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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.

The annual subscription is £4 and £5 for joint membership (only one Journal)

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## EDITORIAL

In Sheffield we are truly fortunate in having an excellent Archive Department looked after by helpful and co-operative staff. Their holdings are so extensive that it is obviously not practicable in the present financial climate to employ staff to produce a catalogue of all its contents. In our own interests as family historians it is important, therefore, that we tell others of any record material held by the Library which has been of particular value to us and of which others may not be aware. If you find any obscure source which you feel may be of use to others please write and tell everyone about it. This way we can produce our own list of valuable source material.

You will find in the Journal a form which enables you to covenant your subscription, thus enabling the Society to claim extra money from the Tax Office. Please consider carefully this idea. It is a very simple procedure involving NO complex dealings with income tax forms or the Tax Office. If enough people are willing to do it, our Society income will be considerably larger.

The Society now has both a microfiche reader and all the latest microfiches in the International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.) formerly the C.F.I. produced by the Mormon Church. At the time of writing this editorial, details have not been finalised for the access of members to the index, but a word of warning must be given. The index is designed as a finding aid not an ultimate source of information. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, the information contained in it has been obtained from a variety of sources - some more reliable than others. Also it must be remembered that it does not cover all the country - or even all the records of a particular parish that has been included. If the entry you seek is there, you should then go to the original of the information for confirmation and possible extra detail. If the entry is not there, this probably means only that the Mormons have, for whatever reason, not had access to that particular piece of information and you must carry on looking at other sources.

Once again thank you to the many people who have sent contributions for this Journal. Please keep sending them. The more varied the contributions, the better the Journal. Copy day for the next edition is 30th April 1983. Please send any material for inclusion to the Editor by this date.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

- Mr.J.F.Ashforth, 68 Brocklehurst Ave, Sheffield S8.
- Mr.C.Brant, 24 North Hill Road,Southey Green, Sheffield 5.
- Mr.P.Clayton, 16, Vicarage Close, Grove, Wantage, Oxon, OX12 7NS.
- Mrs.S.E.Endacott, 14, Ferris Town, Truro, Cornwall.
- Mrs.J.E.Griffin, 47, Beatrice Ave, East Cowes, I.O.W. PO32 6HX.
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#### Change of Address

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Mrs.J.Fairhurst, 7, Gainsborough, Lightlands Lane, Cookham, Berks SL6 9DR.  
Mr.M.W.D.Flather, 104, Millhouses Lane, Sheffield S7 2HB.  
Mr.A.Robinson, 27 Lumley Drive, Tickhill, Doncaster, DN11 9QU.

#### Correction to Address

Mr.N.Perrin, 24, Hollythorpe Road, Sheffield S8 9NE.

#### Resignation

Mr.N.C.Peckett.

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#### NEWS AND NOTES

##### ST.PHILIP'S CHURCH REGISTERS

The Baptisms Index 1828-c1900 has been finished and is in operation. Anyone wishing to use the Baptism registers for St.Philip's i.e. PR10/1, 10/2, 10/3 and 10/4 will be automatically asked to use the Index. The next section to be finished will be marriages 1848-c1900. Burials will be indexed from 1828-c1940 when Wardsend Cemetery closed.

##### CAN YOU HELP?

More help is needed to index the above registers. It is hoped that a few people will volunteer to help at the Central Library, Surrey Street, on the first Monday of every month from 6pm to 8pm. Anyone willing to assist should contact Mr.J.P.Perkins, 35 Standon Crescent, Wincobank, Sheffield S9 1PN.

##### WHAT'S MY LINE? 1851 STYLE

The following entry has been found in the 1851 Census. Ref. HO 107/2340/167/52  
Arundel Lane  
Joseph Shaw, Wid. 77 b. Ecclesall  
(occupation) - cynoardcpolarclaef, lately chemist

Has anyone ay ideas about this strange occupation? The best guesses will be published in a future Journal.

##### BRITISH POST OFFICE PHILATELIC BUREAU

Its new address is 20, Brandon St, Edinburgh EH3 5TT, Scotland.

##### 1851 CENSUS INDEX

Anyone who could help with the above index if it were possible to work at the Central Library should contact Mr.J.P.Perkins, 35 Standon Crescent, Wincobank, Sheffield S9 1PN. He will then take steps to organise this.

##### NOTE FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS

It is not always realised by overseas members that all British area societies are run by unpaid volunteers who spend much of their free time answering letters and doing society work. There are therefore no funds available for answering letters which do not include postage and no time for doing extended research or answering long letters. All letters requiring an answer should be accompanied by International Reply Coupons (or British stamps of the appropriate value). Please note also that in Britain the abbreviation S.A.E. means STAMPED addressed envelope.

## BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE

In Vol. 3 No.4 the article on the parish registers of Sheffield states that the Bishop's Transcripts of the registers can be consulted at the Borthwick Institute in York. It is worth noting that a microfilm of the transcripts is available at South Yorkshire County Record Office. The dates it covers are:

1608-1618	1671	1688-1690
1620	1673	1692-1697
1622-1624	1675	1699-1818
1626-1641	1676	1822
1664-1669	1682-1685	1828

Entries for all the chapelries between 1608 and 1818 are included.

The Record Office holds microfilm copies of all Bishop's Transcripts for South Yorkshire parishes of which the Borthwick Institute holds the originals, that is for virtually all parishes in the old Deanery of Doncaster, and for a few Peculiars. It is probably best to check with the Record Office whether there is a microfilm for any particular parish. The transcripts decrease in number after 1837 but some continue up to the 1860s.

## ERRATA

Apologies are sent to Mrs.M.A.Rodger for the mistakes in her article in Vol.3 No.4. On page 88 for "healing" of the bounds, read "beating", for Butler Bridge read Bulter Bridge, and page 90 for "Marcliffe" read "Yarcliffe".

## GETTING THE DATE WRONG

There is often confusion over precise dating in correspondence between nations. In Britain it is usual to put the date in the form of day, month, year. In America the month is usually put before the day. Complications arise when the date is all in figures. To an Englishman 3.7.1982 = 3rd July 1982: to an American it = 7th March 1982. All family historians are advised to use letters for the month (3rd Jul.1982) especially when passing on genealogical information.

## LOSING THE ADDRESS

In America letters are often written with the sender's name and address on the envelope - but no address on the letter itself. Always check you have a return address before throwing away envelopes.

## THE WAKELIN INDEX (of DEATHS OVERSEAS)

Due to the death of its originator, the Deaths of Britons Overseas Index (to be known as the Wakelin Index) is now administered by Mr.Dennis Pearce, Wayside, Roman Road, Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 1QW.

## CRIMEAN CASUALTY ROLL

Mr.Ken Horton,29 Withymoore Road, Amblecote, Stourbridge DY8 4JP will now look up references in this list.

## ENGLISH GRAVES IN CALAIS

About 60 19th century graves in Calais are likely to disappear if descendants of the occupants cannot be found. Local historians are willing to note the inscriptions but money is needed for repairs and upkeep. Help is needed to trace descendants of English people resident in Calais last century and up to 1939. Mrs.Margaret Audin, 37 rue La Quintinie,75015 Paris, France, can supply a short list of occupants in return for a self-addressed envelope and 3 International Reply Coupons (to cover cost of stamp and copy).

## NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM CHELSEA

The National Army Museum is collecting information about individuals and regimental histories from 1485 to the present day (unlike the Imperial War Museum which concentrates on battles and events). The Harts Index consists of information on personnel connected with the Indian Army, Civil Service and East India Company. If you have any genealogical information on anyone connected with these services, forms are available, on which to enter these facts, from Miss. E. Talbot Rice, National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 4HT.

## DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

It has been decided to print a completely new Directory of Members' Interests. Will ALL members please complete all or part of the enclosed form to ensure that their current interests are included. Please note that these interests can be anywhere in the world as we have members and contacts in many parts of the world. The Directory will also be sent to all Federation member societies with whom we have an exchange scheme.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1983

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1983 are due on 1st January 1983 and should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Roger Stevenson, 43 Old Park Ave, Beauchief, Sheffield S8 7DQ, or paid at the January meeting. Please note that receipts will not be sent out by post. Receipt of your next Journal will be proof of membership.

At the Annual General Meeting on 18th February 1982 it was formally agreed that subscriptions for the new year (i.e. due 1st January 1983) should be raised to £4 for individuals and £5 for family membership. This proposal was reluctantly brought to the meeting as the committee has endeavoured to keep subscriptions as low as possible.

As our Society has grown it has greatly expanded its horizons and areas of interest but of course all with the same genealogical thread. We now own a projector, screen and a microfiche reader, and we have now taken possession of the I.G.I. Microfiche. The printing of our magazine has always been done at far less than cost thanks to some good connections, but this cannot last forever. Therefore, any way in which we can increase the Society's income should be explored.

The Committee has discovered that if the Society can gain the status of a charity, we would be able to reclaim the income tax which members have paid on their subscriptions. The necessary status has now been granted by the Tax Office. Therefore any members who pay income tax (the higher the bracket the better!) will greatly assist our Society by paying their future subscriptions by banker's order, under Deed of Covenant. This will cost you no extra. The Deed of Covenant needs to be made for a period of at least four years, and the Society can claim from the Inland Revenue for each year, about £1.70 for each subscription paid in this way. Thus a member pays £4, and the Society gets £5.70.

Enclosed is a very simple form which should be completed if you are a tax payer and you wish to remain a member for at least another four years. The completed form should be given or sent to the Society Treasurer who will do all the necessary work. The Committee hopes that members will see this breakthrough as being of great benefit to the Society and that with little trouble we can help to keep the subscriptions at the low level agreed for next year.

## ST. GEORGE'S PARISH, SHEFFIELD

Miss S. Worth, Court 3, Block C, Room 31, Elvyn Richard Hall, Loughborough University of Technology, Ashby Road, Loughborough, Leics., has made a very deep study of a small part of the parish of St. George's, Sheffield. Bounded by West St, Regent St, Portobello and Mappin St, which at that time was Charlotte St, this area had about 500 residents in 1851. If any of our members would like help

in the area please send S.A.E. with information required to Miss Worth at the above address, and she will be pleased to help if she can.

#### GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOPS

Genealogical Workshops for beginners and advanced students of Family History are being run in the peaceful comfort of Allington Castle, Kent. Applications should be made in writing at once to the Registrar, Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA. The cost for 3 nights away with full tutorial instruction is £42 inclusive 21st-24th June 1983.

#### £700 REWARD FOR 700 YEARS

"In 1982 the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies in Canterbury celebrates its Silver Jubilee. 1983 is the 21st birthday of our journal "Family History" and our building is 700 years old! We have cause to celebrate. The seeds that were sown in Canterbury so long ago have now borne fruit and have spread more seeds to far distant corners of the world. We would like to reward family historians with a PRIZE. £500 will be presented by our President, Maj-Gen. Viscount Monckton of Brenchley to the person judged by an independent panel to have written the best family history. There will also be prizes for the runners-up. A copy of the rules and application form can be obtained from: The Secretary, The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1BA. Please enclose a large S.A.E. Do not delay, write now! "

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#### SOCIETY MEETINGS

##### MEETING ON THURSDAY 20th MAY 1982

Mr. Clive Binfield gave a lucid and informative talk on Congregational Records. The Chapel was a reaction to a National Church and thus there are social and political consequences as well as religious ones.

Congregational communities go back to the 17th century and there is continuity over all 3-400 years. They disliked a state church with its organisation of parishes and bishops. Their idea was of groups of people forming a fellowship which when properly constituted formed a church. Reliance on the Bible was paramount.

People came together, signed a Covenant and held open services although only covenanted members were involved in the monthly meetings to determine the government of their church. Highly esteemed members became Deacons, their leaders. For convenience there were County unions of individual churches but for legal purposes each church was a separate entity.

Congregationalists were a well defined section of the community. They were dissidents and therefore articulate. They emphasised individualism and self-reliance. Their church showed a wider degree of representativeness than was found elsewhere. The discovery that an ancestor was a Congregationalist tells a lot about him. He would be unlikely to be a steel baron but would probably have been an opinion former.

Mr. Binfield listed some typical chapel vestry records:

1. The minutes of church meetings where members were received and discipline was enforced. These sometimes contain the history of the church, the Covenant and membership rolls. Accuracy is sometimes questionable but there are a lot of names given. N.B. Adherents are not mentioned - only covenanted members.
2. Building committee minutes,
3. Literacy and improvement society records.
4. Sunday school records.

5. Graveyard information.
6. Pew rents, which gave lists of pew holders.
7. Baptism and marriage records - patchy.
8. Sometimes a church has a printed year book or annual with lists of subscribers and others and names and addresses of members or adherents.

Dr William's Library in London has a biographical card index to every known English Congregational minister. After the meeting, members were able to examine some printed records of Congregationalism.

MEETING ON MONDAY 24th MAY 1982

Wentworth Castle near Stainborough proved to be a popular venue. Under the leadership of Dr.David Hey, the grounds of the large house were explored. Although not as splendid as when first laid out they held a great deal of interest. The earliest part of the building known as Stainborough Hall was built in the 1670's by Sir Gervase Cutler. In 1708 the estate was purchased by Thomas Wentworth, great-nephew of the famous Thomas Wentworth, first Earl of Strafford.

Thomas proceeded to build a great house and to lay out gardens that he hoped would outshine his cousin's at Wentworth Woodhouse. By the early 1730's he had built a mock castle and renamed the estate Wentworth Castle. The house is now used by the Northern College of Adult Education.

MEETING ON MONDAY 14th JUNE 1982

The second summer evening visit was to the Norman churches of Steetley and Whitwell. Once again there was a good turn out of members on a somewhat cool overcast evening. Before entering the buildings Dr.David Hey gave a brief introduction to them.

The churches provided interesting comparisons. Steetley Chapel is tucked away and very small yet has been described as "the most perfect and elaborate specimen of Norman Architecture to be found anywhere in Europe". The Parish Church of St.Lawrence,Whitwell stands overlooking the village. The main part of the building with its rounded arches is Norman, the rest is of the perpendicular period.

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#### OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mr.R.Trippitt, 4 Newfield Avenue, Moorends, Doncaster DN8 4RX is trying to find WILLIAM TRIPPITT in the Sheffield area in about 1813. His father was JOHN TRIPPITT, a saw maker.

Mrs.Vera Lewis, 32 Park Road, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 4AR would like to trace her great grandfather JAMES VERNON who married HARRIETT TAYLOR and resided at 6 Flora St, Nether Hallam in 1883. There is no trace of him in the 1881 Census.

Mrs.J.M.Latter, 23 Cross Road, Hanworth, Middlesex, TW13 6QP would like any information on WILLIAM FOX of Barlborough, Derbyshire. She has old family papers going back to his will dated March 1797.

#### CORRECTION

Mr.John P.Craddock, "Heatherley", Short Lane, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs DE13 8LA is interested in JAMES FENN HAZEL(L) 1839-1897 General Smith and Springsmith who arrived in Sheffield between 1851 and 1865 from Scarning near East Dereham in Norfolk (not Hazel J.James as stated in Vol.3 No. 4.)

OFFER OF HELP

Mr.A.M.Berrell, 3 Lytham Road, Manchester M19 2AT is willing to help without charge except for expenses (petrol etc) any member needing help in his area.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- Somerset & Dorset F.H.S.Directory of Members' Interests.
- Cambridgeshire F.H.S.Directory of Members' Interests.
- N.W.Kent Directory of Members' Interests.
- Simplified Guide to Probate Jurisdictions. Where to look for Wills. 2nd Edition. J.S.W.Gibson.
- Current publications by member societies.
- Doncaster F.H.S.Directory of Members' Interests.
- Quarter Sessions Records. J.S.W.Gibson.
- Bishops' Transcripts, Marriage Licences, Bonds & Allegations. A Guide to their location & indexes. 2nd Edition. J.S.W.Gibson.
- Record Offices & where to find them. 2nd Edition. J.S.W.Gibson & Pamela Peskett.
- Society for Lincolnshire - Index to Members' Interests. 2nd Edition March 1982.
- Record Office Report 1982. John Rayment & Bill Taylor.
- Your house & its history, John Hilton.
- Guide to the W.Yorkshire County Record Office for Family Historians.
- Nottinghamshire F.H.S. Members' Interests - additions & deletions as at June 1982.
- Your family in Nottinghamshire, and introduction (leaflet).
- Essays in the economic & social history of S.Yorkshire. Edited by Sidney Pollard & Colin Holmes.

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USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

ESSEX FAMILY HISTORIAN No.24 MAY 1982

"A Genealogical Gap", by F.G.Emmison lists some sources of information on "middle class" ancestors.

JOURNAL OF NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM F.H.S. Vol.7 No.3 MAY 1982

"A family of commoners with a common name", by David Anderson describes how he filled in the bare outlines of his family tree when all his ancestors were Ag.Labs. or miners.

THE MIDLAND ANCESTOR Vol.6 No.5 JUNE 1982

"Did your ancestors know where the county boundary was?", by Pauline M.Litton stresses the importance of studying roads and adjacent parishes without regard for the county boundaries which probably meant little to our ancestors. N.B. Maps published in 1831 to go with the first edition of Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England show the importance of roads compared with county boundaries.

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I traced back through Greaseborough and Dalton to Darfield.

A Darfield parson of some years ago made a transcript of the old registers, and there is a copy on microfilm of this in the South Yorkshire Record Office. There I learned that my grandmother's grandfather had been baptised at Darfield Church in 1788. He was one of twin sons (Benjamin and Joseph) of Thomas and Mary Morley of Billingley, who had 8 children baptised at Darfield, and were themselves buried there.

Darfield Church is an impressive building with a large churchyard sloping away down the hillside. I began my search among the graves without much optimism, for the relative affluence necessary for gravestones in the early 19th century was not a feature of my labouring ancestors. But I was in luck: I found a large stone in excellent condition, perfectly readable, recording the resting place of my great, great, great grandparents:

"Here lies inter'd the body of Mary Morley, wife of Tho<sup>s</sup> Morley of Billingley, who died June 17th 1801 aged 42 years  
Also the above Thomas Morley who died August 26th 1819 aged 68 years"

The plain statements hide the tragedy of Mary's death in childbirth; the register records her burial on the same day as the baptism of her youngest child.

Although I found no more graves of my ancestors there is much of interest in the churchyard. Among the graves is a monument to 189 victims of the Lundhill Colliery Disaster of 1857. Ebenezer Elliott, the "Corn Law Rhymer" (When wilt thou save the people? Oh, God of mercy! When?) was also buried at Darfield in 1849. There are also two even more fascinating stones, memorials to less renowned men.

The oldest stone I found marks the grave not of a local man but a stranger from Lincolnshire:

"Here lyes the body of Henry Crofs - late of Lauth Lincolnfhire, Drover and Salesman, who departed this life the 30 day of June 1781".

Not an old man it would seem from the plaintive verse following:

"I depres.d was with a destemper sore  
And patiently my great affliction bore  
When in my Bloom just in my fruitful time  
Grim death appear'd and cropt me in my prime.  
I always thought myself to be but dust  
And died in hopes see life amongst the just".

But the most interesting stone stands near the church door. It is a good four feet high, a yard wide, several inches thick, and it tells the tale of its own part in a bizarre death:

HERE LYETH the mortal remains of Robert Millthorpe who died Sept 13th 1826 aged 19 years. He lost his life by inadvertently throwing this stone upon himself whilst in the service of Ja<sup>s</sup> Raywood of Ardsley who erected it to his memory.

"Alas how frail this brittle clay  
Though formed with matchless art;  
Death waits in ambush for his prey  
And none escapes his dart.  
A youthful frolic prompted on  
Whilst the grim tyrant gave  
The mortal stroke by this same stone  
That marks my early grave.

G.D.Matthews.

## HOW WE DID IT

By the Spring of 1943 the parachute school at Ringway, near Manchester, was well established. Personnel passing through the school, along with the British, included Dutch, French, Scandinavian and Polish.

The week's training was intensive. We had already practiced jumping by parachute from a "mock-up" erected in the ground of a previous school. Later some said it was worse that the real thing because there was both a forward and backward swing. At Ringway we would practice on the fuselage section of a Whitley bomber. To drop out of the aperture in the floor incorrectly meant you might break your nose or some teeth because of the force of the slipstream.

Ten of us did four jumps in "sticks" of five men: three by day and one by night. The second was the worst, because with the first everything was new. The night drop was made easier by the fact that the warm air ascending buoyed one up a little. The nastiest moment of all was witnessing a "Roman Candle", that is when the "chute" fails to develop completely. In this case the unfortunate parachutist, what was left of him, was rushed away in a Field Ambulance. The next practice "drop" we carried out was in Gloucestershire on the darkest and windiest of nights (by then I had changed my name). Two fell in the trees, I just missed a fence on landing, and the steel plates on the heels of the ammunition boots of another, struck sparks from the barbed wire which tore his "chute" to shreds.

Later, since the underground needed more material than could be dropped by parachute, I was landed by Dakota, along with others, behind the German lines. The false identity papers I carried when operating in France were equally a hindrance and a help because fortunately, although twice wounded, and almost captured by German patrols, I did not have to produce them. However, they could have been my last card even if only because certain members of the German field security police could not read French, although able to speak it.

(Ed's Note: Members present at the Annual General Meeting in February 1982 will remember seeing Mr. Nornable's false identity card and passport. One wonders how many such papers will confuse unwary family historians in the future!)

Gordon Nornable

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## FROM SHEFFIELD TO QUEENSLAND - 1883 PART ONE

My great-grandfather, Benjamin (George) Featherstone, is recorded in the 1851 Census for Crowle, Lincolnshire, as having been 21 years of age, and a servant. He was the son of Joseph Featherstone, a shoemaker.

Benjamin, in early 1852, had married at Crowle, and his first child was born there in August 1852. Some time after the death of his wife and infant daughter Benjamin remarried Mary Ann Middleton on 25 November 1856. Their first child, Ann Elizabeth, was born on 18 August 1857, and became my father's mother.

### Children of Benjamin and Mary Ann Featherstone.

Known siblings of Ann Elizabeth include Mary Maria, baptised at the Parish Church, Crowle on 22 November 1859. She never married, and remained in Crowle all her life until her death on 6 August 1924 aged 68 years. Her occupation was that of dressmaker, along with her maternal aunt, Sally (Sarah) Middleton. Other children were Emma (who married Edwin Plowes); Eliza (George Parker); Sarah (Beatus Baumgartner) and Charles Featherstone, who married Alberta(?). While it is not known how long the family remained in Crowle before going to Ranmoor in Sheffield, oblique family references have been made to several places, including Thorne and Doncaster.

### Background of Mary Ann Featherstone (Middleton).

The Middleton family appear on the 1851 Census for Crowle thus -

Charles Middleton, Head, Mar.	48	Bricklayer	Lincoln, Crowle
Ann " Wife "	43	Wife	Yorkshire (Camsit)(?)
Marria (sic)" Daur UnM	19	Dressmaker	Lincoln, Crowle
Sarah " " "	12	Scholar	" "
and			
James " " "	70	Bricklayer	" "

It seems highly probable that the 22 year old Mary Ann was working away from home on Census night.

### Crowle Cemetery.

In the Crowle graveyard in 1978 there was an old, yet still ornate, tombstone which, according to a local resident,\*\* was of the type afforded only by wealthy families. However, it seems possible that a family of bricklayers could have constructed the memorial, which bears the following inscription:

"In loving memory of Sally, youngest daughter of Charles and Ann Middleton, who died July 26 1912 aged 74 years; also of Maria Holmes,\* sister of the above who died May 2 1882, aged 50 years; also of Mary Maria Featherstone who died August 6 1924 aged 65 years."

(\*wife of Thomas Holmes, Painter)

(\*\* This elderly gentlemen told a friend of mine that he could remember a Miss Featherstone whose skill as a dressmaker was much in demand prior to the local Crowle Fairs).

### Lee Family of Sheffield.

At the time of the 1841 Census, this family was living in Hoyle Street -

William Lee	40	Scissorsmith	born in Yorkshire
Ann "	35	Wife	" " "
Henry "	14		" " "
Mary "	9		" " "
Elizabeth"	5		" " "
Hannah "	6 mths		" " "

At the time, another son, Samuel born 7 August 1824. so aged about 17 years was apparently away from home in employment.

### My Great-Grandfather.

Henry Lee, born 24 December 1826 married Mary Ann Linley at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on 27 February 1849, the witnesses being John Eyre and Mary Eyre. The bride and groom both declared they lived at "Morpeth Street", and the groom was a scythe-smith.

By the 1861 Census the family was living at 2 Vicar Lane, Sheffield, and was as follows -

Henry Lee	head	m.	34 yrs	Savings Bank Manager	Sheff.
Mary Ann	wife	m.	31 "		
Hellena	daur.	u.	10 "		
William	son	u.	6 "		
Allice M.A.	daur.	u.	4 "		
Frederick Henry	son	u.	2 "		
Albert E.	"	u.	8 months		

It is difficult to decide what changed more - Henry's occupation or his place of residence. In 1856 he was an Insurance Agent and Savings Bank Agent, living at 231 Portobello Street. In 1860, he was an agent for the Wellington Insurance Company, and lived at 37 Regent Street (where Frederick Henry was

born). By 1862, however, the family had moved from 2 Vicar Lane to 3 Arthur Street, and Henry Lee was working as a Insurance Agent.

#### Edwin Luther Lee, my Grandfather.

At the last address above, my paternal grandfather was born on 3 July 1862 to Henry Lee (Commission Agent) and Mary Ann Linley. As far as it is known, Edwin was the youngest child of the family, for Henry appears to have disappeared soon after the move to Arthur Street. Family rumour says that he either deserted, or was arrested as a debtor. Either way, his family was left in dire poverty, and Mary Ann was forced to eke out an existence as best she could be sewing and washing. From when they were about five years old, the children were able to select and purchase thread for their mother, and the boys, from about the age of seven years, had to rise very early to stoke the furnace fires in the local factories. All commenced full-time employment from age nine years. My grandfather, Edwin, struggled to learn to read, with almost no formal schooling, and self-taught he, William and Frederick formed a small band, one brother playing the violin and my grandfather an auto-harp. They could sing, also, and earned extra money "busking" in the streets and playing for local dances.

#### Lee Marriages

Frederick Henry Lee (born 13 January 1859) married Elizabeth Kay, at the Parish Church, Sheffield on 1 February 1880. William Lee is said to have married Polly(?), and had a number of children, including Frank, William, Nellie and Norma. William (senior) is said to have "died young from lifting heavy ingots in a factory". Alice (or Alice) Maud married Frank Beacroft, and moved to Erith in Kent, where she had 3 children - Fred, Caroline (Callum) and Clarence. Edwin Luther Lee married Ann(ie) Elizabeth Featherstone at The Parish Church, Sheffield on 19 February 1882.

#### Annie Elizabeth Featherstone, my Grandmother.

It has long been believed that Annie worked in an "upstairs, downstairs" type of establishment as head cook. She certainly could cook, and as well had other genteel qualities, such as sewing by hand the long Victorian type gowns she always wore, fancy-working, crocheting, singing and reading - mainly from her Bible. She was in her twenty-fifth year when she married Edwin Luther Lee, and the wedding, after banns was witnessed by William Lee and Emma Featherstone. The bride and groom both gave their usual place of residence as Ranmoor, and neither had been married previously.

#### Australia.

Grandma's sister, Sarah Featherstone, was the first known family member to come to Australia. She arrived on the "S.S. Dorunda" at Mackay, Queensland, in February 1883, aged 21 years and was a "free" immigrant. She soon obtained a position as "assistant-in-nursing" at the Mackay Hospital, where she met Beatus Baumgartner, a native of Leipzig, Switzerland, who was working at the hospital as a "sub-warder". Following their marriage on 12 November 1883 at the Holy Trinity Church, Mackay, Sarah and Beatus moved to the nearby Marian Sugar Mill, where the latter obtained employment. Sarah, among other duties, taught the local school girls her needlework skills, and conducted Sunday School classes for the Melanesians (commonly called "kanakas"). This proven fact substantiates one family story that she came to Queensland to be a "missionary to the blacks".

#### Benjamin's Death.

Several months after Sarah's arrival in Mackay, Benjamin died by his own hand. On 1 May 1883, he committed suicide by "swallowing tincture of opium during insanity", at Eckington, Derby. This event severely affected particularly Eliza Featherstone, for her letters to Sarah from 9 Chapel Terrace

Ranmoor, Sheffield, were filled with her grief. She sorrowed that her father had died alone "so far from home" (about nine miles), and she was distressed that she now felt obligated to forego her desire to follow her sister to Queensland. She declared she would care for her mother (who, incidentally lived another thirty years). Benjamin was interred in grave no. 996A at Fulwood Churchyard, as was his wife in 1913. Their tombstone carried the simple text: "Love Never Faileth".\*

(\* Mary Ann Featherstone died at 5 Rock Villas, Cross Lane, in the presence of not Eliza, but Alberta, wife of Charles Featherstone, of 521 Manchester Road, Sheffield).

Arrival in Queensland of Frederick Henry Lee, My Grandfather's brother.

Frederick Henry Lee, his wife, Elizabeth Kay, with several small children, were the next to arrive at Brisbane in 1883, on the "S.S. Linlithgowshire". They remained for about six months before going to Victoria, and during their stay, an infant, Annie, died on 31 January 1884, at Phillips Buildings, Stanley Street, South Brisbane, and was buried in Toowong Cemetery.

Arrival of Edwin Luther Lee and Annie Elizabeth Featherstone, my grandparents.

About six weeks after the tragic loss of her father, Anne Elizabeth Featherstone embarked with her husband, Edwin Luther Lee, for Queensland. They sailed from Plymouth on the "S.S. Nowshera" on 13 June 1883, and arrived at Flat Top Island, Mackay about 16 September 1883 when Annie was re-united with her sister, Sarah. Unfortunately, subsequent events show that Edwin and Annie did not remain long in Mackay, for the death is recorded on 1 November 1883 in Rockhampton, Queensland, at the Benevolent Asylum of a three-weeks old infant, Florence Eleanor Lee, who had been ill for five days with diarrhoea. Her place of birth was also the Asylum, so it seems that the family folk lore of an infant born (and buried) at sea is incorrect, but it is fairly valid to assume that the pregnant Annie could have endured much discomfort on her voyage to Queensland. The place of the child's birth suggests the extreme poverty of the parents - an introduction to their adopted land not likely to raise expectations.

To be continued.

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EPITAPH FROM WATCHMAKER'S GRAVE HEADSTONE

BOLSOVER, NEAR CHESTERFIELD

Here  
Lies in the horizontal position  
the outward case of  
THOMAS HINDE  
Clock and Watchmaker  
Who departed this Life,  
Wound up in hope,  
Of being taken in hand  
By his Maker.  
And being thoroughly cleaned,  
Repaired and set a-going,  
In the World to come  
On the 15th August, 1836  
In the 19th year of his Age.

(Grave under East Window)

## EXTRACTS FROM THE SHEFFIELD REGISTER (CONT)

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE	COMMENTS
Rev.S.Barnard	7.7.1807	-	Sheffield	Minister of Howard St. Chapel
Mrs.Woolen	1.12.1807	-	Park	Wife of William Woolen
John Northall	12.12.1807	-	Sheffield(?)	formerly pub.of Sheffield Courant
William Warris	25.1.1808	38	"	Merchant & Captain in Sheffield Vol.Regiment
Charles Proctor	4.7.1808	69	"	
Thomas Wilson	5.7.1808	63	Sycamore St	
Adam Ashton	17.1.1809	82	Sheffield (?)	for 50 years overlooker of the Water Works
Samuel Peech	30.5.1809	70	Sheffield	Keeper of the Angel Inn for 30 years
Rev.Charles Chadwick	19.6.1809	71	"	Vicar of Tinsley
Robert Gales	14.10.1809	75	"	Father of Joseph Gales pub. of newspaper
Ebenezer Radcliffe	17.10.1809	77	"	Dissenting Minister
Sergeant Street	17.1.1810	79	"	Orderly seargant in Volunteers
John Browne M.D.	10.4.1810	70	"	
John Eadon	8.5.1810	80	"	Master of the Free Writing School
John Smith	10.7.1810	63	"	Bookseller & father of Rev.John Pye-Smith D.D.
Joseph Taylor	26.10.1811	81	"	
Rev.Thomas Spencer	6.11.1811	-	"	
William Lawton	26.11.1811	39	of the Bay Childers	Died crossing the Market-Place
James Kay	8.12.1811	79	Eyre St.	formerly of the King's Head, Change-Alley
Josephus Parkin	26.1.1812	79	Sheffield	Twice Master Cutler
J.Brady	27.1.1812	-	"	Society of Friends
Anthony Norton	29.1.1812	86	"	First person to drive a coach between Sheffield & Chesterfield
Mr. ? Longden	? .3.1812	58	"	Methodist Preacher
Mrs.Dorothy Broadhead	? .3.1812	73	"	Society of Friends
Peter Cadman	13.4.1812	78	Norfolk St	Merchant
Mr. ? Brittain	31.5.1812	73	Sheffield	Merchant
Mr. ? Porter	29.6.1812	76	Howard St.	
Joseph Hawkrigg	13.9.1812	55	Sheffield	
Mr. ? Taylor	1.11.1812	-	"	Faith Healer
James Healey	20.11.1812	-	"	Of "the Hotel"
J.Shepherd	c 11.1812	-	Greenhill	Bequest
Mr.Hall	6.3.1813	-	Sheffield	Postmaster
William Lee	29.3.1813	92	"	Governor of Hollis's Hospital for 27 years
John Brookfield	14.4.1813	60	"	Solicitor
Joseph Blake	30.7.1813	50	of Netherthorpe	Overseer of the Poor
Nathaniel Gower	30.8.1813	83	Sheffield	"Father" of the white metal trade
R.Wheatley	4.10.1813	-	"	Sergeant M. in Sh. Cavalry
Simon Andrew Younge	30.12.1813	80	"	
Mrs.Sarah Potts	10.2.1814	-	Lowfield	Wife of Laurence Potts

Laurence Potts	14.2.1814	-	Lowfield	Widower of Sarah for 4 days
John Jeffcock	29.6.1814	50	Handsworth	Captain of Sheffield W.R. Cavalry
James Best	31.7.1814	46	Sheffield	Captain Sh. Local Militia
Anne Hough	2.8.1814	12	Carver St.	Found dead near Norwood Hall
Mr. Greaves	25.8.1815	99	Bridgehouses	
Ezra Ridgard	16.9.1815	-	Sheffield	Bookseller
Mrs. Mary Parsons	30.9.1815	-	"	
Rev. W. Windle	23.12.1815	73	"	
Mr. Middleton	5.1.1816	71	"	
Caleb Hartley	1.2.1816	78	Brightside	Born in a house near the Irish Cross
Samuel Foster	28.2.1816	94	Bridgehouses	Cutler
John Dickenson	28.2.1816	93	"	Farmer
George Badger	4.5.1816	-	Pond St.	Surveyor
Thomas Craddock	21.5.1816	-	Sheffield	Methodist preacher
Rev. Alexander Mackenzie	30.10.1816	61	"	Minister of St. Paul's.
Rev. Thomas Radford M.A.	10.11.1816	69	"	Minister of St. James'
Mrs. Clarke	22.11.1816	-	Of the theatre	Burned to death
Rev. George Smith M.A.	7.4.1817	53	Sheffield	Ass. minister at Parish Church
Mrs. King	4.6.1817	-	Arundel St.	Killed by her husband
Mr. Carnall	10.6.1817	99	Sheffield	
Daniel Leader	25.6.1817	73	Sheffield	Thos. & Daniel Leader, silver platers
Rev. Edward Goodwin	1.7.1817	85	Attercliffe	Curate of Attercliffe, ass minister of parish church
Thomas Badger	15.7.1817	73	Orchard Place	Architect & builder
William King	31.7.1817	-	York Castle	Hanged for the murder of his wife
Thomas Wilson	14.8.1817	66	Shirley Hall	Son of later John Wilson of Broomhead
Joseph Atkinson	? .1.1818	-	of Sheffield	Society of Friends
Esther Caterer	10.1.1818	-	Sheffield	Librarian of Surrey St. book rooms
John Shaw	23.1.1818	-	"	Shaw, Cutler & Co. Died of a "locked jaw"
Philip Smilter	12.2.1818	93	Goddard Hall	
Joseph Wilson	13.3.1818	-	Sheffield	H. Master of the free Grammar school
William Hill	13.3.1818	80	The Wicker	father of Society of church singers in Sheffield
Mrs. Cadman	20.10.1818	75	Porter St.	Wife/widow of David Cadman
Mrs. Anne Brailsford	11.11.1818	61	Sheffield	
Mrs. Anne Andrews	26.11.1818	100	"	
John Rawson	10.2.1818	-	Pond St	Partner in a brewery
Mrs. Hannah Benton	25.4.1819	93	Brown St	
Mrs. Mary Fowler	25.4.1819	91	Ladies' Walk	
Benjamin Wainwright M.D.	29.5.1819	-	Sheffield	Physician for 30 years
John Houseman	16.10.1819	-	" ?	Land Steward to Duke of Norfolk
John Rimington	31.1.1821	60	Hillsborough House	Law Clerk to Cutlers' Company
John Feather	23.1.1822	-	Pond St.	Journalist
Robert Turner	26.3.1822	67	Sheffield	
James Mosley	6.4.1822	-	York Castle	for stabbing John Mackay in Sheffield Park

FREEHOLDERS OF THE MANOR OF MONK BRETTON:1610

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the manor of Monk Bretton did not pass into private hands but was retained by the Crown. In the year 1610 King James I gave the freeholders of the manor the opportunity to purchase their holdings, entrusting George Wood and John Broadhead, "principal freeholders of Bretton" with the relevant negotiations. The process was known as a sale of fee farm rents.

In a miscellaneous series of documents recently indexed in the Archives Department of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society at Leeds a number of deeds recording these transactions has come to light, and the incidental information given in each is of considerable interest to the genealogist.

Besides a brief description of the holding, each deed gives the buyer's name and occupation and the amount paid; names of present or former occupiers are listed, along with some interesting old field names. As several of our members must have ancestral roots in this part of South Yorkshire, I thought it worthwhile to abstract all names which appear in these documents.

They are as follows:

Thomas Ellis/ John Boyne/ John Scammonden/John Wroe/ George Crawshaw/  
John Shawe/ Henry Blackburne/ John Cusworth/ John Swift/ John Turner/  
Francis Swift/ William Broadhead son of the late William Broadhead/ Thomas  
Dranfield/ Henry Foster/ Nicholas Wood/ Richard Lister/ Jane his wife/  
William Cutt/ Edward Addye/ Thomas Adde/ William Shawe/ George Rich/ John  
Shawe/ William Hall/ John Fox/ Robert Hall/ Henry Broadhead Esq. late father  
of John Broadhead/ Thomas Fletcher/ Francis Wilkinson/ John Pasley/ Uxor  
Kingston,widow/ Nicholas Kirby/ Richard Foster/ Thomas Browne/John Foster  
the elder/ John Foster the younger/ Jonathan Broadhead the elder/ Jonathan  
Broadhead the younger/ Robert Wood/ John Cooper.

Anyone who thinks they have a possible forbear amongst these names and would like an abstract from the deed in question should send me a S.A.E. for further details: Mrs.Sheila Gates, 9 Fernhill Ave, Shipley, W.Yorks.BD18 4SN.

Ref: D.D.116B: Monk Bretton Deeds.

Ed's Note. Mrs.Gates points out that there is so much material in the Y.A.S. Archives relating to all parts of Yorkshire which would be invaluable to many researchers if only it could be brought to their notice instead of lying around in cellars waiting to be indexed as at present.

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RESIDENTS OF THE ECCLESALL BIERLOW UNION WORKHOUSE

1851 CENSUS (concluded)

Parker	Joseph	M	51	b Sheffield
Parker	William	M	50	b Carver St, Sheffield
Pemberton	Ann	M	33	b Langley, Derbys.
Pemberton	Eliza	U	11	b Heeley, Yorks.
Pemberton	Frederic	U	1	b Sheldon St, Sheffield
Pemberton	Thomas	U	42	b Heeley, Yorks.
Pinder	Elizabeth	M	38	b Bolsover, Derbys.
Pinder	Mary	U	1	b Hemsworth, Derbys.
Pinkerton	Alfred	U	8	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Pinkerton	Eliza	U	5	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Pinkerton	Mary	W	40	b Owlerton, Yorks.
Pinkerton	Mary	U	11	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Platts	Elizabeth	U	79	b Whittington, Derbys.

Pursehouse	Mary	M	70	b South St, Sheffield
Ramsbottom	James	W	70	b Musbury, Nr.Ackland, Yorks.
Richmond	Ann	W	34	b Wicker, Sheffield.
Richmond	George	U	10	b Hollis Croft, Sheffield.
Richmond	John Walter	U	6	b Hollis Croft, Sheffield.
Rodgers (orphan)	Emma	U	10	b Chesterfield, Yorks.
Roper	Elizabeth	M	75	b Young St, Sheffield.
Sampson	Charlotte	W	53	b E.B.U.Workhouse, Sheffield.
Slack	James	W	75	b Coal Pit Lane, Sheffield.
Small (orphan)	James	U	9	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Small (orphan)	Mary Ann	U	11	b Ecclesall, Yorks
Southern	Samuel	U	30	b Cumberland St, Sheffield.
Speight	John	W	76	b Hallam. Yorks.
Spence	John	M	86	b Crook Arm, Northumberland.
Spooner	Thomas	U	64	b Scotland St, Sheffield.
Stacey	Hannah	U	9	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Stacey	Harriet	U	31	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Staniforth	Sarah	U	36	b Cartlidge, Derbys.
Stevenson	Thomas	W	80	b Coldwell, Oughtibridge, Yorks.
Swift	Martha	M	36	b Totley, Derbys.
Swinden	Ann	U	41	b Abbeydale, Yorks.
Taylor	Caroline	U	30	b Coal Pit Lane, Sheffield.
Taylor	Eliza	M	30	b Fitzwilliam St, Sheffield.
Taylor	Eliza	U	5w	b E.B.U.Workhouse, Sheffield.
Taylor	William	W	59	b London.
Tomlinson	William	M	61	b Fig Tree Lane, Sheffield.
Turner	Elizabeth	M	30	b Worrall, Yorks.
Turner	Elizabeth	M	59	b Upper Hallam. Yorks.
Turner	John	U	4	b E.B.U.Workhouse, Sheffield.
Turner	Jonathan	M	62	b Outibridge, Yorks.
Turner	William	U	6	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Turton	Alfred	U	19	b Owlerton, Yorks.
Walker	John	U	5	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Walker	Mary	U	26	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Walters	William	U	15	b Beighton, Yorks.
Walters(orphan)	William	U	6	b Burgess St, Sheffield.
Ward	Martha	U	75	b Trinity St, Sheffield.
Warhurst	Mary	U	19	b Norton, Derbys.
Webster	Elizabeth	U	49	b Wadsley, Sheffield.
White	Thomas	U	11	b Totley, Derbys.
Whitham	Ann	U	58	b Hill Top, Yorks.
Whitworth	Richard	U	36	b Bretton Monk, Derbys.
Wild	Ann Eliz	U	3	b Sheldon St, Sheffield.
Wild	Edwin	M	36	b Townhead St, Sheffield.
Wild	Edwin	U	8	b Sheldon St, Sheffield.
Wild	Eliza	U	10	b Fitzwilliam St, Sheffield.
Wild	Henry	U	6	b Sheldon St, Sheffield.
Wild	Mary	M	34	b Fargate, Sheffield.
Wills	Martha	U	11	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Wills	Sarah	U	9	b Ecclesall, Yorks.
Wilkinson	Harriet	U	11	b South St, Sheffield.
Wilkinson	John	W	49	b South St, Sheffield.
Wilkinson	Lydia	U	13	b South St, Sheffield.
Wilson	Ann	U	13	b Owlerton, Yorks.
Wilson	Ellen	U	8	b Owlerton, Yorks.
Wilson	John	U	5	b Owlerton, Yorks.
Wright	Julia	U	21	b Club Gardens, Highfields, Sheffield.
Yeomans	James	M	71	b Sheffield.

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## MY 'ELLIS' TREE

I first became interested in family history when I married since my father-in-law was one of twelve brothers and sisters. When I had sorted out this generation and their children I started to delve into the past.

My father-in-law was Thomas Williams Ellis (1884-1953). He married Ada Cecilia Johnson (1885-1956) at St. Lawrence Jewry in the City of London in 1910. They had two sons, Thomas Henry Laurence Ellis (my husband) and John Williams Ellis.

The Ellis family had kept quite a collection of mementoes from the past so I was able to trace the 'tree' back successfully for a time. Thomas Williams Ellis was the son of Thomas Eyre Ellis. He was born in Birmingham in 1844 and died in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex in 1921. He was in the 1st West Yorkshire Engineers Volunteers for about eighteen months from 1861 to 1863. He then sailed for Queensland with his brother William Dunn Ellis and a friend in the 'Young Australia', leaving London on 25 April 1863 and arriving in Australia on 21 July. Throughout the voyage he kept a diary of events ranging from a burial at sea to the day his brother sat on pitch melted by the sun and was only released by losing the seat of his trousers.

He later came back to England leaving his brother behind. On his return he went to sea as a carpenter's mate on board the 'Star of England'. According to his discharge papers he served for about nine months during 1866 and 1867. He married Mary Jane Williams (1855-1942) in Westminster in 1874. Her father came from Tenby in South Wales and her mother from Helston in Cornwall.

The father of Thomas Eyre Ellis was another Thomas. He was born in 1807 in Sheffield and became a surgeons' instrument maker. At one time he was manager at 76, Hanover St, Sheffield. He also lived at Clifton Terrace, Brocco Bank. I have a passport giving Thomas a safe conduct from London to France via Calais or Boulogne. It is dated August 1833 when he was 25. It states that he was 5'-9" tall, had chestnut hair, grey eyes and a fair complexion. He married Sarah Kesiah Dunn in 1838 at St. Mary's, Paddington. They had seven children, three baptised at St. Clement Danes, London and four in Birmingham. Thomas and Sarah took over the business of her father William - a brass founder and lamp maker, at 54 Wych St in The Strand, London between about 1836 and 1838. At a later date they returned to Sheffield. According to the 1861 Census they lived at Lower Hanover St, Ecclesall and Thomas' profession was given as a commercial traveller. In 1863 he was granted a corporate mark by the Company of Cutlers. He died in 1880 and is buried in Sheffield General Cemetery.

The children of Thomas and Sarah Kesiah were as follows:

Sarah Dunn Ellis	1839-1847
Ann Dunn Ellis	1843-1908 married Samuel Sykes Mellor in Ecclesall
Thomas Eyre Ellis	Already mentioned
Elizabeth Horner Ellis	b.1846. Emigrated to Australia and married John Alfred Simpson
Samuel Bramhall Ellis	1848-1903 (A sculptor)
Hannah Maria Chapman Ellis	b.1850. Married a Swiss named Otto Christian Naf

It can be seen that each child bears a surname as a middle name: Dunn, Eyre, Horner, Bramhall and Chapman. Dunn is the surname of the maternal grandfather; Bramhall is the surname of the paternal grandmother; Eyre is the surname of Ann Bramhall's mother. I still have to find the connections with Horner and Chapman. Can anyone help please?

Now the father of Thomas Eyre Ellis was yet another Thomas who was born in Sheffield in 1779 and baptised in the Nether Chapel. He was the second youngest

of ten children. In 1791 he was indentured to a 'maker of knives' and later he went into partnership with his eldest brother Joseph as a surgeons' instrument maker. They took over the business of Francis Cluley at 4, Surrey St, Sheffield. He married Ann Bramhall in the Cathedral Church, Sheffield in 1802 and died in 1821 at the age of 42, and is buried in Sheffield. I have not been able to trace the baptism of Ann at present. Her parents were Thomas Bramhall and Ann Eyre who were married in Ecclesfield in 1779. I have a copy of their marriage certificate which gave one of the witnesses as Isaac Ellis and I therefore assumed that his father's name might be Isaac but I could not trace him. At this point I wasted a lot of time. I also have a small book amongst family papers entitled 'In Memorium to Samuel Ellis'. I assumed that he must be a brother or relative of some kind but this proved to be a 'red herring'. In the book it gave some information about his grandfather and his great, great grandfather Isaac who was born in 1692. There was even a photograph of Samuel. I also found that he married late in life but that his wife died about ten years later without issue. I still could not link him up with my family. Then I went to look at his Will in Somerset House. It consisted of four pages of closely written foolscap making numerous small bequests and leaving the main part of his estate to the London Missionary Society. Finally I solved the problem with the able help of the archivist at the Sheffield Library. He produced two family trees - one for Samuel and the other for my Thomas. The only connection was the fact that both families attended the Nether Chapel.

We now seem to come to the end of the Thomases, and the father of Thomas, husband to Ann Bramhall was Isaac. He was baptised in Sheffield in 1744. He was a mark maker. He married Hannah Parkin at the Parish Church (Cathedral Church), Sheffield in 1765 and died in 1787 and was buried at the Queens Street Chapel. Isaac's father was Samuel - another cutler. Hannah was baptised in Sheffield in 1743 and died in 1804. Her father was John Parkin. This is as far as I have managed to trace the family at the present time.

Now it is interesting to go back to William Dunn, the father of Sarah Kesiah. He was born and baptised in Northampton, Guy Warwick William in 1772. He was indentured to a metal button maker in Birmingham in 1787 by which time he was an orphan. Later he went to London and married Sarah. Her maiden name may have been Heeley but I have not found this marriage. He became church warden at St.Clement Danes until about 1837. His wife died in 1832 at the age of 49 and is buried there. At a later date he went to Sheffield where he married Ann Ellis, his daughter's mother-in-law in 1841. He died in 1855 and is buried at Sowerby near Thirsk.

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#### AN EARLY SHEFFIELD INVENTORY

Probate inventories for those parts of Sheffield which always lay in Yorkshire rarely survive for the years before 1689, but those parts of the city such as Norton, Dore and Totley, which formerly formed part of Derbyshire have inventories attached to Wills which go back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. These are now available for study at the Lichfield Diocesan Record Office, The Public Library, Bird St, Lichfield. The whole of Derbyshire originally lay within the diocese of Lichfield.

Stephen Bamford, whose inventory is reproduced below, lived right on the old county boundary at Heeley Bridge. This boundary was an historic frontier,

dividing the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia, the counties of Yorkshire and Derbyshire, and the provinces of York and Canterbury. He was described as a pointer and presumably made points for lace garments. Francis Overton of Sheffield was also described as 'poynter' in 1650-1 (Arundel Castle Muniments, S374 f.97).

Probate inventories are lists of personal goods, including household furniture, crops and livestock and craft goods. The spelling was phonetic, punctuation was usually disregarded, capital letters were used haphazardly and many of the words are now obsolete. Have fun sorting this one out!

Ed's Note. A glossary of words which the reader may have difficulty with can be found at the end of the inventory.

An Inventarie indented of all & singuler the goods and Cattels houshold stuff readie money and debts of Stephen Bamford late of Hielay Briggehouse within the parish of Norton in the Countye of Derby poynter deceased made taken valued and priced the 14th daie of Maie Anno Dm. 1610 by Stephen Foxe Thomas Revell John Phearniley and Richard Phenton.

Imprimis his Apparell purse and money in the same, £4.

12 pewter dyshes 2 pewter Candlesticks one pewter potte 8 pewter poddingers 2 Salts one Tunne one Cuppe 3 Sawcers one Laddle one pewter dish one little pewter Bowle & one half dozen of pewter spoones, £1.9s.4d, one Chaffinge dishe 3 Brasen Candlesticks one Braisen Morter and a pestill, and 6 other pewter dishes, 8s.4d, one great Brasse potte, £1.10s.0d, 3 other Brasse pottes, 3 pa(nn)es, 3 kettles, 2 Skelletts 2 laddles and a sk(u)mmer with one fryinge panne and a Cresse(t)e, £2.18s.0d, one Cupborde one meatborde on(e) Bench one forme one Dysheborde one Crad(le) and one little Borde, 19s.4d, one Land Irone one paire of to(ng)es one spitt one pair of pottehoocks one fire scumer one recontine and one Brandreth, 13s.0d, Salteflesh 10s.0d, one Axe, one hatchett, one picke, and one pair of Bellowes, 3s.0d.

4 Coverletts one fetherbed, 2 Boulsters 4 pillowes stuffed with fethers 2 matteresses and 4 Blanketts, £4, 3 paire of Lynnene sheets 4 paire of hardene sheets 6 pillowe beares 3 bord clothes 2 Towells and one bedfringe, £3.6s.4d, 4 bedsteads 4 Arkes and 4 Coffers, £1.10s.0d.

4 Wimbles one handesawe one thistel 2 Billes and Certaine other Iron instruments, 4s.4d, Certaine implemts. belinginge to his occupacon Certaine Calf leather dressed and Certain Latine, 17s.0d, 17 Slippinges of Yarne, 9s.0d.

2 metts of Rie and 2 mettes of malte, 3 Strikes of Otes 2 mettes of Barlie and 1 strike of ote-meale, £1.12s.0d, 2 Loomes one hopper, one Lanthorn 4 seckes and one wyndoweclothe, Cherne, one Barrell, 8 milke Bowles one mannde one Backstone, 2 Iron wedges, one Yarde of Clothe, one old Axe 2 waterkittes, one flaskitte and 4 milke peales and Certaine painted Clothes, £1.5s.0d.

6 hennes, one kymmell, Saddle, one Sheepskeyne and Certaine manure, £1.1s.0d 8 sheep, and 4 lambes, one horse and one Swine, £5.10s.0d, 3 kine, 1 heffer and one Calf, £10.10s.0d, 1 daie work of wheat and 4 days work and a half of otes, £5.10s.0d.

The estate and terme in a lease yet unspente and to come, £12.

One packesaddle, one pare of panniers and a wantowe, 3s.4d.

6 quishions, 2 little Towe Wheelles, one Woollwheele, one horslocke, Certaine dish, one old sithe, and one stone Trowghe, 10s.0d, one Carte with wheelles, 4s.0d, Syves, dishes, piggens, with other houslement, 4s.0d.

Summa Totalis £61.8s.0d.

Debts owinge to the saide deceased: Imprimis by Thomas fairehurst for a Capon, 1s.4d, by Henrie Hurst, 5s.0d, by Edwarde barnes wife for a ganner, 1s.6d, by

the administrators of Thomas Lawe for Shillinge, 16s.0d, by francys horner for shillinge deliv(er)ed to wh [torn], 4s.0d, by one Gybson the mercer, 2s.6d, by Anthony Lawe for Certaine shillinge [blank], by a Pedlar w(hi)ch sometime lodgeth at Rbert Dores, 10d, by an other Pedlar named [blank], 1s.6d, by James Hancocke, 1s.6d, by [blank] Hobson, 10d, by James Rose for Shillinge, 2s.0d, by the same man for Rent, 3s.8d, by Anthony Hill for pointes, 2s.4d, by Adlington of Tibshelf for pointes whoe Keepeth a Stalie in Chesterfeld market, 2s.4d, by the same man for more Pointes, the number and value whereof the said deceased referreth unto his remembrance [blank], by John Houghton for Shillinge, 3s.8d, by Henrie Cocke mercer of Dranfield for laces, 1s.6d, by George Hallam for Shillinge, 1s.6d, by Thomas Taylor of Gledles, 1s.6d, by [blank] and old man of Chesterfield for knyves, 4s.0d.

Debts owinge by the said deceased: Imp(ri)mis to Mr.Lancelot Butler for 9 quarter of otes (in case they shall amount thereunto) whereof some received, £4.19s.0d, to Richard Guilbethorpe his man for wages behinde and unpaid, £2.10s.6d.

#### GLOSSARY OF OLD WORDS FROM STEPHEN BAMFORD'S INVENTORY

Poynter	a man who made points. These were a type of lacing used to fasten one garment to another, or for decoration, from the Middle Ages on.
Imprimis	first
poddinger	bowl for porridge
Tunne	a shallow dish to which a tube could be attached to form a funnel
Brasen	possibly gilded pewter
skellett	a three legged container with along handle (for making stew) or a type of frying pan
skummer	skimmer
cressete	hanging lamp
Land Iron	large type of cob iron for supporting burning wood
recontine	vertical band of iron which hung from a gallow tree or crane or a fixed bar. It had holes all down its length for hooks to go in
Brandreth	a metal grid or trivet
hardene	harding
beares	cases
Ark	chest or box
Coffer	chest
Wimble	gimlet
Thistel	chisel
Billes	bill hooks - agricultural instruments with a long handle - for lopping trees
Latine	an alloy of copper and zinc or brass rolled thin. He probably made the tags on the laces with it
Slippinges	skeins
metts	bushels
Strike	a measure often equal to a bushel but variable
loom	open vessel
Lannthorn	lantern
seckes	sacks
wyndowclothe	winnow cloth - separating chaff from grain
mannde	shallow basket with handles at each end
kitt	milk tub with a lid
flaskitte	clothes basket
painted Clothes	cheap tapestry
kymmell	tub
daie work	about an acre
wantowe	hook for panniers or more probably a belly band for a packhorse
quishions	cushions

Towe	prepared flax or hemp
Woollwheelee	spinning wheel
horslocke	collar for a horse
piggens	lading cans
houslement	household goods
ganner	gander
Shillinge	shelling nuts or threshing

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PARISH OF ST.BARTOLPH, LINCOLN

Ref.13/8 INDENTURES

This indenture made 29th September 1750.

Witness that ISAAC STOCK, churchwarden, ROBERT CAYBOURNE the elder, and JOHN HEALES, overseers of the poor, do put and place ANN COXON, aged 10 poor child of the said parish, apprentice to MICHAEL PRIOR of SHEFFIELD etc. cutler, to dwell and serve until her full age of 21 years. That said MICHAEL PRIOR, the said apprentice, the arts of sowing, knitting, spinning and all sorts of Housewifery Business shall teach and instruct.

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BOOKLIST

CENSUS RETURNS 1841-1881 ON MICROFILM: A DIRECTORY TO LOCAL HOLDINGS. 48pp £1.20

Newly acquired holdings of the 1881 Census for hundreds of libraries and record offices throughout England, Wales and the Isle of Man, as well as many amplified entries or new acquisitions of earlier census years. Although four pages longer than the last edition, the price has been held at £1.20, plus 20p p&p (75p airmail overseas), available direct from the compiler, J.S.W.Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB, or from the Federation of F.H.S.

DERBYSHIRE HEARTH TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1662-70.

Ed.D.G.Edwards, Derbyshire Record Society 1982, price £15.00, plus £1.00, 18 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield. Members £10.00 post free, and £2.00 subscription. If your ancestors came from Derbyshire, this is certainly a book to consult. It transcribes the hearth tax returns for north Derbyshire for 1670 and for southern parts of the county for 1662-4, giving the names of heads of households for each settlement and the number of chimneys on which they were taxed. The introduction is very informative and there is a detailed index.

"A COUNTRY COMPENDIUM"

By Godfrey Baseley (Published in London by Sedgewick and Jackson 1977) contains information on what happened on various Saints' Days etc. (Quoted in British Columbia Genealogist)

"LOCAL HISTORIAN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA"

By John Richardson. It lists all towns entitled to hold markets and fairs in 1792 and the principal canals with their dates of completion.

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