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## THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone 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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31st December

### FREE TO MEMBERS!

Searches of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for the whole of the British Isles except Scotland. Write giving details and S.A.E. to Mr.N. Nicholson, 32 Westwick Crescent, Beauchief, Sheffield S8, or telephone 377522 for an appointment to examine the fiche personally.

## EDITORIAL

Family history is primarily a do-it-yourself hobby. Anyone who finds a sought-after ancestor's name in a faded parish register will know what a flood of ideas and feelings are generated by the sight of that long-forgotten name.

In our enthusiasm we must not forget, however, that many of our discoveries are made, or made more easily, by the work of recording and indexing done by others. It is important that family historians should make records easily available for all by such work so that the wear and tear on the original documents, that are vital to us is minimised. Even those with least time available can help by recording any strays they come across in their researches.

With this journal is our first "Strays" booklet. This has been compiled by our Projects Co-ordinator, Mr. John Perkins. Further editions will be produced when enough strays have been collected.

In order to be a more active and helpful society, the committee has decided that some permanent premises would be desirable. A "home" where members had regular access to our library would make it far more useful. We should be able to carry out projects in a sociable atmosphere. If any member knows of any suitable premises which our society could perhaps share with another organisation or have the use of at a modest cost, any member of the committee would be pleased to know about it.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this journal. Please keep sending in your articles, pieces of news and comments.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Mrs. J. E. Drury, 51 St. Quentin Drive, Bradway S17 4PN.  
Mrs. H. Gillott, 4 Bents Crescent, Dronfield S18.  
Mr. G. Havenhand, 71 Court Lane, Dulwich, London SE21 7EF.  
Miss C. A. Melbourne, 38 Westbourne Road, Sheffield S10 2QQ.  
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Mrs. A. H. Sykes, 45 Cobnar Road, Sheffield S8 8QA.

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Ms Frances G. Andrew, 141 Buena Vista Drive, Sonoma, California 95476, U.S.A.  
Mrs. M. Roellinger, Castle Harbour, Tucker's Town, Bermuda.

### Change of Address

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Mrs. J. C. Matthews, 36 Hawksley Ave, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2BE.  
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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due on 1st January 1985. A renewal form is enclosed with this journal to simplify payment.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### Resignation of Derek Allen

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Derek Allen, a valued committee member. His work in organising access to our I.G.I. has been much appreciated as well as his help in the general running of our Society. The Society thanks him for his work and wishes him every success in his new appointment in Bristol.

### International Genealogical Index

As Derek Allen has now left Sheffield, the Society's I.G.I. is the responsibility of Norman Nicholson, 32 Westwick Crescent, Beauchief, Sheffield 8. All enquiries should be addressed to him.

### Projects

Will any member of the Society who is involved in any project connected with Family History e.g. recording or indexing, please give details of their work to Mr. John Perkins, 35 Standon Crescent, Sheffield 9, our Projects Co-ordinator. This is most important, as part of his job is to inform the Federation of projects being undertaken by society members. There is so much work to be done that it is a pity for some to be duplicated because no-one knows what other researchers are doing.

Before starting on a project, it is a good idea to check with John Perkins that no-one else is doing or has done the same work.

### Third British Family History Conference

Members are reminded that this will take place from 19th-23rd April in West Lavington, Wiltshire. The theme is "Migration". Full details were published in Vol.5 No.2 of "The Flowing Stream".

### Directory of Members' Interests

Members are reminded that a completely NEW directory is being compiled so please send in your completed forms - recording all your interests.

### The Fourth Australasian Congress

The Fourth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry will be held in Canberra from 8th-11th May 1986. If any member is interested in further details, please contact the Editor, Mrs. Denise Marsden, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB.

### Mormon Library in Grenoside

As some members will already know the Mormons have opened a library in Grenoside. The library is open to the public and anyone is welcome, but by appointment only as most of the material is on film.

The library consists of a catalogue, on film, of everything available that has been filmed by the Mormons, the most important new items being:

1. Census records for England and Wales for 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871 (1881 not yet available).
2. Micro-filmed copies of over half of the Parish Registers of England, Ireland and Wales (Scotland now being filmed).
3. Irish indexes to births, deaths and marriages 1845-1959.
4. Irish Registry of Deeds 1708-1904.
5. Probate Records- almost all pre 1858 Courts and 1858-1957 Probate.
6. Apprenticeships, Emigration, Military/Seamens' Records etc.

The new 1984 International Genealogical Index is also available from November. The cost of ordering the required films from the catalogue is 65p plus postage per reel. They can be used for one month. Retention for further months costs 10p per month. The Mormons have also filmed all the indexes at St. Catherine's House in London. These cost a great deal to purchase but Church Libraries may purchase them at £2 per reel. Even this is going to cost Sheffield's Branch hundreds of pounds. Many members have started the ball rolling and by July had contributed enough money to cover marriages from 1882 to 1903. Anyone can use them. Anyone can also contribute £2 for the purchase of further reels. These obviously will remain in the Library. The biggest advantage of this is that the index gives the local registration district, and one can then send direct to that district for a certificate for £5, as opposed to £10 by post from St. Catherine's House. The hours of opening are:

Tuesday 7.00-9.15pm  
Thursday 10.00am - 3.00pm & 7.00-9.15pm  
Friday 7.00-9.15pm  
Saturday (the 1st & 3rd in each month only) from 9.00am  
to 12noon when a "Genealogy Workshop" will be operating.)

Address: Sheffield Stake, Branch Genealogical Library, Wheel Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield S30. Tel. Sheffield 453231 (only available during office hours)

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#### FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

##### A Commercial publication

"Family Trees" is being sold by firms such as W.H. Smith.

##### A new publication

"Local History" is available only from the Editors, 3 Devonshire Promenade, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 2DS.

##### The Elizabeth Simpson Award

This Award for 1983 was won by the North West Kent F.H.S. Journal, so congratulations to them. It has now been agreed that the Award will ALWAYS be for the Journal making the best contribution to family history.

##### Anglo-Scottish ancestors

These ancestors may be difficult to pin down but a Branch of the Manchester and Lancashire F.H.S. specialises in this. Write to Mrs. Doreen Ramsbotham, 10 Blantyre Road, Swinton, Manchester M27 1ER with S.A.E. for details.

##### The Battle of Sedgemoor

The Battle of Sedgemoor and the "Pitchfork Rebellion" took place 300 years ago next year. Fought between the rebel supporters of the Duke of Monmouth and the army of King James II, this was the last major fighting on English soil. Remarkably, some 4000 names of Monmouth supporters are known, as well as the villages and towns from where they came. A number of prisoners were transported to the West Indies and the United States, and descendants of many more emigrated all round the world in the nineteenth century. The Somerset and Dorset F.H.S. has promised to offer advice to anybody, anywhere, who has reason to believe that their ancestors could have fought on either side, and it is hoped that many people will take the opportunity in this commemorative year to visit Somerset. Further details from the Somerset Tourist Office, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY.

## NEWS FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

### Census Indexes

The main news from South Yorkshire County Record Office is that the index to the 1851 census returns for Sheffield is completely finished. Although the transcribing and card-filling was completed before Christmas 1983, the filing of the cards is a very time-consuming job. It was being undertaken by Helen Rawlings, not a member of the Sheffield and District F.H.S., but a friend of the Record Office and an enthusiastic voluntary worker. Unfortunately she was taken ill just before Christmas 1983 and died early in May. The work has been carried on by the new archives assistant, Liz Boon, who completed the mammoth task on the 15th August.

The indexing of the 1851 census returns for Ecclesfield and Bradfield is well under way. Transcribing has been completed and card-filling is progressing steadily. The completed portions of the index are available for consultation. The dedicated members of the Sheffield and District F.H.S. have now started indexing the 1841 census returns for Sheffield. This is a taxing job because the originals were written in pencil but the volunteers are getting more and more skilful at deciphering almost illegible names.

The index to the 1851 census returns for Rotherham has been finished but the Rotherham team are now working on an outer ring, thus extending the usefulness of the index.

Ted Shortland is working with his usual single-mindedness at extending the index to the 1871 census returns for Sheffield by including all the places in the outer ring. All these indexes are proving a great help both to members of the Sheffield and District F.H.S. and to all others tracing their families. Anyone who would like to help with the work will be very welcome indeed.

### A Barnsley Index

The Record Office is now acquiring a most extensive and useful name index to all the census returns for Barnsley. The original has been compiled by Mr.E.G. Tasker from all five censuses, together with information from directories. He is most generously allowing us to copy the index and this should be completed by Christmas 1984 at the latest.

### Roman Catholic Registers

There are two indexes recently acquired. Firstly, the Record Office has purchased a computerized alphabetical print-out of all the marriages at St. Marie's from 1844 to the present. Secondly, Mr.N.Grundtvig Nielsen has compiled a first-stage alphabetical index to the microfilm of baptisms at Norfolk Row Chapel from 1783 to 1827.

### Wills and Inventories

The project to acquire copies of the Wills and Inventories held at Lichfield for places formerly in Derbyshire but now in South Yorkshire will be completed this autumn (1984) with the purchase of copies of Mosborough Wills and Inventories. These, like the ones for Dore and Totley, Norton and Beighton run from about 1540 to 1750.

C.M.Short.

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FROM THE MONSON PAPERS, LINCOLN ARCHIVE OFFICE

22/A/45 16th June 1818 at REIN DEER INN (also RAIN DEAR)

Notice to Freemen from Robert Smith  
On back of handbill:

Paid to Mr. Jos<sup>h</sup> Atkinson, 18th June 1818 for bringing voters from  
Sheffield, 50 miles.

Walkers: Benja. Brown, carpenter     )  
George Brown, labourer            ) Paid for drawing carriage @ 5/-  
Geo. Clem<sup>c</sup> Brown, carpenter  
Wm. Grocock, inkstand maker  
George Barker  
Wm. Barker, baker  
Wm. Barker, junr.  
John Tallis Roper  
Chas. Smith  
Jos<sup>h</sup> Foster, haft presser

Brought by Mr. Atkinson

Cha<sup>s</sup> Tasker, book keeper  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Tasker, table knife hafter  
Sam<sup>el</sup> Tasker, silversmith  
John Knight, grinder  
John Law, scissor-smith  
W<sup>m</sup> Knight, scissor-forger  
Major Knight, table knife grinder  
Sam<sup>el</sup> Knight, table knife grinder

Margaret Furey

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TAKEN FROM A FAMILY BIBLE

Mrs. Marian Gould found the following family details in an old Bible brought  
to the antique shop in Warwick where she works.

Arthur Pridmore born Sheffield 12.11.1871  
Sarah Bagley his wife born Sheffield 31.10.1869.  
Married St. James Church Sheffield (no date)  
Florence Pridmore dau. born Sheffield 24.6.1898  
= Leslie Manning at Weston Street UMC 9.11.1918.  
Doris Pridmore dau. born Sheffield 14.12.1902.  
= Dennis Sorley at Weston Street UMC Sept. 1930. died at  
Royal Infirmary 8.2.1932.

Douglas Malcolm Manning son of Florence and Leslie Manning  
born Sydney Australia 5.3.1920.  
John Arthur Leslie Manning son of Florence and Leslie  
Manning born Sydney Australia 8.1.1922 died of meningitis  
18.1.1930.  
Margaret Mary Sorley dau of Doris and Dennis Sorley born  
14.11.1931.

## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

For the last two years my personal endeavour has been to record for posterity, the monumental inscriptions of my local area. So for others who have a similar inclination, perhaps I may give some time-saving advice.

My first project was the Wadsley Churchyard which is less than ten minutes walk away from home. On my initial survey I estimated about four months work, particularly if I obtained help from the Society or my own church membership. Though this help was forthcoming, it was spasmodic and difficult to supervise personally because I work peculiar shifts. In the final result I spent about 200 hours in the graveyard and help was received by many members to a total of 66 hours. Unfortunately it was found necessary to make many journeys to the grave sites to check errors and omissions of transcriptions (even my own) which were highlighted during the typing. As my typing is rather slow it needed another 150 hours approximately to make a legible record. So the original estimate of four months became eighteen months in reality.

These feelings led me to consider alternative methods of recording the inscriptions. Should they be abbreviated in all respects except pertinent names and dates? Should some verses be copied and others omitted? Should only a single copy be taken and completed at the time of transcription? Would photography speed things up? All of these ideas were eventually rejected because it was felt very deeply that ALL the inscription was important to the researcher. It was important to the bereaved; why not also to the ancestor?

So, a speedier method was needed which would eliminate errors. The physical writing of the inscription allowed most people to copy between 6 and 10 per hour. I started at this level and because of accepted abbreviations I sometimes lifted this to 24 per hour but errors were still made. Finally I decided to try audio-taping and bought a "Rolls Royce" type recorder with pause facility. I found that I could immediately record 50 per hour without error. Other problems now became apparent because there was no visual record. All names had to be spelt out particularly where common variants were accepted e.g. COOK, COOKE, CUCK, COKE; FERN, FEARN, FEARNE, etc. Errors were much eliminated because the eye did not have to glance away from the stone to the paper. It is sometimes found that two people have the same name or similar dates or other details and as the eye glances away and back, it focusses on the wrong line. The audio recording method overcomes this problem, though you can feel a little silly talking to yourself in a graveyard when some visitor passes by.

The typing has also been very slightly speeded up by listening to the details instead of reading them. Again it has eliminated the eye movement from one focus point to another. This method has allowed me to make a recording - master plus five copies - of all Stannington (Methodist, Unitarian & Church of England) without calling for assistance.

The Society have decided to ask me to be their co-ordinator in this kind of work for the Sheffield area, so if anyone intends or has already copied any graveyard, will they please give me the necessary information so that work is not duplicated and also that your efforts are made available for others. Copies of all my work are to be placed in the possession of the Sheffield and District Family History Society and other public access areas. I would hope that anyone who engages in this work will also consider making a contribution to the Society.

Following is a list of depositaries and areas recorded. It will be updated each year as further information is received.

### Abbreviations

YAS	Yorks Archaeological Society	PR	Parish Registers
SCL	Sheffield Central Library	RC	Ronksley Collection
PRO	Public Record Office	MD	Miscellaneous Documents
ByCL	Barnsley Central Library	MP	Miscellaneous Papers
RRL	Rotherham Reference Library	CA	City Archives
JC	Jackson Collection	SOG	Society of Genealogists
SDFHS	Sheffield & District Family History Society		

SITE	DATE LISTED	PERIOD	DEPOSITARY	REF.NO.
Cathedral	1900		YAS 4127 M.I.s W.J. Glassby	
	1894	1654-1855	SCL	JC 1050
	1890		SCL	CA 10/1
	1969	1837-46	PRO	
	1900	1669-1887	SCL M.I.s & Heraldry inside	JC 1299
St.Paul	1900	1804	YAS W.J.Glassby	
	1895	1746-1865	SCL	JC 1051
St.George	1965		SCL	287.1
St.John (pk)	1963		SCL	CA 32
	1963	1844-71	PRO stones removed in 1963	139
St.Mary Bramall Lane	1959		SCL	CA 31
St.Peter	1906		SCL	CA 10/2
Attercliffe Ch.of Ease	1895	1691-1891	SCL	JC 1051
-do- -do-		1831-1854	SCL clerk burial books	PR 28/16
-do- -do-			YAS All 813 insc. W.J.Glassby	
-do- Mt.Zion	1900		YAS 6 inscr.	
-do- -do-	1895	1691-1891	SCL	JC1051
-do- West Meth	1924	1833-54	PRO	
Bolsterstone	1905		SCL	RC 175
Bullhouse Penistone		1707-1769	YAS Dissenter Chapel	
Ecclesfield	1962 Pt.1	1660-1960	SCL F.S.Hague	MD3583/4/5
	Pt.2	1600-1959		
	Pt.3	1600-1962		
-do-	1969/71		SCL old burial ground	929/34274
Owlerton Meth.	1969		SCL	929/34274SQ
Penistone Road				
Owlerton	1969	1830-96	PRO stones removed 1969	138
Stannington Friends	1969		SCL	MP 1556 S
St.Philip			SCL	PR 10/57
Midhope	1905		SCL	RC 176
Carver St Meth	1968		SCL	287.1 SQ
Queen St Cong	1970		SCL	1868 M
Nether Ch	1895	1737-1865	SCL	JC 1051
-do-	1900		YAS 190 M.I.s W.J. Glassby	
-do-	1965		SCL	MD 3878/9
Howard St			SCL	CA 36
Upper Ch Unitarian	1895	1712-1892	SCL	JC 1051
	1900		YAS 150 M.I.s WJ Glassby	
Brunswick Meth	1933		SCL	NR 140
Greaseborough	1965		SCL fam det/not act/ inscr.	929.34274 SQ
Bradfield	1905		SCL notes from stones	RC 174
St.Maries Catholic			SCL	MD6844
Handsworth Revill La Woodhouse		1875-1949	SCL Burial reg. (non ecclesiastical)	CA 581
Wadsley	1984	1835-1982	SDFHS/YAS/SOG JW Cooper	
Stannington All Saints	1984	1834-1984	SDFHS/SOG JW Cooper	
-do- Methodist	1984	1835-1982	SDFHS/SOG JW Cooper	J.W.Cooper
-do- Unitarian	1984	1690-1984	SDFHS/SOG JW Cooper	4 Marcliffe Road, Sheffield S6 4AG.

## SOCIETY MEETINGS

### Summer Meeting on Thursday 10th May 1984

A group of about 25 members spent a fascinating evening looking round the Kelham Island Industrial Museum with the curator on hand to answer questions. The museum brings to life many facets of our ancestors' lives in Sheffield and will certainly be revisited by all those members who attended.

### Summer Meeting on Thursday 28th June 1984

Members of our Society joined with those of Stannington Local History Group for a walk round Stannington village. Sites of special interest were explained. The walk took the group to the famous Unitarian Chapel at Underbank where Mr. John Maitland related its history. The meeting ended with refreshments in the Lomas Hall. The Society thanks the Stannington Local History Group for their hospitality.

### Extraordinary General Meeting on Thursday 19th April 1984

This meeting was called in order to approve various alterations to our constitution required by the Inland Revenue if the Society is to benefit from its charitable status and be able to reclaim tax from covenanted subscriptions. After the business meeting, members' problems were discussed in an open meeting.

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## OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Mr. Bernard H. Knight 141 Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 2NH is a direct descendant of Samuel KNIGHT, son of Nathaniel KNIGHT, citizen Alderman of Lincoln apprenticed to John CHAMBERS, "Whicker", cutler 8 years, 1736 (Freedom 1745) - (Apprenticeship Records in History of the Cutlers' Company, Sheffield.) On Sept 4 1743 Samuel married Millicent WOOD at Sheffield Parish Church. But who was Millicent Wood? So far, research endeavours have failed to locate her baptism, presumably around 1723. Any offers please?

Mrs. Maisie Fennell, 12 Derwent Terrace, Mexborough, South Yorks S64 9JT is seeking the birth or baptism of George AXE (born or baptised in the 1760's or 1770's) His father is believed to be William AXE, born 1736. George's sister Mary was baptised in Penistone in 1764. George married Sarah PORTER of Sheffield in Sheffield Parish Church on 15th Oct 1793. George died in Oct. 1835. His wife Sarah died in Jan 1845. The children of George and Sarah were William (b.1794), Benjamin (b.1795). Robert (b.1796), John (b.1802), Thomas, a champion ice-skater (b.1808) and Mary (b.1811). George's occupation was joiners tool and skate manufacturer in Fargate, Sheffield.

Mrs. Eileen Millthorpe Beech, 14 Westcroft Crescent, Westfield, Sheffield S19 5EG is seeking the ancestors of John Swan MILLTHORPE, baptised Ecclesfield, Feb 1839, son of Obadiah and Elizabeth. Obadiah was buried at Ecclesfield October 1842 aged 21 and his widow moved to the home of her parents, Samuel and Elenor DIMBERLINE in Stavely, of which family Mrs. Beech knows a great deal. She believes this Obadiah to be the son of Obadiah and Mary MILLTHORPE who also had a daughter Hannah who died March 1843 aged 19 in the Workhouse. She knows nothing else about this family's origins and has searched Registers for Ecclesfield, Tankersley, Sheffield, Bradway, Barnsley, Darfield and other South Yorkshire parishes. There is nothing useful at St. Catherine's or in the IGI. Please can anyone help?

Ms. Frances G. Andrew, 141 Buena Vista Drive, Sonoma, C.A. 95476, U.S.A. is seeking the parents, first wife and two sons of James ANDREW who was born about 1816 in England. He was a blacksmith in Sheffield. She also wants the date of James emigration to the United States. In 1853 James married his second wife Mary RYAN in Sumner Co. T.N. They had four children born in the U.S., John, James, Malinda and Elizabeth. James died in 1872 in Union Co. K.Y.

Mrs. Rosemary Watts, 14 Whitegates Close, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3JG would be grateful for information on the surviving descendants of Joseph WATTS or John Willson WATTS both of Attercliffe. Joseph Watts ran the Attercliffe Chemists shop from about 1850 until his death on 13 March 1901. His brother John Willson Watts ran a grocery shop cum Attercliffe Post Office from about 1868 onwards. Joseph had a son Henry Thompson Watts who was also a chemist; in 1910 he had a shop in Harcourt Road, Crookesmoor. John Willson Watts' sons were also businessmen at the beginning of the century. John Thomas Watts was a commercial traveller, George Gilbert Watts had a beer house on the Moor, Joseph James Watts was a paper bag merchant and Samuel Edwin Watts ran the Firth Park Hotel in Page Hall Road. Mrs. Watts' husband is descended from another son of John Willson, namely Frederick William Watts who lost touch with the rest of the family.

Mr. G. S. Havenhand, 71 Court Lane, Dulwich, London SE21 7EC is researching the history of the HAVENHAND family which has been in the Sheffield and N.E. Derbyshire area and almost nowhere else for at least 250 years. He asks if anyone can throw light on the family and particularly on the origin of the name.

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#### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Where to find the International Genealogical Index Fed. pub. 1984.  
Directory of Family History Project Co-ordinators 4th Edition 1983.  
Bedfordshire F.H.S. Vol. 4 No. 5 Spring 1984.  
Berkshire F.H.S. Vol. 9 part 1 & 2, Autumn & Winter 1983/4.  
Canberra F.H.S. The Ancestral Searcher Vol. 6 No. 4 Dec 1983.  
Isle of Man F.H.S. Vol. 6 No. 2 April 1984.  
Family History News and Digest Vol. 4 No. 3 April 1984.  
Lancashire F.H.S. "Rossendale Soc." Vol. 5 No. 1 Feb 1984.  
Liverpool F.H.S. Vol. 5 No. 4 Autumn 1983, Vol. 6 No. 1 Winter 1984.  
Waltham Forest F.H.S. Newsletter Vol. 3 No. 3 & 4 July, Oct 1983, Vol. 3 No. 4 & 5  
"Roots in the Forest" Jan & Apr 1984.  
York F.H.S. Newsletter No. 9 Spring 1984.

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#### EXTRACT FROM CUMBRIA FHS JOURNAL NO. 28 AUGUST 1983

##### Quarter Sessions Records - Appleby 1766 Easter

27 March 1766 Elsie Sunderland apprehended in Kirkland (Kendal, Westmorland) to go to Burrow cum Burrow and thence to Sheffield. Examination of the said Elsie:

She is a widow and vagrant about 31 years of age, born in Sheffield and was a servant in the town for nine years. She married Gervas Sunderland a file cutter in the said town who served his apprenticeship in Sheffield and never did any act since to gain a settlement.

## THE JEFFCOCKS OF HANDSWORTH

(or Don't Believe Official Pedigrees)

I became interested in the Jeffcocks of Handsworth after being told that my great great grandmother, Fanny Ramsbottom (nee Jeffcock) was related to William Jeffcock, (1800-1871) 1st Mayor of Sheffield, and was possibly his daughter or sister.

Fanny had married John Ramsbottom and their son John (my great grandfather) was born on 6th March 1848. I knew that John was one of their eldest children (they had 12, of whom all but one reached adulthood) and I found the marriage of John and Fanny in Sheffield Parish Church on 12th September 1844. (1) The marriage certificate revealed that Fanny was 18 and her husband 10 years older at the time. Fanny had lived in Duke Street and her father was one Joseph Jeffcock, a miner. Fanny was born on 25th October 1825 and baptised in the Parish Church on 4th December 1825 (1). Her mother was called Sarah - it was obvious that Fanny was not William Jeffcock's daughter.

As William Jeffcock had been Sheffield's first Mayor, I thought there might be some information in the library. In the local history department I found "A pedigree of the Jeffcock family" written by one of William Jeffcock's family (2) The book stated that William was the eldest son of John Jeffcock and his wife Elizabeth Dunn. John Jeffcock was in turn described as "...the only son of John Jeffcock (1736-1771) of Handsworth, by his wife Katherine nee Habershon". It seemed that if Fanny and William were related the connection was through their grandfathers and certainly not as close as had been told to me.

I began to doubt that there was any truth in the tale and my search went into cold storage, until I met a very distant relative who repeated the story of Fanny and William. I decided that as the story had been handed down through more than one branch of the family there might be some foundation for it after all. The search was resumed. The 1841 census (3) showed Fanny's family living in Duke Street, Sheffield;

Joseph Jeffcock	65	Miner
Sarah Jeffcock	50	
Fanny Jeffcock	15	
Horatio Jeffcock	13	Grinder

Fanny's father Joseph Jeffcock was therefore born between 1771-1776 and was about 50 when Fanny was born. He was quite a bit older than his wife and I wondered if Fanny and Horatio were the younger members of a larger family.

Handsworth Parish Church (4) records were then searched. Although John Jeffcock was described in the pedigree (2) as the only son of his parents John and Katherine the records showed the baptisms of five children, as well as the burials of two of them. In all cases the father was described as "John Jeffcock of Hallgates, Collier".

	<u>Baptised</u>	<u>Buried</u>
Samuel	20 Aug 1761	30 Dec 1761
John	17 Apr 1763	
Benjamin	25 Nov 1770	
Joseph	1 Jan 1774	
Anne	30 Jun 1776	11 Jul 1777

Another baptism was found at Old Church, Sheffield (1)

Peter, son of John Jeffcock, collier, 8th April 1765

The fact that this is the same family as referred to in the pedigree (2) appears to be confirmed by John Jeffcock's date of birth, 1763, which is the same as that given in the pedigree. The burial of John Jeffcock the father was

also found in the registers(4):

Burial. 27th April 1777, John Jeffcock of Hallgates, collier.

This date, however, does not agree with the pedigree, which suggests that John Jeffcock the father died in 1771. However, a John Jeffcock was buried in Handsworth in 1771:

Burial. 22nd Sept John Jefcock, Snr.

I believe that this burial refers to the grandfather of the John Jeffcock born in 1763. A document in the Local History Dept., at the Library gives more information on the John Jeffcock who was buried in 1777 (5):

"John Jeffcock of Handsworth was a collier and kept the house known by the sign of Adam and Eve at Hallgates, Handsworth and was killed in a pit 25th April 1777 aged 41."

### Joseph Jeffcock

The Joseph Jeffcock baptised on 1st Jan 1774 could be Fanny's father. This would make her and William Jeffcock first cousins, but more evidence was required. The fact of Joseph's survival, and possibly that of two other brothers, Peter and Benjamin, contradicts the pedigree (2). However, other details in the pedigree were subsequently found to be incorrect, notably the birth dates of some of John and Elizabeth's children, and also the date of their marriage. The dates could have been checked in the registers (1,4) so it does suggest that the author might not have checked his source material. John and Elizabeth Jeffcock were married by licence on 30th March 1798 in Sheffield Parish Church (1); the pedigree (2) gives the date as 1797 and does not give the place. Their first child was baptised two months later: Handsworth (4); the couple were living at Dourhouse Colliery at the time.

### Joseph and Molly Jeffcock

At this stage in my research another member of S&DFHS contacted me. It was a familiar story; she believed she was related to William Jeffcock. She was descended from one Hannah Dale (nee Jeffcock), a daughter of Joseph and Morley (or Molly) Jeffcock. Hannah was born on 30th July 1810 and baptised at Handsworth on 26th August (4). Handsworth records (4) showed more details of Joseph and Molly's children:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Baptised</u>	<u>Buried</u>
Benjamin	c 1798	Not Handsworth	30 Aug 1807 aged 9
John	c 1800	Not Handsworth	4 Aug 1807 aged 7
Joseph	22 Jan 1808	28 Feb 1808	?
Hannah	30 Jul 1810	26 Aug 1810	?
Mary Ann )	4 Oct 1812	22 Nov 1812	?
Emanuel )			

The marriage of Joseph and Molly was not found at Handsworth. If Hannah was related to William Jeffcock, it was presumably through her father Joseph. I had by this time begun to regard the Joseph Jeffcock son of John and Katherine, baptised 1st Jan 1774 to be Fanny's father and husband of Sarah. I now had to find another Joseph Jeffcock, the one who married Molly and was father to Hannah. But in the Handsworth registers, from 1774 until 1808 when Joseph and Molly's own son Joseph was born, no Joseph Jeffcocks were baptised.

I then remembered the mental note I had made about Joseph being 50 when Fanny was born and that her mother Sarah was 11-19 years younger than her husband. Was this possibly Joseph's second marriage, his first being to Molly? Another search

of Handsworth registers from 1813 to 1826 showed more children of Joseph and Molly, plus an interesting burial:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Baptised</u>	<u>Buried</u>
Eliza	?	26 Feb 1815	?
Elizabeth	?	23 Nov 1817	?
Isabella	8 Apr 1820	12 Jan 1823	
Sarah	14 Nov 1822	12 Jan 1823	14 Nov 1823
Molly wife of Joseph Jeffcock	?	?	11 Jun 1823 aged 45 years

It was therefore possible that Joseph had subsequently married Sarah. If so Hannah and Fanny were half sisters and first cousins to William Jeffcock.

A chance find on the Mormon IGI (as yet unverified) threw more light on the family. The following baptisms were recorded at Oldham Parish Church (6), Lancashire (St.Mary's). Children of Joseph and Molly Jeffcock:

	<u>Baptised</u>
Benjamin	7 Jan 1798
John	23 Mar 1800
Ann	14 Nov 1802
Ketty (?Kitty)	21 Jul 1805

The dates of Benjamin's and John's baptisms tie in with their ages when they were buried at Handsworth in August 1807. The marriage of Joseph and Molly has not been found at either Handsworth or Sheffield Parish Churches, the search will now include parishes in Lancashire.

#### Joseph and Sarah Jeffcock

The marriage of Joseph and Sarah Jeffcock was found at Rotherham Parish Church (7). As was expected, it was Joseph's second marriage.

Marriage solemnised between:  
 Joseph Jeffcock      Widower      of this parish  
 Sarah Moor                              of this parish  
 Married at Rotherham Parish Church by Banns 19th July 1824  
 Signed      Joseph Jeffcock  
                  Sarah Moore      (both signed their names)  
 Witnesses      Wm Jeffcock  
                  Wm Jessop  
 Minister      Thos Blackley

It appears then that Joseph's nephew William, then aged 24 attended the ceremony. This connection between William and his uncle Joseph continued even after the latter's death in 1848. In his Will, written in 1856 (8) William left a legacy in the following terms:

"...and to my Aunt Sarah Jeffcock (the widow of my late Uncle Joseph Jeffcock) an annuity of ten pounds during her life to be paid by equal half yearly payments the first of such payments to be made at the expiration of one calender month next after my decease..."

So, here in William Jeffcock's Will was evidence that his father was not an only son, and Fanny's story was right after all, even though the relationship had moved a little closer over the years of telling. It is possible that William was giving his Aunt Sarah financial assistance for some years. In the 1871 census (3) taken some 9 months before William died, Sarah Jeffcock is described as having:

"income from friends". She was then aged 84 and was living in Fentonville Gardens, Sharrow. Sarah's daughter, Fanny Ramsbottom died on 24th Jan 1871 (9) and is buried in the General Cemetery. Sarah and Joseph's son Horatio Wm Jeffcock had become a victualler and ran the Bulls Head at the corner of Duke Street and South Street in the 1860's. He died on 10th March 1873 and is also interred at the General Cemetery. (9) Joseph Jeffcock died on 5th May 1848. He was living in Duke Street at the time and was described as a coal miner. His widow Sarah outlived the rest of her family and died aged 87 on 7th May 1874 (10). She was living in Hill St., Ecclesall Bierlow. Her husband's occupation appears to have been elevated since his death: Sarah is described as "widow of Joseph Jeffcock, colliery steward". To date, neither Joseph's nor Sarah's graves have been located.

The connection between Joseph Jeffcock's two families was strengthened by the discovery of Isabella Jeffcock's marriage certificate. She was the daughter of Joseph and his first wife Molly and had been baptised at Handsworth on 12th Jan 1823 aged 2½ years. She married James Cam at Sheffield Parish Church on 25th Jan 1841. Her father is described as Joseph Jeffcock, miner and her residence as Duke St, the same location as Joseph and his second wife Sarah were found in the 1841 census taken some two months later.

#### Peter Jeffcock and family

Peter Jeffcock was baptised at the Old Church (1), Sheffield on 8th April 1765. His father was "John Jeffcock, collier". The next recorded mention appeared unexpectedly in Lancashire. On 30th July 1787 Peter Jeffcock married Mariah Williamson, both "of this parish" at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton under Lyne (11). The baptism of their first child is recorded in the same parish registers:

17th August 1788. Baptism  
John, son of Peter Jeffcock, collier by Maria

So it appears that Peter went to the Manchester area, just as his brother Joseph was to do. Enquiries have revealed that the area was a centre of much coal mining activity at that time, indeed this ready source of energy was the basis on which the Lancashire cotton industry was founded. (12)

Peter and Maria moved back to Handsworth and a succession of daughters followed. Their baptisms were at Handsworth (4) and all are described as "daughter of Peter and Maria Jeffcock"

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Baptised</u>	<u>Location, if given</u>
Charlotte	5 Apr 1790	2 May 1790	Woodhouse
Edith	16 Jun 1794	17 Aug 1794	-
Henriette	22 Feb 1797	16 Apr 1797	-
Barbara	30 May 1799	1799	Woodhouse
Mary	22 Jul 1802	27 Jul 1802	Woodhouse

The registers also give Maria's burial:

4th Sept 1811 Maria, wife of Peter Jeffcock of Sheffield Park aged 46 years

It seems that two of the sisters married close relatives. Harriet (Henriette) Jeffcock married William Hobson at Sheffield Parish Church (1) on 10 July 1814 and signed her name which was quite unusual for a woman at that time. Barbara Jeffcock married Samuel Hobson at Handsworth (4) on 21st May 1821 and the witnesses were Harriet and William Hobson.

Nothing is yet known about the fortunes of the family, other than Harriet.

Harriet Hobson, a widow was living at High Hazles yard at the time of the 1871 census (3). She gives her age as 73 (it should have been 74) and was the only occupant of the house. Her accommodation was attached to High Hazles house itself, at that time owned by Harriet's first cousin, William Jeffcock. William also mentioned her in his Will (8)

"... to my cousin Harriet Hobson an annuity of twenty four pounds during her life to be paid by equal payments to two pounds every calender month, the first of such payments to be made at the expiration of one calender month next after my decease."

At the time of writing this is all I have found out about Peter Jeffcock's family.

### Benjamin Jeffcock

Benjamin, son of John Jeffcock of Hallgates, collier was baptised at Handsworth on 25 Nov 1770 (4). From his baptism until 1811 there is no mention in the Handsworth registers of any baptisms or burials of any children of a Benjamin Jeffcock, neither does his marriage or burial appear.

Although there are some gaps in my Jeffcock pedigree, I feel I have established most of the facts. My search for the nature of the connection between my great great grandmother, Fanny Jeffcock and Sheffield's first Mayor, William Jeffcock has taught me a lot about family history. For instance, not to take at face value everything that has been published, but to go to the original sources (something we are frequently told, but sometimes ignore); also to follow up hunches (as in the case of Joseph Jeffcock's two marriages) and to leave no stone unturned. When William Jeffcock's father made no mention of any brothers in his Will, it did not occur to me that William would remember one of those brothers' widows in his Will.

I have also realised that occasionally tales of "good connections" are true, and I hereby apologise to my father (also a member of S&DFHS) for accusing him of having a family who had "delusions of grandeur".

Frances J. Badger

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## A FAMILY LEGEND

More than thirty years ago my mother-in-law told me the tale of how she was descended from a Polish or Russian Count who had been brought to this country by the then Duke of Devonshire to be Head Coachman at Chatsworth. The story went on that this man was the only person in the country who could drive a particular type of rig and the Duke was so proud of him that he had his portrait painted and hung in Chatsworth House. My late husband and I made several trips to Chatsworth to study the paintings but never found out anything to bear out the story and since the lady was somewhat given to "romancing" we put it down to one of her flights of fancy, even though my husband did say that he had more or less been brought up on this tale of aristocratic forbears. Suffice to say that her maiden name had been Wisternoff.

Move on to some six years ago when I decided to begin the quest for my ancestors. I began the search with one single piece of hard evidence, my maternal grandfather's birth certificate, showing that he was born in Staveley in 1883 and giving the names of his parents. I then started to work through the Census Returns, first for 1871 and then 1861. Imagine my amazement to find in the 1861 returns one Petre Wisternoff, born Makilof, Russia, with a wife born in Clowne and various members of his family born at Chatsworth. It was too much to be mere coincidence - it must be the same family, so I made a slight detour from my main line of investigation to study this.

In 1851 he was living in Nether Handley and in 1841 in the stables at Chatsworth. I wrote to the Keeper of the Collection asking for help and relating the story, but they could not add anything to my tale other than that there were only two pictures of servants, one of the great Paxton and one of an indoor servant signed ...Baker.

I consulted Parish Registers for Clowne, Edensor and Beeley as well as delving further into the Registers for Staveley and Eckington but to no avail. Nothing at all was listed under the name and having other lines I wished to pursue from my own family I let the matter rest. About two years after our initial correspondence I had a further letter from Chatsworth so say that they had found a note in some papers recently purchased to the effect that in June 1843, "Petre, the Duke's Russian coachman left Chatsworth"! This was presumably when he moved to Nether Handley.

Nothing further happened until this summer when a friend who had been visiting the House rang me to say she had found "The Picture". There in the Entrance Hall is a painting by Landseer entitled "Bolton Abbey in the Olden Time" with this note in the Handbook:

"The 6th Duke's Russian coachman posed for the keeper kneeling beside the stag".

I wrote again to Chatsworth asking permission to photograph the painting, lacking any postcard of it, and bespoke the services of a photographic friend to do the job. We went in October and the Staff there were kindness itself - moving ropes, turning lights on and off and providing chairs and stools to stand on. They also produced a copy of the catalogue of a Landseer exhibition to which the painting had been lent with notes about the picture, but also stating that Petre was "a Russian serf brought from St. Petersburg by the 6th Duke". So much for the aristocratic forbears.

The rather sad ending to all this is that I never got my pictures. When my friend opened his camera the film had failed to wind on properly so we have it all to do again when the house re-opens. The final comment is from my son. I have already established that a forbear of my maternal grandmother was probably

a Walloon who came over with Vermuyden to work on the draining of Hatfield Chase. Says Allan, "I wish you would stop all this, Mother, I don't know what sort of a mixture I shall end up as." My reply was, "No chance, it is much too fascinating to abandon the search now."

Note. I do believe that we may have here TWO one family names. I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has come across the name Wisternoff or any version of the name Dimberline. A fellow researcher in the Doncaster F.H.S. who has provided me with a good deal of the early history of this family assures me that he has found over 40 variations, the earliest being De Malines.

Eileen M. Beech.

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RESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD  
EXTRACTED FROM THE 1851 CENSUS RETURNS

Further details available from the County Record Office at Ellin Street, Sheffield 1.

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

Is your ancestor amongst these?

DON'T ALWAYS BELIEVE A CERTIFICATE...

As a young lad (not too long ago) I had listened to my grandfather talking about his father, and Archibald Driver, who had been in the confectionery business. In pursuit of further information, I determined he must have married in the 1890s and I obtained from St.Catherine's House the certificate. On its arrival I was delighted to find the information it contained, although it contains at least one mistake:

1892 Marriage solemnized at Register Office in the District of Leeds in the County of Leeds							
Fourth June	Archibald Driver	21	bach	sugar boiler	32 Willow St, Kirkstall Rd, Leeds	Herbert Driver	Castman
1892	Fanny Senior	20	spin	tailoress	32 Willow St, Kirkstall Rd, Leeds	William Senior	Iron Moulder

Spurred on by this I next obtained the birth certificate of Archibald in 1870. The indexes showed two persons of the same name, but the certificates turned out to be identical. They showed the parents as Herbert Driver and Eliza Downes and their marriage was later to be found in 1869:

1869 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of St.Andrew's Leeds in the County of York.							
Twelfth July 1869	Herbert Driver	18	bach	Insurance Agent	Spring St West	Benjamin Driver	Traveller
	Eliza Downes	18	spin		Newton Street	John Downes	Greengrocer

It appeared that there would be no problem to trace the parents back to 1837 until the birth certificate of Herbert Driver was turned up in 1851:

1851 Registration District Leeds. Birth in the Subdistrict of Leeds West in the County of York						
WHEN/WHERE BORN	NAME	SEX	FATHER	MOTHER	OCC OF FATHER	INFORMANT
31st Jan 1851 63 Wellington St	Herbert	Boy	-	Ellen Driver	-	Ellen Driver, mother 63 Wellington St, Leeds

Anybody receiving such a certificate would probably make the same assumption. Ellen Driver was not married. As Herbert had been born early in 1851 he would appear hopefully on the 1851 Census, so it was to there that I next looked. At first the information provided was a bit of a puzzle:

1851 Census, Wellington Street, Leeds.						
63 Wellington St	William Lumb	Head	Mar	57	Millwright	Yorks, Seacroft
	Elizabeth Lumb	Wife	Mar	54		Yorks, Wakefield
	Arthur Driver	Gson		6		Yorks, Leeds
	Herbert Driver	Gson		2m		Yorks, Leeds

This was Herbert all right. But also an older brother born c1845. And where was Ellen? And who are the William and Elizabeth Lumb? Where do they fit in? How are they related to Ellen? If at all...

Fortunately the 1841 Census turned up the information I had needed:

1841 Census, Wellington Street, Leeds			
Wellington St	William Lumb	45	Millwright Yorkshire
	Elizabeth Lumb	40	Yorkshire
	Ellen Lumb	15	Yorkshire

Obviously Ellen Driver and Ellen Lumb are the same person, and this was proved by another visit to London and the discovery of a marriage certificate in 1844 of Benjamin Driver and Ellen Lumb:

1844 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Leeds in the County of York							
March 14	Benjamin Driver	full age	bach	Warehouse man	Forest Street	Benjamin Driver	Cloth draper
1844	Ellen Lumb	full age	spin		Wellington Street	William Lumb	Millwright

Why then is Benjamin not mentioned on his son's birth certificate? Could it be for some sinister reason? Nobody will ever know. The Drivers are an elusive family who were commercial travellers a lot of the time, and who rarely, if ever, appear (at home) on the census. Was Herbert the result of an affair whilst Benjamin was away? Was he unwanted? Or did Ellen never think of mentioning Benjamin? Surely the Registrar would ask for the name of the father.

The next problem arises with Benjamin. When was he born? The marriage certificate shows "full age" but the only record which has recently turned up on the new edition of the IGI shows Benjamin son of Benjamin and Sarah Driver in 1826 in Leeds. Assuming this to be the correct christening, did Benjamin conceal his correct age when he married? Many others have done so over the years.

What of Benjamin and Sarah? Where did they marry around 1820? Where and when were they born? What of their parents? And where around England will be found Benjamin, Herbert and Archibald on the census? One thing is for sure - the problems are only just starting. Those on the certificates have been solved by some detective work. But whatever you do - always check your sources, never believe one source of information, it may well be wrong.

John Sagar

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#### BEWARE OF THE TRAINS

The following memorial can be found on the North wall inside St. James Church, South Anston:

To the honoured memory of  
 Barnard Platts Broomhead - Colton - Fox,  
 a native of Anston, and a benefactor of its  
 church. This tablet is placed by Mary his  
 wife. He was born on 3rd Nov<sup>r</sup> 1834 and died  
 at the Victoria Station, Sheffield  
 15th Dec. 1893.

"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of  
 Man cometh at an hour when ye think not".

S. Luke X11 V40.

He was knocked down by a train, while crossing the line on a boarded crossing - the staff had frequently warned him to use the footbridge. A detailed account of the accident can be found in The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent of Saturday December 16 1893.

The family had 2 other deaths in unusual circumstances.

George Broomhead of Turner Wood was drowned in the Chesterfield Canal Lock at Shireoaks. Charles, son of Henry and Elizabeth Broomhead died at Neuwild on the Rhine 16 June 1841 aged 16.

J. Barnes.

HOLLOW MEADOWS SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTERS

Mrs.S.Hammond, 2, Cross Row Cottages, Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB has in her possession the Hollow Meadows Sunday School Registers which cover 1899 to 1943. The registers were kindly given to Mrs.Hammond by Mrs.Carrie Marsden of Hollow Meadows. Below is a list of all the names which appear in the registers, both pupils and staff.

BOOKER Arthur	FRUDD Arthur	LEIGH Harry
Fred	Dennis	Margery
Henry	Ernest	Monica
William	Frank	Ronald
BROOMHEAD Betsy	Louie	LOWNDS Brenda
Margaret	Peggy	MARSDEN Charles
Nancy	Reginald	Connie
BROWNHILL James	W.	Douglas
BURLAND John	GREEN Arthur	Roy
Gordon	HALL Edward	MATHER Joe
CLARKE Alice	HAMMOND Arthur (pupil)	William
DALE Alfred	Arthur (teacher)	MOOR(E) Allec
Miss E.	Miss A.	Leslie
DAVISON Alice	Edna	MORRIS Miss G.
Laurance	Edwin	OLIVER Miss A.
Maggie	Miss Elsie	OLLERENSHAW J.
Phylis	F.(Frederick)	ONEIL Edwin
DEARDEN Allan	Frances A.	PARKIN Joseph
Benny	Fred	SELLARS J.(John)
Bernard	George	Thomas
Miss E.	Mrs.G.	STRINGER Charles A.
Frank	Harro!!	HOMPSON Sheila
Fred	Harry	HORP(E) Miss C.
G. (George)	Henry	Mary
Harry	Kenneth	Thompson
James (pupil)	Maggie	TWIGG A.
James (teacher)	Maureen	Miss C.
Miss L.	May	John
Laura	Miss M.	Violet
Miss M.	Raymond	VALINTINE Sidney
May	Walter	WILKINSON Miss J.
R.	HARTLEY Alfred	WILSON Edward
Miss R.	Arthur	Henry
Sam	HAWKSFORD Norman	Ida
Violet	HAWKSLY Arnold	John
DOLEMAN Bertha	HINCHCLIFFE Wilfred	Miss J.
James	HOLLINS Hilda	WINGFIELD Clifford
Thomas	HORSFIELD Bernard	Miriam
EARNSHAW Carrie	HOWE Arthur	WOOLRIDGE Edward
G.	Dora	WOMACK Albert
Goladys?	Maurice	WRAGG T.
J.	William	
Miss L.	HUMPHRIES Stuart	
O. (Oliver)	JONES Charles	
Wesley	Harry	
ELCHILS Monica	KING Gordon	
FOX Colin	KIRKBY Joseph	
Howard	LEE Douglas	
Stacy	Fred	
FRUDD Arthur	Isabella	
Dennis	Miss J.	
	Miss L.	
	Miss M.	

## MY HOUSE

The Will of George Marshall, Outland Head was made on 2nd June 1838 (a year after Victoria came to the throne). He left his property to his nephew George Furniss of Ecclesall Road, Sheffield. It was "silver platter, all and singular my household goods and household furniture, plate linen and china, ready money and securities for money, books, pictures, farming stock, tools, husbandry and mining implements (he had been a lead miner) and also all those my two freehold dwelling houses with the croft garden, cowhouse and appurtenances thereunto adjoining and belonging situate at Outland Head aforesaid now occupied by me and Robert Furness respectively". George Marshall died in 1842, and the Will was proved at Lichfield 28 September 1842. On 18 August 1855 George Furness sold the property to his brother Robert for £50 (necessitating a Mortgage of £30 from the Welcome Traveller of the Peak of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows!). Robert Furness died aged 81 on 25 November 1883. In his Will, made on 19 April 1876 (his brother George and son Executors) he bequeathed his property to his son, another Robert Furness. The £30 Mortgage was eventually repaid to the Oddfellows in 1891 when Robert Furness junior sold the property to a Sheffield steel merchant named Dodds.

I live in George Marshall's house. It has two oak beams, low ceilings, broad window bottoms and is obviously Jacobean. It is the sort of place that inspires affection - people who have lived here always want to come back. I have had people come at various times - complete strangers, some from as far away as Australia! The copy of the Will was included in my Title Deeds, so I decided to do a bit of research. I found that George Marshall's parents and grandparents also lived at Outland Head. According to the records of Hope Parish Church his father George (died November 1770) married Hannah Titterton in January 1755. George himself was born in 1762. His grandfather Robert Marshall married Alice Slaytor - a neighbour from Hartlemoor Farm in 1733. Their family were Isabel, born 1734 died in 1769; Ann born February 1736 died April 1738; Thomas born 1742; Mary born March 1743; Niles born 1738 died December 1745; William born September 1746 died December 1750 and Adam born April 1748. There was also George born in 1735 (who later married Hannah Titterton) and two infant children named Robert one of whom died December 1739 and the other in 1740. The family was apparently related by marriage to earlier occupants of the house - the Halloms. A George Marshall married Alice Hallom in 1694 and their family were Anne born 1695/6; Grace born 1701; George born 1703/4; Robert born 1706 and Isabel born 1706, died 1714 at Outland Head.

Bradwell Church was not built until late on in the last century, so Smalldale, New Nook and Outland Head are all shown as places in their own right in the earlier Hope Registers. Halloms and Marshalls would appear to have lived together at Outland Head throughout much of the 18th century. The earliest entry I could find was that of Maria Hallom born in 1682, the daughter of George and Maria Hallom followed by her sister Jane, born in 1685. There were also Alice born 1692 and Isabel born in 1699, daughters of Thomas and Maria Hallam, all stated to have been born at Outland Head.

In the 1841 Census Return for Bradwell, we find George Marshall still alive, aged 80 and living at Outland Head with Robert Furniss aged 35, wife Susanna (40), sons George (15), Isabella (14), Robert (10) and Joanna (6 weeks). Neighbours at New Nook are the Halls, Needhams and Halloms. In the 1851 Census we find Robert Furniss, a lead miner aged 50 wife Susan (51) and children Isabella (25) a cotton spinner, Robert (19) a lead miner and Joanna (9). By 1871 Robert Furniss was a widower aged 69, still a lead miner and living with his grandson Robert. His son Robert was now 39 with a wife Elizabeth (35) daughters Regina (12), Susanna (6) and son Matthew (3). Part of the accommodation would appear to have been let to a couple named Jackson with two

young children. In 1881 Robert Furniss is still alive aged 79 and still a lead miner. His son Robert (49) and daughter-in-law Elizabeth (45) are still there, but the daughters Regina (21) and Susannah (16) are now working as cotton gassers. (It would appear at Bamford Cotton Mill, an old resident of Bradwell who died some years ago at the age of 90 remembered them), Matthew was 13 and a scholar.

Here ends the saga of the old house. It has of course been sold (and mortgaged!) a number of times in this century. Since 1958 it has been the home of my late husband and I and my family. We filled in the lead mine shaft in the garden.

Elinor Broadbent.

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#### IT'S A WISE GRANDCHILD...

I don't know whether my experience in ancestor-research is uncommon, but the fact is that, in some 16 years of sporadic investigation I have been able to find out much more about my great-grandfather Waite than about his son, my grandfather.

When I began to look into my family history in 1967, I was at numerous disadvantages: to the best of my knowledge there existed almost no documentary evidence of my forebears, and such family legends as I had heard as a child were few and ill-remembered. I was already in my 50s and living in the Greater London area, 150 miles or more away from any relations who might have helped with their early recollections. My father and his two brothers had all died while I was a schoolboy in the '20s, and I knew no-one of their generation who had known the family. The only advantage I had - and a useful one it was - was that my place of work in London was near enough to Somerset House, where the General Register Office then was, for me to be able to spend lunch hours searching the indexes.

All I knew of my father's parents was that they had lived in Epworth, Lincs, had raised three boys, and that when my father was about 9 years old, his father had disappeared and, as far as anybody knew, had never been heard of again. It was not known where and when he was born, when or where he died, or indeed when or where for certain he had married my grandmother. His name, John Sharman Waite, I knew, and also that his work had involved him in the laying of a transatlantic cable and taken him for a time to Japan; that was all.

Getting a facsimile marriage certificate posed no problem, and I learned that at the time of his marriage on 5th January 1876 he was 23 years of age, a telegraph engineer, son of a railway inspector, residing in Ordsall, Notts. So far, so good! Now to get a certificate of birth. With so unusual a middle name as Sharman, I imagined that this would be easy. I searched the indexes for 1853 - no trace. 1852, 1854, still no trace! In all, I inspected forty quarterly volumes for the years 1847 to 1856 without result. I had no idea where he was born, so I noted all the plain John Waites, about a dozen, for future reference, and I turned my attention to my mother's family.

Five years later, in 1973, I returned to Sheffield to live and resumed my search for my grandfather. His father was a railwayman and if John Sharman was living at home at the time of his marriage, might be traced through the 1871 census returns for the Retford area. An eye-straining review of the microfilms at the Retford public library was rewarded by details of my great-grandfather and his family as follows:

John Waite, head, 47, Permanent Way Inspector, b Pinchbeck, Lincs  
Eliza, wife 29; Eliza, dau 10; Priscilla, dau 8, Selina, dau 5;  
all born in Louth. Still no word of John Sharman who was at that  
time about 19.

To Lincoln County Library next, for the 1861 Census Returns for Louth, revealing quite a different picture including (cheers!) the hitherto elusive John Sharman:

John Waite , head 37 Railway Inspector, b. Pinchbeck;  
Fanny Ann, wife, 32 b. Alwalton, Hunts; Elizabeth Ann dau, 10;  
John Sharman, son 8; Thomas, son 6; all born Spalding; Eliza  
dau, 10 months, b Louth.

Given the place of birth, Spalding, I was able to get a certificate for the only one of the John Waites whom I had noted in my 1968 searches as born there, who proved to be my grandfather indeed. Doubtless "Sharman" was added at baptism, and I now know that it was his mother's family name, my great-grandfather's first wife having been Fanny Ann Sharman.

Further investigations have uncovered a good deal more of my great grand-father's life, enough to suggest that, before the restless railway age, the Waite (or Wait) family had long been settled in the south Lincolnshire fens around Spalding, and there are many entries in the IGI which I have yet to research. Of my own father's father, however, I still know little beyond his place and date of birth and marriage.

Gerald Waite.

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A FEW EXTRACTS FROM THE SHEFFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY LOCAL PAMPHLETS VOL. 5  
042 S. THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF SHEFFIELD IN THE YEAR 1848.

Privies in Bridgehouses accomodating up to 15 families. Pybank very bad. Chapel St and New Fields very bad. Beevers Yard Bridgehouses one puddle of filth.

Mr.Hawkes Yard Sheldon Row very bad. Johnson Street, Stanley Street, Wicker Lane, and Nursery Street preety good. Mr.Hutchinsons Yard Andrew Street so bad it ought to be removed. The Police Dept Wicker Lane very bad.

Dodsons Yard on the North side of the Wicker - 19 families share one privy. Sheldon Row very bad. Snow Hill Lane, Park very bad, also Broad Street Lane and Sussex Street very bad. Mr Waltons Yard in South Street Dreadfull.

Mr.Websters Yard in Duke Street awfull. Mr.Sellars houses in Schofields Yard Duke Street very bad. East Street also very bad with privies all full.

High Street (Park) and Matthews Lane very bad. The Privies in Snow Lane particularly filthy. In Woolhouse Sqare up to 24 families share one privy also people from Ropery Row share the one privy.

In Woolhouse Sqare is a family living over a privy shared by 24 families. Colliers Row was so bad it was removed.

Taking the district between the two Rivers - Sheaf and Porter commencing at Pond Mill and Shoreham Street and including Suffolk Road, Fornham Street, Pond Street, Shemeld Croft and the adjoining populous district to the Gas House we pass Through the oldest and worst constructed part of the town.

The courts on both sides of Pond Street are of poor miserable dwellings with low rooms, badly lighted and ventilated, the amount of filth giving off offensive smells...it is a pestifarious place.

in Court 7 Pond Street all the inhabitants had low fever. Wasnidges Yard very bad. Wells Yard No 6 Pond Street very bad.

River Street, River Row, Forge Lane and Shemeld Croft, the houses are of the worst description, in Shemeld Croft there are 8 or 9 houses with no privy.

The district commencing at the top of Little Sheffield and extending along South Street (now the Moor) Norfolk Street, Bakers Hill, and Haymarket down to Lady's Bridge... the back lanes of this area are dreadfull, in some cases big manure heaps. Charles Lane, Froggatt Lane, Surrey Lane, Hermitage Lane, Royal Hotel Lane, Earl Street, and Porter Street are all deep in filth.

To be continued.