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FUTURE PROGRAMME

1995 Programme

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

- Mon. 16 Jan. **The Gatty Family of Ecclesfield** by Cynthia Short
Mon. 20 Feb. **A.G.M. & Short Talk** by a Member
Mon. 20 Mar. **Lost Villages of the Derwent Valley**
by L. Widdowson
Mon. 24 Apr.* **Minding Other People's Business** by Roy Young
* Please note change of date to avoid Easter Monday

ROTHERHAM BRANCH MEETINGS

Meet 7 pm at the W.E.A. Rooms, Corporation
Street, Rotherham

- Thurs.5 Jan. Open discussion
Thurs.2 Feb. **The Shame and the Glory of England's Last
Revolution** by Joyce Longden
Thurs.2 Mar. Open discussion
Thurs. 6 Apr. **Travel by Road in the Georgian Period.**
by H. Smith
Thurs. 4 May Open discussion
Thurs. 1 Jun. **Family History** by Gill Briscoe

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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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ROTHERHAM BRANCH

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EDITORIAL

Family historians are notoriously bad at keeping well organised records. We all tend to have odd items of information jotted down on scraps of paper. In this edition you will find information on two research projects currently being undertaken by University research groups. Taking part in such ventures will not only help to advance our knowledge in the fields being studied but will also encourage those taking part to sort out and organise their own research and records.

Entries for the competition we announced have been disappointingly few. There is still a little time before the closing date for members to send in contributions. There must be a great many good stories still untold within our Society.

A new publication announced in this edition is a set of microfiches containing an index to Bradfield Poor Law Records. Many of our members with Bradfield connections will find new information in this index.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition. Please keep sending in your copy. There is, once again, very little material in reserve.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members

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Obituary

The death has occurred of Mrs Nora Stagg. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.

NEWS AND NOTES

From the Treasurer

As passed at the Annual General Meeting on 21st Feb. 1994; the annual subscription to the Society will be increased from Jan. 1995 as follows:-

U.K. Single membership	£8.00
U.K. Family membership	£10.00
Overseas by surface mail	£8.00
Overseas air mail	£10.00

There are bound to be a few hiccups in the change over, so I am again asking members to help by using the renewal slip provided. Please quote your membership number if you can - it's on the address label. If you have mislaid it, don't delay as I can usually trace your number.

Would members who pay by standing order, please instruct their banks of the change **before 31 December 1994**.

The Society banks at:- Lloyd's Bank,
Corporation Street,
Rotherham,
South Yorkshire.

Account number 30 17 16 0368221

Thank you for your co-operation.

Eileen M. Allen

April 1995 Meeting - Change of date

As the third Monday in the month (our usual meeting day) coincides with Easter Monday please note that the date of the April meeting has been changed to **24 April**

Barnsley Family History Society - Secretary

The General Membership Secretary is now Mrs Kath. Wright, 58A, High Street, Royston, Barnsley S71 4RN.

Rotherham Branch News

Mrs Sandra Watson has resigned as Secretary following an accident which has affected her mobility. The Society's Honorary Secretary, Roy Bullen, is looking after some administrative duties for the time being as nobody from the Branch has come forward to occupy the post. John Willis will continue to take the Chair at monthly Branch meetings and Mrs Joyce Longden has agreed to act as Programme Coordinator. Pauline Quail will continue as Treasurer and Angela Kendrick as Membership Secretary.

New Military Index at Kew

Reader Services Department has prepared an index to the military memoranda held behind the Reference Desk at Kew. There are 422 of these memoranda consisting of document references to such diverse subjects as the origin of helicopters and the prices of British Army officers commissions in the eighteenth century. The memoranda have been compiled over the years by Reader Services Department staff.

Copies of the index have been put alongside the Current Guide in the reading rooms, lobby and foyer areas. If you find something of interest in the index please ask staff on the Reference Room desk for the memoranda. The index will be updated as new memoranda are written.

Family Reunion

The descendants of **Alfred Henry Baker** (born 1842) and **Sarah Ann Thompson** (born 5 May 1850) are holding a reunion next April and would like to contact any descendants of Alfred and Sarah. Alfred was born in Rotherham and, when he was about 16, sailed aboard the immigrant ship "Trade Wind" which arrived in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia on 22 Feb 1858. They would also like to contact the family of **James William Pawley** (b.1835) and **Sarah King** (b.1830) both from Kent. Anyone interested please contact Leanne Baker, 57, Main Street, Ulverstone 7316, Tasmania, Australia.

Tracing Your Family history

A weekend course is being run at the Snowdonia National Park Study Centre from 10 -12 March 1995. It has been designed to introduce people to the methods of tracing their family history. Both inexperienced and experienced family historians will be equally welcome. For further details contact Margaret Griffith, Snowdonia National Park Centre, Maentrog, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3YU.

McKirdy Index

This analytical Index to the Statutory Registers of Deaths for Scotland is available on microfiche from Suzanne McKirdy, PO Box 40-074, Upper Hutt,

New Zealand. Payment by Bank Draft, Visa or Mastercard. The index is designed to make identification of the names in the Registers easier for genealogists. It shows the names of the deceased, their spouses and parents, names of informants and all occupations shown. Spouses names are cross-referenced. Each entry shows the Register entry number, Parish/District and the LDS microfilm number for the respective year.

Sets available at present are: Bute 1855-1875 (price NZ\$ 20.00)
 Lanark 1855 (price NZ\$ 25.00)

Society Competition

The response to the idea of a competition has so far been very disappointing. There is still time to send in an entry as the closing date is the end of November. Come on, all you budding writers! Send in your articles.

Index of Indexers

Recently published, the index of Indexers comprises a listing of the different indexes available which are of use to family historians. Entries are headed by the name of the Index followed by the name and address of the Indexer, the cost (if available to purchase), a description and fees payable for consultation. The first edition is available from Brian Jones, 32, Myers Avenue, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD2 4ET, England price £1.25 (inc. postage UK) or £1.55 (overseas surface). Payment can be made either by cheque (to be in sterling, payable to Brian Jones) or unused stamps. (2nd edn. due - end of 1994)

The Benn Family

Mr R.E. Chapple, "Hydecrest", Cirencester Road, Hyde, Chalford, Glos. GL6 8PE is building up a national database of the surname Benn from the St. Catherine's House and IGI records.. He would like to hear from members with an interest in the name and would be willing to assist them.

Searching for a Soldier

Frank Westwood has recently completed the WO 97 Attestation and Discharge project for the following regiments for the period 1760 to 1854.

Cape Mounted Rifles

Horse Regiments (Dragoons)

2nd Royal Veteran Battalion (surnames A to E)

Gordon Highlanders - 92nd Foot Regiment (surnames D to L)

Copies of the index are deposited at the Sheffield Archives and the Society library. Mr Westwood also holds a copy which consists of more than 3,000 names. Enquiries are welcome on receipt of an SAE sent to Mr F.S. Westwood, 11, Hail Mary Drive, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield, S13 9XW.

N.B. See Vol.13.No.2 and Vol.14. No.2 for details of other regiments covered.

FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

21st Anniversary 1995

The Federation of family history societies announces,
(by kind permission of the Ontario Genealogical Society on whose idea this is based)

Threads of Family History

Put down your pens, switch off your computers, and delegate your indexing: now for something different!

Prepare to participate in *Threads of Family History*, a special competition of textile craft to be exhibited by the FFHS during Autumn 1995 to celebrate its 21st Anniversary. The exhibition will attempt to show how family history can be creatively used in the many forms of needlework and other textile crafts.

Craftwork itself connects us with our ancestors. In every culture, both women and men took great pride in the production of distinctive decorated textiles. For this exhibition, participants will be asked to take the process beyond the merely decorative - integrating family history - to produce a unique heirloom for future generations.

Any type of textile craft is eligible - embroidery, applique, quilting, needlepoint, weaving, rug hooking and beadwork to name a few techniques. There's no need to be an expert craftsman.

But *before* you begin your "Heirloom", write for the complete rules and an entry form - **on or after 1st October 1994**. Address your letters to Mrs Jill Valentine, 157, Kent House Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 1JZ, England, enclosing 9" x 4" self-addressed, stamped envelope or 2 International Reply Coupons.

There will be two classes of entry, Individual and Collective (i.e. Society or Group) but **please note**: application is restricted to members of the Federation's family history societies.

PRO Readers' Tickets

Visitors are reminded that Readers' old tickets are no longer compatible with the new RIS (Records Information System). New tickets which are bar coded are essential for access to the reading rooms through the security barriers at Kew and Chancery Lane, and for ordering documents (does not apply to Census Room).

Tickets are available at both sites. Please take some form of identification, such as driving licence or bankers card or passport. For security reasons the PRO cannot send out tickets by post.

BRADFIELD POOR LAW RECORDS
A fully cross-referenced index

Have you lost an ancestor?
Did any of your family leave from the parish where they were born?
Did one of your ancestors have a child with an unknown father?

You may find the answer to your problem in this new publication.
Places and people from many parts of the country can be found in this new index.

Settlement Certificates, Settlement Examinations and Bastardy Bonds, together with a variety of other records of the ordinary people of Bradfield have been indexed to provide a rich and varied source of information about the poor during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Although close to Sheffield, Bradfield is a very large moorland parish in South Yorkshire. It has an extensive set of poor law records. These have been transcribed by Denise Marsden, edited by Roy Newton and are now published on a set of two microfiches price £2.00 including postage UK and £3.50 including airmail postage overseas. They are available from our Society bookstall officer Mrs M. Hume, 41, Rushley Road, Sheffield S17 3EH

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Computers in Genealogy and Family History 25 March 1995

This conference hosted jointly by Essex Society for Family History and the Society of Genealogists will be held at Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex. A full day's programme of talks, demonstrations and workshops for IBM PC compatible computers has been arranged to include:

A "state of the art" introduction.

A talk by David Hawgood on using the computer for one-name studies.

Presentation comparing current genealogy programs.

An "Any Questions" Session with a panel of experienced users.

Demonstrations of the leading genealogy programs for IBM PC compatible computers.

Workshops for beginners and data transfer.

Book and program sales.

Cost including refreshments and buffet lunch £15.50.

For a detailed programme and booking form please send an SAE to Roger Brian (ESFH), 15, St. James Park, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2JG.

The Isle of Wight Conference 31 March to 4 April 1995

"The Cherry Stones Conference" is to be co-hosted by the Isle of Wight Family History Society and the Federation of Family History Societies at Upper Chine School, Shanklin, Isle of Wight from Friday 31 March to Tuesday 4 April 1995. The theme is based on the childhood rhyme, Tinker Taylor Soldier, Sailor, Rich Man, Poor Man, Beggar Man, Thief. The programme consists of high calibre lectures, including nationally and internationally renowned speakers, as well as local experts. Space does not permit mention of them all, but just to whet your appetite; They Removed my Poor Ancestors, *Colin Chapman*; Records of Naval Ratings, *Paul Blake*; Occupations in Towns, Butchers, Bakers, Candlestick Makers, *A.J. Camp*; The Records of J.P.'s and the Quarter Sessions, *Iain Swinnerton*..

The journey from Waterloo to Shanklin Station by train and catamaran takes just 2 hours and 30 minutes. For those bringing a car the Wightlink ferries take about 35 minutes. Details of concessionary car ferry rates and cross-Solent travel information will be available. The closing date for booking residential places is 31 January 1995 and for non-residents is 28 February 1995.

Please send a 9" x 6" stamped addressed envelope for full details and booking form to Mrs J. Few, 12, Ranelagh Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8NX.

THROUGH THE LETTER BOX

6, Newbrough Crescent,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE2 2DQ

Dear Editor,

Harrison family of Swinton

I have recently come across 26 books printed between 1886 and 1901. They were awarded as prizes by Roman Terrace Wesleyan Sunday School, Swinton near Rotherham and by Swinton School Board. The books were given to six children of the Harrison family, their names being Annie, Arthur, Thomas, James W., Emily and Joseph. All the books are in good condition and nicely inscribed with the recipient's name and with the date.

I would be pleased to pass on these books to any present day descendant of the Harrison family.

Yours etc.
John North.

9, Barncliffe Glen,
Sheffield S10 4DH

Dear Editor,

Can anyone tell me when and where the practice of cutting off one's children with a shilling originated? I have read of this in historical novels and was very interested to come across it in the will of my great grandmother, Sarah Dungworth Stratford. Sarah wrote her will in 1887, and her estate was to be divided between her six children, Elizabeth, Arthur, Henry, George, Emily and Sarah. A codicil was added a year later removing Emily "as though the name of the said Emily had never been inserted". However, Emily was to receive "the sum of one shilling to be paid to her at the expiration of twelve months from the date of my decease".

Whatever had poor Emily done to offend her mother so disastrously? What was the significance of the twelve month waiting period? How much was a shilling worth then?

The study of family history raises some fascinating questions, but I wish they didn't usually arise when there are no longer any surviving relatives old enough to remember the incidents. Why, oh why, didn't I take up this hobby thirty years ago?

Yours etc.
Christine Groves.

Ed.'s Note

One answer to the above problem can be found in Volume 1 No. 1 of "The Flowing Stream". In it our President David Hey wrote an article on the Walker family of Grenoside who are famous as the leading ironmasters in the North of England. The father of the two famous brothers, Samuel and Aaron, was Joseph Walker. Joseph's first wife, Margaret (née Bower) bore him two sons Joseph (b. 1700), Benjamin (b. 1702) and a daughter, Mary whose baptism cannot be traced but who is reputed to have married David Crawshaw of Barnsley. In 1710 Joseph married for a second time. His wife was Ann (née Hargreaves). They had three sons and three daughters. Joseph died in 1729. In his will, proved at York he made the following provisions:

Imprimis I give unto Joseph Walker my eldest son the sum one shilling in full. It. I give unto Benjamin Walker my second son the sum of one shilling in full. It. I give unto Mary Crawshaw my eldest daughter the sum of one shilling.

The rest of his estate was to go to his wife, Ann, provided she did not remarry. David Hey explains the will as follows:

"This will illustrates some of the pitfalls for the unwary genealogist. Seen on its own one would conclude that Joseph's wife was called Ann and that they had three children, Joseph, Benjamin and Mary. But these were the

children of the first marriage, and Ann's six children were not even mentioned. The three elder children seem to have been harshly treated with just one shilling each. This however, is a standard provision for those who had already been provided for, possibly on the occasion of their marriage. The six younger children were still minors, but they were to receive the estate if their mother remarried. In fact she remained a widow, and was buried on 28 Feb. 1740/1"

16, Taunton Avenue,
Northampton,
NN3 3LX

Dear Editor,

At last I've got round to writing up my Family History and turning it into a book! It's great fun to do and I recommend it as an exercise!

It is mainly about various branches of the CADMAN family in Derbyshire and Yorkshire - particularly Eckington and Sheffield but also in the Isle of Man and London. It also includes other related families - Harrisons in Sheffield, the Isle of Man and London - Wilkinsons in Ecclesfield and Shiregreen - Hulleys and Helliwells in that area - Evans and Roses in Northamptonshire - Hodgkinsons in Derbyshire, Yorkshire and London.

The book is not for sale but if anyone is interested enough to want a copy I would be happy to send one; some help with postage would be appreciated.

Yours etc.
Mona Harrison.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 20 June 1994

Rotherham Town Centre

It's surprising how little one knows about one's own town, until someone points it out to you. That is exactly what Tony Mumford did for a disappointingly few members of our Society on a fine summer evening in Rotherham. The fine summer evening alone was a treat compared with recent outdoor meetings in pouring rain or biting cold winds; and although the attendance was disappointingly low, those members who turned up were far from disappointed.

We were taken on a winding walk, none of it more than a few hundred yards from All Saints Church, which is the focal point of the town. On our way our attention was drawn to the sites of many of the town's old buildings now gone, and to the remaining buildings which have escaped the attentions of the

demolishers, the modernisers, the town planners or the vandals. We saw the oldest timber-framed building in Rotherham, now sadly empty and in a bad state of repair. We were encouraged to lift our eyes above the modern shop facades to see the original buildings behind and above. We saw Rotherham's Chapel on the Bridge, one of only three in the country but were disappointed at not going inside. We learnt of the many pubs that abounded in the centre of Rotherham, many of which are now demolished or converted to other uses. There was the Turf Tavern, the Nag's Head, the Cross Daggers, the King's Arms (known locally as Duncan (or Drunken) Gilmour's), the Three Cranes and the White Hart to name but a few. The impression was that Rotherham must have been a very drunken town.

We heard a lot about many of the former citizens of Rotherham, some noted for their good deeds and some for their misdeeds. We saw the sites of the many theatres that entertained the people of Rotherham in days gone by. There was the Theatre Royal, the Empire, the Alexandra Music Hall and the Regent. Some of these were later converted to cinemas - the Hippodrome and the Whitehall. The Cinema House and the Regal (Scala) were built as cinemas. More recently they have been converted to Bingo Halls, and sadly there are no cinemas at all in Rotherham at the present day.

We were reminded what an insanitary place Rotherham used to be, when cellars were flooded with raw sewage, rats abounded, cattle were slaughtered in the streets and human bones were sticking out of the ground in the Parish Church graveyard because it was so over-used.

There was also mention of the industrial past of Rotherham - flour mills and flax mills - the Rotherham Forge and Rolling Mills on Forge Island, now occupied by a supermarket and lastly Guest and Grimes.

Altogether, we had an interesting and informative evening which was greatly enjoyed by all. This walk, and much more, is described in a booklet entitled "A Walk Around Rotherham Town Centre" published by the Rotherham Archives and Local Studies Department and available from the Central Library, Walker Place, Rotherham, price £2.00.

Reported by Eileen Allen

Meeting on Monday 18 July 1994

Sheffield Town Centre

About twenty five people met at the Goodwin Fountain and enjoyed a pleasant two hours walking around the city centre in the company of Ruth Harman who was able to give a wealth of historical background to the old buildings with which many members are familiar.

Despite the ravages of the second World War and the "improvements" of more recent times there is still much of note and of historic interest in our city centre.

Rotherham Branch Meeting on Thursday 2 June 1994

The Fairground Scene

Paul Redfern's talk covered the development of the fairground and the basic elements of slide, swing, wheel and roundabout.

Owing to the fact that the fair was a travelling concern the 'rides' had to be portable and this taxed the ingenuity of the designers, the slide becoming the helter-skelter which took up less ground space. In later years steam and electricity gave the rides greater speed but the basic elements of design remained.

Paul's slides, which were taken over a number of years, and his very interesting and detailed knowledge, gave a comprehensive account of the fairground families and the areas they lived in outside the fairground season. In particular the vehicle slides complete with family names painted in huge coloured letters are an invaluable source of information to anyone researching fairground families.

Reported by B.L. Jervis

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs K. Lowe, Box 176, Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 4H7, Canada would like to make contact with anyone researching the family of **George Moseley** and **Mary Hallam** of Sheffield, married in 1850. Their children were **Joseph**, 1851; **Mary Anne** 1853; **Sarah** 1857; **Thomas** 1859; **Geo. Henry** 1861; **Julia** 1863; **Emma** 1864; **William** 1864; **John** 1868; **Herbert** 1871; all of Sheffield. Julia married **Walter Constantine Ellis** in 1893. They had one daughter **Edith Mary** (Mrs Lowe's mother).

Mrs Cheryl Farris, 5971 Dorset Street, Riversde, California 92509 USA writes "I am having problems finding my grandfather's birth in Sheffield on 17 June 1847. He married **Mary Anne Littlewood** on 31 July 1865 at Saint Philip's Parish Church. Both lived on Albert Terrace Road at the time of the marriage. His father is listed as **George Snape** a grinder and hers was **Joseph Littlewood** a crinoline maker. On **William's** death certificate his father is listed as **John**. Any ancestors or information would be greatly appreciated.

Mr Geoff Levesley, 5, Hayes Court, Halfway, Sheffield S19 5TS writes, "Is anyone researching **Samuel Walker** of **Rotherham, Ironmaster**? Did his Grandmother **Mary Wood**, the daughter of **Joseph Wood** of Ecclesfield, have a brother who might therefore have been the grandfather of my ancestor **Elizabeth Wood**? Elizabeth Wood's daughter **Martha Bailey** married, on 14 May 1767, a widower known, even to R.E. Leader, only as "**George Greaves of Ecclesfield**". Is anyone able to preserve my sanity and earn my

eternal gratitude by helping me to identify the correct George Greaves?"

Claire Pearson, 2, Little Ringdale, Harmans Water, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 3JH asks, "Can any member can give me information on the address **No.7, Court Chapel Street, Wicker, Sheffield**? My great-great grandmother **Elizabeth Crossley** was living at Old Haywoods in Deepcar, near Sheffield, but for some reason she gave birth to her illegitimate son **Thomas Marsh Crossley** at the address in Sheffield, in the 14th December 1886. It could of course have been the house of a relative, but I am unaware of any connection. Does anyone know if this address has any significance....perhaps a workhouse? Can anyone tell me what the area was like? I would appreciate any information.

Mr J.R. Milner, 8, Mellorstain, Gordon, Berwickshire TD3 6LF is interested in **Wesley College** which functioned in Sheffield last century. He believes that either a **James Warburton** or **Alfred**, his brother, attended the College about 1870 and wonders if any members of the Sheffield FHS know of any records which would confirm this.

Sheila M. Holt, Wynburn, 26, Sunnybank Road, Greetland, Halifax, W. Yorks. HX4 8JP writes, "I am trying to trace the actual birthplace in Germany of **Margaret Sipe (Margaretha Seip)** b. 1826 or 1825. She took on the name of Barlow, but I cannot trace the marriage to a **Thomas Barlow** (27 in 1851 according to a census return) and living in the Pye Bank area, possibly 62 Bridgehouses. On looking through the records I found a **Mary Sipe** aged 23 who married **Thomas Radcliffe** aged 27 from the Wicker at Sheffield Cathedral 1846, 2nd quarter. This I presume to be Margaret's sister.

At the age of 45, **Margaret Barlow** (widow) was living in Heywood, Lancs as a lodger on the 1871 census of that town, so I presume **Thomas Barlow** died in Sheffield shortly before. I found two daughters (19 and 20) living at another address, one of them being my great grandmother **Mary Ann Barlow** (who married a **Thomas Owen** in Heywood).

There are families of Barlows in Heywood related, so I presume **Thomas Barlow** could have been born in Heywood not Sheffield and moved to Sheffield to find work as a Scissor Grinder. Can anyone help?

Mr R. Hadfield, "Penbidyl", 42, Temple Drive, Nuthall, Nottingham NG16 1BE would like to contact anyone researching the **Hadfield** family who moved from Derbyshire into Sheffield chiefly prior to 1840.

Mrs J. Simmons, 53, Drayton Road, Toowoomba, Qld., Australia. asks, "Was there a **"Turner and Turner"** cutlery firm in Sheffield in the early 1800's? If so, is anyone researching the family? One of my late husband's ancestors,

Jonathan Turner b. c1818 and, by family stories, reputed to be of the "Turner and Turner" fame, was transported to Australia for house-breaking in 1836. By his death certificate his parents were Jonathan Turner and Hannah ? (Illegible, but about 8 letters). I found a marriage for Jonathan Turner and **Hannah Beal** 1914 Rotherham and baptisms for **George** 1814, **Hannah** 1816, **Jonathan** 1818 and **Joseph** 1822 all in Sheffield. Was this my Jonathan's family?

Mr J.M. Charlesworth Finch, 24, Casewick Lane, Uffington, Nr. Stamford, Lincs., PE9 4SX writes, "Information is wanted on the descendants of each of the following people.

1 Ann (or Annie) Elizabeth Charlesworth, born 1860, in Rotherham. Married **Robert Browning** (wagon builder) at Kimberworth Parish Church, on 27 May 1888.

2 Florence Charlesworth, born 1863, in Rotherham. Married **Charles Leonard Leng** (born 1856, turner) at Kimberworth Parish Church, on 21 December 1833.

3 Martha Charlesworth, born 1864, in Rotherham. Married **Walter Tom Oldfield** (born 1856, butcher) at Kimberworth Parish Church, on 26 February 1888

4 Hannah Charlesworth, born 1871, in Rotherham. Married **Francis Drakeford** (born 1872, collier) at Kimberworth Parish Church, on 26 December 1893.

5 William Charlesworth, born 1866, in Rotherham (brother of the above four sisters). Father: William Charlesworth. Mother: **Martha Charlesworth, née Rodgers**.

Any information will be gratefully received and all letters acknowledged."

BIGAMOUS MARRIAGES. ANY HELP, PLEASE

It wasn't until she was applying for her pension that my sister needed her birth certificate. St. Catherine's House had no trace of it. In fact, no-one had.

So she wrote to our mother who lived at the other end of the country. Then it all came to light. My mother had married a William Gray, and they had a daughter (my sister). Soon after Fran was born mother discovered that William was already married. He was tried for bigamy and sent to prison. This was in 1930. Later my mother married my father. He treated Fran as his own and she was always called by his name.

Anxious to know more I looked long and hard at St. Catherine's but there was no sign of the marriage of my mother and William Gray there.

Somerset House had no record of any kind of divorce. The newspapers at Collingridge divulged nothing. Chancery Lane assured me St. Catherine's had a bigamist Marriage register. St. Catherine's denies all knowledge of it.

"There is one at Southport," they said. Southport denied all knowledge.

"We do have a list," they said, "but not much of one, and your names are not on it."

I feel sure there must be some record, somewhere, but can anyone please tell me where?

Mrs Mavis Sipple, 51, Eastwood Boulevard, Westcliff on Sea, Essex SSO OBY

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- 9/25 Heritage Book News. May 1994 - Family and local history books for sale in USA
- 9/26 The North-Easterner - A Guide to local and family history in the NE of England. Issue 1. 1994.
- 12/14 The British Isles Genealogical Register for Yorkshire (Big-R)
- 19/1 My Ancestors were Manorial Tenants. P.B. Park 1994 edn.
- 21/8 My Ancestors Moved in England and Wales. A.J. Camp 1994 edn. (Replaces "My Ancestor was a Migrant")
- 21/10 Lincolnshire convicts to Australia, Bermuda and Gibraltar -a study of two thousand convicts by C.L. Anderson 1993.
- 26/15 The Parishes, Registers and Registrars of Scotland. 1993 edn.
- 31/12 Sources of Shropshire Genealogy
- 31/15 Greater London Cemeteries and Crematoria. Revised by Clifford Webb. 1994
- 35/14 West Yorkshire History Newsletter
- 35/37/2 Sheffield Archives - List of accessions Nov. 1984-Mar.1993
- 36/4 Understanding the History and Records of Nonconformity: Patrick Palgrave Moore
- 36/11 My Ancestors were English Presbyterians / Unitarians: How can I find out more about them?
- 37/13 Yorkshire Strays - Canberra Australia
- 37/14 All people born in Staffs. Warwicks & Worcs in 1871:Wortley Census
- 37/15 Norfolk Strays No. 1. 1985
- 39/2 Reflections on our Rossington Family 1803-1992:Tim Rossington
- 39/45 Pedigrees - Habershon of Hansworth
- 39/52 Tyzack - List of 252 marriages found to date by Don Tyzack over period 1585-1893 (See article in "The Flowing Stream" Vol. 15. No. 3)
- 39/53 Descendant family tree of Abraham Beaumont of Dearshaw in High

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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

R851 Mr R.H. Dunford, 29 Oakwood Road East, Rotherham S60 3ER

HABERSHAW	Rotherham SYK	Pre1900
LAWRENCE	Rotherham SYK	Pre 1900
LAWRENCE	Stafford STS	Pre 1890
MELLOR	Rotherham SYK	1880-1900
MELLOR	Worcester WOR	Pre 1880
NEWY	Rotherham SYK	1880-1900
NEWY	Worcester WOR	1800-1900
REEVE(S)	Rotherham WRY	Pre 1900

1225 Mr & Mrs C. Rose, 53, Ellington Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9SX

CLINTON	Sheffield YKS	18-20C
PERRY	Sheffield YKS	18-20C
TANNOCK	Sheffield YKS	18-20C
WHITTON	Sheffield YKS	18-20C

1260 Mrs H.P. Ainsworth, 22, Latimer Drive, Bramcote Moor, Beeston, Nottingham

NG9 3HS

BEDNEY	Anywhere	Any time
ELLIS	Sheffield WRY	c1804
FREEMAN	Sheffield WRY	1860+
HALL	Swinefleet WRY	19C
MASON	Sheffield WRY	c1798
NORTON	Sheffield WRY	c1804
NEWHAM	Howden ERY	c1812
RAYNOR	Sheffield WRY	c1781
REED	Louth LIN	Pre 1851
REED	Sheffield WRY	1864+
RICHARDSON	Derby DBY	1801+
SUNDERLAND	Howden ERY	Pre 1812

1265 Mrs S.M. Holt, Wynburn, 26, Sunnybank Road, Greetland, Halifax HX4 8JP

BARLOW	Brightside Bierlow, Sheffield YKS	c1848+
RADCLIFFE	Wicker, Sheffield YKS	c1845

1267 Mrs S-J. Gee, 7, North Hill Gardens, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 2QR

GARLICK	Sheffield SYK	20C
GARLICK	WAR	19C
GARLICK	WOR	19C
HAWKES	Birmingham WAR	19C
MARKEY	Cheltenham GLS	19C
MARKEY	WAR	1873+

1221 Mr C.A. Fox, 38, Goore Road, Darnall, Sheffield S9 4GD

BURGESS	Leicester LEI	Pre 1935
BUTCHER	Sheffield YKS	c1880
FISHER	Sheffield YKS	c1880
FOX	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
FOX	Southwell NTT	Pre 1875
HOOTON	Southwell NTT	c1860
OLDALE	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
PENNINGTON	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
SEARLE	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
SELBY	Leicester LEI	Pre 1900
WILSON	Leicester LEI	Pre 1935

1269 Mrs Y.A. Moss, 8, Hillview Close, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. RG3 6YX

EMERY	Sheffield YKS	19C
EMERY	Bierlow, Sheffield YKS	19-20C
JACKSON	Bierlow, Sheffield YKS	19C
JACKSON	Belper DBY	19C
MOSS	Sheffield YKS	19C
MOSS	Macclesfield CHS	19C
MOSS	Liverpool LAN	19C
NEWETT	Sheffield YKS	19C
RAMSDEN	Sheffield YKS	19C
RAMSDEN	Bierlow, Sheffield YKS	19C

R855 Mr R. Parker, 14, Gerard Road, Wallasey, Wirral L45 6UH

ATHEY	Rotherham YKS	19C
ATHEY	Ravenfield YKS	18-19C
ATHIE	Rawmarsh & Rotherham YKS	L16C
ATHY	Thrybergh YKS	17-18C
ATHY	Darfield YKS	M17C

1234 Mrs S. Allen, 16, Swire Croft, Gargrave, Skipton, N. Yorks BD23 3SJ

AKRIGG	Anywhere	Anytime
HODGSON	Dent NRY	19C
MACHIN	Sheffield SYK	19C
MASON	Dent NRY	19C
RUTTER	Sheffield SYK	19C
WEBSTER	Sheffield SYK	19C

R859 Mrs J. Drysdale, 6, Mill Lane, Old Town, Swindon, Wilts SN1 4HG

BRITTON	Bristol GLS	18-19C
CAMPBELL	Reading BRK	Pre 1875
GICHARD	Rotherham YKS	18-19C
GUEST	Rotherham YKS	18-19C
GUMMER	Chard SOM	1600+
GUMMER	Lyme Regis DOR	1800+
GUMMER	Rotherham YKS	1840+
HEMINGWAY	Wakefield YKS	18-19C
KING	Nailsworth GLS	Pre 1870
NICHOL(L)S	Mangotsfield GLS	18-19C
RYALL	Millbrook CON	1800+
SHARP	Winterbourne GLS	18-19C

1218 Mrs G.M. Hallett, 9, Spa Drive, The Wells, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7LR

CLOWES	Burslem STS	Pre 1900
DRURY	Ashby LIN	Pre 1871
DRURY	Sheffield YKS	c1871
LAW	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1850
LEE	Boston YKS	Pre 1900
LEE	Bradford YKS	Pre 1900
LOW	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1850
NIDD	Anywhere LIN	Any time
PYE	Anywhere ENG	Pre 1850
ROBERTS	Liskeard CON	Pre 1850
SMITH	Bradford YKS	Pre 1860
SMITHSON	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1900

R857 Mr & Mrs W.K. Allen, 1, Hollin Close, Old Rossington, Doncaster DN11 0XX

ALLEN	Renishaw DBY	M19C
ALLEN	Alfreton DBY	E19C
BRIGHT	Sheffield YKS	19C
COLLEY	Darlaston STS	18C
GREEN	West Bromwich STS	L18C
McGEE	Liverpool LAN	E19C
PRATT	Dudley WOR	L18C
STYRING	Rotherham/Wickersley YKS	17C
TIMMINS	Tipton STS	L18C
TURTON	West Bromwich STS	18C
VARAH	Maltby/Wickersley YKS	18C
WOODHEAD	Elmton DBY	18C

R856 Mr J. Spacie, 17, Park View, Kiveton Park, Sheffield S31 8SE

BOWER	Sheffield SYK	L19C-E20C
BOWER	N. Derbyshire/Chesterfield DBY	L19C-E20C
SPACIE	Anywhere	Any time
LINACRE	Ecclesall Bierlow SYK	E19C

R861 Mr P. Day, 28, Sackville Gardens Knighton, Leicester LE2 3TH

BOOTH	Swinton	Pre 1970
BOOTH	Wath	Pre 1870
BOOTH	Mexborough	Pre 1870
DAY	Swinton	Pre 1970
DAY	Mexborough	Pre 1870
DAY	Wath	Pre 1870
RAWLIN	Swinton	Pre 1970
RAWLIN	Mexborough	Pre 1870

1266 Mr J.G. Roberts & Ms C. Thomas, 20, Heol-y-Llan, Barmouth, Gwynedd

LL42 1LD

OXLEY	Elsecar WRY	1850-1948
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1273 Mrs A. Godley, 91, Whitley View Road, Kimberworth, Rotherham S61 2HJ

BIRD	Sheffield WRY	19C/Any
GODLEY	Sheffield WRY	19C/Any
HARDCASTLE	Wath-on-Dearne WRY	1806+
HARDCASTLE	Sheffield WRY	1849+
HARDCASTLE	Barnsley WRY	Pre 1780
HOWSON	Sheffield WRY	1847+
HOWSON	Bradley DBY	Pre 1790
LAYCOCK	Ryther-Bradford ERY	Pre 1683
STOREY	Sheffield WRY	19C/Any
REVILL	Sheffield WRY	1867+
REVILL	Duckmanton DBY	1764+
REVILL	Clowne DBY	17-19C

1233 Mrs J. Glossop, 55, Greystones Close, Sheffield S11 7JT

GLOSSOP	Chesterfield DBY	pre 1730
GLOSSOP	Sutton-cum- Duckmanton DBY	Pre 1744
HEPWORTH	Mexborough YKS	Pre 1840
HESLING	Doncaster YKS	Pre 1840
HILL	Sheffield YKS	Pre 1840
MATE	Penistone YKS	Pre 1785
SALVIN	Elkesley NTT	Pre 1800

R858 Mrs C. Illingworth, 14, Bank Top Road, Brecks, Rotherham S65 3DY

CRAWSHAW	Hemsworth / Selby YKS	c1800
D'ARCY	Newark NTT	c1800
GRAY	Doncaster YKS	c1800
HARDY	Wakefield YKS	c1800
HOCKNEY	Doncaster YKS	c1800

- Flats Meeting, Penistone Parish, Yorkshire. 1994
- 39/54 Cadman Families, together with others including Harrison, Helliwell, Evans, Rose and Hodgkinson. By Mona Harrison. 1994
- 39/55 A Bagshaw Genealogy by Roy Newton. 1994
- 46/18 Programme Royal Opera Covent Garden 1897
- 46/23 Foreigners in Sheffield 1787-1914: Dr. G. Newton (1990)
- 46/25 British Parliamentary Papers: Industrial Revolution: Children's Employment, Sessions 1865-67 - Trades and Manufacturing

Microfiche

- M 47/7 Suffolk Members' Interests 1994
- M 47/3 Essex Society for Family Historians Handbook 1993-4 (2 fiche)
- M 48/2 Essex Family Historian Index. Issues 1-65
- M 48/3 Cornwall Family History A-Z
- M 1/2 Lincoln City Marriages 1813-1837
- M 21/1 Settlement Examination Kesteven Quarter Sessions 1700-1847
- M 37/1 Lincolnshire Strays Vols. 1-6
- N.B. Erratum. 22/11/8 King's New Brunswick Regt. (104th Foot)

SEARCHING FOR FRANK

Initially, the only thing known about Frank/Francis Fitzakerley was what little my father-in-law had told me; dad Fitz. was nine when his father Frank died, so memories were hazy and of little help.

Frank had "died in France", so, armed with this snippet, I wrote to the War Graves Commission, who "unearthed" two Fitzakerleys. One was indeed Frank, who was killed in action 29 July 1917 near Elverdinghe in Belgium (not France) and the other was Richard F. who died 28 April 1917 near Gavrelle between Arras and Douai in northern France.

To follow this up I took the train from Vlissingen to Ypres where I visited St. George's Chapel to see the Yorks. and Lincs. regiment's plaque. I continued the journey by bus from Ypres to Elverdinghe and started to walk the three kilometres to Canada Farm Cemetery, passing other cemeteries on the Elverdinghe-Poperinge road.

On arrival I took the memorial book which every cemetery has on the wall and saw that, until my arrival, no one had ever visited Frank's grave. It was rather sad to realise that in all probability funds had not been adequate for such trips. Nowadays Karin Fitzakerley-van Genderen, Frank's eldest great-grandchild does the honours on behalf of the family. The memorial book provided an address in Attercliffe where he had lived with his wife, our Grandma Green.

Not long after this trip I made my periodic visit to my widowed

mother-in-law in Sheffield and found more information. She had an old biscuit tin tucked away and in it I found Frank's marriage lines, giving his father's name as Richard and King George's letter of condolence to the widow.

The next port of call was the Ministry of Defence for Frank's service record which records him, incidentally as Francis. That record gave Frank's birthplace as Sunderland and provided an attestation of age - twenty nine years and nine months upon enlistment in August 1914. Frank's birth would, therefore, be around the last quarter of 1884.

Alas, at St. Catherine's House in London there was no registration of Frank/Francis so I noted all the births of Fitzakerleys between 1880-1885 in case I had missed a trick. Because he stated that he was born in Sunderland I contacted Durham Record Office. No Frank could be found.

Mr D. Smith of Sunderland (nothing to do with the R.O.) searched diligently on my behalf through the parish registers of Holy Trinity, Bishopswearmouth and Sunderland. He noted every (baptised) Fitzakerley in passing including Frank's sister, Sarah - but we did not knot that at this stage. By this time I was beginning to wonder what the skeleton could be if ever I found the cupboard!

The 1881 census showed no Richard Fitzakerley who could be a possible father to Frank, and, at that time, it was too early for the 1891 census. A friend spent her lunch breaks in St. Catherine's lifting all the Fitzakerley marriages relevant to the period in Sunderland and came up with Richard Fitzakerley and Mary Eleanor Taylor at St. Mark's Millfield, Sunderland. They married by licence on 15 April 1883, presumably because the bride already had two children as a 'single woman'.

So, back to Durham Record Office. As this couple were married at St. Mark's Millfield and likely candidates, could Frank have been baptised as their son in the same church? Yes! There he was, born 13 November 1884, baptised 3 December 1884 as Francis Taylor Fitzakerley, obviously named for his mother's family. At this stage Durham R.O. pointed out that St. Mark Millfield was originally part of Bishopswearmouth, St. Michael, which had been searched.

Another hurdle taken, but I still don't know why Frank's father left Sheffield to join his cousins in Sunderland, any more than why Frank himself went back to Sunderland to marry and live. If any reader supposes that I am home and dry, they are mistaken. A hundred years down the (Yorkshire) line - 1774 - I am again stuck, this time with Richard Fitzakerley. But that's another story.....

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Netherlands*

Ed's note. Mrs Willson-Fitzakerley has generously sent a copy of her history of the Fitzakerley family for our library. It is another example of the sort of account we should all try to write of our researches. Many thanks.

UNCLE FRED'S ELUSIVE MILLIONS

It must have been passed down through the family that somewhere in the past Fred was linked to the inheritance which had become known as "The Stockwell Millions". The millions, or whatever there may be, were the legacy of John (of) Stockwell, an eighteenth century businessman. The story that reached Fred must certainly have been exciting, because he embarked upon a genealogical search which was to change his life.

John Stockwell was certainly a very wealthy man of his time. His business interests included several estates around the South of London, including one at Stockwell, and he appears to have had an interest in shipping, because he is known to have subscribed to the construction of lighthouses.

In his will he left very detailed instructions. Besides describing in great detail the way he wished his funeral to be arranged, including descriptions of the regalia to be carried by the horses, the order of mourners in the procession and the route it should take, he set out his plans to establish a college for the benefit of the local community. It was to have an establishment including a choir, chaplain and various masters, and was to take in a certain number of young gentlemen from the poor of the area. In the case of John Stockwell not being able to set up the college before his death, it was stipulated that the sum of six thousand pounds was to be taken from his estates for the purpose, together with an annual amount for support. This would have been a vast amount in the mid eighteenth century, when a craftsman in London would have earned only £2 or £3 a week, and a labourer as little as 10s a week.

Uncle Fred must have been convinced that there was a good possibility of securing the Stockwell inheritance. He canvassed various members of his family, and was able to secure subscriptions to support his proposal to investigate the family history and to prove their legal inheritance. (We must assume that at this time, apparently around the 1920s, the inheritance was unclear and was being held in trust until a legitimate claim was made.) Fred set out in a horse drawn caravan to begin his tour of Britain in search of parish records and civil registers.

Presumably spending months or even years living on the goodwill of his subscribers, Fred was able to trace a family tree stretching from John Stockwell (1691) to the (then) present day, which included hundreds of descendants in different branches, who were presumably included because they were supporting the work and expected a share of the proceeds.

The sense of excitement in the family must have been considerable. When one of the relations was taken ill and was unable to work for a while, his wife wrote to Fred to see if they were close to getting the millions, as they were very short of money. Fred must have told a very convincing story.

This makes it all the more sad. As the reader may by now have guessed, after all his painstaking research, Fred was unable to secure the millions.

Presumably feeling somewhat disillusioned, many of Fred's sponsors were never to speak to him again. This must have been a double disappointment.

At this stage, we don't know any more about Fred or the Stockwell Millions. As there was presumably some publicity around at the time, probably other bids were made to secure the inheritance. After almost two hundred years, the will had still not been settled, and as time went by no doubt the claims became weaker.

The story as we have heard it is that the inheritance was not proven and ended up with the Crown. That is something that we hope to investigate, although our interest can only be fuelled by curiosity. It is sad to think that the will may never have been fulfilled. Was that college ever built?

In his will John Stockwell stated that his estates should not be divided, and should continue to pass onwards to the eldest male heir (in the usual way). So it would appear that even if he had been successful in establishing his inheritance, Fred would have been barred from dividing the estates among his patrons. They would never have been satisfied.

Fred and his cousins were only descended from John through younger sons and daughters, so John's possibly unintentional stipulation that the line of inheritance should pass through the male heir would seem to thwart any claim that Fred could make.

Another interesting stipulation in the will was that John's successor should take the name of Angell. Strangely, since we would expect that it would have been worthwhile to obey the will, no Angell appears in Fred's work, although he entitles some charts "Angell-Benedict Estate". Nowadays, Angell Town is a few streets in Stockwell, London SW9.

Despite his lack of popularity and the low regard his work must have met, some of Fred's hand drawn family trees have survived, amounting to some fourteen large sheets, each crammed with descendants, although the notes which presumably supported the legal claim do not appear to have survived. Fred traced the lineage from John Stockwell to (presumably) all his subscribers. These families were located in South Wales, Devizes, Dursley, Yorkshire and London, and include the names shown below.

Fred's work is very comprehensive, and clearly took a great deal of time and effort. We hope that some of the information may be of interest to family historians, and that some of that work may have been worthwhile.

Steve Childe, 31 Berrow Park Road, Peverell, Plymouth PL3 5PZ, UK

List of surnames in the work of Frederick Collier

Frederick Collier leaves us with fourteen sheets of family trees, which we have numbered and indexed. They have the advantage of showing all the children of a marriage, not only those in the direct line of inheritance. Since the trees are intended to show descendants of Stockwell, all other surnames appear by marriage and can only be traced back to the marriage. Sheet 4 is in

conflict with the others and is unfinished. It may have been abandoned as a mistake, but if so it is strange that it was kept. Sheet 12 is the only one to show any sources. An additional sheet, which we have not indexed, lists births and baptisms from 1643, marriages from 1664, and deaths and burials from 1650. Births are shown with forename only, the surname presumably being Stockwell. The latest date shown in any sheet is 1931. I would be happy to provide further details.

Surname	Century	Sheet	Surname	Century	Sheet
Bailey	19	1b, 5, 9	Hunt	18	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Baker	19	1b	Jeffries	19	3a
Bevan	19	3a	Jones	19	1a, 1d, 6, 10, 11, 14
Bigwood	19	1a, 4	Jones	20	1c, 6
Brown	20	3c	Kear	19	1d, 14
Clark	20	3a	King	19	1c, 12
Clements	18	1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Little	20	3c
Clemmant	18	4	Marney	20	1d
Collier	19	1c, 8, 12	Marsh	20	3c
Collings	19	3a	McCarthy	20	1a, 6
Cook	20	1b	Merchant	19	1a, 7
Davies	19	1d, 10, 13, 14	Merchant	20	6
Davies	20	1b	Musker	19	1d
Easthope	19	1b, 9	Nicholas	19	1a, 6, 7, 11
Edwards	19	1b	Nichols	18	1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Elliott	20	1b	Odder	17	4
Evans	20	3c	O'Berkeley	17	4, 5
Fielding	19	1b, 5, 6, 9	Padmore	20	3a
Garland	19	1a, 6	Parrott	20	1d
Gilbert	20	1a, 1d, 6, 10	Penhallurick	20	1b
Handcock	17	1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Perkins	19	3a
Harries	19	14	Pollard	20	1a, 6
Harries	20	1b, 13	Sheppard	19	3c
Hawkins	19	1c	Slade	19	1d, 13, 14
Hayman	20	1d	Sloper	19	1c, 3c, 6, 8, 12
Hayter	19	1b, 5, 9	Smeatham	19	1a, 4
Hayward	20	3c	Smith	19	3c
Higgins	19	6	Stockwell	17	1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Higgins	20	1a	Stockwell	18	1, 6
Hopkins	20	1b, 5	Stockwell	19	1d
Huish	19	1a, 3a, 6			
Huish	20	3a			

Summers	20 3c	Watkins	20 1c
Thomas	19 1d, 10, 13, 14	Watts	20 1d
Thomas	20 3d	Webber	20 3c
Tiltman	20 3d	White	19 3a
Trueman	19 1a, 3a, 4, 6, 7, 11	Williams	19 1d, 13, 14
Trueman	20 3a	Wilshire	18 4
Tutton	20 3a	Woods	19 1c

More of Fred's work?

Together in the bundle with Frederick Collier's sheets were some family trees relating to Wellow (?) and Dead Mill, Swainswick, Bath. These are less well presented, possibly by a different hand, or perhaps they are rough work. They show the Scudamore/Skidmore and Lansdowne lines, including the following surnames.

Surname	Century	Sheet		
Bull	16	1r, 2	Rich	19 2r
Chute	19	2	Rider	19 2, 2r
Griffin	18	2, 2r, 3	Scudamore	17 2, 3
Lansdowne	17	1	Scudamore	18 2, 2r
Lansdowne	18	1	Scudamore	19 2
Lansdowne	19	1	Skidmore	16 1, 2
Pickeringe	17	2	Skidmore	17 1
Pilbrow	19	1	Townshend	19 1
Porter	18	2, 2r	Young	19 1
Powney	18	2, 2r		

WORLD CHAMPION CHORISTERS

Just imagine five brothers all choristers at the same time at Norton St. James' Church! Not only that, these boys took part in a competition for five treble singers in 1906 and won the world championship! They were the sons of my grandfather Joseph William Murfin Shaw who was sexton at the church for more than forty years, during the rectorship of the Rev. G.W. Hall. By trade Joseph had a smithy in Norton about 1885. The boys' names were Bert, Arthur, Bill, Walter and Stanley (my father). In later life Bert was awarded an annuity bequeathed by the famous sculptor Chantry for promising artists.

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The Family, Occupation and Social Stratification

This is the title of a major research project that we are carrying out with funding from the Economic and Social Research Council. Its aim is to use information on family histories to help understand much more about the nature of the social order - and the ways in which people and families moved about or stayed put in it - in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The variety of sayings concerned with this issue indicate its enduring interest. 'A self-made man' or 'rags-to-riches' suggest dramatic upward movement, 'clogs to clogs in three generations' that moving up in the social world is only temporary as far as the family is concerned. On the other hand, 'born with a silver spoon in your mouth' or 'following in father's footsteps' suggest that a stable position in the social order may have been relatively common. Family historians all have their own examples of different patterns, but it is difficult to know how typical these were.

'Every individual of each class is constantly striving to raise himself in the social scale': a familiar-sounding sentiment to-day, but actually expressed by Lord Palmerston in 1850. Very little is known about the reality, throughout society as a whole, behind such a belief. On examination, even the question of what constitutes a rise in the social scale is more complex than it at first appears. (It is one that we hope to tackle in an innovative way through an analysis of marriage patterns - one way in which we intend to put more emphasis on the role of women than has usually been the case.) Family histories provide an extremely rich source of information for looking at these issues, but they have been largely neglected until now. It would be prohibitively expensive to try to collect such data on a large scale independently. We are therefore appealing to family historians (those who are members of family history societies in England and Wales) to share the information that they have. In return, we shall do all we can to publicise our results and to feed them back in a digestible form.

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WORTLEY INHABITANTS 1809
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824	Joseph - child	858	Susan - child
825	Thomas - child	859	John - child
826	Jonathan - child	860	Joshua - child
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828	George - child	862	Ann - child
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930	Ann - wife	864	Elizabeth Burges
931	Joseph - child	865	Sarah Rhobuck
932	Charles - child	866	Benj. Kitson
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835	Hanah Ward - inmate	868	John Pearson, Ju ^r .
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837	Ann - child	<i>10 names overcounted</i>	
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839	William - child	George - child	
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840	John Batty	Samuel - child	
841	Elizabeth do	Elizabeth - child	
842	Mary - child	Sarah Steward, servant	
843	Sarah - child	Widow Inglinworth	
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844	Joseph Askew	William - child	
845	Rebeckah -	Joshua - child	
846	Mary - child	Joseph - child	
847	Joseph - child	Susan - child	
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848	John Batty	164	Householders (<i>can't work this out</i>)
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A MARINER FROM SHEFFIELD

Researching James French Foulds

What I knew

He was born in Sheffield in 1851. He married, as his second wife, my mother's sister, Rachel Ethel George. Born 29 October 1881 at 157, Kirkwood Road, Peckham, she was thirty years his junior.

He brought to the marriage three children by his first wife, Violet, Ernest and Vera Foulds. He had been a Merchant Navy Captain under sail. Retired, he and Rachel Ethel ran the York Hotel in Bexhill, Sussex. Violet Foulds eloped with Frank Rogers, son of a well-off Bexhill builder. About 1914, they had a son, Basil Rogers. Frank Rogers was killed on the railway and Rachel Ethel Foulds brought up Basil Rogers with her own son.

On 8 April 1916, a son, Charles Leonard Foulds was born to James French and Rachel Ethel Foulds. But family hearsay said that she had suffered several miscarriages before that. By 1924 Jim and Ethel had parted. Ethel died in 1931 and Jim in 1939. I had kept in touch with my cousin Charles Foulds after his mother's death. He emigrated to South Africa but he knew little about his father.

What I did

With this somewhat meagre fund of knowledge I sought the birth certificate of James French Foulds. It was not to be found. Neither could I find his marriage to Rachel Ethel George. I decided to approach the problem through his sea service. Lloyd's register of Shipping at the Guildhall Library supplied the names of all the ships of which he had been Master, and his number, 014711. Next, I enquired of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich if there was any information on James French Foulds. Back came a tube of documents (at a very modest cost).

I received

Certificate of Competency as Second Mate dated 18 October 1884

Certificate of Competency as First Mate dated 31 May 1886

A sworn statement by James French Foulds made at Thames Police Court on 15 October 1884: *I, James F. Foulds of 3, East Ferry Road, Cubitt Town do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I served as a boy in the barque Naomi of Liverpool from May 18 1867 to May 18 1868 in the name of James F. Wragg.*

A sworn statement made before Skelton Cole, J.P. in Sheffield, on 16 October 1884: *I, Joseph Foulds of Highnam Crescent Road, razor case manufacturer, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am the uncle of James F. Foulds of 3, East Ferry Road, Cubitt Town, London, and that the said James F. Foulds was born in Sheffield and worked with his father up to the year 1867 when he went to serve as a sailor, that, during the twelve months from May 1867 to May 1868 I received one or two letters from him signed in the name of*

James F. Wragg and dated from the barque "Naomi".

A document from the Register & Record Office of Shipping and Seamen dated 15 September 1884 and stating: *This is to certify that James Foulds (about 22 years of age in 1874) appears by the Records in this Office to have served on board "England's Glory" 751 tons as apprentice 29 August 1874 to 17 March 1875 when he is reported to have deserted at Sydney, N.S.W.*

Next

I joined Sheffield and District Family History Society. I was still seeking a James French Foulds since I had concluded that he had changed his name to Wragg when he went to sea and then, for some reason, changed back to Foulds.

I was contacted by Stuart Foulds. He was the grandson of Joseph Foulds who was the only son of James Foulds and his wife Mary French. Here was a link with the name French. Stuart knew of the existence of James French Foulds but not his parentage, except that his father was William.

I felt sure that James French Foulds must be the son of one of Joseph's siblings. After all, he had described himself as his uncle. But Joseph had no brothers. He had two elder sisters, Mary and Eliza, aged 21 and 17 in 1751 and three younger sisters who were only children at that time.

Stuart then produced the marriage of Mary Foulds, elder sister to Joseph. On 3 February 1851, at St. Mary's Church, Sheffield, Mary Foulds aged 21 married William Wragg aged 22, table blade forger. Both gave their address as Court 1, Pitt Lane. And, I now have the birth certificate of James Wragg, born 16 December 1851, father William Wragg, table blade forger, mother Mary Wragg formerly Foulds, born at Pitt Lane.

The question remains: why did he change his name?

What I intend to do

I now have a new line to research: the Wraggs of Sheffield, and, possibly Dronfield. Also I need to go to Kew to study the records of our hero's ships (there were many).

I would also like to know more of his first wife. It is believed that she was Violet Laurie (an opera singer) but no record of this marriage has been found, nor of the births of their three children. Possibly they were married abroad. (Australia?)

His second marriage to Rachel Ethel George took place on 12 May 1905 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Camberwell. The witnesses were Ethel's elder brother, Thomas Albert George and her mother, Jane George.

I would like to record my thanks to Roy Bullen, Sheffield Family History Society, to Mrs E. Wilkinson, Broomfield Local History Society, to the Greenwich Museum and to Stuart Foulds.

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THE LORD WHARTON BIBLE

Family Bibles come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, but I knew, when Gran gave it into my keeping, that this one was special. It is quite small, only five and a half inches by seven and a half, but it is bound in leather with splendid brass clasps to hold it firmly closed. The clasps and the leather binding show signs of regular but careful use.

Most important, though, is the legend embossed on the leather of the front;

The Gift of Philip, Lord Wharton
distributed by his Lordship's Trustees
1841

A printed paper has been pasted inside the front cover, which says:

"Lord Wharton having directed that the name and age of the children to whom the Bibles are given, shall be wrote in the Book: the Trustees require it to be so done; and the child, before it shall receive, or be entitled to receive, the Book, shall be taught to read, and be able to say by heart the Catechism, and some of the prayers herewith sent, according to the Establishment of the Church of England, as well as the 1st, 15th, 25th, 37th, 101st, 113th and 145 th Psalms."

(Amelia Fox must have had a much better memory than her Great Granddaughter as I am sure I could never memorise all those psalms!)

In manuscript, above the printed paper, is written:

Amelia Fox Aged 10 years
Pitsmoor National School
Dec 16 1841

I have confirmation of this schooling in a stitchery sampler Amelia made whilst a pupil at Pitsmoor National School. (I must look further into this when next I visit Sheffield as I believe the school was "boys only" in 1851 when she did the embroidery.)

So, who was this Lord Wharton who gave beautiful Bibles to children who were prepared to learn by heart many psalms and prayers? I wrote to the Librarian in Sheffield to ask if there were any records of the Charity and was surprised that little was known. The researcher worked hard though and sent me a photocopy of the only record she could find.

Endowed Charities 1897

The Fourth Volume, dated 8th July 1820, of the Reports of the Commissioners..... contains at page 467..... a report on this Charity, of which the following is the substance, so far as it relates to the Parish of Sheffield:

Philip Lord Wharton, by instruction in writing, bearing date the 24th April 1693 directed:

1st. That 1,050 Bibles, with the singing psalms bound up therewith, should be yearly provided, of the English translation, published by authority, in a large duodecimo; each Bible not exceeding 2s 6d in price, or as near thereabouts as could be bought.

2nd. That the like number of catechisms should be yearly provided.

3rd. That an inscription by a stamp should be on the middle of the outside cover of each book, with these words "By the will of Philip Lord Wharton".

4th. That there should be a printed paper pasted inside the Bibles, to this effect, "These reading psalms in the English translation in the Bible, are to be learnt without book, by the child to whom this book is given, namely; 1st, 15th, 25th, 37th, 101st, 113th, 145th."

5th. The said 1,050 catechisms to be delivered about the second or third Tuesday in July.

6th. The said books to be delivered out yearly to such children who can read, of poor people of good report, in the cities, towns, or places thereafter appointed. A catechism to be delivered to each child in July, and a Bible in October following.

7th. That the name of each child be written in the books when given.

8th. That at the delivery of the said Bibles, notice be given, that in October following, the children must produce their Bibles at a place appointed, and that a reward of 12d. be given to the parent of each child giving the best account of his or her improvement in reading the Bible, and repeating the catechism and the said psalms

9th. That the Bibles and catechisms should be delivered to poor children in certain designated places, among which was Sheffield, to which 50 were to be delivered:

The report goes on to instruct that sermons should be preached on the day of the delivery of the Bibles, so Amelia and her friend seem to have been required to sit and listen to a very long sermon on "to discover and prove to the people the truth, usefulness, sufficiency and excellence of the Holy Scriptures and the people's right to have them fully in their own language; and also their duty to read, study, and search the scriptures, and take them for their only unerring rule of faith, worship, and manners." I do hope they had some sort of a party afterwards, but suppose in reality all they could expect would be a clean pinafore.

I shall never know if young Amelia earned her twelve pence the following year. I do hope she did. To an eleven-year-old in 1842 it would be un-dreamed-of wealth, but I like to think of her father encouraging her, for whatever motives.

Philip, Lord Wharton little knew of the pleasure his gift has brought to five generations. Yes, five, as my sons and daughters all enjoy and respect his gift to an Amelia he never knew.

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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: POPULATION MIGRATION IN BRITAIN SINCE c1750

All family historians know that in the past many people were highly mobile. Tracing ancestors from place to place is one of the major difficulties of family history. Many family historians have also invested great deal of effort in trying to trace the migration paths of their ancestors. However, they may know much less about how the experiences of their family compare with those of others. Academic study of population migration in the past is often frustrated by a lack of detailed evidence. The work of family historians can go some way towards filling in the gaps.

During 1991 we began an academic research project which uses detailed evidence collected by family historians. Information about the project was sent to all members of the family History Societies for Cumbria and Lancashire via their newsletters. Data on residential change was collected including reasons for moves, companions during migration and job changes after migration. The project is now continuing with a national study based on all family history societies in Britain.*

The data set collected from Lancashire and Cumbria consists of information on 1,500 individuals who made a total of 5,921 residential moves. There is thus an average of 3.95 moves per person, although 3.9 per cent of the sample never moved. Birth dates of individuals for whom information is available range from the eighteenth to the twentieth centuries, with 20.3 per cent born before 1800, 39.5 per cent born 1800-49, 31.3 per cent born 1850-99 and 8.9 per cent born in the twentieth century. 35.4 per cent of individuals for whom residential histories are available are female, and information is drawn from a wide range of occupational and social groups.

Although mobility was common, most movement was relatively short distance. Some two thirds of all moves were within North-West England, but a substantial minority of people undertook longer moves. London was the most important destination outside the North West, accounting for 2.4 per cent of destinations. the average distances moved were 109 kms for men and 89 kms for women, with mean distances moved increasing steadily from only 59 kms before 1800 to 137 kms after 1900. This clearly reflects increasing transport opportunities and rising living standards, especially after the mid-nineteenth century. Although cities such as Liverpool and Manchester attracted substantial numbers of migrants, movement to large towns did not dominate the migration system. In a predominantly rural area, most people moved between villages and small towns. Many moves were of a circulatory nature within a well-defined area.

Moves related to employment opportunities were most common, but moves on marriage, and for family or housing reasons also occurred regularly.

Female migrants were more likely than men to move on marriage or for family-related reasons, probably reflecting greater female responsibilities for caring within the family network. This may in turn have constrained migration opportunities for women. Over time the dominance of work-related moves diminished, and by the twentieth century a higher proportion of moves were undertaken for housing and family reasons or on retirement. This reflects a growing range of opportunities in the twentieth century as people could more easily move to suit their aspirations and requirements.

This brief paper only scratches the surface of the wealth of information emerging from the project. Data collected by family historians is clearly of great value for the study of population migration. The nation-wide study currently being undertaken will allow North-West England to be compared with other parts of the country.

* If you are interested in participating in the research please contact the authors at the Department of Geography, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YB. We are very keen to receive more offers of help from family historians who can provide detailed information about the residential history of their ancestors.

Colin G. Pooley and Jean Turnbull

BOOK LIST

Memories of a Sheffield Toolmaker by Iles Ashley Mendham NJ USA: Astragal Press 1993. ISBN 1 879335 41 7 Price £11.25.

This is really two stories. One is of a boy from a working class family who apprenticed to the patternmaking trade during the depression. He finally worked his way into his own edge-tool business and after a long struggle to establish himself, became an important maker and world-wide distributor of quality turning and carving tools.

The other is of the Sheffield hand-trades in the final years before their demise, when they had still changed little from Victorian Times.

Sheffield in the 1930's by Peter Harvey. Sheaf Publishing 1993. Price £6.50. For Sheffield the 1930's were predominantly a time of gloom and depression. Peter Harvey has collected together a set of photographs which show that Sheffield has both changed immeasurably and yet, in places remains as it was sixty years ago.

High Green in the 1920's by Stanley Ellam. Published by High Green Archive. Price £2.25 inc postage from Joan Jones, 4, Kirkstead Mews, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham S61 2UZ.

This is a recollection by Stanley Ellam, born in the village in 1913 . The first part is a general account of the village and the second is virtually a house by house tour with graphic details of people who lived in the village at the time. There is a double page map of High Green in the 1920's together with entries from the 1923 Kelly's directory.

Information about the above books is from Sheffield History Reporter

Gasworker ancestors: how to find out more about them. A guide to genealogical sources for the British gas industry by David Loverseed.

Price £4.50 plus 50p p&p from DCS, 48, Flowery Field, Woodsmoor, Stockport, SK2 7ED. Cheques made payable to J.R. Loverseed.

In the hey-day of gas production by carbonisation of coal there were upwards of 150,000 people employed in the gas industry, and alive today there must be some eight million adult descendants of those men (and a few women) who earned their living stoking retorts, laying mains and fitting up - or by promoting and managing the undertakings. This, and the current popularity of family history, explains why archives receive so many enquiries from folk wanting to learn more about their gasworker ancestors.

It is not an easy task to research these details if you are unfamiliar with the types of record available and what they might contain -and quite impossible if you do not know their whereabouts. The author (a retired Gas Engineer, volunteer assistant at the Howard Greenfield Archive of British Gas plc - and a family historian with gasworker ancestors back to the 1840s) has made available just this information.

Covered are individual undertaking records (minute books, account books, annual reports, employment records, fidelity bonds, share registers, service tenancies, leases and conveyances, contracts, mains laid records, accident books, employee magazines, inter-undertaking surveys, inaugural brochures, press cuttings, etc) statutes and official returns, directories, engineering institutions, trade and local press, trade unions, census returns, local authority records, patents, published biographies and histories of gas undertakings, and the gasworkers index. There is guidance as to what these records contain and where they might be found, with addresses of gas industry museums and archives, and other museums, archives and record offices with gas holdings, and of gas-historical societies which might be able to assist with research for gasworker ancestors. Also included is a brief history of the gas industry, a list of gas industry occupations and a table of typical wages at twenty year intervals from 1820 to 1940.

A Directory of London photographers 1841-1908 by Michael Pritchard FRPS
Published by Photo Research, 1994. ISBN 0 9523011 0 5. Price £14.95.

This new edition of a directory first published in 1986 lists over 2500

photographers with their changes of name, addresses and dates. It will be useful to anyone trying to date photographs produced by London studios. The general history of photography is described with London being looked at in detail. The bulk of the book is made up of the listing of London studios, their addresses, dates of occupation and a brief history of selected firms.

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Obituaries found in the "Gentleman's Magazine for 1830

February 1830 Lately. Death at Sheffield aged 105 of Dorothy Jones. She was the Mother of 11 sons, all of whom fell in the service of their country, 9 in the army and 2 in the navy.

March 1830 February 29th. At the house of her brother, Dr. Knight of Sheffield - Miss Knight.

August 1830 Lately. Age 24, Mr George Atkinson, surgeon of Sheffield. he was one of the earliest pupils in the medical classes of the London University and received the Gold and Silver medals (the first which the University awarded) at his closing examination.

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