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## **FUTURE PROGRAMME – 2002**

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

Mar 18th A.G.M. followed by *From Slum to Sunshine* by Marjorie Dunn  
Apr 15th *Problems & Queries Open Evening*  
May 20th To be arranged

### **Annual General Meeting 2002**

Notice is given of the AGM to be held on Monday 18 March 2002, at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield (Napier Street entrance) at 7.30 pm, to be followed by the evening's speaker.

**The agenda will comprise the following:**

1. Apologies for absence
  2. Minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 19 March 2001  
(printed in *The Flowing Stream* Summer 2001)
  3. Matters arising
  4. Reports
  5. Election of Officers and Committee:  
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Committee members
  6. Any other relevant business
- Date of next meeting

**Please bring your membership card with you.**

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## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Cemetery Road, Sheffield (Napier Street entrance) on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. during the winter months and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society's library is held at Sheffield Archives, 52, Shoreham Street, Sheffield S1 4SP and is available during their normal opening hours. The Society caters for the Metropolitan District of Sheffield. The annual subscription is £8 (and £10 for joint membership-only one journal); £8 overseas surface mail and £10 overseas airmail.

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## EDITORIAL

Once more we have a long list of new members to welcome to our Society. As Editor I am always in need of articles for this journal. If you are an experienced researcher, have you found some source that has helped you that is not immediately obvious and that others may not have discovered? Why not tell us all about it? Did you have an interesting family history problem that you managed to solve? Why not write it up? Others may have a similar situation in their research. If you are a beginner, please write if you have a problem that someone reading our magazine may be able to help you with. I look forward to lots of mail.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members

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- Mrs D. Anderson, Lancaster
- Mr J.A. Orange, Market Harborough
- K. F. Coupe, Sheffield

### *Obituary*

The Society regrets to announce the death of Mr J.F. Wright, Oxford

## GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

### **How to Trace Your Family Tree in Derbyshire**

The Derbyshire Family History Society has recently produced a video "How to Trace Your Family Tree in Derbyshire". Filmed at Bridge Chapel House thier Research Centre and Library in Derby it takes a beginner through the first tentative steps of genealogy, showing what to look for and the numerous records available. It also shows in detail the 18th century house that they occupy.

Although the family being researched is a Derbyshire one and the records used all appertain to Derbyshire, it can be adapted to fit any family anywhere.

### **Day school: Family History. Where to Start. Sat. 27 April 2002**

This day school is being run by Leeds University Department of Continuing Education. Fee: £17.50. Further details from Marilyn Moreland, School of Continuing Education, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9 JT

### **PRO Publication**

The PRO has started to publish a new family history magazine entitled "Ancestors". A copy of it can be seen in our Society library. It is published every two months and will provide expert, up-to-the-minute news and information on family, military and local history. It retails at £3.95. Further details are available form Wharncliffe Publishing Ltd. 47 Church Street, Barnsley, S. Yorkshire S70 2AS

### **Public Record Office Courses**

*Family History Summer School at the PRO.*

Mon. 22-Fri. 26 July.

This popular event returns with a beginners' guide to the PRO, local and social history and using the internet for family history. Book early

### *Taxes and taxpayers in England c1200-1700*

Saturday 26 October at the PRO

Explore how central government has sought to raise the money before income tax. Includes demonstrations of the E179 tax records database at the PRO. Organised with Cambridge University

### **Battlefield Tours**

The Imperial War Museum has joined with Tours With Experts Ltd. to develop a new programme of battlefield tours for 2002. Six tours will study :

D-Day and Normandy; The occupation of the Channel islands; Vimy Ridge and the Somme; The Key Battles of the Western Front; Gallipoli; The Burma-Thailand railway. Tel: 0151 520 1290 for a brochure or see the museum's website at: [www.iwm.org.uk/tours/](http://www.iwm.org.uk/tours/)

### **Church of England Parochial Fees from Jan 2002**

*Searches in Registers , etc*

For the first hour (inclusive of one copy of an entry in certain registers £14

For each subsequent hour or part of an hour £11

Additional copies of entries £14

## **SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Spheres of responsibility**

Will members please make sure that they address comments and requests to the correct member of the committee. Not only does this mean that your correspondence will be dealt with more speedily but also saves time and effort for the committee who are, after all, unpaid volunteers. The following are the people most likely to be contacted.

*Membership Secretary*, Mrs T. Heath, for all matters relating to membership.

*Editor*, Mrs D. Marsden, for all matters relating to the journal and to its distribution.

*Projects Co-ordinator*, Mrs H. Gillott, for matters relating to Society indexing or other projects

*Secretary*, Mrs J. Pitchforth, for all matters not listed above.

### **Do you have an interesting family history?**

BBC Leeds are interested in making a television programme about someone in the Yorkshire area tracing their family history. Is there anyone involved in our society who has an interesting or unusual family history to tell them about? If so, they'd be very keen to talk to you. Please could you either contact them by return e-mail, or ring Leeds (0113) 2247144 and talk to either Lucy Smickersgill or her colleague Christine Hamill.

E-mail: [lucy.smickersgill@bbc.co.uk](mailto:lucy.smickersgill@bbc.co.uk)

### **Accommodation in London**

Members planning on visiting various London Record Offices this summer may be interested to learn that the LSE are offering central London accommodation from £18.50 for groups, families and individuals in quality buildings.

For further information write to LSE Residences Marketing, Room GO3, Bankside House, 24 Summer Street, London SE1 9JA

Brochure request hotline: +44 (0)20 7955 6161

Booking enquiry tel: +44 (0)20 7955 7575

E-mail: [vacations@lse.ac.uk](mailto:vacations@lse.ac.uk)

Website: [www.lse.ac.uk/vacations](http://www.lse.ac.uk/vacations)

Accommodation is available Easter - 23 March – 27 April

Summer – 9 July – 28 September

Rosebery Hall is adjacent to the new Family Records Centre and is of similar architecture. The London Metropolitan Archives Office is also a few yards away and the Society of Genealogists and the Guildhall Library (which has an amazing collection of Sheffield Directories) are located about a mile away.

178 High Holborn is sited in a good shopping area and is close to the new Probate Search Room, First Century House, 42-49 High Holborn.

*Information from Stuart Foulds*

### **Unwanted Certificates**

Thank you to all the members who have sent in their unwanted certificates. Details of the certificates have been included in the journal and the originals have been deposited in our Society library.

### **Hucklow Road School**

A photograph of the children of one class at Hucklow Road School in 1931, together with their names, is now in the Society library.

### **Additions to the Library**

*Look North. Over the Hills and Far Away.* The 1999 Conference Proceedings of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists presented to the Society by the North East England Interest group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

This book contains articles pertaining to genealogy in many parts of the English speaking world.

*Merchants in Plenty. Joseph Smyth's Belfast Directories of 1807 and 1808*

This publication reprints the 1807 and 1808 directories together with an historical introduction and bibliography of Belfast Directories to 1900.

## **WANTED**

A Bookstall Officer and also a bookstall helper are required. If you would like to help in either capacity or would like to find out more about the job please contact a member of the committee for further information.

## **PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **Burials Phase 2 – Municipal cemeteries**

Attercliffe and Darnall cemeteries are now finished, and are available for purchase.

Revill Lane, Woodhouse and Tinsley Park cemetery are well under way.

### **1891 Census**

Ecclesall Bierlow and Sheffield West, are now finished. Sheffield North will be ready in the near future. Sheffield South and Sheffield Park are being transcribed at the moment.

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

### **Entry in the Sheffield North 1891 census**

John Bingham age 42, married, provision dealer. His occupation is given as follows – “I buy provisions at cheapest market. I sell at dearest. I live on what I sweat out of the public. I call it robbery therefore by profession I am a thief.”

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

### **Family History & The Email Virus.**

Over the last few months a number of viruses have been travelling rapidly around the Internet via email.

Our first reaction on receiving a virus is usually anger; we tend to assume that the virus has been sent to us as an act of malice. This is often not the case; if you are unlucky enough to receive a virus there is a very good chance that it has come from an email address listed in the address book of your email software program. (Someone you know) You will probably have been sent the virus because the sender is totally unaware that their computer has been infected.

The computers in our house are protected by Norton Antivirus but to my horror one of these nasty little menaces managed to slip through the Antivirus protection and invade our computer. The virus arrived in the

form of an email attachment from a friend. Because I knew the sender I opened the email. Unfortunately this unleashed the virus enabling it to change my computer settings within windows 98. But, worst of all, it enabled the virus to forward itself in the form of a friendly email to all the email addresses in my Outlook Express address book the next time we logged on to the Internet.

This resulted in a mad phone-round to as many people in my address book as possible warning them not to open any emails received from my computer within the previous 24 hours. (I was unaware at this time of the damage limitations of the virus.)

Many of the viruses doing the rounds at the moment are called "Trojans". These viruses do very little damage to your computer other than alter your computer settings. Their aim is to invade as many computers as possible to gather information for use by an unknown source, in particular Credit Card and Banking details.

For anyone regularly using email in the course of their research it is important to protect their computer with an up to date Antivirus program (Norton Antivirus 2002 can be purchased on the high street for around £40)

Anyone who uses the internet without the protection of an Antivirus program runs the risk of serious damage to their computer as well as causing harm to the computers of their many email contacts.

Many of us send and receive large numbers of emails with attachments during the course of our research but rather than rushing to open every email we receive to gain those vital family history clues it is worth taking a little time to ask the sender if they meant to send you this email. If the sender does not reply then DO NOT open the email or its attachment. Delete it from your computer.

If you do receive a virus via email, deal with it carefully as instructed by your Antivirus maintenance program. Most Antivirus programs will connect you to a web site where you will find details of all new viruses and how to deal with them. It is worth emailing the sender with a polite message pointing out that their computer has a virus.

Anyone wishing more information on viruses and virus protection can find a wealth of information on the World Wide Web. The Norton Antivirus web site can be found at <http://www.symantec.com>

*Diane Maskell - Web Co-ordinator  
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### **Web Site News.**

Members who wish to have entries removed from the Surname Interests and Help Wanted sections of the Society Web Site or simply to have their

entries updated with a new email address can now do this via the new Delete / Update online form, which can be found by following the link on the Surname Interest and Help wanted pages of the Members Interests section of the web site.  
*Diane Maskell, Web Co-ordinator*

*Society Web Site <http://www.shefieldfhs.org.uk>*

### **Friends of Wardsend Cemetery**

They now have a website at: [www.fowc.i12.com](http://www.fowc.i12.com)

### **Family Tree Printers.**

Genealogy Printers specialise in printing Family Trees. They can print an All in One tree showing every person in the Tree, Ancestor Trees showing all direct ancestors or Descendant Trees from any ancestor down to modern day. They can also add photographs to Ancestor or Descendant trees. From a Gedcom file they can print any family Tree up to 42 inches tall by 150 feet long.

Genealogy printers also offer a selection of Blank Charts for sale in a variety of sizes. Some of the charts are suitable for framing and Genealogy Printers can print them to any size you may require instead of the stated size, in any colour print of your choice.

More details and sample tree layouts can be found on their web site at <http://www.genealogyprinters.com>

### **1841 census on CD**

The West Riding Section is available in February with other sections to follow. Price £24.95 + "2.00 P & P. Introductory offer £19.95 = £2.00 P & P for all orders received before the end of March. Contact Stepping Stones, P.O. Box 295, YO31 1YS. E-mail:

[judd@mjudson.freemove.co.uk](mailto:judd@mjudson.freemove.co.uk)

Webshop [www.steppingstones.co.uk](http://www.steppingstones.co.uk)

## **CONFERENCES AND FAIRS**

### **Guild of One-Name Studies FH Conference 12-14 April 2002**

Entitled "Damnation, Co-operation, Education". See Vol. 22. No.2 or the Guild's website at [www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org) for further information

### **Society of Genealogists Family History Fair 4 & 5 May 2002**

To be held at the Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, Westminster, London SW1

**North West Region of FFHS 25th Annual Conference Sat. 18 May 2002**

Hosted by Cheshire FHS it will take place at Woodford Community Centre, Woodford, Cheshire. Admission by ticket only, £15 inc. buffet lunch and refreshments.

Talks: *Non-conformity and the records in Cheshire* by Alan Rose  
*People on the move* by Pauline Litton

*Costume changes of your ancestors through the years* by Ann Watkins

For details and an application form send an stamped addressed A5 size envelope (approx. 6 x 9 inches) to Mrs Rita Walters, Windy Ridge, Jacksons Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire SK7 5JW

**7th Yorkshire Family History Fair Saturday 29 June 2002**

To be held as usual at York racecourse (Knavesmire Exhibition Centre)  
From 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. See Vol. 22 No.4 for more information

**Family Tree Day Oxfordshire Record Office Saturday 8 June 2002.**

From 10.00am to 4.00pm at Oxfordshire Record Office, St Luke's, Temple Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2EX

This will be a family history extravaganza not to be missed. Hosted by the staff of the record office in conjunction with the Oxfordshire Family History Society, the day will have numerous attractions including the opportunity for family historians to consult prime records of relevance to their research with an expert at their elbow.

**Please note:** visitors are welcome, although those wishing to use the searchroom will be required to hold a CARN readers' ticket, which can be issued by record office staff on production of identification.

Further information from the society's website at :-[www.ofhs.org.uk](http://www.ofhs.org.uk)

**THROUGH THE LETTERBOX**

*From Eileen Allen, 1 The Coach House, 23 Rotherstoke Close, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 2JU*

**Domestic Servants in 1891.**

My article about domestic servants in Rotherham in 1891 was printed in the Autumn 2001 issue of 'The Flowing Stream', and included a list of domestic servants, many of whom gave Sheffield and surrounding districts as their place of birth. I've often wondered if such lists have been of use to members of the society. The answer is 'yes'.

Two members have contacted me requesting further information after spotting a 'lost' grandmother/great-grandmother on the list. Reflecting the personal opinion in my article, both correspondents said

they had found a similar reluctance on the part of their female relatives to admit to being thus employed. (One great grandmother said she had been a governess). I think many amateur genealogists may discover domestic servants somewhere on their 'tree'.

*From Victor Stone, 111 Belgrave Court, 36 Westferry Circus, Canary Riverside, London E14 8RJ*

### **Collapse of School Wall: Dolly Bloch Memoirs**

Some many months ago I asked if anyone could identify a collapse of a school wall in Hoyle Street in about 1886 to which the writer of the Memoirs that I am editing refers. Dolly was writing about an event when she was eleven. *"One afternoon the children in Hoyle Street School were playing at afternoon recess when one of the walls caved in and buried and maimed nearly two hundred children. No one ever knew or found out whether the wall had collapsed of its own weight or if an explosion had occurred. The tragic event was too horrible to mention for the whole neighbourhood in that district was suddenly bereaved; children of parents, brothers' and sisters' children and neighbours."* It brought a nil response. I have recently been able to discover the following which is written in foot note form to the Memoirs, which may be of interest to Sheffield Historians. If anyone knows what the game of "Salvation Army" was, please tell me.

"No trace of a collapse of a school wall and certainly none of St Philip's School has been found but shortly before 5 o'clock on Wednesday, 25 Aug. 1886 (per The Sheffield Daily Telegraph and The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent) a warehouse wall (at the side of Messrs Doncaster & Sons of Doncaster Street) collapsed under the weight of iron bars stacked inside against the wall into Matthew Street - which runs from behind the school parallel to Hoyle Street. The infant school in Hoyle Street had a doorway into Matthew Street, and many of the children came out that way. At least eight children who were playing in the street were crushed to death and others injured. The event took up many columns of the newspapers over three days and was certainly a most traumatic event for the populace of Sheffield and particularly for the Bloch family and its neighbours. Had the wall collapsed a day earlier many more children would have been killed since over a hundred were playing "Salvation Army" (whatever game that may have been) at the same spot. No 3 Hoyle Street (where the Bloch family lived) was perhaps less than 100 yards from the front entrance of the school but much further to reach the Matthew Street entrance."

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*From Professor P.M. Stell, M.A., Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Minster Library,  
Dean's Park, York*

### **Yorkshire Family History: Biographical Data-Base**

May I express again my thanks for your help. You might be interested to know about the fate of the search fees (charged for the Yorkshire Family History Biographical Database). Yorkshire Family History is a non-profit making organisation: in the past year the surplus after paying postage and a small secretarial cost has paid for an M.A. and a Ph.D. bursary in medieval history, for the salary of a Research Fellow to produce the York version of the Historic Towns Atlas, for the publication costs of York's medieval rent rolls and for the costs of producing a microfilm of the Fabric Rolls of York Minster from 1360 to 1660. The last two contain an enormous amount of genealogical information and will be of great help to family historians.

*From Frank Ledger, 1 Stenton Close, Swindon, Wilts. SN3 4NG*

### **Nottinghamshire Records**

I have been researching in Nottinghamshire for many years and have accumulated quite a pile of aids, lists, indexes etc. and would like to offer a search of these for other members on receipt of an SAE. Most of the records are from the Nottinghamshire Family History Society and include Notts. Marriage index (Northern parishes) L to Q up to 1699, J to Z 1700 to 1753, 1841 Census surname index, again mainly northern parishes and the Notts. Protestation Returns 1641-42 which includes three nearby parishes in Derbyshire.

Does anyone hold the Protestation Returns for Yorkshire, Doncaster area?

*From Angus Johnson, 6 Burns Crescent, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2PS*

### **1881 Census Transcription Errors**

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Does anyone hold the Protestation Returns for Yorkshire, Doncaster area?

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If you can't find someone who should appear in the 1881 census, use the Advanced Search function (available in the Neighbours function using the Viewer V 3.0) where you can do keyword searches without having to enter a surname.

### **Note from our Projects Co-ordinator, Heather Gillott:**

Whenever transcribing takes place, errors will occur. Enumerators and clerks all had their own individual styles of writing, which in some cases are almost illegible, plus some of their spellings of surnames was most unusual. (For example, in the 1881 census, my Ellingworth family are to be found as Hellingworth.) Also, marks and ink blobs obliterate letters.

The projects undertaken by our Society are done by volunteer members, all of whom are very conscientious both in transcribing and checking (twice). Even so, we accept that due to human error, some mistakes will still appear. Our website lists errors that are found and sent to us.

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

*Meeting on Monday 17 Sept. 2001*

### **From the Cradle to the Grave – Marriages**

Wendy Weston made a welcome second visit to explain the law with regard to marriages. She pointed out that in order to look at the indexes in Register Offices it is necessary to know the church at which the ceremony took place as each church is indexed separately and only the indexes are open for inspection.

The Registrar has to ask if the marriage can take place and during the ceremony the door must not be locked in case there is an impediment. Marriages can only take place between 8 am and 6 pm and must be in a building registered for marriages. Hotels and other buildings have to be sanctioned by registration inspectors,

For a church wedding banns are read for three consecutive Sundays in the parishes of both parties, the Minister alone being responsible but there is a move afoot to change this so the preliminaries for marriage are through the registrar. Notice to marry is posted on the Register office notice board for 21 days and a venue cannot be changed once notice has been given. Banns are not read in Free or Roman Catholic Churches. Military Chapels and Churches work under the same rules as any other.

There are rules about the recording of a marriage to ensure accuracy. No person should go on a certificate until the ceremony has taken place and special registration ink should be used – not biro! If the register is filled in before the ceremony takes place it could be incorrect. The onus is on the couple being married to check the entry. Now it is very important to ensure consistency in the registration service, so, unlike in the past, the wording is laid down. Of interest for the future there is a move afoot to include the mother's name in the father's name column.

One record of a marriage is kept at the church, the other is sent to the Registrar and errors in the record are the most difficult to change. Of special relevance to us was the fact that nothing can be assumed in a copy of an entry. If, for example, the date is omitted it is because it was not on the original. Before registration marriage outside the Church of England was not recognised.

Although much of what was said by Wendy described what happens now it emphasised how many pitfalls there are and why recordings in the past pose problems for us today.

*Reported by Denise Marsden*

*Meeting on 15 October 2001*

## **The 1901 Census**

Gill Briscoe began by providing some background information to the taking of the census in Britain. After Domesday, there had been only two other counts of the population. Britain lagged behind many of the European states which had started conducting censuses in the mid 17th century. By 1798 the sharp rise in the population of England and Wales coupled with bad harvests urged the government to start the process for a national census. The questions posed on each census illustrate the concerns of the period, and as the years have progressed, the questions have become more involved.

Many family historians will be familiar with the problem of locating ancestors who moved around, and this may well have encouraged family history societies from the mid 1970's to become involved in indexing the censuses. At the outset there was no agreed format for these indexes, with the result that some societies provide a surname index by township/village, others provide surname, age and place of birth only and others do an alphabetised transcript of the full entry (c.f. our own project on the 1891 census).

In the 1990s there was a joint project between the FFHS and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) to transcribe the 1881 census for the whole of the country. The reasons that 1881 was chosen were twofold - 1881 was a generation on from 1851 and very little work had been done on the 1881 census at the time. It was a mammoth effort and took 5 years to complete. However the product has been an asset to many researchers. The 1891 census was released on fiche and was relatively cheap and available for purchase. Meanwhile the years went on. Family history became more popular and the demands on the FRC in London have grown to the stage where it is projected that the premises will not be large enough to cope with demand by 2003 even without the availability of the 1901 census.

One perceived solution was to make the census available over the internet so that the demands could be satisfied at a distance. DERA (now QinetiQ) won the contract and the work on the transcription began. The transcription had to cover the whole of the country for the operation to succeed. As has been reported elsewhere the work was undertaken by prisoners, with the exception of the Welsh part of the census which was transcribed by Welsh speakers in the Philippines. The census was indexed and checked twice and is 1.5 million pages long. All of the images have been digitised and the user should be able to download the image of the page on request. It has been reported that the enumerators' books were in

a good condition, and that the handwriting was good. Apart from two missing EDs for Deal, Kent the information is complete.

The 1901 census covered a population of 32 million people and users should be able to search the index by name, age, place and institution. Use of the index is free - users must pay to download the digitised image (actual book) or the transcribed image. Payment will be by credit card over the internet (with the paid session lasting for 48 hours) or by voucher (which will have an expiry date) which will be available via local libraries and other service points.

Originally the PRO restricted the purchase of the 1901 fiche to libraries but recently permission was granted to family history societies to buy them. Locally this society has purchased the 1901 census for the Sheffield and Rotherham area and it is available in Sheffield Archives. There is also a set available in the Local Studies Library. Leeds Central library has also purchased the census for the whole of Yorkshire. Street indexes should be available wherever there are copies of the fiche.

Access to the 1901 census online lasted for about a week before the service was swamped by the demand. At the time of writing (end January) it is still not available on line. However, there is "electronic access at PRO Kew, the FRC and at a number of other Service Centres. 1901 Census microform services continue to be available at PRO Kew and local record offices and public libraries across the country. The PRO website [www.pro.gov.uk](http://www.pro.gov.uk) provides details of Service Centres as they become available". (from [www.censushelpdesk.co.uk](http://www.censushelpdesk.co.uk))

*Reported by Judith Pitchforth*

#### *Meeting on 19 November 2001*

Our Christmas meeting took the form of a social evening with various quizzes arranged by Sylvia Carr and non-alcoholic punch and mince pies being enjoyed by all.

## OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

*Peter D. Coates, 38 Acaster Lane, Bishopthorpe, York YO23 2SJ* writes: "My wife's German ancestor, **John (Johan) Dilger**, was a clockmaker occupying premises of 30 South Street, until his death in 1900, the business being carried on by his son **John Thomas Dilger** at these premises until 1905 (approx.) at which time he moved the business to 5 Cumberland Street Sheffield. John Dilger married **Gertrude Louisa Swales** on 31 May 1903 at the **Parish Church of St. Luke, Dyers Hill, Sheffield.**

Has any reader any knowledge, photographs etc of the above areas? Or can anyone advise us where such information can be obtained, as we have to date been unable to find photographic evidence of this particular end of South Street and St. Luke's. We have searched in the Sheffield Archives and the Library. We would be happy to share the information we have so far collected.

*Mrs V.J. Simmonds, 21 Old Farm Lane, Hillhead, Nr. Fareham. Hants. PO14 2BZ* is seeking information on her Gt Grandparents, **John Hill Nicholson** b. 1835 Kingston upon Hull and **Elizabeth Nicholson (nee Kemp)** b. 1835 Patrington. Their children were **Henry Hill Nicholson** b. 1865 Sheffield; **John Edward Nicholson** b. 1872 Sheffield and **Lorna M. Nicholson** b. 1879 Sheffield.

*Linda Moorhouse, 76, Scotforth Road, Lancaster LA1 4SF*  
[Lmoorhouse@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:Lmoorhouse@lancaster.ac.uk) writes: "I would like to find out who the grocer was with whom **John Ruskin** stayed at **Walkley in February 1880**. He wrote, 'I am lodging at an honest and hospitable grocer's, who has lent me his own bedroom, of which the principal ornament is a card printed in black and gold, sacred to the memory of his infant son, who died aged 14 months, and whose tomb is represented under the figure of a broken Corinthian column, with two graceful-winged ladies putting garlands on it.'"

*B. M. Harding, 27, Cemetery Road, Dronfield, S18 1XX* writes:; "In the article 'The Wrong Side of the Blanket' it says the middle name could be the family name which could be a possible clue to tracing the identity of the father. I am trying to trace my father's family or firstly recorded details of my father and wonder if any members can help. My father's name, as given on my birth certificate in 1922, is **Thomas Firth Middleton** and whilst there are plenty of Thomas Middletons I cannot find any reference to Firth and I wonder if anybody who may have been researching the name Middleton may have come across the **combination of Middleton and Firth**. I have no information and can find no records of his birth as yet but was told he died about 1923/24 and I was adopted. Any small piece of information would be appreciated."

*Jill Hill, 78 Dransfield Road, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5RQ* writes:"I would be grateful if any member could give me information regarding the **evacuation of children from St. George's School, Sheffield** to the **Melton Mowbray** area at the beginning of the 2nd World War. My mother, **Miss Charlton**, was one of the teachers who

## NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

### Apology

The editor would like to apologise for the omission of some names and addresses of researchers from the last edition due to a computer error. Some entries were repeats from previous 2001 journals and those addresses can be found in back copies. The ones that were not, are included in the following list. Anyone who is unable to access back editions can obtain missing addresses from the editor Mrs Denise Marsden at "Lee Moor End", Storrs, Stannington, Sheffield S6 6GY. Please enclose an SAE.

E-mail: [2denise@breathemail.net](mailto:2denise@breathemail.net)

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- 2385 Mr Hawkins, 24 Meadow Gate Close, Sheffield S20 2PR
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In Vol. 22. No. 4 the e-mail address for member 1817 Mrs Sylvia Wood should have read [SYLVIAWOOD1@activemail.co](mailto:SYLVIAWOOD1@activemail.co).

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*The numbers below correspond to the membership numbers and addresses above.*

No.	Surname	Place	County	Period
2450	Abbott	Rotherham	YKS	c1843
2426	Bagnall	Rotherham/Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2457	Barton	Sheffield	YKS	1870+
2307	Batteson	Sheffield	WRY	Any
2426	Bell	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2399	Blackwell	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1875
2426	Booth	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2450	Bower	Stainsbrough	YKS	c1855
2450	Bramley	Linthwaite (Huddersfield)	YKS	c1854
2439	Broomhead	Hucknall/Cuckney	NTT	pre 1791+
2428	Broomhead	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2392	Brougham	Sheffield	WRY	1860+
2390	Butcher		WRY	1850+
2457	Buxton	Sheffield	YKS	1870+
2173	Capewell	Sheffield	YKS	All
2415	Cardinal	Spalding,	LIN	All
2415	Cardinal		IRL	All
2415	Cardinal		NTH	All
2415	Chapman	Bingley, Keighley, Bradford	YKS	1840-present
2415	Chapman	Therfield, Kelsall	HRT	1840-present
2450	Clayton	Sheffield	YKS	c1816
2457	Cockayne	Derby	DBY	pre 1900
2410	Coe	Rotherham	YKS	18 & 19C
2449	Coward	High Green	YKS	1817-81
2450	Crowther	Huddersfield (Golcar)	YKS	c1880
2399	Cutler	Dronfield	YKS/DBY	1718+
2439	Dalmer	Trowbridge	WIL	pre 1790+
1817	Daughtry	Sheffield/Rotherham	YKS	1870+
2415	Davis	Doncaster	YKS	1860-present
2415	Davis	Worksop	NTT	pre 1880
2410	Dodson	Rawmarsh/Rotherham	YKS	17 & 19C
2449	Edley	Ecclesall	YKS	1812-56
2426	Fawcett	Wakefield	WRY	pre 1820
2410	Finney	Rotherham	YKS	19C
2392	Gilby		LIN	1840

2438 Glossop	Sheffield	WRY	19C
2402 Gooley	Sheffield	SYK	19C
2426 Haines	Dudley/West Bromwich	STS	pre 1860
2449 Hartley	Ecclesall	YKS	1830
2415 Hawker	Sutton in Craven	YKS	1900-present
2457 Hinds	Derby	DBY	pre 1900
2426 Holberry	Doncaster	WRY	pre 1820
2307 Holmes	Attercliffe, Brightside	YKS	1850+
2415 Howard	Doncaster	YKS	1860-present
2415 Howard	Rudham, Reedham, Elmham	NFK	All
2415 Howard	Sheffield	YKS	1840-present
2390 Hutchinson		WRY	1850+
2450 Hyson	Staveley	DBY	c1816
2457 Keeling	Kegworth	DBY	pre 1893
2426 Lant	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2415 Lightowler	CANADA		1880-present
2415 Lightowler	Sheffield	YKS	1880-present
2423 Littlewood	Sheffield	YKS	L19C
2426 Lunn	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2423 Morgon		DEV	M18C
2410 Morton	Rawmarsh/Rotherham	YKS	18C
2426 Musther	All	All	All
2399 Naylor	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1867
2426 Oates	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2439 Ogle	Chillingham	NBL	pre 1698+
2450 Oxford	Rochester	KEN	c1838
2439 Peel	Bilston	STS	pre 1800+
2428 Radford	Sheffield	YKS	1920+
2438 Ramscar	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2438 Ramsker	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2399 Roberts	Sheffield	YKS	1707+
2439 Sadler	Silkstone	WRY	pre 1772+
2415 Smith	Calvesyke	YKS	1880-present
2449 Smith	Kimberworth	YKS	1875
2449 Smith	Thorpe Hesley	YKS	1850
2426 Staniforth	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1830
2402 Stevenson	Sheffield	SYK	19C
2390 Stones		WRY	1850+
2428 Strickland	Sheffield	YKS	1920+
2439 Taylor	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1774+
2392 Taylor		NTT	1840
2457 Theophilus	Llandovery	CMN	1815+
2426 Thompson	Rotherham	WRY	pre 1850
2450 Tomlinson	Treswell	NTT	c1816
2410 Vaughan	Sheffield	YKS	18 & 19C
2410 Walker	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
2457 Wall	Sheffield	YKS	1850+

2450 Wells	Chatham	KEN	c1872
2392 Wheen	Sheffield	WRY	c1815
2415 Wildman	Bingley, Haworth, Sutton, Keithley	YKS	All
2415 Wildman	Laycock, Ingron, Doncaster	YKS	All
2450 Wilkinson	Rotherham	YKS	c1815
2438 Wilkinson	Sheffield	WRY	1850+
2457 Williamson	Sheffield	YKS	1872+
2415 Windle	Doncaster, Bradford	YKS	All
2415 Windle	Farnsfield	NTT	All
2423 Wollacott		DEV	M18C
2415 Woolsey	Spalding, Gosberton, Waddington	LIN	All
2450 Worrall	Ecclesall Bierlow	YKS	c1860

#### Late additions

2060	Broomhead	Highgate	MDX	1800-2000
2060	Broomhead	Sheffield	YKS	1800-2000
2060	Carr	Sheffield	YKS	1800-2000
2060	Greave	Sheffield	YKS	1700-2000
2060	Guion	Sheffield	YKS	1750-2000
2060	Robinson	Sheffield	YKS	1700-2000
2060	Ross	Wasall	STS	1800-1900s
2060	Wilkinson	Brighton	SSX	1800-2000
2060	Wilkinson	London	MDX	1700-2000
2060	Wilkinson	Sheffield	YKS	1750-1900s
2060	Wilkinson	Weddington	ESS	1600-2000
2060	Windsor	London	MDX	1700-2000

## BARNES FAMILY BIBLE

*I have a copy a family Bible that with information in it relating to Isaac and Margaret Barnes of Sheffield. For curiosity I checked the details given against the General Register Office Indexes and the 1881 census. The information found from these sources is included in the transcript.*

The Holy Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments: translated out of the original tongues: and with the former translations diligently compared and revised, by His Majesty's special command.

British and Foreign Bible Society, Oxford University Press, Small Pica 8vo, M.DCCC.LIII

[Notes added to the original text are within square brackets]

### Inscription inside front cover

Mr Barnes  
Belmonte Terrace  
113 Broomspring Lane  
Sheffield

### Inscriptions on flyleaves

Elizabeth Houlgate Barnes

Born Sept 27 1856 [27 written in pencil] [GRO Index Dec Qtr 1856

Elizabeth Houlgate Barnes, Sheffield, 9c,250]

Died April 10<sup>th</sup> 1878 [GRO Index June Qtr 1878 Elizabeth Houlgate (sic)

Barnes, 21, Sheffield, 9c, 239]

Margaret Barnes Mother of the above

Died June 7 1883 [GRO Index June Qtr 1883 Margaret Barnes, 55,  
Ecclesall B., 9c, 231]

Aged 55 years

Isaac Barnes Died July 1<sup>st</sup>/96 [GRO Index Sept Qtr 1896 Isaac Barnes, 73,  
Ecclesall B., 9c, 211]

Aged 73

251 Western Bank Sheffield

Margaret & Isaac Barnes

**Presented to them on their**

Wedding Day by their Affectionate

Aunt Elizabeth Houlgate

Oct<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1854 [GRO Index Dec Qtr 1854 Isaac Barnes = Margaret  
Houlgate, Sheffield, 9c, 329]

Thy word is a lamp unto my  
feet, and a light unto my path.

[The Biblical quotation is Psalm 119 verse 105]

[Possibly this family extracted from the 1881 census CD ROM  
corresponds with the above details]

***Dwelling: 29 Crookes Rd Census Place: Ecclesall Bicrlow, York,  
England***

Source: FHL Film 1342119PRO Ref RG 11 Piece 4634 Folio 60 Page 12

	Marr	Age	Sex	Rel.	Occupation	Birthplace
Isaac BARNES	M	58	M	Head	Cutlery Manufacturer Employing 15 Men	Sheffield, York
Margaret BARNES	M	52	F	Wife		Sheffield, York
Edward BARNES	U	22	M	Son	Spring Knife Cutler	Sheffield, York
Frank BARNES	U	20	M	Son	Spring Knife Cutler	Sheffield, York
Martha BARNES	U	18	F	Daur		Sheffield, York
Ada BARNES	U	17	F	Daur		Sheffield, York
Leonard BARNES	U	15	M	Son	Boro Accountants General Clerk	Sheffield, York

If anyone would like to have the Bible I would be pleased to pass it on for the cost of postage and a small donation to the Saint Catherine's Hospice Shop that it came from. Unfortunately the book is rather heavy, making the postage within the UK around £6.50.

If anyone would like it they can contact me, Richard J. Crocker, by email [RichardC@eyfhs.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:RichardC@eyfhs.freeseerve.co.uk) or by post at:  
424 Scalby Road, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO12 6EE

## PHOTOGRAPHERS IN SHEFFIELD DIRECTORIES

It is hoped that this list will help with the dating of old photographs. The address is followed by the dates of the directories in which the person is recorded.

<b>Leonhardt R.</b>	8 High Street, Eckington	1891; 1896; 1898/9
<b>Barker</b>	20 Fitzwilliam Street	1896
<b>Taylor A. &amp; G.</b>	101 Norfolk Street	1888; 1891; 1894; 1896; 1898/9; 1902
	Shoreham Street	1908; 1914; 1920
<b>Tulley J.S. &amp; Co.</b>	24-30 Division Street	1862; 1865; 1871/2; 1871; 1884; 1888; 1891; 1896; 1902; 1908; 1914; 1920
<b>Furniss Wm.T. Jnr.</b>	256 Langsett Road	1902; 1908
<b>Tyson John D.</b>	20 Fitzwilliam Street (Exors. of same address)	1908)
		1898;1902
<b>Taylor A.H.L.</b>	Fargate, Sheffield	1908
<b>Furniss Wm. T.</b>	254 Langsett Road, & 21 Fargate	1914; 1920
<b>Van Ralty</b>	37 Fargate	1914; 1920
<b>Wilkinson Francis Advin</b>	20 Fitzwilliam Street	1891
<b>Wilkinson Joseph</b>	20 Fitzwilliam Street	1888
<b>Hodgson George</b>	33 Crookes Road	1884
<b>Hodgson George</b>	29 Fitzwilliam Street	1871; 1872
<b>Hodgson G.</b>	103 Devonshire Street	1865
<b>Holden George</b>	44 Gertrude Street	1884
<b>Holden N.</b>	Arthur Street	1865
<b>Heeley</b>		1898/9

*Roy Bullen, 33 Durvale Court, Dore, Sheffield S17 3PT*

## **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS REFURBISHES ITS LIBRARY**

The London-based Society of Genealogists has recently modernised its library after a comprehensive refurbishment programme. Heavy use of its premises in Clerkenwell by 15,000 Members and some 3,000 visitors a year had taken its toll over the years and acquisitions of books had grown so much that there was a danger that the Society might have to decline further accessions!

The Society is now 90 years old and its library of 105,000 titles (many of which are not available anywhere else in the UK) make it the largest genealogical library outside the USA. The topographical arrangement of most shelves also makes it one of the largest local history libraries in the country. Not only genealogists, but also historians and biographers research there. Lying at the heart of family history's Golden Triangle, the Society is within 15 minutes walking distance of the Family Records Centre, London Metropolitan Archives and the Guildhall Library. It is well worth a visit.

The first thing that strikes you on entering the building is the bright and cheerful appearance. New carpeting and seating on every floor make research a real pleasure. If you can drag yourself past the re-designed and well-stocked bookshop you will find a comfortable common room, an air-conditioned lecture hall and arrangements for the disabled - including a lift to all four floors.

If you go downstairs to the Lower Library, you will find banks of film and fiche readers and many computers, all in a spacious, air-conditioned research suite. Here also are the Society's archives, including a very large collection of unbound manuscripts and roll pedigrees - many beautifully illuminated and of great antiquity. The computer facilities include not just a growing library of CD-ROMs, but free on-line access to both Society data on English Origins and to Ancestry. Com's large databases, plus a number of other genealogical web sites.

If you go upstairs to the Middle Library, you will find the printed collections for the British Isles and many textbooks. If you go further upstairs to the Upper Library, you will find the printed collections for overseas, bound family histories and books on special topics such as schools, occupations, heraldry and the armed forces plus a vast range of genealogical periodicals. The shelving has been expanded and moved into a more accessible arrangement in the centre, surrounded by much more seating than before.

To assist the reader, the Society now has a unique computerised catalogue with terminals on every floor. Computerisation has been

achieved thanks mainly to a generous grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund. The Society also has many Library guides on sale, but a *Floor Guide* is available for free. Free tours of the library are conducted on alternate Saturdays as well.

The Society's library is open to non-members on payment of an entrance fee. Full Membership carries many advantages, so that to most serious family historians joining is a must. For further details, please contact the Membership Secretary at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, off Goswell Road, London EC1, telephone 020 7553 3291 or

E-mail: [members.prl@socgen2.demon.co.uk](mailto:members.prl@socgen2.demon.co.uk).

The library is open on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am to 6pm and on Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am to 8pm.

## THE OUT PAUPERS OF SHEFFIELD 1808

Local Studies Library Ref: 352.9S

This little book in the Local studies Library contains about 3000 names. The title page gives the following information:

*"A list of the Casual and Regular Out-Paupers of the Township of Sheffield with the Places of Abode and the Weekly Allowance of the regular Paupers to which is added A List of those who have had Parish Apprentices and those who have paid the Fine for refusing to take Parish Apprentices, Taken Sept. 30, 1808*

Overseers John EATON

Samuel MITCHELL

Henry WHITELOCK

Benjamin SHEPHERD

Sheffield 1808"

There are 5 sections:

1. A list of the casual poor
2. A list of the regular poor
3. Paupers that are paid here (in Sheffield) that reside in different parishes
4. A list of those who have paid the fine for refusing to take Parish Apprentices
5. Persons who have taken Parish Apprentices

**Section 1** above (the casual poor) lists streets in alphabetical order then personal names

e.g. ISLE Charles Farhan's wife

Widow Barton

GAOL STREET John Dobson

DIXON (sic) LANE William Tomlinson etc.

**Section 2** above (the regular poor) lists streets in alphabetical order then names in alphabetical order and the individual's weekly allowance in shillings and pence.

e.g. BROAD LANE  
Widow Hatfield 1-6d  
Stewart HERBETT 2-6d  
HEYWOOD's two children 3-0d  
George KENT 6-0d  
PALM's family 4-0d etc

**Section 3** above (paupers paid in Sheffield that reside in different parishes) lists places outside Sheffield, not always in alphabetical order, the name of the pauper and their weekly allowance.

e.g. Bonsall Elizabeth WELCH 2-0d  
Calver Austin Hostler's family 4-0d  
Eckington Mary LEE 1-6d  
Leeds Robert WHEATLEY's Family 5-0d

**Section 4** above (those who have paid the fine for refusing to take Parish Apprentices) records the year, name, occupation and residence of those who paid the fine

e.g. 1786 Doncaster Daniel. Filesmith. Allen Lane  
1787 Darby William. Silverplater. High Street  
1790 Dawson Anthony. Attorney. Change Alley  
1791 Darwin John. Founder. Shude Hill  
1792 Leader Thomas. Plater. Eyre Street

**Section 5** above lists those who have taken on Parish Apprentices, starting in 1751. Surnames are in alphabetical order of first letter of surname.e.g. 1779 Cadman Solomon. Cutler. Norfolk Street

1780 Cadman Peter. Cutler. Norfolk Street  
1780 Chadwick Charles. Minister  
1780 Clarke David. Grinder

The final page is an appeal by the four Overseers for information on "Men leaving their families". It says:

*"The Township of Sheffield incurs very considerable Expense by men leaving their Families and the Overseers think it necessary to punish some of them to prevent others following such bad examples. They are punishable as Vagrants and, for a second offence, are liable to transportation."*

The Overseers Will be obliged for information by letter or otherwise, to be handed to them at the Vestry Room, in the Workhouse, any Wednesday.

October 31, 1808"

*Roy Bullen, 33 Durvale Court, Dore, Sheffield S17 3PT*

## UNWANTED CERTIFICATES

### Births

**B105** 15 Dec 1859 John Henry s. of Caleb Hall, silversmith journeyman, and Sarah Hall formerly Marshall at 35 Blagden Street, Sheffield

**B106** 13 Aug 1887 John Henry s. of Charles Arthur Hall, razorsmith, and Clara Hall formerly Dungworth at 49 Thomas Street, Ecclesall Bierlow.

**B107** 12 Nov. 1888 John s. of John Hall, silversmith, and Eliza Hall formerly Lloyd at 19 Ellison Street, Sheffield Maria Machon of 29 Ellison Street was present at the birth.

**B108** 6 Jan 1847 Eliza d. of George Senior, Besom maker, and Mary Senior formerly Hague at Upper Midhope

**B109** 6 Oct 1847 John s. of William Allen, Boatman, and Lydia Allen formerly ? at Scarethen nick Matlock

**B110** 31 Mar 1847 John s. of Thomas Allen, Collier and Hannah Allen formerly ? at -oscoe (Reg. District Basford, Notts & Derby; Subdistrict of Greasley)

### Marriages

**M61** 1 Oct 1843 John Senior, Of full age, Widower, Clothier, of Bank Top Ingbirchworth, s. of James Senior, Clothier and Mary Ann Roebuck, of full age, S. of Bank Top

**M62** 10 Mar 1879 James Sparks 22 B. Labourer of Birmingham s. of James Sparks Labourer and Maria Watson 23 S. Servant of Birmingham dau. of Joseph Watson, Baker

**M63** 17 May 1846 Henry Johnson 21 B Grinder of Granville Street s. of Thos Johnson, Scalecutter and Jane Clay 20 S of Holly Street dau. of Jno. Clay, Cutler

### Deaths

**D72** 16 Dec 1854 Mary Hobson, F 28 Wife of Alexander Hobson - at Nether House, Bradfield. Reg. Dist. Wortley

**D73** 18 Apr 1860 Thomas Henry Rowland M 7 mths s of Ellis Rowland, Farmer - at Woodhouse, Bradfield. Reg. Dist. Wortley and Penistone

**D74** 6 Sept 1842 Henry Rowland M 19 Lead Miner - at Sheldon. Reg. Dist. Bakewell

**D75** 26 May 1882 William Lofthouse M 62 Farm labourer - at Dent Lane Birley, Beighton, Derby R.S.D. Reg. Dist. Rotherham

**D76** 16 May 1859 Mary Atkin F 2 dau of Thomas Atkin, Carrier - at New Street, Clay Cross. Reg. Dist. Chesterfield

**D77** 17 Aug 1856 John Henry Rowland M 8 days S. of John Rowland, Table Blade Forger - at 4 Carr Lane Reg. Dist. Sheffield

**D78** 25 Jun 1857 George Atkin M 24 Collier - at Orgreave. Reg. Dist. Sheffield

**D79** 29 Apr 1850 Eliza Atkin F 20 Lace Drawer - at Stapleford Reg. Dist. Shardlow, Notts & Derby.

**D80** 5 Feb 1841 Harriet Eliza Rowland F 1yr 7mths Dau of James Rowland, Fork Grinder, deceased - at Hollis Croft Reg. Dist. Sheffield [Died of small pox]

**D81** 14 Nov 1862 Joseph Wright M 51 farmer - at Priestcliff Ditch, Taddington

**D82** 9 Jul 1852 John Senior M 45 Labourer - at Thurlstone [Jonathan Billcliff of Thurlstone in attendance]

**D83** 16 Feb 1944 Henry Raynes M 77 Formerly Window Casement Maker of 37 Wood Road, Sheffield - at 2 Herries Road. [Informant C. Jepson, stepdaughter, of 37 Wood Road, Sheffield]

**D84** 14 Nov 1900 John Clark M 64 Formerly Shoemaker (Journeyman) of Park Sheffield - at Sheffield Workhouse

**D85** 11 Nov 1913 Jane Sayles F 72 Widow of Luke Sayles, Cloth Finisher of 5 Ealand Road, Batley [J.W. Blackburn, son-in-law, of 5 Ealand Road in attendance]

**D86** 24 Jun 1873 Thomas Brown M 49 Bricklayer of 144 Carlton Road, Attercliffe [William Oates of 144 Carlton Road present at death]

**D87** 13 Apr 1854 Joseph Brownhill M 54 labourer at Snow Lane, Sheffield [Henry Norcliff of 26 South Street Sheffield in attendance]

**D88** 21 Aug 1845 Sarah Jackson F 45 Wife of Benjamin Jackson, Grinder, at ? Street, West Bar, Sheffield [Informant Thos. Badger, Coroner, Rotherham]

## 1901 CENSUS - First Results

In May of 1901 the first results of the Census, held on Sunday 5th April were published. They gave the population of unextended Sheffield as 380,717 - a 17.4% increase on 1891.

The City of Sheffield had been extended in 1900. 4,003 acres of land formerly belonging to other local authorities had become suburbs of the city.

*From Wortley Rural District:*

Parish of Ecclesfield - Firth Park

Parish of Wadsley - Hillsborough, Main Bridge

Parish of Bradfield - Wadsley

*From Rotherham Rural District:*

Parts of the Parish of Tinsley

*From Handsworth Urban District:*

Parts of the Parish of Handsworth - High Hazels area

*From Norton Rural District:*

Parts of the Parish of Norton - Meersbrook and  
Meadowhead  
The Liberty of Beauchief

This brought the total area of the City of Sheffield up to 23,602 acres. The population figure for extended Sheffield was published in November 1901 and put it at 408,994 with a mid 1901 estimate of 411,091.

*Information from the Sheffield Reporter*

## STRAYS FROM CANADA

Harriet Mae Pierce. Born Sheffield on 25 May 1899 the daughter of William Hill and Emma (Graves) Hill. Died 4 April 1998 in Canada.

Marie Elizabeth Atkins. Born Sheffield on 23 Oct. 1917 the daughter of Emile and Lillian (Pinder) Leclere. Died 10 Sept. 1998 at Carveth Care Centre, Canada.

Barbara Lillian Comeau. Born Sheffield the daughter of Albert and Mabel Beecroft. Died 20 June 1996 at Yarmouth, Canada aged 70.

The above information was taken from newspaper cuttings from an unknown source.

Wm. Lindley of Sheffield England. Age 42. Died Phila 30/12/72. Taken from the public ledger.

## FOR KING AND COUNTRY

### **The Roll of Honour (1914-1918) in Hollow Meadows Methodist Church, Near Sheffield**

Bailey Caleb R.E.

Ballard George Warrick Regt. Wounded Killed

Bellaire Horace Y&L Killed in Action

Blackman L.J. Scottish Rifles. Wounded

Dearden J. Wounded Discharged Wounded

Dearden Harry Discharged

Doleman Fom (?) R.E. Wounded

Doleman Jas. W.Y. Wounded

Earnshaw Oliver R.E.

Hammond Fred\* N.F. Killed in Action

Hinchliffe W.Y&L Died of Wounds

Horsfield S. W.Y. Died of Wounds Wounded

Kirkly L. Y&L Wounded and Discharged

Mallinson J. Can<sup>n</sup> Regt. Killed in Action

McLean Neil

Parsons C. W.R.D.A.C.

Smith Lewis  
Taylor George K.O.Y.L.I.  
Twigg John  
Twigg Alfd missing since Found to be Killed  
Woolridge Fred Y&L  
Briggs H. W.R. Y.R.  
Nock J.F. K.O.Y.L.I. Died of Wounds abroad  
Henry Wilson  
Charles Marsden Wounded (lost a leg)  
George Townsend  
Arthur Green  
Algy Hemmings  
Herbert Wilson  
Bernard Dearden  
Clifford Wingfield

\* Tyneside Scottish Northumberland Fusiliers

*Transcribed by Susan E. Hammond, 1, Storrs Green Cottages, Storrs,  
Stannington, Sheffield S6 6GY*

## FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Family relationships can become complicated, and occasionally amusing, as one generation “slips” into another. I recently enjoyed a meal with three men whom I knew long ago in our schooldays. The three are all related and share the same surname. The elder two are brothers and the remaining *younger* one is their uncle, although their junior by a year or two.

*Roy Bullen, 33, Durvale Court, Dore, Sheffield S17 3PT*

## A HISTORY OF GLEADLESS SCHOOL

(continued from Vol. 22. No.4)

**8th March 1912** In consequence of the Great Coal Strike many of the children are away from school as they are getting coal from the surface in various parts of the parish.

**27th March 1912** Called a meeting to consider the distress in the district - particularly as affecting the children.

**29th March 1912** Commenced to provide free breakfasts for the children. The teachers make all the necessary arrangements and distribute the food to the children in one of the Class Rooms. The breakfasts are to consist of Cocoa with bread and butter alternately with bread and jam. The temporary school is being closed today and the scholars are being transferred to the school again.

**29th November 1912** Attendances have been very poor during the week. There is much sickness and measles is on the increase. Bessie Holroyd, a little one in Class 7, died yesterday from measles.

**6th October 1913** Had to caution Miss Scattergood about caning children in her class against the regulations.

**16th February 1914** Had to draw Miss Scattergood's attention to the fact she was not keeping to the instruction as to the teaching of drawing e.g. the children are continually drawing from copies set on the blackboard instead of directly from the objects themselves.

**29th April 1914** The Drill instructors at school all day. The timetable altered in order that all classes should have a class in Physical Exercise during the day.

**30th April 1914** HMI Report:

"The quiet, orderly tone of the school, the conscientious work done, and the happy relationship existing between teachers and scholars are pleasing features and reflect credit on the kindly and effective supervision of the Master, whose continued ill health is much to be regretted."

**19th June 1914** Three complaints were made on Thursday last as to damage done by children entering gardens and fields to obtain flowers, sprays and leaves for drawing lessons in school without leave. I am to request all teachers to impress upon the children that this method of obtaining 'copies' should cease at once and a more courteous attitude adopted towards the owners of gardens.

**31st August 1914** Re-opened school with good attendances. During the holidays the school was thoroughly cleansed, colour washed and painted and looks exceptionally bright and neat. Had a meeting of the staff during the day to discuss arrangements as to assisting the War Relief Fund.

*10th September 1914* During the weekend a supply of materials has been purchased and is being made up into garments for the soldiers at the front. This work is being carried out by the girls instead of needlework.

*2nd November 1914* Teachers have undertaken to subscribe monthly during the war at the rate of 2.5% of their salaries.

*3rd November 1914* This morning, I have forwarded for our soldiers and sailors the following:-

30 pairs of socks  
3 Knitted body belts  
2 knitted sleeping caps  
3 Knitted helmets  
2 flannel helmets  
10 pairs of mittens  
6 scarves  
9 day shirts

and to the wounded at the base hospital:-

4 pairs of bed socks and 14 singlets

*30th March 1915* A large supply of eggs, fruit, vegetables, cakes, cigarettes etc. brought by the scholars this day and forwarded to the Hospitals for the Wounded Soldiers.

*8th July 1915* Another collection this morning for the wounded soldiers. A much larger quantity of fruit, vegetables, eggs, cigarettes etc. was brought so that two journeys were needed to take the goods to Sheffield.

In the afternoon we entertained some of the wounded men in the Firvale Military Hospital. A large number of people assembled in the playground and the children sang patriotic songs. Addresses by the Headmaster and some of the visitors was followed by a collection which realised £3.10s.0d (£3.50).

*2nd September 1915* Miss Haigh, a teacher in the Infant Department, was on her bicycle in Sheffield last night, when she was knocked down and killed by a motor lorry. Miss Haigh had been at school for twenty years, as scholar, pupil teacher and Assistant. She was a great favourite both to scholars and teachers, and her death has cast a gloom over the whole school. I was in Sheffield most of the day, trying to secure the return of her two brothers from France. Miss Haigh leaves a widowed mother of whom she was the mainstay.

*2nd November 1915* At the request of the police I warned the scholars against the use of fireworks or the lighting of bonfires on Friday, November 5th.

*14th January 1916* Have not been able to have fires during the week as men have been engaged in fixing a new boiler to the heating apparatus. We have been compelled to depend on the gas jets for heating the rooms.

*12th May 1916* My son, home from the trenches - visited the school this morning.

*3rd July 1916*

Miss Scattergood having been removed from this department, I have been compelled to re-organise the work as follows:

Standards VII and VIII	Headmaster
Standards V and VI	Mr Staton
Standard IV	Mr Ennis
Standard III	Miss Drewry
Standard II	Miss Hoyland
Standard Ia	Miss Rodger
Standard Ib	Miss Nutt

*8th May 1917* It is getting very difficult to carry on the work of the school with the failure of the supply of stationery. Every step possible is being taken to economise in the matter, but most of the exercise books are now used up and there does not seem much probability of a supply in the immediate future.

*19th June 1917* Completed my period of service this day after 44 ½ years as Headmaster, 33 of which have been spent at Gleadless - W Roberts.

*20th June 1917* Succeeded Mr Roberts as Head Teacher-

F.J.C. Hinchcliffe.

*19th July 1917* The Big Bell fell today whilst being rung for play. Fortunately no one was hurt.

*17th April 1918* Miss Sleight of the Education Office, Wakefield. visited today in connection with the question of Handwork for the girls of the Upper Standards. She suggested "Coiled Basketry" which I shall endeavour to introduce.

*19th June 1918* Called up for Army Service - F J C Hinchcliffe.

J R Hodgson took charge of this school on Mr Hinchcliffe being called up for Military Service.

*1st July 1918* Attendance awful - 116 children absent.

*11th September 1918* Took 36 children blackberrying today. Results very disappointing -rained heavily.

*18th September 1918* 8 children taken blackberrying - results good.

*20th September 1918* 12 children taken blackberrying - rain interfered.

*23rd October 1918* Very bad attendance (73.4%). Influenza very prevalent.

*24th October 1918* On our blackberrying expeditions 68½ lbs were gathered. Paid out at the rate of 3d (1½p) per lb to the children today.

*26th October 1918* Owing to the influenza epidemic - attendance very bad 66.5 %.

*8th November 1918* School closed for two weeks by order of the Medical Officer on account of the influenza epidemic.

*23 rd November 1918* Re-opened school today with an attendance of 81%. Two children had died during the closure.

*25th November 1918* Mr F J C Hinchcliffe, the former Headmaster in charge of this school called in today.

*To be continued*

## MEMORIES OF GLEADLESS SCHOOL

I was a pupil at this school from about 1937 to Easter 1945 when, at 14 years old, I left to join the working fraternity as a apprentice painter and decorator.

We knew this school as Hollins End School. I remember our teacher in the top form, standard 6 and 7, was Sam Staton, (page 171; 4 Sept. 1905). We called him "Satan" as he was a strict disciplinarian. Mr, Staton had a tall Dickensian type desk with a high stool to match and on the top of the desk a cane about 2 foot long and about as thick as a man's finger. He took the boys in garden lessons, the school having a piece of

land higher up Hollins End road on the left. We grew vegetables which I think went into the school canteen. I had my dinners at school and remember the wartime menu, stewed prunes and watery custard, semolina, plenty of beetroot, lettuce, boiled cabbage, spotted dick and bread and butter puddings. Most meats were stews or corned beef.

The top class also held Mr "Johnie" Hawkins the Headmaster. No luxury of a separate office for him. His desk was along side mine when I was twelve.

The only pupil names that come to mind are Arthur Crouch, twins Ken and John West, Leon Hobson, a lad called Froggett and Tommy Ramsden (I wonder if he was the son of Arthur Ramsden (page 172; 14 Sept, 1911 - school boys' strike).

Leon Hobson was good on the piano but to the annoyance of Mr Staton, liked to play jazz whereas Mr Staton was a lover of classical music and would try to influence us in this way with his records. Leon was also voted as escort to the May Queen. I have a photograph of the new May Queen and her consort Leon Hobson with the retiring pair of 1942 standing in the school playground in their regalia. I also have a newspaper photo of our class with the caption "Children in Centenary Celebrations" arriving at Sheffield Cathedral with their teachers for the Charter Centenary.

The only other teacher I remember was Miss Rodgers, who took a junior class, Her favourite weapon was a 1 foot flat ruler of standard school issue.

During the war an underground air raid shelter was dug behind the school in the recreation ground. It was a long zigzag tunnel with benches on each side to sit on. We used to file into it when there was a purple alert which was not the usual air raid siren. That only sounded if the enemy aircraft were really near. I think school children were required to be in the shelters long before the general alarm was sounded. There we stayed until the all clear, sitting in the gloom lit only by low powered bulbs.

In the chaos of Sheffield's blitz the schools closed and parents were asked to provide a room if they had one to spare to be used as a classroom for two hours, twice or three times a week.

On reaching the top two classes, "Mr. Staton's domain", pupils could then, if they so wished, go to the swimming baths in City Road once a week. We would be given two tokens value one half-penny each and walked with teachers to the tram terminus at the bottom of Hollins End Road outside the Rex cinema. By the time we had completed the journey we only had about 20 minutes in the baths and it was time to get dried and catch the tram back again.

It seems that Mr, Sam Staton spent the whole of his teaching career at Gleadless School and the many thousands of children who passed

through his class over the years owe their education and start in life to his dedicated work and effort. What a wonderful epitaph to the man we called "Satan".

*Ken Lighton, . 40 Heapham Road, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 1SW*

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF JOSEPH RODGERS AND SONS, CUTLERY MANUFACTURERS**

In 1780 the company of Joseph Rodgers and Sons, Cutlery Manufacturers moved into premises at No. 6 Norfolk Street, Sheffield where they became renowned for the production of pen-knives, pocket knives (the Norfolk Sporting Knife and the Year Knife), scissors, and table knives and plate.

It is unknown when the company was formed but it is certain that Ananias Rogers was manufacturing in 1766 and was a member of the Cutlers' Company. From the *History of the Company of Cutlers of Hallamshire in the County of York* we know that "On 27 October 1733 Joseph Rogers paid the Corporation ten pounds for altering his Mark, but the Company knowing he had no other end in changing it but for ye better sale of his wares and maintenance of his numerous family, and considering the awkwardness of his former Mark, thought fit to return him nine pounds ten shillings".

In 1821 John Rogers was appointed Cutler to the Royal Family. By 1871 the firm adopted a limited liability constitution and became one of Sheffield's oldest established firms in the "Cutlery Capital". Maurice George Rodgers became Master of the Cutlers Company in 1897 but died during his year of office. The company had works at Pond Hill, River Lane and Sheaf Island. The company was known not only in England, where the firm had a London establishment at 60 Holborn Viaduct EC 1, but was represented by agencies all over the world.

Joseph Rodgers was Joint Managing Director when, in 1924 at the British Empire Exhibition in the Palace of Industry, the company "exhibited a selection of Genuine Sheffield Cutlery and Plate impressing on the minds of visitors the fact that, as regards workmanship, utility, and art, Sheffield's best". It is understood that the company closed in the 1960s.

*Iloa Rodgers, P O Box 46115, Herne Bay, Auckland 1002, New Zealand.*

*Ed's Note:* The author of the above would like to get in touch with the families of Christine and Pat Rodgers. They were the daughters of Joseph Rodgers and Constance Greaves Lucas, (married 2nd June 1915 at Dronfield Parish Church). Joseph was then an officer in 27th Punjabis

Regiment. He lived at 1 Tapton Ville Road, Eccleshall Bierlow, Sheffield. They had a son, Rodney Maurice Rodgers, born in Sheffield in 1918, and also had two daughters, Christine born 1916, and Patricia born 1921. Joseph was grandson and joint managing director of the Sheffield company. Can anyone help?

## STRAY

St Peters Church, Prestbury(near Macclesfield) in Cheshire.

March 16 1779

The marriage of George Bradshaw of Sheffield Cutter and Grinder and Catherine Percifull of Pott Shrigley Spinster by Banns and Certificate  
George Bradshaw signed Mark of Catherine Percifull

Witnesses Wm Jackson Thomas Allen

*Dorothy M Prosser*

### 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.
- In 1767 there were 319 Roman Catholics in Sheffield who met in a room in the Lord's House in Pepper Alley. (According to Fairbanks this was in the vicinity of Norfolk Row). In 1814 a place of worship was erected on the site of the Lord's House (ie the Duke of Norfolk). The building was enlarged in 1837 and used until St Marie's was consecrated in 1850.
- St Jude's was erected in 1849 at a cost of £2200. It was on the corner of Eldon Street and Milton Street.

## BOOK LIST

### *Historic Hallamshire* by David Hey

Price £18.50 ISBN: 1 84306 049 3 Published by Landmark Publications.

Most Sheffield people know of the word Hallamshire, or Hallam, but what this ancient term was used for is far less known. Despite this, the largest building in the city is the Hallamshire Hospital, the Hallamshire Golf Club have a course at Lodge Moor and the local telephone directory lists over thirty organisations incorporating the name.

Yet few people seem to know where Hallamshire starts and ends. In fact it covered much the same area as the present Sheffield Metropolitan District. Hallamshire persisted as a recognised unit for well over a thousand years.

*Contents:* Preface; The Hallamshire Countryside; Ecclesfield Priory and the abbey of St Wandrille; The Hallamshire Gentry and their halls; The lost place-names and failed surnames of Hallamshire; Hallamshire farming families; Rivelin Chase and Hallam Moors; Millstones on the moors; Beauchief Abbey; The Dragon of Wantley; Notes

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## USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

*Domestic Servants* by Anthony Camp

*Spoof* by Anthony Camp

*Proof* by Anthony Camp

*Life Annuities and Tontines* by Vivienne M. Parker

The above are all to be found in Look North. The Conference Proceedings of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (See page 5)

*The Wesleyan Methodist Historical Roll* by Michael N Jackson

Society of Genealogists' Genealogists Magazine Vol.27 No.4 Dec 2001

This article describes how money was raised by Methodists at the end of the 19th century to mark the "Dawn of the 20th century". The money was used for the building of the Wesleyan Methodist headquarters in London. The object was to collect 1 guinea per adult and 1 shilling per juvenile member of the movement and the target was reached by 1908. Volumes recording details of the people who gave donations to the fund are available for research in the lobby of the chapel at Westminster Central Hall. Names and addresses of donors are given.

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Bristol and Avon FHS No. 100 Dec 2001

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*A practical guide to using wills for family history* by David French

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Huddersfield FHS Vol. 15. No. 1 Oct 2000

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- Burials Index & Transcripts

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

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The cost to Society members is £1 per surname (Census/Burials) / £1 per individual (Soldiers) plus £1 for each variant spelling. If you require a search of a common surname e.g. *Green*, you are advised to provide forename(s) if possible. This is to limit the cost to you - there are 25 pages of entries for the surname *Green* in the Census Index! When ordering a Soldiers Search please try to give as many of the following details as possible - Surname, Forename, Regiment, Army Service Number, Where born, Where enlisted, Where died. This will help to focus the results on the person you want. Please send an extra stamp for each surname searched and a large envelope. *You will receive a print-out of the surnames you requested up to a maximum of 5 sheets. If the search should produce more than that then you will be notified with the first part of the return.*

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