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## FUTURE PROGRAMME

### 1995 Programme

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

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

Mon. 15 May **Evening Visit to Totley.** (Includes some walking)  
Meet at 7 pm at Cross Scythes bus terminus

### ROTHERHAM BRANCH MEETINGS

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

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

**LONDON Tuesday 9 May 1995. Cost £14\***

An opportunity for those who wish to do further research in St. Catherine's House, Chancery Lane or Somerset House AND an opportunity for other members or members' family and friends, to visit other venues in London: The Tower of London, Madame Tussaud's, Museums, Art Galleries, Harrods and/or Oxford Street for shopping.

#### *Itinerary*

7.00 am Leave ROTHERHAM (Corporation St. Bingo Hall) \*\*\*

7.30 am Leave SHEFFIELD (Paternoster Row)

c 11.30 am Arrive St. CATHERINE'S HOUSE, Aldwych.

4.45 pm Leave St. Catherine's House, Aldwych.

8.45 / 9.00 pm Arrive Sheffield (Paternoster Row)

9.15 / 9.30 pm Arrive Rotherham (Corporation St, Bingo Hall)

\*\*\* When booking please indicate clearly if you wish to be picked up in Rotherham. Thank you.

#### TO BOOK:

Telephone 240 2727 Sue Graves (Mon-Fri after 8 pm)

Cheques payable to Sheffield and District FHS (Coach Trips).

Send to Sue Graves, 57a Fircroft Ave, Sheffield S5 0SB

**PLEASE NOTE:**\* The above price is very competitive. National Express day return is £20 and B.R.'s Apex fare is £24.

At least 30 passengers are needed for the trip to run.

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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 £8 (and £10 for joint membership-only one journal); £8 overseas surface mail and £10 overseas airmail.

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### ROTHERHAM BRANCH

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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The Society is a member of the Federation of Family History Societies. Contributions and letters for publication should be sent to the Editor. All other correspondence on Society matters should be sent to the Secretary. Contributors are reminded that articles and material submitted for publication should not be subject to Copyright.

## EDITORIAL

Our society is justifiably proud of its achievements in the indexing of census returns. Indexes to the 1841, 1851 and 1871 censuses have been available for several years. (They have not, however, been published in booklet or microfiche form as we are doing with the 1861 census.) In co-operation with the Mormon Church the indexes were put on to microfiche. They are not available for sale but may be consulted, together with other indexes we have made, and various other records pertaining to the Sheffield area, at Mormon Family History Centres as well as at Sheffield Archives.

Another research tool of great potential value is the Federation's News and Digest magazine, published twice a year. The centre pages contain details of useful articles that have been published in member societies' journals. They are listed by subject so that full details of them can be noted and the article in question located either through the publishing society or through the vast collection of journals in our Society library.

Members are reminded that the Members' Interests Index held by Angela Kendrick continues to grow. Please make sure that your surname interests are registered and kept up-to-date. Full details can be found at the back of Volume 15, No. 1.

May I also remind you that there is still a large selection of back copies of "The Flowing Stream" for sale at 25p each plus postage. They contain lots of information that is just as valid now as when it was first printed.

Thank you to all who sent in copy for this and future journals.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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Mr J.R. Milner

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Yorkshire Consortium of Family History Societies, London Group**

This group had its inaugural meeting in October 1994 at the Society of Genealogists. Membership is open to any member of a Yorkshire Family History Society. The 1995 programme so far arranged is as follows:

4 Mar. "Yorkshire Research at the PRO" by Marjorie Moore.

17 Jun. "Problem Solving especially in the North" by Andrew Todd.

2 Sep. "Yorkshire Wills" by Gill Briscoe.

Meetings are from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at the Society of Genealogists,  
14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1

For further information please send an SAE to Mrs E, Craig, 104a, Roman Road, Basingstoke, RG23 8HD

### **Parochial Fees**

Where Parish Registers are held by the parish the cost of having a search made in a register is £11 for the first hour (inclusive of one copy of an entry in certain registers) and for each subsequent hour or part of an hour £9.

### **Marsden Family History**

Mr John Marsden, 3, Hesketh Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 5AA is making a one-name study of the Marsden surname. He would like to hear from anyone with the same research interest. So far he has produced two editions of a newsletter, the Marsden Family History News.

### **National Fairground Archive**

This has been recently inaugurated and is to be held at Sheffield University. For further details please contact Vanessa Toulmin, University Centre for English Culture, University of Sheffield, Sheffield.

### **Day and Residential Courses**

The following courses are being run by the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, 79-82, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA. Please contact them at the above address for further details.

- 8 Apr. 1995 "Tinker, Tailor,..." An introduction to the range of family history material that can be gleaned from the records of our ancestors' occupations.
- 24 Jun. 1995 "The Parish Chest" An introduction to the wide range of local material that may exist.
- 9 Sep. 1995 "Manorial Records" An introduction to a valuable and under used resource.
- 24-28 Jul. 1995 "Beginners Residential Course"
- 10-12 Nov. 1995 "Heraldry"

### **New Readers' Tickets at the PRO**

The Public Record Office's new document ordering system, The Records information System (RIS), is now in service. As a result all existing readers' tickets are being replaced with the new RIS compatible tickets. These tickets, which are bar-coded, are essential for access to the reading rooms through the security barriers both at Kew and Chancery Lane and, of course, for ordering documents. Readers only wanting to visit the Census Rooms will, as at present, not need a new ticket.

Tickets are available at both sites. Please bring some form of identity, such as a driving licence or banker's card, when you next visit the PRO. For security reasons readers' ticket cannot be sent out by post.

## Scrapbook of Sheffield Servicemen

Mrs Christine Grayson-Toms, Hollyhock Cottage, 6, Hall Road, Lavenham, Nr. Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9QU has in her possession a scrapbook of Sheffield Servicemen mentioned in the press during the Great War. It was made by her uncle. She is willing to copy information for researchers. Photos appear with most of the cuttings. Please send SAE and 12p per copy. The following names appear in the scrapbook:

Adlington, E.M; Appleby, Charles; Atkin, George Ronald; Ball, Albert; Barber, Maurice; Barber, Reginald; Belbin, Eric; Bennett, Ernest; Biggin, George; Bingham, J.E.; Birks, Norman, A.; Brown, Edward F.M.; Brailsford, W.; Buckley, A.; Bunting, W.T.; Byng, Sir Julian; Carpenter, Edward; Caudwell, Thord; Chatterton, R.; Chisholm, Douglas Wilson; Cliff, Frank Pearce; Coggan, H.; Cole, Alan; Coombe, Leslie J.; Cotterill, Eric Seton; Critchley, J.T.; Crosse, Ernest; Crosse, Francis; Dale, Eric E.; Davidson, G.S.; Durnan, Edward; Evans, H.J.; Eyre, G.; Forsdike, Leonard; Furniss Arnold E.; Furniss Arthur S.; Furniss, C.F.; Fyffe, John James; Gallimore, H.B.; Garner, J.; Gibson, Bernard E.; Green, William Ernest; Gummer, Capt. S.; Hall, John Gilbert; Hall, T.K. Donald; Hellier, Lieut.; Hinckley, Douglas Roy; Hodgkinson, Percy; Holmes, George; Honer, D.J.; Horrax, L.A.; Howe, Philip; Howson, T.; Inman, Kingsley; Irons, William Morley; Jackson, C. of Dronfield; Jackson, C.H., son of W.F. Jackson; Jackson, Herbert; Jackson, Raymund W.; Kirk, Leslie Christiern; Kirkby, L.; Liddle, H.W.; Marden Beeby, W.S.; Marples, Geoffrey; Marrison, J.W.; Marvin, E.M.; Mastin, F.; Maude, Sir Stanley; Mawhood, Claude G.; Meek, A.; Milner, A.; Mole, H.V.; Nash, J.; Neal, John; Oakes, Sydney; Padley, W.; Palliser, J.S.; Parsons, George E.; Parsons, Harold; Payne, Sydney A.; Peach, Mrs. Edith (Abbeydale Red Cross); Perkins C.; Robinson, Bernard Oates; Rush, B.; Skeggs, R.O.; Smith, Capt. S.F.; Stables, G.; Staniforth, Maurice E.; Stevenson, J.W.; Stubbs, Walter R.; Summerfield, H.; Sylvester, Bertie Shaw (wedding); Talent, Walter; Taylor, W.P.; Tilsley, H.; Tirebuck, G.L.; Turner, F.H.; Turner, H.; Tyzack, Lt. Eric; Vickers, C.G.; Wall, Sgt. Maj.; Ward, William; Warmsley, Frank W.; Whitworth Davidson; John; Wild, A.S.; Williams, C.H.; Williams, Evan; Williams, G.J.; Wilson, W.; Wright, J.H.; Wright, J.W.

## Yorkshire Interest Group, Canberra, Australia

The Yorkshire Interest Group Canberra is based in Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory, Australia, but has Australian-wide membership. It is an informal, non-profit-making, independent support group whose members have a common interest not only in researching their own Yorkshire family connections but also in assisting others to do likewise. The Group maintains a Yorkshire Persons of Interest Register and has sent us a copy for our library. It contains over 1,000 full names of people in whom someone in Australia has a special interest together with details of dates, locality and general notes on each person. Please look through the booklet in our library as members of the group would be pleased to establish links with fellow researchers here.

### **The Sheffield History Reporter**

From time to time the journal includes information from the above publication. This leaflet is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September and November. It is available by post at a cost of £1.50 yearly (this charge is for post and packing only - the magazine is free). To receive it send your name and address plus a cheque for £1.50 payable to Sheffield City Council, to Mick Spick, Development Officer, Local Studies Library, Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 2XZ.

### **The Plug Riots in Blackburn**

The Blackburn Civic Society in conjunction with Blackburn Borough Council have recently installed a commemorative plaque near the site where the Blackburn Plug Riots reached their height in 1842. The Plaque reads:  
HERE ON DARWEN STREET ON 15th AUGUST 1842 TEXTILE WORKERS PROTESTING AGAINST WAGE CUTS IN THE FAMOUS 'PLUG PLOT' WERE FIRED UPON BY TROOPS OF THE 72nd REGIMENT: UP TO 3 OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN KILLED.

As a result of background research for this by Borough Councillor Tony Humphrys, it has come to light that four rioters were deported to Australia after being tried for riotous behaviour and causing a felony. The Borough Council would like to hear from any of the descendants of the four, or anyone who can give information about them. They were: Robert Swindlehurst, James Pickering, John Knowles and Catherine Grundy. If anyone has any information please contact Lindsey Macdonald, Public Relations Unit, Borough of Blackburn, Town Hall, Blackburn, Lancs. BB1 7DY

### **Funeral Cards**

Alan Whitworth has a collection of funeral cards, mainly 19th century and mainly from Avon, Devon, Gloucester, Manchester, north and west Yorkshire and areas of mid and south Wales. He has produced an index to these items, containing names, dates of death, place of burial, plus other incidental information; a number of items of special interest are illustrated. The index costs £3.50 to cover photocopying and postage (cheques payable to A. Whitworth) and is obtainable from Mr Whitworth at Linden, 10, The Carrs, Sleights, Whitby, N. Yorks. YO21 1RR

### **Sheffield Newspaper**

Overseas members sometimes wish to put an advertisement into a Sheffield newspaper. For their information the local paper, The Star, is published each evening. The address of the newspaper office is The Star, York Street, Sheffield S1 1PU.

### **Derry Genealogy Centre Update**

The centre's database now has about 600,000 records dedicated to County Derry and the Inishowan Peninsula, County Donegal. Details of the records indexed have been deposited in the Society library.

### **Quaker Family History Society**

Further details of the above newly formed society can be obtained from Michael Gandy, 3, Church Crescent, Whetstone, London N20 0JR.

### **Coventry Family History Society**

The Coventry Family History Society has been formed. Further information is available from Mrs Jane Cobbett, 8, Handcross Grove, Coventry CV3 6DZ.

### **A Guide to West Derby's Enumeration Districts in the 1851 Census.**

Liverpool was Britain's second largest city in 1851 with about half its population living in the West Derby registration district. West Derby's 1851 census has yet to be indexed, thus making it difficult to use for much local and family history research. The Guide will be an invaluable aid to family and local historians trying to find their way around the 1851 census for the densely populated areas of Everton, Toxteth and Bootle, as well as Liverpool's rural fringes.

The main text describes in detail the topography of each of West Derby's 194 enumeration districts, together with the enumerator's name, the population and full Public Record Office reference. In addition there are comprehensive street and enumerator indexes.

The booklet is available from the author, Peter B. Park at 25, Harvey Rd. Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 2PZ. Price £4.50 + 50p p&p. Sterling only.

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## **FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Certificate of Scottish Family History Studies**

Stirling University is offering this one-year course which is designed to provide opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge of research in Scottish ancestry and to develop skills in professional research. It will consist of a one week summer school at Stirling University in late July/August, followed by a series of distance learning packages and a 3-day research workshop in Edinburgh in March/April 1996. Assessment will be based on the

assignments given out with the distance learning packages and on the final research project. Special arrangements will be made for students from overseas who cannot attend the 3-day workshop.

For further details contact: Professor Arnold Morrison, 4, Victoria Place, Stirling FK8 2QX

### **Yorkshire Strays**

For the past six years I have been doing the job of Yorkshire Strays Co-ordinator for the Federation of Family History Societies and now feel it is time to hand over to someone new.

The Yorkshire Strays are handed out in April and September to coincide with the twice yearly conferences. I then type and index them, and have them checked by Mrs Pauline Littón. They are then fiched and distributed free to Yorkshire Federation Societies and for sale to individuals.

If no-one is willing to take on this task the system will revert to pre-1989, and each bundle will be sent to societies in turn for them to extract their relevant slips and publicize as they wish. This system was not very efficient and each bundle took many years to circulate around societies.

This job is one that could be done by a distant member and takes a couple of hours per week. I am willing to continue as a contact for distribution and fiching if I receive ready typed and checked hard copy.

Anyone interested in taking on this post should contact me on 01709 760167 or write to 33, Beech Road, Wath-upon-Dearne, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S63 7AN.

*Joan Grundy*

### **Emigrants to New Zealand**

Mr John Tourelle, 50 Bantry Street, Alexandra, New Zealand writes a column for the Southland Times called Tracing Your Heritage. The monthly column offers a free enquiry to people trying to trace ancestors or descendants and could be used to track down relations who emigrated to New Zealand. The Southland Times is a daily newspaper covering the area Otago and Southland but has a wide readership. Providing that enquiries are limited to 80 words and enclose 2 IRCs, Mr Tourelle will endeavour to include them in his column when space permits - "because" he says, "some of the English FHSs have been more than helpful to me."

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

### **Society of Genealogists Family History Fair. 6 & 7 May 1995**

This will be held from 10.00am to 5.00 pm in the Royal Horticultural Society New Hall and Conference Centre, Westminster, London SW1.

### **European Settlers in Britain 1550-1720. 19-21 May 1995**

Felixstowe Family History Society are hosting this, their first international conference, at the Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe. Topics to be covered are Exodus from Europe 1550-1570, Arrival in Britain 1550-1570, Exodus from Europe 1680-1720, Huguenots in Spitalfields 1680-1720, Settlers in British Society and Sources of Information on European Settlers. For further information and a booking form please write enclosing an SAE or IRC to The Secretary, Felixstowe Family History Society, 16, Western Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 9SB.

### **Weekend Conference in Reading 8 - 10 September 1995**

Berkshire FHS are hosting the Federation Family History Conference at Reading University, Whiteknights Park with the title "Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity". Talks are planned on some Victorian occupations - those concerned with the Post Office, the start of the electrical industry, estate workers and the ag. lab. Other topics to be covered include the urban poor, the gentry and the artisans and servants they employed, touring actors and entertainers and the Victorian funeral. Further details can be obtained by sending an SAE to Joyce Wells, 15, Wellington Close, Newbury, Berkshire RG13 2HG.

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## THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

*From Dr Colin G. Pooley and Dr Jean Turnbull, Dept. of Geography,  
Lancaster University*

### **The Longitudinal Study of Residential Histories**

In 1994 your Family History Society journal included a leaflet requesting family historians to assist with this research project. Family historians were asked to contact us if they could provide the individual residential life histories of their ancestors. Forms were then sent as requested.

We have been extremely pleased by the response to our request. By the close of 1994 we had sent out approximately 27,000 forms and over 11,500 completed forms had been returned. The majority of these forms contain information of a very high quality. Family historians from all parts of England,

Scotland and Wales have provided information for the project.

We are continuing to enter material into the computer, but we can provide some brief preliminary results. Of the first 8,800 individuals analysed, two-thirds were male and the average age at death was just over 69 years. The majority of individuals were married and had children. The reasons given for moving are particularly interesting: Of the 30,782 moves for which reasons were given, 41.7% were work related; 14.9% were undertaken on marriage; 15.4% were connected with housing; whilst 9.5% were for family reasons. The remaining 18.4% reasons included army service, emigration and retirement. The reason given for moving varied depending upon the sex of the person concerned; thus females were less likely to move for work and for army service, but more likely to move on marriage or for family reasons.

There is, of course, much more detailed information in the forms which will be analysed over the coming months and which we hope to publish in family history journals and in a book. Meanwhile, we would like to encourage all those who have not yet completed and returned their forms to do this as soon as possible. We hope to achieve our target of including 20,000 individual residential life histories in the project.

The final date for the return of forms is the end of September 1995.

*From K.Poulton, Oakhurst, Edgeley, Little Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey,  
KT23 3BE*

#### **Cutting off one's children with a shilling,**

I was interested in the letter in the last edition of "The Flowing Stream" on cutting off one's children with a shilling, and I asked an eighty-seven year old uncle originating from the West Country, what he thought the meaning was. He was quite categorical that it was an absolute cutting off, saying that it meant in effect that the parent didn't care what the offspring did in future. They could even enlist in the Army, and the shilling was in effect the "Queen's Shilling". Incidentally the practise of enlisting as a soldier by accepting the Recruiting Officer's shilling was discontinued in 1879.

Having spent a short time on using the 1881 Census, could I express my thanks to all those who have contributed to such a useful data base.

*The following answer has been received from David Hey:*

I don't think there's any real conflict over the interpretation of "cutting off with a shilling". It became a popular phrase for the absolute cutting off by the Victorian period. I was trying to explain (in my article) how the phrase originated. It has nothing to do with the 'Queen's Shilling' or 'King's Shilling', which was paid to recruits.

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

*Meeting on Monday, 19 September 1994*

### **Penknife Cutlers of Sheffield**

Joan Unwin, our speaker, is a Research Associate in the Sheffield University Division of Adult Continuing Education. She has been working with a Research Group on the records of the Cutlers' Company relating to apprenticeships and marks issued to cutlers in Sheffield 1624-1814.

She started her talk by trying to define what is meant by a 'Pen Knife' or 'Spring Knife'. A Pen Knife was originally used to trim quills. The blade was brittle and fragile. In a book (pamphlet?) called *A Key to Calygraphie* (pub. 1595) the author recommends the use of a Sheffield Pen Knife which would have had a short blade and a long handle, but it would not have been a Spring Knife. Mrs Unwin has been unable to find out when the Spring Knife was invented or by whom. She showed a few slides to illustrate how a Spring Knife was assembled, and how different gadgets could be included in addition to a blade: scissors, saw, screwdriver, corkscrew, hooks, etc. They were hand-assembled in large quantities in small workshops, and were very labour-intensive.

Mrs Unwin then turned her attention to the Cutlers' Company, founded in 1624 to control and regulate the cutlery trade in the manor of Hallamshire and six miles around. Initially only three groups were regulated by the Company: cutlers, shear/sickle smiths and scissorsmiths. Later scythesmiths, filesmiths and other bladesmiths were allowed to join.

The earlier apprenticeship indentures are hand-written, very involved and difficult to read. By the 18th century ledgers with printed pages were used with shorter, simpler entries, and the master's name in the right hand column. An apprenticeship would last on average 7/8 years. There is a gap in the 1730's/1740's when the company did not record apprenticeships. The last apprenticeship was recorded in 1814.

The register of Freemen and their marks was, during the 18th century, written in Latin. On completion of an apprenticeship, the cutler paid 2s 6d to register his mark and become a Freeman. A Freeman could only take one apprentice at a time, in addition to his own son(s). As the 18th century progressed, fewer and fewer men became Freemen and the Cutlers' Company began to lose control of the trade. Freemen did not have perks as in other guilds.

In 1905-6 Robert Eadon Leader indexed the Apprenticeship Indentures and Freedoms, which contain about 29,000 names. This has proved very useful for researchers, but the type of information which can be extracted is limited.

All the information from the Indentures and Marks records (names of apprentices and their fathers, masters, occupations, place of origin, years of

apprenticeship, date on which a man became a Freeman) have now been put on a computer. This has enabled Mrs Unwin and her colleagues to look at this data from many angles. Not only has the computer put all the names in alphabetical order, but she can ask it to extract more precise information about individuals. For instance, how many apprentices did an individual master have during his career? Although the rules of the Company only allow one every five years in addition to his own son(s), by the late 18th century a significant number of masters were taking on more than they should. William Brookfield, for example, had about 20 apprentices, some at the same time, few of whom became Freemen.

The Patten family also had more apprentices than they should. They not only registered their mark (which was their name 'Patten') in Sheffield but also in Solingen in Germany and in France.

Mrs Unwin asked the computer for a list of all pen/spring knife cutlers. The earliest name was in the late 18th century. However, she discovered that Lewis Nawl, who died in 1695, owned, according to his inventory, 7 gross of Spring Knives. Did he invent Spring Knives? The computer produced a list of apprentices 'descended' from Lewis Nawl in the Pen/Spring Knife trade. Two of them appeared in the 1787 Sheffield Trade Directory.

It is possible to obtain information about surname distribution from the data: did some names originate from particular parishes? There was a significant degree of area specialisation in the cutlery trade: sickles and shears in Norton and Eckington, scissors and knives in Attercliffe and Stannington.

From 1733, 39 boys came from Macclesfield to be apprenticed to the Sheffield cutlery trade. 16 went to Stannington, and 12 of these were apprenticed to the Beal family there. What was the connection between Macclesfield, Stannington and the Beal family? Some of these boys were 'poor boys'. Overseers of the Poor could force masters to take poor boys as apprentices which might account for some masters having more than they should under the Company's rules.

A poem by Joseph Mather about Jonathan Watkinson's 13s highlighted a situation in the cutlery trade. Cutlers were given 13 sets of Spring Knives to assemble, allowing for one set to be 'bad'. The cutlers would give back 12, and sell the 13th on their own behalf. To prevent this, people like Jonathan Watkinson insisted on the 13 being returned but only paying for 12, which was very unpopular.

Mrs Unwin recently visited Solingen in Germany which also has/had a cutlery industry. There are some similarities between Solingen and Sheffield: fast rivers for forging and grinding mills, and a resident Duke to regulate the trade. However, there were differences: only sons of Solingen cutlers could become freemen, there was a rigid quota system, and a standard price.

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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The following abbreviations have been used in compiling this list.

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

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BARNES	Anywhere ESS	pre 1830
BROWN	Wolsey WAR	E19C
COOGAN	Ballyraggatt KIK	E19C
LYDDON	Bristol SOM	pre 1850
MARTIN	Anywhere ESS	pre 1820
MEARNS	Anywhere ABD	pre 1860
ROSS	Tarbot ROC	c1850
TURNER	Sheffield YKS	pre 1836
TOSH	Anywhere ABD	pre 1800

894 Mrs S. Postlethwaite, "Thornlee", Wheatley Lane, Carlton-le-Moorland,

Lincoln, LN5 9JA

BROOK	Sheffield YKS	E19C
COLLINS	Sheffield YKS	M19C
DICKENSON	Arkendale YKS	M18C
FANTON	Manchester LAN	E19C
HOBSON	Ecclesfield YKS	L18C
LONGDEN	Dronfield DBY	E19C
MORRELL	Topcliffe YKS	E19C
PARKIN	Sheffield YKS	E19C
POSTLETHWAITE	Wakefield YKS	L18C
TAYLOR	Ecclesfield YKS	E19C
TURNER	Wakefield YKS	E19C
WRAGG	Totley DBY	E19C

1277 Mr R. Falconer, 54, Ashgate Avenue, Chesterfield S40 1JD

BROWN	Sheffield WRY	1890+
CARGILL	Chesterfield DBY	1900+
CONGLETON	Newcastle area NBL	pre 1950
FALCONER	Midlothian / Edinburgh MLD	pre 1860
FALCONER	Sheffield WRY	1860+
JORDAN	Lincoln area LIN	1830+
SCOTT	Sheffield WRY	1900+
TRICKETT	Sheffield WRY	1900+

1284 Mrs J. Gladwin, Higham Post Office, Main Road, Higham, Alfreton,

Derbyshire DE55 6EF

ATAK	Pontefract YKS	c1800
GLADWIN	Pontefract YKS	c1800
HART	STS	c1800
McKIE	Dalkeith MLN	c1800
OVERTON	Carlisle	c1800
MAJOR	St. Pancras, London	c1800
STOPREY	Carlisle	c1800
MORLEY	Edwinstowe; NTT	c1800

1286 Mrs C. Stubbs, 61, Lyndhurst Road, Sheffield S11 9BJ

FREEMAN	Marr SYK	1800+
FREEMAN	Sheffield SYK	1860+
GOBY	Sheffield SYK	1840+
JOBY	Sheffield SYK	1840+
JUSTICE	Sheffield SYK	1870+
LEVESLEY	Sheffield SYK	1800+
MARSTON	Sheffield SYK	1800+
STUBBS	Sheffield SYK	1800+
TRAVIS	Sheffield SYK	1870+
WADKIN	Sheffield SYK	1860+
WADKIN	Maltby SYK	1800+
WHITE	Sheffield SYK	1860+

1283 Mrs M.M. Nicholson, 18, Menhyr Drive, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall,

TR26 2QR

BROADHEAD	Morthen SYK	E18C
EPWORTH	Morthen SYK	E18C
HEPWORTH	Morthen SYK	E18C
THOMPSON	Babworth NTT	pre 1744

1182 Mrs G. Addison, 11, Stainton Drive, Bottesford, Scunthorpe, S. Humberside,

DN17 2SF

ADDISON	Lincoln area LIN	pre 1900
ASHLEY	Sheffield SYK	pre & +1907
BELL	Workington CUL	pre 1850
BERRY	Maryport CUL	pre & +1858
DIXON	N. Lincolnshire LIN	pre 1885
GEE	Kings Lynn NFK	pre & +1880
JOHNSON	Workington CUL	pre & +1830
KING	Kings Lynn NFK	pre & +1900
POTTS	Workington CUL	pre & +1827
SIMMONITE	Sheffield SYK	pre & +1907
STEWART	Workington CUL	pre & +1905
TOWEL	Lincoln area LIN	pre & +1900

1271 Mr G. Brinnen, 75, Broadhurst, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1QF

BRINNEN	Ackworth YKS	M18C
BRINNEN	York YKS	Anytime
BRINNEN	Sheffield YKS	Anytime
BRINNEN	Ecclesfield YKS	19C
BRINNEN	Rotherham YKS	19C
BRINNEN	Manchester LAN	Anytime
BRINNEN	Derby DBY	18C
BRINNEN	Shrewsbury SAL	18C
BOYD	York YKS	E19C
COLLECT	Ackworth YKS	pre 1800

1278 Mrs E.M. Gunn, 135, Upper Valley Road, Sheffield S8 9HD

HALL	SYK	1828
HILL	NIT	1792
HODKIN	SYK	1825

1263 Mr K. Phillips, 16, Frensham Way, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5HA

E(G)GINTON	Kinver STS	pre 1880
E(G)GINTON	Sheffield SYK	1850+
E(G)GINTON	London SRY	1880+
FAUDEL-PHILLIPS	Hertford HRT	1900+
LOTTO	London SRY	1880+
LOTTO	Anywhere	1890+

R860 Mr Souter, 45, Grange Road, Broom, Rotherham, S60 3LH

FEARNLEY	Sheffield YKS	L18C
SOUTER	Syerston LEI	pre 1817
WIGFALL	Sheffield YKS	L18C

1257 Ms N. Liddiard, 166, White Hart Lane, Barnes, London SW13 0OB

CLOUGH	Anywhere YKS	pre 20C
FIRTH	Barnsley YKS	pre 19C
FIRTH	Northowram YKS	pre 19C
FIRTH	Pontefract YKS	pre 19C
FIRTH	Sheffield WRY	19C+
FIRTH	Southowram YKS	pre 19C
FOWLER	Wadsley WRY	19C
FOWLER	Wincobank WRY	pre 19C

1276 Miss A. Gunstone, 65, Newquay House, Sancroft Street, London SE11 5UN

DUNGWORTH	Sheffield WRY	M19C
FISHBURN	Sheffield WRY	L19C
FRECKINGHAM	Sheffield WRY	M19C
FRECKINGHAM	Matlock DBY	M-L19C
GUNSTONE	Sheffield WRY	M18C
GUNSTONE	Sheffield WRY	L19C+

1285 D. Earnshaw, 66, Trevithick Road, Kings Tamerton, Plymouth, Devon PL5

<u>2BU</u>		
ALLOTT	Rotherham YKS	c1857
ALLOTT	Sheffield YKS	pre 1857
EARNSHAW	Rotherham YKS	19C
GILBERTHORPE	Ecclesfield/Sheffield YKS	1885+
JACKSON	Ecclesfield/Sheffield YKS	1885+
WALLER	Thorpe Hesley?Rotherham YKS	c1851

1290 Mr B.R.M. Wollaston, The Knoll, Amberley, Stroud, Glos GL5 5BA

DRANFIELD	Sheffield WRY	pre 1841
DRONFIELD	Sheffield WRY	pre 1841
FURNIS	Sheffield WRY	18C
HOLDOR	Sheffield WRY	pre 1841
MAKIN	Sheffield WRY	pre 1851
MAXFIELD	Sheffield WRY	pre 1870
MILLNER	Sheffield WRY	c1790
SMITH	Sheffield WRY	c1785
STOCKS	Bradfield WRY	18C

1281 Mr M.R.C. Ruse, 250, Prenton Hall Rd., Prenton, Birkenhead, Wirral L43

<u>3AF</u>		
FOX	High Green nr. Chapelton WRY	1874+
RICE	High Green nr. Chapelton WRY	1874+
RICE	Launceston CON	pre 1875
RUSE	High Green nr. Chapelton WRY	1874+
RUSE	Launceston CON	pre 1875
SANDERCOCK	High Green nr. Chapelton WRY	1874+
SANDERCOCK	Launceston CON	pre 1875

1293 Mr P.J. Black, 141, Hawcoat Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 4HS

BLACK	Sheffield WRY	c1850
BRADSHAW	Sheffield WRY	c1850
GOOLDEN	Sheffield WRY	1850+
HALLACY	Sheffield WRY	1850+

1295 Miss P.A. Bradshaw, 6, Marsh Hall Lane, Thurstonland, Huddersfield HD4 6XD

BINGHAM	Sheffield/Heeley WRY	pre 1820
BINGHAM	Macclesfield CHC	1820+
BUCKLEY	Uttometer STS	pre 1840
BUCKLEY	Bollington CHC	1840+
CLAYTON	Hurdsfield CHC	pre 1861
COOKE	Ludworth DBY	pre 1840
COOKE	Stockport CHS	1840+
HAYES	Bury LAN	pre 1840
HAYES	Bollington CHC	1840+
WOOLHOUSE	Sheffield WRY	pre 1820

To end her talk, Mrs Unwin gave examples of some unusual names she had found: Onesiphrus Oates; Hardolph Wasnedge; Cotton Watkin; Steer Binks; Simms Tew; Aphist Edenson and Japhat Janhard.

*Reported by Sue Graves*

*Rotherham Branch Meeting, 3 November 1994*

### **The Mary Rose**

The salvaging of the Mary Rose was an event seen by many on television. Our speaker, Mr Phil Baker, gave a first hand account of the hard work done before the ship was raised from the sea bed.

On one slide a full sized reconstruction of a gun port and deck clearly showed the generous height between decks: This excess height was not repeated in later ships because it was thought to be one of the causes of the sinking.

The many personal items such as shoes, leather jackets and wooden utensils helped to form a picture of the way our forebears lived. What was evident was how much more interesting the story became because the speaker had been personally involved in the diving operation.

*Reported by B.L. Jervis.*

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### **OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS**

*Mr & Mrs G.M. Hill, 48 May Street, Gosnells, Western Australia, 6110* wish to establish contact with members of the following families to assist with family research. 1. **William Henry Ironside**, b. 1870 Sheffield, son of **Henry** and **Mary Ann née Ashton**, brother of **John Albert Ashton Ironside**. Married 1891 **Annie née Hunter** b. 1869 Sheffield. Children born Sheffield 1891-1915 **Albert Henry**, \***William**, **Walter**, **Joseph Ashton**, **Arthur**, **Frank**, **Edith**, **Harriet**, **Beatrice**, **Ethel**, **Polly**, **Annie** and **Lily**.

\***William** is direct ancestor.

2. **Joseph Fletcher** b. 1863 Sheffield, married **Florence née Kay** b. 1862 Yorkshire. Children born Sheffield 1891-1903 **Gladys**, **Phyllis**, \***Clarice**, **Marian Kay**, **Doris** and **Robert Henry**.

\***Clarice** is direct ancestor.

*Mr Thomas Turner, 26, Barry Avenue, Grimsby, South Humberside DN34 5LS* would like to trace the whereabouts of a family portrait of his great grandfather **John Turner**, and his wife. It was last heard of in the hands of **Nellie Hooper**, who lived in Brighton, in about 1970. **Nellie** is believed to have had a daughter named **Dorothy**.

*Mrs H. Gillott, 4, Bents Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6EY* writes "I am compiling pedigrees of the 8 sons of **Joseph Andrew of Fulwood** (c1730-1804) and would be grateful for any information regarding their descendants. The 8 sons were:

1. **John** (c1757-1832). Children - Joseph, William, Isaac, Hannah (Eyre), Ann (Crooks). 2. **Samuel** (1758-1823). Children - George, Samuel, Sarah (Taylor), Mary, Hannah (Wilson), William, Harriet, Charles, Angelo. (This is my direct ancestor. Pedigree almost complete.) 3. **Isaac** (1761-?). Children - Elizabeth, Joseph, William, Mary, Samuel. 4. **Joseph** (1763-1839). Children - Isaac, Matthew, Joseph, Rachel (Bower), Elizabeth (Woolley), Ellen, John, Ruth, Albert, William. Joseph's great-grandson Henry was Master Cutler in 1895. 5. **William** (1764-1839). Children - George, William, Hannah (Lee), Joseph, Ann, Ellen (Barratt), John. 6. **Robert** (1766-?). 7. **Charles** (1768-?). 8. **Philip** (1774-1849). Children - Ellen (Morton), Joseph, Susannah (Furniss), Philip, Charlotte (Jackson), Mary-Ann (Watts), Charles. There is evidence to suggest that a branch of Philip's family owned and worked the stone quarries at Redmires, but I haven't been able to determine which branch it is.

I would also be grateful for any information regarding **Samuel Andrew** (1859-?) who lived on **Alexandre Road**, Sheffield in the early 1900's and whose 4 children, Sam, Annie, William and Charles, attended Heeley Bank School."

*Mr L. Copley, 33, Station Road, Tring, Herts. HP23 5NW* would like information on the Bradfield Hiring Fair known locally as the "Statis" and officially, he believes, as a Statute Fair. His grandfather stood at a fair in the mid 19th century but he has been unable to find any details about it.

*Miss P. Joynes, 1, Watson Terrace, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1VE* writes, "In the 1841 census my great grandfather, **Peter Simpson**, and his family are shown as living at **Endcliffe Hall**. His occupation is given as Smith. No occupation was given for his wife and two children, so they don't appear to have been servants. They are the only residents shown. The building in question was the old hall demolished in 1863. Does anyone have any information on the hall or the Simpson family?"

*Mr J. Wilkinson, 135, Broom Valley Road, Broom, Rotherham S60 2QX* asks if anyone has any knowledge of **Charles Dunbar Pearson**, born Sheffield 1868. He moved to Burnham-on-Sea in Somerset in 1909 with his wife **Bertha** and her nine year old daughter. Pearson's only daughter **Gwendoline** died at Burnham-on-Sea 1917/1919. Pearson used to go out on his bicycle around the West Country with his camera, taking photographs which were made

into postcards. He was a well known figure in the area and his postcards are much sought after, selling for up to £20 each. Two members of the Burnham-on-Sea postcard club have produced a guide to the work of Pearson and are seeking information about his life in Sheffield for inclusion in this guide. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

*Mr W.H. Pascoe, 18, Keveler Road, Exmouth EX8 3JB* would like to contact anyone researching the name **Avison/Aveston** and variants.

### **Reciprocal Help**

Mrs Christine Grayson-Toms, Hollyhock Cottage, 6, Hall Road, Lavenham, Nr. Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9QU is willing to do research in **Bury St. Edmunds Record Office** in exchange for research in Sheffield or Matlock. She also points out that the **Bunting Society** has a large database and is willing to help anyone researching Bunting or its variants.

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## **THE HOWS(H)AMS FROM SPILSBY**

The Hows(h)am name does not seem to appear in Sheffield until the 1860's. John Howsham and his wife Anne (née Coleman) arrived in Sheffield in 1868 from the Spilsby area where the name is quite common and there is also a village of the same name. They were accompanied by their four sons, George Henry, aged 15, Nathaniel, 12, Thomas 10, William 4 and a nephew Edward Coleman aged 7. They lived at St. Charles St. Attercliffe and, according to the 1871 census John's occupation was that of a carpenter. Three more sons were born to the couple making seven in all, James in 1869, Robert in 1873 and Gilby Fletcher in 1876.

Their third son, John Thomas, (my husband's gt. grandfather) married Elizabeth Clarke at Holy Trinity Church, Darnall in 1881 and his surname was spelt Househam which he signed in the same manner. I have very little information on the family although their son George Frederick Howsam was born on Gower St. in 1890 and John Thomas and Elizabeth continued to live there until their deaths in 1926 and 1935 respectively. John and Elizabeth for some unknown reason do not appear on the 1891 census for the area although I found John's mother Anne Howsham widowed and living on nearby Thorndon Road.

From the research done so far I am certain that other members of the Hows(h)am family followed John and Anne Howsham from the Spilsby area. Just to complicate things further, I have found another John Thomas Househam

(father Nathaniel) of Stevenson Road who married Elizabeth Weldon of St. Charles Street at All Saints Church in 1887. So I now have to contend with two couples of the same names and of child bearing age in the same area, just when I thought the name would not be too common in Sheffield. Help!

Another puzzle I have is that of a grandma Fletcher referred to in the 1920's who had a fruit shop on Gower street but I am told was not related to the Howsams. Could there be some link though to the Gilby Fletcher Howsham born nearly 50 years earlier in 1876 or is it just mere coincidence? If there are any more Hows(h)ams out there I would love to hear from you. Perhaps we could then untangle the family roots.

*Mrs Lyn Howsam, 8, Farview Road, Sheffield S5 7TB*

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### IN SEARCH OF RANDOLPH SUTTON

My grandmother, maiden name Gertrude Kirkland, born in 1885 in the Ecclesall Bierlow district of Sheffield, always maintained that she was related to Randolph Sutton, the Music Hall Comedian, but, so far, despite plenty of effort, I have failed to establish a connection: can anyone help please? Gertrude's father died in the Doncaster Rail disaster of Sept. 1887, and, seven months later, her mother, Sarah Ann (née Archdale) married William Sutton, born circa 1867 in Cardiff. They had at least one daughter, Florence, born circa 1890 in Sheffield. I lost track of Sarah Ann and William after the 1891 census.

At first, I thought maybe my grandma and Randolph were half brother and sister; but I know that isn't the case. More probably, they would have been cousins, so I set out to try and find whether or not Randolph's grandfather and Gertrude's step-grandfather Sutton were one and the same. I discovered that William's father was Joseph Sutton - first step now was to find out who Randolph's parents were, and who his grandfather was. His parents were Henry John and Annie (née Ford); all I needed was their marriage certificate to say if Henry's father was Joseph. That's where I came unstuck - I just cannot locate the certificate. (John) Randolph Sutton was born in Clifton, Bristol, in July 1888, the youngest of nine children but there the trail ended.

Randolph's grandson, also John Randolph, is unable to help, and I've failed to find any descendants of Florence Sutton my grandma's half sister. Gertrude married and went to live in Warrington; circa 1930 she took her family (including my mother) to meet Randolph backstage at the Royal Court Theatre there - so there does seem to be a connection - but where?

*Mr Alan J. Bibby, Hillview Cottage, Tynron, Thornhill, Dumfriesshire,*

*DG3 4DU*

## WORLD TOUR OF THE SHEFFIELD MUSICAL UNION

On 17 March 1911 the Sheffield Musical Union under Sir Henry Coward set out from Liverpool on the S.S. Victorian for a world tour. Their first port of call was Halifax, Nova Scotia. From there they travelled to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Coward wrote a book about their travels which can be seen in the Local Studies Library. The following list is of the members of that choir, taken from the passenger list of the S.S. Victorian. All stated their country of birth to be England except for those noted in brackets. Some of them stated that they had visited Canada, their first destination, before and gave the date and length of stay. (Also noted in brackets)

<p>Adams, Rosa (1908- 2 mths)                      Alderson, Herbert                      Anthony, Alberta                      Appleby, Herbert (1908 -2 wks)                      Armitage, Maude (1908-1 mth)                      Baker, Zerlina (1908-2 wks)                      Ball, Hubert                      Barraclough, Marie                      Baxter, Ethel (1904 &amp; 1908-3 mths)                      Batty, Joseph                      Beal, Lily (1908-2 wks)                      Beaumont, Mary                      Bell, Joe                      Bell, Minnie                      Bell, John                      Bennett, Horace                      Birdsell, Mary (1908 -2 wks)                      Birrell, Stella {Scotland}                      Blake, Annie (1908 -2 Wks)                      Blenkarn, Emma                      Blenkarn, Annie                      Boocock, Lily                      Brearley, Alice                      Brice, Douglas                      Brittain, Mary                      Broughton, Margaret (1908 -2 Wks)                      Brown, Ruth (1908 -1 mth)                      Buckton, Gertrude                      Burwin ,David (1903 - short time)                      Burwin, Margaret (1903-short time)                      Calvert, John                      Calvert, Janice</p>	<p>Carsledge, Frederick (1908 -2 mths)                      Cattanach ,Richard                      Chappell, Janet (1908 -2 wks)                      Charlesworth, Robert (1908 -2 wks)                      Cheetham, Willie                      Chignell, Robert                      Chignell, Philip                      Clarke, Joseph                      Clarke, Florence                      Clay, Emily                      Coldwell, Mary (1898-2 wks)                      Cooper, Minnie (1908)                      Coward, Henry (1 mth)                      Coward, Eleanor (1908 -2 wks)                      Coward ,Mary                      Coward, Harriet (1908 -2 wks)                      Coward, Frances (1908 -2 wks)                      Coward, Frank                      Cox, Eliza                      Crabtree, Joseph                      Cussons, Hilda                      Dann, William (1891-2 wks)                      Davage, Thomas                      Dawson, Emmeline                      Duff, Maria                      Dunford, Thomas                      Eckles, Edith                      Elliott, Ada                      Farley, George                      Farley, Donald                      Farrar, Alice</p>
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*(to be continued)*

## THE ANNALS OF THE POOR

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil  
Their homely joys and destiny obscure;  
Nor Grandeur hear with a disdainful smile  
The short and simple annals of the Poor."

*Elegy written in a Country Churchyard - T. Gray*

From earliest times there have always been poor and needy people. Before the Reformation the Church was a principal supplier of relief in cases of need. Many Acts were passed to deal with the problem of 'beggars and 'rogues and vagabonds' but all were largely ineffectual. A poor law of 1535 reinforced the distinction between those who couldn't and those who wouldn't work. Parishes were given the duty of caring for the impotent poor.

The Reformation created a new order. Parishes had to provide what in earlier times had been given by the Church. The Poor Law Act of 1601 laid the foundations of local poor law administration that lasted for over 200 years. It set up a system whereby up to four Overseers of the Poor were chosen from substantial householders. They and the Churchwardens were given the duty of maintaining the poor and setting them to work, the funds for the task being provided by local taxation. Since these parish officials were amongst those who were footing the bill for helping paupers they were obviously not keen on providing for outsiders.

The 1662 Act set up the system of settlement and removal. Any stranger settling in a parish could be removed by the Justices unless he rented a tenement worth at least £10 per annum or could pay for any expenses the parish might incur on his behalf. When a stranger expected only a temporary stay in a parish, e.g. for harvest, he had to bring with him a certificate from his own parish agreeing to take him back.

An Act of 1685 ordered that poor persons entering a parish should give written notice, on arrival, to a Churchwarden or Overseer. The 40 days' residence qualification which gave a settlement was reckoned from the date of the notice. Six years later, in 1691, a further Act ordered that the notice should not only be registered in the parish book but also be read aloud after the Sunday service. It also laid down the ways in which a settlement could be obtained; serving as a parish official, paying the parish rate, residing in the parish, being bound by indenture to a parishioner or, if unmarried, spending a year in service in the parish.

As it had become almost impossible for poor working labourers to move at all the 1697 Act ordered that poor persons could enter a parish provided they brought with them a certificate guaranteeing their parish of settlement would have them back if they became chargeable to their new parish. These

were the famous Settlement Certificates.

When a poor person applied for financial help from the parish he/she was examined by parish officials in the presence of two J.P.'s whose job it was to ensure a fair hearing and see that the law was upheld. The purpose of the examination was to try to sort out where a pauper had last established a legal settlement. This procedure generated Settlement Examinations which often give a detailed autobiography of the pauper being interviewed. If it was decided that some other parish was responsible for the applicant's sustenance an Order of Removal was issued. The pauper was then 'removed' in the custody of the Constable to the parish boundary, there to be handed over to the Constable of an adjacent parish, and so on until he reached the parish where he was deemed to have a settlement.

A child took his father's place of settlement until he was apprenticed, a woman took on the same settlement as her husband and the place of settlement of those unmarried was determined by the last place at which they had worked for at least one year. Illegitimate children were granted a settlement where they were born. Overseers therefore made great efforts to get rid of unmarried pregnant women who might become chargeable.

For those who had a legal settlement in the parish the birth of a bastard child was dealt with by the Overseers and the Churchwardens. Until about 1750 parish officials made the father responsible by bond or allowed him to pay a lump sum in discharge of all responsibility but a sudden rise in the illegitimacy rate after the middle of the 18th century meant that officials had to ensure that the father was forced either to marry the pregnant woman or pay for the child's upkeep. This gave rise to numerous Bastardy Bonds which laid down the amounts to be paid by putative fathers and single mothers to pay for the lying-in of the mother and the support of the child.

Throughout the 17th and 18th centuries a succession of laws tried to close loopholes and make the system fairer and less open to abuse by officials and poor alike but it continued to be unfair and restricting. Parishes found devices to prevent people from gaining a settlement and spent large sums of money sending the poor to another parish. There were endless disputes between parishes about who was responsible for some poor unfortunate person. Paupers were sometimes sent long distances often when they were sick or old.

One by one these situations were remedied but abuses continued and the poor suffered. The poor for their part contrived by various means to establish a settlement in their chosen parish but as time went on and the population rose it became increasingly difficult for some parishes to cope with the influx of needy people. Following the report of a Royal Commission the old parochial system was abandoned by the act of 1834, parishes were compulsorily amalgamated into 'unions' and the whole system was centralised

under Poor Law Commissioners. Settlement examinations and removals still continued, however, until the mid 19th century.

An Act of 1601 resulted in the setting up of 'houses of habitation' for the impotent poor but workhouses only became common after the Act of 1722-3. This authorised parishes to buy or rent workhouses and to employ suitable people to run them. Generally they were places to be feared. Their inmates had no rights and little hope. Often the indigent of all sorts were lumped together, the old and senile, the young and alone, single mothers and the unemployed.

To relieve the parish of at least some of these burdens pauper children were apprenticed from as early as seven years of age either to a householder in the parish or, preferably, to someone from another parish so the child would gain a settlement elsewhere.

Bradfield has a vast archive of poor law documents which admirably illustrate the working of the poor law system. With the passage of time many documents held by the poor people themselves have been lost, of course, but for some paupers there exist several records and for many there is enough documentation to follow what happened.

In 1783 William Morton, a Collier of Bradfield, was stated to be 'by Lunacy so disordered in his senses that he is dangerous to be permitted to go abroad'. He was ordered to be apprehended and locked up in the workhouse 'so long as such Lunacy shall continue'.

In 1816 Elizabeth Baum and her three children were apprehended in the City of London 'wandering abroad and lodging in the open Air'. Her husband had served 7 years apprenticeship to a Mr Marsden in Bradfield so she was ordered to be removed to Bradfield by a direct route. Fourteen years later her husband, John, with his wife Elizabeth and one child, was convicted as a Rogue and Vagabond in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, and was ordered to be conveyed to Stamford, Nottinghamshire, en route to Bradfield.

In 1843 a labourer Joseph Cudworth, aged about 64, applied for relief for himself and his wife. He was examined before two J.P.'s. He described how he was apprenticed at the age of 14 years to his father, a tailor in Clayton West. During the next seven years he spent time with his father and time working as a farm servant first for Thomas Lockwood and then for John Firth, both in Clayton West. Finally, he worked for David Hague at Bretton West, for a few months. During all this time until he was 21 his father took all his wages. Joseph therefore never gained a settlement and along with his wife became chargeable to Bradfield. It was decided that Bretton West was his last place of legal settlement. The Overseers of Bretton admitted liability and repaid the 5s. advanced to Joseph and his wife by the Overseers of Bradfield.

In cases of bastardy the difficulties of collecting money from putative fathers is well illustrated especially in the early 19th century when repeated

orders to pay for a child's upkeep were made.

These windows into the lives of our poor ancestors help us to see into their world. With these documents, vestry minutes and workhouse records we have a chance of learning a little of what life was really like for the poor and needy.

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## CHARACTER PUBS WITHIN EASY REACH OF LONDON RECORD OFFICES.

### 1. "The Seven Stars", Carey Street

On leaving St. Catherine's House bear left through the London School of Economics Complex and enter Portugal Street, bearing right into Carey Street which is behind the Royal Courts of Justice. Incidentally, this building had specially made, small, imported bricks laid by German bricklayers because of a strike here.

The tiny pub, "The Seven Stars", built in 1602 has limited seating capacity so arrival by noon is advisable. Sandwiches and a few simple meals are available. A fine collection of paintings and drawings of old Judges and Barristers line the walls. The Bankruptcy Court is situated opposite hence both lawyers and their clients have need to patronise the Seven Stars. A visit to the toilets in this little old pub built during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1st is an athletic feat long remembered! Do please study the warning notice!

Adjacent to the pub is the tiny silversmith's shop built in 1690 named The Silver Mousetrap. In the 18th century when ladies of fashion wore fantastic tall hairpieces which at bedtime became favourite nesting places for mice this tiny shop did a roaring trade in the sale of fancy silver mousetraps!

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## DIPHTHERIA

*(Taken from Sheffield History Reporter with kind permission from Mike Spick)*

An intriguing item caught my eye in the Sheffield Independent for 1st January 1895. There was a one-line paragraph:

*"Dr. Caley, medical superintendent of the Sheffield City Hospital, has obtained a supply of the anti-toxin for the treatment of diphtheria."*

The Sheffield City hospital was in fact the City Hospitals for Infectious Diseases, with premises at Winter Street and Lodge Moor.

This was an early use of the anti-toxin, it having been developed only 5 years previously by Emil Behring, a German doctor, the first to win the Nobel Prize for medicine.

The disease was becoming a perennial source of anxiety and in 1895 a total of 122 cases were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, of these, 53 cases resulted in death, a mortality rate of 43%. Given the severity of diphtheria it is surprising that only 20 sufferers were admitted to hospital, and one must assume that these would have been the most severe cases, or those coming from the worst family conditions. Of these 20, 5 died (a mortality rate of 25%), indicating that the chances of survival were probably greater if the patient was admitted to hospital. What is not known is how many of the 20 were treated with the anti-toxin.

In 1897 the medical superintendent's report stated that there had, in the past 5 years, been 676 cases of diphtheria. 602 had been treated at home and 74 had been treated in hospital. Of the home cases 255 patients had died as against only 23 in hospital. The report states:

*"It is interesting and satisfactory to note that in each of the last 5 years a lower (death) rate has been obtained amongst hospital treated cases... Apart from the public advantage gained by isolation in hospital, the advantage accruing to each individual sufferer in the diminished risk of death is by no means inconsiderable."*

From 1903 onwards Lodge Moor Hospital had an isolation block and additional wards and it became possible to treat a higher proportion of patients in hospital.

Diphtheria peaked in 1915, 1926 and in 1936 there were 2,000 notified cases resulting in 86 deaths. The immunisation campaign launched in 1941 safeguarded those children who had been immunised, but it did not result in any sudden drop in the incidence of the disease, until the build-up of immunity in the community at large meant that epidemics became a thing of the past. Gradually the magic began to work and notifications began to decrease. There were no cases in 1950 and none in any succeeding year with the exception of 1952 and 1969.

(With thanks to Dr. Clifford Shaw for his help with this article.)

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## A BIT OF FAMILY HISTORY

Having carried a little further the research into my father's family after his death, I've been surprised at the bits of information which have turned up. Dad had managed to trace his family back to August 1703 with the marriage of Robert Beatson to Jane Moore. The one member of the family who keeps turning up is Robert's grandson, Benjamin. He was baptised in the Cathedral on 4 July 1746 and married his wife Mary Bettony on 17 November 1771. We know he had six children and died at the age of 55 in 1801.

I came across him in the first directory printed in 1787, where he is given as a maker of sheaths and inkpots and living in the Park district. Then, when looking at a book written about the Park by one of the local historical societies, there was a Fairbank map of 1780 of Park Hill, and again Benjamin appears as a tenant of property on the Turnpike Road to Barlborough. So, with our bits of information we know more of Benjamin, including his sons Benjamin and Edward being made apprentices to Cadman Peter in 1793, than nearly any other members of the family.

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## THE IBBOTSONS OF WORTLEY IN THE 18TH AND EARLY 19TH CENTURIES

I don't know when the ancestors of my maternal great grandmother, Mary Ibbotson, first put down roots in Wortley, but a George Ibbotson was an overseer of the poor there in 1719.

The next information I have so far, is that Timothy, the son of Henry Ibbotson, a farmer of Wortley, was baptised on the 7th March 1754.

Nothing more is heard of him until the 3rd December 1775 when the

bans of marriage were published in Tankersley, the mother church of Wortley, between Timothy Ibbotson and Sarah Dearden.

However, the marriage never took place and on the 23rd March 1776, Sarah Dearden's illegitimate son was baptised. He was christened Timothy.

It is infuriating to know nothing of the reason why there was no marriage. Did Timothy Ibbotson know, or merely suspect, that the baby was not his? And was Sarah just getting her own back in giving the baby his name? She did not live long after the birth, and was buried on 19th April 1776 aged just 19.

Timothy wasted no time, and was married by Licence to Sarah Booth on the 9th June 1776. Their first son, Henry, was buried on 28th May 1777 but between 1778 and 1802 they had seven other sons and five daughters. He farmed at Stansfield Ash where he died in 1825. Sarah, his wife, had died in 1820.

In 1809, a census was taken in Wortley during one of the years that Timothy was a churchwarden, and I wonder how much he had to do with its completion and why it was made.

Below I have made a list of the family and anything that I know about their further activities.

#### **Family of Timothy Ibbotson and Sarah (Booth) his wife.**

- 14.6.1778 John bpt. (In 1804 Hunshelf Poor Book he appears as the putative father of a child by Hannah Stephenson.)
- 24.12.1780 Titus bpt. (mar: 1 Mary Thomson : 2 Sarah Garside : 3 Rachel Heath, widow. He had been a woodsman at Wharncliffe and was in the Bradfield C.R. for 1861 aged 80)
- 23.2.1783 Reuben bpt. (mar. Maria Pashley. He was a farmer at Grenoside and died aged 78.)
- 11.9.1785 Henry bpt. (mar. Sarah Ashton 1808. He was a woodsman.)
- 27.5.1787 George bpt. (Possibly mar. Mary Housley.)
- 22.3.1789 Ann bpt. (mar. George Grayson.)
- 30.1.1791 Sarah bpt. (mar. Josiah Corbett.)
- 2.12.1792 Timothy bpt. (mar. Mary Machen 31.3.1816 at Sheffield P.C. Also in the Bradfield Census Return for 1861. My gt. gt. grandfather. He was an agricultural labourer.)
- 30.8.1795 Mary bpt. (mar. Thomas Nichols.)
- 4.6.1797 Elizabeth bpt. (mar. Samuel Machen 1817.)
- 28.10.1798 William bpt. (mar. Martha Machen 1817 at Sheffield P.C.)
- 24.10.1802. Martha bpt. (possibly mar. John Lee.)

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## MEMORIES OF A CUTLERS' FEAST

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