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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 1 journal).

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EDITORIAL

I am writing this editorial on one of this winter's rare crisp sunny days but by the time members are reading it, spring will have arrived - and with it hopes of warm sunny days ahead. In fact, just the sort of weather when recording monumental inscriptions in the quiet of a country churchyard will be a pleasant occupation. The Society hopes this summer to organise some recording sessions in the area and volunteers to help, even for a short time, will be much appreciated. The task is not arduous and indeed is often quite a social occasion. Our Project Co-ordinator will be most pleased to hear from you even if you have only a few hours to spare. You never know, you might find a lost link in your family tree!

Since the publication of the last journal I have been most pleased to hear from not one but two readers who found family connections in one of the articles "From Sheffield to Queensland 1883". It seems the old adage "It pays to advertise" even applies to family history. Perhaps you would find others working on the same family if you put pen to paper and told our readers about your own researches. Within this journal is an account of one member's successes when she wrote a brief article.

To help everyone, we publish, with this edition of "The Flowing Stream", our second Directory of Members' Interests. The first one helped several members to contact others researching the same families. It is hoped even more people will find the new edition of value. If for any reason you failed to send in your form listing your interests, it isn't too late. Supplements will be issued from time to time.

Many thanks to all those who wrote articles or whose help in other ways made it possible to produce three copies of "The Flowing Stream" last year. Thank you also to all those members whose compliments on the new style journal make the editorial and production efforts worthwhile. It is most encouraging to know that one's work is appreciated. Contributions of whatever type for the next edition of "The Flowing Stream" should reach the Editor by 30th April 1983.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

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OBITUARY

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Mr.M.Walker of Wimbledon Common, London. Our sympathy is extended to his wife.

NEWS AND NOTES

PUBLICATION OF YORK PARISH REGISTERS

York Family History Society has produced the following publications. These A5 Booklets are designed to cover short unpublished periods, where a published volume already exists of the bulk of the registers for a parish, and also to print the registers of parishes too small for major publication

No.1 St.Martin, Coney Street	1813-1837	£1.50	p&p 25p
No.2 Holy Trinity, Kings Court	1813-1837	£2.00	p&p 25p
No.3 St.Giles, Copmanthorpe	1759-1837	£1.75	p&p 25p
No.4 Holy Trinity, Goodramgate	1813-1837	£2.50	p&p 30p
No.5 St.Mary, Bishophill Jnr.	1813-1837	£2.50	p&p 35p

Two or more - Post Free

Set of Five £7.50 p&p £1.00.

Available from H.Sherwood, 9 The Paddock, York YO2 6AW.

THANKS FROM THE PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

I would like to thank those people who have helped with the indexing of the Registers of St.Philip's. We have made very good progress, having finished both the baptisms and marriages. Mary Robson and Ann Street have indexed the bulk of the marriages between them and have largely contributed to the rapid success of this venture. The burial registers are now well underway and we hope that they will be finished by the summer. We hope to index St.Stephens Registers up to 1900 next. The next major Parish will be St.George's. I would be most grateful if some kind person(s) would agree to check the printouts for each batch against the input sheets. This job can be done in the comfort of your own home. Please contact me if you are able to help.

John Perkins
35 Standon Crescent,
Sheffield S9 1PN.

A PLEA FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Will members please make sure that they sign the book for any and every item from the library that they borrow? Also please will everyone check their cupboards, bookcases etc and return any library material they may have overlooked.

JOINT YORKSHIRE F.H.S.CONFERENCE

This year it is the turn of Sheffield District F.H.S. to host the Conference. At the time of writing it is planned to hold it in October 1983 but no further details are yet available. However, it is hoped that as many members as possible will support the event and ensure its success.

EXHIBITION OF PEDIGREES AND OTHER MATERIAL

It is hoped to have an exhibition at our September meeting of members' pedigrees, charts and other interesting material. Further details will be given later but members are asked to give some thought to this venture, and to give their full support.

M.I.VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY

Volunteers are urgently needed to help record Monumental Inscriptions in many parts of the Sheffield area. Many graveyards have become overgrown and vandalised and the immense amount of family history information contained on their gravestones is in danger of being lost forever.

No previous experience is needed for this interesting and most necessary recording - just enthusiasm. Even the odd hour spent will be most appreciated. For further details please contact our Project Co-ordinator, Mr.John Perkins, 35, Standon Crescent, Wincobank, Sheffield S9 1PN. (Tel. 385465)

INFORMATION FROM THE MORMON LIBRARY IN LOUGHBOROUGH

Many people already know about the I.G.I. (formerly the Computer File Index). This index contains marriages and christenings. Many of the County Record Offices throughout Britain have this facility for their own county. The Loughborough Library holds the 1980 index for every parish in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and also many other countries of Europe too numerous to mention. The index is updated every two years.

The library has other sources such as land and military records plus census returns covering the majority of the above mentioned places. If any members would like further information they should contact the librarian at the address given below or telephone for an appointment to view the records. If it is not possible to attend in person, searches can be undertaken for postal requests. There is a print out service available for the I.G.I. at a cost of 20p per sheet plus postage.

The Librarian is Mr.Graham Rasmussen, 1 Henson's Lane, Thringstone, Leics LE6 4LJ. Tel: Coalville 222742.

LIST OF LONDON RESIDENTS 1666-1689

Mrs.W.Tarves, 8 Kerrisk Drive, Easter, Pitcorthie, Dunfermline, Fife, has a book giving the names, occupations and spouses' names of some of the residents of the City of London around 1666-1689. She would be happy to look names up for members on receipt of an S.A.E.

BOOKS ON MILITARY HISTORY

Samson Books Ltd. of Salisbury are military historical publishers. They have the following books available which may be of interest to members.

"Officers Died in the Great War 1914-1918" lists all Army & R.F.C. Officers who died.

"The South Africa 1853 Medal" - a reconstructed Roll of over 10,000 recipients.

"The Silver Wreath" lists all those present from the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 24th Regiment who fell at Isandhlwana on the 22nd January 1879.

"For Gallantry in the Performance of Military Duty" gives the names and other details of 435 military personnel.

Full details of these and other books is held by our Librarian Mrs.Mary Robson.

Information sent by John A.Twelves.

RECORDS IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

The County Record Office now has the updated version of the I.H.I. for all of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland including the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Isle of Wight. Although the coverage of Yorkshire is still far from complete, there are quite a few more entries. It is essential to book an appointment because we have only one microfiche reader and the demand is heavy.

The County Record Office now has copies of all wills and inventories for Dore and Totley for the period 1500 - 1750. These were purchased this year from

Lichfield Joint Record Office following the purchase last year of the wills and inventories for Norton (formerly in Derbyshire).

SECOND DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Some members appear to be under the impression that only new interests should have been listed on their form for the second Directory. The Editor apologises for not making it clear that this second edition was to be entirely separate as we have no copies of Edition One to give to new members. If you have other family interests therefore, which you omitted from your form, they can be included in one of the supplements, that will be issued from time to time if they are sent to the Editor.

ERRATUM

Vol. 4 No. 1 page 22, for Bartolph please read Botolph.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

VISIT TO THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE 12 OCTOBER 1982

A party of members took advantage of the opportunity to visit the South Yorkshire County Record Office in Ellin St, Sheffield on 12 October 1982. The inclement weather was quickly forgotten as Mrs. Cynthia Short, the County Archivist, outlined the material available in her office for use by those engaged in family history research.

There are microfilm copies of returns for the five censuses from 1841 to 1881, and alphabetical name indexes are in progress for the 1851 and 1871 censuses. These cover South Yorkshire and the fringe areas of adjacent counties.

Whilst the County Record Office holds no original parish registers, microfilm copies of Bishops' Transcripts of registers can be seen for most parts of South Yorkshire. Expected in the near future is the most recent microfiche, produced by the Mormon Church, of the International Genealogical Index (formerly Computer File Index). The alphabetical index mainly of baptisms and marriages, will embrace the whole country, though unfortunately some parishes, including most of those in South Yorkshire have not been copied.

There is a growing amount of information on municipal cemeteries in South Yorkshire and some limited information on wills and inventories, as well as microfilm copies of Nonconformist records held by the Public Record Office.

Amongst other sources for possible research are apprenticeship indentures and wages books, and perhaps surprisingly, some 19th century police officer and criminal records and even undertakers' account books! There was an opportunity to inspect typical documents - a grant of arms, a family history, poll book, rate book, etc. before an interval for refreshments which Mrs. Short had thoughtfully provided.

During the remainder of the evening members applied themselves with enthusiasm to the various indexes, no doubt hoping to find that missing piece in their "jigsaw". All thanks are due to Mrs. Short for an enjoyable and very instructive evening.

John Hanstock.

MEETING ON THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER 1982

Mr. Roger Taylor gave a detailed and profusely illustrated lecture on the history of photography with special reference to family photographs. His talk was well attended and much appreciated by his audience. Afterwards the audience was

able to examine much of his material and ask detailed questions about photographs they had brought.

A History of Photography with special reference to family photographs (A resume of Mr. Roger Taylor's lecture)

Before 1839 there was only a subjective record of people, created by artists but after this date the invention of photography enabled an objective view of an individual to be made. In 1839 Daguerrotype photographs were invented by Louis-Jacques-Mande Daguerre. He used silver plated copper sheets that were light sensitive and produced single photographs which needed a 20 minute exposure. The pictures so produced were banned by the church in Eastern Europe and, because a licence from Daguerre was necessary there are only a few to be found in England. There was mass production of Daguerrotypes in the U.S.A., France and Germany and so many more can be found there.

The smaller the picture was the shorter the exposure needed. Therefore miniatures of people began to be made by this process. A family group is rare because the more people there were the greater the risk was of movement. The miniaturists who were put out of business by this new process turned their hand to the colouring of Daguerrotypes.

Sitters were recommended to wear light colours with lace at the neck and sleeves to contrast with skin tones. Many photographers even had wardrobes so they could provide their clients with appropriate garments. The long exposures needed produced the poses and static expressions so characteristic of these early photographs.

Daguerrotypes are delicate and should not be touched, brushed or cleaned as the image is easily and irretrievably rubbed off.

William Henry Fox Talbot invented photography as we know it in 1840 but did not realise the value of his invention until he heard about Daguerrotypes. Talbot's calotype process made a negative picture from which multiple copies of positive pictures could be made. However in these early photographs, sharpness was lacking because of the fibre of the paper. The pictures also tended to fade.

In 1851 Frederick Scott Archer introduced the wet collodion process. In this sensitized material allowed instant exposures in good light but it had to be developed immediately so photographers had to take all their darkroom equipment around with them. The results of this process were superb and it became the principle photographic process for many years. Amateurs became interested, including women. It was considered to be a respectable interest for the young ladies of a house.

Interior scenes, however, were rare - backgrounds simulating interiors were set up outside. Another restriction was the plate size. Enlargements were not possible. 6" x 8" or 10" x 8" became standard sizes for portrait photography. A portrait cost about £1 and being expensive appealed almost exclusively to the middle and upper classes. Photographs could be retouched to improve them, especially later in the century.

From the mid 19th century onwards Amrotypes became popular. This was an actual negative which, when mounted on black velvet, became a positive picture. From the mid 1860's onwards, tin types were produced in vast numbers. The photographic emulsion was on metal and as they were very cheap (9 for 7½d) for the first time working class people could have their portraits taken.

From 1860 on Cartes Visites became popular. They were the size of visiting cards and were produced by a camera with 4, 6 or 8 lenses on so small photographs could be produced from a negative. This was a very cheap process. With the 1870's a variation in the size of photographs comes in. Cameras began to be made in a variety of shapes. Casual photographs taken with "spy" cameras, that could not be recognised as such were made.

In the U.S.A. from 1889 onwards, George Eastman marketed a roll film of 100 exposures in a kodak camera. After exposure the camera was returned to the factory for developing and reloading. Casual snapshot photography became common. Posing portraits were not taken any more. The photographer with these early cameras could not see exactly what he was taking. At the turn of the century picture postcards became very popular.

Members were warned that modern photographic processes and papers are no so long lasting as those used by our Victorian ancestors. If a permanent record is required the photograph should be on archival board and should be stored in a plastic envelope that is chemically stable.

Denise Marsden.

MEETING ON THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER 1982

Mr.F.K.Horton entertained a large gathering of members when he talked about the Survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade. His interest began with a book which listed the names of the men of the five regiments who took part in the Charge of the Light Brigade in 1854.

There were 630 men but in fact only 102 were killed though many were wounded and many horses were killed. Eighteen months later the men returned to England.

At the 21st anniversary of the Charge, a celebration was organised at Alexandra Palace. 700 men turned up! A committee was formed and applicants were vetted. A Society for survivors was founded. In 1887 for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. 101 survivors signed a document. In 1911, 9 survivors got together including the youngest man in the charge aged 16½ years at the time.

From the P.R.O. Mr.Horton has been able to obtain full details of appearance career and home address after discharge of many men who took part. He has even traced a diary written by one of the soldiers. During the talk we heard a recording of a re-enactment of the charge and saw pictures of paintings of the battle. The lecture ended with a recording of the voice of one of the survivors and of his playing of the bugle.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mrs.D.M.Townend, 62 Smithywood Lane, Dodworth, Barnsley would like to trace her great grandparents Joshua and Jane BARNESLEY who lived in Silkstone, Yorkshire in the 1870's. She can find no trace of them or their three children George, Harriet and Charlotte Jane in the 1881 census in that area. She wonders if they returned to Derbyshire or Lancashire.

Mr.A.Mappin, 23a Fir Street, Walkley, Sheffield S6 3TG is seeking the marriage of John MAPPIN and Eliza ALLEN. They had a son born 12 July 1849 and a daughter Sarah Ann born 1 Feb 1851. He is also seeking information on the name BORCH in the district of Donnington, Spalding in Lincolnshire.

Mr.George Allen, Wadsworth Family Organisation Inc., Route 5, Box 151, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, U.S.A. is seeking information about the children of William WADSWORTH (born 1797) and William BROADBENT (born 1783) of the Sheffield area. He would like descendants of these men to write to him as he needs genealogical information about the Wadsworth, Broadbent and ALLEN lines. The Wadsworth Organisation is publishing a family history in 1983 concerning these lines with emphasis on those who went to America in 1856.

HELP OFFERED

A member of the Manchester & Lancashire F.H.S. is willing to do a limited amount of research in the Manchester and Salford areas for members of other Federation societies. To cover expenses please enclose S.A.E. and £1. He also has a variety of self-catering accommodation available within 4 miles of Manchester city centre mainly mid June to mid September. Please contact Mr.A.M. Berrell, 3 Lytham Road, Manchester M19 2AT.

OFFERS OF ACCOMMODATION

Mr.A.M.Berrell, 3 Lytham Road, Manchester M19 2AT has a variety of self-catering accommodation available within 4 miles of Manchester city centre mainly mid June to mid September.

Dr. & Mrs J.McTighe, 34 Ringstead Crescent, Crosspool, Sheffield S10 5SG have one twin bedroom available by arrangement for any length of stay providing the period is within school holidays or at a weekend. A pick-up service will be available if required from the bus or rail station. There is a direct bus service from Crosspool which passes the two major Sheffield Archives Departments at Surrey Street and Ellin Street.

The cost is £5 per person for Bed and Breakfast. Enquiries should be directed to the above address with an S.A.E. or alternatively by telephone to Mrs.J. McTighe on Sheffield (0742) 667848.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Current publications by members societies.

Aberdeen and N.E.Scotland F.H.S.Supplement to members' interests Sept.1982.

Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry Members' interests
Jan/June 1982, July/Dec 1982.

Society of Genealogists Magazine back copies Vol 18 No.7,8. Volumes 19 & 20,
(Covering dates June 1977 to June 1982) Almost complete coverage

Central Middlesex F.H.S. "Green Trees" Index to M.I.'s All Saints, Harrowweald.
Peterborough & District F.H.S. Vol. 1 Part 4 Sept 1982.

Tasmanian Ancestry presented by J.Marrison Vol. 3 1982

Catalogue of Parish Register copies - Society of Genealogists.

World War I Army Ancestry - Norman Holding. (Federation publication)

Smith & Jones 1853 & 1975. An article from "Population Trend" Journal published
by the official population censuses and statistics.

Hawes Books Catalogue - sale of British Topography and History source material.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

LEICESTERSHIRE F.H.S. NEWSLETTER No. 29 SEPT 1982

"Settlement Papers" by John Wilshere gives an account of what they were and how family historians can use them.

"ORIGINS", THE JOURNAL OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE F.H.S. Vol 6 No 3

"Down to the sea in ships" by Dr.Christopher Watts gives much detail of what seamen's records there are and how to use them.

Y.A.S.NEWSLETTER Vol 8 No 6 DEC 1982

"Voters Lists and Burgess Rolls" by C.T. summarises the qualifications for voting in previous centuries.

"MIDLAND ANCESTOR" Vol 6 No 7 DEC 1982

"Family History - has it a wider contribution?" by Baron F.Duckham is a thought provoking article on the place of Family History in the wider historical context.

"Midshipmen" by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards gives details about the promotion of and archives about these naval men.

SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORIAN Vol 5 No 2 JUNE 1982

"A fresh look at family tree construction" by John H.Blackford describes his method of constructing a family tree using overlapping pieces of paper for its members.

BEDFORDSHIRE F.H.S.JOURNAL Vo. 3 No 7 AUTUMN 1982

"Keeping Records" by Harry Arch. A summary of a lecture he gave describing his own methods.

DERBYSHIRE F.H.JOURNAL BRANCH NEWS No 22 SEPT 1982

"The Chesterfield Name Index" by Philip Riden gives details of a project using computer indexing for vast amounts of information on Chesterfield people and events which will eventually be incorporated into a history of Chesterfield.

LETTER FROM A PROFESSIONAL ARCHIVIST

Dear Editor,

The latest issue of "The Flowing Stream" carried a note about the charges to research workers that are now made by Devon, Gloucestershire and North Yorkshire Record Offices. I am prompted to write to you because I believe that most members of the Family History Society will have been as sorry as I was to hear about these charges.

As a professional archivist, I am opposed to such charges and I am please to report that the Society of Archivists has issued a statement expressing its opposition. I can send a copy of this statement to anyone who is interested on request (with S.A.E.please). I am totally against such charges as an individual. After all, the information in the official records we seek to use was compiled for the benefit of the whole community. Furthermore, the services of record offices, from the Public Record Office to the local record office, are paid for by us all in our rates and taxes.

I would like to urge members of this Family History Society (and indeed members of all such Societies), to take the trouble to protest against such charges in the most effective way possible, that is by writing to the authority concerned. If we all meekly pay the charge demanded and merely grumble to the staff of the office we achieve nothing. Numbers of letters to the authority that decides to levy the charges will ensure that our views are taken into account, will help to prevent more charges being made, and may even lead to those already made being reduced or abolished.

Yours sincerely,

Cynthia M.Short.

FROM SHEFFIELD TO QUEENSLAND 1883 - PART TWO

Where to next?

Edwin and Annie were living at Rokeby in the St. Lawrence district of Queensland on 24 May 1885 when their second known child, William Middleton Lee was born. The family names given to this child, and all remaining children, (along with the dislike Grandma was forthright in expressing at non-family names - mine for example), makes the bestowing of Florence Eleanor above a puzzle still to be unravelled, for to date there is no trace of these names in either family. Edwin's occupation was listed on the birth certificate as "stockman" - quite a change from that of "gas-fitter" on his wedding certificate!

When William Middleton Lee was about six months old, Edwin and Annie moved to Victoria to join Frederick Henry Lee, to work in the plumbing business. Sadly though, more grief was soon to follow. After only about four months, William died of "infantile Diarrhoea and Asthema (sic)" on 26 March 1886. His uncle, Frederick Henry, certified his death, and stated that the child had been born at Waverley, Broudsound, Queensland. William was buried in the Horsham Cemetery (now situated in suburban Melbourne, Victoria) in Grave No.670 on 27 March 1886.

The twins

On 27th February 1887, twins were born to Edwin and the 29 year old Annie, at "Sefton House, Madeline Street, Victoria Ward, City of Melbourne, County of Bourke". They were given the unmistakable family names of Frederick Featherston and Emma Featherston (sic).

Before the next child was born, Edwin and Annie had travelled back to the St. Lawrence district of Queensland, and Frederick Henry and his wife and family had gone to Perth, Western Australia. These moves were in response to an economic recession in the more populated states of New South Wales and Victoria. The families, though corresponding regularly until the 1930's, were never to meet again. It is said that Grandma Lee wanted to come back to Queensland, against her husband's wishes "to be near Sarah", a reason advanced for her leaving Sheffield in the first place in 1883, in a letter written by sister Eliza to Sarah, just after the death of their father in May of that year. Further, family story says that Annie made the tedious journey to Queensland from Victoria in a wagon, burdened by two young children. It is quite possible also, that shewas pregnant once again during the trip, although the actual date of the venture is unknown. What is known, though, is that at Brunksome, in the St. Lawrence District of Queensland, on 21 March 1889, a daughter, Mary Ann (named for her TWO grandmothers) was born.

Another move

Edwin and Annie's movements can be ascertained from a letter written by brother Charles Featherstone from 29 Ashberry Road, Sheffield on 16 May 1892, to Sarah Baumgartner. In this he says that Edwin and Annie could be contacted care of "J.A.Archer, Esq., Torsdale, via Banana, Queensland." It was at this place that two more Lee children were born, viz:- Charles Middleton Lee and Annie Elizabeth Lee.

Final move

On 12 August 1895, Edwin Luther Lee applied to the local Lands Department agent at 11.20am. to select 140 acres of Crown Land, known as Portion 7V, Parish of East Stowe, County of Clinton, in the Calliope District of Queensland. This was granted, and he subsequently applied to purchase this land on 13 November 1902, the size having been increased to 160 acres. A Deed of Grant was issued to him on 8th December 1902. Edwin's work on properties was a preparation for owning his own land, and this was most important to him, as

he had been known to instruct his family on numerous occasions to "get a roof over your heads - a place of your own". Unfortunately, the land he selected was said to be useless, so that it couldn't "grow a bandicoot", and Edwin was often forced to work away on properties like Turkey Station to make a meagre living. His family tried to dairy on a small scale, to breed chickens, and the children spent many hours pickling eucalyptus leaves which they sold for a pittance to the proprietor of the local distillery. Life at Clyde Creek, near Gladstone, Queensland, was extremely difficult.

Last child

On 1st March 1896, the youngest child of Edwin and Annie was born, when his mother was nearly forty years of age. He was named for his father, Edwin Luther Lee, and was my father.

Edwin and his brothers and sisters attended the recently opened Clyde Creek Provisional School, No. 364, for a time, but after a disagreement between Edwin (snr) and the teacher, probably a Mr. Davis, the children were transferred to the Calliope State School, which involved quite a walk. My father had vivid memories of his first day at the Clyde Creek School, because he actually received the cane! After numerous times of drawing downstrokes on his slate, he decided to use his own initiative, and add hooks, for which he was punished. Needless to say, my late father's opinion of Mr. Davis was never very high.

Nominated relatives

Edwin and Annie had a strong attachment to family, and after they had achieved their "castle", they nominated several relatives. This required the provision of food and accommodation, until the immigrants could fend for themselves. First to arrive was "Auntie Plowes" - Annie's sister, Emma, accompanied by her husband, Edwin, and their four sons, in 1909. Then Edwin's nephew, Clarence (Bob) Beacroft, arrived on the "S.S. Otranto" in early 1914, only to return to England and France to fight on the side of the Allies, as an Australian soldier.

Death of Edwin Luther Lee, my grandfather

Edwin died in December, 1930 at his home, "Ranmoor", Calliope, Queensland. He had been preceded by his "Western Australian" brother, Frederick Henry in August, 1930. The latter had died of carcinoma of tongue, cachexia and cardiac failure. Rumour says that he had been struck on the jaw by a swinging derrick during his voyage to Queensland in 1883, and many years later, cancer developed. Edwin's death was due to bronchietasis, dilation of the right heart and cardiac failure. He was 68 years, 5 months and 28 days old.

Times were hard during those depression years, and his grave was reverently marked by a handmade "tombstone", carved from wood, by his eldest surviving son, Frederick Featherston Lee. The inventory of his personal estate was "1 buggy £4/10/-; Harness & Saddlery 12/6; Furniture £29/1/6; Balance at credit of deceased current account with Q.N. Bank Ltd. Gladstone £40/9/1; Life Policy £106/17/11; Shares in Companies incorporated in Queensland £231/5/-; Tools £1/15/6; Money owing to Estate by.....£153/-/-: TOTAL £567/11/6. To whom granted - Frederick Featherston Lee, Dairy Farmer, Calliope, and Edwin Luther Lee, Locomotive Fireman, Gayndah."

Death of Ann Elizabeth Lee, my grandmother

Family story says that Annie was never to see her sister, Sarah Baumgartner, again. In August 1894, the latter was shot near MacKay, Queensland, and died after 36 hours of agony, both from a bullet wound, and from a miscarriage. A "kanaka" was sentenced to death for the crime, but was later acquitted and returned to his native island of Mailaita in the Solomon Islands. (By an amazing set of circumstances, Charles Middleton Lee became a Christian

missionary to the Solomon Islands during the early 1920's. His second child and only son, Noel, died there of malaria.) It has never been clearly established just who shot Sarah, and why. Annie would willingly have reared her nephews and nieces, but they were fostered out and scattered, never to be reunited. Annie died on 28 January 1938, in Brisbane, aged 80 years. Her death certificate attributed her cause of death as being broncho-pneumonia, myocarditis and senile arteriosclerosis.

Conclusion

Why bother tracing one's family? Apart from the obvious need more and more people have to know of their backgrounds, one important aspect is, I believe, just what this absorbing hobby explains about my childhood. My brothers and I, for example, knew instinctively that Grandma Lee "favoured" our brother, William Charles. We wondered why another brother was given the name of "Lawrence" rather than the more usual "Laurence". Why did our father refer to another brother as Benjamin throughout his childhood? Prior to my father's death, his mother's sister, Sarah Baumgartner, had been brutally murdered. Did the phrase "poor Sarah" become such a part of his childhood that he constantly used it when teaching his parrots to talk? Was my grandfather's almost obsession with the acquisition of property (poor agriculturally as it was) the result of his family's constantly moving house when he was a child?

Annie Elizabeth Lee, my grandmother, completely over-awed me as a child. She seemed so old! After all, a large part of her life had been passed in the reign of Queen Victoria! She even dressed like pictures I had seen of that lady, particularly after the death of the Prince Consort. But my grandmother sewed her sombre, floor-length gowns herself by hand! She was stern and unsmiling but even as a young child I sensed her great sadness and loneliness, which as my research continues, take on new meaning. Her life was far from happy with its numerous tragedies, viz:- her father's suicide; her beloved sister's unexplained murder; her arduous journeys around an expanse of country undreamed of in a land that considered nine miles to be "so far from home"; the loss of her infant children, and the fact that she was child-bearing under primitive pioneering conditions until her fortieth year.

Annie Elizabeth Lee never broke her bonds with "home", and, unwittingly her life has not only provided the researcher with some understanding of the latter's English heritage, but also a strong desire to discover more.

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PARISH OF ST. BO TOLPH, LINCOLN Ref.13/9 SETTLEMENT COSTS

Handsworth - Joseph Milner & John Bradbury, overseers of the poor for Handsworth, acknowledge James Burtt, his wife and family to be legally settled (in Handsworth).

1757

W.Wrightson)
J.Battie) J.P.'s

Witnesseth on oath

Thomas Rodger
John Earnshaw

LETTER FROM THE NORTH CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The following letter was received from the Secretary of the North Cheshire Family History Society after the publication of Part One of "From Sheffield to Queensland 1883".

"Dear Editor,

"FROM SHEFFIELD TO QUEENSLAND 1883"

As Secretary of the North Cheshire Family History Society I receive the copy of "The Flowing Stream" for inclusion into our Library, and noted the above article. A close friend of mine has been researching the name "Featherstone", so I consequently passed a copy to her. Much to her delight she thought it was her family so wrote to the author in Australia. By return a vast amount of family material came back along with copies of old letters, certificates etc., proving beyond doubt that my friend's grandmother (Eliza Featherstone) and the author's grandmother (Ann Elizabeth Featherstone) were sisters, and shared the great grandfather Benjamin Featherstone. My friend's mother is one Nellie Ascombe (Eliza's daughter) and is still alive at the ripe old age of 96 and in a copy of a letter that her mother (Eliza) sent to her sister in Australia, she mentions that "Little Nellie sends her love". Little Nellie was then 3 years old and the letter was written 93 years ago. Nellie has been able to fill in a lot of gaps of the early life of the Featherstones in Sheffield from family memories before Sarah and Ann Elizabeth emigrated to Australia.

A very strange and wonderful act of coincidence. No-one but myself knew of my friend's interest in the Featherstones, as she lives locally in Manchester. The usefulness of exchange magazines is very apparent.

Yours,

Rhoda Clarke (HON.SEC.)

PUTTING THE PENSIONER IN HIS PLACE!

Dear Editor,

In the Summer number of "The Flowing Stream" you included a note from me about Charles Grabaduncle, a pauper Chelsea Pensioner living in Ecclesall Workhouse in 1861 who had mysteriously popped into my family tree despite the fact that my grandmother firmly recalled her grandmother talking of a Polish Princess.

But your circulation, madam, is wide and alert, and from Western Australia Ted Davis has been able to put my pensioner firmly in his place!

Charlotte Antoinette Wilhelmina Augusta Martha Elizabeth (plus three other Christian names, I think!) our family "Princess" became a Ward in Chancery following the death of her father who was Banker to the last King of Poland. She was brought up by a Count Theodore, an old family friend. Russia conquered Poland (history repeats itself!) and they fled as refugees to England, leaving behind all their fortune. On the voyage Charlotte met, and fell in love with, Herman Grabadunkel who was the former Burgomaster of Bremen. They married in Sheffield Parish Church and in that town settled. Charlotte taught languages (of which she knew nine).

There were three children of this union. The elder daughter died in childhood; the second, Wilhelmina, married a publican's son (Holroyd)

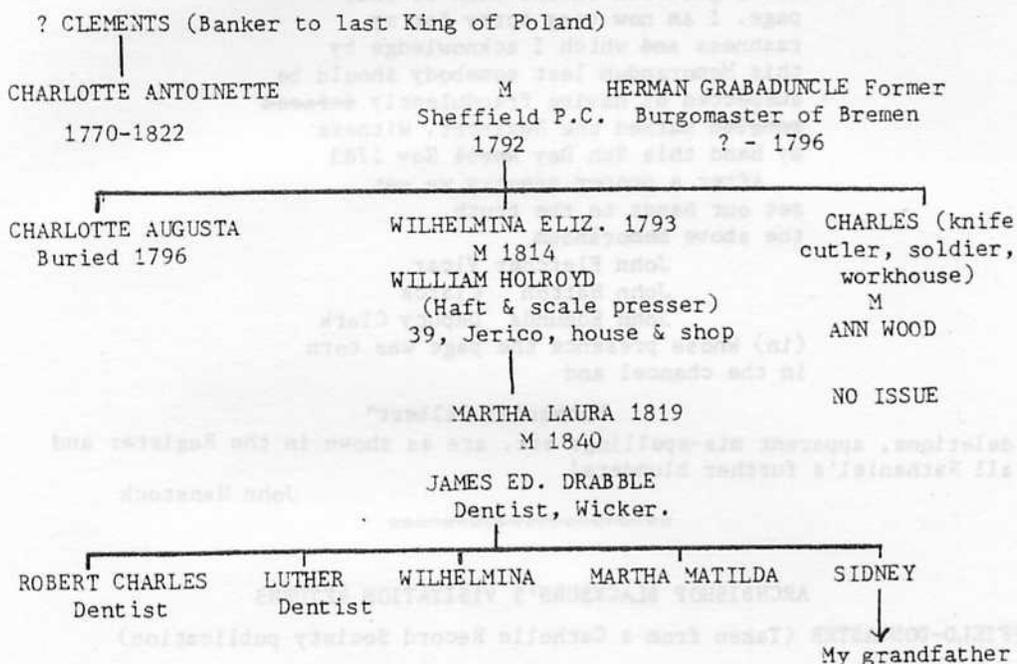
in the Cathedral. Although this was a highly respectable family she was "cut-off" by her aristocratic parents. That is my line! The third child was Charles, who finished his life as the pauper Chelsea Pensioner. He married Ann Wood and left no issue.

Maybe Wilhelmina was wise in her generation and by introducing good Yorkshire stock became the means of rejuvenating an ancient house. Certainly Charles didn't seem to make much of his inheritance.

Thanks to Ted Davis, his cousin Agnes and their Skidmore connection, our mutual black sheep is penned in his proper slot...but a special thanks to "The Flowing Stream" who, acting like a sheep-dog, got us to the gate together from West Australia and West Yorkshire.

Sheila Mitchell.

SHEILA MITCHELL'S SHEFFIELD LINE



AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT

If you have trouble in compiling your own family tree, reflect upon this entry from Samuel Pepy's diary:

"22nd January 1661. I met with Dr. Thos. Fuller. He tells me of his last and great book that is coming out: that is, the History of all the Families in England; and could tell me more of my own, than I knew myself".

NATHANIEL GILBERT'S BLUNDER

We were recently searching through marriages in the parish register for Madeley, Shropshire when we discovered that the third entry on one page had been torn out. By way of explanation a sheet of paper had been inserted which reads as follows:

"An Account of the Blemish on the
Page 107 of the Register

I Nathaniel Gilbert Officiating Minister being yet a Novice have in Registering marriages made a blunder in Registering the Marriage of Robert Yates and c and not knowing how considering the consequences of defacing a Register thought I might hide my blunder by ~~leaving tearing~~ cutting out the bottom of Page 107 as there no marriage was registered on the back of that page. I am now very sorry for my rashness and which I acknowledge by this Memorandum lest somebody should be suspected of having fraudulently ~~defaced~~ mangled marked the Register. Witness my hand this 9th Day April Nov 1783

After a proper enquiry we set set our hands to the truth the above memorandum

John Fletcher Vicar

John Hatton Clarck

John Edmunds Deputy Clerk

(in) Whose presence the page was torn in the chancel and

Nathaniel Gilbert"

The deletions, apparent mis-spellings etc. are as shown in the Register and are all Nathaniel's further blunders!

John Hanstock

ARCHBISHOP BLACKBURN'S VISITATION RETURNS

SHEFFIELD-DONCASTER (Taken from a Catholic Record Society publication)

Sepmb.17: 1735.

Sir. In obedience to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York's comands I now send you a list of the names of all Papists, or Supposed, with their Titles, distinctions, or Trades.

Mr Benjamin BLACKBURN, steward to the Duke of Norfolk,* John SMITHER, Margaret PARKER, & Elizabeth WILDSMITH his servant.

Henry BROWNILL, Baker, & Anne his wife.

Joseph FERNALLY, Labourer, & Martha his wife.

John BROOMHEAD, Mercer, & 4 daughters, viz. Katherine, Jane Elizabeth, & Harriot:

Thomas EYRE, Inn-Keeper, Richard CASE, Joiner.

Henry BARKER, Blacksmith, & John BAYES, his servt.

Mark FURNISS, Wheelwright, & Anne his wife.

George EYRE, comb-maker, & Rose his wife.

John HAWKESWORTHE, Shoemaker, & Mary his wife.

John HANCOCK, cutler, & Dorothy his wife.

Gylford SYKES, cutler, & Mary his wife, & Phineas, & Gylford, his sons, & Christian his daughter.

George CHESHIRE, Cutler, & Elizabeth his wife.
 John MABLEY, file-smith, & Martha his wife.
 Matthew TRANFIELD, Cooper.
 Wm HOBSON, labourer, & Jane his wife.
 Phillip SMILBER, Woodward to the Duke of Norfolk.
 WmRYDIN , labourer, & Sarah his wife.
 John EYRE, Collier, & Hannah his wife.
 Robert FURNISS, Cutler, Elizabeth, Wm FURNISS his son.
 Robert EYRE, Butcher, & Anne his sister.
 Johnathan WEBSTER, Cutler, & Eliz: his wife.
 Thomas HYDES, Button-maker.
 Thomas PADLEY, Button-maker.
 Richard WESTON, Button-maker.
 William STATHAM, Farmer, & Anne, his daughter.
 Thomas PARKER, Scissors-Smith.
 Timothy PALFRIMAN, Cutler.
 Thomas PALFRIMAN, Butcher.
 John PALFRIMAN, Tailer.
 John BROWNILL, Cutler, & Elizabeth his wife.
 William FOSTER, Cutler, & Anne his wife.
 George HALLAS, Collier.
 Marmaduke HOLMES, labourer.
 Mary MILNES, Widow.
 Alice HARGRAVE, Widow.
 Martha DYLA, Widow.
 Elizabeth DAMS, Widow.
 William SORESBY, Malster, & Alice his wife.
 Thomas WINDLE, Cutler, & Winifred his wife.
 Robert MARSHALL, Gardiner, & Helen his wife.
 Phillip HUNTER, Husbandman.
 Uriah CHOW, Husbandman.
 Wm SAVAGE, Cutler, & Elizabeth his wife, Thomas BORE, &
 Bridget SMITH, his servants.
 Wm. CASTLETON, Husbandman.
 Martha, the wife of Joshua SPOONER.

There is a person called Mr HUNT, who is suspected to be a popish Priest, he lives with Mr Blackburn mentioned before, & at whose house Mass is understood to be perform'd, & to wch there is a resort of papists every Lord's day, or however very frequently.

I never heard yt there either is, or ever hath been any popish school for persons of either sex in the parish of Sheffield, nor any Visitation, or Confirmation held by any Popish Bishop there. WINDLE, & BARKER, & FURNISS, & HANCOCK, & TRANFIELD, & HYDES, PADLEY & WATSON, & John BROWNILL were formerly Protestants, but I cannot learn when, or by whom; they were perverted.

This Acct. of the number of Papists, is, according to the best information I can gett, a true one. It is possible in a parish so large and populous, as that of Sheffield is known to be, for some, yt are papists to escape the notice of the strictest enquirer, but I am perswaded, yt few, if any more, are to be found here, besides those, whose names are sett down in this paper.

I am, Sr.,

Yo. Humble Serv.,
 John Dossie.

* Edward, 9th Duke, 1686-1777.

ROWBOTHAM, JARVIS AND SAYNOR: A 200 YEAR LINK

In the early summer of 1945 a young man named Palmer wearing American uniform, turned up at Wilson Tupholme's at Pitsmoor asking if he could be put in touch with anyone who remembered his mother Ann Rowbotham. He was taken up to my parents, Bert and Amy Tupholme at Ecclesall and the matter disappeared from our minds in the welter of events. Pressing hard upon it was a local telephone call from my cousin Bud Falconer who had been posted missing after the Battle of the Bulge, brought back to England en route for home, promptly gone awol and hitch-hiked across the Pennines to spring on us and set off a rousing party of all the relatives who could be rustled up before sundown. Bud and young Palmer had played together as children in St. Louis, Missouri, the link being the Sheffield background of their mothers. Bud's mother was Jennie Rachel Wilson Tupholme of Watery Street married to George William Falconer of Stratford, Ontario, later of St. Louis.

Annie Rowbotham was befriended in early adult life by my grandparents Henry and Sarah Ann Graves of Walkley and was liked by all of us. I well remember, the dismay that settled on our household in about 1910, when she sailed for the States with another Tupholme sister, Kate, Mrs. Ira L. Russell of Troy, Mo. After a time, Annie married and as we children in England followed our own courses her memory faded. But in World War II, her son came over in the American Army and went home safely after his brief visit to Sheffield.

Again memory faded, until a few years ago I received a letter from his wife. They now live in California. The letter gave no dates but said these Rowbothams had lived in Freedom Lane. I know Freedom Road and the former Freedom Street but could find no trace of a Freedom Lane. So the correspondence withered.

Then came coincidence. Walking round the eastern end of the Cathedral I stepped upon a Rowbotham family headstone set in the paving. Splendid. Something like the same fate, but worse had befallen my Jarvis family grave.

Well, WHY had the grown-ups been so upset at Annie going to America when she wasn't even related to us? What about occupations. or propinquity? Now Grandma Graves was half Jarvis, half Saynor. The known Jarvises in Sheffield had huge families for several generations, including a line of corn, flour and cheese merchants and another line of cutlers and silversmiths. The Saynors are mostly remembered as cutlers. Both Jarvis and Saynor had marks registered with the Cutlers Company and the Sheffield Assay Office. The Rowbothams also had both silversmiths and grocers. All three families were of long residence in Sheffield. In the last quarter of the 18th century:

Norfolk St had Rowbotham & Birks (S.A.O. Mark	1774-81)	silversmiths & cutlers
John Rowbotham	-do- 1774 & 76	-do-
Bank St. (opened 1792)		
had J. & S. Saynor	-do- 1792	silversmiths
Pea Croft had J. Saynor	-do- 1785	-do-
J. Jarvis	-do- 1775	-do-
White Croft had John Rowbotham	-do- 1793	-do-
Wm. Jervis	-do- 1797	Brittania & White metal cutlers
W. Jervis	-do- 1789	Sheffield plater & silversmith
Sims Croft & Tenter St had Isaac		
Rowbotham,		grocer

The Roll of the Loyal Independent Sheffield Volunteers 1794 & 95 so conveniently put before members of the Society by Roy Bullen has Isaac and John Rowbotham, Jeremiah and John Saynor and Joshua Jarvis of Sheffield Park.

The last named was my great, great, grandfather, son of Matthew, farmer and sometime carrier, of Sheffield Park, and his wife was Esther Bissett.

C.M.Dawson.

EXTRACTS FROM THE SHEFFIELD REGISTER (CONT)

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	AGE	PLACE	COMMENTS
Benjamin Clayton	1.7.1822	-	Intake colliery	Underground steward, killed with his son & five others
Thomas Clayton	1.7.1822	-	" "	
John Eaton	17.17.1822	-	Hawley Croft	Workman - murdered
William Shore	13.9.1822	-	Tapton	Banker
John Foster	4.10.1822	72	of High Green - died at Bull & Mouth, Waingate	Coroner - taken ill at inquest.
Rev.Thomas Cotterill	29.12.1823	44	Sheffield	Minister of St.Paul's
Joseph Bailey	16.3.1824	73	Burngreave	Manufacturer
William Ladsle alias Runcorn	27.5.1824	-	In the Park	Killed by his own bear
Samuel Woodcock	3.6.1825	75	Change Alley	
Robert Wiley	3.6.1825	-	Market Place	
Isaac Charlesworth	13.8.1825	-	York Castle	Executed for highway robbery in Sheffield
William Grant	15.9.1825	-	of High Street	Died whilst reading in Sheffield news-room
Thomas Rawson	24.3.1826	78	Wardsend	
Jacob Gherwin	17.8.1826	84	Sheffield	
John Bardwell	21.8.1826	81	"	Former auctioneer
Edward Oakes	30.8.1826	75	"	Merchant
Charles Adams	17.1.1827	48	"	Vestry Clerk
Mrs.Margaret Howard	10.10.1827	96	"	First nurse at the Infirmary
Ralph Blakelock	2.11.1827	61	"	Banker
Peter Brownell	15.2.1828	66	"	Master Cutler in 1807
Samuel Fouldes	20.3.1828	-	"	Surgeon
John Greaves	7.4.1828	84	"	Town Trustee.Last survivor of his family
Joseph Ridge	10.4.1828	-	"	
Rev.Richard Rimmer	19.5.1828	75	"	Catholic priest
Benjamin Wilkinson	?11.1828	75	"	"Father" of Wesleyan Society in Sheffield
Samuel Shore	16.11.1828	91	Meersbrook	
James Vaughan	31.12.1828	-	Sheffield	Engineer,killed by falling off a fly-wheel
Martin Slack	30.3.1829	18	York Castle	Murdered his illegitimate child in Westbar.
Rev.Matthew Preston	31.3.1829	-	Sheffield	Perpetual Curate of Ecclesall
George Hounsfield	9.4.1829	67	Wadsley House	
Joseph Wilson	6.5.1829	69	Westbrook	
William Wright	12.5.1829	58	Change Alley	Coach proprietor
Andrew Allan Hardy	20.6.1829	-	Sheffield	Solicitor
Joseph Stones	22.8.1829	-	Hartshead	Killed by a fall from his horse

William Wilson	30.8.1829	-	Sheffield	One of Capital Church Burgesses
Mr.Cooper	10.9.1829	-	"	Druggist of Church St. Drowned in Crookesmoor Dam
George Ibbotson	5.1.1830	52	Coulston crofts	Merchant
John Tomlinson	12.1.1830	73	Sheffield	Master of Crookes endowed school
John Taylor	1.2.1830	62	Snig Hill	
George Jeeves	15.2.1830	85	Highfield	
Duncan M'Donald	18.2.1830	84	Sheffield	Native of Lochaber, lived in Sheffield 47 years
Joseph Ellis	15.3.1830	101	Furnace Hill	Tailor - worked until 2 days before he died!
John Hampshire	3.4.1830	57	Sands Pavours	Both friends & masons
Samuel Burrowes	3.4.1830		Trippet Lane	"who came to Sheffield looking for work many years ago & settled here."
Thomas Waterhouse	8.4.1830	-	Norfolk St	Surgeon. Died young
Mrs.Waterhouse	10.4.1830	-	Portobello Place	Mother of above
Hugh Cheney M.D.	14.4.1830	86	Portobello	Snior medical practitioner
William Andrews	3.5.1830	-	Fargate	Deacon in the Church
Thomas Orton	6.5.1830	62	High St.	Bookseller & printer
William Greaves	13.5.1830	78	Sheffield	Merchant
Mr.Bennet	18.5.1830	-	the Wicker	Gardener
George Alexander Dixon	18.6.1830	-	Sheffield	Silver refiner
John Slater	4.7.1830	73	"	Bookseller
Thomas Clithero	5.7.1830	103	Garden St	
Jeremiah Saynor	7.7.1830	-	Sheffield	Gaoler at the Town Hall
Jonathan Brownhill	17.7.1830	-	"	Table knife manufacturer
Robert Wilson	29.7.1830	-	"	Firm in Pond St.
George Atkinson	12.8.1830	24	"	Surgeon - for 5 months
William Wood	2.9.1830	-	Bank St	
John Greaves	13.10.1830	-	Sheffield	Attorney
John Batty	1.11.1830	84	"	Formerley of the Tontine
Thomas Holy	9.11.1830	79	Highfield House	
George Vickers	20.11.1830	55	Sheffield	lately of Vicker's Grove
James Jessop	20.11.1830	56	"	Steel refiner
James Robertson	1.1.1831	-	Sheffield	Formerly manager of the theatre
Mr.Spooner	7.1.1831	66	Machon Bank	
James Gillies	23.1.1831	-	Sheffield	Spring knife cutler, employed by J.Rodgers & Sons
Mrs.Shore	6.3.1831	-	Tickhill Castle	Relict of the late Sidney Shore
? Twibell	23.4.1831	-	York Castle	} Executed for robbing Jonathan Habersham between Sheffield and (the) Intake
? Turner	23.4.1831	-	" "	
John Crome	17.5.1831	84	Bridge St	Printer
Hall Overend	29.5.1831	59	Sheffield	Surgeon
Daniel Holy	29.5.1831	77	"	
James Blake	22.6.1831	47	"	
Rev.Thomas Parish	19.7.1831	83	"	
Benjamin Bailey	27.7.1831	91	Westfield	
Rev.John Smith	10.11.1831	-	Sheffield	Wesleyan Minister
R.Jobson	3.1.1832	-	Roscoe Place	Merchant
John Shore	18.1.1832	86	Scarborough	of Sheffield

CHARLES PERKINS

Charles Perkins was born in the early 1830's in Norfolk. He was born at a time of great social unrest in the agricultural districts of Southern England. In North Walsham the farmers had formed an Association for the Prosecution of Horse Stealers. In November 1830 a party of labourers had smashed a threshing machine at Paston. The labourers were rioting for more pay. The reaction of the government to the unrest in the south was swift and harsh. Only one man had died during the unrest, killed by the yeomanry, yet nine men or boys were hanged, six of them for arson, and about 450 were transported, 200 for life.

In 1831 the population of England was 13.9 million of which 8 million or 57.5% lived in the rural areas. By 1851 the population had risen to 17.9 million, 8.9 million or 49.8% of which lived in rural areas. The reduced demand for farm labourers and loss of craft industries forced many of the farm labourers to leave the land. The pull of the towns with higher wages and a greater range of social amenities helped to cause a fall in the rural population throughout the nineteenth century.

Charles Perkins was born illegitimate. According to the Censuses of 1851-81 he was born in Northrepps near Cromer. Charles was ashamed of his illegitimacy and very rarely spoke of his parentage. A few clues have come down to us through his children, the last of whom died in 1965 at the age of ninety. She recalled that her father said that his mother had been a maid and his father was the gentleman of the house. His mother may have been paid off, and most probably got married only to die in childbirth, as Charles reported that he remembered his mother lying in her coffin with a child in her arms. As Charles grew up he became quite musical. He was taught to play the penny whistle by the village cobbler. It is reported that he could play other instruments as well. He never learned to read or write.

A search was made of the Northrepps Registers for the baptism of Charles, but not found. In fact there were no references to any person named Perkins being baptised, married or buried between 1800 and 1840. The 1841 Census listed no persons of the name Perkins in Northrepps. In two adjoining parishes, Southrepps and Roughton, two Charles Perkins were found. In Southrepps Charles and Mary Perkins had a son Charles who was 13, this Charles was found to have been born in Swanton Abbot in 1827. The elder Charles had been born in Roughton. In Roughton was found Charles Perkins aged 10; he is listed with Frances Perkins aged 60. It is uncertain if they lived in Roughton as they were listed in the same household as Ann Bullen aged 60 and Thomas Platten aged 19. The occupation of Frances Perkins suggests that she was of independent means. In the 1851 Census no persons of the name Perkins were listed in Roughton.

It could well be that Frances Perkins was Charles' grandmother. From the Roughton Registers it would seem that she was the wife of Philip Pirkins who had three children between 1804 and 1806. Philip must have died soon after as in 1811 we find that Frances had an illegitimate daughter Margaret. In 1833 Margaret married Thomas Bullen only to die of Dropsey at the early age of 27 in 1838. It is quite possible that she did have Charles before she married, all the children of the marriage having died as babies. Thomas Bullen is hardly likely to keep his wife's illegitimate child, especially as he had children from a previous marriage. Charles must have gone to live with Frances who died in a nearby Pafish of Aldborough in April 1844 at the age of 65.

By 1851 Charles had gone to work for John Riches at Spa Common, North Walsham. It was here that he met Mary Elizabeth Taylor whom he married in May 1851 at the Mission Chapel, Mundesley. When they married Mary Elizabeth was already pregnant and during the next 24 years she gave birth to eleven children:

Hannah Elizabeth	17 September 1851	William Charles	13 January 1866
Patience	6 June 1853	Bertha Mary	11 August 1867
Harriet	30 September 1855	Philip James	6 January 1871
Philippa Eliza	29 January 1858	Blanche	4 September 1872
George Spanton	27 February 1860	Violet Mary	20 July 1875
Margarette	21 June 1862		

By the time the last three children were born Chalres was a grandfather. Hannah had married John Chadwick and by 1875 had left Norfolk to raise a large family on Teeside. By 1880 George Spanton, my great grandfather had also gone to live on Teeside. Philip James was to follow him in the 1890's.

It has been rather difficult to decide exactly which job Charles did. Various different sources give different occupations for him. He is listed in the Censuses and different certificates of birth and marriage of his children as an agricultural labourer, shopkeeper, chandler, candle chandler, grocer, manager and Candle maker Journeyman. In the 1881 Census he is listed as a retired Grocer, but in the same year George Spanton said he was a Chandler, and two years later when George Spanton remarried he said his father was an Agricultural Labourer. Sometime between 1875 and 1881 Charles left Spa Common and went to live in Great Yarmouth where in 1882 his wife died of cancer. Her body was transported back to North Walsham where she was interred in the plot next to the one in which her mother was to be interred seven years later. Charles lived for the rest of his life with various daughters in Great Yarmouth. His youngest child who was seven when her mother died remembered her father with great affection. She told her daughter who is now in her early sixties that Charles was a very kind man, who loved his children very much and in turn was much loved by his children. He was asthmatic. We know what he looked like as in the 1870's he posed for a photograph. He was small, rather large about the waist and had a nose which branded him as a Perkins. His wife was also small, with a beautiful rather wistful look about her.

In May 1895 Charles died. His death was not unexpected as his daughter Philippa who lived in Wood Green, London was present at his death. In The Yarmouth Independent 18 May 1895 appeared a short death notice:

PERKINS- On the 14th. inst; at Row 22, Charles Perkins, aged 65.

Charles was interred in the Cemetery at Great Yarmouth. The family wore mourning rings inscribed with the initials of both Chalres and Mary Elizabeth. Twenty years later in 1915, William Charles lost his first wife. She was interred in the same grave as Charles. A memorial was erected to both Charles and his wife. The grave is now neglected and covered with ivy.

The Norfolk in which Chalres died had changed much since his birth. The railways had helped to open up the County and gave access to the Norfolk Coast. Cromer, which Charles would have remembered as a fishing village, became a holiday resort. He still has three grandchildren living in Great Yarmouth, but the rest of his family are scattered in various parts of England, and are even in Canada and Australia.

John Perkins

1871 Census Vol 4689 Folio 83B Court 6 Granville St.

Charlotte Clarke Age 12 hours. Daughter of Edwin Clarke.

(What would be the time of her birth?)

YORKSHIRE FORENAMES

With more than fifty million entries of baptisms and marriages, the I.G.I. would seem to be a treasure trove for name studies and distributions. However, the great inequality with which the counties are represented - Yorkshire has about a third of its parishes covered, but many counties fair much worse - renders the inter-county comparison of name-counts very hazardous. Even within-county comparisons could be misleading, unless very carefully conceived and analysed.

One area that does seem to be relatively immune to danger is the popularity of forenames. In pursuing one of my own lines I have made counts of the frequency of occurrence of the numerous forenames of Wilkinsons in Yorkshire at all periods. Since the outcome may have a more general interest, the twenty most common male and female given names are arranged in order of popularity, with the absolute counts converted into crude frequencies per ten thousand (Wilkinsons), on the assumption that there are about 13200 entries of baptisms and marriages each of male and female Wilkinsons.

MALES:		FEMALES:	
1.	John	1570	Mary
2.	Thomas	1217	Ann(e)
3.	William	1112	Elizabeth
4.	Joseph	769	Sara(h)
5.	James	541	Hannah
6.	George	436	Jane
7.	Robert	360	Margaret
8.	Richard	358	Martha
9.	Henry	198	Isabel
10.	Samuel	197	Alice
11.	Abraham	153	Maria
12.	Isaac	152	Ellen
13.	Francis	144	Grace
14.	Edward	120	Betty
15.	Charles	118	Susanna
16.	Benjamin	85	Dorothy
17.	Leonard	82	Agnes
18.	Matthew	73	Frances
19.	Christopher	72	Harriet/Nancy
20.	Anthony/Jonathan		

Can we hope that someone will make a similar survey for another common Yorkshire surname to test whether the above are representative? Or was there a tendency to choose certain forenames, perhaps for reasons of euphony, to fit certain surnames? It would also be interesting if someone spent more time and broke the occurrences down into centuries. Any takers?

Peter Wilkinson

SHEFFIELD BASKET-MAKER

"What pretty flowers; what are they?", I asked my aunt, pointing to a bowl of bright yellow flowers on the living room table. We were in my Aunt Carrie's house in Mona Road, Crookes, next door but two to our own house. The year would be about 1922. I was five years old.

"We call them water-blobs", she said, "But I think they're really marsh-marigolds. Your uncle George brought them from Thrybergh, when he went willow

cutting. Perhaps he'll take you and Marjorie next time he goes".

Aunt Carrie, Marjorie's mother (nee Caroline leesley) was married to George Widowson who was a basket maker with a shop and work-room in Barker's Pool.

All I remember of the picnic at Thrybergh is being perched on a large bundle of willows, eating a banana, looking at the marshy stream where the willows grew, and being aware that my feet were rather wet!

My cousin Marjorie says, "We used to go on the train and had to walk what seemed miles to Hooten Roberts, where the willow garth was. I used to love trying to jump across the little dykes, and pick marsh-marigolds and water-cress. My father looked like an old tramp with his big overcoat, pockets always bulging, trilby hat, leggings and a fish bass with his willow hooks poking out- enough to frighten a kid to death!"

George's shop used to be in Barker's Pool where the City Hall now stands, and when he had to move for that, he went to Burgess Street, where he stayed until his death in 1948. Cole Brothers now stands on this spot.

I still use two baskets he made for me - a shopping basket made in 1942 as a wedding present and a pram basket in 1944 for our son's pram (now used for a bicycle basket). My cousin has her mother's clothes-basket which George made for Carrie at the time of their wedding (about 1908). His work was made to last a life-time and obviously did.

Dorothy Lesley Dale

ARE THEY YOURS?

Surely a lot of our members will be seeking "Frightful Brown" or his brother "Black Bud". So here is the full entry:

1871 Census Gypsy Tent, River Street, Attercliffe, Sheffield. Ref. Vol 4698. Folio 62 Back.

				BORN	
Henry (alias Francis Brown)	Stapleton	51	Head	not known	Gypsy clothes peg maker
Black Bud	"	"	12	Son	"
Cox	"	"	10	"	"
Granney alias Nuity	"	"	45	Unm	Mistress "
Eaney	"	"	6	Dau	"
Frightful	"	"	5	Son	"
Black Sandy	"	"	3	Son	"
Nipper Harriet	"	"	2m	Dau	Attercliffe

Then the Enumerator added:

The only information the enumerator could get. Probably the informant has his own reasons for suppressing particulars.

Ted Shortland.