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FUTURE PROGRAMME

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

Mon. 22 May Open Display evening

Members are asked to bring along their ways of displaying their family history material so that it can be displayed in the meeting room. The 1881 Census index will be available as we have 4 readers for the use of members.

Beginners' questions will also be answered.

Mon. 17 Jun. Sheffield Flood Compensation Claims by Joan Cass

Mon. 15 July Question Time - change of topic

Because no questions have been submitted for this meeting it has been decided to provide an alternative programme. This will be announced in due course.

Mon.16 Sep. Victorian Attitudes to Death and Burial by Susan Deal

Mon. 21 Oct. To be announced.

Mon.18 Nov. Sheffield Cutlers of the 16th and 17th Centuries by Prof. David Hey

ROTHERHAM BRANCH PROGRAMME

Meet 7pm at the WEA Rooms, Corporation Street, Rotherham

Thurs. 6 Jun. The local History of Kimberworth by Mr C. Wilson

Thurs. 4 Jul. Open Meeting.

Thurs. 5 Sep. Parish Records by Mrs Neill

Thurs. 3 Oct. Open Meeting

Thurs. 7 Nov. Queen Mary's Dolls House: A Time Capsule by Marjorie Dunn

Thurs. 5 Dec. Open Meeting

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield (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. Members of the Sheffield Society are welcome to attend meetings.

ROTHERHAM BRANCH OFFICERS.

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EDITORIAL

Have you made a start on your competition entry for 1996? Sorry about the mistake in the date on the announcement - or perhaps you never noticed it!

The good news in this edition is that the 1881 census index is now available at both Sheffield Archives and Rotherham Local Studies Library.

Many thanks to all those who have sent in material which has not yet been used. Because of the publication of the AGM minutes several contributions have had to be left over until next time.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members

Mr & Mrs A. Bullock, 3, Aylton Drive, Brookfield, Middlesbrough, Cleveland
TS5 8HW

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Obituary

We are sad to announce the sudden death of Eric Cox, a member of the Society committee. The Society is very grateful for all the work he did for us. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

NEWS AND NOTES

Family History Starter Pack

Derbyshire Record Office has put together a pack of advice and reference booklets. Even if your ancestors did not come from Derbyshire it will be useful because it also outlines where you can go for information outside the county. The pack is intended to be of special help for people using original historical documents for the first time.

The pack includes:

- Step-by-step notes on tracing family history.
- Booklet on how to find your family's roots in Derbyshire.
- Beginners' guide to the origins of personal and family names.
- Beginners' guide to reading early handwriting and Roman Numerals.
- Family history charts - blank for you to fill in.
- Finding Your Way in Family History - where to go for different types of information.
- Derbyshire Record Office leaflets - *Information for users, How to order documents and Publications list.*

The pack comes in a re-usable secure folder and costs £3.50 (£4.00 by post)

from Derbyshire Record Office County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AHG
It is also available on our Bookstall - no postal requests to the bookstall, please.

Derbyshire Record Office Events

18 June: Looking after your records: Record management workshop.

13 July: Derbyshire Record Office open day.

13 August: Victorian Schooldays: Workshop and handwriting displays.

3 September: Women in Derbyshire History : Lecture.

Further information from the Derbyshire Record Office. Address above.

Buzzacott Family History Society

Buzzacotts and their descendents are invited to join the above society. Any references to the above name would also be welcomed. Further information from Peter L. Buzzacott, 61, Barnets, Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 4UZ, UK.

Yorkshire's 100,000 citizens

The library of York Minster now has a data base of over 100,000 names of Yorkshire citizens from before 1550. The data has been drawn up from details contained in wills and is of interest to local historians, researchers and those who seek life before Parish Registers! The printout, kept in the library reading room, is in alphabetical order by surname and is regularly updated as new information is added. Detailed searches can be undertaken and the answers supplied on a personal printout, for which a small fee may be levied. For further information contact: York Minster Library, Dean's Park, York YO1 2JD. Tel 01904 625308.

Brass Trade Index

Ms Pat Santaana, 29, Gilda Court, Watford Way, Mill Hill, London NW7 2QN is making an index of Brass Workers and anyone who had contact with the Brass Trade. She will be pleased to receive names from the family trees of members and will help where she can. At present the index consists of members of her own family tree, mainly from Staffordshire.

Yorkshire Consortium of Yorkshire FHSs - Programme

2 Sept: Yorkshire Wills by Gill Briscoe (following a short AGM)

21 Oct: Yorkshire Archives by Sylvia Thomas (W. Yorks. Archive Service)

Meetings are held from 10.30 to 12.30 at the Society of Genealogists, 14, Charterhouse Building, Goswell Road, London EC1.

The Ancient Parish of Ripon

The birth, marriage and death registers have been put into one alphabetical

list, of approximately 1000 entries. For a surname search send £1 per surname to John Hebden, Aldergarth, Galphay, Ripon HG4 3NJ. Please enclose a SAE and specify the variants you want included. (N.B. There are some unfillable gaps and the list is unchecked).

“Family Researcher” magazine

This magazine available through newsagents (bi-monthly, price £1.95) was launched last year. It includes, as well as articles of interest to family historians a trading section. This includes the following: Identified Victorian photographs, organised by county, which may be claimed free by a descendant, Bibles and Memoriam Cards, which may be claimed, and Certificates for sale.

Evacuees - an Exhibition from 14 March to 27 October 1996

Held at the Imperial War Museum this exhibition tells the story of the children who were separated from their homes and families in towns and cities throughout the UK to protect them from the danger of enemy bombing in the Second World War.

Dates to avoid at Kew PRO during 1996

Early July to 16 Sept. - loss of 48 seats

24 - 28 June & 7 - 11 Oct. - Reading Rooms closed for improvement works.

Erratum

In Vol. 16 No. 4 New Members' Interests, one of the names in which Miss H. R. Wallder is interested should have read Turner (not Turnner) *Ed.'s apologies.*

FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Threads of Family History

New venues for this exhibition are:

4 - 16 June, Wells Museum, The Cathedral Green, Wells, Somerset.

18 June - 13 July, Taunton Library, Paul St., Taunton, Somerset TA1 3PF.

The British Isles Genealogical Register 1997

This project, known as the Big R, is a list of family names in the British Isles being researched by family historians to complement the present system of county / society / regional directories to which comparatively few members contribute.

It is open to everyone, not just members of family history societies. Application forms will be available through societies, record offices, libraries, family history groups, Family Tree magazine and the internet. Family

historians living outside the UK with ancestral roots in the British Isles are also encouraged to send their interests for inclusion.

Each entrant submits his/her research names with places and dates for a £1 fee per form (16 entries) which will cover the operating costs of the project. Unlike other research directories the 'British Isles Genealogical Register 1997' is county based and will be available in county sections - e.g. the Yorkshire section will contain Yorkshire interests only, thus helping family historians to concentrate their interests within one county. This should increase the possibilities of 'family contacts', and enable subscribers to select only the counties in which they are interested. Ireland, Scotland and Wales will be processed as separate sections as will the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

It is anticipated that the entries for each county, etc (note that the Register will be based strictly on the pre 1974 historic counties) will be available from societies in that county on microfiche, mid - 1997, and from FFHS Publications, 2 - 4 Killer Street, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lancs. BL0 9BZ from where the whole Register* can also be purchased.

*This is an amalgamation of all sections into one alphabetical sequence and not a set of fiche in county and country sections.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Cornwall FHS Weekend Conference 1 - 3 November 1996

There will be a series of interesting talks, various stands, a computer database of names and traditional Cornish entertainment and hospitality. Details from David Holman, 3, Harbour Court, North Parade, Portscatho, Truro, Cornwall TR2 5HH

Yorkshire Family History Fair 29 & 30 June 1996

To be held at York Racecourse 10 am to 5pm. Admission £1.

7th English Gen. Congress 23-27 July 1996 See Vol. 17 No 1.

Doncaster FFHS Conference 30 Aug-1 Sept 1996 See Vol. 17 No 1.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

From Mr Jim Fielding, The Burrows, Kempley Green, Dymock, Glos. GL18 2BW.

When my parents and I removed from Sheffield to Swindon in Wiltshire around 1928 I was still in my infancy. In those times my parents, and my father especially, had an extensive vocabulary of Yorkshire words and expressions which were mostly incomprehensible to Swindonians. Amongst these were 'cornish' (mantelpiece); the 'room' and the 'house', (the front parlour and the back room respectively); and the bag of 'spice' which my mother sometimes brought home for me from a shopping expedition. Are these terms still used in

Sheffield, or have they fallen into disuse?

One such expression which I never learned the meaning of, however, was 'soft-brazened', which was always used in a derogatory sense (He's a bit soft-brazened'). As so often happens I didn't ask my parents the meaning of this term while they were still alive, and now that they are both long dead it's too late. So what does 'soft-brazened' mean? Can someone please enlighten me?

From Mr S. Foulds, 90, Southlands Avenue Orpington, Kent BR6 9ND

I should like to make a small amendment to my article on the Lord Raglan Pub (Page 86, Vol. 16 No.3). Mrs Helen Lomas has written to me pointing out that the Lord Raglan referred to in the article did, in fact, lose his 'sword arm' during the battle of Waterloo and that later, in the Crimean War, he served as C. in C. Mrs Lomas's husband, an M.P. from 1864 to 1979, visited the site of the battle of Waterloo together with the then Lord Raglan who spoke of this affair. The Flowing Stream obviously flows over a wide area!

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church rooms on the 19th of February 1996 at 7.30 pm.

Present :twenty-two members including the president (Professor David Hey) with Mrs M.P. Dunn in the chair. Mrs Dunn congratulated those present on getting to the meeting in view of the adverse weather conditions.

Apologies for absence had been received from Mesdames Hammond, Marsden, Rundle and Robson and from Messrs Cox and Souter.

Minutes of the last AGM had already been published in "The Flowing Stream". They were approved on a proposal by Miss Kendrick seconded by Mrs Moffatt. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Reports from Officers:

The Chairman, Mrs Dunn, reported as follows:

1995 has been a more settled year for the Society, providing a variety of good speakers at our meetings, and yet attendance numbers have gone down. We invite comments from members so that we can make necessary changes to improve the situation. As regards outdoor summer meetings, we regret to announce that due to lack of enthusiasm all future meetings will be held indoors.

Once again we provided a large display at the bi-annual Local History Fair which was held in October at the Sheffield Town Hall and were pleased to see many friends there, both old and new.

One sad happening recently was the death of Richard Wardale who died

suddenly whilst in London. He had served on the committee for many years and helped numerous members with their family history problems, and he also did a great deal of work on the 1861 Census Project. He will be greatly missed.

We have now received the Yorkshire Fiche for the 1881 Census for Sheffield and these are available for viewing in both Sheffield and Rotherham Archives.

This will be my last year in office as I feel that having served for ten years, first as Programme Secretary, then as General Secretary and now Chairman, I would like a break. This will bring new faces and fresh ideas to the committee, but I will always be available for help if required. I urge members to come forward and offer their services, no matter how small. Your Society needs YOU!. There are many personal rewards from being actively involved in the running of the Society, and it is surprising what talent and abilities await the opportunity of being drawn out of a person.

I would like to take this opportunity to specially thank Roy Bullen for the hard and conscientious work he has done for the Society and help he has given me at all times. He also wishes to relinquish his office next year, as he needs a break too. I would like to thank the other Officers and Committee Members for their help, and anyone who has contributed towards the smooth running of the Society in 1995.

The Treasurer, Mrs E.M. Allen presented the accounts of the Society and of the Rotherham Branch for 1995. The Treasurer said that the balance for 1995 has swung away from the 1994's deficit to a healthy surplus of income over expenditure. This was as a result of the increase of subscriptions in January 1995. However it was necessary always to be aware that costs (for instance, postage) would continue to increase, and would fairly quickly absorb what appeared to be a healthy excess of income over expenditure.

Rotherham Branch. For the first time the accounts of the Rotherham Branch had been included. There was a separate account sheet for Rotherham which was available for inspection.

Book Sales. We had purchased fewer books for resale this year. Last year's greater purchase had resulted in increased sales in 1995 compared with 1994.

Room Hire The much lower amount of payment for room hire in 1995 was as a result of the Treasurer's failure to settle an outstanding bill of £75.00 at the end of 1995. This amount would obviously appear in the next year's account, when room hire costs would appear to be higher than usual.

Most other items appeared to be reasonably steady.

Finally the treasurer said that she would like to thank the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Bookstall Officer for their unfailing support and advice, and all the members for their prompt renewal of membership.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1995

	1995	1994
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	5465	4191
Journal Sales	88	42
Donations	18	33
Book Sales	1049	638
Advertising	290	130
Leaflet Distribution	nil	62
Miscellaneous	1	18
Deposit Account Interest	214	153
Shelving	45	nil
	<u>7170</u>	<u>5267</u>

Expenditure		
Stationery and Printing	108	290
Journal Production Costs	2365	2105
Photocopying and Duplicating	141	159
Postage and Telephone	1319	1252
Room Hire	122	212
Speakers Expenses	85	136
Books for resale	252	516
Census Project	16	42
Federation Fees	134	134
Books for Library	146	221
Insurance	53	58
Sundries	205	106
Audit Fee	79	79
Donations	30	nil
Computer Expenses	298	74
Surplus for year	1817	-114
	<u>7170</u>	<u>5267</u>

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1995

	1995	1994
	£	£
Accumulated Fund	4920	5034
Balance 1st January 1995	1817	-114
Surplus for 1995	370	nil
Accumulated Surplus-Rotherham Branch	79	76
Creditor Audit Fee	1420	1328
Subscriptions in Advance	<u>8606</u>	<u>6324</u>

Assets

Current Account-General	743	697
Cash and Bank Book Account	1108	438
Bank Account-Trips	36	36
Bank and Cash-Rotherham	370	nil
Deposit Account	5496	4283
Stock	853	870
	<u>8606</u>	<u>6324</u>

E M Allen (Treasurer)

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

I have audited the financial statements in accordance with approved auditing standards. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at 31st December 1995.

G Lyon Certified Accountant

9th January 1996

The Annual Accounts for 1995 were then formally received and approved, and it was agreed that our Auditor, Mr G. Lyon, be re-appointed for the coming year on a proposal from Mrs Allen seconded by Mrs Moffatt.

Editor's Report : The Chairman explained that heavy snow had prevented Mrs Mardsden getting out of her house, but she had telephoned to say how grateful she was to all who had in any way assisted with the production of the journal. Mrs Marsden had prepared a report for the AGM and this would be published as an Appendix to the AGM Minutes and Annual Accounts in "The Flowing Stream" (see below).

Honorary Secretary's Report Roy Bullen gave a report as follows:

The present Society Committee consists of 17 people who have met on five evenings in the past year with an average attendance of 13. Additionally there have been many informal and useful smaller meetings to consider various aspects of Society business, with perhaps just two or three members consulting together to take less important decisions.

These Committee members, plus perhaps another 20 or so here and in the Rotherham Branch, really keep the society in being and maintain the structure as we grow and develop into one of the larger Yorkshire Societies. It is this group of men and women who I think are rather special and should be thanked on occasions such as this for all the dedicated work they have completed in the past year. Most family historians are initially only interested in researching their own family which is quite natural, but I am sure we all appreciate the small number of volunteers who take up Committee and other duties, which can often mean they have less time for their own genealogical studies.

I can only touch on one or two parts of S.& D.FHS's work in 1995-6 here, but other Officers' reports will fill out the picture. We have enjoyed a varied programme of lectures in Sheffield and Rotherham, and "The Flowing Stream" continues to be, in the opinion of many, one of the best locally-produced and member-written journals. Transcribers, checkers and computer operators from the membership have completed each of the 1841 to 1881 Census Indexes for Sheffield except for the 1861 index which is well advanced for completion. And all our Census work and other indexing is available at Sheffield Archives, or at Sheffield or Rotherham Local Studies Libraries.

In addition, the arrangement made some time ago with the Mormon Church means that our overseas and out-of-town members can obtain and inspect the recording and indexing we have done at Family History Centres reasonably near their own homes (and I do mean worldwide).

Further large projects will probably await completion of the already mentioned 1861 Census indexing which has, after some delays in the early

1990s, made especially satisfying progress this year. In all such work the computer is a useful tool which we recognise as helping to process the primary task of transcribing from original material. In all of these projects progress will depend on getting sufficient members to take up the work.

I am quite confident we shall continue to progress in the year ahead, and it is good to know that appeals have resulted in some new people showing interest in Committee posts. I trust this trend will continue next year when there will be further vacant positions which will need to be filled.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following Officers and Committee members have been nominated by Mrs Hume, seconded by Mrs Gillott and were willing to stand; they were elected en bloc:

Chairman	Mrs Dunn
Secretary	Roy Bullen
Treasurer	Mrs Allen
Editor	Mrs Marsden

Committee members	Mr Topham	Mrs Moffatt
	Mrs Hammond	Mr Gilberthorpe
	Mr Webb	Mr Souter
	Miss Graves	Mrs Bullas
	Miss Kendrick	Mr Cox
	Mr Westwood	Mrs Rundle

In addition Mrs Hume and Mrs Gillott were formally elected as Committee members on a proposal from Roy Bullen, seconded by Mrs Dunn and agreed by all present.

Mrs Dunn expressed sincere thanks to those members who were leaving the Committee, and she welcomed the newcomers that the meeting had elected.

Any Other Business

1 Mrs Dunn said it was possible that future AGMs would take place at the March meetings, in the hope of getting better weather and larger attendances.

2 In reply to a question, the Chairman confirmed that there would be no outdoor meetings in May, June or July as these had not been very well attended in the last two summers. Indoor meetings at Cemetery Road would be held instead.

There was no other business and the AGM closed at 7.55 pm.

Appendix to AGM Minutes

Editor's Report

1996 proved to be a good year for me with lots of excellent copy to use for *The Flowing Stream*, including, of course, the prize winning entries in our competition held in 1994. By now you will, I hope, have read the articles produced by the winners. I look forward to receiving even more entries for the competition being held this year.

I should like to thank the many people who have sent in copy for the journal. As Editor it is wonderful to have good, varied material from which to choose. I can make use of information and articles of any length, even little snippets to fill up odd corners.

As Editor one of my pleasant tasks is to record the Society's appreciation of the valuable work done by various members, much of it behind the scenes. Our thanks are given to Elaine Smith who produces all the address labels for sending out the journals. It is a mundane chore but one that is vital to the smooth organisation of journal delivery.

The team led by Mary Robson is still beavering away at the 1861 census index. I cannot mention them all individually but they perform a variety of tasks, the initial transcription from microfilms, checking, entering the work into the computer and organising the making of the microfilms. Thank you to all of the helpers.

Thank you also to Frank Westwood who is still recording churchyards in the area, often singlehanded, for the benefit of us all. We must all congratulate Frank for another task he has completed quietly in the background as is his wont. He has spent a long time transcribing records from WO 97 for Kew Record Office. At the end of the project, when he had transcribed 107 films (many more than anyone else) he was awarded the title of Supreme Champion by the project organisers at Kew. Congratulations, Frank - and our thanks too.

Finally, I should like to announce the results of the Christmas Crossword Competition. Although I only received 5 completed entries I hope many of you had fun over the holidays trying to solve the puzzle. Three people sent in correct solutions. Each therefore has been awarded a small prize of a book token. The prize winners are Mrs A. Bainbridge, Anne Giller and Mr John North.

Rotherham Branch AGM 4 January 1996 7.00 pm

Thirty members were present at the WEA rooms in Rotherham for the Annual General Meeting. Apologies for absence and good wishes for the Branch were received from Roy Bullen and Marjorie Dunn. The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by Miss Kendrick, seconded by Mrs Allen.

Matters arising

The Society no longer recommended family history researchers. Several projects suggested at the last AGM had been undertaken and others were under review. There was one item of correspondence.

Chairman's report

Mr Ryder felt that the Branch had had a satisfactory year. Affairs seemed to be on an even keel after a period of uncertainty.

Treasurer's report

Mrs Pauline Quail reported a balance of £370.81, a slight increase over the year. This was a healthy situation. The accounts were circulated and comments invited. There were no queries and the accounts were approved. This was proposed by Mr Jervis and seconded by Mr Gilberthorpe. Mrs Quail was thanked for her hard work.

Rotherham Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 Dec 1996	
Balance brought forward	£366 - 29
Subscriptions	<u>£452 - 00</u>
.....	<u>£818 - 29</u>
Rent to WEA Sept. 1995 to July 1996	£33 - 00
Speakers' Expenses	£30 - 00
Purchase of books for branch library	£47 - 00
Expenses (Mrs Longden)	£12 - 00
Retirement gift to Mrs Crowder (Archivist, Rotherham Public Library) in appreciation of support given to the branch	£20 - 00
Postage. Purchase of receipt book	£5 - 96
Refreshments. Milk, tea etc.	£10 - 52
Proportion of branch members' subscriptions paid to Society	<u>£289 - 00</u>
.....	<u>£447 - 46</u>
Balance	£370 - 81

Secretary's report

Mr Bye said that he had undertaken the duties of Secretary with some misgivings since he was a newcomer to family history. However, it had been an enjoyable year. There were several reasons for this. Firstly, members had been friendly, co-operative and helpful; even producing information on the elusive Bye family! John Willis and Eileen Allen were very supportive. Secondly, other members of the committee has eased the Secretary's task by the way in which they did their jobs. Colin Ryder was a mine of information and an experienced guide and mentor. Clive Edwards was a reliable Vice-chairman. Pauline Quail had acted as contact with Rex Berry's widow and helped to collect and sort his extensive records and notes. Brian Jervis had reported on meetings for "The Flowing Stream" which left the Secretary free to concentrate on other matters. Les Gilberthorpe was Speaker Co-ordinator and his enthusiasm was an inspiration, seemingly doing everyone else's family tree as well as his own! His computer expertise was invaluable. Janet Bye was Librarian and helped with typing and enquiries. Angela Kendrick was a fount of wisdom and a reliable

supporter, making sure we can get in to our meetings. The Secretary had been helped and encouraged, especially at the start, by Roy Bullen, Sheffield Secretary, and thanks were due to him.

During 1995 three members had been engaged in transcribing the 1861 census along with others in Rotherham and Sheffield. This was an example of what the Branch could and should be doing. Other members were engaged in interesting research.

The committee had met on three occasions. Short talks by members, purchase of books for the library, a newsletter and the creation of a computer database for the Branch to supplement the card index of members' interests had all come about through these meetings. It was essential that members joined in activities and put forward ideas for the future. Contributions to the magazine should be encouraged. Input from members was essential to any organisation.

There had been five speakers during the year with pleasing attendances. Two of these talks were provided by Branch members. Mrs Joyce Longden and Mr Chris Souter were to be congratulated on excellent efforts. Other members had provided short talks at open meetings. It was hoped that this would continue. Mr Bye ended his report by thanking the ladies who attended to the social aspects of meetings, especially with refreshments.

Membership Secretary's report

Miss Kendrick reported that membership of the Society remained steady despite the usual drop in interest during the summer months. Members were reminded that they were welcome to attend both Sheffield and Rotherham meetings.

Speaker Co-ordinator's report

Mr Gilberthorpe reported that the programme for 1997 was almost complete. Details would be sent to "The Flowing Stream".

Mr Ryder, from the Chair, thanked the officials for their reports which were formally approved.

Election of Officials

The following officials were nominated and seconded for election, agreed to serve and were then appointed.

Chairman	Mr Ryder
Vice Chairman	Mr Edwards
Treasurer	Mrs Quail
Secretary	Mr Bye
Speaker Co-ordinator	Mr Gilberthorpe
Membership Secretary	Miss Kendrick
Meetings reports	Mr Jervis
Librarian	Mrs Bye

Any other business

The meeting continued with further discussion of future projects and branch meetings. Business was concluded at 8.10 pm. The date of the next AGM was fixed provisionally for 9 January 1997.

Rotherham Branch Meeting 1 Feb. 1996

Around the churchyard with a camera

Gravestones and their information have always been a valuable source for family historians. Sometimes we come across the occasional epitaph which is out of the ordinary. What Mr and Mrs Marples, our speakers, had gathered was a collection of strange and humorous slides of tombstones which carry more than the average information.

The first gravestone commemorated the death of a colliery. A huge winding wheel, or half if it, was placed in the churchyard with the stone, complete with golden lettering in the middle. The speaker said that this was the only physical evidence that the pit had ever existed. Another was the gravestone of a military man whose medals had been carved along the top of his headstone. The most humorous epitaph was of a watchmaker whose spring had wound down. He hoped to be cleaned and repaired by his Maker.

At the start of the journey around churchyards we were in and around Rotherham, but as the talk progressed we moved to the Midlands, the West Country, Scotland and then to Mansfield, the speakers' home town. Because the speakers were keen cyclists they were able to discover details that would otherwise have been missed by the motorist.

Mrs Marples ended by saying that the slides shown and the wealth of information gathered was there for anyone who took time to explore and examine this valuable resource.

Reported by B.L. Jervis

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs J. Flinders, 19, Cathedral View Park, Manor Road, Witchford, Near Ely, Cambs. CB6 2JL is seeking information about a Family Bible that was mentioned in Volume 8 Number 3 of "The Flowing Stream". It was **Brown's Family Bible** by the late Rev. **John Brown** of Aberrethy, Perth and was bought at Central United Church, Sheffield. In it were mentioned the names **Mark Hattersley** b. Aug. 29th 1831 and **Elizabeth Hattersley** b. Dec 5th 1834, the parents, followed by the names of the children of whom **Myna Emily** was one. Unfortunately no owner's name was given for the Bible. Can anyone help to locate it?

Mrs E.P.M. Hewett, Lannarth Farm, Manaccan, Helston, Cornwall TR12 6EN writes "**Joshua Wilks** was a weaver and was dead by 1729 when his son **John** was apprenticed to **John Barber**, cutler, of Attercliffe for 10 1/2 years becoming a Freeman in 1744. John married **Mary Trickett** and their grandson **Joseph Wilks** was the founder of Wilks Bros., ironmongers, in Furnival Road, Wicker. Bradford was a weaving town and there was a Joshua Wilks baptised there in 1666 the son of Joshua and **Marie Booth** and grandson of **Abraham Wilks** and **Jennet Lister**, with quite a large family living there. Is there a link between Bradford and Sheffield? With the help of a researcher we have been unable to find out if the Joshua baptised in 1666 and Joshua the weaver are one and the same. The IGI hasn't been able to help. I am hoping that someone may know of a marriage and other children- somewhere."

Ms Mercedes Leidlich, 10641 S.W. 113 Place, Unit 2, Miami, Florida. 33176, USA writes,"I am seeking

1.the parents, ancestors or descendants of 7 siblings born mid 1800's in Sheffield.. **Charles Creswick** b.1863. Married **Fanny Marshall** 1892. Address Walkley Lane. Siblings of Charles were **William**; **Kathleen (m. Gillette)**; **Benjamin**; **Harold**; **Fred**; **Florence (m. George Thorpe)**. Also silversmiths **Thomas**, **James**, and **Nathaniel Creswick**, son of **James Creswick** and **Mary Smith**. All were born in the 1780s in Sheffield.

2.People of the surname **Jubb**. There were several marriages with the Creswicks.

3. Parents and siblings of **Fanny Marshall**, wife of **Charles Creswick**."

Mr B.J. Tremblay, SS2, Site 5, Comp 81, Prince George BC, V2N 2K6, Canada is researching the name **Doncaster**. His ancestor **William Doncaster** went to Canada some time in the 1790's and settled in an area with people called the **Yorkshire Methodists** who went there in 1770. Any information on the **Doncasters** would be appreciated. Mr Tremblay will be glad to forward details of **Doncasters** in Canada.

Roma Roberts, 235a Queenbury Street, Christchurch 8006, New Zealand writes "I am seeking information on **Mary** b. 1854, **Emma** b. 1857, **Harriet** b. 1858 and **William** b. 1861, the children of **John Rogers** and **Ruth Ogden** who lived in Sheffield.

I am also seeking information on **James** b. 1851, **Mary** b. 1856, **Christopher** b c1860, **Martha** b. c1849, **Sarah** b. c1867, **Jane** b. 1861 and **Ellen** b. 1865 the children of **Richard Shepard** and **Ruth James** at **Thorpe Hesley** and **Sheffield**."

Mrs J.C. Frost, 99, Maidenhall, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DJ writes, "My father was **Harold Richardson Godfrey**. he grew up in Intake. He believed the Richardsons came from Scotland. His grandmother was **Elizabeth Richardson** whose father **Charles** married **Elizabeth Habershaw** at Sheffield St. Peter's. Charles' father was **Edward Richardson** who married **Margaret Chapman** also at St. Peter's in 1796. Edward's birth cannot be found. Did he come from Scotland? If so, where? My father's Richardson cousins were butchers at Gleadless. Any help would be appreciated"

Mr J. Dawson, 2461 Wiltse Dr., Penticton, B.C. V2A 7X7, Canada writes "I am seeking information on **Percy Barber and family**. Percy was born in Sheffield around 1905 to **Alice Barber (née Dawson)**. There were two daughters, **Mavis** and **Margaret**, and the family was reported last living in Huddersfield, Yorkshire. I would be grateful for any information on this family.

Mark Townsend, 3, Fulmere Crescent, Sheffield S5 9NN writes, I am seeking details of the father of **William Parkin** who was born in Sheffield about 1815. His trade was a Pen and Pocket Blade Grinder and he was married twice. His first wife **Elizabeth Wilson** whom he married at St. Peter's, Sheffield in 1836 bore him seven children. She died in 1753. His second wife was **Mary Tomlinson**. I obtained her name from the birth certificate of one of her children but am unable to find a marriage in Sheffield, Ecclesall Bierlow or Chesterfield (where she was born). I need the second marriage to ascertain William Parkin's father. I have already checked all the churches for William's baptism and found that only St. Peter's had William Parkins baptised, two in 1814 and three in 1815!"

John Craddock, 9, Plash Drive, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1LW is compiling an account of the family and life of **Frank Oliver Rideout (1890-1949)** who worked at the Town Hall in Sheffield. During the Great War he served in C Company of the Sheffield City Battalion and was later commissioned into the East Yorkshire Regiment. As a POW in 1918 he wrote an account of his capture with the Lts. **Black** and **Scoby** and 2 Lt. **Walker**. Related surnames are **Catchpole**, **Downing**, **Draper**, **Eames**, **Jepson**, **Tinker**, **Woodcock** and **Young**. He would be grateful for any information.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

Was your ancestor a parish constable? by Simon Harrington.
Berkshire Family Historian Vol. 19. No. 1 Sept 1995.

A NEW SOURCE FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

Family Historians in Rotherham now have a new source to help them in their search into their family origins. The Archives and Local Studies Section of Rotherham Central Library has recently acquired copies of the indexes to the 1881 censuses for the counties of Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

These indexes are the result of a major co-operative effort co-ordinated by the Genealogical Society of Utah. The 1881 census returns for the whole of England were transcribed by a network of volunteers. The transcripts were then fed into the Genealogical Society's computer which produced county by county indexes on microfiche of the names which occur in the census. Members of the Sheffield and District Family History Society were very active in transcribing the census and, as thanks for their effort, the Society were given two copies of the Yorkshire index. The Society in turn has very generously deposited one copy with the Archives and Local Studies Section at Rotherham and the other with Sheffield Archives. As Rotherham lies close to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire boundaries, the Archives and Local Studies Section decided to purchase copies of the indexes to those two counties. The Yorkshire index contains a total of 501 microfiche each containing 460 frames of information.

The census returns are an invaluable source for family historians (and for local and social historians) as they list every person in every household, with details of family relationships, ages, occupations and places of birth. Previously it was necessary to know where your ancestors were living (or be prepared to spend a long time on a blanket search) to find their entry in the census. Many local history libraries and record offices have microfilm of the census returns for their own area but no one repository can afford to hold the film for the whole of Yorkshire. Now genealogists who know only that their ancestors were living in Yorkshire (or Derbyshire or Nottingham) can save a long search and much travelling by checking the index.

The index is divided into four sections. The most useful of these is the surname index which arranges all the names in each county into a single alphabetical sequence, giving the age, relationship to head of household, occupation, name of head of household, census place and birthplace of each person with the reference to the page on the census microfilm on which each name occurs. Armed with this information it is possible to look at the original entry for the household at the library or record office that holds the relevant census microfilm. Alternatively, the fourth section of the index is a complete transcript of the returns for the county in reference number order. The other two sections list the surnames alphabetically by place of birth (eg. all the Smiths in Yorkshire who were born in Birmingham etc) and by census place (eg. all the Smiths living in Wickersley).

The new index complements the Section's existing name index to the 1851 census for the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham. Members of the Rotherham branch of the Sheffield and District Family History Society are currently within sight of the end of a project to transcribe and index the 1861 Census for the area.

There is likely to be a heavy demand for this new source and intending enquirers are strongly urged to book a microfiche reader before visiting the Archives and Local Studies Section (tel: 01709 - 823616). The opening hours of the Section are currently Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10.00 - 17.00; Thursday 13.00 - 19.00; Saturday, 09.00 - 17.00.

Anthony P. Munford, Manager, Archives and Local Studies, Rotherham Library

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

1396 Mrs L. Clayton, 28, Marlfield Gardens, Canbinteely, Dublin 18.

Republic of Ireland

CLAYTON	Wincobank WRY	c1895
ELLIS	Kilnhirst WRY	c 1870
ELLIS	Worsborough Dale WRY	1912+
FEARN	Dodworth WRY	c 1857
GIBSON	Huddersfield WRY	1850+
GIBSON	Mirfield WRY	pre 1850
HALL	Sheffield WRY	pre 1890
HALLATT	Huddersfield WRY	pre 1886
HINCHLIFFE	Huddersfield WRY	c 1850
HOYLE	Huddersfield WRY	pre 1850
OLDFIELD	Almondbury WRY	pre 1886
SAVILE	Almondbury WRY	c 1860

R976 Mr R. Polden, 38, Holman House, Roman Road, Bethnal Green.

London E2 0QZ

PARKIN	Sheffield YKS	c1870
POLDEN	Sheffield YKS	1871+
POLDEN	Rotherham YKS	1881+
WILLOWS	Sheffield YKS	c1871

1395 Mr R.H. Tingle, 13, Tredour Road, Newquay, Cornwall TR7 2EY

BOYD	Doncaster SYK	19C
CLEWLEY	Worksop NTT	1900+
GOODMAN	Doncaster SYK	1900+
HALL	Firbeck SYK	19C
SINGLETON	Doncaster SYK	19C
WARD	Worksop NTT	19C
WARD	Grenoside SYK	1900+
WARD	Rotherham SYK	1900+
WARD	Wetwell SYK	19C
WARD	Sheffield SYK	19C
WEST	Manchester LAN	19C
WILLIAM	Manchester LAN	1900+

R870 Mrs C.B. Cook, 9, Claver Close, Swainby, Northallerton, N. Yorks. DL6 3DH

FEWKES	Beighton YKS	19C
FEWKES	Sheepshead LEI	19C
FOULDES	Blyth NTT	19C
KITCHEN	Cantley YKS	17-19C
KITCHEN	Firbeck YKS	1870-1882
KITCHEN	Tickhill YKS	18C+
MORRIS	Cantley YKS	pre 18C+
MOTTRAM	Anywhere	pre 18C

1397 Mr B. Lockwood, 37, Wiltshire Drive, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 0RY

GOOD	Louth LIN	17C M+
GOOD	Tetford LIN	18C E
HIBBERT	DBY	18C+
JACKSON	Dronfield DBY	17C M+
MANGHAM	Wentworth YKS	17C M+
PARKIN	Ecclesfield YKS	18C+
PARKIN	Wentworth YKS	17C M+
PHILLIPSON	Bradley LIN	17C+
PHILLIPSON	Waltham LIN	18C+
SALES	Eckington DBY	18C M
SALES	Elmstone DBY	18C M
SALES	Apperknowle DBY	18C+

1400 Mrs & Mrs F. Coupe, 7, Spa Lane, Woodhouse, Sheffield S13 7PG

COUPE	Handsworth / Woodhouse YKS	pre 1880
FOWLER	Handsworth / Woodhouse YKS	pre 1880
HERRING	Darnall / Woodhouse YKDS	pre 1875
OATES	Troway DBY	pre 1875

R877 Mr D. Peart, 46, Shearman Evenue., Rotherham S61 3AF

AGUS	Braydestone NFK	pre 1860
ANDREWS	Rotherham YKS	pre 1928
BLOGG	Southburgh NFK	pre 1876
BULMER	Wakefield YKS	pre 1865
GEE	Chesterfield DBY	pre 1875
LAKE	Wakefield YKS	pre 1865
PEART	Norwich NFK	pre 1900
ROEBUCK	Rotherham SYK	pre 1900
RUDGE	Bilston STS	pre 1875
STEEL	Rotherham SYK	pre 1808

Dr T.D. ORGAN, East Farm, Normanby by Stow, Gainsborough DN21 5LO

BACON	North LIN	All
BANHAM	Birmingham WAR	pre 1900
CAFFIN	All SSX	pre 1800
CHILD	Birmingham WAR	pre 1900
DANKS	Birmingham WAR	pre 1800
FANSTONE	All SSX	pre 1900
FANSTONE	Downham WIL	pre 1800
FROGGATT	Sheffield SYK	pre 1870
LAKE	Birmingham WAR	pre 1900
ORGAN	All GLS	pre 1900
SPEED	North LIN	pre 1900
WHEDDON	Birmingham WAR	pre 1900

R879 Mr J.R. Leach, 75, Roughwood Road, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3RB

DAWSON	Sheffield YKS	1850+
DAWSON	Handsworth YKS	1840+
HODGSON	Normanton YKS	1840+
HODGSON	Wakefield YKS	1800+
LEACH	Barnsley YKS	1840+
LEACH	Leeds YKS	1846+
LEACH	Normanton YKS	pre 1800
LEACH	Rotherham YKS	c1846+
LEACH	Sheffield YKS	c1846+
LEACH	Wakefield YKS	1846+

1380 J.L. Cussans, 70, Hobgate, York YO2 4HW

HOGG	Sheffield YKS	pre 1875
CASTLETON	Sheffield YKS	pre 1875
O'CONNOR	Sheffield YKS	pre 1875
ROBINSON	Sheffield YKS	pre 1880

1365 Mrs J. Newton, Ridgeway, Row Lane, Seend, Melksham, Wilts

		<u>SN12 6PR</u>
BURGON	Nether Hallam SYK	19C
EGGINGTON	Sheffield SYK	19C
GREEN	Ecclesfield SYK	19C
GREEN	Sheffield SYK	19C
HANDLEY	Sheffield SYK	19C
IBBOTSON	Sheffield SYK	19C
JOWETT	Rotherham SYK	19C
JOWETT	Sheffield SYK	19C

1404 Mrs E. Woodley, Gleniffer, Stronvaar Road, Campbeltown, Argyll

		<u>PA28 6SW</u>
BELL	Harthill YKS	18/19C
BELL	Derbyshire	18/19C
FRITH	Harthill YKS	18/19C
FRITH	Derbyshire	18/19C
KOOS	Harthill YKS	18/19C
KOOS	Derbyshire	18/19C
PATTISON	Harthill YKS	18/19C
PATTISON	Derbyshire	18/19C

1385Mr E.W. Oliver, 7, The Hassocks, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 8QG

BLENKA(O)RN	Sheffield WRY	pre 1900
BLENKA(O)RN	West Drayton NTT	E 19C
FREEBOROUGH	East Markham NTT	pre 1827
FROGGATT	Sheffield WRY	pre 1900
HIRD	Willoughton LIN	E 19C
KELSEY	Epworth LIN	E 19C
KELSEY	Sheffield WRY	pre 1900
OLIVER	Ash-by-Wrotham KEN	17 & 18C
PIGOTT	Hatfield WRY	pre 1814
PIGOTT	Sheffield WRY	19C
PINHORN(E)	Portsmouth HAM	18 & 19C
SPEARPOINT	Bermondsey SRY	pre 1900

R873 Ms A. Garrison, 4, Briar Close, Caversham, Reading RG4 7QH

INMAN	Catterick	c 1812
INMAN	Laughton le Morthen YKS	1829-49
INMAN	Woodsetts YKS	1849+
SEWELL	Worksop NTT	1848-61
SEWELL	Woodsetts YKS	1861+
STEEDMAN	Retford area NTT	mid 1800
STEEDMAN	Wombwell YKS	c 1884
STEEDMAN	Whiston YKS	1890+

1390 Mrs S. Dickson, 7, Tinwell Close, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3BJ

CHAMBERS	Anywhere YKS	1800+
FLETCHER	Ranskill NTT	1800+
FLETCHER	Biggleswade BDS	1800+
HEMMINGS	Sheffield YKS	1800+
LAWRENCE	Wakefield / Pontefract YKS	1800+
LEE	Sheffield YKS	1800+
LOCKWOOD	Doncaster YKS	1800+
NEWBORN	Doncaster YKS	1800+
RIDING	Wakefield YKS	1800+
RILEY	Wakefield YKS	1800+
SLEATH	Ranskill NTT	1800+
SLEATH	Sleaford LIN	1800+

1401 Mr M. Townsend, 3, Fulmere Crescent, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 9NN

BEARDER	Mansfield NTT	pre 1820
EYRE	Abney DBY	pre 1730
FOOT(E)	Buckfastleigh DEV	pre 1820
FRITH	Eyam DBY	pre 1830
GOLICK	Kingswinford STS	pre 1860
HEPWORTH	Oldham LAN	pre 1840
LOMAS	Hope Valley DBY	pre 1740
MARR	Alderstot Barracks HAM	pre 1860
NUTTON	Sheffield YKS	pre 1840
PARKIN	Sheffield YKS	pre 1860
TOWNSEND	Abney DBY	pre 1700
TRISTRAM	Madely Wood SAL	pre 1860

R875 Mrs M. Monks, 69, Spencer Drive, Ravenfield, Rotherham S65 4PZ

ATTON	Rotherham WRY	pre 1860
COOPER	Rotherham WRY	pre 1887
DAWSON	Bolton LAN	pre 1840
KAVANAGH	Bolton LAN	18C
KAY	Bolton LAN	c1760
LOW	Barnsley WRY	pre 1880
MILLS	Hoyland WRY	pre 1907
MONKS	Bolton LAN	pre 1875
PLATTS	Platts Common WRY	pre 1880
WHARBURTON	Bolton LAN	pre 1862
WHARTON	Hoyland WRY	pre 1907
WILKINSON	Rotherham WRY	pre 1860

1403 Mrs S. Chandler, 54, Long Meadow, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2HJ

CHALLENGER	Sheffield YKS	19C
WARREN	Sheffield YKS	19C

1342 Mr R.A. Harrison, Arley, 28, Dane Rose, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon.

<u>Wiltshire BA15 2NB</u>		
ELLIN	Sheffield YKS	18C-19C
HARRISON	Barnsley YKS	pre 1730
HARRISON	Sheffield YKS	1730+
MOORE	Sheffield YKS	1824+
NEWBOULD	Sheffield YKS	19C
WHITE	Sheffield YKS	18C
YATES	Bolsterstone YKS	18C
YATES	Sheffield YKS	19C

1405 Mrs D. Bullock, 3, Aylton Drive, Brookfield, Middlesbrough, Cleveland

<u>TS5 8HW</u>		
BULLOCK	NFK	pre 1850
HARRINGTON	MOG	E 1800
JINKS	WOR	M 1800
SWINSCOE	Sheffield YKS	E 1800
WARDHAUGH	DUR	E 1800
WARDHAUGH	NBL	E 1800

1398 Mr N. Thornton, 36, Pine Drive, Thornhill Park, Southampton

<u>SO18 5RP</u>		
CROSS	Hull YKS	pre 1910
DEWSNAP	Sheffield YKS	19C
GARLAND	Netherwood Hall YKS	19C
GARSIDE	Sheffield YKS	19C
LANGHORN	Heck YKS	pre 1846
STEERS	Barnsley YKS	19C
THORNTON	Heck YKS	19C

STRAY FROM CANADA

Frederick Shore died Friday evening of heart failure. Mr Shore was born in Sheffield, England in 1813 and came to Canada in 1833 and settled in St. Thomas, Ontario (S. of London), where he resided for two years, while a house was being built for him in Westminster Township, between the 4th and 5th Concession, where he resided until 1894, when he moved to south London. He was a faithful member of the Church of England and a staunch Conservative.

From The London Free Press, July 1900.

Contributed by Mrs S. Parent, 308-1136 Adelaide N., London, Ontario, Canada N5Y2P1

THREE STANNINGTON FAMILIES

The Booth, the Shaw and the Goodison families were all to be found in Stannington

William Booth was born in Dronfield, Derbyshire in 1849 and was a coal miner. On Census night 1871 William was in lodgings at Knowl(sic.) Top in Stannington with a family called Womack. A couple of days later on 10 April, 1871 William aged 21 years married Emma Shaw in Bradfield. Emma was the daughter of Jonathan Shaw who was a scale presser and lived in Uppergate, Stannington with his wife Ann Goodison. Together they had 11 children, Emma being the fourth child, born in 1852.

Howard, one of their children never married. He lived in Seamer, Scarborough where he was a rat catcher with his terrier dog, aptly named Rats.

Alice, another of their children was born in 1887. She met her husband-to-be when she was housekeeper for his family. In 1908 in Stannington Parish Church she married Herbert Howard Goodison who was born in 1886, the son of George and Marianne Goodison who were farmers and milk dealers of Parkside. Herbert became a policeman after leaving the Cold Stream Guards and moved to Huddersfield where he was known as Bobby Jim. They had nine children, one of whom was my mother Mary. Alice and Jim lived healthy lives into their mid 80's. The fresh Stannington air must have stood them in good stead!

The writer would like to hear from anyone who is interested in the above families.

Rita McDonnell, 18, Highgate Avenue, Lepton, Huddersfield HD8 0EE

CHARACTER PUBS IN LONDON

The New Savoy Tavern, Savoy Street (South side of the Strand)

This comfortable little pub is situated alongside the famous Savoy Hotel and is within yards of Somerset House. Readers may be interested to know that this Hotel's forecourt is the only place in England where traffic moves on the right. This is to ensure that traffic bound for the adjacent Savoy Theatre does not block that bound for the entrance of this luxurious hotel!

There is also a road running through a tunnel under the Hotel from which can be seen the hotel's huge electricity power station which is the oldest in the world and which used to supply electricity to the old BBC 2LO Savoy Hill.

The *not very new* Savoy Tavern supplies a reasonable variety of drink and food and has ample seating accommodation. It is situated in a blessedly quiet traffic free area.

Stuart Foulds, 90, Southlands Avenue, Orpington, Kent BR6 9ND

CALL TO ARMS (Continued)

LIST OF EMPLOYEES (*continued*).

NAME.	RANK.	REGIMENT.
Pass, R.	Private	2/5th York and Lancs.
Pinder, J. L.	Private	8th York and Lancs.
Pratt, E.	Private	R.F.A.
Price, H.	Private	3rd York and Lancs.
Reed, P.	Private	1/5th York and Lancs.
Reeves, A. P.	Pioneer	2nd East Yorks.
Reeves, H.	A.B.S.	<i>H.M.S. Kent.</i>
Richardson, A.	Corpl.	1st R.S.F. Regt.
Roberts, R.	Private	1/5th York and Lancs.
Rose, H. W.	Corpl.	27th Battery, R.F.A.
Sadler, T.	Driver	164th Howitzer Brigade, R.F.A.
Sadler, W. G.	Private	3rd York and Lancs.
Simcox, R.	Private	12th York and Lancs. (Sheffield).
Simpson, F. H.	Private	1/5th York and Lancs.
Skidmore, C.	Private	3/5th York and Lancs.
Smales, H.	Private	18th Hussars.
Smith, A.	Private	1/5th York and Lancs.
Smith, S. G.	L/Corpl.	R.E. Troop Coy., 20th Army.
Smith, W. H.	Private	8th York and Lancs.
Southern, G. W.	Private	7th York and Lancs.
Spencer, W.	Private	2/5th York and Lancs.
Spouge, N.	Corpl.	6th York and Lancs.
Stevenson, O.	Sapper	3/2nd W.R.D.R.E.
Stringer, B.	Driver	A.S.C.
Stringer, T.	Private	Naval Brigade, Hood Batt.
Swain, C.	Private	1/5th York and Lancs.
Tarren, B.	Private	8th K.O.Y.L.I.
Thompson, H.	Private	7th Coldstream Guards.
Todhunter, C.	Private	8th York and Lancs.
Turnpenny, J. R.	Driver	1 1st W.R.R.H.A.
Wagner, J.	Private	3/5th York and Lancs.
Walker, J.	Corpl.	10th Royal Hussars.
Watson, G.	Private	3rd York and Lancs.
Wilkinson, J. W.	Private	12th York and Lancs.
Wilson, A.	Private	10th York and Lancs.
Wilson, H.	Private	47th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.
Worfolk, W.	Private	A.S.C.



THE WILBERFORCE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Whilst doing research on my mainline ancestor, William Nock, my 3 x great grandfather, I accumulated a lot of information about his brother Thomas and his family. The entire Nock clan had moved en masse from Bilston and West Bromwich in Staffordshire, to Elsecar, recruited to work in the Milton Ironworks. It would appear that tragedy had blighted the family life of Thomas Nock. Thomas b. 1828 and his wife Sophia Johnson, b. 1830, had 13 children; George b. 1854, John William b. 1856, Thomas b. 1857, Isaiah b. 1859, Susan b. 1860, Samuel b. 1863, David b. 1865, Joseph and Benjamin, who were twins, b. 1866, Annie b. 1868, Emma Jane b. 1869 and James Henry b. 1871. On the 1861 census for Sebastopol, Hoyland Nether, three of the boys are listed as Blind from Birth. They are John William aged 5, Thomas aged 3 and Isaiah aged 2. On the next census, living at Dawes Building, Hoyland, I assumed Thomas and Isaiah might have died young, as they are absent. The youngest child, James Henry aged 3 months, is also listed as Blind from Birth. Out of 13 children born to Thomas and Sophia 4 were blind, all of them boys. It is thus probably a fair assumption that they suffered from congenital blindness, only affecting males, and passed through the mother, as none of the other branches of the Nock family are affected. John is living at home, but not working.

Our suspicions that the boys had died young were proved wrong, when we received a copy of some music, the Wentworth Woodhouse Polka, dedicated to Countess Fitzwilliam, composed by Tom Nock, jun. teacher of music, Hoyland Nether, late pupil of the Wilberforce School for the Blind, York. This was sent to us by a very kind gentleman who had helped in our Nock research. I was intrigued by the information that he taught music and had been able to support himself, and the details of where he had attended school.

The next step was to see whether the school was still in existence. I found that it is now a school for children with multiple handicaps. The principal very kindly searched through old records and found the following information about John William, Thomas and Isaiah;

John William entered aged 13 (on) 13 November 1868, left 11 March due to ill health. This was confirmed by his reappearance in Hoyland.

Isaiah, visit 17 April 1868, admitted 11 September 1868, aged 9.

Thomas entered 6 August 1867.

The principal also gave us the information that the boys entered generally aged 9 and left aged 14. Thomas and Isaiah seem to have followed the normal pattern, although it seems possible that John William entered when older due to ill health. I am also told that if the boys wanted to become basket makers on leaving, they were presented with 10 shillings and tools, and, if they wanted to make brushes, they were given 22 shillings and tools.

My next step was to find the boys on the 1871 census for York. The Wilberforce School for the Blind was at Bootham, York, in St. Olave's parish, Marygate. the establishment was large, with 43 boys and 25 girls as pupils, ranging in age from 9-22. Some are listed as blind, some as blind from birth. It seems likely that the older pupils became blind due to accident or illness later in life. The Superintendent was Mr Anthony Buckle aged 33, his wife, Elizabeth aged 33 was Matron. The teaching staff consisted of Jane Bellamy, 34, schoolmistress, Martha Knowles, 49, assistant teacher, Blind, John Broadbelt, 26, basketmaker by trade, temporary schoolmaster, Blind. The domestic staff consisted of a cook, a scullery maid, a nurse, four housemaids and a house porter. The pupils were drawn from a wide area, mainly Yorkshire, but not exclusively. There are children from different parts of Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Scotland, Durham and even someone from London.

In York Library, I found an interesting book on the school, "The Yorkshire School for the Blind" (Wilberforce Memorial) by Mr A.B. Norwood, MA, Principal. The school was founded in 1833. It appears that the idea of a school for the blind was originated in response to public interest in instructing "the indigent blind and educating them in habits of industry" and also to provide a lasting memorial for the philanthropist, William Wilberforce, who died in 1833. The money was raised by public subscription and prominent figures in Yorkshire, such as Earl Fitzwilliam, were involved in the meetings.

Attached in the book was a list of rules of the school and information for prospective pupils. This includes advice about educating children, making them independent, for example, going on errands, dressing themselves, and above all avoid letting the child become completely helpless, sitting in a corner, rocking itself. There is also a list of clothing with which the child should be provided, including 6 pocket handkerchiefs and for girls, two sailor hats!

The schoolday started at 6 o'clock from Lady Day till Michaelmas and 7 from Michaelmas to Lady Day. Younger pupils went to bed at 8 o'clock, older ones at 9 o'clock. The day started and ended with Scripture and prayers ending at 6.30 pm. From 9 am till 12.30 and from 2 pm till 4.30 the pupils rotated in groups between arithmetic, reading and writing, and basket, brushmaking, needlework and plain knitting for girls, and music. The pupils also gave musical concerts. If a child had a particular talent for any art they were to receive encouragement. Pupils were required to attend St. Olave's church or the Minster on Sundays, unless parents had provided access to another place of worship. They were allowed to go home to relatives or friends at midsummer, but not for longer than a month.

Pupils received three meals a day, breakfast at eight, dinner at one and supper at six. the diet seems to have been very nutritious for its era. Breakfast consisted of bread and butter with coffee or milk and cocoa on Sundays. Dinner

was extremely varied, providing meat of some kind, nearly every day and a pudding. For example, Tuesday's dinner consisted of bread pudding and rice pudding and meat and potato stew. Tea consisted of bread and butter, with tea or milk, but on Sundays there was buttered currant cake. Dinners were also frequently supplemented with other vegetables; and pupils were sometimes allowed jam, marmalade or lettuce for evening meal. In addition juniors had biscuits daily at 11 am and seniors had buttered cake or cake with dripping at 8.30pm.

It would appear that for entry to the school questions were put by a clergyman or overseer of the parish. These included questions about the good character of the proposed pupil and also if they were able to wash and dress themselves. It seems that the school was run under an enlightened regime, which aimed to provide blind people with independence and a means to support themselves. In 1866 brushmaking was introduced. In the first year 12,000 brushes were made and sold. Mr Buckle appears to have been an educated and well liked man. In 1873 he attended a Congress in Vienna of managers and teachers of the Blind for Europe and America.

As yet I do not know what became of Isaiah. In the 1881 census John William and Thomas are back home living in Stubbin Lane, Hoyland, with their family. John William is 26 and Thomas is 24. No occupations are given though I know Thomas later became a music teacher. It would appear that their younger brothers, Daniel, Joseph and Ben helped to support them, since they worked as labourers, presumably at the iron works, aged 15 and 16 respectively. Perhaps Isaiah died or had moved from home and John William could have been too sickly to work since he was not at school very long. I do know, however that Thomas must have been seen as one of the school's successes becoming a music teacher and a published composer despite his handicaps.

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Ed's Note: The author would be pleased to share details found with anyone who may have an ancestor who attended the Blind School. A list of staff and pupils has been deposited in the society's Library. On the list are the following pupils from our area.:-

Frederick Warrender aged 14 from West Melton Yorks. Blind.

Thomas Nock aged 13 from Hoyland Yorks. Blind from birth.

Joseph Parkinson aged 13 from Scholes Yorks. Blind.

Isaiah Nock aged 12 from Hoyland Yorks. Blind from birth.

Arthur Hancock aged 12 from Sheffield. Blind.

Annie Tyas aged 15 from Sheffield. Blind.

Clara Humberstone aged 16 from Sheffield. Blind.

IN SEARCH OF SCOTTISH ANCESTRY

I was born in Sheffield in November 1940. My father was Joseph Harold Morton and my mother was Rosina (née Richardson). At that time my father was in the Army but his parents lived at 28 Norton Lees Lane. My grandfather, Harold Morton, was in the cutlery trade and he was English His wife, Annie, was born Anne McMahon and her huge Irish extended family lived around the Woodseats area of Sheffield. I grew up knowing this Irish group very well, but grandfather Harold's family was almost unknown to me.

Harold was a quiet man. He had a workshop somewhere in the city and he had a Saturday market stall at Alfreton, so we did not see very much of him. All I knew was that his family had come down from Scotland and Motherwell was mentioned. This was accepted as a fact, but no details were available and I never asked him directly.

Many years later, when I finally got around to tracing my ancestry, I realised I should take an interest in my Morton forebears, if only because it was easier to research than the Irish dimension. My husband and I began to take holidays in Edinburgh and in St. Andrews and our youngest daughter, Rachel, went to work in Glasgow. Thus, Rachel and I developed a growing interest in these Mortons, who at some point had migrated to Sheffield.

I found out that Morton is a common Scottish name; there are English Moretons. The Scottish IGI showed up thousands of entries for Morton, which was very daunting. So I looked at the Yorkshire IGI, especially the Sheffield area. This proved absolutely intriguing as someone had obviously been there before me, researching details of my family and sending them to the IGI. My aunt by marriage told me that a researcher had contacted my father's sister (now deceased) and there had been a considerable correspondence - now completely lost. Perhaps someone reading this, now, knows who was researching the name Morton twenty years ago.

I discovered easily that my grandfather Harold had five siblings and their names appear in the IGI, their parents being William Morton and Emma (née Archdale). The marriage certificate shows that William and Emma were both aged 19 at their wedding at St. Matthew's Church in 1882. William's address was (I thought) 13 Armitage Lane, which turned out to be Herrmitage Lane. Emma's address was Cecil Road. Emma's father, John Archdale, is given as a butcher's knife hafter - and William's father, another William, as a table blade striker. The bridegroom, William, was a table knife cutler and was able to write his name. Emma 'made her mark' and although her work is not mentioned, the Census of 1881 shows her to have worked as a silver burnisher. I presume that this is the same as 'buffer girl' and I do hope so as they are a famous part of Sheffield's industrial history.

With the help of a Sheffield researcher, I found in the 1871 Census that there were no less than five William Mortons, aged 8, with a father called William. The group living in London Road seem the most likely. The whole family is listed as born in Sheffield. This was a surprise to me, as I expected that we would have reached the Scottish birthplace by that time. But no, William's parents were Ellen and William Morton, both born in Sheffield, he a table blade forger. Young William is listed, along with two older sisters and three little brothers. One of the little brothers is a Harry, which is probably where the name Harold first appeared in my family. Annie E. (Elizabeth or Ellen?) was the eldest sister, born circa 1856. William and Ellen were born circa 1833 and 1834 respectively. I calculated that they were married around 1855. Sure enough, the GRO Indexes show the marriage of a William Morton in Sheffield in 1854, unhappily the reference number is quite undecipherable. I will now send for that marriage certificate.

I am hoping for a breakthrough to Scotland, soon, because I am getting close to the beginning of public records and will be relying on church records instead. I do hope that someone reading this will be a Morton or an Archdale who could confirm or reject my findings.

My experience raises a point about family history. So frequently, we find that there are half-truths about our ancestry. Yes, I probably do have some Scottish ancestors, but it may be a good deal farther back than I expected. A long way back, there were some very unpleasant Mortons of the Douglas clan, as I know from reading about Mary, Queen of Scots.

However, I have recently received authoritative information that there were large numbers of Scottish immigrants to Sheffield in the last century. These people would be looking for work, and leaving the very poor industrial areas, many from around Glasgow.

My hope is to find the streets they came from, (even if the area is redeveloped), or at least the churches where they were married and christened. Perhaps some are buried in the magnificent Glasgow Necropolis, which we saw for the first time last year. Were my ancestors themselves migrants from rural Scotland?

My daughter remarked "I hope they were good people - you know what I mean?" The feeling I have about them is one of tenderness, whatever they may prove to be. I think of them leaving their own country, escaping from the harsh world they knew to an equally terrible struggle in Sheffield. How hard they worked to support their little children! How young they were when they married! How small and cold their houses were, as I remember even as recently as the 1940s - the steep little streets off the Chesterfield Road, such as Chantry Road and Olivet road. I look forward to exploring the London Road area in the summer of 1995, and thinking about 'my' Mortons.

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“.....BURIED AT ST. PAUL’S”

With the fate of the Sheffield Town Hall extension being decided and the proposal to pave the “Peace Gardens” for use by visiting fairs etc. this might be an appropriate point in time to consider the area which was once the last (but one!) resting place of our ancestors who were “buried at St. Paul’s”.

With the growing population of Sheffield at the beginning of the eighteenth century, it was felt necessary to build a chapel-of-ease to the parish church (now Sheffield Cathedral). As a result, on a site known then as Shaw’s Close or Oxley Croft, a church dedicated to St. Paul was erected. The church was bounded by what is now Pinstone Street and St. Paul’s Parade. A Sheffield goldsmith, Mr Robert Downs, was the main subscriber and he also made a settlement of £30 a year for the support of the minister. Mr Platts of Rotherham, the designer of Wortley Hall, was the architect and the first stone was laid in May 1720. Due to a dispute between Mr Downes and the vicar of the parish church, St. Paul’s was not finally opened for worship until 1740.

In November 1923 the Sheffield Master Silversmiths Association donated two oak chancel screens to St. Paul’s Church in memory of Thomas Boulsover, the man who discovered how to make Sheffield plate. In 1938 a decision was taken to demolish St. Paul’s and build a church of similar design, dedicated to the same patron saint to serve the district of Arbourthorne. Most of the furnishings of the old church, including the screen were incorporated in the new building.

It was intended to use the cleared site as an extension to the town hall but of course this never happened. The local name for the area “Peace Gardens”, in honour of the peace treaty signed at Munich in 1938, has persisted even though the correct name for the area is “St. Paul’s Gardens”.

The graves in the old churchyard were opened and the remains were re-interred in fourteen graves in Abbey Lane Cemetery where a large stone cross was erected in memory of all those who had originally been buried at St. Paul’s. These included Thomas Boulsover, mentioned above, and some of the children of my ancestor’s brother, Joseph Bailey who was a successful scissor-smith and Master Cutler in 1801. His father-in-law, John Eadon, was also “buried in St. Paul’s”. Eadon was a mathematician and the schoolmaster of The Free Writing School which stood on the corner of Campo Lane and Townhead Street. Eadon’s brother, William Eadon, was the ancestor of Eadons the auctioneers, and his brother Mathias was the father of another John Eadon who had his own school, the Eadon academy at Redhill. His most famous pupil was Mark Firth, the future steel baron and donator of Firth Park to the city. This John Eadon was also the grandfather of Robert Eadon Leader, publisher of the *Sheffield Independent* newspaper and local historian. Sheffield Local Studies Library and

Sheffield archives jointly have his magnificent collection of papers which includes a copy of his most famous work, the definitive *History of the Cutlers' Company in Hallamshire*.

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JENKINSON: A working class family

The name JENKIN flourishes in Wales as well as being one of the most common in England. It means young John and the form JENKINSON means young John's son, Jenkinson is more common in Lancashire and South Yorkshire.

Francis Jenkinson of Sheffield married Mary Osborn(e) of Ecclesfield at Ecclesfield Parish Church on 16 October 1722. Mary, who was the daughter of Joseph Osborne, had been baptised in the same church on 30 March 1698, but there is no record of Francis' baptism at either Sheffield or Ecclesfield and, so far, his birthplace and parentage remain undiscovered.

The seven children of this couple were all baptised at the Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) and each entry in the baptismal register describes Francis' occupation as 'labourer'. In 1736 when his eldest son Joseph was apprenticed to Richard Yates of Scraith, Joseph's father was described as being a husbandman of Pitsmoor. Pitsmoor was then a small agricultural community on the north side of Sheffield and Francis Jenkinson would most likely have been a working farmer engaged in tillage.

The family of Francis and Mary (née Osborne) Jenkinson:-

1. Joseph Jenkinson, 1723-1750; married 1746 Elizabeth Cooke and had two children - Jonathan (1746) and Sally (1748).
2. Ann Jenkinson, 1728-1729.
3. Francis Jenkinson, 1731-1799; married 1761 Martha Turner and had eleven children (see below)
4. William Jenkinson, 1734-1753.
5. Betty Jenkinson, 1737/8- ?
6. Isaac Jenkinson, 1740-1755.
7. Mary Jenkinson, 1743- ?

The second son of Francis and Mary Jenkinson, another Francis, was also married at Ecclesfield Parish Church. His marriage to Martha Turner of the Parish of Wath-on-Dearne, took place on 6 August 1761 and both bride and groom could not write and signed the register with an 'X'. The Ecclesfield baptismal registers and burial registers record the abode of Francis and Martha over the next quarter century as Shiregreen (1762), Ecclesfield (1768, 1770, 1771 and 1774), Wadsley Bridge (1776) and Birley Carr (1778, 1780, 1781, 1784 and 1786). Unfortunately, the vicar of Ecclesfield during this period did not

see fit to record the occupations of his parishioners. However, the baptism of the second child, Mary Jenkinson, was recorded at Attercliffe (1764) as was her burial (1766) when Francis' occupation was given as 'cutler'. Later on, when his sons William and Thomas were apprenticed, their father's occupation was stated as 'papermaker' (1790 and 'labourer' (1791) both of Birley Carr.

The family of Francis' and Martha (née Turner) Jenkinson:-

1. Jonathan Jenkinson, 1762-1796; married 1787 Martha Bagshaw and had three children (see below).
2. Mary Jenkinson, 1764-1766.
3. Martha Jenkinson, 1768 ?; married 1788 John Briggs.
4. James Jenkinson, 1770-1771.
5. Ann Jenkinson, 1774-1781.
6. John Jenkinson, 1776-1781.
7. William Jenkinson, 1778- ; married 1804 Hannah Wing.
8. Thomas Jenkinson, 1780-1798.
9. Samuel Jenkinson, buried 1784.
10. Sarah Jenkinson, 1783- ?
11. George Jenkinson, 1786-1786.

The marriage of the second Francis' eldest son, Jonathan Jenkinson, took place on 9 April 1787 at Ecclesfield. His bride was Martha the daughter of William Bagshaw. Martha made her mark 'X' in the marriage register but Jonathan was able to sign in full spelling his surname as 'Jinkinson' which he repeated when acting as a witness to his sister's marriage to John Briggs the following year. Jonathan's occupation was not stated in the Ecclesfield baptismal register when his three children were baptised (1790, 1793 and 1795) but his abode was given as Birley Carr each time. He was, in fact, a stone mason who during the 1790's was employed on the construction of the General Infirmary (later to become the Royal Infirmary). The new building, standing to this day on Infirmary Road, was opened to the public in October 1797. It then stood in fields and meadows at Port Mahon outside the built-up area and industrial limits of the town of Sheffield. At the time of his early death (1796), Jonathan was owed money for work carried out by him to the amount of twenty-five pounds, twelve shillings and five pence, one farthing, a large sum in those days. A deed relating to this, signed and sealed by the widowed Martha Jenkinson and her relatives William Bagshaw and Stephen Bagshaw can be found at the Sheffield Archives department. My family had used the services of the old Royal Infirmary many-a-time without knowing that an ancestor had helped to build it.

The family of Jonathan and Martha (née Bagshaw) Jenkinson:-

1. Jonathan Jenkinson, 1790-1846; married 1815 Mary Spencer, 1796-1873,

and had eleven children (see below-next issue).

2. Elizabeth Jenkinson, 1793-1797.
3. John Jenkinson, 1795-1797.

Jonathan's two younger children, Elizabeth and John, died a year after their father, leaving Martha to look after and bring up their first child, the second Jonathan. In 1805, at the age of fifteen years, he was apprenticed to his uncle Stephen Bagshaw as a knifemaker. From this time, three generations of the family were employed in the manufacture of spring knives - Jonathan, his son Charles and grandson, William. Spring knife cutlers were highly skilled craftsmen, more so than table knife cutlers. The knives they produced (pen knives and pocket knives) were hand made and each stage, from the manufacture of the scales, the cutting and hardening of the springs, through to the complicated process of assembling, required skill, accuracy and experience.

When Jonathan had completed his apprenticeship he moved to Sheffield where he was married in 1815, the year of Waterloo, to Mary Spencer. Jonathan signed the register in full and Mary made her mark 'X'. The couple had eleven children and indications are that they spent the greater part of their married life together at Rockingham Lane. They are recorded as being there at the time of the deaths of their children, Joseph (1825), Henry (1827) and Martha (1835), at the time of the 1841 census and in 1846 when Jonathan died. Later on his widow went to live with her daughters on Meadow Street.

The 1841 census shows 183 persons in Sheffield named Jenkinson consisting of fifty families. A little later the "Report on the Sanitary Conditions of Sheffield" published in 1848 which describes the disgusting state of the streets and courts of the town, and the disgraceful sanitary arrangements existing at the time mentions Rockingham Lane describing it as "full of refuse and filth". In such conditions, it is surprising that as many as eight of Jonathan's eleven children survived to adulthood.

(To be continued)

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BOOK LIST

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