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FUTURE PROGRAMME -- 2002

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

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| Mon. 20 May | Speaker from <i>Friends of the General Cemetery</i> |
| Mon. 17 June | <i>Standards in Family History</i> by Norma Neill |
| Mon. 15 July | To be announced |
| Mon. 16 Sept. | <i>Using the Archives</i> by Margaret Turner |
| Mon. 21 Oct. | <i>Living in the Victorian House</i> by Susan Deal |
| Mon. 18 Nov. | Christmas Social Evening |

NEW SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

Sheffield's Volunteer Armies

The Roll of the Loyal Sheffield Volunteers 1794-1795 and

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Where were they and what did they do?

A list of (mainly 19th century) Sheffield people.

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Sales. (See Publications booklet for details).

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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. 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

Have you ever used the census indexes to Sheffield? Someone indexed them for you. Have you ever enjoyed a monthly Society meeting? Someone chaired the meeting and made everything run smoothly. Have you ever found a missing link in your research on the Society library shelves? Someone looks after that library. These things don't just happen. Someone made them happen. *That someone could be you.* Without someone's help our Society will be much the poorer instead of being in the forefront of many activities. Helping doesn't need vast experience, just a willingness to share a little of your time for the benefit of all. What about YOU paying back a little and giving some service to the other members. Because of ill health two of our committee members are reluctantly resigning. There is room on the committee for you and we need your help. Look at Page 6 for more details.

I have just returned from a Family History weekend. Ashton Roots 2002 was a meeting of people whose ancestors came from the village of Ashton in Northamptonshire. Many of those attending had brought fascinating displays about their family. Not only did we all have the opportunity to talk to those researching the same families but the village residents made us so welcome, showing us around, entertaining us, explaining details of the village's history that we might otherwise never know and even allowing us to look round the homes of our ancestors. It brought our families to life in a way that no amount of research in records offices can do. So, if you have a similar opportunity – take it!

Are you frustrated by the situation with regard to the 1901 census? If you are, there is something YOU can do. It has been suggested that we each write to our MP to urge positive action to sort out the parlous state of affairs. You can find details of how to do this on our website. Those without access to the internet will find more information about what to do in our Society News section. Please don't leave it to someone else. The more who make their views felt the more likely it is that something will be done.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition.

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GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Southwell Workhouse

Southwell Workhouse in Nottinghamshire is open to the public. It was the first Workhouse to be built (in 1824) and has been restored as it was by the National Trust. Well worth a visit but at weekends it is best to book.

Opening Times 13 March - 3 Nov daily except Mon & Tues, 12 - 5pm (open 11am in August). Also open BH Mondays and every day in the weeks commencing 27 May and 3 June and Tuesday to Sunday commencing 21 Oct. Adults £4.00, Children £2.00 and a Family ticket is £10.00. Free to NT members. Discount for parties. Last entry 4pm.

TEL: 01636 817250,

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or email: theworkhouse@ntrust.org.uk

There is more information on <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/workhouse> or from <http://www.workhouses.org.uk> go to Nottinghamshire and then Southwell.

Information from George Francis

Civilian Dead Roll of Honour

A printout of details of entries from the Civilian Dead Roll of Honour can be obtained from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 7DX.

Information from Mrs C H Newton, New Zealand

Old Sheffield stories needed

A call for people with interesting tales to tell about Sheffield as it was in years gone by is being made by a local TV production company for a new video.

Nova Productions are working on a video looking at life in Sheffield in the past. It will be made up of interesting interviews, footage of the Sheffield area today and old cine footage filmed by local people. Nova already has a large amount of old cine film of Sheffield, and produced the highly-acclaimed video *Sheffield Remembered - The Last Trams*, and now, the producers of the videos are interested in finding out people who have interesting recollections about the City. Copies of the interviews will also be placed in *Sheffield Archives*.

Of particular interest are people who remember the building of the Tinsley Viaduct, people who worked on or used trains, buses and trams during the 50s-70s, cars, as well as shots of Sheffield and the surrounding areas - but anyone with interesting recollections is sought. Anyone who was a member of the Home Guard in Sheffield during the last war would be especially welcome.

Speaking about the videos, the Head of Nova Productions, Andrew White said: "There must be hundreds of people throughout Sheffield with stories about their lives in Sheffield, and we want them to give us a call. Anyone contributes footage will get a free copy of the video, and have the knowledge that their stories will be on tape for future generations to see."

Anyone who wishes to contribute should contact Nova on (01302) 534869.

Norton History Group

Norton History Group cannot undertake detailed family history research but we are happy to look up names in the following lists which are not readily available elsewhere:-

1. St James's, Norton, graveyard names and inscriptions
2. Non-Conformist baptism registers 1777 - 1837 Mr Shore's chapel, Bunting Nook
3. Transcripts of Norton wills and inventories kept at Lichfield 1531 - 1750
4. Norton Free School admissions register 1870 - 1940

Please write, giving your own address and phone number and as many details as possible of the subject of your research (names, dates, places), to:- Mrs Gilmour, 264 Notion Lane, Sheffield S8 8HD

If a small charge is necessary, they can phone or write to you beforehand to confirm this.

Their book, *Norton in Wartime*, is now out of print but should be available in the Library system. If you have queries or information, please contact Mrs Gilmour.

The Trench Exhibition. 14 Mar - 27 Oct 2002

Linked with the BBC 2 television series about daily life in the trench, this exhibition at the Imperial War Museum looks at how the series was made and the real-life experiences of those who served on the Western Front.

The museum has joined forces with Tours With Experts Ltd, one of Britain's leading military tour operators in a new programme of battlefield tours including to Vimy Ridge and the Somme, Key Battles of the Western Front and Gallipoli. For details tel: 0151 520 1290.

The 1940's House

Also at the Imperial War Museum, this exhibition has been extended throughout 2002.

Genealogy Award for Young People

The Federation has organised a competition for young people who are asked to write a story about some character or family history event that is

of interest to them. Full details are available from the Society website or from Mrs D. Maskell, 5, Old Houses, Picadilly Road, Chesterfield S41 0EH on receipt of an SAE.

SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Request for all to complain to MPs re the 1901 census project.

Many letters from Family Historians and Society Committee Members are better than just a letter from the Federation. A suggested draft has been prepared which can be downloaded from our website and this can be found at www.ffhs.org.uk/1901.htm#LetterMP

For those who do not have access to the internet a copy can be obtained by sending an SAE to Mrs D. Maskell, 5, Old Houses, Picadilly Road, Chesterfield S41 0EH

HELP!

COMMITTEE VACANCIES.

It is with regret that I have to inform members that Harry Parker will be standing down as Chairman of the Society with effect from August this year, because of ill health. Since he took on the role as Chairman he has worked hard for the Society, notably with regard to the library at Sheffield Archives; he has liaised with the staff at Archives and engendered a very good working relationship. If anyone would like to take on the role of Chairman, please contact me and find out more about the role. It can be as much or as little as you have time for (and does not have to include work with the library).

Unfortunately Harry will not be able to continue working on the library with Anne McQueen the society librarian. Have you time to spare to help with this? Please contact Anne McQueen for details of the library work.

I am also sorry to inform you that Heather Gillott will be retiring from the committee and her role as Projects Co-ordinator as soon as possible, because of continued ill health. Heather has co-ordinated the 1891 census transcription project and the National Burials Index project for the society for some years. If a volunteer feels that s/he would like to co-ordinate one or other project but not both, then there is no reason why the two projects could not be separated. Heather has prepared a job description, listing the tasks that need to be carried out; if anyone is interested then she will give information and help that person as they take up the reins. *This role does not have to be carried out by someone local*

to Sheffield because much of the contact work is done over the internet and by post.

As you will also be aware from the minutes of the AGM, Diane Maskell has had to step down from her role as Bookstall Officer because of work commitments. Diane has worked hard to build up the stall over the past three years, and it would be a shame if no-one volunteers to do this. Quite simply, if nobody *does* take it on, there will be no bookstall at the next meeting. It would involve arriving at the meeting at around 6.45 – 7.00pm to set up the stall and then to take all the books, disks and fiche away at the end of the meeting. You would ideally need somewhere to store the books in between meetings. Please have a word with Diane if you would like more details before committing yourself.

The Society needs some volunteers to carry out these important jobs. If you have been enjoying the fruits of the society, have you a little time to spare to help them grow? The committee meets six times per year; we have quite lively productive meetings and then carry out our roles in between meetings.

Judith Pitchforth

Hon. Secretary

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Yorkshire Consortium of Family History Societies (London Group)

Future Programme

8 June 2002 **Demography and Family History** (looking at life expectancy, age at marriage, levels of bastardy, literacy and migration) *by Peter Parks*

21 Sept 2002 **AGM Members' Day** (Heirlooms, short talks)

23 Nov 2002 **Secondary Sources for Family History**

by Derek Palgrave

1 Mar. 2003 **To be arranged** Either: Richard Hervey (Guildhall Library)

or: Maureen Hambracht (Parish Officers)

14 June 2003 **Problem Solving through Family Reconstruction**

Techniques by Andrew Todd

These meetings are held at the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1 and start at 10.30 am. If you are in London or the Home Counties around any of these dates, you are welcome at one of their meetings. *You do not have to be a member of the Society of Genealogists.* The Yorkshire Consortium charges £2 admission fee to cover the speaker's fee/expenses and the hire of the lecture room. The Society of Genealogists is a 5 minute walk from Barbican tube station, there is a drinks machine and a room for eating

sandwiches, an excellent bookshop, and you can use the library facilities for payment of a fee. (SoG members can use its facilities free at any time). The Family Record Centre is only a 15-minute walk away, as are the Guildhall Library and the London Metropolitan Archives. Do join them if you can - you'll feel quite at home among all the northern accents!

Event at Meadowhall

On March 21st, 2002 our chairman, Harry Parker and several members turned up at the Oasis, Meadowhall, to represent the Society in an 'event' organised by Radio Sheffield. The object was to give listeners a taste of what is available in Sheffield in the way of hobbies and interests.

When we arrived the Oasis was a hive of activity as the various organizations vied with each other to attract interest. There was a steady stream of interested people to our table. Some merely picked up a leaflet and passed on. Others asked more questions. There were several inquirers who had obviously already traced some of their family history, but had met problems. We tried to point them in the right direction, suggesting sources of information, Society publications, and the various advantages of membership of a society.

As family historians we may already be aware that non-genealogists often think our primary interest is in claiming descent from nobility. When Rony Robinson the programme presenter approached our table for a mini interview, one of the first things he asked was 'Have you found any one interesting on your family tree?' He was obviously more interested in the entertainment value of his broadcast. We told him that the majority of ordinary family historians found mainly 'ag-labs' and 'dom-servs' among their forbears, but that sometimes more interesting things turned up. Illegitimacy, living out of wedlock and criminal records, often hushed up by older family members were sometimes revealed.

Let us hope that Radio Sheffield listeners were not put off our addictive interest by the absence of 'gentility' and the presence of ancestral misdemeanours.

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

Family History Days at Underbank Unitarian Chapel, Stannington

On Friday 31st May from 4-8pm and Saturday 1st June from 11am - 4pm the chapel records will be available for consultation. There will also be an exhibition of old photographs etc.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS

You can put your Families on to the WorldConnect programme at http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=d_star

Information from Lavinia Phillips

Yorkshire Consortium Website

Information about the London Group and its meetings can be found on www.genuki.org.uk by clicking on 'Yorkshire Consortium, on the list of Family History Societies.

British Civil Registration records

www.ukbdm.org.uk contains submitted entries and details of where you can contact the holder of the certificate.

Society Web Site News

I feel pretty sure that those of you who have access to the "word wide web" will have by now visited the society web site at www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk

When it was decided that the Society should have its own Web Space about 18 months ago we had no idea how popular the site would become. When the new site was launched a "Web Tracker" was added to provide basic information on "Site Traffic" (visitors to the site). Having looked at the information provided by the Web Tracker some twelve months on, I was surprised to discover that our Web Site attracts family history enthusiasts from much further afield than I had envisaged. As well as the expected web site visitors from the UK, Europe, America, Australia, Canada and New Zealand the site has attracted visitors from Argentina, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Japan, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, and Trinidad and Tobago.

As a direct result of our web site offering information about the Society to a world wide audience the Society has gained a number of new members from both home and overseas, as well as keeping Anne Giller in postal sales very busy with orders for Society publications.

I would be pleased to hear from any members who have ideas or copy for the web site.

Diane Maskell Web Co-ordinator

E-mail: diane@maskelld.freemove.co.uk

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

The Sheffield Cathedral

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/uni/projects/shefcath/index.html> the site offers a wealth of information and photographs.

The Workhouse

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~peter/workhouse/index.html> the site is packed with information about the Workhouse and Poor Law Unions, including information about the Sheffield and Ecclesall Bierlow workhouses.

The Tilt Hammer

<http://www.tilthammer.com/timeworks/index.html> the web site is crammed with information about Abbeydale hamlet, Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust, The making of Crucible Steel, Sheffield Water Wheels. There are a number of biographies relating to the people who turned Sheffield into Steel City. The site also hosts a pretty extensive picture gallery.

The European Knife Directory

<http://www.the-ekd.co.uk/1024/introduction.htm> this site gives plenty of information about Sheffield Knife and Steel making.

Sheffield Trams

<http://www.shirecolts.net/users/david/> The site is packed with information and photographs relating to Sheffield Trams both old and new.

If you know of any web sites with Sheffield History connections which you feel would be of interest to Society members please let me have the web site addresses.

*Diane Maskell Web Co-ordinator Email
diane@maskell.d.freemove.co.uk*

NBI News

The first edition of the NBI covered 5.4m entries and a list of all parishes included in the first edition with coverage dates can be found on www.ffhs.org.uk/General/Projects/NBI/htm

The current database held by the FFHS (March 2002) is 6.6 million and at present no decision has been made regarding the publication date for the 2nd edition. For information, the West Riding of Yorkshire data now totals 1,199,518 entries (Sheffield & District FHS has contributed 251,451 of these), East Riding 323,679, North Riding 323,679

First edition O.S. maps

These can be printed off on the website www.old-maps.co.uk

There is an extensive digital historical map archive with a search facility so you can find exactly what you want and even have your chosen spot placed in the middle of the map!

www.bl.uk

On this site you can access the British Library catalogue.

CONFERENCES AND FAIRS

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 See Vol. 23 No.1 for details.

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

Warwickshire FHS Roadshow Saturday 14 September 2002

10.00am - 4.00 p.m. To be held at the Bulkington Village Centre,
Bulkington, Warwickshire. Easy access from motorways and major
roads. A wide range of stands, hands-on advice (from Warwickshire to
Ireland) and research room.

Refreshments available in our Tea Room. Admission £1.50

For a detailed map please send SAE to 7 Mersey Road, Bulkington,
Warwickshire CV1 2 9QB

**Landlords, Tenants and Tithes F. H. Conference, 24 Sept - 1 Oct
2002 and Family History Tour of Scotland, 1 - 6 October 2002**

Organized by the Ulster Historical Foundation, Balmoral Buildings, 12
College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD the conference takes place in
Belfast, Enniskillen and Dublin. Although mainly a genealogical event
tours and entertainment will also be provided in both Ireland and
Scotland. Further details from the above address.

The Scottish Conference will concentrate on the main genealogical
archives in Glasgow and Edinburgh

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

*From Mrs J H Squires, 9 Primrose Avenue, Wigmore, Gillingham, Kent
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Help wanted

I write as a relatively new member to ask your assistance in
furthering my research for my family history. Although in the early
1800s my ancestors were working in the rural areas of Surfleet and the
environs of Spalding, Heckington, etc., by the mid 1800s several of them
had gone up to Sheffield to work in the steelworks.

As I live in Kent, it is extremely difficult for me to access the
relevant census material, the relevant local papers,, and church and parish
records. Is there anyone who lives in or near Sheffield who would be
interested in undertaking some paid research on my behalf?

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 14 January 2002

Sheffield People in Old Photographs

Martin Olive brought along some photographs of local people and discussed the ways in which the photographs could be used to illustrate the times in which our ancestors lived. He included some interesting technical information, which highlighted the difficulties they endured in having their images taken. These could include having one's head and neck clamped to ensure that one did not move whilst the photograph was being taken. This could be for anything up to 4 minutes. Maintaining a smile for a long time is extremely difficult, with the result that until technology improved and photographs took less time, smiling was not practical. Similarly, trying not to blink for a long time was hard - so the eyes tended to be coloured in afterwards, leading to many of the people in the oldest photographs having strangely staring eyes. People often went to a studio to have a photograph taken, so many backgrounds may have been either props or even a painting.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth

Meeting on Monday 18 February 2002

A last-minute panel

Unfortunately, due to a sudden family bereavement Douglas Lamb was unable to be with us, so Mr Michael Rigby, the Superintendent Registrar for Sheffield very kindly agreed to take part on a 'panel' for the evening. The other members were Heather Gillott, Harry Parker and Judith Pitchforth.

Mr Rigby outlined the work of the Registrar in relation to the Sheffield area. Originally in 1837 the area was divided into three different districts - Sheffield, Ecclesall Bierlow and Wortley. Sheffield itself was split in two, roughly along the line from Infirmary Road to Meadowhead, with Sheffield covering the northern area, Ecclesall Bierlow the south. The main offices for these were at the Corn Exchange for Sheffield and Union Road, adjoining Nether Edge Hospital, for Ecclesall Bierlow.

There are over two hundred places in Sheffield where people may marry. This includes the register office, nonconformist churches, Quaker Meeting Places, synagogues, and of course the Church of England. Until the register is full and deposited with the Superintendent Registrar the local Register Office will not have the details of a marriage, so that even if the location of a marriage is known it may not be possible to obtain the certificate from the local Register Office. Without the location, all of the marriage registers in the office would need to be searched, and in these days of increased demand and reduced staffing this is not practical.

Computerisation is, however, underway, but there is a large gap in the coverage, from 1898 to 1971.

Birth registration now limits parents to a maximum of fourteen names for the child, possibly to discourage the man who gave his daughter 345 names and the parents who named their child after the entire Liverpool football team. The latter changed his name in court as soon as he could. Since 1991 birth and death entries have been computerised.

The public may look at the indexes - a six hour search fee is £18, and in Sheffield this may be used as two three hour periods. Availability of staff to supervise the visitor is the main issue - at present with around 18 requests a year it is manageable.

The boundaries in the Sheffield area have changed quite a lot. In the recent past there were changes in 1967 (Norton came in to Sheffield), 1969 (Gleadless came in) and 1974 (Mosborough came in).

Mr Rigby concluded by saying that 11,000 - 12,000 certificates are issued each year in Sheffield.

A question was raised from the floor about the computerisation of local indexes and the current projects being undertaken by some family history societies (Northumberland and Durham, Chester, East Yorks.) in conjunction with the local Superintendent Registrar, and whether this could happen in Sheffield. Mr Rigby said that he would need to consult the Registrar General, but that he would be willing to discuss this further.

Heather Gillott then outlined the background to the burial transcription work that she has been co-ordinating for over four years. The FFHS launched the National Burial Index (NBI) to complement the IGI, and it was then up to local societies to take part if they wished. Sheffield opted to join in and it has been a valuable resource for researchers. The period post 1813 was chosen because parish registers were standardised in 1813. Those transcribed by the Sheffield and District FHS to date have been all the Church of England registers which Sheffield Archives had on fiche. The society has purchased a copy of each fiche so that members can do the work at home. The current work on the municipal cemeteries is being taken from film, borrowed free of charge from the LDS, and they have very kindly allowed her to cut the film up on the undertaking that all of the pieces will be returned to them. Tinsley Park records are currently being transcribed. This is a large cemetery and the records go up to the 1960s. Heather estimated that it would not be completed until after August 2002. City Road is next on the list. Meanwhile the census transcription work carries on. There are 163 fiche, and we are over half way through. Sheffield North and South are at the checking /amending stage. Next comes Park, then Brightside and then Attercliffe.

If anyone would like to join the team, please contact Heather. The Society does have a fiche reader that could be loaned to a volunteer.

Harry Parker talked briefly about overseas issues that he had come across when doing some research. He stated that someone searching for a child born in America to British parents may find that the search is complex, because record systems are only in place at state level, not at national level. Many states did not require people to have birth certificates until 1900 - in Georgia, it was 1919.

Judith Pitchforth briefly outlined the roles undertaken by the committee members, to further the work of family history in the local area.

Reported by Judith Pitchforth

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday 18th March 2002 at 7.30 pm

Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Sheffield.

Present Mr Harry Parker in the Chair and 50 members signed in.

Apologies Mrs E. Allen, Miss A. Diver, Mrs S. Hammond

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were published in *The Flowing Stream*, Summer 2001 and were approved.

Matters Arising: The Secretary reported that the Committee had investigated moving the location of the meetings to St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, but in view of concerns regarding pedestrian access and car security had decided to remain at Cemetery Rd Baptist Church. The move had been to the larger room in the building, and a PA system was being investigated.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

Chairman's Report: In his second report as Chairman Harry Parker reported that membership of the Society has continued to grow and we are in a sound financial position. This has enabled us to fund the 1901 census fiche which are housed at Sheffield Archives, as well as a better microfiche reader for use at Archives. Mrs Anne McQueen had filled the post of librarian and together they were slowly revamping the library and its catalogue. The project works on the burial transcriptions and 1891 census are continuing and thanks were given to Heather Gillott and all who help in any way. He concluded by thanking the Committee for their hard work during the year, and those who help at each monthly meeting.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

	2001		2000	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions	7,264		7,051	
Sales	10,301		8,122	
Miscellaneous	602		572	
Deposit account interest	204		177	
		18,371		15,922
Expenditure				
Purchases for resale	2,253		2,712	
Projects	4,214		5,322	
Fairs	705		225	
Stationery and printing	333		1,610	
Journal production and expense	3,529		4,350	
Postage and telephone	290		248	
Room hire	542		95	
Speaker expenses	122		88	
Federation fees and insurance	401		102	
Donations	50		50	
Social	-		43	
Bank charges	-		4	
Depreciation	123		144	
Sundry expenses	257		4	
Accountancy	400		400	
Taxation	207		176	
		13,426		13,573
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>£4,945</u>		<u>£2,349</u>

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2001

	2001		2000	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:				
Fixtures and fittings		694		817
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Stock	3,632		2,745	
Bank deposit account	15,377		12,172	
Current accounts	4,369		4,306	
Cash in hand	-		5	
	<u>23,578</u>		<u>19,228</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Creditors	400		400	
Prepayments and accrued income	2,470		2,412	
Taxation	207		983	
		<u>20,501</u>		<u>15,433</u>
ACCUMULATED FUND:				
Balance brought forward	16,250		15,208	
Add:				
Excess of income over expenditure	4,945		2,349	
Branch	-		(500)	
	<u>21,195</u>		<u>17,057</u>	
Less	-		807	
		<u>21,195</u>		<u>16,250</u>
		<u>21,195</u>		<u>16,250</u>

Treasurer's Report: In presenting the accounts for 2001, Mrs Moffatt reported that the increase in the sales figures was due to the hard work of those who produce the materials we are selling and those who sell them, by post, at meetings or at fairs. The increase in the 2001 charges for room hire actually covered some of the 2000 charges. This problem has arisen because she had been unable to obtain an invoice for the fees. In general the hire charges will be more than they used to be because we now hire a larger room and tend to go on fewer visits. The projects figures covered the production of fiche, disks to sell and also the running costs in terms of paper for transcriptions and postage, all necessary for the work to be carried out.

Secretary's Report: Mrs Pitchforth reported that attendance at Committee meetings had again been high, at over 90% during the year. She outlined some aspects of the work undertaken by the committee members. Apart from the work done by those presenting reports at this AGM, this work included the co-ordination of the transcription projects, postal publications, the bookstall, membership work, the library, organisation of the monthly meeting speakers and the despatch of the journal. Thanks to the generosity of Mr Fred Hobson and Mr John Cooper, transcriptions donated to the Society some time ago are in the process of being fiched and will be available for purchase as time goes by. Diane Maskell needs to stand down as bookstall officer, but will continue her work on the Society website. She thanked Mr Derek Tingle, the Society Correspondence Secretary, who does the 'look-ups' for members unable to get to Sheffield.

Editor's Report: Mrs Marsden reported that members receive four journals during the year, and thanked Renee Bullas who prepares them for posting and Elaine Smith for the labels. She thanked those who sent in copy and encouraged all members to contribute. She concluded by thanking those members who had sent in compliments about the journal.

It was proposed by Mr H. Parker and seconded by Mr D. Memmott that the reports should be accepted. Agreed.

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

President:	Professor David Hey
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: Ms Catherine Beresford, Mrs Rene Bullas, Mr Michael Buxton, Mrs Sylvia Carr, Miss Anne Diver, Ms Anne Giller, Miss Sue Graves, Mrs Tricia Heath, Mrs Anne McQueen, Mrs Diane Maskell, Proposed to elect en bloc by Mr Parker, seconded by Professor Newton. The members were elected unopposed.

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

Any Other Business:

Mr Parker asked for volunteers to help at a Radio Sheffield event at the Oasis, Meadowhall on Thursday 21st March 2002, from 10.00 - 6.00 (broadcast from 10.00 - 1.00).

Date of the next meeting:

Monday 17th March 2003.

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

After the AGM Marjorie Dunn gave another of her talks

From Slum to Sunshine

Marjorie Dunn entertained those present in her usual inimitable fashion, giving details of the subject in hand and useful research hints on how to dig below the surface to make the family history more interesting. Her interest had been sparked by a set of magic lantern box slides, from 1904 - 1910 that recorded the outing of groups of youngsters from Sheffield out in to the country. The slides referred to P.W.F.A.F. and the work of Francis Trotman, a school teacher. Marjorie referred to the local newspaper obituaries (Sheffield Local Studies) and the local photograph collection. From here she gleaned that he had been involved with Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, and she also obtained his death certificate and his birth certificate. The Trade directories gave her clues about the Pearson Fund.

Robert A. Pearson, a Londoner, raised a lot of money and used it to take the London children out on trips to Epping Forest. He found that he had so much money that he could give grants to others with similar concerns, and the Pearson's Weekly Fresh Air scheme came in to existence in 1892.

In 1893 some of the Sheffield teachers were concerned about the conditions in which the school children were being brought up - in a city where the pall of smoke prevented the sunlight penetrating to the pavements and where middens were emptied once a week.

Francis Trotman was one of the school teachers, and his slides recorded the trip of the children from Crookesmoor School. When Marjorie looked at the slides they were not labelled, and it was from local knowledge that she managed to deduce that the children had set out from Neepsend station (dismantled in 1956) and that their destination was Oughtibridge. Recent photographs of these sites confirmed her deductions, when compared with the old slides. The children walked from the station up to Grayson's farm for ginger beer refreshments. They played cricket, football and had running games - all of this in addition to walking to and from home to the station and from Oughtibridge station to the farm. It was a great treat to be taken out, and children were on their best behaviour for weeks before the event. Boys and girls went on separate trips.

Marjorie concluded by talking about some of the local ragged schools and where information can be found (for example in parish registers, school log books and settlement certificates)
The Pearson's Holiday Fund still exists.

Meeting on 15 April 2002

Members of the Society were able to discuss their research with members of the committee and hopefully found some answers to their problems.

Yorkshire Consortium of Family History Societies (London Group)

Report of meeting on 2 March 2002 at the Society of Genealogists

17th century sources for family historians by Else Churchill, Genealogy Officer at the SoG

Else stepped in at the last minute to replace the advertised talk by Maureen Hambrecht who had been taken ill. She confessed at the start that her speciality was the first half of the 17th century so many of her references would relate to this period, but she countered this by stating that it is much easier to access the later 17th century, when many more documents are available. She began by reminding us how this period is beloved by TV producers, so that series on the Civil War, Cromwell etc occur frequently. However for the family historian there are problems, which she listed as:

- 1 "The Commonwealth Gap" - a 'severe hiatus in records' during the Commonwealth/Interregnum period
- 2 The patchiness of records 1630-1660. A whole generation is often missing, as the keeping of parish registers became more sketchy and was finally abandoned. Proclamations of births, marriages and deaths were made in the market square, not in churches. Some of these public

announcements were recorded and have survived (See parish documents - some vicars recorded them)

3 Church courts were in abeyance during the Commonwealth period. Wills had to be proved centrally at Canterbury, or Doctors' Commons in London, between 1653 and 1660, but many wills are missing for this period, so may have been dealt with locally with no permanent record kept.

The PRO website can be used to download guides to state papers held there. Else recommended printing off these guides which offer advice and guidance. For example, SP20 papers give details of the estates of Royalists and Roman Catholics which were seized 'sequestered'. SP23 papers show how these 'delinquents' (Royalists and RCs) were allowed to negotiate for the return of their property. Wives were allowed 'a portion', as were children, and also the 'informer' who had told the authorities about his neighbours' beliefs! Luckily, some of these papers are calendared, and indexed. The S of G library holds 5 volumes of calendars of the SP23 papers: the 5th volume is an Index which because of overuse is now fragile and has been put onto microfiche.

These papers are valuable because under the information about one man who lost his lands for being a recusant there may also be found family names, details of his wealth, debt, situation, loss of revenue, possibly copies of wills to prove his lack of finance. There may be lists of his tenants and workers' names, and an inventory of his possessions. These may be the only papers where names of the 'workers' such as ag. labs. might be listed. So - find the local landowner, and, if he was a recusant or a Royalist, there may be lists of his estate workers. Some local historical societies have published these records for 'Compounding of Delinquents'- the Surtees Society volume 111 (Durham and Northumberland), and the County of Lancaster Record Society, for instance.

17th Century Clergy records reflect the changes caused by the Civil War. Some clergy who accepted the Puritan regime of the Commonwealth were dismissed 1660-2 and made claims for compensation. The SoG Library has 'Extracts of State Papers relating to Friends'. The Quakers were unpopular and disliked everyone. They were deliberately awkward and frequently imprisoned for lacking deference to clergy, refusing to doff their hats or remove them indoors, etc.

However, the chief punishments were taxes. Rather than burning martyrs, taxes were raised instead. Else recommended looking at Recusant Rolls (PRO E376 and PRO E376-379). These list those who refused to conform to rites and ceremonies of C. of E. Fines were enforced for non-attendance at Sunday service. The rolls give the names

of the Recusant, rent, description of land, date of seizure, payments and arrears of payments.

The Gibson Guides are also useful. The Guide to Protestation Returns 1641-1642 shows where these Returns survive. They are in effect a Census of male inhabitants, listing those who took the Oath and those who refused. Other contemporary listings show that even before the Civil War, recusants were being taxed. Protestation Returns show that servants tended to follow their masters in their 'beliefs'.

There were Poll Taxes 1641-1660. These laid down prescribed sums according to status in life. Roman Catholics and Nonconformists paid double, widows paid a third. Many have been published by local family history societies.

The Gibson Guide for the Quarter Sessions shows that many have been published and printed. These often reveal a lot about the 17th century: licence applications, Poor Law problems and bastardy bonds.

There is a PRO Guide to Civil War soldiers 1642-1660. Most of the information is about officers: there was no standing army as such at this time. Records of officers who raised troops exist. So if an ancestor appears in the Quarter Sessions as an ordinary soldier, and his regiment or officer is known, it is usually possible to find out more from the Civil War history of regiments and where they fought etc.

Else's talk was full of useful material, reminding us that parish registers are not the only source of information, and that many old documents have been indexed, summarised and published. She also reminded us that the PRO website offers plenty of free information which can be easily downloaded. Her final advice was to "work sideways" if your ancestors are just artisans or ag. labs. Try to find a likely employer, officer or landowner connected to your ancestor, as such people are more likely to figure in extant documents, and it may just happen that their estate workers are listed or their military recruits. So you might find a reference to a 17th century ancestor in spite of the lack of Parish Registers.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Barbara O. Bulloch, 10414 E. Harry St. Wichita, Kansas, USA 67207
Email: barbara@idylwind.com is interested in **William Pashley** 1795-1865 Bone button manufacturer in Sheffield and **Eli Pashley** 1830-1888 Bone button manufacturer in Sheffield. Both were born and died in Sheffield. Any information about their parents or siblings would be welcome.

Geoffrey D Benson, La Cruchonnerie, 49490 Breil, France writes, "My Great grandmother was baptised at Bolsterstone on 21 August 1796. The

entry in the register held at Sheffield Archives states "Joseph, son of **Joseph and Mary Copley of Whitwell, Jersey Weaver**". Can anyone tell me if this Whitwell is the same place as Whitwell in Derbyshire."

Carol Dougherty, Osmond House, Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL 12 9PW writes: "I am seeking information please about the origins of my Great x 4 Grandfather **Thomas Bellwood** who married **Mary Clark(e)** in 1798 in Ecclesfield. I can find no reference to the name Bellwood in Ecclesfield before 1798 so presumably Thomas moved there to find employment (I believe as a Miner). Children of Thomas and Mary are **Sarah** 1799, **John** 1802 (my Great x 3 Grandfather), **Thomas** 1804, **Mary** 1806, **Frances** 1808, all born in Ecclesfield. Can anyone help please?"

Mrs Patricia Wisdom, 3 Windmill Close Alderbury Salisbury SP5 3TG writes: "I would be very grateful for any help/information you could give me as I have been trying, without success, to find out about **Robert Fox**, who was one of Samuel (Paragon Umbrella) Fox's sons. Robert was my grandfather. I only knew of this from my aunt, Miss **Lilian Fox**, who died last year aged almost 102. There was mention by my aunt of the slave trade in the Bristol area. My father never spoke of his family at all. At first I could not make sense of it but then found that Samuel went to France and had another family there and Maria went to live with William, their only son.

I was able to access the Internet and downloaded some very useful information on **Samuel and Maria Fox** and **William**, and also Bradwell and other areas. Alas, I keep drawing a blank when it comes to Robert. I realise Samuel Fox was the one who made history and it is nice to know that he helped other people, but would be so grateful if anyone could give me any information at all on Robert or on who I could contact. I have a little grandson who lives in the Czech Republic and would love to be able to pass on all his English family history."

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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No	Surname	Place	County	Period
2517	Beal	Ecclesfield	WRY	pre 1800
2472	Bear(s)	Spalding	LIN	1850-1900
2504	Bellwood	Ecclesfield	WRY	pre 1800
2472	Biggin	Hackenthorpe	DBY	1850-1900
2427	Biggin	Sheffield	YKS	1860+
2427	Biggin	Holmesfield	DBY	1800-1860
2504	Blackburn	Royston?	?	pre1800
2322	Booth	Thurnscoe	YKS	1893+
2483	Booth	Bradfield	WRY	18-19C
2517	Bradshaw	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2512	Bramhall	Sheffield	YKS	1800-1900
2517	Broadhead	Ecclesfield	WRY	pre 1800
2492	Broughton	Alberta	CANADA	1905+
2492	Broughton	New York	USA	1870+

2492	Broughton	Bramley, Leeds	WRY	1700+
2495	Burford	Sheffield	YKS	1871+
2517	Burkinshaw	Wortley	WRY	pre 1800
2495	Burrows	Sheffield/East End	YKS	1870s+
2322	Bush		LIN/NTT	pre 1839+
2427	Carey	Frithville	LIN	1800-1860
2427	Carey	Sheffield	YKS	1860+
2466	Carnall	Sheffield	YKS	1860-present
2427	Cary	Sheffield	YKS	1860+
2322	Chapman	Thurnscoe	YKS	1900+
2495	Civil	Chapelton	YKS	1920+
2441	Clayton	Sheffield	YKS	17-18C
2481	Codd	Rural Lincolnshire (various)	LIN	E to M 19C
2481	Codd	Swinton nr Rotherham	YKS	M to L 19C
2504	Colbridge	Crofton	WRY	1820
2497	Coleman	Sheffield	YKS	1870+
2447	Cook	Bitton	GLS	1800
2501	Coy	Doncaster	YKS	c1851
2517	Crapper	Bradfield	WRY	pre 1850
2474	Davis	Edwinstowe	NTT	pre 1870
2474	Davis	Wentworth	WRY	1870+
2495	Davis	Inkberrow	WOR	Any
2497	Dawson	Sheffield	YKS	1830+
2512	Derbyshire	Sheffield	YKS	1800-1900
2447	Dolling	Bristol		pre 1850
2517	Dyson	Rotherham	WRY	pre 1770
2517	Dyson	Bradfield	WRY	1720+
2488	Earnshaw	Bradfield/Ecclesfield	WRY	pre 1840
2472	Elliott	Sheffield	SYK	1880-1900
2492	Finch	Felling	DUR	1840+
2504	Fisher	Ecclesfield	WRY	1830's
2322	Francis	Walsall	STS	1808+
2322	Francis	Gt. Houghton/Thurnscoe	YKS	1904+
2501	Frost	Doncaster	YKS	pre 1874
2481	Glover	Sheffield (St. Philip's/Walkley/Hillfoot)	WRY	19C
2402	Godley	Sheffield	SYK	19C
2427	Goodall	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2447	Goodlad	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1850
2474	Grantham	Sheffield	YKS	Any
2495	Greatorex	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
2513	Green	Acom St, Sheffield	YKS	c1855
2481	Gregory	Calver Sough	DBY	18C
2493	Gregory	Sheffield & District	YKS	19-20C
2504	Haley	Wombwell	WRY	E 1800
2492	Hamilton	Linlithgo	WLN	1750+
2492	Hamilton	Felling	DUR	1830+
2501	Harrington	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1910
2517	Harrison	Harley	WRY	pre 1800
2427	Harrison	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2504	Hartley	Ecclesfield	WRY	pre 1820
2517	Haswell	Rotherham	WRY	All

2512	Hawley	Sheffield	YKS	1800-1900
2489	Haydock	Sheffield	YKS	c1850+
2489	Haydock	East Retford	NTT	c1770-1850
2489	Haydock	Worksop	NTT	c1840-c1930
2489	Haydock	North Yorkshire	YKS	c1830-1850
2487	Hepworth	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1881
2488	Hinde	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1882
2474	Hole		SSX	pre 1900
2517	Holmes	Doncaster	WRY	pre 1850
2487	Inman	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1881
2487	Inman	Riddings	DBY	1854+
2487	Inman	Wadsley	YKS	pre 1881
2447	Jay	Bitton	GLS	pre 1850
2517	Jenkinson	Wath on Dearne	WRY	1750+
2495	Kelk	Sheffield/East End	YKS	1870s+
2513	Knowles	Acorn St, Sheffield	YKS	C1864
2497	Land	Barnsley	YKS	1850-1880
2322	Lax	All	YKS	1811+
2322	Lax	Handsworth/Woodhouse	YKS	1811+
2487	Lockwood	Dronfield	DBY	pre 1881
2483	Lofthouse	Bradfield, Wadsley Bridge	WRY	18-19C
2483	Lofthus	Bradfield, Wadsley Bridge	WRY	18-19C
2504	Longley	Felkirk	WRY	pre 1800
2447	Lovell	Stapleton	GLS	18 C
2466	Naylor	Woolwich	KEN	1840-1856
2454	Nicol(s)	Sheffield	YKS	c1871
2492	Parfitt	Trowbridge	WIL	1800+
2454	Parkinson	Sheffield Moor	YKS	19C
2447	Parr	Wigan	LAN	M 19C
2447	Pattison	Sheffield	WRY	M 19C
2472	Pearse	Selby area	ERY	1850-1900
2322	Pickering	Silkstone/Barnsley	YKS	1683+
2504	Pinchon	Royston/Silkstone	WRY	pre 1800
2447	Pullin	Bitton	GLS	pre 1850
2447	Richardson	Worsborough	WRY	L 19C
2501	Rowley	Sheffield	YKS	c1869
2501	Rowley	Dudley	WOR	1868
2454	Ruddlesdin	Birdwell/Sheffield	YKS	19C
2493	Salt	Sheffield & District	YKS	19-20C
2497	Scotrick	Sheffield	YKS	1830-1910
2447	Slater	Sheffield	WRY	19C
2512	Slinn	Sheffield (?Darnall)	YKS	1800-1900
2487	Stirland	Nottingham area	NTT	pre 1880
2487	Stirland		DBY	1880+
2487	Stirland	Riddings	DBY	1870+
2497	Swift	Barnsley	YKS	1850-1890
2472	Sykes	Leeds	YKS	1850-1900
2488	Sykes	Sheffield	WRY	1800-1910
2474	Symes		NFK	pre 1920
2447	Thornhill	Darfield	WRY	pre 1850
2427	Thorpe	Sheffield	YKS	19C

2492	Titford	Frome	SOM	1700+
2483	Travis	Doncaster, Sheffield	WRY	18-20C
2495	Treadwell	Welford-on-Avon	WAR	1900+
2504	Underwood	Mancetter	WAR	pre1800
2487	Wadsworth		CHS	pre 1881
2488	Walker	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1869
2501	Walker	Sheffield	YKS	c 1867
2487	Wall		CHS	pre 1881
2488	Wardley	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1869
2492	Warren	Combe Bissett	WIL	1800+
2492	Warrs	Sheffield	YKS	1850+
2504	West	Upton	LEI	pre1750
2419	Wild	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1850
2419	Wild	Ecclesall Bierlow	YKS	pre 1840
2419	Wild	Backfields	YKS	pre 1840
2504	Wilson	Royston	WRY	E 1800's
2474	Witham	Sheffield	YKS	Any
2481	Wolstenholm	Stannington, Owlerton, Sheffield	YKS	18-19C
2481	Wolstenholm	Providence, Rhode Is. USA	USA	1834/40+
2481	Wolstenholme	Providence, Rhode Is. USA	USA	1834/40+
2481	Wolstenholme	Stannington, Owlerton, Sheffield	YKS	18-19C
2322	Wombwell	Southwell	NTT	pre 1711+
2472	Wood	Goole (canal people)	ERY	1850-1900
2481	Wostenholm	Providence, Rhode Is. USA	USA	1834/40+
2481	Wostenholm	Stannington, Owlerton, Sheffield	YKS	19C
2481	Wostenholme	Providence, Rhode Is. USA	USA	1834/40+
2481	Wostenholme	Stannington, Owlerton, Sheffield	YKS	18-19C
2481	Youle	Sheffield	WRY	18-19C

THOMAS MOORE (1809 - 1880)

I started on the genealogy trail last year and decided to begin by finding out more about my great great grandfather, Thomas Moore. I knew that Thomas had been mayor of Sheffield for a time so hoped that I could find out more about him through his Sheffield connections. As my research progressed, I became increasingly interested in Thomas as a person - here is his story.

Thomas was born in Howden, East Yorkshire in February 1809. His father was Robert Moore, a labourer, and his mother, Mary King. He had 2 sisters, Bessie, born in 1807, and Elizabeth born in 1811. I suspect he may have had other siblings too, as other Moores, giving Sheffield as their birth place, and their relationship to the head of the household as "cousin" have been found staying with Thomas's children on various censuses. Thanks to a local schoolmaster at the National School in Howden, a Mr Edmondson, Thomas received extra tuition in the evenings, and by the time of his marriage to Mary Ann Headley, a

farmer's daughter from York, in 1838 he had become a school master in Bilbrough.

Subsequently he met a member of the Tennant family who offered him a job at the Exchange Brewery in Sheffield and when my great grandfather, Edward Thomas Moore, was born the family were to be found at 23 Talbot Street Sheffield. In 1857 the family moved into Ashdell Grove, 60 Westbourne Road (until recently the home of Radio Sheffield) - a house that Thomas had had built for himself and his family and where he lived until his death in October 1880.

In 1853 the Exchange Brewery, which was then located near the Corn Exchange, was threatened with eviction by the lease holder, the Duke of Norfolk, who wished to use the site for the erection of new markets. Thomas fought the eviction in the courts and managed to obtain compensation for the brewery and a breathing space of 4 months before the premises had to be vacated. During this time he managed to find new premises on the side of the Don and oversaw the building of a new brewery with the consequent result that the Exchange was able to relocate with the proud boast that the move had been achieved without the loss of a single brewing. Under Thomas's stewardship the brewery flourished and became an extremely successful operation.

Thomas was elected a council member for Park Ward in 1861 and in 1868 became mayor of Sheffield. He was unique in being elected for 4 successive terms (although his final term appears to be fraught with difficulties) and was also the first mayor to wear robes. One of his major ambitions was to gain Municipal control of the town's water supply, believing it would result in the common good, following concerns about the competence of the Water Company. His plan, which was finally thwarted by a Council decision not to proceed with the purchase, caused a great rift within the Council and even at the council meeting following his death, some ten years later, there was controversy over whether he was right or wrong.

Following his terms as mayor he became chairman of the Improvement Committee and was responsible for augmenting a major scheme of street improvements. He remained active both at the Brewery and in public life until his death

I suspect that Thomas was a religious man as two of his sons became vicars and both his daughters married vicars. His eldest son, Henry Headley, was vicar at St John's in Over Darwen, Lancashire for the majority of his life and his youngest son, Charles Alfred, spent many years in Europe working for H.M. Legation. His elder daughter, Mary Ann, married John Harrison Winder who became the first vicar of St James's at Handsworth-Woodhouse. Sadly Mary Ann died at the age of 43, followed a couple of years later by her husband who allegedly died of a broken heart. The couple had 5 children and I have yet to discover what

happened to them. Thomas's younger daughter, Caroline, married the Reverend James Fish, who had been a curate at the Parish Church in Sheffield, and went on to become vicar of St Paul's at Burton on Trent.

Thomas certainly sounds to have been a moral man. Even critics of his plans acknowledged that his intentions were for Sheffield's best interests as opposed to any personal gain. He appears to have been honest, forthright and generous. He also did not forget his early friends. Upon hearing that his former teacher, Mr Edmondson, had fallen on hard times he supported him financially until his death and then paid for the erection of a gravestone in his memory in the churchyard at Howden.

He also appears to have enjoyed a good relationship with his workforce at the brewery. On the occasion of Caroline's marriage to the Reverend James Fish, the workforce presented the couple with a clock. The evening following the wedding, the employees of the Exchange Brewery (about 220 men) enjoyed a dinner and entertainment at the Cutlers Hall provided by Thomas with Thomas, himself, his son, Robert William, who followed him into the brewing business, and the groom's father putting in an appearance during the evening. At his funeral, on a snowy, bitterly cold day in October, the cortege was preceded by 70 of the workmen from the brewery.

If Thomas had faults, it would appear that he may have been somewhat impatient and intolerant of those who did not concur with his beliefs. In his obituary in the Sheffield Telegraph with reference to his plans to bring the Water Company under public control it is reported that "Mr Moore had in this matter a fault common to men of generous blood. He judged of others by himself, forgetful that citizens as chivalrously eager to assail gigantic obstacles as he himself was are as one man among ten thousand". The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent perhaps put it more bluntly when they reported that "Like most ardent men he was impatient of adverse opinions, and could make small allowance for people who were so obtuse as not to see that he was right"!

Overall the picture I have of Thomas is of an enthusiastic, public spirited man who had the courage of his convictions. I just wish that I had had the opportunity of meeting him in person.

N.B. I would like to thank the members of the roots web ENG-SHEFFIELD mailing list for their invaluable help in my efforts to discover more about Thomas and his family.

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The Darnall Cemetery 1859-1901 Burial Index.

There is a minor transcription error in the index.

DRABBLE Fredick Barnes, 1 Sept 1898, 3 m. 35 Britannia Road should read DRABBLE Fredick Baines

REVISITING SHEFFIELD.

This year I have been able to make a long-awaited trip to Sheffield to visit the places where my ancestors used to live and work and play, and I would like to share some of my experiences with others who might want to do this.

I use PAF5 as my data base, and by saving to file my "lists of places sorted alphabetically", I was easily able to produce a composite Word document sorted by street name and number. I purchased the AZ Premier Street Map of Sheffield which, in spite of its impracticability in rain and high winds, did enable me to identify and highlight all the extant roads on one big sheet so that I could better plan my itinerary. I did have an old multipage street atlas as well and this allowed me to identify some of the locations that had disappeared over the last 40 years. I had also contacted the Sheffield Tourism Department and they provided several useful brochures.

I came thus armed with a schedule of all the relevant addresses, who lived there, and when, together with a marked-up plan of locations. I purchased a First Mainline 7-day Saver ticket for Sheffield, and this allowed me unlimited travel within the Sheffield Metropolitan boundary on First Mainline. I soon learnt that the Sheffield Interchange is mainly for longer distance travel, but the information office there readily gave me the directions I needed for the many buses which all pass so close to the Interchange - do remember though to check when you get on, that the bus is going in the right direction, as many of the routes are cross-city.

Many of my ancestors came from the poorer parts of Sheffield, and it was disappointing to see so many of their original houses demolished for offices, SuperTram routes, shopping malls, or Technology Parks. A number of the remaining areas had been taken over by the Asian community, and two of the churches I sought had been converted into mosques. Fortunately the fine stone carving of the original buildings remained, and it was easy to confirm their earlier status. I did kick myself though on how much I had lost through not going there 40 years ago.

There were some very pleasant moments, even just walking down the now rebuilt streets and seeing old buildings in the next road, and realising that my ancestors walked there, saw these other buildings, and perhaps visited the pub (so many of which do seem to remain!). I was welcomed and shown round by the headmaster of a school where my mother used to teach; I found decorators in the house where I stayed during the Sheffield Blitz and was able to go down the cellar and also see where the Anderson Shelter used to be. People were so helpful, and one even phoned up to contact an old friend of my great-aunt who died over 40 years ago! The City Cemeteries staff, too, were extremely helpful, getting grave locations from their central data base.

Such a visit should also be tied in to visits to the Local Studies Library and the Sheffield Archive - but do check their times of opening and regulations before you go - and attendance at a Sheffield FHS meeting is a good bonus. The Local Studies Library is keen to build up its archive, so do take along any ephemera you might have.

Overall I found it a wonderful experience and plan to repeat it. Photographs taken in the winter do show a slightly darker image of the City - more in keeping with its grimy past - and the absence of foliage gives better vision. Having my APS or 35mm films processed onto CD disc has enabled me to have jpeg photos suitable for editing and putting in Word documents, or else using in a slide show. So, go prepared, don't expect to achieve everything, be ready for a good foot slog, record it, and enjoy it!

How I use my data.

Having spent so much time in the past transferring data from one obsolete data base to a new all singing, all dancing one, I have finally settled on PAF5. It has the benefit of being free, and with the LDS Church behind it I cannot see it ever being unsupported nor not upgraded. I use SpanSoft's Tree Draw for producing the family trees, and the long free trial period on this product enabled me to check that it met my own requirements and interfaced easily with PAF. I then produce a data book for each branch of the family containing the trees, a sorted individuals list, an individual summary for each person, and a place list. All these are standard outputs from the software above. I also generate a key events spreadsheet where, for each person, I list their married name & spouse's name; date and place of birth, marriage and death; age at death and place buried; and the censuses 1841-1901. I blank out inappropriate cells, and can then see at a glance where I am missing key data on an individual.

My main task then, is to produce a narrative, with photos and sketches, for each branch. I do regard this as crucial, not only to pass on useful information to others interested, but more importantly, to exercise me and check that all my logic is well founded. I also use this as a vehicle to define what further work needs to be done.

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TWINS IN THE FAMILY?

Many genealogists must have been told, 'Oh, yes, there are twins in the family', but what can be done to prove this? Grandfather, it appeared, was illegitimate, although, naturally, this wasn't normally mentioned. When I sent for his Birth Certificate, I was surprised to find that it showed a normal legitimate birth, with both mother and father listed. The Certificate had been ordered and collected for me by a researcher living in London, and it was she who pointed out to me that in Column 1, in addition to the date of birth and the address, there was also given a time of birth. I had not paid a great deal of notice to the time of birth, but my researcher told me that the inclusion of a time normally indicates a multiple birth - usually twins. If you find a Birth Certificate with a time of birth stated, you should check in the St. Catherine's Index, under the same surname and date, and you may then discover another birth with the same reference number. By sending for this second certificate, you may well find evidence of twins, as I did.

But, 'Wait a minute', I can hear you saying, 'You said that Grandfather was illegitimate'. What had clearly happened in this case was that with his mother, Emily, being only 19, and unmarried, but living at home, her father had taken matters into his own hands. He had arranged for Grandfather to be registered as a twin of another child born to a different branch of the family, in order to give his grandson a 'legitimate' Birth Certificate. He worked in a Civil Service post, and would have been aware how valuable a 'legitimate' Birth Certificate would prove to be, in the future. And the evidence for this? Grandfather and his 'twin brother' were recorded as being born on 3rd August 1883, Grandfather at 8-50a.m. and 'his twin' slightly earlier at 8-30a.m. In fact the family had always celebrated Grandfather's birthday as August 26th, the day I believe he was actually born. The births were registered on 1st September, just within the month allowed. Grandfather was listed as the second birth; perhaps the family were able to claim that there had been a second arrival. On Grandfather's Marriage Certificate, no Father's Name or Rank were shown, merely a left blank.

Grandfather was brought up by his Grandfather, my Great, great grandfather, and his wife turned to drink through the shame and stress of it all. And Grandfather's mother, Emily? Well, I'm hoping that the 1901 Census may throw some light on her. Perhaps she was sent off into service, or put into an Institution. But if anyone says to you, 'Oh, yes, there are twins in the family', tread carefully, as you might not find what you expect!

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MEMORIES OF TINSLEY PARK CEMETERY

Tinsley Park Cemetery was opened in 1882 by the Attercliffe Burial Board. It has always been of interest to me as all four of my grandparents and some of my great grandparents are buried there along with many other relatives on both sides of my family.

As a child, whenever I visited my maternal grandmother she would suggest a visit to the cemetery only a few minutes walk from her home in Greenland Road. We viewed the family graves and their position became for ever etched on my memory. My mother used to say that when she was young the area was surrounded with green fields and there was even a farm. Indeed I found it many years later on an ordnance survey map dated 1903. But, as I remember it the cemetery was a forbidding place with its tall black gravestones discoloured by the industrial pollution in the air. It was wartime and the waste ground nearby was full of dark grey barrage balloons which did nothing to improve the atmosphere!

On a lighter note, my grandparents lived at 31 Barleywood Road during the 1920s. This was the approach road to the cemetery and their house was next door to the chapel. In those days, when anyone of importance died, the cemetery bell tolled once for each year of their age. It was known as the 'passing bell'. One day it went on and on and my grandmother thought that a very old person must have died. But the bell didn't stop and she suddenly thought that she hadn't seen Uncle Harry for a while. He was a very mischievous little boy and as she feared, she found him in the chapel ringing the bell. The consequences of that escapade are not recorded in our family history!

My grandfather died in 1962 and had elected to be buried with his first wife. By then the cemetery was disused and only opened for burials in existing graves. It was a damp, grey day and we were met at the gates by a group of mourners suitably clad in black, who had not been able to go to the funeral service. It was the first burial I had attended and I found the experience somewhat harrowing.

I did not visit Tinsley Park for many years until I became interested in genealogy. This was about 1990. We had been told that since it was no longer in use, the records were at City Road Cemetery. There we were able to consult the burial index free of charge. It gave only names, date of burial, age and a number. We listed the ones that interested us and from this the staff extracted the relevant information from the grave register for a fee. Four of the six names we had submitted turned out to be part of my family. Before we left, we were given a map of Tinsley Park with an indication of the position of our graves.

As we approached it was quite a shock to find that every house in Barleywood Road had been demolished. On arrival in the cemetery I immediately realised that this was a very different place from the one I

knew in the past. The headstones were all standing up straight in rows and it looked as though many had been cleaned. The kerbs of the graves had been removed to facilitate lawn mowing. It was quiet because there were no longer any nearby houses. In fact it seemed like a haven of peace.

It was here that I discovered the wealth of information that graves can supply especially in a city like Sheffield which looks after its cemeteries and has detailed burial records. Most of the graves which interested me contained more than one person whose names did not appear on the MI. Similarly some MIs displayed the names of people who were not in that grave. A classic example was the grave of Thomas Lindley, one of my great grandfathers. According to the cemetery register the grave held Thomas himself and three of his children including one who was adopted. But none of them are on the MI. This records the death of Thomas and also a son killed in the First World War. The names of their wives are mentioned. So this one grave contained information about seven people. Of these five were new to me.

Since then I have visited numerous cemeteries and always the municipal ones have better records than churchyards. Of course not all cemeteries are as neat and tidy as those in Sheffield. Sometimes the ground is so overgrown that the inscriptions cannot be deciphered or the gravestone has toppled over with the same result. This is common in rural areas. However, I shall always remember Tinsley Park for the kick start it gave me in my research when I was a raw beginner.

NB - About two years ago I wrote to City Road to ask for details of three stillborn girls born to my grandparents before my father. The information was readily supplied but I was asked to go to Sheffield Archives in future as they now have all the Tinsley Park records on microfilm and access to them is free.

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Did you know?

- An indenture, dated November 12th 1709 records the sale of one seat or sitting in the loft at the North End of the Parish Church (now the Cathedral) for £12, and on April 6th 1791, two stalls or pews of six and two extra sittings, one in the west Loft and the other in the South Gallery, were sold to a Mr Thomas Harrison, a sawmaster, for £48.
- St Jude's was erected in 1849 at a cost of £2200. It was on the corner of Eldon Street and Milton Street.

FOX HUNTING – NOT THE RED COAT AND HOUNDS BRIGADE

ONE

Two hundred years ago, on the 18th October 1802, George Fox and Christiana Hinchliff were married at Sheffield Parish Church. Both of their families were living in Fulwood at this time, although George had been born in Killamarsh, Derbyshire, where his parents had married.

After their marriage, George and his bride probably set up home together in Sheffield, but later settled at New May House farm, Fulwood. Over the next 30 years Christiana gave birth to 14 children of whom 11 (six sons and five daughters) grew up to adulthood and married and had families of their own.

The youngest of the 14 children was William Henry, my great, great grandfather, born in 1831, and over the last 25 years, I've tried, along with a fourth cousin - Denis Bridges (whom I met for the first time by chance at Somerset House, whilst we were both searching for Fox wills) - to sort out the families of the children of George and Christiana identifying about 80 of their grandchildren; the oldest of them was over 40 when the youngest was born.

For many years, I'd been led to believe that our Fox family were the descendants of the Foxes who had lived at Fulwood Hall overlooking the Mayfield Valley. This was certainly believed in my own branch of the family and as a child I was taken to look at our former 'ancestral' home. This misunderstanding has been mentioned in several books about the Mayfield Valley and even today, there are distant cousins who still firmly believe that our Fox family really are related to the Fulwood Hall Foxes, even though we have proved that the father of George Fox, Ben, originated from Hathersage. He settled in the Mayfield Valley around the late 18th century after the other Fox family were long departed from Fulwood Hall.

Over the years it has been interesting and enjoyable to meet up with other branches of this fascinating family - the latest being Anne McQueen, our Society's present librarian, who is also a descendant of George and Christiana and our fourth cousin.

We still wonder who next we shall discover in our Fox hunting saga before we are banned!!

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TWO

"These Foxes they are very sly". So runs one line of a rhyme quoted in the book 'More About The Mayfield Valley and Old Fulwood' by the late Muriel Hall. This book played an important role in my Fox-hunting career, and the quotation is apt in genealogical terms for the Foxes all too often seemed to vanish just as I thought I was moving in for the kill! Indeed, when I began to dabble in family history over 30 years ago I didn't know that I should be going in for Fox-hunting; the crafty creatures had hidden themselves by inducing my grandfather to mislead himself (and hence me) about the name of his paternal grandmother. It was only by persevering with other clues he had given me that I was able finally to satisfy myself that I had found the right Birth Certificate for my great grandfather. It showed his parents to be James and Elizabeth Bridges, the latter having the maiden name of Fox. Only later did I realise that it was a typical Fox trick for their marriage to have been arranged to take place shortly before the start of Civil Registration, so that there was nothing to point to the identities of their parents.

I was able, however, to find from Census returns that Elizabeth had been born about 1817 at Fulwood, Yorkshire (a place then unknown to me). Later I found that she had apparently had a sister, Ann, born at Fulwood about 1813 and married to James's brother Henry. Studying the Census returns from Fulwood led me to the conclusion that they were probably daughters of George and Christiana Fox, who were resident at New May House in 1841. The teasing Fox element this time was finding that George had died before 1851, so that the only information about his birthplace came from the 1841 record that he was not born in Yorkshire.

Having no ready means of access to local records, I had to leave matters in this nebulous state for some years, until I chanced across Muriel Hall's book. Seeing it had a section devoted to George and Christiana Fox, I hastily turned to it with great expectation, only to find that although it referred to the couple's 14 children there was no mention of the names Elizabeth and Ann. Fortunately, this was soon remedied when Mrs Hall kindly obtained for me a copy of a family tree prepared (seemingly about 50 years ago) by a pioneer student of Fox family history, who was a great, great grandson of George and Christiana. This gave the names of all 14 of their children, including Ann (No.6) and Elizabeth (No.8) both with the married surname Bridges.

It was evident that this early researcher must have been the source of the statement made in the book that the father of these children had been christened at Hathersage on 16th November 1777. This seemed to mesh very well with what I already knew, that George's age was recorded as 70 when he died in the summer of 1848, and of course, Hathersage was the nearest place to Fulwood outside of Yorkshire. I therefore, fully

expected that any further Fox-hunting I did would be a joyride along a well-blazed trail, instead of which I was soon to be rudely shot back to square one!

Browsing in Hathersage churchyard I was confronted by a gravestone recording members of three generations of a Fox family; coupled with a series of entries in the parish register. It showed conclusively that the boy baptised in 1777 had died in 1809 aged 32, and so could not possibly be George Fox of New May House. I shall not attempt to spell out here all the twists and turns of the subsequent search for the true origin of that George Fox. Suffice it to say that it took nearly 20 years, much of this time working in partnership with Margaret Hume, to amass all the evidence to enable a convincing solution to the problem to be reached.

As Margaret has indicated, our Fox roots do after all go back to Hathersage, but there is still plenty of Foxhunting left to do there. Looking in the other direction, we now know that at least 50 of the grandchildren of George and Christiana were married, so we reckon there must be thousands of their descendants now living. Any of them who are minded to join our Hunt can be assured that our Foxes will give them a good run for their money!

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THREE

My parents died in their forties and by the time I retired and had time for genealogy all my elderly relatives were dead.

I found 3 old photographs of my great, great grandparents, with a surname written on the back but no dates. The name was Fox and the address Springvale Road, Sheffield. I decided to use these as my starting point. I spent hours in the library trying to find out about the man in the photographs and particularly what he did for a living. I found his name (John), and an address in White's but no occupation, so I was puzzled. I also found some information from the census but nothing seemed to tie up. Becoming very frustrated I mentioned this one evening to Judith Pitchforth, our secretary, who said she had a book, which might be helpful. To my delight Judith sent me quite a lot of material. Most of it was from books about the Mayfield Valley. Way back in the far reaches of my memory I remembered talk, in the family, of the Mayfield Valley.

I applied for my great grandparents' marriage certificate. His name Samuel Woodhouse, hers I thought Sarah Fox. No relevant certificate could be traced. I spoke to a very sympathetic person at the Register Office. She eventually found my Samuel Woodhouse but he was married to Florence Fox Damms. I asked for her father's name. "There isn't one,"

I was told. As a novice to this fascinating hobby, I asked "Why?" "She was probably illegitimate" was the reply.

I then started looking in the census, in the area where they lived. I came to a complete blank on Fox Damms BUT I did find two unmarried brothers nearby called Fox, Joseph and John. I also found three widows and four children living in the immediate area. Mother, daughter and grandmother. The youngest widow called Sarah Damms and all the children called 'F' Damms. Could the 'F' be Fox?

In the meantime, I had been in contact via Members' Interests with a couple of people. A man in Cambridge was researching the Fox name but as it turned out we were not related but he did send me a printout of the 1881 census. I then contacted someone else in Hemel Hempstead (Stan Broomhead) who gave me more information, and I put my Fox Damms theory to him. He said he knew someone in Pinner, who had been researching the Fox name and the Mayfield Valley for years, and would contact him to discuss my findings. I seemed to have found a small missing piece in a very large Fox Hunting jigsaw. Denis in Pinner was able to read out my great, great uncle's will to me and also that of my great, great grandfather John Fox of Springvale Road. This will also made it clear that one of his children was Florence Damms, married to my great grandfather Samuel Woodhouse.

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A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

I don't know about other family historians, but I find that I have relied much more upon birth and marriage certificates than death certificates to construct family trees and provide information about families and relationships. Birth certificates provide parents' names, father's occupation and the place of birth. Apart from details of the deceased, the only other person mentioned on death certificates is the informant, who may or may not be a family member. For the sake of brevity, to avoid the risk of 'losing the plot', accompanied by considerations of cost, there is natural tendency to look at direct ancestors. I recently decided to find out more about some family members who died in Sheffield between 1863 and 1905 and who, with one exception would have been my gt. gt. aunts and uncles. Apart from Fanny Ramsbottom, my gt gt grandmother, these ten people [five children and five adults] are not my direct ancestors and by dying young, their

individual family trees came to a premature end. It is worth remembering that in producing successive generations, our ancestors were somewhat atypical in that they survived to an age where they had children of their own.

By examining the lives of those who died in infancy or early adulthood one can start to appreciate more of the lives and circumstances of those who survived. What were the implications for them? What was it like to be the only survivor, as my grandmother was, of a family of four children? I have grouped the ten certificates by family and where possible I have tried to find out more about the diseases from which they died in order to put the families' experiences in context.

Fanny Ramsbottom (1824-1871); Hannah Ramsbottom (1853-1863)

Fanny Jeffcock was my gt. gt. Grandmother; and in 1844, aged 18 she married John Ramsbottom at Sheffield Parish Church. Between 1845 and 1869 the couple had 12 surviving children, and Fanny possibly had more than 12 pregnancies. Apart from Hannah who died aged 10 in 1863, 11 of John and Fanny's children reached adulthood. Fanny died at her home on 24th January 1871 and the cause of death was given as bronchitis and exhaustion. Fanny was 46 when she died and although her four eldest children were well into their 20s; her two youngest children were just 8 years and 20 months old. Childbearing at such a rate must have taken a toll upon Fanny's health. Given the rate of maternal mortality at this time, one can perhaps wonder that Fanny did well to survive 12 pregnancies. It seems that just one of Fanny's children pre-deceased her, this was Hannah who died at the age of 10 in March 1863; death was due to typhoid fever which she had been suffering from for 5 weeks. Typhoid is caused by a bacterium and most commonly enters the body via contaminated food, milk or water. The decline in mortality between 1840 and 1900 has been largely attributed to the decline of five major groups of diseases, one of which was typhoid. Fanny and Hannah both died at home in Carr Road, and are buried in the same grave in the General cemetery.

Annis Ramsbottom d.1875; Henry Ramsbottom d.1877; and Walter Ramsbottom d.1880

Annis, Henry and Walter were three of the eight (or nine) children of John and Susannah Ramsbottom and grandchildren of John and Fanny Ramsbottom above. All three died in infancy; Annis died at the age of 2 in 1875 from Scarlet Fever, Henry died in 1877, aged five, from 'Hip joint disease', while Walter was just 10 months old when he died in 1880 from meningitis. Annis and Henry died at home in Industry St. By the time of Walter's death the family were living in Addy St. Recent information has come to light about another child who also died from

scarlet fever within weeks of Annis but this has not yet been confirmed. The deaths of siblings from scarlet fever would not be so unusual; it is spread by direct contact and was especially common among young children from poorer families who were living in crowded conditions. By 1875 when Annis died the death rate from scarlet fever had started to fall but there were still 26,000 deaths from the disease in 1874 (Smith, 1979). Smith also notes that deaths from scarlet fever were worst in the larger conurbations such as in Lancashire and the West Riding and exacerbated by local epidemics. If the death of the fourth child is confirmed, this means that John and Susannah's three eldest children died in infancy. The children's father notified all three deaths to the registrar. To experience the death of three (possibly four) children in the space of five years, from a variety of causes seems unimaginable from the perspective of the 21st century, but at the end of the 19th century death was part of everyday life.

John and Susannah Ramsbottom had five other children who survived infancy and demonstrated quite impressive longevity; they all lived to at least 80 years old. This pattern continues for some of John and Susannah's grandchildren are now in their 90s. Susannah herself merits a brief mention. In her lifetime she appeared on the front page of the Sheffield Star on several occasions, for she lived to within a month of her 107th birthday. For someone born in 1848 this was quite exceptional and makes me think about the factors which contribute to longevity. Susannah had a pretty hard life, in addition to having eight or nine children, she ran an ironmongers' shop while her husband worked at Jimmy Dixon's. She did however, have something of a trump card in her favour, for her own mother, born in 1816 lived to 85. This was at a time when the life expectancy of someone born at the turn of the 19th century was much lower. The average age at death in Leeds borough in early Victorian times was 44 years for professional groups, 27 for tradesmen and their families and 19 for labourers, artisans, servants and their families. The figures for Bolton were 34, 27 and 18 respectively (Howe, 1976).

George Henry Ramsbottom 1869-1900, Ann Ramsbottom, 1880-1900 and George Ramsbottom, 1900-1900

George Henry Ramsbottom was the youngest of Fanny and John Ramsbottom's children and was only 20 months old when his mother died. Like many of his brothers, he worked at Jimmy Dixon's. On 12 April 1900 his wife Ann Elizabeth died at the age of 20 and 17 days later George Henry himself died. In September of the same year their infant son George died; a whole family wiped out in the space of six months. My initial assumption was that parents Alice and George had died from an infectious disease, but Ann's death certificate states the cause of her death as 'Accouchement, 1 month, embolism'. So Ann had given birth a month previously, possibly her health was such that she had remained in

bed, which in turn made her susceptible to one of the biggest causes of death in childbirth at that time, namely a pulmonary embolism.

In the 1800s, after sepsis, embolism, or 'blood clots' was the second biggest cause of maternal death in the weeks immediately following birth. Although the numbers of women dying as a consequence of pregnancy and childbirth has decreased dramatically in the century since Ann's untimely death, even as recently as 1960, embolism remained the largest single cause of death among women who had recently given birth.

Ann died at 216 Burnaby St, but George Henry died 17 days later at 33 Whitehouse Rd, the home of his older sister Mary Ward. George Henry died of pneumonia, and one can picture the last few weeks of his life; exhausted from caring for his wife, stricken with grief, arranging the funeral: he paid £2-13-0 for a grave in Walkley Cemetery, possibly trying to keep up his employment; as well as caring for a new-born baby. It is not surprising that his physical and mental health was broken, making him more susceptible to pneumonia, resulting in his death within eight days.

What of the fate of baby George, who at one month old was already an orphan? He also died at his Aunt Mary's house five months later, on 12th September from diarrhoea and exhaustion. Between the years 1898 to 1902, just over a fifth of all infant deaths in the West Riding were due to diarrhoea, enteritis and similar stomach disorders (Horn, citing the Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Physical Deterioration, 1904) and baby George's death illustrates these grim statistics. Diarrhoea was a leading cause of death among infants who were artificially fed as George must have been and it was a seasonal disease which peaked in the late summer, so George's death in early September fits with the known pattern of the illness.

Fanny Alice Ramsbottom (1845 -1905)

The most perplexing of these lives to piece together has been that of Fanny Ramsbottom, daughter of John & Fanny who died at the South Yorkshire Asylum, Wadsey [later Middlewood Hospital] in 1905 aged 59 years. Until at least 1871 Fanny appears to have led a straightforward life. She was John and Fanny's eldest child, and in the 1871 census she was living at the family home with her recently widowed father and eight younger siblings, an older brother and sister were already married and her younger sister Hannah had died eight years earlier. She was 26 and employed as a domestic servant.

However, by the 1881 census Fanny was in Ecclesall Bierlow Union workhouse [Nether Edge Hospital], an 'inmate' with an entry 'y' by her name indicating that she is of 'unsound mind'. Piecing her life together from the census and Asylum records reveals that Fanny spent at

least 24 years of her life in these two institutions. I wondered if her family ever visited her. Did she ever leave these Institutions? How did she spend her time? Smith (1979) quotes data from the late 1890s which reveals that a majority of workhouse inmates never had any visitors and many never went out. Fanny was buried in a family grave at Walkley Cemetery, suggesting that there were some family links, however tenuous. Although initially admitted to Ecclesall Bierlow Union workhouse, on the 29th October 1883, Fanny was transferred to the South Yorkshire Asylum. The record of her admission reveals that she had a four year history of epilepsy, but the illness which seems to have precipitated her transfer to the Asylum was described as '*Mania having delusions about people trying to kill her and having an impaired memory*'. Did these delusions trouble her for the rest of her life, or did she have periods when she was quite lucid? Were they delusions, or was there some grain of truth in them? Such questions remain unanswered.

Fanny died in 1905, having been in the Asylum for 22 years and the informant of her death was the Asylum Doctor. Although workhouse conditions were generally acknowledged to be harsh, Fanny spent at least two decades of her life in such institutions, indicating either that she was exceptional, or that conditions had either improved by that time or were not quite as harsh as portrayed. Interestingly, although one of my Aunts has a great store of family stories, she could offer no information at all about Fanny, who would have been her Great Aunt and died only nine years before she was born. It was almost as if Fanny had been wiped off the family tree.

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A HISTORY OF GLEADLESS SCHOOL

(Continued from Vol. 23 No.1)

17th January 1919 I J R Hodgson, today completed my period as Master in charge of this school. Mr F J C Hinchcliffe having been released from his Majesty's Service.

20th January 1919 Returned to duties - Mr F J C Hinchcliffe.

30th June 1919 The school was closed for the Day of Peace celebrations.

11th September 1919 Three teachers, myself amongst them, a little late this morning owing to the cessation of Tramway service.

5th October 1920 Received a visit from PC Little in connection with the writing on the school wall by boys who have just left school. He recommends that all boys concerned be brought before the committee at its next meeting and be warned of the consequences of a reoccurrence.

11th November 1920 The Anniversary of Armistice Day was quietly remembered. After a short talk to the children the two minutes' silence was kept, and finally the children joined in singing "God Save our King".

8th November 1921 Today we finish our Service under the West Riding Education Committee. On and from today the Handsworth Urban District comes within the area of the Sheffield Borough and the schools are transferred to the Sheffield Education Committee.

28th February 1922 The schools are closed for the day - the holiday being granted for the visit of the Prince of Wales. The attendance is not yet as good as it should be. The epidemic of mumps is ended and the children are chiefly absent through colds, but to some extent to the indifference of the parents.

28th November 1923 Owing to the children in Standards 6, 7 and 8 being of exceptionally varied abilities I have re-classified in 'A' the best under Mr Staton, 'B' under Mr Hodgkinson and 'C' - I am attending to myself.

19th September 1924 Have been trying during the past week by setting simple problems to find the mental age of about 18 boys and girls in Standard 6 who are extremely dull. Their ability or inability to tackle a simple problem shows that it is impossible to carry on the Arithmetic of the Standard in which they are placed as many of them failed at Standard 2 problems. Is it to be wondered at? On closely going into the matter of

the 18 children, I examined, I find that 12 of them are directly or indirectly related. And there lies the root of the trouble!

21st November 1924 EDUCATION WEEK. Today brings to an end Education Week. The school was open to the parents on the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday. The attendance of parents on Tuesday afternoon was disappointing but on Thursday afternoon the rooms were crowded. It was very gratifying to note the keen interest which many of the parents took in the work of the children.

3rd January 1926 Ten of the Senior Boys and Girls have gone to see the play "Peter Pan" this afternoon. The play is being performed at the Lyceum Theatre.

15th January 1926 The Board of Education having intimated that they cannot accept afternoon attendance at the performance of "Peter Pan" as an attendance at school, the attendance of those children who were present at the performance have been cancelled.

17th February 1928 I find that 12 boys have played truant this afternoon to follow the hounds, which unfortunately are passing the school at 12.15pm. None of the boys has been home for dinner.

11th July 1928 Twenty of the Senior Boys visited the Cutlers' Hall in order to view and examine the exhibition of Sheffield Workmanship. The visit should open the eyes of the boys to the wonderful work which is done in their city, and of which they have little or no knowledge, a most surprising and lamentable fact.

26th July 1928 Mr I H Baynes-Smith, terminated my engagement today.

27th August 1928 The school re-opened at 9.00am with all teachers present. Miss Peach commenced duties in the school and I have placed her with the first year children in the Infants Department as I am placed in charge of the two departments for the time being.

6th October 1930 Mr Vincent Bradley commenced duties here today as a Pupil Teacher.

18th September 1931 Mr Bradley finished his year of practical teaching today and is attending the Staff Training College next week.

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