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Mon. 17 Jan. *Apprentice Records at the Cutlers Company* by Joan Unwin

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EDITORIAL

Anyone wanting a search done should please note that, following the resignation of Jan Connell, searches are now being undertaken by Angela Treweek. See the back page for full details.

This edition contains yet more information about internet sites to help us with our research. Not only can we now find out many facts about our ancestors but more and more background information is available to us. Details are given of a new site which should help those of us whose ancestors left little or no extra details to add to their names and dates. We are now being helped to fill out their lives by putting them into a geographical and historical context.

Thank you to all contributors to this edition.

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Obituary

Margaret Hindmarsh

Sadly we have to record the sudden death in March 2003, after a short illness, of Mrs Hindmarsh (of 14 Craster Close, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE25 9UE), a member of our Society for many years. Her daughter has asked if anyone who wrote to her mother and did not receive a reply would please contact her instead. She is Mrs E. Parker, Bramley House, 12 Guilsborough Road, West Haddon, Northamptonshire NN6 7AD

Jim Brackenbury

It is with sadness that we record the death of Mr James Brackenbury who sadly died this summer. Members may remember Jim as someone who always had a query for the Treasurer at the AGM and was ready to ask questions of our speakers. His son Mr Nigel Brackenbury has taken over his father's membership. His contact details are

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658-0073, Japan

The Society extends its deepest sympathy to the families of both members.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES

Dashper family reunion

The Dashper family is holding its first reunion May 13, 14, 15, 2005 at China Fleet Country Club near Plymouth, England. The international event will attract Dashpers from the UK, Canada, USA, Australia, and New Zealand. See the Dashper Family website for details <http://www.dashper.net.nz>

Freedom of Information records research service

From January 2005 TNA will provide a Freedom of Information research service, with the help of temporary staff, until such time as the nature and volume of FOI enquiries can be defined more precisely, probably after 6-12 months. Prior to the introduction of the FOI service in January 2005, we shall launch a pilot paid research service from 1st October 2004. The charge will be £15 per 15 minutes research, including VAT.

Ruth Lewis, Public Services Development Unit, Reader Information Services Department, The National Archives Email: ruth.lewis@nationalarchives.gov.uk

Royal Mail Archive Search Room Closure

The search room at the Royal Mail Archive will be closed to visitors from 5pm Friday 10 December 2004 and will re-open 10am Monday 20 December. This is to allow them to carry out a stock take of their collections. They will endeavour to respond to telephone and e-mail enquiries during this period, although there may be some disruption to the service.

The Churchill Museum

It is planned to open the Churchill Museum at the Cabinet War Rooms in February 2005 marking the fortieth anniversary of his death and the sixtieth anniversary of the Second World War victory. This will be the first national museum dedicated to Winston Churchill. It will create an intimate and multifaceted portrait of him, one that reveals the private as well as the public man, his talents and his flaws.

Yorkshire History Prize (2005)

The competition for essays on the history of Yorkshire is held annually. For longer essays of up to 10,000 words there are two prizes, of £300 and £150, and for shorter essays, with a limit of 5,000 words, there is one prize, the Bramley Award, of £150. Entries should be original and based on research, and should neither have been published nor offered for publication. Illustrations may be included. Any subject drawn from the history of places and people in traditional Yorkshire is usually acceptable.

Those considering entry may like to know that in previous years essays, including prize-winning ones, have sometimes come from people without a history qualification. Successful essays have often been published subsequently in learned journals.

Further details can be obtained from the Chairman of the Judges, Professor Barrie Dobson, 15 St Olave's Rd, York YO30 7AL (tel. 01904 613500), who will advise on eligibility of subject. Notice of intention to enter, together with the suggested title, must be given to him before 1 March 2005. The final date for entries is 1 May.

Applications for Patents

Landy Publishing, "Acorns", 3 Staining Rise, Staining, Blackpool FY3 0BU has for sale Applications for Patents printed and published by HMSO and taken out by the following Sheffield people in 1909 and 1910.

George Close; Percy and George Rayner; Thomas Tateson; John Henry Barker; John Robert Watts; Valentine Belfitt Vickers; Edgar Allen & Co Ltd and Frederick Arthur Warlow; Davy Brothers Ltd and Thomas Edmund Holmes; Samuel Osborn & Co and David Carnegie; James Wolstenholme; George Henry Rayner.

Church of the Annunciation, Chesterfield: A Celebration Of 150 Years

2004 marks the sesquicentenary of the Church of The Annunciation, the oldest of the Roman Catholic churches in current use in Chesterfield. From 1692 until the church was built by the Society of Jesus in 1854, the Roman Catholics of the area were served by missionary priests supported by the Hunloke baronets of Wingerworth Hall, and on occasion also by the Eyre family of Highfield, which gave prominent service to the Dukes of Norfolk and the Jesuits at Spinkhill. On 18 September a Service of Celebration was held at which the Bishop of Hallam, Rt Rev. John Rawsthorne, dedicated panels commemorating all the missionaries identified from 1692 on, their patrons, and the priests in charge of the church since it was opened.

An illustrated A5 booklet (*36 pp. plus 12 pp. of colour plates*) outlining the first hundred years of the church's history and the life of the parish today, has just been published. Entitled "A Celebration of 150 Years: 1854-2004", and including a brief account of the earlier mission, and lists of the bishops, missionaries and priests in charge to date, it is now obtainable by post from Dr Anne Giller.

SOCIETY NEWS AND INFORMATION

A special thank you.

The Index of Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills and letters of administration 1853-1857 and the Probate Calendars for England and Wales (wills and letters of administration) 1857-1943, purchased by the Society, on revocable deposit at Sheffield Archives are on approximately 5,200 microfiche. Anne Diver took on the task of putting 99% of these into individual envelopes, a time consuming job to say the least.

Anne takes many initiatives down at Archives for our Society, unsung and without fuss. We thank her most sincerely for her generous contribution.

Anne McQueen Society librarian.

GRO indexes to 2001. Now available at Sheffield Archives

Sheffield and District Family History Society has made microfiche copies of the General Register Office indexes from 1987 to 2001 available for use by members of the public at Sheffield Archives. This means you can now search the indexes for births, marriages and deaths registered in England and Wales from 1837 to 2001.

There are separate indexes for births, marriages and deaths. Until 1984 the indexes are arranged alphabetically by surname within the four quarters of the year. From 1984 there are annual indexes. All entries show the surname and forename of the registered individual as well as the registration district and a reference number. The mother's maiden name is included in the births index from the middle of 1911. The spouse's surname is included in the marriages index from 1912.

In the deaths index the age at death is given from 1866 to 1968 and from 1969 the date of birth is given.

Society microfiche reader

The Society has purchased a new microfiche reader which will be kept at Sheffield Archives. In order to identify yourself as a member of our Society and therefore someone with preferential use of this machine members are requested to have their membership card with them if they wish to use the reader.

Calendars of wills in Sheffield Archives

The Index of Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills and letters of administration 1853-1857 and the Probate Calendars for England and Wales (wills and letters of administration) 1857-1943, purchased by our Society, are now available for consultation in Sheffield Archives.

Roy Bullen – former Secretary

Roy has not been Secretary for many years but is still receiving mail. *Please send all mail intended for the Society's secretary to Diane Maskell.*

Membership Renewals 2005

As the nights are closing in again, it is a timely reminder that membership renewals are due. You should find a renewal slip enclosed with this journal. Please send the slip with your cheque or crossed postal order, made payable to Sheffield and District FHS, to me at the address below. If you are happy to be contacted by email please include your email address on the form - it can be helpful if there is a query about your membership and I can then sort things out more readily. If you mislay the form please print the renewal form from the Society webpage (http://www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk/about_con/membership.htm)

or enclose a piece of paper with your name, address, membership number and email address written clearly on it.

For those members who pay by standing order, there is no need to do anything. The bank will print the names and membership numbers on the bank statement for members who renew by this method. If you wish to set up a standing order, will you please *send the standing order mandate direct to your bank* and not to me.

Your early response will be appreciated, so that the renewals do not get too caught up in the Christmas post. It is also helpful for the editor to know the number of journals that she needs to order from the printers, so that we do not have either too many journals or too few.

Please note that we do not send out receipts unless an sae is enclosed. Membership cards are always sent out with the first journal of the year, which will usually be in February/March. If you have paid your subs but have not received a Spring journal by mid March please contact me so that we can find out what has happened.

Members who were present at the Society AGM in March may remember that an increase in the subscriptions was proposed for 2005, although the accounts were not available on the evening. After detailed consideration and advice from the Federation of Family History Societies the committee feels that the levels of subscription should remain at the current rates for this year at least, with a view to considering the matter next spring.

Thank you to all members who have enclosed words of appreciation and cards with their forms this year and especially to those who put special stamps on the envelopes – I pass those on to my father!

Judith Pitchforth, 10 Hallam Grange Road, Sheffield, S10 4BJ

Members Interests 2004

Well over 200 members sent in their name interests and the names have been compiled and published on disk and fiche. Those who remembered to state a preference and asked for a disk should have found a disk enclosed with this journal. Those who opted for fiche, who forgot to state their preference or who did not send in their name interests should have a fiche enclosed with the journal because the default medium was fiche, as stated in the Summer journal. Members of the committee hope that the lists prove useful for you.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET NEWS

WW2 medals issued to merchant seamen

The National Archives are planning to make the database of World War Two Medals issued to Merchant Seamen (BT 395) available on DocumentsOnline during the next few weeks. This contains records of WW2 Medals claimed and issued to Merchant Seamen from 1946 to 2002. Each entry gives details of the seaman's name and the medals, ribbons and clasps issued to him, together with a reference to the medal papers file held by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen in Cardiff. Usually, his discharge book number and date and place of birth are listed too. You can search the database of over 100,000 merchant seamen at:

<http://www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Please note that DocumentsOnline images can be viewed free of charge at The National Archives and at the FRC as part of a continuing pilot project.

*Geoff Riggs, Director of Computer & Internet Facilities,
Federation of Family History Societies*

A recently developed computer program

HtmlPedigree produces a website from data in a GEDCOM file.

A set of demonstration web pages is available at:

<http://www.htmlpedigree.com/tudors/index.htm>

The key difference from existing programs is the use of flexible interactive chart pedigrees for navigation, and for the display of family groups. The program is also designed to make site maintenance as easy as possible - for example, bookmarks should remain valid when the site is updated, and only files that have changed are rewritten, to make uploading quicker. There are also many options for the user to customise the appearance and content of the web pages.

More information, and a free trial version for download, are available at:

<http://www.htmlpedigree.com/>

1891 census

The sister site to FreeBMD, <http://freecen.rootsweb.com/>, which contains census data, has just put 5.3% of the census data of the West Riding of Yorkshire on its website. There is now data from the 1891 census for parts of Sheffield, Wortley and Rotherham.

Meet the ancestors at home using new online library of British places

All around the world, people trying to trace their British ancestors are about to get a very helpful new website that's also going to prove priceless for local historians, schoolteachers and pupils.

The new www.visionofbritain.org.co.uk website gives instant access to a wealth of historic information on every place in England, Wales and Scotland -including those that don't even exist any more. The collection comes from Dr Humphrey Southall and his team at the Great Britain Historical Geographic Information System (GBH GIS) at Portsmouth University. They have spent years assembling statistics, maps and contemporary observations about people and places in British history.

Three years ago, the Big Lottery Fund agreed it made sense to share the material more widely and gave a grant granting free access to the public via a user-friendly website. The result, which goes live on 26 October 2004 includes data from every British census, 1801 to 2001, historic maps, gazetteers, travel writings, and trends in wealth, health, education, causes of death and more - all of it available free of charge by visiting www.visionofbritain.org.uk and entering the postcode or name of the place in which you're interested.

"The information is rarely about specific individuals; it won't throw up the names and addresses of ancestors, but what it can do is reveal a great deal about where forebears came from, including the parish name, and what their lives there might have been like," says Humphrey.

The powerful database behind the system includes many thousand of British place-names, huge numbers of which may not even exist anymore. "There are probably a lot of amateur genealogists out there who have a scrap of information on some ancestor who's recorded as coming from a registration district or town that simply doesn't figure on any modern atlas," says Humphrey. "What we can do is tell you exactly where that place was, what the place is called now, and whether it's been mentioned in a gazetteer or early travelogue."

The site also helps with another problem commonly encountered by genealogists and local historians - moving boundaries and borders. The parishes, towns, cities and counties of Britain are constantly shifting their boundaries, and the www.visionofbritain.org.uk database uses a sophisticated mapping system to take boundary changes into account.

Humphrey Southall explains: "The system meets a very specific requirement among genealogists. If you have a location, the system can tell you which ancient parish it was in and, so, which parish register to consult, and it can also provide the Registration District and, consequently, which post-1837 civil registers to check. And because the information on the website is fully integrated researchers can do all this, and get the bigger picture - through statistics, maps, gazetteers and any travel writings that also deal with their ancestral places."

He added: "We think we've created a resource that will be of great interest to a lot of people. Genealogists around the world may well find it priceless. But equally, it's also a truly helpful starting point for anyone with an interest in the changing history of Britain."

www.archivecdbooks.co.uk

This company which makes rare books available on CD ROM has the following now available which may be of help to our members.

Gales and Martin 1787 Directory of Sheffield

Pigot's 1822 Directory of Yorkshire

White's 1837 History, Gazetteer and Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire

White's 1849 General Directory of the Town and Borough of Sheffield within twelve miles.

White's 1852 Sheffield and District Directory

Sheffield's Local Register.

Reminiscences of Old Sheffield by R.E.Leader

www.british-genealogy.com

This site has extensive help for both beginner and experienced family historians alike. It is being developed further all the time but already has lots of information about using Directories, Census, Maps, Wills, Certificates and much more.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

From Michael Bunting, London Group Fair Organiser

Society of Genealogists Show 1-2 May 2004

This year the SOG Fair, re-titled 'Show', was sponsored by *1837 Online*, and included a series of lectures midday to 5 pm on the Friday preceding the main event on Saturday/Sunday, aimed specifically at family history 'beginners'. A fee of £10 was charged for the Friday afternoon lectures plus attendance at either of the Show days. This scheme seemed popular as three strands of lectures covered a wide range of topics, and during the Show on Saturday and Sunday there was also a choice of lectures on family history and computer topics available.

Extra publicity this year certainly brought in more members of the public, and the London Group volunteers manning the Yorkshire tables were kept busy answering queries. It was a pity that as usual several Yorkshire FH societies did not send us any publications for sale, or information leaflets or membership forms. The Societies that did were rewarded with brisk sales, especially of CDs, floppy disks and any new material including books. Thanks to those Societies who have made donations to the Group.

Keep the White Rose Blooming in London!

ED's note: As usual our Society did make a donation.

From Mr J. Castle, 61 Ringstead Avenue, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5SL

For the benefit of readers who may wish to add to the story of Benjamin Keeton and his tombstone I wrote an article to commemorate the centenary of the controversy which was published in the Sheffield Morning Telegraph of 15 Jan 1977.

Ed's note: Mr Castle is the author of "Wadsley Church in Victorian Times".

From Rebecca Snow

'Family Ties' stories for TV documentary

Do you know anyone who has recently discovered a new family member? I work for a leading television company and am looking for surprising 'family ties' stories for a documentary to be broadcast on a UK network channel. I would be interested to hear about any personal experiences of searching for estranged relatives who turn out to be unexpectedly different than anticipated. For example, the search for a birth parent which opens new cultural, religious or political doors in the life of the individual.

Please contact Rebecca Snow on 0207 258 6742 or rsnow@mentorn.tv

From John F Bailey, Bradfield Archives Heritage Project, c/o Mill Lee Road, Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB

News from Bradfield

Last year, some of us thought that it was about time that we had some indexes for Bradfield which family historians could use. So, with the help of members of the Sheffield FHS, the Bradfield Historical Society and some like minded people we decided to start work on the census.

I am pleased to say that we now have transcripts of not only the 1841 census but 1851 for Bradfield completed and fully checked. They are on 2 separate CDs and both years have a surname alphabetical version together with an "as enumerated". The task of reading the writing has not been easy and some of the 1851 pages on film could not be read. Fortunately, and with many thanks, "The National Archives" came to our rescue and we now have what must be the most complete data available other than the originals

Each CD contains details of over 6000 people. The CDs use Windows 98 or above and the files need Adobe Reader a copy of which is on the CDs for those who do not have it

Our work is continuing and not only is an 1891 census transcript nearing completion but 1871 is well under way. We are also indexing the Bradfield Militia lists for 1819 to 1831 and hope that these will be ready for use early in 2005.

Whilst we were working on the census transcripts we became aware of work your editor (Denise Marsden) had been doing on original indentures owned by Bradfield Parish Council and forming part of their archives. Most of these

are for pauper children but not exclusively. There are over 800 of them and they cover the period from 1728 to 1848. Also included are a small number from 1632 to 1640. The indentures show not only the name of the apprentice but their master. In some instances ages and names of parents are given. Denise has given us permission to publish her private work on the indentures and we now have available a CD with them all on.

Ed's Note: If you would like copies of the CDs the census ones cost £10 each and the Indenture one is £6.50. Sorry but payment in sterling only. All include free post and packing in the UK. You can get them from: Dr Anne Giller at Sheffield FHS and/or Bradfield Historical Society who can be contacted at: 27 Chase Road, Loxley, Sheffield, S6 6RA

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Monday 21 June 2004

Fulwood Cottage Homes

These are now private residences but Miss B. Ford our speaker was herself brought up in the Fulwood Cottage Homes and treated us to a vivid description of what it was like to be an inmate. 2003 was the centenary of the Homes and all past residents were invited to a celebration BBQ.

Miss Ford was 3½ when she went into the home and clearly remembered Mr and Mrs Hildreth who ran it. Mrs Hildreth, who was very gentle, lived to be 100 and bequeathed her collection of photographs to the Library.

The Homes were the responsibility of Sheffield Council and the Children's Department. There were cottages numbered 1-19. Each held 14 children with boys and girls being separate. In addition there was an isolation unit for any who were sick. Many of the children who came in were neglected with lice, scabies etc. They went first into a receiving house.

The children in each house were of mixed ages up to school leaving age and called their foster mother "Mother". The cottages had 2 dormitories each with 7 beds. Each child had a job to do connected with the smooth running of the household (and each had Cod Liver Oil each morning!). In addition to normal school lessons the children were taught skills such as sewing and cooking. Our speaker remembered making her own Guide uniform.

Miss Ford obviously had many happy memories of the home. When she grew up she went to work at Thornsett to which toddlers were transferred and where she was responsible for 2-3 year olds.

The London Group of Family History Societies
Meeting on 20 March 2004 at the Society of Genealogists

PARISH OFFICERS – unpaid and overworked
by Maureen Hambrecht

Maureen began by asking us how we thought of our ancestors – just as names on a family tree, or did we wonder what they were like and what they did? Most family historians find they have few if any ‘interesting’ ancestors such as well-documented members of the professions. The great majority of us are descended from ag. labs – so all we have to go on are parish registers – or is there more?

We were then taken on a quick tour through all the jobs in the community which might well have been performed by our ancestors. Manorial officers served at the Court Leet, and parish officers served in the Vestry (equivalent of a Parish Council today). Personnel would be changed annually. Many of the duties were unpopular and time-consuming, but everyone was expected to take their turn, rather like jury service. However, if you were rich you could substitute one of your employees, or pay a substitute. In some small parishes, the same man might have 2 or 3 jobs simultaneously. A large parish might be subdivided into townships, each with its own officers. The only paid position was that of Parish Clerk.

Maureen then described some of the jobs our ancestors might well have been elected to do.

Churchwardens

At least 2, Vicar’s Warden and People’s Warden, were chosen annually. Some parishes had as many as 12. Their duties were connected with the church fabric, manners and morals of parishioners, the distribution of money to the poor, etc. They kept accounts and dealt with income from church rates and pew rents. A search through parish documents where they exist might reveal an ancestor’s signature.

At a Visitation of the Bishop, the Churchwarden had to ‘present’ (i.e. report) anyone who had offended against a list of rules governing church attendance, behaviour etc. Churchwardens could also report the Vicar for behavioural offences. As might be expected, such duties if done strictly and conscientiously could make a lot of enemies. It’s therefore not surprising that many Visitation Books indicate that ‘All’s well’ in a large number of parishes. Various other minor disciplinary jobs included that of ‘Knocknobbler’ or Dog-Whipper, whose duty was to remove from church badly behaved dogs during services!

Maintenance of the church fabric was an important task. ‘Briefs’ might be received by the Churchwardens – these were letters from other parishes via

the Bishop, requesting a special collection for such items as roof repairs. Large repairs or alterations needed permission from the Faculty (Bishop's office). The Vicar's Warden had to ensure records were kept up to date; he also oversaw church music and ensured the musicians were paid. (Most churches employed a small group of local musicians: organs weren't widespread in rural parishes until the latter part of the 19th C.) At the end of their term of office the Churchwardens handed over any remaining money to their successors. Some parish records include detailed lists of who was paid, how much and for what.

Constable

This was the most hated job. Back in the 13th C he was known as a 'Headborough'. There were 'Petty' (Deputy) and Chief Constables, chosen by the Manor Court and responsible to the magistrates. There were about 20 duties which had to be fitted in with their own work, duties including hue and cry, taking offenders to magistrates, apprehending vagrants in the parish, and supervision of the pillory, stocks, whipping post, ducking stool and village lock-up. They also had to supervise the Militia and until 1660 were responsible for the archery butts. They had to collect county rates and national taxes, prosecute disorderly houses, inspect ale-houses, and take care of the parish bull (which would service all the local cows).

While the Militia were away training, the Constable had to supervise the wives and families left behind.

According to the requirements of the Poor Law, Constables had to feed and send on those who arrived destitute in the parish but were not entitled to settle there. He also had to whip beggars and vagrants and send them on out of the parish. Until 1792, women were whipped as well as men. If those who arrived were ill, the Constable had to put them in the 'cripple-cart' and take them quickly to the edge of the parish, so if they died the parish wouldn't be responsible! Other duties included providing a list of ale-house keepers and inns.

Constables, responsible to the Manor Courts, found that when their year of office was up people bore a grudge against them. Nowadays, the police still talk about their 'manor'.

Overseer of the Poor

An honorary parochial post. Pre-Reformation, care of the poor was the responsibility of the church and the monastic communities. By 1572 there was so much poverty and destitution after the Dissolution of the Monasteries that an Act set up Alms Collectors. These people had to be 'substantial householders', often, in practice, gentry. In 1601 the Poor Law Act decreed Churchwardens should become ex-officio Overseers of the Poor, and the Overseers took on more duties, with more money involved. Everyone had to be assessed for Poor Rate, and the Overseers had to work out what was needed for the year in the parish, and what each property had to pay (like Council Tax!). The Overseers of the

Poor became redundant when their duties were taken over by the Civil Parish in 1832.

Poor Law records are useful to the family historian in many ways. There are lists of names which don't show relationships but give an indication of wealth and standing in local society. If someone was too poor to pay rates, then he was probably receiving parish relief. There were various payments for all kinds of ailments. Relief was paid to widows and militia wives etc. Settlement Certificates give much detail about marriage, dates of children's births etc, but if someone didn't have a Settlement Certificate he had to go before the Magistrates and be examined. Removal Orders were issued if conditions weren't satisfied. There were often great hardships recorded because if a woman was widowed she had to return to her husband's birthplace which might be at the other end of the country. Sometimes, the husband's parish would send money to enable her to stay where she was and avoid family upheaval.

Pauper apprentices – pauper children were put out as apprentices as soon as possible, by the Overseers.

Illegitimate children – women were 'examined' for Bastardy Orders, and if a father was named he would be responsible for supporting the child. Midwives were not supposed to help women bearing an illegitimate child until the woman in labour had told her who the father was! Did the mothers always tell the truth, or did they choose a possible father who was much better off? If you have illegitimate ancestors, you should look in the Quarter Sessions Records or the Parish Papers for Overseers Records.

Highways Overseers

These were responsible to JPs and had to have property qualifications. Every householder had to contribute unpaid labour to the maintenance of roads – collecting stones etc. This was very unpopular!

Manorial Jobs

The Court Leet twice a year appointed a Constable and other officers, such as:

Pinder – he looked after the Pinfold where the stray animals were kept. (But people broke into the pinfold to pinch their cattle back without paying the fine!)

Field Reeve – controlled when fields were to be used for different purposes

Hayward – responsible for hedges and fences and preventing cattle from straying.

Beadle – collected manorial dues

Bylaw men (often called Barleymen) – to ensure local manor laws were kept.

Cattleherd – to control cattle on common until they could go into fields.

Wellmaster –

Woodward –

Hogringer –

Aletaster: - tested quality

Breadfiner: - weighed bakers' loaves.

So our ancestors however humble may well have served their community, and their names may be mentioned in official documents besides parish registers.

Where to find these records

They're usually in Record Offices, and should be searched for under 'Parish Papers'. Some are indexed. Unfortunately, not all have survived. Some parishes' papers start c. 1800 – the earlier ones were probably 'cleared out' when the duties of parish officers were gradually taken over by local government and civil township officials.

Maureen's talk was very well received and we were grateful that she had come 'out of retirement' to speak to us.

A few reading suggestions

HOW OUR ANCESTORS LIVED - a history of life a hundred years ago by David Hey £12.99 paperback (PRO)

This large format paperback is well illustrated and contains a very useful Bibliography. It is based on the information provided by the 1901 Census, and offers insights into many aspects of our ancestors' everyday lives. There are very interesting comparisons between various areas of the UK.

SURNAMES AND GENEALOGY - A New Approach by George Redmonds £11.95 paperback (FFHS)

Dr. Redmonds' examples are taken mainly from Yorkshire. His thesis is that each surname is unique, beginning with one person or family at a particular time and a particular place. Dictionaries of surnames are often misleading when they provide a single place of origin for a surname. This book opens up so many possibilities of variant spellings and derivations that it gives new hope to all of us who feel we have reached a 'dead end'!

BLOOD'S THICKER THAN WATER by Joan D. Dexter Price £10.50 plus p & p £1.80 (2nd class) or £2.20 (1st class) Available from the author Mrs. J. D. Dexter, Maplebeck House, Maplebeck, Newark, Notts NG22 0BS

This delightful paperback of 300 pages shows just what you can do with your family history. Joan traces her maiden name of **Dinsdale**. The book contains charts, documents and photographs, some in colour. Joan's story is readable and attractively told, and she shows how, starting in 1960 as a keen but naive genealogist, she and her late father gradually unearthed the family origins back to Tudor times. Dinsdales seem to originate in the village of that name by the banks of the River Tees, but Joan's ancestors were certainly mobile! There is much guidance here for those who want to leave some written memento for their children.

FROM SCRIBBLE TO SCRIPT
– a ‘talk’ by Meryl Catty & Audrey Gillett

It had been hinted by Group members who had heard this ‘duo’ perform before that we were in for an unusual talk, and we were not disappointed. It began unremarkably enough with Meryl, an expert family history researcher and lecturer who began teaching FH classes in 1969 (!), introducing the topic of how to approach our research: goals, lines of research, the addictive nature of the hobby etc. She stressed how important it was, for both beginners and the more experienced, to do homework thoroughly on what might be found where, and how to avoid covering the same ground twice and wasting time. She advised beginners to use textbooks and attend classes, and compared research to preparing to run a marathon, suggesting that no-one would attempt the latter without the right equipment, exploring the course in advance, and undergoing some sort of training or preparation. She proposed to call for a volunteer, a beginner, to help her illustrate some of her advice.

At this point Audrey, who had been sitting at the back of the room, leapt forward offering to ‘volunteer’. She was the beginner and, it soon became apparent, the ‘stooge’ to Meryl’s straight act. For the following hour, we were treated to an expertly conducted two-woman comedy show, during which we all learnt many useful tips while laughing at Audrey’s ‘mistakes’ and assumptions. Several of the audience cringed once or twice, perhaps recognising some of their own earlier errors, such as when Audrey proudly showed Meryl her research so far and proceeded to empty the contents of a Tesco carrier bag onto the table. The piles of loose sheets, backs of envelopes, undated notes etc were all too familiar! She also informed us that she’d found most of her ancestors through ‘Iggy’ – Meryl finally worked out she meant the ‘IGI’. Audrey’s family tree went back to Henry VIII “apart from a gap between 1650 and 1750”.

While Meryl tactfully and forcefully sorted Audrey out, and they both provided us all with plenty of amusing dialogue and repartee, we were given a quantity of useful information and reminders of details many of us had forgotten. Briefly, Meryl’s advice included the following reminders to us all:

- Besides interviewing relatives, send out copies of the family tree “so far” and ask for comments and corrections. Even relatives who say they’re not interested will often enjoy putting you right on a date or name, or adding relatives you’ve missed out.
- When visiting a distant Record Office or Library, do your homework beforehand to avoid wasting precious time. Check on opening times, car

parking or public transport, facilities such as refreshments, whether you need to book a seat or film reader in advance. whether in fact they have what you're looking for! Many repositories will have leaflets and Handlists available for you to request or purchase beforehand, so you can see what might be of use to you. Sometimes documents have to be ordered in advance of your visit. Meryl reminded us how many family historians turn up after a long journey only to find the RO closed, or they have forgotten their Reader's Ticket, or they waste time going to look for a café or a car park.

- On the subject of refreshments, Meryl reminded us of the importance of having breaks, to replenish our blood-sugar levels and aid concentration – otherwise we find we have scanned a page without noticing it and have to go back and look again. It's easy to miss important names or dates at the end of a long day without a break.
- Check to see whether you can save a journey by finding what you want closer to home. If you live in the Home Counties, the Society of Genealogists Library has thousands of books, films and indexes from all over the UK. If you have a Mormon Library or LDS Family History Centre within easy reach, nationwide material can be searched or ordered. The Internet offers a wealth of material (consult books such as *The Good Web Guide - Genealogy*, which lists and evaluates hundreds of web-sites). There may be useful Indexes and reference books in your local Reference Library.
- When organising research, Meryl vetoed Audrey's carrier bag method and suggested taking to ROs cards in plastic wallets, one for each person being studied, with a list of facts known and other facts to search for. She also takes some 'backup' research in case she can't find her first choice of topic.
- We were reminded to note dates of searches, including negative results, and details of what exactly we'd looked at, also gaps in registers, otherwise at some future time we find ourselves accidentally covering the same ground before realising it all looks strangely familiar! We were also reminded that if films or fiche are unclear, we should ask to see the original.
- Old handwriting should not be a deterrent, as there are many useful handbooks available such as the Eve McLaughlin Guide or *A Secretary Hand Alphabet*. Practice makes it easier! Meryl recommended taking photocopies of old documents then studying them at home with handbook alongside. Number each line at beginning and end, then transcribe the document line by line, using the words you can recognise to help with the letters and words you can't.

- Our filing system should be clear and simple (Audrey's carrier bag was rejected again). Meryl recommended cards for quick reference, but otherwise loose-leaf binders, with a Contents and Key to any abbreviations so your work can be understood by anyone who consults your files. Hard copy should always be kept, as well as computer files.
- Our aim, we were reminded, should be to write our family history in its social context, not just a chart of names. We should start by writing short biographies of individual ancestors. Start by making a list of facts in chronological order about each one – it's often surprising how much we know.
- We should contact as many family members as we can. Young relatives are often well informed about their grandparents' lives, and more distant cousins may have different memories, traditions and photographs passed down different lines of the family.
- Finally, Meryl recommends sending Christmas cards to distant relatives and previous correspondents, just to keep in touch. Sometimes a card reminds the recipient that there is a new piece of information to be passed on to you.

Meryl and Audrey were congratulated on a most interesting and amusing talk, presented in an unusual way and which offered something of interest even for the more 'experienced' family historians in the audience. We all agreed Meryl had provided some salutary reminders for us all, and Audrey's 'beginner's mistakes' were only too familiar to everyone!

FUTURE PROGRAMME

All meetings are held at the Society of Genealogists, starting at 10.30 a.m, on the 3rd Saturday in March, June, September and November.

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| 19 March 2005 | Dr. George Redmonds – <i>Yorkshire Surnames and the Importance of the Alias</i> |
| 18 June 2005 | Susanah Farmer – <i>Yorkshire Sources in the National Archives Resource Centre and Library.</i> |

The SOG is at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1. Doors open at 10 a.m. Coffee or tea is provided before the meeting. The SOG is 5 minutes' walk from Barbican Underground station, and 15 minutes' walk from the Family Record Centre. London Metropolitan Archives and Guildhall Library are also nearby. All Yorkshire FH Societies' members are very welcome.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOG.

Ed.'s note: Our Society is one of the Yorkshire Societies that support the London Group. So if you are within reach of London do support the show next year.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

William Birtles, 41 Bernadette Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R2M 4Z2, Canada writes: "I know that my surname Birtles comes from Macclesfield, East Cheshire. **Franciscus Birtles** was baptised there in 1630. He crossed the Pennines - in a group of people I think - and settled in Stoney Middleton. In April 1754 he married **Maria Yeallot** (later changed to **Elliot**) in Hathersage Parish Church. **Francis Jr, Edward and Henry** were baptised at Stoney Middleton in the 1660s. I think they must be my ancestors. However, there is a gap. Where was Thomas?"

Thomas Birtles and his wife **Hannah** came to Eccesall Sheffield with Thomas Junior, **Sarah** and possibly other siblings. Baptisms of other infants appear in the Sheffield Parish Church records from 1700 on. Thomas and Hannah died there in 1724. The family later moved out to Norton. Their son **Francis** (b.1708) and **Mary Wild** (1712) are my ancestors."

From *Jan Feldinger, Box 2721, Revelstoke, BC Canada VOE2S0 #2975*
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I have been trying to find the birth/baptism of my great grandfather, **Charles Sykes**, in/near Sheffield, YKS around 1825/26. A researcher checked the C of E parish registers in central Sheffield several years ago and I checked the Non-Conformist registers at Salt Lake City. His father's name was also Charles Sykes, his occupation reported to be a jeweller.

About 1856 Charles went to Sydney, Australia, possibly ex Hobart, Tasmania 25 March, 1856 on the Brig "Creole". He married **Mary Ann Hunt** at Bathurst, NSW by Wesleyan Form, 3 June, 1856 (aged 30 years) and died there 17 December, 1884 (aged 58 years) - his length of stay in Australia 28 years. Their children were **Alfred Amos**, 1857; **Charles J**, 1859; **Alice**, 1863; **George Australia**, 1864; **Arthur James**, 1867; **Walter Frederick**, 1870; **Mary Louisa**, 1872 (my grandmother); and **Victor William**, 1881.

In his obituary, reference is made to him spending many years in India as a soldier, his occupations as a painter and as a policeman at Frying Pan and Bowenfels, both in NSW. On his death certificate his father is given as Charles Sykes and his mother having died in Bathurst. Because Australia was a young country detailed information was given on birth, marriage and death registers. For this reason I believe the information I have is correct.

Other sources I have checked are the 1841 and 1851 Sheffield Censuses. My paternal family has a history of deafness - otosclerosis - which is usually passed by the female line. In my family it is very strong, going through at least three generations to the present day. In the 1861 Sheffield Census there are several Sykes entries showing a disability of "Deafness".

The Brig "Creole" regularly travelled between Tasmania, New Zealand and Sydney, NSW. She was registered in Hobart in 1851 and went down in 1863.

Can anyone help with jewellers' directories from the 1800's for a Charles Sykes listing; the birth/baptism of a Charles Sykes anywhere near Sheffield, from 1825; shipping information between India and Tasmania; and information about Charles Sykes' service, as a soldier, in India prior to 1856?

Jacqui Jackson, 6 Shannon Close, Grove, Wantage OX12 7PT asks: "Can anyone help with information on **Mary Jackson**, my husband's great grandmother, who was born in 1844 in Beighton, and her daughter **Polly Field Jackson**? Polly was born April 1879 in Intake Road, Sheffield. According to family lore, Mary emigrated to Canada, possibly with Polly, leaving behind her infant son, **Joseph Edward Jackson**, born August 1881 in Nottingham Street. No father is named on either of the children's birth certificates. Joseph was left with **Robert and Mary Pheasey** who later 'adopted' him. Joseph was my husband's grandfather, and I've managed to piece together a considerable amount of information about him.

According to the Canadian National Archive, a Mary Jackson and family (three children) entered Canada in 1883, and was forwarded to Belleville (Ontario). However, Mary Jackson appears again in Sheffield according to Kelly's Sheffield Directory of 1887, when she was living in Priory Avenue. Polly is with her at this address at the 1891 census, together with three male boarders. There are various Mary Jacksons in other Sheffield directories, one of whom was listed in an 1888 directory as a 'fruit and potato saleswoman'; another snippet of family legend was that she 'made her fortune' in the fruit business, and that when she sent for Joseph to join her (legend says in Canada, but I suspect back in Sheffield) he refused - probably because he really didn't know her. The Mary Jackson listed in the 1901 census, a boarding house keeper, in St Ronan's Road, is almost certainly not the right person.

Can anyone shed any light on the fate of Polly and/or Mary. I've not been able to find any references to the right Polly in the BDM registers. What happened to Mary? If anyone has information on any of the Mary Jacksons in Sheffield from 1881 onwards, I'd be very pleased to hear from them.

Mrs. Jill Manship, 35 Goosehills Road, Burbage, Hinckley, Leics.

*LE10 2RY Email address : deemandesign@aol.com asks 'Has anyone any knowledge of the hatting industry in Sheffield in the 1850s and 1860s? My g.grandfather, **William Moore**, is described as a shoemaker at his marriage in 1852, and also in the 1861 Census for Sheffield at Solly Street, aged 29. By 17th November 1864, the date when his daughter **Mary Emma** was born, he had moved to Leicester and was working as a **Hatter Master**. I assume that he must have become a hatter in Sheffield, but the birth of a child in Sheffield after the 1861 Census does not appear to have been registered, so I have no evidence to support this. I would be pleased to hear from anyone with hatters among their Sheffield ancestors, or knowledge of hatting in Sheffield.*

*From Mrs J. Johnson - Rissi, 11 Neason Court, Folkestone, Kent CT19 6DZ.
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My Mother in Law was **Elsie Rose Kaye**, born on 19 May 1917. Her parents were **William Henry Kaye**, the landlord of the Buckingham Arms, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, in the County of Bedfordshire and **Alice nee Humble**, his wife.

William Henry Kaye was born 13 February 1884 at 4, Forentain Place, Syluenter Lane, Sheffield South. His father was **William Kaye** while his mother was **Harriet Kaye** formerly **Thacker**. He was educated in Sheffield. He joined the 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Rifle Corps and served first in the Boer War and then in the First World War. William was shot in the head, and for 3 days he was left alone, until he was found by someone who heard him moaning.. They fitted him with a silver plate in his head which he had for the rest of he life. On 27 May 1912 at the age of 28, **William Henry Kaye**, married **Alice Humbles**. Alice was 20 at that time.

William Henry Kaye died at his home of 4 Tindal Avenue, Leighton Buzzard, on the 5 March 1965. He left a widow, 4 sons, a daughter, 19 grand children and 10 great-grand children. I am looking for anyone related to **William Kaye** and **Harriet Thacker** of Sheffield.

I also wish to find the **Franklin** family. **William Henry Franklin** was aged 10 in 1881. His parents were **William Henry Franklin** and **Jane** formerly **Eadon**. **William** came to Sheffield for work.

*Elizabeth Raynes, Westbury, 12 Chapel Lane, Gaddesby, Leics. LE7 4WB writes: 'Does anyone know what happened to **William Yates**, born Parwich, Derbys. and baptised there on 5 Nov 1849? He married **Olive Marsden** at St. John's Church Sheffield on 31 July 1870 when they were both resident in Duke Street where Olive's father Robert was a blacksmith employing several men. In 1881 the family were living at 9 High Street Lane, Sheffield; in 1891 they were*

at 26 Stafford Road and in 1901 at Ecclesall Bierlow. William was a blacksmith and farrier and in a trade directory I found William Yates, shoeing smith, Cadman Lane 1902 and at Hill Top, Bents Green. Despite exhaustive searches I have been unable to find his death. When his wife Olive died on 19 Sept 1915 at 98 Sandford Road, Ecclesall she was described as his widow but what happened to him?'



Mrs J Edwards, 45 Mytchett Park, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey GU16 6AB writes 'I have been trying to trace some family members born in Sheffield. My remaining aunt aged 87 gave this very old photo to me saying it was her grandmother Wragge who belonged to the Jockey family. As I cannot trace it in the Robert Henry and Elizabeth Marshall family that I am working on I wonder if anyone recognizes it and can tell me who she is.'

NEW MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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2998	Allitt	Dogdyke	LIN	1800-1930
3002	Bagshaw	Sheffield/Barnburgh	WRY	1775-1900
2975	Bartholomew		KEN	pre 1830
2974	Beardshaw	Sheffield	NRY	1800/1900
2953	Biggin	Sheffield	YKS	1750-1920
2977	Binney	Sheffield	WRY	c1760-1850
2977	Booker	Sheffield	WRY	c1780-1875
2327	Bradwell	Hope Valley	DBY	1650+
2327	Bradwell	Sheffield	WRY	1800+
3002	Brady	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
3002	Brazewell	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
3002	Brook	Bradfield	WRY	1750-1900
3002	Brooke	Bradfield	WRY	1750-1900
2987	Brown	Rotherham	YKS	1850-1900
2984	Brownell	Sheffield	YKS	any
2984	Butcher	Sheffield	YKS	any
3002	Cawthorne	Sheffield/Aston	WRY	1750-1900
2984	Chambers	Sheffield	YKS	any

2984	Chambers	Sheffield	YKS	any
2975	Christie	Halliford	MDX	pre 1836
2988	Clayton	Sheffield	YKS	1881+
2991	Coates	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2991	Coats	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2725	Corbett	Cork	IRL	any
2725	Corbett	Sheffield	YKS	any
2991	Cotes	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2977	Cottam	Laughton/Sheffield	WRY	c1790-1890
2991	Cottes	Sheffield	WRY	pre 1800
2977	Cowlshaw	Sheffield	WRY	c1790-1875
2993	Dale	Heeley	WRY	1800+
2983	Dutton	Sheffield	YKS	all
2970	Eadon	St. Paul's area	LND	19C
2983	Foster	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1964
3002	France	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
2975	Francis		NFK	pre 1700
2970	Franklin	Sheffield	YKS	19C
2970	Franklin	St. Martin in the Fields	MDX	19C
2993	Frost	Sheffield	WRY	1800+
2977	Gillott	Sheffield	WRY	c1770-1850
2993	Goodwin	Sheffield	WRY	1825+
2969	Graham	Birdwell	YKS	1750-1800
2969	Graham	Ecclesfield	WRY	1800-1850
2969	Graham	Sheffield	WRY	1800-1850
2974	Graham		SCT	1800/1900
2969	Hague	Birdwell	YKS	1750-1800
3000	Hague	Bradfield	WRY	1750+
3000	Hague	Dungworth	WRY	1750+
2998	Hallett	Dogdyke	LIN	1800-1930
3002	Hanson	Sheffield	WRY	1775-1875
2975	Harrison	Egerton	KEN	pre 1810
2725	Haslehurst	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
2327	Heppenstall	Sheffield	WRY	1880+
2327	Heptinstall	Doncaster	WRY	1860+
2977	Hibberson	Sheffield	WRY	c1810-1870
2984	Hitchin	Sheffield	YKS	any
2984	Hodkinson	Sheffield	YKS	any
3003	Hoole	Burnley	LAN	1870-1940s
3003	Hoole	Sheffield, Crookes	YKS	pre 1880
2988	Hutchinson	Gleadness	YKS	1814+
2970	Kaye	Sheffield South	YKS	1860-1884
2978	Kirk	Lincoln	LIN	1800-1860
2725	Leonard	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2725	Leonard	Tickhill/Doncaster	YKS	pre 1900
2725	Leonard		IRL	pre 1900
2974	Livesey	Bolton	LAN	1750/1850

2975	Lockyer	Brenchley	KEN	pre 1780
2977	Mabbott	Sheffield	WRY	c1790-1870
2984	Marsden	Hault/Matlock	DBY	any
2984	Marsden	Sheffield	YKS	any
2983	Marsh	Sheffield	YKS	1882-1946
3002	Maxfield	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
2975	Mingay	Shotesham	NFK	pre 1700
2998	Morrell	Attercliffe/Darnall	YKS	1800-1930
2972	Moseley	Sheffield	YKS	1773-1850
2972	Moseley	Stannington	YKS	1850-1920
2972	Mosley	Sheffield	YKS	1700-1772
2993	Moss	Heeley	WRY	1800+
2978	Myers	Sheffield	YKS	1800-1871
2984	Newbold	Sheffield	YKS	any
2993	Newton	Sheffield	WRY	1800+
2995	Osgathorpe		YKS	1680-1980
2995	Osguthorpe		YKS	1680-1980
2899	Pearce	Sheffield	WRY	1830-1900
2975	Price		SFK	c1730
2998	Radley	Hemswell	LIN	1800-1900
2998	Radley	Morton	LIN	1800-1885
3002	Roe	Sheffield	WRY	1750-1900
2975	Roods	Norwich	NFK	pre 1700
2984	Simmonite	Sheffield	YKS	any
2984	Simonite	Sheffield	YKS	any
2970	Smith	Wandsworth	LND	19C
461	Stansfield	Leeds & Sheffield	YKS	1600+
2725	Stocks	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1900
2725	Stocks	Tickhill/Doncaster	YKS	pre 1900
2993	Stokes	Sheffield	WRY	1819+
2988	Stones	Sheffield	YKS	1886+
2993	Sykes	Gleadless	WRY	1800+
2975	Sykes	Sheffield	YKS	pre 1830
2970	Thacker	Sheffield South	YKS	1860
2977	Thackray	Laughton/Sheffield	WRY	c1730-1800
2987	Thompson	Sheffield	YKS	1850-1900
3002	Walker	Bradfield	WRY	1775-1875
3000	Ward	Sheffield	WRY	1750+
2993	Watson	Sheffield	WRY	1847+
2975	Watts		SFK	1650+
2977	Wildgoose	Bakewell	DBY	c1780-1850
2977	Windle	East Retford	NTT	c1780-1880
461	Wood	Chesterfield	DBY	1600+
461	Wood	Leeds	YKS	1600+
2988	Wood	Sheffield	YKS	1831+
2725	Woodhouse	Sheffield	YKS	1900+
2970	Wraight	East Kent	KEN	1750

NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX For England and Wales

SECOND EDITION

THE AIM

The National Burial Index (NBI) for England and Wales assists family historians find burial records and, in doing so, complements the International Genealogical Index (IGI) which is mainly a finding aid to baptisms and marriages. The NBI is becoming a national archive, giving worldwide access to sources held by those local repositories and family history societies and groups participating in the project. A cumulative edition is produced at approximately three-yearly intervals and a parallel project (not yet published) is taking place in Scotland under the supervision of the Scottish Association for Family History Societies. Please note that the NBI for England and Wales does not contain monumental inscription records.

FIRST EDITION

Family history societies chose the parishes and time intervals they transcribed although most started in the period 1813 to 1850+. As might be expected, by no means all parishes and dates were covered. This partial coverage was exacerbated because not all family history societies were able or willing to join the project at that early stage. The First Edition of the NBI was launched in Spring 2001 as a set of 2 CDs. It included well over 5.4 million records from more than 4,400 parish, non-conformist and cemetery burial registers, and was so popular that, initially, demand outstripped supply.

SECOND EDITION

As an ongoing project, further collections of records were encouraged and continued to be received by the FFHS Data Manager. As a result, a further 7.8 million records were able to be added enabling the Second Edition to be released at the end of August 2004. It is a set of 4 CDs containing more than 13.2 million records (including 5.4 million records from the First Edition) and covering over 8,000 burial registers, in more counties than the First Edition. There are still a few member societies in which work has only begun or where there are pressures to complete other projects before undertaking the time-consuming job of transcribing burial registers for this Project. However, it is hoped that they too will be submitting further records for the subsequent Third Edition.

HANDLE WITH CARE

As with any genealogical index, please use the NBI with care. It is an aid to help you find where and when a person died or was buried. The source burial record often contains more information and it is strongly recommended that the searcher views the source record whenever possible. Alternatively, contact the society or group which extracted the information for further details - some may charge a small fee for this research.

CONTACTING PARTICIPANTS

Anyone who has undertaken transcribing parish records will understand the difficulties of recording the truth. Poor handwriting, semi-illiterate clerics, disintegrating paper and the ravages of time often lead to false interpretation of a burial entry. Do remember that the voluntary inputters and checkers are not fully qualified palaeographers!

UNCHECKED RECORDS

Initially, the NBI was to include only those records which had been corrected against the original source by experienced transcribers. However, such dedicated workers are few in number so that checking and correcting became a serious rate-limiting step. As the Project matured there was concern for the societies and groups who had done so much work over five years but were unable to have the bulk of their records checked for the First Edition. The majority of participating societies therefore agreed to permit a proportion of unchecked records in the NBI, providing these were indicated as such by the search program, and that all such records should be checked and corrected for the next NBI edition.

If you have any comments on entries in the NBI, you are encouraged to contact the relevant family history society or group (use the button above for contact details). When you do this, please ensure you give full details of the original record as recorded in the NBI, the reference to your source, and the correct details you have obtained from that source.

Each place for which entries are included is annotated with the percentage of those entries that have been checked (and corrected where necessary). This is shown on the full list within the program itself, and also on our web-pages showing the Details of Coverage by Place within County:-

INFORMATION THE NBI PROVIDES

The NBI includes the following information (where available):

- Forename(s) and surname of the deceased
- Date of burial
- Age
- Details of the place where the event was recorded
- The county where this is located (pre-1832 list of counties)
- The society, group or individual who transcribed the record

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

COMPUTER FACILITIES REQUIRED

A PC with Pentium processor or higher is required, running Windows95/98/NT/2000/ME or XP. The suggested minimum specification is 16 MegaBytes RAM, around 50 MegaBytes of free disk space, and a screen

resolution of 640 x 480 with 256 or more.

The price of a new NBI set of 4 CD-ROMs is £45 inclusive. You can order it on-line, at the GENfair e-commerce shop or you can upgrade your existing set of the NBI First Edition for £25.

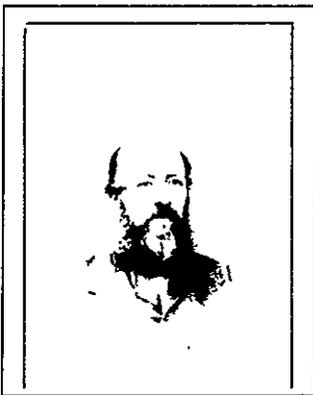
For full details see the Society website at www.sheffieldfhs.org.uk

THE BIRTLES FAMILY OF NORTON, SHEFFIELD

Joseph Brittles was born in 1824 at Frostfish, Lancashire, the son of John Birtles, stone mason, and Ann Bower. John and his brother Abraham were there working on Lord Gray's estate. They were there for over a year. Abraham decided to settle in Manchester. John and Ann returned to Norton with their infant daughter Sarah and their son Joseph.

Years later Joseph qualified as a teacher in Sheffield, and subsequently went to teach in the Barnsley area about 1845. There he met his future wife Hephzibah Milnes (born 1823 in the parish of Silkstone near Thuristone). She was the daughter of George Milnes, farmer and Mary Crossley, Nonconformists.

They attended Netherfield Congregational church. Joseph Birtles and Hephzibah Milnes were married in 1848 in Darfield Parish Church. Their first son John Milnes was born at Worsbrough Dale in 1849. Sarah was born there in 1851. Joseph was born in 1853 at Penistone. The family then moved to Hepworth near Holmfirth. John died there in 1855. Three daughters were born at Hepworth: Edith Ann (1855), Mary Ellen Bower (1859) and Martha (1860). Joseph taught there until 1864.



Joseph Birtles husband of
Hephzibah Birtles 1870



Wood Rd Heeley Bridge Sheffield Joseph Birtles Sr
1870 (1824-1908) Year: c 1880
Daughter Mary Ellen Bower Birtles OBE 1859-1943

Joseph then accepted the position of Headmaster of the Endowed School, Greenhill, in the parish of Norton. His family accompanied him. Another son Arthur John was born in 1865 and baptised in St. James Church, Norton, Hephzibah taught sewing at the school. Daughters Mary Ellen (in the photo) and Martha also taught in the school.

The family emigrated to western Canada in June 1883 to take up farming. Martha married Thomas Young, a local farmer in Brandon, Manitoba. Sarah and Mary Ellen were in the first class of nurses to graduate from the Winnipeg General Hospital in 1889.

After a short period as Head Nurse in the hospital at Fargo, North Dakota, U.S.A. Mary Ellen returned to Canada and travelled west to become the first Matron of Calgary General Hospital in 1894. In 1935 she received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for pioneer nursing in western Canada.

William Birtles, 41 Bernadette Avenue, Winnipeg MB, R2M 4Z2, Canada

CHRISTIANA REANYGATE

Now there's a name to conjure with.

I started researching my family about 5 years ago so, yes, I am a relative beginner, but thanks to the help and assistance of a kind lady I met on my first visit to the Sheffield Archives I am progressing very successfully. Now and again Kathleen and I meet in the Archives. She has been wonderful and has assisted me on several occasions.

My first success was the 1881 census. Lucy Blanche Kent – there was only one so no problem. She was living in Meadow Street with parents Mary and John Kent and grandmother Mary Dickenson. Also living there was Christiana Reanygate – the name itself got my detective genes going. She was the same age as Lucy Blanche and down as granddaughter to Mary. No one in my immediate family could throw any light on the subject so where next?

I went onto the internet and looked on websites – typing in Reanygate – not another Reanygate reference in the whole world!! Another dead end, I put this one away for another day.

Over the next 5 years I have searched in vain for this girl – she has no relevance to my tree other than being a cousin to my g.grandmother but she intrigued me.

One of the lessons of research is to try lots of leads and the only one I had was her name. I then came up with the idea of looking on the Free BMD for all the Christiana's who married around the 1890 when Christiana would have been about 20 years old. I limited the search to Sheffield, Ecclesall Bierlow and

fortunately only about three came up. One of these was Christiana Ranyard – now that was too close to pass up. My next search was her birth – about 1867. No success, which caused lots of frustration because I thought I was really on to it by then.

Not to be outdone I put my mind to the marriage of her parents – it had to be a Ranyard and had to be around the date of her supposed birth 1867 - I entered the only detail I had, husband's name which was Ranyard and hoped for the best – Eureka!!!! Moment. The free BMD came up trumps. Isaac Ranyard marrying, yes, Eliza Dickenson – there was the link. Eliza was the daughter of Mary the grandmother with whom Christiana was living in 1881.

I then found Christiana's marriage to a George Tyas 29th September 1889 at St Philip's Church – she is also mentioned on the 1901 census. So I have found Christiana but why was she living with Grandma Mary – where were Isaac and Eliza – had they died? Were they living elsewhere – the family came originally from Lincoln and the 1901 census shows Christiana as being born in North Serle which I believe is in Lincolnshire. The search continues!

If anyone has any information about the Dickenson/Ranyard link it would be gratefully received, as would any information on the family of Christiana and George Tyas.

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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL SAINTS ECCLESALL SHEFFIELD BAPTISM REGISTER</p>

Anyone looking for a baptism in their local church and not finding it will not be best pleased at a suggestion to have a look in one far away. Look what I have found in Ecclesall!

James Walker a joiner and his wife Harriet Garside came from Nottingham in Oct 1845 bringing his son John who had been born Feb 1844 .

In September 1846 John Fletcher a weaver from Rochdale and his wife Jane Wild who gave their Sheffield address as Sheffield Union brought their daughter Elizabeth.

Mary Ann Ellis a spinster came from Worksop bringing daughter Elizabeth on January 8th, 1850

William Melland a clergyman from Rushton in Staffordshire with his wife Lydia brought their daughter to be christened Lydia Watkinson on March 8th, 1854

Robert Wright a cooper and wife Mary from Mansfield brought son John on Sept 20th, 1861

George Smith described as house steward at Wortley with wife Sarah brought little Alexander on Dec 9th, 1862

John and Ellen Thorpe confectioner from Leicester brought Sarah Ann in March 1864

Arthur Pettit curate from Filey came on Feb 14th, 1864 with wife Sibilla bringing Sibilla Hester to be baptised. They came again in Sept 1865 bringing Maud Mary. This time he was entered as a clerk in Holy Orders from Filey.

William Pigrum clergyman from Peak Forest, Derbyshire came on Apr 5th, 1866 bringing Thomas Percy

Frederick Sibray a silver chaser from Plumpton and wife Sarah brought Edith on July 29th, 1867 They returned in Nov 1869 bringing Isabella Ann.

The vicar in 1838 was William Vale and on the 26th May Louisa Sarah Vale daughter of Charles Pattern Vale Gent of Dublin was baptised in public having been born in Paris in February 1835 and baptised in Geneva on May 17th of that year by the chaplain to the English congregation

I can only assume there must have been a family connection to bring Thomas Sanderson Furniss. Barrister at Law. Baywater London and wife Mary to return at intervals bringing their children for baptism

Perhaps it was a family connection that brought George Skelton described as a judge in Her Majesty's Mixed Commission Court in Sierra Leon to come with his wife Margaret and daughter Margaret Jane on June 28th, 1860 (A mixed commission court adjudicated intercepted slave ships. Each signatory government would send 2 commissioners who would hear cases concerning their own nationals alongside a British commissioner).

John Frith a pawn broker and wife Ann from Rotherham brought Martha in Nov 1867

In May 1873 Reuban Spick a miner from Woodhouse brought son Arthur born in March of that year. (A note to Mike in Local Studies revealed he was a direct descendant of Arthur.)

Francis Higginbottom a shoemaker from Barnsley came with wife Mary bringing Annie in June 1871.

Thomas and Fanny Creswick came from Wadsley in February 1872 bringing Mary Jane and George Herbert, Other baptisms had local addresses Moscar, Ringinglow, Hallam, Netherthorpe, Neepsend, Millhouses, Abbeydale, and Greystones.

Just imagine a cow keeper living on Monmouth Street or Pomona Street!

Anne Diver, 4 Highcliffe Court, Greystones Drive, Sheffield S11 7JR

MY PLYMOUTH ANCESTOR

Or, does anyone know Elizabeth Elliott?

When my wife Lorraine and I started researching our family histories, all my ancestors were from East Anglia and all my wife's ancestors, as far as we knew, came from Rotherham, Sheffield and the surrounding area. We expected that the area of ancestry would widen as our researches continued, but we were in for a bit of a surprise. Lorraine moved from Sheffield in 1970, via Whitley Bay and Durham, and I moved from March in Cambridgeshire, via many places, to our present home in Plymouth where we have been for 21 years.

We have been particularly interested in following up the female side of her family, as we have handed down from her grandmother, Ethel Liddell Lindley, a sampler by Elizabeth Elliott, aged 12, dated 1838. It would be good to find her and see if she is actually related as it would increase the interest and value of this item to us. If she is related, then we assumed that it would have been handed down through the female line.

Working our way back, we found great-great grandmother Elizabeth Lindley, born, according to the 1881 census, in Devonport, Plymouth in 1841. "We have come back to my roots!" Lorraine said. Unfortunately, Elizabeth couldn't be Elizabeth Elliott, as she was born too late. We found from her son Bernard's birth certificate that her maiden name was Crookes, so I then visited the Plymouth Record Office. At last the chance to do some research locally! Elizabeth was baptised in Stoke Damerell Parish Church in 1841, daughter of Benjamin Crooks, artilleryman, and Rose. I then managed to find Benjamin, wife Rosa and family in the 1841 Plymouth census living in Frederick Square Barracks. Benjamin and Rosa had five children. Elizabeth was 6 weeks old at the time of the census.

The next stage was to get Elizabeth's birth certificate, which gave her parents as Benjamin Crooks, Corporal, Royal Artillery, and Rosey Ryley (born in Ireland, another surprise). Still no Elliotts to be found.

Plymouth has considerable links with the Services, mainly the Navy of course, but there are still Royal Marine Commando barracks, including the Citadel, although Frederick Square barracks are long gone. Back in the 1840's there were several Royal Artillery establishments and Plymouth is ringed by Victorian forts, known as "Palmerston's Follies". One of our favourite restaurants is the waterfront Artillery Tower, dating back to Tudor times and guarding the entrance to the River Tamar. We wonder if Benjamin Crooks ever did duty there! Or possibly Crownhill Fort, just down the road from where we live.

At the end of March, we visited the National Archives, where we found Benjamin's discharge papers from the Royal Artillery. He joined aged 18 in

January 1826 and gradually worked his way through the ranks to sergeant. He was discharged as unfit for duty to Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight in 1846, following a bout of Yellow Fever while serving in Jamaica. He was given a pension of 1s 8d, with the note that he was still capable of providing for himself. There was no mention of him in the 1851 census in Parkhurst town or prison, although we noted that some of the warders were army or navy pensioners.

I then checked on the IGI and found a Benjamin Crooks, baptised on June 1807 in the Cathedral Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Sheffield. Next were visits to the Rotherham and Sheffield Archives, where, in Sheffield, we found Benjamin on the 1851 census living with his wife and seven of eight known children in Dun Street, Sheffield St. Philip's. By the 1861 census, Rosey, now Roseanna (social climbing or an enumerator's error?) was a widow, still living in Dun Street with five of her children, and Elizabeth was married to John Lindley, a white metal smith. One of Elizabeth's daughters, born 1869, was named Rosa Ann.

We were lucky in that our trip coincided with a meeting of the Sheffield FHS when the chairman, Barry Green, was demonstrating the use of computers, including the National Burial Index on CD. Barry kindly did a search and found the burial of a Benjamin Crooks, aged 49, in St. Philip's, Sheffield, in July 1856. All the dates and ages tie up and we are convinced that we have found the Crook(e)s family.

Although Benjamin could be said to have been unlucky in succumbing to yellow fever, which most probably shortened his life, we noted that on entering the army he was described as a grinder. In those days most grinders died at a very early age from inhaling the stone and steel dust from the grinding process, so he was lucky to escape into the Army.

None of this, however, has taken us any further with Elizabeth Elliott, so if anyone can help with finding an Elizabeth Elliott, 12 in 1838, who may have married into a Crookes, Lindley, Liddell, Herriott, Nutt or Bramhall family, then we would very much like to hear from them.

John Amos, Plymouth, Devon.

STRAYS

Rotherham Eastwood Methodist Mission church - baptisms

Mar 12 1893 Born Nov 4 1892 George Harold s/o Frederick George & Rosamond Downs of Sheffield

Apr 19 1891 Born Feb 21 1891 Kate Elizabeth Grafton d/o Arthur & Kate Elizabeth Partridge of Eckington

SHEFFIELD STRAYS IN SOUTHAMPTON, 1871

“[Southampton] is the principal port in the South for the great Steam Packet Companies, and the calling port for the large American packets; so that not only the British Islands, but the continents of Europe and America, the East and West Indies, and the whole of the Mediterranean countries, have direct communication with Southampton. Smaller steam packets ply between this and the principal places on the south coast. Southampton is at present increasing more rapidly in population than any town in the South of England.” (Stranger’s Guide and Pleasure Visitor’s Companion to Southampton, by Philip Brannon, 1870)

There were 6 people born in Sheffield at the great military hospital at Netley in 1871:

Name: **French, Thomas**; Age: 32; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Unmarried
Relationship to head of house: Patients in Lunatic Asylum
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England
Occupation: Private 24th Regiment; Infirmities: Lunatic
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196, folio 84, page 25, schedule 13

Name: **Grant, Charles**; Age: 30; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Married
Relationship to head of house: Head
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England
Occupation: Private Army Hosp Corps; Infirmities: [not recorded]
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196, folio 77, page 11, schedule 13

Name **Inman, William**; Age: 32; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Unmarried
Relationship to head of house: Patients Under Medical Treatment In Hospital
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England
Occupation: Private 105th Regt; Infirmities: [not recorded]
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196, folio 81, page 19, schedule 11

Name **Rawlins, Benjamin**; Age: 48; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Married
Relationship to head of house: Head
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England

Occupation: Sgt Major Army Hosp Corps; Infirmities: [not recorded]
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196,
folio 74, page 5, schedule 6

Name: **Williamson, John Gover**; Age: 22; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Unmarried
Relationship to head of house: Medical Candidate, British Army
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England
Occupation: Medical Candidate Br Army; Infirmities: [not recorded]
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196,
folio 73, page 3, schedule 18

Name: **Wilson, John Bower**; Age: 23; Address: Netley Hospital
Parish: Hound; Gender: Male; Marital status: Unmarried
Relationship to head of house: Medical Candidate, British Army
Birthplace: Sheffield, Yorkshire, England
Occupation: Medical Candidate Br Army; Infirmities: [not recorded]
Census reference: Enumeration district Royal Victoria Hospital, piece 1196,
folio 73, page 3, schedule 19

368 other people born in Yorkshire were living in or passing through Southampton and its neighbouring parishes on census night, and it is now possible to search for them on a new CD-ROM, published by Southampton City Council, and produced by the Southampton City Libraries Family History Club. The CD-ROM contains a full transcript of the census returns for the town of Southampton, and the neighbouring parishes of South Stoneham, North Stoneham, Millbrook, Hound, St Mary Extra, and Chilworth.

The database is searchable on all significant fields (including place of birth, occupation etc). Copies are available from Southampton Libraries for £20, or by post (home and abroad, with p&p) at £22.99 (sterling cheques only made payable to "Southampton City Council".) For further details, contact The Special Collections Library, Southampton Reference Library, Civic Centre Southampton SO14 7LW
Tel 023 8083 2205 E-mail: local.studies@southampton.gov.uk.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

There was Young Peter and Old Peter and Young Peter's son
And Young Peter will be Old Peter when Old Peter's done.

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS AT GRENOSIDE WORKHOUSE

From The Stocksbridge, Penistone and Hoyland Express for 1 July 1911

Coronation Day (for the crowning of King George V) was a day of great happiness and rejoicing at the institution. The Guardians decided that the day should be celebrated in the way which would best appeal to the inmates, namely by an improved dietary. Breakfast consisted of ham and eggs; dinner of roast beef, legs of mutton, and new potatoes, with Coronation pudding, ale and lemonade; and tea, Sultana cake and seed cake in addition to bread and butter. Tobacco, snuff and sweets were also distributed. The authorised service was conducted by the Chaplain the Rev. F.W. Pawson, Vicar of Ecclesfield. Today (Friday) the treat is to be continued and the inmates are to be taken to a special performance at the Phoenix Theatre, Hillsboro'.

THE BRADFIELD PAUPER CHILDREN'S INDENTURES CD

One of my ancestral lines is the Horsfield family and whilst I have been researching them for many years in and around Bradfield I am always looking for new leads. As a family historian (and archivist at the Bradfield Parish Archives and Family History Centre) I am only too well aware of the value of Poor Law Records of which we have a wonderful original collection here in Bradfield. However, it is only as a result of the work done by Denise Marsden to index the records and the production of them on CD that I have so easily been able to find three Horsfields.

On the CD I found the following apprentices:

- Catherine Horsfield: On 25 February 1801 at the age of 7 she was apprenticed to William Green of Bradfield. She was the daughter of Sarah Horsfield, a spinster in Bradfield Workhouse. From this I have established that she was baptised at Bradfield on 6 July 1794. I do not know what happened to her as an apprentice.
- Joel Horsfield. On 1 January 1841 Henry was apprenticed to Henry Ibbotson – who I have found out was his uncle. I have been able to establish that Joel was an orphan and was the son of Joseph and Mary Horsfield of Nether Bradfield. His father died on 23 September 1840 and his mother on 9 July 1841 He was baptised 10 May 1829 in Bradfield so he was 11 years old when he became an apprentice. In the 1841 census he was living with his by then widowed mother Mary both of them in the household of her brother.
- Henry Horsfield: On 6 August 1844, Henry, like his brother Joel was an orphan and was apprenticed to Thomas Deakin of Moor Hall. I have

found Henry on the 1841 census CD aged 9 living with Mark Elliott and his wife so he was 11 when he was apprenticed. Mark Elliott was married to Henry's aunt so no doubt this is why they took the orphaned Henry to live them.

I have already found out a lot about the three apprenticed Horsfields and I will no doubt have hours of fun (and frustration) following them all up but already I have the two boys in the 1851 census transcript.

Malcolm Nunn, 27 Chase Road, Loxley, Sheffield, S6 6RA

BOOK REVIEWS

Researching your Family History in Sheffield by Anne Giller.

Published by Sheffield & District FHS 2004. ISBN 1 870753 19 4

This booklet is a very welcome addition to the stock of books produced by members of the Society. It is ideal for all family historians with connections to Sheffield, from those just starting to research their family history through to those who are well-versed in the methods of research.

The booklet is in three sections, covering first of all a brief history of Sheffield and the ways in which local government and ecclesiastical administration were organised in the locality. The second part outlines some of the important research materials for family historians tracing their ancestors in Sheffield and the final part gives the reader details of the main record repositories for resources relating to the Sheffield area. One of the most valuable parts for the researcher who is unfamiliar with Sheffield is the description of the civil registration districts, lists of churches within each registration district and a detailed listing of the parts of Sheffield which were covered by each of the six townships with reference to the areas within the city today.

The written style is very easy to read, and the text is full of information. The history section has been written so that useful resources are mentioned as they occur within the historical context, and there are many more leads that the family historian can follow in much more detail. There are useful lists of books for further reading, research support and details of sources in print, many of which are available through the Society publications booklet.

I would recommend this booklet to all who are researching their family history in the Sheffield area. At this time of year, it would be a good idea to add it to your list for Santa!

Price: £3.75 Sheffield Scene, Surrey Street, Sheffield

Or by post direct from the Society, £4.00 incl. p& p; Airmail £4.60.

Judith Pitchfort

BOOK LIST

Forgotten Voices

A new history of WW2 in the words of the men and women who were there.

ISBN 0091897343 (£17.50)

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These are available at the above reduced prices with free p. & p. by calling 01206 255 800 quoting the Reference "TWM"

The above information is from the Imperial War Museum.

Sheffield in Tudor and Stuart Times by David Bostwick

Pub: Sheffield Galleries and Museums Trust 2004: ISBN 0 863210317:

First published in 1985. Available from Sheffield's Art Galleries and Museums.

[Sold in aid of the Friends of Manor Castle to fund ongoing restoration work]

Long out of print, this is an invaluable booklet about a part of Sheffield's history for which there are few remains.

The destruction of old Sheffield began as long ago as the 17th century when Sheffield castle was completely demolished after the Civil War. Surprisingly, a large number of Tudor and Stuart buildings survived into the age of photography and the booklet is illustrated with pictures of the run-down survivors shortly before demolition.

Information from Sheffield History Reporter

The Small Guide to the parishes in the Sheffield Area. 3rd edition. 56 pages.

This is an updated edition with more detailed references for each of the parish records.

The Small Guide to Nonconformist and Roman Catholic Sheffield. 88 pages.

This outlines the major denominations and their growth in the Sheffield area, together with details of where records for each of the churches and chapels may be found.

Prices of the above will be published on the Society website as soon as the booklets have been published and they will also be available via the FFHS online bookstore at www.genfair.com

It Comes to Us All – a Portrait of Crookes Cemetery by Julie Stone

Crookes was the first cemetery to be established solely by Sheffield Corporation. This book looks at its history through the lives of the people who worked there as well as those who are buried there and includes a comprehensive list of surnames and a walkabout in the cemetery with a map to identify the position of the graves written about.

Further details from Julie Stone on 01262 676076

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Sheffield and District Family History Society
SEARCH SERVICE.

The Society provides a Search Service for the following:

- **1861 Sheffield, Rotherham and Bradfield Census surname index**
- **Sheffield Churchyards Transcripts**

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- **Sheffield Cemeteries Transcripts**

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