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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family 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

Our Society continues to grow. We now have over three hundred and fifty members and over a hundred attending our monthly meetings. This has posed the problem of personal contact when such a large group meets. By the time you read this editorial, it is hoped that arrangements will have been finalised for a smaller room in the city to be available for informal meetings. It is envisaged that the library will be housed there and members will be able to browse through our holdings and also get to know fellow researchers in a relaxed atmosphere.

A group of ladies from the Society have already "got together". We are transcribing the monumental inscriptions in Dore churchyard and intend to go on to tackle other sites, when our first venture is completed. Our "day out" has proved to be a very pleasant one with chats on family history matters over lunch and the occasional "find" amongst the inscriptions. What about joining us? Anyone, male or female, will be welcomed and given a handful of recording cards and a row to start on!

Another form of recording that we should all consider is that of reminiscences of World War II. Many of us remember it, more or less well according to our age but don't think of it as "history". Consider your grandchildren - your personal memories will be fascinating for them and their children.

We have quite a few overseas members now. Their problems in tracing their ancestry in Britain are made more difficult by their lack of local knowledge. To help in a small way, this edition contains a list of the twenty-six most common surnames in the 1851 Census. If you come across any local publications that you feel would help with background information please send in details so they can be passed on to those overseas.

Thank you to all contributors. Please keep sending in your articles, comments and snippets of information.

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NEWS AND NOTES

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Will all members please take care to return all books, microfiches and indexes etc that they have used in their researches to their correct position. Complaints are being received of misplaced material. Failure to replace records correctly deprives others of their use and causes much extra work to already overworked library staff. If you find an item in the wrong order, please file it correctly. You never know - you may be the one who needs it next!

RETIREMENT OF ROGER STEVENSON

The Society wishes to record its grateful thanks to Roger Stevenson for all his efforts as Treasurer over the past 4 years. Thanks to his work, the Society's funds are in a very healthy state and everything is running smoothly. We are not losing Roger altogether, however, as he is continuing to be an active committee member but now one with a little more time to pursue his own researches.

A NEW TREASURER

The Society welcomes our new Treasurer, Mrs.Eileen Allen. She has taken over from Roger so all future correspondence on money matters should be addressed to her at 25 Boston Castle Grove, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 2BA.

ANY ANCESTORS IN AUSTRALIA?

Members of the Western Australian Genealogical Society would like to set up reciprocal research arrangements with our members. Anyone who is interested should contact the Editor, Mrs.D.Marsden for further details.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

The Local Studies Library of Sheffield City Libraries is expanding its already vast collection of local photographs by seeking out pictures from family collections. Family photographs are unique. They may be carefully mounted in an album or just a half-forgotten jumble in a box or cupboard, but they are the one record which most families preserve. They are the product of the individual family's past and reflect the area in which they lived, their status and occupations, leisure activities etc. Together with background information such as date, place and details of the event, they can provide a fascinating approach to history.

Collectively the photographs, with their emphasis on people, create an invaluable source of information on life in Sheffield. From its earliest days photography developed as a mass medium which was popular among all classes of society. Visits to the studio allowed families to assemble an album to mark special occasions. The work of the photographer in the street, school and factory added an extra dimension, with the result that the pictures document the life of working people.

Many thousands of these photographs have already been lost and they are trying to record some of those which survive before they too disappear. Can you help to preserve this part of Sheffield's history by lending us them your photographs for copying? The subjects covered by the collection include:

- Portraits of individuals and family groups
- Street scenes including people outside their homes, children, traders and workmen, the corner shop and local pub and special events such as parties, processions and pageants
- House interiors
- School groups in the yard and classroom and special occasions like May Day, Empire Day and presentations
- Work including people in working clothes, factory groups, workers at their machines, strikes, works outings and sports events.
- Leisure activities including holidays and outings, pastimes, sports groups and organisations such as churches, clubs and youth groups.

The Local Studies Library does not keep the original prints. Photographs are often of great personal value and the greatest care is taken to return the originals to their owners. Copy negatives are made and the collection is stored in the form of

contact prints mounted in albums. Separate sheets record details of the photographs, and there is a subject index.

If you have any photographs that you are prepared to lend, or you would like to know more, please contact Doug Hindmarch in the Local Studies Library, Central Library, telephone 734753.

SHEFFIELD'S COMMONEST SURNAMES

Non-local members may not be aware of how common or rare are the surnames they are researching. To help them the following list has been compiled of the twenty-six most common names in the 1851 Census Returns for Sheffield:

BARKER	JOHNSON	TAYLOR
BOOTH	LEE	THOMPSON
BROWN	PARKER	TURNER
GREEN	PARKIN	WALKER
HALL	ROBERTS	WARD
HARRISON	RODGERS	WHITE
HILL	SHAW	WILSON
IBBOTSON	SMITH	WOOD
JACKSON	STANIFORTH	

CLAY TOBACCO PIPE MAKERS

Mr. Peter Hammond c/o Nottinghamshire County Record Office, High Pavement, Nottingham is making a study of Clay Tobacco pipe makers and would be grateful to receive any references to people involved in the trade.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT F.H.S. ACCOUNTS

Any member who would like a copy of the Balance Sheet for 1984 can obtain one from Mr. Roger Stevenson, 43 Old Park Ave, Sheffield S8 7DQ, on receipt of an S.A.E.

YORK FREEMEN

It is possible to trace a long pedigree of a York citizen who was a Freeman. Details of how to do it can be found in York FHS Newsletter No. 11 Spring 1985.

BOYD'S MARRIAGE INDEX

A copy of the Yorkshire Section of Boyd's Marriage Index has been purchased by York City Library and may be consulted in the Reference Department. Approximately 24% of the county has been covered. Details of the parishes covered can be found in York FHS Newsletter No. 11 Spring 1985.

THE WEBB FAMILY

The Webb family has been registered by the Guild of One Name Studies. Anyone with an interest in the name is invited write to Mr. A.P. Weston-Webb, 20 Pinnockscroft, Berrow, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 2NF for details (enclosing an S.A.E.).

SCOTTISH ANCESTRY

Members researching Scottish ancestry will be interested to know that the Aberdeen and North East Scotland FHS have recently purchased a set of all the OPR (Old Parish Register) microfiche published so far for Scotland. These consist of baptisms and marriages for the following areas:

Shetland	Inverness-shire	Banffshire
Orkney	Ross & Cromarty	Aberdeenshire
Caithness	Nairnshire	Kincardineshire
Sutherland	Moray	
City of Aberdeen (Parishes of St. Nicholas and Old Machar)		
City of Dundee (Parishes of Dundee; Monifieth; Mains & Strathmartine; Liff, Benvie & Invergowrie)		
City of Glasgow (Parish of Glasgow High)		
(Baptisms to 1757 only, marriages to 1764 only)		

For full details please write to Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Diack, 76 Lee Crescent, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, Scotland AB2 8FH. (SAE essential)

THESE ARE NOT THE SAME AS THE IGI AND MUCH INFORMATION FOUND IN THE OPR INDEXES WILL NOT BE FOUND IN THE IGI.

RESEARCH FOR OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Our Secretary Mrs. Furey once more requests your help in doing small simple pieces of research for out-of-town members. Often this only entails looking up some small item in one of the record offices or following up an entry in one of the census indexes. Your few minutes research may provide a vital link in the research of someone far from Sheffield.

HELP FOR NON-LOCAL MEMBERS

Out-of-town members are reminded yet again how important it is to acknowledge any work done for them, however insignificant. Not to do so is not only ill-mannered but may mean that yet another member is put off helping someone ever again.

Overseas members are reminded that none of the Officers or members of a British Family History Society is a paid employee. Any help given is voluntary and has to be undertaken in the member's free time. The quantity of work that can be undertaken is therefore limited and, while members are willing to help, too much should not be expected of them.

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE APRIL 1986

Leicestershire Family History Society and the Federation of Family History Societies invite you to the Spring 1986 Family History Conference to be held at Loughborough University from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th April 1986. The theme of the Conference will be "The Family and the Local Community". Loughborough

University is situated on the edge of the town in pleasant surroundings with modern accommodation and is easily accessible by air, motorway, rail and canal. Full details are available from Conference Organiser, 25 Homecroft Drive, Packington, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics LE6 5WG on receipt of an S.A.E.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION RECORDING

A group of members from our Society have this summer been recording Dore Churchyard, meeting once a week. Any member who would like to join the group to record other graveyards is invited to contact Mrs.Marjorie Dunn or Mrs.Denise Marsden (addresses in "Society Details" for further information.

ERRATA

In Volume 5 Number 4 Spring 1985 "The Flowing Stream" please read Mr.T.R.Whitley and not Whiteley as published in the New Members List.

In the Directory of Members' Interests 1985 the name McGrath listed under member 143 should read McGrah.

In "The Flowing Stream" Volume 5 Number 4 Spring 1985 page 87 re the article "Let's Keep it in the Family", the following short letter was received,

Dear Editor,

Who is this John Hancock who wrote about Professor Widdowson's lecture? I know Professor Widdowson said that a surname might originate from "...a change of spelling..." but I'm sure you didn't really intend to demonstrate his point!

Yours etc.,

John Hanstock.

Ed's Note: My apologies to all the above. We do try to be right all the time but... there are so many surnames!.

TOTLEY BAPTISMS 1676-1745

These are the names which appear in the Baptisms for Totley from 1676 to 1745 inclusive. They are part of the parish registers for Dronfield. Mrs.M.Furey, 58 Stumperlowe Crescent Road, Sheffield 10 can search her index on behalf of any interested members. S.A.E. essential.

ANDERT; ARMSTRON(G)
BARKER; BARTIN/ON; BENNET; BOWER; BRITLAND; BROOKES (1 entry only, bastard); BUNTING; BUTLER
CARNAL; CHITTIN (1 entry only, bastard); CLARK; CLOVIS alias TAYLOR
DALTON; DORE; DRABBLE
ELLOT/ELLIOT/YELLOTT
FISHER
GREAVES; GREEN; GREENWOOD; GOSLIN
HALLAT/YELLOTT; HAGUE; HANCOCK; HEATON; HIDES; HILL; HODKIN;
HODKINSON; HODSON
JAMES
KAY/KEY
LEE(S); LITTLEWOOD
MARTIN/MORTON
NEWBO(U)LD; NEWTON; NORTH
OATES; OLIVER
PALIN; PINDAR; POTTS
REVILL; RIBER; ROTHERAM
SIMPSON; STEVENSON; STORER; SWINDELL
TAYLOR alias CLOVIS; TURNER
UNWIN
WAGG; WELLS; WILKINSON; WILLIAMS; WOODHOUSE
YELLOTT/HALLAT/ELLOT/ELLIOT

The form "ELLIOT" does not appear before 1741. Many of the names also belong to Dore. That list will appear later.

THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

13 Little Norton Lane,
Sheffield S8 8GA.

Dear Editor,

Herewith is a poem expressing the wistful thoughts of a young girl on witnessing the disappearance of those cottages. I remember them well - a cluster of about six. Fair opposite the Union Hotel at Nether Edge - my uncle lived in one of them.

Also opposite the Union Hotel, at the top of Machen Bank Road, was the home of Mr.Axe, a painter and decorator. He was,

I believe, the father of the late Mr. Douglas Axe, a member of the Society, who passed away last Autumn. His father owned the cottages mentioned in the poem. They were in splendid condition and often I would walk over from home for an evening with my relatives. Before demolition they were classified as 'slum property'.

Yours etc.,

G.Nornable.

The Demolition of Cherry Tree Common

There on the common
The cottages stood,
All in a row
As cottages should.

They were built
All alone in the countryside
Where the children
Had horses and cows to ride.

Who lived in them then,
I cannot say,
But they toiled hard
Till the end of the day,

They were built
Hundreds of years ago,
When the pace of life
Was a little bit slow.

They hoped they would last,
A very long while,
For the city of Sheffield
Was over a mile.

Now they are standing
All forlorn,
The windows are broken,
The roofs are torn.

The people are gone,
The cottages die,
And the folks all around
Want to know why?

What a shame
It seems to be,
That for the new
The old must flee.

J.Slater

38 Westbourne Road,
Sheffield S10 2QQ.

Dear Editor,

During my research into my family history I have found many connections with the Sheffield Flood of 1864. One ancestor who lived in the Stannington area was called Myers. Myers Grove was named after the family. The Myers family kept a "flood" table through the generations which is still around today.

Another ancestor was only 6 years old during the flood but from tales handed down through the generations, I have heard how she could remember hearing the waters rushing along. They lived in Harvest Lane very close to the river. Her name was Mary Ellen Rodgers. She moved to live in Pye Bank before she married William Chappell. One of her sisters married into the Tupholme family which was the family of the late Mrs.C.M.Dawson which I read in one of her articles (Volume 4 Number 2).

I have recently done a project for the Sheffield Junior Chamber of Commerce about the Sheffield Flood and during Sheffield's "Environment Week" I placed a commemorative plaque to the flood at an old inn on Shalesmoor. Now I want to continue my project (or interest as it has now become) into the Sheffield Flood and wondered if any other members would like to write to me about their family recollections of the flood. I would be very pleased to hear from them. If there is a lot of interest, I will collect the stories into a booklet for the Society's Library.

Yours etc.,

Christine Melbourne.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting 21st February 1985

The business meeting was brief. The Secretary requested help with letters from overseas. The Treasurer reported healthy funds and asked for suggestions for spending some of the money although it was stressed that it was necessary to keep some cash in hand. All the Committee was re-elected although Roger Stevenson expressed the desire to resign the Treasurership as soon as a suitable willing replacement could be found. Miss Sue Graves was elected on to the Committee. Mr.Cauldwell proposed a vote of thanks to all the Committee.

After the business meeting the Society welcomed Mr.Peter Smethurst from Kelham Island Museum who gave an illustrated talk

on the Industrial History of Sheffield.

Members who were unable to attend the meeting may be interested to know that an illustrated Guide to Sheffield's Industrial History written by Peter G. Smethurst has been published by Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield S10 2TP, price £1.80 or £2.08 by post. For anyone whose ancestors were Sheffield people this booklet gives a wealth of background information.

Meeting on Thursday 21st March 1985

On 21st Mar 1985 we were privileged to have as our visiting lecturer Mr. Alan Cameron, currently Archivist at Nottingham University but with the special personal advantage of Scottish ancestry actively researched.

The attendance comprised about 100 members and visitors. Some of us were surprised at the keen personal interest in Scottish ancestry shown by a high proportion of our members, as evidenced by the lively discussion and the questions asked after the conclusion of Mr. Cameron's lecture. Clearly, quite a lot of our members have Scottish roots as well as Yorkshire ones.

Mr. Cameron contrasted the record systems and research facilities of Scotland and England, to a large extent deriving from the different legal systems in the two countries.

In Scotland, genealogical research basically necessitates visiting only one record office, New Register House in Edinburgh, as against the multiplicity of County Record Offices and the various locations of the Public Record Office and the Registrar General in England. Once within New Register House, one is free to consult any of the documents, be they Parish Registers, Census Returns, general registers of births, marriages and deaths, or anything else. That, however, is the good news!. Visits to New Register House can prove very expensive: admission currently costs £8 per day but against that must be set the benefit of achieving a lot in a relatively short time and without a lot of travelling.

Whilst the concentration of all the documents in one record office facilitates searches, it must be emphasised that the research worker is faced with technical difficulties far greater than any normally experienced in England. The surnames adopted by successive generations form one example. The enormous sizes of many parishes, with necessarily infrequent religious services, led inevitably to recording difficulties. Mr. Cameron reviewed the technical difficulties and quoted examples to make clear the nature of the problems facing research workers.

Finally Mr. Cameron displayed a range of books recommended for study by those intending to undertake research of their Scottish ancestors.

"Scottish Family History" by Margaret Stuart.
"Surnames of Scotland" by George F.Black.
"In Search of Scottish Ancestry" by Gerald Hamilton-Edwards.
A Genealogical Atlas of Scotland compiled by David E.Gardner,
Derek Harland and Frank Smith.
"Introducing Scottish Genealogical Research" by Donald Whyte.
"A Genealogical Gazeteer of Scotland" by Frank Smith.
"Sources for Scottish Genealogy and Family History" by D.J.Steel
(National Index of Parish Registers Volume XII)
"Scottish Roots" by Alwyn James (good book for beginners)

Meeting on Thursday 18th April 1985

F.G.Tyack.

Tracing Wills in the Public Record Office by Jane Cox

Jane Cox from the Public Record Office, faced an audience of over 150 members of the Society when she talked about the tracing of Wills and a little of the workings of the P.R.O.

In the mid 19th Century, a state archive was created from the material held in the "White Tower". The growth of the archival material since then has meant that several buildings now constitute the P.R.O. such as Chancery Lane, Portugal Street and the new buildings at Kew, where there are over 80 miles of shelving to house material in parcels etc. The opening hours are from 9.30am to 5.00pm on weekdays for which a reader's ticket must be applied for in advance.

Kew has, at present, all the modern, departmental records from the 17th century to the present day whilst Chancery Lane and Portugal Street holds all the older records from Domesday Book onwards and ALL legal records. The speaker made many amusing comments as to the state of the premises and the conditions under which researchers had to work but pointed out that extensive refurbishment is well in hand at last. There is a guide to the P.R.O. in three volumes which is rather heavy going and it was suggested that researchers should start with the 50 or so leaflets available on various aspects of the P.R.O. These should be used in conjunction with Jane Cox's book as a guide to the Public Record Office.

Wills except those of sailors, are all held at Chancery Lane (North Room) and those for sailors and others at sea are now at Kew. Eileen Gooder's book "Latin for Local History" was recommended for work with older Wills. Wills are arranged in groups: e.g. W.O. = War Office

R.G.4 = Registrar General's
Prob.11 = Registered copy Will
Prob.10 = Actual document

Most of these are on microfilm but it is worth checking the original if there is a poor photograph on film. Preamble has little real meaning but watch misinterpretation.

Since 1858 Wills have been kept at Somerset House with good indexes for reference and the researcher is able to help himself a great deal. Prior to 1858 there were several hundred little church courts as the Church was responsible for checking the authenticity of Wills and the appointment of administrators for intestates. These were dealt with firstly by Archdeacons' Courts, then Bishops' Courts or Archbishop's Court. Further information can be gleaned from "Wills and their Whereabouts" by Anthony J. Camp and the various books by J.S.W.Gibson.

The most senior court was the Prerogative Court of Canterbury (P.C.C.) until the 19th Century. It had been established in the 14th Century and was always called upon for decisions if the estate was more than £5.00 and covering more than one diocese. It pays to consult printed indexes to local courts and their County Record Offices before consulting the P.R.O. records. The P.C.C. sat in London at Doctor's Commons. Death Duty registers from 1796 to 1858. From 1810 these are more or less all indexed alphabetically. Approximately 5% of adult males left Wills. This meant that most people died intestate. In cases of intestacy the next of kin usually made application for grant of administration, especially if there was a likelihood of a row over the share-out of the proceeds. When there were disputes these went to litigation. Chancery often dealt with disputes regarding the authenticity of Wills etc., and their interpretation, whereas P.C.C. courts handled goods/chattles and money. If the term "by sentence" or "by decree" is found in a document it means that there was a dispute over the share-out. Land (real estate) always went to Chancery. The total evidence was written down in Doctor's Commons and is kept in the Long Room of the P.R.O. 50% of these disputes attempted to prove that the testator was out of his mind or drunk etc. Jane Cox gave numerous lurid descriptions of sample cases from these records. Previous Wills, that is, those which had been superceded by later versions are filed under the heading of "exhibits".

This rather complex description of the P.R.O. holdings relating to Wills was followed by questions from the floor, after which Jane Cox pointed out that an exhibition of material, including Domesday Book, was expected to run from April 3rd until September 30th 1986 at the Public Record Office. All in all this was an enlightening talk but for some people was difficult to absorb fully due to the size of the audience and the lack of a microphone to combat this problem.

Norman Nicholson.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

- HEALD Mrs.P.Moot-Craven, 13 Drummond Road, Swanage, BH19 2DX is seeking the marriage of ? HEALD to Maria ? between 1813 and 1816 inclusive. The 1851 Census gives Maria's birthplace as Harwich, Essex about 1793-4.
- BEETON Mr.Philip T.Beeton, 5 Beaconsfield Ave, Colchester,
HARRISS Essex, CO3 3DH is seeking any information relating to
SKELTON the descendants of James Edwin BEETON (b. London 15
Nov 1869; d.Entwistle, near Bolton, Lancs 18 July 1943)
youngest son of Charles BEETON (1843-1870), of Glemsford,
Suffolk and Hephzibah HARRISS of Bury St.Edmonds. The
date and place of James Edwin Beeton's marriage is
unknown but his wife's Christian names were Hannah Maria.
She died March 5 1934 aged 60 at 12, Herries Road,
Sheffield. The death was registered by her only known
child, Dorothy SKELTON, whose address was given as 388
Firth Park Road, Sheffield.
- Photograph Mrs.M.Kirkman, 39 Gargrave Ave, Bolton, Lancs is looking
or for a photograph or sketch of Upper Hallam in the 1800's
sketch Her father was born in Crosspool in 1874 and she wants
to have a picture painted of the area. Does anyone know
of a book that would help - or source of postcards?
- TAYLOR Mrs.Ruth M.Toman, 1111 Mayfield Ridge Road, Mayfield
OXLEY Hts, Ohio 44124, U.S.A. is seeking help with the
LONG TAYLOR and OXLEY families. Her great grandfather was
James TAYLOR, son of William and Mary (LONG) TAYLOR.
James was born in Rotherham, Wellgate on 14th July 1845.
He married Sarah Hannah OXLEY in Gainsborough on 14th
September 1869 and they had five children. She is seeking
any information concerning William and Mary, their
children and their ancestors. The Oxleys were from the
Sheffield area at one time and the Taylor's may have
also lived in that area before James went to
Gainsborough. Can anyone help? Postage will be refunded
if any help can be given.
- BROWN Mrs.Anita Brown, Thames Road, Paeroa, New Zealand is
DAKIN seeking information on the BROWN and DAKIN families.
TWIBEY Isaac DAKIN was a fire iron manufacturer in Queen Street
HUTCHINSON Sheffield in 1871. The BROWNS are believed to have
GUEST manufactured bicycles. Joseph Brown married Mary
TWIBEY in 1818. Their son Samuel married first Jane
HUTCHINSON and secondly Lucy Catherine GUEST. Samuel
had 8 children. He and Lucy and 7 surviving children
went to New Zealand between 1863 and 1870. Cyrus Joseph
BROWN, Mrs.Brown's great grandfather married Mary Ann
Dakin in New Zealand in 1870. The Browns were devoted

Baptists and attended Westgate Baptist Church. Can anyone tell her the fate of this church? She is happy to pay postage for replies.

OFFERS OF HELP

- NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD OFFICE Mrs.M.Newton, 64 Best Wood Road, Hucknall, Notts, NG15 7PQ is willing to do some research in Nottinghamshire Record Office in return for research done in Sheffield.
- CHESHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE. CHESTER CITY ARCHIVES. Mr.E.Neyt, 33 Greenlands, Tattenhall, Chester, CH3 9QX is willing to undertake research in either the Cheshire County Records Office or the Chester City Archives on either a reciprocal basis or for expenses.
- GRAYSON. SYDNEY - AUSTRALIA Mr.John F.Burrows, 25D Mirral Rd, Lilli Pilli, New South Wales 2229, Australia is researching the name Grayson from around Ecclesfield and would be interested to hear from someone prepared to do some research here in return for help from him. He has ready access in Sydney to Birth, Marriage and Death information and various libraries for indexes etc. (IRC & addressed envelope enclosed with his letter).
- St.CATHERINE'S HOUSE Mr.Graham Henney, 11 High Trees, Woodland Way, Shirley, Croyden, Surrey is willing to make a personal application at St.Catherine's House for birth, marriage and death certificates for members at no charge. He is not willing to undertake any research other than the acquisition of the Year, Quarter, District, Volume Number and the following serial number(s) and the submitting of the formal application "on the spot". This saves members £5 per certificate! The full name, together with the date and precise location of the "event" (not just "Sheffield") together with a cheque made payable to the REGISTRAR GENERAL in the sum of £5.00 (current rate) per item should be sent to him together with a large stamped addressed envelope or stamps and a gummed self addressed label. He will make no charge himself.
Ed's Note : Many thanks to Mr.Henney for such a generous and helpful offer.
- NEW ZEALAND Mrs.Anita Brown, Thames Road, Paeroa, New Zealand would be happy to try to help any member with an interest in New Zealand.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Recent publications from the following Family History Societies:

- Australian, Aberdeen & North East Scotland, Bedfordshire, Birmingham, Bristol & Avon, Channel Islands, Cheshire, Canberra, Derbyshire, Dyfed, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Isle of Man, North West Kent, Lincolnshire, Northumberland & Durham, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, Somerset & Dorset, Manitoba Gen.Soc., Canada, Genealogists' Magazine, International Society for British Family History Societies.
- Aberdeen & North East Scotland Supplement to Members' Interests 1984
The Chadwick Tribunal No.1 Jan 1985 (not continuing with this)
Local History 1,2,3 July to Nov 1984
Family Tree Magazine Introductory Issue Dec 1984
Transport in South Yorkshire 1830-1970, booklet.
Public Record Office leaflet, Information for readers.
Street Maps of Doncaster, Barnsley & Rotherham (old, not dated)
Joseph Craddock Midland Engineman - John Peter Craddock, a family history.
- Unwilling Emigrants, Alexander Hasluck, Study of convict period in Western Australia.
- Sheffield 200 years ago, description of the town of Sheffield by Joseph Woolhouse 1832. Given by Margaret Furey.
Introducing Sheffield History. BBC Radio Sheffield booklet 1978, given by Margaret Furey.
English Surnames Series I Yorkshire West Riding, George Redmonds.
The Family Tree Detective, Colin D.Rodgers.
The Wigfull Mill 1750-1948, Star flourmills Sheffield 3.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

HOSPITAL RECORDS PART I & PART II BY ADRIAN PHILLIPS

Essex Family Historian No.32 Spring May 1984 & No.33 Summer August 1984. This account of a lecture refers mainly to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London but may be of help to those wishing to use any hospital records.

MARRIAGE LICENCES BY JOHN BROOKS

Berkshire F.H.S.Journal Vol.9 Summer 1984, Part 4. A history of licences and an explanation of their value to family historians.

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION BY JOHN BROOKS

Berkshire F.H.S.Journal Vol.9 Summer 1984. This article describes the work of the commission and the records it holds.

RAMBLING THOUGHTS ON THE YEAR 1911 BY H.G.WILLSON

Family History Vol. 13 No. 99 April 1984. Reminiscences on life in 1911 for a little boy in Chatham.

EAST INDIA COMPANY ANCESTRY BY T.V.H.FITZHUGH

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.5 March 1984. A brief history of the East India Company and its records.

HOUSES & GENEALOGY- 2 BY DAVID IREDALE

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.5 March 1984. The development of houses and the records that trace their history.

THE 'GRETNA GREEN' FOR IRELAND BY A.A.BLACK

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.6 June 1984. An account of the irregular marriages at Portpatrick, Wigtownshire.

WAR OFFICE DISTRICT PENSION RETURNS 1842-62 BY ROSEMARY M. OLIVER.

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.6 June 1984. This explains how to make use of a little known source of information about ancestors who served in the army.

THE GENEALOGICAL VALUE OF NAME LISTS : A REAPPRAISAL BY CLIFF WEBB

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.6 June 1984. This explains how lists of names such as hearth tax returns, land tax records etc. can be used in conjunction with other records.

THE GENEALOGICAL USES OF EDUCATION RECORDS BY COLIN D.RODGERS

Genealogists' Magazine Vol.21 No.6 June 1984. This details the many and varied records existing from educational establishments.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS 1538-1900

Nottinghamshire F.H.Journal Vol.4 No.8 July 1984. Nottinghamshire Record Office has a complete set of its surviving parish registers on microfiche. Duplicate sets for their local area are held by eleven libraries throughout the county. This article lists the microfiches available at each of these libraries.

WHERE DID THEY MARRY? BY PAULINE M.LITTON

North Cheshire Family Historian Vol.11 No.2 May 1984. An aid to locating lost marriages in N.E.Cheshire.

TRACING MISSING PERSONS IN CENSUSES BY DR.C.D.RODGERS

North Cheshire Family Historian Vol.11 No.2 May 1984. Where to look for addresses of ancestors so that their census records can be traced.

BEGINNERS, PLEASE! PART IV

Before 1st July 1837 there was no general civil registration of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales (1855 in Scotland) so that while we should be able to pursue our ancestral lines back to the mid-nineteenth Century at St.Catherine's House, in theory at least, we have to look elsewhere if we want to get further back in time. In practice this means reliance mainly on the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials of the established church, the Church of England.

On 5th September 1538 Thomas Cromwell, among other things Henry VIII's Vicar-General, issued an Injunction making the keeping of registers in parish churches manatory. In reality only a small proportion of churches kept regular and durable registers from that date and it was not until after 1598 that a provincial constitution of Canterbury, approved by Elizabeth I began to take effect, and many registers date from that time.

The history of parish registers provides a fascinating slice of social history and a working knowledge is essential if one is to understand many of the vagaries of the registers and their entries. Such an account is beyond the scope of this series of articles for beginners, but I can point you to three of the best sources. They are:

- 1) The National Index of Parish Registers, Volume I.
"General Sources of Births, Marriages and Deaths before 1837" by D.J.Steel. Published for the Society of Genealogists by Phillimore.
- 2) "The Parish Chest" by W.E.Tate. Cambridge.
- 3) "The History of Parish Registers in England" by J.S.Burn.
This was originally published in 1829 but was republished in 1976 by E.P.

In addition most of the texts quoted in the first article in this series have brief accounts of the most important facts.

Let us begin by considering the main differences between civil registration and church registers.

An important point, easily overlooked is that the church registers record church ceremonies and not vital events. Marriages are marriages, but it is baptism and burial, not birth and death, that are recorded. Formerly burial had to follow death within a day or two so that, unless a tricky legal question regarding, say, inheritance is involved, the difference is not likely to bother you. Baptism is different. Normally it took place within about six weeks of the birth, often depending on such factors as the distance to the parish church and the time of the agricultural year. However, it could take place within minutes of the birth (by the midwife) if the baby was thought likely to die or up to

minutes before death! Mature baptism was not uncommon and one comes across whole families of 3 and more children, from 2 months to 16 years of age, being baptised on the same day. One must constantly remind oneself that baptism is not the same as birth. Some clergymen scrupulously recorded the date of birth as well as baptism; but all too rarely. Church registers are not normally as informative as a Registry Office certificate, For example, a typical baptismal register might record " (date) Ann, daughter of Thos. and Eliz. Smith, baptised". The mother's maiden name is rarely recorded, the father's occupation very irregularly, and the abode, if any is only the village or hamlet.

The proportion of the population covered is much lower than for civil registration (which is in theory, universal). The reasons include:

- 1) The church ceremonies were not compulsory, although baptismal, marriage and burial certificates might be necessary for certain legal purposes, such as inheritance, employment etc. The poor, unless very religious, could not always be bothered.
- 2) Many did not conform to the Anglican Church. The question of Roman Catholics, Jews, Quakers and other non-conformists will be dealt with later.
- 3) Many registers have not survived. The lackadaisical start to the keeping of registers after 1538 has already been noted. In addition far too many registers have been lost by fire, flood, rot and clergy and Lords of the Manor who regarded registers as their personal property. Another serious gap, which at some time or another stops most of us in our tracks is the interlude of Commonwealth and Protectorate, 1645-1660. A form of early civil registration, little observed, was prescribed, but many church registers show a complete gap during this period. Happily many other parishes seem to have been totally unaffected. It is partly a matter of the part of the country and partly of luck.

All in all, it is remarkable what a high proportion of the record still remains and your hopes should remain high, but be prepared for disappointment. The earliest certain date in my mother's line male line is the birth of her father in 1853, and I have failed so far to push the line any further back!

Now to the practicalities - where are the registers to be found? They are the property of each parish church and are the responsibility of the current Vicar or Rector, the "incumbant". Many are still in the care of the incumbant, and can only be consulted at the parish church by the consent of and by arrangement with the incumbent. Sometimes queries will be answered by post, usually nowadays in return for a contribution of a few pounds to parish funds. If you send a written enquiry, do not forget to send a S.A.E. and ask about

fees. Fortunately a large proportion of registers, increasing annually have been deposited for safe keeping and conservation, at an agreed repository. Usually this is the relevant County Record Office, although it may be a public library. For example, here in Sheffield the City Library was archiving local documents and church registers long before the Local Government Act of 1974 brought South Yorkshire - and hence South Yorkshire County Record Office - into being, and this is where they still are. Such repositories have a duty to make these records available to the public, although, because of the increasingly heavy traffic, it is more usually a microfilm record of the registers which is produced nowadays. To find the address and telephone number of the Record Office that you need for a specific enquiry, I would recommend you to consult the excellent Gibson's Guide for Genealogists, "Record Offices and how to Find Them" published by the Federation of Family History Societies at £1.20 (incl. post). If you intend to visit a record office, check first whether they require you to book a place in the Search Room in advance. Some do, some don't. Some have long queues, often weeks long, and you could waste a long journey.

Which record office do you want? We will assume that you already know in which parish the ancestor you presently wish to research lived, probably from the 1851 Census Returns. The same record will tell you in which county the parish lies (pre-1974, of course, when we still had Ridings!) but you may know nothing about the parish nor where exactly it is. Since you will later need to know this you should proceed to locate the parish and find out more about it. You can, of course, locate it in a modern gazeteer and atlas. The best, by far for this purpose are "The Ordnance Survey Atlas of Great Britain" or the Bartholomew "Gazeteer of Great Britain" which any library should have. You should however, try to consult "The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers", edited by Cecil Humphrey-Smith and published by Phillimore. Unfortunately, the price is £25 so relatively few individuals will have it on their private shelves. It contains maps of each county of England and Wales, showing the boundaries of each parish, and a lot more besides. It also has a topographical map of each county, formerly published in 1834 by James Bell. This enables you to form a more realistic idea of communications in the early 19th Century and to see at a glance which are the adjacent parishes - knowledge you are almost certainly going to need in the future. The other vital information that this "Atlas" provides is found in the second half, which lists county by county, every parish in England and Wales with the range of years of its surviving registers and where they are deposited. There is much more - for example, whether the parish features in the IGI and whether there are marriage indexes, of which more anon. Do check this information where possible. There is a lot of rapid change and a reference work such as this is "out-of-date" before it is published.

Finally, for more information on the parish you should ideally go to Samuel Lewis's 1831 "Topographical Dictionary of England" in five volumes. However, an invaluable cut-down alternative was published in 1968 by Frank Smith, called "A Genealogical Gazetteer of England" which is to be found in most good libraries.

Peter Wilkinson.

INMATES OF THE WORTLEY UNION WORKHOUSE. 1871

Wortley District, Volume 4656, Folios 121,122,123

James	Aitkin	55	Born	Aberdeen
Rachel	"	42	"	Westmoreland
Eliz H.	Skillington	23	"	Lincolnshire
Henrietta	Raynor	35	"	"
George	Depledge	54	"	Liverpool
Sarah	Brownhill	14	"	Bradfield
George	Cutts	48	"	"
John	Casey	4	"	"
Joseph	"	1	"	"
Joseph	Downing	66	"	"
Harry	Elliott	11	"	"
Frances	"	7	"	"
John	Godfrey	39	"	"
James	Glossop	54	"	"
John	Gregory	3	"	Wakefield
John	Goodison	10	"	Bradfield
Daughter	"	7	"	"
John	Hellewell	77	"	"
William	Hodgson	14	"	Ecclesfield
Elizabeth	Hellewell	26	"	Bradfield
Sarah A.	"	5	"	Ecclesfield
Amelia	Hallam	70	"	Lancashire
Abraham	Hepuntl	36	"	Bradfield
Ann	Kay	56	"	"
Joseph	Moorhouse	69	"	"
John	Nutta	66	"	Unstone
Albert	Nicholes	13	"	Bradfield
John	Ibbotson	10	"	"
Emma	"	8	"	"
Maria	Revitt	40	"	Sheffield
Julia	"	12	"	"
Christopher	"	5	"	Ecclesfield
Sarah	Robinson	66	"	Northants.
Joseph	Rowley	69	"	Bradfield
Elizabeth	Shaw	65	"	"
Joseph	Wadsworth	49	"	"

Charles	Wright	2	Born	Bradfield
Patrick	McMahon	54	"	Ireland
William	Fox	73	"	Bradfield
Martha	Allott	19	"	"
John	Greenwood	50	"	"
Annie	Loy	18	"	"
Thomas	Wragg	69	"	"
Leonard	Loy	3m	"	Ecclesfield
Benjamin	Bagshaw	11	"	Bradfield
Walter	Allott	1m	"	Ecclesfield
Frederick	Sida	24	"	Lincolnshire
Ann	Oates	52	"	Bradfield
Maria	Allott	42	"	Ecclesfield
Emma	Bradshaw	11	"	"
Frances O.	Brelsford	5	"	"
Ann	Brook	85	"	Sheffield
William	"	7	"	Ecclesfield
Mary	"	11	"	"
Samuel	Baxter	77	"	"
Sarah	Cliffe	46	"	"
Charles	Dawson	10	"	"
Mary A.	"	9	"	"
Herbert	"	8	"	"
George	Davcepp	71	"	"

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AN HEREDITARY GAMEKEEPER (1769-1853)

The writer's grandmother spent most of her life in Ecclesfield, but was born in the very attractive village of Thornton-le-Dale, North Yorkshire. Her children and grandchildren were told about village life in Thornton and especially about her great-grandfather, John Booth, huntsman, gamekeeper and tenant farmer, who was born at Roxby in the parish of Hinderwell in 1769, appointed gamekeeper at Thornton in 1797 and died, in office in 1853, ten years before the writer's grandmother was born.

In those days, the post of Gamekeeper to a Manor was one of considerable importance and because of its very nature, was often an hereditary occupation.

Reference to the published volumes of the North Riding of Yorkshire Quarter Sessions Records indicate that at the Quarter Sessions at Guisboro' on July 15, 1712, Rob.Booth of Roxby was appointed gamekeeper to Sir Gryffith Boynton. Similarly at Thirsk on Oct.3, 1738, Rob. Booth was appointed gamekeeper to Sir Fr.

Boynton for his Manor of Roxby, and again at the Quarter Sessions at Thirsk, October 8 1745, Tho.Booth of Roxby was appointed gamekeeper to Sir Grittith Boynton for his Manor at Roxby.

This Thomas Booth became the father of John Booth of Roxby, and later Thornton, and it can be assumed that John had several years of learning the business of gamekeeping from his father, before widening his horizons under Mr.Richard Hill of Thornton Hall. R.W. Jeffery writing in his book on local history "Thornton-le-Dale", which has a sub-title "Being a History of the People of Thornton.." says that John Booth played a big part in developing the strain of hounds by crossing with those of other Yorkshire packs. Mr.Hill had his own Hunting Country which he hunted from 1808 to 1855 and it is generally believed that his hunt formed the foundation of the present Derwent Hunt.

In 1929 the writer saw a hunting print, of John Booth, riding to hounds on the Goathland Moors with a very heavy sky, indicating a pending storm in the exposed moorland scene. His grandmother had arranged to send the print abroad to one of her second cousins, so when he was old enough to take any action, he decided to search for another and it took many years. Finally a friend of the family turned up on Christmas Eve 1965 with it carefully wrapped in newspaper. He had found it on the floor of a store in an antique shop in Kirkbymoorside near Pickering. It was covered in dust and dirt, but nothing which warmth, a duster and breadcrumbs could not restore to something of its former glory!

When the cleaning process had been completed, it was possible to read: "Published by Robert Sunter late Messrs.Todd York October 1st 1842" and also "to Richard Hill Esq., of Thornton the portrait of John Booth is respectfully dedicated."

The end came to John's life after an accidental fall when hunting his favourite moors in 1853. It is clear that Mr.Hill had high regard for him and erected a small monumental stone cairn on the spot where he fell, a few miles from Goathland village. About 1933, a shop in Whitby sold picture postcards of this cairn, as one was sent to the writer's grandmother by a Scout camping in the area.

On 6th February 1971, a photograph appeared in the "Darlington & Stockton Times" of a presentation to Lt.Col.G.A.Hill-Walker, at his home, Maunby Hall, near Thirsk, North Yorkshire, on the occasion of his retirement from being Bedale Hunt Secretary for 20 years. The presentation was of a hunting print of his great, great grandfather's huntsman John Booth of Thornton-le-Dale and was found in the Parker Gallery in London. It was an absolute co-incidence that a descendant of Mr.Richard Hill of Thornton and a descendant of Mr.Hill's huntsman should be living within a few miles of each other in 1971. It is pleasing to report that the

writer accepted an invitation to meet Col.G.A.Hill-Walker at Maunby Hall in the Spring of 1971.

The story is nearly ended, but nothing has been mentioned about the 60 acres farmed at Manor Farm, Thornton, not anything about his family nor his descendants. The work in tracing this family from the 1600's to the present day has covered a period of about fifty years and is not yet complete. The writer has used personal contact extensively, browsed through numerous family papers, has had the benefit of a very informative gravestone and saw Jeffery's "Thornton-le-Dale" just after it was published in 1931, at the home of his grandmother's cousin, in Malton, and never forgot it.

Regular visits have been made to Thornton over the years, when touring around or visiting Scarborough on holiday and the mind was constantly refreshed with the experience of walking along the beck side to Manor Farm, where the Booths lived. It has altered very little. The writer has also had help from the North Yorkshire County Record Office with Parish Registers and Northallerton Library for Census Returns, books, directories and the like.

Despite the fact that the writer descends from a huntsman and a line of gamekeepers, he does not ride to hounds nor is very keen about touching feathers.

John D.Potts.

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- 1) "Thornton-le-Dale" by Reginald W.Jeffery, M.A. Published by West Yorkshire Printing Co. Ltd., Wakefield 1931.
- 2) North Riding of Yorkshire Quarter Sessions Records published by the North Yorkshire Record Society.
- 3) North Yorkshire County Record Office, County Hall, Northallerton for Parish Registers of Hinderwell, Lythe, Thornton-le-Dale, and the Chapelry of Roxby.
- 4) Northallerton Library for Census Returns, Directories etc.
- 5) The Borthwick Institute of Historic Research, York for Bishops' Transcripts.

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

The property around St.Pauls with its small ill ventilated houses was exceedingly filthy. Chequers Yard at the bottom of Coalpit Lane occupied by filthy Irish Families with no furniture of any kind in the houses. Spurrs Yard was Just as bad. The Cricket Yard was as bad as the others, and filth drained from it into Scotts Yard below.

One exceedingly close yard in Burgess Street 24 yards long and 11 yards broad contained 2 Double houses, 5 single houses, and 5 kitchens, with the privy under the sleeping room, vilely offensive. The water from the yard pump smells offensive. This was about as bad as anything viewed.

Taylor's Yard and Davis Yard Cross Burgess Street both exceedingly filthy.

No 6 Court Cross Burgess Street Very bad and filthy.

Cheney Square was also very bad and filthy. Rockingham Lane, West Hill Lane, and Orchard Lane all full of refuse and filthy.

Balm Green bad, and Courts 5 and 6 Holly Street bad.

Between Orchard Street and Smith Street Very bad.

In Favells Yard there is no privy for 11 houses, and 16 workpeople, there are 10 tons of refuse in the yard.

In Smith Street there are 12 houses having a yard behind which is not more than 5 feet broad, and filthy with drainage.

On examining the district commencing at the top of Townhead Street and including the boundary formed by Tenter Street, Westbar Green, Westbar, Snig Hill, Angel Street, High Street, and Church Street, we found the back lanes very densely inhabited by the lower orders, including great numbers of Irish whose quarters were filthy above the average. The narrow Lanes and Courts in this district are of the worst possible description, and in the case of Scargill Croft Tenanted by profligates of all descriptions, the houses are low and often dilapidated, and badly supplied by light and air. There are lots of Lodging Houses in which congregate vagrants of every kind. The yards in this district present the usual appearance, being unpaved, the soil saturated with drainage, and very filthy from accumulations of night soil and rubbish.

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BOOKLIST

TRACE YOUR FAMILY TREE by Margaret Crush. Published by Granada 1983 is a paperback book designed for young people. They are shown how to make a start on tracing and recording their more immediate ancestors. A Christmas present suggestion, perhaps?

"DERBYSHIRE PEDIGREES" AN INDEX TO THE HOLDINGS OF DERBY LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY Edited by Richard Clark. Published by Derbyshire Record Society it indexes about 1500 pedigrees.

THE FAMILY HISTORIAN'S ENQUIRE WITHIN by F.C. Markwell and Pauline Saul. A Federation publication this reference book is in alphabetical order and aims to "point you in the right direction in which to find help in connection with your research".

IGI Searches

Searches of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for the whole of the British Isles except Scotland - free to members! Write giving details and S.A.E. to Mr.N.Nicholson, 32 Westwick Crescent, Beauchief, Sheffield S8 7DH.

Society Publications

Back copies of "The Flowing Stream" as available 75p plus postage. "Sheffield Strays" 75p or £1 incl. postage.

Visits to Record Offices

If you want to visit a Record Office but have no car or have a spare seat in your car, please contact Mrs.M.Dunn (Sheffield 351827) for details of other members needing or offering facilities.

Strays Co-ordinator

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Watford, Hertfordshire, WD1 3EB,
England. (Tel: Watford 28867)