last two in a series of letters from John to his father:

28 Jan 1846.

Sir. I received your letter dated 13 May 1845 informing me of the death of my father which I am very sorry to hear. But I hope he has gone to a better place for we are all here but for a short time when we must appear before the Judge of the Quick and the Dead; to give an account for the Deeds done in the body, whether they be good or evil.

I have to inform you that I do not think I will ever return to Old England any more.

I have been very unfortunate in business these last two years and have lost a deal of money. More than half this colony has been insolvent in that time. A few years ago this was a good country but it is ruined now.

Trade is very bad; and wages very low. I have got entangled here now and if ever I came home I should hardly know anyone; especially now father is dead. I want you to write me and let me know all the news about our family for I am at a loss.

I never had any particular account only from yourself but if you would give me a minute account I should feel extremely obliged, and if you and I should not meet again on earth I hope and trust we may be found among that number which sitteth at the right hand of our heavenly Father where there is pleasure for evermore.

Give my best respects to all my friends and relations hoping they will forgive my misdeeds as they hope to be forgiven and if any of them was to condescend to write to me I should feel very great pleasure in answering them. I never had any news from any of them except from poor Mr. William Beet who I believe has been dead a long time. I wonder how Uncle John is? I have never heard his name mentioned since I left and 16,000 miles is a long journey for my correspondence to come and go.

I believe there has been a great many letters sent to me which I never got.

You see I am as one that has been dead to you all for nearly 20 years.

Thank God I have always had good health since I came here and have had the goodwill of almost everyone both great and small.

I have been in the milling business the whole of the time I have been here. I have been out of business for myself these two years. I am managing for a gentleman who has a large steam mill, a Scotchman and a very good man. I have £100 per annum which is very good wages in these times.

I hope to be in business again by the time this letter reaches you. I often study about old times you and I used to have.

I have never seen an individual since I came to this colony that I ever saw before in my life. They are all strangers to me but I find a great deal of civility amongst them.

I have had my freedom altogether about 2 years. When you write I wish you would send me all particulars about your place and direct as under.

I am your obedient servant John Grayson.

William Butterworth care of J. S. Turnbull Esq.

Steam Mill Macquarie Street

Hobart Town

Van Dieman's Land.

Hobart Town

Van Dieman's Land

14 Dec 1848

Dear Uncle.

I received your letter in September last and I was glad to hear from you being so long since hearing from you, one almost forgets all old things.

I have to inform you that I have been very unwell this last twelve months past so much that I did not expect to live; but I am a little recovered these last two months.

I am far from being well nor do I think I ever will be again. I did think of coming to England again at one time but I never shall now.

I am doing very well here, and another thing I have a small family here. I never told any of you before, but it is no use to keep it from you any longer therefore you may inform all enquiring friends I shall never return.

You see I have been so long away that it is almost a man's lifetime and all people would be strangers to me, besides I am so much respected here as ever I was in England.

I have a corn mill in Hobart Town and do a deal of business buying wheat and grinding and selling flour. I keep 2 millers, 1 carter 1 servant woman, 2 horses 2 cows and have plenty of everything for our use.

You may tell Francis Blackwell when you see him that I am much obliged to him for writing and giving me information respecting all our family and I shall be happy to hear of his welfare and of all our enquiring friends. But to return to England is out of the question as I dare say that I should be looked upon as one risen from the grave come to torment some of you. But they need not trouble themselves about me as I am as well off as any of you.

I can any day give a cheque for £200 or £300 and I do not owe anyone anything but I have about £300 owing to me.

Besides I am in a good way of business and it is no use of me thinking of coming to England again.

I have not seen any individual here since I came to this colony that I ever saw before in my life so you may say I am a stranger in a strange land, but I have found more friendship amongst strangers than amongst my own people though I have suffered a great deal since I came to this colony but thank God that I have overcome all difficulties.

This was a fine country 8 years ago but it is now ruined, completely bankrupt. The people never thought that they would see the time when everyone would have to fend for themselves. The government and the prisoners used to keep the settlers, but now they have to pay for their labour.

I had word out that father was dead.

If you should feel inclined to answer this I should be very happy to hear from you or any one of our acquaintances but as I have said before all people have grown out of my memory.

You may depend that I am afflicted with a disease that will carry me off sooner or later, that is, my lungs are affected.

I am about to go a sea voyage to a harbour in the colony for the benefit of my health and now my dear Uncle Benjamin I shall never see you any more in this world but we may hope to meet in the next.

Yours truly John Grayson since
 William Butterworth

Contributed by Claire Roebuck, 4 Wordsworth Ave, Penistone, Sheffield S30 6EX.

MATCHING DAYS TO DATES

From time to time I have found it useful to be able to match a day to a date. For example, I recently found an entry where the last figure in the date, 17th Dec 1922 was undecipherable but another item on the same page showed December 30th to be Saturday and I was able to ascertain by the following method that 1922 was the only year that decade on which December 30th fell on a Saturday.

Another exercise which I found interesting was checking the census dates, these turned out to be:

6th June 1841 Sunday	2nd April 1871 Sunday
30th Mar 1851 Sunday	2nd April 1881 Saturday
7th Apr 1861 Saturday	

Example: 6th June 1841.

1. Divide the last two figures of the year by 4, ignoring the remainder, i.e. $41 \div 4 = 10$. Now add this to the original 41, i.e. $41+10=51$.
2. Add relative value of month (Table "A"), i.e. June = 5.
3. Add day of month, i.e. 6.
4. Add value of century (Table "B"), i.e. 1800s = 2.
5. Add totals of 1 to 4 above, i.e. $51+5+6+2=64$.
6. Divide 64 by 7 and use remainder of 1 to determine day from Table "C" i.e. 1 = Sunday.

<u>Table "A"</u>		<u>Table "B"</u>	
January	1 (Leap Year 0)	1900 to 2000	0
February	4 (Leap Year 3)	1800 to 1900	2
March	4	14/9/1752 to 1800	4
April	0	1700 to 2/9/1752	1
May	2	1600 to 1700	2
June	5		
July	0		
August	3	Add 1 for each century after 2000.	
September	6		
October	1		
November	4		
December	6		

<u>Table "C"</u>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Example: 1st August 1918.

YEAR	1918	$18 \div 4 = 4$
		$+18 = 22$
MONTH	AUG	$+ 3 = 25$
DATE	1st	$+ 1 = 26$
CENTURY	1900	$+ 0 = 26$

Answer: $26 \div 7$ gives remainder of 5. 5 in Table "C" is Thursday.

Not too complicated when you get the hang of it and I thought FHS members would be interested.

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INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP 1873

Sheffield and district having had a long and extensive involvement in trade and craft, most Society members probably have in their ancestry, tradesmen who were recognised as Journeymen having completed a term as Indentured Apprentice bound to a master tradesman.

Occupations such as cutler, fitter and turner, millwright, wheelwright, bootmaker, plumber and so on involved the execution of techniques and skills beyond the ability of untrained people. Some of the processes were held secret to protect the reputations and the incomes of qualified tradesmen.

I should like to acknowledge the help I had from Michael King, 39 Dodgeholme Drive, Wheatley, Halifax HX2 8PF. He is a school student of seventeen. We are both researching the name Midgley around Bradford and Halifax but have found no connections between our ancestors except that we are each related to a past Mayor of Halifax: myself to Mayor Halifax, and Michael to Mayor Regan.

Dated 8th Sept 1873.

John Foster with consent of his Father Mr. J. H. Foster
to
Mr. S. T. Midgley

Indenture of Apprenticeship for three years from 2 June 1873

This Indenture made the eighth Day of September in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA the First, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Three BETWEEN John Foster Son of James Horatio Foster of Halifax in the County of York Plumber and Glazier and the said James Horatio Foster

Samuel Thomas Midgley of Halifax aforesaid Boot Manufacturer of the other Part; WITNESSETH, That the said John Foster hath of his own Free will, and with the consent of his Father the said James Horatio Foster put and bound himself apprentice to and with the said Samuel Thomas Midgley and with him after the manner of an Apprentice to dwell, remain and serve from the second day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy three for, during and until the Term of Three Years thence next following be fully completed and ended; during all which term the said Apprentice his said Master well and faithfully shall serve, his secrets shall keep, his lawful Commands shall do, Fornication or Adultery shall not commit, Hurt or Damage to his said Master shall not do, or consent to be done, but to the utmost of his power shall prevent it, and forthwith his said Master thereof warn; Taverns or Alehouses he shall not haunt or frequent, unless it be about his Master's Business there to be done. At Dice, Cards, Tables, Bowls or other unlawful Games he shall not play: the goods of his said Master shall not waste nor them lend, or give to any person without his Master's license: Matrimony within the said Term shall not contract, nor from his Master's Service at any time absent himself; but as a true and faithful Apprentice shall order and behave himself towards his said Master and all his Family, as well in Words as in Deeds during the said Term: and a true and just Account of all his said Master's Goods, chattels, and Money committed to his Charge, or which shall come to his hands faithfully he shall give at all Times when thereunto required by his said master his Executors, Administrators or Assigns. And the said Samuel Thomas Midgley in consideration of the services to be performed by the said John Foster and of the Covenants herein contained by the said James Horatio Foster his Apprentice, That he the said Samuel Thomas Midgley his Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall and will teach, learn and instruct him

the said Apprentice, or cause him to be taught, learned and instructed, in the art trade or business of a Rivetter of boots which the said Master now useth, after the best manner that he or they may or can, with all circumstances herunto belonging; And also, shall and will to the said John Foster or to the said James Horatio Foster on his behalf the sums of money or wages following namely for the first year of the said term the sum of Four shillings per week for the second year of the said term the sum of Six shillings per week and for the third year of the said term the sum of Eight shillings per week, but such payment and any fractional part thereof shall cease and not be payable during and as long as the said John Foster shall be absent from his Master's business on any account whatever which absence (if any) shall not prejudice any rights and remedies of the said Samuel Thomas Midgley under these presents and it is hereby agreed that the hours of business shall be as follows on Mondays from half past six in the morning until six in the evening with one hour allowed for dinner, on Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays from half past six in the morning until six in the evening and on Saturdays from half past six in the morning until half past twelve in the afternoon with half an hour allowed for breakfast. And the said James Horatio Foster for himself his executors and administrators and assigns that he the said James Horatio Foster his heirs executors and administrators will during the continuance of the said term provide for the said John Foster sufficient and enough of meals drink washing loafing and working apparel and also pay for his medicine and medical attendance during the said term

And for the true performance of all and singular the Covenants and Agreements aforesaid, each of the parties aforesaid doth bind himself unto the other firmly by these Presents. In witness whereof the Parties above-named to these present Indentures, interchangeably have set their Hands and Seals this Day and Year above-written

Signed, sealed and delivered by all the parties hereto in the presence of

J.W.Longbottom

John Foster

Soc r Halifax

James Horatio Foster

Footnotes: no signature of S.T.Midgley appears
The original is in Halifax Public Library ref HAS=305.

S.T.Midgley was Mayor of Halifax, for three terms. He was said to be a pioneer of bootmaking by machinery. He was related to prominent musician and author, Samuel Midgley of Bradford Yorks, and to Mrs Janet Midgley cook book author.

The stationer's price for the Indenture is shown as 2d per sheet

Researched by Michael King August 1989.

Contributed by Alistair Cameron, 32 Cobran Road, Cheltenham NSW, Australia 2119.

THE SHAW'S OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

Although my grandmother was a Shaw I never gave any priority to research of this particular branch of the family until I read the accounts of the Constable of Ecclesfield (Robert Combe) for 1642. These recorded a payment of fourpence for the public whipping of Ellen Shaw and threepence for a bier for her after she was whipped. On hearing this my wife remarked on the kindness of the village in providing refreshments for the poor widow after her ordeal! Further explanation seemed unnecessary. I have no doubt, however, that my great aunt Ellen would have been as intrigued as I was by this brief reference to namesakes.

In fact in this particular century the Shaws were, by the standards of the time, families of some substance and power. For instance, of the freeholders, copyholders and other early Stuart tenants of lands in South Yorkshire each required to maintain a mounted soldier for the defence of the realm, the various Shaw families accounted for no less than ten of the one hundred and thirty nine horsemen paraded annually on Sheffield Castle Hill. Some members of the family were public benefactors too. In 1631 John Shaw of Wincobank left considerable estates in the Fargate area of Sheffield - mainly orchards yielding at that time some four pounds per annum - towards the 'releefe' of the blind, lame and other needful poor within the town and parish of Ecclesfield.

Perhaps the most famous - or infamous - of the Shaws of the seventeenth century, however, was a John Shawe born at Dungworth near Bradfield on 23 June 1608. This gentleman provided a model for the Vicar of Bray. After some education locally John was dispatched at the age of fourteen or fifteen to read for a Master of Arts degree at Christs College, Cambridge. He remained there until he was obliged to flee the plague in 1630. He turned preacher and soon built up a national reputation for his powerful sermons. As chaplain to the Earl of Pembroke, then Lord Chancellor, he accompanied King Charles to Berwick in a campaign against the Scots.

On his return John was presented with the living of Rotherham. But it was not to be an easy tenure. By now a radical Minister he fled the town in May 1643 on its capture by Royalist forces under the Earl of Newcastle. After temporary refuge in Manchester John was forced to flee again before the arrival of the armies of Prince Rupert.

John eventually found shelter in York when the town surrendered to the Parliamentary forces commanded by Lord Fairfax. Under the latter's auspices he served on various Government Committees including one to 'root out ignorant and scandalous ministers'. He was also called on occasion to preach before Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector, at Whitehall and Hampton Court.

On the Restoration in 1660 John revised his views sufficiently to be sworn as chaplain to Charles II. But he was dismissed his office within a few months following complaints from the Army and in 1661 retired to Rotherham where he had once been Vicar. He died there on 19 April 1672 and was buried within the Church. A brass plate marking the spot was said later to have been sold to a Sheffield clockmaker.

Lister Shaws in this century, including the heirs of the Rev. John, seem to be conspicuous primarily for the buying and selling of land. They are also recorded as regular supporters of the Church. Within the parish of Ecclesfield they provided churchwardens for the smaller churches at Bradfield, Wadsley (John and Samuel), Grenofirth (Benjamin) as well as St. Mary's in Ecclesfield village (Joseph).

It is to put more flesh on the family tree that I look forward to tracing the Shaws over the next one hundred years. What better incentive could there be than the reference in Septimus Lister's diary for 1792 (Diary of an

Ecclesfielder) - "William Shaw and - - were examined at the Town Hall on charge of robbing the Rotherham mail near Sheffield." Could this be a hint of highwaymen?

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

SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATES (cont) & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Ref: CA/26/1 S.R.O.

Settlement certificates granted by Attercliffe-

STANIFORTH	Hannah, widow to (H)axey, Lincs 26 April 1791
	Hannah) " " " " "
	Chitterton) chn " " " " "
HOOLE	William to Sheffield 5 Feb 1738
	Alice "
BROADBENT	John to Sheffield - - 1737
	w & family "
HARBEN	Henry to Rotherham 27 Feb 1786
	Sarah "
	Paul) chn "
	Mary) " "
WARD	Elizabeth to Killamarsh 26 Jan 1736
STANIFORTH	Luke to Sheffield
	Jane "
	Timothy son to Sheffield 26 Jan 1736
WEST	Stephen to Sheffield 20 Aug 1736
	Hannah "
	Sarah, dau "
NAULE	John to Sheffield
	Mary & fam " 19 June 1736
NEEDHAM	Benjamin " 19 June 1736
	w & fam "
BEIGHTON	John to Ecclesall Bierlow 26 April 1736
	Priscilla " "
	George, son " "
LAWTON	Thomas to Sheffield 20 March 1735
	Mary "
	John)
	Thomas) chn "
	Sarah)
PARKIN	Joseph to Sheffield 19 Feb 1735
	Sarah & fam "
OAKES	John to Ecclesfield 4 Sept 1735
GRUB	Thomas to Sheffield 4 Sept 1735
	Ann " " " "
	4 chn " " " "
PARKIN	Henry & fam to Rotherham - - 1735
HOLLAND	John to Sheffield - - 1735
FOWLER	John to Sheffield - - 1735

OAKES	Elijah to Sheffield - - 1734
ARTERHAM	Roger & fam to Sheffield - - 1734
NELL	Jeremy & fam to Sheffield - - 1734
VAILES	William & fam to Handsworth - - 1734
OAKES	Edward & wife to Sheffield - - 1733
BARTRAP	John to Sheffield - - 1733
DISON	John to Tinsley 22 May 1732
	Ruth & chn to Tinsley 22 May 1732
ROBERTS	James to Bishop Stortord, Herts 22 May 1732
	Elizabeth " " " " " "
	Elizabeth, dau " " " " " "
TWIGG	Joseph & fam to Sheffield - April 1732
BEELEY	Jonathan to Sheffield 26 Oct 1731
	Mary " " " " "
	Sarah)dau " " " " "
	Ann) " " " " "
MEKING	Jonathan & wife to Sheffield 21 April 1731
CARDWELL	Paul to Sheffield 26 Dec 1730
	Mary " " " " "
HICKSON	Samuel " 15 Oct 1730
	Margrit " " " "
	Francis, son " " " "
CHAMPION	Isaac to Sheffield 4 July 1730
	Ann " " " "
	John, son " " " "
	Richard, son " " " "
	Sarah, dau " " " "
CARTWRIGHT	John to Sheffield 6 April 1730
	Susannah " " " "
	John, son " " " "
VAILE	William to Sheffield 17 July 1729
	Mary " " " "
	Francis, son " " " "
BLEDON	Joseph to Sheffield 12 Dec 1729
	Rachel " " " "

Examination at Thorpe Salvin 21 May 1765 MD1237/76

Anne Chadderton, aged about 38 years. Born in Mansfield. At 1 year taken with parents to T.S., lived with William Widsmith her father in T.S. until about 20 years old. Hired for a year to Robert Dunstone of T.S. yeoman. Only served 9 months, then married Joh Chadderton whose settlement was at Catcliffe. Lived in Sheffield with him about 3 years. Had two children Ann & Jenny, still living. John left her for about 7 years, then returned and stayed with her for about 3 days and then went away again. This was about 2 years ago. Has never seen him since. Had relief from overseers at Catcliffe.

MD1237/78.

Anne, children ann aged 12, Jenny aged 9 and Thomas aged 3 removed from T.S. to Catcliffe 28 May, 1765.

Removal Order from Sheffield to Bolton on Dearne. PR9/93. 26 November 1841.

Paupers in workhouse in Sheffield

George Foster	31	years	old
Eliza	"	-	
Harriet	"	6	" "
John	"	3	" "

Contributed by Margaret Furey.

GREAT GRANDFATHER'S KNIFE
ANOTHER STORY OF THE GRAYSON FAMILY

When I first began my family research, over 20 years ago, my cousin who lives in Chesterfield soon decided to help me. At that time there were few if any local Family History Societies, so he agreed to take care of the Sheffield end of things.

In 1982 he sent me copies of some census returns that clearly showed our great-grandfather's family.

In 1851, Benjamin Grayson, first cousin of John who was transported to Australia, was a razorsmith. We know from his marriage certificate that he, unlike cousin John, could not write. We also knew that he left a considerable sum of money to his son, grandfather Grayson. So here he was on the first rung of the ladder that led him to success - and literacy!

By the 1871 census he was listed as "cutlery manufacturer" and "shopkeeper (grocer)", and in an 1876 directory as grocer and earthenware dealer."

We later found out that he was responsible for building houses in Sheffield so it was eventually as a property developer that he made enough money to leave our grandfather very comfortably off, with the occupation of "estate agent". By the time his youngest child, my grandfather Grayson was married, great-grandfather signed his own name, indicating that his profession was "gentleman".

When my cousin came to spend a few days with us in May last year, he showed us a photograph of a coffee-pot with a hinged metal lid. Another Grayson Cousin now resident in Devon, had been shown the coffee-pot by a neighbour, because on the lid were the words "Benjamin Grayson and Sons, Sheffield." Could great-grandfather have had these made to be sold in his shop? In 1845 he had married Ellen Cranmer whose father Thomas Cranmer was a silver-plater, presumably by that time working on Britannia Metal. Was he supplying the lids? Great Aunt Emily we know from the census return worked in her father's cutlery warehouse.

The intrigue continued, and a further surprise awaited me when I visited my cousin in December last year. His grandfather Atkinson had worked with James Brearly, and my cousin takes a great interest in early examples of stainless steel. Finding himself at a jumble sale he spotted a bundle of knives with stainless steel blades, c1918. He purchased them and on studying the blades came upon the now familiar inscription!

I wonder whether any other members know anything about these goods? The "and Sons" was either good publicity or wishful thinking as our grandfather was Benjamin's only son! Or was he taking Emily's services into consideration?

In 1871 Benjamin lived at 88 Alexandra Road Heeley. His children married into the Kay and Swift families, other residents in the same street.

Benjamin's knife now lies in my cutlery box, reunited with cutlery that once belonged to great-grandfather Kay!

Contributed by Christine Grayson-Toms, 6 Hall Road, Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9QU.

VALUE FOR MONEY

On January 16th 1990, I wrote to the Record Office, Rauceby Rd, Lincoln, requesting a copy of a birth certificate for Sarah Ann Sayer, born in 1846 around Sutton Bridge, father's name John. On January 31st, the Superintendent Registrar for the District of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire, wrote to me to advise me that - "Your request has been checked in five sets of birth indexes in the Fenland District - Louth, Long Sutton, Kings Lynn, Wisbech and Elloe and is now en route to Peterborough, Spalding, and Downham Market, hopefully one of the Sup.Reg.s. will find Sarah"

Finally on February 10th, I received an envelope from Spalding. Enclosed was my original letter to Lincoln, and attached were compliment slips from eight Superintendent Registrars. Each had made comments on their slips as follows:-

1. Lincolnshire C.C. Lincoln District:-
" This may be yours, otherwise please pass it onwards.
Many T's & best wishes. Jenny Wilde." Sup.Reg.
2. Lincolnshire C.C. East Elloe District:-
" I do not have it here. Possibly Wingland. Now is my district, but not then I think.
Cheers Tina." Mrs.C.M.Hoyley Sup.Reg.
3. Cambridgeshire C.C. Wisbech District:-
" " Try Peterborough, Downham Market, Spalding.
Mrs. Cooke informed." Mrs.P.Bambridge Sup.Reg.
4. Cambridgeshire C.C. Peterborough District:-
" I don't have this either - it couldn't possibly be yours, could it?
Best Wishes Lynn." Mrs.L.W.Roberts Sup.Reg.
5. Norfolk C.C. Downham District:-
" Not here - is it worth staying within Lincolnshire?
She seems to have obtained her previous one from Lincoln." Mrs.P.Golds Sup.Reg.
6. Norfolk C.C. Wayland District:-
" This one is really doing the rounds - Hope you can help - we've looked everywhere!
Regards Anne." Mrs.A.Weir Sup.Reg.
7. Norfolk C.C. Kings Lynn District.
" Wingland borders Kings Lynn and Sutton Bridge and possibly Wisbech Fen area. No trace here or at East Elloe. Any chance you have it?" Les.C.Sup.Reg.
8. Lincolnshire C.C. Spalding District -
" Sorry - not in Spalding Records ". P.J.Rudkin Sup.Reg.

At a time when current buzz words include 'value for money', then I consider that I certainly received it. I did not receive the certificate, but was very impressed with the degree of help that I had received from all who were involved. All for the price of a first class stamp, as my cheque for £5 was returned with the compliment slips.

Eileen Cooke
41, Hallam Grange Close, Fulwood, Sheffield S10 4PH.

A List of the Dead and Missing in the Sheffield Flood.

"On Friday, March 11 1864, exactly at Midnight, a calamity, appalling and almost unparalleled, occurred along the course of the River Loxley, and the banks of the Don, where it passes along the course of the town of Sheffield. An overwhelming Flood swept down from an enormous reservoir at Bradfield, carrying away houses, mills, bridges and manufactories, destroying property estimated at half a million sterling in value and causing the loss of about two hundred and forty human lives."

A Complete History of the Great Flood at Sheffield: Samuel Harrison (1864)

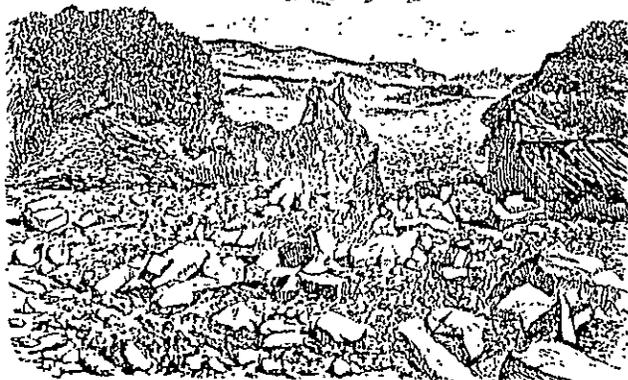
On Friday 11th March 1864 I took a class of ten year old children to Kelham Island. The River Don was high, the weather was cold. Apart from the daylight, the conditions as we stood near the spot where John Eaton died trying to save his pig, helped us to begin to imagine the terror and panic as the River rapidly rose and overwhelmed that part of Sheffield.

The water was indiscriminate in who it took; the youngest victim was only 2 days old, venting its fury upon the whole age range of men, women and children. Harrison helps us to visualise the last frantic moments of these people for example Robert Rider, aged 11, as the water swept him down the street while his mother clung desperately to a lamppost and his sister. The flood dumped its load of debris and people indiscriminately. The thick layers of mud made recovery of the bodies difficult. Some bodies were not found for several months. 35 bodies were buried without being identified

At the same time we see in his book people who survived, the main actors in the events of March 11th - 12th 1864 spring out of the 1861 Census. Stephenson Fountain, the boy who rode to Sheffield to fetch the engineer is listed in RG9 3860 and John Gunson lived in Division Street in 1861, to name but two as well as the poor people of Sheffield.

There is a list of the dead and missing in Harrison's book. It is most irritating in that it is not in alphabetical order. I have prepared an alphabetical list based upon the list in the book. I have extracted Surname, Forename, Age, Residence and where the dead were interred.

As family historians we must not just treat this list as a source of information, we must spare a thought that this is a list of people whose lives were ended in terror as they woke up to find water sweeping through their dark houses.



THE BRADFIELD RESERVOIR.—THE BRIDGE AS SEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Interred</u>
	Servant Girl	18	Malin Bridge	
	Servant Man	17	Malin Bridge	Doncaster
ALBERT	Catherine	25	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
ALBERT	John	5	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
ALBERT	Mary Jane	10	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
APPLEBY	John C.	32	Hillsbro	Gen Cemetery
APPLEBY	Mary	63	Hillsbro	Gen Cemetery
APPLEBY	Mary	13	Hillsbro	Gen Cemetery
ARCULUS	Christopher B	9	Long Croft	Gen Cemetery
ARMITAGE	Ann	40	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
ARMITAGE	Charles	12	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
ARMITAGE	Eliza	64	Malin Bridge	Loxley
ARMITAGE	Elizabeth	1	Malin Bridge	
ARMITAGE	Greaves	28	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
ARMITAGE	Henry	10	Malin Bridge	
ARMITAGE	Maria	1	Malin Bridge	
ARMITAGE	Mary	4	Malin Bridge	
ARMITAGE	Samuel	7	Malin Bridge	
ARMITAGE	Sarah	30	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
ARMITAGE	William	37	Malin Bridge	Loxley
ARMITAGE	William	4	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
ATKINSON	George	18	Hillsbro	Wadsley
ATKINSON	James	41	Hillsbro	Wadsley
ATKINSON	Morris	48	Hillsbro	Wadsley
ATKINSON	Robert	20	Hillsbro	Wadsley
ATKINSON	Sarah	15	Hillsbro	
ATKINSON	William	42	Hillsbro	Wadsley
ATKINSON	William	12	Hillsbro	Wadsley
BAGSHAW	James	56	Malin Bridge	Wadsley
BAGSHAW	Mary	52	Malin Bridge	Stannington
BARKER	Joseph	27	Malin Bridge	Handsworth
BARRATT	Emma	26	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
BARRATT	George	28	Malin Bridge	
BARRATT	William	2	Malin Bridge	
BATES	George	19	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
BATES	Harriet	40	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
BATES	Thomas	42	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
BATES	Thomas	10	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
BATES	Walter	17	Malin Bridge	
BETHEL	William	32	Limerick Wheel	
BISBY	Elizabeth	12	Malin Bridge	
BISBY	George	44	Malin Bridge	Wadsley
BISBY	Hannah	6	Malin Bridge	
BISBY	Hugh	4	Malin Bridge	
BISBY	Sarah	43	Malin Bridge	
BISBY	Teresa	14	Malin Bridge	Wadsley
BISBY	Thomas	9	Malin Bridge	
BONSER	William	62	Allen Street	Burngreave
BOOTH	Walter	16	Little Matlock	
BOWER	John	17	Little Matlock	Loxley
BRADBURY	William	28	Rowell Bridge	
BRIGHT	Alfred	12	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
BRIGHT	Eliza	4	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
BRIGHT	Mary	57	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
BRIGHT	Mary	7	Neepsend Lane	
BROUGHTON	Charles	23	Malin Bridge	Barmy Dun
BULLARD	Sarah Ann	37	Malin Bridge	Owlerton Chpl
BULLARD	Thomas	40	Malin Bridge	Owlerton Chpl
BURKINSHAW	Henry	36	Loxley	Bradfield
CHAPMAN	Daniel	32	Little Matlock	Loxley
CHAPMAN	Ellen	30	Little Matlock	Loxley
CHAPMAN	Frederick	6	Little Matlock	Loxley
CHAPMAN	Samuel	3	Little Matlock	Loxley
CHAPMAN	William	14	Little Matlock	Loxley
CLAY	George	15	Little Matlock	
COGGAN	Alfred	13	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
COGGAN	Eliza	8	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
COGGAN	William	6	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
COLTON	Christopher	32	Long Croft	Gen Cemetery
COLTON	Christopher	4	Long Croft	St Marys Church
COLTON	Mary	30	Long Croft	Gen Cemetery
COOK	Ann	87	Rutland Road	Burngreave
CRAPPER	Elizabeth	40	Malin Bridge	Wadsley
CRAPPER	Joseph	44	Malin Bridge	
CROOKES	William	26	Hill Bridge	Wadsley Church

CROSS	Edward	14	Neepsend Lane	
CROWNSHAW	Elizabeth	17	Malin Bridge	Loxley Chapl
CRUMP	Mary	74	Harvest Lane	St Johns Park
CRUMP	Samuel	38	Harvest Lane	St Johns Park
DAMMS	Walter	20	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
DAWSON	N.F.N.	1	Low Bradfield	Bradfield
DEAN	Joseph	17	Owlerton	Wardsend
DENTON	Joseph	16	Old Wheel	Loxley
DYSON	Ann	3	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	Arthur	11	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	James	6	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	Joseph	34	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	Mary	32	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	Priscilla	7	Hillsbro	Thurgoland
DYSON	Sophia	13	Hillsbro	
EATON	John	49	Kelham Island	Burngreave
EATON	Keziah	51	Kelham Island	Burngreave
ELSTON	Elizabeth	30	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
ELSTON	Thomas	30	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
ELSTON	Thomas	1	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
ETCHES	N.F.N.	70	Malin Bridge	
FAIREST	Thomas	47	Neepsend Lane	Gen Cemetery
FOULDS	Isabella	5	Barracks	Wardsend
FOULDS	John	3	Barracks	Wardsend
FRIITH	James	32	Malin Bridge	Heeley Church
GANNON	Henry	11	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	John	36	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	John	9	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	Margaret	1	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	Peter	5	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	Sarah	30	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GANNON	Sarah Ann	2	Neepsend	
GANNON	William	4	Neepsend	Gen Cemetery
GILL	Thomas	48	Attercliffe	Attercliffe
GILYETT	Susannah	53	Neepsend Gardens	Gen Cemetery
GLOVER	John	25	Neepsend Lane	St Johns Park
GLOVER	Sarah Ann	25	Neepsend Lane	St Johns Park
GODDARD	Joseph	56	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
GODDARD	Sarah	54	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
GREEN	Elizabeth	53	Harvest Lane	Burngreave
GREGORY	Joseph	20	Little Matlock	Wadsley
HAGUE	Alathea	17	Little Matlock	Bradfield
HALL	Henry	38	Malin Bridge	
HAWKSLEY	John	61	Malin Bridge	Stannington
HAZELHURST	Richard	78	Joiner Lane	Burngreave
HILL	Maria	18	Malin Bridge	Mortomley
HUDSON	Elizabeth	39	Malin Bridge	
HUDSON	George	5	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
HUDSON	John	40	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
HUDSON	Mary	10	Malin Bridge	
HUKIN	Alfred	45	Neepsend Gardens	Burngreave
HUKIN	Sarah	45	Neepsend Gardens	Burngreave
IBBOTSON	Jonathan	9	Hillsbro	Wadsley
IBBOTSON	Stephen	20	Loxley	Bradfield
JACKSON	Annis	12	Neepsend Gardens	Burngreave
JEPSON	George	70	Malin Bridge	
JEPSON	George	68	Malin Bridge	
JEPSON	Isabella	27	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
JEPSON	N.F.N.	1	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
JOHNSON	Mary C.	9	Bacon Island	
KAY	Thomas	70	Malin Bridge	
KING	John	25	Loxley	Bradfield
LONGLEY	Jane Ann	1	Malin Bridge	Sheffield
LONGLEY	Mary	4	Malin Bridge	
LONGLEY	Sarah	26	Malin Bridge	
LONGLEY	William	40	Loxley	Bradfield
MARPIN	Eliza	50	Hill Bridge	Gen Cemetery
MARSHALL	Herbert G.	1	Hillsbro	Sheffield
MAYOR	Elizabeth	50	Neepsend	St Johns Park
MAYOR	John	55	Neepsend	St Johns Park
MAYOR	Sarah	22	Neepsend	St Johns Park
McLAUGHLIN	Dennis	74	Dun Street	Rivelin Glen
MERRYMAN	Thomas	23	Hill Bridge	
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YEARLEY	Rosina	3	Malin Bridge	

Contributed by John P.Perkins.

ALBERT SYDNEY G.

Albert Sydney G. was born on March 13th 1886, the fourth child, but first son of Richard Charles G. and his wife, Elizabeth Ann at York Road, Eastwood, Rotherham, West Riding of Yorkshire (now South Yorkshire), England. He was baptised on June 23rd of that year, by the vicar of Eastwood, the Rev.W.Pilkington at the Parish Church of St.Stephen. (1).

When he left school Sydney went to work with his father at the Midland Iron Company in Rotherham. His father - often referred to as "little Dick", was a hard taskmaster and expected much of his eldest son. Sydney was not at all interested in working as a apprentice furnaceman. It was a hot and exhausting job and he spent much of his time running errands and providing the furnacemen with the drinks they needed to slake the thirst brought on by their working conditions. The antagonism between father and son grew and seemed intolerable to the teenage boy. Eventually, in 1902, he took the law into his own hands.

With a friend of his own age, he went off to the army Recruiting Office, in Sheffield, and together they 'took the King's shilling'! Both boys lied about their age, and it appears that the recruiting officer did little to check the truth of their statements.

When back home, Sydney announced what he had done, his Mother was distraught and his father furious. Richard dashed off to the recruiting office to get the release of his son, on the grounds that he was only 16. The recruiting officer would have none of it - Sydney had signed and there was an end of it. "It'll do him good", he said.

So Sydney became a 'boy soldier' in the Yorks and Lancs Regiment (2), and it was not long before he sailed to Bermuda to complete his training. No doubt he enjoyed his life in the sunshine despite his mother's grief. She thought that 'Bermooda', as she called it, was a dreadful place. The army had sent her beloved son to the other end of the world.

When Albert Sydney finished his term in the army he returned to South Yorkshire and took a job as a coal miner at Dinnington Pit. He met and married Rose W, a pretty, helpless young girl, who must have appealed to him as the direct opposite of the dominating organizing women of his own family. Shortly afterwards, their son Jack was born, followed by a daughter named Cissie. Rose was pregnant for the third time in 1914, when the Germans invaded Belgium, and England declared war. Sydney was on the reserve list and was one of the first to be recalled to service. He was sent to France and was taken prisoner in the early months of the war. He spent the next four years in captivity, enduring the lowest indignities and the worst privations of a German prisoner-of-war camp.

Back home, Rose gave birth to her second son, who was christened Sydney after his father. Rose was a appealing pretty woman, but neither clever nor practical. Left to bring up three children, without the help of her husband

proved a very difficult task for her. She turned to her mother. She was already weighed down with her own problems and could offer little more than sympathy. Her sisters-in-law, who could have helped, considered their brother had 'married beneath him', despised her and chose to ignore the situation. During this period Rose's only contact with her husband's family was with her father-in-law, who visited regularly. Her mother-in-law sympathised but was already a semi-invalid and never left her home. Poor feeding, bad housing and Rose's inability to cope lead to tragedy. In December 1915, young Cissie died as a result of a severe cold which turned to tuberculosis. But that was not the only tragedy. In April 1916, Rose left the baby, Sydney, sitting in his high chair, while she went outside to hang her washing. When she returned he had pushed his feet against the table and tipped the high chair into the open coal fire, where he had burnt to death. Sydney and Rose's family was now reduced to one - the eldest child-Jack.

Albert Sydney returned from his years in a German prisoner-of-war camp in 1918, a physical wreck. An operation was essential, but this was not his only trouble. Rose was already seriously ill with tuberculosis, and she died in January 1919 (3)

Sydney took his young son, Jack to live with the family at Tinsley, near Sheffield. But again the older daughters of the family made life very difficult. They tried to make Jack into a 'little gentleman' and he rebelled. Eventually he went to live with his mother's parents and grew up away from his father's family (4).

Sydney was now 33 years old and virtually a single man again. It was several years before he recovered from the effects of his imprisonment and personal trauma and became physically fit again. He went back to Dinnington Colliery and took lodgings in the village. Eventually he met and married Clarissa Elizabeth B. a Farmer's daughter from North Anston, a neighbouring village. Together they ran a greengrocery business in Dinnington and lived for many years in North Anston. Their only child, Peter was born in 1925 and his son Peter Ross in 1988.

Sources:

- (1) The Parish Registers of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, deposited with Sheffield City Libraries.
- (2) The Regimental Museum of the Yorks & Lancs Regiment is sited at the Arts Centre, Walker Place, Rotherham.
- (3) Rose, Cissie and baby Sydney are buried in an unmarked grave in Moorgate Cemetery, Rotherham.
- (4) Jack grew up and married but had no children.

The remarkable thing about this family is the length of time between each generation. In an age where it is not unknown for five generations to be living at the same time, there is a lapse of 205 years between g.g.g.grandfather William and g.g.g. grandson Peter Ross.

	D.O.B.	Age when son born
William	1783	35
Benjamin	1818	39
Richard Charles	1857	29
Albert Sydney	1886	39
Peter	1925	63
Peter Ross	1988	

This account was compiled in 1990, primarily for Peter Ross a 2 year old who is the only bearer of the family name.

Contributed by Eileen Allen.

SEARCHING FOR BEET ROOTS

Many people enjoy finding out about their family history. Coming to live in Sheffield has given me a good opportunity to discover details of my family tree. My father was a Sheffielder. Family papers which I inherited told me something about my grandfather and great-grandfather. Born in 1828, my great grandfather was the son of Thomas Beet, a cutler. He became headmaster of a small grammar school, Broad Oakes School, Broad Elms Lane, Eccesall. A former pupil is reputed to have said, "If Mr. Beet teaches you something you stay taught!"

My grandfather was apprenticed as a trainee accountant in 1869. His pay for the first year was five guineas (5.25) per annum. For the sixth and final year it was thirty five guineas. He must have been a hard worker, as he became Manager of the Wicker Branch and, finally, Inspector for the Sheffield & Hallamshire Bank.

By the time of his death in 1923 he had built up a small fortune of about £10,000. In a note for the Executors he wrote, "I have never wasted or foolishly spent what I have earned, so I hope my children will make the most of it. I only regret that I cannot leave them more, but even this has meant a lot of saving and many denials". Needless to say they spent the lot!

What, I wondered, was the story of the earlier generations of Beets? Having changed my address 36 times in 65 years I knew that my surname is rather uncommon. Usually I have been the only Beet in the telephone directory in each town. Surely, I thought, there can't be many dead Beets (sorry) in the Sheffield and South Yorkshire records?

First I decided to write to the Clerk of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire. He kindly supplied me with the names and dates of apprenticeship of 24 Beets who had lived in the 17th and 18th centuries. Unfortunately my great great grandfather, Thomas, was not amongst them. There were no records for the 19th century.

The Sheffield Records Office has copies of Parish Registers for many parishes including Sheffield. I soon discovered the record of Thomas Beet's marriage to Hannah Furniss in 1815. Hannah was presumably illiterate, as she signed the marriage register with a cross. Nevertheless, as I found later, she produced at least three school teachers!

Assuming that Thomas did not get married until after the age of 20, he must have been born before 1796. I searched the Cathedral baptismal registers without success. Perhaps he had been baptised in some other parish?

I checked the South Yorkshire section of the IGI where I found five men called Thomas Beet had been baptised in the Sheffield area during the last part of the 18th century. Surely one of them must be my great great grandfather! Gradually I eliminated them all except one, Thomas Beet of Wortley. I decided that he must be "my" Thomas!

Not so! In the Sheffield Records Office I found a book giving details of inscriptions from the Cathedral Churchyard, including those on headstones later removed for widening Church Street. One inscription marked the grave of Thomas and that of his father, Edward. Everything now fell into place. Using the records of the Company of Cutlers and those of the Cathedral I was able to trace my ancestry back to 1614.

In that year the Company published a Mark Book, a catalogue of Marks authorised to be used by Freemen of the Company. One of those marks was that of Anthony Beete, cutler! The family connection with cutlery continued unbroken until the death of Thomas in 1845. He was both a cutler and a licensed victualler. His tavern was the Seven Stars in Trippet Lane. He was the last manufacturer of spotted knives to appear in a Sheffield Trades Directory.

It took me some time to find out exactly what is a spotted knife. Apparently knife handles were often made of tortoiseshell, but that was rather expensive. Stag horn was cheaper and was treated with a mixture including lime. This burnt dark marks into the stag horn, and gave it the appearance of tortoiseshell. Knives with these imitation tortoiseshell handles were described as "spotted". If you happen to have one bearing Thomas Beatt's fish hook mark, I would be very interested to see it!

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