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## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone who is interested in the study of Genealogy and Local History. Regular meetings are held at Endcliffe Methodist Church Hall, off Ecclesall Road, Sheffield (near Hunter's Bar), during the winter months, and excursions are arranged for the summer. The Society caters for those parts of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire which are within convenient travelling distance of Sheffield.

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agricultural community. For those who are interested there will be an opportunity to do some computer indexing and a symposium on the use of computers in family history is being arranged for those with a knowledge of computers.

Guildford is easily accessible by all forms of transport. It has a first class shopping centre, a well known theatre and other cultural and entertainment facilities. The University is an excellent conference centre offering every facility to conference participants. details are available from Mrs.J.E.Young, 52 Portland Drive, Church Crookham, Aldershot, Hampshire on receipt of an S.A.E.

#### THE HIGHLAND F.H.S.

We welcome this newly formed society to the Federation. Anyone seeking further information should contact the Secretary, Mr.David Evans, 53 Ballifeary Road, Inverness, Scotland.

#### OTHER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Details of the names and addresses of the Secretaries of all societies in the Federation of Family History Societies can be found on the back of the current edition of the Federation "News and Digest" or can be obtained from the Editor, Mrs.D.Marsden, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB. Please send an S.A.E.

#### ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A Society member Mr.John Marrison of Bellerive, Hobart, Tasmania emigrated from Sheffield in 1950, when a schoolboy. He is hoping to return to Sheffield between September and December 1982 to pursue his researches and would like some private accommodation at a moderate cost. If you can help, please contact the Editor, Mrs.D.Marsden (address above).

#### THE PERKINS INDEX

The Perkins Index currently contains 1600 entries, and is an alphabetical list by forename of anyone bearing the surname Perkins, or its variants, at the time of the event recorded. Its objective is to direct enquiries to authoritative sources, and is not itself intended as such. It gives priority to information not already obtainable from I.G.I., marriage indices or the G.R.O., i.e. deaths or burials before 1837, marriages before 1800, and censuses. Please make enquiries to the index in writing. No charge is made nor donation sought, but an S.A.E. is essential. For overseas enquiries an addressed envelope plus small donation to cover postage will suffice. Enquiries and contributions to J.W.Perkins, 5 The Orchards, Cheswick Green, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4HP.

#### THE SOCIETY BOOKSTALL

Mr.L.M.J.Turton has agreed to run a bookstall at future society meetings. Various publications of interest to family historians will be on sale to members.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

The Society now has its own microfiche reader and hopes to have microfiches of the index in the spring. Members will be given further details when the equipment is available for use.

#### WARNING - PARISH REGISTERS STILL AT CHURCHES

Members are warned to make sure of the cost of research done at a church before embarking on it or asking for it to be done. The cost can be very high even if you are doing the work!

## OVERSEAS MEMBERS - POSTAGE

Overseas members are advised that the U.K. postal rate has increased dramatically and that one International Reply Coupon no longer covers the cost of postage. Two, if not three coupons are required. Please note that postage must be sent if a reply is needed. One way of providing such postage is to buy U.K. stamps from British Post Office Philatelic Bureau, Lothian House, 124, Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 3BB, Scotland.

## RECEIPTS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

Because of the very high postal charges, members who pay their subscriptions by post will not be sent a receipt. Receipt of the Journal is proof of payment.

## CAN YOU HELP SAVE POSTAGE

A sizeable proportion of the Society's expenditure is in postage particularly of Journals. Will any member willing to deliver a few Journals in their own area please contact the Editor (Mrs.D.Marsden).

## GENEALOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent have the following sources available:

### The Elephant Hunt

A genealogical simulation exercise, an essential aid for teachers of family history, is now available at £15.00 including postage and packing. A day meeting has been arranged for 8th May 1982 at Nottingham, for teachers who wish to play the game and to discover its uses. Details of this event are available from the Institute and those wishing to attend are asked to give prior notice.

### The Family Historian's Pocket Book

A handy series of notes on all sources of genealogical records. The loose-leaf cards enclosed in a pocket-sized folder give details of the historical background, location, information contained, period covered, together with a list of references for further particulars on each source. The first two sets of cards with folder cost £5.50 including postage.

### Parish Maps

Parish maps of the Counties of England and Wales with the date of commencement of surviving registers and the boundaries of ecclesiastical jurisdictions available by post at £2.20 each. If ordered through your local family history society, discounts can benefit its work. A new edition of the Map Book including maps of all 45 counties of England and Wales will be available later in 1982 price about £12.50. Maps of Scottish and Irish counties will be available shortly.

### Our Family History Book

This enables any family historian to record the details of eight generations of his or her ancestry. An excellent present for anyone from the beginner to an experienced genealogist who wishes to consolidate all available information on a particular family into one book. (Normal price £7.00 - special price to members of family history societies £5.50 post free or through your Society at £5.00)

### Diploma in Genealogy

The Institute runs full time residential and correspondence courses in Family History studies. These can lead to a qualification which is also open to anyone who has completed an approved course of study at any one of numerous evening classes available throughout the country. Syllabuses can also be supplied to those teachers wishing to run courses in Family History.

The Diploma would be a worthwhile qualification for such prospective teachers. There are also courses leading to examinations for the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced certificates in genealogical research and method awarded to successful candidates by the Institute. Syllabuses and application forms for examination will be supplied on receipt of a large S.A.E.

#### Publications List

The Publications List of many other genealogical and heradic books available free, please enclose S.A.E.

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#### FROM THE SECRETARY

##### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL REGISTERS

Will members please note that we cannot undertake searches of the Cathedral Registers. We have the marriage index from 1754 to 1813 but for any later information please write to Mr.H.Stafford at the Cathedral enclosing an S.A.E. There will be a fee for searching.

##### STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPES

Members are reminded that any letter requiring a reply from the Secretary or any other person, should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. The Society, like most private individuals finds the burden of postage a heavy one. If someone is helping you it is only common courtesy to make sure that they are not put to extra expense.

##### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

It is proposed to hold a short business meeting on Thursday 20th May 1982 to suggest small modifications to the Constitution.

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#### SOCIETY MEETINGS

##### MEETING ON THURSDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 1981

Mrs.Cynthia Short, South Yorkshire County Archivist gave a short but informative talk on the background to censuses. In 1753, the first suggestion of a census was vociferously rejected as infringing people's liberties. In 1800 the idea was revived because the population increase was causing concern and a fear that the country would outrun its resources. In 1801 therefore the first census was taken. As all family historians will know it only counted people. Sadly they are not named. Censuses were taken at 10 year intervals but the first of real value to genealogists is that of 1841. The Registrar General at the time, Thomas Henry Lister designed an organisation for taking the census which has lasted with only a few changes to the present. Up to 1911 people filled in a census form which the enumerator then copied out.

There are various problems encountered when using census returns. The writing can be bad or faint (especially since 1841 enumerators wrote in pencil). They can be inaccurate because of transcription errors and spelling difficulties when place names were unfamiliar. It is rare to find a complete family. One can be misled by the fact that the relationship given is to the head of a household. A visitor could be related to the wife but this fact would not be recorded. The returns are topographical not alphabetic. (Hence the great need for indexing). For all their limitations they are a wonderful historical record and can be used for many types of research besides family

history. The questions following the talk added extra facts. If people were out the enumerator would return later so this information may be listed at the end of the enumerator's district. Uninhabited houses indicate a drop in trade and an increase in the workhouse population. Enumerators also listed barge people and gypsies. Before 1841 censuses can be useful as there is much information about parishes in general and the movement of population and changes of trade in the villages. It is always worth reading the preamble to a census for the information on general local history that it gives.

#### MEETING ON THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER 1981

Mr. Peter Wilkinson, one of our members gave an illustrated talk "Bruce's Spider" on how he had traced his own ancestors. To the envy of his audience he showed photographs of a letter he possessed written by a very interesting 19th century ancestor which begged as many questions as it answered. Mr. Wilkinson urged his audience to talk first, and urgently, to all living members of the family. He recommended finding the distribution of a surname in an area especially when one has to do a blanket search of parish registers. He stressed the importance of persistence. One of his ancestors married 12 years after the birth of the first child!

#### MEETING ON THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 1981

As popular as usual this open meeting began with news of the Society's plans to buy a microfiche reader so that the Mormon C.F.I. (or I.G.I. International Genealogical Index as it is now known) can be used. From help given to various members with their problems the following information was gathered.

Burngreave Cemetery records are all at the cemetery. A great deal of information is available at the Irish Land Registry Office. Army records are at the P.R.O. and must be seen in person. No information is provided by post. The War Graves Commission are very helpful especially if you can quote name, number and regiment. There is sometimes extra information besides details of the grave. Service deaths are in separate volumes in the indexes at St. Catherine's House. Army lists and navy lists give information about officers. Pensions information is available from the Ministry of Social Security on servicemen who died.

#### MEETING ON THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 1982

The news was announced that the Society now owns a microfiche reader and has negotiated the leasing of a Mormon microfiche of the British Isles. It should arrive in the spring. The meeting then considered the problems of various members and offered help and information.

Mr. Hebblethwaite, a new member had come to a full stop with a marriage in 1745. He was unable to find the birth of his ancestors. Various suggestions were made: (a) check Hearth and Poll Tax returns in the area for the 1660's to see which parishes had the surname in question, (b) look at the Bishop's Transcripts because there are discrepancies, (c) see if the marriage was by licence. It is unlikely for that date but if found would give extra information, (d) is there a Chapel of Ease in the area with its own records that has not been checked.

Other members' questions produced the following facts of interest: (1) Records of beer houses may be in the Quarter Session records. (2) Estate records exist for land owned by great landowners and may mention your ancestor. (3) To find the ownership of farms check the rentals for the big estates. (4) Remember to try the local history library for information that will put flesh on the bones. (5) Naval records are at Greenwich.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Two summer outings are planned, one to the Norman Churches at Steetley and Whitwell and the other to Wentworth Castle at Stainborough. Both will be led by Dr.David Hey. Further details will be sent out in due course to local members only (to save postage). Any out-of-town members who would like further information should contact the Secretary (Mrs.E.M.Furey)

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## OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs.C.Francis, 177 Urmston Lane, Stretford, Manchester M32 9DE is seeking the baptisms of Elizabeth PALFREY and Charles MOTTRAM who were married in Sheffield Parish Church on 28th May 1787, although they do not appear to have been baptised there.

Mrs.M.Fennel, 12 Derwent Terrace, Mexborough, South Yorks.S64 9JT is seeking information about any members of the FROGGATT or FROGGATE family. She is particularly interested in Anna Maria whose father William kept a tailor's shop at No. 3 Bowling Green Street. All the family were born in Ecclesfield and are mentioned there in the 1851 Census. In later life Anna Maria was the wardrobe mistress at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield. She could have used her maiden name of FROGGATT or her married name which was Anna Maria DE ST.HILAIRE.

Mr.J.Burgin, 12 Ermine St.North, Papworth Everard, Cambs wishes to contact anyone who has information about the name BURGIN. He has a complete list of Births, Marriages and Deaths of the Burgin family taken from the St. Catherine's House records.

Mr.A.M.Berrell, 3 Lytham Road, Manchester M19 2AT is wanting information on the LINGARD family of Bradfield.

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## OFFERS OF HELP

Mr.A.M.Berrell, 3 Lytham Road, Manchester M19 2AT is willing to give help in the Manchester/Salford area. He also has accommodation available for members in July, August and September.

Mr.D.C.Dossetto, 9 Eighth Ave, Kedron, 403i Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, would like to hear from anyone related to the CLARK or MARSDEN families in Sheffield. His grandmother, Nellie Clark was born at Attercliffe, Sheffield in 1892. Her parents were Robert Clark and Martha Marsden who were married in Sheffield in 1892.

Mrs.D.Ellis, 1 Beechdale, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3QE is willing to order certificates from St.Catherine's House for members if they can give her a complete reference. Please note however that she is unable to search the indexes.

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If proud thou be of ancestors for worth or wisdom famed,  
So live that they if now alive would not by thee be shamed.

Rowland Eyles Egerton-Warburton of Warburton & Arley, Cheshire born 1804.

## ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Extracts from the Parish Registers of Penistone Marriages 1644-1805 (mainly Wordsworths).

McLaughlin's Guides:

- 1.
2. St.Catherine's
3. Census 1841-71
4. Somerset House Wills
5. Parish Registers
6. Wills before 1858
7. Reading old handwriting
8. Simple Latin for family historians
9. What does it mean? Terms and their meaning
10. Laying out a pedigree
11. Record Keeping
12. Annals of the Poor

Directory of Family History Project Co-ordinators compiled by Pauline A.Saul.  
Record Offices and how to find them by Jeremy Gibson & Pamela Preskett.

Who's who in the Birmingham & Midland Society 1981.

Bishop's Transcripts & Marriage Licences, Bonds & Allegation. A guide to location and indexes by Jeremy Gibson.

Census indexes and indexing by Jeremy Gibson & Colin Chapman.

Farms and families of Hathersage Outseats 13th-19th century by Rosamund Meredith. Part One. Netherhurst, North Lees, Brookfield, Green's House and Cowclose Farm.

The Roll of the Loyal Independent Sheffield Volunteers 1794 & 1795.

"Man's Yesterday" by Mona Harrison, one of our Society members. It is the story of the Harrison family in the Isle of Man. The genealogical facts are interwoven with the island's history to provide a background to the family. Our thanks to the authoress for the complimentary copy she has given to the Society library.

"The Beacock Family Tree". A Genealogy of the Beacock family of Canada 1797-1980. This has been given to us by the family. It contains details of all the descendants of Abram Beacock who was born in Sheffield in 1797 and of his wife Harriett Akitt born in Luis in 1797. They married in 1822 and emigrated to Canada in 1831.

"A Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions. Where to look for Wills".  
Second Edition, compiled by J.S.W.Gibson.

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## USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

NORTH WEST KENT F.H.S. JOURNAL VOL.2 NO.4 OCTOBER 1981

"Being of Sound Mind...." by Jacqueline Bower describes how wills can clothe the bare branches of one's family tree.

"Assessed Taxes: Mainly Land Tax" by Edmund Roberts describes some lesser known lists of tax payers in the 17th to 19th centuries.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE F.H.S.JOURNAL "ORIGINS" VOL.5 NO.2

"Travelling People" by Eve McLaughlan describes all the difficult classes of people who had no fixed abode but served the community as travelling salesmen, entertainers etc., or took advantage of people's simple ways to cheat them.

"The Public Record Office" by Jane Cox gives valuable information on what is available there.

"Wills and the language of Probate" - notes from a lecture given to the Bedfordshire Society by Colin Chapman.

"Genealogical Sources" by Norman Holding gives information on sources for railways, buses, trains and newspapers.

BIRMINGHAM & MIDLAND SOCIETY FOR GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY. MIDLAND ANCESTOR VOL.6 NO.3 DECEMBER 1981

"Post Office Headquarters Record Office" by Adrian Phillips gives details of the information in this office that is of value to family historians.

"Telephone Directories and the Family Historian" by Adrian Phillips describes the setting up of the telephone system and gives details of the directories available.

"The Calendar" by Dr.R.Hetherington gives many interesting snippets of information about how time was measured over the centuries.

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#### CENSUS STREET INDEXES - A PLEA FROM THE P.R.O.

As anyone who has used Census Returns will know, we only have street indexes for places with a population of over 40,000. The P.R.O. staff endeavour, when time permits, to index more places, but time is scarce. We would be most grateful if anyone compiling a street index of their area could provide us with a copy to make available to other searchers- with due acknowledgement to the compiler. We have a few name indexes that have very kindly been donated in this way and we would appreciate more.

In this connection we feel it would be desirable to adopt a universal method of referencing, such as that used in the Census Room so that anyone quoting a reference or giving one to us for a photocopy order, or for help in deciphering entries would be talking the same "language". We frequently have to ask searchers to return to their Local Record Office and look again at the film to find the reference we require since the information they give us is insufficient to locate the precise entry here. This wastes their time considerably and searchers are confused by individual methods of indexing. Whilst local methods are adequate in the smaller context of a Local Record Office they are inadequate when applied to the holdings we have here.

All the original enumerator's books are foliated before being microfilmed which means one can go straight to the page required but frequently the folio numbers are disregarded by indexers.

To place an order for photocopies or to refer to the page required, or to find it in the first place, you need to know the full reference number including:

1841 the book number and the folio number e.g. HO 107/195 Book 2 folio 3  
1851-1871 the folio number and the page number  
e.g. HO 107/1595 Folio 243 page 29  
RG 9/1053 Folio 136 page 1  
RG 10/ 653 Folio 122 page 6

A page with no folio is the back of the previous page and therefore has the same folio number when quoted for reference. The folio numbers are stamped on the top right hand corner of every other page of the books on the film.

The page numbers are printed on each page and on the 1851 census are centrally placed on the top of the page, and in the 1861 and 1871 in the top

corner of the page. The 1841 is slightly different in that a reference for this year will need to include a book number also. To find this when you have located your page and noted its folio number, turn back to folio one of that sequence and look there for a number generally handwritten in the form of a fraction: The Piece number above and the Book number below.

An ideal index therefore should list street and in some cases individual large houses followed by two columns of figures.

e.g.		REFERENCE	FOLIO NOS.
1851 - 1871	Wells Street	RG 9/10	123-145
or		REFERENCE BOOK	FOLIO NOS.
1841	Wells Street	HO 107/469 6	12-13

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#### FOREIGN ROOTS

Josef Cupal was born 3 March 1901 in Vienna. With the aid of several documents I can map out his life until his death in November 1960 in Neustadt/Holstein, West Germany. Josef was my grandfather on my mother's side of the family. His birth certificate tells us that he was born in the Parish of Alservorstadt. He was the son of Josef Cupal who was a coachman and was born 4th July 1879 in Breclav, which is in Moravia, Czechoslovakia. Josef Cupal senior was the legitimate son of Joseph Cupal and Margarete bn.Koricak. His mother was Marie born Rotzer. She was born 14th January 1879 in Gloden, she was the daughter of Maria Rotzer. We are also told that the child's parents were married 12 February 1905 in the Parish of Hernals, and on 14th September 1906 the child was legitimatised.

On 1st April 1915 Josef started work in a pottery factory in Unter-Themenau Czechoslovakia, earning 90 Kronen each month. He worked there for nearly two years before going to work for a farmer Johann Boidy in a place called Katzeldorf in Niederdonau (Austria). He now earned 120 Kronen per month. For the next twenty years he did a variety of jobs both as a forestry worker and a farm labourer, earning on average 300 Schillings per month. From April 1924 to the end of February 1926 he worked in Rastenfeld. It was here that he met my grandmother.

My grandmother was Aloisia Tunka. She was born 21st June 1896 in Ujezd, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia. Her father was Josef Tunka, son of Prokop Tunka and Ann Pocta. Her mother was Anna Micka daughter of Adalbert Micka and Maria Frk. Her birth certificate is in both Czech and German. A note on the certificate tells us that on March 15th 1926 she married Josef Cupal in Rastenfeld.

They had three children, all girls. The eldest child Hedwig was born about six months before the marriage on 23rd September 1925 in Rastenfeld. The other two, twins, were born 27th February 1930 in Peygarten near Rastenfeld. My mother was the elder of the two twins.

Just after their eighth birthday in 1938, the family left Austria. Josef had a job in Rogerfelde near Neustadt/Holstein in Northern Germany. Here he worked for 180 RM per month until 9th October 1942. From 15th October 1942 until 9th August 1945 Josef served in the German army.

On 3rd September 1942 Josef and his family became German Citizens. It was as a result of this that he found himself fighting on the Eastern Front in Russia. We have his Certificate of Discharge from the Army. This tells us that he was married, had three children who were minors, his civil occupation was farm labourer and his home was in Rogerfelde. We are also told that he had a scar on his stomach, he was fit and thankfully "not Verminous". He both signed this document and made his right thumbprint. The document is in both English

and German.

The next document which I have is my mother's naturalisation document. This is useful in that it gives the dates of birth of my mother and her father, also the date of birth of my father but not his father as they did not know his date of birth. It also gives the date of my parents' marriage, which was very soon before my birth.

I have a copy of my parents' marriage certificate. They were married in Lubeck on 13th February 1950. My father was on active Service with the B.A.F.O. Josef Cupal is listed as a farm labourer in Rogerfelde. I was able to obtain this copy as the marriage was registered in a Service Departments Register, held in the General Register Office, London.

About the same time my grandparents applied to leave the Roman Catholic Church. They objected to part of their wages going to a church which they considered too rich anyway. They became Evangelical Lutheran in May 1954.

When, in 1942, Josef had become German, he had to prove that there was no Jewish blood in our family. This has meant that as a result of the research done in 1942 we knew who my grandparent's grandparents were. Perhaps it would be better to give you a summary of the documents rather than a detailed description. Those of my grandfather are all in German, but as my grandmother came from Bohemia, her documents tend to be both in Czech and German.

Josef Cupal. Born 3rd March 1901 Vienna. Died 14th November 1960.  
Father - Josef Cupal. Born 4th July 1879 Breclav, Moravia C.S.R.  
Grandfather - Josef Cupal m. Margarete Koricak d. of Johann & Marie Dejlisek.  
Gt. Grandfather - Andreas Cupal m. Theresia Kaluzik.  
Mother - Marie Rotzer. Born 14th January 1879, Gloden, Austria.  
Grandfather - not known.  
Grandmother - Maria Rotzer. Born 12th April 1858, St. Polten, Austria.  
Gt. Grandmother - Barbara Rotzer d. of Peter Rotzer & Barbara Grundl from Ploss, Bohemia.

Aloisia Cupal. Born 21st June 1896, Ujezd, Bohemia.  
Father - Josef Tunka born 26th October 1849, Neubistritz, Bohemia.  
Grandfather - Prokop Tunka. Born 1st July 1810, Ober-Radoun, Bohemia.  
Gt. Grandfather - Veit Tunka m. Maria Hadrowa d. of Paul Hadrowa.  
Gt. Gt. Grandfather - Jacob Tunka m. Elisabeth.  
Mother - Anna Kicka. Born 16th July 1856, Budkou, Bohemia. Died 27th January 1906, Austria.  
Grandfather - Adalbert Micka. Born 22nd April 1827, Budkou, Bohemia.  
Gt. Grandfather - Anton Micka.

The above is only a summary to give an impression of what information can be obtained from these documents. I did have some further research done in Czechoslovakia. I found that Veit Tunka was born in June 1789 and that his father Jakob was born about 1734. I also found that Jakob was the son of Matthew Tunka (Matej Tunka). The cost of this research was £36 including £12 to have the information translated from Czech into English. It took six months for the information to arrive. The letter also informed me that although they could not find the baptism of Jakob Tunka, they did find mention of the births of six children of Matej Tunka apparently brothers and sisters of Jakob, but they did not send me the details!

When I can afford it I will have some more research done to find the marriages and deaths, thus filling in the gaps.

A note to end on. As a child I saved stamps: my mother's birth certificate has a very nice Austrian stamp on it. I cut up the certificate to get the stamp. For many years it has been held back in place with cellotape. Recently

I sent an international reply coupon to the Parish Priest in Rastenfeld and he sent me free of charge a new certificate for my mother. Fortunately there is no longer stamp duty on birth certificates in Austria.

J.P.Perkins.

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#### COMMENTS ON BAPTISMAL REGISTERS 1752-1768

As the indexing of the baptism registers of the "Old Church" (later the Parish Church and now the Cathedral) proceeds, I think it may be useful to make one or two points about them.

At present I am transcribing the volume which covers 1752-1768 and which also includes all baptisms from Attercliffe, St.Paul's and Ecclesall, as well as the Old Church. Keith Blagden is making the index. In this volume only the father's name is given as a parent, except in the case of the self-styled gentry and they are pretty rare. With the father's name goes his occupation, which is a tremendous help, as it gives the spread of jobs in our area, as well as distinguishing men who might share the same Christian and surnames.

Some of the occupations followed are the obvious ones for Sheffield in the eighteenth century, such as cutler, scissor-smith, filesmith, button maker and so on. The patten-makers and stay-makers are evidence of a certain rigidity in our female forebears' appearance.

I recently came across a reference, in a mid-Victorian novel, to servant girls who wore their pattens indoors as well as out, and looked like great giantesses clumping about the muddy yards and flag-stoned farm kitchens.

Codders (harness makers), swailors (itinerant corn dealers) and bediners (upholsterers: ones who made bed furnishings), do not occur very often, but their rather prosaic occupations look better like that, although I had to find the meanings at the library. The carpinters, (joiner, then as now, was a more basic sort of job) and gardiners are doing my spelling no good and I wonder whether it was as difficult to find them, or the plaisterers and plumers, as it is today. And did they come when you did call them?

This was also a period, as in the nineteenth century, when a hatter, a tailor, a breeches-maker, a shoemaker and a barber were all needed to furnish the well-dressed man. Sheffield seems not to have been addicted to "cordwainers". Too expensive possibly, or too fancy a name.

Occasionally there is a sign of the cultural activities of the parish, a fiddler, a painter, a printer, a stationer, a bookbinder are listed, as well as schoolmasters and tutors. And a jockey, though in 1757 it would have been too early for him to race at Crookes Moor (along the present line of Fulwood Road) between Broomhill and Ran(d) Moor.

In Sheffield at this time babies were baptised during the first month of life as a general rule, and the clerk made a note of the actual date of birth of those infants brought to church in the months following. These seem largely to have belonged to families where father was a farmer, a factor or a gentleman.

During one year, 1754, occupations included over three hundred cutlers, followed by about fifty labourers and forty filesmiths. Single occupations mentioned that year were a flaxdresser, a stokiner, and the saxton, among about sixty single jobs named. Three mercers lived in St.Paul's parish, and a woodcutter at Attercliffe. As I often wish I could be given a real view of Sheffield as it was, when one of my ancestors was a scissor-smith, one a cutler and one a filesmith, I also wonder what they would think of their town today.

### THE WEST FAMILY OF MORTOMLEY

The following is from a family document lent by Mrs.M.Clarke of 37, Wheatfield Cres., Sheffield S5 OTG. Mrs.Clarke would be happy to pass this document to anyone who can prove descent from this couple.

The Respective ages of William West also his wife Amelia West and their family of Mortomley.

William West born Dec 14th 1788 AD.

Amelia West born Jan'y 6th 1791 AD.

William & Amelia West Married July 12th 1813 by the Revd Mr.Kerby curate of Ecclesfield.

Sons and Daughters of the above names.

Jonathan West born Sep 10th 1813 at 7 o'clock evening.

William West born 18th December 1815. 6.30 p.m.

Sarah West born March 12th 1819 at 6.30. p.m.

John West born 16th of July 1821 1.a.m.

Alice West born Aug 6th 1823 at 2.30p.m.

Amelia West born June 18th 1828 at 3.p.m.

Thomas West born 2nd Sept. 1830 about 6.p.m.

Mary West born 20th Dec 1832 about 9.a.m.

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### CHANGES IN SHEFFIELD STREET NAMES

As readers will know, many streets in Sheffield changed their name in Victorian times. Such changes can confuse family historians consulting directories, burgess rolls and the census returns, when a street name which has been "followed" for ten or twenty years suddenly disappears. The following list of street name changes may help to resolve some of the difficulties. These 72 streets had their names officially altered about 1871 by the Town Council, in pursuance of the powers contained in the Local Government Act of 1858.

NAME OF STREET	SITUATION	NAME ALTERED TO
Albert street	Northumberland rd.	Damar street
Alma street	Brightside	Dearne street
Arthur street	Fawcett street	Finlay street
Bank street	Cromwell st. Nrth. Walkley	Grouse street
Bates street	Worksop road	Ardmore street
Beeley street	Shirland lane	Shire street
Blagden street	Edgerton street	Dene Lane
Blast lane	Attercliffe	Effingham road (continuation of)
Bright street	South st. Moor	Fitzwilliam street (the whole length)
Cemetery road	Owlerton	Livesey street
Cemetery road	Brunswick road N.	Danville street
Chapel street	Owlerton	Capel street
Chapel street	Addy street	Shipton street
North Church street	Campo Lane	Continued to Westbar
Clarence street	Portmahon	Hunt street
Cross Clarence street	Portmahon	Cross Hunt street
Clifton street	New Grimesthorpe	Cleveland street
Clifford road	Carbrook	Crewe street
Conway street	Carlisle street	Kirk street

NAME OF STREET	SITUATION	NAME ALTERED TO
Coldwell lane	Earl street	Well lane
Duke street	Moor	Matilda street
Duke street	Harvest lane	Dutch street
Dun street	Carbrook	Dunlop street
Ebenezer street	Brightside	Eben street
Edward street	Upperthorpe	Impey street
Edward street	Bridgehouses	Denholm street
Ellis street	Upperthorpe	Elton street
Exchange street	Langsètt road	Grammar street
Florence street	Old Barracks	Flora street
Forge lane	Shude hill	Shude lane
George street	Moor	New George street
George street	Philadelphia	Gilpin street
Cross George street	Philadelphia	Cross Gilpin street
Green street	Walkley	Greenhow street
Grove street	Penistone road	Grove square
Garden street	London road	Leverton street
High street	Park	Bard street
High street	Walkley	Highton street
High street	Grimesthorpe	Upwell street
Hill street	Rivelin street	Rivelin street
Johnson lane	Carbrook	Janson street
King street	Portmahon	Martin street
Mill lane	Ecclesall road	Renton street
Montgomery road	Crookesmoor road	Burns road
North street	Westbar	North Church street
Norfolk road north	Parkwood Springs	Douglas street
Orchard street	Parkwood Springs	Wallace road
Orchard street	Harvest lane	Apple street
Orchard street	New Haymarket	New Haymarket
Pear street	Corporation street	Plum lane
Peel street	Walkley	Woodland street
Penn street	Trippet lane	Pennton street
Plum street	Ecclesall road	Plumpton street
Princess street	Moor	Princè street
Princess street	Broomhall	Travis place
Prospect road	Parkwood Springs	Pickering road
Prospect road	Walkley	Fulton road
Queen street	Philadelphia	Adelphi street
New Queen street	Philadelphia	Lock street
River street	Pond hill	River lane
Robert street	St.Philip's road	Robertshaw street
School lane	Crookes	School road
School lane	Wicker	Scholey street
Sheaf street	Leadmill road	Shelf street
Sorby street	Attercliffe common	Surbiton street
St.James's street	Walkley	King James street
Summer street	Harvest lane	Platt street
Tudor street	Moor	Thomas street (from Broom- hall st. to Sheffield Moor)
Victoria road	Furnival road	Furnival road
Walker street	Infirmary road	Watkin street
Walker lane	Infirmary road	Watkin lane
Young street	Rock street	Rock lane

## TALES OF MYSTERY OR IMAGINATION

There were, in the Sheffield area during the nineteenth century, seven deaths in my family which are noteworthy either because they were particularly tragic or because scant knowledge about them leaves me with particular mysteries to solve, or for both reasons.

My great, great, great grandfather James Saville was born in about 1756. I have no idea where but believe his parents were John and Mary. I have no trace of James before he married Mary Bardsley at Glossop in February 1776. He thereafter spent all of his married life at Mellor, a village on the Cheshire/Derbyshire border not too far from Manchester. His burial is recorded in the Mellor parish register but it is clear that at the time of his death he was living in Sheffield. He had been twenty years a widower and I assume that he was staying in Sheffield with his son William, my great, great grandfather, who was certainly living in the city. I should like to prove that that assumption is true, not least because it would help finally to confirm the relationship between James and William. Can anyone tell me please if there is any way of discovering a record of James Saville's death in Sheffield in August 1835?

His son William's death was tragic, the reporting of it has both comic undertones and elements of mystery. In the middle of one September night in 1850, sometime after midnight, he was found drowned in the Sheffield canal near Bacon Bridge. (Is there still such a bridge?) He had married Susannah Charlsworth in the Sheffield parish church in November 1811 but she had endured a particularly miserable death from cholera early in October 1849. Did William end his days in the canal intentionally as that first anniversary of her death approached, after 38 years of marriage? A little unlikely for a hard old retired miner? More likely perhaps is a beer-induced accident as he rolled home late at night, taking a canal-side short cut home.

The copy of the newspaper report I obtained four years ago from the Sheffield City Library is silent on any possible reason or cause. It is headlined, almost comically, "Fatality and Canine Sagacity" and, far from solving the puzzle of why or how he found his way into the canal, introduces other mysteries. The report concentrates on the antics of William's little dog as, apparently it trotted from door to door in the night seeking help. Without mentioning their names, the article refers to relatives of the old man whose houses the dog visited. There was 'a son near to the top of Duke Street' (Sheffield Park), 'another son in Colliers Row', 'another son in Rhodes Street', 'a daughter in New Field, Bridgehouses' and another 'daughter in Kelham Street'

Two mysteries there because I know only of two sons who reached adulthood (a third son died before his second birthday) and of only one daughter.

The daughter, Mary Saville, was born in 1812, married a John Whitehead in 1832, and I know nothing more of her except that according to the death certificate she reported her mother's death in 1849. Was she the daughter in New Field or the one in Kelham Street? The Sheffield City Library staff tell me that the 1851 census does not show a Whitehead in either area.

Incidentally the Sheffield City Library staff have been exceptionally helpful to me in my search for information, conducted entirely by post; they deserve considerable commendation.

As far as the sons are concerned, the 1851 census showed Edward Saville (my great grandfather) in Colliers Row but there was no trace of a Saville in Duke street nor in Rhodes Street, though Edward's twin brother James was in Park Hill Lane. No doubt he was one of the two, perhaps moving home in the intervening months, but who was the other? Two mysteries there to be solved - a great, great uncle and a great, great aunt to be discovered.

Edward and James Saville were born in 1819 and according to census returns, in Sheffield, but I have been unable to trace a baptism record. Each met with a violent end. Both were miners, though in the middle years of the century I believe that they worked as sinkers and diallers on the Woodhead railway tunnel. Can anyone advise me where I can trace records of that project please? I have tried the York Railway Museum and the Public Record Office at Kew to no avail.

James died first, but not a coal mining death. A trifle more bizarre this one: he fell down a well he was helping to dig at Messers Rawson & Co.'s Brewery in Pond Street and broke his neck. This was in January 1873. The newspaper report of this event introduces a mystery too. The man in charge of the work was a Mr. T. Sopwith, mining engineer, of Glossop Road. He was cleared of all blame by the coroner who decided that the chief culprits were James himself and the man working with him, one George Sykes. This George is the centre of my mystery because, according to the report, he was James' brother-in-law. I have no other knowledge of a Sykes relationship. James had married a Harriet Worral (a spinster) in 1841 so Sykes was not his wife's brother. He could, I suppose have been the husband of a sister of Harriet but I wonder if he was in fact the husband of that otherwise unknown sister referred to in the report on William's death.

Is there, incidentally, a pub still in South Street called The Prince of Wales? James' wife Harriet kept a beerhouse of that name there for some years, certainly before 1876 and as far as I know for some time afterwards.

Three and a half years after James died came another tragic and violent end, in June 1876, when his twin brother Edward, my great grandfather, was killed in a gas explosion underground at Birley Vale Colliery. Five others died with him: Ellis Cooper, James Woodward, Thomas Marples senior and also his nephew of the same name, and Joseph Kelley. Joseph Eaton and James Travis were injured. Other names mentioned in the report: George Oxley, William Walker, Joseph Keaton, Benjamin Beach, Mr. Evans - Inspector of Mines, Derbys., Mr. W. D. Gainsford, one of the proprietors, Rev. J. H. Winder, Rev. H. R. Rolfe and Sergeant Whitehead.

I have full newspaper reports, thanks again to Sheffield City Library. They describe in detail what happened and why and conclude with one William Clayton taking the burden of scapegoat, being accused of manslaughter, though undoubtedly the real culprit was a system which still allowed lighted candles deep underground. Scarcely a word is said about the impact of the deaths on the men's families. Edward himself left a widow and eight children at home and one of them, my grandfather Joseph Henry Saville, was about to become a pupil teacher but as a direct result of his father's death he too was soon starting a lifetime's work at the colliery.

Family tradition thus has it that Edward was brought home on a straw-covered dray and unceremoniously left at the door, his wife Martha never recovered from the shock.

Martha's own father, Robert Bancroft, had died in October 1868 at 155, Duke Street, Sheffield Park, and the death certificate attributes his death to 'disease of the lungs and kidneys'. No doubt coal dust played no small part in his death after a long working life underground, but he had not always been a miner. As a young man he was a gardener. A story is handed down in the family that while working as a gardener at the grand house of a family called Pollard he and one of the daughters, Mary (1802-1880), fell in love and eloped. The Pollards were, we believe, something to do with a scythe and sickle works at Renishaw. They would have no more to do with Mary. After her marriage she supplemented the family income for many years by working in the undertaking business in the Duke Street, Sheffield Park, area. When, as an old lady, she lay dying, legend has it that her sisters came to see her at last - but she

sent them away saying that they had come too late and she could manage without them after all that time.

I have not yet traced Mary's birth or any information about her family. The whole Pollard saga is not untypical of those stories which many families can tell of 'money in the family once'. Its truth or falsehood is another little mystery I would like to solve.

There is, however, another and greater mystery in the family - and one which is even more likely to be false. I have certainly traced not the slightest shred for it. The story runs that my branch of the Savilles were Huguenot immigrants who owned a fustian mill in the Manchester area but who were bankrupted by a Mancunian partner, largely because their command of English was poor. If it happened at all, and I am very sceptical, it must have been before the mid-eighteenth century.

It is certainly a major mystery to be solved.

Alan Saville

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#### TWO BOOKS ON FAMILY HISTORY

A few years ago, when organising a historical exhibition at Hope Valley College, I discovered a fascinating book, in which national, local and family history are blended - "The Bagshawes of Ford", published for private circulation in 1886 by William H.G. Bagshawe, then the head of the Abney branch of this famous old peakland family. It was not possible at the time to get more than a hurried glance through the book. Recently, however, I have managed to get hold of a copy and peruse it. Eighty-five pages of the book are devoted to the life and times of William Bagshawe, the celebrated Apostle of the Peak. One is struck by the devout religious atmosphere engendered by Puritanism in those days - so very different from the present time. At first William Bagshawe was assistant minister at Attercliffe and subsequently Vicar of Glossop for ten years previous to the Act of Uniformity of 1662. Then he retired to the family seat at Ford Hall. He attended church, but continued to preach covertly to Presbyterian congregations at Malcoffe, Hucklow, Bradwell, Charlesworth, Ashford, Middleton, Chelmorton and other places. Persecutions, fines and imprisonment were meted out to Dissenters. Liberty of conscience was granted to Nonconformists in 1672, and he could then preach more openly.

The writer was also proud of another ancestor - Colonel Samuel Bagshawe M.P. (1713-1762), and devotes even more space - 136 pages - to him. One part of the Colonel's career was spent in Ireland, and we get a picture of what high society in Dublin was like in those days. But there was not always peace. The town of Carrickfergus was captured by French forces in 1760. This was a short-lived triumph, however, for they were later beaten off in a naval engagement off the Isle of Man. Another part of this officer's career was passed in India. This was the heyday of the East India Company there, the enemy to be faced was the French and the great Clive of India was amongst his acquaintances. A patron of the family was the Duke of Devonshire of the day. We get glimpses of the way in which influence was exerted in the eighteenth century, especially in the case of his brother-in-law, Sir James Caldwell, who distinguishes himself as a diplomat in the service of the Empress Maria Theresa of Austria. (The Bagshawes were very proud of this man, incidentally). There is a description of life at Oxford University in the late eighteenth century (Rev. William Bagshawe 1763-1847 was an undergraduate there). His marriage to Anne Foxlowe brought Banner Cross Hall into the possession of the family - it was willed to her by her brother, Lieut-General Murray. (The Oaks and Wormhill Hall had passed to a

junior branch of the family about 1791). The marriage of the Bagshawe heiress, Mary Catherine Ann in 1829 necessitated a change of name back to Bagshawe by their son, the writer of the book. There are many references to life in the Peak District, especially at Ford Hall.

The other book? In the spring of 1979 for the first time I visited Galway in the West of Ireland, and was very surprised to find that the main square of this city is named Eyre Square, and that there are monumental plaques in the old Norman (Protestant) Cathedral to the memory of Eyres, who originated from Brickworth, near Salisbury, they they had been merchants and benefactors of the poor! In addition, there is the Eyre House Restaurant and Eyrecourt (some miles away), which I did not visit. Naturally, coming from the Hope Valley, I wondered if the Galway Eyres were connected in any way with the well-known Derbyshire family. A couple of months ago I found out! I was passing through Bakewell, and picked up a book on family history in the "Wildlife" bookshop. It was "Signpost to Eyrecourt" by Ida Gantz, published in 1975 in Bath. It tells the story of the Wiltshire Eyres-Giles, who resented the demands for ship money in the time of Charles I and his sons, who went to Ireland with Oliver Cromwell. They settled in Connaught, and, as local gentry, distinguished themselves in Parliament, the Army and local affairs. Like the Derbyshire Eyres, they had a title in the family. Ida Gantz is convinced that the two families had a common origin - they share the same coat of arms. One of the Galway country seats was actually named Hassop! Even traits of character - pride, self-will, obstinacy - could be matched! A remarkable thing (to me) was the link-up between the two books. The Derbyshire Colonel Samuel Bagshawe actually visited and made the acquaintance of Lord Eyre in Galway! The preaching campaigns of John Wesley in Ireland are referred to in both books. So is the family of Trench, said to be of Huguenot origin, and settled in the West of Ireland more than 200 years.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE SHEFFIELD REGISTER

I thought it would be interesting to list the deaths of Sheffield people found worthy of inclusion in the Sheffield Register, which was published by the Independent newspaper. Of course the ages are, in many cases, highly suspect but they may give some clues as to years of birth and marriage. The Parish Registers began in 1560. I have not included the nobility, whose dates are recorded elsewhere.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE	Margaret Furey COMMENTS
Francis Swyfte	1572	-	Sheffield	
Robert Sikes	1573	-	"	the aqua vita man
Thomas Smith	c1603	-	of Crowland, Lincs	from his will
Robert Rollinson	c1605	-	Sheffield	" " "
Robert Brightmore	c1621	-	of Sheffield	mercator from his will
John Hill	c1637	-	Sheffield	from his will
Francis Barlow	c1637	-	"	" " "
Richard Broughton	c1699	-	"	" " "
William Walker	c1700	-	Darnall	supposed to have been executioner of Charles I
William Hunt	1707	102	Sheffield	
Rev. Timothy Jollie	1714	-	"	minister of Upper Chapel
Thomas Hollis	1718	81	"	
Mr. De la Rose	1723	-	"	minister of Nether Chapel

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE	COMMENTS
William Ronksley	1729	-	of Fulwood	Born in 1650
Robert Rollinson	1731	91	Sheffield	Mercer
William Jessop	1734	-	of Broomhall	J.P. & M.P.
Mary Bradley	1739/40	105	Sheffield	widow
William Ellis	1743	69	"	clerk to the parish
Joshua Bayes	1746	75	born in Sheffield	a minister in London
John Balguy	1748	82	Sheffield	master at the Grammar School 1664-1696
Rev. John Dossie	1754		Sheffield	Vicar of Sheffield
William Congreve	1754	111	"	Well it said so on his grave!
Richard Smith	1757	52	"	Bookseller
? Cawthorne	1761	-	"	Killed by a fall from his horse
Mrs. Elizabeth Parkin	c1766	-	"	bequest
Thomas Hanbey	c1766	-	"	"
George Young	c1766	-	"	"
Thomas Short M.D.	1772	-	"	
Rev. H. Downes M.A.	1775	-	"	Perp. curate of St. Paul's
John Kirkby	c1779	-	"	bequest
John Wilson	1783	63	Broomhead	
Thomas Bolsover	1788	84	Whiteley Wood	
Matthew Wadsworth	1789		of Dronfield	Killed by lightning on the Moor
Samuel Froggatt	1790	-	Sheffield	Optician
William Cooke	1790	-	"	Coroner
George Townsend	1790	-	-	Steward to D. of Norfolk
Timothy Hollis F.R.S.	1790	-	-	Cousin of Thos. Hollis
Joseph Hancock	1791	80	Sheffield	manufacturer
Jonathan Winter	1792	-	"	"
John Osguythorpe	1792	-	"	Cricketer
Mrs. Jane Bower	1793	98	Blind Lane	
John Hall	1794	-	Duke of Norfolk's Hospital	
John Parker	1794	-	Woodthorpe	Steward of Manor Court
Aaron Rodger	1794	101	Sheffield	
Mrs. Brown	1794	-	"	from her will
Dr. Roebuck	1794	76	"	
Mrs. Sarah Trickett	1794	97	"	of Hollis' Hospital
Mrs. Fell	1795	-	"	Madam Fell, a well known Philanthropist
Aaron Roger	1795	101	Pond St.	some muddle here - did he die 1794 or 1795?
Mrs. Eleanor Heaton	18.6.1795	-	Sheffield	the last surviving sister of several maiden ladies
George Close	3.8.1795	87	"	
Rev. Alexander M'Nab	23.9.1795	-	"	Dissenting minister
John Turner	20.1.1796	68	"	
Mary Hides	5.2.1796	95	"	Sexton at the new church for many years
Dr. James Wright	9.2.1796	76	"	
Dr. Lund	15.3.1797	-	"	
John Booth	24.3.1797	62	" Brush House	
Mrs. Rimington	19.4.1797	-	Norfolk St.	The dowager
William Brightmore	24.4.1797	62	Broad Lane	merchant & manufacturer

## CUTLERS' NAMES

The following extract is from "History of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire," Volume I, 1905, dealing with the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

"for the most part cutlers showed little inclination to bestow on their sons any but the plain and undistictive Christian names borne by themselves, with sublime indifference to the fact that these were already appropriated by uncles, cousins and other relatives with the same cognomen. John, Thomas, James, Joseph, William, George, and the like, were handed down from generation to generation two or three or four deep, often in the same clan. In a second rank may be placed Robert (more prevalent in the earlier than in later times), Richard, Edward, Francis and not unfrequently Lawrence. There was a strong predilection for Scripture names - Samuel, Jonathan, Matthew, Benjamin, Andrew, Joshua, and others less familiar. Charles was never a favourite. Until 1864 it had not been borne by a single Master Cutler. Where fathers did break away from conventional lines they were apt to be eccentric. Exuperius - from the Latin, to surpass - occurs several times. It is found also in the Nottingham parish registers. A Chapel-en-le-Frith labourer, in 1766, had his son baptized Hadarezer; and we meet with Beniah Addy, Evander Herost, Mesedias Vaughan, Amourous Gray, Ananias Rodgers, Tristorum Revil, Abijah Ashton, Nephthaly Ridge, Epiphanius Spencer, Hezekiah Smith, Azariah Morton, Mercurius Shemeld, Nehemiah Staniforth, Paris Justiss, Secret Parkin. One poor boy was started in life as Dudd Gelly, while the parents of another somehow evolved the cognomen Arculus. Were they groping after Archelaus? Maletiah is equally incomprehensible; and it is impossible to withhold sympathy from persons who had to go through life encumbered with such names as Ishbosheth, Amaziah, Dionisius, Hercules, Epaphras, Hardolphus and Zacharius.

Double Christian names were a comparatively late innovation. They are very seldom met with in the eighteenth century, and are, indeed, exceptional until half-way through the nineteenth. George Morrison Trippit, in 1760 is, perhaps, the earliest; followed by Philip Blakeney Staley in 1770, Isiah Newsome Kemp in 1769, and Matthew Hammond Blake in 1785. Joseph Fletcher Smith, apprenticed in 1776, was the first double-barrelled Master Cutler, 1796; Samuel Broomhead Ward following in 1798. From 1800 to 1871 only six Masters Cutler had two Christian names - Thomas Asline Ward, John Dixon Skelton, Thomas Burdett Turton, Samuel Scott Deakin, William Anthony Matthews and Frederick Thorpe Mappin. Since then double names have preponderated. Occasionally, in these last days, a member of the Company is burdened with three Christian names. Out of an infinite variety of surnames it must suffice to mention John Poo, Joseph Coo, John Insh, William Urin, Richard Vintin, Robert Sallix, Emanuel Moak. There are many others that would appear as strange were it not that they are more familiar."

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### 'RESIDENTS' OF THE ECCLESALL BIERLOW UNION WORKHOUSE

The following are extracted from the 1851 Census. Are any of these your ancestors? Further details can be found in the new index at the County Record Office, Ellin St., Sheffield 1.

Allison	George	U	59	b Whitwell, Derbys
Allison	William	U	68	b Crooks, Yorks
Bevans	Alfred	U	27	b Owlerton, Yorks
Bingham	Francis	U	71	b Birchill, near Dronfield, Derbys
Bingley	John	U	6	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Bocking	Hannah	W	46	b Westgate, Rotherham, Yorks
Bocking	Mary Ann	U	11	b Darf Houses, Yorks

Boot	Jane	M	35	b Troway, Derbys
Booth	Thomas	M	59	b Tideswell, Derbys
Bottom	Ann	W	56	b Woolhouse Fold, Sheffield
Boulden	Amelia	U	13	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Bowens	Elizabeth	W	72	b Park, Sheffield
Bradley	George	U	13	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Bromley	Ellen	U	51	b Nether Hallam Workhouse
Brown	James	U	11	b Lionel St, Birmingham.
Brown	Jane	U	62	b London
Brown	Mary Ann	M	47	b Watsons Walk, Sheffield
Brown	Mary Ann	U	6	b Norfolk St. Sheffield
Brown	Robert	M	49	b York
Brown	Robert	U	13	b Constitutional Hill, Birmingham
Bucher	John	W	74	b Harley, Notts
Casson	Henry	U	15	b Owlerton, Yorks
Clarke	Ann	U	29	b Matthew St, Yorks
Clarke	Mary	U	53	b Brightside, Yorks
Clayton	Fanny	M	22	b Burgess St, Sheffield
Colbeek	Hannah	U	21	b Heeley, Yorks
Colbeek	infant	U	3w	b Staveley, Derbys
Crooks	Hannah	U	64	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Crookes	Thomas	M	75	b Furnace Hill, Sheffield
Cutts	William	U	6	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Dewsbury	Sarah	U	9	b Hereford Lane, Sheffield
Dewsbury	Harriet	M	31	b Bradfield, Yorks
Dewsbury	Harriet	U	3	b Hereford St, Sheffield
Dewsbury	John	U	4	b Hereford St, Sheffield
Dewsbury	Mary	U	1	b Sheldon St, Sheffield
Dickens	Ellen	U	51	b Milbeck, Manchester
Dixon	Charles	W	72	b Burgess St, Sheffield
Dodd	John	W	74	b Castle Folds, Sheffield
Doubleday	Eliza	U	22	b Baysford, Notts
Drabble	Sarah	U	30	b Dronfield, Derbys
Dungworth	Ann	U	25	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Elliott	Albert	U	6	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Fisher	Sarah	W	80	b Offenden, Leeds, Yorks
France	William	W	67	b Holmfirth, Yorks
Frith	Edwin	U	5	b Gleadless, Yorks
Frith	James	U	10	b Gleadless, Yorks
Frith	Mary	M	36	b Gleadless, Yorks
Frith	Walter	U	8	b Gleadless, Yorks
Furniss	Thomas	U	32	b Harpenough, Dronfield, Derbys
Galley	William	W	76	b Worksop, Notts
Gardener	William	U	74	b Pitts Moor, Yorks,
Garside	William	U	10	b Nether Hallam, Yorks
Gill	Harriet	M	35	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Gill	Jane	U	4	b Heeley, Yorks
Gillott	Elizabeth	M	60	b Bradfield, Yorks
Gillott	George	U	54	b Newfield Green, Yorks
Glossop	Joseph	W	74	b Stumperly Hall, Yorks
Green	Mary	U	38	b Dore, Derbys
Green	William	U	61	b Staveley, Derbys
Gregory	Charlotte	U	27	b Little Matlock, Derbys
Gregory	Catherine	U	1	b E.B.U.Workhouse, Sheffield
Gregory	Joseph	W	52	b Huntsford, Cheshire

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RESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD

The following is extracted from the 1851 Census Returns and further details are available from the County Record Office, Ellin St., Sheffield 1.

Barley	John Allanson	U	16	Ceylon
Bilderbeeth	Hy Townley	U	16	East Indies
Brown	Anne Jane	U	17	Doncaster
Brownell	Peter	U	13	Sheffield
Brownell	Robt Robinson	U	16	Sheffield
Darton?	Edw Hall	U	16	Matlock, Derbys
Downing?	Harriet	U	32	Eastbourne, Sussex
Duddin	Charles	U	13	Paulon?, Lincs
Duddin	Henry	U	15	Paulon?, Lincs
Duman	Alice	W	41	Haslington, Lincs
Eaton	Fred'k John	U	11	Not known
Enraght	Richard William	U	14	Ireland
Haxworth	Arthur	U	13	Barnsley
Hoyle	Geo William	U	14	Rotherham
Jacob	Anne Mary	U	4	Sheffield
Jacob	Fanny	U	9	Broomgrove, Worcs
Jacob	Geo Andrew	M	42	Exmouth, Devon
Jacob	Geo Adolphus	U	10	Broomsgrove, Worcs
Jacob	Henrietta	U	12	Broomsgrove, Worcs
Jacob	Henry Priestley	U	6	Sheffield
Jacob	Susanna	M	41	Crediton, Devon
Jacob	Susan Mary	U	16	Broomsgrove, Worcs
Jones	Michael Ob...	U	12	Ireland
Key	John	U	42	Dale Norfolk
Key	Mary	M	40	Melton Constable, Norfolk
Lee	Thomas	U	23	Epsom, Surrey
Leedham	John Maurice	U	16	Kimbolton, Hunts
Maynard	John Clarkson Murby	U	16	Cambridge
Moxey	Thomas	M	16	Biddenham, Beds.
Parton?	Edw Hall	U	16	Matlock, Derbys
Pearson	Wm. Johnson	U	11	Bradford, Yorks
Rivington	Walter	U	15	Hucknall, Middlesex
Roberts	John William	U	15	East Indies
Sale	John Edward	U	13	Edmonton, Middlesex
Schofield	James	U	13	Bulcliffe, Yorks
Siddell	Mary	U	26	Staveley, Derbys
Stansfield	John	U	11	Sowerby, Yorks
Stansfield	Robt Johnson	U	12	Sowerby, Yorks
Tye	Sarah Ann	M	21	Stow, Lincs
Ware	Wilmot Westmoreland	U	18	Hamstall Ridware, Staffs

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