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FUTURE PROGRAMME – 2001

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

- Mon. May 21st *From the Cradle to the Grave Part 2*
by Wendy Weston
- Mon. June 18th *Jack the Ripper & the East End of London*
by Susan Deal (NOT gruesome - just very entertaining)
- Mon. 16th July *Who's Who in Crookes Cemetery* by Diane Gascoigne
- Mon. 17th Sept. *From the Cradle to the Grave Pt 2* by Wendy Weston
- Mon. 15th Oct. To be announced
- Mon. 19th Nov. Christmas Social Evening

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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield (Napier Street entrance) on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. during the winter months and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society's library is held at Sheffield Archives, 52, Shoreham Street, Sheffield S1 4SP and is available during their normal opening hours. The Society caters for the Metropolitan 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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EDITORIAL

If you read the list of committee members opposite to this page you will notice a blank space where the name of the Librarian should be. No one has volunteered to take up this important position. At the moment members of the committee who already have jobs are doing the most urgent work but **we need a librarian**. You do not have to be an expert family historian to hold this post. And if you would like to choose which books we buy for the library – and then read them first – now is your chance! Details of what being a librarian entails can be found below. Please consider taking on this rewarding job.

More and more people are making use of the internet and World Wide Web in their family history researches. If you find a useful address that has not been mentioned in *The Flowing Stream* please send it in so that others can benefit.

Thank you to all those members who have sent in contributions for this edition. Please keep on sending in your articles, snippets of information and useful lists.

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The Society welcomes the following new members

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GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Registry of Shipping and Seamen

There is an updated guide from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to the records of seamen and ships records held in the Registry. Copies can be obtained from The Registry of Shipping and Seamen, P.O.Box 165, Cardiff CF14 5JA

North-West Grave Photos

Covering the area Liverpool, Manchester, Preston and Chester, Lightage Computing Ltd offers a full colour DIGITAL photography service for ancestors' graves or houses etc in the region.

Charges are for photography only and assume the location of the site is known. There is no research service available. Image files are supplied on floppy disk in jpg format and may be viewed with any graphics software or word processor. Image enhancement software provided **free** with every order. Simple and easy to use, you can change any digital image to produce the results you like.

Send SAE for details of charges to: Lightage Computing Ltd,
40 Buttermere Road, Liverpool L16 2NN or email:
Dwilcox@lightage.demon.co.uk

Photograph Restoration

Les Sullivan Group Photography Ltd., The Old Magistrates Court, Cross Lane, Melbourn, Cambs. SG8 6AG specialise in re-touching, copying and restoring old photos. Tel: 01763 260625. E-mail: les@restoraphoto.com

GRO certificate enquiries & applications

As from 1st May 2001, a dedicated telephone number will be introduced to replace the current number (0151- 471- 4816/4800).

The new number will be 0870 - 23 - 7788 and it will be staffed from 8.00am - 6.00pm on Monday - Thursday, 8.00am - 5.00pm on Friday and 10.00am-4.00pm on Saturday

The Archives Hub

Richard Ratcliffe, the FFHS Record Office Liaison Officer, has reported to us the official launch of the Archives Hub. This took place at the John Rylands Library, University of Manchester on March 13th, 2001, as part of the rapidly growing National Archive Network. It is a service which provides free access via the Internet to information about the archives available for research at universities and colleges in the UK.

At present the Archives Hub holds contributions from some 20 UK universities and colleges and includes details of records that have not

previously been available outside of their home depository. The contributing universities and colleges at the time of the launch included: National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Scientists, Bath; University of Wales, Bangor; University of Durham; University of Edinburgh; University of Glasgow; Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College, London; University of Liverpool; University of London Library; University of Manchester; University of Nottingham; School of Oriental & African Studies, London; University of Southampton; University of Wales, Swansea; University College, London; University of Warwick.

For search assistance or further information you can contact the Archives Hub Helpdesk on 0161 275 6789 or e-mail: archiveshub@mimas.ac.uk, or you can access the Archives Hub website direct at <http://www.archiveshub.ac.uk>

News from the Imperial War Museum

By popular demand the exhibition The 1940s House is extended until 1 Jan 2002

Tracing Your Family History

Museum specialists will be on hand to help visitors research wartime records and experiences at the following venues

25 Aug. HMS Belfast Family Learning Weekend

8,9 Sept. Duxford Airshow

11 Nov. Imperial War Museum, Armistice Commemoration

Worcestershire Record Office

The new Worcestershire Library and Family History Centre at the Trinity, Worcester was opened on Monday 30 April 2001. The new Centre will hold all the microform family history resources currently held at the HQ branch together with Local Studies books from Worcester City Library.

Anyone planning to visit Worcestershire Record Office in the next few months is advised to telephone the office in advance for details of the progress of the move and the availability of records, particularly original documents.

Telephone contact 01905 766351 or 01905 765922

Email: recordoffice@worcestershire.gov.uk

History Bookshop

The bookshop at Procter House, Kirkgate, Settle, N. Yorks. BD24 9DZ
E-mail: Hudson-history@daelnet.co.uk Tel: 01729 825773 stocks books on the history of Yorkshire, Lancashire and adjoining counties which

relate to Local, Family and General History. They publish the Yorkshire History Quarterly, annual subscription £14 inc. p & p.

SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Your Society Need You – As Librarian!

The Society Librarian does not have to be an expert in Family History. There are four main facets to the job.

1. Receiving journals from other societies and archive material from members.
2. Putting the material on the library shelves in Sheffield Archives and keeping them in order
3. Keeping the library catalogue up to date.
4. From a wide range of new publications, choosing those which the librarian feels would be of most use to our members.

So, if you would like to have an inside view of all our library material and to choose new publications, volunteer to be librarian.

Anyone interested should contact our Secretary,
Judith Pitchfort, 10 Hallam Grange Road, Sheffield S10 4BJ
e-mail: secretary@sdfhs.org.uk
or any other committee member

“Back to the Grindstone”

The Society thanks Mr Herbert Housley for the gift of his book for our Society library. See the Spring 2001 edition for a review and other details.

Wragg One-Name Study

Carol K Toulson, 15 Dagmar Road, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 8XP,
Email: CToulson@compuserve.com has recently begun a **Wragg One-Name Study** (which is growing daily). She is willing to search the database for members of the society upon receipt of SAE and welcomes information which will add to the database.

Greenhill Methodist Church

The Editor has a copy of a programme for Greenhill Methodist Church for the week beginning 13 January. It is not known which year but is probably in the 1940's or early 50's. The programme gives names, addresses and bits of social information relating to this Church. Please contact the editor if you would like a copy. The programme was sent in by Mrs P.A. Hodson of Nottingham.

Lost & Found

Not everyone who sets out to trace their family tree is interested only in long dead ancestors. For some people, adoption, emigration, or the dislocating effects of two world wars may be among a range of events that have caused them to lose touch with friends or relatives from their past.

Anyone who finds themselves in this situation may like to take advantage of the contact column in our local newspaper. *The Star*, as many of you will know, is an evening paper published daily, except Sundays. It has a circulation across South Yorkshire. The *Contact Column* appears in each Saturday edition and includes a wide range of requests, from notices of school or workplace reunions, to personal appeals for information or news of lost relatives, friends or former colleagues.

If you would like to place a request for information, the address to write to is John Highfield, Contact Column, The Star, York Street, Sheffield S1 1PU. e-mail: john.highfield@rim_co.uk
There is no charge for this service.

The New Society Web Site

As I am sure you are already aware by now the Society has a new web site at <http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk> where members can find a wealth of information relating to the Society, its projects and services and much more.

Along with many other interesting features the site hosts a news board, giving up to date information on items such as the latest projects being undertaken by Society members, details of new indexes, when they become available for purchase, along with other snippets of Local and Family History related items which may be of help to members in their research.

Members are invited to submit their surname interests and help wanted items on-line (*these are additional listings to those which can be found in the *Flowing Stream**) for inclusion on the 'Members Surname Interests' and the 'Help Wanted' pages. And members who wish to do so can also submit their E-mail addresses to be included on the 'Members E-mail Addresses' page.

We would like to hear from members who host web pages of their own, which have a local or family history content that may be of interest to other visitors to the site and who would like to have their details added to the 'Members Web Links' page.

- For those members who don't have a computer or an internet TV, and would like to know what the Society Web site is all about,

don't despair, why not spend half an hour in your local library or internet cafe where you will be able to log on to the internet for a small fee and find out what the fuss is all about.

Members wishing to have their web sites listed on the Members Web Links page should contact Diane Maskell either by E-mail diane@maskell.d.freemove.co.uk or by post to 5 Old Houses, Piccadilly Road, Chesterfield, S41 0EH. Please remember to give your name, e-mail address, web site address, and a brief description of your web site. *(All Web sites will be visited to check for content before inclusion on the Members' Web Links Page)*

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Additions to the Publications List

Where to Find Recorded Monumental Inscriptions in Yorkshire (2000) A listing of recorded monumental inscriptions from Yorkshire churchyards & cemeteries and where they may be consulted. Price including post & packing: £2.40 (UK), £3.50 (Airmail).

Heghlehgh Then and Heeley Now Work, play and people as recalled and researched by members of the Heeley History Workshop, including sketches and photos. Price including post & packing: £7.15 (UK), £10.20 (Airmail).

Indexed Burials Transcripts of Oughtibridge, Church of the Ascension 1843-1942 and Walkley, St Mary 1880-1901 are now available on one fiche, price: £3.00 (U.K.) £3.50 (Airmail).

PROJECTS UPDATE

The launch of the Federation's National Burial Index on CD-ROM coincides with the end of phase one of our burials project. We have just finished transcribing, inputting and checking all 256,600 records of burials in the Church of England registers for Sheffield. We started this project in July 1997 and since then around 60 people have volunteered to help. Some have dropped out along the way, due to work or family commitments, whilst others have joined us more recently.

The Committee members would like to say a big "Thank you" to all those people who have helped so far, and as a token of their

appreciation, they have decided to send copies of the NBI CD-ROM to 23 members who have taken part in the project more or less since the start. These are Gillian Addison Janet Frost Ron Robertshaw; Caroline Barrett; Barry Green; Barrie Robinson; Micky Bassindale; Dave Hinde; Elaine Smith; Elaine Bolton; Lara Holman; Richard Tetley; Michael Bunting; Angela Lacey; Carol Toulson; Sylvia Carr; Terence Linfoot; Eileen Walmsley; Brian Clarke; Coby Oates; Derek Wells; Joan Froggatt; Stella Postlethwaite.

I would also like to say a special "Thank you" to Keith Pitchforth, who has had the job of compiling all the records ready for disk and fiche, and to Anne Giller who has the job of sending them all out.

Burials Phase 2

This is well under way, with both Attercliffe and Darnall municipal cemeteries nearing completion.

NB These are not yet available for purchase.

1891 Census

This is progressing slowly, with Ecclesall Bierlow being transcribed at the moment.

If you are interested in helping and have both a computer and / or a fiche reader, please get in touch with me.

*Heather Gillott, 4 Bents Cres, Dronfield, Derbyshire S18 2EY
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COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS

The Public Library 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 areas. It can be found at: www.earl.Org.uk/familia/main.html

E-mail addresses recommended by members

Are you aware of the 'new' Sheffield e-mail list
ENG-SHEFFIELD-L-request@rootsweb.com?

<http://www.trashmansions.freemove.co.uk/>

<http://www.nlxbook.com/cgi-bin/guestbook.cgi?gb=Z48632>

UK Street Map

<http://uk.multimap.com/map/places.cgi> This site provides "A complete interactive atlas on the Web!". You can search for any particular place in the UK by entering its name, post code or grid reference and for London a street name. You are presented with a detailed map of the place and you

can then zoom in on any part of that map by clicking on the area you wish to see in more detail.

Surname interests list

<http://members.aol.com/wrylist/wry/htm>

On this site you can submit your own surname interests to be included on the database. Searching for a particular name is simply a matter of clicking on the first letter of the name in the "SURNAME INTERESTS" panel. The site also provides guides to county divisions, wapentakes and much more.

Information about workhouses

See www.workhouses.org.uk for lots of detailed information about all aspects of the workhouse, from the details of the Poor Laws to descriptions of what it was like for the inmates who lived in the workhouses. Well worth looking at.

LDS Church Family History Centre Catalogue

Instead of having to go to your local Mormon Family History Centre to find out what films are available in their collection you can now buy a CD-ROM containing all of their catalogue in a very easy to access form. It costs £5.95 inc. p&p to the UK from LDS Church Distribution Centre, 339 Garretts Green Lane, Birmingham B33 0UH (Tel: 0121-785-2200). Telephone credit card orders may be placed at 08700-102051.

Parish Locator For Windows

Some of you may already be aware of the Parish Locator program, containing a large database from which you can select any parish within the British Isles and request a trace of all other parishes or churches within a defined radius.

A new version is now available which has been extended in several major areas. Firstly the number of churches has been increased by around 10,000 to 24,500. The date span for which records are available, as shown in the LDS catalogue of Vital Parish Records, is now also included showing the earliest and latest years for such records. Records covering later years may well be in existence too.

An easier search facility is made possible so that a part name search can be entered, alternatively searches may be made on County codes or Ordnance Grid.

This program provides the ability to examine the lists of parishes and other vital record-keeping entities in the UK and Ireland. Records may be viewed in various orders, and subsets of the records may be selected to

focus interest according to your desires. The major subset selection is listing parishes within a specified distance of a base parish.

Parish Locator is Freeware (a free program) of around 6.3mb, requiring Windows 95 or later. It is available online from the GENUKI web site as a ZIP file at:

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/parloc/parishlocator.zip> or as a self-installing executable file at:

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/parloc/parishlocator.exe>

Undergraduate Advanced Diploma via the Internet in Local History

This course offers a new opportunity to study for an Oxford University qualification, using teaching material over the Internet with the full support of a personal tutor. You will receive a practical introduction to the concepts, sources and methods which will make you a confident and proficient researcher of family and community history.

Students will be able to study at home, and in their own time. The course material will largely be provided over the Web. They will also be able to communicate with their tutor and other members of the class over the Web.

Contact the Internet Courses Administrator on 01865 280357/270369 or e-mail: ppcert@conted.ox.ac.uk for a full course information pack.

Discount on Research aids

As a member of the Sheffield and District Family History Society you are entitled to 30% discount on any item from the easy to use Ibertek range of family history computer diskettes. Simply state that you are a member of Sheffield and District Family History Society and quote your membership number at the time of ordering. (Discounts cannot be obtained in retrospect).

Cheques should be made payable to T.C. Waters.

A current list of available diskettes and their contents can be obtained by sending an SAE to: IBERTEK (Mail order), 9 Prospect Place., Whitby, Nth Yorkshire YO22 4AD or visit the award winning Ibertek Genealogy / History Web Site: <http://www.tcwaters.free-online.co.uk>

It contains a full list of computer diskettes, genealogy links, family history search engines, on-line reference library, on-line 'E-zine' plus full details of ordering and terms of business.

Carcroft's Peerage

This digital work details every current peerage, giving information about each holder of the title, their spouses, careers etc. It is entirely digital and is written as a Windows Help file. Further details are available on www.heraldicmedia.com/store

UKBookWorld.com

This website, for which 400 British booksellers have joined together, has almost half a million old, rare and out-of-print books of interest to Britain's literary and historical societies. Every book is priced in pounds and is from a British bookseller. Buyers deal direct with the bookseller with a secure payment system. They will accept details of your area of interest and contact you by e-mail if anything of interest is found.

www.uksocieties.com

This website enables people to locate British-based historical and literary societies with interests in specific areas.

CONFERENCES AND FAIRS

Shropshire Family History Society Open Day & Fair Sat. 2 June 2001

From 10 am to 4 pm in the Shirehall, Shrewsbury

The speakers are Marjorie and Richard Moore. The subjects covered will be 'Agricultural Labourers Did Not Move or Did They?' and 'A Year in Parish Life. How the Days Passed for our Ancestors'. There will be the usual stalls.

Admission £3.50 or £11 inc. lunch. Full details from Mrs D. Hills, Redhillside, Ludlow Road, Church Stretton SY6 6AD

Hillingdon FHS Family History Fair Sunday 1 July 2001

To be held in the Great Barn, Bury Street, Ruislip, Middlesex from 10 am to 4 pm. Further details from Gill May, 20 Moreland Drive, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8BB (SAE please) or 01753 885602

Society of Genealogists F. H. Conference 31 Aug -2 Sept 2001

Entitled *Forward to the Past, Twentieth Century Records* this major conference covers not only family but local, social and economic history. It will be held at Imperial College, London and will examine many of those records that will be available for researching the 20th century. War paid an important part in most people's lives but it was not everything. Work, play, the economy and the environment all affected our own and our ancestors' lives. Many families emigrated or came to live in Britain, some voluntarily, others because of need or enforcement. The role of women in many areas saw enormous change, both at home and abroad.

Further details are available from *Forward to the Past*, The Society of Genealogists, 9, Dallington Street, London EC1V 0BQ.

E-mail: events@sog.org.uk Website: www.sog.org.uk

Ulster Historical Foundation F. H. Conference 24-29 Sept 2001

To be held in Belfast and entitled *Plantation and Colonial Migration*
Further details from Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, Ulster Historical
Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD
E-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk Website:www.ancestryireland.com

Sheffield Local History Fair 29 Sept. 2001

To be held at the Millennium Gallery. Further details in the next edition.

Oxfordshire Family History Society Open Day Sat. 6 October 2001

From 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot,
Oxon. OX11 7JN

The Open Day will feature the usual assortment of visiting Societies,
dealers in second hand books and postcards, sales of microfiche readers
and the like. Library and search services will be available for
consultation, whilst we will also be manning a beginners' helpdesk.
Additionally, there will be computing demonstrations, which will give
advice on such things as which genealogical software package to choose,
and the use of the internet in family history.

Admission to the Open Day is free, whilst light refreshment will be on
sale at reasonable prices throughout the day. There is easy access by rail
and bus and adequate free car parking on site.

North West Group of FHSs Family History Fair Sat. 27 Oct 2001

From 10 am to 4 pm in The Guild Hall, Preston, Lancs.

Admission £2. Children free. Details from Mr E. W. Gullick, 4 Lawrence
Avenue, Simonstone, Burnley, Lancs. BB12 7HX

E-mail: ed@gull66.freeserve.co.uk

West Surrey FHS Open Day 2001 on Sat. 3 Nov. 2001

From 10 am to 4.30 pm at Woking Leisure Centre, Kingfield Road,
Woking. Entry and car parking free.

Guild of One-Name Studies F. H. Conference, 12-14 April 2002

Entitled *Damnation, Co-operation, Education, Salvation* this conference
theme is based on the nickname of a famous crossroads at Earlsdon,
Coventry which was known to generations of Coventrians as "ation
corner". It was so called because on the four corners of the crossroads
stood a public house, a Co-operative store, a school and library, and a
Methodist Church. Hence it became known to the locals as "Damnation,
Co-operation, Education and Salvation".

Further details on receipt of an SAE from Mrs Jeanne Bunting , Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Surrey GU12 5LL. There will be a booking form on the Guild's website at www.one-name.org

Open Days at The Manor Castle, Manor Lane, Sheffield

24 June 2001; 21 July 2001; 19 Aug 2001;

Sept 15-16 Michaelmas Medieval Fayre

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

From Catherine Atkin, 1 Edendale Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE13 0EW

Further to the article 'Of Cryptograms and Love', perhaps I am passing on well known information, but I would like to add something about the house 'The Knoll' at Handsworth.

I actually grew up in sight of this house, even though I didn't know its name - it was always *Sutherlands* to me. It was just below the Triangle estate, before the White Rose pub heading towards Darnall. There are 2 pictures of 'The Knoll' in the *Images of England - Handsworth* compiled by Sandra Gillott (pg.10 & 11).

As I lived in this area during the first twenty five years of my life this book has fascinated me since I borrowed my brother's copy at Christmas. I can recommend it to anyone interested in Handsworth.

From Christine Steers, Records officer, Friends of Burngreave Chapel and Cemetery, 62 Burngreave Road, Burngreave, Sheffield S3 9DD

Burngreave Cemetery

The Friends group was set up a few months ago. Members are local residents. We are united in our concern for the cemetery and its chapel which in recent years have been allowed to deteriorate. Our aim is to try and get funding to restore the chapel and bring it into use by the community.

If you have any friends or relatives buried in Burngreave Cemetery we would be glad of your input and opinion as well as any information you would like to give us. Our intention is do in depth research into the history of the cemetery. We hope that eventually this will be of use to people researching their family trees. We would also like to inform the local community about the cemetery and its importance in the hope this will create respect for the site and help protect it into the future.

*From P.V. Elmes, 50 Silvester Road, Cowplain, Waterlooville,
Hampshire PO8 8TL*

I would like to introduce **the Parish Register Transcription Society (PRTS)**.

The PRTS was formed in April 1999, with the aim of publishing transcripts of Parish registers and/or other manuscripts and records which would be of use to researchers in family history. The Society has no particular ties to any county and publishes any suitable material which would be of genealogical interest.

The Society does not have a subscribed membership as such, but consists of a very small group of volunteer transcribers who donate their work for publication. The Society is entirely non-profit making, with all proceeds from sale of published material used to fund further transcription and publication projects. A catalogue of our published transcripts is available from the above address, or the latest information and developments can be found on our Website.

The ability to continue relies entirely upon the income generated from the sales of our publications and also the help and support of volunteers to transcribe material.

Web site: <http://www.prtsoc.org.uk>

E-mail: mail@prtsoc.org.uk

*From Paul Newton, "MAZOE", Buttons Lane, West Wellow, Hampshire
SO51 6BR*

I am working on a One Name Study of the surname **Newton**. The National Trust Volunteers at Woolsthorpe Manor (the Lincolnshire family home of Sir Isaac Newton) marked the millennium by tracing the descendants of Simon Newton of Westby. Simon lived around 1499 and was Sir Isaac's GGGGGF. They have published a descendants' tree in book form with over 1500 names. This book is now available on sale from the trust at Woolsthorpe. In doing this study the National Trust team wrote to every Newton family they could find in the UK and a sizeable number abroad as well. The result was truckloads of paper with genealogical information on Newtons, only a fraction of which were connected to Sir Isaac and therefore published.

At my suggestion the team have filed the remaining information and I am loading it to computer files. To this is being added the extensive genealogical research that others have undertaken in tracing their own Newtons. This Newton Family Study will then become available to others, probably on CD. Our aim is to get the first edition out sometime next year. The team also propose to extend the file to a One Name Study. For this we need helpers in every Country and for the UK in each County, to retrieve information on entries for the name Newton, Parish Register

entries, etc. If any of your members would be interested in helping with this project I would be very grateful.

As a member of the team they will have full and free access to the data we are compiling so we hope the association will have benefits for them. There is no joining fee. I only require a commitment to collect data from your County Record Office and to analyse some of the data we are collecting.

Anyone interested in this project should write to the above enclosing an SAE for the return of our introductory information.

This is an independent study, unconnected with the National Trust and Woolsthorpe Manor.

*From The Rev. Felix Watkins, 'Leylines', 26 Southbank Road, Hereford
HR1 2TJ*

Many years ago **Mary Ann Wildsmith** (b. 1785) married **Pietro Maceroni** of Rome, and I am descended from them. Any members of the Wildsmith family may be interested to know that Pietro and Mary's eldest son, Francis, in due course became ADC to Joachim Murat, King of Naples, and in later life became the sponsor and developer of an early steam carriage. He wrote a pamphlet on street defences in support of the Chartist movement, (obtainable from the British Museum) and lost a libel action against the Spectator. His descendants now live in Canada. His younger brother George was my grandfather's father. I have always understood that Mary Ann came from Sheffield (hence this letter).

From Trevor W Lodge, 14 Knab Close, Sheffield S7 2ER

I am writing to let you know that the **Sheffield Clarion Ramblers** have copies of their **Handbook** for sale from the years 1950 to 1963 (but excluding 1961-62). As you may know, these pocket-sized handbooks have become collectors' items and as well as containing details of rambles for each year, they also include a wealth of local history, archaeology, geography and anecdotes of local characters, mostly in the Derbyshire Peak District. They were largely written by the founder and secretary of the club, Mr G H B Ward (1876-1957), who was known as Sheffield's Prince of Ramblers and who was also a founder member of the Hunter Archaeological Society.

Should any of your members be interested in purchasing any of these, they are obtainable from Trevor W Lodge, 14 Knab Close, Sheffield S7 2ER, telephone 0114 2556699, price £2.00 each, plus 20p postage and packing

From Edward Wilkinson of Exmouth

Rather than try and join each local FHS in South Yorkshire, which recently seemed like a distinct possibility, I am trying an alternative.

When I asked Barnsley FHS about records of Burials at Tankersley, they were about to put them on computer. It has taken a few weeks of trials to find the best way of transferring data, and the most acceptable form, but in a relatively short time I have put Burials at Tankersley from 1813 to 1858 into dbase IV on floppy which feeds into Microsoft Access database. This last week they sent by e-mail the few corrections to the first 50 pages (half the entries) which were sorted the same day. By Easter they will have the whole lot checked and corrected. For Sheffield members, they have allowed me to tell you that this will include people whose abode is shown as Sheffield or Rotherham.

Thomas Yeardley of Brinsworth in 1829

Thomas Pashley of Sheffield in 1832

James Pashley of Sheffield in 1834

John Marshall of Sheffield in 1835

Eliza Marshall of Sheffield in 1842

Charles Hampshire of Ecclesfield in 1842

Mary Ann Marshal of Sheffield North (??) in 1846

Elizabeth Marshall of Cherrytree Hill, Sheffield in 1846

Mary Jackson of Sheffield in 1847

Michael Atkinson of Newfield Green, Ecclesall Bierlow on 1850

Michael White of Rotherham in 1851

Eliza Guest of Hambe?? Lane, Sheffield in 1853

Mary Marshall of Court Hoyle Street, Sheffield in 1855

Joshua Yeardley of Ecclesfield in 1855

Mary Ann Guest of Sheffield in 1857

Fanny Guest of Sheffield in 1857

Helen Ramm of Ecclesfield in 1857

Thomas Hartley of Ecclesfield in 1858

There are far too many listed from Chapel Town (or variants) or Thorncliffe or New beg gin (with or without spaces), to be able to list them, plus others from Park Gate (this could be Tankersley Park Gate), Rawmarsh, West Melton, Thurnscoe, Doncaster, or Salford, Lancs. and one from Northamptonshire. The above should wet the appetites of some of your members. Baptisms to follow, I am told. I was amused by the fact that a large number of 'Parrots' from 'Birdwell' were listed among the burials.

I have recently found that the Registers for Wentworth near Rotherham are deposited at Doncaster. My 2 x great grandma of Birley Carr in the Parish of Ecclesfield appears to have been taken to Wentworth

to be baptised on the day her grandmother died in 1830, but listed with the wrong surname. I am guessing that the Vicar 'enjoyed' the wake!

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 20 November 2000

Christmas Social Evening

Members enjoyed a relaxing evening chatting and taking part in a number of competitions. Refreshments of mince pies and non-alcoholic punch were served.

Meeting on Monday 15 January 2001

Derbyshire surnames and patterns of surnames.

A talk given by Professor David Hey

David very kindly stepped in to give this talk when the speaker for January had to withdraw because of illness. David's talk featured Derbyshire names that have changed over the years and where their origins may have been. It was also a useful reminder to consider how names may have been pronounced and written down in a period when a proportion of the population was illiterate.

David illustrated his talk with many names and their variants, for example Blanksby, a very rare name originating in North Derbyshire. Variations of this seem to include Blingsby and Blangsby. There are of course names that cannot be referred back to one single location. Norton is an excellent example of this – there are places called Norton all over the country. In between the rare and the common are other names, such as Rothwell. There are three modern locations for Rothwell – Northants, Lincolnshire and Leeds. However a study which plotted the occurrences of the name Rothwell (from the death registers) in the nineteenth century found that all of the names were located in Lancashire. On close inspection there is a Rothwell in Lancashire, located near Burnley, and it would appear that this is the origin of the name Rothwell. Plotting occurrences of names from the civil records can be a helpful tool in trying to locate the place of origin.

An alternative method of acquiring a surname was that of adoption of the name. The Sitwell family name (of Renishaw Hall) died out in the eighteenth century from a lack of male heirs. Francis Hurt married in to the family and agreed to change his name to Sitwell for the inheritance. He and his wife had already had their eldest son baptised as Sitwell, so the child then became Sitwell Sitwell.

Finally, an important aspect of finding origins of family names was that of the change of names over the years. An example of this was Shemeld, which features in the 1379 Handsworth poll tax return. The meaning of the name is lost in the mists of time but it is an unusual name and people over the years seem to have had difficulty in hearing the name – and have tried to make it fit in to a familiar name. It seems to have been changed into Shemell, Shimmell, and even into Shinwell. This sort of practice can make tracing names much more difficult – and is a salutary reminder to check all sorts of possible variations when we cannot find the records for an ancestor we know must have been born/married/died in the period in which we are searching.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth

*One thing which David modestly failed to mention was the fact that his latest book was published in the previous week and includes some of the names that he discussed in his talk. *Family Names and Family History* provides an introduction to the origins and development of surnames and is illustrated with many examples of names, which include, not surprisingly, several from South Yorkshire. There is also a discussion of sources for various centuries, information about how to map and plot surname distributions and advice on tracing the origins of your own name. This is a hard back publication of some 200 pages. If you are interested in buying your own copy you are advised to order it through your local book seller. If you have difficulties obtaining a copy locally you may contact the Society Postal Publications Officer who will be able to quote you a price for purchasing and posting a copy to you.

The book details are as follows: *Family Names and Family History* by David Hey, published by Hambeldon and London, 2000, ISBN number 1 85285 255 0, price £16.99.

Information from Anne Giller

Meeting on Monday 19 February 2001

Lest We Forget (part 2)
by Douglas Lamb.

We did not expect an evening of memorial inscriptions this time – we knew that it would be anecdotes of old Sheffield, and we were not disappointed. The surprise was that he did venture into memorial inscriptions this time, by pointing out some of the more famous graves in Crookes Cemetery (Sir Stuart Goodwin and Henry Boot being two of the more locally known people to have been buried there).

Douglas' talk was illustrated by slides of the period. Some things never change – the part of Fargate that was due to have the sculpture

which the people of Sheffield declined seems to have had a chequered history. A statue in memory of Queen Victoria was placed there in 1904, in what was then called Town Hall Square, replacing the obelisk which was removed to Endcliffe Park. By 1930 the statue had become a traffic hazard and was removed to just inside the Hunter's Bar entrance to Endcliffe Park (where it still resides). Town Hall Square was then graced with a rock garden in place of the statue. During unrest in the country in the 1930's workers demonstrating outside the Town Hall discovered that the rocks were loose, and threw some of them at the Town Hall. The rock garden was subsequently removed.

Jesse Boot's chemist shop in Nottingham proved successful, so he opened another branch in Sheffield, on Angel Street. Also in this vicinity was the Bombay Tea Company which had the gimmick of 'buy one pound of tea and get a clock free'.

The photographs ranged from Tuckwood's grocery store on Fargate which provided seating for the customers whilst they placed their orders, to feeding the hungry families of miners who were laid off. The ladies of Baldwin Street Congregational Church in Attercliffe ran a soup kitchen for those who were affected by the strike.

Douglas had also been around graveyards, reading memorial inscriptions. These can tell us more than the burial register. Evidence of men and children killed in mining accidents is all too clear. However there were also tales of grave robbing too, in a period when it was a lucrative sideline to provide bodies for medical research. The Watch House in High Bradfield, was sufficiently close to St Nicholas' Churchyard to have been used by relatives to keep watch for 10 to 14 days after the burial of a loved one.

For those who are interested to see the photographs, several are featured in the Central Sheffield book published by Tempus, available from postal publications.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday 19th MARCH 2001 at 7.30 pm

Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield.

PRESENT Mr Harry Parker in the Chair and 40 members signed in.

APOLOGIES Mrs E. Allen

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING were published in *The Flowing Stream*, Summer 2000. They were agreed on a proposal from Mr R. Bullen and seconded by Mr P. Marshall.

MATTERS ARISING: The Secretary reported that the Committee had investigated pricing of disks by other Societies and found this Society to be in line with others. A letter had been sent to Mr Adams to this effect. The Rotherham Branch of this society had closed at the end of October 2000 and the Rotherham FHS had begun on 1st November 2000.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Chairman's Report: With the retirement of Mrs Jo Rundle, Mr Harry Parker offered to take up the position of Chairman and he thanked the Committee members for helping him to adapt to his new role. He reported that the Sheffield and District Family History Society is in a very good position with sound finances and a growing membership. The Society now has its own website and the journal continues to be the main contact for information to the membership. Both of the latter always need contributions from members, and any items sent in must be free from copyright. Negotiations were under way with Sheffield Archives to obtain more space for the Society Library. He concluded by thanking the Committee members for their work during the past year and those members who help at the monthly meetings, arranging chairs, providing coffee and giving the vote of thanks to the speaker.

Treasurer's Report: In presenting the accounts for 2001, Mrs Moffatt reported that the figures were comparable with those of last year. The room hire figures for 2000 were low because she has been unable to obtain invoices from the treasurer at the Baptist Church, and without an invoice she cannot pay the fees. The Society had changed its accountant, and the new accountant had done an extensive audit. The Society will submit the accounts to the Inland Revenue and it is likely that there will be some tax payable on the Society profits from sales. Subscriptions are not taxable. The sale of books at fairs helped to cover the expense of going to the fairs. A query on the increase in the project expenses was raised and Mrs Moffatt replied this was because of the slight change in the way the items were classified in the accounts, and also that there had been a lot of work done on projects in the past year. Some of the money spent on projects would be recouped from sales once the work had been published.

Secretary's Report: Mrs Pitchforth reported that attendance at Committee meetings had again been high, at over 90% during the year. She highlighted some aspects of the work co-ordinated by the committee members. This work included the co-ordination of the transcription projects, postal publications, the bookstall and organisation of the monthly meeting speakers. Two long serving members of the committee

had decided not to seek re-election - Sue Hammond and Frank Westwood, who have looked after the Society Library for a number of years. Diane Maskell has recently been spending a considerable amount of time in working on the society website, a valuable piece of publicity and wealth of information. Finally, she thanked Eric Youle, one of the Society's Australian members who had offered the society some space on his website some three years ago. The Society has now moved on and has its own website at <http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk> and would like to thank Eric for all he did to act as a catalyst with respect to the Internet. E-mail is now an important means of society communication and it does help to keep in touch with members who cannot attend the monthly meetings.

Editor's Report: In 2000 the four copies of *The Flowing Stream* contained almost 200 pages of news, information and articles. Mrs Marsden thanked all who had contributed and hoped that the articles were of interest and value to members. She recorded the Society's thanks to Elaine Smith who prints all the address labels and Rene Bullas who has taken on the time-consuming task of putting journals into envelopes and then stamping and posting them. She concluded by making a plea for copy - long articles and short items can all be used.

PRESENTATION

The Chairman thanked Mrs Susan Hammond and Mr Frank Westwood for their long service on the committee and presented each with a book token, as a token of appreciation.

ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

The following members were nominated as Officers of the Society at the 2001 AGM:

Chairman:	Mr Harry Parker
Secretary	Mrs Judith Pitchforth
Treasurer	Mrs Gill Moffatt
Editor	Mrs Denise Marsden

The following members were nominated as members of the committee: Mrs Rene Bullas, Mrs Sylvia Carr, Miss Anne Diver, Ms Anne Giller, Miss Sue Graves, Mrs Tricia Heath, Mrs Diane Maskell, Proposed to elect en bloc by Mr Parker, seconded by Mrs Dunn. The members were elected unopposed. Mr Parker urged members present to consider joining the committee, especially if anybody wished to take on the role of Librarian.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY
SOCIETY**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	2000		1999	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Subscriptions	7,051		7,591	
Sales	8,122		8,438	
Miscellaneous	572		170	
Deposit account interest	177		104	
	<u> </u>	15,922	<u> </u>	16,303
Expenditure:				
Purchases for resale	2,712		3,710	
Projects	3,322		586	
Fairs	225		-	
Stationery and printing	1,610		645	
Journal production and expense	4,350		3,182	
Postage and telephone	248		244	
Room Hire	95		354	
Speaker expenses	88		145	
Federation fees and insurance	102		301	
Donations	50		105	
Social	43		172	
Bank charges	4		-	
Depreciation	144		170	
Sundry expenses	4		214	
Accountancy	400		120	
	<u> </u>	13,397	<u> </u>	9,948
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>£2,525</u>		<u>£6,355</u>

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY
SOCIETY**

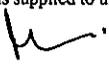
**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2000**

	2000		1999	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS:				
Fixed Assets	817		961	
Stock	2,745		3,100	
Bank deposit account	12,172		9,212	
Current Accounts	4,306		1,554	
Bank Rotherham Branch	-		500	
Cash in hand	<u>5</u>		<u>1</u>	
	<u>20,045</u>		<u>15,328</u>	
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors	400		120	
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,412</u>		<u>-</u>	
	<u>2,812</u>		<u>120</u>	
		<u>17,233</u>		<u>15,208</u>
		<u>£17,233</u>		<u>£15,208</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND:				
Balance brought forward	15,208		8,353	
Add:				
Excess of income over expenditure	2,525		6,355	
Accumulated Surplus Rotherham Branch	<u>(500)</u>		<u>500</u>	
		<u>17,233</u>		<u>15,208</u>
		<u>£17,233</u>		<u>£15,208</u>

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY
SOCIETY**

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet from the records of Sheffield and District Family History Society and from information and explanations supplied to us.


Mortons
Chartered Accountants
7A Brooklands Avenue
Sheffield
S10 4GA

Dated: 13 March 2001

**ROTHERHAM BRANCH INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2000**

	£
Balance 1 Jan 2000	500
Subscriptions	833
Chairman's Walk	120
Show Proceeds	<u>180</u>
	1633
 EXPENDITURE	
Rent paid	210
Speakers	46
Stamps, stationery & copying	329
Milk, tea etc.	8
Donations Rotherham Church	20
Sheffield Library	29
Subscriptions to Sheffield	730
Directory	16
New Logo	50
Printer	<u>192</u>
	1630
 Balance	 3

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was proposed by Mrs Pitchforth and seconded by Mrs Maskell that Colin McBoyle, trading as Morton's be appointed auditor for the coming year. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The open meeting due to take place on April 16th will now be on April 23rd because April 16th is Easter Monday.
- A question was raised regarding the proposed move to St Mary's. Mrs Pitchforth reported that the building was slightly behind schedule and that the Committee was hoping to visit the church very soon. If the move is agreed then maps would be available and an announcement would be placed in the journal so that everyone is aware of the change. It would not happen until June at the earliest.
- Mr Brackenbury, on behalf of members present, thanked the members of the Committee for their work during the past year.

There was no further business and the AGM closed at 8.00 pm.

After the AGM Marjorie Dunn once more entertained us with a lecture.

Histories Afloat.

Construction of canals had begun by 1760, but not in Sheffield. The canal here was not built until 1819, and its boom period was very short – it was over by 1839 with the advent of the railways.

The canal in to Sheffield was not used by the kind of ‘narrow boats’ that now grace the canal basin. They were flat bottomed Humber sailing keels; the sails had to be removed and stored and the mast had to be lowered at Mexborough for horses to pull the keels up to Sheffield, because there were 15 low bridges over the canal between Mexborough and Sheffield. One of the important aspects of researching families who worked on the canals is to find out the type and size of the boat that they operated, because that would govern where the family could move to. These were itinerant people, but they did travel to a set system, depending on their vessel. Life on board such vessels was hard; conditions were cramped. Sanitation was very basic.

Knowledge of their traditions gives an insight into understanding the people who worked and lived on these vessels. Customs of the time were also important. In this period a woman who had recently had a child could not go into anybody’s home nor could anybody enter her home until she had been ‘churched’. Quite often the Anglican clergy would be reluctant to do this, but the Nonconformists (and later the Salvation Army) would do this – and it may have been at the same time as the baptism of the child. So, if your ancestors worked on the canals it will be worthwhile checking the Nonconformist registers as well as the Anglican in search of baptisms. The summer brought with it a need for agricultural labour, so the family may well have stayed in a place for quite some time whilst the family worked on the land. Newspapers can also give an indication of why people were in the places they were. Marjorie cited the Stainforth water sports as a major gathering point for folk who worked on the canals.

The vessels carried a range of cargoes, from grain and coal to ivory. Some of the factories were built adjacent to the canal to make transfer of goods simpler. Ideally the owners would take one cargo from Sheffield to Kingston upon Hull and then take a different one back. If that did not happen then they would have to let water in to act as ballast to lower the boat to enable it to get under the low bridges between Mexborough and Sheffield.

Marjorie then gave an illustrated tour from Sheffield out to the Humber by way of the canal, pointing out interesting landmarks and attractions in the town of Kingston upon Hull.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs Jacqueline Catt, 4 Bradda View, Ballakillowey, Isle of Man IM9 4BE E-mail: manxcatt@bushinternet.com

Can anyone please tell me anything about a Mr **Henry O. Ashmore**. He may have lived in Sheldon Rd. Nether Edge and I believe he died about 1939. I know he was an organist at Victoria Methodist Church in Stafford Rd. Sheffield for a long time. He also taught the piano at his home. I understand that he also composed church music and I would like to find out more about this too if possible. My grandfather's name was **Arnold Ashmore Appleyard**, (born about 1878). Perhaps some one can tell me of the family connections.

Mrs L. Phillips, 4 Beagle Close, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 ZNU

E-mail: lavinia.phillips@ntlworld.com writes: "I wonder if you or any of your Sheffield Family History Society members have ever in your researches found a Jones settling in Turkey ?

My paternal grandmother was **Mary Edith Jones**, born in Smyrna, (now Izmir) Turkey (11.10.1866 - 7.6.1958) and married (19.4.1888) **John Spencer Nowill** (born in Sheffield 22.12.1861 - 26.7.1934) in the Chapel of Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople (now Istanbul) Turkey.

Mary Edith's grandfather **Robert Jones** was born about 1800. He was a Marine Engineer and served his apprenticeship in Trieste, Italy, probably at the Montecotini Engineering Works. Robert Jones married **Jeanne (Jane) Le Gueux** from the French/Swiss border area. They settled in Smyrna and raised their family in Turkey.

Their eldest child, **Joseph Jones** was born in Smyrna in 1832. He was an Engineer sinking artesian wells in Asia Minor. Joseph Jones married **Emma Maria Welch**, the daughter of **James Welch**, a merchant in Smyrna, Turkey; and my grandmother was their youngest child.

I would very much like to have more information on the Jones family and their forbears, and where they originally came from.

Mrs A. Philpott, Stokeside House, Midford Road, Bath BA2 5SA writes: I am interested to know more about **William Henry Clayton's** parents, **George Clayton** and his wife **Emily (nee Wilkinson)**. William was born on 18-10-1859 and his parents are in the 1851 census at Beighton Mill Place. I should like to know if the Wilkinson graves in Beighton Churchyard (and a cremation slab dated 1999) connect back to Emily Wilkinson. I have been able to establish the location of Beighton Bridge (referred to in 1859 and home of George and Emily) which seemingly may be Yorkshire Bridge or Fleet Bridge near to where the Mill and the

Railway Inn once stood. I should like to know more about the Railway Inn and the Mill if it transpires that George Clayton was 'coachman' of one or other of these businesses at Beighton Bridge. Emily Clayton nee Wilkinson is in the 1861 census in Aston.

Miss Lorraine Ballard, 125 Churchill Road, Rothersey Bay, Auckland 1311, New Zealand is seeking information on **Eliza Wild Gregory**, the daughter of **William Keeton Gregory** and **Ann Wild**. She married **Samuel Smith** at Sheffield on 30-4-1862. The couple settled in Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield and their children were **Gertrude**, **Sydney** and **Edith**.

Carol K Toulson, 15 Dagmar Road, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 8XP, E-mail: CToulson@compuserve.com is looking for the descendants of **Peter Bownes Wragg** (b. 1858) son of **Peter Wragg** and his first wife **Sarah Bowns**; also the descendants of his brother **Theophilus Pearson Wragg** (b. 1863) son of the same Peter Wragg and his second wife **Eliza Pearson**. Peter Wragg Snr. was an active member of the Wesleyan Methodist movement in Sheffield, where he was a lay preacher. Any help and suggestions gratefully received.

Kay M Furness, 19 Spinney Close, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5BQ writes: 'My great, great grandfather **Reuben Furness** was christened at Christ Church Stannington in 1836. He died in 1885 and is buried at Christ Church, Fulwood. I have found reference to **Edward**, **Matthew** and **Charles Furness** as knife makers, Stannington, and I am trying to find out if they are related to the family. Reuben was a pen and pocket knife maker who shared premises at 70 West Street, Sheffield and lived at Hanging Water at the end of his life. Can anyone help?'

Mr & Mrs P.W. Coates, 38 Acaster Lane, Bishopthorpe, York YO23 2SJ E-mail: petec@yo232sj.freeserve.co.uk would like to find out more about the **Dilger** family in Sheffield and would welcome any information about South Street in the Park area and in particular the Dilger business at South Street.

Offer of Help

Mr M.G. Heeley, 48 Scott Close, Ditton, Kent ME20 6QP E-mail: heeley@tinyworld.co.uk writes: 'I am researching the **Heeley** family who lived at **Crookes Moor** and need information pre 1800. I have a lot of documentary evidence for 1800-1900 including data on **Dixon's Silversmiths** for whom my family worked (3 generations) as well as rent books for the 1830's for properties in Crookes Moor which

my family owned. I will be happy to share info or copy documents which may be of interest to anyone.'

Mr & Mrs Coates, address above, would be willing to carry our limited research for other people in the York area.

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Surname interests

M. No	Surname	Place	County	Period
2218	Andrew(s)	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2269	Arnold	Sheffield	YKS	1873+

2238	Askham	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2239	Atkin	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1950
2224	Atkinson	Holbeach	LIN	pre 1850
2224	Austin	Pidley	HUN	pre 1850
2233	Ball	Ledworth	NTT	pre 1845
2269	Bateman	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2245	Batty	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1877
2265	Bellamy	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1875
2239	Bennett	Sutton cum Duckmanton	DBY	pre 1830
2238	Best	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1850
2299	Bilson	Derby	DBY	1851-81
2299	Bilson	Sheffield	YKS	1881-1948
2279	Brocksopp	N. Derbyshire	DBY	19C
2279	Brocksopp	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2233	Brook	Hathersage	DBY	c1773
2233	Brook	Sheffield	WRY	1798
2233	Brooke	Hathersage	DBY	c1773
2233	Brookes	Hathersage	DBY	c1773
2233	Brooks	Hathersage	DBY	c1773
2262	Brown	Leeds	WRY	L 19C
2245	Brown	Rotherham	YKS	c1833
2205	Brown	Thorpe Salvin	YKS	1830+
2299	Bryant	Coulsdon	SRY	pre 20C
2293	Bufton	Masboro/Kimberworth	YKS	c1820+
2239	Caborn	Attercliffe	WRY	1850+
2239	Caborn	Horncastle	LIN	pre 1860
2288	Cahill	Holbrook / Halfway	DBY	c1880
2288	Cahill	Norwood / Killamarsh	DBY	c1880
2288	Cahill	Sheffield	YKS	1870-90
2288	Cahill	Southern Ireland	IRL	pre 1870
2109	Campbell	Sheffield	YKS	Mid 19C
2262	Chapman	Sheffield	WRY	L 19C
2233	Cheetham	Attercliffe	WRY	pre 1803
2233	Chow	Ecclesall	WRY	1798-1860
2233	Chow	Sheffield	WRY	1798
2252	Cowburn	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1886
2244	Craven	Bradford	YKS	19C - 20C
2262	Davison	Sheffield	WRY	1898
2238	Deakin	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2224	Dewes	Ely	CAM	pre 1850
2224	Dewey	Ely	CAM	pre 1850
2109	Dickinson	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2254	Dickinson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1871
2238	Drabble	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2281	Durose	Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield	YKS	1900+
2245	Dutton	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1857
2239	Dwyer	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1925
2269	Eccleston	Sheffield / Attercliffe	YKS	c1850+
2272	Edwards	Sheffield	YKS	c1830-c1920
2254	Elliott	Rotherham	YKS	pre 1875

2293	Ellis	Sheffield	YKS	1890+
2293	Eyre	Sheffield	YKS	1830+
2233	Farnsworth	Sheffield	WRY	1798
2265	Fisher	Attercliffe, Sheffield	YKS	1869+
2265	Fisher	Mansfield	NTT	pre 1855
2222	Flanagan	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1920
2293	Flear	Sheffield	YKS	1880+
2261	Flynn	Sheffield	YKS	c1878
2254	Foster	Lincoln	LIN	pre 1850
2261	Fox	Sheffield	YKS	c1878
2272	Fox-Damms	Sheffield	YKS	c1862-c1900
2279	Furness	Sheffield	YKS	All
2224	Gillain	Any	Any	Any
2281	Goddard	Darnall, Sheffield	YKS	1925+
2266	Gosling	Dronfield	DBY	pre 1840
2266	Gosling	Heeley & Sheffield	WRY	pre 1890
2288	Gray	Holbrook / Halfway / Norwood	DBY	1870+
2288	Gray	Killamarsh	DBY	1870+
2288	Gray	Misterton / West Stockwith	NTT	17-19C
2237	Gray	Stour	DOR	1750+
2237	Gray	West Stower	DOR	1750+
2238	Greaves	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2262	Gregory	Sheffield	WRY	1903
2262	Griffin	Leeds	WRY	1911
2218	Hague	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2244	Hallam	Hope Valley	DBY	L17C to L19C
2299	Hancock	Pinxton	DBY	pre 21C
2293	Hancock	Sheffield	YKS	1870+
2224	Hartman	Whitechapel	MDX	pre 1860
2224	Hartmann	London	MID	pre 1850
2212	Harvey	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2239	Havenhand	Eckington	DBY	pre 1825
2239	Hawksworth	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1925
2299	Hayward	Sheffield	YKS	1869-1948
2181	Heeley	Crookesmoor, Sheffield	YKS	pre 1805
2254	Hindley	Lincoln	LIN	pre 1850
2244	Hindley	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2029	Hodgson	Brighouse	WRY	pre 1880
2261	Holt	Sheffield	YKS	c1872
2266	Hopkinson	Heeley, Sheffield	WRY	pre 1840
2224	Horsted	London	MID	pre 1900
2232	Hutton-Simpson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2232	Hutton-Simpson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2238	Jackman	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2261	Johnson	Sheffield	YKS	c1875
2254	Kent	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1871
2215	Lambert	Sheffield	YKS	c1820 +
2237	Lambert	Wimborne	DOR	1700+
2252	Laverack	Handsworth	YKS	pre 1856
2269	Linney	Hinckley	LEI	pre 1870

2269	Linney	Sheffield / Attercliffe	YKS	1870+
2224	Longley	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1850
2224	Longley	Sheffield	Yks	pre 1900
2212	Lovett	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1881
2266	Loy	Bradfield	WRY	pre 1890
2238	Loy	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2288	Lunn		DEV	pre 1860
2288	Lunn	Bolton-on-Dearne	SYK	1890+
2288	Lunn	Wrauby	LIN	c 1870-90
2239	Mallender	Beighton	DBY	pre 1860
2109	Marsh	Sheffield	YKS	mid 19C
2299	Mason	Beighton	DBY	1896-99
2205	Mee	Norton	NTT	pre 1840
2299	Mellard	Beighton	DBY	1869-1937
2244	Middleton	Bradwell	DBY	L17C to L19C
2266	Middleton	Hillsborough, Sheffield	WRY	pre 1870
2224	Money	Holbeach	LIN	pre 1850
2161	Moore	Sheffield	WRY	18-20C
2244	Morton	Bradwell	DBY	L17C to L19C
2212	Murat	Sheffield	YKS	19 C
2261	Murray	Yarmouth	NFK	c1881
2293	Musson	Sheffield	YKS	1875+
2265	Myers	Mosborough	YKS	pre 1863
2265	Myers	Sheffield	YKS	1863+
2109	O'Connor	Dublin	IRL	1850+
2109	O'Connor	Sheffield	YKS	E20C
2281	Oscroft	West Brightside, Sheffield	YKS	1899+
2244	Oxley	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2254	Oxley	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2222	Parkin	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1920
2224	Parsons	Holbeach	LIN	pre 1900
2265	Patching	Bradford	YKS	pre 1860
2233	Paul	Leeds	WRY	pre 1816
2233	Paul	Sheffield	WRY	1877+
1791	Peace	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2222	Percival	Doncaster	WRY	pre 1950
2222	Percival	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1950
2254	Procter	Airmyn	YKS	pre 1863
2239	Reaney	Beighton	DBY	pre 1825
2238	Reed	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2252	Roddis	Whiston	YKS	pre 1861
2224	Schulz	London	MID	pre 1850
2224	Schulz	Stocksbridge	YKS	pre 1900
2224	Schulz	Wortley	YKS	pre 1850
2212	Scott	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2252	Sidebottom	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	pre 1855
2232	Simpson	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2266	Simpson	Upperthorpe, Sheffield	WRY	pre 1885
2254	Skelton	Rotherham	YKS	pre 1840
2215	Smith	Sheffield	YKS	c1820 +

2237	Snade		IRL	1832+
2237	Snade	Sheffield	YKS	1832+
2237	Sneyd		IRL	pre 1832
2237	Sneyd	Sheffield	YKS	1832+
2272	Sollitt	Sheffield	YKS	c1832-c1900
2190	Speight	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1900
2299	Staton	Beighton	DBY	1849-1933
2109	Stevenson	Kiveton Park, Sheffield	YKS	mid 19C
2233	Storey	Leeds	WRY	pre 1816
1791	Swift	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2293	Taylor	Attercliffe	YKS	1844+
2293	Taylor	Greasborough	YKS	1800+
2293	Taylor	Neepsend	YKS	1881+
2212	Taylor	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2109	Theobald	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1875
2239	Turner	Beighton	DBY	pre 1885
2272	Turner	Sheffield	YKS	c1830-c1920
2266	Twigg	Bradfield	WRY	pre 1890
2266	Twigg	Moscar	DBY	pre 1890
2261	Tyler	London	LND/MDX	c1871
2205	Ulyat	Clowne	DBY	pre 1838
2224	Walker	Colmworth	BED	pre 1800
2224	Walker	Pidley	HUN	pre 1850
2245	Ward	Rotherham	YKS	c1833
2245	Ward	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1877
2288	Watson	Barnbrough	SYK	c 1870-20C
2288	Watson	Bolton-on-Dearne	SYK	c 1870-20C
2205	Watson	Woodhouse/Sheffield	YKS	1840+
2237	Wedg(e)wood	Coxwold area	YKS	1635+
2237	Wedg(e)wood	Esk Valley	YKS	1650+
2237	Wedg(e)wood	Whitby	YKS	1650+
2205	Wheatley	Norton	NTT	1820+
2288	Whelan	Norwood	DBY	c 1870-90
2288	Whelan	Holbrook	DBY	c 1870-90
2288	Whelan	Halfway	DBY	c 1870-90
2288	Whelan	Sheffield	YKS	c 1870-90
2288	Whelan	Southern Ireland	IRL	pre 1870
2029	White	Eyam	DBY	pre 1850
2222	Whitehead	Doncaster	WRY	Any
2222	Whitehead	Sheffield	WRY	Any
2254	Whittaker	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1851
2254	Whomersley	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2238	Wilson	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2262	Wing	Sheffield	WRY	1896
2205	Woodhead	Clowne	DBY	pre 1840
2272	Woodhouse	Sheffield	YKS	c1882-c1906
2254	Wragg	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1860
2224	Yates	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1850
2224	Yates	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2237	Youell	Pulham	NFK	pre 1860

2237	Youell	Sheffield,	YKS	1860+
2224	Young(s)	Ely	CAM	pre 1850

Erratum

In the last edition Mr J.W. Ward (member 2151) was accidentally given the wrong initials and his e-mail address should have read James@norma20.freeserve.co.uk

The editor apologises for these mistakes.

MORE MEAT ON THE BONES

Most of the meat on the Fitzakerl(e)y bones has come via those descended from George Fitzakerley and his wife, Hannah White of Sheffield. This time, George's elder brother Richard comes into focus after leaving the birthplace, Whitwell in Derbyshire and marrying Ann Rubbins, born in Darnall, on 8th July 1830 in Sheffield.

Richard and Ann had a confectionary business on Coulston Street, not too far away from their home in Lambert Street. This fits in with Richard's occupation of baker. Richard is dead by 1871, when Ann is listed as a widow and still going strong in 1881 - in her 70's.

From conversation between Iris Fitzakerly and her grandfather Richard Edward Fitzakerly, we learn that Edward George, son of Richard the 'confectioner', took his son Richard Edward to visit at the confectionary business in Coulston Street. It was probably the only opportunity of catching up on events, as both parents would be working all hours to make ends meet.

Richard's son Edward George Fitzakerly was born 15th March 1833 at 56 Lambert Street, Sheffield, but left for Sunderland whilst in his teens. We find him there in 1861 at 60 High Street, a plane manufacturer, employing 5 men/boys. His siblings Isaac and John have joined him in Sunderland by that time.

Once again, continued conversation between Iris and grandad informs us that Edward George had an iron foundry and was a director of British Steel in Sheffield. Edward George Fitzakerly has also found himself a wife - she is the widow Martha Woodcock nee Finlay, born around 1820 in Egglestone; they marry 19th December 1859 in Sunderland. Martha brings four children into her second marriage; Mary Ann Woodcock born around 1849/50 in Stockton on Tees; James born around 1851, Jon around 1853 and William around 1855.

Although Martha was in her late 30's, she blessed Edward with a son of his own on 13th April 1862 at 30 Low Row. The child was named Richard Edward, after grandfather and father. He lived to be a formidable 102 ! However, life was not kind to Martha, for she died of typhoid fever

on 11 October 1864 in Dunning St, leaving Edward George with five children, ranging from 15 to 2 years old.

It is likely that his stepdaughter Mary Ann Woodcock ran the household after her mother's demise. Likelihood becomes fact, for Edward George takes his stepdaughter as common law wife, resulting in at least six more children. According to Canon Law, Edward George could not legally marry Mary Ann, and no marriage certificate has been located between the demise of Martha Fitzakerly in 1864, and the birth of James Fitzakerly on 19th May 1866 in Sunderland.

Mary Ann was very young -17ish - to have James on top of running the home and looking after her own siblings. Fact is, she was more robust than her poor mum, who was 44 when the typhoid struck, while Mary Ann made it to a respectable 82 in 1932! She certainly outlived Edward George who died aged 57 on 15th February 1890 in Sunderland.

Most of this information can be found in the follow up on the Fitzakerley history, which is lodged with the Sheffield and District Family History Society.

It would appear that the children born to Edward George and Mary Ann were never told about their 'irregular' birth. James died aged 18 months; Martha Jane survived into adulthood; Robert William died at 9 months; Samuel married and died aged 87; Edward George junior married and Robert William (2nd) also survived. Iris relates that grandad Richard Edward sometimes felt out of things, being the stepson and brother to Mary Ann wrapped into one. "I feel that granddad didn't much care for Mary Ann", says Iris. Elsie Fitzakerly, Iris' mother, remembers Mary Ann as a bonny, rosy cheeked old lady and said, "My father regarded her as his grandmother and she was very kind to him."

Mary Ann must have shown goodwill towards Edward George, for she financed his tools when he started work at Doxford Engineering Company. Edward George was the third of that name, born 16th February 1892 at 35 Rosedale Street, Sunderland; he married Elsie Miller on 24th June 1922 in Whitburn and died 2nd October 1950 in Sunderland.

So far, we have been working in a straight line down, but we would like to include Edward's sister Emily Fitzakerly in this narrative. Emily was born on Wilson Street, Sunderland 13th December 1896 - a vivacious and popular lady, who joined the women's army (WAAC) and served in France. She broke her father's heart, leaving him very distraught on departure, but made up for this by having him as best man when she married Walter Wilkinson, an army officer she met in France. Sadly, Emily died in her 60's from cancer.

We have put a little more meat on the Fitzakerl(e)y bones, but we are still searching for the foolproof connection that the father of Richard

and George Fitzakerley - the schoolmaster of Whitwell - is one and the same as the Richard Fitzaculah born 30th June 1771 in Worksop to Richard Fitch and Ann Lindley. Can anyone out there help us on this one?

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INTRODUCING THE RAINER ARCHIVE

Many criminal justice agencies are able to trace their origins back to the growth of philanthropy in the nineteenth century. The modern Probation Service for example is said to have been founded in 1876 when a journeyman printer named Frederick Rainer donated 5/- to the Church of England Temperance Society (CETS) to arrest the inevitable downward spiral of those “..whose foot has once slipped”. By all accounts the CETS responded admirably and appointed missionaries and mission women to the Police Courts who would befriend and assist those in need. By the end of the century every Police Court in London and Middlesex was so served, and in 1907 the first Probation Act was inaugurated, formally creating the modern day Probation Service.

The founding society continued. However in 1923 the London Police Court Mission separated from the CETS, and by 1961 it was clear that the terms Police Court and missionary were no longer appropriate and so the society changed its name to the Rainer Foundation. Today it is still concerned with the welfare of those in need, however its remit has changed, and during the latter part of the twentieth century the charity began to concentrate its efforts on projects for young people. Fortunately the evolution of this foundation (and others associated with it) has been preserved, and the collection has come to be known as the Rainer archive.

The archive is currently being held at the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham, and is presently undergoing an extensive research and cataloguing process, made possible by the partnership that has been developed between the Galleries and Nottingham Trent University. The collection is at first glance merely a set of boxes containing an apparently disparate set of notes, books, photographs and records between the periods 1820 to 1997, however it has quickly become evident that the archive is not only extensive but also exceptional, and once the research and cataloguing process is complete it will be a new and highly significant resource with national appeal and widespread accessibility (possibly as an internet resource). It should be noted though that the development of the Probation Service is only one facet of the archive, although it appears that all of the organisations represented in the collection have in some way contributed to the evolution of philanthropic

endeavour: The School of Discipline, the London Female Preventive and Reformatory Institutions, various boys' homes, Associated Societies for the Protection of Women and Children, Midnight Meeting Movement, and numerous Christian associations.

In parts the archive is able to reveal some personal stories and this is an area that will be developed. It is possible that families of those associated with these societies have retained some of the letters, diaries, photographs and personal reminiscences and these would certainly add a personal dimension to this unique collection. Therefore any assistance in locating these important 'pieces of the jigsaw' would be most gratefully received. In addition it may be of interest to learn that the Galleries is able to offer excellent storage facilities for many types of historical material, either on a permanent (accession) or temporary (loan) basis.

Further information may be obtained from Shani Cassady, researcher at the Galleries of Justice, High Pavement, Nottingham, telephone 0115 9520555 or email at shani.cassady@ntu.ac.uk

AS I REMEMBER IT

by Dolly Shaw

I was in Standard VIII Newhall Council School, Brightside, Sheffield, nearly 12 years old. There were just a few of us and as there was no teacher for St.VIII, we had to sit at the back of St. VII, given some work by the teacher and told to 'get on with it'.

I was also a monitor for the Headmaster, Mr.Wells. As we had to reach the age of 14 before we could leave school, that would have been my life until I was 14 years when, with a bit of luck, I might have found a very badly paid, unskilled job. Luckily for me, my father was friendly with the School Attendance Officer, Mr.Weston. He told my father that I was just wasting my time running after the Headmaster. He told my father that in two week's time there was to be an Entrance Exam for the Grammar School. A very few scholarships were to be given and he thought that I might win one. The Headmaster had never told any of the pupils about the exam, as he thought that none would be interested in Further Education.

I was entered for the exam. I had no idea where the school was, but Mr.Weston gave me all the directions to find it. So with 1d in my pocket plus some sandwiches, I set off. It was ½d each way on the tram to the school, in the centre of the City. Half of the school was in Holly Lane, leading off from West Street, and the rest of the building was in Leopold St. where the Educational Offices were. The exam was all day Friday; then on the Saturday morning we had to go for interviews to see if we were suitable candidates for the school. We had to read aloud, recite

poetry, and talk about ourselves. I remember that it was Miss Dixon who interviewed me. I later found out that she was a history teacher. I gave my name, Dorothy Mary Shaw – address, 9, Windmill Terrace, Brightside, Sheffield. She said, 'What a lovely place to live in'. It was, when my parents first went to live there, green fields all around, with a windmill, hence the name.

By the time I was born, 20 May 1908, all the green fields had disappeared. Looming over us was a huge factory owned by Vickers. They were building huge guns ready for World War I, and in 1917, starting to manufacture tanks. As children we enjoyed watching these tanks on the streets round about and climbing up the hills as they were being tested before being sent over to France. All around us were the huge iron and steel factories – Hadfields, Brightside Foundry, Sandersons, Edgar Allen, and Jessops – an ideal place to live in no longer.

I was lucky to gain a Scholarship or I could not have gone to the Grammar School as it was too expensive. On the 4th April 1919, I started at my new school. The war was over then. The Principal was Mr Joseph Batey. We had to wear grey gingham overalls with white collar and cuffs. Mr. Batey said that 'it covered the rich girls' silks and the poor girls' rags'. If a girl wanted to show off a new dress and forgot her overall, she was given a detention. Every morning we had an inspection, and if our collars and cuffs were not clean we were given a detention.

The aim of this Grammar School was to produce 'Teachers for the Future' – name Pupil Teacher Centre (PTC). There was another Grammar School in Leopold St., next to ours, for boys only. The Girls' Grammar School was on Abbeydale Road, out in one of the suburbs.

Our Centre colours were yellow and black with the school badge in Latin *Discimus ut Doceamus*; in English translated as 'We learn that we may teach'. We wore straw hats in summer and berets in winter, always with the School colours and a detention if you did not wear the School uniform. Discipline was very strict. If a pupil misbehaved in the street, or on the tram, then a string of detentions was given.

At 14 years of age we were weeded out if we did not make the grade and were asked to leave. Mr. Batey said, 'Many are called but few are chosen'. We went to school – full days, Monday to Friday plus Saturday morning. There were no school dinners in those days so school started at 8:30 in the morning until 11:30 am when we all went home for dinner. Then back again 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. with loads of homework every night – work, work, work. And if we were lucky we were sometimes given a few hours on a Wednesday afternoon for sport. For this we had to go to Ecclesall on the tram and walk up High Storrs. The playing field was shared by the Boys' Grammar School and the Girls'

High School, so you can see that we did not get much time for sport. Today the new Boys' Grammar School is on the site and the Pupil Teacher Centre moved into their old building in Leopold Street. All the teachers were very strict – just work, work, work.

By the age of 16 we were ready to take the Matriculation Exam, an exam set by the Government for all the Grammar schools in England. We were then divided. Those who intended going into teaching in ordinary schools were aiming to be accepted into Teacher Training Colleges, a two year course; those wishing to teach in Grammar Schools and intended to enter University did full time as students again, to take another exam in two years, the Higher School Certificate, which was required for entrance to University. Today it is A level. I chose the 2 year Teacher Training College as work was very hard to obtain in Sheffield in those bad days and my parents couldn't afford University for me.

I studied for another year. Then, at 17 years, I did a full year as a student teacher, just going to school on a Saturday morning. The teachers at the Pupil Teacher Centre were all dedicated to their work. Mr Batey, the Principal, taught us literature and poetry. He was an excellent teacher, but unfortunately he used to digress a lot. He loved the poems of Robert Browning and had visited Rome and told us all about his holidays in Italy (which made me very interested and determined to visit Italy when I was older).

I enjoyed my year as a Student Teacher. I was teaching at a Council School in Shiregreen, not far from where I lived, so I had no travelling expenses. The school was a fairly new building, not like the one I attended in Brightside, which was the first Board School to be built in Sheffield, when education was made compulsory and free for all children, in the late 19th century. The school was built in the middle of a council estate. Sheffield was one of the first cities to build houses for the working class, at very cheap rents. These generally had two bedrooms, a bathroom and toilet, a lounge cum dining room, a kitchen, and the luxury of their own small garden. To many couples with young families this was Paradise. Most took a great interest in their gardens and in the summer were a mass of blooms. The City encouraged them and a competition was held every year to find the best gardens.

The children were lovely and the mothers took a delight in keeping them clean and healthy, and only illness kept the children away from school. I was lucky. I had experience in teaching all children from the age of 5 to 11 years. At 11 years they went to the Senior Department, still a part of the same building. The Headmistress, Miss Dawes, was very friendly but very old fashioned and again it was work, work, work under her. The teachers were very friendly and most helpful. Every day I had to give one criticism lesson in front of Miss Dawes because she was so

conscientious. This was excellent training for me. Near the end of the year we had to prepare special lessons which we had to give before an Inspector, to see if we were good teachers. The year quickly passed and it was now time to apply for Teacher Training College, a 2 years course. Miss Dawes was very upset when I said that I could not go to college and asked my mother to visit her at school, to have a chat with her. All to no avail. It was 1926, the year of the Great Strike. By this time Germany had recovered from the War and was taking away most of England's export trade of iron and steel. Most of the engineering firms had sacked (no redundancies then) most of their men and, along with hundreds more, my father was out of work. There was no help from the government in those days, so families looked after each other and the very old and infirm were sent to the Workhouse and just existed.

Fortunately for us my mother worked in the cutlery trade before her marriage. She used to line the cutlery cabinets with beautiful satin or velvet. They were lovely – honeycomb work we called 'Puckering'. The cabinets were beautiful and in great demand when finished all over the world as Sheffield cutlery was known to be the best in the world. She was able to do this work at home for the 'Little Mesters' as they were called, the owners of small cutlery works. This kept us all well, if not in comfort, which we were grateful for, but no chance for money for College fees. All the small pieces of satin and velvet which we made into lovely cushions, made us think that we were living in a palace.

D.M. Poulton

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To be continued

DID YOU KNOW.....

St Mark's at Broomhill in Glossop Road was erected at a cost of £1500. It was built of wood and corrugated sheets and was referred to as the 'Iron Church' before it was replaced by a stone building shortly afterwards. Four churches were built before 1845 with money from "The Million Pound Fund" which was a national fund to commemorate the victory over Napoleon at Waterloo. St George's, Broad Lane was built in 1825 at a cost of £15000 and had seating for 2000 people. St Philip's Church near Infirmary Road cost £13000 and seated 2000 people. Attercliffe Church was built in 1826 at a cost of £14000. St Mary's Bramall Lane was built in 1830 at a cost of £13000.

OXFORD GRIFFINS IN OUGHTIBRIDGE

Some Observations on the 1881 Census Returns for Oughtibridge

Researching my wife's family history, I discovered that her great grandparents, William Richard Griffin and Fanny Pattison Simms, were married in the Parish Church of the Ascension, Oughtibridge in 1874. The 1881 census confirmed that they were still living in Oughtibridge in 1881:

<i>Dwelling: Oughtibridge</i>			<i>Census Place: Bradfield, York, England</i>			
<i>Source: FHL Film 1342115 PRO</i>			<i>Ref RG11 Piece 4619 Folio 79 Page 14</i>			
	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Rel	Occupation
William Richd. Griffin	M	39	M	Headington,Oxford,	Head	General Solicitors Clerk
Fanny Patteson Griffin	M	36	F	Oxford,	Wife	Schoolmistress
Mabel Frances Griffin		5	F	Oughtibridge, York,	Daur	Scholar
Gerald John Griffin		4	M	Oughtibridge, York,	Son	Scholar
Florence Ann Shaw	U	15	F	Sheffield, York,	Servant	General Domestic Servant

As for most other entries for this area, their 'Dwelling Place' is just given as 'Oughtibridge' in the 1881 census, with no other address, house name, etc.

I noticed that, nearby in the census, mention is also made of 'Oughty Bridge', 'Bank', 'Onesacre School', 'Cockshut Lane', 'Hill Top', 'Kemp Spout', 'Gate' and 'Burnt Hill' but could find none of these on my map. I wrote to Mrs Judith Pitchforth and Mr M. Nunn (Secretary of Bradfield Parish Council Archives), to ask if they could suggest any local sources that might amplify this information, with either more details about the individuals or with information about the kind of place that Oughtibridge was at that time? Like all those I have contacted, they wrote back with various helpful suggestions. This led me to find some of the places mentioned on the O.S. map of the area (sheet 110): Burnt Hill (295923), Hill Top (281892), Onesacre (297934) and Oughtibridge itself (205932) but not the others. I am told that the railway station used to be called "Oughty Bridge" but do not know if this was a particular location or just a different spelling.

In September I made a visit to Oughtibridge and to the Bradfield Archives, open any Thursday throughout the year from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm in the Parish Offices at Low Bradfield. Bradfield is a few miles from Oughtibridge, through quite spectacular scenery that itself makes the visit worthwhile, apart from the warm welcome one receives from Mr Nunn at the archives.

The 1881 census mentions the school at Onesacre, a mile or so from Oughtibridge, but makes no mention of a school in Oughtibridge itself. However my visit established that a school indeed existed, built in 1860 next to the Church of the Ascension, where Fanny and William were married. Unfortunately, although I understand that records of Onesacre School exist, I gather there is no mention of a Griffin. I have been unable to trace the records of Oughtibridge school at either the Sheffield Archives or the West Yorkshire Archives, although both were very helpful.

Does anyone know if any of the Oughtibridge school records have survived?

Alexandra Eveleigh , Archivist of the West Yorkshire Archive Service,
(Email: wakefield@wyjs.org.uk)
Web Site: <http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk>) wrote to say:

Schools formerly under the jurisdiction of the West Riding Local Education Authority were distributed after reorganisation in 1974 to the appropriate district archives or new LEA, where an archives office did not exist. Therefore, the only West Riding schools records held here relate to the Wakefield area, and I would expect any records for Oughtibridge to be held at Sheffield Archives. Since you have already checked there, possibly no records for the school have survived, or alternatively they have been deposited with a neighbouring authority (either in the record office, or still with the LEA).

As regards searching for a law practice in Oughtibridge, I can only suggest that you perhaps try local trade directories - I imagine either Sheffield Archives or the central library in Sheffield will have a reasonable local collection.

At the Oughtibridge Archives I discovered, from the 1871 census, that the witnesses at Fanny and William's marriage, Thomas and Kate Ward, were the local school teachers. It is possible that Fanny taught at the local school but there is no evidence for this and, as she was married, it may not be so, even though she is described as 'Schoolmistress' in the 1881 census.

Fanny and William came north from Oxford, possibly in connection with William's work as a Solicitors General Clerk. I have no information about firms that he worked for. I am hoping I may, when I visit Sheffield, find a long established firm of solicitors who have kept their old records or who have deposited them with the local archives.

William's father was a whitesmith and Fanny's was a bootmaker, both from Oxford, Oxfordshire, where William and Fanny were born.

They were married in Oughtibridge on 27th Jun 1874 and Mabel (bn. 7 Apr 1875) and Gerald (bn. 27 Sep 1876) were both born in Oughtibridge, so at the time of the 1881 census they had been there for some time. Later they went to Nailsworth in Gloucestershire, Cherril in Wiltshire, Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire, and finally Wigan in Lancashire, where William died in 1914. Fanny then went to live with her daughter Mabel, who had a wool shop in Lydney, Gloucestershire, where Fanny died in 1936 and was buried in churchyard of the parish church. Her grave unusually (and very helpfully) also records the burial of William in Wigan. Mabel later moved to Cheltenham, where she died just before her 99th birthday, in Jan 1974. Gerald, my wife's grandfather, married and lived most of his adult life in the Midlands. He died in June 1960, in West Bromwich.

Some Oughtibridge Statistics from the 1881 Census

After my visit to Oughtibridge I went back to the 1881 census and began playing with the Oughtibridge data. I made a list of 'scholars' and 'teachers'. This is for Oughtibridge itself and a few areas listed either side of it in the census, as listed above. It has to be remembered that not all 'scholars' went to school and not all who went to school are described as 'scholars' in the 1881 census.

The 1881 census records that Oughtibridge itself had 221 inhabited dwellings, 510 males and 493 females, 1003 residents in all. I calculate that (just for Oughtibridge itself), the average number of people per dwelling were: mean: 4.5, median: 4 and mode: 3, with this distribution:

Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Frequency	6	33	42	36	37	29	16	12	7	2	1

Of course not all the larger groupings were single families. I also calculated the average age of the population as: mean: 24.01 median: 20, mode: 0 (or 4 if 0 is excluded). In calculating the mean I have added .5 to each value, so that age 20 is counted as 20.5 and age 5m. is counted as 5.5m.

When frequency is plotted against age there is an irregular but striking oscillation superimposed on the overall fall of frequency with age, which appears to follow a simple decay curve. The gap between peaks and troughs varies from five to ten years and is presumably related to varying circumstances over the preceding years. It is too strong not to be significant but whether it relates to disease, famine, wars or other factors I have no idea. I suppose that if the community is relatively closed, then this could be a natural demographic cycle, in which peaks in the child bearing section of the population lead to more children and hence to subsequent population peaks. But I would have expected this to give a 20 to 30 year periodicity, not 5 to 10 years.

Oughtibridge at School in the 1881 Census

Of the 1003 people listed, 192 were described as 'scholars' of whom 15 were under-five and one (Wilfred Garside) was fifteen. The youngest 'scholar' was two. 416 of the 1003 on the census were under fifteen. Of the five-fourteen year olds, 92 were not described as 'scholars'.

Derek Peasey (e-mail: djfp@btinternet.com)

Ed's note: Mr Peasey also enclosed a list of all the people possibly associated with the schools in the 1881 Census CD for Oughtibridge and neighbouring areas. A copy of the list can be obtained from the Editor (or from the author).

LETTERS FROM MESOPOTAMIA 1917-18

Thomas Francis, my father, was born and raised in Stannington. He moved to Langsett Road, Hillsborough in his teens. He and his brother Hector went in the forces at the same time - Hector going to France and being wounded and Thomas to Mesopotamia to fight the Turks. It took six weeks to reach India, from where they went overland to reach as far as Mosul in Iraq near the border of Syria and Turkey. Thomas was more a 'bookish' man than a military one as you will see from his letters. He returned, married, had four children and many great grandchildren and died at the age of 93. One of six children himself he had roots in Stannington and Bradfield with branches of the Hawksworth family being prominent.

The extracts were given to us by Mrs R. I. Jackson, 398 Myers Grove Lane, Stannington, Sheffield S6 5LA

**Clipstone Camp, England
before Mesopotamia**

Dear Mother and all,

I am getting where there is a lot of work but making the best of it. I have only received one parcel and it was knocked about as if it had been jumped on. Been bomb throwing today, it is rotten and so is the route march and squad drill. If you can get me a K.O.Y.L. Drill book do so also tell me if you have sent me anything else beside the tin box and the waistcoat. Remember me to Grandpa.

----Will you send me a good razor in good condition and a money order what you can spare as the grub is rotten? For breakfast, bacon as big as half a crown; the bread is like eating sawdust; for dinner alright but not sufficient - only to feed a child of seven. Send us a bottle of H.P. sauce to

get it down. I am getting used to it but will never like it at all. A week at home is as good as 2 months at camp. The sergeants are beastly.

---This is the first chance at writing I have. I will let you know I got back. I will write again as soon as I get out of the guardroom.

From Tom

March 1917. England, Clipstone,

Before setting sail round the Cape of Good Hope to India.

It took six weeks

..... We are expected to go now any minute. You can send me another 10 shillings if possible. We have been through gas again – it is a bad thing turning all brass to black. Hector wants to get a staff job if possible and he will be alright for the duration. Some are staff sergeants and never been further than here. I may send home a pair of riding trousers. If you do not want them, sell them – they are worth 15 shillings.

Send an OXO tablet or two and sugar and cocoa.

On voyage to India

Dear Sister,

Just a line or two as to how I am getting along with the voyage. We called at Freetown and got fresh water. We were able to buy fruit and matches and stayed 2 days. Leaving there we had a fortnight's voyage to Cape Town. We saw very few vessels on the way. Near Cape Town and Table Bay we could see the mountain long before we got into the port. It was very windy. We were allowed to go ashore the second night there but it was Sunday so we could not buy anything. We left on Monday for Durban

From your affectionate brother
Thomas Hugh

Dec 1917

Spent Christmas night in the tent by myself and it was raining all night – no gifts reaching me. The winter time is not so bad except for the rain and the river rises about a yard when you're not expecting it. There is plenty of work on hand and guard duty is once every three or four days so it makes you think there is a war on still. Send me a photo of Ivy and Olive and also send me money instead of parcels but send me the things I wrote for in letter No. 3 not being able to get any here in the desert where the Wise Men supposed to come from (but not return to) as they must have found a better land than here with Fever and Pox.

While in the same place as last writing I am in the Pink of health. I am a driver now as a change again from carrying the gun about. I am

doing well for food at the time of writing but as you know it is not as if things keep as they are for long but send me a pound out now and again as I can buy a bit of food from the canteen. Tell Hector How I am going on. We shall soon again be in that terrible time of sun. At the time of Writing I am hearing a band play so make the best of bad times at home. Just tell me how Clara is getting on with the shop.

----I have got the parcel with the health salts and all except Dr Collins Chlorodyne. Do not send any more Dr Collins. I have got in a section not to my liking and the men seem day by day more apart from one another, but beggars can't be choosers.

I cannot write much now but have been in at the capture of Rymandy. I am sending a paper with a letter off a Turkish captain. I also got two or three relics which I'm hoping to bring home with me.

Longing for home, Thomas

Fighting the Turks, Mesopotamia

PTE T.H. FRANC S

Machine Gun Corps

Mesopotamia Exp. Force

Jan 11 1918

Dear Mother & Father

This time of writing I am in the best of health and with the company digging gun emplacements I do hope as the New Year will bring the close of the war as --et very trying for us moving about carrying bricks about but as to the new rate of pay we have not heard -- just hope it makes a little difference. You will see by my last letter that I got the parcel stolen but by the letters you send you do not get some of mine. You will know now if you get them as I write them being numbered but do send a little cash out as things are very dear here and we have very little to get a meal on.

The revolver I had I sold because going into hospital it would have been taken away from me.

Mesopotamia

We have a lot of sheep knocking about but do not get any. I have been in the bazaar and the Arabs are very bad people to trade with but the Armenians are good traders. Write often as letters are good things -- like a drink in the desert. Just tell Grandpa I am still in the pink but heat is the worst thing -- hotter than in India.

After coming out of hospital after having sandfly fever

Just as I have a little time to spare writing to you all, do not think by me telling you when not having your letters, there is a lot of miles between

us, and, considering transport coming up the river, it is never certain as to how we get it but write often as I am very lonely as to hearing from the part of England I come from. There is a lot of change from my time of leaving the company and returning.

Dear Parents

Just a line telling you I am in the best of health. Allowed to say very little so will close. You can send a can of disinfectant. Remember me to all at home.

---Had a ride on a mule during exercise and the beast ran away, not having a proper bit I was not able to pull him in and coming off got a nasty bump. Do not forget as I want a little cash now, also cigarettes.

My father sometimes wrote poems at the end of his letters.

The Machine Gun Corps

From North to South

From East to West

The Machine Gun Corps gives the very best

Leaving their homes, forsaking all

Responding nobly to the call.

To the flag they rally grandly

Do they lag – No!

The trumpet calls

And off they go

To help their brothers gladly.

Though time has made it my duty clear

To live a life as a hermit does

For what 'being drilled by others' show

Is a life of memories unknown to those

That sit in the old padded chairs

Called Ministers of War.

Retaliation!

When I was younger I hated going to weddings ...it seemed that all of my aunts and the grandmotherly types used to come up to me, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, 'You're next.'

They stopped saying it though after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals!

DISCHARGE PAPERS FOR GEORGE INMAN

The following paper was signed by John Tupper, commanding the Division of Marines at Portsmouth. It was found in Bradfield Archives. Submitted by Mrs Jackie Shaw, 29 Stannington Road, Sheffield S6 5FH

These are to certify that the Bearer, *George Inman private* in the Company of Marines, hath served honestly and faithfully for the Space of *three Years and Nine Months but having exfoliated Bones of his Wrist and Withered hand* he is here discharged from any further Service in the said Corps or Company; having first received all his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing and all other Demands whatsoever, with *twenty One* Days Pay to carry him Home, as appears by his Receipt at the Back Hereof.

And to prevent any ill Use which may be made of this Discharge, by its falling into the Hands of any other person whatsoever, here follows an exact Description of the said *George Inman* He is aged 27 Years, 6 Feet ½ Inches high, *fair* Complexion, *brown* Hair, *Grey* Eyes.

Given under my Hand and Divisional Seal, at Porstmouth, the *15th* Day of *August* 1786

To all whom it may concern.

Jno. Tupper

Colonel

The following receipt from George Inman was also found

I *George Inman* do acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other Demands whatsoever, from the Day of my inlisting to this Day; and also *twenty One* Days Pay to carry me Home. As witness my Hand the *15th* Day of *August* 1786

Witness

Recd £1..16..0 for Cloathing

Edwd. Pope

His

(Another name - unreadable)

George X Inman

Mark

Found In Ripon Cathedral Burial Yard:

To the Memory of Joseph Wright Bishop born October 26th 1820 at Bents Green Sheffield Died November 21st 1900 at Streatham London Also of Mary Ann relict of the above who died on Good Friday April 17th 1908 at Monaco aged 78 years and was interred in the cemetery there

Found in the 1871 Census for Bradford:

Hannah Pitchford, General Servant aged 19 born Fulwood, Sheffield

Submitted by Keith Pitchforth

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* Information on these books is from Sheffield History Reporter Issue 75.

BOOK REVIEWS

Yorkshire Parish Registers Monumental Inscriptions and Wills by Stuart A. Raymond from the *Yorkshire Genealogists Library Guide 2* FFHS. ISBN 1860061133 Price £6.50 first published 2000.

This book offers lists of sources for further information for the genealogist – listed by place name with a very brief description and from whom it may be obtained. Apart from the sources listed in the title it covers probate records and a few newspapers. It does also have an author, family name and places indexes. A useful book to consult in the Sheffield & District Family History Society library if you are trying to find the location of some sources that are proving elusive.

Reviewed by Keith Pitchforth

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What life was like for some of our ancestors.

Family Tree Magazine. Vol.16. No.2. Dec 1999

Railway Staff Records in England and Wales by David Hawkings

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Lloyd-George Knew My Father. The Inland Revenue Property Survey of 1910-1913

This article details a little known survey that has survived in many places, giving information about properties and their owners and occupiers. The field books are held at Kew under IR 58 and the Hereditament Maps are there under IR 121/1 and IR135/9. Valuation books and hereditament maps are in many County Record Offices.

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A Place of Legal Settlement by Anne Cole

Describes how and why our ancestors had a place of settlement and the value of settlement certificates.

Cheshire Ancestor Vol. 31. No. 3 March 2001

Little used sources and new discoveries:

1. Military Service Tribunals 1916-18 by David T. Hawkins
Genealogists Magazine Vol. 26 No. 2 Dec 1998
Contains papers relating to applications for exemption on medical, religious and other grounds.

Absent Voters' registers by Nick Connell
Family Tree Magazine Vol. 15 No. 2 Dec 1998
Members of the armed forces in WW1 who applied to vote by proxy are listed with their regiment and other details. The registers are to be found in county record offices.

The 1910 Finance Act by Audrey Daykin
Describes the land valuation records made before the reform of the rating system. Every property was included with a full description. Valuation books giving a broad description are held in CROs and the Field Books which contain the detailed descriptions of all properties are held at the PRO Kew. The PRO Kew also holds the maps which include every property. Their ref. is IR121 and IR 124-135
Wharfedale Family History Group Newsletter. Issue 35. March 2000.

List of Censuses and Musters by Gary Luke.
Details the records made of convicts sent to Australia.
Cheshire Genealogist Vol. 39. Spring 2000

Agricultural Labourers - Auction Sales by Jean Dobson.
Cottages auctioned give information about former occupants and their lifestyle.
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