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FUTURE PROGRAMME

1992 Programme

- Meet 7.30 pm Baptist Church, Cemetery Road,
(entrance Napier Street) unless otherwise stated.
- Mon. 15 June CUTLERS' HALL. Limited numbers.
To book: telephone 402727 Sue Graves (Mon-Fri after 8 pm)
- Mon. 20 July DRONFIELD. Meet 7.15 pm at Manor House (now library).
Use Civic Centre Car Park.
To book: telephone 402727 Sue Graves (Mon-Fri after 8 pm)
- Mon. 21 Sept. BRITISH EDUCATION RECORDS by Colin Chapman.

Coach Trips 1992

- Tue. 27 October London. St. Catherine's House. Cost £10.
Itinerary
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| 7.10 am | Leave ROTHERHAM (Corporation St. Bingo Hall) |
| 7.40 am | Leave SHEFFIELD (Paternoster Row) |
| c 11.30-12 noon | Arrive St. Catherine's House, Aldwych. |
| 4.30 pm | Leave St. Catherine's House, Aldwych. |
| About 8.30 pm | Arrive Sheffield (Paternoster Row) |
| About 9.00 pm | Arrive Rotherham (Corporation St. Bingo Hall) |

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ROTHERHAM BRANCH PROGRAMME

- June Coaching Memories. Coaching Inns of the Great North Road
Eric Houlder.
- July Discussion Meeting.
- August No Meeting.
- September First World War Research. Stephen Cooper.
- October Discussion Meeting.
- November In the steps of P.C. Stone. In search of Dorset Ancestry.
Brian Elliott.
- December Discussion Meeting.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 p.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.

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Meetings are held at the W.E.A. Rooms, Corporation St. Rotherham 7-9 p.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

I should like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those members who sent good wishes to me during my recent illness following two emergency operations. I am now convalescing and hope to be completely recovered soon.

This journal contains the last article from the account of the 1991 Conference as well as the usual mix of articles, lists and information.

With summer fast approaching many of you will be out and about following your researches. Please don't forget that we are always interested in receiving Strays - details of people found in a parish or area other than that in which they were born.

Thank you to all those who sent in copy for this journal.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members.

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Mr. G.D. Redfean.

Mr. & Mrs. G.A. Spink.

NEWS AND NOTES

Stamps - Thank You!

In the last issue of "The Flowing Stream" I inserted a few lines saying that I removed all stamps from Society mail and donated them to charity. A surprising result of this was that quite a few of our members sent me used

stamps along with their membership renewals. I should like to thank all these members most sincerely for their thoughtfulness. Their stamps (especially foreign ones) are much appreciated and have all been passed on. Thank you.

Eileen Allen

"Second Fleet" of 1790 to Australia

Michael Flynn of Sydney, Australia has been documenting the lives of more than 1,250 convicts transported to Australia on the "Second Fleet" of 1790. Among them were a number of men and women tried in Yorkshire. A record number of convicts died on the voyage and the Yorkshire men and women seem to have suffered a particularly high mortality rate. A number of the convicts were married and left families behind in Yorkshire. There are references to the Sheffield area in several of the biographies including C. Elkington, A. Gill, S. Johnson, W. Johnson, J. Redfearne and J. Wilson.

More than 1,400 biographies of convicts, soldiers, seamen and officers of the fleet are to be published in the book "The Second Fleet: Britain's grim Armada of 1790". The work will be a companion to Mollie Gillen's "The Founders of Australia: a Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet" and will be published on 8th June 1992.

Included in the book are biographies of the following Yorkshire convicts:

Buckles, Robert (c1755 - 1790); Batty, John (c1740 -); Beilby, Elizabeth (-1790); Bell, Adam (c1731 - 1790); Benson, John (c1747 - 1790); Blackham, James (c1757 - 1790); Burton, James (c1766 -); Carter, Elizabeth; Childs, George (c1762 - 1790); Coldwell, Thomas (c1764 -); Cragg, Mary (c1763 - 1822); Elkington, Charles (c1758 -); Gill, Amelia (c1744 -); Gledhill, William (c1759 -); Haggart, Thomas (c1764 - 1825); Hobson, William (c1746 -); Inman, John (c1759 - 1790); Jenkinson, Joseph (c1757 -); Johnson, John (c1761 -); Johnson, Simon (c1764); Johnson, William (c1768 -); Linsley, Elizabeth (c-1790); Manlove, Sarah (c1766 -); Metcalfe, James (c1756 -); Morrill, John (c1740 -); Pawson, William (c1758 -); Redfearne, Joseph (c1765 -); Risam, Elizabeth (c1753 -); Roberts, John (c1769 -); Savage, Abraham (c1770 -); Smith, John (c1762 - 1790); Smith, Nicholas (c1754 - 1817); Smith, Robert (c1762 - 1824?); Straker, Matthew (c1752 - 1790); Thompson, Jane (c1770 - 1813); Thompson, Robert (c1753 - 1790); Willis, Sarah; Wilson, Joseph (c1759 - 1795).

The biographies listed above have been deposited in the Society Library.

East Sussex Land Tax 1785

The Sussex Record Society publishes in May a full transcript and index of the Land Tax records for the entire county of Sussex for the year 1785. It covers 146 parishes and contains references to nearly 10,000 individuals representing more than half the householders and nearly 10% of the population. It is available from Sussex Record Society, Barbican House, High Street, Lewes. BN7 1YE price £24.00 (plus postage and packing £2.50 extra)

Tracing Your Ancestors: Britain

A new edition of this pamphlet has been published by the British Tourist Authority in co-operation with the FFHS. The pamphlet has long since proved its

worth in answering as concisely as possible questions frequently asked by overseas researchers. The pamphlet costs 15p. To obtain a copy please send a stamped addressed envelope to The Administrator, Mrs. Pauline Saul, 5, Mornington Close, Cophorne, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. SY3 8XN. Overseas readers should send 3 International Reply Coupons or \$1.00 to cover costs.

Middlesex Indexes

The London and North Middlesex Family History Society has available the following indexes:-

Clerkenwell	St. James Settlement Examinations 1777 - 1851
Islington	St. Mary Rate Books 1729 - 1851
	St. Mary Settlement Examinations 1758 - 1821
	St. Mary Magdalene Baptisms 1835 - 1851

Maps of Islington 1841 & Clerkenwell 1860

For further information on the above please send stamp (no envelope) to Mr. Stephen Allberry, North Middlesex Publications, 375, Liverpool Road Islington London. N1 1NL

Nineteenth Century Sheffield

As part of the Sheffield Names Group Research Project organized by Dr. David Hey in the Division of Continuing Education at the University, Prof. Mike Williams has been analysing the 1861 census of Sheffield. This continuing study has so far yielded much interesting information about the pattern of migrancy into Sheffield in the mid 19th century. Mike intends to write something about migration to Sheffield around 1840 - 1870 when the work is more complete, and would be glad to talk about it too. At present he has a need to follow through on some of the completed work by getting information on some of the actual named immigrant individuals and families. He wonders if any members of the Society who have ancestors who arrived here between 1840 and 1870 would be able to supply him with details of how they arrived. The information he is looking for is the following:-

- The migrant ancestor's name
- Where they were born
- When they were born
- Their trade
- When they arrived in Sheffield
- If they were in any places in between - if so where
- Where they lived in Sheffield in the 1850s, 60s or 70s

Mike can be contacted either via Roy Bullen or at his home address which is: 152, Hangingwater Road, Nethergreen. Sheffield. S11 7ET.

Is this your family?

The Society has recently come into possession of a vast collection of documents relating to the following families: **Kilby** (of Sheffield, originated Newport Pagnell) **Welch**, **Geary** (Reynold near Bedford) and **Leggins**. If anyone

is connected with the above families will they please contact our Chairman, Mrs M. P. Dunn, 359, Baslow Road, Sheffield. S17 3BH enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

East Anglian Day Conference. 4 July 1992

This will take place at the Corn Exchange, Bury St. Edmunds. The theme is "Our ancestors at leisure". There will be talks on Peasant Pastimes, The Fool, Hobby Horse and Morris Dancers, Horse racing in the 18th and 19th Centuries and The Victorian Middle Class on Holiday. Further details, on receipt of an S.A.E., from Dr. M. Barnett, 30, Gowers End, Glemsford, Suffolk. CO10 7UF

Birmingham and Midland Society. 4 - 8 September 1992

The Sixth British Family History Conference is being hosted by the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry at Worcester College, Henwick Grove, Worcester. The theme is *Potters, Plotters and Pikemen of the Midlands*. The conference will devote a day to each of the Counties, the overall theme relating to their industries, personalities and historical events. Full details are available from Mrs. Linda Spencer, BMSGH Conference Bookings Secretary, 14, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. B36 0EB. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope (or 2 IRC's) with your enquiry.

Society of Genealogists Family History Fair. 16 May 1993

This will be held at Royal Horticultural Society Old Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, London. Further details from The Family History Fair Co-ordinator, Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, London. EC1M 7BA enclosing a SSAE.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

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Hitchin,
Herts. SG5 2TF

Dear Editor,

I recently rescued, at a local second hand market, a book containing quite a lot of detail concerning four families in the Sheffield area. It only contains about ten pages of writing but they are a mine of information. It has the dates of births, (in most cases also the time) marriages and deaths for six generations dating from 1746 to 1915, plus a couple of extra items in another hand for 1942 and 1947.

This family history was written by **Augustus Frederick Stone** who resided at 15, Townend Street, Sheffield around 1876 to 1880+. He was born on 11 Nov. 1842 at Sheffield. His parents were **George Stone** b. 5 Nov. 1842 who married **Mary Gothard** on 28 Oct. 1839 at Sheffield Parish Church. The four

families listed are **Ward, Hayes, Stone and Gothard.**

If anyone is interested they can ring me if they wish but I would like to be sure the book goes to the right family.

Yours etc
Derek Maides

Ed's note. I have a brief outline of the above family tree.

An open letter. Can you help?

Last year, the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire held their first series of Open Days when members of the public were able to view the Cutlers' Hall, including all the private rooms, and the Company's magnificent collections of silver, cutlery, paintings, furniture, etc.

Due to the huge success of this venture, the Company has decided to hold another series of Open Days this summer (4th-8th August, incl.) only this time there will be the added attraction of a specially arranged collection of Regimental Silver. Many famous regiments, including the Coldstream Guards, The Duke of Wellington's and the Green Howards, have agreed to participate.

However, last year's success would not have been possible if it were not for the stalwart band of Volunteer Guides, drawn mainly from Local History Societies, who selflessly gave of their time and enthusiasm to make the Days more interesting and enjoyable for our visitors.

Would you like to be one of those guides this year? No experience is necessary, nor is any knowledge of the Cutlers' Company and its Hall as full instructions will be given. Perhaps you could spare us just one day, or even half a day? All that we require is enthusiasm.

If you are interested please contact me, Julie MacDonald, at the Cutlers' Hall - telephone 728456.

Thank you.

Yours etc
Julie MacDonald - Archivist.

47, Wyndcliff Road
Charlton,
London. SE7 7LP

Index to the Pre 1854 Soldiers' Discharge Papers Held at Kew.

The Friends of the Public Record Office are about to embark on an ambitious project to index all the soldiers' discharge certificates up to 1854 held in Class WO 97 at Kew.

As you know, most of these are arranged in alphabetical order just within regiments, so that someone wishing to locate a particular soldier whose regiment is unknown has well over a hundred places in which to search. Moreover, certificates are filed under the last regiment of a soldier's service, so even when a

regiment is known, a later transfer may mean that the certificate is in an unexpected place.

When our database is complete, it will be possible to group the men by regiment or county of origin, as well as having them in alphabetical order. This will be very helpful to those engaged in local history and population studies, as well as to family historians.

To achieve such an index, we need a great many volunteers. The work is to be done from microfilms, wherever a volunteer may have access to a microfilm reader. There will be a grand opening at the National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 (nearest underground station, Sloane Square) at 3 p.m. on Sunday 24 May.

If people interested would contact me at my home address it would be very helpful. The following details have been gleaned from the discharge certificate of a soldier born in Sheffield, and is an example of the kind of information a family historian can find from this source.

JAMES SIDDOLE or SIDDLE ref WO 97/1139

born Sheffield. Enlisted aged 23. Served in 10th Light Dragoons from 28 Aug 1793 to 9 Feb 1812, when "asthmatic and worn out" he was transferred to 11th Royal Veteran Battalion.

In 1812, aged 41, 5'6 3/4" tall, light hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion, by trade a labourer.

Discharged from 11th Veterans on 24th July 1814 at Hythe, Kent, on disbandment of the regiment.

Makes his mark for signature. Pension 1 shilling.

Yours etc
Lesley Wynne-Davies
Project Organizer

26 Berrow Court,
Gardens Walk,
Upton -Upon-Severn,
Worcs. WR8 0JP

Dear Editor,

I would just like to say how much I have enjoyed reading about the lectures at the Federation Conference. This is due to the fine reporting by the members. Thank you very much to all concerned. They have been a joy to read.

Yours etc
Mrs. Helen Lomas.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 9 December

A seasonal meeting was held at Endcliffe Heritage Museum where members enjoyed the singing of local carols as well as old favourites. Refreshments were provided and a quiz was organised.

Meeting on Monday 20 January

History in Loo

Mr Eric Holder gave us a most entertaining account of our ancestors' toilet facilities beginning with the Romans and their very sophisticated arrangements as seen at such sites as Housesteads on the Roman Wall. Here we can see the best preserved loo in the Roman Empire. Not only were their sewers flushable but basins were provided for washing hands and the effluent was spread on the fields. The water used was rainwater collected in cisterns.

By the time of the Normans, and later, toilet facilities were far less efficient. In the castles garderobes were built into the walls and discharged into the moats creating most unpleasant conditions. We were shown numerous photographs of examples of castle garderobes. The monasteries inherited Roman standards of hygiene and many examples can be seen of their careful planning of toilet arrangements.

Reported by Denise Marsden.

A.G.M. on Monday 17 February - Minutes

Present. Approximately 65 people including The President (Dr. David Hey), 55 members, and with Mrs. Marjorie Dunn in the Chair. There were no apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had already been circulated and were passed following a proposal by Professor Newton and seconding by Mrs. Stagg. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

** Secretary's Report.*

Mrs. E. Perkins who had been Secretary for most of the year under review before her resignation gave an encouraging report of the progress of our Society during the year. She spoke of the outstanding event which was our hosting of the Annual Conference of the Federation of Family History Societies in September 1991. Congratulations had been received from many visitors both during and after the busy week-end and she was grateful to those of our members who had helped to make the large gathering of family historians memorable to all who attended. Two local and Family History Fairs had been held in 1991 which had included information points and bookstalls manned by our members. The Chairman then thanked Mrs. Perkins for all she and her husband had done to ensure the smooth running of the Federation Conference and Mrs. Dunn asked the meeting to thank Mrs. Perkins for her good work as Secretary for nearly two years of steady Society growth. Applause for Mrs. Perkins followed.

** Editor's Report.*

Mrs. Marsden thanked all who had helped to produce "The Flowing Stream" during the past year, and also those who had sent in copy for inclusion. She wished especially to thank Mrs. Susan Hammond who did the typing and Mrs. Elaine Smith who printed the labels and kept an up to date list of members. More of the 1861 Census Index had been published and thanks were due to Mr. Perkins for the typing of the material, to Mr. Wardale and Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham for transcribing and Miss Quirk for checking work. Mrs. Mary Robson was continuing her valuable work of organising the 1881 Census Index project and had some devoted members helping her. Finally Mrs. Marsden acknowledged the comments and compliments received from members who enjoyed reading our Society journal.

** Treasurer's Report.*

In presenting the 1991 Accounts (given below) Mrs. E. Allen said that the overspend of some £988 was mainly due to the "one-off" purchase of the 1891 Census Microfiche plus a deficit on the Excursions Account. The latter would be dealt with in future by an increase of £2 on the cost of excursions to London, which would be cancelled if undersubscribed. The deposit account had recently been transferred to a different account which yields better interest. Mrs. Allen warned it might be necessary to raise subscriptions next year and concluded by asking if we had a suitable person willing to audit our books and thus save the fees charged by professional accountants.

Questions of a non-financial kind were then asked about the present information on the 1891 Census material and it was explained that although there was a parish index there was not as yet a street index so the material was somewhat difficult to use in its present form.

Following this short discussion the Accounts were formally passed on a proposition by Mrs. M. Furey, seconded by Mrs. Harrop.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Following a proposition by the President, seconded by Mr. Frank Cooper the four officers who are ex-officio on the Committee were elected as follows:-

Chairman	Mrs. M. Dunn
Secretary	Roy Bullen
Treasurer	Mrs. E. Allen
Editor	Mrs. D. Marsden

Mrs. Dunn explained that although Mrs. Perkins had resigned as Secretary she could if the meeting wished be added to the existing members, all of whom had signified their willingness to stand for re-election. Following from this Mrs. Moffat proposed and Mr. Burton seconded that the whole Committee plus Mrs. Perkins be elected for the coming year. Committee members then stood up to be identified and all were elected as per the proposition.

Any Other Business.

1. Mrs. Moffat thought that more might usefully be done to make new members attending their first meetings feel more at home in the Society. This led to a short discussion and some suggestions were made which the Chairman said

Meeting on 17 February 1992

The Cutlers' Company of Hallamshire.

Mrs. Julie MacDonald the first ever Archivist of the Cutlers' Company gave a brief history of the Cutlers' Company which was incorporated in 1624. Hallamshire historically consisted of the parishes of Sheffield, Ecclesfield and Bradfield. In early times the company was very restrictive and kept a firm hold on the production of cutlery and the maintenance of standards. In the 19th century it opened its doors to the great steel magnates.

The first Cutlers Hall was built in 1638. A second was built on the same site in 1725. The third and present hall was built in 1832 and has additions dating from 1867 and 1888.

The Cutlers' Company has extensive archives. Many of them are described by Leader in his famous book on the History of the Cutlers' Company. Sadly, some of the records he mentioned are no longer there. Since he does not give the sources of his information no one knows where some of his material came from. Amongst the most important records for family historians are the indentures. The first of these was recorded in 1618 and the last in 1814. There are almost no photographs in the Company archives.

Anyone can now look at the Cutlers' Company Archives. It is, however, necessary to ring first to make an appointment - Sheffield 728456 - on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday only.

Following a great success last year there are to be Open Days from 4 - 8 August when the Company's magnificent collections are to be on view. Volunteers are needed to act as guides. (See letter in this edition)

Rotherham Branch A.G.M. on 2 January 1992

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mrs. S. Swannack and Mrs. J. Roddis. The Society's officials were re-elected and a vote of thanks was recorded for their work in 1991.

The Treasurer gave the financial report which was accepted. The representative to the Sheffield Society gave a report on the meetings held in Sheffield.

Following the official business refreshments were served and an interesting discussion was held on "Is Family History Society a real description of its members' interests?" This brought forward interests which had kept members in the Society after their researches into family history had been exhausted.

Rotherham Branch Meeting on 6 February 1992

A History of Mining at the Holmes

This illustrated talk linked archive material with topographical evidence. The post war period has seen much of the historical evidence of the past at the Holmes swept away but there still remain some buildings and features which relate to the sites mentioned. The talk covered:-

The Earl of Shrewsbury and early ironstone mining.

The coal mines of the Hirsts of Clough and their Stewardship by the Haborshon family.

The unique geological formation at the Holmes.

The Walkers' (ironfounders) collieries at Garrowtree and Kettle Croft which supplied their forges.

The Walkers' principal mining employees William Sellars, Micah Barber and William Goodinson who succeeded the Wakers and made their own mark in coal mining.

The appearance of Joseph Chambers to take over Walkers' pits and the old Hirst Estate at Clough.

The formation of the Rotherham, Masbrough and Holmes Coal Co., a company dogged by misfortune and eventual financial ruin.

Strikes, riots and blacklegs, a strong union and Victorian principles.

The Holmes Colliery blacksmiths shop - birthplace of the South Yorkshire Co-operative Mining Society.

The reopening of the derelict Jordan Pit by Dennis Davy and Arthur Mangham, both notable names in the history of mining in South Yorkshire.

Though mining ended at the Holmes many years ago coal will be seen wherever a trench is dug or a building site is cleared.

A. R. Berry.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mr. and Mrs. B.D.Handley, 23, Northolme, Gainsborough, Lincs. wish to trace 1 the descendents of Abel **BYWATER** (1795 - 1873), known as the **SHEVVILD** chap because of his writings in the Sheffield dialect. He had five (or six) sons. 2 the whereabouts of the two marriages of Joshua **HANDLEY** (1850 - 1913) glass cutter of Sheffield; 1st. 1871 - 1874; 2nd, 1874 - 1877.

Mrs.T. Lawley-Wakelin, 39, Marleigh Road, Bidford on Avon, Warwickshire: B50 4DF wishes, before turning to Irish sources, to contact people of the following surnames:-**MALIA, MEALIA, MELIA, MALEY** and variants. She would particularly like to contact any descendents of **William Malia** who was born in Westport, County Mayo, circa 1826 and who settled in Sheffield during the 1850s with other members of the Malia family.

Mrs. J.M.Sole, 17, Hyholmes, Bretton, Peterborough. PE3 8LG seeks information on her 6 x Great Grandfather Luke **NICHOLSON** (Maltster and Farmer according to the registers) who married Alice **SCULTHORPE** daughter of Joseph Sculthorpe at Anston 29 Dec. 1709 when Alice was 22. They baptised 6 children at Anston between 1710 and 1720, then Alice died in 1722 and the Anston B.T.s show Luke baptizing 3 more children between 1725 and 1729, but no baptism, second marriage or burial for Luke. Where did he come from and where did he go?

Miss Beryl Stacey, 2, Matuhi Rise, Henderson, Auckland, 8, New Zealand is seeking information about members of the **SPEAK** family in Sheffield.

NEW MEMBERS INTERESTS

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The following abbreviations have been used in compiling this list.

c = about the following date
C = century
+ = any time after the date given
Pre = any time before the date given
E = Early
M = Mid
L = Late

1054 Mrs. S. Holt, 3, Hallsteads Close, Dove Holes, Nr. Buxton, Derbyshire. SK17 8BS

GREAVES	Sheffield	c1807
RICHARDSON	Sheffield	c1807
GOULDTHORPE	Sheffield	c1813

1053 Mr. S. Archer, 90, St. Albans Road, Dartford, Kent. DA1 1TY

ARCHER	Elmton DBY	17-19C
BATH	Any KEN	16-20C
BLAZE	Anywhere	16-20C
FREEMANTLE	Any HAM	18-19C
GILLAT	Norton DBY	17-19C
HOPKINSON	Wingerworth DBY	18-19C
MULLINS	Harthill YKS	17-19C
ROSE	Eckington DBY	18-19C
SYBRAY	Holmesfield DBY	17-18C

1051 Mrs. P. Jones, 43, Derby Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 2LZ

AINSWORTH	Nether Hallam, Sheffield	
BLAKELEY	Hillsbro'	
COOKE	Hillsbro'	1878+
MIDWOOD	Sheffield, Honley, Huddersfield	1750-1898
RODGERS	Sheffield area	1850+
WHITE	Sheffield area	1860+

1055 Mrs. M. Callis & Mrs. R. Jackson, 4, Fairbairn Way, Sheffield. S6 5QE

CARTWRIGHT	Sheffield YKS	1890-1991
CARTWRIGHT	SAL	1890-1991
FRANCIS	Sheffield YKS	1800+
FRANCIS	Lincon / Ennis IRL	1800+
FRY	Sheffield YKS	1800+
FRY	SAL	1800+
GIBSON	Sheffield YKS	1800+
GREGORY	Sheffield YKS	1800+
GREGORY	Eyam DBY	1800+
HAWKSWORTH	Bradfield / Sheffield YKS	1700+
HAWKSWORTH	DBY	1700+
HUNT	Bradfield YKS	1700+
HUNT	DBY	1700+

986 Mrs. S. Law, 202, The Common, Holt, Trowbridge, Wilts. BA14 6ON

ANTCLIFF	Warsop NTT	18 & 19C
ATKINSON	Holbeach LIN	18 & 19C
BRAMMER	N. Leverton NTT	18 & 19c
CULLABINE	Barlborough DBY	18 & 19C
GARLAND	Ulley YKS	18C
STANIFORTH	Bighton DBY	17-19C
STANIFORTH	Hackenthorpe DBY	17-19C
STANIFORTH	Eckington DBY	17-19C
TURNER	Whitwell DBY	18C

1072 Mrs. K. Burkinshaw, 38, Lydgate Hall Crescent, Crosspool, Sheffield. S10 5NE

BOWER	Park, Sheffield WRY	M19C
BURROWS	Park, Sheffield WRY	1861+
BURROWS	Manchester LAN	c1850
BURROWS	Nottingham NTT	Pre 1837
FOSTER	Sheffield WRY	1850+
HENSON	Sheffield WRY	1850+
HODGSON	Park, Sheffield WRY	1840+
HODGSON	Hoyland, Barnsley WRY	Pre1837
NUTTALL	Mellor? DBY	c1810
NUTTALL	Woodhead CHS	c1850
NUTTALL	Sheffield, Park WRY	1885+
NUTTALL	Grenoside WRY	1860+

1070 Mr. C. Eyre, 8, St. James Terrace, Selby, North Yorks. YO8 0WL

EYRE	Hathersage DBY	Pre1770
EYRE	Sheffield WRY	Pre1780
EYRE	Rothwell WRY	c1795
EYRE	Cawthorne WRY	E19C
EYRE	New Miller Dam WRY	M19C
EYRE	Sandal WRY	M19C

826 Mr B. Hollin, 9 Woodville Road, Newport, Gwent. NP9 4JB

GAUNT	Rotherham YKS	Any
HOLLIN	Rotherham YKS	Any
MANGHAM	Rotherham YKS	Any
SWIFT	Rotherham YKS	Any

1056 Mrs. B. Lee, 378, Stannington Road, Sheffield. S6 5FS

MORGON	Exeter DEV	Pre 1880
MORGON	Portsmouth HAM	1800s

O/S 033 Mrs K.J. Harwood, 335, Fairmont Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 1Y6, Canada.

BAXTER		19C
PASHLEY	Ecclesfield	19C
SWIFT	Ardsley	19C
TIMM	Sheffield	19C
WARD	Woodhouse	19C

O/S103 Mr W. Hoole, 23, Arkana Ave., Cundletown 2430, N.S.W. Australia.

BERESFORD	Hurstbrook LAN/CHS	1839+
BOARDMAN	Liverpool LAN	1800+
BROWNLEY	Suffolk	1780+
CHAPMAN	Suffolk	1770+
CHAPMAN	Chedburgh SFK	1816+
DEBENHAM	Suffolk	1770+
DEBENHAM	Chevington SFK	1823+
DOUSE	Suffolk	1780+
HARWOOD	London	1840+
HAWLEY	Sheffield	1770+
HOOLE	Sheffield	1765+
JOHNSON	Liverpool LAN	1790+
LINCY	Hampshire	1800+
LYNCH	Derry IRL	1805+
NICHOLSON	Southampton HAM	1839+
ROBINSON	Penzance CON	1820+
TRATHEN	Penzance CON	1820+
WARD	Devonshire	1846+
WAUGH	Glasgow SCT	1874+

1068 Mr. A.J. Matthewman, 42 Davisville Road, Shepherds Bush, London. W12 9SJ

MATTHEWMAN	Sheffield (esp. West Brightside) YKS	Anytime
WHARFE	Sheffield YKS	L19C+
WHARFE	Lincoln LIN	Pre 20C

1069 Mrs J.O. Smith, 43, Benscliffe Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE11 3JP

ARMITAGE	Sheffield YKS	1820+
BOTTOMLEY	Halifax YKS	1870+
CLARBROUGH	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1840
GRAHAM	Sheffield YKS	1840+
GREGORY	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1800
JESSOP	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1800

1075 Mr. R.J. Alcock, 17 Muscott Lane, Old Duston, Northampton. NN5 6HR

ALCOCK	Danby Wiske area N.YKS	Pre 1793
ALCOCK	Gainsborough LIN	1820+
ALCOCK	Worksop NTT	1850+
ALCOCK	Sheffield	1850+
COLE	Ollerton & Wellow NTT	Pre 1900
HUSKINSON	Gainsborough LIN	Pre 1855
LAWSON	Coddington/Newark area NTT	Pre 1880
MARSHALL	Ollerton NTT	Pre 1880
MARSHALL	Bassingham area NTT	Pre 1820
MURPHY	Mansfield NTT	c1860
PARKIN	Stockton-on-Tees	c1800
PARKING	Stockton-on-Tees	c1800
PARKINS	Stockton-on-Tees	c1800

1074 Mrs. M. Potts, 67, South Park Gardens, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1HZ

BARRETT	Sheffield YKS	L19C-M20C
BOOTH	Sheffield YKS	L19C-M20C
BUTLER	Barnby Dun YKS	E19C
GREAVES	Sheffield YKS	19C
HILL	Mexbrough YKS	19C
KIRKBY	Mexbrough YKS	19C
NEEDHAM	Finningley NTT	18C-E19C
PINCHIN	Rotherham YKS	18C-M19C
STANDAGE	Sheffield YKS	18C-20C
STEVENSON	Barnby Dun YKS	18C-M19C
WILLIAMS	Sheffield YKS	18C-19C
WOOLLEN	Sheffield YKS	18C-19C

825 Mrs. B.A. Melbourne, 73, Serlby Lane, Harthill, Sheffield. S31 8YD

HAYWOOD	Pegs Green Nr. Coalville LE1	M1800s
HEYWOOD	Pegs Green Nr. Coalville LE1	M1800s
SHORTHOUSE	Pegs Green Nr. Coalville LE1	M1800s
IVILL	Wombwell YKS	c1800
WHITHAM	Sheffield YKS	c1760

1064 Mrs. E. Parry, 3, Cromlech Road, Llandudno, Gwynedd. LL30 2JW

ARDERN	Ashton -u- Lyne LAN	M-L 19C
COX	Disley	E-M 20C
DALE	Birchover DBY	18C
DALE	Chelmorton DBY	E 16C
DUCOROY	Amiens FRANCE	M-L 19C
JENNISON	Disley	E 20C
MOUNTNEY	Rotherham YKS	Pre 18C
MOUNTNEY	Shiercliffe YKS	Pre 18C
MOUNTNEY	Derby DBY	17C
ROOSE	Birchover DBY	18C

881 Mr. & Mrs. B. D. Handley, 23, Northolme, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 2JB

BYWATER	Sheffield	1795+
HALL	Middleton-by-Wirksworth	1816+
HALL	Sheffield	1836+
HANDLEY	Coal Aston	1807+
HANDLEY	Sheffield	1832+
ROBERTS	Treeton, Sheffield	1824+
STORER	Middleton-by-Wirksworth	1821+
STORER	Cromford & Sheffield	1850+
WOODHEAD	Hackenthorpe & Sheffield	1823+

1039 Mrs. J.D. Peterson, Bayram House, Hopperton, Knaresborough, N. Yorkshire. HG5 8PD

BILLCLIFF	Derbyshire	Pre 1850
BILLCLIFF	Rotherham / Doncaster YKS	Pre 1900
RHODES	Rotherham YKS	Pre 1860
THOMAS	Retford NTT	Pre 1860
THOMAS	Rotherham YKS	Pre 1900
WALKER	Rotherham / Sprotborough YKS	Pre 1900

1060 Mrs. P. Thorn, Church Farm Guest House, Church Lane, S. Muskham, Newark,

Notts. NG23 6EQ

ARMFIELD	Doncaster YKS	c1820
FARRER	Sheffield YKS	c1860
FEVERS	Doncaster YKS	c1820
MACHIN	Rotherham YKS	c1840
McRAE	Sheffield YKS	c1860
PARKIN	Doncaster YKS	c1840
ROBINSON	Sheffield YKS	c1860
SYKES	Selby YKS	c1850

1089 Mr. T. C. Gower, 8, Irex Road, Pakefield, Lowestoft, Suffolk. NR33 7BU

ASHFORD	Bradfield WRY	18C
CRAWSHAW	Bradfield WRY	17-20C
GILLOT(T)	Bradfield WRY	18C
HARGREAVE	Grenoside WRY	17-18C
HUDSON	Bradfield WRY	18-20C
IBBOTSON	Bradfield WRY	18-19C
REDFEARN	Bradfield WRY	18-19C
RONKSLEY	Bradfield WRY	18-19C
STEADE	Bradfield WRY	17-18C
WALKER	Grenoside WRY	17-18C
WING	Wentworth WRY	19C
WOOD	Bradfield WRY	18-19C

1066 Mr. R. Featherstone, 113, Richmond Park Crescent, Handsworth, Sheffield. S13 8HF

FEATHERSTONE	Goole YKS	L 19C
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1978 Mr. R. Borrill-Townsend, Blenheim House, 7 Oak Rd, Healing, S. Humberside. DN37 7RJ

PINCHBECK	Horncastle LIN	c1811
TOWNSEND	Sheffield YKS	c1850
WELLER	Sittingbourne KEN	c1817
WILLEY	Normanby By Spital LIN	c1750

1050 Mr. S. J. Drabble, 136, Old Exeter Road, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 0JB

BROWNELL	Sheffield YKS	c1800
BUTTERFIELD	Mattersey NTT	c1800
DRABBLE	Maltby & Brodsworth, YKS	c1800+
DRABBLE	Sheffield YKS	1760+

Mr Roy Bullen, 18, Furniss Avenue Sheffield. S17 3QL wishes to contact the descendants of the four children of George **DIXON** and Mary (nee **BRIGGS**) who did not emigrate to New Zealand last century. The four who remained, in Sheffield, Doncaster, Worksop or Mansfield, were William (born 1809 Doncaster), John (born 1811 Worksop), James (born 1823 Worksop) and Elizabeth (born 1813 Worksop) who married William **BURNHAM**.

Linda Reid, 32, Annesley Avenue, Toronto, Ont., Canada. M4G 2T7 writes "My great grandparents, William Joseph **BROWN** and Emily **FOERS** (also known as **FORES**) married in Christ Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield in 1874. Emily was aged 17 and the daughter of James Foers, File Cutter, and living on Birley Street. There is no listing for her or her father in the index to the 1871 census, but he is in the 1851 census living on George Street in Nether Hallam. At the time he was a widower. I have not been able to find a second marriage for him nor a birth entry for Emily in any of her name variations (Emily Theresa or Emma and either Foers or Fores) around 1857. I did find Emily with her husband in the 1881 census where she indicated that she had been born in Sheffield. I am wondering if Emily might have been illegitimate. Since she used her father's name in 1874, I would have expected to find the family in 1871. Can anyone make any suggestions?

Mr. Barrie Atkinson, 1 Forest Close, Rainworth, Mansfield, Notts. NG21 0HN is seeking information on Laura **KIRKLAND**. She was the mother of Clarence Kirkland born 19 April 1891 at Quoit Green, Dronfield. No father's name is given on the birth certificate but Laura is described as a Domestic Servant. On Clarence's Marriage certificate on 6th April 1925 he gives his father's name as William Kirkland (deceased) a Police Inspector. Clarence married Lily **SHIRT**.

Mrs Sheila Mitchell, Coley Mill Cottage, Norwood Green, Halifax. HX3 8RD is wanting the date of death and address of Charlotte Antoinette **GRABADUNKLE** (Nee **CLEMENTS**). She and her husband Herman fled to England from Germany and were married in the Parish Church on 3rd May 1792. Herman's occupation at that time was bleacher and his address "Hilltop" He died in 1796 leaving his wife with a daughter Wilhelmina aged 3 and a son Herman Charles being born, sadly, in 1797. Charlotte's relatives have been located at St. James' Church:-

Charles Theodore **LURMAN** buried 11 May 1790

George s/o Charles **CLEMENTS** buried 12 April 1793.

Charles s/o Charles **CLEAMONT** buried 7 May 1795.

Charlotte and Augusta daughters of Herman and Antoinette **GRABADUNKEL**, bleacher, buried 10 March 1796.

Mr. Keith M. Gould, 92, Twyn Carmel, Swansea Road, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. CF48 1PF is seeking information on the marriage of Charles **CARTWRIGHT** and Sarah Cartwright late **LIVERSIDGE** formerly **BOOKER** (information taken from birth certificate of their daughter Maria) (born 5 June 1863, Darnall, Attercliffe, Sheffield). Charles Cartwright's occupation is given as Labourer in a Steel Works on the above birth certificate

and as an Inspector at Wagon (?) Works, deceased, on his daughter's marriage certificate in 1889. Mr Gould is willing to look up information in the South Wales area in exchange for help with his problem.

Alistair Cameron, 32, Cobran Road, Cheltenham N.S.W. 2119 Australia would like to make contact with descendents of James **THORNHILL** born Shipley Derbyshire 1855 He was a Steel Co. Director of Southgrove Road. His wife was Wilhelmina **EDGE** born Durham 1858. Their children, all born in Sheffield, were:-

William Price **THORNNHILL** marr. Carolyn Rosalie **FRETWELL**
(migrated to N.S.W.)

Wilhelmina Thornhill marr. Rev. R.**F.BURROW**

Ethel May Thornhill marr. J.**F.HALLIFIELD**

James Arnold Thornhill marr. Ellen **ARNOLD** (Migrated to N.S.W.)

Violet Isabel Thornhill marr. J.**H.T. LODGE**

Edgar Alan Thornhill, unmarried. Went to U.S.A.

Margaret Thornhill marr. W. **SPENCER**

Doris May Thornhill unmarried.

Elsie Thornhill marr. Benjamin **WOOD**

Phyllis Thornhill marr. Stuart **GREEN**

Mr Cameron would particularly like to contact descendents of Elsie & Benjamin Wood as his oldest aunt in Sydney remembers Elsie.

Mr G.K.Wright, 20, Greenwood Road, High Green, Sheffield S30 4GW is trying to trace the whereabouts of the **HARRISON** family during the 1881 Sheffield Census. Walter Harrison, a File Forger, aged 33, and his wife Elizabeth, 30, born in Warrington and Manchester respectively, together with their two daughters Annie, 5, and Eliza, 3, both born in Sheffield, were residing at 35 Norfolk Road, Parkwood Springs during the 1871 Census. However no trace of them has been found, or a Norfolk Road in Parkwood Springs for 1881. It is known that Annie Harrison was staying with an Uncle during the 1881 Census at Runcorn. Any information regarding this family would be greatly appreciated.

EAST RIDING FARM SERVANTS . 1900 - 1939

A lecture by Stephen Caunce (given at the Sept. 1991 Conference).

The title of Stephen Caunce's talk - "East Riding Farm Servants, 1900 to 1939"- would seem to have limited appeal. However, the speaker soon made his audience aware that this was a subject no family or local historian should ignore.

It would appear that East Riding farm servants to 1939 were alone in upholding a tradition of arable farming which had existed throughout the country before the Industrial Revolution but which, since then, had died out. Through the process of interviewing old farm workers, Stephen Caunce was introduced to an all-embracing system and way-of-life that is not fully apparent from recorded history. Gradually, as people talked to him about what they knew

and had learned during a life-time's experience, he came to realise the great importance of oral history.

Farm servants were youngsters who were hired annually by a legally binding "Fastening Penny" at Martinmas Fairs. They were always unmarried. The system they became part of helped initially to transfer children from poor homes to a fairly "well off" family structure where they "lived in" and obtained "a good start in life". The lads dealt almost exclusively with horses and belonged to a hierarchy ruled over by a skilled foreman. Under him was the "Waggoner", - a youngster who had risen through the system to a position where he was held in great awe by the youngsters. Girls were also hired as farm servants at Martinmas to be trained in domestic duties: but, traditionally, the farm lads - and their lasses - would not marry until they reached their mid-twenties. After their marriage they ceased to be "farm servants" and became "labourers", - a much maligned term, as in the East Riding it meant "skilled agricultural worker". By their mid-twenties young couples sometimes would have saved enough money to acquire their own smallholding, - for as farm servants everything was found, with payment on completion of the annual contract.

Syephen Caunce explained that this system had evolved quite naturally through the centuries until it had become an extremely efficient way of arable farming. It was, he said, a management system of aggressive, practical capitalism, - *not* quaint folklore! - producing a fully functioning economy with real people doing real things for practical purposes.

Farm servants could not be sacked and as a result were very much aware of their worth. It was, therefore, up to a farmer to see that he got the best possible work out of his employees, which in this system he managed to achieve by providing a good standard of living, coupled with the fact that most farm servants seemed to have had a genuine desire to emulate their employers

The whole subject is treated most eloquently by Stephen Caunce in "Amongst Farm Horses", published by Alan Sutton at £18. 95. It is essential reading.

Reported by Richard Wardale.

A BACON FAMILY BIBLE

My friends Ken and Enid Molsher of Hucknall have been given a Bible and would like to restore it to a member of the family whose names are inscribed inside. I can only appeal to other members of Sheffield and District Family History Society to help locate the descendants of these people.

The writing seems to be all in the same hand and covers three pages inside the Bible which was printed by Eyre and Spottiswood and dated 1878. On the inside cover is written Stephen Bacon May 16th 1879.

Family record of Stephen & Ann Bacon of 28 Broces (Brocco ?) St. Sheffield.

Stephen Bacon was born in the year of our Lord 1816, July 24th and was

registered at Handsworth Church.

Ann Bacon (formerly **Leeming**) was born in the year of our Lord 1817, or thereabouts and was married to Stephen Bacon in the year 1838, Dec.28th, at Sheffield Parish Church.

Their Children

- 1st **Henry** who was born in the year of our Lord 1839 Nov. 28th at 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 2nd **Sarah** who was born in the year of our Lord 1841, July 13th at 11 o'clock in the morning.
- 3rd **William** who was born in the year 1844, April 14th at 12 o'clock at noon (Died at 3 days old)
- 4th **Martha Ann** born in the year 1846, Jan 14th at 12 o'clock at night.
- 5th **Mary Hannah** was born in the year 1847, Sept 9th at 12 o'clock at night.
- 6th **Stephen** was born in the year 1849, Sept 10th at 4 o'clock in the morning
- 7th **Eva** was born in the year 1853, Feb 26th at 7 o'clock at night.

Ann Bacon their mother died July 14th 1855 & was interred in the Sheffield Cemetery July 17th.

Eva Bacon died Jan 17th 1872 & was buried Jan 19th 1872 at the Sheffield General Cemetery.

Stephen Bacon son of **Stephen** and **Sarah Bacon** (formerly of Handsworth Woodhouse, Button Maker) was born 24th July 1816.

Caroline Eadon eldest daughter of **George** and **Susannah Eadon**, of Tapton House, Sheffield was born 11th Dec. 1825 in Gell Street.

Stephen Bacon & Caroline Eadon (second wife) married 9th June 1857, at the Unitarian Chapel, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, Minister Rev. **Brooke Herford**.

George Eadon Bacon, son of the above, was born 27th June 1859. Died Dec. 22nd 1859 aged 6 months & was interred in the Sheffield Cemetery on the 24th.

Susannah Eadon was born on the 29th July 1860 at noon 12 exact, at Spring Hill, Crookes Moor. Baptised at home, Spring Hill on the 29th day of July 1861, by the Rev. **John Page Hopper**, Minister of Uppertorpe Chapel Sheffield.

Jane Eadon, born Nov. 5th 1862 at Spring Hill, Crookes Moor Side at 11 o'clock at night.

Stephen Bacon (Senior) the above, died at 2 Peel Terrace, Wilkinson St., Sheffield, at 10-15am, on the 2nd day of August 1881 & was interred in the General Cemetery Sheffield on the 5th.

Contributed by Mrs.M.Newton, 64, Bestwood Rd, Hucknall, Notts. NG15 7PQ

"PITS, PEOPLE AND EVENTS IN COAL MINING AT THE HOLMES"

The above book has been produced by Mr A.R.Berry. The Holmes is near Rotherham in the parish of Kimberworth. The book follows the history of mining at the Holmes from the beginning of the 18th Century to the early years of the 20th century. The collieries involved are JORDAN COLLIERY, GARROWTREE COLLIERY, SWALLOWWOOD COLLIERY, ENGINE PIT, GIN PIT and HOLMES LOW GROUND COLLIERY. The names are given of many people involved with these collieries. A copy of the book can be consulted at Rotherham Central library, Local Studies & Archives Department. Members who would like more details about a name in the following index should write, enclosing an S.A.E. to Mr A.R.Berry, 64, High Greave Road, Rotherham, S. Yorks. S65 3LR.

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Abrahams	Charles	Joseph	Franks George
	Priscilla	Robert Joseph	Frith Mr
Amald	Edith	Chapman	Frith Arthur
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	George	William Henry	Fullerton ---
	Sarah	Chappel Mr	John Esq
	William	Charlesworth ---	Gamer Silas
Addy	Joseph	Clarke ---	Gamer Oliver
Aitcheson	Coun.	Henry	Garside Mr
Allott	Aaron	John	Gascoigne Louis
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	Arthur	Clayton	Thomas
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	Thomas	Cooper	Mrs
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Badger &	Rhodes	Covender	Benjamin
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			Hoyle Fretwell
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			James George
			Robert
			Jeffcock Mr
			Thos. W.
			Mr H..J.

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	John		William	Tunstall	James	
	Joseph	Preston	George	Turnbull	Jno James	
	Thomas	Proudlock	Mr		John	
	William	Ray	Thomas		Margaret	W
Kay	Mr Justice	Rhodes	F. Parker		Mary M.	
Kent	John		Mr John		Sarah Ann	
Kitchen	Wm	Richardson	John			
Lamb	Isaac		Joseph	Turner	Mr J.	
Lancaster	Mr E.G.	Richie	William		Sergeant	
Lee	Thos.	Ridgeway	Mr	Vernon	John	
Leonards	William		Mr T.	Vicars	Ann	
Oldham	Ada	Robinson	Mr		Fanny	
	Alice		Mr W.		George	
	Anna	Robson	Edward B		Mary	
	Clara		Sarah Ann		Matilda	
	Eliza	Stubbs	Ralph		William	
	Ellen		Thomas	Wade	Mr Stephen	
	John			Wake	John	
	Mr John				Mary	
Otter	H. 48	Taffinder	Mr		William	
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J SMITH FAMILY OF THURGOLAND, CONTEMPORARIES OF WALTON EMIGRANTS TO AUCKLAND

In "Some Family History with a Yorkshire Kidnapping" [J Sheffield and District FHS 96, 10(4), 1990] Uncle Lewis's 1914 visit to Penistone, when he stayed at Bullace Grange, Thurstone, with a Mrs Wm Smith, widow, was discussed with reference to various aunts and uncles like Aunt Bella, Aunt Batty, Uncle William, Uncle Oliver and Uncle Joseph. At the time these people were something of a mystery.

Arising from that publication a Mrs S Hobson, Sheffield advised she was a descendant of Mrs Wm Smith's sister, Isobella, and the sisters had come from the Thurgoland area where their father, George Wordsworth and his family were at New Mill. This was the next mill down from Old Wire Mill on the River Don. Her referral of the writer to W J Garrett, Sydney, NSW, husband of a great-granddaughter of Mrs Wm Smith, Uncle Lewis's hostess, revealed that the late Wm Smith was the eldest of a large family including brothers called Oliver and Joseph. In addition the parents of these Smiths were John, bp 1814 and his wife Ann (née Jagger, bp 1815) who had married in 1836 and after a number of their children had been born, moved to the Thurgoland area. There, John Smith was a stonemason and wire-drawer residing at Huthwaite Bank, on the north side of the River Don.

When Waltons from that general area came to Auckland on the Empress in 1865 they included Uncle Lewis's father, Joseph a wire-drawer, and his wife Mary Ann (née Blyde), plus a Thomas Walton, stonemason, and his wife Ruth (née Chappell). It now appears Joseph was Thomas's first cousin and Thomas left behind his parents at Hill Top Farm, Green Moor, Hunshelf and a number of siblings, including an older brother William. He was another stonemason working around Green Moor, on the south side of the River Don just across from Huthwaite Bank.

Through William's great-grandson, Mr Douglas Walton, Deep Car (near Stocksbridge), YKS sufficient additional critical information has been obtained so that much of the mystery about "aunts and uncles" in Uncle Lewis's diary now has been solved on the basis of what is presented below.

A record of John and Ann Smith and their children, as in the family bible, kindly made available through Douglas by John G Smith, Thurstone, grandson of Mr J T Smith visited by Uncle Lewis, is as follows:

John Smith	b at Dakin Brook	Feb 22 1814	(d Jan 3 1867)
Ann Smith	b at Thurgoland Hall	Nov 15 1815	(d Sep 10 1894)

John and Ann Smith's children:

Married name:

William	b 30.04.1838	d 19.03.1899	
Henry	b 23.02.1840	d 26.06.1882	
Mary	b 19.12.1841	d 12.11.1919	Bradley
Martha	b 22.01.1844	d 15.05.1923	Charleworth
Elizabeth	b 15.06.1846	d 21.04.1926	Siddons
Joseph	b 15.06.1848		
John Thomas	b 08.08.1850	d 05.10.1928	
George	b 04.10.1851	d 02.04.1927	
Allen	b 29.11.1853	d 23.04.1917	
Julia Ann	b 08.02.1857		Battye
Aaron - twin	b 25.11.1858		
Oliver - twin	b 25.11.1858	d ...11.1934	
Sarah	b 09.01.1863	d on day of birth	

Addendum: Dakin Brook is near Cawthorne

At the 180 Foxhill Rd residence of Mr & Mrs J Bradley in Birley Carr (nr Wadsley Bridge to the north-west of Sheffield's centre), on 15 June 1908, for the occasion of the 60th & 62nd birthday of Joseph & Elizabeth, respectively, ten surviving Smith children, all listed above, gathered with their spouses. William & Henry's widows also were present, and the function at the residence was followed by tea at the United Methodist Church. The photographic record of the ten siblings at the gathering is reproduced below from an original signed "Julia A Batty" and sent in 1909 to the maternal grandmother of Mildred Bramall, the latter being a first cousin of Douglas' father. Mildred's grandmother, Mrs Goodram, also saved a number of press reports, including one entitled, "Unique Family Gathering at Birley Carr", from The Express, Saturday, June 20, 1908. The writer is indebted to Douglas not only for discovery of this information but also for providing copies.



Photograph: Courtesy, Mr D Walton, Deep Car, YKS, 1991 from original sent to Miss M Bramall's maternal grandmother in 1909 and signed "Julia A Batty". Photographer: A W Rideout, Burngreave Rd, Pitsmoor

Surviving children of late Mr & Mrs John Smith of Thurgoland, on occasion of 60th & 62nd birthday of Joseph & Elizabeth, 15 June 1908, at Birley Carr (nr Wadsley Bridge), YKS. Standing, l to r: Aaron/Oliver, John Thomas (J T), Allen, Joseph, Oliver/Aaron, and George. Sitting, l to r: Julia Ann (Mrs Wm Batty), Mary (Mrs J Bradley), Martha (Mrs J Charlesworth) and Elizabeth (Mrs J Siddons). Identifications: as discussed in text.

The writer has made the identifications in the figure firstly by recognizing John Thomas, Mrs Batty and Mrs Charlesworth from Uncle Lewis's photographs on which he wrote identifications. Joseph's identification follows from his golden wedding announcement photograph and relative age. George's identification is based on Douglas' note "...told that extreme right is George father of Alan & Colin". Of the three brothers remaining, the twins, viz. Aaron/Oliver, have been identified on the basis of similarity in appearance, leaving Allen's identification by a process of elimination. Mary (Mrs J Bradley) and Elizabeth, after naming the other two sisters, have been identified by inspection on the basis of relative age, and one might reasonably assume it was in deference to age that the gathering was at the Bradley residence.

Incidentally, from the writer's knowledge, it seems Allen was married to a niece of Ruth Walton (née Chappell), the niece being a daughter of her brother William and Thomas Walton's sister Mary. This means the niece would be a first cousin of the "Nicholls Bros.", Auckland, who were children of Ruth's marriage to widowed Reuben Nicholls, her second husband.

Extracts on the Smith siblings in order of age as follow, are based mainly on the press article quoted above, supplemented by various other clippings and correspondence. Mary's husband, Mr J Bradley of Birley Carr (as a traveller for a Mr B B Booth who lived at Well Hill according to Douglas, and apparently owned Green Moor Stone Quarries) was acquainted with surveyors, builders and contractors over an area including Penistone, Mexboro' and Doncaster. Mr & Mrs J Charlesworth were at Mill House, Thurlstone and Mr & Mrs Siddons were at Bradford. Mr & Mrs Joseph Smith who married at Netherfield, Penistone in Mar 1871, were at Ecclesfield where he was appointed sub-postmaster. For ten years from 1880 he was choirmaster at Loxley Congregational Church and regularly walked the seven miles to and from Ecclesfield. In June 1908 he was choirmaster at a chapel in Ecclesfield. Notably, Joseph was just six months older than Uncle Lewis whom he took "through Ecclesfield Old Church, built 1200 years ago" according to Uncle Lewis's 11 Aug 1914 diary note.

Mr John Thos Smith had an established grocery and furnishing business in Thurlstone. He was an active member of the Thurlstone Wesleyans, also took an interest in the Denby Dale Wesleyan Circuit, and was an active member of the Thurlstone Ancient Order of Druids Friendly Society. Mr & Mrs Geo Smith, Hillsbro', were the parents of Alan and Colin Smith, musicians, Sheffield, the latter being a 'cellist, ranking "as one of the finest in the district". George's late brother Henry, also a 'cellist, "was acknowledged to be the finest...in the Penistone district". Mr & Mrs Allen Smith of Southport, LAN, were going to Bristol. Allen had long been a prominent organist and music teacher at Southport. Mr & Mrs Wm Batty were residing at Huthwaite Bank, Thurgoland where Mrs Batty's late father, John Smith, had carried on his business as a stonemason, beginning the Smith family's occupation of that residence 63 years previously--apparently, in 1845. William Batty, who died on 17 April 1920, was Green Moor Methodist Church secretary for many years and a contemporary of Fred Walton, grandfather of Douglas, whose verse is to be discussed in another article.

Douglas has noted that: "Mrs Batty was mostly referred to as 'Aunt Batty', a way of address more common in those days. With so many relatives using this form of expression it spread to people in the church and even in the village. No doubt Uncle Lewis would have become so familiar with the use of the word Aunt or Uncle during his visit that he followed the same pattern. I can well understand Uncle Lewis visiting Mrs Batty by horse and trap. She used this method of transport...a person who is 85...well remembers her journeys. After Mr Batty's death she hired a driver, a stable was near her home." It is believed Mrs Batty died about 1928 or 1929.

On the remaining Smith siblings, the twins, Aaron and Oliver, it is recorded that each lived with his spouse in Thurlstone. These twins had an earlier connection with Green Moor Methodist Church as choirmaster and organist, respectively, and in Thurlstone they had the same positions at the old and new Wesleyan Church for about 30 years. Oliver carried on the business of a butcher and draper in Thurlstone. Aaron the last surviving sibling apparently died at Penistone, 9 Sep 1937, aged 78.

From the above, which does not attempt to provide answers to all of the questions raised by the pencilled notes of Uncle Lewis during his visits to Yorkshire in 1914, it will be evident the large family of John and Ann Smith from Huthwaite Bank, relate to various entries. Furthermore, the identification and interrelationship of Aunt Bella, Mr and Mrs Wm Smith, Mr J T Smith, Mrs Charlesworth, Aunt Batty, Uncle William, Uncle Oliver and Uncle Joseph should be sufficiently clear to remove a significant part of the mystery arising from Uncle Lewis's brief notes.

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(To be continued)

“DO NOT WRITE IT IN INK TILL YOU CAN PROVE IT IN A COURT OF LAW”

So I was told by my Sheffield friend (and distant relative) whilst on a short visit to the city in 1989. I had come over from New Zealand and we were working together on some of our common ancestry.

However, it was another relative who was causing me some puzzlement. My maternal great-great grandfather, Daniel Chisholm, seemed to produce children with a different mother each time I checked a record! As I had checked in New Zealand, the I.G.I, censuses and then varying death and birth certificates, I had kept finding a different name from the previous one, for the mother of his children. Yet strangely, according to the censuses, despite the differing mothers, he had all the children living in his household! This became more puzzling as we made other searches into his background, and found him to be a pillar of the Methodist Church, and an exemplary employee, well prepared to stand up for the rights of his fellow employees before the days of unions.

We kept looking - and eventually found that from child 7 on, Martha Wilson was wife and mother, but that was not Martha Earnshaw, the mother given for child No. 2, although Martha Wilson did have the same surname as mother No. 1, Sarah Wilson! But Sarah Wilson was not the mother of child No. 3. That was Sarah Bedford! What confusion!

I left Sheffield puzzled, but the search continued from New Zealand. It had not been made any easier by a gap in the records in the Silkstone Parish Register in Sheffield, which would have made it possible to check the relationship between Martha and Sarah Wilson, Though fourteen years different in age, both of them came from the same village, Silkstone, near Barnsley.

Many hours were spent in New Zealand, checking the St. Catherine's House Index, firstly to try and find the father of the family, and secondly to find a death for any wife. Eventually, a marriage was found - to Martha Wilson, fitting in with the later born children. But this still left me with six known children with four mothers, before Martha had appeared on the scene. Another breakthrough came with the discovery in the St Catherine's House Index, of the death date for Sarah Wilson, a mere three months before Daniel married Martha Wilson. Our Daniel obviously needed his women.

The problem now was how to sort this all out without breaking the bank buying English certificates. I decided that child 4, Martha could be the pivotal one, as I had from the I.G.I. the names of the first three mothers. The certificate was requested and eventually arrived. The puzzle about my ancestors morality increased, as it turned up Sarah Wilson as Martha's mother - the same mother as Daniel's eldest. Where had Sarah Wilson been when Daniel fathered child 2 and 3, by Martha Earnshaw and Sarah Bedford? And why was she willing to bring into her home the two bastard children?

The puzzle lay dormant for a year as other research lines were followed through, till one day it occurred to me that there may be a non-parochial register in New Zealand, for Cumberworth near Silkstone, where these first three children of Daniel Chisholm with the three different mums had been listed on the I.G.I. There was - and an order went in.

At long last, the film arrived at my local Family Centre - and what did I

find? That the transcriber of the parish records back in 1969 had slipped a line in transcribing across two pages for a full entry. My ancestor, Daniel, had not been unfaithful. The mother of his second and third children had been, after all, Sarah Wilson, his wife. There had been nothing untoward, unfaithful or promiscuous in his behaviour. The five women originally listed had become two wives. In minutes my whole perception of Daniel the man had changed. My humblest apologies, Daniel!

The moral - as you are always told, "For complete veracity, go back to primary sources". Or, as I was told, that day in Sheffield, "Do not write it in ink, until you can prove it in a court of law".

Audrey Barney
New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

(Cumberworth Denby Dale Non-parochial records, 1795-1837.
Film 816616. Mistake on page covering years 1833-1837.)

THE CORBETTS AT WORTLEY

Most people know that Jenner introduced into Britain vaccination with cowpox in 1796; perhaps fewer will know that inoculation with small pox lymph was introduced here in 1721 by Lady Mary Wortley Montague (1689-1762), wife of the British ambassador to Turkey, who had suffered herself from smallpox and had had her own children inoculated during her stay in Constantinople.

Lady Mary spent some time at Wharnccliffe Lodge, Wortley (West Riding of Yorkshire) and the setting appealed to her, as is evidenced by a letter she wrote to her husband from Avignon in 1743. "Last summer in the hot evenings I walked often ----- where I always found a fresh breeze and the most beautiful land prospect I ever saw except Wharnccliffe."

William Corbett, a yeoman woodman, also lived at Wharnccliffe Lodge but there is no evidence that he knew Lady Mary, although he probably did. He was twenty when she died but it is clear from the Wharnccliffe papers that her husband's successor as owner of the Wortley estates employed William Corbett as a drawer of plans for changes affecting parts of the estate. William was living at Wharnccliffe Lodge when he applied for a licence to marry Mary Carr. Later, he became a tenant farmer at Bank Farm on the Wortley estate. He and James Corbett (almost certainly his brother) were chapel wardens in 1778 and seem to have served as such until the early years of the 19th century. The curate at that period, the Rev. Stuart Corbett was related to the Wortley family who had the gift of the living; he later became Archdeacon of York.

The Corbett connection with Wortley was, however, of a much earlier date. In Tankersley Church, the mother church of the Wortley Chapel, there was, and probably still is, a memorial tablet to Richard Corbet, second son of Sir Richard Corbet of Moreton Corbet, who married the widow of Thomas Wortley. Richard Corbet and his wife had no children, and it is to his credit that he cared

for and increased the Wortley estate for the benefit of his wife's children by her first husband. The estate included the Wortley Iron Works, of which, after her husband's death in 1566, Margaret Corbett was listed as owner.

Although the Corbetts have been connected with Wortley for several centuries the writer has not been able to find out who William Corbett's parents were and where they came from. Any help would be appreciated.

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THE BOURNEMOUTH CONNECTION

My story begins in 1934. In that year I was ill with scarlet fever and needed a period of recuperation. My parents decided to send me to stay with my aunt, uncle and two cousins. They lived in a little village called Holdenhurst, about seven miles inland from Bournemouth and I spent an enjoyable spring and summer there. It was a good decision because I cannot remember a real illness since that time.

I attended the village school with my cousins, Eric who was older than me and Francis just four days older. During the summer a school photo was taken, and I still have a copy of it. My aunt, uncle and cousin Eric all died in the intervening years, and I lost touch with Francis.

In the summer of 1990, my wife and I were on holiday in Bournemouth, so I took the photograph to the local newspaper. They published it, along with my memories of the children.

Nothing happened at first; then a gentleman in the photograph contacted the newspaper. They published an article of his memories. This caused someone else to write and so it snowballed, until, in June 1991, a school re-union was held in the village hall at Holdenhurst, which is now a preserved village.

I cannot describe on paper the wonderful time which everyone had. People came from different parts of the country - one man even travelled from Canada. Two brothers and two sisters all met together for the first time in forty years. The communal spirit of the village was still there and the Organiser is now compiling a scrapbook of the village, the school and the reunion. I was just one of those people who were reunited with family members. My cousin Frances came from Bristol and we met for the first time since the war. I took with me a copy of my family tree on her father's side (surname GLEW). I did so with trepidation, not wishing to bore her, but to my great surprise, she too is tracing the family tree. We couldn't believe it.

So, now we have regained contact and are busily pooling our knowledge. Family history has taken on a new meaning, and all because of an old school photograph. It never pays to throw anything away, does it?

Contributed by Cyril Bray

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