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FUTURE PROGRAMME – 1999

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

- Mon. 18 Jan. **Ringinglow and its People** by Martin Olive
Mon. 15 Feb. **A Pub on Every Corner Part 2** by Douglas Lamb
Mon. 15 Mar. **AGM followed by Fulwood Cottage Homes** by
Marjorie P. Dunn
Mon. 19 Apr. **I Was a Stranger.** Researching in a different area by
Norma Neill

ROTHERHAM BRANCH PROGRAMME

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

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- Thurs. 7 Jan. **Annual General Meeting**
Thurs. 4 Feb. **Workshop**
Thurs..4 Mar. **Members Evening**

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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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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.

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EDITORIAL

In this edition members will find that section titles have been slightly altered. This is so that Society information can be found more easily. It is hoped that the new projects now under way will encourage members to take part in producing new indexes of benefit to all family historians.

In the last year the Society has moved forward on many fronts and now has several new ways of helping members and other researchers. A new search service has been set up. Details of how to take advantage of it can be found in this edition. The order form for this and our other services can be found in the centre pages. Please make sure you use the correct form for your order and send it to the appropriate person to avoid delays. Please note, also, that it is not necessary to remove pages from your journal as photocopies are acceptable.

May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to follow. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way to this journal.

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GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Imperial War Museum Exhibitions

The First World War Remembered

A commemorative exhibition is being held until 28 Dec. 1998. It features war poetry, memorials, art, photographs, film, sound recordings, posters, documents and poignant ephemera to mark the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Great War. A special feature will be the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's interactive database.

1918: Year of Decision

An exhibition about the final year of the First World War is being held until 29 November 1998

GRO Indexes of Overseas Births, Marriages and Deaths

Sheffield Archives now hold microfiche copies of indexes to the registers of births, marriages and deaths held in the Overseas section at the General Register office. They cover war deaths from the Boer War, both World Wars, regimental, marine and air records, and the births, deaths and marriages recorded by H. M. Forces, British Consuls and High Commissions around the world.

Indexes

Revd. Dennis Nadin, The Hermitage, 201, Willowfield, Harlow, Essex CM18 6RZ has the following indexes.

World War 1 Newspaper Photo Index N. Midlands

Boer War Letters Index

Leek Post 1898 Surname Index

Further details are available from him on receipt of an SAE.

SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Information for American members

Ruesch International, Washington, D.C. is a banking firm that can help you to make payments in the U.K. from the U.S.A. at reasonable cost. You can ring them at 202.408.1200 or 800.424.2923 and tell them your requirement. They will be happy to explain their system. There is a \$3 charge whatever the size of the cheque you require.

Eileen Allen

Census indexes

You may have read the note in the Autumn edition of the Flowing Stream, that the members of the society have indexed the 1841 - 1881 censuses. I have subsequently discovered that not all of them are absolutely complete. The 1841 census index, for example, does not cover Bradfield, so it is worth checking that the part of Sheffield you think that your ancestor came from is covered by the index. If anybody is aware of the pieces that were indexed please let me know. Several people have contacted the society to say that we ought to have all of the indexes for sale. At present apart from the 1861 index they are not in a format that makes that possible - another project for a rainy day.

Judith Pitchforth

Sheffield Committee 1999 - 2000

By the time you receive the Spring 1999 Flowing Stream we shall be thinking about the new committee to take the society into the 21st century. If you would like to be more involved in the society - perhaps you can see that there is a role that you would like to take - then please let one of the current officers know. There are extra roles that we do need:

Project co-ordinator - to have an overview of the work that is currently happening and also has been done in the past so that we can see the work that could be done in the future.

Events organiser – to co-ordinate the society stall and to arrange the help and support needed on such occasions.

GENfair – a new type of Family History Fair

See Computer and Internet section for full details

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- Members will find a membership renewal slip in this edition of the journal.
- Please send in the form with your subscription.
- Please note, however, that our Treasurer will also be celebrating Christmas and the New Year and so subscriptions sent after mid December will *not* be processed until after the holiday season.

SEARCH SERVICE

The Sheffield and District FHS is now offering a Search Service for:

- 1861 Sheffield and Rotherham Census surname index
- Churches contributed to the National Burial Index to date:
 - Sheffield** SS Peter & Paul (Sheffield Cathedral) 1813-1855;
St. James 1813 – 1855;
St. Paul 1813 – 1861.
 - Rotherham** All Saints 1830 –1854.
- Soldiers who died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 (Details of the approx. 635,000 Soldiers and 37,000 Officers of the British Army)

Cost of service

The fee is £1 for each surname for members of the Sheffield and District FHS. For non-members the fee is £3 per surname. If you require variants of the surname then the fee is £1 for each variant that you state. Please do not expect us to think of the variants for you.

If you require a search for a common surname eg Green then you are advised to provide the forename(s) if possible. (This is to limit the cost to you – there are 25 pages of entries with the surname Green in the Census index).

You will receive a print-out of the surname you requested up to a maximum of 5 sheets. If the search should produce more than that then you will be notified with the first part of the return.

How to order

If you wish, photocopy the order form to be found in the centre pages or write the details clearly on a piece of paper and send it to the person providing the service. If you are a member of the society please state your membership number - without it you will be charged at the higher rate. Please enclose a large stamped self addressed envelope, at least size DL (110 mm by 220 mm). For more than one surname search please enclose an extra 20p stamp per name to cover postage.

1861 Census index for Sheffield & Rotherham:

Mrs Diane Maskell, 5 Old Houses, Piccadilly Road, Chesterfield S41 0EH

National Burial Index for Sheffield (parishes covered are stated above)

Mrs Heather GUNOTT, 4 Bents Cres, Dronfield, Derbyshire, S18 2EY

WW1 Soldiers' Index

Mr Frank Westwood, 11 Hail Mary Drive, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield, S13 9XW

Please make your cheque /postal order / bankers draft (£ Sterling only) payable to **Sheffield & District FHS** and send with the order form to the searcher. Please remember to enclose your sae and extra stamps if necessary. You will receive a replacement order form with your print-out.

SOLDIERS DIED IN THE GREAT WAR

The Society has recently purchased the CD ROM for the "Soldiers Died in the Great War". This data base contains 665,000 other ranks, and 37,000 officers who lost their lives in the First World War. We have therefore decided to set up a search service for our members, offering to search for individuals in the above listings.

In the centre pages of this issue you will find a Search Order Form to use when requesting a search.

In order to help you, please include one or more of the following items of information so that the correct individual can be selected.

- (a) Surname
- (b) Forename
- (c) Regiment
- (d) Army Service Number

- (e) Where born
- (f) Where enlisted
- (g) Date of Death

The fee is £1 for each surname for members of the Sheffield & District FHS. For non-members the fee is £3 per surname. If you require variants of a surname then the fee is £1 (or £3 for non-members) for each variant that you state. You will receive a print-out of the soldiers' details up to a maximum of 5 names. If you do not have an order form, then please write the details clearly and briefly.

Your orders should be sent to Mr F.S. Westwood, 11, Hail Mary Drive, Woodhouse Mill, Sheffield S13 9XW. Please enclose a SAE of A4 size. Cheques/postal orders (£ Sterling only) should be made out to Sheffield and District FHS.

NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX PROJECT – Update

We have now finished St Paul's and are struggling with the checking of St. Mary's records. As well as faded ink, there is also almost illegible hand writing to contend with. The transcribers and checkers are doing a great job. Although we started transcribing at the end of July, it will be the beginning of next year, at least, before it is completely finished.

Whilst these records are not as full as some others (i.e. they do not give relationships or occupation details), there are interesting comments by one of the recorders, some of which are written below.

SARAH ANN BURKINSHAW, 17. This poor girl put an end to her own existence by taking a quantity of arsenic in a temporary fit of insanity.

CHARLES CURTIS, 32. Fatally injured when run over.

VINCENT HENRY EYRE, 14. A pupil in St Mary's National school, much and deservedly beloved.

MARY FOX, 76. Totally worn out with age.

JOHN GREATEX, 21. This youth was one of the 50 who perished at Rotherham on 5 July 1841 by the upsetting of a large boat when being launched. He was in the boat at the time.

CAROLINE HOWARD, 56. This poor woman put an end to her own existence in the Town Hall in a fit of drunkenness. Verdict - Temporary insanity.

JOHN HUDSON, 24. Most of life in infirmary. Died in Union workhouse.

MATTHEW JESSOP, 39. Killed on Sheffield Rotherham Railway on Sunday 19 October 1845.

HARRIETT LOY, 56. Died of neglect and decline.

EMMA MASON, 14. This poor girl was killed at a place called Smithy Wood near Heeley, by falling down a hill when in the act of gathering blackberries.

WILLIAM REVILL, 70. This person was found dead in bed at the Hermitage Inn, having retired to bed the previous night in his usual health.

JOHN WHEATLEY, 32. This person suddenly expired in Club Gardens, two or three days previous to the above date whilst in the act of lifting up a hammer.

All extra information, like the above, is indicated by a letter at the end of the particular entry. Unfortunately there is not enough room on the computer program to copy it out in full.

We have now made a start on transcribing the records of Ecclesall (All Saints) church, and although we have plenty of volunteers with computers, we could still do with more people who have access to a fiche reader. All help gratefully received.

Heather Gillott - NBI Coordinator. 4 Bents Cres Dronfield S18 2EY
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A little known document, the 1831 census for Nether Hallam, has been transcribed and will be transferred to microfiche soon.

More details on both of the above publications in the Spring 1999 *Flowing Stream*.

A new edition of Yorkshire Strays has been prepared and is in the final stages of checking. It should be available in March/April 1999.

Please note that these items are not yet available – full details and prices will be announced as soon as they are.

Caveat emptor: 1861 CENSUS FOR SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM

Geographical index

We have recently been informed that one Enumeration District (45) was omitted from the *Ecclesall Bierlow* section of the index. We are in the process of having an addendum fiche printed for the geographical area and will supply all those whom we know have bought a copy of the fiche. These will be sent out as soon as possible. If you would like to ensure that you receive a copy of the extra information (perhaps you bought the fiche at a meeting or at a Fair), then please send an sae to me.

Alphabetical index

The above omission applies to the alphabetical index too. However I regret to say that one of the sets of fiche (Sheffield South, vols. 12 - 14) was also omitted from the alphabetical index. The alphabetical index was created from scanned images from the first eleven booklets and then checked by eye (mine), so it is possible that some scanning errors have crept in; if that is the case then please accept my apologies and let me know - at the very least the

computer disk editions can be amended and the error note for the fiche can also be updated. Volumes 12 – 14 were published on microfiche by a previous co-ordinator and it was these we missed. Fortunately we have managed to obtain a copy of the data on disk and have now reworked the index to take all of the omissions into account, however we cannot intermingle these names with the names published already on fiche. The rest of the volumes were on our computer already.

If you order one of the alphabetical fiche then you will receive a fiche with the surnames you order, the missing Enumeration District names on an insertion and also part of the Volume 12 – 14 census index fiche covering the names on your order. It is not ideal but you will receive all of the information this way.

If you order a disk then you will receive a disk containing all of the names beginning with the letter you have specified. The one good thing to come out of all of this is that we have managed to locate the Bradfield census data as well, and have included that on the disk version, because we could do that all at the same time.

If you bought a disk recently (before 12th November 1998) then it will need to be updated. Please return the disk to me and I will update it for you. The larger files have now been split, to ensure that some of the older Excel packages can handle them (you will still receive all of the names beginning with the letter you ask for). Unfortunately we cannot simply give you the missing names. I will need your old disks back, to upgrade them.

Judith Pitchforth, 10, Hallam Grange Road, Sheffield S10 4BJ

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Burial Index for the Church of St Peter and St Paul (Sheffield Cathedral) 1813 – 1855 really is now available. The St James' burial records are also available on fiche, as an appendix to those of the Cathedral. There are three microfiche in the full set, each containing over 400 pages of names. The Cathedral index fills slightly more than two pages and the St James parish index is added on at the end of the Cathedral information - it is not intermingled with it. A set of fiche is now available on reference, for researchers to use at Sheffield Archives. The computer disks are in text (.TXT) format, on 3.5 inch IBM compatible disks and the index has been broken up into surnames beginning with different letters - there are four disks in the full set, with the St James' records on a separate disk.

The 1861 census index covers the metropolitan districts of Sheffield and Rotherham, including Bradfield. It was indexed by piece number and published as areas were completed. The net result is that it is available in geographical chunks covering several enumeration districts on microfiche, from Jose King (see centre pages for order form). However, it was an under-utilised resource

because of the number of places that one had to look to try to find the elusive ancestor. So, with the wonders of modern technology we have been able to index the Sheffield and Rotherham parts of the index, alphabetically. Unfortunately we could not include Bradfield on the fiche, but the Bradfield index is quite self contained and accessible through the geographical version of the index.

The new alphabetic index is now available on nine microfiche or on thirteen computer disks if you prefer that format.

Please note that whilst every care is taken to ensure that the disks are virus free (new disks are used and the computer has a completely up to date virus guard) the society cannot accept any responsibility for any viruses that may appear on your computer.

All of the details are in the microfiche and computer disk sales information list in this edition and they are available from Anne Giller.

ON THE ROAD

Over the past 18 months the society has taken an active role in attending Family History Fairs, and this is likely to continue. We take a selection of family history books, maps, our own publications and local materials and have a wonderful time meeting members both old and new. At present this activity is often undertaken by committee members who enjoy 'a grand day out' to borrow a phrase. However, it is such an enjoyable day that we would like to share the experience with other members of the society.

To bring you up to date, in June we attended the Yorkshire Family History Fair in York. We had booked one table but gratefully took over another next to us when we realised that we had so much stock and not enough room. Sheffield contributed to a stand at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate, and two of our Harrogate members very kindly helped at the event.

Future dates for your diary:

Sheffield Local History Day, Saturday 12th June 1999.

Midlands Family History Fair Saturday 27th March 1999 at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester.

Yorkshire Family History Fair on Saturday 26th June 1999.

If any members (local or otherwise) would like to help at either of these events please contact me.

Judith Pitchforth

COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS

King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Mike Young has E-mailed to say that members may be interested in his King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry pages at

<http://www.digiserve.com/msyoung/koyli.htm>

He adds that he will include related researchers' interests on the site at no charge.

GENfair – a new type of Family History Fair

GENfair is a website which will provide an Internet shopping facility, bringing together family history enthusiasts from all over the world and Family History societies who wish to offer their goods and services to a wider, international market, overcoming the barriers of currency conversion and postal delay in ordering from overseas.

GENfair will be located at the web address www.genfair.com and will be publicised in the major genealogical magazines in the English-speaking world, through the journals of participating societies and of course on search sites on the Internet itself.

Items for sale will include the thousands of books and microfiches in the participating societies' publications lists. Visitors to GENfare will also be able to buy genealogy software online and to order and pay for search services and membership subscriptions to the Societies.

Payment for goods and services will be by credit card the details of which are encrypted for security. Order details are then forwarded to the society concerned which will despatch the goods or provide the services.

GENfare will be launched on 18 Jan. 1999. Our Society has agreed to take part

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<http://www.familynet.co.uk>

If you browse our site, you will see that it includes three databases of requests for information submitted by other visitors. Although the databases are growing rapidly, because the Web site is relatively new they have not yet reached their 'critical mass' in terms of volume of information. (Our site is currently receiving around 4000 visitors per month.)

Secretary's note: If our members would like to contribute then they are welcome to do so at no charge as long as they state that they are members of Sheffield FHS. See above for Julie's e-mail address.

PRO NEWS

See the Booklist section for details of new books published by the PRO

CONFERENCES AND FAIRS

2nd Midlands Family History Fair 27 March 1999

Hosted by the Leicestershire and Rutland FHSs it will be held at DeMontford Hall, Leicester, Granville Road, Leicester LE1 7RU from 10.00am to 4.30pm. Admission £2 per person.

North West Kent Weekend Conference. 3-5 Sept. 1999

The conference to be held at the University of Greenwich (Avery Hill Campus, Eltham, London) has the title "Time and Tide" and reflects both life in the River parishes and the passage of time from Medieval England to World War II. Further details and booking form from Mrs L. Searle, 14, Links Road, West Wickham, Kent BR4 0QW.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

From Sue Fairbrother, 20, Byron Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire.

I would like you to place in "The Flowing Stream" a big THANK YOU to your members who indexed the census. My husband and I had booked 4 hours on the fiche and film readers and managed in that short time to find as much information as had taken two days in another record office in another county. Please do make sure your "workers" know they are appreciated.

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

If any member is researching the surname Bolton in the Sheffield area the following error which I have recently detected and reported in the Family Record Centre in London may be of interest.

Death registration of Mrs **Harriet Bolton** (nee **Foulds**) of 35, Vernon Terr. Eccleshall.

The F.R.C. Index Register (Mar. quarter 1935. Ref 9C422) records her age as 71 I noticed that some unknown person had ringed this number in pencil and on receipt of a copy of the Death Registration Certificate I was able to establish to the F.R.C. that the correct age was 75.

Incidentally, the brother in law of Harriet, my grandfather's daughter was Harry Bolton, Lord Mayor of Sheffield in 1928.

From Sam Branson, Errwood, 8, Hurst Cres. Barrowby, Grantham NG32 ITE

I have acquired recently, five postcards addressed to "Miss Sylvia Branson, Broomsgrove, Sheffield" posted in March 1909 from Drucksache, near Hanover, Germany and a sixth addressed to "Miss Sylvia Branson, Broomsgrove, Clarkehouse Road, Sheffield" posted in February 1909 from West Hartlepool. Two cards are unsigned, two are signed *sister*, another signed *Maud* and another *Leslie*. All six cards are different photographs of Leslie who is a girl aged about five years old. They are all in the same handwriting.

The clear implication is that Maud is an older sister of Sylvia Branson and was in charge of a five-year-old girl. There is no way of knowing whether she is Leslie's nursemaid or her mother: hence whether her surname is Branson or not.

It seems unlikely that Sylvia Branson is related to me. I will be happy, for the price I paid (£3) to pass the cards on to anyone to whom Sylvia is related.

Susan Fairbrother, 20, Byron Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5AT

Re the name Draper

I have had in my possession for some time now a Draper Pedigree compiled by my great grandfather in 1877. This document is beautifully written in copper plate handwriting and contains the names of one hundred and thirty one Drapers. Not all are from Sheffield and some have interesting notes such as **John Alfred Draper** who drowned in Endcliffe dam but nothing about whether it was murder, suicide or just an accident.

There is also an **Edmund Draper** who had a draper's shop at 66, Fargate where he had apprentices. In November 1866 one of these apprentices **Gabites** aged 16 fatally stabbed another apprentice **Allen** aged 15. According to the newspaper article I have, Allen had bought some cake and wine at lunch time without having the money to pay for it. For this, Mr Draper had refused to allow both apprentices to go out after supper and before bedtime. Gabites harboured a grudge as he felt himself to be innocent and this became his motive for murdering Allen. He was eventually tried at Leeds Assizes and sentenced to hanging but on New Year's Day 1867 this was commuted to life imprisonment after an appeal had been made to Queen Victoria.

I have now managed to put all the names on to my computer so if there are any members who have Draper ancestors I would be pleased to search for any connections.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 15 June 1998

Practical session.

As a change from the usual format of meetings, members were invited to do some transcribing. The subject - the Burial Index for St Mary's Bramall Lane. Many of the members I spoke to had never done anything like this at all and quite enjoyed it; others found it interesting, but perhaps once was enough. The sheets went onto the pile that Heather Gillott will pass on to the volunteers who are inputting the data onto computer. Ultimately it will become part of the National Burial Indexing (NBI) project and will be published. You may be aware that we have already published the index for St. James' Church near the Cathedral. The index for the Cathedral is imminent - only a few pieces now needed, and the index for St Paul's (Peace Gardens) is also virtually ready for publication.

Thanks to all who took part in this. For more information about this please contact Heather Gillott.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth, 10, Hallam Grange Road, Sheffield S10 4BJ

Meeting on 20 July 1998

QUARTER SESSIONS

A talk given by Gill Briscoe.

In the hierarchy of the law courts in England and Wales Assizes were for serious, criminal cases, administered by a judge. The records for all Assize courts are held at the PRO, although the Calendars may well be available locally (e.g. The West Riding Calendars are at Wakefield).

The Quarter Sessions were held quarterly each year and the cases could be held over until the next session. The Sessions moved around the county and were administered by a magistrate and jury. Cases would be brought up at the next available session, regardless of where the plaintiff lived. Serious cases may well have been brought before the Quarter Sessions but would then be referred on to the Assizes. (To put them into perspective, they were replaced by the Crown Courts in 1972).

The Petty Sessions dealt with minor offences, some alehouse licensing etc. and were administered by a magistrate without a jury. (Succeeded by the Magistrate's Court).

The role of the Quarter Sessions was immense. They were there to keep the peace, to examine wrongdoing, deal with taxes and voting rights (always linked in England and Wales), administer the Poor Law, ensure that bridges and highways were maintained, weights and measures were correct and monitored religious nonconformity. As a result of this they generated a lot of paperwork. The Order Books list all orders made by the Court, and give an idea of the work

carried out there. They are indexed by first letter of surname only, but only for the name of the person bringing the case or being prosecuted. They were not only for criminal cases; appeals against excessive tax levies could be heard and gamekeepers licensed, for example. Place-names were also indexed.

Indictment books list only the serious offences and record the result of the case. These are books and cover periods of one to four years, depending on how busy the courts were. Calendars of prisoners were printed from the 19th century onwards and this is the only place where the age of the prisoner was given. If you have a missing ancestor it is worth checking the Calendars to see whether he was imprisoned or even transported. Poaching used to be a hanging offence or it may be commuted to transportation for 7 years. Only a small proportion of people ever returned, because the return fare was not paid for! For remarriage in the family without evidence of the husband's burial, again, check the Calendars to see if he was transported. (It usually was males rather than females).

Other documentation includes the Session Rolls (all the paperwork of the Sessions), lists of magistrates, jury panels, electoral rolls, Sacrament certificates (for members of the Established Church) and the Land Tax. The Land tax records are held in a separate class at Wakefield and are therefore fairly easy to access. They list the names of occupiers and owners of property and can be as good as a census of the community.

Settlement information and affiliation orders were kept by the Quarter Sessions; both are valuable and also rich sources of information. There is a settlement index for the East Riding (contact EYFHS); the North Riding indexes were published as abstracts in the 1920s; no printed records exist for the West Riding (yet).

Pontefract FHS is publishing the West Riding Settlement Index for Doncaster, Autumn 1998, to be followed by those for Wakefield.

Reported by Denise Marsden

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Marguerite E. Brown, 205-920, Glenwood Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 9P2 writes: "I am researching my father's early life in Rotherham, Yorks. **Job Gaius (Gayus) Hyde** was born 21 Mar. 1882 at 13, Regent Street, Kimberworth to **Job Hyde, Bricklayer, and Elizabeth Allen**. He had 3 older sisters, **Sarah, Clara and Margaret** and a brother, **Samuel**. An aunt, **Mat Allen** also lived with them. They had lived in Holmes, Masbrough and Attercliffe between 1874 and 1880. The family was not at Regent Street in 1891. They were Baptists. Job Gayus emigrated to Canada in 1901. Can anyone suggest the port he might have sailed from – the nearest to Rotherham, I presume?"

Mr J. Rodger, 5, Woodlands Road, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 3AW writes: "I am seeking **Joseph Rodger** who was born in High Green or

Ecclesfield in 1790/91. He was disinherited for letting a bull loose in the streets of Sheffield causing such damage that he had to go to jail or join the army and serve at Waterloo. He went to Waterloo. I now wonder if he was born to **Joseph Rodgers** and **Ann Burgin**, married at Sheffield Parish Church on 24 April 1774. There was a Joseph Rodgers christened at Sheffield Parish Church on 13 June 1791. Any help would be appreciated."

Ms R.C. Pearson, 150, Oaks Avenue, Stocksbridge, Sheffield S36 1EN asks if anyone can help with information about **William Henry James Mills** of Mexborough, gentleman, and his son **Henry Mills**, who married **Gertrude Donkersley** in 1908. They had a draper's shop at 24 High Street, Mexborough from the late 19th century to the early 20th century. Any information on the family and their business would be welcomed. Ms Pearson is also looking for references about **Stocksbridge Fire Brigade c1900-1930**.

Mrs A.P. Heaney, 10, Brades Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 4ES writes: "My grandfather, **Herbert William Ward** married **Minnie Bellamy** on 16 April 1915. Herbert's father **William Frederick Ward** married **Mazella Righton** at Zion Chapel in Rotherham on 13 April 1879. Mazella was born on 12 June 1855 at Woodhouse Normanton and is believed to have French origins. Her parents were **John (W)righton** and **Caroline Elland** who were both born in Yorkshire and I have found no indication of a Gallic connection. Does anyone know any more about Mazella?

William Frederick's father (also called **William** and born 19 August 1818) married **Elizabeth Hepworth**. Elizabeth was born in Lound, Notts. and William in Rotherham. In searches of Lound and Rotherham records, and also the GRO records, I have been unable to find any trace of their marriage. **William Frederick** appears to be their only child and he was born on 5 March 1857 in Masbrough.

John Ward (William's father) was a stonemason born in Rotherham. The 1851 census states that he was 69 years old and after checking the IGI, I have found two possible birth entries –

1. Baptism on 7 Jan. 1781. Parents **John** and **Sarah**.
2. Baptism on 25 Oct. 1781. Parents **Benjamin** and **Ann**.

If anyone has traced this family and could help with locating the correct **John Ward** I would be most grateful.

Minnie's grandfather, **James William Bellamy**, born in Sneinton, Notts. lived for most of his life in Rotherham. He seemed to be an important figure in the town and had many occupations. These included auctioneer, valuer, beer retailer, grocer and accountant. He was Captain of the Rawmarsh Fire Brigade and Company Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Rotherham Volunteer Rifles. He also held the post of Clerk to Rawmarsh Urban District Council and died on 23 November 1913 in Rotherham.. However, I have been unable to find any trace

of his birth or marriage to **Hannah Hibbertson**. James and Hannah had a large family the eldest of which seems to be a son **Frank**, who was 19 years of age at the time of the 1881 census. Can anyone help?"

Offer of Help

Sue Fairbrother, 20, Byron Avenue, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5AT would be happy to do limited research for anyone with Hampshire connections – possibly in return for Sheffield research.

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The following members have submitted surname interests

- 1534 Miss Nicky Marshall, 34, St. Paul's Road West, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2HU
- 1543 Mr G. Hammerton, 11, Westacres Avenue, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE16 5AG
- 1597 Mr Stephen Stokes, 26, Dalesford Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 9XD
- 1607 Mrs Diane Maskell, 5, Old Houses, Piccadilly Road, Chesterfield, Derbys.S41 0EH
- 1613 Mr & Mrs J. Rodger, 5, Woodlands Rd. Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 3AW
- 1651 Mrs Chris. Culmer, 476, Manchester Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5PN
- 1656 Mrs L.J. Holman, 4, Pine Grove, Elgin, Morayshire IV30 3HP
- 1659 Mrs Jean Turner, Foxton Lodge Farm, Middleton on Leven, Yarm, N. Yorkshire
TS15 0JU
- 1663 Mr A.G. Cadman, 15, Purcell Cres. Lalor Park, N.S.W. Australia 2147
- 1665 Mr A.J. Rowan, 62, Woodthope Avenue, Boston, Lincs PE21 0NP
- 1666 Mr Barry Green, 101, Westwick Crescent, Sheffield S8 7DN
- 1668 Mr S. Walker 56, Danube Road, Wold Road, Hull HU5 5UR
- 1669 Mrs Ann P. Heaney, 10, Brades Ave, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 4ES
- 1670 Mr & Mrs N & J Morris, 65, All Saints Way, Aston, Sheffield, S. Yorkshire S31 0FJ
- 1671 Mr S. A. Guest, 10, Larch Close, Kinsworthy, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 7NE
- 1672 Mr A. Beal, 6, Magnolia Av. Peterborough PE3 9QT
- 1673 Mr David W. Hinde, 8730, Lovesee Road, Roscoe, IL 61073 U.S.A.
- 1674 Mr M. Tinsley, New House, Julian Road, Pulham Market, Diss, Norfolk IP21 4TH
- 1675 Mr Justin Brooke, Chymorvah Vean, Marazion, Cornwall TR17 0DQ
- 1677 Mr Nigel Bell, 20, Littlemead Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1DP
- 1679 Mr & Mrs E. Allison, 17, Kendal Drive, Dronfield Woodhouse, Dronfield S18 8NA
- 1681 Mr P.E. Smith, 72, Wollaton Road, Bradway, Sheffield S17 4LG
- 1683 Mrs Christine M. White, 75, Windmill Drive, Wadsworth, Doncaster, DN11 9BU
- 1685 Miss Wendy Miall, 71, Harold Street, Grimsby, N.E.Lincs DN32 7NQ
- 1686 Mrs Gillain Depledge Lowe, 2A, Dalewood Avenue, Blackpool, Lancs FY4 4BT
- 1688 Mrs J. Allen, 12, Highlands Close, North Baddesley, Southampton SO52 9GQ
- 1690 Mrs Ann Budd, 7, Runnymede Close, Whitton, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 7BT
- 1691 Mr Anthony Cutt, 3, Little Barn Court, Mansfield, Notts. NG18 3JW
- 1692 Mrs Alice Wemyss, 11, Provost Smith Crescent, Inverness IV2 3TG
- 1693 Mr Don L. Fisher, 2351, Hollands Grove Road, Washington, IL 61571 U.S.A.
- 1696 Mr Howard Trott, 25, Kenbourne Road, Sheffield S. Yorks S7 1NJ
- 1699 Mrs Barabara M. Mullins, 6, Castle Court, Buckingham, Bucks MK18 1EQ
- 1700 Mrs Sue Smart, 7, Beech Grove, Swanland, E. Yorkshire HU14 3QA

1704 Mr Geo. Wm. Carter, 23, Chillingham Tce, Low Simonside, Jarrow, Tyne & Wear
NE32 3UA

1705 Mrs Joy Lloyd, 68, St. Mary's Walk, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire TS5 7SD

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

1681	Adams	West Purbeck	LIN	Pre1902
1699	Allen	Sheffield	WRY	+1850
1688	Allen	Wickersley/Bramley Nr Rotherham	YKS	1880-1910
1688	Allen	Wirksworth, Derby	DBY	1870-1920
1690	Allen	Ashbourne	DBY	E19C
1696	Allenson	Scarborough	NRV	1900-1930
1696	Allenson	Gt. Harwood	LAN	1900-1960
1679	Allison	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1895
1672	Ashforth	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1820
1534	Ashurst	Dodworth	WRY	1800+
1534	Ashurst	Wigan	LAN	Pre1800
1675	Asling	Rotherham/Kimberworth	YKS	1850+
1677	Asman	Sheffield	YKS	c1907
1670	Aust	Corsham	WIL	-1850
1669	Bailey	Kimpton	HRT	17-19C
1534	Bailey	Silkstone	WRY	Pre1850
1693	Baker	Maidstone area	KEN	1814-1861
1534	Ballentine	London	LND	Pre1838
1613	Bamford	Swinton Bridge	WRY	c 1875
1691	Bangs	London		All
1686	Barringham	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1543	Barton	Sheffield	YKS	c1840
1663	Bates	Sheffield/Barnsley	YKS	19C
1534	Batty	Sheffield	WRY	Pre1800
1534	Batty	Silkstone	WRY	All
1669	Baylis	Byfield	NTH	18-19C
1672	Beal	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1800
1690	Bebbington	Sandbach	CHS	E19C
1677	Bell	Barnsley	YKS	Pre 1900
1677	Bell	Sheffield	YKS	1900
1669	Bellamy	Rotherham	WRY	18-19C
1705	Benstead	Ely	CAM	E1800's
1659	Birks	Mexborough	YKS	1753-1779
1613	Bowers	Swinton Bridge	WRY	c 1875
1685	Bowler	Sheffield	YKS	c1851+
1670	Brett	Retford	NTT	-1846
1675	Brook(e)(s)	Ashton under Lyne	MCHTR	1750+

1699	Brooks	Sheffield	WRY	+1850
1656	Brown	Ecclesall	WRY	c1900
1679	Brown	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1906
1672	Brownhill	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1820
1699	Brownhill	Ecclesfield	WRY	c1860
1679	Burtenshaw		KEN	Pre1880
1663	Cadman	Sheffield/Barnsley	YKS	19C
1663	Cadman	Wolstanton	STS	19C
1699	Carpenter	Sheffield	WRY	Pre1851
1663	Carter	Sheffield/Barnsley	YKS	19C
1704	Carter	Sunderland	DÜR	1840+
1704	Carter	Kirby-in-Cleveland	NRV	1700+
1534	Channing (Hannon)	Devon	DEV	Pre1820
1685	Chapman	Sheffield	YKS	c1851+
1672	Chatterton	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1820
1543	Cheetham	Sheffield	YKS	c1845
1656	Churchill	Deddington	OXF	18/19C
1665	Clare	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
1665	Clarke	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
1683	Clarke	Rotherham	YKS	+1871
1683	Clarke	Brimington	DBY	c1844
1672	Cockayne	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1830
1673	Coggin	Rotherham	SYK	Pre 1800
1670	Cole	Corsham	WIL	-1888
1670	Cole	Rotherham	YKS	+1920
1690	Cooper	Rotherham	YKS	M19C
1659	Copley	Hunslet, Leeds	YKS	1808-1831
1659	Copley	Swinton, Wath on Dearne	YKS	1811-1844
1686	Corbidge	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1686	Corbridge	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1691	Cornish	Bintry N	NTH	All
1685	Coulson	Sheffield	YKS	c1830
1668	Craven	Flockton	SYK	1840+
1668	Craven	Flockton/ Emley/Ecclesfield	SYK	1874-1924
1666	Crookes	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900
1670	Crowder	Retford	NTT	-1868
1673	Cullen	Rotherham	SYK	Pre 1730
1691	Cutt	Sheffield	SYK	All
1668	Cutts	Sheffield	SYK	1853+
1534	Dawe	Dorset	DOR	Pre1800
1690	Dawson	Greasbrough	YKS	E19C
1543	Dean	Sheffield	YKS	c1850
1691	Dennis	Fakenham NW	NFK	All
1686	Depledge	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1686	Depleidge	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1705	Dick	Newcastle	NBL	1850-1950
1613	Dickinson	Castleford	WRY	c 1830
1696	Dousling	Scarborough	NRV	1821-1940
1696	Dousling	York		1824-1832
1705	Dow	Fornsett St. Peter	HFK	1870-1900

1696	Dowsling	Scarborough	NRY	1821-1940
1696	Dowsling	York		1824-1832
1597	Dungworth	Sheffield	WRY	E19C
1704	Earnshaw	Bolton on Dearne	SRY	E1800
1705	Elder	Newcastle	NBL	1800-1920
1690	Ellaby	Ashbourne	DBY	E19C
1670	Fareholme	Lindrick	NTT	-1852
1543	Fearn	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
1677	Fearnehough	Sheffield/Dore	YKS/DBY	Pre 1800
1705	Firman	Bridlington	YKS	1890+
1705	Firman	Hartlepool	DUR	1850+
1669	Forster	Stockton on Tees	DUR	18C
1700	Giddings	St Ives	HUN	+1770
1597	Golden	Sheffield/Rotherham	WRY	E19C
1656	Graham(e)	Langholm	DUF	19C
1666	Green	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1892
1699	Green	Rotherham	WRY	+1875
1690	Greensmith	Laughton en le Morthen	YKS	E19C
1685	Gregory	Sheffield	YKS	c1851+
1679	Grubb	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1895
1671	Guest	Rotherham/Sheffield	WRY	E1700-1930
1543	Hammerton	Sheffield/Barnsley	YKS	1800+
1613	Hammill	Rothwell	WRY	c 1820
1705	Harris	Attercliffe	YKS	1870+
1659	Harrison	Swinton	YKS	1781-1830
1659	Harrison	Mexborough	YKS	1830-1850
1704	Harrison	Gainsborough	LIN	Pre1850
1669	Hassall	Stoke on Trent	STS	18-19C
1686	Hawkesworth	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1686	Hawkesworth	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1613	Hawthorn	Sculcoates	ERY	c 1800
1679	Head		KEN	Pre1866
1693	Head	Maidstone area	KEN	1816+
1677	Heald	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900
1669	Heaney	Maldon	ESS	c1811
1656	Hedges	Faringdon	BEK	19C
1692	Henderson	Halkirk	CAI	1800+
1692	Henderson	Sheffield	YKS	1875+
1693	Hewett	Sheffield area	YKS	1760-E19C
1669	Hibbertson	Rotherham	WRY	19C
1679	Hinbest		KEN	Pre1769
1607	Hinch		WRY/LIN	All
1673	Hind	Ashover	DBY	Pre 1790
1673	Hinde	Sheffield	SYK	1840+
1704	Hollinsworth	Bolton on Dearne	SRY	E1800
1656	Holman	Cheltenham	GLS	19C
1679	Hopkinson	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1908
1693	Horsfield	Sheffield	YKS	1760-M19C
1699	Howard	Sheffield	WRY	Pre1841
1696	Howe	Sheffield		c1900-1950

1705	Howlett	Manchester	LAN	1880+
1705	Howlett	Carleton Rode	NFK	1800+
1699	Hulett	Chapeltown	WRY	+1860
1699	Hulse	Swinton	WRY	+1881
1607	Hume	Rotherham	WRY	+1850
1597	Hunt	Sheffield	WRY	E/M 19C
1677	Hunter		YKS	Pre 1914
1699	Hyde	Rotherham	WRY	+1870
1686	Hydes	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1672	Innocent	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1850
1670	Jones	Rotherham	YKS	-1861
1700	Joynson	Hull	YKS	+1860
1597	Keeton	Sheffield	WRY	L18C-E19C
1691	Kirby	Birmingham	WAR	All
1700	Kirkus	Hull	YKS	+1790
1659	Lancashire	Melton	YKS	1785
1607	Lancashire	Wath/Rotherham	WRY	All
1659	Lancaster	Mexborough	YKS	1788-1812
1613	Lee	Castleford	WRY	c 1830
1704	Legg	Kirby-in-Cleveland	NRY	Pre1800
1677	Levick	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1839
1700	Linnell	Harbury	WAR	Pre1770
1613	Lister	Dewsbury	YKS	c 1808
1668	Littlewood	Flockton/ Emley/Ecclesfield	SYK	1873-1930
1705	Lloyd		SAL	1836
1672	Lockwood	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1840
1607	Loncashire	Wath on Dearne	WRY	All
1672	Longmire	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1820
1669	MacArthur	Dundonald	AYR	c1856
1656	Man(n)ifold	Sheffield area	WRY	19C
1691	Manners-Cutt	Sheffield	SYK	All
1672	Marrin	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1900
1673	Marsden	Sheffield	SYK	Pre 1830
1534	Marshall	Sheffield	WRY	1900+
1534	Marshall	Burton-on-Stather	LIN	1750+
1675	Mead	Wakefield	YKS	1795+
1656	Meikle	Doncaster/Sheffield	WRY	M19C
1656	Merritt		ERY	18/19C
1685	Miall	Sheffield	YKS	c1900-1910
1683	Miller	Kearsley	LAN	Pre1878
1691	Miller	Bintry N	NTH	18C-19C
1673	Millington	Sheffield	SYK	Pre 1810
1607	Mitchell	Greasbrough	WRY	Pre 1900
1669	Morford	Folkestone	KEN	19C
1670	Morris	Retford	NTT	-1871
1699	Moss	Sedgley	STS	Pre1850
1691	Moulson	Sheffield	SYK	20C
1613	Mountford	Swinton Bridge	WRY	c 1870
1668	Moxon	Whitley Upper	SYK	1805-1905
1651	Nadin	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1880

1670	Naylor	Rotherham	YKS	-1793
1534	Naylor	Higham Common, Hoylandswaine	WRY	All
1696	Neville	Leeds	WRY	1900-1980
1659	Newbound	Greaseborough	YKS	c 1813
1659	Newbound	Wath on Dearne	YKS	1830
1673	Oldham	Rotherham	SYK	Pre 1755
1613	Parker	Dewsbury	YKS	c 1811
1699	Parker	Sheffield	WRY	Pre1841
1679	Paskins		KEN	Pre1842
1679	Paskins	London		Pre1842
1686	Pasley	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1686	Pasley	Nottingham	NTT	18c-19c
1656	Peace	Treeton	WRY	c1860
1686	Pearson	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1663	Pepper	Gotham	NTT	19C
1677	Petty	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1800
1534	Pitchfork	Cresswell	DBY	1845+
1705	Powell	Leeds	YKS	1890+
1700	Pridmore	Eaton Scoton	BDF	Pre1814
1691	Prior	Bintry NW	NFK	18C-19C
1597	Radley	Sheffield	WRY	19C
1690	Ravenscroft	Nantwich	CHS	E19C
1672	Rawson	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1800
1673	Rayner	Worksop	NTT	Pre 1800
1597	Raynes	Sheffield	WRY	19C
1704	Rich	Laughton en le Morthen	SRY	E1800
1704	Rich	Sunderland	DUR	1860+
1669	Righton	Normanton	WRY	1855
1666	Robinson	Sheffield	YKS	1862+
1685	Robinson	Sheffield	YKS	c1830
1700	Robinson	Appleton le Street	YKS	Pre1840
1613	Rodger(s)	Ecclesfield	WRY	c 1790
1665	Rowan	Ecclesall Bierlow	YKS	1800+
1681	Saddler	Sheffield	SYK	c1890
1666	Salt	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900
1651	Sanderson	Crookes/Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1880
1607	Schofield	Greasbrough	WRY	All
1692	Seeley	Sheffield	YKS	1840+
1692	Seeley	Birmingham	WAR	c1840
1659	Shaw	Wath on Dearne	YKS	1783
1656	Shaw	Bengal, India	EIN	19C
1673	Slack	Rotherham	SYK	Pre 1755
1700	Smart	Rotherham	YKS	+1840
1681	Smith	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1890
1656	Snow	Madras, India	EIN	19C
1670	Spittlehouse	Rotherham	YKS	-1885
1673	Stanton/Stenton	Worksop	NTT	Pre 1800
1679	Steele	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1908
1671	Stewart	Sheffield	WRY	1900-1970
1700	Tankersley	Hull	YKS	Pre1779

1691	Thacker	Sheffield	SYK	19C-20C
1691	Thacker	Brackley SW	NTH	All
1607	Thompson		WRY	All
1607	Thompson	Greasbrough	WRY	Pre 1900
1670	Thompson	Rotherham	YKS	-1857
1705	Thompson	Attercliffe	YKS	1870+
1534	Thorpe	Sheffield	WRY	Pre1800
1686	Tingle	Sheffield	WRY	18c-19c
1674	Tinsley	Wath upon Dearne	SYK	14/15C
1674	Tinsley	Newark area	NTT	15/16C
1696	Titley	Newcastle-u-Lyme	STS	1900-1980
1679	Toes	Sheffield	SYK	Pre1906
1663	Tomlinson	Sheffield/Barnsley	YKS	19C
1690	Tomlinson	Salford	LAN	M19C
1681	Traviss	Doncaster	SYK	Pre1892
1683	Trickett	Rotherham	YKS	c1876
1696	Trott	Scarborough	NRY	1635+
1696	Trott	Scalby	NRY	1635+
1696	Trott	Cropton nr Pickering	NRY	c1900
1613	Turner	Morley	WRY	c 1827
1666	Turner	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900
1690	Usherwood	Catcliffe	YKS	M19C
1699	Utton		NFK	Pre1840
1656	Venus	London	MDX	19C
1666	Wagstaffe	Storrs Nr Stannington	YKS	Pre 1892
1670	Waite	Corsham	WIL	-1850
1668	Walker	Allen St,Sheffield	SYK	1853+
1668	Walker	Sheffield	SYK	Pre 1870
1668	Walker	Ecclesfield	SYK	1877-1955
1669	Ward	Rotherham	WRY	18-19C
1681	Ward	Sheffield	SYK	c1902
1681	Ward	West Purbeck	LIN	Pre1902
1693	Waterhouse	Sheffield area	YKS	L18C+
1683	Welsby	Kearsley	LAN	c1880
1597	West	Sheffield	WRY	E19C
1534	Westley	Piddington area	NTH	Pre1760
1672	Whitaker	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1820
1543	Whitlock	Sheffield	YKS	1837-1860
1543	Whitlock	Kimberly	NTT	c1814
1672	Woolhouse	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1825
1685	Wright	Sheffield	YKS	c1851+
1669	Wrighton	Normanton	WRY	19C
1681	Young	Sheffield	SYK	c1899

ROYAL NAVAL DIVISIONS RECORDS

From information given in issue number 3 of the RND magazine I recently visited the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton, Somerset. I was able on supplying my father's (William Henry Welton KW 118) service number, to see a complete set of his records from enlistment to demobilisation.

He was enrolled into the York & Lancaster Regiment from Wath on Dearne, Yorkshire in August 1914 and transferred to the R.N.V.R. Royal Naval (Benbow) Division in September 1914. The contemporary records, records his service in the Nelson Battalion with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force including Gallipoli, being invalidated back August 1915. His service in France with the Drake Battalion from July 1916, being invalidated back in June 1917. Also further service in France from October 1918 to demobilisation in February 1919. The records gave physical description, medical history, disciplinary hearings and camp movements. To be able to see the actual records was a thrill to me and to be able to purchase photostats was a special bonus.

Whilst looking in the ledger containing his records, I made a list of the first 50, plus some others, with some of their personal details, which are listed below. All first joined an army recruitment before being transferred to the Royal Naval Divisions. These were either the Yorks. & Lancs. or the KOYL1's.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>Living at</i>	<i>Born at</i>	<i>Service number</i>
Canton Alfred	23/7/1884	Wakefield		KWI
Bateman Waiter	3/7/1894	Sheffield		KW2
Stewart James	12/7/1884	Rawmarsh		KW3
Egan Martin	15/3/1885	Galway		KW4
Johnson Thom. Edward	1/9/1892		Wombwell	KW5
Pogmore Albert	11/5/1889	Masboro		KW6
Challenger Edward William		Rotherham		KW7
Thackery Ernest	18/1/1895	Rotherham		KW8
Crabtree John James	27/8/1890	Dalton Brook		KW9
Kelly Micheal		c/o Galway		KW10
Thresh Arthur	3/6/1896	Rotherham		KWI 1
Naughton William	21/4/1893	Rotherham		KW 12
Burton William	17/8/1889	Rotherham		KW13
Crow Charles	?/4/92	Brotherton		KW14
Davies Stanley	2/7/1890	Leeds		KW15
Jordon Francis	9/7/1888			KW16
Jones William Robert		10/1/95	Rotherham	KW17
Batty Miles	27/8/1894	Wakefield		KW18
Seagrave Cheveral	28/7/1894	Mosborough		KW 19
Burton Isacc John	25/11/1891	Castleford		KW20

Whittaker Thomas	4/4/1896	Grimethorpe		KW21
Pratt Ernest	19/2/1885	Melton Constable		KW22
Dawes George	26/4/1889	Bramley		KW23
Astbury John Joseph	27/4/1881	Rotherham		KW24
Rodgers John Lakin	6/9/1889	Bramley		KW25
Hinchcliffe Cecil Joseph	8/1/1880	Rotherham	Rotherham	KW26
Wass Sampson	27/1/1886	Denby Main	Chesterfield	KW27
Riley Albert	11 /8/ 1889	Heath		KW28
Gillespye Francis	18/9/1886	Denby Main	Bishop Auckland	KW29
Scott Samuel	14/12/1889	Rotherham	Bilson	KWO
Naylor George	9/11/1880	Sheffield	Sheffield	KW31
Preece John	24/2/1896	Maltby	Newbould	KW32
Clarke William	23/4/1893	Rotherham	Rotherham	KW33
Joyce Thomas	10/10/1881	Thorpe Hesley	Galway	KW34
Dixon Ernest	23/2/1892	Wakefield	Wakefield	KW35
Thornbury Albert	28/6/1896	Bradford	Morley	KW36
Quinn Michael	2/3/1888	Denby Main		KW37
Byrne James	6/2/1895	Denby Main	Hoyland Common	KW38
Quinn Thomas	15/12/1879	c/o Galway		KW39
Dyson Lewis	23/8/1890	Rotherham	Dewsbury	KW40
Barker George			Whitwood	KW41
Hall Charles James	10/12/1886	Castleford	Nottinghamly	KW42
Parker Ephrain	1889	Dinnington	Dudley	KW43
Hitchen Eyra	16/2/1890	Wombwell	Killed 28/4/1917	KW45
Wheatley James	15/12/1897	Bradford	Bradford	KW46
Phillips Samual	2/8/1883	Swinton	Swinton	KW47
Shaw Albert	26/10/1885	Hull	Sculcoates	KW48
Hunt John Charles	21/8/1891	Barnsley	Barnsley	KW49
Smethurst Robert	7/6/1891	Royston		KW50
Davies AlbertEdward	27/1/1890	Wath on Dearne	Bradford	
Dalton Fred	12/9/1889	Wath on Dearne	Tibthorpe	KWI19
Ratcliffe Richard	5/6/1887	Mirfield		

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Useful Addresses

Fleet Air Arm Museum, Box D6, RNAS, Yeovilton, Nr. Ilchester Somerset, BA22 8HT. Tel: 01935 840565. (The Fleet Air Arm records are also held here).
 Royal Signals Museum, Blandford Camp, Blandford Forurn. Tel: 01258 482248. (Site of one of the main depots for the Royal Naval Divisions)
 Roval Naval Division Magazine. Mr Len Sellers. Honeysuckle House., 17a Bellhouse Road, Eastwood, LeIgh-on-Sea, Essex. SS9 5NL Tel: 01702 5221550

WRITTEN BE A SHEVVILD CHAP

A photocopied booklet entitled "The Sheffield Dialect in Conversations Uppa are Hull Arston, between A Gentleman's Guide and Jack Wheelswarf" printed in 1831 and "Written be a Shevvild Chap" has been added to the Library collection. For those with a love of sound and language dialect it is an opportunity to compare the words of that era with those of the present day. A "Copious Glossary" gives any help needed to determine the meaning of many of the words. Copies have also been placed at the Sheffield Local Studies Library and at the Society of Genealogists since the original is too fragile to be regularly handled.

Where did the booklet come from? My wife and I visited her Uncle and Aunt, Dick and Elizabeth Attersley, in Canada last year and during talk, after an evening meal in their log cabin overlooking Bob's Lake, near Kingston, Ontario, Elizabeth said that she thought the above mentioned booklet was amongst papers now in her deceased father's trunk. I thought nothing of it until I received a package from her last month. Having read the contents I decided that the book was one to be shared.

An educated gentleman had been promised a guide who could speak the Sheffield dialect and who would accompany him to the principal 'manufactories' in the town.

"Guide, - Gud mornin, Sur, o've hee'ard at hah yo wa'nten a chap ta sho ya throo't factriz an sich loik.

Gent, - Yes, my man and if you will be so kind as to conduct me to those places I will give you five shillings.

Guide, - Yo will? Wa o'i ta ya onna we'ar fo that; it el bee't best day's wark at o've dun fo menni a munth, an yo'st goo'a ta ha wheel fo'st.

Gent, - With all my heart; and I hope you will enter into as much conversation with your colleagues as possible."

And so on.

Perhaps I should also write a little bit about Elizabeth Attersley to make it more obvious as to why the booklet was in her possession. When we first visited Canada in 1992 Jeanne and I had never met Dick and Elizabeth. Dick was Jeanne's Father's step Brother. He was born in the in the East End of London and during his working career had been a mining engineer in Africa and Canada but he had retained a cultured dialect from London and still used many familiar London phrases. At that first meeting you can imagine my delight to tune in to Elizabeth's voice which was equally unsullied by travel throughout the world. Yes, you've guessed it she was a 'Sheffield girl'. Elizabeth Hubbard and her parents lived in Clifford Road, just off Psalter Road, Sharrow. She was latterly educated at the Girl's High School between 1936 and 1941, when the Headmistress was Miss McLellan. The Second World War began to disrupt lives and following the school's closure she moved to complete her education t

Notre Dame which was then under the leadership of Madame Charbeneau. Elizabeth trained as Physiotherapist and worked in Africa where she met and married Dick.

If any members do remember Elizabeth Hubbard and would like to write to her then I can give her address. My details are at the front of the journal.

Michael Bunting.

BORDER TROUBLES

In the sixteenth century the Borders of Scotland and England were in constant feuds. The South of England and North of Scotland led settled progressive lives and thought the Border feuds were the continuation of the Border Wars. But this was not so. The fighting had become family feuds. It was family against family and neither human nor livestock was safe. Men rode in the night in heavy armour, burning, killing and robbing. So many lived in reinforced small fortified buildings called Pele Towers. The irony is, they were neither Scottish nor English, as they had intermarried, and one valley used for hiding belonged to neither Scotland nor England.

The troubles were from the south of Newcastle and Carlisle to almost Edinburgh. From the families concerned are descended the first man to go to the moon, and two American presidents. And many members of the Society may find their ancestors here. The now bleak moorlands were overpopulated then. Clearing up the troubles scattered many.

In Northumberland many spellbinding books can be found that do not seem to be available elsewhere.

The following surnames are some of the most common found in this area. Armstrong; Barnfather; Carey; Carnaby; Carr; Charlton; Crozier; Dacre; Dixon; Dodds; Douglas; Dunne; Elliott; Fenwick; Forster; Graham; Hedley; Hetherington; Hume; Johnstone; Kerr; Laidlow; Maxwell; Milburn; Musgrove; Nixon; Ogle; Potts; Pringle; Ridley; Robson; Shaftoe.

Their nicknames were such as

Wicked Wat; Kinnont Willie; Nebless Clem; Jok Pott the Bastard; Fyre the Braes; Wynking Will; Ker of Cessford.

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THE COUSINS CAME TO TOWN

Although my father's parents met and married in London, both of their families originated elsewhere. My grandfather was born in North Wales and a century earlier my grandmother's great-great-grandfather had made his move from Yorkshire. Apart from no dates, or the surnames of wives, the inherited version of the family tree was reasonably accurate on the Charlesworth side. It also included the Aukland family as two cousins, Joseph Aukland and Mary Charlesworth, had married around 1819 when Mary, aged sixteen, was the ward of Joseph. Most dates and relationships, of those baptised or married in London, were confirmed by reference to the I.G.I. record transcripts at the local Family History Centre. The pedigree of my grandmother, Grace Beatrice Charlesworth, was thus:

Thomas	=	Mary LOXLEY
		m 25.11.1753, St.Peters, Sheffield.
Joseph	=	Elizabeth Deborah OLIVE
		m 10.5.1801, St.Leonard, Shoreditch.
Thomas	=	Eliza Sophia HARMER
		m 1828, St.Michaels, City of London.
Vernon John	=	Eliza MOORE
		m 26.10.1860, St.Matthew, Bethnal Green.
Grace Beatrice	=	Samuel Green HUGHES
		m 17.3.1899, Lambeth, Surrey.

The marriage of Thomas to Eliza Sophia had been confirmed by the Pallot Marriage Index, held by Achievements Ltd. of Canterbury, and the marriages under civil registration by certified copies.

With any uncommon surname, there is a chance that family trees have already been researched through 'one-name' studies, and the Guild of One Name Studies publishes a register of members giving the names they are actively researching. From this I found that only Olive and Harmer were referenced so I contacted their researchers to see if they had any information on the wives of Joseph and Thomas Charlesworth. Nothing was forthcoming from the Olive contact, except that her ancestors probably came from Sussex, but I had a letter from the Harmer Family Association, which said:

".....your letter and tree were most interesting, we can tell you a lot about your ancestors. Eliza Sophia died of cancer of the stomach on 28th December, 1882 at Barking. Did you know that Thomas Charlesworth was a grocer who

died 3rd February, 1854 of Tuberculosis? will send you copies of your pedigree back to John Harmer whose administration was in 1543."

So, from one reply to a single letter, I had found that some ancestors had been researched back to 1543! On one hand it would save me a lot of work, but on the other hand I would not get the same satisfaction as from personal discovery. From the IGI I had identified the baptisms of Joseph and Elizabeth Deborah's children at St. Nicholas Olave so had ordered the loan of the microfilm from the Family History Centre. I was interested in the period from 1800 to 1830 as I knew that Joseph and Elizabeth Deborah had married in 1801 and that their son Thomas had married Eliza Sophia in 1828.

All the churches, St. Matthew, St. Leonard, St. Michael and St. Nicholas Olave were within about one mile of each other. This I identified from the Regency A-Z of London, 1813, that I had on loan through the local library. St. Nicholas Olave was situated between, but south of, St. Pauls and the Bank of England. The map of this area showed that the City of London was as built-up then as it is nowadays. The church was on Fish Street with the churchyard a block away on Bread Street Hill. This area, according to the London A-Z of 1992, is obliterated by Queen Victoria Street, so there is no point in looking for surviving memorial inscriptions now!

I had a list of six names, of the children of Joseph and Elizabeth Deborah, to refer to from the inherited pedigree but they were not necessarily in order of age. These were John, William, Thomas (who married Eliza Sophia), Joseph William (became Vicar of Heacham, Norfolk), Katherine Anne (married John Needham) and Mary (born around 1803 and married Joseph Aukland).

As well as learning that Joseph Charlesworth was a tobacconist, that the address of his shop was St. Nicholas Olave's Churchyard, and that he was a churchwarden between 1810 and 1812, I found:

	born	baptised	buried
Thomas	12.1.1806	9.2.1806	
William	20.1.1808	31.1.1808	5.7.1810
John Olive	11.3.1810	8.4.1810	
William	11.12.1811	29.12.1811	
Katherine Ann	30.7.1814	28.8.1814	
Joseph (widower)			12.6.1818

So there had been a previously unknown infant death and neither Mary nor Joseph William was recorded between Joseph's marriage in 1801 and his death in 1818 at the age of 56. It was fairly common in those days to name a child the same name as one who had died prematurely beforehand. I did not find Elizabeth Deborah's burial record but it must have happened in childbirth or something like a flu epidemic as common diseases, associated with the poor sanitation, were prevalent in the City; especially near the overcrowded burial grounds. I subsequently found the christenings of Mary (13.3.1802) and Joseph

William (18.12.1803) at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where their parents were married. I did not find the marriage record of Thomas to Eliza Sophia Harmer as the parish register of St. Michael's, Wood Street, had been destroyed in the bombing of 1940. Joseph's early death, when Mary was just 16, seemed to confirm that all the children were then made wards of a relative. He actually died intestate so his brother John, a grocer in Shoreditch, was granted a deed of administration:

JOSEPH CHARLESWORTH - July, 1818. £200.

Joseph Charlesworth on the 8th day Administration of the Goods, Chattels and Credits of JOSEPH CHARLESWORTH formerly of Bread Street Hill, but late of Thomas Street, London, London Tobacconist and widower deceased was granted to JOHN CHARLESWORTH the lawful Uncle next-of-kin and Curator or Guardian lawfully assigned to MARY CHARLESWORTH Spinster, JOSEPH WILLIAM CHARLESWORTH, THOMAS CHARLESWORTH, JOHN OLIVE CHARLESWORTH minors and WILLIAM CHARLESWORTH and CATHERINE ANN CHARLESWORTH Spinster Infants, the natural lawful and only children of the said deceased for the use and benefit of the said minors and infants and until one of them shall attain the age of 21 yrs. having been first sworn duly to administer.

Expired as another Admin. issued Jan. 1819.

The second deed referred to was issued because John died soon after his brother in 1818. Joseph Aukland then stepped in as 'Cousin German' and was made guardian of the children, eventually marrying the eldest Mary. He was twice her age and a grocer of Lower Whitecross Street, Cripplegate. This guardianship and intermarriage must have encouraged a close relationship across the next generation of Auklands and Charlesworths as confirmed by the names of witnesses at their marriages. Both families had the tradition of christening one of their children with the second name Loxley and another child with the second name being that of the maiden name of the mother; this tradition was even upheld for my brother and I.

So what was the working relationship, if any, between the Auklands and Charlesworths before they came to London? They became grocers, tobacconists, cheesemongers and tea brokers, as confirmed by the London trade directories and parish registers, but what were their original occupations, and those of their forebears, in Yorkshire? Through correspondence with a second cousin Kathleen Hatton, contacted through the Harmer Family Association, I had learnt of their lives in London as she had devoted many years to documenting these families and their descendants abroad. The Auklands had been stonemasons of Wellgate, Rotherham; the Loxleys were carpenters and filesmiths of Hallamshire; but Charlesworth was a fairly common name in

South Yorkshire and Thomas was described as a labourer when he married Mary Loxley in 1753.

The other considerations were their knowledge of London and the ease, or otherwise, of travelling in the late eighteenth century. The roads then were, more or less, the same roads that the Romans had constructed some 1,500 years before, or routes of the Middle Ages. On some journeys, because of the conditions created by weather and neglect, oxen had to be used. Improvements only came with the turnpike trusts from 1706 and the work of John Metcalfe (1717-1810), Thomas Telford (1757-1834) and John MacAdam (1756-1836). They introduced hard surfaces, using small stones and gravel, and consistent methods of maintenance to support the growing demand for passenger and mail coaches. Canals were developed from 1759 to support the increase in freight required by the Industrial Revolution as roads could not handle these loads.

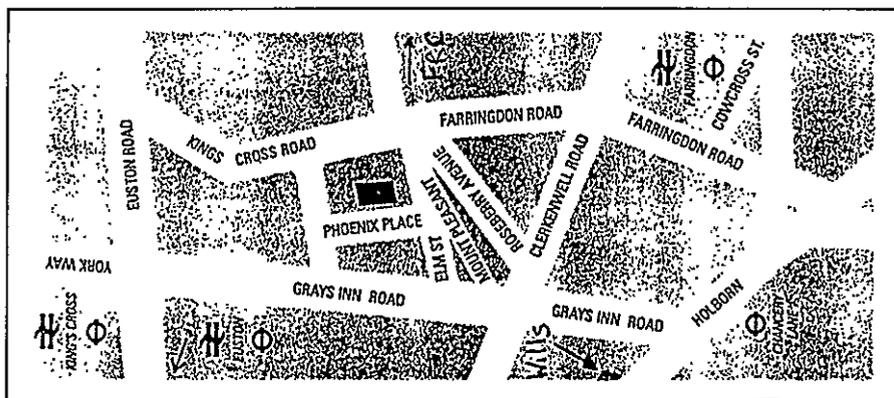
With better transport available at the end of the eighteenth century, the opportunities for trade and a better life in London would have appealed to those not content with a routine low-paid existence in the industrial North. London then had 20% of the country's population and was the centre of foreign trade in consumables. It seemed likely, therefore, that the Charlesworths had experience of the retail trade before venturing South. Sheffield Archives, and the Local Studies section of the library, seemed the best places to visit next.

(To be continued)

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MY OLD MAN'S A POSTMAN... (with apologies to Lonnie Donegan)

When you have been on a visit to the Family Record Centre in London have you ever thought of trying to find out something about that ancestor who, in a census or from family chat was said to have been a postman?



The Post Office Archives are at the rear of the Mount Pleasant Sorting Office building just seven minutes walk from the FRC at Myddleton Place. Bus nos. 19, 38, 45, 63, 171A, 259 and 505 all pass close to both places and the nearest underground station is at Farringdon. Deceptively, the entrance is at the rear of the block in Phoenix Place. Whilst there is limited on street parking all the spaces may well have been used up by the local employees. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 4.15pm. To gain entrance you need to provide some form of identification and state the purpose of your visit. Having signed in and received your daily identification pass, surplus coats and bags may be stored on an open hook system. There is a refreshment vending machine for drinks and small area for eating sandwiches. The use of pencils for writing is obligatory.

Well, what sort of records are available? They range from books containing lists of people who joined the service, pension records, Treasury correspondence, old uniforms, bound copies of the Post Office Magazine containing descriptive material about employees and letters sent by rocket!

My interest was in undertaking a one name study so the archivist thought that the Pension and Award records might prove to be the most useful. Whilst these records began in about 1860 and require the help of the trained staff to undertake a search. I began with the earliest, large, A3 size, maroon coloured book, for 1896, as they are available on the open shelves. Shades of the FRC! These books are about as heavy and fastened with a strap into the bargain! The books are laid out alphabetically but with subsections, e.g. ah, an, ba, bu etc. In the 1939 volume the following reference caught my eye.

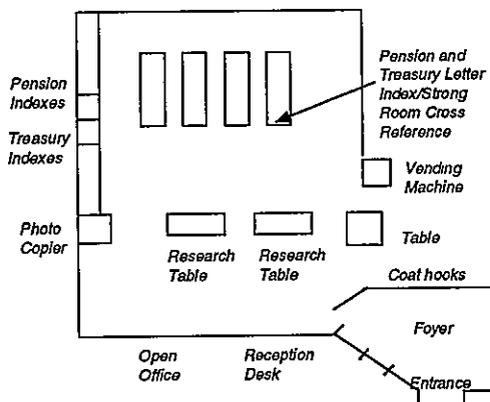
Min. no., S/name, C/name, Appt, Place, Reg no., Page/month in Treasury bk.
P5287, Bunting, Sydney, Postman, Sheffield (P), 18622, 361/ May.

The very early records had two other reference volumes to be checked

before the actual Treasury letter could be ordered from the strong room in the cellar below - a large yellow, multi-year, Treasury letter reference book in the adjacent bay and a gold coloured A4 Treasury Letter/Post 1 reference book from Bay M, opposite the signing in counter.

Having received the book containing the letter I copied it on the specially modified photocopier - it has a carrier to support one half of the book whilst the remainder is being

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copied but in a manner which does not strain the bindings in the spine of the book. (Please note other libraries!). Photocopies were charged at 15p for A4 pages.

In Sydney's case I found his date of birth, 7 May 1879; age 60; date of joining the Civil Service, 21 Jun 1902; his weekly wage of 66/-; average annual salary plus emoluments, £174-10s-6d; the inclusive date of his release to the Army, 7 Aug 1915-24 Aug 1919; his length of service with the Post Office, 37 years; the reason for his pension – above 60 years of age; the number of absences during his final four years which happened to be 37 days for illness in 1936 and finally the date up to which his salary had been paid, 6 July 1939. All in all a very helpful picture of Sydney's working life.

Women too figure in many of these records most often in receiving a marriage gratuity. Again the records often contain extensive detail. There are other registers listing the record of all employees who joined the Post Office but these do not often lead to such comprehensive pictures of the individuals but do at least give the joining date and a reference number for associated letters.

I was anxious to verify Sydney's date of birth at the FRC as two other Post Office employees I had taken details of didn't seem to have been registered on the dates quoted! I needn't have worried as he was there, in Selby, in the June quarter of 1879. The 1881 census showed him with his parents, Joseph and Susanah plus three other siblings at 5, Addinals Yard, Selby. Whilst I think I can leave Sydney to rest in peace now I hope I have encouraged you sufficiently to try to make use of the Post Office Archives the next time you are in London.

My thanks to the Post Office Archives Unit for their help and agreement to publish the data.

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Militia Men of the Barnsley District, 1806: An analysis of the Staincross Militia Returns University of Sheffield (1998). Available from the Bookstall and by post (see Publication List).

Militia lists and muster rolls can be an important source for the family historian. South Yorkshire has only one major surviving militia list which dates from 1806 and this has been transcribed and published by the Sheffield University Names Project. The return is that of the Staincross Wapentake which comprised 40 townships lying to the north and west of Sheffield including Penistone and Barnsley. The list contains the details of 3,322 men aged between 18 and 45 years who were either eligible for or exempt from military service. The information recorded for each individual is the surname and forename, age, occupation, place, number of children aged under 14 and, if

exempt, the grounds for that exemption. One very useful feature of this transcript is the surname index which makes it easy to use. For anyone with ancestors in this area at the time, this will prove a fascinating and essential source.

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