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## **FUTURE PROGRAMME – 2000**

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

- Mon. 18 Sept. *Sheffield Flood* by Martin Olive  
Mon. 16 Oct. *The Brooksbank Family* by Kenny Brooksbank  
Mon. 20 Nov. **Christmas Social Evening.**  
*Come and celebrate Christmas*  
*Enjoy a meeting with a difference*

## **ROTHERHAM BRANCH PROGRAMME**

Please note - new venue

Meet 7 pm at the Eastwood Methodist Mission, St. Ann's Road, Rotherham

- Thurs. 5 Oct. *Workshop*  
Thurs. 2 Nov. To be arranged  
Thurs. 7 Dec. *Open meeting*

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## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield (Napa 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 Eastwood Methodist Mission, 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**

We all mean to write up our family story but many of us never quite get round to it. There is always another piece in the jigsaw that we want to find before we put pen to paper. The Millennium has changed all that. You will find in this edition details of the Millennium Time Capsule in which we are all invited to place our family's history. The information will be sealed for 200 years after which time our descendants will be able to claim what we have deposited and find out what we were doing and what we knew. Deposits can take any form we wish, from written accounts and photographs to recordings that reveal what we sounded like. This is your big chance to make your mark on the future. Don't miss it!

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition.

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### **Family Graves in Tyne & Wear**

Do you have a grave in the Tyne and Wear area that needs tending? Michael Southwick, editor of *The North-Easterner* magazine, runs a grave tending and maintenance service in the north east of England. For further details contact him at 21, Meldon Way, Winlaton, Tyne & Wear NE21 6HJ, or E-mail: michael@north-easterner.freemove.co.uk

### **Wartime News**

This publication features personal reminiscences of the Second World War. Details from *The Wartime Company*, Studland House, 12, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3NA

### **Business Records of John Bedford and Co. Ltd.**

This small collection of seven volumes has been donated to Sheffield Archives. Archives would be pleased to accept additional records relating to this company.

### **What's in a Name?**

According to the lists published by the office for National Statistics the most popular surnames in order are Smith, Jones, Williams, Taylor and Brown. The most popular men's names are John, David, Michael, James and Robert and the women's names are Margaret, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth and Sarah.

### **Courses at Leeds University School of Continuing Education**

Paleography: Medieval History through the Documents 22 weekly sessions

Certificate in Latin

Certificate in Family History

Further details available from School of Continuing Education, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Tel: 0113 233 3222 for courses in West Yorkshire and southern part of North Yorkshire.

Tel: 01642 814 987 for courses in Teesside and the northern part of North Yorkshire.

### **Victorian Times at the PRO.**

***PRO Open Day Sat 23 Sept. 2000.*** Find out what life was like during the reign of Queen Victoria. Highlights will include: Victorian Fun Fair; Costumed performances – including an Audience with Queen Victoria;

Children's workshops; Victorian music hall; Victorian food; Victorian Times exhibition; Workshop and display of Victorian photographs; Display of Victorian cartoons; Demonstrations of the new online Victorian Britain exhibition.

Visitors are invited to join in the fun and come along in Victorian costume! Time 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Admission free.

'*Maid in England*' 25-28 Sept. 7.45 – 9.30 pm. A series of special evening performances about the rise and fall of the Victorian Domestic Servant. Tickets £7.50.

### *Victorian Times Exhibition 23 Sept to 20 October 2000*

An exhibition exploring the personalities and events of Victorian England: from the Great Exhibition to the coming of the railways, and from the Industrial Revolution to Queen Victoria herself. Based around a typical Victorian street scene, the exhibition will include a wealth of original treasures from the PRO's collection,, including a letter from 'Jack the Ripper', plans for the great Exhibition and an informal photograph of Queen Victoria with her children.

Open 10 am to 5 pm. Mon. to Sat. Admission free.

### **Rivelin area map.**

A reprint of the 1902 map of the Rivelin area has been produced by Godfrey maps. As usual there is additional information in the form of a historic background to the area. Available from local bookshops.

ISBN 1 84151 179 X Price £1.95.

## **SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **1999 Accounts**

The Editor gives her apologies for putting the wrong accounts into the last journal. The correct accounts, for 1999, can be found in this edition.

### **Firth Park Grammar School**

Did you or your ancestor go to Firth Park Grammar School? In July of this year the old Brushes building closed down when Firth Park School moved on to one site. We hold records of pupils who started at Firth Park Grammar School from the late 1930's, (though some records are missing) and we do not have enough space to store all these records indefinitely. If you would like me to try and locate any records relating to members of your family, please send their full name, date of birth, and if possible the date they left the school, together with a large sae to Norma Reaney, Firth Park Community College, Fircroft Avenue, Sheffield S5 0S

## SHEFFIELD &amp; DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1999

Accumulated Fund	1999	1998
Balance 1 January 1999	£ 8353	£ 8456
Surplus/Deficit for 1999	6355	-103
Creditor-Accountants Fee	120	90
Current Account	nil	37
Accumulated surplus- Rotherham Branch	500	535
	<u>15328</u>	<u>9015</u>
Assets		
Current Account-General	894	nil
Fifty Cash Balance	1	136
Bank-Book Account	660	259
Bank Account- Trips	nil	36
Deposit Account	9212	5615
Bank and Cash- Rotherham Branch	500	535
Stock- Books and Fiche	3100	1691
Equipment	961	743
	<u>15328</u>	<u>9015</u>

Mrs E.M. Allen ( Treasurer)

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

I have verified the financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs at the 31 December 1999.

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## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

	1999	1998
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	7591	6487
Book Sales	8438	2167
Journal Sales	23	18
Donations	1	122
Advertising	126	20
Miscellaneous	20	6
Deposit Account Interest	104	334
	<u>16303</u>	<u>9154</u>
Expenditure		
Books for resale and book account overheads	3710	2088
Stationery and Printing	269	364
Journal Production Costs	1917	1972
Journal Postage	1265	1419
Photocopying and Duplifying	320	454
Postage and Telephone	244	502
Room Hire	354	360
Speakers Expenses	145	115
Membership Cards	56	nil
Projects	586	565
Federation Fees and Insurance	301	257
Books for Library	150	132
Sundries	64	15
Donations	105	40
Accountants Fee	120	90
Social	172	753
Depreciation of Equipment	170	131
Surplus/Deficit for year	6385	-103
	<u>16303</u>	<u>9154</u>

## **Indexes for Sale**

From The Chesterfield Family History Bookshop, c/o 5, Old Houses,  
Piccadilly Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 0EH.

<http://fhbookshop.members.beeb.net>

### ***St Mary The Virgin, Beighton***

#### ***Marriage Index 1645 – 1837.***

A4 Booklet = £3.50 inc UK p&p

IMB Compatible Computer Disk = £3.00 inc UK p&p

Micro-fiche = £2.50 inc UK p&p

### ***St James Church, Norton***

#### ***Marriage Index 1559 – 1837.***

A4 Booklet = £4.50 inc UK p&p

IBM Compatible Computer Disk = £3.00 inc UK p&p

Micro-fiche = £2.50 inc UK p&p

## **Wanted – Microfiche reader for home use**

Please contact Harry Parker, 469 Herries Road Sheffield S5 8TJ or E-mail: [harry.parker@ic24.net](mailto:harry.parker@ic24.net) with details of condition and price.

Tel: 0114 232 5930

## **Burial Index Transcription Errors**

### ***Wadsley Church***

Swindin John aged 83 bur. 6 March 1883. Should read James

Swinden Gertrude age 55 bur. 4 Sept. 1881. Should read Swindin aged 5

### ***Brightside***

Sedgwick Joy aged 2m. bur. 5 Aug 1896. Should read Ivy aged 20m.

### ***Ecclesall***

Turton Matthew bur. 23 June 1864. Should read Martha.

## **PROJECTS UPDATE**

The final contributions have been sent from our Society to the first issue of the National Burial Index. This is due to be published by the Federation of FHSs at the end of the year. There will be over 3 million entries of which 250,000 have been contributed by our Society.

**Burials** Since my appeal in the last edition, 2 members have offered to transcribe the burials from the original registers of Christ Church Dore and St John Chapeltown, which are both held at Sheffield Archives. Thank you very much.

Other members have made a start on the records of Attercliffe Cemetery. Although these records are on microfilm, they can easily be read using a

fiche reader. Transcribers and checkers required, plus transcriber/inputters.

**1891 Census** A good start has been made on these records, although there is a long way to go. We began with Nether Hallam, Upper Hallam and Norton, and are just about to start on Ecclesall Bierlow. Members who would like to help with this project need to have both a fiche reader and a computer.

**NB** none of the above work is ready for sale yet. It will be advertised in future editions of the Flowing Stream, as it becomes available.

**Help needed.** I could do with some computer help with the editing of the 1891 data before it is sent out for expansion. In order that the finished work is all in the same format, I am going through the data, removing unnecessary full stops, etc. This is boring repetitive work, but if it appeals to you, I would love to hear from you. You will need to have an e-mail address for me to send you the data.

If you would like to help with either of the projects, or would like more information, please get in touch with me.

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## **COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS**

**Society Website:** [http://mtx.net.au/~exy/Sheffield\\_fhs.html](http://mtx.net.au/~exy/Sheffield_fhs.html)

**The Millennium Time Capsule Family History Archive web site**  
[www.millennium-timecapsule.com/history](http://www.millennium-timecapsule.com/history). See article for further details

### **Posterity Forgotten**

*Ed's apology.* The website address printed at the end of the article entitled "Posterity Forgotten" in the Summer 2000 journal should read:  
[www.colour-solutions.co.uk](http://www.colour-solutions.co.uk)

## **CONFERENCES AND FAIRS**

### **Family History Experience Sat. 23 Sept. & Sun. 24 Sept. 2000**

A Society of Genealogists event taking place at Hall 7, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. Tickets £6.

The experience will include a wide range of exhibitors, a comprehensive lecture programme and help and advice sessions from Society volunteers and staff.

Admission to lectures is £2 payable on the day.

### **Leeds Family History Day Sat. 30 September 2000**

This local and family history day will take place at Leeds Town Hall from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. Admission: Adults £1.50. Concessions £0.50. More information from Linda Birch on 0113 2898248 or E mail: lbirch@wyjs.co.uk

### **Weekend residential course in family history 27-29 Oct. 2000**

Entitled *Wisdom in the North* it is being organised by the Society of Genealogists at the Earl of Doncaster Hotel, Bennetthorpe, Doncaster. Full details from the Society of Genealogists at 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

### **Doncaster & District FHS Family History Day Sat. 28 October 2000**

To be held at the Residential School for the Deaf from 9.45 am – 4.15 pm.

The speakers are **Ian Dewhurst**: *'Crime in Victorian Yorkshire' Sensational Crimes of the Victorian era*; **Lizzie Jones**: *'I am England' A new dramalogue for the Millennium*; **Marjorie Dunn**: *'Families Afloat!'* There will be the usual displays and stalls.

Entrance £7.50 or £11.75 inc. Lunch.

Ample Free Parking. Disabled facilities.

Further details from Mrs J. Staniforth, 'Marton House', 125, The Grove, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster, S. Yorks. DN2 5SN. Tel. 01302 367257

### **Chapelton High Green Archive Exhibition 4 November 2000**

This Millenium exhibition is being held on Sat 9 Sept. 2000 at St. Mark's Church Hall, Grenoside and on Sat. 4 Nov. 2000 at The Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield. It is a major 'oral history' exhibition of the area with scores of detailed recollections by local people covering the whole of the 20th century. Admission 50p.

### **West Surrey FHS Open Day 2000. Sat. 4 November 2000**

To be held at Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road, Woking from 10 am to 4.30 pm

Research material will include the Computerised Surrey Marriage Index, indexed transcriptions of many of the Surrey Parish Registers (baptisms, marriages and burials), the Index of Surrey Monumental Inscriptions, the 1891 Census for non-Metropolitan Surrey, the 1851 Census Indexes for

much of the UK, 1881 Census Indexes for England and Wales, the IGI and a very extensive bookstall.

Many FHSs, the SOG, local History groups and commercial organisations have reserved tables for their displays.

Free entry and free parking. Refreshments available.

### **Federation Conference 20-22 April 2001**

To be held at the University of Leicester, Oadby. The conference is entitled "*From the Cup of Love*". There is so much that our ancestors deliberately kept hidden, even from their nearest and dearest: much that resulted from their love for one another. The needs of our ancestors were no different to those of today. Often the laws of the church or the civil authorities were ignored: sometimes the people were caught, sometimes they were not, and sometimes it was expedient to pretend it had never happened. Much is recorded, much is not. So what did our ancestors get up to – and what can we discover about them, once they had drunk from the cup of love?

Included in the programme are talks on

*Something for the Weekend, Sir?: A History of Contraception* Joan Grundy;

*The Wrong Side of the Blanket: Bastards in the Family* Ruth Paley;  
*Sex, Lies and Registration* Audrey Collins;

*Within the Prohibited Degrees: Evidence of Incest* Peter Clarke;

*Sin and Sex: The Bawdy Courts* Colin Chapman ;

*The Fleet Marriages* Mark Herber; *The Oldest Profession* Beryl Hurley;

*Good Faith and Truthful Ignorance: Identifying Bigamy* Peter Park;

*All Human Life is Here: Sex, Sin and Sensation in Newspapers* Roy Stockdill; *The Masque of Beauty* Paul Blake;

*Bottom's Ass: From the Bawdy to the Naughty in Shakespeare* Peter Storfer; *Marriage Customs and Rituals* to be announced.

Further details from Mrs Y.J. Bunting, FFHS Conference, Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 5LL

## **THROUGH THE LETTERBOX**

*From Derek Wilcox, 40, Buttermere Road, Liverpool L16 2NN*

*E-mail; [dwilcox@lightage.demon.co.uk](mailto:dwilcox@lightage.demon.co.uk)*

Would your readers be interested in a new service? I have access to the major cemeteries of Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington and Chester and for £8 or £10 Overseas I would be prepared to photograph an ancestor's grave in any of those cemeteries. I would need to know the name, year (month if possible) and of course the cemetery. The fee includes all travel, research, photography and postage costs.

*From Roger Witts, Riversdale House, 7, Church St. Bubwith, East Yorkshire YO86LW*

I am a freelance genealogical researcher currently involved in research in the Rotherham area on the **Oxley** family which had a steel works in the town. I have located a number of houses, graves and documents related to the family and am about to start a much more detailed search as a result of my first forays. Do you have any members who are interested in the family (or even related to it) or in the steel works? I would be very happy to share my researches with a fellow traveller on the same road.

I am also researching the grandson of **Thomas Gray** who was head gardener to the Earl of Fitzwilliam at the end of the nineteenth century. He was born in 1856 and trained in Scotland, where he died in 1941. My client has always assumed that his grandfather's connection with the Fitzwilliams meant that he was at Wentworth Woodhouse, but I can find no trace of the family in the 1891 census of Wentworth. He may have been at one of the other estates. Do you know of anyone who has researched the staff, particularly the gardeners, employed by the Fitzwilliams? I do not wish to duplicate research and would be happy to help someone researching the same families.

## **SOCIETY MEETINGS**

*Account of the meeting on 21 February 2000.*

### **Lest We Forget**

The speaker was Douglas Lamb. Those who attended the February meeting expecting to hear tales of monumental inscriptions were misled by the title of this presentation. It was an evening of reminiscences of old Sheffield, with photographs of places and buildings we know, love and have sometimes forgotten. The text is an account of some of the information given to us on the evening. Unfortunately the photographs cannot be reproduced here.

The foundation stone of the Sheffield Town Hall was laid by Alderman W. J. Clegg, a local solicitor and was opened in 1897 on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to Sheffield. The 1899 photograph showed the 200 ft. tower with Vulcan on the top, under whose foot is reputedly a gold sovereign. On the opposite side of the road, where the Yorkshire Bank is now, was the Albany Temperance Hotel.

Further down Fargate, there is a narrow street called Black Swan Walk, named after the pub called the Black Swan, which existed until the 1860's.

St Paul's Church (built in 1728, consecrated in 1740), was demolished in the latter half of the 1930's to make way for an extension to the town hall. The marble and stained glass from the church was removed to the Cathedral. However during the war the government decreed that no major building projects should be started, so the extension was not begun. All that remained was the demolition site, which was grassed over and flower beds added. The site was named St. Paul's Gardens, but after the war became known as the Peace Gardens. A new St Paul's was built at Arbourthorne (since demolished).

The Surrey pub on Surrey Street is housed in what was once the Sheffield Masonic Hall - the freemasons' symbols are clearly displayed on the exterior of the building. Opposite is the Central Library, a fine building faced with Portland stone, opened in July 1934 by the then Duchess of York, now the Queen Mother. The building was financed mostly by John George Graves to the sum of £28,000. The Graves Art Gallery is on the second floor of this building, and Graves presented his ivory collection to the city. It is reputedly the best ivory collection in the world.

From July to October 1832 there was a cholera epidemic in Sheffield. The area mostly affected was the Crofts area - a maze of streets off Scotland Street, the worst slum area of Sheffield. There were 3 or 4 families in each house and no proper sanitation. In these overcrowded homes over 1,300 people contracted cholera, of whom more than 400 died. The Master Cutler, Mr John Blake, also caught the cholera and died. The bodies of some of the victims were buried in quicklime in a plague pit some 20 ft. square, and sealed with bitumen. A monument was erected to commemorate those who had died. The foundation stone was laid by James Montgomery in December 1834, and it was finished in May 1835. It was an enormous edifice, with a tall spire (equal to the height of its base), overlooking the town on Norfolk Road. It lasted until the early 1840s when a storm blew the top off the monument. It was put up again, with flying buttresses to keep it in place. However during the storms in 1987 the top of the monument was blown down and smashed. It is now on the ground in the Council nurseries at Norton.

John Walsh had several shops in the centre of Sheffield by 1875. He decided to concentrate his efforts in to one large store, partly because it made good business sense and also because one of his stores had to be demolished to widen the High Street. His new store opened at the end of the 19th century and was the largest departmental store in Sheffield, with over 32 departments. The second floor restaurant had an orchestra that played daily. The staff were accommodated in the attic. They had their own restaurant and sports facilities. At that time the shops were open until late at night, so the staff lived 'over the shop'. John Walsh died in

1905, after which time the company was taken over by Walter John Walsh who died in about 1938. The business continued until the nights of 12th and 15th December 1940 when the store was hit by a phosphorus incendiary bomb and was burnt out. The business then transferred to The Mount at Broomhill until 1952 when a new store was built on the corner of the High Street. However, things were never quite the same and the shop was sold to Rackham's (House of Fraser), which has since sold the building on to T.J. Hughes. The family tomb of the Walsh family is in the St Michael Roman Catholic Cemetery on Rivelin Valley Road. The monument is the second largest in the graveyard and the vault was bricked up after the body of Nora Walsh was laid to rest there in 1982.

George Mooney, the leader of the Mooney Gang of the Sheffield Street wars was buried in this graveyard in 1961. The gangs got out of hand and one man was killed in Attercliffe. Twelve men were arrested and taken for trial. Tough measure were taken by Captain Sillitoe, the Chief Constable of Sheffield who got together a 'Flying Squad' of tough constables who tackled the gangs and restored law and order. Mooney retired and changed his name to George Barrett.

Altogether an entertaining evening, punctuated by quips and anecdotes.

*Reported by Judith Pitchforth.*

*Meeting on Monday 17 April 2000*

### **Visit to Sheffield Archives**

Around 70 members went to Sheffield Archives, to see the examples from the variety of records located there. This list may whet your appetite for researching in some lesser-known archives.

Local authority records – defaulters of maintenance

Police records, including commendations

Hospital records (these are closed for 100 years)

Sheffield Flood claims

Estate and family records –the Fitzwilliam estate records include the full household accounts for their estate at Wentworth Woodhouse from the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century (including payments to 'casual' labourers)

Surveys and accounts, including the names and some details of house occupiers.

Fifteenth century Court Roll for the manor of Tinsley (in Latin)

Register of canal boats at the canal basin in 1879 (includes the names of the crew)

City Council records, including school admissions registers, school logbooks.

Rate books, detailing the owners and occupiers of property recorded by township and street.

Pauper indentures (apprentices)

Ecclesall workhouse

Parish registers, including a 'special' one for the Cholera burial ground

Business records

NB the records for Chatsworth are not kept here; they are kept at Chatsworth.

Members of the society present on the evening found this an extremely interesting event, and thanked the Principal Archivist, Margaret Turner for all she had done in preparing for the visit. Since then, Margaret has moved on to pastures new, and the Society wishes her well in her research at the University.

*Reported by Judith Pitchforth*

*Meeting on Monday 15 May 2000*

### **From the Cradle to the Grave**

Wendy Weston began with a request to give the Register Office its correct title – it is not the Registry Office.

There were some boundary changes in 1974, so, if you are not sure which office holds the records for the event you are looking for, she suggested that you should contact your local Register Office and they will then supply the address of the office you should apply to. Anybody can attend a Register Office and look at a 'live' register (containing 300 entries) and obtain a certificate more cheaply than if you need to have a search carried out for an entry in a 'closed' register. One month after the closure of a register the book is handed over to the Superintendent Registrar and stored with the other registers. Some of her talk will be of use to the next generation of family historians, because she outlined some of the current requirements as well as the historic.

Wendy focused on the registration of births. Today the local Register Office is informed by the hospital within 72 hours of the birth of a baby. If the child is not registered then they cannot be registered with a doctor (and be assigned an NHS number) and the mother will not receive child benefit. By contrast, until 1874 the onus for the registration of a birth fell on the Registrar and not the parents.

The date of birth will be written in full with figures for the year. The place of birth is precise – it may be en route for a hospital – but it should be given as precisely as possible. The time of birth is usually stated on Scottish certificates, but in England and Wales it is only on twins' certificates. Children found abandoned are unlikely ever to have a 'proper' birth certificate and the registration will be in a special register

for abandoned babies at Titchfield, stating where the child was found. Until recently these children could not be adopted, only fostered.

An issue which may arise for future family historians is the registration of a baby born to a surrogate mother - she has to register the birth.

Adoption can sometimes come as a surprise to some people - or perhaps if someone discovers that their mother is in fact their grandmother. A margin entry stating that the child has been adopted cancels the original birth certificate and no copies may be made of that entry.

If a child is conceived during a marriage and the parents divorce before the child is born then the child is legitimate because the parents were married at the conception. If the natural parents of a child marry after the birth of a child then the child is automatically legitimised and can have a new entry in the birth register and a new certificate, stating that the new one has been issued by the authority of the Registrar General. The original entry would then be cancelled. However for this to happen the registrar needs to be informed. However a child may not be legitimised after the death of one of the parents because both parents need to sign the form and the entry.

If a child is given additional names at baptism within one year of the registration of the birth then those names may be added to the registration details. Amendments of names are not permitted. However, it is also worth remembering that anybody can call himself or herself whatever they wish to be known as it is not necessary to make a statutory declaration in front of a solicitor or to have your name changed by deed poll.

There are several different names that could appear on a registration of birth, and each entry should be indexed under each of the names. If the mother states that she is married to the child's father then the father does not need to be present at the registration. If she claims that X is the father then X must be present at the registration of the birth. If the mother was one name at the time of the birth and another by the time of the registration, then both should be given.

One thing seems not to have changed though. If the informant cannot sign their name then the Registrar will read through the details as supplied, seek confirmation and the informant will then be asked to make their mark.

This was an entertaining talk with many anecdotes and we look forward to Wendy's next visit.

*Reported by Judith Pitchforth*

## OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Memb. No. OS/1935 *Sheila Morris, 307 Alta Lane, Costa Mesa, California 92627-1405, USA.* E-mail: sam307m@aol.com writes: "**Ann Manners**, wife of **Samuel Brookfield**, Schoolmaster in Wentworth was born in Scotland. Died Hooper, Yks 1845. I would like to learn the name of Ann's parents, and any other information available on her.

**Hannah Steele** married **John Hutchinson**, possibly in Doncaster or Wortley in the late 1800s. John was the son of **Joseph Hutchinson**, born Sheffield. The family later lived in Rotherham. I would like to learn more about my maternal grandmother, Hannah Steele".

Memb. No. 2045 *Elizabeth Thomas, 51, The Avenue, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1QU* writes: "I am researching the life of Joseph Allott, 7th son of **Elizabeth** and **Thomas Allott** of South Hall, Thorpe Hesley who was born in 1829, worked as a miner as a child (which pit?), married **Jane Cape** in Rotherham in August 1848, went to Cheltenham C. of E. National School training college and taught for ten years in Eyam, Matlock, Staffordshire and Lancashire. He then went to St. Bees to train for the church after the death of his wife in 1860. (I think his five children **Mary-Annie**, **Henrietta**, **Urban Henry**, **Joseph Henry** and the baby **Sarah Jane Ruth** all stayed in Thorpe Hesley with **Thomas** and **Elizabeth (nee Goddard) Allott** while he was at St. Bees but I have yet to prove this.) I know his father was baptised in Wentworth parish in 1794, son of **William** and **Ann(e) Cartlege**. Thomas was the second son, William, the first son, was born in 1792.

Joseph had a sister, **Emma**, who became a teacher and probably did not marry.

Joseph also had a brother, **Matthew**, who may have remained a miner or become a teacher. I understand a Matthew Allott taught at Thorpe Hesley in the 1860's.

Can anyone shed any light on these mysteries?"

Memb. No. 235 *John Unsworth, 68 Norton Lees Road Sheffield S8 9BZ* writes: "My Great Grandfather **Joseph Cramond**, who had a tailoring business in Attercliffe, left his wife and took his son to South Africa c.1884, changing his name to avoid detection. When there he 'married' an **Emma Furness**. I have found that she was presented with a dedicated hymn book when a child which was purchased in Sheffield and I have a copy of a photograph of her taken in a studio in Spital Hill when she was a young woman. I also know she visited Sheffield just after the end of the Boer War which assumes local relatives. I cannot tie her down in the

1880's but of course she might have been married before going to South Africa. Does anyone have an Emma Furness who fits the description?"

Memb. No. 1737 *Mrs Pat Smith, 11, Rosecroft Close, Lancing, W. Sussex BN15 9HL* would be grateful for any information on **Thomas Booth Brierley**, born 14 June 1797 at Parlington, Yorks. He was married to **Frances Gamon**, born 1805 at Chester. They settled in Tattenhall, Cheshire.

Memb. No. 2035 *Mr Ron Giles, 31 Greystones Drive, Sheffield S11 7 JQ* is interested in the **Wilkinsons** who owned Spring Works in Grimesthorpe, the **Franklins** who included some prominent cricketers among their number and **Parkers** who came from Bradfield and were strong Methodists in Walkley. Does anyone have overlapping interests?

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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 2067 Mrs Lynda Brown, 7, Haywood Avenue, Deepcar, Sheffield S36 2QD  
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 2072 Mr Geoffrey Benson, La Cruchonnerie, 49490 Breil, France  
 2014 Mrs Audrey K. Petherbridge, 115, Louth Road, Scartho, Grimsby DN33 2JU

M. No	Surname	Place	County	Period
1982	Adams	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1910
2034	Adshead	Darnall YKS	Any	
2058	Aldam	Sheffield	WRY	1820+
2045	Allott	Ecclesfield	YKS	17-18C
2045	Allott	Kimberworth	YKS	17-18C

2045	Allott	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	17-19C
2045	Allott	Wentworth	YKS	17-18C
2080	Atherton	Beighton	SYK / DBY	18C & 19C
2053	Babbage	Cornwall	CON	19C
2053	Babbage	Northumberland	NBL	19C
2073	Bage	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1880
1982	Bailey	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1880
2053	Bavidge	Cornwall	CON	19C
2053	Bavidge	Northumberland	NBL	19C
2072	Benson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1828
1982	Benson	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1893
2058	Binge	Sheffield	WRY	1800+
2084	Booth	Sheffield	YKS	1790-1880
2050	Booth	Sheffield	YKS	c1825
1891	Boyd	Sheffield	YKS	180
2050	Braddow	Brightside, Sheffield	YKS	c1848
2067	Bradley	Sheffield	YKS	19-20 C
2034	Brett	Attercliffe	YKS	pre 1910
1935	Brookfield	Sheffield	YKS	All
2027	Caines	Sheffield area	WRY	1850+
2045	Cape	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	c 1841
2023	Chapman	Dore, Ecclesall, Totley, Sheffield	YKS	1800+
2080	Clayton	Beighton	SYK / DBY	18C & 19C
2072	Copley	Bolsterstone	YKS	pre 1796
2067	Cordey	Bardney, Lincoln	LIN	19-20 C
2067	Cordey	Sheffield	YKS	20 C
1982	Crossley	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1883
1891	Cundy	Sheffield	YKS	c1860
1935	Cutts	All	YKS	All
2023	Darbyshire	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
2067	Delaney	Ireland	IRL	19-20 C
2067	Delaney	Sheffield	YKS	19-20 C
2067	Delany	Ireland	IRL	19-20 C
2067	Delany	Sheffield	YKS	19-20 C
2077	Denton	Hillsborough	YKS	pre 1893
2058	Dickinson	Bilton with Harrogate	WRY	1750+
2058	Dickinson	Thorne, Doncaster	WRY	1850+
2053	Elliff	Lincolnshire	LIN	pre 1860
1982	Farrell	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1885
1891	Finch	Sheffield	YKS	1889+
1935	Fox	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2050	Green	Darnall, Sheffield	YKS	pre 1845
2034	Gribben	Attercliffe	YKS	pre 1910
2038	Hall	Dronfield	DBY	1802+
2038	Hall	Norton	YKS	pre 1802
2041	Hardwick	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
1982	Hardy	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1880
2053	Hardy	Rotherham	YKS	1800+
2072	Heaton	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1832
2050	Hewitt	Mold	FLN	pre 1880

2072	Higginbottom	Rotherham	YKS	pre 1832
2023	Hill	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
1891	Hoyland	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
1935	Hutchinson	Sheffield	YKS	c1800
1935	Hutchinson	Wortley	YKS	1850+
2053	James	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	19C
2041	Kahler	Any	Any	Any
2038	Kear	Burley in Wharfedale	YKS	c 1847
2038	Kear	Sheffield	YKS	1861+
2053	Keirl	Somerset	SOM	pre 1900
1916	Kershaw	Litchurch	DBY	c1850+
2014	Lawley	Rotherham	YKS	1883+
2072	Lesley	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1841
1916	Limb	Staveley	DBY	c1840/50s
2077	Lingard	Loxley	YKS	pre 1862
2073	Lowe	Chesterfield area	DBY	pre 1820
1935	Manners	Hoover	SCT	pre 1900
1935	Manners	Scotland	SCT	pre 1800
1935	Manners	Wentworth, Thorpe	SCT	pre 1900
1935	Matthews	Glamorgan	WLS	c1800+
2014	McGlynn	Congleton	STS	pre 1861
2053	Moore	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
1935	Morris	Neath	WLS	c1900
1935	Morris	Rotherham	YKS	1866+
1916	Ollerenshaw	Bradfield, Sheffield	YKS	1795/1
1916	Ollerenshaw	Manchester	LAN	c1850+
2084	Owen	Sheffield	YKS	1790-1860
2041	Parkin	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
1916	Parkinson	Sheffield	YKS	c1850+
2053	Pilkington	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2071	Potts	Heeley	YKS	pre 1850
2023	Preston	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
2053	Price	Rotherham	YKS	1850+
2067	Revill	Sheffield	YKS	19-20 C
2073	Revitt	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1880
1891	Roberts	Sheffield	YKS	c1865
2023	Rogerson	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
2014	Round	Dudley	WOR	M 1800
2014	Round	Rotherham	YKS	1921+
2027	Scholey	Sheffield area	WRY	1850+
1916	Scott	Sheffield	YKS	c1850+
2058	Se*ton	York	YKS	1750+
2053	Skipworth	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
1916	Slack	Rotherham	YKS	c1850+
2067	Smithsons	Bardney, Lincoln	LIN	19-20 C
2014	Spittlehouse	Rotherham	YKS	1917+
1935	Steele	Doncaster	WLS	c1900
2077	Stenton	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	pre 1943
2072	Sykes	Rotherham	YKS	pre 1808
2053	Tagg	Scotland	SCT	19C

2050	Taylor	Sheffield	YKS	c1825
2077	Thorpe	Bradfield	YKS	pre 1858
2034	Thurston	Ipswich	SFK	pre 1890
2023	Todd	Sheffield	YKS	1800+
2067	Travis	Sheffield	YKS	19-20 C
2041	Tune	Rotherham	YKS	1850+
2053	Vickers	Sheffield	YKS	M.19C
2058	Waite	York	YKS	1750+
1916	Wallace	Sheffield	YKS	c1850+
2073	Wells	Whitwell area	DBY	pre 1850
2053	Whitworth	Sheffield	YKS	19C
1916	Widdowson	Derbys.	DBY	c1850+
1916	Widdowson	Notts	NTT	c1850+
2077	Wilde	Loxley	YKS	pre 1861
2080	Wilkinson	Beighton	SYK / DBY	18C & 19C
2073	Wilkinson	Hoyland area	WRY	pre 1920
1966	Wilson	Bradfield	SYK	18C+
1966	Wilson	Derbyshire	DBY	18C+
1966	Wilson	Ecclesfield	SYK	18C+
1935	Windle	All	YKS	All
2078	Wing	Sheffield	YKS	1828-1962
2058	Worroll	Sheffield	WRY	1800+

## **THE MILLENNIUM TIME CAPSULE 'FAMILY HISTORY ARCHIVE'**

We are pleased to announce the launch of The Millennium Time Capsule 'Family History Archive'. The Family History Archive is a unique opportunity for people with an interest in family history to ensure that their descendants in 2201 can trace their family line. It also enables them to leave items to be inherited by their family. Photographs, family trees, videos and other memorabilia will all contribute to a fascinating historical record.

The Family History Archive is just one of the exciting archives being sealed in Britain's Millennium Time Capsule site. The site shall be sealed in 2001 and will remain buried for 200 years. People take part by filling a specially designed archival time capsule pod, filling it with their family history and returning it to the Archive. The pod contains everything needed to take part in the project, including archival folders and wraps which will protect items within the Archive. Once returned to the project, the time capsule pods will be carefully catalogued and placed in The Family History Archive. Finally, the whole archive will be sealed within the walls of The Millennium Time Capsule site, where it shall remain buried for 200 years. Everyone taking part receives a certificate

which gives them legal title to their Family History Archive and its contents. By passing it down to future generations of their family, their descendants will be able to claim their family's archive when it is opened in 2201. A trust is being established to ensure that Britain's national time capsule site is excavated in 200 years time and that the descendants of the families taking part in The Family History Archive can claim their inheritance. Records of the project, including the participants and location of the site shall be kept with The International Time Capsule Society in Atlanta, key regional record repositories in Britain and within the records of the project itself. For full details of the project please visit [www.millennium-timecapsule.com/history](http://www.millennium-timecapsule.com/history)

*Martin Smith Project Manager 09/05/00*

**Ed's Note:** For those members who have no access to the Internet the following notes will be helpful. If anyone would like a copy of the full details please contact me, Mrs D. Marsden, "Lee Moor End", Storrs, Stannington, Sheffield S6 6GY enclosing **two** second class stamps.

The site location for the time capsule will be announced later this year but will be chosen to meet strict criteria so as to be free from damage caused by natural phenomena.

You will be sent a special time capsule pod in which to put your family archive. It measures 340x250x80mm and is designed to hold a multitude of items from books, videos to photograph albums.

You will be provided with inert packing materials and seals.

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## **“A RHODES BY ANY OTHER SPELLING...”**

(continued from Vol. 21. No. 1)

Using the IGI as my source, I discovered that there were only three counties with any sizeable numbers of Rhodes / Rodes / Roades / Roddis. The County of Warwickshire, based on Birmingham, contained around 1000 “events” as did also the County of Derbyshire. However these were dwarfed by Yorkshire which contained over 14,000, pointing to this county being the source of the family. This evidence confirmed the findings of Leslie and Sylvia (nee Roddis) Beckett, of Rotherham, who are the authors of a fascinating work entitled *“Medieval Wickersley: Its environs and inhabitants 937 AD To 1500 AD”* (1992) (Rotherham Local Studies Library.) Of the 150 pages, pages 90 to 140 detail the history of the Rhodes family, from speculation that they may have been Greek pirates who took their name from their island home, through to their settling in the Catalan (north-eastern) region of Spain during Roman times. The place where they settled is now the town of Rosas on the Costa Brava. This was recorded as “Rotas” in 944 AD but other villages in the area are “Maisas Roda” in the Plain of Vic; “Roda de Bera en Penides” and “Roda de Ribargona”. There is also a “Monastery of St. Peter de Roda” in the Community de Surp. With the invasion of the Muslim Moors northward, some of the Rodes moved over the nearby Pyrenees into France where they founded other towns called Rodes.

To assist him in his “Holy Crusade” in 1066, William, Duke of Normandy called for mercenaries from all over Europe and some of these are mentioned in the official “Compagnons de Guillaume a la Conquet de l’ Angleterre” including two groups of Spaniards named “De Rodes”.

Whilst the Battle of Hastings seemed to settle the issue of the Conquest, Saxon insurrection continued for some years afterwards particularly in Yorkshire. In 1068 one Barnard de Rodes was killed at York by the besieging Saxons. His pedigree (as “Roodes”) is shown on page 124 of “Hunter’s Pedigrees”. (Sheffield Local Studies Library) Many generations are shown but the only date given is the incorrect one of 1066, for 1068!

The devastation which the Normans caused in their “Harrying of the North” is indicated in the Domesday Book by the very low values of property some twenty years after 1066. For their reward in quelling the Saxons the Fitzurgis family were granted large tracts of land and they took the name of the main Saxon village of Wickersley. Accompanying the Fitzurgis were the Rodes and they were also granted land which

became known as "Le Rodes". This became corrupted in the eighteenth century (one of three examples I have come across) and is now known as "Royds" Moor, Wickersley.

The Becketts go on to detail the subsequent fortunes of the Rhodes by quoting from various historical documents such as Court Rolls, Patent Rolls and Pipe Rolls. They also point out that tradition meant that property was inherited by the oldest son and younger sons had to make their own way in the world either by acquiring their own property or becoming mercenaries and this accounts for the spreading out of family members into other parts of Yorkshire and beyond.

In a will dated 9th August 1430, proved at York on 27th October 1430, one William Byrley of Attercliffe named a Thomas Rodes as his executor. After bequests, Rodes inherited the balance of William Byrley's estate. Byrley is described as a "flesshewer" (butcher) but I believe he would almost certainly have also been a farmer. Until the eighteenth century Attercliffe was a farming area and this would probably have been in the flatter area of Attercliffe, on the Rotherham Road just before the junction with Staniforth Road - just the area which contains Royds Mill Road. This Thomas Rodes, therefore, is probably the ancestor of the Rhodes / Roades who lived there until at least the early part of the nineteenth century. In 1441 a John Rodes was a witness to a charter transferring property in Darnall.

On page 62 of the 1920 *"Transactions of the Hunter Archaeological Society"* there is an article called "The Old House near Washford Bridge" by A.B. Shaw, which was noted and expanded by A.R. Vine in his *"The Story of Old Attercliffe"*. A John Roades was born in 1569 and he married a Jane Bullas of Darnall. He is described in his will as "carpenter" but he was also a farmer as he owned land in the area and was tenant of other land which he leased from the lord of the manor. In 1592 he was recorded as tenant of three cutlers' wheels. His youngest son Richard inherited Bullas House, Darnall, together with his husbandry goods in and around his house at Attercliffe Mill which was used for grinding corn. Richard also inherited a share of his father's lands but he sold these and died at the age of 37 in 1638. His daughter Ruth was his heir and thereafter this part of Attercliffe, at least, passed out of the Roades family to become eventually the site of the Sheffield Smelting Company. Richard's brother Peter inherited his father's household goods and furniture in and about Bullas House, Darnall, together with a share of the residue of the estate. The oldest brother, John, inherited a share in the residue of the estate. I have not ruled out the possibility that either John or Peter was the ancestor of Ebenezer Rhodes' father John Rhodes, mentioned above, who married my ancestor's sister Sarah Bailey in 1757,

as they married at Tinsley St. Lawrence and initially lived in the Brightside area.

Anyone seeking enlightenment on the Attercliffe Roades from Hunter's "Hallamshire" will be disappointed as page 401 merely states:

*"This place (Royds Mill Road) is probably so called from a rood or cross that may have stood here on the roadside from Sheffield to Rotherham. It was for two or three generations the residence of one branch of the Derbyshire and Staffordshire family of Burton".*

There is no mention at all of the Roades who had been there for several centuries!

After some initial frustration I have now pieced together the story of another family of Rodes I have come across.

During the reign of Henry II (1154-1189) one of the prominent barons was a Gerard de Rodes. Richard I granted him the Lordship of Langar and Barneston in Lincolnshire and King John used him as an ambassador when he was trying to get out of signing the Magna Carta. Gerard also gained great favours from John's son Henry III. Gerard's lineal descendent was a William Rodes of Thorpe, Rotherham who married an Ann Cachehorse, heir to John Catchehorse of Staveley, Woodthorpe, in Derbyshire. William and Ann's great, great grandson, John Rodes, married Attelina Hewitt, daughter of Thomas Hewitt of Wales, Rotherham. Their son Francis entered Gray's Inn and was called to the bar three years later. He had an extensive practice and was created Judge of the Common Pleas on 29th June 1585. He was also one of the commissioners who condemned Mary Queen of Scots who had been held captive in Sheffield Castle for fourteen years. He died at Woodthorpe in 1589 but had already built Barlborough Hall. His son Sir John Rodes sold Woodthorpe to Bess of Hardwick who partly demolished it and used the materials to build Bolsover Castle. Sir John became the father of Sir Francis Rodes II who was created a baronet and was an ardent Royalist during the Civil War. He was succeeded by his three year old son Francis who married a Quaker, Martha Thornton, but died at the early age of twenty eight leaving a five year old son John Rodes who was brought up as a Quaker. This John died in 1743 and there was no direct male heir until William Hatfield de Rodes in 1856. Here Hunter is able to enlighten us in his "*Hallamshire*".

On page 489 he says "*Among the early professors of Quakerism in this neighbourhood were the baronet family of Rodes of Barlborough. Sir John Rodes, the last baronet, who died unmarried at the age of 73 in 1743 was interred in the Quakers burying ground at Woodhouse; as was also his nephew Cornelius Heathcote MD of Cutthorpe, near Chesterfield, who died before him; and the son of Dr. Heathcote who was*

*made heir to Sir John Rodes, took his name, and died unmarried in 1768."*

Retracing our steps back to the Elizabethan Judge Francis Rodes, his second wife was Mary Charlton, daughter of Francis Charlton of Apley Co. Salop. Their son Sir Godfrey Rodes inherited his father's estate at Great Houghton, Barnsley. Godfrey's son Sir Edward Rodes became a Colonel of Horse under Oliver Cromwell during the Civil War. Edward's sister Elizabeth was the wife of "Black Tom", Thomas Wentworth, Charles I's "strong man" until he was beheaded.

In 1650 a private chapel was built in the grounds of Great Houghton Hall and, following the Act of Uniformity in 1662, the house and chapel became a refuge for Presbyterian dissent. The Hall continued to be occupied by the Rodes family until 1789 when it came into the possession of Richard Slater Milnes of Wakefield who had married Rachel Busk, granddaughter of Richard Rodes of Darfield. He found the hall in a state of some decay and spent a thousand pounds in alterations and repairs. However, after a residence of only ten weeks, he removed the furniture and tapestry and abandoned it to tenants. Around 1820 it became a public house and lasted until a cold Sunday in February 1960 when it was gutted by fire and subsequently demolished. The chapel at Great Houghton seems to be still in existence.

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## **OF CRYPTOGRAMS AND LOVE**

**by Margaret Menamin Eshbaugh**

*(The following article is published with kind permission from Bill Welch, the Editor of The American Philatelist. A follow-up article written by a former member of our Society will appear in a later edition)*

As a recently reclaimed stamp collector, I now realize why I lost interest in the hobby when I was younger - I wasn't learning anything. I was just accumulating stamps and putting them in albums. Since I have started collecting again, my interest has turned more to the history and function of stamps; when, where, and how they were used. I particularly am interested in the stamps, postmarks, and cancellations of Great Britain, and have been buying from a dealer in Massachusetts.

In the summer of 1996 this dealer included with his usual package of approvals an old view card mailed to a Miss Monson in Sheffield, England, on November 26, 1901. I eagerly bought it, not for the postmark, but because I was curious about the message I found on the front. A line of writing at the top of the message had been obliterated by either the sender or the recipient, apparently by writing the words "apple



pie" over and over again across it. The writer then states, "I saw Bertie for a few minutes today and that is all he told me. I am writing as St.Paul's strikes the time shown on the above clock [4 p.m.]." The rest of the message is written in code.

Although it is in symbols rather than letters, it was obvious to me that the code was a simple cryptogram and that the writer did not want anyone except the addressee to be able to read it. I remembered seeing a similar code and its key in a book when I was a child, but of course I couldn't remember it. It appeared that each symbol represented one letter of the alphabet and that words were separated by dots, sentences by a series of dots. I was sure that if I worked at it I could decipher the message.

I wrote a letter to the dealer explaining to him why I was buying the card. As time permitted, I tackled the code. I concentrated on the four-letter words. I thought that one of them would probably be "this," "that," "they," "them," "what," or "when," but none of those words seemed to work with anything else.

I took the card with me on vacation in late August, and as my husband drove, I worked on the code, abandoning the four-letter words and concentrating on the three-letter words. Obviously the message was personal, so there was a good chance that one of the three-letter words was "you." Bingo. I filled in two words that appeared to be "you" and immediately saw that one of the four-letter words must be "your." This gave me "u," "r," and "y." It seemed quite probable that the first two words of the message were "Very busy." From that point I finished deciphering the message in less than ten minutes: "Very busy and like you am looking forward to Saturday. Best love to you dearie from your very loving boy Frankie."

Upon my return home I found a letter from the dealer containing three more cards addressed to the same woman from the same man, and written in the same code. Having already cracked the code, I was able to figure them out very quickly.

A card written on November 9, 1901, 17 days before the other one, reads:

*In your letter dearest you say you are "happy" and "don't feel so rushed." I am very glad of that and I don't feel so "lonesome" as I did last night. Your own boy is thinking of last Saturday and is happy in thoughts of his very own dear Eadgwytha. Give my kindest regards to Miss Craven and to Mrs. "E." Goodbye my dearie. Be happy!! I am!!!*

Because he wrote to her in care of "E. Craven Esq." it is likely that she was not a member of the immediate family, but perhaps a more distant relative who was staying at that address, or an employee.

Earlier, on October 22, 1901, he had written to his adored "dearie" in care of J.A. Craven, Esq., probably a relative of E. Craven, at Penrhyn House in Broomhall, Sheffield, simply to inquire: "Posted before [???] p.m. Did you get this today. Eiknarf Yob."

I was unable to decipher the code with regard to numbers. However, "Eiknarf Yob" is "Frankie Boy" spelled backward. Perhaps they were just learning to use the code at that time. Incidentally, the stamp on this card is affixed upside down which, according to a column by John Hotchner in the October 9, 1996, issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, might indicate an additional secret message of "My heart is another's; you must write no more," but I think we can discount this as simply an accidental inversion of the stamp in this case - otherwise, "Frankie Boy" would not have written as he did in the next two cards.

The last card is addressed to Miss Monson in care of H. Mountford, Esq. in West Dulwich. It appears that by May 3, 1903, she had again changed addresses but had not yet married her "Frankie Boy." The card simply reads: "Good night dearie."

Had the romance cooled over the two years, so that by 1903 Eadgwytha was receiving only short, hasty notes from her "Frankie Boy?" Or, as I suspect, were there many other such cards sent to her over a period of years? I think it is possible that Eadgwytha Monson was not a relative of the Cravens, but an employee. In Victorian England "ladies of quality" tended to "walk out" on Sundays, whereas Saturday was traditionally the maid's night out. Certainly her adoring swain was enjoying Saturdays with his "dearie."

How long did this quaint, coded correspondence continue? Did Frank and Eadgwytha ever marry? I wonder. If anyone else has any of these charming little billets-doux, or can tell me what is written under that "apple pie," I would love to have a card from you - even if you don't write in code and your name isn't Frankie.

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The sequel will be published in a future edition

## WINCOBANK SCHOOL

*Extract from Tatton, vol 1, 942.74 SQ, page 200*

Wincobank School opened 13/4/1841. For the ceremony James Montgomery composed a hymn. It was inaugurated by the Reed family of Wincobank Hall. Scholars came to it from a distance; Tinsley, Wadsley, Pitsmoor, Grimesthorpe etc. The fees were 2d a week. On Sundays Miss Reed from the Hall rang the bell at 9.15. She had lunch sent to her as many scholars brought their dinners. Before the school was built the work was carried on in a coach house belonging to the Hall. The district was beautiful. Mr John Nixon, the Wincobank poet says

*"The flowers with fragrance the air they do fill,  
These are the productions of Wincobank Hill".*

And of Winter:

*"We are sheltered from Tempest and every ill,  
And this is a blessing on Wincobank Hill".*

Mr Nixon came to High Wincobank at an early age. He could never leave it, as it was such a beautiful country. He died here in 1895. People knowing the district now with its munipicle houses, its works and aspect of bareness, cannot realise what it was like in those days.

**Promotional leaflet - Wincobank Girls School Sheffield Local Studies Library - 942.74 SSTF Cuttings relating to Sheffield, page 150)**

In this school children will be carefully instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic, plain needlework, knitting and marking? Each child will be expected to bring two pence every Monday morning towards expenses of the school. When the number of children out of one family exceeds 2 the younger ones will be required only to bring one penny? All children will be expected to pay for copy books.

Each child must pay six pence on her first entrance into the school towards the purchase of pinafores which are to be worn during school hours. The pinafores which have been worn during the week will be taken home by the children every Friday afternoon and must be returned well washed on the next Friday morning.

The hours of attendance are from 9-12 and from half past one to 4. The children must always be sent in time to be present at the opening of the school. The whole of Saturday will be a holiday. Children living in Wincobank may begin to attend the school as soon as they are old enough to behave quietly but they will not be received from the neighbouring villages till they are six years of age.

Children from a distance will be permitted to remain during the dinner hour and each child must bring a plate, mug, knife and fork to be kept at school in order that dirty untidy habits of taking their food may not be

acquired. The children must be sent thoroughly clean with their hair neatly cut and well brushed. No curls, bows and other finery about the face, curl papers, ear rings, necklaces or white frocks will be allowed and it is much desired that a ???? dress of any kind be avoided.

Parents: you are entreated not to neglect this opportunity of having your children trained up in the way they should go. By permitting them to spend their time playing and wandering about, idle and mischievous habits are contracted; and the injury their clothes receive costs you more than the very small payment required at this school.

By keeping at them to nurse or to file you may save yourselves a little present trouble and they may earn a few pence but are you not losing sight of their real good? Youth is the seed time – the time for them to learn, not the time for you to be gaining by them. You will never repent the effort which you may find it needful to make to obtain for them a good education and you will not be the poorer for it in the end.

Refusing them their schooling is robbing them of the advantages which the Lord mercifully offers to them. Remember that in this school your dear children will not merely receive that learning which may fit them for useful and respectable situations in life but they will be well instructed in the Holy Scriptures which are able to make them wise unto Salvation though they have that in the Almighty Saviour who suffered little children to come unto him and who is ever willing to gather them his lambs with his arms and carry them in his bosom.

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**Ed.'s note:** Does any member know exactly where Wincobank Hall and Wincobank School were located in Wincobank?

## **POOR LAW UNION GAZETTE 1857 ROTHERHAM**

**William Hall** 37 yrs old has been employed in an iron workhouse, 5'9"-10", very thin, ordinary complexion and thin whiskers, a mark in the centre of his forehead from an old cut, was dressed in black trousers, waistcoat, dress coat, blue top coat and Wellington boots both mended on the foot when he left. Last seen in Garforth near Leeds. Has left his wife and three children chargeable to the parish.

**Peter Short** commonly called **Peter Short McKenzie** 45-6 years old, upholsterer and French polisher, a good workman, about 5'10" high, dark complexion, brown whiskers and blue eyes had on a brown cloth shooting jacket, trousers striped dark and light blue, Wellington boots and black hat.

£1 reward

# THOMAS HOWSON OF CHAPELTOWN (1844 - 1900)

## His Family of Renowned Sprinters

*(Continued from Vol. 20. No. 2)*

Apart from sporting records won by Tom, his sons and grandsons, and 200 combined years of service spent with Newton Chambers and Co. Ltd., the Howsons of Chapeltown must hold a record in Yorkshire for longevity. Tom's wife, Frances (Whyke) was one of four sisters who in June 1933 set an extraordinary record for Chapeltown by having a combined age of over 300 years between them. The elder sister, Elizabeth Eyre, was 88 - incidentally, at the time she was the oldest native female of Chapeltown. Mrs Frances Howson, the second sister, was 85 years of age (she died the following month), she had 9 sons, four of them became policemen. There were 4 daughters, 40 grand-children, and 30 great grand-children. Mrs Anne Bell, the third sister, was aged 80, and at this time she and her husband Clement were the oldest married couple in Chapeltown. Mrs Eliza Sylvester, the last of the sisters, was 71 years of age and was actively employed as a breeder of high-class poultry at Thorpe Hesley. The mother of these four sisters died at the age of 85 and it is said that she never saw the sea !

By 1955 the Howson family had lived continuously at 155 Station Road, Chapeltown, for more than 85 years, having first leased the house from a Mr Jackson of Ecclesfield.

One of Thomas Howson's sons, James (Jim) Howson, my great-grandfather, lived to the age of 92 (1868 - 1960). In his heyday he was one of the fastest sprinters over 100 yards when the old Sheffield Handicaps were run, and who, when 52 years of age, was only two seconds outside being an even-timer. The sons of Tom Howson were all sprinters and met with a great deal of success on the running track. Three of them created a record by winning five out of seven Sheffield Handicaps in which the cream of runners in the country competed. Harrison Howson did the "hat trick" in winning three off the reel. Charles, a grandson of Tom, won another and Jim won the last. He was 52 years of age at the time and won at odds of 6-1! Altogether, Jim won twelve handicaps when past 50 years of age and at 52 did a sound 12 seconds in a trial when competing against runners less than half his age. Two more of Jim's brothers, Walter and William, also won races and handicaps in all parts of England and not one of the family ever lost a race! Herbert, who emigrated to Canada, was also a runner in his youth.

All the sons of Tom Howson were six-footers and powerful of build, four as mentioned joined the police force. The grandsons were also strapping fellows who would have delighted the eye of any Guard's recruiting officer. Jim ran his last race at the age of 55 beating Alf

Parsons of Barnsley in a big money match. They were both about the same age and Jim gave his opponent a yard start and still cruised home seven yards clear! Lewis Taylor and Freddie Swift trained him for that race. His first match ever was in Barnsley in 1888 where he gave T. Malkin seven yards in a hundred for £25. Jim won three Barnsley Handicaps and had numerous successes including major races at Manchester, Nottingham, Bradford, Wakefield and Sheffield. He was probably at his peak at the age of 28. His nephew Charles was about the shade faster of the two but there was never more than a yard between them.

Owen Howson, the youngest brother, was a policeman and served in the Army during WWI. He won the Military Medal on the first day of the Somme in July 1916. The citation read, "For great gallantry in the field and for the splendid way in which he conducted a bombing attack on the enemy's trenches". He was presented with a gold watch by Newton Chambers Co. Ltd. and later moved to Worcester to take up fruit farming. Walter was also a policeman and lost his life in a road traffic accident in Newcastle.

Jim might have taken up the game of Knur & Spell but his father's reputation went before him, as soon as the matchmakers knew he was a Howson there was nothing doing.

Reminiscing on his running days, Jim told of secret trials before he beat the great Alf Parsons who had won his last 40 races. He would train in the dead of night so that no one knew his times. Harrison, another brother, was a 'professional runner' employed by backers to race anywhere in the country. Jim recalled with much mirth how Harrison, who was inclined to stoutness, and dubbed 'Fatty', was once wrapped in layers of cotton wool before running in a major handicap to make him appear fatter than ever. In consequence, the odds against him were set high and he was classed as an 'also ran'. Those in the know placed strategic bets on him. As the day of the race approached he gradually shed the cotton wool as if he was training off his weight! He 'rolled' home an easy winner and the bookies were taken to the cleaners!

At one time Jim Howson was "On the Boards" and toured the music halls as a comic and descriptive vocalist. He appeared in many public houses (on stage) in Barnsley and Sheffield where, because of his build, he was usually paid extra to act as "chucker-out".

Gertrude, Tom Howson's youngest daughter lived to the great age of 105 (1898 -1995) and received several congratulatory telegrams from the Queen. Her daughter Rachel lives at High Green. Tom's grandson Charles developed into a semi-professional football player with Wombwell, Nelson (trials), Port Vale (trials) and Mansfield Town (Midland Counties League 1922-23) before a knee injury ended his

career. Some of his descendants remain in the area of Ecclesfield. In more recent times one of Tom's great-granddaughters, Edna Howson, married her childhood sweetheart - the late Yorkshire and England cricket legend Johnny Wardle. Edna continues the Howson sporting tradition and plays a mean round of golf.

Descendants of the Chapeltown "World Knur & Spell Champion" Tom Howson, can be found throughout Yorkshire and England, and in both Canada and the USA - could you be one of them!

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## **LIVING OVER THE SHOP**

*The following reminiscences are printed with kind permission from the author and copyright holder Michael James Hall.*

The Hall family traded in Woodhouse and latterly in Woodhouse Mill for one hundred and seven years continuously through four generations, the first being James Hall born 1844. He was one of eight children. His father was a scythe and sickle grinder by trade and worked for Staniforth's at their Hackenthorpe foundry. James (I) was a coal miner living on Main St. in Woodhouse. He started selling provisions probably from his house around 1879. His son, James (II) born in 1876 ran the business up to the 1940's when his two sons James (III) and Kenneth took over. The business expanded over the years but in the 1970's due to increased competition and the premature death of Kenneth, most of the shops were either closed or sold leaving James (III) running the last remaining shop at Woodhouse Mill which he passed on to me, his son Michael and I ran it until 1986.

Before he went into business James (I) (my great grandfather) and his older brother John were both miners, probably at Birley pit and two Watch numbers are recorded in the family Bible.

A Capital Account dated Dec. 27 1880 showing a total worth of £107.16.9d after a year's trading tells us that James Hall started in business in 1879. A list of equipment purchased, accompanies this account:

Licence £1.5.0; papers 11/6; printing 10/6; measures 1/9; taps 10/-; brass weights 2/6; Ale drainer 6/-; funnel 7d; sugar chopper 2/6; currant sieve 1/6; vinegar measures 1/3; scales £2.10.0; coffee mill 17/-; weighing machine £3.10.0; extra bin £1.0.0; fruit machine £2.10.0 (I can't think what this was); pumps £8.15.0 (so beer was sold on draught and

measured into customers own container); fixing and taps 7/6; flour bin 17/6; shelves £1.0.0. The gain for his first year was £40.13.3d.

Some of the earliest lines they were selling, as recalled by my father, were Hudson's soap, Monkey brand soap, Sunlight and Gossages soap. Later Fairy Soap became popular, Restu soap powder, and Persil, which originally had to be mixed with a drop of water like icing sugar before you could use it. A few cereals such as Shredded Wheat, Grape Nuts, and Force (Sunny Jim) were sold. Various competitions and incentives existed even in those early days. If you could buy one ton of Gossages hard soap you were given a free lady's bicycle and the Fairy Soap people were giving away a Clyno saloon car every week to anyone who could guess correctly the number of births and deaths. Apparently this was their downfall and soon after they were bought out by Procter and Gamble.

An old advertising leaflet for Combe and Co. states that you could purchase one dozen pint bottles of their nourishing stout for 2/6 from his shop. A bill head for the shop included a message from Mr W.R. Hartley (Hartley's Jam) "I hereby guarantee my preserves and marmalade perfectly pure. They are prepared direct from fresh fruit and sugar, and contain no other ingredient whatever". Signed W.R. Hartley.

James Hall (I). must have been a very shrewd business man as over the years he acquired a fair amount of land and property, the best example being the row of cottages which he had built on Skelton Lane, one of which he occupied when he retired.

In 1914 at the outbreak of World War One my Grandfather (James II) ran the shop with the assistance of his ageing father James (I), Luther Ellis, Charles York, Victor Herring, Joe Hardwick and Claude Hoskinson. In 1915 his father (James I) died, Charles York had joined up and Rawson Mundy worked for him. By 1917 all had been called up except my Grandfather (James II) and Claude who was then still only 14 years and 9 months and C. Blower who was 13 years and 6 months old. I believe my Grandfather was exempted from Military Service.

In 1980 my father James (III) recorded an audio tape for Sheffield Library. He was 69 years of age and had lived in Woodhouse all his life. He talked of his early years, particularly his memories and involvement in the family grocery business. He spoke at first of how his grandfather James Hall (I) had started in business in 1879 selling probably flour and cereals, 'breaking bulk' as my father liked to put it and he said customers would often use a pillowslip to carry the goods.

One of his earliest recollections, which took him back to when he was a very small boy, was when some men came with a large horse box. They went into the stable and took Gypsy, a Chestnut bay horse. They

loaded her into the horse box. That was the last time they saw her as she had been requisitioned by the army for use in World War One.

James Hall (II) (my grandfather) being a Methodist was not particularly happy in the licensed trade and, looking to expand in the early 1920's, he bought The Manor Farm (which had belonged to the Siddall family). This was situated across the road from his old shop on Cross St. After demolishing the stables, excavating and levelling the ground, he built his new house and shop. This was completed in 1925. It was at no.9, Cross Street, set back on the new building line ready for road widening. It was a double fronted shop i.e. two windows with the recessed door in the middle. The step in front of the door was a mosaic with JH incorporated in it. Above the plate glass windows was a run of leaded coloured glass windows and the base below the windows was finished in green ceramic tiles. Each window had its own interior roller blind which was raised at opening time and lowered when the shop closed. Outside the shop above the windows was a full width sun blind which rolled up when not in use and was pulled out by using a long pole with a hook on the end. The side support bars had to be pushed up and locked with a pin to allow head room for people as they walked past. The letters for the name were made of gun metal and these were attached to a white porcelain background. So from the front it looked very impressive and modern in its day. To the rear of the new shop premises was the old Manor Farm cottage built 1690 (see date stone over door).

My father, (James III) started working for the family business in 1927 after leaving Woodhouse Secondary School One of his first jobs was weighing flour in stones, half stones and quarter stones. The bags had to be folded and packed in such a way that they could be stacked 12 high. Similar tasks had to be performed with sugar, rice, dried fruits, coconut etc. as not many items were prepacked in those days. So flour would be weighed in stones, sugar in pounds and other items in quarter or half pounds. More expensive items would be weighed in two ounce or four ounce packs, all by hand of course on a pan scale with separate weights. When asked how much customers would buy he said the miners often bought ten to twelve pounds of sugar per week, (but bear in mind when they had a cup of tea it was in a *one pint* mug and there would be five or six tea spoons of sugar in it). They bought home rendered lard which they would spread on fresh crusty bread to take down the colliery for their 'snap'. They wouldn't use butter as it gave them "heartburn". This lard cost 3d per pound and sugar was 2d a pound.

The shop still sold a lot of horse corn and they made up special poultry food for "growers and layers". This my father described as "a horrible job" as one of the ingredients was Alfalfa meal which was worse than snuff for making you sneeze. Indian Corn came in 18 stone sacks,

Sharps, bran, etc. came in 12 stone sacks and flour came in 10 stone sacks.

James Hall and Son as they were known at that time used a number of suppliers but the main one was Gunstone's at the bottom of Duke St. in Sheffield. My father was encouraged to accompany his father every Tuesday afternoon to visit Gunstone's where they would place their order for various provisions.

The main purpose of the visit would be to sample the butter and cheese before placing their orders. Harry Sedgewick one of the provisions men would remove the lid of the butter cask and the greaseproof cover and go in with a long bore which was withdrawn with a sample of the butter. Samples were tasted until one of the correct saltiness was found. There must have been some additional warehousing across the road from the premises in Duke St. This area was supplied totally by the L.N.E.R. railway branch line from nearby Victoria Station. Apparently goods were delivered in on to different levels, for example, the biscuit floor was occupied by Peak Freans and there was the cheese floor covered in straw where hundreds of cheeses from different farms were on display. A similar system was in operation to the butter sampling only this time using a cheese bore which was much shorter. It was pushed into the cheese. On removal there would be a long sample of the cheese which, after inspection would be pushed back in with the bore. With a thumb held against the cheese the bore was pulled out and the cheese rewrapped.

To be continued.

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### **Did You Know.....**

- Sheffield Cathedral was first known as the Holy Trinity Church. It later became the Church of St Peter and St Paul. It has been referred to as St Peter and Holy Trinity Church as late as 1856.
- In 1845 the parish of Sheffield was divided into 25 parochial districts, each with its own church and officials.
- Christ Church Pitsmoor cost about £2,500 to build and was consecrated in 1855.
- St Jude's in the Moorfields district (West Bar) was consecrated in 1855. It had taken 6 years to build, partly as a result of the tower collapsing and the having to be rebuilt. It cost about £2,400 to build.

# THE GREAT HURRICANE IN SHEFFIELD

Tuesday 16 December 1873

*Extract from the Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, 17 December 1873*

Not since the terrible night in 1864 when the Dale Dyke Dam burst its banks has such a calamity occurred in Sheffield as that which took place yesterday morning. The gale which then swept over the town with a relentless fury with which we in this country are fortunately unfamiliar and which has caused the loss of 7 lives, perhaps 3 or 4 times that number of persons are now lying more or less seriously injured; and as this was not enough there has been an immense destruction of property. Whilst all Sheffield was calmly eating its breakfast, terrible scenes were being enacted. Houses were being unroofed, trees were torn up as if they were saplings, great chimney shafts pointing their way proudly 40 or 50 yards into our cloudy sky were being toppled over like diminutive ninepins. From one end of the town to the other there is hardly a street that does not bear signs of injury; there is hardly a house which has escaped. Panes are dashed in; tiles and slates were blown about like pieces of paper; windows rattled enough almost to wake the Seven Sleepers; houses were shaken as if there were an earthquake.

The wind began to get high soon after 1 o'clock yesterday morning. It then died away for a little time – the stillness which precedes the storm – and then it burst out with great fury from four o'clock, it gradually increased in violence until half-past nine. Very little damage seems to have been done till 8 but from then till nearly 10 there was a constant succession of casualties and tidings of chimneys blown down, men killed, and roofs fallen in came “fast and furious”. Men were seen rushing here and there with “bated breath” for Death was stalking amongst them and his never-ceasing scythe had laid many a victim low.

## Fatalities

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Address</i>
John Brown	Cutler	Trippet Lane
John Aster	Cutler	Newcastle Street
William Evans	Cutler	Spring Street
John Crookes	Spring knife cutler	Orchard Lane
Thomas Paules	Cutler	Snow Lane
George Bower	Cutler	Water Street

## *List of injured at the General Infirmary*

John Bradbury, blacksmith of Newhall Scalp wound and contusions. Found buried in the ruins at Crucible Street Foundry, Newhall

**Mark Rolley**, fettler who lived at Rotherham. Dead on admission. Killed at Crucible Steel Foundry, Newhall, inquest opened on 16/12/1873 at the Infirmary and adjourned to 30th inst.

**Henry Sidebottom**, 22, 17 Bramwell Street. Extensive scalp wound, was working out of doors somewhere and pallisades fell on him.

**James Craig**, 42, No.1 Court, house No. 2. Lee Croft. Scalp wound sustained at Messrs Thos Firth and Sons, Norfolk Works, Saville Street.

**John Winter**, 25, 88 Birch Road, Attercliffe. Scalp wound sustained at Messrs Thos Firth and Sons, Norfolk Works, Saville Street.

**Charles Walshaw**, 36, Birley House, Wadsley Bridge. Injury to ankle by falling off a ladder at Wadsley.

**Robert Hawksworth**, 42, Hilltop. Had arm broken by being blown off a stack at Hilltop.

### **At the Public Hospital and Dispensary**

**F. Shaw**, 4, Broad Lane. Injury to head from fall of a house.

**William Shaw**, 11, As above, living at the same house. Injuries to the head.

**S. Matthews**, 14, Pitt Street. Scalp wound.

**J. Hodgson**, 24, Club Garden Walk. Dislocation of shoulder from the fall of a cart shed.

**J. Greaves**, 18, Cambridge Street. Injury to head and arm.

**Bradley**, 25, Broad Lane. Injury to hand and arms.

**Patrick Gantley**, 64, Willey Street. Injury to shoulder.

**William Hodgson**, 73, Mount Pleasant, Highfield. Fractures to arms.

**William Broad**, 43, Club Gardens. Injury to back from the falling of a wall.

**Edward Mason**, 36, Canning Street. Scalp wound.

**J. McWomack**, 29, Scotland Street. Bruises and contusions.

**H. Copley**, 13, Daisy Walk. Injury to hand.

**Dennis Manning**, 23, Water lane. Injury to hand and fingers.

**William Liddle**, 55, Green Lane. Injury to right eye.

**A. Anley**, 54, Bennett Lane. Injury to shoulder.

**M.A. Johnson**, 2, Broomspring Lane. Slight injuries.

### ***Other people mentioned in the article.***

**Charles Cash**, labourer, Town Well yard, Church Street. No injuries, chimney through roof into bedroom.

**Mrs Greenhill**, 266, Ecclesall Road. House unroofed and uninhabitable, very valuable furniture destroyed, some jewellery missing.

**Mr Naylor**, Heeley Post Master. Gust of wind took him off his legs in Oak Street and then threw him down – fracture of the hip.

**Mr Eberlin**, Pork Butcher, Sheffield Moor. Roof of cart shed in Alexandra Road, Heeley lifted clean away and taken to top of a house near where it knocked down the chimney stack.

**Mr Smith**, Cherrytree Road, Sharrow. Large tree broken off at the trunk and carried across the road.

**Mr Cardwell**, Nunnery Farm, Sheffield Park. Stack of straw blown down and partly carried away.

**Emma Shaw**, Broad Lane. Injury to head etc.

**John Shaw**, edge tool forger, 11 Broad Lane. Dwelling house totally demolished.

**Sarah Bower**, 26, 75 Spring Lane. Scalp wound and compound dislocation of left ankle.

**Mary Ann Bower**, 31, 28 Water Street. Compound fracture of lower jaw, wounds on face etc.

**G. H. Hardwick**, 27, Trippet Lane. Injury to the spine and fracture of left arm.

**Wm. Bower**, 28, Water Lane. Lacerated wound on right side.

**J Bocking**, 37, 164 Portobello Street. Crushed abdomen and wound on the face.

**Henry Bocking**, 14, 164, Portobello Street. Crushed hand and bruised head.

**William Noble**, 46, Portobello. Scalp wound.

**John Noble**, 23, 128 Portobello. Scalp wound; thigh and other parts of the body injured.

**Thomas Clarke**, lamplighter, Yard in Portobello area. Fall of chimney damaged house.

**Mr William Robinson**, landlord, Norfolk Hotel, Mowbray Street. Portion of the hotel blown down, suffered fractured skull and scalp wounds.

**Mr Edward Learoyd**, Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society, Lansdowne Road, (dwelling house connected with branch shop owned by Mr W.V. Radley) Chimney pot fell on to house.

**William Whitehead**, engine tender, Messrs Matthewman and Sons, cutlery manufacturers, Milton Street. Averted disaster in putting out a fire.

**Mr Freckingham**, mortar mills, Willey Street, Wicker. Chimney fell through the mortar mill roof.

**Thomas Walker**, worker. Messrs Cooper and Son, Clog Manufacturers, West Bar. Injured by falling beams caused by falling chimney.

**Mr J. Blyde**, heavy steel toy manufacturer, Haller Works, Spital Hill. Chimney fell on adjacent file cutters' workshop.

**Samuel Hattersley**, striker at Messrs Thos Firth and Sons, Norfolk Works, Saville Street. Slight injuries.

**William Kirby**. Present at the Trippet Lane disaster when 6 men were killed when a 40ft. high chimney fell destroying 8 cutlery workshops.

**John Thurston**, engineman.

**John Broad**, cutler.

**William Broad**, cutler.

**William Marks**.

**Ralph Kendall**, labourer in the fettlers' shop at the Crucible Steel Foundry, Newhall Road, owned by Mr Robert Wright, plumber, Highfield Police Station A block of six shops in course of construction by Mr Wright were partially unroofed and part fell into the Police Sstation yard and into the rooms.

**Inspector and Mrs Bradbury**. Escaped without injury when masonry fell into bedroom whilst he was in bed.

**Mr J.C. Wing**, cutlery manager, Sharrow Lane. Escaped injury through falling masonry

**Mr W. Shaw**, woollen draper of High Street. Escaped injury through falling masonry

**Mrs M. Wells**, Sharrow Lane. Escaped injury through falling masonry

**Mr Geo. Wolstenholme**, Priory Terrace, facing Sharrow Lane. Escaped injury through falling masonry

**Mr Slagg**, occupier of farm, Sheffield Park. Stacks stripped of covering

**Mr Wigfull**, occupier of farm., Sheffield Park. Stacks stripped of covering.

**Mr Butcher**, Lees Hall, Norton. Stacks, house and outbuilding have suffered greatly.

**Mr George Sampson**, Beauchief Abbey. Oat stack weighing 20-30 tons was lifted from its brandreth and carried about the yard.  
**Mr M. Wilkinson**, farmer, Myrtle Hill. Stacks disappeared.  
**Mr Darlow**, Walkley. A row of his houses much damaged  
**Mrs Garrett**, Rawson Springs, Walkley. Chimney came down and carried the roof with it. She was much annoyed as she had just "cleaned down" for Christmas.  
**Mrs Ann Hawe**, Walkley. Blown off her feet and narrowly escaped being hit by a large falling stone from the Chapel's chimney.  
**Mr Wilson**, Surgeon, Glossop Road. Slates and tiles lost.  
**Mr Haigh**, bus proprietor, Glossop Road. Slates and tiles lost.  
**Mr Arden**, Glossop Road. Garden wall hurled down.  
**Mrs Rodgers**, Egerton House, Glossop Road. Wall and pallsiding fell down.  
**Mr J. Dyson**, The Woodlands, Pitsmoor **Mrs Allen**, Cromwell Street. Narrow escape from falling masonry.  
**Mr Chadwick**, druggist, Opposite the new Board School in Walkley. Narrow escape from falling masonry.  
**Mr Coucillor Searle**, Birkendale. Much damage to house.  
**Mr and Mrs Hibbert**, attend to the house of Mr Wigan, Burton Road, adjoining the brewery, Burton Road. Miraculous escape from falling masonry.  
**Mr Ratlidge** of South Sea Hotel, Broomhill, Tapton Hill. Wheatstack blown about in all directions.  
**Mr Moses Ellis**, workshop owner, workshop used by Mr Pitt of Waingate, Albert Road. Top storey of workshop carried into a field at the back.  
**Mr and Mrs Hearnshawe**, Woodhill, Gimesthorpe. Narrow escape from falling masonry.  
**Mr Veall**, Queen's Terrace. Damage to chimney stack.  
**Mr Bassett**, Ranmoor. Chimney stack fell through roof.  
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**Mr Taylor**, Buckingham Road. Debris fell into bedroom, bedroom floor collapsed into room below and ruined the furniture, no-one hurt.

N.B. There is much more detail of damage to property – the parts have been extracted that mention individuals.

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## **FAMILY ALBUM**

In my family album sit generations,  
 All of them gone, long before,  
 Waiting for me to open it up  
 And look at them once more.

Wearing identical white, lacy pinafores,  
 Twin faces with dark eyes look shyly out  
 Under straight, dark brown fringes,  
 My Grandma and her sister aged about four.

Their brothers and sisters at different ages,  
From babies to adults in various stages.  
In long skirts and blouses Edwardian fashion.  
Grandfathers and uncles in Army tradition.

Going back further, a stern looking father with  
Walrus moustache, until I discover looking down  
At his boots, he's forgotten to lace them,  
Perhaps aching feet caused his grimacing.

Mother's hair, centre parted and fastened back tightly,  
That belies the half smile on her lips and the gleam  
In her eyes, looking resplendent in her Sunday best,  
Her skirt showing the folds where it lays in the chest.

I turn the next page and her parents look out,  
A tall man in a frock coat and a lady of stout proportions,  
With the same rounded face as her daughter, but no hint of a smile,  
She sits there looking rather grand, the family Bible in her hand.

Did their best clothes only come out once a year, to pose for a  
Photograph, to make them appear more affluent and to impress.  
Did they guess, that a hundred years on, I would be looking  
At their image and trying to see a resemblance to me.

They didn't know it would start me on a quest,  
To seek out their birth dates and their address,  
The names of their children and where they were wed,  
The occupations they pursued and where they laid to rest.

*Carol R. Cooper.*

## **BOOK LIST**

*Finding Genealogy on the Internet* by Peter Christian. published 1999 by David Hawgood. A5, ISBN 0 948151218. Price £1.80

This booklet describes methods of finding genealogical and surname information on the World Wide Web and using email discussion lists. It will help everyone, from a family historian using the Internet for the first time to the computer expert learning from Peter Christian's detailed practical knowledge. There is a comparison of different search methods, and sites. There is practical information on ways of reducing the number of pages found when entering search words, to give pages of most

interest: AND gives only pages with all words present, "near" only gives pages where they are within a few words of each other, and "phrase" ones where the words are adjacent and in the correct order. There are descriptions of ways of finding information for particular surnames. Appendices list recommended web sites, and articles about searching and search engines. The author provides web pages with links to web sites recommended in the book.

*Web Publishing for Genealogy* by Peter Christian, 2<sup>nd</sup>. edition published 1999 by David Hawgood. ISBN 0 948151188 Price £4

This is still the only book concentrating on how to publish genealogy on the Web. The book describes how to put family history on the World Wide Web, and how to tell other Internet users it is there. It gives practical advice on use of software for web publishing. It explains the principles of HTML, the difference between JIF and JPEG image formats, and the structure of web addresses. You can publish Web pages without knowing the theory - but having it available will help improve your pages. The second edition has been expanded from 52 to 60 pages (at the same price) and has been updated throughout. There are descriptions of more special purpose programs which have become available, and of genealogy packages which include web publishing. The author's web page provides links to sites mentioned, and sources of software.

### ***Stannington* by Stannington Local History Group**

"Stannington", published by Stannington Local History Group was originally printed in 1975 and was soon out of print. Since that time we have been constantly asked to re-print the book, but finances have not permitted this. However, due to a recent grant from the Millennium Fund, we have been able to update and re-print this book, which contains a complete history of Stannington and many local families are mentioned in it.

Copies are available from the Stannington Library, or from Stannington Local History Group, 25 Greaves Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, S6 6BB, price £5.00 + £1 postage and packing. Please make cheques payable to Stannington Local History Group.

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The Society provides a Search Service for the following:

- 1861 Census Surname Index for Sheffield, Rotherham & Bradfield
- Burials Index & Transcripts

(this project is in progress and the search service covers all material indexed to date including some records not yet available for sale on fiche or disk.)

- Soldiers Died in The Great War 1914-18

(details of 37,000 officers and 665,000 other ranks killed In WWI)

The cost to Society members is £1 per surname (Census/Burials) / £1 per individual (Soldiers) plus £1 for each variant spelling. If you require a search of a common surname e.g. *Green*, you are advised to provide forename(s) if possible. This is to limit the cost to you - there are 25 pages of entries for the surname *Green* in the Census Index! When ordering a Soldiers Search please try to give as many of the following details as possible - Surname, Forename, Regiment, Army Service Number, Where born, Where enlisted, Where died. This will help to focus the results on the person you want. Please send an extra stamp for each surname searched and a large envelope. *You will receive a print-out of the surnames 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.*

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- Heather Gillott, 4, Bents Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6EY for the Burials Index & Transcripts.
- Frank Westwood, 11, Hail Mary Drive, Sheffield, S13 9XW for Soldiers Died in the Great War

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## YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY

York Minster library has a data-bank of more than half a million entries relating to Yorkshire men and women, mostly before 1550. The earliest entries are from the second century, but the main bulk of entries starts in 1086 with Domesday Survey. The sources include: Probate records such as wills, inventories and monumental inscriptions; membership of religious guilds; lists of freemen; civic officials; parish registers and muster records; charters; local and national government records; legal records; taxation returns; accounts and, finally, court and ecclesiastical records. Some of the material is taken from original manuscripts that are not readily available to the public. A search for a place or an occupation can also be carried out. The Minster is a non-profit making organisation, and any surplus funds are ploughed back into research.

A search for a surname and its variants costs £10, or its equivalent in any major currency, but there is no charge for an unsuccessful search. Enquiries with ordinary address, and a cheque payable to the Dean and Chapter of York, should be sent to the Minster Library, Dean's Park, York. Cheques drawn on an American, Australian, Canadian, or New Zealand bank are welcome.

