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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.

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31st August  
31st December

## EDITORIAL

I am writing this editorial on one of those beautiful sunny days that have been particularly welcome after such a dreadful summer and am reminded of our high hopes of recording Monumental Inscriptions in hot sunshine in the company of lots of our members. Not only was the weather disappointing but so was the turn-out. Marjorie Dunn and I hoped to show members how to record M.I.'s so they could then go off and record their local graveyards. Alas, only a handful of people have helped at Dore. Surely, other members have a little free time to do some recording. It is in the interests of ALL of us that these tombstones are recorded before time and local vandals remove their information for ever. You might even find a lost member of your own family!

Sadly it does seem that there are many people who only join a society for what they can get from it. They use indexes, and other records for their own researches but never consider the time others have spent helping them by compiling such indexes. Parish Registers are the "bread and butter" of family history researches but surprisingly few strays are submitted for indexing. Even those with very little free time can send in a few strays! Even the sale of our latest "Strays" booklet has been disappointing. Please send in your requests for a copy or buy one at a meeting. I don't want them in my cupboard for ever - they aren't helping anyone there.

We now have a venue for informal meetings on alternate Wednesdays at the Order of Foresters on Trippet Lane. The first meeting (October 9th) proved to be an unofficial committee meeting! Anyone who has suggestions for possible uses of the room should pass them on to a committee member. We do have some plans but it is YOUR Society and we are anxious to meet your needs.

Many thanks for all contributions to this edition. Please keep sending in your articles, stories, comments and snippets of information to the Editor.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

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Sheffield S6 5JN.

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### NEWS AND NOTES

#### FAMILY HISTORY NEWS AND DIGEST

Back numbers of the above publication are still available from  
Mrs.N.Porter, 17 Fox Lea Road, Hayley Green, Halesowen, West  
Midlands, B63 1DX price £1.30.

#### SOUTH YORKSHIRE ARCHIVE RESOURCES

Any member who does not have a copy of the S.Y.A. leaflet on  
Sources for Family History can obtain one by sending an S.A.E. to  
S.Y.A., Ellin St, Sheffield 1.

#### FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE SPRING 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 and rail. Full details are available from Conference Organiser, 25 Homecroft Drive, Packington, Asby de la Zouch, Leics LE6 5WG on receipt of an S.A.E.

#### COLLABORATION INDEX

Rosemary Watts' "Collaboration Index", which she suggested in the Spring 1985 issue has proved very useful. Already one third of people who have contacted her have found a partner. Rosemary says some members have forgotten to send an S.A.E. Please send it with your form if you want her to tell you of a possible match. If you would like to join the index (the more people, the more chance of a pairing!) but have lost the form, just write, giving your interests, what help you can offer (C.R.O.s, Local History Library etc) and your address (plus S.A.E.!) to Mrs.R.Watts, 14 Whitegates Close, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3JG.

#### DERBYSHIRE MARRIAGE REGISTERS

Printed copies of the Derbyshire Marriage Registers ed. Phillimore & Simpson Vols 1-15 are available in the Reference Library, Central Library, Surrey St. They have to be ordered, as they are not on the open shelves. Norton is volume 5 and Dronfield with Beighton and Beauchief is volume 11.

#### ADDRESS OF MRS.EILEEN ALLEN

The address of Mrs.Eileen Allen, our Treasurer was inadvertently printed as 25 Boston Castle in our last Journal. In fact she lives at 25 Boston Castle Grove. (Ed.'s apologies!)

#### DERBSYHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

The Public Search Room attached to the County Record Office at Derbyshire County Council's headquarters is to be closed from Friday October 25th, while reorganisation of the office's document storage is undertaken. As part of the first phase of an entirely new record office at Matlock's former Ernest Bailey Grammar School, many thousands of documents - some of them dating back hundreds of years - are being moved to the building and record office staff will be fully committed to this work during the closure period. It is understood that the Record Office is unlikely to be reopened until 1986.

#### STRAYS

New members are often puzzled by the idea of strays, a source we can all help to provide. Strays are records of people in places where you would not expect to find them. Usually they take the form of an entry in a Parish Register which states that they have come

from a different parish from that you are researching. Sometimes they are mentioned in other places, e.g. tombstones or lists of various kinds. All members can help to increase our knowledge of the movements of our ancestors by noting down full details of these strays and passing them on to Mr. John Perkins, our Strays Co-ordinator at 24, Withens Ave, Sheffield S6. John indexes all the strays he receives and then the Society publishes them as a collection. So far we have published two such booklets, "Sheffield Strays 1984" price £1 and "Sheffield Strays 1985" price 50p at meetings or 75p incl. p+p. from Mrs. D. Marsden, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB.

WAR MEMORIALS COLLECTION

Mr. Norman Nicholson, 32 Westwick Crescent, Beauchief, Sheffield 8 is still collecting records of any war memorial lists of names, rolls of honour etc and would be pleased to receive details of any that members know of.

THE FLOWING STREAM VOL.5 NO.4

Some new members did not receive a copy of Vol.5 No.4, our Spring 1985 edition of The Flowing Stream. There are now a few copies available from Mrs. D. Marsden, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB.

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THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

64 Best Wood Road,  
Hucknall,  
Notts NG15 7PQ.

Dear Editor,

I have inherited an album from my great uncle and feel someone might like to have examples of their ancestors' handwriting. Robert Jackson, my great uncle was descended thus:

Robert Jackson b1799 Eckington = Sarah b1802 Eckington sickle manufacturer at Norton Hammer		
Joseph b 1838 Norton Hammer greengrocer at Stocksbridge	=	Sarah Dyson other children b Bradfield
James b 1861 Norton died young at Hunshelf	=	Elizabeth Dyson other of Stannington children
Averhilda my grandmother	Robert 1891-1919 b Stocksbridge	Harriet

He compiled a postcard and photograph album during the First World War. Some of the postcards sent to him have names and addresses with the messages:

Nellie Pinder, 20 Stanhope Road, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.  
Hermione Shaw, 50 Smirthwaite St, Wakefield.  
Alice L.M. Sunderland Coley Hall, Norwood Green, Halifax.  
Winnie Woodhead, 5 Brownwood Terr, Battershaw, Bradford.  
Miss L. Smith, 5 Tanfield Terr, Birkby, Huddersfield.  
Francis A. Lawrence, 5 Gowrie Place, Dundee.  
Violet L. Leslie, 1 Commercial St, Dundee.  
Ivy Fraser, 234 Carr St, Leederville, West Australia.  
P. Hill, 71 Wycliffe Rd, Northampton.  
Agnes Ibbotson, lived 5 mins from Netheredge tram terminus.  
Eleanor Andrews, Cheltenham.

The collection contains several photos of his comrades. They were Limber Gunners 77th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, Jhansi, India 1916 & 1917 and photos of football teams namely Green Moor Athletic winners of Chapeltown Charity Cup 1915-1916 and Stocksbridge Church winners of Sheffield Minor League 1914-1915. It is unfortunate that I cannot name any of Robert's colleagues or friends in the football teams. I will gladly send photocopies to anyone interested in them and photocopies of the postcards to any descendants of the writers. Robert Jackson died when returning home from France in, 1919 and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery near Boulogne.

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#### SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 16th May 1985

##### Monumental Inscriptions by John Rayment.

Mr. John Rayment presented an amusing and well illustrated talk on the recording of monumental inscriptions. The Federation of Family History Societies began a five year plan to record all gravestones in the U.K. and although many graveyards have been recorded there are still many more to do. Early recordings of gravestones were made but these tended to be selective- those of important people, fancy headstones etc. while those of "humble folk" were not recorded. However, we must recognise that all stones and inscriptions are important. There are usually considerably more details on tombstones than is contained in the burial records. The church is the historical centre of the parish.

When recording a graveyard, it is imperative to firstly draw a map. All graves should be numbered and copied and comprehensive indexes made of names, surnames, Christian names and middle names.

Occupations or other information could be listed too.

Masons had their own patterns which can often be found on the stones, for example, a skull and crossbones, pick and shovel, serpent with its tail in its mouth, cherubs etc.

Even stones which appear indecipherable can often still be read by looking at the letters down a long tube, thereby restricting the light to form a shadow in the hollow of the letters.

The talk was illustrated by a vast number of pictures of tombstones showing stones of all ages and types from simple memoriams to fancy granite tombstones and columns. Stones are found in very bad and very good condition according to the stone type and where it is situated. Some have painted letters and leaded letters and trimmings, some are the stones of servants and some even have a photograph of the deceased fixed on the headstone! Footstones often have initials and dates on them and can therefore aid the recorder in reading the headstone.

In recording monumental inscriptions we are rescuing history since events and information which are not recorded do not make history and as the inscriptions on these stones do weather and disappear it is important that we rescue this part of our heritage before it is too late.

Susan E.Hammond.

#### Visit to Buxton on Saturday 8th June 1985

About 15 members met at the Crescent in Buxton and were guided around the library and local studies room by Miss Sue Hawksworth, Local Studies Librarian. In 1780, in order to develop Buxton as a spa, William Cavendish, 5th Duke of Devonshire commissioned the architect John Carr of York to design the Crescent. Not built on the most ideal site, the River Wye had to be culverted, a fine grove of trees was felled and St. Ann's Well had to be re-sited. The cost, £120,000 was paid for from one year's profits from the Duke's copper mines at Ecton.

Completed in 2 years it was regarded as an architectural masterpiece and housed three hotels, a post office, lodging houses, shops and library etc. The present library is now housed in the end hotel, the Crescent Hotel which was sold in the 1930's to become at first a private clinic and later Buxton Geriatric Hospital. The complete Crescent is having to be renovated due to erosion. Part of the library is housed in what was the beautiful Ballroom/Assembly Room with exquisitely restored ceiling and plasterwork. The original chandeliers were rehung and look magnificent. The Local Studies Room contains a large collection of material, pictures, books on Buxton and the High Peak.

Mr. Roy Bullen provided tea in the committee room at dinner time and in the afternoon members were free to join a guided tour of Buxton, visit the Micrarium, Cavern, market and many interesting places.

Marjorie Dunn.

Summer Meeting Thursday 11 July 1985

About 30 members spent a fascinating evening looking around The Old House Museum, Bakewell. It is a folk museum created by Bakewell and District Historical Society. Members were able to explore at their leisure its many treasures, samplers, Victorian toys, costumes, lacework, old tools and many other facets of life in bygone times.

From the museum the party moved on to the church where Mr. John R. Pierrepont gave us a guided tour around its many interesting features. Of special interest to family historians was the information that there are many parish documents from Bakewell Church in the C.R.O. at Matlock including information on pew rents.

Denise Marsden.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

An Appeal to all Family History Societies and their members.

I expect that most people have never looked very hard at a House Deed or other property document, as the sight of the first page of legal jargon usually sends one flying for something more interesting. Unfortunately people are often unaware that the back part of such a document often contains a "Schedule", which is the history of the actual descent of the property with dates and names, and often contains complicated family notes to explain why someone was the legal heir. Recently checking a bundle of parchment deeds for a house in Bristol, I found that the schedule contained detailed family information reaching back to c1560, my "record" so far. Besides this, the bundles of such documents often include Wills, notes and more unusual pieces such as notes from the "Court's Baron".

I want to make it quite clear that these documents are being destroyed by the thousand every year since the advent of computerisation in the Land Registry. Once an ownership is established on that machine, all and any previous deeds become irrelevant and can be destroyed. It would have been simple for the powers that be to instruct the holders of such deeds to pass them on to Museums and Record Offices for transcriptions but no, space is the essential.

Within the next 20 years we are liable to see most of these parchment deeds vanish in smoke and shredder. Can you help? The information is irretrievable, and although it often refers to places far from the actual district, that information is of great value to someone somewhere. Your own deeds are not safe at this time although you may think they are and appeals to the Law Society

and other people have only been met with an impatient fob-off.

Do you know of any deeds, small bundles or vast collections, and can you help to save the information by transcribing names, places and dates? Last year, down here several thousand went in one day after a take-over of one solicitor by another, the situation is desperate!

I appeal urgently to Family History Societies to help save what you can. Many of your members are losing vital information daily.

Yours etc,

Brian Austin, 11 Alma St,  
Weston-Super-Mare, Avon BS23 1RB.

Local Historian & Family Historian WSM area,  
consultant for local Museum & Library. Any  
enquiries accompanied by SAE will be answered on  
either subject.

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#### OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

- WALKER Mr.Alan Boyd Walker, 26 Highfield Park, Marlow, Bucks SL7 2DE would like to know if anyone is researching the family of his grandfather Henry WALKER (1847-1913) who lived at 131 Northfield Road, Crookes. He has sent copies of photographs of his grandparents and a pedigree (contact Mrs.Furey for details of these). Mr.Walker's father was Harry WALKER (1882-1955) a well-known genealogist who went to Africa about 1910 prospecting for gold and diamonds. He spent many years there.
- MILNES Mr.G.Milnes, 25 Morley Road , Chase Terrace, Near Walsall, GREEN Staffs WS7 8DE is seeking information about the MILNES family in which the forename Cooper was used occasionally after 1837. Henry MILNES who died in 1940 was Manager of J.H.Dickinson Ltd., Lowfield Cutlery Forge, Heeley. The firm was founded by the husband of his aunt J.H. Dickinson whose daughter Eleanor Cooper Milnes married Roy Bardwell. Mr. Milnes also wants information about Arthur GREEN, son of John H.Green (Jack), printer. He was born in the early 1900s. His wife's name was Helen. He worked for Osborn's in Sheffield and China (Shanghai). He had a daughter Helen, born 1935 and a step-sister called Bertha.

CRESSEY/ Mrs. Peggy McGlobin, 941 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 2QD  
CREASEY/ needs help in tracing Sarah CRESSEY (CREASEY) mother  
HARDAKER of the illegitimate William HARDAKER CRESSLEY born Oct  
CRESSLEY 1823 at Doncaster. She is unable to trace Sarah Cressey  
who according to a census was born in Doncaster and  
would be grateful for any assistance.

HOLMES: Mr. G.N. Cull 6749 Seaview Road, Delta BC-Canada V4L 1A2  
NEWBOULD: is researching William HOLMES (date of death unknown)  
and his son Joseph Holmes who died in 1897 and is buried  
at Burngreave Cemetery, Pittsmoor. Both were associated  
with John Brown's Works. William undertook the establish-  
ment of Köln Maschinenbau Acten Gesellschaft in 1858.  
He is also interested in the family of Thomas and Anna  
NEWBOULD of Sheffield.

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#### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Recent publications from the following Family History Societies:

Aberdeen & North East Scotland, Australia, Bedfordshire, Bristol &  
Avon, Birmingham & Midland, Cambridge, Devon, Essex, Gloucester,  
Gwent, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Palgrave Chronicle,  
Northumberland & Durham, Nottinghamshire, Shropshire, West Surrey,  
York.

Bristol & Avon Members' Interests March 1985.

Canberra Members' Interests 1984 edition.

Local History Vols. 4 & 5.

The Family Historian's Enquire Within F.C. Markwell, Pauline Saul.

Recording Monumental Inscriptions in the UK, Penelope Pattison,

A Report on current progress October 1984.

The Hearth Tax, other late Stuart Tax lists and the Association

Oath Rolls compiled by J.S.W. Gibson F.F.H.S.

Parish Register Copies part 1 Society of Genealogists Collection 1985.

Parish Register Copies part 2, other than the Society of Genealogists  
Collection.

USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

GETTING RETURNS FROM THE CENSUS BY JUNE BIGGS

North West Kent F.H. Journal Vol 3 No.6 June 1984. This describes how to extract all the information and clues from the Census.

MANORIAL ROLLS - A USEFUL GENEALOGICAL SOURCE BY GERALD CRAMP

North West Kent F.H. Journal Vol.3 No.6 June 1984. This describes the value of this source of information.

MISSING PERSONS FROM ST.CATHERINE'S HOUSE BY JOAN RICHARDSON & DICK BOURTON

North West Kent F.H. Journal Vol.3 No.6 June 1984. This describes the possible reasons for omissions from the registration records.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? BY EVE McLAUGHLIN

Buckinghamshire genealogy "Origins" Vol.8 No. 2. Describes the origin of surnames.

IDENTIFYING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS BY LINDA BABB

Buckinghamshire genealogy "Origins" Vol.8 No.2. How fashion in clothing can help date photographs.

WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY BY KENNETH G.AITKEN

Folkestone F.H.S. Journal Vol.3 No.5 Spring 1984. How'to write your autobiography.

THE BRITISH WAY OF DEATH FROM A TALK BY DAVID SILVEY

"Origins" The Journal of Buckinghamshire F.H.S. Vol.8 No.4. Describes the history of funeral customs and trappings.

I'VE GOT A LITTLE LIST FROM A TALK BY DR. JOHN BECKETT

"Origins" The Buckinghamshire F.H.S. Journal Vol.8 No. 4. Describes the various taxes that have been levied over the centuries and the records that exist of the payers of those taxes.

SIGN HERE PLEASE BY FRANCIS HOWCUTT

North West Kent F.H.S. Journal Vol3 No.9 March 1985. This suggests sources of evidence for literacy and ways of presenting one's findings.

THAT ELUSIVE MARRIAGE BY PATRICIA KELVIN

North West Kent F.H.S. Journal Vol.3 No. 8 Dec 1984. This looks at the factors which helped the decision of where a couple married and at the records available for finding their marriage.

## BEGINNERS PLEASE! PART V

### Record Keeping

Only two matters are emphasized here:

1) Always copy any record in which you are interested completely and exactly. Where there is a difficulty in interpreting the handwriting, get a photocopy. If this is not possible, try to copy the entry in doubt as faithfully as possible. (never try to trace an historic document!), since later experience or information might ring a bell.

2) Always keep a record of which parish registers you search, for which years, and for which surnames you were searching at the time. If you do not, you will later find yourself searching the same registers two and three times and will never be quite sure whether you have missed something - embarrassing if the searches were in a distance record office which is expensive and difficult to repeat.

### Bishops' Transcripts and Banns

If you find that the years which interest you in a particular parish are missing from the registers, or have been partially defaced by age, do not despair, you have a second chance. The Constitution of Canterbury of 1597, referred to earlier, required the clergy to make regular returns to their bishops - the so-called "Bishops' Transcripts". In effect, every incumbent had annually to transcribe all entries from his church's registers of baptisms, marriages and burials onto vellum and send this transcript to the diocesan office, where the transcripts for every parish in the diocese were conserved. Of course there was a great deal of variability in the regularity of these returns, but generally they were better housed than in the parish chest, and where the original register has been lost there is always a good chance that the "B.T." survives. Another advantage is that most B.T.'s have been made available to the public by transferring custody to a suitable repository, usually the relevant county record office. (In the case of Sheffield, and most of Yorkshire, the repository is the Borthwick Institute in York.) This means that where the registers are still with the incumbent you may be able to consult the Bishops' Transcripts much more conveniently than at a record office.

The whereabouts of B.T.'s is made more complicated by the fact that diocese boundaries do not normally coincide with county boundaries. Once again there is an invaluable Jeremy Gibson Guide: "Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licences, Bonds and Allegations: A Guide to their location and Indexes". The Society library has a copy and you should be able to purchase a copy from the Society as well.

A final piece of advice. Never rely entirely on an entry in a transcript. They were often hastily transcribed to comply with the requirement and mistakes were frequently made. Also the occasional additional information (for example, date of birth as well as baptism) and the minister's comments, which sometimes enliven the original register, were not usually transcribed. So check the original register in due course. In fact it is good practice to check both anyway.

The parish registers have another resource which is often forgotten - the banns, which can often supplement the marriage register. You may well be unable to find a record of the marriage of an ancestor in the parish in which you know the family was established. Remember that the common custom was for a marriage to take place in the parish of the bride - except that you do not know who she was yet or where she came from! But it was a legal requirement for the banns to be published and recorded in the parish churches of both the bride and groom for three consecutive Sundays before the marriage. So you should find the banns in the groom's parish registers - together with the bride's name and parish. Where they survive, the banns are often to be found in the same register as the marriages, but at the back, or somewhere else.

### Aids

This is not the place to list numerous guides and indexes that have been compiled to help the genealogist, but one simply must be introduced here - the International Genealogical Index (or I.G.I.), sometimes still called the C.F.I. (Computer File Index) by older hands. This is a massive compilation (currently about 40 million entries for England and Wales) of baptisms and marriages from parish registers (and Bishop's Transcripts where these are not available) made by the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints - or Mormons, as they are usually known. The Index is computer-based and indexed in Salt Lake City, and made available in microfiche form for consultation by the public. It is ordered by county, surname, first given name and date in that order. Although it still represents only a fraction (perhaps 10-20%) of all such events, it is often invaluable in finding a "lost" entry, and is often the first place a genealogist turns when temporarily stuck. This is not the place for a detailed analysis of the I.G.I. and its use, but beginners should become acquainted with it at a very early stage. In Sheffield we are fortunate in that copies (of various editions and degrees of completeness) are held by The Sheffield and District F.H.S., The City Library and the South Yorkshire County Record Office, and it is also available at the recently opened library at the Church of Christ of the L.D.S. in Grenoside.

One word of warning. Like any other work of this kind, there are plenty of errors and no entry should be taken at face value. Every entry should always be checked eventually in the original register. It is still an invaluable tool if used correctly.

Peter Wilkinson  
(to be continued)

## MY SHEFFIELD BRANCH!

I first became interested in family history when my husband's grandfather celebrated his one hundredth birthday. That was two years ago and I now know a considerable amount about my ancestry - as well as my husband's.

My mother was a Gregory from Sheffield - her father was Samuel Alfred Gregory of Gregory Bros., a small cutlery firm - with the beehive trademark. My uncle sold the business in the 1960s, ending 120 years of family connections with cutlery.

Samuel Alfred had scribbled a pedigree of the Gregory family for me when I was small. I still had the sheet of notepaper - so I was off. His father, Samuel, and grandfather William had manufactured cutlery or forged blades since 1843. I found from various directories that they had works in several streets from 1861 onwards; Peel Street, Bolsover Street, Howard Street, Garden Street and finally the Balmoral Works, Matilda Street. The directories of later dates gave a home address as well as a manufacturing address - showing that the family had progressed from living over the works.

Many hours were spent searching the 19th century Census microfilms but I did find William and family in all four detailed censuses of 1851, 1861, 1871 and 1881. Birth and marriage certificates added more information - as did conversations with elderly relatives. I became more and more excited and enthusiastic - and then joy of joys I was put into contact with a previously unknown relation who was beginning the ancestry hunt with equal curiosity. He is a second cousin once removed - I think - and looks so like my grandfather!

I now know that William Gregory was born in Calver about 1817, and that his wife was born Mary Andrews in Sinnington near Pickering. Their marriage has eluded me so far but they were in Sheffield by 1843 when William took the trade mark of a hammer. From 1844 onwards they produced Jane, Annie, William, George, Samuel, John Robinson, Henry Andrews and Mary Rosanna.

William George - grandfather of my "new relation" went to Salford and manufactured and retailed butchers' equipment of all kinds - including a "silent sausage machine". I wonder if Henry Andrews was the Henry A. Gregory listed as blade forger in the 1891 Slaters Directory? John Robinson eventually became organist at Broomhill Chapel.

My Samuel born 1851 was quite a lad. He married in July 1870 giving his age as 20 but in the census of 1871 his age was 19 - and also included a son of two years and daughter of two months! His wife was Sarah Ann daughter of Joel Rose, a fishmonger of Trippet Lane. Samuel called himself a cutlery manager whereas his father had been a blade forger.

Samuel Alfred worked with his father, and after many ups and downs established the firm as Gregory Bros., rather than William Gregory & Son. He married Lily Newsome, daughter of one of his workmen in 1901. In her ancestry are lines of cutlery and metal workers named Greaves and Newsome. They lived in Club Gardens, Silver Street and Franklin Street and were brass casters, spoon buffers, grinders and spring knife finishers.

The result of all this information is that I read with renewed interest tales of Sheffield's "little mesters", look intently at old maps of Sheffield, pore over the few old family photographs looking for signs of character in those set Victorian poses, hunt through knives at flea markets and kick myself for not asking my mother and grandfather about the family!

B.M. Atkinson

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INMATES OF THE WORTLEY UNION WORKHOUSE, 1871

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

John	Hinchliffe	41	Born	Ecclesfield
Elizabeth	Hall	30	"	"
William	Lindley	44	"	Sheffield
William	Lingard	56	"	Ecclesfield
Sarah A.	Garrett	24	"	"
John	Green	66	"	Kimberworth
William	Moulson	67	"	York
Mary A.	Mottram	13	"	Ecclesfield
Ann	Naylor	40	"	"
Elizabeth	Naylor	10	"	"
George	Naylor	7	"	"
Jonathan	Northcliffe	72	"	Sheffield
Thomas	Oliver	77	"	Rotherham
Martha	Oliver	49	"	Ecclesfield
Jané	Perry	38	"	"
William	Perry	14	"	"
Mary A.	Perry	10	"	"
Tom	Perry	8	"	"
John	Perry	6	"	"
William	Rodgers	75	"	Kimberworth
Alice R.	Redfern	13	"	Ecclesfield
Ann	Simpson	13	"	"
Sarah	Shore	44	"	Tinsley
Anne	Shore	15	"	Ecclesfield
Anne	Senior	17	"	"
Mary	Stringer	44	"	"

Charles	Stringer	7	Born	Ecclesfield
Levena	Stringer	3	"	"
Elizabeth	Tingle	19	"	"
Robert	Wheeler	21	"	"
Ann	Wheeler	11	"	"
Martha	Whitley	70	"	"
Sarah E.	Willgoose	8	"	Leeds
Hannah	Walton	54	"	Ecclesfield
John	York	54	"	Tankersley
James	Martin	41	"	Ireland
Elizabeth	Platts	45	"	Ecclesfield
James	Platts	12	"	"
Jane E.	Platts	7	"	"
Christiana	Platts	3	"	"
Patience	Platts	1	"	"
Jonathan	Housley	73	"	"
Mary	Guest	6	"	"
William	Beard	69	"	"
Henry	Tratters	74	"	London
Elizabeth	White	7	"	Ecclesfield
Ann	Housley	29	"	"
Morris	Housley	9	"	"
Albert	Housley	5	"	"
William	Burgess	48	"	"
Mary	Morton	21	"	"
Jervis	Housley	3	"	"
Rose	Housley	5m	"	"
Lucy	Tingle	5wks	"	"
William	Archer	75	"	Sheffield
George	Corke	52	"	Manchester
John	Platts	15	"	Ecclesfield
Edward	Parrott	50	"	Tankersley
Jonathan	Windle	61	"	"
Joseph	Copley	67	"	Wortley
Fidoral	Dransfield	27	"	"
Benjamin	Taylor	62	"	"
Esther	Woodhead	25	"	"
Harry	Woodhead	5	"	"
Clement	Woodhead	2	"	"
William	Glaister	63	"	Leicester

J.E.Shortland

## FUNERALS

From the Birley Vale Parish Magazine 1876.

The following suggestions have been made at a meeting of clergy:-

1. That, where practicable we recommend a walking funeral.
2. That the use of mutes, trappings, plumes, scarves, and hat-bands, be abolished.
3. That to avoid the appearance of feasting at such time the use of intoxicating liquors be discouraged.
4. That there be a hand-hearse, as well as a pall and bier, provided for every parish.
5. That the mourners be requested to bring their Prayer-books and join in the service, and stand while the Psalms are said.
6. That the singing of hymns at funerals be encouraged.
7. That the burial of the dead be not deferred longer than is absolutely necessary.
8. That the making of vaults, brick graves, and leaden coffins be discouraged.

It is customary in foreign countries for passers-by on meeting a funeral to uncover the head in token of respect.

Contributed by Mr.W.B.Clayton.

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### WHAT A TURN UP FOR THE BOOK!

After eventually finding my great grandfather's birth in Thurnscoe, the next step was to find his marriage. The 1861-71 Census gave all the relevant information about the family and it was estimated that the marriage would have been around 1857-58. But 4 years of searching parish registers and civil registration showed nothing. So a different approach was made. A variant was chosen, Oscroft being the most obvious. This proved positive. The marriage was in 1857 at St.George's, Sheffield, but the name had changed from Edwin Huscroft to Edward Oscroft. Everything tied up with the census information where he was known as Edwin Huscroft.

He gave John Oscroft as his father on the marriage certificate (but as he was illegitimate it created a problem). Did he illegally give John as his father, or was he in fact the father? The only John Oscroft in the microfiche came from Snaith and was married to Ann Shutwell on 16 August 1824. He also appears as John Huscroft still married to Ann.

It would seem that John was Edwin's uncle, so although his mother did not reveal the identity of the father, did Edwin in fact find out later that his uncle was also his father? It would certainly keep me on the male line if it were true.

Arthur Ashley Huscroft (or is it Oscroft?)

### WATCH OUT!

The tremendous growth of interest in family history is now attracting the attention of some who see it as a business opportunity. In many ways this is all to the good as enterprising people are producing useful books, charts, parish plans etc., but unfortunately there is also a fringe which can be described only as exploiting the unwary. A number of examples have come to the notice of staff at South Yorkshire County Record Office lately, including:

1. Overcharging for research
2. Elaborate charts at inflated prices
3. Sale of coats of arms (to which the buyer is probably not entitled) at high prices
4. Offering to supply your entire family tree back to Anglo-Saxon times for £500.
5. Offering an old deed (or deeds) relating to your family for a large sum of money

The rule must be: BEWARE. Arrange the terms for research beforehand and consult a member of the staff of the Record Office or a member of the committee of Sheffield and District F.H.S. before you part with your money. These rackets cannot flourish without your help!

C.M.Short

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### WHY WAS HE NAMED FRANCIS DRAKE?

After the death of my maternal grandmother, Charlotte Reaney, nee Turner, I was given a piece of paper, yellow with age that had lain in her bible. At the head of the paper was written "Francis Drake Turner Born at Sheffield 5 minutes part 4 in the morning 21st December 1819. Married at Rotherham to Mary Hall. She born 22nd August". Then followed the names of their children with the date and time of each of the four daughters' and one son's birth.

Their names were commonplace enough but why was their father called "Francis Drake". Enquiries brought me no result for almost all the senior members of the family had passed away. I could see no reason for any tie with the naval hero so called, nor did it prove to be so. The surname Drake is recorded in the Sheffield Court Rolls and in the Parish Records and Registers. Then there was Nathon Drake, the ejected Vicar of Sheffield. The Bagshawe Collection of the Oakes, Norton, showed me the alliance of their house with that of the Drakes of Craven, Yorkshire. There were clearly to be no short cuts to the search for my great grandfather.

Starting in the usual way of most family historians, I was able

to confirm that which I already knew, that he was the son of William Burton Turner, auctioneer and Sheriff's Officer for Sheffield. Under age at his father's death he was left "the mahogany desk and drawers standing under the birdcage in the front sitting room", plus his equal share of all monies left at the settlement of the estate. There were a number of brothers and sisters. His trade was that of a horn merchant, working within the Sheffield trades, with an office in Cadman Lane. My grandmother told me tales of his journeys abroad, selecting and buying such as was suitable.

My search then led me to find out who great, great, grandfather William Burton Turner had married. Swift's Pedigrees in the Sheffield Archives quickly gave me the answer. She was the daughter of the Vicar of Pontefract, though Swift was in error in entering her name as Charlotte Herring (Hunter made the same mistake) when indeed it was Charlotte Heron.

Hunter's *Famillae Minorum Gentium* gave me her link with the family of Drake. Subsequent reading of the history of this family made it clear why she had called her youngest son, my great grandfather, Francis Drake, this being bestowed because of her sense of pride in her forebears.

Consulting Dugdales Visitations of Yorkshire I found that the family had been settled at Horley Green in the Parish of Halifax from the 13th century, John Drake being a clothier and purchaser of Abbey lands. He married and had issue, making his Will in 1544. The lengthy and varied versions of the early descent of the family can lead to confusion, but the main line can be followed. This John had a large family and it concerns us to follow his 6th son, Edward said to be of Northowram, who was followed by his son, William, who in his turn married and amongst other children had Nathon. They were of Lee in Halifax. Still in the parish Nathon was to settle in Godley. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Higgins of Hardwick, she being baptised at Pontefract 8th June 1600.

Whether it was her connection with this place that brought Nathon there or that the fact that he was one of a body of gentlemen volunteers in the army of King Charles I, is open to question. He was present throughout the seige of Pontefract within the castle and whilst there kept a record of the day to day progress of the battle in the years 1644-1645. The manuscript, carefully preserved was eventually printed by the Surtees Society and is a piece of valuable history.

Nathon's eldest son, Samuel after his graduation at Cambridge, joined the Royalist Army. For his assistance to the King at the Seige of Newark, he was created D.D. by Royal Diploma and was presented to the vicarage of Pontefract and the Rectory of Handsworth in Hallam. After his death he was succeeded in the church at Pontefract by his son the Reverend Francis Drake. This

man married twice and by his first wife Hannah Paylin of York produced a numerous family. John of this union was in his turn to become yet a third Vicar of Pontefract within the circle, and Rector of Kirk Smeaton. Hannah, another child of this first marriage has proved to be my link with the family of Drake.

By the second marriage of her father to Elizabeth Dixon of Pontefract was born another Francis Drake. He became the outstanding member of this already illustrious family.

Hannah's step-brother started life as a surgeon in York. He quickly became interested in antiquarian pursuits profounding his theories and leading the profound researches of the day. His major work was the writing of the "Eboracum". This history of York marked a step hitherto not attempted. He married Mary Woodyeare of Crookhill near Doncaster, daughter of John, wealthy and of the landed gentry. Their eldest son, another Francis was Vicar of St. Mary's, Beverly and it was here that Francis, the historian died and was buried within the church there.

Each generation of this now widespread family produced sons who entered the Church, the name Francis borne so often from father to son; but the association of the Drakes with the church in Pontefract was to continue in this way by marriage through the female line of descent.

The earlier mentioned Hannah married Francis Lascelles of Sowerby, he being the then Vicar of Pontefract. Married in 1715 they had a daughter Hannah. Now, Francis Lascelles had a nephew, one John Sturdy, who was heir to his uncle. He in his turn became Vicar in place of Lascelles, taking to wife the daughter of his predecessor. They were blessed with a daughter Frances Charlotte.

The Rev. Sturdy passed away, Thomas Heron of Pontefract came to the church as vicar and Frances Charlotte did just the same thing as did her mother and grandmother before her, married the incumbent. The issue of this union was a daughter, her name was Charlotte, born in 1806. It was she who broke the pattern of descent within the Pontefract Church, by marrying my great great grandfather and so came to Sheffield as Mrs William Burton Turner.

The puzzle of why great grandfather was called Francis Drake is now explained leaving only family memories of his house on the then Ecclesall New Road, his garden by the old Four Square Dam close by Porter Water where he grew his flowers; and me to ponder over his last resting place in the City Road Cemetery, marked only with a small stone inscribed with the letters F.D.T.

Not for him, the earlier inscriptions in the Yorks, Beverly and Pontefract Churches of his forebears, but he did call his son Francis, but omitted the Drake. And after all, Nathon Drake, the ejected Vicar of Sheffield and those allied to the Oakes in Norton

and the House of Craven proved to be his kinsmen and mine too.

Works consulted:

Transactions of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society -  
Surtees Society, Smith's "Old Yorkshire".  
Records of Clergy from Borthwick Institute etc.  
Watson's "History of Halifax"  
Dugdales Visitations of Yorkshire, Yorkshire men of the  
Restoration.

Margery Rodger

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MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTION FROM STURTON-LE-STEEPLE

The following epitaph was found in the churchyard of Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts.

Sarah the wife of  
Philip Turgoose died Oct  
19th 1789 Aged 66 years

This world's a town and full of crooked streets  
Death is the market place where all men meets  
Was life a merchantdce that men could buy  
The rich would always live the poor would die  
I leave this world which well I know is vain  
In hopes in heaven to meet my friends again.

Mrs.E.M.Beech

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TO BRING THE DEAD TO LIFE

To bring the dead to life  
Is no great magic  
Few are wholly dead:  
Blow on a dead man's embers  
And a live flame will start.

Robert Graves

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

In New Street there is one particular yard where night soil is piled at the backs of the houses to a height of 6 or 7 feet, completely obstructing the road to the privy itself which is full and offensively dirty. The drainage from this pestiferous heap into the adjoining houses is abominable, and the stench which must enter the windows directly over it must be awful.

Black Lion yard Westbar is also very bad.

The privies in Scargill Croft are all badly placed, often full and extremely filthy, but the inhabitants of this locality are living a so depraved and besotted life that they appear to be perfectly insensible to the effects.

One privy in The Black Lion Yard has not been emptied for 7 years.

Court No 7 Silver Street is very filthy, so is Paradise Lane. Nor must we omit mention of a house which receives drainage from the privies of Queen Street Chapel, this is sometimes mixed with water from the Graves. The families are constantly ill.

Lee Croft, Hawley Croft, School Croft, and Sims Croft, here the houses are irregularly built, but of respectable construction, but many are very dirty.

A privy in Lee Croft is shared by 18 houses and stinks. Brights Yard has always got Scarlet Fever.

No 4 Court Hawley Croft has only one privy for the use of 18 houses, but it is kept scrupulously clean by its owner.

Watsons Walk, Hartshead, and Campo Lane, here lots of night needs moving. Between Hartshead and High Street is a yard deliled by Pig manure, and privy drainage which appears to cause no disquiet to the occupants.

Woodhouse Lane near Regent Street is filthy.

Carrying on our investigation into the district bounded by Beet Street, Lower Allen Street, Gibraltar Street, West Bar Green, and Broad Lane. We find it more densely populated in relation to its extent than any district previously mentioned. The houses are ill constructed, badly oighted and ventilated, back to back, and generally 3 stories high. The atmosphere is loaded with miasma to a degree which is highly pernicious, no wonder will be expressed at this after the perusal of the details which follow.

The drainage and night soil from privies is 2 feet deep in Broad Lane making it a fertile source of disease.

In Wheeldon Street the drainage from privies into the houses is causing a lot of Dysentry.

No 14 Court Broad Lane is bad. White Croft and Pea Croft are very bad. Parkins Yard Peacroft is very bad, and from Scotland Street to Gibraltar Street is also very bad. Dentons Yard and Pierces Yard are both bad in Scotland Street.

Barrack Yard Pea Croft is bad, filth drains into William Kings

shop so that the shop is sometimes 2 feet deep in filth. Court No 2 Hollis Croft is very close and one of the worst seen, 3 storey houses back to back, no air at all, cesspool generally full, and refuse so great that the house adjoining is seldom occupied, hardly any children grew up, 30 young Children died.

Hollis Croft itself is dark and close.

All the yards in Lambert Street have large accumulations of night soil, and are otherwise filthy and offensive.

Court 5 Pea Croft is close and filthy. Court 15 Edward Street is bad.

Cross Smithfields is very filthy. Jacksons Yard, Allen Street has only one privy for 21 families, and Sambourne Square is also very bad.

Court 3 Edward Street, here the privies drain and evaporate into the adjoining houses.

Courts 25 & 26 Pea Croft are filthy with large accumulations of rubbish.

There is a large cesspool in Furnace hill,

From St. George's Church to the River Don Via Allen Street is of more modern construction, but Liecester Square is very bad, and Hammond Street is saturated with house and other drainage.

Finally St. Philips Road, Upper Wentworth Street, and Allen Street are foul and offensive.

J.E.Shortland

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM JAMES OXLEY TO HIS WIFE, ANN

The James Oxley who signs the letter from which the following extract is taken was my great grandfather (1811-1881) and the original was found in my father's deed box after his death in 1977 along with price lists relating to the family cutlery business but neither my brothers nor I knew of their existence until 1977. The Archivist at the Library repaired all the documents for me and took photocopies for their records.

I am sure my grandfather must have been an excellent provider for his family as I understand he was fairly successful but I wonder if he was a figure of awe to his family as well.

There was no envelope but the letter was folded and inscribed on the outside - "Mrs Oxley at Mr. Wildgoose's, Eyam, Derbyshire". There was no stamp but it was postmarked "Sheffield SE2 1844 B" and again "Bakewell, Sp 3".

Their only son in 7 children, my grandfather James Jenkinson Oxley, had been born on 17th March that year so he was 6 months old at the time the letter was written. Perhaps Ann hadn't been well and had gone to Eyam for a holiday and maybe taken the baby with her, but I notice he didn't mention the baby though I suppose he did in other letters. How I wish they had been preserved as well.

My great grandfather was a member of the Darby Brethren but I didn't know of this until I put a claim in for family gravestones in the General Cemetery about 4 years ago. The Legal Department at the Town Hall wrote to tell me that the Darby Brethren were also claimants and I was put in touch with one of their members. Apparently they had gone through the burial registers of the General Cemetery office looking for the names of long dead members who had conducted burial services and making notes of deceased persons and their families.

Win Bolton (nee Oxley)

Sheffield,  
Sept. 2nd 1844.

My Dear Ann,

Emma is now quite well, all that is left of her complaint is a little cough which is common, Mr.F. saith. She is taking Linseed & Spanish juice. I think of sending her to school today. Well that is another trouble past. We will be thankful. "It will soon be done, it will soon be o'er, we will join with them that are gone before."

This is delightful weather. I hope you are really enjoying it. It is a fine beginning for September. Almost all Sheffield are gone to Hull this morning for 3/11 each, returning tonight. On Thursday the Sunday Schools go, 3/- Teachers, 1/- children. Last Monday the Church Schools went to York and got to Sheffield at one in the morning, often some of them at Fulwood and other places got home at 3 o'clock. How strange that Christians should allow what should be their simple work to be trammelled and confused by such things.....etc etc

From your affectionate husband

Jas.Oxley.

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A LIMERICK

A genealogical fan  
Was probing the past with his gran.  
She answered re Joan,  
Whose Dad was unknown,  
She was not in the family plan.

Eileen Allen

DIARY OF A VOYAGE TO QUEENSLAND

Saturday April 25th 1863.

Took possession of our berths in cabin no.8 on board the "Young Australia", superintended shipment of luggage, fitted up cabin then went on shore and had a farewell glass with our friends.

Sunday April 26th.

The steam tug, "John Petley" towed us to Graves End where we anchored about 9am, balloted for the post of Captain of the Mess, a weekly honour which all of us have to share; it fell on Mr.Logan, a young man from the north of Ireland. Warwick, Tom and Moore went on shore. In the afternoon cousin Fred Dunn and Mr.Drabble paid us a visit and gave us a parting cheer as they passed in the steamer.

Monday April 27th.

Tom and Fred went on shore to purchase sugar, cocoa, butter and pepper. At dinner we were somewhat surprised by an unexpected visit from Mr.Ellis and Mr.Lowe, who brought with them a sprig of Penny Royal and a quantity of garden seeds, including six varieties of tobacco seed. In the afternoon we made the necessary declaration entitling us to a certificate, which we shall have to present at Brisbane when we claim our land orders. We were then inspected by the Emigration Officer and Doctor and the ship was cleared. We were then at liberty to sail as soon as the Captain thought fit.

Tuesday April 28th

Weighed anchor at about 3am and sailed away, keeping close by land until we came to White Cliffe, a small village on the North Foreland, when we dropped anchor. During the night the ship rolled considerably, making many miserable. First allowance of ships stores served out this day by Mr.Corri, Superintendent; the purser not having come on board.

Wednesday April 29th.

Left the North Foreland about 5am keeping close to shore. Saw Dover, Dungeness and Brighton and the coast of France. Had a rough night, Mr.Logan from his post. W.D.Ellis appointed to succeed him.

Thursday April 30th.

Anchored within the breakwater at Plymouth about breakfast time, 27 hours sailing, having passed the North Foreland of Plymouth Sound. Tom and Corporal had a walk round the town. Mr.Moore also on shore. A fresh purser came on board; the first one having been drowned in the East India docks, the night we had changed our position in the docks.

### Friday May 1st.

About 80 fresh passengers came on board, besides extra provisions, ships stores, rigging, water etc. Bibles and tracts were distributed to those who were supposed to require them by an agent of Tract Society. About noon the "Orient", a clipper from Adelaide sailed, our Captain promising us that we would soon overtake her. The doctor, emigration officer and Messrs. Mackay & Co's clerk again inspected us on the poop. Late in the afternoon pilots came on board. We weighed anchor, sailed about 7 o'clock and soon were out of sight of land.

### Sunday May 3rd.

Bar 30.15 Thermometer 60°F.

Corporal rather better, William and Thomas still suffering from sickness. Attended a Service on the poop, which was read by the doctor. during one of the lurches the ship gave, it overturned a fowls' pen and laid a number of the congregation on their backs. Signalled a French ship which was about half a mile distant.

### Monday May 4th.

Bar 30.20. Thermo. 63°F.

Under plain sails, nearly recovered from our sea sickness. Saw several porpoises - they are large, ugly fish, frequently jumping out of the water or swimming near the surface as to cleave the air with their dorsal fin. The evening air exceedingly balmy and refreshing.

### Tuesday May 5th.

Bar 30.20. Thermo. 63°F.

Exchanged signals with an Austrian brig which passed close astern of us. Sighted several other ships. Saw a ship's boat capsized and covered with seaweed float passed us. Warwick appointed captain of the Mess, one of our mess mates (Mr. Logan) unwell. Now about 1400 miles distant from Plymouth. A large whale was seen by several of our fellow passengers, spouting water to a considerable height. William and Corporal made first pudding which tasted very good. Saw phosphorescence in the sea this evening, which shone very beautifully. A good deal of noise made about old Bod Midley and Billy Patterson by the inmates of the second cabin on deck who are not best of singers.

### Thursday May 7th.

Bar 30.25 Thermo 64°F.

Sighted the western side of Madiera. Passed a Spanish brig. A number of the passengers and crew were intoxicated; one, the engineer, not being able to look after himself could not take care of the distilling apparatus and nearly caused an explosion, which, fortunately was prevented by one of the officers, the offender safely ironed.

to be continued.

Mrs.D.Ellis

## BOOKLIST

J.S.W.Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB has produced two new guides and a new edition in his well-known series.

UNPUBLISHED PERSONAL NAME INDEXES IN RECORD OFFICES AND LIBRARIES (32pp., £1.00 +<sup>20p</sup> p+p, 75p airmail o'seas) is a natural companion to his best selling "Marriage, Census and Other Indexes". It should bring to the attention of family historians the existence of many indexes to classes of records which they did not before realise existed, suggesting new lines of research and information to be found on their ancestors. It is described as "An Interim Guide", as he feels sure there must be many more such indexes to be discovered in libraries and other specialised repositories. News of such from users will be much appreciated.

THE HEARTH TAX, OTHER LATER STUART TAX LISTS AND THE ASSOCIATION OATH ROLLS (60pp, £1.50 + 25p p+p, £1.10 airmail o'seas) is his most ambitious Guide to date, and will for the first time make it easy to find and know just what exists both in the Public Record Office and locally. It has involved the actual examination of well over a thousand documents in the P.R.O. so that a brief description of condition, legibility and approximate number of names contained may be given, together with actual calendar dates (rather than regnal years) where possible. The lists of Association Oath Rolls first published by Cliff Webb in the Genealogists' Magazine are shown under each county for easy reference. Scottish and Irish Tax lists of the period are included.

RECORD OFFICES: WHERE TO FIND THEM, a third edition by Pamela Peskett and J.S.W.Gibson has revised maps of London (showing the new location of the Society of Genealogists), Worcester (with the new County Record Office) and Edinburgh (with the G.R.O.) There are two new maps, of Barrow-in-Furness and Grimsby. The price remains £1.00 +20p p+p, 75p airmail o'seas.

Copies of all these (and the other seven guides in the series) are available direct from Mr.Gibson and from the Federation stocist.

New editions of the McLaughlin Guides, published by the Federation:

ST.CATHERINE'S HOUSE

SOMERSET HOUSE WILLS FROM 1858

INTERVIEWING ELDERLY RELATIVES

ILLIGITIMACY

THE WATERLOO ROLL CALL by Charles Dalton F.R.G.S. Published by William Clowes & Sons Ltd., 13 Charing Cross, S.W.1890.

THE TRAFALGAR ROLL by Col.Robt.Holden Mackenzie F.S.A.Scot. Published Cornmarket Press, London. Geo Allen & Co. Ltd. 1913.

These rolls list the names of all the officers and men taking part.