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## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly 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. Fortnightly informal meetings are held at the Order of Foresters on Trippet Lane, Sheffield. The Society caters for those parts of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire which are within convenient travelling distance of Sheffield.

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## EDITORIAL

For anyone who has not attended one, I can recommend the various Day Conferences, or as a special treat the Genealogical Congresses held for about five days most years. I recently attended the Society of Genealogists' 75th Anniversary Congress in Oxford. It was a most rewarding experience. Not only were there lots of fascinating lectures to attend but one had the opportunity of meeting many other people equally enthusiastic about family history.

Our informal meetings at "The Foresters", Trippet Lane, are becoming more and more popular. For those who have not yet sampled this venue it now holds a wealth of sources with more being acquired all the time. Members who have interesting and unique records such as Wills etc. that may be of interest to other members are asked to photocopy them and deposit the copy at the Foresters where we hope to build up a collection of such material.

By the time you read this, we hope you have already booked your place at our Anniversary Dinner in March. If not you are urged to do so as soon as possible.

As usual many thanks to all those who have contributed to this Journal. Please keep on sending material, articles, news items, information or just snippets.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

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#### NEWS AND NOTES

##### Notice for Out-of-Town Members

It has come to my notice that a few out-of-town members are abusing the willingness of some Sheffield members to look up items in our local archives office. Members are NOT professional genealogists and while some are willing to help by looking up the odd item to enable out-of-town members continue their researches they cannot do long and detailed searches. Anyone wanting a lot of work done should contact a professional genealogist and not expect lengthy and time consuming work to be done free by members .

##### 1851 Census Index Searches

Mr.Richard Wardale is doing searches until the indexes are published on microfiche but is only taking postal requests NOT telephone calls.

##### Dublin Record Office

When asked to search a specific year Dublin Record Office includes the two years before the stated date but not the 2 years after it. (i.e. they only do a 3 year search.)

## Collaboration Index

Mrs. Rosemary Watts, 14 Whitegates Close, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3JG keeps an index of people willing to collaborate with other family historians by doing reciprocal research. She is appealing for any Sheffield based members with interests in Dorset to contact her as she has a gentleman in Dorset with "limited and specific requirements" in Sheffield whom she has not so far been able to match up. As he was the first person ever to contact her she is most anxious to find him a collaborator.

## M.I.s for Woodhouse Chapel.

These have been recorded and are available in the Society Library at the Foresters. The names on the eleven stones are:

MOORE	STANFORTH	WARD
POTTER	BIRKS	LE-TALL
FOWLER	BRAMALL	LINLEY
HARDCASTLE	LEWIS	HERRING

## Valediction of William Fenton

Mr. Richard Wardale, 18 Meadows Court, Anvil Close, Stannington, Sheffield S6 5JN has the above valediction dated 23rd November 1900. Anyone interested should contact him at the above address.

## Bedfordshire F.H.S. One Day Conference

A one day conference to be held at Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire on Saturday 9th May 1987. The programme will include Michael Nash on "The Derivation and use of Christian Names", Florence Hurst on "The Origin of Surnames", Arnold Baines on "Places and Surnames" and Chris Barrett on "One Name Studies". The cost will be £6.50 per person, including lunch, tea and coffee. Those who have attended previous B.F.H.S. conferences will be pleased to know that there will be the usual high quality caterers and a licensed bar. Application forms available after January 1st 1987 from Mrs G. Dolman, 72 Staines Square, Dunstable, Beds LU6 3JQ.

## Cleveland C.R.O.

The new address of the Cleveland C.R.O. is 6, Marton Road, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS1 1DB.

## Strays in the 1861 and 1881 Census Returns.

It is hoped to make an index of servants, visitors, lodgers and in-laws found in the 1861 and 1881 censuses. These are the people who are not with their families or who have a different surname from that of the householder. Although such an index will obviously be far from complete it should enable some members to find lost

ancestors if everyone sends in their census extracts. The information required is the name of the person, their age and the address at which they were recorded in the appropriate census. This basic information will enable others to find these names on census reels. No reference numbers are needed for our index. Can all members please look at their records and send their strays to Mrs.D.Marsden, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6LB or bring their records to her at "The Foresters" or our general meetings. This is a project in which all members can share - let's hope all members will!!

#### Rotherham Archives & Local Studies Opening Times

The opening hours of the Archives and Local Studies of Rotherham Central Library, as from September 1st are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	10am - 5pm
Wednesday	1pm - 7pm
Thursday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm

All the historical microfilms (census, parish registers, Rotherham Advertiser etc) and the IGI that were available in the main library are now available only in the Archives and Local Studies section. Readers wishing to use material on microfilm are advised to telephone or write in advance to book a reader.

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#### THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

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Dear Editor,

You may like to know that soon a microfiche will be on the market by the newly formed Police Historical Society of the "Police Gazette" for the 19th century. It is full of names and descriptions. Enquiries should be sent to Supt.L.A.Waters M.A., Cambridgeshire Police H.Q., Hinchingsbrooke Parke, Huntingdon, Cambs. The annual Journal of the Police History Society price £4 can be ordered by non-members.

Yours etc.

Eileen Perrin.

4 Wordsworth Ave,  
Penistone,  
Sheffield S30 6EX.

Dear Editor,

I was very pleased to read in the Summer 1986 ( Vol.6 No.4) edition of "The Flowing Stream" not one but two articles which referred to families in which I am interested. The first was the Hawksworths of Upper Midhope - a family which has puzzled and intrigued me for some time and the second was about the Middletons of Bradwell.

Many of my ancestors originated from Bradwell and many of the names I am researching are well known in the area, e.g. Middleton, Hall, Barber and Evans. The local historian and author of "Bradwell, Ancient and Modern", Seth Evans was first cousin to my great grandmother, Sarah Hannah Evans. Like many other inhabitants of Bradwell in the mid 19th century, Sarah left the village in the 1860s and moved to Stocksbridge (10 miles north of Sheffield), where Samuel Fox of Bradwell had built his factory, manufacturing among other things the umbrella frames for which he became renowned and which provided employment for many of his former acquaintances from Bradwell.

I have a fairly extensive family tree of the Evans family from the mid 18th century to 1900 and would very much like to hear from anyone who is interested in this family or who knows anything about them. I would particularly like to know where they originated from, as the last definite date in the local parish registers was the marriage of Johnson Evans and Jane Pointon at Hope on 6th February 1766. Was Johnson Evans Welsh as his surname suggests? or could there have been links with the Evans of Wirksworth from whom the novelist George Elliott was descended? I would dearly like to know!

Yours etc.,

J.Claire Roebuck.

Ed.'s Note: Mrs.Roebuck also expressed her appreciation of the work done by the committee of the F.H.S. In the year since she joined she has received a lot of help and encouragement from the Society and has established contact with several other members researching the same names.

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Dear Editor,

1987 is the centenary year of the international language Esperanto. This language started life in Warsaw in 1887 and soon gained adepts throughout Europe. People in Britain began to learn Esperanto around the turn of the century, and many Esperanto societies were set up throughout the country prior to the first world war. Their activities were disrupted by both world wars, and most of them still meet today. However, minute books, photographs and early letters giving accounts of their activities have largely disappeared.

I would be grateful to hear from readers whose parents or grandparents learned and used Esperanto during the first fifty years of its life. I am anxious to trace missing letters, postcards and other documents which might shed light on the early history of the Esperanto movement in Britain. Please write to me at the above address. All letters will of course be acknowledged.

Yours etc.,

Hilary Chapman (Historical Advisor  
Esperanto Centenary Committee)

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#### SOCIETY MEETINGS

##### Visit to Cusworth Hall Saturday 7th June 1986

About 30 members met at the museum and were given a short introductory lecture by Alison Morrish, the curator of the museum.

The present hall was started in 1740 by William Wrightson, who employed the Rotherham architect George Platt, to build the central block and the two wings as viewed from the main entrance drive. In 1750-54 two wings were added which were designed by James Paine (who also designed Nostell Priory and Sandbeck Park). The hall has a gate house which was originally 2 cottages (with one room upstairs and one room down) and it is said that a woman brought up six children in one of these cottages. The cottages were later joined into one house and until 1974 were lived in by the old cook.

The grounds were designed in 1763 by Richard Wood, who constructed three lakes with a cascade so that they looked like a continuation of the River Don.

Sheffield and District Family History Society.

Directory of Members' Interests: Supplement 3: September 1986.

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Mr. E.W. Taylor, 402 Rosedale drive, Taylor, PA. 18517, USA. is trying to locate the families of George and Harry HOPE. They lived in Sheffield in 1905. George Hope lived at Duke St Baths and Harry Hope lived at 12 Masboro Terrace, Carbroke. It is possible that some of their grandchildren are still living in Sheffield. George Hope was active in Handsworth Methodist Church. If anyone knows of living members of this family please contact Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Betney, 7 Blackthorne Ave., Ellesmere Port, South Wirral, Cheshire L66 2UN. is interested in Joseph BETNEY father of John BETNEY who was born in Sheffield. John was 36 in 1861 Census. If anyone is able to help please contact Mr. Betney.

Yorkshire Families Directory 1.

A Corrections and Additions list is available from September 1986. If you would like a copy of this list please send a S.A.E. to :-

Mr. J.P. Perkins, 24 Withens Ave., Sheffield. S6 1WE.

Name	Place	Co.	Period	No.
ACKROYD & variants	Doncaster	YKS	1800 - 1830	177
ACKROYD & variants	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1830	177
ARTHINGTON	Huddersfield	YKS	1822 - 1877	176
ARTHINGTON	Warley	YKS	1740 - 1821	170
AWDAS	Sheffield	YKS	1707 - 1795	275
BAILEY	Ecclesfield	YKS	Pre 1791	284
BAILEY	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1791	284
BALL	Nottingham	NTT	Pre 1769	274
BANNISTER	London	MDX	Pre 1900	267
BANNISTER	Scotland		Pre 1900	267
BARCLAY	London	MDX	Pre 1900	267
BARCLAY	Scotland		Pre 1900	267
BARKER	Winster	DBY	Pre 1816	286
BARRITT	Bury	LAN	1821 - 1892	270
BARRITT	Preston	LAN	1815 +	270
BEDFORD	Kirton Lindsey	LIN	19 C	285
BEECH	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900	287
BELLAMY	East Retford	NTT	E 19 C	277
BERRY	Sheffield	YKS	1823 - 1838	270
BIRD	Matlock Bath	DBY	19 C	285
BIRD	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	285
BISHOP	Sheffield	YKS	C 1800	274
BISHOP	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1796	286
BLAND	Hereford	HEF	19 C	285
BLAND	Kirton Lindsey	LIN	19 C	285
BLAND	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	285
BOOTH	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	277
BOTTEM	Belper	DBY	Pre 1785	271
BOTTOM	Belper	DBY	Pre 1785	271
BOTTOM	Handsworth Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1830	274
BOUCHER	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900	287
BRADBURY	London	MDX	Pre 1837	269
BRAMALL	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1837	270
BRAMHILL	Epworth	YKS	1820 's - 1930	283
BRAMHILL	Rotherham	YKS	1820 's - 1930	283
BRAMMALL	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1837	270
BRAMWELL	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1837	270
BRAY	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1837	269
BROADHURST	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1850	279
BROOKES	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1810	284
BROWN	Chesterfield	DBY	1913	268
BROWN	Totley	DBY	E 19 C	277
BURGESS	Chesterfield	DBY	1880	268
BUTTON	Anywhere		Pre 1769	274
CAMM		DBY	Pre 1790	271
CARNALL	London	MDX	1880 +	267
CARNALL	Sheffield	WRY	1700 +	267
CARROLL	Bolnhrst	BDF	19 C	277
CLARK	Workop	NTT	1789 - 1880 's	283
COGGAN	Sheffield	YKS	1850 's	283
COOPER	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1850	284
COULTER	Ballantrae	SCT	19 C	276
CROOKES		LIN	Pre 1820	274
CROOKS		LIN	Pre 1820	274
CROW	Spridlington	LIN	17 - 18 C	276
DARLING	Sheffield	YKS	1804 - 1878	283
DARNBOROUGH		YKS	19 C	281
DICKINSON	Manchester	LAN	19 C	277
DIXON	America		19 C	277
DOWLMAN	Fulstow	LIN	18 - 19 C	276
DUNGWORTH Hudson	Sheffield	YKS	1850 - 1870	177
DUNN	Sheffield	YKS	1700 - 1878	273
ELLIS	Newent	GLS	19 C	276
FARRANCE	Pamlico	LDN	19 C	276
FARRAR	Warley	YKS	1785 - 1810	270
FENCOTT	Yatton	HEF	Pre 1829	282
FEREDAY	Owston Ferry	LIN	19 C	277
FIELDSEND	Lincoln	LIN	18 - 19 C	276
FIELDSON	Lincoln	LIN	18 - 19 C	276
FLEETWOOD	Barnsley	YKS	Pre 1830	284
FLEETWOOD	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1830	284
FLINN	Beverley	YKS	Pre 1835	286
FLINN	Sheffield	YKS	1840	286
GARRATT	Rotherham	YKS	19 - 20 C	281
GIBSON	Glasgow	SCT	19 C	276
GILBERT	St Neots	HUN	19 C	277
GODLEY	Bassingham	LIN	E 19 C	277
GOSLING	Eckington	DBY	19 C	285
GOSLING	Masbro Rotherham	YKS	19 C	285
GRAVES	Bradfield	YKS	13 - 17 C	272
GRAVES	Ecclesfield	YKS	20 C	272
GRAVES	Penistone	YKS	18 - 19 C	272

Name	Place	Co.	Period	No.
GREAVES	Rotherham	YKS	18 - 19 C	276
GREAVES	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	277
GREAVES	Soho	L.DN	19 C	276
GREEN	Rotherham	YKS	18 C	276
GREGORY	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	277
GROVES	Evershot	DOR	1860	278
GUEST	Sheffield	YKS	1880's	283
HALL	Kirby Knowle	NRY	c 1780	45
HALLAS	Honley	YKS	1802	270
HALLAS	Saddleworth	YKS	1823 - 1871	270
HAMSHAW	Hull	YKS	19 C	281
HARTLEY		YKS	19 C	281
HASELOCK	Wolverhampton	STS	L 18 C	277
HAWKES	Minsterworth	GLS	1550 - 1850	280
HAWKES	Stroud	GLS	1750 - 1850	280
HAWKES	Westbury on Severn	GLS	1750 - 1850	280
HAWKSWORTH	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1850	284
HETHERINGTON	Sunderland	DUR	1811 - 1823	270
HILL	Sheffield	YKS	c 1830	274
HILTON	Mansfield Woodhouse	NTT	Pre 1900	287
HILTON	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900	287
HOLDSWORTH	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1808	286
HOLMES	Nottingham	NTT	Pre 1812	271
HOUSLEY	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1870	284
HOWELL	Bristol		Pre 1900	280
HOYE	Fulbourn	CAM	Pre 1867	282
HUTCHINSON	Anywhere		Pre 1820	274
JACKSON	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1900	284
JACKSON	Skelton	CUL	19 C	277
JENKINSON Florrie	Sheffield	YKS	1880 - 1885	177
JENNINGS	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1850	279
JEWITT	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1700	271
JONES	Newport	SAL	E 19 C	277
JOWETT	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1700	271
KAY	Kelso	SCT	1771	270
KEALEY	Eaton	LEI	1828	278
KIRBY	Handsworth Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1830	274
KIRK	Arnold	NTT	19 C	277
KIRKBY	Handsworth Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1830	274
LANE	London	MDX	1880's	283
LANGHELT	* Anywhere		All	276
LAURIE	Jarrow	DUR	19 C	276
LAVERACK	Hull	YKS	18 - 19 C	281
LEE	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1794	286
LINE	Turnchapel	DEV	Pre 1900	280
LINGARD	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1817	286
LIVERSEDGE	Woodhouse Sheffield	WRY	1880	268
LONGDEN	Winster	DBY	Pre 1819	286
MacGREGOR	Balquidder		1700 +	267
MacGREGOR	Corryarklet		1600 - 1700	267
MacGREGOR	Glenegyle		1600 - 1700	267
MacLEAN	Skye	SCT	19 C	276
MARSHALL	Roughton	LIN	19 C	277
MASON	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1820	274
MAWDESLEY	Wigan	LAN	1743 - 1821 +	270
MCKAY	Sunderland	DUR	1006 - 1849	270
MCKENZIE	Skye	SCT	19 C	276
McLEOD	Skye	SCT	19 C	276
MELLUISH	London	MDX	Pre 1837	269
MEMMOTT	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1850	279
NORRIS	Stockingford	WAR	1861	268
NORRIS	Taynton	GLS	18 - 19 C	276
MOUNTNEY	Elton	DBY	1841	268
MOYSE	Plymouth	DEV	Pre 1750	271
NADIN	Sheffield	YKS	1780 - 1800	177
NELSON	Bristol		1800 - 1950	280
NELSON	Caithness		Pre 1850	280
OATES	Sheffield		Pre 1805	269
OLIVER	Belton	WRY	1790 - 1870's	283
OWEN	Owensville	USA	Pre 1867	282
OWEN	Wales	CMN	Pre 1867	282
PALMER	Bath	SOM	19 C	276
PARKES	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	285
PEARCE	Mitcheldean	GLS	18 - 19 C	276
PEARCE	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	281
PEARSON	Barnsley	YKS	19 C	281
PEARSON	Rotherham	YKS	19 C	281
PERCIVAL	Nocton	LIN	1829	268
POWELL	Leeds	YKS	19 - 20 C	281
PRIESTLY	Dronfield	DBY	Pre 1750	271
RAGSDALE		NTT	Pre 1800	274
RAWLINGS	Tupsley	HEF	Pre 1834	282

Name	Place	Co.	Period	No.
REVEL	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1750	279
RIDGEWAY	Nuneaton	WAR	1855	268
ROBERTS Mark	Sheffield	YKS	1840	177
ROCKETT	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1750	279
ROEBUCK	Owston Ferry	LIN	L 18 C	277
RUSSELL	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1810	279
SCOTT	Sheffield	YKS	c 1800	274
SCOTT	Stanley	YKS	Pre 1765	286
SHARP	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1811	284
SHAW	Burslem	STS	1786 - 1851	270
SHAW	Congleton	CHS	1807 +	270
SHAW	Tunstall	STS	1832 - 1854	270
SHAW	Wolstanton	STS	1786 - 1851	270
SHELDON		DBY	Pre 1773	271
SHIRT	Holmesfield	YKS	1830 - 1850	177
SHIRT	Sheffield	YKS	1830 - 1850	177
SIDDALL	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	285
SILINGER	Wales	CMN	Pre 1870	282
SIMS		SRY	18 - 19 C	281
SMALLMAN	Rotherham	YKS	19 C	281
SMITH	Wickenbrook	SFK	Pre 1868	282
SNIDALL	Sheffield	YKS	1690 - 1950 +	283
SOUTHWOOD	Bristol		Pre 1900	280
STANFORTH	c Sheffield	YKS	19 C	274
STENGER	Strasbourg France		1760 - 1875	270
STENGER	Sunderland	DUR	1875 +	270
STOKES	High Easter	ESS	17 - 19 C	276
STOKES	Sheffield	YKS	19 - 20 C	281
STORER	Chilvers Coton	WAR	1855	268
SWIFT	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1780	284
SWINDEN	Ecclesall Bierlow	YKS	Pre 1830	274
TASKER	Anywhere		19 C	274
TAYLOR	Birmingham	WAR	Pre 1835	286
TAYLOR	Easingwold	YKS	1880	283
TAYLOR	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1837	269
TAYLOR	Sheffield	YKS	19 C	274
THOMPSON		NTT	18 C	274
THOMPSON	Ballantrae	SCT	19 C	276
THOMPSON	Sunderland	DUR	1790 - 1876	270
TILL	Owston Ferry	LIN	E 19 C	277
TORR	Rotherham	YKS	19 C	281
TRICKETT	Sheffield	YKS	Pre 1829	286
TUDOR	Sheffield	YKS	1700 - 1840	273
TYLER	Bristol	GLS	Pre 1833	286
UNDY		NTT	1800 - 1840	177
UNDY	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1840	177
UNWIN	Grenoside	YKS	Pre 1809	284
VALENTINE	Wolverhampton	STS	L 18 C	277
WALL		NTT	1800 - 1880	177
WALL	Sheffield	YKS	1800 - 1880	177
WARD	Helmsley	YKS	1790 - 1870	270
WARD	Saddleworth	YKS	1840 - 1870	270
WARDLE		NTT	1750 - 1820	177
WARDLE	Sheffield	YKS	1750 - 1820	177
WARING		LEI	1829	278
WARREN	Sunderland	DUR	1843 - 1897	270
WEBB	Bennington	HRT	18 C	276
WEBB	Epping	ESS	19 C	276
WHATMAN	Minsterworth	GLS	Pre 1850	280
WHATMOUGH	Northampton	NTH	Pre 1798	271
WHITAKER	Rothwell	YKS	Pre 1783	286
WHITE	Evershot	DOR	c 1835	278
WHITEHORN	Lambeth	SRY	19 C	281
WILLIAMS	Jarrow	DUR	19 C	276
WILSON	Carwath SCT	LKS	Pre 1855	267
WILSON	Corstorohine SCT	MLN	1855 +	267
WILSON	Mirriwa AUS	NSW	1920 +	267
WILSON	Ordsall	NTT	1778 - 1850's	283
WILSON	Ratho SCT	MLN	1855 +	267
WILSON	Sheffield	YKS	1810 - 1880	283
WINTER	Dronfield	DBY	Pre 1815	286
WOODHEAD	Halifax	YKS	1800 +	283
WOODHEAD	Sheffield	YKS	1800 +	283
WRIGHT	High Ongar	ESS	18 C	276
WRIGHT	Sheffield	WRY	Pre 1811	269

In 1952 the last owner, Robert Cecil Battie-Wrightson, died and due to the large death duties the entire contents of the house were sold and so the house today is not furnished in the style of a stately home.

Cusworth Hall was first opened in 1967 as an Industrial Museum but in 1974 it was changed to become the Museum of South Yorkshire Life. The exhibits are varied and interesting ranging from whips and tops to a 1920's office. It truly does cover all aspects of South Yorkshire Life - Agriculture, Mining, Railways. It also has a costume collection and a collection of the kind of articles used in the "downstairs" part of the house. They have many activities during the year including a Victorian Christmas in which people dress up in Victorian costumes, sit by blazing log fires and by Victorian parlour games.

Angela Kendrick.

Meeting at Dore 17th July 1986

Following the recording of Dore churchyard by a small group of ladies from our Society, the church as a "thank you" invited members to Dore during the week of the Well Dressing. A group of about 30 members was entertained royally. Firstly we looked round the church where the final touches were being put to magnificent flower arrangements in preparation for their flower festival. Then a guided tour of the village was led by Mrs. Aldridge.

To round off a most enjoyable evening we were treated to a beautiful magnificent home-made buffet supper in the church hall. The Society extends its thanks to all those who helped to make our evening there such a happy occasion.

Denise Marsden.

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OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

DARLING	Mr. Andrew Woodhead, 35 Bramley Grange Crescent, Bramley,
WOODHEAD	Rotherham, S66 0UX is seeking information on the
TRICKETT	following people. John Darling who married Rhoda in
	Sheffield before 1805. Thomas Woodhead who married Harriot
	Trickett in Sheffield 1818-1828. Frederick Woodhead (saw
	grinder) who married Grace Darling 1860-1869 Sheffield area.
STOREY	John Storey born 1813-1817 Chesterfield.
LANE	Herbert Lane b. June 30th 1881 London. Parents names
	unknown.
SNIDALL	Thomas Snidall who married someone in Sheffield 1741-1750.

Mrs.D.M.Townend, 62 Smithywood Lane. Dodworth, Barnsley is seeking information on the following:  
 Marriage pre 1856 of William Redman son of Benjamin and Ann born Gainsborough 1825 to Ann Barnsley. A daughter Grace Louisa was born in Lincs 1856. Who was Ann Barnsley? Grace Louisa emigrated to Australia 1870 presumably her parents went with her.

BARNESLEY  
 REDMAN

George Critchlow and wife Charlotte nee Barnsley living Townend Farm, Aldwark, Derbys. 1871 ages respectively 42 and 47. Charlotte daughter of George Barnsley who died 1876. Any information after 1871 welcome.

CRITCHLOW  
 BARNESLEY

Mrs.William L.Ary, 1317 Oak Hill Drive, Newton, NC 28658 U.S.A. is seeking information about parents and/or siblings of Margaret Ann Burke born in Sheffield 22 May 1829 to George H.Burke and Jennie Young. She emigrated to U.S.A. and married Christian Christiansen. All letters answered.

BURKE  
 YOUNG  
 CHRISTIANSEN

Jean F.Vore, Route 1, Box 28A, Omaha, Arkansas 72662 U.S.A. is seeking information on George Wood possibly of Acorn Hill near Stannington in 1860. He had five sons, one of whom was John William Wood, wife Kezia Helliwell. John and Kezia lived in Sheffield in 1865 at "Don Brwery Yard". Who was George's wife and who were John's siblings. Postage refunded.

WOOD

Helliwell. John and Kezia lived in Sheffield in 1865 at "Don Brwery Yard". Who was George's wife and who were John's siblings. Postage refunded.

HELLWELL

Mrs.Ann Gray, 46 Rammoor View, 410 Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 3GG has been trying to find a record of Benjamin Sambourne's Naval Career. She has no particulars other than a letter he wrote to his mother saying that he was leaving Plymouth Naval Hospital and reporting to the Guard Ship. If she could find out the name of the ship or ships guarding Plymouth later 1778-1779 she might be able to get a lead. She has written to Devon R.O., Plymouth Hospital, Dartmouth Naval College and also had a day's searching at Kew. All proved negative. She would appreciate any information about Benjamin Sambourne or the names of Guard Ships for Plymouth late 1778.

SAMBOURNE

A second request is for a lady in America who would very much like to find any descendants of Henry Brown and Mary Wells 9 Sept 1828 and had a Joiner's Tools Factory at 108-110 Rockingham St. Wells Family Cutlers who had Cutlery Works in Wellington St and Trafalgar St. She would be glad to put anyone in touch.

BROWN  
 WELLS

Sheffield artists Sue Graves, c/o Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St, Sheffield S1 1XZ is researching Sheffield artists of the 19th and early 20th centuries and is anxious to trace works by them as well as biographical information. If anyone has an ancestor who was an artist, either professionally or as an amateur, or who might have exhibited with local art societies, she would be pleased to hear from them.

MITCHELL At the moment she is particularly interested in Young Mitchell (1811-65 Principal of the Sheffield School of Art 1846-63), his daughter Jean Mitchell (1861-1941) and her husband Frank Saltfleet (1860-1937), Young Mitchell's son, Francis Garden Mitchell was vicar at Brinsworth. She would be interested to hear from any descendants or from anyone who has works by these artists.

SALTFLEET

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OFFERS OF HELP

Essex Record Office Mr.N.Snowden, 71 Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford is willing to undertake SMALL items of research in the Essex Record Office on behalf of members.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Recent Journals from Family History Societies.

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YORK WILL INDEXES

In the last Journal mention was made of the importance of Wills in family research. I couldn't agree more. Many people think their forebears were all too poor to leave Wills. But there was much sliding up and down the social scale and many a labourer had prosperous forebears as I have found in my own case. The practice of the eldest son inheriting most of the property leaving the younger ones to make their own way was common.

Of course only a small proportion of the population left Wills, but some are listed as labourers, both in the Wills and Administrations where no Wills were made. When Parish Registers are few and dry up altogether in the 16th century, a vital clue may be found. Many family historians branch out into local history research through a

curiosity about their ancestors' surroundings. Here Wills can be a rich source of interest. I have often in the past wished that it was easier to find all the Wills from a particular place. Perhaps relatives and friends of the family being researched may appear in one of them. Acting as executors or witnesses or even beneficiaries, proving their existance in that place in the particular time.

With this in mind some months ago I decided to try and do something about it, the first fruits of which are now in the Archives Division of the central library in Sheffield and the Library in Rotherham. Eventually also in Doncaster, Archives, The Borthwick and the Y.A.S at Claremont Lane. Copies for the Society will be in Trippet Lane.

As you may know the Yorkshire Archaeological Society published in their Record Series volumes of index es to the Wills in the York Probate Registry, covering the whole of Yorkshire in the 16th and 17th centuries and earlier. These are often in reference libraries but are not available for borrowing in the usual way. I went through the laborious process of ordering one volume at a time through my local library at Rotherham. A frantic three weeks work ensued. I know it is possible for an extension of time, but one does not know in advance whether or not someone else is waiting. Many thanks are due to Dr. David Hey for coming to the rescue by letting me borrow several of his copies. Also to Mr. John Perkins for the loan of the commonwealth volume of Wills proved in London.

With the aid of "A Handlist of Parish Register Transcripts in the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research" which gives the Deanery of each parish in Yorkshire, I have picked out all the old Deanery of Doncaster Wills and Administrations which are of course already indexed by name, and I have indexed each volume extract by place, occupation or status.

It didn't take long for me to realise that I could not be as accurate as I had hoped. There are many duplicated place names in other parts of Yorkshire. The parish was not always given, only some tiny hamlet which could be anywhere unless one had local knowledge of the area. I have included places of the same name which were not obviously in other parts of Yorkshire. At the same time I must have missed others which I didn't recognise. In fact I am sorry the first extract has a few places I now realise are not in the Deanery of Doncaster from subsequent volumes. I must thank Dr. Postles from the Archives Division at the Cenral Library for allowing his staff to do the typing.

Three volume extracts are available at the moment 1514-1585. Also the Commonwealth Wills proved in London 1649-1660. I hope to continue with this project until the series ends in 1688. There are 44 Wills for Sheffield in the first volume I have done 1514-1553, 76 for Doncaster, 74 for Rotherham, 37 for Barnsley and 48 for Fishlake. Administrations for Sheffield 3, Doncaster 26, Rotherham 20, Barnsley 7 and Fishlake 3. Below are the 44 Wills for Sheffield.

Mary Robson.

## SHEFFIELD WILLS EXTRACTED FROM Y.A.S. RECORD SERIES VOL.XI

## INDEX OF WILLS IN THE YORK REGISTRY A.D.1514-1553

Probate		Vol	Fol
Jul 12 1521	ABSON als THOMSON, Nicoles (bur Sheffield) mercier Jun 5 1521	9	165
Jan 19 1542	ARCHEDALE, John, par Sheffelde, Oct 26 1542	11	648
Apr 20 1553	BARNSLAY, John, Sheffield, Jun 9 1548	13	986
Mar 1 1546	BEGHTON, Robert, Halome, par Sheffielde, Nov 16 1545	13	274
Apr 13 1546	BEIGHTON, John, Halome, par Sheffielde, Oct 21 1545	13	133
Oct 4 1548	BIRLEY, John, Attercliff, par Sheffield, yeoman, Aug 25 1545	13	433
Oct 5 1537	BOROWS, William, Sheffeld, Apr 2 1537	11	256
Apr 12 1543	BOYER (or BOWER) Richarde, Sheffielde, Oct 15 1542	11	660
Aug 1 1541	BRADSHAY, Thomas, Sheffelde, Mar 17 1540	11	564
Nov 14 1537	CRESWICKE, Thomas, Allerton, par Sheffelde Sep 20 1537	11	263
Apr 28 1547	CRESWIKE, Thomas, Hopathorpe, par Sheffelde, Dec 18 1546	13	299
Oct 2 1550	DAILE, Henrie, Sheffield, Apr 23 1550	13	659
Jul 7 1547	DAILLE, John, Attercliff, par Sheffield, May 11 1547	13	346
Oct 4 1548	DENT, George, Sheffeld, July 10 1548	13	432
Jun 5 1548	" Thomas, Sheffelde, Nov 27 1546	13	393
Apr 23 1550	FENTON, Richard, Sheffeld, Marchant, Jan 2 1549	13	610
Aug 8 1544	FOX, Robert, par Sheffelde, May 25 1544	11	768
Sep 3 1546	FOXE, Steven, Ecclesall, par Sheffeld, July 6 1546	13	199
Nov 11 1533	HANLEY, William, Whitelay Wod, par Sheffeld, Oct 4 1533	11	108
Apr 13 1546	HAWKE, Edward, Sheffelde, Feb ult 1545	13	134
Aug 31 1541	HOBSON, Geffray, par Sheffelde Sep 1 1540	11	565
May 6 1552	" Richard, Steill Banke, par Sheffelde, Nov 11 1550	13	849
Jan 24 1524	HOLLAND, John, Sheffeld, Dec 4 1524	9	301
Jul 5 1532	" John, bur Sheffeld Jun 17 1532	11	19
Aug 1 1541	HOLLANDE, Richarde, par Sheffeld, Nov 16 1540	11	565
Jun 15 1546	HOWLL, Robert, Brikforde, par Sheffelde, Apr 7 1546	13	174
Oct 4 1548	KINGE, Richard (bur Sheffelde) Sep 20 1 ED VI	13	434
Jul 30 1535	MORE, George (bur St.Pat & Paul Sheffeld) Jul 1 1535	11	172
Apr 23 1550	NOODER, John Atterclif, par Sheffeld, hardwareman, Sep 5 3 ED VI	13	611

		<u>Vol</u>	<u>Fol</u>
Aug 31 1541	OFFERTON, Robert, par Sheffelde, Apr 7 1541	11	564
Sep 3 1546	OKES, Rauf, Shefeld, Jul 9 1546	13	200
Oct 5 1553	PARKYNE, Robert, Sheffelde, May 1 1553	13	1035
Apr 23 1550	RAWSON, William, Sheffeld, tanner, Mar 19 1549	13	610
Sep 1 1551	RYLES, Roger, Sheffeld, Dec 14 1550	13	757
Oct 2 1550	SHEWALL, John, Sheffeld, yeoman, Dec 26 Ed VI	13	656
Apr 16 1551	SMYTHE, Laurence, Attercliffe, par Sheffelde, Apr 12 1548	13	726
May 11 1539	SPONER, Hugh, par Sheffelde, Dec 5 1539	11	552
Apr 20 1553	STANNFORTH, Richard, Brynkless edge, par Sheffelde, Feb 2 1551	13	985
Mar 18 1528	STORTH, John Sheffeld, Jan 16 1528	9	449
Oct 2 1521	SWIFT, Henry, Sheffeld, Feb 7 1521	9	177
Nov 15 1526	TAILOUR, William, Sheffeld, Apr 11 1526	9	355
Jul 12 1521	THOMSON, als ABSON, Nicoles (bur Sheffeld, mercier June 5 1521	9	165
Jul 1 1528	WIKERSLAY, John, Bromehall, par Sheffeld, esquire Apr 24 1528	9	401

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#### A NEAL FAMILY BIBLE

Mrs. Caulwell, 31 Clarke House Road, Sheffield has passed on to the Editor, a Family Bible with the following details written in it:

Broughton April 6th 1848  
 Wm Neal Born August 10 1822 (and died Sept 28 1890)  
 My wife Born Dec 10 1822  
 Married Jan 21 1846  
 Sons and Daughters of Wm and Ann Neal  
 Joseph Neal Born March 15 1847  
 George Wm Neal Born April 6 1848  
 Sarahann Neal Born Oct 4 1849 (Died June 23 1915 age 66)  
 John Joseph Neal Born Oct 25 1851 and died March 14 1865.  
 James Harrison Neal Born Oct 28 1853  
 Henry Richard Neal Born August 30th 1855  
 Mary Jane Neal Born Feb 1 1858  
 Franes Fredrick Neal Born Oct 28 1859  
 Chorlds Alford Neal Born Feb 12 1861  
 Susana Neal Born Feb 12 1861  
 Chorlds Fredrick Neal Born July 20 1862  
 Anney Elis Neal Born Feb 8 1869

Ed.'s Note: Spellings are as in the original. Brackets are mine but contents therein are as written but were obviously added later.

Inside the back cover can be found the following list:

Arthur Henry Johnson Born Nov 9th 1887  
Sarah Annie Johnson (nee Cressey) Born March 13th 1890  
Married at the Primitive Methodists Chapel on April 15th 1911  
Arthur Herbert Johnson Born Jan 1st 1912 (Died Jan 28th 1933)  
James Willford Johnson, Born Oct 18th 1921 (Died Augst 9th 1944)  
    £110-7-6 Jan.26th  
Ruby Johnson (nee Laughton) April 25th 1914  
Married 22nd April 1935 at S.A.HALL Cone St.  
Hazel Johnson Born 26 May 1938  
Betty Johnson Born 15th Nov 1939.

Ed.'s Note. Anyone interested in the Bible should contact me.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE BIRLEY VALE MAGAZINE

Gleadless Flower Show, held on 21st August 1876

Complete Prize List.

Amateur's Class: W.Fielding                   George Cartwright  
                  H.Ellis                         Thomas Hague  
                  John Hopkinson               C.Allen  
                  Elias Shird                   John Clark  
                  S.Bacon                        W.Naylor  
                  Elijah Wragg                  T.O.Hazard  
                  Henry Carker                 E.Dodson  
                  Rev.James Mowat             T.Ward  
                  Henry Marples               D.P.Ward

Cottagers' Class: John Pashley             Edward Butler  
                  Matthias Parkin             C.Horner  
                  Thos. Carker                   George Herring  
                  W.Roebuck                     Alfred Hutchinson  
                  John England                  Isaac Plant  
                  Richard Carker                H.Hopkinson  
                  George Proctor               Edward Bates  
                  James Jones

Judges: Mr.Isaac Slack, gardener to T.R.Gainsford Esq.  
  Whiteley Wood Hall.  
Mr.Humphrey King, gardener to J.Bowen Brown Esq.  
  Woodthorpe Hall.  
Mr.Chas V.Cocking, Richmond Nurséries.

Contributed by Mr.W.B.Clayton.

## A FAMILY LEGEND (cont)

Since first writing about Petre Wisternoff, the Russian Coachman at Chatsworth (The Flowing Stream, Vol.5 No.3 Winter 1984) I have found out a great deal more about him and his family. I also have the photograph of the Landseer painting on which he appears.

I was contacted in May 1984 by a Mr. Ronald Wisternoff who lives near Birmingham and who had been given my name by the Archivist at Chatsworth. I sent him such information as I had which he passed on to his son David who lives in New Zealand. Matters rested there whilst I carried on with research into my own family until May 1985 when I received copies of the 1881 Census Returns for Whittington, near Chesterfield, with several mentions of the family, kindly sent to me by Mrs. Maureen Newton who is a member of this Society and who had read my original article. This information was passed on and I was delighted to receive from New Zealand what must be an almost complete "tree" of 5 generations, all descended from Petre the Russian and his wife Sarah.

Amongst material sent to me by David Wisternoff is a letter from the present Duke of Devonshire concerning Petre and I quote:

"He joined the Duke's (i.e. the Sixth Duke) staff when the former took up residence in Russia in May 1826 and returned with the Duke to this country at the end of that year. In the account books here for that period he is referred to as Peter the Russian and was paid £40 a year from 1827 to 1843 and in March of that year he received £29 as a final payment."

It would seem that in 16 years of service he never had his wages raised!

There is also a much more poignant letter, written by Petre himself to his employer (see below). In 1851, according to the Census, Peter was 56 so he must have been only 48 when he moved to Nether Handley in 1843 - rather young I have always thought to retire. However, the 1851 Census does show him as blind and I suspect that this letter marked the onset of that affliction. He had eight children by this time, so one can understand his concern. His eldest son William of whom he writes must have been 10 or 11 and I assume that he did go to school as in 1851, aged 20, his occupation is given as "Clerk at Coal and Iron Works". His younger brother Peter, 18, has the same occupation and a sister, Susan 13, is a scholar. I think the Russian's command of the English language is commendable and he obviously set great store by his education.

My Dear Mrs. Weston  
Chesham July 9<sup>th</sup> 1800  
I humbly hope your Grace will pardon the  
liberty I have taken in a diary, I certainly should  
not have taken had not my feelings for you  
one from personally making known to your  
Grace the unhappy state of my mind  
I attempted to do so a few days ago but  
before I had time to speak tears filled my  
eyes and I was obliged to go from your  
Grace presence

Mr. Pittman desired me to lay  
before your Grace what I would do to  
enable me to see Grace that I have chosen  
and it without but have I thought on what  
else to do to come I came to England I had  
my house and property in New  
I have been that to considerable on Grace  
I hope your Grace will think of me very often  
I believe my lot to be your Grace to ease my  
mind & settle me in the neighbourhood for life  
I should be glad my services be accepted in  
I would be so great to me as to send your Grace  
I leave myself to your Grace.

My dear William he is sick - great long  
and as he is a cripple I should like to see to  
be a good scholar he will not be able to get  
his living by labour I should feel most  
gratified if your Grace would place him  
in a school from home under the care  
of a good scholar - his living by his pen

I remain Most Gracious Master  
Your Grace most humble  
and obliged servant  
Peter Winton

Not surprisingly, Petre was known to Paxton who was at Chatsworth at this time, (several of his children were baptised at Edensor) and he is briefly mentioned in the book, "Paxton and the Bachelor Duke" by Violet Markham. More exciting, he was also known to Queen Victoria, who mentions him in her own Journal, written when she visited Chatsworth as a girl of 13 in 1832. A report of this is in the book "Victoria Travels" by David Duff.

I have recently spent some time at Matlock and have placed my mother-in-law, nee Jessie Wisternoff, in the family. She was born in Whittington, baptised 10th August 1890, daughter of Willie Joseph (who was born in Sheffield 1858) and Harriott, and granddaughter of the above mentioned William. It is unfortunate that the Whittington Registers are badly charred due to a fire at the Church, and many entries are lost, but I shall continue the search.

David Wisternoff writes that he has also been told by both his father and an uncle that Petre was a Russian nobleman, with a family crest of a cormorant, surmounted by either an axe or a key. If anyone has any knowledge of Russian family crests I would be delighted to hear. It would seem that I may have been wrong to doubt the tales I was told by my mother-in-law all those years ago. How many of us now say, "I wish I had listened and questioned when I had the chance?" I know I do.

Eileen M. Beech.

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#### OWED TO A NIGHTINGALE

Poor John Keats! As a man, he often seems revered more like a Senior Citizen. As a poet he is rightly admired to the point of adulation. Yet he died at 26, in 1821. His trouble, you must have heard, was "Consumption" and Fanny Brawne, in that order.

Was the flowering of English literature of the period a by-product of tuberculosis? Other writers had it. And where, oh where, did Keats contract the disease? In lower Moorfields, close by London Wall, at his father's livery stable? At the boarding school in Enfield? In Edmonton, where, at 15, Keats was apprenticed to a surgeon?

It seems hardly likely that a strenuous walking tour in Scotland can be blamed, although fatigue and exposure in Mull are not best medicines for one infected with the phthisis. By the time the invalid set out for Italy it doubtless was too late. He died in Rome, and is buried in the Protestant Cemetery.

Why mention this? Well...to remind us all that our ancestors, too, lived through this time. Consumption was a killer. Nobody - but nobody - could save young Keats. Had he lived, more poetry? Our "debt" is to modern medicine.

Bernard H. Knight.

CHESTERFIELD POOR LAW WORKHOUSE

1871 Census. Volume 3617 Folios 78-81

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Henry Corkery	30	Ireland	
Annie Corkery	26	"	
Levaari Foster	21	Beverley.	
Ellen Reed	33	Birmingham	
Joseph Weetman	43	Warks	
Mary Reed	44	Ireland	
Margaret Hambrey	41	Worcs	
William H. Powell	25	York	
Ann E. Field	33	E.R.Yorks.	
Elizabeth Newbold	27	Derbys	
<u>Inmates</u>			
Thomas Webb	23	Crewe	
John Simpson	38	Brighton	
James Miller	21	Liverpool	
Samuel Spencer	68	Nottingham	
William Preston	47	Darlington	
Elizabeth Beardhall	33	Bolsover	
James Beardhall	4	"	
Henrietta Beardhall	2	"	
John Fanshaw	62	Eckington	
Samuel Stephenson	75	Holmesfield	Blind
James Slater	73	Wessington	
Thomas Hawley	53	Hasland	
Ann Kettyfoot	28	Kentish Town	
Margret Watson	61	Manchester	
Henry Martin	52	Kembleton Hunts	
George Hopkinson	74	Walton	
John Newbold	50	Chesterfield	
Stephen Smith	67	Bakewell	
John Smith	78	Eckington	
Joshua Beardsley	58	Oldham	
Daniel Charlesworth	44	Upper Langworth	
Thomas Fletcher	31	Staveley	
Richard Bains	31	Ireland	
William Williams	30	Cearun Carnarvon	
William Platts	46	Unston	
Frederick Unwin	27	Brampton	
Thomas Heath	22	Chesterfield	
Henry Barber	44	Langley Bank	Imbecile
Richard Turner	48	Ridgway	"
William Callwell	38	Islington	
Thp Ford	41	Chesterfield	Imbecile.
Sarah Collis	21	Brampton	Deaf & dumb

<u>Inmates</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Thp Woodhouse	19	Whittington	Imbecile
Patrick Crajan	32	Ireland	
John Wall	13	Chesterfield	Imbecile
John Gallamon	17	Hasland	"
Henry Cook	20	Pilsley	Idiot
William Marples	57	Potterhyam	Imbecile
Albert Barker	24	Bolsover	"
Joseph Payne	69	Essex	
Thomas Warburis	14	Not known	Idiot
Alice Mitchell	23	Chesterfield	Imbecile
Rosana Grayson	7	Dronfield	
Ruth Slater	13	Walton	
Harriet Atkin	9	Eckington	
Mary Davison	14	Chesterfield	
Martha Higginbothom	13	Brampton	
Emma Harrison	13	"	
John Ashby	6	Whittington	
Alice Marshall	6	Streeton	
Mary A Southall	6	Staveley	
Jane Southall.	7	"	
Elizabeth Tomlinson	10	Clay Lane, Derbys	
Ann Tracey	14	" " "	
Bingham Southall	4	Staveley	
Bridget Crawford	13	Chesterfield	
Sarah A Evans	11	Stafford	
Eliza Smith	11	Chesterfield	
Annie Birks.	12	Ashover	
Mary A Smith	11	Chesterfield	
Mary A. Wright	10	"	
Hannah Hancock	10	Hasland	
Ann Marshall	10	Eckington	
Harriet Oldfield	10	Matlock	
Mary Tracey	11	Clay Lane Derbys	
Rose Daft	10	Brimmington	
Ellin Moane	11	Birmingham	
Eliza McDonald	11	Eckington	
Elizabeth Hill	10	Clay Lane Derbys	
Elizabeth Holéhouse	9	Chesterfield	
Charlotte Brown?	7	Great Barlow	
Sarah Hancock	9	Hasland	
Annie Ashby	8	Whittington	
James Evans	6	Stafford	
Elizabeth McDonald	8	Eckington	
Annie Davis	6	Brampton	
Mary J. Brocksop	12	Chesterfield	
Eliza Spencer	6	Eckington	
Eliza Spencer	8	"	
E.leanor Spencer	5	"	

to be continued.

## IT MAKES MY BACK ACHE

As a keen local historian, but with no interest in family history at that stage, I attended the "Let's Keep it in the Family" lectures at the University of Sheffield in November 1984. A comment made by Dr. David Hey suggesting that the family name, DRANSFIELD, may have derived from the place-name DRONFIELD, sparked my interest. My mother's maiden name is Dransfield and I wondered if the family had originated from the Dronfield area. Being equally curious about the sort of life they might have led, I began my quest. So far, I have traced the Dransfield line back through five generations. No one has yet been found living outside the High Green or Howbrook vicinity in South Yorkshire. They have been similarly unadventurous in their occupations - my direct ancestors were all involved in the coal mining industry.

By employing three historical sources - a death certificate, census data and a government commission - quite a vivid picture has been painted of life for the Dransfield family at the beginning of the Victorian era. On the 26th July 1838 William Dransfield died of consumption aged 49 years. By using the 1841 census I was able to ascertain (as shown below) that he left a widow, Catherine, and eight children (James is my great, great grandfather)

### Howbrook, 1841

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>
Catherine Dransfield	40	Widow	Yorks
Jane "	20		"
William "	20	Coal miner	"
James "	15	"	"
Catherine "	14		"
Timothy "	12	Coal miner	"
Titers "	10	"	"
Daniel "	8	"	"
Fanny "	2		"
Michael Rider	15	Coal miner	"

Having previously used the Government Report on Children's Employment (Mines) by Jelinger C. Symons (1841) I recalled that a number of children from the High Green area had given evidence to the commissioners about their work. One piece of evidence came from Daniel Drenchfield working in one of George Chambers' pits in High Green. I strongly suspect that Daniel Drenchfield is Daniel Dransfield, my great, great grandfather's brother. I have searched through the 1841 Census for all the neighbouring area and found no Drenchfields nor any other Daniel Dransfield. The fact that Daniel went to Sunday School at Wortley makes me even more certain that my suspicions are correct since Howbrook (his place of residence) was in Wortley Parish. The extract from the Report is as follows:

Witness No.63 Daniel Drenchfield.

I am going in ten, but I don't know when my birthday is. It's not a year since I first went into the pit. I tram like the former boy; it tires me a bit; I am more tired in the forenoon than at night; it makes my back ache; I work all day, the same as the other boy; I rest me when I go home at night; I never go to play at night; I get my supper and go to bed. I have been to Sunday School, and I go to one every Sunday at Wortley; I can read the "Reading Made Easy", they teach me religion; God made the world, but I don't know who Jesus Christ was, or whether he died on Earth or not; it's not the clergymen but a master that teaches us; we learn spelling; I know I shall go to hell if I am not a good boy; I never learnt writing; twice ten is twenty; but I don't know what three times ten is; I don't know how many weeks there are in a year, nor how many months there are; I don't know whether London is the biggest town in England or not. I like the pit sometimes, but not in summer when it's too hot for me.



A Trammer

Although census returns and birth/marriage/death certificates are used widely by family historians they may not be aware of the Children's Employment Commission (Mines) 1841 or the Children's Employment Commission (1862) Report (which deals with Sheffield trades - grinding, file-cutting etc.) Both reports give details of working conditions, clothes worn, food eaten, general health and pastimes. A large number of witnesses are named, children and adults, male and female, and their ages given. Members wishing to read these reports should enquire at the Local Studies section of Sheffield City Libraries. Anyone with forebears living in the Sheffield area in the mid-nineteenth century will find them invaluable for adding foliage to the bare branches of the family tree.

Joan Jones.

## A PIONEER IN AUSTRALIA

John Arthur Tinker was born in Sheffield in 1869. Twenty years later he left England and migrated to Australia. At the age of 26 he married 24 year old Edith Wilcockson. She was born in Terringong south of Sydney in 1871 of parents who migrated from Mount Sorrel, Leicestershire in 1848.

On arrival John found a big difference in living and working conditions. In England the sea is only 50-60 miles away but Australia is 3000 miles from east to west and 2000 miles from north to south with a mixture of rocky cliffs, forests and desert and rich flat grassy plains.

The type of work available was mainly manual work on farms and cleaning land for cultivation. Few industrial projects were attempted; lack of materials was a big problem. All materials, tools etc. had to be brought from England and Europe so there was almost no work for a tradesman.

John moved around the Kiama district working and living on farm properties for fifteen years. He then travelled 500 miles north over very rough roads with his wife and five children plus their possessions in a horse and dray to Ballina in northern New South Wales. There he purchased a farm on which had been built a weatherboard house, containing a wood fuel stove. Lighting was by kerosene lamps and candles.

Most farms were isolated from coastal towns. Fresh food for their own use had to be grown on the farm. With the help of the older children, Edith, John's wife had to cook food, bake bread, make butter and cheese, make garments, minister to the sick, help neighbours and assist her husband in fencing the property.

The women pioneers at this period had a very hard life and without their help the men would have had a difficult time in adapting to the environment.

Edith bore four more children in this district but died in childbirth on 19th August 1917 aged 37 at Mullunbimby, New South Wales.

The eldest daughter married and moved to Tympic, Queensland. In later years John Tinker moved to Tympic and lived with his daughter until his death on 25th January 1948 aged 79.

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Willoughby 2068, Sydney,  
Australia.

## THE DERBYSHIRE ROOTS OF MY SHEFFIELD BRANCH

(Sequel to "My Sheffield Branch")

In 1843 my great, great grandfather William Gregory was a blade forger in Sheffield. In November 1842 he had married Mary Andrews, daughter of George Andrews, gentleman, at St. John's Manchester. George perhaps gave his son-in-law capital to "start up" on his own as William's father had died in Calver in September 1842 and any affiliation with Derbyshire apparently ended that year.

However, as I uncovered William's Derbyshire background, the cutlery connection remained. Early in my investigation I had written to the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire re my Gregory records. They had kindly sent me photocopies of lists of apprentices and cutlers named Gregory: several came from the Calver and Curbar area.

Calver and Curbar families are included in the Baslow Parish Registers and at any one time there appears to have been a dozen or more Gregory families in the area, - surely a large proportion of the population in the 17th and 18th centuries.

My William was baptised at Baslow 22nd June 1817 son of Samuel Gregory, labourer of Calver and Mary Watson. Samuel was baptised at Baslow 19th April 1786 son of Joseph Gregory and Susannah Robinson or Corbar (at other baptisms of Barbrook and Cupola). There is a large gravestone to Joseph and Susannah in Baslow churchyard. Joseph was baptised at Baslow 20th March 1757 son of Joseph Gregory and Margaret Sydal of Curbar: other children were James, Dorothy, Joshua, Nanny, Jonathan and Godfrey.

The apprenticeship lists include a Godfrey son of Joseph of Curbar apprenticed in 1779 to William Slack, and a Jonathan son of Joseph of Curbar apprenticed to Isaac Slack 1774, Freedom 1783. This Jonathan witnessed the marriage of Joseph Gregory and Susannah Robinson in 1782 and was a great uncle of my blade forger William.

The Mormon IGI lists many Gregorys prior to 1757 and hopefully I shall get to Matlock one day and trace my line back to the 17th Century. Perhaps I shall connect with James Gregory, son of Jas of Calver who was apprenticed to Jas Wilkinson in 1682 and Geo. Cartwright in 1686 and gained his Freedom in 1690; if so I shall have followed a family trade through almost three hundred years.

Mrs. B.M. Atkinson,  
Burton Common Farm,  
Burton Salmon,  
Leeds LS25 5NB.

THE AFTERMATH OF SHEFFIELD FLOOD 1864 .

Sheffield Waterworks Act 1864. General Certificate of the Sheffield Inundation Commissioners (Sheffield City Libraries Archive Division CA 7/1A.)

"The Name, Description and Address of each Claimant whose Claim Damages have been assessed and the Amount of Damages assessed, 26 May 1865" from within the Townships of the Chapelry of Bradfield. No claimants appear in this index who lived at Loxley Bottom, Holme Lane, Malin Bridge, Studfield, Wadsley or Wisewood, all of which were in the mother parish of Ecclesfield. The number alongside each claim refers to the claim in the Register of Claims (CA 7/1-11).

In order to see a claim simply quote the specific claim number with the prefix CA7. The information given may be of both social and biographical interest. Many claims for damages were submitted and turned down. These also appear in the CA7 volumes (1 to 11) but they are not included in the following list, which has been compiled from the volume of successful claimants (CA 7/1A). There is an alphabetical list of claimants who were awarded damages for "Loss of Life" and "Damages in Respect of Bodily Injury" (Vol. CA7/9), otherwise all claims are entered numerically. The Sheffield City Libraries Archive Division holds a copy of this index.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Assessed</u>
2368	ABEL, Henry, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£8.0.0
2367	ABEL, William, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£6.7.6
3273	ARMITAGE, George Charles & DAVIS, Morgan, Manufacturers of Anvils, Vices etc. of Mousehole Forge.	£170.0.0
6009	ARMITAGE, M. & H. & Co. of Mousehole Forge	£15.4.0
5215	BAILEY, Benjamin, Labourer at Mr. Saunders of Low Bradfield.	£3.0.0
5122	BANCROFT, Michael, Grinder of Stacey Wheel near Damflask.	£4.16.0
5120	BANCROFT, William, Grinder of Stacey Wheel, Loxley	£90.3.0
271	BARBER, John, Labourer of Woodseats, Bradfield Dale	£2.10.0
2369	BARK, Samuel, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£3.5.0
5418	BARK, Samuel & Margaret h.w., Millowners of Olive Wheel, Loxley. (& G.S. & T. GOODISON & J. WOODWARD)	£1300.0.0
5736	BELK, William, working quarryman, at Martin Hawke, at Low Bradfield.	£3.0.0
6252	BLAKER, Thomas, Gardener at Blands Row, Loxley Paper Mill.	£2.0.0
2818	BOYER, Rev. John, Clerk (Freeholder, Bradfield Dale) of Spital House, Chesterfield.	£1398.15.7
4073	BRADFIELD, The Feoffes of, James Wilson, Rimington Wilson, Chairman & Treasurer of the Feoffes, of Broomhead Hall, Bolsterstone.	£59.5.0

<u>No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Assessed</u>
5391	BRADFIELD, Highways, Surveyors of High & Low Bradfield, Thomas Helliwell, Amos B.Hall, George Littlewood, John Earnshaw of Bradfield.	£15.6.11
5392	BRADFIELD, Highways, Surveyors of High Bradfield, Amos B.Hall, Thomas Helliwell of Bradfield.	£536.1.0
5393	BRADFIELD, Highways, Surveyors of Ughill & Low Bradfield, George Hall, George Littlewood, John Earnshaw of Low Bradfield.	£640.12.7
5394	BRADFIELD, Highways, Surveyors of High Bradfield & Ughill, Goerge Hall, Amos B.Hall, Thomas Helliwell of Bradfield.	£199.10.0
5395	BRADFIELD, Highways, Surveyors of Ughill, Holdsworth & Dungworth	£419.19.10
4281	BRADFIELD, Low Sunday School, Richard Ibbotson, Treasurer, George Hall, Joseph Hobson, Thomas Denton of Bradfield.	£7.0.0
5723	BRADFIELD, School, Trustees of, James Wilson, Rimington Wilson of Broomhead Hall, James Eyre of Stannington, John Ronksley of Dungworth, Samuel Hobson & others of Bradfield.	£725.0.0
5721	BRADFIELD, Wesleyan Chapel, Trustees of, Joseph Ibbotson & Co., Corn Mills, Lower Bradfield.	£7.16.6
2373	BRADWELL, George, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£4.10.0
2809	BRADWELL, Isaac, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£3.18.0
2795	BRADWELL, John, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£10.0.0
2370	BROCKLEHURST, James, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£4.9.6
3251	(amended) BUNTING, Clement Vernon, Steel Forgeman of Old Wheel, Loxley.	£22.0.0
3038	BURGIN, Chalres, Pocket Blade Grinder of Loxley	£4.10.0
3039	BURGIN, Ezra, Table Blade Grinder of Loxley	£4.10.0
5515	CHAPMAN, Samuel, Shear Steel Forgeman of Storrs Bridge, Loxley.	£17.0.0
2697	CHAPMAN, Thomas, Forgeman of Loxley	( £95.0.0
"	" " " " (amended)	( £10.0.0
2698	CHAPMAN, Thomas, Forgeman of Matlock Works, (possibly just out of chapelry)	£725.0.0
6564	CLEGG, James Razor Grinder of Storrs	£5.1.0
4304	CRAPPER, Sarah, spinster at Henry Crapper of Liberty Hill, Stannington, (by Joseph Crapper, Administ. Joseph Crapper late Malin Bridge, shoemaker.	£109.19.6
4800	CRAPPER, William, Farmer & claydealer of Storrs	£8.0.0
3887	CRAWSHAW, Hariph, Farmer of Woodseats, Bradfield.	£2.2.0
6389	DARWENT, Alfred, Razor Grinder of Stannington	£1.1.0
6400	DARWENT, Alfred, Razor Grinder of Stannington ( & Henry DARWENT out of chapelry)	£375.1.0
3273	DAVIES, Morgan, Manufacturers of Anvils, Vices etc of Mousehole Forge, ( & ARMITAGE, Geo.Charles)	£170.0.0

to be continued.

R.Wardale.

DIARY OF A VOYAGE TO QUEENSLAND (cont)

Sunday June 14th.

Lat.  $34^{\circ}40'S$ . Long  $2^{\circ}30'W$ . Distance 100 miles.

About 2 o'clock a.m. the jib boom broke in two. The Captain, when commenting in the "Gazette" said "The loss of the jib boom under some circumstances might have resulted in the entire loss of the ship". He layed the blame for sending out the ship with so important a gear defective between Messrs. Mackay & Co., Baines & Co., and the surveyor. No service on the poop.

Wednesday June 17th.

Lat.  $38^{\circ}10'S$ . Long  $13^{\circ}E$ . Distance 252 miles.

Very heavy sea carried away the life boat, washed the second cabin door off its hinges and nearly swept a child overboard.

Saturday June 20th.

Lat.  $39^{\circ}38'S$ . Long  $28^{\circ}41'E$ . Distance 242 miles.

The jib boom replaced and properly fitted up.

Sunday June 21st.

Lat.  $39^{\circ}53'S$ . Long  $33^{\circ}48'E$ . Distance 240 miles.

A disturbance in the fore steerage occasioned by the too free use of intoxicating liquor was not quelled until the Captain and Messrs. Loveday and Bourne arrived with loaded pistols, one of which Captain Phillips presented at the head of one of the ringleaders and ordered him to surrender, which he quietly did and then was left to spend the rest of the night in irons.

Wednesday June 24th.

Lat  $40^{\circ}46'S$ . Distance 145 miles.

The passengers volunteered to haul up any boxes that might be required out of the hold. T.E.E. then went, lanthorn in hand, in search of box No.10 which he eventually found near the mizen mast. It was safely hauled up and deposited in our cabin and then unpacked. The sea island and Egyptian cotton seeds feel hard and smell fresh; but the New Orleans smell damp and mouldy; the cabin biscuits also had become none the better through keeping.

Thursday June 25th.

Lat.  $40^{\circ}35'S$ . Long  $40^{\circ}26'E$ . Distance 140 miles.

Tea, coffee, sugar, butter, pickles and other articles sold by auction; also ham and cheese, which fetched nearly 2/-d. a pound.

Saturday June 27th.

Lat.  $40^{\circ}27'S$ . Long  $62^{\circ}29'E$ . Distance 336 miles.

Our longest run (between noon and noon) since we left England. Our longest run within any 24 hours was 350 miles. Disposed of a few knives, forks and spoons.

Sunday June 28th.

Distance 316 miles.

The upper stud sail blown to ribbons and several ropes broken by the wind, heavy seas and in the afternoon a rudder cap was fractured.

Wednesday July 1st.

Lat. 41°27S. Long 78°30E. Distance 148 miles.

At tea time we were alarmed by the cry of "fire" and, having locked our cabin, we proceeded on deck, fully expecting in a few hours to be no more; when we heard the cry "all right". We found the fire had been situated in the purser's stores in the after part of the ship under the saloon - about the worst place in the vessel that a fire could break out - in which a quantity of loose packing boxes, spirits, butter, suet, sugar and other easily inflammable articles were stored away in abundance; which had they once fairly ignited would soon have driven the helmsman off his post and us to a watery grave. Situated as we were in the middle of the Indian Ocean, far removed from land (except two barren, desolate, uninhabited islands, Saint Paul and Amsterdam, from which we were being slowly drifted away by the current which prevails in that locality), a sea too rough for any boat, except a life-boat, to rescue from death by human means would have been impossible. The fire, we have since learned, was caused by the purser drawing off some Hollands from a cask into a measure to sell to some of the passengers, when the ship lurched and upset the measure and contents upon the light, which speedily ignited and then ran like wild fire along the floor, blazing between casks and cases in a very alarming manner. The quantity upset, we were told, did not exceed one gallon and which we think from the rumours we have heard was considerably under the real amount. Reports say the Purser was intoxicated and was using a naked light, and, further, that he has been smoking and using naked lights frequently in his stores; both of which are forbidden by the ship's regulations. W.D.E. once saw him using a candle, which he had stuck to the side of the ship with a little of the melted wax and which was liable at any moment to fall amongst the loose stores which were very abundantly scattered about. An investigation is to take place tomorrow - in the meantime, the purser is suspended.

Saturday July 4th.

Lat. 39°40S. Long 91°33E. Distance 240 miles.

Warwick and Moore bought a share in a raffle for a B flat cornet and won. Mr. Bowling's child aged 18 months, died of whooping cough this afternoon and was interred about 7pm.

Sunday July 5th.

Lat. 40°20S. Long 97°30E. Distance 270 miles.

A large sea bird caught which measured 7 feet across the wings. Several land birds seen, also a quantity of seaweed, both of which are regarded as a sign of land. No Service.

to be concluded  
Mrs. D. Ellis.

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