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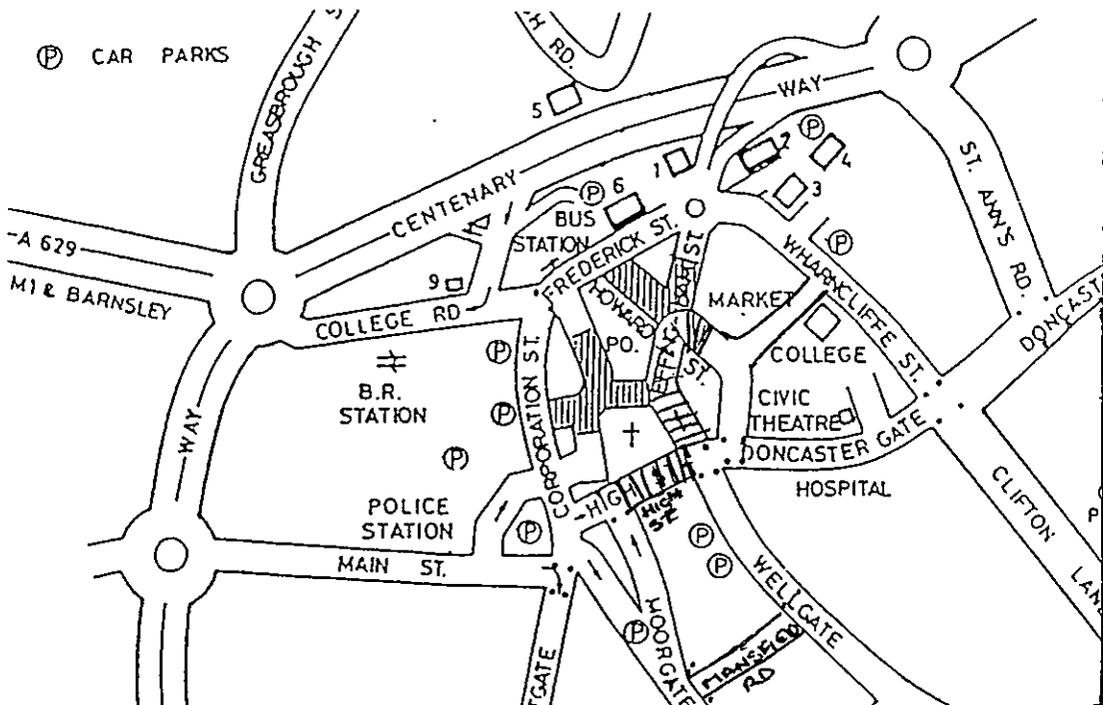
1994 Programme

- Meet 7.30 pm Baptist Church, Cemetery Road,
(entrance Napier Street) unless otherwise stated.
- Mon. 20 June **** Visit to Rotherham.** Meet 7.00pm at the top of Church St. (Pedestrian Precinct) off High St. between Victoria Wines and Mason's Jewellers.
- Mon. 18 July **** Visit to Sheffield City Centre** Meet 7.00pm at the Goodwin Fountain in Fargate.
- Mon. 19 Sept. **The Penknife Cutlers and the Cutlers' Company** by Joan Unwin
- Mon. 17 Oct. **Views of Old Conisbrough** by Tony Greathead (provisional)
- Mon. 21 Nov. **History of Sheffield Transport** by C. M. Short

ROTHERHAM BRANCH MEETINGS

- Thurs. 2 Jun. **The Fairground Scene - Old and New**
by Paul Redfern
- Thurs. 7 Jul. Open meeting
- Thurs. 1 Sept. **Starting with a Will** by John Willis

ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE - SHOWING CAR PARKS



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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 (Napier Street entrance) 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

One of the most difficult facets of family history seems to be the writing up of our researches. All too often we want to wait until we have done "just a little more research". Well, now is your chance to put all those good intentions into practice. Within this edition are details of the competition we are mounting in the hope of generating lots of interesting copy for the journal. Please don't be shy about entering. There are valuable prizes to be won. Your entry doesn't have to be about your research, of course. It can be on any aspect of family or local history interest. If you are in doubt, look at a few back editions of the Journal and see what others have submitted.

There is only one proviso. Please do not submit anything for which you do not hold the copyright. I was browsing through some magazines from other family history societies, *after* a recent edition had been sent out, when I came across not one but two journals which carried an article almost identical to one I had just published. Can you imagine my feelings! The article in question had been sent to at least three editors at the same time and we had all used it, not knowing that another editor was going to do the same. *Please* do not put your Society in such an embarrassing position.

Once again, thank you to all contributors.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Copyright - Important notice

Please remember that you must hold the copyright of any material that you submit for publication. If you wish to know if our society is willing to publish your work please ask what the editor intends to do, (enclosing an SAE). Please do not send in copy that has also been submitted to another editor at the same time. If the contribution is taken from an already published work it can no longer be assumed that it is out of copyright if the writer has been dead for fifty years. (The law of copyright changed in 1989.) Such contributions should have the permission of the person or organisation holding the copyright attached.

Suffolk Marriage Index 1813-1837

Vol. 3 Sudbury Deanery West has now been published and is available from Mrs P. Palgrave, Crossfield House, Dale Road, Stanton, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 2DY. Price £3.00 plus postage UK 50p; overseas surface 75p; overseas airmail £1.75. Parishes included are Acton, Alpheton, Boxted, Cavendish, Chilton, Cockfield, Great Cornard, Little Cornard, Glemsford, Hartest, Lavenham, Lawshall, Long Melford, Shimpling, Somerton, Stanstead, Sudbury All SS, Sudbury St. Gregory and Sudbury St. Peter. Cheques and money orders must be in Sterling and made payable to Suffolk Family History Society.

Friends of Heeley Churchyard

A group of local residents, churchgoers, teachers and environmentalists who are concerned about the future of the land around Christ Church, Heeley have formed the above organisation with the aim of developing and managing the land for the

benefit of the local community, while respecting its primary use as a burial ground. Amongst the many projects they have in hand is a plan to map the position of the graves and to record the information given on the headstones. Anyone who is interested in helping in this or any of the other schemes they have planned is asked to contact Ken Law, Friends of Heeley Churchyard, 70, Denmark Road, Sheffield S2 3NJ.

Essex, Herts, Middlesex 1839

A facsimile text edition of Pigot and Co's Directory of the above counties is available from Michael Winton, 5, Lynn Road, Castle Rising, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6AB. Price £7.50 plus p&p: UK £3.20, Europe & Surface Mail £3.30, Airmail £8.00 It contains major entries for Colchester, Hertford, Uxbridge and 113 towns and villages. Over 35,000 surnames are listed.

Cornwall, Dorset, Devonshire, Somerset, Wiltshire 1830.

A facsimile text edition of Pigot and Co's Directory of the above counties is available from Michael Winton, 5, Lynn Road, Castle Rising, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE31 6AB. Price £9.50 plus p&p: UK £1.20, Europe and Surface Mail £2.00, Airmail £4.80 It contains major entries for Truro, Plymouth, Dorchester, Bath, Salisbury and 144 towns and villages. Over 40,000 surnames are listed.

Important Notice - Society Library

In order to accommodate the increase in the library stock we have introduced a new cataloguing system to make it easier to find subjects. Please read the library list adjacent to the shelves.

Out-of-town Members - Would You Come ?

It has been suggested by Mr Adams (see AGM report) that the Society should organise a Saturday meeting for the AGM (which has to be in February) or a Summer Saturday meeting. Out-of town members are invited to write to the Secretary giving their views on this idea. Please let us know what you think!

Erratum

In Vol. 15 No. 1 page 14 the end of paragraph 5 should read: His wife was Margaret Hall; they had four sons and six daughters. Their third son Edward and his wife had six sons and four daughters; like their father all six sons were cutlers.

Ed.'s apologies.

Readers' Ticket for Sheffield Archives

As from 1st April 1994 all readers are required to show two proofs of identification (one of which must show your current address) upon renewal of readers' tickets as well as those readers registering for the first time.

Handling and Preserving Family Records

This video guide shows you how to care for documents, photographs, textiles and objects from the past. The PRO's handling and preservation techniques are demonstrated together with views of some of the rarely seen treasures of the PRO. Available from Cable Crouch Productions Ltd., Greatness Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5BQ. Price £14.50 plus £1.15 p & p UK.

St. Catherine's House Indexes

The St. Catherine's House indexes of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 to 1993 are now available on microfiche at Sheffield Archives.

A self-service system is in operation, and searchers are asked to take out a maximum of four fiche at a time. At the moment staff check and refile the fiche but this will be reviewed after the system has been in operation for a while.

As there are only a limited number of fiche readers available at Shoreham Street searchers are strongly advised to book a reader in advance of their visit. Bookings of up to two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon may be made. There are three bookable readers and four unbookable readers which are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

No photocopies may be made (General Register Office ruling).

In line with other repositories' practice Archives staff cannot undertake searches for people.

Local Studies Library, Lincoln

The Local Studies Library, Lincoln is temporarily relocated at Lincoln Castle. Opening times are Mon-Fri 10am - 12.30pm; 1.30pm - 5 pm. Sat 10.am - 12.30 pm. The library houses books, directories, maps, illustrations local newspapers, census returns and the IGI. Please telephone to reserve a microfilm / fiche reader.

Please note: it will be essential to have a library user's pass if you intend to use the Local Studies Library at the Castle. Passes are free and are available from Area Administrative Officer (Passes), Lincoln Area HQ, Central Library, Free School Lane, Lincoln LN2 1EZ

150 Years Since Sheffield Flood

An exhibition is to be mounted at Bishops House Meersbrook Park from 11 March through to October. It may be of interest to family historians.

Orton Family History Society

Any information connected with the Orton family is sought and enquiries are welcome (SAE please). Anyone with this name or descendent please contact Peter Orton, 22, Rue Des Pommiers, 92140 Clamart, Paris, France. For membership details please write (SAE please) to Derek Beck, Membership Secretary OFHS, 25A Longwood Avenue, Bingley, West Yorks. BD16 2RX.

Addenda Indexes

Addenda Indexes to the 1990 microfiche edition of Indexes to the Old Parochial Registers of Scotland have just been published. They are available at Family History Centres and through the Office of the Registrar General for Scotland, New Register House, Edinburgh, Scotland. The Addenda Indexes provide approximately 31,000 additional record entries not included in the 1990 microfiche edition.

Friends of the General Cemetery

Anyone wishing to contact this society should write to them c/o 223, Cemetery Road, Sheffield S11 8FQ.

Help for new members

New members are reminded that Frank Westwood is available before each meeting from 7 pm to help with their family history problems.

Wanted - Computer inputters

Members with computer skills and an IBM compatible computer are needed to help with the 1861 census. Please contact Mrs M. W. Robson, "Rock House", 126, Bawtry Road, Bramley, Rotherham S66 0TS.

FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Aspects of Irish Genealogy

This is a selection of articles on researching Irish Ancestors at home or abroad. It has been written by a panel of genealogists and is published by the Irish Genealogical Congress Committee. It is available from Irish Genealogical Congress, c/o Genealogical Office, 2, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Eire. Price IR£9.50 each plus postage: Ireland IR£1.50, UK IR£1.80, EC IR£2.60, Rest of World IR£5.50 per copy.

SOCIETY COMPETITION 1994

The Committee has decided to hold a Competition for Society members who are invited to submit a written article on any aspect of family history or the local history of the Sheffield district.

The article should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at 18, Furniss Avenue Sheffield S17 3QL by the closing date of 30 November 1994. The writer's name, address and membership number should be written on a separate piece of paper, sealed in an envelope and clipped to the competition entry. It should NOT be written on the article itself.

Entries should be between 500 and 2,000 words in length (excluding listing of references, sources etc. which may be appended). They must be free of copyright.

Entries may be either hand or type-written but if hand-written please print all names in block capitals to ensure clarity.

The entries will be judged by a panel consisting of the President, the Chairman and the Editor.

Prizes will be book/gift tokens of value £30 (first prize), £20 (second prize) and £10 (third prize) or equivalent value awards for successful overseas members.

Winners will be announced at the next A.G.M. (20 February 1995) and in the following issue of "The Flowing Stream". The winning entry will also be published in a subsequent edition of "The Flowing Stream". Any other entries, whether prizewinners or not, may subsequently be published in "The Flowing Stream" at the Editor's discretion.

The judging panel's decision is final. They reserve the right not to award prizes in some circumstances.

No decision has been made regarding the holding of competitions in future years.

Entries should be suitable for publication in the journal and of interest to its readers

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Isle of Man Family History Conference 2 - 4 Sept 1994

This is also the venue for the Autumn Council meeting of the FFHS.

Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Isle of Man FHS the conference is entitled "A Tide in the Affairs of Man". It is to be held at King William's College, Castletown, IOM. Details and booking form from c/o Library, 3-5 Atholl Street, Peel, IOM. **Note:** a self-addressed envelope would be appreciated but no stamps as IOM has its own postage.

FHS of Cheshire 25th Anniversary Conference 16-18 Sept. 1994
A full programme of lectures on an "Upstairs, Downstairs" theme with the title "Not in front of the Servants" is to be held at Chester College. Full details are available from Mrs D.M. Brown, 7, Westway, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 8PJ.

2nd Irish Genealogical Congress 22-28 Sept 1994
To be held at Trinity College Dublin. Details from IGC, c/o Genealogical Office, 2, Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Please send SAE for details.

THROUGH THE LETTER BOX

37, King Ecgbert Road,
Dore,
Sheffield
S17 3QR

Dear Editor,

An indenture has come into my possession regarding the sale of land in what is, I think, the Pond Street area by Ann Creswick and the Trustees of the estate of the late James Creswick to Mr William Wilson. The date is 15 August 1808.

I would like the indenture to go, if possible, to the descendent of one or other of the above families and would require evidence of that descent. I would also like a payment of £2 payable by cheque or P/O to The Phyllis Harrey Horse and Donkey Trust.

If no-one claims the indenture I shall donate the document to Sheffield Archives.

Yours etc
Mrs D.M.Prosser.

BBC Television Features,
Broadcasting House,
Whiteladies Road,
Bristol BS8 2LR

Dear Editor,

I am currently researching a new BBC history series which will let people investigate stories from their own past, their family's or their community's on television.

We are very interested in finding out more about the Sheffield road runners - the vogue for betting on whether people could achieve crazy feats in

the 1890's and wondered if you had any information about this. What I am hoping to find are the road runners' descendants who remember their ancestors telling them about the bizarre things people bet on and who might have records, newspaper cuttings or photographs.

Yours etc
Beverley Hopwood
Researcher

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on 17 January 1994

Old Sheffield Pubs

Martin Olive's illustrated talk was filled with details about life in Sheffield. The high-water mark for numbers of pubs in Sheffield was 1883 when there were 1907. This represents 1 in 35 of inhabited dwellings that were pubs or licensed premises. There were quite a number that had lost their licences by then and the number does not include Ecclesfield or Bradfield!

In 1830 the Beer Act was passed. The idea behind the law was to steer the working classes onto drinking beer instead of gin and spirits. There was, therefore, a growth in the numbers of pubs and licensed premises after 1830. At first there was a £2 excise licence required before one could set up a beer house. A later restriction was that the property had to have a £15 rateable value.

Because of the increase in the number of beer houses the Temperance Movement - the Band of Hope - was set up in Sheffield in 1852.

People still had to go to J.P.s for a full spirit licence. There are no records of applications but there are accounts in newspapers.

In 1879 a system of on and off licences was started and J.P.s were put in control of all beer houses as well. Beer houses changed their names with great rapidity as owners often took the name with them when they moved.

Drinking was a part of Sheffield life. Much of Sheffield's business was conducted in rooms in pubs and innkeepers were very powerful. The Turnpike Trusts, for example, met in inns. In the 17th century the Cutler's Inn on Fargate was where the Cutlers' Company first met. They had nowhere else to meet until the Cutlers' Hall was built.

Inns were responsible for coaching. For example, from the Angel Inn the coach took two days to get to London. The Angel Inn Yard was also the first theatre in Sheffield.

In the 1780's the Tontine Inn was built. This was a lottery and an investment combined. Subscribers nominated a living descendant. The last survivor took the value of the inn. William Bradley ran the coaching there. It

was also important as a venue for assemblies and balls. In 1832 the first election results were announced from its windows. It was pulled down in 1848 after the coming of the railways had destroyed coaching as a means of transport.

The Queen's Head was probably originally a banqueting hall for the people of the castle when they were hunting in the area. It became a laundry. When the Beer Act came in James Pilley had a beer house next door and then took over the Queen's Head.

In the 1850's and 1860's an important use of pubs was as a venue for coroners' courts. The bodies were laid out there. This is probably the reason for so many stories of haunted pubs.

In 1861 the Victoria Hotel was built next to the Victoria Station. Most of the big banquets began to be held there. In 1875 it became the Royal Victoria Hotel after the Prince of Wales patronised it.

In the 19th century there were many pubs in West Bar. The halls behind them became music halls but most were closed in the 1890's because of fire regulations.

Martin Olive had fascinating stories to tell and showed photographs of pubs, many of which have now disappeared. The following book list may help anyone who wishes to find out more about a particular pub or inn.

A Pub on Every Corner . A Directory of Local Hotels Inns and Taverns by W.A. Banks.

Pubs and people around Sheffield by Roy Davey

Pictures of Lost Sheffield Pubs.

Reported by Denise Marsden

A.G.M. on 21 February 1994 - Minutes

The president. Professor David Hey was in the chair and he welcomed those members who had been able to attend in spite of a late- afternoon snowfall.

Present. Thirty three members, with apologies from Mesdames Dunn, Hammond, Marsden, Moffatt and Robson, and from Messrs. Adams and Cox.

Minutes of the last A.G.M. These had already been circulated via "The Flowing Stream". They were approved and signed following a proposition by Mr Nicholson , seconded by Mrs Linsley.

Matters arising. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere by the agenda.

Chairman's Report. The secretary read out a Report which had been received from Mrs Dunn as follows:-

I offer my sincere apologies for not attending tonight's Annual General Meeting, due to a business commitment made almost a year ago.

I wish to acknowledge and thank our Secretary Mr Roy Bullen and the committee for all the hard work they have done during the past year. All have given unstintingly of their time and efforts to keep the wheels running

smoothly, often with the backing of very tolerant spouses and this is very much appreciated.

As the Society grows I would like to see newer members trying their hands at giving small talks and sharing in Society work, so that eventually the 'old hands' can have a well earned break. Remember, one small job each removes the pressure from the dedicated few.

We have now reached the point where our part in the 1881 Census Project is complete, and the 1861 is moving forward again. If anyone has time to spare we would appreciate transcribers, checkers and computer inputters to come forward, so that we can complete the 1861 project - *then* we can consider starting other projects.

We always appreciate suggestions of ways to improve the efficiency, presentation and quality of Society work. Please do approach your committee with any complaints or suggestions.

Regarding the proposed increase in fees for 1995 : in the past, committee members have provided talks and materials, and have charged for few expenses. With the recession etc. this is harder to do now, and unnecessary. When you consider exactly what is provided for the present £6 per year - seven evenings with good speakers, outings, four excellent journals and funded projects, an increase of £2 per year is not a lot to maintain a healthy balance. It would keep pace with inflation, increases in postage, printing of the journal and allow us to bring in speakers from outside the City.

I would like to thank Mr John Cooper who is taking a Sabbatical from the committee, for all his efforts over the years, especially on the Burngreave Cemetery Project. Thanks also to Mrs Meryl Woodgate who is resigning until pressure of family commitments allow her to return.

Lastly, but by no means least, thank you all for your support.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs Allen began by thanking the members for the most trouble-free annual subscription renewal and balance preparation since she took over as treasurer. She also thanked the auditor for his courteous and efficient service.

A copy of the balance sheet of the Rotherham branch showing an opening balance of £304 and a closing balance of £296 was available for inspection.

In presenting the annual balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure, Mrs Allen said that it would be very time consuming to go through it line by line (which she could do if it was necessary), but she would be willing to answer any specific queries.

There were no such queries and the Annual Accounts were approved on a proposition from Mr Topham, seconded by Mrs Carter.

Rotherham Branch finances are not included in the Society accounts.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1993

	1993	1992
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	4215	3962
Journal Sales	55	67
Donations	48	20
Book Sales	894	364
Advertising	55	30
Cupboard	nil	65
Miscellaneous	13	15
Deposit Account Interest	156	298
Trips Account	645	770
	<u>6081</u>	<u>5591</u>

Expenditure	
Stationery and Printing	227
Journal Production Costs	1947
Photocopying and Duplicating	98
Postage and Telephone	1071
Room Hire	198
Speakers' Expenses	171
Books for resale	915
Census Project	16
Federation Fees	135
Books for Library	78
Insurance	51
Sundries	97
Trips Account	724
Donation	nil
Audit Fee	74
Computer Expenses	9
Surplus for year	270
	<u>6081</u>

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1993

	1993	1992
	£	£
Accumulated Fund		
Balance 1st January 1993	4764	4006
Surplus for 1993	270	758
Creditor Audit Fee	74	73
Subscriptions in Advance	173	986
	<u>5281</u>	<u>5823</u>

Assets

Current Account-General	181	603
Cash and Bank Book Account	248	219
Bank Account-Trips	36	115
Deposit Account	3831	3776
Stock	985	1110
	<u>5281</u>	<u>5823</u>

E M Allen (Treasurer)

Auditors Report to the Committee of Sheffield and District Family History Society

I have audited the financial statements in accordance with approved auditing standards. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31st December 1993.

G Lyon Certified Accountant

14th January 1994

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Summer 1994
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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

O/S 131 Mr A. Fenton, 1800 Patrick Place, Apt T-8, Library, PA 15129, USA

ASHBY	Anywhere LIN	Anytime
BILLINGTON	B'ham WAR	19C
BILLINGTON	Ashow WAR	19C
BULLAS	Chapelton YKS	pre 1843
CLIFT	B'ham WAR	19C
FENTON	W. Bromwich STS	19C
GREENALL	Ashton in Makerfield LAN	19C
HOBSTER	Rawmarsh YKS	1880s
HOBSTER	Anywhere LIN	Anytime
LEACHMAN	Anywhere LIN	Anytime
SWIFT	Haydock LAN	c1850
SWIFT	Parr LAN	19C

O/S 135 Mr L.D.Hook, 32, Cumberland Avenue, Collaroy, New South Wales 2097, Australia.

ELMHIRST	Yorkshire	pre 1900
ELMHIRST	Lincolnshire	pre 1900
POTTS	Sheffield YKS	pre 1850
POTTS	Chapel-en-le-Frith DBY	pre 1850

1143 Mrs L. Russell, Thorn House, Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB

BACON	Anywhere LIN	Anytime
BURKINSHAW	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
CRAWSHAW	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
FOX	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
GAMBLES	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
HARRISON	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
HOLLIS	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
HOWE	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
LINLEY	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
OGDEN	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
RUSSELL	Anywhere LAN	Anytime
THOMAS	Birmingham WAR	Anytime

O/S140 Dr R. Burgess, PO Box 395, Tweed Heads, N.S.W. Australia 2485

BRIGGS	Sheffield SYK	1800-1860
BRIGGS	Hatfield Woodhouse nr.Doncaster SYK	1800-1860

O/S141 Mrs E.D.Goard, 111, Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow, N.S.W.

Australia 2519

BLANCHARD	Rowde WIL	18C
BRISTOW	Woodborough WIL	19C
GILBERT	Beechingstoke WIL	18C
HARRISON	Sheffield YKS	18C +
HIGGINBOTTOM	Sheffield YKS	18C +
HOPKIN(S)	Maesteg GLA	19C
HITCHINSON	Brigend GLA	19C
MATTHEWS	Woodborough WIL	18C +
MOORE	Woodborough WIL	18C +
QUIRK(E)	Cordangan TIP IRL	18C +
RAYMOND	Woodborough WIL	18C +
RIDGE	Southampton HAM	19C

1216 Mrs A. Capon, 47A Hillview Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 5BH

BOLSOVER	Rotherham SYK	c1885 +
BOOTH	Norton DBY	c1875-1910 +
BOOTH	Sheffield SYK	c1750-1870 +
BOOTH	Bolton LAN	1872
NEWSOM	Rotherham SYK	17C-18C +
NEWSOM	Great Houghton SYK	c1806

1243 Dr S. Childe 31, Berrow Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 5PZ

BROOKES	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
CHARLES	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
CHILDE	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
COMER	Galway IRL	Mid-Late 19C
KING	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
NUTTALL	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
RAFTERY	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
SMITH	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C
WARD	Sheffield YKS	Mid-Late 19C

O/S129 Mrs M.W.Rogers, 5, Pittwater Close, Kallaroo, Western Australia WA 6025

BROADHEAD	West Yorkshire	pre 1820
HEROD	Anywhere	pre 1810
MUXLOW	Sheffield YKS	1840 +
PARKIN	Sheffield YKS	pre 1840
ROEBUCK	Hepworth YKS	18C
SIMPSON	Sheffield YKS	pre 1840
TURNER	Thurlstone YKS	pre 1820

1213 Mr J. Singleton, 7, Egerton Road, Dronfield, Sheffield S18 6LG

BRINDLEY	WAR	Anytime
COAT(E)S	DBY	pre 1900
DEACON	LEI	Anytime
DEACON	NTH	Anytime
EARP	LEI	pre 1870
EARP	NTH	pre 1870
ILIFFE	LEI	pre 1880
ILIFFE	NTH	pre 1880
RUSSELL	STS	pre 1880
RUSSELL	WAR	pre 1880
SINGLETON	LIN	pre 1870
SPINDLEY	LIN	pre 1870

1229 Ms C. Avrili, 1, Venton League Row, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 4EJ

ATKIN	Tyldesley LAN	pre 1810
CUSHION	Manchester LAN	c 1850
FORBES	Manchester LAN	c 1840
HOLT	Middleton LAN	pre 1815
HOWARTH	Middleton LAN	pre 1815
JACKSON	Manchester LAN	c 1840
OLDFIELD	SYK	pre 1830
RAMSBOTTOM	Middleton LAN	pre 1790

1236 Mr M.A.Croft, 42, Meersbrook Road, Sheffield S8 9HW

CROFT	Horncastle LIN	pre + 1878
NORTON	Horncastle LIN	pre + 1878

1237 Mrs P. Kenyon, 83, Windsor Road, Denton, Manchester M34 2HB

DARNBOROUGH	Yorkshire	Anytime
SPHERE	Yorkshire	Anytime
SHEER	Yorkshire	Anytime
STEER	Yorkshire	Anytime

Q/S137 Mr J.A.Orange, 13, Norwood Avenue, Lindfield, N.S.W. 2070 Australia

EDELSTEN	Warrington LAN	1800+
ORANGE	Bromley WRY	19C
ORANGE	Ecclesfield WRY	Mid 19C
ORANGE	Sheffield WRY	Mid 19C
ORANGE	Tankersley WRY	19C
ORANGE	Wortley WRY	19C
ORANGE	Royal Leamington Spa WAR	1870+

Q/S138 Mrs R. Lewis, 'Waste Lane', MS 979, Monto, Queensland, Australia 4630

GOODALL	Sheffield WRY	1850s
STANLEY	Sheffield WRY	1850s

1217 Mr R. Cocksedge, 15, Cromwell Road, Rugby Warks CV22 5LP

BURNS	Sheffield WRY	L19C
COCKSEGE	Hessett & area SFK	pre 1880
COCKSEGE	Chesterfield DBY	L19C
FLINT	Chesterfield DBY	19C
GREAVES	Sheffield WRY	L19C
SCRIVENER	Chesterfield DBY	L19C
TAYLOR-GREAVES	Sheffield WRY	19C
YEULETT	Stanground HUN	L19C
YEULETT	London	19C

1224 Mr E. Crapper, 76, Elmfield Avenue, Erdington, Birmingham B24 0QE

ARNOLD	Sheffield YKS	c1860
ARNOLD	St. Helen	c1860
ARNOLD	Sandel Magda	c1860
BASNETT	Manchester LAN	1850+
BATTY	Manchester LAN	c1850
CRAPPER	Bradfield YKS	pre 1770
CRAPPER	Ecclesfield YKS	pre 1770
CRAPPER	Sheffield YKS	pre 1770

1214 Mr & Mrs Dodgson, 23, St. Margaret Avenue, Deepcar, Sheffield S30 5TE

BELL	Sheffield SYK	c1840
BOOTH	Sheffield SYK	c1840
BURTON	Chesterfield DBY	c1850
COE	Sheffield SYK	pre 1907
KING	Sheffield SYK	c1850
NEVILLE	Sheffield SYK	c1840
PICKERING	Sheffield SYK	c1840
SIDDALL	Sheffield SYK	c1840

1230 Mrs M. Sipple, 51, Eastwood Boulevard, Westcliff on Sea, Essex S90 0BY

BROWN	Ecclesall YKS	pre + 1868
CHADWICK	Nether Hallam, Sheffield YKS	pre + 1891
CHADWICK	Ashover DBY	pre + 1851
CHADWICK	Ripley DBY	pre + 1864
COOPER	Ecclesall Bierlow YKS	pre + 1868
COOPER	Sheffield YKS	pre + 1868
GROUNSELL	Derbyshire	pre + 1913
OXLEY	Sheffield YKS	pre + 1885

R847 Mrs J.M. Page, 5, Sorby Way, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0BD

CHAPMAN	Heigham, Norwich NFK	1859
COOPER	Stone nr. Maltby SYK	1864
HART	Heigham, Norwich NFK	1859
PAGE	Batley YKS	1877
STANLEY	Ibstock LEI	1861

There followed a committee proposition that membership subscriptions be increased from £6.00 to £8.00 single and £8.00 to £10.00 joint, and likewise from £6.00 to £8.00 overseas surface mail and £8.00 to £10.00 overseas airmail, as from January 1995. This would be the first increase since 1988 and was very much in line with membership fees for other similar societies. Mrs Allen pointed out that all our expenses were going up. Postage had already increased in the autumn and even a detail like the increased size of the membership renewal slips (to accommodate the Data Protection Act requirements) meant that a 19p stamp no longer covered the postage on one batch of slips. She suggested that when the effects of the imposition of VAT on fuel filtered through, the cost of room hire would probably increase. A point was also made that some committee members were actually subsidising the society by failing to claim expenses such as telephone calls - this really should not happen.

The Committee's proposal for increased subscriptions from 1995 was seconded by Mr Nicholson and agreed without dissent.

Editor's Report

As Mrs Marsden was unfortunately in hospital her Report was read out by the Secretary as follows:-

As Editor of this Society I produce four journals each year, but I should be unable to do this without the contributions, large and small, sent in to me by members. So I wish to express thanks to those people - without them there would be no "Flowing Stream".

Thanks are also due to Mrs Elaine Smith who produces the address labels for sticking on the journal envelopes: without her help it would not be possible to send out so many copies to a membership approaching eight hundred.

There are other members who do a great deal of work in the publishing field. Among these is the team led by Mrs Mary Robson. They have finished their work on the 1881 Census transcriptions and have now turned their attention to the 1861 Census indexing. On behalf of the Society I would like to thank them for their dedicated work on our behalf, and finally give my thanks to the many Committee members who help me in so many ways to do an enjoyable and rewarding job as your Editor.

Secretary's Report

Roy Bullen began by thanking the President for taking the Chair in the unavoidable absence of Mrs Dunn. He congratulated David on gaining his Professorship during the past year and for having two more books dealing with local and family history published. Roy said it had been a satisfactory year from an administrative and secretarial point of view. Regular, useful and well-attended

Committee meetings had been held and co-operation was good. There had been a series of interesting and educational lectures held in both Sheffield and Rotherham, plus some excursions. Whilst expressing thanks to the various speakers and leaders of excursions Roy paid especial thanks to Miss Sue Graves. Sue had organised and arranged our speakers since the very earliest days of the Society and was now to take a rest, although remaining on the Committee and continuing to arrange the London excursions. He touched upon the Census recording work that had already been mentioned in other reports and said that Mrs Robson could especially do with help from inputters and somebody who had 60 Megabyte hard disk equipment (a plea Mrs Dunn had also asked him to mention).

The Secretary wished to thank a number of members in the Society who assisted in various ways. And he reminded members that whether they lived in Sheffield or Rotherham, or anywhere else, they could always attend Society / Branch meetings in either place.

He thought the saddest event in 1993 had been the death of Rex Berry, the Secretary of our Rotherham Branch, and mention of Rex's great contribution had been made in "The Flowing Stream".

In contrast, the happiest event in his opinion was the recovery from serious illness of our Editor. Where should we be without Denise, he asked? And what a debt we owe to her! Her present stay in hospital was occasioned by having been in Kenya and having apparently picked up 'something' unconnected with her last year's illness.

The President then thanked the Officers for their Reports and also sent Best Wishes to Denise Marsden, thanking her and her team for all their excellent work on the journal. He also echoed the Chairman's appreciation of the contribution to Society affairs of Mr John Cooper.

The four Reports were then formally approved on a proposition by Mrs Harrop, seconded by Mrs Linsley.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following Officers and Committee Members had been nominated and seconded for re-election, had agreed to serve and were then appointed:-

President	Professor Hey
Chairman	Mrs Dunn
Treasurer	Mrs Allen
Secretary	Roy Bullen
Editor	Mrs Marsden

Committee:- Mr Cox, Miss Graves, Mrs Hammond, Mrs Hume, Mr Hogg, Mr Jordan, Miss Kendrick, Mrs King and Mr Westwood.

New Committee Members:- The following had been nominated and seconded for election and were willing to serve:-

Mrs Gillott, Mrs Moffatt and Mr Webb.

They were subsequently elected and there were no further persons nominated for office.

Any Other Business;

a. The Secretary said that in his letter apologising for absence, Mr Adams of Croydon had suggested consideration be given to AGMs being held on a Saturday, to enable out of town members to attend, to hear lectures and to meet other members. There was some discussion on this idea and eventually the meeting decided to refer the matter to the Committee for further and more detailed examination.

b. Three notices from Sheffield Archives were read out:-

1. Archives would close for stocktaking from 28 February to 12 March 1994.

2. From 1st April 1994 all new (and renewing) readers who visit Sheffield Archives will need to show TWO proofs of identification (one of which must show one's current address.

3. St. Catherine's House indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths from 1937 to 1983 are now available on microfiche at Archives. The self-service system operating was outlined and other information supplied.

There was no other business and the AGM closed at 8.00pm.

The next AGM :- This will be held at the same place and time on Monday 20th February 1995.

Meeting on 21 February 1994

Military Research

Frank Westwood's talk concentrated on the background to the Armed Services and the whereabouts of their records. There are four periods.

The Army before 1660

From the outbreak of the Civil War in 1642 there was a greater need for a standing army, other than the Militia, which had been in existence since Anglo-Saxon times. When the need for an army arose to fight abroad the government and the monarch called upon the small private armies administered by local gentry; but this was not a reliable way to defend a nation. So, in 1645, the government set up a national standing army, administered by a government department such as the War office or the Secretary of War. From a genealogical point of view history does not provide us with a mass of valuable information other than Militia records which were very few, lack information and often have not survived.

1660-1760

During the next hundred years record keeping continued. Information gathering improved, and armies increased in size, forming themselves into battalions and companies. Various acts were introduced passing the job of record keeping on to each and every regiment. In 1757 the Militia Act was brought into being which reformed the Militia to such an extent that all able bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45 were placed on a ballot list. In times of trouble overseas the army would be shipped to the trouble areas whilst the Militia would defend the country internally, under the direct orders of the commander in chief of the army.

The ballot lists can be very useful in tracing soldiers, because the discharge papers can sometimes tell us into which regiment a soldier had transferred so opening the door to army service records.

1760-1913

Due to the types of records held in such places as PRO Kew this period has to be divided.

1760-1854 and 1855-1872

Soldiers records are arranged alphabetically within a regiment, so one must know the regiment in which the soldier was discharged. It is not enough to know the particular regiment a man served in at some point - he may have transferred.

Since May 1992 the PRO have been indexing the WO97 class of records which, when completed, will require only the surname of a soldier. The project is expected to be completed by 1995.

In both of these periods there are too many classes of records for them to be listed here. However the most common are the Attestation and Discharge Papers (WO97). These cover soldiers who were discharged with a pension for either long service (21 years plus) or disability. In a few cases a soldier could purchase his discharge but very few did because of the cost, about £20.

1873-1882

Documents for this period are much easier to deal with. Unlike previous years these documents are arranged by the name of the soldier within categories such as Cavalry, Artillery, Infantry and Corps.

1883-1913

This is the most straightforward period. There are more records available and the authorities demanded more keeping of records. It is possible to search documents for soldiers who were discharged at their own request or by purchasing their freedom. This was not available in earlier years. The added information of wives, next of kin and children are to be seen in these later classes of records.

The following are the records which are most useful to family historians for the above periods.

Attestation and Discharge Papers - WO97: 1760 - 1913.
Description books - WO25: 1778-1878
Pay List and Muster Rolls - WO10-16: 1732-1878 (New Series 1878-1898)
Purchase of Discharge - WO25: 1817-1870
Service Pensions (Chelsea) - WO117
Medical Pensions (Chelsea) - WO116
Militia Records (Attestations) - WO96: 1806-1915: WO 97 -1760-1854
Muster books and Pay Lists - WO13: 1780-1878

Post 1914

All service records for this period are held by the Ministry of Defence at Hayes, Middlesex for a period of 75 years commencing from 1921. One can apply for information on close relatives such as father, grandfathers, brothers, uncles etc. In addition there are other sources such as Regimental Headquarters, Regimental Museums, newspapers and Regimental Associations.

Compiled by Denise Marsden from notes provided by the speaker.

Rotherham Branch Meeting 2 December 1993

The History of the South Yorkshire Navigation

Mr Mike Taylor's talk covered the history of the South Yorkshire Navigation from Sheffield to Kidby. Over the years the most significant change on the waterways was the reduction in manpower with the onset of steam and diesel power. Throughout the detailed talk the Waddington family was frequently mentioned and their involvement in building vessels and transporting huge loads was described.

Mr Taylor's enthusiasm was evident as was his reasoned argument that the waterways could play a greater role in moving traffic away from our congested roads which in turn would reduce noise and pollution of the atmosphere.

Reported by B.L.Jervis

Rotherham Branch AGM on 6 January 1994

An Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 6 January at the WEA Rooms, Rotherham. The meeting was opened at 7.00pm and a review of last year's highlights given as follows:

February - The speaker was Mr Tony Greathead who spoke on the subject of Old Conisbrough.

April - The speaker was Mr Howard Smith who spoke about Rotherham roads.

June - Mr Tony Munford gave a talk on Palaeography.

June - was also the time of the Local History Fair.

September - Brian Elliott was booked but taken ill and an open meeting was held instead.

November - Roy Bullen, Sheffield Family History Society Secretary gave a talk

at short notice on records other than those at St Catherine's House.

December - was the last meeting of the year and it was arranged that members provide Christmas Cake and Mince Pies. This proved a success and was voted a hit by all members attending.

At this point the election of officers took place:

President	Mr John Willis
Vice President	Mr Colin Ryder
Secretary	Mrs Sandra Watson
Treasurer	Mrs Pauline Quail
Membership Secretary	Miss Angela Kendrick
Reports on Speakers	Mr Brian Jervis
Librarian	Mr Bye

The balance Sheet was then presented and accepted by all.

There being no matters arising the meeting was closed.

Statement of income and expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1993

INCOME

Balance brought forward on 1st January 1993	£304 - 53
Subscriptions	£194 - 00
Petty cash	<u>£004 - 00</u>
	<u>£502 - 53</u>

EXPENSES

Rent to WEA (September 1993 to July 1994)	£ 33 - 00
Speakers	£ 15 - 00
Postage etc.	£ 7 - 32
Badges	£ 4 - 48
Milk, Tea, Coffee etc.	£ 4 - 80
Donation to Rotherham Scanner Appeal on behalf of Rex Berry	£ 50 - 00
Portion of subscriptions to the main account of the Sheffield and District Family History Society	£ 91 - 00
Balance on 31st December 1993	<u>£ 296 - 93</u>
	<u>£ 502 - 53</u>

Rotherham Branch Meeting 2 February 1994

Conisbrough. Its People and its History.

June and Tony Greathead gave a further talk on Conisbrough. Many interesting characters and stories came from slides shown, including a photograph of King George the Fifth on top of the castle.

Many buildings and roads were altered to accommodate modern transport. Our knowledge of these changes would not have been possible without the fine collection of old photographs supported by the speakers' detailed knowledge.

Reported by B. L. Jervis

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs Elaine Goard, 111, Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow, NSW Australia 2519 is seeking information about the family of **John Higginbottom** who married **Martha Harrison** at Sheffield Parish Church on 18 October 1811. Their son **William 'Igg**inbottom was baptised at Sheffield Parish Church on 30 Sept. 1812.

Mrs Ruth Lewis, Waste Lane, MS 979, Monto, Qld. 4630 Australia writes "I am having problems finding the birth of a **John Stanley**, the son of **John Stanley** and **Elizabeth Goodall** who was supposedly born in Sheffield. His birth year could be between 1756-1866. A search in St. Catherine's from 1864-1868 resulted in the negative. His father was a merchant. He migrated to Australia and married there". Will anyone tracing these names in the area please contact Mrs Lewis.

Mrs P. Kenyon, 83, Windsor Road, Denton, Manchester M34 2HB writes "I am tracing the family name **Darnbrough** and recently discovered it was linked to a family who made cutlery in the Sheffield area. Elders recall the name linked being either **Sphere**, **Sheer** or even **Steer**. It is understood that the two families emigrated to either Canada or the USA, taking their trade with them. I would like to contact anyone linked to the Darnbrough family and would welcome any snippet no matter how small on this problem. Any postage incurred will be refunded".

Mrs E. M. Allen, 25, Boston Castle Grove Moorgate Rotherham S60 2BA writes "I have recently discovered that my great grandfather was treasurer of the Dahlia Lodge of the National United Order Free Gardeners, based in Rotherham. Can anyone tell me what this organisation / society was / is?"

Mary W. Rogers, 5, Pittwater Close, Kallaroo, WA 6025 Western Australia writes "My great grandmother **Matilda Simpson** was born on 12 April 1844 at 12 **Dan Street, Sheffield**, the details being taken from a copy of her birth certificate. The registration district is given as Sheffield and the sub-district as Sheffield North. Her father was **Thomas Simpson**, a scale cutter and her mother **Mary Ann (nee Parkin)**. I have been trying unsuccessfully to find a census record for either 1841 or 1851 in the hope of identifying siblings, place of birth etc. But there seems to be no record of Dan Street in any street index. When in Sheffield in 1993 I called at the Sheffield Record Office but no one there could help me either." Can anyone help?

Offers of Help

Mrs R.M. Willson-FitzAkerley, Kalkoenspreuk 6, 4386DD Vlissingen, Netherlands is willing to assist members who need information from the Netherlands.

Mr Martin Smith, 10, Holmlea Road, Goring, Reading RG8 9EX has nearly 1,000 entries each for the names **Godley**, **Hardstaff** and **Cusworth** which he is willing to search for members on receipt of an SAE. He will gladly add any extra details supplied by members.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL PAPERS IN GOOD CONDITION

The Conservation Section of the West Yorkshire Archive Service offer the following advice on preserving personal papers and books.

1. Old documents and books do not like sudden changes or unsuitable environments. Handle them gently, with clean hands and try to avoid creasing paper or breaking the spine of a book. Try never to touch the surface of a photograph; as years go by a fingerprint will appear, which cannot be removed. If you can keep them in a room which stays about the same temperature and humidity in summer and winter, they will feel better and last longer. Keep your papers away from excessive heat and moisture. do not expose them to strong light, either natural or electric, and especially direct sunlight. Food can stain them badly.

2. Do not repair any tears or try to strengthen papers or book joints with Sellotape or the like. Self-adhesive tapes contain many chemicals which are not permanent in themselves, and which will eventually harm paper. It may initially look better than the torn sheet, but after a while the adhesive will discolour and the paper will stain. As yet there is NO KNOWN WAY to remove some of these stains.

3. If you have torn papers, use a narrow strip of good quality thin-wove paper, or an acid-free tissue, each side of the damaged leaf, to repair it. Use a flour paste as an adhesive, (flour or cornflour boiled up with water until it thickens) and leave the repair between bits of a non-stick paper, such as baking parchment, and outside it, bits of blotting paper, with a light weight on it, such as a bag of sugar. Leave it to dry before closing the book or replacing the leaf into the collection.

4. Try to keep your collection clean and store it in as dust free a place as possible. Even the slightest trace of damp will build in the papers to cause

mould, which 'eats' the paper by making it weak, limp and powdery. Bring them out for an airing at least once a year. This can also prevent insect pests from setting up home.

5. Keep documents away from air pollution and acidic materials, for the acid will migrate from one to the other. Seepage from a gas or coal fire, car exhaust or cheap packing materials such as strawboard all help make paper acid. Look out for the glassine envelopes provided for negative storage - they were chosen for transparency, not permanence. In addition, the oxidising gases from a photocopier, or from drying paint can fade photographs.

The West Yorkshire Archive Service has produced a pack for people who wish to preserve their precious documents. It contains gloves to wear while handling documents and photographs, various sizes of photograph sleeves for keeping photographs, acid free labelling tape, acid free envelopes of various sizes for storing documents, brass paper clips, and a 2B pencil for marking your documents. The cost is £4.00 plus £1.00 postage and packing and it can be obtained from The Publications Officer, West Yorkshire Archive Service, Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield WF1 2DE.

The above information was published in the West Yorkshire History Newsletter, No. 24, Spring 1994.

HARRY CHURCHILL BEET, V.C.

My efforts to trace my own family tree have inevitably led me to amass information about other families with the surname 'Beet'. One of the most interesting biographies is that of Harry Churchill Beet, V. C.

Harry was born at Brackendale Farm, Bingham, Nottinghamshire on 1st. April 1875. His mother was Elizabeth Beet, nee Churchill, and his father was William John Alfred Beet, a stonemason. Harry had three brothers, of whom two survived into adult life.

Sadly, Harry's father was killed in an accident at work. On 18th February 1892, Harry enlisted into the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire Regiment), giving his age as 18. He saw active service in India with the 2nd Battalion (formerly 95th Regiment of Foot) and participated in the Tirah Campaign. In 1895 he was awarded the India Medal, with clasps for the Punjab Frontier (1897-8) and Tirah (1897-9) campaigns.

Both he and his brother, William Churchill Beet, fought in the Boer War. Harry served with the 1st Battalion, Derbyshire Regiment (Mounted Infantry), and was awarded the Victoria Cross in 1901 because of his courage on April 22nd at Wakkerstroom. The citation reads:-

"No. 2 Mounted Infantry Company, 1st. Battalion Derbyshire

Regiment, with two squadrons of the Imperial Yeomanry had to retire from near a farm under a ridge held by the Boers. Corporal Burnett, Imperial Yeomanry, was left on the ground wounded. Corporal Beet, on seeing him, remained behind and placed him under cover, bound up his wounds, and by firing prevented the Boers from coming down to the farm till dark. Dr. Wilson, Imperial Yeomanry, then came to the wounded man's assistance. The retirement was carried out under heavy fire, and Corporal Beet was exposed to fire during the whole afternoon."

Harry Churchill Beet was decorated by the Duke of York (later King George V) at Natal in August 1901, and was later promoted to Sergeant by Lord Kitchener for his services in the field.

He was transferred to the Army Reserve in 1902. "Physical description: Height 5ft 9ins., fresh complexion, grey eyes and brown hair. Army trade: Groom."

On 19th February 1904, Harry was finally discharged from the Army, but continued his military career in the reserve, serving with the South Notts. Hussars, a voluntary unit of the Imperial Yeomanry, until 1905. For a short time in 1904 he was resident at Spring Vale Road, Sheffield.

In 1906 Harry and his family emigrated to Canada. On the outbreak of the First World War he enlisted in the Saskatchewan Light Horse. Transferred to the 32nd battalion of the Canadian Army, he was commissioned on 25th January 1916, in the rank of Lieutenant. On 3rd September 1918 he retired from the Canadian Army with the honorary rank of Captain, aged 43.

You might think that Captain Harry Churchill Beet had done his bit for King and Country, but there was more to come! At the outbreak of the Second World War, aged 64, he joined the Canadian 110th Infantry Reserve Company, the Veteran Guard of Canada. He was discharged due to his age in March 1942, but that did not stop him!

Harry joined the Royal Canadian Police, aged 67, and spent the rest of the war guarding Japanese prisoners of war in British Columbia.

Captain Harry Churchill Beet V. C. died in 1946 and was buried with full military honours in Vancouver Military Cemetery, aged 70. His medals are in the regimental museum in Nottingham Castle.

His military record is in stark contrast to mine. As an eighteen year old I dreamt of glory at the controls of a Spitfire. Unfortunately (or fortunately?) I failed my medical examination, and spent most of the war years working for H.M. Inspectors of Taxes extracting cash from reluctant taxpayers!

William Beet

WORTLEY INHABITANTS 1809

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533	Wm. Laycock	568	John Worrel
534	Elizabeth, wife	569	Mary, wife
535	John - child	570	Joseph - child
536	Benjamin - child	571	Katern - child
537	William - child	572	John Deardan - Appr.
538	James - child	573	William Deardan - Appr.
539	Joseph - child		
540	Charlotte - child	574	John Wragg
541	Richard - child	575	Ann, wife
		576	Joshua - son
542	Ann Hirst		
543	Richard Newton - Inmate	577	John Deardan
544	John Parry - Inmate	578	Hannah, wife
		579	Joseph - child
545	John Towns	580	John - child
546	Mary, wife	581	Mary - child
547	Jasper - child	582	Samuell - child
548	William - child	583	Benjamin - child
		584	Ann - child
549	George Pickering		
550	George Stones	585	Elizabeth Deardan
551	Sarah, wife	576	John - child
552	Charlotte - child	587	Thomas - child
553	Mary - child		
554	Milly - child	588	John Green
555	Ann - child	589	Elizabeth -
		590	George - child
556	Benjamin Windle	591	John - child
557	Joseph Woodcock	592	Mary - child
558	Hannah, wife	593	William - child
559	William - child	594	Thomas - child
560	Ann - child	595	Joshua - child
		596	Joseph - child
561-562	<i>Missing</i>		
563	Mary Row	597	Samuell Baker
		598	Hanah do
564	Wm. Falding	599	Mary Wood - servant
565	Martha Woodhouse		
566	John Bentley - servant		
567	John Barker - Appr.		

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(to be continued)

THE LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES.

A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES OF INDIVIDUALS.

We are currently undertaking research on where people lived during their lifetime, and are concentrating particularly on the residential histories of individuals, rather than on the analysis of aggregate census statistics. Although some individual-level data can be gained from sources such as diaries and autobiographies, these are relatively scarce and often unrepresentative. However, there are thousands of family historians around the country who have information about the residential histories of their own family members, often going back to the eighteenth century or earlier. We are particularly keen to utilize this rich source of information in our research.

Your Family History Society has kindly allowed us to place this sheet in your magazine as a way in which we might make contact with family historians. **IF YOU HAVE TRACED YOUR FAMILY HISTORY, AND HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY LIVED AND WHY THEY MOVED IN THE EIGHTEENTH, NINETEENTH OR EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY, WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE YOU TO CONTACT US.** It would also be very helpful to know how many people you have a residential history for. Once we have received this information, we will send you a form on which you can record the residential details in a standard format. We will also enclose a stamped/addressed envelope for your reply. We must emphasize that we are interested in the residential histories of people of all ages, from all walks of life, and including those who moved very little or not at all.

We must emphasize that any information that you do provide will be used only for the purposes of academic research, and that, where appropriate, confidentiality will be strictly maintained in future publications. The project will be completed in 1996 and, in addition to other publications, we will be happy to write a short piece for your magazine so that you will know something about the outcome of the research. This should help you to discover how your family's residential history related to the experience of others. The research project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

You will realise that the success of the research depends entirely on a good response from family historians. We hope to build up a large data-base of information on residential histories, but this will only be possible with your co-operation.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT JEAN TURNBULL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN BELOW. FOLLOWING A LETTER OR TELEPHONE CALL SHE WILL SEND YOU A STANDARD FORM ON WHICH DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES CAN BE ENTERED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US.

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WHY DID HE STRAY?

I was interested to read about the Society's visit to Wentworth village in the Winter 1993 edition of "The Flowing Stream". The Peterborough and District Family History Society's Strays Index contains the following details from reel HO 107 2345 of the 1851 Census of Wentworth, Yorkshire:

William Goddard unmarried 24 Carpenter

Born Longthorpe, Northamptonshire

Longthorpe was part of Peterborough Parish until the 1850's.

At first sight one could wonder what brought the family all the way from Yorkshire to Longthorpe, only to return. The clue is a resident in the next parish.

Milton Hall is the ancestral home of the Earls Fitzwilliam but a marriage had brought them extensive property in Yorkshire including half of Sheffield. The estate centred on the great house at Wentworth Woodhouse, reputed to have room for each day of the year. Obviously William's parents had moved from one Fitzwilliam estate to another (promotion?) and after his birth returned to Wentworth (promotion again?)

If you have found the births of an ancestor's siblings in an area but not his / her birth, it is worth looking to see if there was a major estate in the area and, if so, did the owner have other estates in another part of the country. It was not uncommon for people to be promoted from one estate to another.

Some of your members may not be aware of the effect the Fitzwilliam connection had on movement between our two areas (and also Newark on Trent where they also have had an estate). Marholm Church also has some fine monuments to the Fitzwilliam family.

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BOOK LIST

Images of Sheffield

This glossy hardback is the story of Sheffield told in pictures past and present. The book covers such diverse topics as public transport, cinemas, theatres, sporting venues and familiar landmarks and buildings. The human side is also portrayed with images of the Sheffield Flood, the Blitz and Royal visits.

Never Been Here Before by Jane Cox

This Readers' Guide has been written with the complete beginner in mind. It starts off with a simple introduction to finding your way around and getting a readers' ticket. The book contains many helpful hints to make your

time at the PRO more productive. It is also full of illustrations of documents, finding aids and cartoons to ensure you get used to the PRO as quickly as possible.

Not only does the book help you through your first few minutes, it also explains very simply which records are most likely to be of use in your family history researches. Subjects covered include: census returns, wills, non-conformist records, legal records, army, navy and air force service records, emigration and immigration, railway workers and merchant seamen. Published by the Public Record Office. Price £4.95.

National Index of Parish Registers, Vol. 9, part 4: Essex. Compiled by Anthony Wilcox. Price £13.50 or £16.00 inc. p & p. Available from the Soc. of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Rd., London EC1M 7BA

My Ancestors were Presbyterians: how can I find out more about them? by Alan Ruston. Published Soc. of Gen. (address above). Price £3.00. By post £4.00.

This booklet affords an introduction to the history and records of the denomination from the 17th century to the present day, and describes the sources of information available for identifying forebears and their activities, ranging from registers, membership and minute books, to subscription and communicant books. The author outlines the three major libraries whose contents are of particular use to family historians as well as listing alphabetically by county and place local holdings in record offices all over England, Scotland and Wales, and there is a section on records relating to the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland held in the PRO of Northern Ireland. There is a bibliography and a useful list of journals and newspapers whose contents include extensive obituaries of dissenters of all social backgrounds.

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