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## FUTURE PROGRAMME

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| Monday 20 May | STANNINGTON: Meet 7.15pm Loam Hall Car Park (Junction of Uppergate Road/Church Street, next to Church, opposite Hare & Hounds). GOOD WALKING SHOES RECOMMENDED..Bus 86. |

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BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE VISITS IN JUNE & JULY DUE TO LIMITED NUMBERS

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| Monday 17 June | SHEFFIELD TOWN HALL: Meet 7pm Surrey Street Entrance |
| Monday 15 July | SHEFFIELD ARCHIVES OFFICE Shoreham Street: Meet 7pm |

TO BOOK: Tel 402727 Sue Graves, Mon-Fri after 8pm.

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| Monday 16 September | David Hey: The Sheffield Names Project |
| Monday 21 October | Elephant Game and Open Meeting. An ideal opportunity for beginners to learn the skills of researching family history, and an introduction to the source material, its use and interpretation. Experienced researchers are welcome to answer questions which are bound to arise. |
| Monday 18 November | Jill Briscoe: Demography |
| Monday 9 December | SOCIAL EVENING: Endcliffe Traditional Heritage Museum Ecclesall Road (near Hunters Bar). |

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COACH TRIPS

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| Tuesday 4 June | LONDON KEW PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. Cost £7 (see article in Journal Vol.10 No. 2 Winter 1989 p48-9) |
| Tuesday 24 September | LONDON ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE. Cost £7 |

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| 7.10am | Leave ROTHERHAM (Corporation Street Bingo) |
| 7.40am | Leave SHEFFIELD (Paternoster Row) |
| 4.30pm | Leave St Catherine's House/Kew PRO |
| About 8.30pm | Arrive SHEFFIELD (Pa ternoster Row) |
| About 9pm | Arrive ROTHERHAM (Corporation Street Bingo) |

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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.

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## EDITORIAL

One of the most important events in our Society's history takes place this September, namely, the Federation Family History Conference. For those who have, for whatever reason, never attended such a conference this is your opportunity to do so at a very reasonable cost. You will find it a most stimulating occasion with must more to offer besides the obvious attraction of the various speakers. There is the opportunity to talk to people from many parts of the country, and who knows, you may even find a new and hitherto unknown relative. This has been known to happen at conferences. There will be bookstalls run by various people selling publications you are probably not aware of and much more. Full details of the conference can be found in this journal.

Please keep sending in material for the journal; articles, lists and snippets of information. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### THE CONFERENCE IN SHEFFIELD - HELP!

As members will all know, the Federation Family History Conference, held each Spring and Autumn, is this September being held in Sheffield. We are all most anxious that it should be a great success and to this end all local members are now being asked if they could give up a little time during the weekend of 6-8 September to help with the stewarding and other most necessary jobs which will ensure the smooth running of the weekend's activities. You are NOT required to be available for the whole weekend - just a few hours help from a number of people will make for a well run and successful conference. Anyone who is able to help at all should contact our Secretary Mrs.E.Perkins, 24 Withens Ave, Sheffield S6 1WE or any other committee member for further details. Please help. YOUR Society's conference organisers need YOU!

### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL INDEXES

The indexes of marriages 1813-51 and baptisms up to 1795 are now available for consultation at Sheffield City Archives, 52 Shoreham St, Sheffield.

### DIRECTORY OF PRIMITIVE METHODIST MINISTERS

Mrs.Joyce O'Leary, 20 The Lawns, Sheffield S11 9FL has a copy of the Directory of Primitive Methodist Minsters and their Circuits by W.Leary. On receipt of an S.A.E. she is willing to look up names for members.

### 1871 CENSUS INDEX OF SHEFFIELD AND WORTLEY

The original 1871 census index compiled by Ted Shortland is now held by Mrs.Eileen Perkins, 24 Withens Ave, Sheffield S6 1WE. She is willing to look up names in the index on receipt of an S.A.E.

### BRADFIELD 1861 CENSUS PART 2

The above index is now available from Mrs.E.Perkins, 24 Withens Ave, Sheffield S6 1WE or is for sale at the Society Bookstall at meetings (see Society Bookstall details).

## 1851 CENSUS FOR OXFORDSHIRE

All the pre-1974 county, together with many adjacent areas, has now been transcribed, transferred to computer and indexed. The first six Surname Index booklets covering each of the complete Henley, Wallingford, Bicester, Witney and Chipping Norton Unions, and an additional volume covering those parts of Brackley, Bradfield and Wycombe Unions that were in Oxfordshire are now available at £3.50 each + 75p post/order. The transcripts are available on microfiche and computer disk.

The Society also offers a computer based county-wide surname-only index to folio number search for a cost of £1.50 (+ SAE) per surname (incl. variants). To complement the Surname Index, the Society offers a transcription abstracting service. For each Folio reference (obtained from booklet or computer search), an abstract can be supplied for the whole household containing the required surname. The charge for abstracting is £1.50 + SAE for up to 4 abstracts (multiple entries in one folio for one name count as one), and 35p for each subsequent one.

Booklets are available from Mr.R.Boyd, 260 Colwell Drive, Witney, Oxon, OX8 7LW. For microfiche, all other services and enquiries contact Dr.H.A.Kearsey 2 Beeching Close, Upton, Didcot, OX11 9JR.

## WILLS AT WORCESTER RECORD OFFICE

A leaflet has been produced as a brief guide and finding aid to the various categories of wills available at Worcester Record Office. A copy of the leaflet can be obtained free of charge in return for a S.A.E. from Mrs.E.A.Howard, 23 Arkle Road, Droitwich, Worcs WR9 7RJ.

## ROTHERHAM BRANCH LIBRARY

As Mrs.A.Humberstone is no longer librarian, Mrs.J.Roddis is combining the position with that of Membership Secretary.

## FACSIMILE REPRINTS

### Soldiers Died in the Great War.

As a memorial to the fallen, the War Office in 1921 published "Soldiers Died in the Great War". This 80 part roll of honour lists alphabetically the names with other related details of soldiers from every regiment and corps of the British Army who lost their lives in all theatres of operations(including a number from Russia, India and Iraq). Approximately 670,000 soldiers are commemorated. Arranged regimentally or by corps and thence by battalion; most entries provide the following information:

(i) full names, service number, rank and awards
(ii) place(s) of birth, enlistment and also residence if different to that of enlistment.
(iii) nature of death - k.in a. (killed in action); d.of w. (died of wounds); d. (died) covers all other causes.
(iv) date and place of death - theatre of war is given e.g. F & F (France and Flanders); Gallipoli; E.E.F. (Egyptian Expeditionary Force); Home (United Kingdom)

The set is being reissued by the Imperial War Museum in cooperation with J.B.Hayward & Son of Colchester. Beautifully printed on special cream stock, each part of the work is case-bound and dustjacketed to ensure long term durability, and a contents page has been added for ease of reference.

Each book in the above series is devoted to one regiment and most cost £12 although a few cost more. Further details and an order form can be obtained from the Department of Printed Books, Imperial War Museum., Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ.

Officers Died in the Great War.

Embracing entirely the HMSO work of 1919, this new edition now commemorates the names of approximately 37,000 British Officers of the Regular Army (including Royal Flying Corps), the Terrorial Force and the Indian Army who lost their lives in the Great War.

Order No. DPB/Hay/O Officers Died in the Great War 1914-1919 Price £18.00

Available from the Imperial War Museum address above.

SHEFFIELD PARISH REGISTERS

An update regarding Sheffield Parish Registers now in the keeping of Sheffield Archives.

The Marriage Registers from 1818 to 1900 will be first to be put onto micro-fiche, followed by the Registers of Baptisms from 1818 to 1900. 1818 is when the BTs more or less run out. It should be noted that the BTs were mostly used when compiling the Yorkshire IGI and that, therefore, Sheffield marriages and baptisms up to around 1818 should also appear on this Index. A transcription of the burials to 1855 (closed) is to be compiled by Keith Blagden, Mary Robson and Richard Wardale, when their nearly completed transcription of the baptisms to 1812 has been finished. The Blagden Index of marriages for Sheffield Parish Church to November 1851, is now available at Sheffield Archives.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

The Sheffield Arts & Social Sciences Library (1st Floor, Central Library, Surrey St.) holds micro-film copies of Indexes to the Marriage Licences at Lambeth Palace Library (London) for:

a). The Vicar General's Office (1660-1864) - which issued Common Marriage Licences to persons marrying within the Province of Canterbury; and
b). The Faculty Office (1632-1864) - which issued Common Marriage Licences to persons marrying throughout England and Wales. The latter also issued Special Licences for marriages outside the parties' parish church. In practice, the bulk of applicants for Common Licences from with Office were resident in London or the London area. An index reference should be followed up by an enquiry in writing to the Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library, London SE1 7JU, who has so generously supplied the above information. Please enclose the usual SAE.

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FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

MEMORIAL CARD INDEX

Mr.Philip Jones, 40 Regina Cres, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG1 9AE is compiling a national MEMORIAL CARD INDEX. He would appreciate photocopies, transcripts or unwanted originals and will refund all costs including those for cards bought at antique/collectors fairs.

FOOTHILLS PIONEER INDEX.

c/o Box 1600, High River, Alberta, Canada TOL 1BO. This index is an attempt to gather as many references as possible to the Pioneers of this area c1870-1920. Information is being indexed from published sources, census, cemetery and vital records. Calgary to the Northern boundary, south to Nanton, west to the slopes of Rocky Mountains and east to Highway 23. The majority of pioneers came from Eastern Canada, Scotland, England and Ireland, and the mid western and western United States. There is a fee payable for the Index search, variable upon the extent of service required. Further details from the above address in exchange for SASE or photocopy of information leaflet from the FFHS Administrator in exchange for SAE plus an additional 1st Class stamp.

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## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY CONFERENCE 6-8 SEPT 1991

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| THEME: | People and Places |
| PLACE: | Ranmoor House, University of Sheffield. |
| PROGRAMME: | Friday 6th September |
| 4.00pm onwards | Registration |
| 6.00pm | Bar open throughout evening |
| 6.30pm | Dinner in Dining Hall |
| 8.30pm | Entertainment in Main Hall |
| | Saturday 7th September |
| 8.00-9.00am | Breakfast in Dining Hall |
| 9.15am | Main Hall : Welcome: The President of the Federation of Family History Societies, Lt.Col. Ian Swinnerton, T.D., J.P., D.L., F.S.G. |
| 9.30am | Main Hall: THE CUTLERS OF HALLAMSHIRE IN THE TUDOR AND STUART ERA David Hey. |
| 9.30am | Second Bar: SURNAMES AND THE 1379 POLL TAX RETURNS Peter Wilkinson. |
| 10.45am | Morning Coffee served in the Dining Hall. |
| 11.15am | Main Hall: THE USE OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS: The Sheffield Flood, 1864, Martin Olive. |
| 11.15am | Second Bar: REGISTERED DEEDS AS A SOURCE FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS, Margaret Turner |
| 12.45am | Lunch in Dining Hall |
| 2.00pm | Departure of excursion coaches to Hardwick Hall and Chatsworth House from Shore Lane. |
| 2.15 | Federation of Family History Societies: Council Meeting. |
| From 3.30pm | Tea in Dining Hall. |
| 6.45pm | Sherry Reception in Main Hall. |
| 7.30pm | Conference Banquet<br>Entertainment<br>Bar open throughout evening. |
| | Sunday 8th September |
| 8.00am | Ecumenical Service in Main Hall |
| 8.15-9.15am | Breakfast in Dining Hall |

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| 9.30am | Main Hall: BUT WHO WERE ALL THESE PEOPLE?: A study of Caerleon, Michael Williams. |
| 9.30am | Second Bar: CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT IN NINETEENTH CENTURY SHEFFIELD, Tim Caulton. |
| 10.45am | Morning Coffee served in the Dining Hall. |
| 11.15am | Main Hall: EAST YORKSHIRE FARM SERVANTS, 1900-1939, Stephen Caunce. |
| 11.15am | Second Bar: NINETEENTH CENTURY COAL MINING COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE, Andrew Walker. |
| 11.15am | Upper Library. Guild of One-Name Studies. Speaker to be announced. |
| 1.00pm | Lunch in Dining Hall. |
| | CLOSE OF CONFERENCE. |

EXCURSIONS

There will be a choice of excursions by coach to Chatsworth House or Hardwick Hall. If you wish to visit the latter, and are a member of the National Trust, please remember to bring your Membership card with you. (Indicate choice of excursion on the booking form).

ACCOMMODATION

Ranmoor House is a University Hall of Residence which is situated in a pleasant wooded suburb on the south-western side of Sheffield, around two miles from the city centre, and within easy reach of the Peak District National Park. It is close to shops and to direct bus routes; and offers many facilities including a library, television rooms and bars.

All bedrooms are single (arrangements will be made for individuals to be allocated rooms in close proximity, where possible, on request on the application form), with towels and soap provided, Small kitchens for making tea and coffee are available on most corridors.

CAR PARKING

Cars may be parked on car parks to the north of the house.

FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED

Car parking space may be specially reserved close to the House. Please let the Conference Co-ordinator know in advance if you require this. A wheelchair ramp provides access to the main accommodation and meeting rooms.

Booking forms can be obtained at Society Meetings or from Family History Society Conference Co-ordinator, 85 Wilkinson St, Sheffield S10 2GJ.
Tel. 0742 768555 Ext. 4920/1.
Booking forms should be returned by 1st June 1991.

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REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, OCTOBER 31st 1808

The Township of Sheffield incurs a very considerable Expense by Men leaving their families, and the Overseers think it necessary to punish some of them, to prevent others from following such bad examples. They are punishable as Vagrants, and, for a second offence, are liable to transportation.

Signed: John Eadon et al.

Contributed by William Beet.

## THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

566 City Road,
Sheffield S2 1GE.

Dear Editor,

I thought you might like to know of the happy outcome to one of the requests for help in 'Other People's Problems' Autumn 1990.

A Mrs.Windle of Australia was seeking information on members of her family born in the late 1800s. One of the names was Rose Ellen (m Fowler lived Intake). I knew of a lady from Intake whose name before marriage (a long time ago!) was Rose Fowler, so I thought it could be some connection. I rang her and she knew all the names Mrs.Windle had given, and she had been wondering if she still had any relatives in Australia. She wrote off to Australia immediately and received a quick reply and since then they have been exchanging information about each side of the family. So I was very pleased to have helped.Mrs.Martin (Rose Fowler) was so happy, being able to get in touch and I'm sure they will be writing to one another quite often. As I said, a really happy outcome!

Yours etc.
Mrs.D.Bullock.

Ed.'s Note: A letter has also been received from Mrs.Windle who is delighted to have found long lost cousins.

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## SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Meeting on Monday 21st January 1991

John Perkins' talk "A ramble around my family" was a most entertaining start to our 1991 programme. He outlined the problems he had faced in tracing his German and Czech ancestry and how he had solved many of these problems. The humorous way in which he described his researches proved to his audience that Family History is fun.

### Meeting on Monday 18th February 1991.

Pauline Saul, the Federation Administrator's talk "Some Orphan" illustrated the many sources she called upon in her search for the family of her mother-in-law, who was orphaned as a young child. With very little information on which to base her researches she has been able to trace the background of the redoubtable lady and her soldier father.

### Rotherham Branch Meeting on Thursday 7th February 1991.

After the AGM at which all officials were re-elected and the financial report for 1990 was accepted, the speaker for the evening Mr.Blanch, gave a talk on the history of Aughton J & I School. The first mention of a school was in 1703 but Mr.Blanch's talk really began with the school log books which he discovered on his taking up the position of head teacher in 1968.

The books were in a dilapidated condition, the earliest one falling to pieces, but none the less Mr Blanch edited and transcribed them to give a view of Aughton over the years from the log's first recording in 1864 to his retirement in 1990.

He described the condition of the school in those days when at times it was too dark to see or too cold to work and the class recited tables, the relationship between teacher and parent (of a more abrasive nature than today)

the role of the church and the visits of the clergy, but most important of all the children, their educational and social conditions, their illnesses and sadly their not infrequent deaths, which in Victorian times appear to have been stoically accepted.

Mr.Blanch gave a picture of the children in those far off days, their attendance through the year, the seasonal absences to work in the fields and gardens or to mind the home while their parents did so. Gleening, turnip thinning, making ties for the sheaves and working on the threshing machine were all mentioned as was the thinning of the classes by the visitation of typhus, scarletina or measles and children sent home because of smallpox. Epidemics were common and usually struck the whole village.

With the sinking of the coal mines the class would be reduced due to father being on strike and the hardship it caused; children were kept away or sent home because the payment of school pence had gone into arrears. Instances of punishment were recorded and the reasons for doing so, for which today we would consider a different treatment.

There were absences for other reasons some of which were permitted: a visit to Sheffield to see the aftermath of the flood, the yearly visit to the Rotherham Stattis, the Aughton Feast and occasional events like a Wild Beast Show.

Mr. Blanch spoke of the administration of the school from the exact recording of the number of slates and books to the school of today with its high tech equipment and multi-pound budget.

Throughout the talk Mr.Blanch showed his kindness and concern towards the children in his care and a sympathy for the pupils and teachers which he discovered in those old school log books.

Contributed by Rex Berry.

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## OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

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| COOPER | Ms Pauline Bell, 25 Greenbank Drive, Lincoln LN6 7LQ (0522 682255) is seeking information about Francis (Frank?) Cooper. He was married to Ann Barber at Dronfield Parish Church in 1847. His son Henry was born in Chester St., Sheffield later the same year. On the 1851 Census, Ann appears as a widow, living in her mother's household(Martha), together with her sister Mary and her son Henry aged 4. Francis was a silver-smith who probably worked at Dixons. His death, however, does not appear to be registered in any of the obvious places. She willgladly refund postage to anyone who can help. |
| WALKER<br>RONKSLEY<br>HOWARD<br>JACKSON | Mr.E.Metcalfe, 18 Larch Rise, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA13 0JZ is seeking information on the descendants of the following: William Walker and Theresa Howard married 29 March 1875 Sheffield St.George; Charles Walker and Sarah Ann Jackson married 25 December 1854 Sheffield St. George: Frederick Ronksley and Minerva Walker married 13 December 1891 Sheffield St.Philip. |

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| HOLLIN(S)/HOLLING(S) LOCKWOOD | Geoffrey Milnes, 25 Morley Road, Chase Terrace, Nr. Walsall, Staffs WS7 8DE is seeking information regarding Eli Holling who married Sarah Lockwood at Leeds St.Peter on 6 March 1820. Eli and Sarah baptised two children at Silkstone, Thomas 20.7.1823 and John 24.12.1820. Eli is desribed as a collier of Cawthorne. Sarah Hollin of Cawthorne was buried at Silkstone on 5.8.1826 aged 27. Any help with Eli's baptism, burial, possible re-marriage, census details etc would be much appreciated. |
| BEAMAN KNOWLES | Mrs.R.Jacobs, 40 Grand Promenade, Bayswater, WA6053, Australia is seeking information on Thomas George Beaman who married Flora Knowles 3 November 1890 at the Parish Church Sheffield. Address for Flora was 14 Water Lane. Father of Flora was Joe Knowles, Collier. Any information about the Knowles family would be much appreciated. |
| FITZGERALD CADMAN | Mrs.E.M.Wentworth, 2161-B 36th, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, USA is attempting to link a line! Her great grandmother was Sarah Margaret Fizgerald, supposedly born in Tipperary, Ireland, married to John Cadman son of Solomon Cadman (Mosborough/Sheffield area). The family (husband, wife and seven children) emigrated to the US during the mid 1870s, locating in Stafford County Kansas. Possibly a sister of John Fitzgerald in the same area at the same time. Any information of parents and siblings would be appreciated. |
| FOULD | Mrs.A.Gray, 46 Ranmoor View, 410 Fulwood Road, Sheffield A10 3GG would like to hear of any mention of members of the Fould family in the 1881 Census for central and SW Sheffield/Ecclesall Bierlow and in any old Sheffield Newspaper. |
| ROWLEY GENT | Miss S.Rowley, 11 Longley Hall Rise, Sheffield S5 7EQ seeks information on the brothers and sisters of her grandfather Herbert Ernest Rowley i.e. William Alfred Rowley (Tobacconist of 114 and 118 Corporation St, Sheffield from approx 1884 to 1913), Joseph, Arthur, Albert, Thomas, Bernard and Austin, Mary Ann and Agnes. Their parents were Thomas and Mary Ann (nee Gent) Rowley who came to Sheffield (Pitsmoor area) from Coventry in the 1860s. |

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## USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

ACCORDING TO THE RUBRIC by Josephine Birchenough. N.W.Kent FHS Vol.5 No. 8 December 1990 explains the term rubric sometimes found in 17th century baptism records.

ARMY RECORDS AT THE PRO KEW from a talk by Chris Watts. West Middlesex FHS Vol.8 No. 4 Dec 1990.

THE WAKEFIELD COURT ROLLS. WHAT CAN THEY OFFER THE FAMILY HISTORIAN? by Sylvia Thomas. Yorkshire Family Historian Vol.16 No. 5 October 1990.

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307. 1871 Census Bakewell Workhouse
308. 1880 Millbury, Massachusetts Census. Sheffield toolgrinders.
309. Aftermath of Sheffield Flood. Register of claimants.
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311. Info. Ulster Historial Foundation.
312. Sheffield Street Plan (modern)
313. Sheffield at the Front. Index to men who fought at Boer War.
314. Church Fees: A guide to.
315. Exploring Local History No.1 April 1984.
316. M.I.s All Saints Church, Harrow Weald, Central Middlesex.
317. 1771 map of Sheffield Town.
318. Indexes Fire Ins. Policies of Sun Fire Office & Royal Exchange Ass. 1775-87.
319. Reprint of 1st edn OS Map Chesterfield & Sheffield.
320. Lund M.I.s
321. Middleton on Wolds M.I.s.
322. Grinders and Buffers.
323. HANDSWORTH: Guide to St.Mary's Churchyard.
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325. South Yorkshire - An Offical Guide.
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Irish Gen-A Record Finder.
Handbook on Irish Gen.
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328. North Notts. Group.
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330. DORE: The Old Days in Dore
Dore Surnames from Dronfield PRs.
331. Convicts of Lincolnshire (a) & (b)
332. The "Telegraphs's New Offices". Info. 1913.
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334. Crookesmoor School. Result of Drawing exam 1887.
335. ESSEX RECORD OFFICE.
336. Indexes for surname YOULE
337. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF WALES.
338. BRADFIELD: Bygones of Bradfield Vol 1, Vol.2.
By bus to Bradfield.
339. Man's Yesterday: Story of Harrison family in Isle of Man.
340. Family Name ROSE: extract from Family Bible.
341. Derbyshire Facts & Records.
342. Stoney Stratford.
343. Old Sheffield, streets, people, stories.
344. Church of St. Peter & St. Paul.
345. Cromford & High Peak Railway.
346. Discovering South Yorkshire
347. Discovering Churches.
348. Sheffield Old & New: Vickers.
349. Music & Musicians at Sheffield Cathedral.
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352. Matlock & Upper Derwent Valley.
353. Sir.Francis Chantrey.
354. From Horses to Atlanteans: Sheffield's transport.
355. South Yorkshire Newspapers.

357. Rotherham
358. Hanslope's Past.
359. Eyam Parish Church.
360. Do you Remember? (a), (b), (c), (d), (e).
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362. St.Andrew's Methodist Church, Heeley.
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364. Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.
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366. GBH Ward. Lifelong Campaign for access to countryside.
367. Wood in the Fens.
368. WENTWORTH: The New Church.
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374. Facsimiles of documents of use to family historians.
375. Family History & Local History in England. D.Hey.
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378. Report on condition of the Porter Brook.
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380. Popular History of Sheffield. J.Edward Vickers.
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384. Tracing Your Ancestors, Meda Mander.
385. Genealogy for Beginners, A.J.Willis.
386. Teach Yourself Local History. Francis Celoria.
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393. My Ancestor was Jewish. Ed.M.Grundy.
394. My Ancestors were Baptists. Geoffrey Reed.
395. My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants, Peter B.Park.
396. Records of the Church of England.
397. Archives & Records of City of Chester.
398. School, University & College Registers & Histories in Soc. of Gen.
399. My Ancestor was a Migrant. A.J.Camp.
400. My Ancestor was a Merchant Seaman.
401. Marriage Licences - abstracts & indexes in Library at Soc. of Gen.
402. M.I.s in Library of Soc. of Gen. in N.England, Wales, Soctland, Ireland & overseas.
403. My Ancestors were Quakers.
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## SYKES FAMILY PROBLEM

Dear Members,

I wonder if anyone can offer some suggestions of where or what areas I could search to find the birth and family of my ancestor, Charles Sykes (my great grandfather). I am such a long way from England to do searching and it is hard to find out all areas that may be available for research. My search has come to a complete stop as far as Charles is concerned.

According to the various certificates, that is his marriage, births of his children and his death here in Australia I have put together the following picture. He stated he was born in Sheffield, England - from his age given, his birth would have been c1826. He married in Australia June 1856 aged 30 years. From information on his death certificate December 1884 he had been living in NSW 28 years, which would make his arrival here c1856. His father's name was given as Charles, a Jeweller, his mother's name, unknown. According to family legend he was supposed to have served in India as a soldier for many years which would have had to be before arrival here. After his marriage he worked as a painter then joined the Police Force of NSW. On retiring he went back to his job of painting in Bathurst, dying suddenly of a heart attack while working on a house. He was aged 58 years, and left a young wife and 8 children behind.

Areas I have searched or had searched include the following:
British Army Records and East Indian Company Records with no success.
The Census 1841 and 1851 yielded nothing ; neither did Sheffield Directories 1821 to 1856.
Parish Church of Sheffield, Baptisms 1824 to 1830, also checked Chapelries of Attercliffe, Ecclesall, St.James & St.Paul:
Parish Church of Sheffield marriage index 1813-1834 and adjoining Parishes of Handsworth, Bradfield, Ecclesfield, Rotherham & Tinsley.
Baptisms of St.George July 1825 to Dec 1832.
Was told St.Phillips did not commence until 1828 or St.Mary's until 1830.
St.Paul's Baptisms in the care of the Provost.
History of the Cutler's Company. List of Apprentices and freemen Vol.11.
The IGI has yielded nothing.

Are there any other areas that could be searched or churches not listed that may help me in my endeavour to find Charles Sykes' origins. I would be most grateful for any helpful hints or advise. Will refund any postage costs.

Lyn Millington, 31 March Street, Kotara, Newcastle, NSW, Australia 2289.

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## CENSUS 1871

Sheffield South. Enumeration District 9. Enumerator Joseph Barber.

"The Enumerator in this populous district has in Every house been respectfully received; the Schedules have been filled up, and in the instances where the Enumerator has had to do this, the information has been readily forthcoming. The allowance fixed for Enumerators is paltry considering the vast amount of labour."

(I felt the same after being an Enumerator in 1961! - Roy Bullen.)

## ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVES IN 1990.

(Taken from South Yorkshire Archives Newsletter Winter 1990/91.)

### Rotherham Archives and Local Studies Department

Archivist: A P Munford

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Aston cum Aughton Parish Council minutes, 1984-1988
South Yorkshire County Council Rotherham Area Highways sub-committee agendas and papers, 1974-1985
Great Central Railway, copies of agreements for sidings and colliery railways, 1896-1924
School log books from the following schools:
Meadowhall Road, Rotherham: Anston Brook Junior; Aughton J and I; Brinsworth Manor Junior; Greasbrough J and I; Badsley Moor Lane Junior, Rotherham; East Dene J and I, Rotherham; Thurcroft Junior; Treeton J and I; Wath Victoria J and I; Maltby Hall Infants; Wickersley Comprehensive; Harthill J and I; Kilnhurst J and I; Brampton Ellis Infants.
South Yorkshire Glass Bottle Works, Swinton, title deeds, 1820-1919
Varah family of Bramley, family papers and photographs, 19c-20c
Steel, Tozer and Hampton Ltd, articles of association and register of mortgages, 1875-1876
Norah A Palmer (d 1990) - family papers and photographs, 19c-20c
Whiston Methodist Church minute book, 1948-1968

Rotherham and District Arts Council minutes, 1978-1985
Rother Valley Teachers' Association minutes, 1945-1951
National Union of Domestic Appliance and General Operatives, further account books, 19c-20c
Wath Main Colliery, miners' pay slips, 1947-1949

### Sheffield City Archives

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#### Parish Records

All Saints, Ecclesall, marriage register, 1982-1989
St Barnabas, Highfield, additional records, 1895-1981
St Thomas, Crookes, additional records, 1840-1986
All Saints, Ecclesall, interment charges accounts, 1897-1924
St Mark's, Grenoside, parish registers, 1900-1988
St Peter and St Paul, Todwick, marriage register, 1838-1989
St Hilda, Shiregreen, additional records, 20th century
All Saints, Totley, records, 1919-1984
St Matthias, Stocksbridge, records, 19th and 20th centuries
St Aidan, Manor, additional registers, 1942-1977
St Philip, St Stephen, St Anne and St Luke Hollis Croft, additional records 19th and 20th centuries

St James, Worsbrough Bridge, accounts, 1948-1962
St Thomas, Worsbrough Dale, additional records, 1856-1978
Christ Church, Dore, records 1813-1980
Cathedral Church of S.S. Peter and Paul records, 1560-1985
St Paul's, Sheffield, records, 1768-1937
St James, Sheffield, records, 1813-1940
St Jude's, Sheffield, records, 1855-1938
St Cuthbert's, Firvale, additional records, 20th century
St John's, Ranmoor, records, 1879-1985
St James, Woodhouse, records, 1932-1973
St Polycarp, Malin Bridge, records, 1920-1982
St Thomas, Crookes, additional records, 1985-1990
St Andrew, Sharrow, additional records, 1918-1990
St John, Chapeltown, additional records, 1860-1988
Christ Church, Hackenthorpe, banns register, 1965-1973
All Saints, Ecclesall, miscellaneous files, 20th century
Whiston Parish, additional records, 1871-1969
Holy Trinity, Millhouses, additional records, 20th century
St Lawrence, Tinsley, records, 1711-1958

Non-Conformist Records

St John's Methodist Church, Sharrow, records 19th and 20th centuries
Hallam Diocese (Roman Catholic), property files, 20th century
Ecclesall Methodist Circuit, records, 19th and 20th centuries
Dronfield Woodhouse Chapel, Brunswick Circuit, records
Wath upon Dearne Evangelical Church, marriage register, 1981-1988
Endcliffe Methodist Church, records, 20th century
Brunswick Methodist Circuit, Sheffield, records, 19th and 20th centuries
Mount Pleasant Wesleyan Church, Lound, Chapeltown, marriage register, 1909-1988
St Andrew's Methodist Church, Heeley, records, 20th century
Grimesthorpe Wesleyan Chapel, title deeds, 1851-1925

Business Records

Hadfields Ltd, steelworks, additional records, 19th and 20th centuries
Rodgers and Howe, solicitors, deeds registers, 1883-1968
Pickford Deighton and Co Ltd, motor vehicle dealers, records, 1960s-1970s
Union Grinding Wheel, Sheffield, records, c 1882-1982
George Wostenholm and Co, Sheffield, cutlers, additional records, 19th and 20th centuries
Additional records of Thomas Turton and Co, Sheffield, 20th century
Eaton and Booth Ltd, Sheffield metal forgers, records, 1890-1946
Hadfield Cawkwell and Davidson, architects, Sheffield, additional records, 20th century

Miscellaneous and Personal Records

Four postcard views of Sheffield
Geographia Plan of Sheffield
Photograph and newscuttings album relating to the Reverend W Leary
Xeroxes of photographs relating to High Hazels Sunday School outings
Photographs of munitions workers at King Street during World War I
Marriage certificate of Thomas Clayton and Sarah Barker, 1885
Grant of burial right in Sheffield General Cemetery, 1880
Illuminated addresses to Michael Hunter, Mayor of Sheffield, 1882-1883
David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside, additional papers, 1980s

Sale particulars relating to land at Bradfield, Ecclesfield and Chapeltown, 1920-1921
Photographs of lorries in Sheffield, c 1920
Print of St Mary's Church, Sheffield, 19th century
Papers and genealogical notes of Geoffrey Peace, 20th century
Typescript "Early History of Animated Pictures in Sheffield", 1896-1909, by Clifford Shaw
Photocopies of records of German Wilson, millwright of Sheffield, 1855-1873
Maps of Wortley Union, c 1860
Miscellaneous deeds and papers relating to the Sheffield area, 18th and 19th centuries
South Yorkshire Fire Service Museum, miscellaneous records, 1890s-1970s
Photographs of Havelock and Edith Ellis, 1896-1921
Photographs of Sheffield people, 1947
Two O.S. 3rd edition maps of Sheffield and District, 1911, 1912
Probate copy of the Will of William Clayton, of Aston, farmer, 1853
Documents relating to the property of John and Thomas Shearer situated in Sheffield, 1844-1889
Newscuttings regarding William Corbett's lectures in Sheffield, 1835
Deeds relating to the Gale family of Eckington, 18th century
Conveyance of the Red Lion Inn, Tinsley, 1837
Deeds relating to Norfolk Street and Mulberry Street, Sheffield, 19th century
M.A. Thesis, "Attercliffe 1841-81 - a study of its steelworkers and families"
"The Hazell Family of Scarning, Norfolk, and Sheffield" by J. P. Craddock
Photographs of Burrowlee House, Hillsborough, c 1900-1920
Typescript transcripts of Worsbrough parish registers, 1559-1812
Papers of Charles Jessop of Sheffield, composer and conductor
Letter from Edward Carpenter
Papers of Councillor Clive Betts, Leader of Sheffield City Council, 1980s
Additional papers and glass negatives relating to Arthur Hayball and family, 19th and 20th centuries
Transcript and index to Tankersley parish registers, 1598-1840
Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield, architects drawings relating to its refurbishment, 1988
Recipe book of Clara Allott, 1948
Sunday School Teachers diary of Hannah Allott, 1889
Wilson Family of Broomhead correspondence, 1713-1802
St Philip, Sheffield, transcripts of monumental inscriptions
Photocopy of graveplot plans, St Thomas, Brightside, churchyard
Monumental Inscriptions, Dalton Parva, churchyard
Transcripts and indexes to Sheffield Cathedral marriages, 1813-1851
Councillor Howard Knight, papers, 1980s

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## HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE SITE OF THE OFFICES OF THE "TELEGRAPH" Part III

### Joseph Pearce.

From 1845 Mr.Joseph Pearce, jun., son of a bookseller in Gibraltar Street, had occupied the shop on the south side of the street, now Mr. J.Harrison, hosier. There in 1852 he combined with his stationery and printing, the duties of publisher of the "Sheffield Times". Though not strictly the begetter, Mr. Pearce became the foster-parent of the "Telegraph" when, in 1855, that puling foundling was, almost literally, dumped upon his doorstep. Shortly after, having adopted the infant, and the better to discharge his duties as god-father, he crossed the street and stepped into Mr.Whittles' shoes in No.17, by way of being nearer to the Aldine Court nursery. Before the end of 1863,

when Mr.Pearce, after many sleepless nights, handed over the eight-and-a-half year old journal to Messrs. Leng & Shepperdson, he had removed to No.23, and here the new proprietors succeeded him. Mr.Pearce : sought repose as an insurance agent in George Street.

Girdlers' Property - The Grey Horse.

This No.23, Messrs Leng's first office was not part of the Trippett property but belonged to the Girdlers, who had stuck to it since the beginning of the eighteenth century, when, by a double marriage, two Girdlers inherited it from the grandfather of their wives, old Edward Roberts, barber-chirurgeon. The Girdlers were grocers, chandlers, butchers, and so forth, but not victuallers. The Blackamoor's Head, as their Tavern was called, was let to others. About 1780 alterations were made turning the inn's front into a shop and relegating the victualler to the rear. The landlord consoled himself by changing the sign to The Grey Horse. The shop after being occupied by drapers, was entered upon about 1833 by the Littlewoods, William and Sarah, staymakers. When rebuilt in 1858, its destruction was lamented - somewhat erroneously, as there were still standing older structures near the junction of the south side with Fargate - as marking the disappearance of "the last relic of old High Street." It was here that the "Telegraph" was first published under its new owners. Later, the newspaper office was moved to No. 17, and afterwards No.19, theretofore Wilson's snuff shop, was incorporated. Somewhere about 1843 George Lemon Saunders had settled in Sheffield (was it from Bath?) as a music seller and teacher of singing and dancing. He took No 32 on the south side of High Street, next to Parkin's glass and china shop, with a room up the court, part, I imagine, of the old warehouses of Green and Pickslay, for his classes. I remember it well, for there, with patience sorely tried by one, at least, of his pupils, he not very successfully tried to initiate me into the steps and figures of mazy dances. Like Mr.Pearce, he crossed the street, and in 1852 was in No.21, the door below Aldine Court. In 1855 Mr.Saunders, having sold his music business to Mr.H.J.Freemantle, who came from Chichester, shortly afterwards removed to an office in the Old. Stone House, where he devoted to an insurance agency such time as could be spared from the turmoils of local politics, on the old Highway Board, in the Town Council, and at the Board of Guardians. Between 1876 and 1879 Mr. Freemantle went to Western Bank and music was hushed in tailoring.

The Old Shopkeepers and the New.

Superior persons may turn impatiently from a narrative which has largely concerned itself with the unromantic careers of tradesmen. And in so far as shops are now not so much shops as branch establishments, tentacles of octopus-like organisations reaching from nobody knows where, and concerned only to retail machine-made goods for the benefit of persons whose interest in Sheffield is limited to the dividends they can draw from it. I am not concerned about them. But the old days were different and better - certainly more interesting. The shopkeepers were not alien managers, but personalities, living mostly on the premises, not ashamed to stand behind their own counters; proud to vend wares honest enough to need no shoddy window-dressing; and finding time to take a useful part in the town's life. Old inhabitants remember this class with respect, and not a few individual members of it, with something like affection. Though it may be a mark of old fogeyism, I throw in my lot with these. But since venerable landmarks must needs disappear, we may be permitted to cling to old memories, while congratulating the modern obliterators of the past on their - - enterprise.

Contributed by Jose King.

## EMMA JANE

Born in 1878 Emma Jane was a forceful personality in her family, even as a little girl. She ran rings round her placid mother and organised all her brothers and sisters. There was only her father, from whom he had inherited her boldness and intelligence, whom she respected and deferred to.

But childhood was short in the 1880s. Financial considerations made it imperative for each child to be self supporting as soon as possible, so at 13 Emma Jane went 'into service'. I imagine that this must have been the least enjoyable part of her life, not because she disliked work, she never was an idle person, but because she had to submit her own positive personality to that of her employer. She was someone else's chattel. She must not think of herself, or organise or decide - all she must do was obey.

However, it was not long before she found a way out of this unsatisfying situation. When she was just turned twenty she married John William, and they set up home in a small terraced house quite near to her parents, and started their family of three. It was typical of her that she chose a quiet amenable lad, hard working and peace loving, for, from then on Emma Jane 'wore the trousers'.

She was a healthy, vivacious attractive young woman with a great sense of fun, and she certainly knew how to enjoy herself. John William adored her in their early years together. But behind the pretty face and the witty manner was a will of steel, and John William soon learnt that life could be very unpleasant if he crossed her.

The first thing that she asked of him was that he should work, work, work. She took charge of his earnings, kept the accounts, paid the bills and saved, saved, saved. Memories of her poverty-stricken childhood made her determined to ensure that there was always money in the bank. What began as a response to the poverty of her childhood became a lifetime's obsession. The fun disappeared. Her housekeeping became an exnercise in economy. John William was obliged to go out after a twelve hour shift at the steel-works to work on his allotment so that the expense of buying vegetables was avoided. When all the cabbages were ready at the same time, the family ate cabbage until it was stinking and rotten and they were heartily sick of it. She bought her meat late on Saturday evening, when only the worst was left, and the butchers almost gave it away so that they could shut up shop. She watered the milk and boiled up the tea until it was strong and 'stewed'. She begrudged the money for the rent paid to the landlord, so when enough was saved she bought a larger house in a better area and proceeded to fill it with lodgers. She made her only son sleep on a hard narrow sofa in the bathroom so that his bedroom could be let. When one lodger asked for 'new laid' eggs, instead of the 'shop eggs' she was in the habit of buying, she charged him extra and kept his eggs separate. Her own clothes and her family's were old and patched - often second hand. Anything she could possibly do to earn money or save expense was done, and at the end of the week another few shillings or a pound or two went back into the bank. Everything was sacrficed on the altar of money. Her children were glad to grow up, marry and leave home. John William came down to earth as a work worn slave to his wife's obsession, and Emma Jane herself gradually changed into a grasping, scheming, calculating middle-aged woman whose sole aim in life was money.

By now the motive had changed - it was now just the acquisition of money for its own sake - the joy of possession - the miser's love of gold. It was then that the idea of investment other than in the bank came to Emma Jane. She bought several run-down terrace houses and squeezed every penny of rent out of her unfortunate tenants, who heartily disliked her. The tables were turned - Emma Jane was now the landlord. She found the about-turn not at all

difficult to cope with. Rather, she revelled in it. She hardened her heart and had no pity on the people who were now in the position that she used to be in. Requested repairs were left undone, or delegated to the unskilled hands of John William. He trudged around in his workman's overalls and bore the brunt of the tenants' complaints while his wife's wealth increased. He sympathised with them, but sould do nothing for them in the face of his wife's determination to make money at all costs.

Her next foray was into the world of stocks and shares. As an uninformed beginner, she must have had extraordinary good luck, as everything she touched seemed to prosper. Her bank manager once said that if he recommended one investment,and she decided upon another, invariably the one she opted for succeeded.

John William died in 1959. Emma Jane survived him by seven years. She died a comparatively wealthy woman, but unloved by her family, who had always come second to her passion for money.

Contributed by Mrs.Eileen Allen.

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DALTON PARVA WAR MEMORIAL (cont)

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| J.Hancock | Royal Field Artillery |
| G.Hardy | 3rd Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.Harrington | 31st Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| H.Harris | Sheffield City Battl. |
| T.Hartle | Royal Garrison Artillery |
| W.Hartle | 5th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.W.Heaton | Royal Garrison Artillery |
| D.W.A.Hick | Royal Fusiliers |
| E.D.A.Hick | Royal Navy |
| W.H.Hill | Royal Army Medical Corps. |
| R.H.Heinz | 1-5 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| T.Hirst | 10th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| G.Hucknall | 10th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| L.Hull | 1-5th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| T.Hobson | Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.Hickman | Tank Corps. |
| H.Johnson | 5th Connaught Rangers |
| W.Jones | 6th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.H.Kelsall | Royal Field Artillery |
| S.Kelsall | R.A.F. |
| B.Kemp | 3-5 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| F.H.Kemp | 1-6 Duke of Wellington's Regt. |
| J.Kemp | 3-5 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| W.Large | 6th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| E.Latham | 5th Middx Regt. |
| J.Latham | Yorks ' Lancs Regt. |
| W.Latham | Royal Field Artillery |
| R.Litchfield | K.O.Y.L.I. |
| G.Longden | 1-4 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.W.MacGann | 3rd Machine Gun Corps. |
| A.J.Martin | Royal Defence Corps. |
| H.Martin | 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers |
| S.J.Massey | Coldstream Guards |
| S.Miree | 14th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| H.Moore | 8th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| M.E.Moore | 10th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |

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| J.Morgan | Coldstream Guards |
| A.L.Morley | R.A.F. |
| J.Morton | Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| M.Mactague | Lancs Fusiliers |
| S.Newey | K.O.Y.L.I. |
| T.Newey | R.A.F. |
| W.Oakley | 10th North Staffs Regt. |
| T.Oliver | Royal Navy Division |
| G.D.Parry | 3-4 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| F.Pearson | Royal Garrison Artillery |
| T.Plant | 6th Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| S.Podmore | 2nd Lincolnshire Regt. |
| H.Poole | East Kents. |
| J.Poole | 4th Yorks & Lancs |
| W.Poole | 4th Yorks & Lancs |
| E.Pratt | Royal Garrison Artillery |
| G.Pratt | Royal Army Medical Corps. |
| P.W.Pritchard | Duke of Wellington's Regt. |
| W.E.Purshouse | H.M.S.Minerva |
| E.Redmille | Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| R.Redmille | Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| T.Redmille | Royal Army Medical Corps. |
| A.Rheam | 3-4 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| G.Riley | Royal Air Force. |
| J.L.Rimmington | Royal Garrison Artillery |
| W.Rimmington | 3rd Duke of Wellington's Regt. |
| J.Ripley | Royal Army Medical Corps |
| A.H.Rogers | 2nd Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| C.Rotherforth | 3-5 Yorks & Lancs Regt. |
| J.J.Sanderson | Royal Air Force |
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## THREE RAWMARSH TALES (cont)

### 2. WALTER'S FIRST SCHOOL.

I tend to have an inspirational rather than a methodical approach to family history. Following a hunch, going off a a tangent, constructing elaborate hypotheses ; these all capture my imagination much more than the slow, progressive accumulation of data from sources such as parish registers. Of course,much family history is akin to detective work and there is great value in a systematic recording of all instances of a name in a whole range of events; later, if only one ties in with information previously discovered, the exercise has been worthwhile. Yet, I am sure that there is also room for the creative side of family history.

Anyhow, the case of Walter Adams is a good example of my departing from the conventional route and following up a particularly interesting branch of the Adams tree - and being able to extend my knowledge of one aspect of local and, indeed, national history.

#### An Upwardly Mobile Ancestor.

It was while going through the Rawmarsh Electoral Roll for 1868 at Wakefield - just to see who might be there - that I was most surprised to find my great grandfather's brother, William Adams, listed as an owner of freehold houses and land. So far I had discovered mainly labourers and colliers - this upwardly mobile stone mason was quite a revelation. Immediately I dashed into the Deeds Registry - one of my favourite repositories - and quickly found details of the property and William's will. Later I discovered William had been responsible for literally putting our name on the map; Adams Yard, at the corner of Chapel Street and New Street, existed until the 1960s redevelopment of Rawmarsh. He had also become a grocer and draper by the time of his death. In William's will I was most interested to read that his son Walter was a schoolteacher in Norwich. As my son and I spend a week every year researching our Norfolk ancestors in Norwich Record Office, then it was obvious that some time would have to be devoted to finding Walter. Why is it that the best discoveries are made at the end of a session in a record office? It was in the afternoon of the last day that he was finally tracked down - in a list showing teachers paying superannuation (that is the creative approach!), and fortunately the log book of his school had been deposited. I was able to discover when he started and when he left - to become a headteacher of a school in Peterborough. This summer a visit to Huntingdon is eagerly awaited, so that the log books that Walter wrote can be studied.

#### The Pupil-Teacher System.

If I had not been so anxious to scribble down as much as I could in the limited time remaining to me in Norwich, I would have discovered that Walter (born on 4th September, 1871) had taught previously at Rawmarsh Board School and had studied at Firth College. This I had to find out by looking at the log book of the Rawmarsh Central Council School in Netherfield Lane.

I was doing this with no other purpose than curiosity.

Walter must have been a pupil at Netherfield Lane since he started school - presumably because his parents were Methodists they preferred to send him not to the nearby church school but the board school. He does not make an appearance in the log book, however, until 1886 when he is shown as passing in Arithmetic. At this time he was a pupil-teacher and later he was to become an assistant master, before going to Firth College to be trained full time. Then he returned briefly, to Netherfield Lane as a Qualified assistant before going to Norwich in 1898.

At Netherfield Lane, as elsewhere at the end of the nineteenth century, great reliance was placed on pupil-teachers - indeed it would have been impossible to run the school without them. Today it seem incredible to us that education should be entrusted to pupils as young as fourteen or fifteen, but the pupil-teacher system - even though often criticized in official reports - survived from 1846 until well into the 20th century. The quality of the teaching must have varied considerably, and the Netherfield Lane log book is full of complaints about the scholastic and teaching ability of the pupil-teachers. I am glad to say that Walter does not feature at all in that respect! Before pupil-teachers there had been the monitorial system, which was clearly in the spirit of the new industrial age. It essentially meant that one school master could control a whole school as long as the work was carefully parcelled out amongst the monitors - the most able pupils - who in their turn gave instruction to small groups. The pupil-teacher scheme was a natural extension of this idea, though clearly an improvement. It meant that selected able pupils were to be given training and education in the school (and certain schools like Netherfield Lane, were designated pupil-teacher centres), as well as being required to look after classes. In more advanced areas the pupil-teachers would attend separate establishments for instruction and undertake teaching practice in their elementary schools. This does not seem to have been the case in Rawmarsh, where they stayed all the time at Netherfield Lane. Special lessons for them were given outside normal school times - there are instances of the headmaster complaining of lateness for 7am lessons! At the end of three or four years the Queen's Scholarship would be taken - Walter Adams passed his in 1891 - and then further full-time education would be undertaken. For Walter this meant four years at one of the forerunners of Sheffield University. Firth College, from 1891-95. Here he had a broad curriculum including his specialisms of Maths and Sciences, but also French, Latin, English, History, Drawing and Psychology. He also had school practice. He became a fully qualified (or certificated as it was called) teacher in 1896, and later gained an external BSc degree of the University of London. He was earning £80 per annum when he returned to Netherfield Lane.

Such was the typical early career of a late nineteenth century teacher and all knowledge of it was acquired easily from log books or was due to the kind offices of the Honorary Archivist at Sheffield University, Peter Linacre. To me every mundane detail of Walter's career appearing in the log book is of use, but inevitably the close study of the log book revealed much more interesting material.

Minority Champion Removed.

In particular I have in mind an early case of assault on a teacher. The myth of a golden age in education certainly needs to be exploded!

When the Rawmarsh School Board was set up in 1870 one of its founders was William Ping, who became headmaster of Netherfield Lane School. He seemed to have served the school well and through his writing in the log book he comes across as a caring and compassionate teacher. His attempt to cure truants and his concern for backward children are genuine. One particular

entry recounting the use of a microscope to examine frogs and other pond creatures shines out as an example of inspired work in an age which we consider to be dominated by the three Rs, to the exclusion of all else. However, it is clear that William Ping fell foul of the Board - or rather the "majority" interest - and was forced to seek another position. Here we must reflect on local politics. The majority of the Board would have been professional men, while the minority represented working class interest. It was indeed the members of the Labour Movement that were among the greatest champions of School Boards, realising their chance for genuine local democracy and the end of church-controlled education. The Rotherham Advertiser reported at length the tribute paid to William Ping when he resigned, reluctantly, from the school at the end of October 1879. The minority members were the only ones of the Board present, and the occasion was used as a political platform to attack the penny-pinching of the majority, and to wonder how standards could be upheld unless more money were spent and teachers paid more. It is very interesting to note how some things never change!

Knocked to the Ground.

The next head, William Veale, came in with the fierce determination to raise standards. He complained in the log book of the total lack of discipline, the roughness of the boys, the need to shout to make oneself heard and the lack of a time table. In doing this he obviously upset the minority of the Board, who refused to confirm his appointment. A letter to them beginning "Gentlemen?" was clearly not going to restore peace. Indeed matters soon turned ugly. Mr.Veale must have felt much of the population of Rawmarsh and Parkgate was against him, and expressions of doubt about his capability to run the school were circulating in the parish. William Veale obviously had good grounds for suspecting one member of the minority, James Hatfield, a miner, for he went to see his daughter Annie Hatfield, a pupil-teacher in the Girls' Department, and intimated that disrespectful things were being said about him and this should stop. It was not long before James Hatfield came into the school and knocked the headteacher to the ground, accusing him of interfering with his daughter! At the ensuing court case there was no doubt about James Hatfield's guilt, but the fine of 40/- plus costs and the statement by the magistrate that the attack was not entirely unprovoked put the matter into perspective.

There is every evidence from the log book that Rawmarsh was a far from genteel area at this time - hardly surprising with a largely working class population. Maintaining order and securing parental consent cannot have been easy in any of the parish schools. There had been no culture of compulsory school attendance and - as the log book shows - truancy because of the weather, feasts, illness and other reasons was rife. William Veale had his work cut out, but subsequent Inspectors' Reports and his own words show that he did improve standards through sheer professionalism and despite local politics. The sons of miners and metal workers were well educated. I like to think that Walter Adams played no small part in this and that his few years as pupil-teacher and assistant teacher in Rawmarsh were the start of a successful career as a dedicated educator.

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MEMORIAL OF INDENTURES DATES 10th, 11th, 18th JULY 1815

OF LAND AND PROPERTY IN ANGEL STREET, SHEFFIELD.

This property was acquired by my G.G.G.Grandfather Charles Rollison Street, Papermaker, of Wadsley Bridge and the following people are mentioned, some notable in local history:

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Thomas Walker, Esquire, of Berry Hill, Mansfield.
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Catherine Wainwright, his wife
Thomas Wilkes, Witness
William Wilcock, of Halifax, Gentleman
Society of Friends, propery adjoining

The Croft at Steelbank was acquired by Charles Rollison Street, Table Knife Manufacturer, February, 1832:

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Benjamin Burberry, Witness
John Dickinson, of Steelbank, Table Knife Mfr.
Edward Furniss, Witness
Beeston Hainsworth of Sheffield, Plumber
George Slack, of Steelbank
Hannah Slack, of Steelbank
Elizabeth Sarah Rollison Street, wife of Charles

SOURCES: Registry of Deeds, West Yorkshire Record Office, Newstead Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2DE.

Charles Rollison Street, born c1793, has been an interesting but difficult ancestor to research. Variations of his surname lead me to suspect illegitimacy, as does his late baptism at the Cathedral when he is stated as "Son of Elizabeth".

Upon his marriage at the Cathedral on 27 Dec 1815, to Elizabeth Richardson, he is"Rollison Street", Cutler, yet the previous July he was the papermaker at Wadsley Bridge.

The trade directories of 1817, 1825, 1828/30 list him as "Rollison" in partnership with John Dickinson as table knife and razor manufacturers at Whitecroft and Peacroft, home at Pyebank. In 1833/4 and 1837 he is listed solely as "Rollison" at these trades, John Dickinson having gone his own way.

In the 1841 census he was Charles Rollison, hardware warehouseman of Trafalgar Street. In 1851, Charles Rollison, Clerk of Eyre Street.

"Rollison Street" applies to baptisms and the marriages of his children. If these problems were not enough his daughter, Emma, my G.G.Grandmother, married George Dickinson, son of John, at Rotherham Parish Church in 1839. It took me a few years to find out that George was not the son of the table knife manufacturer but another John Dickinson.

So Charles Rollison Street was baptised late, he was literate and affluent in his early life. Did he have a benefactor? Were his origins as humble as I might think? The search continues for his father and I am working on a lead that Charles was "Rollison" upon his death.

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| Elizabeth | " | Sister | U | 36 | | " " |
| John | " | Brother | U | 30 | Gardner | " " |
| Sarah | Guest | Visitor | M | 64 | Gardners Aunt | Coley Lane? " |
| George | Thompson | Nephew | | 6 | " Nephew | Wentworth, " |
| George | Burton | Head | M | 39 | Groom | Swinton, Yorks |
| Ruth | " | Wife | M | 36 | | Rotherham, Yorks |

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