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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone who is interested in the study of Genealogy and Local History. Regular meetings are held at the Y.M.C.A., Broomhall Road, Sheffield during the winter months, and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society caters for those parts of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire that are within convenient travelling distance of Sheffield.

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## EDITORIAL

With our almost non-existent summer behind us, many members will, by now have returned with renewed enthusiasm to the problems of tracing missing ancestors, and to the, one hopes, rewarding visits to the library. My recent attendance at the English Genealogical Congress in Cambridge made me realise what a wealth of material there is in our archive departments - and also how much needs to be done in the way of transcribing and indexing to make the information easily available to all.

Several members are already engaged on transcriptions. Their work will benefit many others and even if you can only spare an hour or two your efforts will be appreciated by someone. If you feel unable to commit yourself to formal transcribing or indexing every member can help by noting carefully all strays they may come across in their own researches. Each one may be someone's lost ancestor! A list of strays already recorded by our members is to be found in this journal.

A speaker at the Congress mentioned above suggested that all family historians should think not only of the past but of future generations. How much we should appreciate a detailed account of the everyday life of our ancestors, complete with photographs of them, their houses and their occupations and way of life! Perhaps we should all begin NOW to compile an account of our lives so that our descendants will see what we are really like.

Thank you to all contributors to this edition. Copy day for Volume 2 Number 1 will be 31st March 1979. Please keep sending all comments, articles and information for inclusion.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

We welcome the following new members to the Society.

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### Federation News and Digest.

Volume 1 Number 4 is now in the library. Attention is drawn to the Digest section which lists by subject interesting articles in member societies' journals, many of which are in our library. Perhaps some one, somewhere has written an article which will solve your problem.

### Unwanted Certificates Collection.

Mrs.G.Gibbs, 14, Woodgate Lane, Woodgate, Birmingham B32 3QY, has the collection of unwanted certificates of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry. Any certificate enquiries for that area should be sent to her.

### Congratulations Mr.Tyack.

A letter to Mr.Topp from Mrs.Elizabeth Simpson, the Vice President of the Federation of Family History Societies makes the following comment on Mr.Tyack's PED 94 chart (which was included in our last journal)

"I like the PED 94 very much indeed - the format is new and works - something which so many have tried to find for such a long time - I was amazed that you managed it, I had thought it was impossible to come up with ANY new form in which to lay out your ancestors (not literally you understand!)

N.B. Have you filled in your PED 94 yet?

### Recorded Attercliffe Monumental Inscriptions.

Mr.E.Howgate, 81, Idsworth Road, Sheffield S5 has recently completed a recording of the Monumental Inscriptions in the cemetery adjoining Christchurch churchyard in Attercliffe. It is not yet typed but he is willing to answer any questions accompanied by an S.A.E.

### Stamp Donors.

The Society thanks Mrs.C.M.Dawson, Mr.J.E.Shortland and Mr.L.M.J. Turton for the stamps they have donated.

### Courses At Fittleworth near Chichester.

Family History Services, the Genealogical and Historical Consultants are running a number of Beginners and Advanced courses at their residential centre at Fittleworth, near Chichester, Sussex. They have vacancies on the following courses:  
2nd-4th March 1979. The Poor and their records (16th & 19th C)  
1st-3rd June 1979. Beginners.  
Further details are available from the Editor.

### Erratum.

In Volume 1 Number 3 page 69 of "The Flowing Stream" Edward Baines Directory of the West Riding was published in 1822.

### Recording at Wardsend.

Work progressed during the early part of the summer under the guidance of Mr.W.A.Dale. Rampant vegetation after much wet weather eventually made recording impractical. However, about half the cemetery has now been covered. It is hoped that work can begin there again in the early spring. In the meantime Mr. Dale would like all records sent in for typing and indexing.

### Nottingham One Day Conference.

A conference organised by Nottinghamshire Family History Society is to be held at Nottingham University on Saturday 31st March 1979. After the Opening Address there will be lectures by the well known Nottinghamshire family historian Keith S.S. Train on "Nottinghamshire Families" and by Adrian Henstock BA, County Archivist of Nottinghamshire on "Ancestors on the Move", Mobility in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire since the 16th Century.

During the afternoon there will be several syndicate discussions (subjects to be announced later). In the evening there will be a Gale Dinner for delegates and their wives/husbands. It is hoped that delegates will bring their children along to make this a family weekend. If there are sufficient numbers and interest a programme catering for young visitors will be arranged.

The conference will be followed by the Federation Annual General Meeting on the morning of Sunday 1st April 1979. Further information is available from the Editor (Mrs.D.Marsden).

### Ancestors in Lincolnshire?

A pamphlet entitled "Genealogical Sources in Lincolnshire" is on sale price 30p from the Secretary of the Family History Section of the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology. The author goes step by step through the material which is available - explaining its use with particular reference to the idiosyncrasies of Lincolnshire, its geography and form of government. Perhaps the most important and useful is that he gives DATES for all the records held. Anything NOT in Lincolnshire is noted with directions as to where it might be found. After a full list of material available in the CRO he goes on to list all the major libraries and depositories in the county.

The pamphlet is available from Mrs.E.Robson, 34, Beacon Heights, Newark, Notts.

### Ancestors in Lancashire?

The Lancashire Record Office at Bow Lane, Preston have produced a revised edition of their HANDLIST OF GENEALOGICAL SOURCES, which covers Lancashire Probate Records, Parish Registers and also now lists 350 volumes of duplicate marriage registers of closed Methodist Churches. The cost is £1.00 plus postage.

### Ancestors in Nottinghamshire?

A pamphlet is available entitled "The Public Library and Family History: Nottingham Central Library". This describes the opening of the 'new' central Library for Nottingham and its Genealogy Room. Details are given of some of the most important items in their collection and invaluable for anyone going to work in Nottingham and its Library. The price is 30p by post and the pamphlet is available from Mrs.P.Sheil, 11, Brampton Drive, Stapleford, Notts.

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### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

#### Meeting on Monday 15th May 1978.

Members met at Tankersley church for their first society summer outing. Dr.Hey gave a brief history of the church and then introduced a guest speaker Mr.Arthur K.Clayton, a local historian. Mr.Clayton showed us round the churchyard and told stories about some of the interesting local people buried there. Members then had an opportunity to examine the interior of this interesting local building.

#### Meeting on Friday 14th July 1978.

The second summer outing was to Penistone church where Dr. Hey showed members round the churchyard and pointed out gravestones of special interest. Inside the church everyone admired the unusual east window. Binoculars were used to enable the attractive carvings on the roof bosses to be seen more clearly.

#### Meeting on Wednesday 13th September 1978

A group of members, many of them new ones, were shown round the Archive Department and the Local History Department of the Central Library by Dr. Postles and Mr. Olive. Examples of the varied types of documents and books available were on display and members were once more able to see the enormous wealth of material at their disposal.

The Society once more thanks Dr. Postles and Mr. Olive for giving their time and providing another most helpful and interesting evening. It is hoped that this visit can become an annual event.

#### Meeting on Thursday 28th September 1978.

Miss Mona Harrison, one of the Society's out-of-town members, gave a fascinating talk on the Cadman family of Sheffield. She described how she became interested in the Cadmans and her progress in tracing them. Several members who had memories of the Cadman family and links with them, were able to add extra information and anecdotes to Miss Harrison's talk. (Miss Harrison has not so far been able to establish a link with Seth Cadman whose "book" was described in Volume 1. No. 3.

#### Joint Meeting with the Cornish Society on Saturday 7th October 1978

A new venture for the Society was a Social Evening with the Cornish Society organised by Mr. F.G. Tyack. Members of the two societies met at the British Council in Broomhall Street to hear short talks by members of the Cornish Society on the Cornish language, Cornish place names, Cornish Preachers and a Cornish footpath. Mr. K.A. Topp from our society contributed a description of the Duchy of Cornwall's Coat of Arms and that of the Cornwall County Council.

The highlight of the evening was a buffet supper of hot Cornish Pasties, Cornish Splits with clotted cream and saffron cake - all specially sent by train that day from Cornwall.

The meeting was a resounding success.

#### Future Meetings

##### Thursday 23rd November 1978

Henry Baker Esq. J.P. of Thrybergh, Rotherham will speak on the Baker family of Rotherham and the firm Baker Bessemer.

##### Saturday 13th January 1979

There will be a visit to the South Yorkshire Archive Department in Ellin Street at 2.30pm. This will be led by Miss Cynthia Short and is restricted to members only. Since only 30 people can be accommodated please contact the Secretary Mrs. E.M. Furey as soon as possible if you wish to go.

### THE BAKER FAMILY OF ROTHERHAM AND ITS CONNECTIONS.

Born in Rotherham, Mr. Henry Baker graduated from University with a B. Sc degree, London, at an early age, before joining the well known steel firm of John Baker and Bessemer Ltd.

From the shop floor, Mr. Baker rose to become Chairman and Managing Director, in which capacity he was serving when the firm closed in 1964 as a result of the Nationalisation of the Steel Industry in 1951.

Henry Baker, now retired, served in leading roles on a number of Public Bodies, including that of Governor of Rotherham Technical College, President of the Rotherham Chamber of Commerce, President of the Rotherham Corp of St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Secretary of Thrybergh Parochial Church Council.

We are fortunate in having this opportunity at our November meeting to add to our knowledge of local history from such an eminent personality. Long before the formation of our Society, Mr. Baker had drawn up his family 'tree', coupled with the family's historical connection with the steel industry. The "Steel Bakers" of Rotherham, a phrase already used, have joined the ranks of other famous iron founders of the area in which we live.

We wish Henry Baker long and happy years in his retirement enjoying his family life, which includes three grandchildren, and his hobbies of gardening, fishing and shooting.

K.A.Topp.

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### OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS.

Mrs. Barbara Kent, 8, Pedmore Court Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 2PH, would like to hear from members interested in the names Wagstaff(e), B(r)otheroyd, Denton, Fleetwood, Horbury, Deardon, Hinclif, and Willery.

Mr. John R. Hall, 5733 North 27th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207, is seeking details about William Ambrose DALTON and Maria STEPHENSON who were married in Rotherham Parish Church on 2nd October 1853. He was a son of Thomas DALTON, a mason and she of John STEPHENSON, Table knife striker. Witnesses were Edward Hall and Sarah Stephenson (S A.E. available for a reply).

Mr. John P. Woodger, 6, Caunsall Road, Cookley, Kidderminster, Worcs DY11 5YB, is interested in the COWLISHAW and RAWLINGS families in Sheffield. (See Volume 1 no. 2 for an article on his three greats grandfather "Praying William"). He is also interested in WOODGER, WOODYEARE, WOODIER and other variants anywhere.

Mr. Charles A. Bentley, Jr., Post Office Box No 247, Williston Park, New York 11596 would like information about his maternal great grandfather Joseph MILLER born in Ireland in 1837. He spent some time in England because he emigrated to Canada from Liverpool on 10th August 1865, as passenger no. 1404 on the SS Belgian 1468 tons. He was listed as age 28 and a labourer. The ship, commanded by Captain R. Brown arrived in Quebec on 20th August 1865. Mr. Bentley would also like help in tracing his great grandfather, John B. BENTLEY (born 1820) and his wife Sarah (born 1818), place of birth unknown. John B. Bentley is first traced in a New York City Directory opening a "Thread and Needle" shop in 1845/46. Later he had a shoemakers shop and still later a candy shop. John and Sarah's children were all born in New York City.

Mr. Alan Hardwicke, Fairfield, West Humble, Dorking, Surrey, would like to hear from members interested in the following families: ALLEN (of Thurnscoe, High Melton, Great Houghton and Clayton-cum-Frickley), WRIGHT (of Thurnscoe and South Elmsall), DAY (of South Elmsall), DAWSON (of Pontefract and Carwood) and GELDER (of Pontefract).

Mr. Roger Stevenson, 126, Willow Drive, Handsworth, Sheffield S9 4AV, would like information on William ROBINSON, born Sheffield, moved to Liverpool and his brother Edgar, lived on Industry Road, Sheffield 1912-24 (wife Mary). John Arthur ROBINSON, who lived on Hemper Lane, Bradway 1923-26, a Director of J.S. Teanby & Son Ltd. John DALE of Healey Green, Sheffield (lived there 1894-1902). The HORNSEY family of Sheffield, Publicans (Industry Inn, South Street Park and Royal Oak, Cemetery Road). The sisters of Lillian ROBINSON -(nee Dale) Charlotte A SHTON, Ellen GRAY, Ada MUSCROFT, Edith COLK.

Mrs. Sylvia Renee Westerman (nee France) of the Cottage, Horn Lane, East Hendred, Wantage, Oxon, would like information on: Her father, WILLIAM FRANCE, Estate Agent's Clerk, born Sheffield 1889, died Cambrai 1918. Married Amy COOPER at Walkley Methodist Church 1st January 1915. Her mother, AMY FRANCE, born Sheffield 1891, died Bournemouth 1955. Her grandfather, WILLIAM FRANCE, cutler, born Sheffield (?) 1853, died Sheffield 1892. Married Jane Thornhill at a Sheffield Parish Church. Lived in the Ecclesall area of Sheffield. Her grandmother, JANE FRANCE, born Sheffield(?) 1854, died Sheffield 1903. Her grandfather, CHARLES EDGAR COOPER, engraver, born ?1862, died Sheffield 1926. Her grandmother, EMILY COOPER, born ?1862, died Sheffield 1919. Her great grandmother, ELIZABETH THORNHILL, (nee NELSON)

Mr. T.S. Bashforth, 10, Argyle Crescent, Fareham, Hants PO15 6AG is interested in the family of BASFORD or BASHFORTH in Ecclesfield, Sheffield, Silkstone and Barnsley. Most members were blacksmiths or had links with the steel industry. Data including wives' names can be supplied to any interested member.

Mr. E.J. Jewesson, 151, Vale Road, Worcestor Park, Surrey KT4 7ED, has traced the JEWESSON family to the Maltby registers, earliest reference 1754. He would like to know where the family were living before they arrived at Maltby (c.1740). He would also like to know what happened to George (b.1772), brother of his g.g.g.grandfather. He was apprenticed in 1783 to a scissor-smith but disappears from records thereafter. It is possible he went to America where there is a family of the same unusual name and spelling.

Mrs C.M. McConnell of New Zealand would like information on Rowland HARRISON Born 1859 at Ecclesall, son of Rowland, a silver-smith, he joined 1st Life Guards at Windsor in 1878 at 19 years. He returned to Sheffield in 1899. Married Florence GRAY, 26th April 1885 at St. Mary-le-Bone. Died Sheffield about 1921 aged 62 years. (Reply coupon available).

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Additions to the list of journals received from other Societies.

Buckinghamshire F.H.S.  
East Surrey F.H.S.  
F.F.H.S. - News and Digest Spring 1978  
Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society  
Rose Family Society.

Other Additions.

Index to the Wills proved in the PCC 1750-1800 Vol 1 A-Eh edited by Anthony J. Camp BA Hons for the Society of Genealogists, 1976.

Brochure of the Sale of 20 farms on the Sheffield Estates of the Duke of Norfolk 10 & 11 March 1920.

Marriage Records - Gretna - dated April 1977 listing locations, priests, dates and numbers married.

Family of Jewesson of South Yorkshire, monograph and pedigree.

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THE ENGLISH GENEALOGICAL CONGRESS 1978

The second English Genealogical Congress was held at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, from September 4-11th 1978. Among the two hundred or so delegates from the U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., and the Netherlands were two from our Society, Denise Marsden and Alex Chatwin.

The College buildings, a skilful matching of seventeenth and eighteenth century frontages with twentieth century interiors provided modern accommodation and dining facilities in an atmosphere of a more leisurely age.

After the formal opening of the Congress at dinner on Monday evening, we were treated to a fine exhibition of Victorian photographs by C.V. Ford Esq., Keeper of Film and Photography at the National Portrait Gallery. Such pictures of two or three generations ago can add much to any Family History.

Tuesday was devoted to lectures on such diverse subjects as Medieval Genealogy and its sources, and the evolution of English surnames in different regions. The two practical projects, Family Reconstruction in a Cambridgeshire village, and the recording of Monumental Inscriptions in churches and churchyards were also introduced. It was on Wednesday morning, while participating in the Monumental Inscription project in St. Botolph's churchyard, that we were visited by camera crews from both BBC and Anglia Television. This resulted in a report in BBC's "Look East" programme that evening, and another in Anglia's programme on the following evening. The techniques needed for the reading of the badly eroded eighteenth century inscriptions here, were very different from those required at Wardsend, where we had "served our apprenticeships".

Lectures on Wednesday concerned Deeds and Records of Land Transfer and the use of such early sources as Poll Tax Returns. In the afternoon we had a choice of visiting Ickworth House, Madingley Hall or a tour of the Cambridgeshire Record Office.

After dinner on Wednesday evening we saw a special showing of "Requiem for a Village" at a local cinema, a nostalgic film of bucolic reminiscences, which included a resurrection scene in the church yard.

Thursday offered talks on such subjects as the use of Genealogy in Local Community History, the Lancashire Population Crisis of 1623, Quarter Session Records, Lambeth Palace Library, and Maps in County Record Offices.

The most spectacular event of the Congress occurred when two delegates, strangers, one from Australia and one from the U.K. found that they were both seeking records of the same man, John Marsh, in a village near Cambridge. The two men were in fact second cousins, once removed, and by a coincidence had been given adjacent rooms in the College. This was an instance of the other principal opportunity offered by the Congress, the possibility of talking to each other about our problems in Family History and obtaining much expert advice.

On Friday morning there were talks on the Huguenots and records of Roman Catholic families and in the afternoon, a further choice of visits to Framlingham, an archaeological dig near Bury St. Edmunds, or a tour of the Cambridge Colleges.

If all this sounds terribly hard work, it was certainly not so. There were two cocktail parties organised by the Federation of Family History Societies and the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies respectively, and a banquet on Friday evening followed by a party hosted by the Society of Genealogists.

Saturday morning was devoted to short talks on the Five Year Plan for Monumental Inscriptions, training as a Genealogist, the use of Lecture tapes and reports on the two practical projects.

We dispersed on Saturday afternoon, after an extremely enjoyable and profitable week in the company of fellow genealogists, each with an individual approach and experience in the subject.

I would recommend the Third Congress to anyone who has been infected in the slightest degree by the family history bug.

A.H. Chatwin.

#### CAUSE OF DEATH?

For a few years from the year 1795, or about that time a lot of the Parish Register entries gave much more genealogical information, but after only a few years most of the clergy seemed to tire of the extra effort required.

One example from the Arksey Parish Registers is:

"Harriot the 10th daughter of Robert Dunston labourer of Arksey, son of Richard Dunstan labourer of Rossington. Mothers name Mary daughter of William Heald, farmer of Carcroft in the Parish of Owston. Baby born 20th July 1795. Bapt. 13th Dec 1795."

In a similar way the burials gave the cause of death if known, but as it was referred to as the distemper causing death, an analysis of 240 burials between 1795 and 1808 gives either distemper died of or "unknown".

Unknown	141	Childbirth	4
Consumption	26	Measles	4
A fever	17	Cancer	3
Natural Small Pox	10	Decline	3
Convulsions	4	Hooping cough	3

A dropsy	3	Jaundice	1
Apoplexy	2	An asthma	1
Decay of Nature	2	Pleuritic fever	1
Fall from horse	2	Grief	1
Drowned	2	A worm	1
A hurt	1	By a wagon	1
The gravel	1	By a gun	1
Palsy	1	Epileptic fit	1
A burn	1	A scarlet fever	1
Black jaundice	1		

J.E.Shortland.

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THE BROADBENTS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

My husband's name is George Broadbent. Some years ago, during the Wakes Week, I found myself in Hope Church, sheltering from the rain. There was an exhibition of church treasures (as there usually is at this time of year). I was amazed to see a number of people named Broadbent amongst the names of parishioners who were married or buried there in the early 1800's and wondered if they were related to my husband. A year or so later I had the chance to find out. It was the 100th Anninversary of the Church of England School at Bradwell, and the headmistress (who is a friend of mine) decided it would be a good idea to trace the family trees of her pupils. I was one of the people who assisted in the work. We concentrated on tracing 5 of the principal families in the village, with quite successful results. Some people found out for the first time that they were related to other people in the village.

In the course of investigation , I found that the first Broadbent who settled in Bradwell was Christopher (from Castleton) who married Hannah Jackson of Smalldale in July 1768. He was a stonemason by trade, as was also his brother John, who married Hannah's sister, Martha in 1772. Christopher could sign his name in the Register on the day of his wedding, but his bride could not. They had a large family - 12 (including 2 sets of twins), but only a few survived to grow up. Christopher died in 1813 at the age of 68. Hannah survived him until 1822. His brother John had the misfortune to lose his wife in childbirth, and was married again to a Grace Bradwell. (No fewer than six Broadbents married Bradwells; I was later to find out). The names of Christopher and John both appear in a list of local militia eligible for call-up in the 1790's - the years of the "great fear" of the French Revolution.

Born in 1745, the year of Bonnie Prince Charlie's invasion, Christopher must have had an eventful life. He survived a smallpox epidemic in Castleton in his childhood. It was also in his childhood in Castleton that the notorious Winnats murders took place (though they did not come to light until some years later) One of the murderers was named Bradshaw. Christpoher's sister Mary married a Bradshaw, but what, if any, relation to the murderer I did not discover.

In 1800 Christopher was summoned to attend the Court at White Horse Inn, at Bakewell (the inn no longer exists) for not mending his share of the road! Benjamin Barber, a direct ancestor of Anthony, the Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, is still revered as being the apostle of Methodism in Bradwell. He died in 1805, and no doubt was around when John Wesley came ('twice) to preach in Town Gate. I found that 2 of Barber's sons married 2 daughters of John Broadbent (Christopher's nieces).

John Broadbent, son of Christopher, was amongst the leading inhabitants of the village (1829 Directory). He was the local stone mason. His wife was a Burrows. There were some tragedies in this family. His son William lost his young wife in childbirth. Another son John, who set up in business in Glossop as a stonemason, also lost his wife early and re-married. Elizabeth, his youngest daughter, was living with her maternal grandparents (1851 Census) and keeping house for an uncle (1871 Census). John's youngest daughter, Anne, married a James Bradwell. Her tomb is in the Primitive Chapel Yard, and she is apparently the only one of John's family with descendants in the village today.

William, another son of Christopher (from whom my husband descends) was also a stonemason. He married Nancy Jennings of Hartle Moor Farm. (The name Jennings still survives in a local beauty spot - Jennings Dale - though the last person of the name in the village died some years ago.) Two of William's sons, Christopher and Thomas, were stonemasons. Christopher married a Morton, and settled at Little Hucklow. Mrs. George Milward (nee Rose Cooper) who was a teacher at Bradwell County Primary School and now lives in Cornwall, is a direct descendant. Apparently Christopher was held in high esteem, as he was a class leader in the local Methodist Chapel and treasurer of the Oddfellows Lodge. William's family were prominent Primitive Methodists, as records exist of their renting pews in the Chapel. Thomas and his family were also Primitive Methodists. John, son of Thomas; who lived on The Hills, died in 1895, unmarried. He was the last stonemason in the family.

William's (3rd) son John - my husband's great-grandfather - was a lead miner, and married Deborah Walker, thus forming a connection with another local family. His house still stands, and is the home of one of my husband's brothers. His son, John, married Louise Middleton, sister of the Rev. Robert Middleton. Primitive Methodist Minister in Bradwell in the early 1900's. The Middletons are the most numerous of the local Bradwell families. Tracing them proved to be a very arduous task - 200 families since Cromwell's time! Louise's father was Robert, a local grocer. The different branches of the Middleton family had to be distinguished by nicknames. The nickname of this branch being "Clary" - possibly from Clarissa, the wife of Louise's grandfather, Robert, whom I reckoned was Clarissa Hall from Castleton. John and Louise are celebrated for dying young, the funeral of both taking place on the same day (May 27th 1889). The young family appears to have been brought up by their Middleton relatives; George William, my husband's father, was only two years old when his parents died. One of the girls (Clarinda) married the late Arthur Tyson, chief engineer of Edale Cotton Mill for 40 years.

Of course I tried to trace the family further back. From the Castleton Parish Register I discovered that Christopher's parents were John Broadbent and Alice Taylor (married in 1739). The Castleton

Parish Register. was not as well kept as the one at Hope, but John would appear to have been the son of George Broadbent, who came from the Parish of Mottram to Castleton in the 1690's (in the time of William III) and married twice in Castleton. In due course I found myself at Chester Castle inspecting the Mottram Parish records, I found that a George Broadbent, son of George Broadbent of Staley, was born in 1666. This George Broadbent had married a Rebecca Woolley. It was not possible to go any further back. Apparently the area had been rather disturbed at the time of the Civil War - there had been a local skirmish at Staleybridge. The Mottram area is a very windswept place, where the borders of 3 counties - Lancashire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire meet.

Many questions are still unanswered. William's son Benjamin, a lead miner, and his family left Bradwell after the 1851 Census, and I could not find out what became of them. The same is true of Christopher no.2., son of the first Christopher, who was living in Hope in 1811. Then there were the ones who remarried in Castleton. George, Christopher's nephew, was killed in the Odin mine in 1805. He was the only Broadbent who married an Eyre, and he had many descendants in Castleton in the last century, according to the Census returns. There is a tombstone in the Churchyard there commemorating 10 of them, but there are no Broadbents in Castleton now. Colonel John Broadbent who resided there subsequent to and following the Great War was (I suspect) related to them, but, so far, I have not discovered just how. I did manage to locate some of the family working in the cotton industry in Glossop in the 1871 Census. Another, John, grandson of this George settled in Calver, but I have not been able to link him up with the present-day Broadbents in that area. They think they originated in Sheffield.

Elinor Broadbent.

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#### ARE THEY YOURS?

I first saw the book on a market stall many years ago. Even on a pile of house clearings it stood out as being particularly shabby. It drew my attention because I wondered why it had been so important to someone that they should have reinforced the spine with sackcloth in order to preserve it. I opened the book and found that it was a Bible dated 1774. Inside the front cover was recorded a Norfolk family spanning the 19th Century.

My father was born in Norfolk and he often mentioned a Family Bible which had passed to some other branch of our family so I always examine any Bible for sale - just in case. As usual, the family in this old Bible were complete strangers, but I was sorry to see someone's treasured book in imminent danger of destruction. I gave the stall holder 6d, which was the going rate for second hand books in those days, and took the Bible home to examine the newspaper cuttings which had been used as bookmarks.

I suppose, as an aspiring genealogist, I should record the family here for posterity. The only problem is that this family had no posterity, otherwise their Family Bible would not have found its way into the Rag Market. However, it might help some struggling searcher, so here goes:

Nathan Holmes	Born May 8, 1804
Mary Holmes	Born January 1, 1805
Lucy Holmes	Born October 27, 1826
Phillip Holmes	Born December 8, 1828
Martha Holmes	Born September 25, 1831
David Holmes	Born July 20, 1834

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Martha Holmes	Born December 18, 1801
Nathan Holmes	Born March 11, 1838
Ruth Holmes	Born July 14, 1841

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John Harper	Born March 24, 1831
Alfred Harper	Born March 28, 1832
Ann Harper	Born August 28, 1833
William Harper	Born January 20 1835

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Nathan Holmes Lost His Life by a timber falling. January 18, 1879, aged 40, Diss Norfolk.  
 Nathan Holmes died Nov 7/93 buried 11th of Nov '93.  
 Caroline Banham born November 4, 1824  
 Mary Banham born September 10, 1825.  
 1886 John Cook Diss Died March 28th aged 61 years.  
 1887 Henry Banham Yorkshire Died December 31st in the 41st year of His age.

Well, ARE THEY YOURS?

P.S. (If you should turn the cover of a Bible and find Burleys in Great Yarmouth.....)

Barry Burley.

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#### CAREERS IN HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY

Most of us like to know about our forefathers, what sort of people they were, how they lived and how they got on in life. From the earliest times we have kept records of our ancestors. For example, the Axtecs recorded their family trees in picture writing, which are now almost the only means historians have of dating their history. The Romans kept masks of their ancestors, just as many later people kept and continue to keep their family portraits. They also painted devices on their shields, a practice continued during the Dark Ages to identify armour-clad leaders and their supporters. In this way the 'science' of heraldry gradually developed with its technical terms and its rules of 'quartering' on inter-marriage between armbearing families. Thus the two main careers in heraldry and genealogy - archive researcher and scrivener-painter - or, in other words, the tracing of ancestry and the painting of coats of arms have a long history.

Although heraldry as an occupation began in the early middle ages and was international, the College of Arms was set up by the English Crown only in the 15th Century. It brought together people with special knowledge of heraldry and genealogy so that their skills and learning could be pooled, recorded and extended. It remains the official workshop of the professional heraldist and genealogist in England and Wales. In Scotland the equivalent body is the Lyon Court, which is of similar antiquity. These two bodies have certain privileges, such as making grants of arms, but there are many private people involved in genealogy also, and in recent years several small firms have begun to research into family histories, very often on behalf of Americans and others of British descent.

There are many different kinds of records which can assist the genealogist. Remember that the registration of births, and deaths was only made compulsory in 1837. For information before that year, parish registers may have to be searched, or evidence deduced from census records, letters, wills, deeds of property, and court records. To find these documents the genealogist may have to visit churches, local museums, or private houses. So the genealogist often employs a record-searcher to do the spade work. Record-searchers may be part time or full time workers. They may specialise in the records of a district, or of an historical period, or even of a particular government department. Some cover a whole range of sources and later become genealogists themselves.

The genealogist has to direct the work of the searchers, analyse what they discover, and decide the next move. The genealogist has therefore to be something of a detective, a historian, and a shrewd judge of human nature. Historical documents were not written for the benefit of genealogists. Many are in poor condition. Many are written in crabbed-law hand, or in Latin, or in legal jargon. Some only survive as fragments. The genealogist has to interpret what is available, and perhaps make informed guesses and see whether other evidence confirms them. Obviously the genealogist becomes concerned with the preservation, organisation and storage of records, and this is one of the secondary openings for people with experience in this occupation.

Since the genealogist may have to use the heraldic devices on documents or monuments as clues in the research, a working knowledge of heraldry is needed. Genealogy proper, however, does not deal with matters such as entitlement to a coat of arms.

When the research is complete the client will want to know what sources have been examined and why, and what reliability can be placed on any suppositions. The genealogist must be able to explain this fully and clearly, and estimate the cost and probable success of further research. The client may often want the findings set out in a form suitable for display - a family tree, for instance, illuminated like a medieval manuscript and incorporating any arms borne by distinguished ancestors. At this stage the artist or scrivener takes over.

Only outstanding artists work full time at heraldry; it is more usual to accept an occasional commission as a change from other work. Although many art colleges teach some heraldic art as part of their general courses on art and design, this is not in itself sufficient training for the work of a heraldic artist. More technical knowledge of the subject is required, the historical background, for example, and the meaning of the many possible designs. Members of the Heraldry Society, however, can attend courses in heraldic art at the

College of Arms. The work of a scrivener, who provides the blazon or written description of a coat of arms, also requires a specialised knowledge beyond that provided by an art college course. Often one person will combine the role of an artist and scrivener. Apart from the College of Arms or <sup>the</sup> Lyon Court, which commission drawings for new grants of arms, there are opportunities for heraldic artists with firms producing banners and flags, shield plaques for decoration, and other display material. The coat of arms may be presented on a variety of materials; on board, paper, or vellum skins, or sometimes on metal if it is for display outside a building. Herald painters are self-employed craftsmen who live on the living they make from commissions. It must be stressed again that such openings are still very limited despite the growing numbers of small firms concerned with display insignia. Only someone with a real flair for the work, and a real dedication to it, should attempt to make it a full time career.

Heraldry is an even more specialised subject than genealogy. Few people are invited to join the College of Arms as heralds or pursuivants, and only then after many years of experience. There are occasional openings on the staffs of individual officers of the College who have private practices as genealogists and there are also opportunities as heraldic consultants. At the Lyon Court vacancies are equally few and far between. Otherwise, you must become apprenticed to one of the independent professionals, often paying a large sum for the privilege, and accepting very junior jobs. So in the early years there is still little money to be made, and in fact you usually need to be able to support yourself from other sources until you become established.

There are courses in heraldry, genealogy, family history and palaeography (the study of ancient writing) run by the Institute of Heraldry and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury and London leading to a Diploma and Licentiate ship. The Diploma is a professional qualification, and is becoming more and more widely accepted as the best means of entering the profession. The Institute is privately financed and state grants for the course are few. You should note also that the family history course is normally open only to graduates, although exceptions may be made. Short courses are also run by the Society of Genealogists, some branches of the Workers' Educational Association, and by university extra-mural departments. You will usually have to pay your way through these courses too. To get started therefore you would be best advised to begin in some related field such as archive work, historical research, librarianship or possibly teaching, unless, that is, you have the money to support yourself through the courses. By starting in one of these other occupations you would have an established career with opportunities for genealogical research as a part-time interest.

Experienced researchers can sometimes find work in the field of heraldic and genealogical journalism and publishing. The two firms of Burke and Debrett produce works on the peerage and the landed gentry, and there is a limited market for articles on genealogical topics in specialist magazines and local history journals. However, as in other branches of this kind of work, it is very rare indeed to be able to make a full-time living, and most people keep their interest in the subject as a fascinating hobby.

Even full-time archive-researchers and artist-scriveners can never expect to have regular hours, a settled income, or absolute security. For them, the reward comes in the satisfaction of directing their own work, of meeting the needs of clients, and of going ever deeper into the history of families, and thus, into the history of the nation.

## IBBOTSON OF HATHERSAGE

My paternal grandmother was Arabella Ibbotson. She died long before my birth. Nevertheless, I was called after her as a mark of respect by the wish of my father Henry Hartley. Henry died whilst I was still a baby and all contact between my mother and her in-laws ceased.

When I was perhaps fourteen I was invited to stay with an, as then, unknown aunt in Hathersage and from her learned that my grandmother Arabella came from the Hathersage branch of the Ibbotson family. She took me to see the burial plot of the departed kinsmen, lying under the tower of Hathersage Church, and told me always to remember that this was my family. She gave me no more information but at her death, some thirty years ago she left me three Hepplewhite chairs which I was subsequently told came from the Ibbotson home. She had passed them on to me as heirlooms.

Over the years I have spent much time in pondering over their place of origin, wondering to whom exactly they had belonged, yet until recently I had made no move to trace this family.

At length the work done on the estate of the Fitzherbert family by Miss Rosamund Meredith and published in the transactions of the Derbyshire Archaeological Society brought them to my notice, by her reference to their holdings in Hathersage. A study of the pedigrees as listed in the Jackson Collection in the Sheffield Archives Department soon brought the well documented work by T. Walter Hall to light on the Ibbotsons of Hathersage and of Sheffield. The Lichfield Record Office have supplied me with such wills as are available, and so, contrary to my usual practice of working backwards from present days, I have embarked upon the family as a whole using Mr. Hall's and Mr. Swift's written pedigrees to guide me, with Fairbank maps and plans to give me true location. The Hathersage district presents no problems for I know it well. Though there is much work before me ere I reach my grandmother Arabella I am amply rewarded with the insight I am gaining into life in earlier times in these farmhouses, lying under the shadow of Stange Edge. The following wills illustrate the basis of my research and the results are of absorbing interest as I visit these places and identify myself with them.

Five brothers lie at the head of Mr. Hall's pedigree of the Ibbotsons: George, William, Edward, John and Abraham. George, who is of the village of Hathersage comes first.

"In the name of God Amen the Eighth Day of February in the five and thirtieth year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord Charles the Second of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith I George Ibbotson of Hathersage in the County of Derby husbandman being weak in body but of good memory (praised be God therefore) do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping to be saved by the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour and my body to the earth to be buried in the Parish Church or Churchyard of Hathersage at the discretion of my executors and for my worldly goods and estate where with it hath pleased God to Bless me, I dispose of it in manner following. First after my funeral expenses be discharged I give and bequeath unto Ann Ibbotson my loving wife the house and farm where in I now live for and during the time of her natural life in full of all claim of jointure or dower.

Item

My minds will is that I do hereby bequeth unto Elizabeth Fox my daughter wife of George Fox the sum of two shillings and sixpence. I give and bequeth unto my daughter Frances Ibbotson the sum of twenty pounds if she should attain to the age of twenty one years

Item

I give and bequeth to my Grandson Edward Ibbotson the sum of four pounds to be put forth for him within a year after my decease to be paid to him when he shall attain to 14 years of age with interest from the same and if he die before he comes to the said age then the same to goe equally amongst his two brothers and sisters or as many as shall be alive then.

Item

I do hereby give and bequeth unto my Grandchildren Thomas George and Anne Ibbotson amongst them ten good Ewes to be put forth for them.

Item

My minds will is I do hereby give and bequeth unto my daughter-in-law, Mary Ibbotson 1 heifer stirke which is now in the meadow.

Item

I give and bequeth unto my dear wife Anne Ibbotson the sum of ten pounds. All the rest of my goods, debts, chattels and estate whatsoever unbequethed after one shilling paid to my son in law George Fox (which I hereby owe him) my mind and will is to give and bequeth the same to my dear wife Anne Ibbotson and to my Son Thomas Ibbotson equally between them and do desire them to co-habit together if they do agree and I do hereby make them joint executers of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have here unto put my hand and seal the day and year above written. 1682".

The Inventory of the goods of George Ibbotson is badly smudged so that very little can be read clearly. However, some slight idea as to his standing can be obtained from the following extract.

His purse and apparel valued at £3, whilst in the Parlour is bed and bedding, a cupboard and a chest, two dishboards, one brass pot and one brass pan. In the chamber over the parlour, one great ark and four little arks, two pair of bed-stocks with the bedding there unto three pair of sheets, blankets, pillow beers and eight yards of white Sarsey In the chamber over the house one bed and mattress, one cupboard. In the house, one table, one cupboard a little board, chairs and stools nine cushions, one basin, fifteen pewter dishes, two salts one flaggon, thirteen spoons and a brass candlestick. Meal valued at 12/-, butter, sheep, beef and bacon 6/8. Looms, dishes, wheels and other wooden earthenware and earthen pots, a gun and a sheep hook, boards and joists and doors, are also listed. There are about the farm, two horses and three saddles, six bullocks, three coves, 3 stirks and one calf, two and twenty ewes thirty eight weathers and ten hogs. In the farm there is one great ark and a chest. Oats unwinnowed valued at £5/12/-, oats to thresh £5. Hay in the Barnfield is mentioned with one plough, three yokes and two stone troughs. Manure is valued at £1 with nine sacks at 10/- Two forks, two hatchets an axe a mall and two mattocks etc go with the hustlement of the house. The sum total value being £119.

William is of Banke, Hathersage. Married, he leaves a widow in 1687, there appears to be no issue.

By far the most interesting will of these five brothers is that of Edward. He is of Netherhirst. Twice married he had four sons by his first wife and one daughter. By his second wife Mary Berley he had one daughter Elizabeth. Edward is a clothier. His will is long, and after the manner of the day he bequeaths his soul to God and his body to the earth to be buried, he leaves the house in which he dwells, with its garden, The Park and the Horse Close to Mary his wife if she keeps herself unmarried. Should she marry then the same shall go immediately to his sons, William, Abraham and Henry.

To his son John is left the sum of ten shillings and to the child his wife is great with, one ewe lamb at Michaelmas next. His son William has ten shillings also, with his child a ewe lamb in the fall of the year. Abraham is to receive twenty three pounds within six months of his father's death and one pair of looms and two pair of shears. His brother Henry is to have the same sum of money, one brass pan and one lead, and two pair of shears. A pair of good looms are to be bought for him, and all the rest of their father's tools to be divided between them. The farm and houses at Netherhirst are left to the three sons, William, Henry and Abraham equally amongst them under the yearly rent due for them. The rest of Edward's goods and chattels are left to his wife and daughter, equally between them, Should his wife marry again, then she is to keep her own portion.

The following Inventory of Edward's goods and chattels was taken on the 28th day of April 1702.

	£	s	d
"His purse and apparel	5	0	0
One nag and one mare	8	0	0
Four coves and one heyfer	15	0	0
Two Bullocks of three years old	7	0	0
Three Bullocks of 2 years old and two heyfers of 2 years old	11	10	0
Thirty ewes and lambs	9	6	0
Fourty weathers	13	13	4
Twentyeight Ewes and weathers and 4 barren ewes	6	10	0
Thirtytwo stone of wool	16	0	0
One fine piece of cloth at	2	3	0
One courser piece of cloth	1	19	0
Three pieces of fine Seay yarn fine and course	6	5	0
	5	10	0
One pair of looms, tenters a lead and six pairs of shears and a press a shearboard and other tools belonging to his trade	6	0	0
Fifty load of meal at 10d a load	25	0	0
Pewter and brass	1	8	0
Three iron pots 1 iron kettle		13	0
Five pair of Bedstocks bedding there unto belonging	12	0	0
Beef and bacon	3	0	0
Wheat and malt	1	0	0
Arks and chests	4	0	0
16 boards of 3 and 23 boards of 2 yards long	1	10	0
A table, a chest and dishboard in the house, 2 seild chairs and a tresle and from a cupboard in the parlour a - - and an ark	1	10	0
Table linen	1	0	0
Ten corn sacks and bags and six coal sacks	1	0	0
A salting tub, Kneading kitt Looms and barrels and wooden ware		18	0

Three lead pots and oyl	1	10	0
Two Bibles and other books		10	0
Iron ware, husbandry ware manure and fodder	5	0	0
Pullen		.2	0
The huslement in the house		5	0
Debts due	80	0	0
Debts due	20	12	6

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John the fourth brother lived at Kingshaige in the Parish of Hope. His will was proved in June 1710 but has no reference to either wife or child. Kingshaige must have stayed in the family for his brother Abraham is living there at the time of his death, previous to which he had resided first in Hope, moving to Nether Shatton, on to Castleton and finally went to Kinghaige. He desires to be buried at Hope. To his daughter Susannah the wife of John Wallhead he leaves ten pounds with forty shillings to their daughter, Ann. She is also to receive two shillings a year interest on the money until she comes of age. To his daughter Ann he leaves also the same sum with forty shillings to be shared amongst her children. To his daughter Ellin, the wife of Adam Grant he leaves twenty seven pounds. His son William receives the residue of the estate under the mark of Abraham Ibbotson, Anno Dom: 1715.

The Inventory is short.

	£	s	d
His purse and apparel	2	0	0
Eighteen ewes	3	0	0
Owing him in money by Benjamin Ashton Esquire	50	0	0
Oweing him by Henry and William Ibbotson	10	0	0
By his son Will. Ibbotson	7	0	0
By Robert Yellatt	2	10	0
George Grant owes him		10	0
By Ralph Bocking	10	0	0
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The issue of Edward and Ann Berley perpetuate the line of the Ibbotsons of Nether Hirst. From their wills we learn of the diverse paths their descendants follow, and of the hard core of the family who continue to inhabit these Peakland farms; Moorseats, Eastwoods, Carrhead, The Hill, Moscar, Greenshouse, and the Main Street, Hathersage. The lands of Nether Hirst form a compact block lying on the downslope to the River Derwent. This is an ancient settlement. Eastwoods lay behind the church. Carrhead, also known as the Banke, with Moorseats close by formed what could have been part of a small hamlet nearer still to Stanage Edge. The Hill overlooked the present Sickleholme Golf Course. Greens house and Gatehouse are close together, very near to Nether Hirst. The Ibbotson farm in the main street of Hathersage still stands and is run by the family.

John, grandson of Edward and Ann leaves Hathersage and settles as an Inn keeper on Sheffield Moor. He is left property in the will of his Uncle Henry of Nether Hirst; this being a house and lands in Greystones, Ecclesall. Abraham, his brother likewise inherits a farmstead in Whitely Wood, this small building still stands midway down Trap Lane. Subsequent members of the family come into Sheffield into trade.

It is the issue of Samuel of Nether Hirst born 1753, who marries Mary Fisher of Totley which elevates this branch of the family into the ranks of the Sheffield gentry.

This is a complex family to follow, with added trouble regarding in many cases the handwriting. The odd spelling I have retained in some instances. Therefore this article is open to correction.

Margery Rodger.

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STRAYS

From Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York.

Marriages

John Rhodes GLOSSOP, Sheffield, Yorks, Widower and Eliza NUTT of this parish, Spinster, 4 Sept. 1830.

George JOY, Belfast, Antrim, Ireland, Batchelor and Louisa Maxwell Campbell MACDOUGALL of this parish, Spinster, 4 Dec. 1832.

John Peall WALTON, Alien Place, St. Mary Whitechapel, Middlesex, Batchelor and Harriet NUTT of this parish, Spinster, 8 Jan 1833.

Joseph Nell GIBSON of this parish, Widower and Jane BRADLEY, Halifax, Spinster. 28 Aug. 1833.

David HOLMES, Leeds, butcher, Batchelor and Mary Anne SAVILLE of this parish, Spinster, 25 Mar. 1835.

Timothy MORINE, Doncaster, Yorks, Widower and Elizabeth PARSONS, of this parish, Spinster, 12 Jan. 1836.

Edward SMITH, Gildersome in Batley, Batchelor and Mary DUNSLEY of this parish, 10 May 1836.

Henry GAMBLES, Thorp Arch, servant in Husbandry and Ann POTTER of this parish Spinster 4 June 1836.

Burials

John TIMM, Pauzer, Sheffield, Yorks. Buried June 3 1813. Age 51.

From St. Martin-cum-Gregory, York.

Marriages

13 May 1793 Charles USHER of this parish, gardener, Batchelor, Age 25 and Mary BELL, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Widow age 25.

4 Feb 1797, James WHITE, Sheffield, Yorks, Gentleman, Batchelor, age 30 and Catherine BUTLER of this parish, Spinster, age 25

27 April 1808, David BROWN of this parish, Plane Maker, age 31 and Mary BELL, Whitby age 29.

From Monumental Inscription and Sheffield Obituaries local section Sheffield Library.

FLATHER. The Rev. John son of Mr - Flather Lace Manufacturer born Sept. 1817 at Poplars Nottingham married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Chetham of H.M. 40th Regt. Died 12th June 1891. Int. Sheffield General Cemetery Plot JJ147.

### A COCHRANE FAMILY TREE

Whilst browsing in "The Attic", a small antique shop in Shelley, near Huddersfield, I found the following pedigree mounted in two picture frames. Permission was given to copy them in the hope that their "Family" might be found. An abbreviated version follows. Fuller details are in the Society library.

Alexander Cochrane. Born 10 Feb 1813.

Married 26 June 1834 to Esther, second daughter of William Hughes of Kingswinford who was born 1 Nov 1810 and died 23 June 1863. The marriage took place at Wordsby New Church.

They had the following children:

Charles	Born 3 May 1835	
William	Born 23 Jan 1837	
Mary	Born 28 June 1838	
Joseph Bramah	Born 16 Mar 1840	
Napier Hughes)	}twins?	
Esther		Born 20 Aug 1841 (Esther) Died 18 Mar 1843
Brodie	Born 8 Feb 1843	
George	Born 18 Oct 1844	Died 9 Oct 1880
Napier	Born 5 Feb 1846	Died Aug 1846
Helen	Born 16 July 1847	
Alexander Dundonald	Born 8 Dec 1848	
Alfred Ormesby	Born 29 Aug 1850	
Henry Heath	Born 6 May 1852	
Annie	Born 19 Feb 1855	

Details were given of when and where these children were baptised and the names of their godparents.

Denise Marsden.

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### WHAT WILL YOUR EPITAPH BE?

An entry in the Worsbrough burial register for 28th July 1765 reads "Richard Guest, Mason (Commonly Called Snivelling Dick)"

FROM A FAMILY PRAYER BOOK

From a book of family prayers, published in 1817, and found at Heywood House, Grindleford, by the present owner Mr. Frank Colley.

George SHEPHARD (who made the first entries) Born 26th May 1790

Mary Jermyn BIRTLES Born 18th December 1792. Married on the 14th January 1813. Their children:-

Elizabeth Jermyn Shephard Born 28th Nov, 1813 (about 2 o'clock after-noon)

William Jermyn Shephard Born 6th August 1816 (about 4 o'clock after-noon)

Ann Jermyn Shephard Born 28th February 1819 (about 8 o'clock in the evening)

George Jermyn Shephard Born 12th March 1824 (about half past 1 o'clock after-noon)

(A later entry gives his death, 10th January 1892)

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James HOUNSFIELD Born 13th August 1813 Died 9th July 1902

Ann Jermyn Shephard married the above named James. Their children:

James Jermyn Hounsfield Born 6th October 1845 (about 10 o'clock in the morning)

Thomas Hounsfield Born 19th October 1846 (about 7 o'clock in the morning)

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Ann Jermyn Hounsfield Died 5th July 1847

George Shephard Died 29th January 1865 at 74yrs & 8 mnths (of pleuro-bronchitis)

Thomas Hounsfield Died 15th July 1893 of pneumonia at 46 yrs & 9 mnths About 6 o'clock p.m. Saturday. He left 7 children, 3 girls & 4 boys.

James Hounsfield Died 9th July 1902 at 10 minutes to 5 o'clock, aged 88 years, 10 months and 26 days, possessed a clear mind to within 5 minutes of his death (from bronchitis), he passed away calmly and peacefully, suffering little except from breathing rapidly.

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James Jermyn Hounsfield married, on 14th October 1908, at Christ Church Kensington,

Sophie HIRST nee HOLLAND his wife, born 1st May 1871 in Kensington.

(James Jermyn Hounsfield verified the earlier entries on 23rd Nov. 1929)

Their son:

Nigel James Jermyn Hounsfield Born 21st June 1910 at 6.50a.m.

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INFORMATION ON RECORD OFFICES.

The West Yorkshire County Record Office.

This is housed in the Registry of Deeds, Newstead Road, Wakefield (near the County Hall). It is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 4pm on Friday. Many parish registers from the Diocese of Wakefield, including a few South Yorkshire parishes, such as Penistone and Midhope, are deposited here. The office also has a microfiche copy of the Computer File Index of the Mormon Church, with a great number of Yorkshire names taken from baptism and marriage (though not burial) registers, wills and census returns. There is only one microfiche reader available.

### Non-conformist Records.

The large collection of nonconformist registers held by the Public Record Office is now housed in Chancey Lane.

### The Huddersfield Stake Branch Genealogical Society Library.

This is to be found at 12, Halifax Road, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield. The hours of opening are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays	1.30pm to 4.30pm
	7.00pm to 9.30pm
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Saturdays	9.30am to 1.00pm
	1.30pm to 4.30pm

Special arrangements can be made with Mr. Malcolm Twigg, the librarian, to use the facilities on the days whenever the caretaker is available. There is only one microfiche reader but it can be booked in advance. The Records available are <sup>the</sup> Computer File Index containing about 17 million christenings and 2½ million marriages and microfilm copies of some of the records. Many other records are available at 10 to 12 weeks notice. Various maps, directories and other printed material are available. The publication "Parish and Vital Records Listings" gives details of the scope of the Computer File Index.

### The Parochial Registers and Records Measure.

This will take effect from January 1979. Its provisions are of great importance to the genealogist. It orders that all parish records which are over a hundred years old must be deposited in a diocesan record office unless the parish can make proper arrangements for their care and use. Records kept in the parishes will be subject to regular inspection. The archives department of Sheffield Central Library is the diocesan record office for the diocese of Sheffield, which covers a large part of South Yorkshire. A number of parish records have recently been deposited there in anticipation of the new measure. Many more will no doubt be deposited in the coming year.

### A BRIEF GUIDE TO RECORDS - PARISH REGISTERS SINCE 1813

Parish registration of baptisms, marriages and burials began in 1538 but no standard procedure was laid down. From 1754 onwards, under the terms of Lord Hardwicke's Act, marriages were registered on printed forms, bound in books, but it was not until 1st January 1813 that every parish was obliged to register baptisms, marriages and burials in a standard way in bound volumes. From this date onwards the genealogist's task is made easier.

The baptismal entries record name, date of baptism, parents' christian and surnames, abode, and occupation of the father. Some give a little more detail for a time. The Penistone registers, for instance, in the early years, record not only the date of baptism but the date of birth, and for a time give the mother's maiden name.

The burial entries record name, abode, when buried, and (most importantly) the age of the deceased, thus giving the approximate year of birth.

The marriage entries record both names, the parishes where both partners resided, the date of marriage and the names of witnesses.

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174	Badger	Joseph Jun <sup>r</sup>		Brinsworth Orchard
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#### JANE EYRE : GENEALOGIST?

"I must not forget that these coarsely-clad little peasants are of flesh and blood as good as the scions of gentlest genealogy; and that the germs of native excellence, refinement, intelligence, kind feeling, are as likely to exist in their hearts as in those of the best-born".

(Charlotte Bronte: "Jane Eyre" Ch.31.)

#### BOOK LIST

"The Wreck Detectives" by Kendall McDonald, published by Harrap 1972 has a particularly interesting section about the Armada ships and other historic vessels and the people connected with them. An ancestor perhaps?

"Everyone has Roots" by Anthony J. Camp. A Star Book published by the Paperback Division of W.H. Allen & Co. Ltd., is a fascinating introduction to genealogy. It has a useful general chapter on sources then goes on to discuss other topics of interest to the family historian. Chapter headings include Migrants, forgery and deception, the right to Arms and Surnames and Christian names. An often amusing and very readable book.

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