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FUTURE PROGRAMME – 2001

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

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| Mon. Feb. 19th | <i>Lest We Forget. Part 2</i> by Douglas Lamb |
| Mon. Mar. 19th | A.G.M. <i>History Afloat</i> by Marjorie Dunn |
| Mon. Apr. 16th | <i>Open Evening. Problems & Queries</i> |
| Mon. May 21st | <i>From the Cradle to the Grave Part 2</i>
by Wendy Weston |
| Mon. June 18th | <i>Jack the Ripper & the East End of London</i>
by Susan Deal (NOT gruesome - just very entertaining) |

Annual General Meeting 2001

Notice is given of the AGM to be held on Monday 19 March 2001, at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield (Napier Street entrance) at 7.30 pm, to be followed by the evening's speaker.

The agenda will comprise the following:

1. Apologies for absence
 2. Minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 20 March 2000
(printed in *The Flowing Stream* Summer 2000)
 3. Matters arising
 4. Reports - Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Editor
 5. Election of Officers and Committee
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Committee members
 6. Any other relevant business
- Date of next meeting

Please bring your membership card with you.

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield (Napier Street entrance) on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. during the winter months and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society's library is held at Sheffield Archives, 52, Shoreham Street, Sheffield S1 4SP and is available during their normal opening hours. The Society caters for the Metropolitan District of Sheffield. 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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- Material for publication is accepted on the understanding that, if it is used, it will be recorded and stored on computer in whatever program is deemed appropriate.

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EDITORIAL

Have you ever been into Sheffield Archives and used the indexes there to Sheffield Cathedral registers? If you have you will know how valuable they are. Mary Robson's article in this edition tells the story of how these indexes came into being. They represent many, many hours of time given up by dedicated people who worked away in the background. The small amount of time that I was able to give the project makes me realise how committed some Society members were to work for so many years at a project to benefit others.

If you wish to show your appreciation for their dedication perhaps you could consider volunteering to take part in an indexing project. You would find that, far from being a boring chore, it is a fascinating way to spend some time and may even help with your own research. It is surprising how often records turn up in the most unexpected places.

Please keep sending in your articles and snippets for the journal. Thank you to all those who sent in material used in this edition.

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Obituary

The Society regrets to announce the death of Mr D.R. Arthur

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Entwistle Family History Association

The Entwistle Family History Association, which was formed in September 1999, held its first Annual General Meeting on Saturday 21 October 2000, at the Oaklea Club, Whalley Road, Accrington, Lancashire. It was attended by 33 members and guests, including the editor of the Association's quarterly newsletter, "*Twissle Times*", who had travelled with her husband from Canada to attend the meeting.

The Association now has 62 members in the U.K. Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand and the U.S.A. and has taken part in two local Family History Fairs. The main project for the coming year is to set up a Web-site.

If you are researching the name Entwis(t)le and would like to know more, please contact the Membership Secretary: Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, Pen-y-Gader, Llanrwst Road, Tyn-y-Groes, Conwy, Wales, LL32 8SX. E-mail: penygader@wiss.co.uk or the Secretary: Mrs. Barbara Nightingale, 58 Earnsdale Road, Darwen, Lancs. BB3 IHS.
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Imperial War Museum – The 1940's House

The Museum has recreated the typical prewar suburban 'semi' that featured in the Channel 4 documentary. The exhibition will also include an introductory section on the making of the television series, a reconstruction of part of a wartime grocer's shop and displays about life on the home front ranging from the Blitz to the blackout.

The exhibition is open until 3 June 2001 from 10.00 am to 6.00pm.

Grave Search Service

Grave Concern, 45 Caledon Road, Nottingham NG5 2NF (Tel: 0115 985 6827) will attempt to locate grave sites. They also offer a nationwide grave-care service.

SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Omissions from Vol. 21, No.4

- The author of the article Heeley Sunday School 1826-1856 was: Linda Hutton, 252 Queen Mary Road, Upper Manor, Sheffield S2 1EA
- The emigration records for Sheffield people from the Liverpool Office of the British Mission were transcribed by Carol K. Toulson, 15 Dagmar Road, Dagenham, Essex RM10 8XP
- The document giving details of families of serving soldiers of 1824 was provided by Mrs Jackie Shaw, 29 Stannington Road, Sheffield S6 5FH

The editor apologises for these omissions

WANTED – LIBRARIAN

As you will be aware the Society Library is currently housed at Sheffield Archives. The collection is valued by members of the Society and the public, but does need to be regularly maintained, catalogued and updated as new materials are acquired. The shelves also need to be tidied on a regular basis, and sometimes the materials need to be repaired. Have you some time to do this?

One other aspect of the role is to manage the receipt of the other Family History Society journals that we receive as part of the exchange journals agreements we hold with other societies. The journals will be passed to the Librarian by the Editor and then need to be placed in the cabinet at Sheffield Archives for others to utilise them.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Judith Pitchforth (address in the front of the journal).

Oughtibridge Council School football team of 1921

Mr Philip Dore, Dole Farm, Trough Lane, Denholme, Bradford BD13 4NB E-mail: phildore@tinyworld.co.uk has in his possession a photograph of the Oughtibridge Council School football team of 1921, complete with the names and initials of the players and the Headmaster of the time. The names are H. Hague; R. Heath; T. Priestley; A Crofts; Alf Dore; H. Hutchinson; N. Priestley; H. Travis; M. Howard; J. Whitham; E. Howson (or Howden); and J.B. Bennett (the Headmaster). He would be willing to supply a copy of the photograph for a small donation to cover costs.

Postal publications

The six volumes of *Yorkshire: the Genealogists Library Guide* compiled by Stuart Raymond and published by the FFHS are now complete and available from the postal publications officer. Details are as follows:

Vol.1 Information Sources for Yorkshire genealogists

This volume identifies numerous histories of the county, and of particular parishes, indicating publications which include original sources, pedigrees, etc. It also includes details of guides to the wide variety of archive repositories and libraries in the county, and lists the many Yorkshire historical and genealogical journals available. The final two sections deal with place-names & maps, and with migration. Price including P & P £7.10 (UK) £8.40 (Airmail).

Vol.2. Yorkshire Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions & Wills

Parish registers, monumental inscriptions, and wills are staple diets for family historians. This volume lists those which have been published, and which are available in libraries world-wide. Published FFHS, 2000. Price including p & p £6.50 (UK) £7.40 (airmail)

Vol. 3 Yorkshire Lists of Names

Lists of names are vital sources of information for genealogists, and many are identified in this volume. For Yorkshire, numerous transcripts and indexes of the census, and of tax lists are available; also many trade directories (some of which have been published on fiche, etc.). This volume tells you what is available, and also enables you to locate a variety of other name lists. Price including p & p £7.10 (UK) £7.90 (airmail)

Vol.4 Administrative Records for Yorkshire Genealogists

The records of governmental, ecclesiastical, and estate administration contain a vast mass of information of great value to the genealogist. Churchwardens' accounts, deeds, manorial and ecclesiastical court records, rentals, surveys, are just a few of the records which have been published, and which are listed here. Price including p&p £6.50(UK) £7.40(airmail)

Vol. 5. Yorkshire Occupations

Were your Yorkshire ancestors brewers or businessmen, cutlers or miners? Some members of your family are probably listed somewhere by the occupation they pursued. There are many sources of published information on Yorkshire occupations - biographical dictionaries, guides to archives, histories of particular occupations, etc. This new guide lists

hundreds of potential sources of information. Price including p&p £7.10 (UK)£8.40 (airmail)

Vol.6. Yorkshire Family Histories and Pedigrees

Has your family history already been written? This volume lists innumerable family histories and pedigrees from Yorkshire. Also listed are collections of pedigrees, diaries, letters, etc., works on heraldry, biographical dictionaries, etc. Price including p & p £5.10 (UK) £6.00 (airmail)

Yorkshire Consortium of Family History Societies (London Group)

Yorkshire Soldiers in the Public Records Office

by Lesley Wynne-Davies

Lesley started by giving a brief history on how the Army records now in the PRO came into existence. When Charles II was restored to the Throne in January 1649 one of his first acts was to set up England's first standing army. Some 20 years latter as the first soldiers were discharged there was a need to provide pensions for these old soldiers. Where money was involved, bureaucratic paperwork followed, to the great benefit of genealogists The documents are filed under section WO97 (British Army other ranks). The papers before 1873 are filed under regiments, while the 250,000 names covering 1873 to 1914 are alphabetical and indexed (Thanks to Lesley and her team). The earliest existing record is for John Tate, Royal Irish Dragoons who was discharge after serving for 10 years. Lesley provided photocopies of this and other early certificates.

We were then introduced to the PRO's "best kept secret" namely WO I21 in which discharge documents are kept in bound ledgers. Also. WO12 which contain muster lists These can be very helpful to family historians as they record where soldiers were stationed at 6 monthly intervals, (and occasionally monthly intervals). This means that when searching for marriages of soldiers, researchers should first find out where they were stationed, before investigating local parish records. Finally in this section is WO25 Description books and Miscellaneous. There are great gaps in these records but represent "a gold mine" if you strike lucky!

Next came a brief description of the battle of Mindon in 1759, which gave rise to "Minden Day". This is also known as Yorkshire Day, which is celebrated on 1st August. Taking part were the 51st Foot which later became the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who still celebrate this battle.

Unfortunately Lesley could not find any records of soldiers who had fought at Minden but she did produce extensive records of KOYLI and the Household Cavalry. Why, Lesley wanted to know, were so many men from Halifax in the Household Cavalry? (minimum height 5ft 11in) And what social events correlate with the enlistment from various districts? For example, why were there so many weavers recruited in the early 1800?

Finally we heard about the WW1 papers stored at Hayes Middlesex two thirds of which were destroyed by a bomb in WW2 These were subject to the 75 year rule but had started to become available since 1995 The Officers are complete, other ranks have reached R.

The PRO provides a comprehensive list of guides in the form of numbered leaflets (e.g. Military Record No. 5). Visitors to the PRO are advised to obtain guides prior to visit to save time on the day.

Future programme

3 March 2001 **Yorkshire Contiguous Parishes** *Rob Thompson*
Due to building work at the SoG the March meeting will be held at the L.D.S Family History Centre, 64-68 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London (opposite the Science Museum)

9 June 2001 **Case Histories and Problem Solving** *Volunteer Members*

8 Sept. 2001 **Yorkshire: Its Battles and Military Traditions** *Ken Divall*
The June and September meetings will be held at the SoG, 14 Charterhouse Place, Goswell Road, London EC1. All meetings start promptly at 10.30 am.

Events at the Manor "Castle" 2001

13 May; 24 June; 21 July; 19 Aug. *Open days*

15-16 Sept. *Michaelmas Medieval Fayre*

Further information from Richard Foster on 0114 154008 or Sara Morton on 0114 269 0615

PROJECTS UPDATE

Municipal cemeteries.

We have almost completed Attercliffe records and have just made a start on Darnall.

1891 census

Upper Hallam, Norton and Nether Hallam are almost ready for production, and the transcribing of Ecclesall Bierlow is well under way.

Please note that none of the above is ready for purchasing yet. Look out for details on our website or in *The Flowing Stream*.

Once again, thank you to all those people who have contacted me about helping with these projects. Volunteers with fiche readers and some time to spare are always welcome.

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BURIAL TRANSCRIPT ERRORS

Tinsley St Lawrence

Martha Badger 14 Oct 1832 should read **Alathea Badger**

Pitsmoor Christ Church

Mary Champion Badger 12 Sep 1857 age is 43

William Badger 31 Mar 1868 age 55 should be 53

THE NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX FOR ENGLAND & WALES

What it is:

The NBI is an index of burials taken from parish, non-conformist, Roman Catholic and cemetery registers. It includes entries from England and Wales dating from the 16th century to modern times, although to start with not all locations and dates will be covered.

The first edition, with more than 5.3 million names, will be published on CDROM in the early part of 2001. It is hoped to publish a cumulative NBI every three years or so.

What it contains:

Each entry will present the following information (if available in the original source):

Forename(s) and surname of the deceased

Date of burial

Age

Parish or cemetery where the event was recorded

The county of the parish or cemetery (pre-1974 list of counties)

The society or group which transcribed the record

Note that the decision to exclude certain useful items of information from the NBI such as relationships, abode and occupation was a demand of certain family history societies at the initial planning stage and does not necessarily reflect the wish or intention of the Federation of Family History Societies.

Simply an index:

Clearly the NBI does not contain full transcriptions of the burial records - it is simply an abbreviated finding-aid based on records that were sometimes difficult to read. As with the IGI, searchers are therefore discouraged from accepting the details of an entry at face value and should check the original source record. Those searchers who do not live close to the necessary County Record Office or repository will be able to contact the Family History Society or Group who transcribed the record in full.

Computer facilities required:

PC with Pentium processor or higher, running Windows 95/98/NT/2000 and ME should be suitable with suggested minimum of 8Mbytes RAM. For screen resolution VGA (640 x 480) should work but SVGA (800 x 600) and above is recommended.

Features:

Using the program supplied on the CDROM, the searcher can interrogate the database by a number of methods: a standard surname and forename synonym 'dictionary', a list of uniquely-occurring surname spelling variants, or by using 'wildcards'. The search can be 'refined' by specifying date ranges or locations. A number of interesting features include a map to illustrate the distribution of names found.

Records:

The deadline for presenting records for inclusion in the first edition of the NBI was the end of August 2000 which allowed for the checking and correction of as many records as possible before the NBI was published. Some records which were still unchecked at the deadline will be included in the NBI - but these unchecked records will be clearly marked. If errors are observed by searchers after publication, an amendment will appear in the subsequent edition of the NBI at the discretion of the Family History Society or Group and the NBI organisers.

Who's involved:

To date, over 50 Family History Societies or Groups are involved with the project. Each appoints a co-ordinator who recruits inputters, checkers and correctors. Wherever possible, transcriptions are made from original source records but where this is not feasible other sources, such as microfiche transcriptions or printed registers, are used. The number of records merged into the NBI to date is but the tip of the iceberg. As everyone might have anticipated the checking and correction of computerised records is the rate limiting step for most project workers so

there are thousands of records already computerised but awaiting inclusion in a subsequent NBI edition.

Participating societies & Groups have produced the following records

Burial Entries per County (rounded to the nearest 1000)

Bedfordshire	52	Middlesex	11
Berkshire	51	Monmouthshire	<1
Buckinghamshire	81	Norfolk	73
Cambridge	97	Northamptonshire	79
Cardiganshire	6	Northumberland	106
Cheshire	25	Oxfordshire	256
Derbyshire	29	Radnorshire	4
Dorset	1	Shropshire	85
Durham	170	Staffordshire	14
Essex	22	Suffolk	436
Glamorganshire	249	Surrey	120
Gloucestershire	151	Warwickshire	470
Herefordshire	42	Wiltshire	146
Hertfordshire	79	Worcestershire	490
Huntingdonshire	58	Yorkshire	19
Kent	16	Yorkshire East Riding	29
Lancashire	29	Yorkshire North Riding	308
Leicestershire	<1	Yorkshire West Riding	674
Lincolnshire	609		

(Unlisted counties did not have a participating society or group)

HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE NBI:

Hopefully, production of the NBI for England and Wales on CDROM will be nearing completion by the end of March. Distribution will be through most Family History Societies and FFHS Publications Ltd.

(Please note. Most participating societies are providing a search service of their county databases for which they may charge a small fee, or have for sale indexes in booklet or microfiche form).

To all contributors:

The Federation of Family History Societies would like to convey its appreciation to all NBI county co-ordinators and the hundreds of voluntary workers at home and overseas for their enthusiasm, goodwill and hard work which has made this Index possible. Also to Steve Archer for the search program and his valued expertise, Carol McLee as general project co-ordinator and, in particular, Peter Underwood, for his

dedication and total commitment over five years in the role of joint co-ordinator, Shroud designer, and database manager.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS PROJECT?

The NBI Project is sponsored by the Federation of Family History Societies. We hope that the first edition of the NBI will prove to be a useful signpost to these important parish records and will greatly encourage hundreds more to continue this worthwhile work in the future. To contribute in some way, please contact Heather Gillott, our Burial Index Co-ordinator, at 4 Bents Crescent, Dronfield, S18 2EY
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COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS

Society Website <http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk>

New e-mail address of our Secretary Judith Pitchforth is:
secretary@sheffieldfhs.org.uk

Friends of the General Cemetery

Their new web site is now registered. The address is www.fogc.org.uk
There is a link to our Society website.

Public Library Network

The Public Society website Familia gives details of family history resources held in public libraries in Britain and Ireland and also displays maps to help you locate places and area. It can be found at:
www.earl.Org.uk/familia/main.html

Abbeyle Hamlet CD Rom

Allows the user to explore Abbeyle Industrial Hamlet looking at the processes that took place, the equipment that was used and the products at each stage of their manufacturer. Discover the origins of phrases such as "working at full tilt" and "keeping your nose to the grindstone". The disk contains an extensive collection of text, drawings, photographs, animations and video sequences that help with the interpretation of this unique museum. Available from Sheffield Scene, Kelham Island Industrial Museum.

For further details e-mail: hamletcd@hammer.com

Jewish Records

The following files can be downloaded from www.jgsgb.ort.org
Sheffield, England. Central Synagogue – cemetery internment lists
Sheffield, England. Bowden Street Jewish Cemetery
Sheffield, England. Walkley Jewish Cemetery, Waller Road, updated
Feb 2000

Sheffield, England. Ecclesfield Jewish Cemetery, Sheffield England

Sheffield, England. Marriage registers:

first series – 1838-1913

second series 1913-1939: North Church Street/Wilson Road

third series 1916-1952: Central Synagogue, Campo Lane & Great
Synagogue, Wilson Road

*Information from Victor Stone, 111 Belgrave Court, 36 Westferry Circus,
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CONFERENCES AND FAIRS

Federation Conference 20-22 April 2001

To be held at the University of Leicester, Oadby, the conference is
entitled "*From the Cup of Love*". Full details can be found in the Autumn
edition Vol. 21. No. 3

Kew to You Sat. 21 April 2001

A practical introduction to the PRO with live computer link to Kew
A joint one-day conference hosted by Derbyshire FHS and featuring
experts from the PRO, Stella Colwell and Roger Kershaw.
To be held at Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby
Price: £14.00 inc. morning coffee, afternoon tea & biscuits & buffet lunch
Further information from Mrs G. Hiley, 6, Moorway Croft, Littleover,
Derby DE23 7GH

6th Yorkshire Family History Fair Sat. 23 June 2001

All the usual stalls associated with such an event.
Free car parking – Admission £2.00 – Cafeteria facilities
Further details from Mr A. Sampson, 1, Oxgang Close, Redcar, Cleveland
TS10 4ND Tel: 01642 486615

Hillingdon FHS Fair Sunday 6 August 2002

10 am to 4 pm in the Great Barn, Bury Street, Ruislip. Middlesex
Further details from Gill May, 20 Moreland Drive, Gerrards Cross, Bucks
SL9 8BB

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

From Chris and Judy Rouse, Wyvern Midland Railway Index, 18 Sarsen Close, Swinden, Wilts. SN 1 4LA

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Wyvern Midland Railway Index

Do you have ancestry associated with the Midland Railway?

Although the Midland was not the largest Railway Company in Great Britain, together with its associated companies, it served a larger part of the British Isles than any other.

We are in the process of compiling a surnames index taken from the Midland Railway Directors' Minutes for the period 1844 to 1923 and from the Midland Railway Staff records for the same period. Currently the index stands at over 11,000 names and is increasing steadily.

It is our intention to index all the Directors' Minutes and staff records until 1923 over the next few years as funds and time permits, and then to progress to other Midland Railway Minutes and staff sources.

We are also including in the index all references to accidents occurring on the Midland Railway which involved either staff, workmen or passengers, using both transport records at Kew and appropriate local newspapers at Collindale. Again, the timescale is 1844 -1923.

All these sources of records give much valuable family history information, dates of birth and death, salaries, career histories, addresses, occupations, debentures, contractors etc.

We are willing to search this index on receipt of a SAE or three IRC's plus £1 Sterling for each surname searched. In addition a charge will be made depending on the amount of information supplied. Unsuccessful matches will be held on file for future contact.

It is hoped that there will be a two-way flow of information, and we would welcome entries for the index from anyone with Midland Railway interests.

Remittances should be made payable to Wyvern M.R. Index.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 18 Sept. 2000

Sheffield Flood

One of the best known, and certainly best recorded, events in Sheffield history is the Flood which occurred in 1864 when the newly built Dale Dyke reservoir above Bradfield burst its bank. The flood waters swept through Bradfield, Malin Bridge and on to Sheffield and beyond. Our speaker, Martin Olive, began his talk by reminding us that there is an index to flood compensation awards in Sheffield Archives. He explained that he had compared the information to be found in the stories told in the awards with newspaper accounts of the time and had found discrepancies. Some statistics such as the total number of deaths are still arguable. Photos are still coming to light which can help to prove claims made at the time.

Money was made from the tourist trade as people flocked to see the sights but no one seems to have been killed in the exploration after the Flood.

In 1855 a dam was destroyed at Holmfirth because of bad construction. As a result all companies building dams had to agree to compensation if there was an accident. The 1855 Acts allowed the building of three reservoirs in the Bradfield area with Dam Flask being a compensation reservoir.

Dale Dyke reservoir was originally built at least one third larger than the present dam. There was a geological fault near the site. The central core of the reservoir was puddled clay with earth built up on either side and then boulders placed on the water side of the wall.

There was heavy rain over the winter of 1864. At the time of the accident a strong wind was creating huge waves although there was not much rain. A crack appeared in the wall of the dam. The engineer was called out from Sheffield. The escape valve didn't work and there was no telegraphic link with Sheffield so it wasn't possible to give a warning to the people further down the valley.

Apart from a new born baby who died in Low Bradfield the first fatalities were in Dam Flask village. The lad who was sent for the engineer told the villagers of the problem but, at the wire mill in the village, 4 were drowned. Mrs Kirk, of whom a photo exists, escaped but then returned for her cat and dog. She reached safety in time but her lodger lost his life.

Stacey Wheel was not working but at Rowell Bridge in front of the combined corn mill and pub there was a grinding wheel. One little mester had stayed to work and was drowned. The little mesters who normally worked there lost all their blanks, the finished work and their tools. There

were many arguments over compensation. It is worth noting that, if the disaster had happened on, say, a Tuesday, there would have been less loss of life because the maximum number of people worked on a Friday.

The Olive Wheel was a combined paper mill and grinding wheel. The dam there disappeared and much damage was done to the paper mill and their elaborate garden. The paper was used to wrap cutlery and silver plate. There were arguments as to whether the wheels should be replaced by steam or water mills. The decision was taken to continue as water mills.

The water continued down the valley to Little Matlock, Wisewood and on to Malin Bridge where a great deal of damage was done and many lives lost because there was no warning. 98 out of more than 200 inhabitants lost their lives. The Malin Bridge Inn disappeared and was later rebuilt on the same site.

Most of the people who had put money into the Water Company were small investors. An additional water rate of 25% was used to borrow money to pay out the compensation claims.

It was 20 years before Dale Dyke was rebuilt.

Meeting on Monday 16 Oct. 2000

The Brooksbank Family

One of our members, K. Brooksbank gave an interesting talk about his research into his own, fairly unusual, family name. He returned to England after 20 years in South Africa and is now doing a one-name study of the Brooksbanks. Serendipity has paid a important part in his discoveries and, as with many of us, he found that some of his early assumptions proved to be mistaken.

Meeting on 20 Nov. 2000

Christmas Social Evening

Members spent a relaxing evening chatting and doing various competitions whilst enjoying non-alcoholic punch and mince pies.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

*Roger Stevenson 43 Old Park Avenue Beauchief Sheffield S8 7DQ
E-Mail smudge@oldpark21.fsnet.co.uk asks for any information, please, in relation to the following.*

John (b1828) & Sarah (b1827) Spooner shown in the 1801 Census, living at 2 Yew Tree Terrace on Heavygate Road, Walkley, Sheffield with their children **Kate, Sarah J, Polley, John & Ellin** and their grandchildren **Horace, William, Frederick & Ernest**. Ernest was the son

of **Harriet** (John & Sarah's daughter, who was not shown on the Census return) She married **Robert Fidler**, described as a Royal Navy Stoker. Ernest was born in the Ecclesall Bierlow Union Workhouse in Sheffield in 1875. He married **Edith Mary Halmshaw** in 1915 at the Methodist Church, Glendale Road, Banner Cross, Sheffield. He was an Electric Car Motor Man (Tram Driver) in Sheffield.

Mrs. Lyn Howsam, 8 Far View Rd. Sheffield S5 7B

E-mail: lynne@howsam.force9.co.uk writes: "Does anyone have any information on **Edith Alice Bagshaw** aged 47 yrs. of Sherrington Rd who married **Albert Henry Tomlinson** at St Barnabas Church 18 September 1920. Witnesses were **John Dixon Ward** and **Edith Ellen Bagshaw**. In the late 1920's/30s the couple had a chip shop on Gilpin St and I believe that Edith was a cripple. I have a photograph of the couple probably taken on their marriage and an earlier group photo of a much younger Albert, possibly a much younger Edith and another man and children I would like to identify. Could they be your relatives?"

Derek K. Wells, The Mount, Commonsides, Crowle, N. Lincs DN17 4EY

e-mail: derek@dkwells.freemove.co.uk is seeking information on **John and Mary Green**, sons **Thomas Richard Green** b. 1831 at Long Sandal, Doncaster and **George Harry Green** b. 1868 at Wickersley. John is missing from the 1881 census but Mary and 2 sons are living at Tinsley. A daughter **Jane Tomlinson Green**, is domestic servant to **William Carlise & family** at 88, Ashdell Rd, Ecclesall Bierlow aged 21. In the 1891 census she is cook with a **Walsh** family at 260 Brookhill, Sheffield. Info on their descendants is wanted.

P.D. Coates, 38 Acaster Lane, Bishopthorpe, York YO23 2SJ

E-mail: petec@yo232sj.freemove.co.uk writes: "**Johann Wursthorn** was born on 5 May 1818 in Waldau, Freiburg, Baden, Germany, his mother being **Rosina Dilger**. He was later, in May 1818, recognised by his father Christian Wursthorn and is recorded as such in the Christening book. His mother and father - **Christian Wursthorn and Rosina Dilger** were married on 20 May 1827 in Breitnau, Freiburg, Baden, Germany. Johann travelled to England sometime in the 1840's and is found on the 1841 census for Northampton under the name of **John Westorn** - Clockmaker of Bridge Street. He married **Lucy Lowe** in Derby on 23 July 1851 and is recorded on the various censuses for Derby as **John Westhorn** (note the name change) London Road - Clockmaker. We then find him in Granville Street Sheffield by 1866 on his 9th child's death certificate. Between 1867-9 he moved to 30 South Street, Sheffield, as a Clockmaker. From this address he operated a successful Clock,

watchmaking and jewellers business until he died in 1900. About the time he moved from Derby to Sheffield he changed his name to **John Westhorn Dilger** by which he and his business was known - John W. Dilger.

His son **John Thomas Dilger** operated the business for some years after, probably until the 1940's, at the same address but we have not as yet been able to establish when the shop finally closed.

His wife died in 1881 bearing the Westhorn name even though they were known as Dilger.

We are particularly interested to find more about the Dilgers in Sheffield and would welcome any information regarding South Street in the area of Park and in particular the Dilger business at 30 South Street."

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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M.No.	Surname	Placename	County	Period
2102	Allison	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2209	Askew	Adwick on Dearne	YKS	18 & 19 C
2153	Bell	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1900
2166	Bellamy	Sheffield	YKS	1845+
2152	Billet	Worksop	NTT	pre 1827
2195	Blewitt	York	YKS	18 & 19C
2167	Bradbury	Sheffield	DBY	M.L.19C
2085	Briddock	Sheffield	YKS	c 1832
2153	Broadhead	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1900
1853	Burkitt	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2195	Butler	York	YKS	18 & 19C
2209	Catchpole	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
2149	Clark	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1920
2102	Clarke	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1930
2207	Coates		DUR	1800 to present
2195	Coates	Dore & Totley	DBY	All
2085	Coates	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1941
2153	Collis	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1860
2195	Curtis	Sheffield	YKS	pre 20C
2167	Cutts	Ecclesfield/Wentworth	WRY	E.M 19C
2151	Dammery	Doncaster	YKS	pre 1930
2151	Dammery	London	LDN	pre 1847
2151	Dammery	Pendlebury	LAN	c 1870
2151	Dammery	Portobello	STS	c 1877
2207	Davis	All	All	1800 to present
2180	Day	Ecclesall/Sheffield	SYK	pre 1840
2207	Dilger	Ecclesall, Sheffield	YKS	1860 to present
2195	Duncan	Sheffield	YKS	pre 20C
2166	Dunn	Huddersfield	YKS	1840+
2166	Dunn	Sheffield	YKS	1871+
2166	Dunn	Whitefield	LAN	1895+
2155	Earnshaw	Attercliffe	YKS	pre 1834
2155	Earnshaw	Oldham	LAN	1834+
2167	Elliott	Dronfield/Holmesfield	DBY	E.M.19C
2167	Elliott	Sheffield	WRY	L19C
2110	Frost	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2085	Frost	Sheffield	YKS	c 1850
2207	Gilligan		All	1800 to present
2085	Glaves	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1941
2151	Greaves	Dronfield	DBY	pre 1828
2151	Greaves	Rotherham	YKS	c 1828
2085	Grunwell	Cawood	YKS	c 1817
2085	Grunwell	Rotherham	YKS	pre 1890

2110	Hague	Halifax	WRY	pre 1818
2110	Haigh	Halifax	WRY	pre 1818
2110	Hall	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1851
2153	Harrison	Balderton	NTT	pre 1860
2195	Hawke	Sheffield	YKS	pre 20C
2110	Hawkes	Retford	NTT	pre 1851
2110	Hawks	Retford	NTT	pre 1851
2116	Hobson	Sheffield	WRY	19 C
2153	Holmes	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2032	Holyland	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
2209	Ibbotson	Hathersage	YKS	pre 1820
2209	Ibbotson	Wadsley	YKS	1800+
2085	Jackson	Sheffield	YKS	c 1880
2175	Jepson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2167	Keighley	Ecclesfield	WRY	M.L.19C
2169	Kendal	Hull	ERY	19C
2167	Kershaw	Sheffield	WRY	19C
2201	Kirby	Kings Cliffe	NTH	19C
2032	Lake	North Staffordshire	STS	1850+
2032	Lake	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
2149	Lennox	Sheffield	WRY	1840-1900
2207	Linley	Sheffield	YKS	1850 to present
2180	Lomas	Sheffield	SYK	pre 1850
2166	Lord	Bury	LAN	1870+
2175	Marsden	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2207	Mason		DUR/NBL	pre 1850
2153	Mather	Dronfield	DBY	pre 1850
2207	Mayson		DUR/NBL	pre 1850
2110	Moody	Masborough	WRY	pre 1849
2180	Mycock	Sheffield	SYK	pre 1850
2085	Nicholson	Sheffield	YKS	c 1841
2201	Palfreyman	Sheffield	YKS	1902+
2153	Parkin	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1900
2167	Pearce	Ecclesfield	WRY	M.L.19C
2138	Pearson	All	CAM	19 & 20 C
2138	Perkins	All	LIN	19 & 20 C
2195	Pinder	Holmesfield	DBY	All
2209	Plant	Adwick on Dearne	YKS	pre 1800
2209	Plant	Sheffield	YKS	1820+
2167	Powell	Sheffield	WRY	19C
2138	Proctor	Conisborough	YKS	19 & 20 C
2138	Proctor	Conisbrough	YKS	19 & 20 C
2110	Rawson	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1851
2195	Revill	Sheffield	YKS	pre 20C
2153	Riggott	Any	Any	Any
2085	Seaton	Crowle	YKS	c 1863
2195	Sedgwick	Sheffield	DBY	pre 20C
2110	Shaw	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1812
2201	Shorthouse	Burton on Trent	STS	19C
2201	Shorthouse	Linton	DBY	19C

2138	Simpson	All	LIN	19 & 20 C
2138	Simpson	Attercliffe	YKS	19 & 20 C
2201	Spendlove	Bulwick	NTH	pre 1803
2201	Spendlove	Hull	ERY	1886+
2201	Spendlove	Sheffield	YKS	1902+
2167	Staniland	Sheffield	DBY	19C
2209	Steel	Wincobank	YKS	1800+
2169	Suatt	Todmorden	YKS	19C
2167	Taylor	Ecclesfield/Grenoside	WRY	E.M 19C
2085	Taylor	Skeagby	LIN	c 1850
2209	Thornley	Jump	YKS	1850+
2116	Turner	Sheffield	WRY	19 C
2153	Vaughton	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1880
2169	Verity	Todmorden	YKS	1903
2166	Walkden	Bury	LAN	1840+
2209	Walker	Barnsley	YKS	pre 1850
2151	Walker	Doncaster	YKS	pre 1916
2110	Walker	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1856
2195	Walker	Sheffield	YKS	pre 20C-
2195	Walker	York	YKS	18 & 19C
2195	Walton	Suton in Ashfield	NTT	pre 20C
2151	Ward	Adamstown/Dudley/Newcastle	NSW, Australia	1895+
2151	Ward	Fishlake	YKS	c 1804
2151	Ward	Handsworth	YKS	pre 1800
2151	Ward	Rotherham	YKS	c 1828
2151	Ward	Swallownest	YKS	pre 1800
2169	Wathew	Sheffield	YKS	19C-20C
2180	Webb	Ecclesall	SYK	1870+
2152	Webster	Sheffield	YKS	1861+
2152	Webster	Whitwell	DBY	pre 1799
2153	Wheatley	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1860
2169	Whitehead	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2180	Whitham	Ecclesall	SYK	pre 1900
2209	Wild	Wincobank	YKS	1800+
2149	Winks	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
2166	Wolsterhomes	Alkington	LAN	1805+
2187	Womersley	Ecclesfield	YKS	pre 1900
2180	Wood	Sheffield	SYK	pre 1800
2153	Woodcock	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1900
2167	Woofenden	Ecclesfield	WRY	M.L.19C
2110	Wragg	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1860
2166	Wright	Middleton & Alkington	LAN	1845+

MY CHILDHOOD Part 2

By Dolly Shaw (Continued from Vol.21. No.4)

As I got older, my Aunt Edith Clover, who never married and lived with my grandma and granddad at No 17, took me for walks over the Derbyshire Moors. Every Saturday morning I took the tram to Fitzallan Square in the centre of Sheffield, and walked up Norfolk Street to the factory where she lived. She, like my mother, my grandmother, and all my aunts, worked at the same factory before they were married. They used to line the canteens and boxes for the cutlery using velvet and satin. It was most beautiful work. I used to sit on a high stool and watch the ladies there doing that beautiful work. I was used to the smell of glue as my mother did this work at home for a smaller cutlery firm to earn money when my dad was out of work as times were very hard in those days.

I had lunch with my aunt in the factory, just a sandwich as there were no canteens in those days, and then we would take the tram to Fulwood. Sometimes we would get off the tram at Endcliffe, walk through the woods there to Porter Glen and then to Whitely Woods, over the fields to the Round House at Ringinglow where we sat on the moors and had our tea. As I got older we were able to walk right across the moors to Fox House, Grindleford, and Hathersage. Sometimes her friend, Miss Portass joined us.

My aunt was a very keen worker for Cemetery Road Baptist Church. She used to be in charge of the Band of Hope there. It was a very rich church, and as my aunt couldn't give much money she did beautiful crocheting for their sale of work. If anything important happened at the church, she would take me there. Every year they gave a pageant based on some biblical story, and I loved going there.

When I was six years old the war started and I can remember the men being called to the colours. We had a "black out" but the German Zeppelins only found Sheffield once. They dropped bombs on an empty chapel in Attercliffe and nobody was injured. Everyone went to see the ruins the next day, but our mother wouldn't let us go. We had luminous buttons on at night when we went out. Our houses were lighted by gas and we held the button near to the gas mantle for a minute, and when it glowed we fastened it on to our coats. Food was very scarce. It wasn't rationed like in the Second World War and there was a lot of Black Market (trading). We had to queue for hours and sometimes we got to the top of the queue only to be told that everything had been sold. Edith and Lily Fisher were the best two to find out which shop had food. They knew everything that was going on in the neighbourhood and joined every queue they saw. I can't remember being hungry as my mother and grandmother were excellent cooks and we shared everything.

When a soldier came home on leave, everyone hung out a Union Jack and the streets were all decorated. One day we were walking up Don Road (called after the River Don) and saw some soldiers banging on the front door of a house. As soon as the door was opened, a soldier jumped from the upstairs window and ran away. He had overstayed his leave and we later heard that he had been caught and taken back to his barracks.

One day every year, all the Sheffield schools sent their best athletes to Bramall Lane football ground for sports day. If you could afford to go there you were freed from school for the afternoon. One year our school was chosen to send a few children for folk dancing, which took place before the athletics events. I was chosen and we had to wear a purple or gold sun bonnet which we made in the sewing class at school. At this time our old headmaster retired. He was a very hard man and always using the cane. We had a new, younger, headmaster who came from Abbeydale on the other side of the City, and he soon made a lot of changes. He started a football team for the boys, which was very popular, and it produced some excellent footballers. One of the boys who went to our Chapel and was called Harry Gooney played for the English Schoolboys and later for Sheffield United.

One of the teachers wrote a song:

We are the Newall boys
We never make a noise
We win all the matches
We get all the scratches
Walking down Newall Road.
Aye, Aye, Aye, Mr. Mackay (*he was the coach*).
We are the Newall boys.

The matches were played on a waste piece of ground which belonged to a big engineering factory. All the matches were played after school and we were all expected to go and sing the song. At this time nearly all the men in Sheffield were out of work so they went to the football matches to pass their time as they were free. The visiting teams from the posh parts of Sheffield were not very happy when they saw all the Newall supporters.

For the girls there was hockey. The headmaster was very friendly with the one rich man in the area (a bookmaker). He persuaded him to buy the hockey sticks, especially as his son was doing well in the football team.

D.M. Poulton
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THE SAD TALE OF THE BRAMALL SISTERS

I was under no illusions when I began to look more deeply into my family history. I expected no blue blood, no Lords and Ladies and hoped at best for an anecdote or two to pass on to my descendants. Let this tale serve, if nothing else, as a warning to us all that what lies behind family rumour and secrets may be more disturbing than we imagined. What I discovered was three unexplained drownings and the surrounding events which had remained a family secret and burden for half a century.

My father often spoke of his grandmother's cousins, two sisters who were said to have committed suicide in Dam Flask. I was always warned not to mention these events in front of my Grandma, as she had already refused to discuss the subject. However, I soon discovered that my grandmother's elder sister, Gladys Elliot, was keen to tell me all she knew. Gladys said that there were three sisters, known as May, Glad and Ernestine Bramall, and that two had committed suicide but she wasn't sure which two, or when. A decade passed and, last summer, my interest was rekindled.

I have to confess that I made my first major discovery purely by chance. After a day in the record office in Sheffield examining microfiches on a completely different line of investigation, I decided to rest my poor eyes and flick through any original copies of Bradfield burials. Only the mid 1900's were available but as this was more of a time-killing exercise I decided to browse for familiar names. Almost immediately I came across the burial record of Ernestine Bramall in Bradfield parish records who had died in September 1947. The vicar, who was prone to commenting in the margins on the weather and the state of the roads had written the following: *This woman committed suicide in the pond of Hillsboro' Park; the Coroner's verdict was suicide: as it did not say "of unsound mind, etc. ", there was no service in church and the prayer book service was not used – according to the rubric and archdeacons directions.* About six months later in the records I found a burial record for Gladys Bramall. Again the margin had been annotated: *Drowned herself as did Ernestine (see number 1535) her sister; but the verdict was such that we were able to have the first part of the service in church.*

Having noticed an earlier record of a Georgina May Bramall of the same abode who died in 1915 aged 18, I applied for the death certificates for all three sisters, only to discover to my horror that all three had drowned. An investigation of newspaper cuttings and numerous conversations with the coroner's office helped, at least in part, to unravel this story.

Georgina May Bramall was 18 and in March of 1915 was found drowned in Dam flask. Her body had evidently been there some months and she had been missing since January. The short, one day, inquest produced an open verdict as there was no evidence of either foul play or self-harm.

Years later a middle-aged Ernestine was found in Hillsborough Park Pond and despite the vicar's conclusion of suicide, the brief inquest again decided an open verdict. As for poor Gladys, who was found five months later on a disused quarry, the death certificate states she was "suicidal". The coroner's office has found no record of an inquest ever having taken place.

This is indeed a tale with several layers of sadness. A priest, evidently convinced of Ernestine's suicide, buried her outside consecrated grounds, doubtless the cause of much shame, and this combined with Gladys' suicide lead this story into the realms of family silence. I have been told that unexplained death of this kind among siblings is extremely unusual. Is it truly rare, or just the best-kept family secret?

I would be grateful for any comments, recollections or information anyone has regarding the people I have described.

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Did You Know?....

- In 1719 the Parish Church of Sheffield (now the Cathedral) was too small to cater for the needs of the growing population and the Archbishop of York gave permission for a Chapel of ease to be erected on Pinstone Street. The building was financed by public subscription. The foundation stone was laid and the building was completed in that same year (1720). The church was not opened for worship for 20 years, until 1740 because of a disagreement between the vicar and the major benefactor to the building fund who disagreed over who should open the church. The dome and clock were not added until 1769.
- Trinity Church in Nursery Street (near the Wicker) was built in 1847/8. It was built entirely at the expense of Miss Harrison of Western Hall. It was damaged as a result of the Sheffield Flood on the night of March 16th 1864.

THEIR LAST MOMENTS

I've always bought death certificates as a matter of course if I've been able to find the date of death. Two differed from the others in that the deaths were sudden and inquests were needed. To find details of these inquests has always been on my list of t'doos but the task was always delayed as there were always more immediate things to research. To be perfectly honest, I wasn't at all sure how to find them and I thought that little could be learned from them if I did. Both of the deaths were heart related so the verdict of death by natural causes was a forgone conclusion and I wondered whether it was worth the effort?

I contacted the Sheffield coroner's office and was told that they held no records but that the inquests would have been reported in the local newspaper. This was yet another deterrent to pursuing them; only getting down to Sheffield once or twice a year, time is precious in the archives and library, and trailing through newspapers didn't seem like a good use of time. It was all put on hold again until recently when I had the opportunity to travel down to Sheffield at short notice. There was no time for meticulous planning like normal, I couldn't take files and there was no time to check for dates, names etc. before I left. Within two hours I was in Sheffield library with just my handbag, wondering which families I didn't have on census. I definitely knew though that I didn't have the two inquests, so newspapers, through lack of choice, it was.

I was advised to try both the Sheffield and Rotherham Gazette and the Independent, two newspapers around at the time. Locating inquests was difficult at first. No births, marriages, deaths, *inquests*. They were eventually found mingled in with the rest of the local news or local intelligence. I began by scanning for the names I was looking for but ----
-mm, well, you just *have to* read the rest, the names of people admitted to the hospital as emergencies and the reasons, about the amusement of onlookers at the errant movement of the horses and the juvenile riders at the Sheffield Horse Fair and the series of garrotted robberies taking place at the time. They were filled with fascinating and often amusing snippets. There were many tragedies of course. The little girl who'd died of lead poisoning after sucking a square of paint from a paint box that she'd just bought at a fair. The suicide of a teased and bullied apprentice who'd run home and been taken back by his father and was found hanging the next day. What struck me most about all these stories was that they related to the very ordinary people of Sheffield just living out their very ordinary lives and I was much the richer for reading them.

Sadly, (or not) I never found the inquest verdicts relating to my ancestors but I did, remarkably, find the stories of their deaths and they

told me so much. Yes, the final moments of my very ordinary ancestors were recorded:

Sheffield Telegraph Nov. 29th, 1865

Shockingly sudden death in a public house.

Yesterday Thomas Revill, spring knife cutler, Bramhall, died suddenly. Deceased, who was forty seven years of age, went, about two-o'clock in the afternoon, to the Princes Hotel, Princes street, Sheffield Moor, for the purpose of receiving his 'fairing'. Her had been at work all morning, and was in his usual state of health, and whilst some eating some bread and beef in the dram shop, he fell on a form close by and expired instantly. The deceased was perfectly sober at the time.

Sheffield and Rotherham Independent July 26th, 1873.

Sudden death of a woman in the park.

A very sudden death occurred in the Park yesterday. A woman, forty two years of age, named Mary Anne Cotterill, the wife of George Cotterill, Blacksmith, number fourteen, Bernard Street, was ironing some clothes in the kitchen at half-past three-o'clock, when she suddenly became unwell and had to cease work. She placed a chair near the door, intending to rest a short time, but had not been seated many minutes before she fell insensible against the door, bruising her face seriously with the fall. Her husband who had just returned from work, lifted her upon a sofa, and she died before restoratives could be applied. A surgeon was sent for but none of those applied to thought it worthwhile visiting the house. Just before her death, the poor woman was cheerfully anticipating an excursion to Scarborough today, with her husband and children. She had hitherto had good health, with the exception of an occasional complaint of a pain in her side.

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POOR LAW UNION GAZETTE 1857 ROTHERHAM

James Callighan 24 yrs old ironroller about 5'8" high, rather stout, dark brown hair and whiskers, had on when he left home a velvet coat with pearl buttons, black cloth waistcoat, moleskin trousers and black cloth cap. Deserted his wife and children on or about Oct 1st whereby they have become a charge on the parish. When last heard of, was working at Kirkstall Iron Works near Leeds. Took with him a black suit of cloth.
£ 1 reward

THE TRANSCRIPTION OF THE SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTERS

On the 19th July 2000, I finally finished transcribing all the names of bride and groom for indexing, from the marriage registers of Sheffield Cathedral, after 1852. Four registers are combined and bound together in the familiar red bindings on the shelves in the archives. The completion of the last few registers will take some months yet. The typing and indexing is done by hand, no computers were available when this project began and so it has continued.

Mr. Keith Blagden was given permission to start transcribing from the Provost a remarkable 26 years ago in 1974. Keith has been the one constancy ever since, Transcribers have come and gone, but he has typed and indexed everything himself. The baptisms and burials were tackled first from where the published volumes left off. Then the 18th & 19th century marriages to 1852.

In the beginning transcribers met in the choir vestry each week on Wednesday mornings. The first was Keith. Then the late Ted Shortland joined him. Mrs Margaret Furey, Mrs. Denise Marsden and Mrs. Patricia Oates became involved. In 1979 Denise left because of family pressures. Ted did the vast majority of the work until he sadly died suddenly in January 1986. Margaret also got through a large number of registers, so did Patricia.

I became involved after Ted died, first finishing off his work as well as Patricia's, who had given up by this time. Mr. Richard Wardale arrived soon after, at my invitation. He had been doing other transcribing with me in the local studies library in Surrey Street. We joined Miss Janet Lonslow and Mrs. Elaine Smith. The four of us worked together for some months, staying until teatime by now. Eventually Janet & Elaine got jobs and had to leave.

Richard and I continued alone, until the archives in Shoreham Street opened in 1989. The registers were moved there from the Cathedral. Richard and I continued each week at the archives until we had completed the baptisms and burials to 1812, which we thought was a good cut off point at the time. The marriages had already been taken forward from 1754, principally by Ted and Janet but also worked on by Margaret and Patricia, and finished to 1852. Richard and I finally completed the baptisms and burials to our agreed cut off point in early December 1995. We planned to start continuing the marriages after Christmas.

Richard went to London to meet his actor friends and help direct a play. After being unsuccessful in getting in touch with him, I got the devastating news that he had died suddenly in the London underground,

while on his way back to Sheffield for Christmas. Although knowing that he had had two serious heart attacks before, that had forced him to give up the acting profession, it was a big shock. I still miss him. He was a great character and fun to be with.

So, I was left to carry on with the marriages alone. As only the names of bride and groom were transcribed, it seemed an easier job. There are 500 marriages in each register, but there were 75 of them to do. However, I found that I could finish one register in under a month. The last five were much smaller belonging to the 20th century, one 125 and four 100 marriages each.

The registers are very extensive. There are as many marriage registers before 1852 as afterwards. Some of the baptisms took years to transcribe. One I did, covering the end of the 18th century, was a few inches thick, as well as being large and closely written. It took nearly four years to complete. It was common for 20 or 30 baptisms to be performed daily.

Christmas day was a favourite time to get married. There always seemed to be 20 or 30 each year. Burials as well as baptisms were happening each day as well. So Christmas must have been hard going! How did the clergy cope with it all? I have heard it suggested that couples were marrying on a public holiday and so did not lose wages for taking time off for the ceremony.

There were other registers kept in the Cathedral which have been transcribed also, St. Paul's & St. James. Both were demolished. St. Paul's was where the Peace Garden is now. Ted completed the whole thing and Elaine, St. James' and St. Jude's, Morefield.

The baptisms and burials are still to be transcribed from 1812. Mr. John Cooper has made a start, computerised this time.

To Mr. Keith Blagden, I would like to say "Well done". The 26 years of effort is much appreciated by all who are interested in family history. I see those red bound indexes being used all the time whenever I go to the archives. There is satisfaction in that.

As for myself, I am now working on the early 17th century register of Rotherham parish church of All Saints. Mrs. Furey began this some time ago, but unfortunately was not able to carry on for health reasons. This means getting to grips with secretary hand. I have been greatly helped by checking through the work already done by Margaret. The challenge is enjoyable. There is the added interest of coming across names connected to my own family history in and around Rotherham.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FAMILY FORTUNE?

At 75 yrs of age I have started my family searching a little late, but I am hooked. Unfortunately my parents, aunts and uncles have all passed away, so I only have little bits of stories I remember from my youth.

This story is from my mother's side of the family.

George Shortland, 1805-1877, left a will. The only details we have is a copy of a letter sent to, we think, a Solicitor in Sheffield from the husband of his eldest daughter Sarah. It reads as follows:

*190 Spencer Road
Upper Heeley
April 14th 1879*

Kind Sir,

I venture to draw your attention to the fact that it appears to us high time some arrangements were made with a view to bringing about a settlement of the affairs of our late father- George Shortland who died on the 1st April 1877.

As far as we understand the matter. The property in Cambridge St was left to my wife Sarah Eliza from which now considerable rents are due. The property in Wellington Street was left to Emily Shortland now the wife of Abarham Prestley.

The property in Carver Street was left to Joseph Shortland, while to Annie Maria Shortland a number of Bank shares was left for her share, these along with others the combined property of each was sold about July 1877.

We conceive that ample time has now elapsed for the purpose of settling these affairs. It is for this purpose and to save the annoyance of a visit that this has been written.

It is scarcely necessary to remind you that this is sent to give you timely notice so as to prevent other proceedings taken.

Awaiting your early reply.

I am for self & wife

Yours respectfully

Fredrick Wright

Ps you will observe that we have changed our residence.

It is said that none of the family received a penny. The value at that time being estimated at £3,000. it would be interesting to know who the Solicitors were and did they indeed spirit the fortune away.

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A SAD ENDING

The following article illustrates how the movements and the fortunes of our ancestors, even the very ordinary ones, can be traced through parish registers, census returns and local directories, then pieced together and built up into brief biographies. In the case of my great-great grandmother it is a story with a sad ending.

Elizabeth Hulley, one of several children, was born on 20 November 1822 and baptised at the Sheffield Parish Church (now the Cathedral) on Christmas Day of the same year. She was the daughter of Edmund Hulley, a grinder, and his wife Sarah (nee Liversidge). Edmund came from Baslow in north Derbyshire and was baptised there on 6 April 1789, the son of Robert Hulley, a labourer. He was apprenticed to Jarvis Collier in 1805 and then to George Collier, a knifemaker, from 1808. He married Sarah Liversidge at Handsworth Parish Church on 16 March 1812 and was buried in Sheffield on 20 January 1839 at the age of 49 years, his address being recorded as Westbrook.

At the time of the 1841 census his widow lived at Red Croft, Sheffield with her daughter Elizabeth and her maiden aunt Elizabeth Liversidge, all three earning their livings as fork filers. Sarah died in 1849 aged 60 years and was buried in Sheffield on 22 April 1849, address Trippett Lane.

In the meantime her daughter Elizabeth Hulley had married George Charlesworth at the Sheffield Parish Church on 26 December 1842, both addresses being recorded as Red Croft. In the 1841 census George Charlesworth was shown as an apprentice spoonmaker along with his brother Edwin living at his master's premises at North Parade, Sheffield. George and Elizabeth had seven children - 3 daughters who all married, and 4 sons three of whom died in infancy, the survivor living to marry. The 1851 census shows the family living at 31 Newcastle Street with their three young children and a 14 year old servant girl.

By the time of the 1861 census George was prospering; the family, including Elizabeth's maiden aunt, now lived at 69 Suffolk Street (later re-named Sudbury Street) where George employed 'ten men and one maid'. In the 1865 edition of Kelly's Directory he had taken out a large piece advertising 'The Manufacture of all kinds of Britannia Metal spoons, soup & toddy ladles, etc' from his premises in Meadow Street where, at the same time, he was also landlord of the 'Sheffield Arms'. Then, amidst all this prosperity, the unthinkable happened, five days before his 48th birthday George died on 7 November 1869. He was buried at the General Cemetery, Sharrow, three days later.

His widow continued as the landlady at the 'Sheffield Arms' the 1871 census showing her as a widow living with her unmarried daughter

Camelia aged 18 years, her second daughter Elizabeth, 22 years old, and son-in-law William W. Booth, a cabinet maker, her 16-year old surviving son George Ernest, her maiden aunt now aged 73 years, a boarder John Erwin aged 30 years, and a 16 year old general servant girl. Her eldest daughter, Sarah Ann Charlesworth, was married in 1866 to George Tingle - they were my great grand parents .

In 1876 there came another bombshell. Elizabeth married John Erwin (Irwin) her lodger, an illiterate Irish immigrant. He was 38 years old, she was 53 but gave her age as 40!

The Sheffield Directory for 1879 shows that John Erwin subsequently became landlord of the Paul Pry at 88 Pea Croft and the 1881 census shows John Erwin and his wife Elizabeth living at 72/74 Furnace Hill where he kept the Grapes Tavern. At his death in 1884 aged 46 years John Erwin was landlord of the White Lion on Bailey Street. They certainly moved around in those days.

I have not been able to track down his widow in the 1891 census yet. Described as a pauper, she died on 30 October 1905 at the age of 82 years in the Ecclesall Union Workhouse later to become Nether Edge Hospital. A sad ending indeed. She was buried with her two husbands in the family grave at Sharrow and was at least spared a pauper's funeral.

The Family of George & Elizabeth Charlesworth

Edwin, born 29 Dec.1843, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 4 Feb.1844; buried Sheffield 30 March 1845 (of West John Street)

Sarah Ann, born 5 March 1846, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 29 March 1846; died at Storthes Hall, Huddersfield 1916, having married **George Tingle** (1843-1884) on 10 September 1866 at Sheffield Parish Church

Elizabeth, born 17 July 1848, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 24 Sept.1848, married there on 31 October 1869 to **William Wright Booth**

George Willis, born 1 Oct.1850, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 12 January 1851; buried at St.George's Church 24 July 1851 (of Newcastle Street)

Camilla (always referred to as **Camelia**), born 11 Oct.1852, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 2 January 1853 (of Green Lane), married at Sheffield P.C. on 2 March 1875 (of Langsett Road) to **Henry Oakley**

George Ernest, born 19 August 1854, bapt. Sheffield Parish Church 23 Sept.1855 (of Green Lane), married at Sheffield P.C. on 25 Dec.1873 to **Mary Ellen Benn**.

Wilfred who died 31 January 1857 aged 8 months; buried at the General Cemetery, Sharrow, on 3 Feb.1857 (of Hampton View).

Derek Tingle, 72 Highcliffe Drive, Sheffield S11 7LU

TO THE NEW WORLD:

Immigration to Canada at the turn of the 1900s

My Canadian accent makes everyone ask "Where are you from?", and I always want to reply "Sheffield". I was born and brought up in Toronto, Canada, as was my mother, but her mother was born on Randall Street in Ecclesall in August, 1893.

This last year my free time has been spent at the Archives, in the Central Library, and in various cemeteries around Sheffield, searching for evidence, something to touch that my family touched in the last millennium. My husband, working with a billhook in the General Cemetery, victoriously uncovered a tombstone with the words "Wake up John and Charlotte Mycock, your great-great-great-granddaughter is here!"

Verbal family history had told me that my grandmother was born in Sheffield in 1893 and that she and her parents immigrated to Canada when she was three, simple maths would place that at 1896. My grandmother's sister was born in Toronto in 1900, so even if the facts were slightly unreliable 1893-1900 was the time frame for the voyage across the North Atlantic Ocean, into the unknown. And the details of that immigration became my obsession. I had to find the ship's manifest with their names on it.

The Ships List Index on the internet is a great site to "hang around" and read the questions and answers posted there, and over the weeks and months I became familiar with the ports of embarkation and disembarkation, what records were kept and where they could be accessed, and so an inter-library loan from the archives in Ottawa brought me the precious microfilm of all ships manifests that disembarked in Quebec during an eighteen month period in 1895/1896. The St. Lawrence River iced up six months of the year, closing Quebec, and shifting the port used to the more easterly location of Halifax, but I thought no sane person would choose the winter months to sail the treacherous North Atlantic, so Quebec seemed the right choice of port to search.

I learned a lot just by reviewing that microfilm - the ships were like Oxford Street buses, plying to and fro across the ocean between England and Canada, the same captain and crew with the same ship, the same handwriting on each particular ship recording all sorts of heart-rending stories - hundreds of young children shipped en masse from Dr Barnardo's homes to similar institutions in northern Ontario (boys as young as 11 described as "labourers"). Polish and Russian immigrants, cattlemen on the return voyage back to Canada after supervising the shipment of cattle to England, an elderly couple refused entry as the

officials thought their poor health would render them a burden on the government

I was tired and just thinking of giving up, feeling my search was hopelessly futile, when the precious names jumped out at me, written over a century earlier:

G.H. Whitham	aged 20 years, a cutler	bound for Toronto
Mary Whitham	aged 29 years, wife	ditto
Gladys Whitham	3 years daughter	ditto

The SS Labrador, 4,737 tonnes, a ship of the Dominion Line, departed Liverpool on 8th July 1896, captained by James McAubrey, 217 people on board, disembarking at Quebec on 18th July, 1896. Capacity was first class 20 people, 2nd class 50, and steerage class held 1,000. The ship wasn't overcrowded, 217 on board a ship that would hold 1070, but these numbers were typical on the microfilm I reviewed. Perhaps competition was tough and the heyday of vast immigration was waning. I found a picture of the ship from the internet, along with details of her manufacture and fatal sinking in 1901 (with no loss of life) off the Hebrides. It is interesting to remember that this was the pre-Titanic catastrophe era. An item of advertising circa 1890 boasted that each passenger would be given a "flotation pillow" and that the route would be the more northerly and less travelled one, therefore the personal safety of the passengers on that shipping line was by inference assured.

George Henry was the eldest son of James and Sarah Whitham, who had 10 children, 3 boys and 7 girls. I speculate if relations between George Henry, and his father were difficult, encouraging him to strike out into the unknown. His mother had died in 1891. Pictures of his father, James Whitham show a very proud and seemingly humourless man, a cutler who ran his own business, Blaydes & Whitham, latterly selling the business to Fenton Bros. Ltd., and remaining as a manager. George's wife, Mary, had lost her father in the 1887/88 smallpox epidemic. Canada wanted to swell her meagre population by encouraging immigration.

George and Mary became grocers in Toronto, running a small general store on Bloor Street. I have a wonderful photo of the store, with my great-grandad's name proudly displayed on both the shop window and the awning. I can imagine he sent this photo home to his father, evidence that the decision to immigrate had been right. James Whitham died in 1925, aged 85 years, living long enough to watch his family's fortunes unfold. George Henry's brother, James Herbert, followed him to Canada and worked in the cutlery trade there, leaving the family in Sheffield where some of their descendants live to this day.

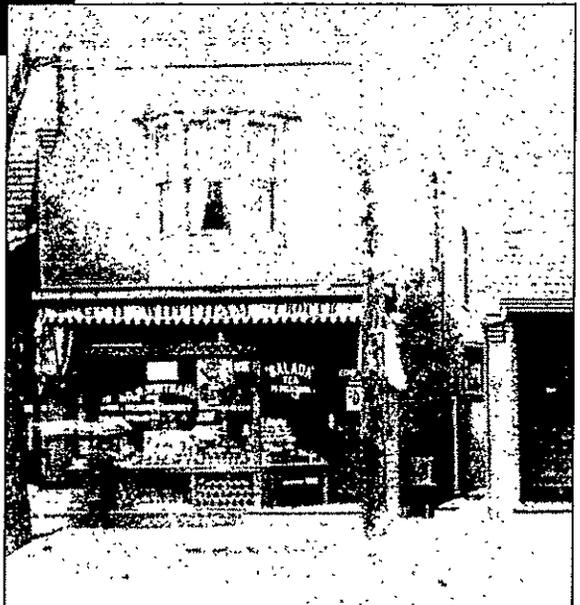
I am still searching for my living relatives, Peter and Terry Whitham, brothers born in the 1920's, or their children, so far

unsuccessfully. Some vague information says they went to the Cardiff area, and so my research continues. This is a wonderful aspect of genealogy, none of us are ever finished with the searching. It can continue for a lifetime. Sometimes I fantasise, conjuring up all the figures displayed on my family tree, and interviewing them, one by one, drawing out their lives and the times in which they lived. Something to look forward to in Heaven one day, perhaps, at the Celestial Family History Society meetings held there.

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James Whitham 1939-1925



G. H. Whitham's shop in Toronto
(?circa 1920).

EMIGRATION RECORDS OF SHEFFIELD PEOPLE FROM THE LIVERPOOL OFFICE OF THE BRITISH MISSION

(Continued from Vol. 21-4)

Correction to previous entry. (Head of household was omitted)

Ship Ballard; Sailed 1 November 1849 bound for New Orleans

LDS Film 25690

Surname	Forename	Age	Address	Occupation
BLACKHURST	Adamson	29	Matilda St Sheffield	Forger
BLACKHURST	Eleanor	24		
BLACKHURST	Mary Ann	4		
BLACKHURST	Zillah	1 +		
BLACKHURST	Mary	43		
BLACKHURST	Ellen	34		

Ship: Ellen Marie Bound for New Orleans Sailing 4 January 1851

LDS Film No. 25691

Surname	Forename	Age	Address	Occupation
BIRTLES	George	22	ditto	Knife Hafter
BIRTLES	Christiana	19		
BIRTLES	Lorenzo	1 month		
BLADEN	Thomas	34	ditto	Engineer
BLADEN	Mary	36		
BLADEN	Mary Ann	11		
BLADEN	Elizabeth	9		
BLADEN	Eunace	5		
BLADEN	Margaret	3		
BLADEN	Alice	1		
BUNTING	Ann	20	ditto	
CASTLE	Betsy	16	ditto	
DAWSON	Mary	60	ditto	
DEAKIN	William	22	ditto	
DEAKIN	Elizabeth	23		
DEAKIN	Eliza	4		
FOLKEN	Edward	57	ditto	Groom
FOLKEN	Lucy	56		
FOWLER	Henry	37	ditto	Watchmaker
FOWLER	Mary	38		
FOWLER	Martha S	10		
FOWLER	Mary E	9		
FOWLER	Frederic H	8		
FOWLER	John G	7		
FOWLER	Walter	15		
GEESON	Richard	31	J V Long, Sheffield	
GEESON	Eliza	27	10 Long Henry Street	
GEESON	Emily	4	Park, Sheffield	
GEESON	Eliza	2		

GEESON	Mary	1		
GOLDBOROUGH	Henry	27	ditto	Grocer
GOLDBOROUGH	Amelia	34		
GOLDBOROUGH	Sarah Ann	21		
GRANGE	Samuel	24	ditto	
GRAYSON	George	32	ditto	Brickmaker
GRAYSON	Caroline	30		
GRAYSON	Alfred	8		
GRAYSON	Thomas	1		
GREEN	Henry	33	ditto	
GREEN	Elizabeth	39		
HADKIN	Sarah	27	ditto	
HAGUE	Ann	41	ditto	
HAGUE	Samuel	13		
HORTON	George	31	ditto	
HORTON	Maria	32		
HUDSON	Henry	28	ditto	Surg. Inst. Maker
HUDSON	Sarah	24		Instrument Maker
HUDSON	James	4		
HUDSON	Charles	2		
HUDSON	He.....?	4 months		
MACHIN	Fanny	8	ditto	
MACHIN	Thomas	22	ditto	Farmer
MILWARD	Ed	20	ditto	
ORWIN	James	33	ditto	Miner
POLKEN	John	36	ditto	Taylor
POLKEN	Mary	34		
POLKEN	Alfred	10		
POLKEN	Lucy	1		
RICHARDSON	Thomas	27	ditto	Needlepointer
RICHARDSON	Millicent	25		
RICHARDSON	Mary	4		
RICHARDSON	William	5 months		
SHEPHERD	Joseph	32	ditto	Collier
STONES	Joseph	24	ditto	Miner
TIMMINS	Thomas	31	ditto	Knife Grinder
TIMMINS	Fanny	30		
WALKER	Elizabeth	24	ditto	
WAREHAM	George	29 ?	ditto	Carpenter
WAREHAM	Mary	26 ?		
WHEELDON	William	43	ditto	Mason
WHEELDON	Millicent	36		
WHEELDON	Mary E	12		
WHEELDON	William E	7		
WHEELDON	John		7 months	
WINTER	John	29	ditto	Cutler
WINTER	Eliza	27		
WRIGHT	Robert	20	ditto	Labourer

Ship Ellen Marie: Sailing 4th January 1851 for New Orleans
LDS FILM NO.25690

BROOMHEAD	Emma	11	J W Cummings, Sheffield
MACRON	Sarah	26	
LEES	Samuel	25	bk. 176 Granville St. Pen Blade Cutler
LEES	Abigail	20	Park, Sheffield
LEES	Ophelia	6 months	

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BOOK REVIEWS

Back to the Grindstone. Personal recollections of the Sheffield Cutlery Industry by Herbert Housley
The Hallamshire Press ISBN 1 87471828 8

As the foreword of this book states "Back to the Grindstone" takes you on a journey into Sheffield's past through the eyes of a man who made an invaluable contribution to Sheffield's cutlery industry, Herbert Housley.

A follow-on from "*Grinders and Buffers*", this book is a must for all those with ancestors connected to the cutlery trade. From the outset this book gives a wonderfully detailed insight into both the family life and the working conditions and practices endured within Sheffield's cutlery industry in the early to middle 1900's. Herbert's recollections are recounted with a splash of humour and a good sprinkling of photographs.

A good read and not to be missed by those researching into the background of Sheffield's once mighty cutlery industry.

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The Genealogical Services Directory 2001 Family and Local History Handbook. Edited by Robert Blachford
ISBN 0953029743

The 5th edition of this very popular publication. As the name suggests this is a directory packed full with genealogical services listings - Family History Societies both at home and overseas, along with details of Record Offices and Archives, Register Offices, Local History Libraries and

Probate Offices to name but a few. The directory listings are complemented with a large selection of factual articles covering topics from apprenticeships and Poor Laws to the Romany and Travellers Family History Society. In all a very useful addition to the genealogist's library

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BOOK LIST

AUNT J by Jessie Millar Wilson M.B.E. Edited by Joan E. Duncan..

Wartime Memories of a Lady Y.M.C.A. Volunteer in France. 1915 - 1918.

When Jessie Millar Wilson arrived in France in 1915 as a volunteer for war work with the YMCA, she was posted to Hut 15 at Harfleur. Her written memories are reproduced in this book. Hut 15 was not far from Le Havre and near to the great reinforcement camps through which troops passed in their hundreds and thousands.

In the Hut the YMCA lady volunteers ran a canteen and provided for games, lectures, reading, entertainments and discussions for the troops in their leisure times. There was always a sympathetic ear for confidences, and many were the kindnesses the workers could do for the men and their families at home. In the Chapel, Sunday services were held and evening prayers each day. The Hut became "their home in France" during the war years. A Chapter on Etretat, a coastal resort north of Harfleur where military hospitals were set up, describes the good care of the wounded.

Aunt J gives a straightforward, often humorous, first-hand account of her wartime experiences, both happy and sad, along with stories of events and people. For her untiring work with the YMCA Aunt J was awarded the MBE and the YMCA Gold Order of the Red Triangle.

Although the book is of considerable local interest, it is also of wider appeal giving a firsthand account of how the YMCA made this Hut and many more a "home in France" for the troops.

Price £7.50 plus £1 p & p. Available from the Grove Bookshop, Ilkley or from J.E. Duncan, 20, Westville Avenue, Ilkley, West Yorks. LS29 9AH

The Making of the South Yorkshire Landscape by Melvyn Jones

Wharnccliffe Books ISBN 1 871647 57 4 £9.95

Available from local bookshops.

The book spans the centuries from the first hunter gatherers and their attempts at farming and taming the landscape through medieval castle and church building to the impact of the Industrial revolution and the 20th Century town and cityscapes

Thanks to the Sheffield Reporter for the above information.

SOCIETY SEARCH SERVICE

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)

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