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FUTURE PROGRAMME

1991 Programme

Meet 7.30pm Baptist Church, Cemetery Road,
(entrance Napier Street.)

Mon. 16 Sept.

David Hey: *The Sheffield Names Project*

Mon 21 Oct

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 welcomed to answer questions which are bound to arise.

Mon 18 Nov

Jill Briscoe: *Demography*

Mon 9 Dec

Seasonal Evening: Endcliffe Traditional Heritage Museum (Ecclesall Road, near Hunter's Bar.). Refreshments, carol singers. Meet 7pm.

1992 Programme

Mon 20 Jan

To be announced

Mon 17 Feb

AGM followed by talk, to be announced.

Mon 16 Mar

To be announced

Coach Trips 1991

Tue 24 Sept

London, ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE. Cost £7.

Itinerary

7.10am

Leave Rotherham (Corporation St. Bingo)

7.40am

Leave Sheffield (Paternoster Row)

4.30pm

Leave St. Catherine's House, Aldwych.

About 8.30pm

Arrive Sheffield (Paternoster Row)

About 9.00pm

Arrive Rotherham (Corporation St. Bingo)

TO BOOK:

Telephone 402727 Sue Graves (Mon-Fri after 8pm)
Cheques payable to Sheffield and District FHS
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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 7.30p.m. during the winter months and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society's library is held at Sheffield Archives 52, Shoreham street, Sheffield. S1 4SP and is available during their normal opening hours. The Society caters for the Metropolitan Districts of Sheffield and Rotherham. The annual subscription is £6 (and £8 for joint membership-only one journal); £6 overseas surface mail and £8 overseas airmail. The Officers at present are;

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Contributions and letters for publication should be sent to the Editor. All other correspondence on Society matters should be sent to the Secretary.

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ROTHERHAM BRANCH.

Meetings are held at the WEA Rooms, Corporation St. Rotherham 7-9p.m. 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

As you all know, in September our Society is hosting a conference that family historians from all over the country will be attending. In order to present a full report of the proceedings in "The Flowing Stream" members who are planning to go to the conference are requested to contact me if they are willing to write a brief report on one of the talks. Even if you are a new member who does not yet have any material suitable for publication, this is your opportunity to make a contribution to our magazine. Please do not be shy. Contact me on Sheffield 851241 with your choice of lecture.

Since you will receive this Journal just before the start of the academic year may I draw your attention to the courses described. Both could be of great value to you in your researches.

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

MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Resignations.

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NEWS AND NOTES

LONDON LIBRARIES OF INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS

Guildhall Library, off Gresham Street.

This has a more than ample supply of microfilm and microfiche readers to view the IGI; every issue of the Times newspaper from 1785; Lloyds Registers of Ships and their Captains; Craft Guild Records; City Parish Church Registers etc. It has about 60 Sheffield area Directories from 1784 and Times Newspaper Index. Volumes detailing every name and subject from 1784. The persons come from every class and occupation. This Library has some record of nearly every person who has ever lived in the City and a complete set of Huguenot Society Registers.

Behind the Library is the *Corporation of London Record Office* which has historical details of City properties, Guild members etc.

The *Corporation of London Business Library* at present located in Fenchurch Street but moving to a new office block by the Guildhall this autumn has on open shelves every Telephone Directory in the world - hundreds of them!

The current issue (information sent in March 1991) of *Family Tree Magazine* has an advertisement from an accredited genealogist who will obtain your certificates for £7.50 each. He is Stephen T.J. Wright, 4 Rose Glen, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9EN. Tel: 0245 259965.

The above information was contributed by Stuart Foulds.

THE BERESFORD MAGAZINE

The Society wishes to thank Philip Robinson for 4 copies of the magazine of the Beresford Society given to our Library.

1851 CENSUS INDEX FOR GLAMORGAN

The Glamorgan Family History Society are producing on microfiche an index to the 1851 census for the whole county. This is a full computerised index, containing all the genealogical information on the original census, arranged alphabetically within enumeration districts. Fiche already on sale can be obtained from Mrs. Meg Carey, 21 High Trees, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2LE. Searches can be undertaken at £1 per name.

Merthyr Tydfil Lower (set of 6 fiche) £4.80 inc. p+p.

Merthyr Tydfil Upper, including Dowlais (set of 7 fiche) £4.80 inc. p+p.

Gelligaer, inc. Llanfabon, Llanwonno and part of Pontypridd (set of 2) £1.75 inc. p&p
Bridgend Registration District available shortly. -

Also available: 1881 full index of the Gower (set of 3 fiche) £2.25 inc. p+p.

AN INVITATION FROM DONCASTER SOCIETY FOR FAMILY HISTORY

The Doncaster Society for Family History invites any interested members to a talk by Julian Litten on The Royal Funeral on 19th September 1991. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm in Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, Doncaster. There is a 50p entrance fee for non-members of the Doncaster Society. Julian Litten from the Victoria and Albert Museum, is an expert on funerals and their history.

1851 CENSUS OF BERKSHIRE

Volume 5 No. 2 of the 1851 census is now available. It covers the Isley and Hendred Subdistricts of Wantage Registration District (HO 107: 1689). Surname, first name, age and folio number are given. Price £3.10 UK; £3.30 o/s surface; £4.20 airmail. This and other volumes are available from Mrs. J. Debney, 8 Huckleberry Close, Purley on Thames, Reading RG8 8EH, Tel. 0734 413223.

LINCOLNSHIRE STRAYS INDEX

The Lincolnshire FHS has compiled a strays index of marriages that took place between 1600 and 1900 outside Lincolnshire in which either a bride or groom was a Lincolnshire resident. For a search please send a donation of £1 per surname to the Society and enclose an SAE. (NB. No in-county strays are included.) The index is held by Ruth Tinley, 16 Lincoln Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8HE.

THE BUNTING SOCIETY

Members researching the Bunting Family may be interested in joining the Bunting Society. One of our members, Mrs.C.M.Grayson-Toms writes that the family was well settled in Derbyshire and the Society have many family trees that can be made available. The Bunting Annual Reunion will take place at Alpheton Village Hall near Long Melford, Suffolk on Saturday 12th October 1991.

PARISH REGISTERS HELD AT SMETHWICK LIBRARY.

A list of Parish Registers held at Smethwick Library has been given to us by Frank Westwood for the Library.

SUFFOLK 1851 CENSUS INDEX

Vol.6 (HO 107/1792 Bury St Edmunds) of this index is available in three parts split alphabetically by surname. The parts are available separately price £2.25 UK, £2.50 o/s surface, £3.25 airmail. The whole volume is £6.75 UK, £7.00 o/s surface, £9.00 airmail. Payment in £ sterling only. Available from Mrs Janise Tinner, 10 Elm Close, Gt. Bentley, Colchester, Essex CO7 8LU.

1851 CENSUS INDEX OF WORCESTERSHIRE VOL.6

A full transcript and surname index for Worcester (North) is available price £5.10 UK inc p+p £5.50 o/s surface from Mr.A.Watkins, 92 Dimmingsdale Bank, Birmingham B22 1ST.

1851 CENSUS INDEX OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Volume 6 covers parts of Tynemouth and Volume 7 covers Newcastle St.Nicholas. Price £3.50 UK, £4.00 o/s surface, it is available from Mrs.C.Davison, 22 Ferndale Avenue, East Boldon, Tyne & Wear NE36 0TQ.

ONE-NAME STUDY OF GLOSSOP.

The Revd. F.W.R. La Touche, The Vicarage, Main Road, Thorngumbald, Hull, N.Humberside HU12 9NA has an ongoing computerised One-Name Study for all GLOSSOP references. Any input by members would be greatly

appreciated. He will willingly run a search of accumulated data and help with all Glossop enquiries if he is able. Please send SAE.

ROTHERHAM CENTRAL LIBRARY CHANGE OF OPENING HOURS.

A change in the opening hours of Rotherham Central Library, starting in the week beginning 30th September 1991, will mean an alteration in the opening hours of the Archives and Local studies Section. As from Monday 30th September 1991, the Archives and Local Studies Section will open as follows:
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri.....10.00 - 17.00 hrs
Thurs.....13.00 - 19.00 hrs
Sat.....09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

COURSES BEING RUN LOCALLY

PALAEOGRAPHY FOR LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORIANS

This is run at Wickersley Adult Education Centre on Thursdays, 7.15-8.45 from 26th September 1991, 10 meetings, fee £18. The course is being organised by an experienced local historian and tutored by a professional archivist, Tony Mumford. This course is a rare opportunity for students to gain skills and confidence when reading handwriting from the Tudor to Victorian period. Local source material will be used. You can join the course at enrolment evenings held at Wickersley Comprehensive School on Thursday 12th September and Monday 16th September (late enrolment on Wednesday 18th September) between 6.30 and 8.30pm. In case of difficulty please contact Brian Elliott, Area Head of Centres, on Rotherham 545148 or messages can be forwarded via Rother Valley College on Dimmington 550550.

GCSE LATIN (BEGINNERS COURSE)

This is held at Norton College, Dyche Lane, Sheffield S8 8BR on Wednesday afternoons 1.00pm to 3.30pm. The classes are composed mainly of adult students (and there is no obligation to take any examination!) The course is an ideal way of learning some basic Latin to assist in researches especially into manorial rolls and ecclesiastical records. For full details please contact John Wade (at College on Sheffield 372741 or at home on Sheffield 360820); or Sarah Armstrong(at college on Sheffield 372741 or at home on Sheffield 554110)

FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

From FFHS Family History News and Digest.

Ruesch International.

Information about this agency which specialises in foreign bank drafts and foreign cheque conversions was published in the Treasurer's Report in FHN&D 7,2. Glamorgan FHS inform us that there is a change of address, now: 1350 Eye Street, NW, Washington DC20005. Tel: (202) 408-1200; (800) 424-2923. The latter is the toll-free number which is used to place an order. Their informant (a Glamorgan FHS member) confirms that Ruesch have the best rate available.

International Reply Coupons.

Good news for all family historians, for a single franked IRC is now exchangeable for the basic *airmail* postal charge for countries abroad. (Read the small print on the back.) In the past it was worth only the value of a *surface mail* stamp, and requests for more than one IRC brought many complaints from fellow researchers overseas who did not realise this.

However, please would readers overseas appreciate that a 37p postage stamp to Australia, for example, is not the sum total of costs incurred in Britain. This covers only postage for an airmail envelope and a single light sheet of paper, insufficient for many replies - and someone has to pay for the stationery, too! You are less likely to be asked for 3 IRCs now, but 2 will usually be necessary to defray other expenses for straight/forward enquiries. (Some societies and individuals have to ask for more to cover specific charges for searching indexes, etc., but will presumably adjust their requirements in the light of the increased value of IRCs.)

National Memorial Card Index.

The compiler of this index would appreciate photocopies, transcripts or unwanted originals that FHS members may have, and will gladly refund costs, including those incurred when cards are bought. Please write to Philip E. Jones, Genesis, 40 Regina Crescent, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9AE.

Telecommunications History.

Please note that public records of Post Office Telecommunications and its predecessors previously held by the Post Office Archives are currently being transferred to the custody of the BT Archives, the repository of British Telecommunications plc.

The records concerned date from the early part of the 19th century and document the development of telecommunications and the provision of telegraph, telephone and related services in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

Also being transferred to the BT Archives is the collection of historical telephone directories previously held by the Telecom Technology Showcase, BT's national museum. These records contain a wealth of information and are of particular interest to genealogists.

Because of the time the transfer will take, before making a visit searchers should contact BT Archives, GO9, Telephone House, Temple Avenue, London

EC4Y 0HL (071-822 1002) or Post Office Archives, Freeling House, 23 Glasshill Street, London SE1 0BQ (071-261 1145).

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Sheffield and District FHS 6-8 Sept 1991.

Full details in Vol.11 No. 4.

Cheshire FHS 14 Sept 1991.

Annual conference & AGM at Chester College, Cheyney Road, Chester. The theme of the day is "Non-Conformity and Family History". Details from P.D.Dewdney, 5 Henbury Rise, Henbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9NW.

Leicestershire FHS 21 Sept 1991.

One-Day Conference at Braunstone Civic Centre, Leicester. The theme is, "Ordinary People - some under-used sources for research". Details available from Eric Orbell, 33 Vandyke Road, Oadby, Leicester LE5 2UB.

Glamorgan FHS 21 Sept 1991.

Open day at Pyle & District Leisure Centre, Pyle, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan. Advice on tracing your ancestors, displays of local and general interest. From 11am to 4pm.

Society of Genealogists 2 Nov 1991

9th Biennial Day Conference at New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, Vincent Square, London. The theme is "All Dressed Up" - the lives and records of some of those who wore special clothes or distinctive dress for the work they did. Details from Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA

Lincolnshire F.H.S. 5 Oct. 1991

East Midlands Family History Conference at The Lincoln Suite, The Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln. "An Apple A Day-----" (A Conference with a Medical Theme) Details from Mrs B. Webster, 27, Fen Road, Heighington, Lincoln LN4 1JL .

Doncaster F.H.S. 2 Nov: 1991

Family History Day at The Museum and Art Gallery, Doncaster. Details from Mrs. Betty Watson, 18, Highbury Crescent, Bessacarr, Doncaster. DN4 6AL.

East Yorkshire F.H.S. 10-12 April 1992.

The East Yorkshire Family History Society is hosting the 1992 Spring Conference which includes the Federation of Family History Society's A.G.M. on the 10-12 April 1992 at the Humberside Polytechnic, Cottingham Road, Hull

A full programme of 7 lectures is planned and the weekend should be both informative and enjoyable. Optional visits on the Saturday to the historic town of Beverley with its splendid medieval Minster have been arranged and a Banquet at

the Hull Guildhall is to be held on the Saturday evening.

Residential and non-residential bookings are available and are on a single room basis. Accommodation is in the Polytechnic Halls of Residence on the campus close to all activities.

Requests for booking forms and details should be sent to:

Mrs. Susan Raetigg, 21, Trenton Avenue, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU4 7RP enclosing a 9"x6" sae or 3 IRC's.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 18 March 1991.

Was your ancestor a Coastguard?

Mrs Eileen Stage's most informative talk began with a history of the coastguards. The 18th and early 19th centuries were the heyday of smuggling because of the increase in customs duties especially during the Napoleonic wars. Tea, lace and brandy were the most popular items that were smuggled. By the end of the 18th century the smugglers' ships had guns so Riding Officers were appointed to help customs officers. A preventive waterguard was set up and a coastal blockade was organised by Joseph McCullough. In 1822 the Coastguard came into existence, except for the area covered by the coastal blockade.

Coastguard officials worked all night. Most smuggling took place in winter so their job was a hard, cold one as they had to walk the coast. Often there were fights with smugglers. Discipline was strict especially if they were captured by smugglers without putting up any resistance. If coastguards were needed a blue light was lit in the watchhouse.

Originally, coastguards were unpopular with the local people and it was difficult for them to find accommodation. Some martello towers were used as living quarters, some as watch towers. The worst accommodation was in watch vessels. They were a bad station and were sometimes used as a punishment.

In 1845, seamen's tickets were issued to everyone connected with the sea, including coastguards. The tickets give the man's date and place of birth and a description of him. The tickets are indexed and on microfilm at the P.R.O. Mac..... is filed under the next alphabetical letter e.g. MacAllister is under A. The establishment books of the coastguards do not say if a man had been drafted into the navy although coastguards had to be willing to serve as Royal Navy Reserves and were in fact called up in the Crimean War. The establishment books only mention the naval reserve if a man died. Auxiliaries are not mentioned in the establishment books. They were local men.

In 1856, at the end of the Crimean War the coastguard service was reorganised. The new regulations said all men had to have served in the Royal Navy before they began coastguard duties. There are no coastguard records after 1870 so Navy records are particularly useful after this date. In the 1890's a magazine called "Coastguard" was published. It listed coastguard men and their movements.

In the First World War many coastguards were called up. Three boatloads of them were torpedoed and drowned so it was decided not to send any more to sea as it was very difficult to find replacements for them.

In the latter part of her most interesting and informative talk Mrs. Stage gave examples of coastguards and their life stories

The following books, recommended by the speakers were available for members to examine after the meeting:

"Hurray for the life of a sailor". Life on the lower deck of the Victorian Navy by John Winton.

"Coastguard". An official history of H.M.Coastguard by William Webb.

"The Cree Journals". The voyages of Edward H.Cree.

"Smuggling: Flogging Joey's Warriors" by John Douch.

Contributed by Denise Marsden.

Meeting on Monday 15 April 1991.

"Putting a Family History on Slides"

Using her own family history for the illustrations, Pauling Marples gave us a clear and detailed account of how she has dealt with her own records. We were given many ideas for filling out our skeletons from maps and picture postcards of places to the superb letter headings on a funeral bill. She emphasised at the end the importance of recording ourselves for future generations.

Rotherham Branch Meeting on 4th April 1991.

Mr.Stephen Cooper gave his talk on burglary and transportation. Mr Cooper is an in-depth researcher. He has established contacts with similar minded people across the other side of the world who sent the results of their investigations for Mr.Cooper to add to his own.

Mr Cooper began in Ecclesfield with an armed robbery upon a member of the Booth family which those interested in local history will know is part of the industrial empire in South Yorkshire of the Booths and Walkers Ironfounders. Copies of the statements made by witnesses were produced from a substantial pile of literature which Mr.Cooper had brought with him.

We moved to York for the trial and sentence of death upon William Hague and John Mitchell which was later commuted to transportation for life. William Hague was a nail maker of Scholes and John Mitchell was a miner of Greasbrough. After the robbery they had gathered in a barn on the Wentworth estate to share out the loot and were overheard by an Ann Keyworth of Kimberworth who was on the run from the law. She gave evidence against them to get a lenient sentence for herself.

The subsequent passage to Australia is well documented and the adventures of Hague and Mitchell in Sydney has been researched by the contact in Australia to whom we are indebted for her work.

Contributed by A.R.Berry.

(Ed.'s Note: The list of sources used by Mr.Cooper in his researches can be found in Vol.11 No.3 of "The Flowing Stream" page 60.

Rotherham Branch Meeting on 2 May 1991

An enjoyable round table discussion was held on a number of subjects including the Westby family who were minor gentry in the Rotherham area occupying such notable halls as Ravenfield and Guilthwaite. A wealth of evidence can be found on those members of the family who inherited property but little on those who did not. Mr. Rawlin-Smith kindly came to the meeting and gave a talk on the Law family of Sheffield and Rotherham, carrying out the business of silversmiths in Sheffield and drapers in Bridgegate Rotherham. Mr. Rawlin-Smith showed examples of silhouettes and daguerrotypes of members of the Law family and some miniature portraits which were the work of Sir Francis Chantrey.

Contributed by A.R. Berry.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

HIGGINBOTTOM
MARSDEN

Mrs. Kathleen Watson, 49 Woodfield Drive, Winchester, SO22 5PY (0962 853485) is seeking information about Albert Higginbottom, grinder born 1851 in Sheffield, son of William Higginbottom. Albert married Martha Marsden on 4th July 1874 at the Parish Church, Heeley. There were four children: Albert, Samuel, Joseph and Martha. Martha Higginbottom (*nee* Marsden) died 11 January 1884 and soon after Albert left the children and disappeared. Where did he go? When and where did he die? Any information would be appreciated.

NICHOLSON

Mr. Alan E. Edwards writes that his sister has an inkstand which is inscribed "Presented with a purse of 90 guineas to William Nicholson on the 9th day of October 1856 by the butchers of Sheffield and others for introducing sale of hide and skins by public competition in Sheffield and in acknowledgement of the satisfactory manner in which the sale has been conducted." - and scratched on the back is "Louisa Nicholson given by Papa 1861." Mr. Edwards would like anyone who could throw some light on the subject matter and/or on William and Louisa Nicholson, to write to him at "Roscrea", 66 Swift Street, Port Macquarie 2444, NSW, Australia.

STONE
GLOSSOP

The Revd. F.W.R.La Touche, The Vicarage, Main Road, Thorngumbald, Hull, Humberside, HU12 9NA would like help in checking details of Mary Stone. She married Joseph Glossop on 17 June 1816 at Bakewell, Dbys. According to the 1851 Census she was born at Rivelin c1796/7 but this has not been verified. Any other information concerning Stones at Rivelin including Mary's parents would be appreciated as would any suggestions or help.

WILSON
STEVENSON

Mrs.E.Wilson, 17 Neville Grove, Osmondthorpe, Leeds LS9 0LF is seeking information on Isaac Wilson an earthenware dealer and his wife Mary Ann (Stevenson) late of Rawmarsh last found in the 1851 Census at 13 Paradise Square, Sheffield.

HOLMES

Mrs.M.Taylor, 40 Lincroft Crescent, Leeds LS13 2JN is seeking information about a family in Sheffield named Holmes. There were 4 children, John, Elizabeth, Ellen and Ann. Their parents may have been named John and Ellen. The son John was born in Sheffield in 1815 and the family left for Leeds in 1825. There John became a successful businessman, a draper, as well as an antiquarian. He was also interested in politics.

ALLSOP
SCHOLEY

Catherine Clarke, 21 Longmeadows, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland would like the 1861 and 1881 census records for the family of George Allsop, a journeyman working on the railway and later in life an insurance agent. George married Elizabeth Scholey and they had a son Robert William born 13 Nov 1856 at St.George St., Ecclesall Bierlow, Nether Hallam. They had two sons who died young. Robert was working as an office boy aged 14 in 1871 for Frederick Swallow, a coal merchant in Canal Street.

LOCKWOOD

Mr.B.Lockwood, 31 Abbot Close, Oakwood, Derby DE2 2BQ is seeking the birth of Joseph Lockwood born about 1864. His parents, Thomas Lockwood and Ann(e) Cooper were married on 3 June 1857 at Sheffield Parish Church. The marriage certificate gives them both as living in George St. Shortly afterwards they moved to Doncaster. (None of the St.Catherine's Index births seem to fit.)

PEAT
QUENETTS

Dr. John Peat, 3 Dean Way, Storrington, Pulborough, W. Sussex RH20 4QN is seeking the birth of William Peat who died in Thorpe Salvin in 1816 aged 62. He also wants information about William's wife Sarah who died in Thorpe Salvin in 1832 and information about the Quenetts family.

ROSSINGTON
PUTTRELL

Mr. Douglas T. Rossington, 24 Kilner Close, Unsworth, Bury, Lancs. BL9 8AD is seeking information on Clement Rossington of the parish of Anston, Yorks. who married Elizabeth Puttrel of the parish of St. Marks, Lincoln at St. Marks on 2 May 1666. Clement R. was buried at Scopwick, Lincs on 27 Nov 1705. Expenses can be reimbursed.

Sheffield Archives and
the Cathedral

Mr. K. Shireby, 41 North St., Osbournby, Sleaford Lincs., NG34 0DR (Tel. 052-95-611) is wanting someone to do research at the Sheffield Archives and the Cathedral on numerous families in the area (about 2 hours per month).

Gene Genie /Personal
Ancestral File

Mrs. Francis Badger, 14 Rednal Road, King's Norton, Birmingham B38 8DR has been given a copy of the Gene/Genie introductory program. Before buying the registered version she would be interested to hear from anyone who has used either Gene Genie or the Personal Ancestral File so she can find out a little more about the strengths and weaknesses of these two programs.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

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- 30 Master Cutlers: a list 1624-1985
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1861 Sheffield Census Index: Index of Streets
Volume 8 Sheffield North Part 4
Volume 10 Sheffield North Part 6
Volume 11 Sheffield North Part 7

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Lloyds Captains Register.

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LETTER TO MY ANCESTOR

64 Beswood Road,
 Hucknall,
 Nottingham NG15 7PQ.

Dear Jonathan Andrew,

Years ago when I began researching my family history I did not know of your existence, yet as I have moved backwards through the generations each one has perpetuated Jonathan, or your surname Andrew as a christian name. You must have been a much loved man.

You moved about quite a lot trying to throw me off the scent but I have found you at Kimberworth, Maltravers St., Watery Lane and

High Green in all the census except 1861, usually quite close to your work as engine driver, engineer etc. It was quite a surprise to learn you were born in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. and that your wife with the lovely name of Matilda came from Gleadless.

I did find a note of interest in a book about Ashton-under-Lyne by Winifred M. Bowman that was in the library. It told the story of an Andrew family which had strapping sons who were all about six feet tall. This same comment was made of the sons of Jonathan Andrew Cooke of Stocksbridge and I wonder if there was some connection between that Andrew family and you.

Although I have a birth certificate for one of your daughters which gives Matilda's maiden name as Cutts, I cannot find one for my Elizabeth nor can I find your marriage certificate. Am I looking in the wrong place?

On one of my better days in Sheffield Record Office, when searching the Burn Cross Cemetery Records I discovered you were buried there in the same grave as Matilda. It made me rather sad though, when your death certificate arrived in the post and told me you died in Sheffield Infirmary aged 76 in 1893.

Now then, how about giving me a clue as to where I might find more information, and if you could possibly manage to send some vibes to get another relative interested in researching the family, I would be thrilled to bits.

Your loving great great great granddaughter
Maureen Newton

THREE RAWMARSH TALES (cont)

3. NO DESK FOR ALICE.

In Rawmarsh at the corner of Stocks Lane and Dale Road and further along Dale Road are situated two buildings, both mere shadows of their former selves, which are key players in a curious little drama in the history of the Adams family. The first is the Congregational Church, still used as a church, and the second is what was the Dale Road Girls' and Infants' Schools. At one stage - possibly from at least the building of the Congregational Church in Rawmarsh in the 1860s - the Adams's, or rather their Machin and Shaw ancestors, were Congregationalists and had a family pew in the Rawmarsh church. My great great grandfather, Thomas Shaw is reputed to have been responsible for all the woodwork in the building. Yet non-conformity was not so strong as to keep the children away from the nearest schools - the Dale Road Infants' School was where they all started, and then the girls transferred next door when they were old enough. The boys went to the "Grammar School", further down Dale Road. All these schools were National Schools, that is Anglican. And so it was that my father was christened in the Congregational Church, but became a choirboy at St. Mary's Parish Church. I doubt anybody would have seriously bothered about these apparent contradictions. Nobody in the family, that is. Clearly some Rawmarsh politicians

wanted to make an issue out of it. But then politicians are like that.

A Chance Discovery

The facts which I have just recounted about schools and churches I have always known. What is new is what I came across purely by chance when skimming through the Rawmarsh Girls' and Infants' Managers' Minute Book for 1904 at Sheffield Record Office. To my great surprise I saw a reference to girl called Adams, along with another called Rhymer, being excluded from the National Girls' School. I thought it must refer to my aunt, Alice Adams, who was born in 1904, and who would therefore be transferring from Infants' to Girls' Sections at this time. I also knew of the non-conformist connection, which had been mentioned as the reason for exclusion from the school. However, I was not absolutely sure, not even when the Rawmarsh District Education Sub-Committee Minutes and the Rotherham Advertiser were consulted. Nowhere was a Christian name given, and I knew from the Electoral Rolls that other Adams families were living in Rawmarsh. Fear of offending my aunt - which later turned out to be quite groundless - prevented my asking her directly if she was the excluded girl in the Managers' Minutes. I was convinced that the log book must contain the answer, but it contains only the most oblique reference and no names. I had, however, tracked down the log books to the present day successor of the Rawmarsh National Schools - St. Mary's C/E Junior and Infants' School, built opposite the old schools. I finally managed to arrange a time when I could consult the old records - thanks to the kindness of the headteacher - and it was the unexpected pleasure of discovering the admission registers too that allowed me to eliminate the other Adams girls. The final irony came later that day when my uncle, who knew I had been at the school, asked me if I had found anything out about Auntie Alice being excluded from school for being a Congregationalist. I should have asked him in the first place!

Overcrowded Schools

So, what are the circumstances of this case? The main problem was one of accommodation. It is well known that class sizes were formerly much larger than they are today - eighty in a class was quite common. But even with large classes there was a limit to the number of children a school could admit, and as was the case here - when families insisted on sending their children to the nearest school, even though there was spare accommodation elsewhere, trouble was bound to arise. The Rawmarsh Education Committee had resolved to do something, and on 1st December 1911 a resolution was passed requiring the Managers of the National Girls' School to reduce the numbers on roll, so that the attendance should not exceed the accommodation. The Managers had also received a letter from the Board of Education in London and from the West Riding County Council Education Committee in Wakefield asking them to do something, and at a meeting of 7th December they decided to send a letter to Wakefield saying the matter was under consideration.

There was no reference anywhere to exclusion on grounds of accommodation until the New Year. The District Education Sub-Committee was told on 5th January 1912 that the Girls' School Managers were responding to the appeals from Wakefield and "giving notice to such a number of children on the

books as would bring the average attendance within the limits of accommodation". An entry in the Girl's School Log Book of 26th January makes it plain what was happening: "Nine children have been told to attend another school, in order to meet the Board of Education requirements in regard to accommodation." It is then curious to see a change of mood on behalf of the politicians who should have been glad their and the county's policies were being carried out. On 2nd February the Education Sub-Committee were either being cautious and foreseeing possible trouble ahead, or were responding to complaints already received, when they resolved that in their opinion "the children to be excluded from the Rawmarsh National Girls' School should be those who were last admitted." Certainly by 1st March they were taking a definite stance against the Girls' School Managers when they expressed concern at the failure of the Managers to respond to their earlier letters about exclusion.

Two Girls Excluded

The next reference to exclusion as a means of solving accommodation problems occurs in the Girls' School Log Book. We read that on 1st April 21 infants - and, according to the admissions registers, among them my aunt - were transferred to the Girls' Department, and 13 girls were dismissed to make room for them. I have absolutely no way of telling when my aunt was excluded: it looks as if the date of 1st April given as her admission to the Girls' School is wrong, or could it be she was admitted then and dismissed some time later. Certainly by 3rd May the Education Sub-Committee were reporting that two girls named Rhymer and Adams had been refused admission to the National Girls' School, and they appointed three members to make enquiries. The Rotherham Advertiser carried a long report of the Committee Meeting the next day. Now, for the first time, it was clearly stated that non-conformist children were being turned out in favour of those belonging to the Church of England. Much was made of the fact that the Rhymer girl was a cripple and would have to go to a school some distance away. One councillor, Mr. Bamforth, felt, in fact, that children should be allowed to attend the school which was most convenient - a departure from the "last in first out" position adopted earlier. The girls' fathers had been contacted by another councillor, Mr. Spick (who turned out to be one of the major champions of the excluded children), and they told him they had been given to understand the school was only for children belonging to the Church. My grandfather was never quoted as a great supporter of any kind of organized religion, but he certainly supported his only daughter. The meeting also heard it was common talk in the parish that only Church of England children were allowed to attend school.

An Amicable Settlement

Matters clearly had to come to a head and on 7th June the Sub-Committee voted by 8 to 5 to send a deputation to meet the Managers. The following day, once again, the Rotherham Advertiser reported the meeting in full and the same attacks were made against the Church. My grandmother was referred to, obliquely, when she was reported as having been distinctly told that her daughter had been excluded because she was not a Church-goer. It was also reported that my aunt had been required to go to Rosehill School and that she had been kept away from there. Finally it appeared that the matter was resolving

itself - my aunt had been allowed back but she would have to remain in the same class as before.

The meeting of 5th July between the Sub-Committee's delegation, Councillors Spick, White and Booth, and the Managers turned out to be an amicable affair with the Managers reasserting their authority. Councillor Spick did not want to make it into a sectarian affair, anyhow. The deputation was told that both girls were now at the school, that the girl Rhymer had never left, that my aunt was dismissed solely for lack of room and had been readmitted when space had become available - and that she was in fact a Church child! The last point is debatable. Clearly the whole affair was of very little consequence and left no bitter scars. My grandparents were only doing what any caring parents would have done and the politicians were simply playing politics. I doubt the Church of England was blameless, however. Ours is an age of either religious indifference or tolerance. It must not be forgotten how strong the rivalry between the Established and Non-Conformist Churches was in the nineteenth century. In Rawmarsh, as elsewhere the Anglicans must have been keen to hang on to their own.

A Bitter Legacy

The affair does need to be set up in this kind of context. The 1902 Education Act forced Local Education Authorities to maintain Church Schools as well as council ones out of the rates. This was bitterly opposed by the non-conformists. The so-called passive resistance movement was strongly supported and involved many non-conformists in refusing to pay education rates. All this had happened only ten years previously, and this dispute over the passing of the act - which brought opposing churchmen onto the streets in droves - left a bitter legacy. Certainly from remarks made at Education Sub-Committee meetings, reported in the press, there was still acrimony to be directed at the Anglican Church by those who felt it was enjoying an undeserved chance to indoctrinate children paid for out of the rates. After all, the whole history of English education throughout the preceding century had been dominated by the tension between Church and State, the former believing that it alone had the right to be entrusted with the souls and minds of the nation's children.

I suspect my grandparents were not strongly committed either way; certainly I have heard nothing about refusal to pay Education Rates. But equally I have no doubt that had we not kept our family pew at the Rawmarsh Congregationalist Church my aunt would not have suffered even this temporary exclusion.

The postscript of this almost forgotten family tale is that my aunt, still a very active 86 year-old, remembers nothing of the affair, although she can recall Bella Rhymer. For many years Auntie Alice has been a faithful member of St. Mary's Parish Church, where she has put the embroidery skills she learnt at school to good effect.

Contributed by David Adams, 14 Butterbache Road, Huntingdon, Chester
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GENTLEMEN CONSTABLES FOR SHEFFIELD

At the Court Leet of the most noble Charles Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Lord of the Manor of Sheffield, held at the Tontine Inn in Sheffield on the 1st of April 1812; the following constables were appointed:

1. Mr. Peter Brownell, Arundel street.
2. Mr. Jacob Roberts, Eyre street.
3. Mr. Joseph Binney, jun., Hartshead.
4. Mr. George Hawksworth, High street.
5. Mr. Samuel Hadfield, St.James's street.
6. Mr. John Batty, jun., Haymarket.
7. Mr. Robert Wade, Brocco.
8. Mr. John Goldsmith, High Street.
9. Mr. John Newton, Westbar green.
10. Mr. John Ellis, Arundel street.
11. Mr. Henry Wigfall, Pond street.
12. Mr. Joseph Woolhouse, Park.
13. Mr. George Glossop, Park.
14. Mr. Charles Fenton, Park.
15. Mr. Thomas Walker, Angel street.
16. Mr. Robert Staniforth, Brown street.
17. Mr. Joseph Denton, Westbar.
18. Mr. Thomas North, Trippet lane.
19. Mr. Isaac Rowbotham, Tenter street.
20. Mr. Michael Raybold, Snighill.
21. Mr. Thomas Smith, Eyre street.
22. Mr. John Wingfield, Solly street.
23. Mr. Jonathan Beet, Broad Lane.
24. Mr. James Fenton, Norfolk street.
25. Mr. Benjamin Leathley, Hollis croft.
26. Mr. Samuel Lucas, Theatre street.
27. Mr. John Morton, Hollis Croft.
28. Mr. William Dyson, Church street.
29. Mr. - Harrison, Church street.

30. Mr. Samuel Hall, St. James' street.
31. Mr. Samuel Sorby, St. James' street.
32. Mr. George Foster, High street.
33. Mr. Matthew Jepson, Brocco.
34. Mr. J. Middleton, St. James's street.
35. Mr. William Parker, Surrey street.
36. Mr. Joseph Fowler, Spring street.
37. Mr. Thomas Scholefield, George street.
38. Mr. John Watson, Broad lane.
39. Mr. Peter Spurr, Heeley bank.
40. Mr. Joshua Wigfall, Pond Mill.
41. Mr. William Appleyard, Park.
42. Mr. James White, Park.
43. Mr. Edward Girdler, Park.
44. Mr. Thomas Ward, Park.
45. Mr. William Cawthorne, Park.
46. Mr. Godfrey Fox, King street.
47. Mr. George Smith, Arundel street.
48. Mr. William Battie, Townhead street.
49. Mr. Thomas Dunn, Redhill.
50. Mr. Samuel Marples, Solly street.
51. Mr. James Woollen, High street.
52. Mr. John Green, High street.
53. Mr. John William Wright, Arundel street.
54. Mr. - Roberts, Arundel street.
55. Mr. William Lockwood, Browne street.
56. Mr. Robert Sorby, Browne street.
57. Mr. William Farnsworth, Browne street.
58. Mr. John Woodhouse, Hawymarket.
59. Mr. Francis Lister, Eyre street.
60. Mr. William Littlewood, Eyre street.
61. Mr. John Staniforth, Park.
62. Mr. - Cooley, Park.
63. Mr. Thomas Barlow, Park.
64. Mr. Edward Kay, Cheney square.
65. Mr. Joseph Holmes, Pond street.
66. Mr. Robert Allcroft, Surrey street.
67. Mr. Robert Rawson, Snighill.
68. Mr. John Blake, Scotland street.
69. Mr. John Riley, Meadow street.
70. Mr. - Senior, Angel street.
71. Mr. James Holland, Angel street.
72. Mr. Francis Cluley, Westbar green.
73. Mr. Benjamin Hobson, Westbar green.
74. Mr. Francis Allwood, Park.
75. Mr. John Lamb, West street.
76. Mr. John Shirley, Townend cross.
77. Mr. John Middleton, Baileyfield.

78. Mr. Samuel Carver, High street.
79. Mr. Thomas Penlington, High street.
80. Mr. Ralph Simpson, Hartshead.
81. Mr. Verdon Brittain, Sycamore street.
82. Mr. - Cooper, Church street.
83. Mr. George North, Church street.
84. Mr. John Rodgers, Eyre street.
85. Mr. George Oates, Scotland street.
86. Mr. Edward Whitehead Drury, Eyre street.
87. Mr. Thomas Fox, Baileyfield.
88. Mr. Joshua Jarvis, Waingate.
89. Mr. John Ardron, Castle street.
90. Mr. - Nicholson, Haymarket.
91. Mr. John Galimore, Coulson crofts.
92. Mr. Joshua Ogle, Gibraltar street.
93. Mr. Joseph Ward, Allen street,
94. Mr. George Deakin, Green lane.
95. Mr. Joseph Shaw, Roscoe place.
96. Mr. George Sanderson, Shales-moor.
97. Mr. Henry Holbert, Westbar.
98. Mr. Henry Smith, Townhead street.
99. Mr. Joseph Goodine, Park.
100. Mr. Peter Jeffcock, Park.

GENTLEMEN CONSTABLES FOR BRIGHTSIDE BIERLOW

George Fox
 Frederic Rose
 John Bell
 Wm. Beardshaw, jun
 William Atkinson
 George Palfreyman
 Thomas Pashley, jun
 Joseph Whitham
 Joseph Shawcross
 William Smith
 Thomas Butterhill
 Joshua Sanderson
 Joseph Coulson, jun
 George Thorndall
 Joseph Hobson
 Joseph Pearson
 Joseph Woodcock
 William Birks
 James Brinnen
 Samuel Revill
 John Sykes
 George Higginbottom

William Fox
 James Creswick
 George Swift
 William Ashforth
 John Glossop
 Samuel Todd
 George Falkner
 James Taylor
 Abraham Wright
 Samuel Hides
 William Vickers
 John Barlow
 William Congreave
 Luke Machin
 George Staniforth
 Robert Hides
 Thomas Shaw
 William Clarke
 George Bower
 Benjamin Mellor
 Thomas Hill
 Joshua Hammond

John Hanson
Joseph Bennet, jun
William Warburton
Amos Green
Joseph Jackson
John Ellis
John Shawcross
Joseph Dewsnap
Joseph Jones
George Corker

William Lindley
Jonathan Hobson
Robert Blackwell
John Bennel
John Ashforth
James Holland.
John Shaw
William Fisher
Francis Huntsman

GENTLEMAN CONSTABLES FOR NETHER HALLAM

John Addy
William Hoole
Edward Elsworth
James Chambers

James Pass
Samuel Eaton
Christopher Bradshaw

The above information was extracted from the "Iris" or "Sheffield Advertiser" and was contributed by Mr. Fred Hobson.

THE MYERS FAMILY - TAYLORS (and MUSICIANS)

My mother was born a Myers, the eldest daughter and next eldest child to Horace Myers and Emma Stanley. Alice was born May 1891, married May 1919 and died May 1987, just three days short of her 96th birthday. (I find coincidences like the repeated month of May quite fascinating and not at all uncommon in family history). She was one of eight children, of whom one died as a baby, one was killed fighting in then Great War and one was gassed, but lived, in the same war - not an unusual record for a family of this age. The six survivors all married and had children. No tailors in this generation, presumably tailoring as practised by the older generations no longer provided a living. However, perhaps it is no coincidence that Emma was a practising seamstress before she was married, as was one of her daughters.

Horace Myers, my grandfather, was the second child of seven and was born in 1863 and died in 1940. He was a stove grate fitter at the local foundry, Hattersley Bros. or the Queen's Foundry, whose premises were on White Lee Road at Swinton.

Horace's parents were Henry Myers and Mary Hoyland, Henry being the last of the tailors (or was he?). He was born in 1830 and married to Mary in 1862 at the Methodist New Connexion Church at Shelton, near Stoke. Their marriage certificate gives Mary's profession as a "Warehouse Woman"; it is interesting to speculate that it might have been a cloth warehouse and thereby perhaps explaining how Mary and Henry met. The 1871 and 1881 censuses state that Mary's birthplace was Swinton, and her obituary in the Mexborough and Swinton Times also states "Having lived in Swinton all her life.....", but my mother would have none of this - she most emphatically stated that Mary came from the

Potteries (this before I had a copy of the marriage certificate). I can obviously solve this by chasing the Hoyland family in the Swinton and/or Shelton census. It is odd that the 1871 census lists a son (who had better be nameless) to Henry and Mary, aged 18, therefore born some 9 years before they were married, and a birthplace of Hanley, Staffs. Another puzzle to solve, again perhaps with the earlier census at Stoke.

Henry is noted as a tailor in the 1851 and 1861 censuses, and a tailor and draper in the 1871 and 1881 censuses, though again my mother would not have this; she said that Henry was never a draper.

Kelly's Directory shows that Henry's eldest brother Thomas was the first to join father William Myers in the tailoring business, some time between 1852 and 1862 when Thomas was aged 34 to 44 years old.

William was obviously somewhat tardy in admitting to a partner in Kelly's, because Thomas is quoted as a tailor at the age of 23 in the 1841 census. The next eldest brother, Charles, is noted as a Joiner in the 1841 census and a carpenter in the 1851 census and thereafter he disappeared and I have yet to locate him. Did he show aptitude for woodwork, rather than tailoring, or was the business not able to support another?

It is interesting to note that Thomas's wife Mary Ann Turton, was a Straw Bonnet Maker in the 1861 census and a Milliner in the 1871 census - her father John Turton of Wath was a 'Hatter'.

Henry was noted as a tailor in the 1851 census when he was 20 years old, at this date William was then employing two sons in the business (and such was noted in the 1851 census.) The three names were however not listed together until 1862 in Kelly's Directory. In 1868, William's name was dropped from Kelly's, when he was 79 years old! Henry became the sole survivor in the trade when the eldest brother Thomas died in the same year, 1868.

Henry was obviously quite a character; his obituary dated 15 August 1902 in the Mexborough and Swinton Times is quite something -

Death of an Old Swinton Resident

"There passed away on Tuesday, the 5th inst., with terrible suddenness one of the oldest residents in Swinton, in the person of Mr. Henry Myers, at the age of 72. On the morning in question he was in the best of health, but was seized with apoplexy at ten minutes to 11 o'clock, whilst working at his machine, and expired, four hours later.

Mr. Myers was a tailor by trade, and carried on the business handed down by his father, but it was as a musician of considerable local reputation that he was known to the old generation of South Yorkshire. Born in Swinton in 1830, at the house now known as the "Travellers Rest" he resided in the town all his life and no man was known better and more highly respected. At an early age the family of Myers, of whom there were several brothers, all took great interest in music, and for half a century they were connected with the local bands.

The deceased was identified with the Sheffield Squadron of the Cavalry, now known as the Yorkshire Dragoons, for 34 years, and played as a member of that famous band, with which the name of Mr. S. Suckley is so closely connected. For many years he was trumpeter, too, in the time of the late Earl

Fitzwilliam. As a clarionet player also he was in great demand, and has played at balls, parties, concerts, etc., throughout England. For many years there was a reed band in Swinton, of which, along with the late Mr. Kemp and others, he was conductor. On the occasion of the visit of the Duchess of Teck to Wentworth House, this band was engaged to play at the reception given. Largely due his efforts, a further band was started in Swinton, of which for many years he was the conductor. He was also bandmaster of the Wath Volunteer Band for about 15 years, and was also connected with several others in the district.

A man of bright, intelligent character, he was exceedingly popular, and the old school of Swintonians feel profound regret. The funeral took place on Friday at Swinton Churchyard, the Rev. J.G.Patrick performing the last rites."

There then follows a list of bearers and chief mourners (my mother being one of them), Master F.Myers, Misses Alice and Gladys, grandchildren.

Another lovely coincidence is the gentleman R.Palmer listed among the bearers at the funeral. My grandfather was called Richard Palmer, and he had a cousin also called Richard Palmer who lived on the same street as Henry Myers, and presumably he was the bearer. Both Richard Palmers moved to Swinton from Harwell, Berkshire in c1870/1880. Grandfather became a miner, cousin Richard a Groom/Coachman/Gardener; another cousin Edwin also moved to Swinton and he too was a Gardener.

Back to the Myers family. My mother used to tell of her grandad Henry marching at the head of a 'marching band' in lovely uniform; she remembers his lifting her on to his shoulder. I wonder if any records exist of the Yorkshire Dragoons that may mention bandmaster Henry - perhaps someone will advise me.

So Henry was a son of William Myers and Hannah Hobson, who had ten children baptised at Swinton Church during the period 1818 to 1837.

William has been a problem. He is noted on the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses as a tailor living in Swinton. He is also shown on the 1821 census and included in the 1822 and 1831 Militia Lists; his birthplace is given as Wombwell. He died aged 84 in 1873, apparently being born in 1789/90.

The transcript of the Darfield Baptism Register, gave William's probable baptism as William son of William Myers of Wombwell 28 June 1789. Other Myers baptisms were found in the period 1760/1810, but no more to parent William. There is a total absence of the name Myers in the Darfield Registers prior to these dates and I have yet to locate the Myers family prior to Darfield.

My search for the marriage of William and Hannah proved very frustrating, until the IGI at Grenoside threw some light. There I found a William and Hannah married in 1811 at, of all places, Sheffield Cathedral of St.Peter's. The BT at Sheffield Archives confirmed this marriage (but gave me no more information.) But to my surprise, three baptisms were noted in the years 1812, 1815 and 1816; two daughters and a son to Will^m and Han^h, profession Taylor (sic) twice and Tailor once, present abode Sheffield. This was a surprise because no children were noted, by name, in all the censuses, other than those baptised at Swinton. Incredibly, all information points to early deaths for the three "Sheffield" children with only one early death out of the Swinton baptisms.

I have to date found tailors with the name of Myers in the townships of Wath-upon-Dearne (two), Rawmarsh (one) and Rotherham (four). I have not yet established any connection to my William, but surely there must be one.

The next steps? Examination of Wills, search of other local Registers, particularly on the western boundaries of Darfield (Royston, Darton and Silkstone), any Guilds of Tailors, maybe.

Or is there perhaps anyone out there with information on the Myers family, tailors? I would like to know more detail about the trade of tailoring in William and Henry's times. They did not have a shop and so far as I am aware, did their work at home; indeed perhaps Henry's obituary suggests this. Advice on seeking out this sort of information would be welcome.

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THE JORDANS Part 1

Jordan Dam.

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Although there was a dam at Jordan as early as 1608 it was not until the coming of the Walkers to the Holmes that Jordam Dam became a placename. In 1757 the Walkers purchased the rest of the Holmes estate and erected furnaces and buildings. They increased the head of water at Jordan by raising the level of the weir. In 1758 they widened the gait from the works to Jordan Dam and in the following year 'Built a little house at Jordan Dam'. That little house was the beginning of a small community which was to last for almost two hundred years.

The dam reached from the weir to the Tinsley Lock, the Tinsley Cut entered the dam on the east bank a short distance downstream of the inflow of the Don. The work on the dam would have been a major factor in the Walkers industrial construction; the raising of the weir would use a sizeable force of masons and labourers. The first recorded occupant of the house at Jordan Dam was a John Rowling whose daughter was baptised in 1765. As this was six years after the house was built it is doubtful that he was its first occupant. John Rowling stayed at Jordan Dam for three years and was followed by William Cutler, William Brown, Francis Barker and Benjamin Steel.

In 1780 a large piece of new work was carried out at the dam on the site of an old breach. This began a period of regular work over nine years. Also at this time two further houses were built in brick, one on either side of the original stone house. Over the next ten years three families occupied the houses, Richard and Alice Mason, John and Sarah Satterfitt (Satterfield) and Henry and Martha Sheppard. In 1789, Jordan Weir was completed; the year also saw the disappearance of the Satterfitts and the Sheppards who may have moved to another site. The Masons were in occupation for over 21 years. Richard Mason was likely to have been one of the Walker's maintenance staff of smiths and wrights. One house, probably the stone one, was reserved for such a person while the other two were let to other employees. George Steel fills the gap between the Masons and the Hickmans who are first recorded in 1811. From 1813 occupations

are given in the baptisms. William Hickman is a carpenter while the other two houses are occupied by moulders William Coates and John Bell. These three families continued as neighbours for ten years. In 1822 James and Sarah Wood appear. James Wood is a labourer but also aspires to being a butcher. The Woods occupied the house at the west end to which an extension was added. It then became known as "The Farm" and did so until the houses were demolished. Samuel Clarke carried on from the Walkers for three or four years then the Birmingham Tin Plate Co. took over and blew it (used up all the iron ore, coke etc. and left.) In 1829 The River Don Company bought the Holmes Works to control the water supply and Jordan Dam entered a new era.

During the Walker period, Jordan Dam must have been an idyllic place, even as late as 1836 John Holland wrote of the pleasant walk from Brightside Lane by Jordan Dam to the fields at Holmes. Marriages show some joining of family names as the community became insulate. Closer ties can be found in that James Goodason and Charlotte Goodieson were brother and sister.

Sources: Rotherham Parish Church Registers, The Walker Family - Ed. A.H. John Rotherham Forerunners, Letter - Benjamin Taylor.

BOOK LIST

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