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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) on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, during the winter months and excursions are held in the summer. Fortnightly informal meetings are held at the Order of Foresters on Trippet Lane, Sheffield on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1.30-4pm and 7.30-9.30pm. The Society caters for those parts of South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire which are within convenient travelling distance of Sheffield. The annual subscription is £4 and £5 for joint membership (only 1 Journal).

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30 November

## EDITORIAL

In ten years our Society has grown from under 50 members to about 500. It is becoming increasingly difficult to know all members by sight. Recently it has come to our notice that some non-members are regularly attending our monthly meetings and are making use of our library and record facilities at The Foresters. This is obviously undesirable and very unfair on paid-up members. While no one wishes to close the doors of our monthly meetings to visitors who might become active and valued members our library and informal meeting facilities are solely for the use of members. It has therefore been decided to issue membership cards and numbers to all members. Your card can be found within this journal. Numbers have been allocated on an alphabetical basis and may be re-allocated if membership lapses for 3 years. It is hoped that all members will co-operate and bring along their cards to all meetings.

Did you have your Yorkshire interests recorded in the first edition of "Yorkshire Families"? With this Journal is an application form to have your interests included in the second edition. John Perkins, the Editor has already had several people who are not members of our Society but who do have Yorkshire interests contributing to the publication. They may be researching the same families as you!

I should like to remind you of the Strays Index to the 1861 and 1881 Census Returns, mentioned in the last Journal. The response so far has been poor. Please send in your records so that the scheme can get underway.

My thanks are given to all those members who have contributed to this and all past magazines over the last ten years. Please keep sending in your articles, news items and snippets of information.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members:

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#### Obituary

Many members will be saddened to learn of the death of Miss Joyce Cooper. She worked most enthusiastically on the 1841 Census and will be much missed especially by the team of indexers.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Enclosed with this Journal is your membership card giving a membership number. Please bring your card with you to all meetings and ALL visits to The Foresters. The committee has decided to issue these cards because it has been noticed that non-members are using our library at The Foresters and attending our monthly meetings. Please sign your card where indicated.

### DURHAM MARRIAGE INDEXES

Mr.W.E.Rounce, 40 Salcombe Ave, Jarrow, South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear NE32 3SY has indexes to marriages in 86 Durham County parishes. They are indexed under the male partner. He is prepared to search for any individual marriage on receipt of an S.A.E.

### RECORDING M.I.'s

Anyone planning to record the monumental inscriptions in a graveyard is invited to contact Mrs.Marjorie Dunn, 359 Baslow Road, Sheffield S17 3BH for a leaflet of guidance on how to do it. It is very important to record correctly if the information is to be of maximum value.

### CUTLER'S APPRENTICES: A NEW INDEX

Volume 2 of R.E.Leader's "History of the Cutlers' Company of Hallamshire (1905-6)" has a alphabetical list of apprentices and their fathers, from the incorporation of the company in 1924. This is a most useful source for genealogy.

Mr.Eric Wilson has now completed the painstaking task of compiling an alphabetical index of the masters' names and their occupations. His typescript index can be consulted at Sheffield City Library Local Studies Department. This will be a great benefit to anyone tracing an ancestor who worked in the cutlery trades.

### EMMA ELLIS'S BIBLE

Mrs.Jennifer Day, 24 Chapel St, Mosborough, Sheffield S19 5BT has a Bible given by members of St.Stephen's Young Women's Bible Class, Sheffield to Emma Ellis, on the occasion of her marriage on 4th January 1876. In the back of the book are the following details:

Walter Ingledew born July 23 1850

Emma Ellis born Jan 4 1856

Walter Ingledew & Emma Ellis married Jan 4 1876

Edith Ingledew born Nov 1 1876

Jessie Ingledew born Feb 15th 1878.

### A WINSTER SCRAPBOOK

The Society thanks Mrs.M.Rodger for the gift of her publication "A Winster Scrapbook" for our library.

## MARRIAGE INDEX, ARCHDEACONRY OF DONCASTER

This marriage index for 46 old parishes is 90% complete for the years 1813-37 and 80% complete for 1754-1813. It gives a complete date, phonetic and similar names supplied, licences and widows noted. Send an S.A.E. for list to Mrs.L.Peabody, 28 Bruce Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 5JL. There is no fee but donations are welcomed.

## DOMESDAY EXHIBITION GUIDE

The Society is much indebted to Mr.Alan Boyd Walker, one of our members for the gift of a Domesday Exhibition Guide for our library. Attached to it is a well authenticated pedigree of his family going back to Domesday.

## THE SOCIETY LIBRARY

Members are reminded that all material at the Foresters Hall is for reference only and may not be borrowed. The Foresters is open to members only. Opening times at the front of the Journal.

## LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

A second Local History Fair is being held in the Town Hall, Sheffield on Saturday 4th April 1987. Last year's fair was a great success so members are recommended to go along and learn more about the Sheffield area. Many local history societies and organisations will be represented there. Anyone willing to help man our stall or give any other assistance is asked to contact Mrs.Marjorie Dunn, 359 Baslow Road, Sheffield S17 3BH.Tel. 351827.

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## FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 14th March. Macclesfield Sunday School Heritage Centre, Roe Street, Macclesfield. One-Day Conference hosted by the North West Region Family History Societies. Cost £10. S.A.E. for details to: P.Dewdney, 5 Henbury Road, Henbury, Macclesfield SK11 9NW.

Saturday 9th May. Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire. "What's in a Name?" One-Day Conference hosted by the Bedfordshire F.H.S. Cost £6.50. S.A.E. for details to: Mrs.G.Dolman, 72. Staines Square, Dunstable, Beds. LU6 3JQ.

Saturday 16th May. The Black Country Museum, Dudley. Continuing the theme: "Midland Trades of the Nineteenth Century". Hosted by the Stourbridge & District Branch of the BNSGH. Cost £7.50. S.A.E. for details to: Mrs.J.Weston, 38 Markham Drive, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 8HZ.

Saturday/Sunday 20th & 21st June. Lincoln Castle. East Midlands History Fair. S.A.E. for details to: Mrs.C.Wilson, Assistant Director Museums, Recreational Services Dept. Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln LN1 1YI. (Admission - Adults £1, Children/OAPs 50p, Family £2. Open: 11.00 am to 5.00pm)

Saturday 10th October. Abington Church Hall, Ashburnam Road, Northampton. "Poor Relations". One-Day Conference hosted by Northamptonshire F.H.S. S.A.E. For details to: Mrs.M.Alsford, 11 Wycliffe Road, Abington, Northampton NN1 5JQ.

#### RECORDS OF FURNISHINGS OF CHURCHES

The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) Church Recorders started in 1973; they record the furnishings of churches throughout the country. These furnishings include monuments, metalwork, stone, wood, textiles, paintings, library and windows. Their project usually only covers the furnishings inside the church although there are the occasional exceptions to this rule. Of particular interest to us is the fact that all memorials inside the church are recorded and usually photographed. The finished record is given to the Church concerned with copies to the appropriate Diocesan archives, the libraries of the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Council for the Care of Churches and to NADFAS. Therefore, when next considering recording memorials inside a Church it might be worth checking whether it has already been done. The person to contact is Chairman Church Recorders: Mrs.J.Wright, Hall Place, Wycombe End, Beaconsfield, Bucks. HP9 1NB.

#### GENFILE

Genfile is the pocket note-taking and record keeping system to fit in your handbag or pocket. Record Offices, Libraries and especially the PRO and St.Catherine's House are becoming more and more crowded and there is now very little room for large files or notebooks. Genfile has been designed to overcome this problem; it uses most of the well known forms published by the FHS in their "Aids for the Genealogist" series but reduced to a compact 6½" x 3½" and punched with 6 holes to fit standard 4 or 6 ring binders as made by Twinlock and others. If you use the Filofax, Lefax or similar personal organiser systems you will find that Genfile sheets are fully compatible and modestly priced at under £1 per pack of sheets.

There are 3 types of sheets:

The GF Series. A set of 8 fact sheets printed on thin card for permanent reference with title page (eg. List of the GRO Registration Districts 1837-51 and 1852-1946).

The GR Series. A set of useful forms for on-the-spot note-taking. all printed on both sides on white paper. Each sheet has a filing 'box' for you to insert your own reference no. They can be transferred to larger capacity binders at home or used as filing slips (eg. check form for searches at St.Catherine's House)

The GM Series. Miscellaneous forms which you will find useful. (eg. Family History Year Planner, Address book pages, Book search list).

Genfile can be obtained by contacting Mrs.Eileen Perkins, 24 Withens Ave, Sheffield S6 1WE.

### BINDER FOR CERTIFICATES

Members may be interested to know about a specially designed binder for all certificates from St.Catherine's House. Produced in 'landscape' style for easy reference, it holds up to 30 wallets with handy pocket on spine for indexing. The 'Basic' Binder costs £12.99, Deluxe Binder £16.99 (Add £1.90 P&P for either of these). Wallets 40p each plus 13p p&p. Obtainable from Genealogical Services, Dept.B, 28a Thorney Lane South, Iver, Bucks, SLO 9AE. Allow 28 days delivery.

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### THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

The South Derbyshire Local History  
Research Group,  
28 Wilfred Place,  
Ashby de la Zouch,  
Leics LE6 5GW.

Dear Editor,

#### Re: Ticknall Pottery: An appeal for help from family historians

In the 17th and 18th centuries, and probably also in the 16th, Ticknall in South Derbyshire had several thriving potteries making coarse domestic ware and specialising in the production of pancheons for setting milk in the dairy. We are a local history research group, interested in tracing the distribution network for Ticknall ware which was said in the 17th century to be distributed throughout eastern England; we do not however know how widely it was sold. We know that some went as far west as Shropshire. We would be most grateful for details of any references to this pottery which turns up in inventories. It may appear as Ticknall, Tickenhall, Tichenhall or Tickney ware, all common variants. If you do find such references, and could send us details of place, date, name and occupation of the person, and the inventory entry with its value, we can perhaps over a period compile a file index which will enable us to estimate the extent and value of Ticknall's pottery output, and the duration of the industry.

As there are no surviving business records for this period (assuming any were ever kept), inventory entries are probably the only way that the distribution network can be traced.

Thank you.

Yours etc.  
Janet Spavold.

Women of Botany Bay Bicentennial  
Project,  
Macquire University,  
North Ryde,  
New South Wales,  
2109 Australia.

Dear Editor,

The Women of Botany Bay Bicentennial Project

I should like to ask the assistance of your Society for my present book, "The Women of Botany Bay". This book, Volume 3 in my series on the origins of Australian society, is a reinterpretation of the role and contribution of women to the emergence of a distinctive Australian society. It is based on the recreation of the British/Australian lives of all the women who lived in New South Wales during the first forty years of white settlement, 1788-1828.

I am anxious to contact men and women in Britain who are interested in the ways in which those first British women, convict and free, took British civilisation to Australia and adapted to the new lifestyles in their adopted country. I am also anxious to find family information re. women who remained in Britian 1720-1830.

I have formed an orgainsation, The Women of Botany Bay/ Colleen to Matilda Association which may be of use to those of your members tracing family histories. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours etc.

Dr.Portia Robinson.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 18th September 1986

The first meeting of our winter season was an open meeting with a difference. Representatives from a number of local history societies joined us, bringing along exhibitions demonstrating their interests and activities. We welcomed and learned a great deal about our area from Crookes, Heeley, Sharrow, Pitsmoor, Park and Dore local history groups. Our thanks are extended to all of them for the wealth of information they brought.

Meeting on Thursday 16th October 1986.

Mr.Peter Wilkinson gave us a fascinating insight into the life and career of his father, Harold Wilkinson, who died without having told his family very much at all about his life. He left a small amount of documentation including some diaries and newspaper cuttings.

He had also been a keen photographer but as is often the case, none of his photographs was named. Mr. Wilkinson emphasised the importance here, of interviewing elderly relatives and labelling photographs before it is too late. Nevertheless we were given a truly marvellous account of his father's life and career which had been pieced together using such sources as the Public Record Office, and the Imperial War Museum.

At school Harold Wilkinson belonged to an organisation (possibly the Sea Cadets or similar) which practised sea drill and when old enough he joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve which was formed in 1911-12. In August 1913 Harold Wilkinson did some actual sea service aboard HMS Centurion. We were shown many pictures of typical naval life. Harold Wilkinson had worked for a short period as a Kodak Salesman in Paris but in August 1914 he was called up and came home immediately. At the outbreak of war, on 15th September he became an Able Seaman.

When Europe was invaded, the Royal Naval Brigade, as they became known was sent from Deal in England to defend Antwerp. We were shown many official photographs of the troops dug into their trenches around the forts of Antwerp, and maps of their movements as they marched round Europe. The conditions were appalling - the Royal Naval Brigades were hopelessly ill-equipped - one greatcoat between 4 or 5 men, little food etc. There was no proper organisation since they were not a regular land force.

They remained in Belgium for only 7 days and on return to England those few (including Harold Wilkinson) who had been on active sea service were put on more active duty with the navy. The others were re-trained and sent back to the front. The four remaining naval men were re-posted for duty aboard the decoy-ships or "Q"-ships. Harold Wilkinson was posted to the Q-ship "Antwerp" which had been a ferry running between Harwich and Holland. The "Antwerp" was not very successful at sinking the German U-boats and later Harold Wilkinson went aboard the "Baralong" manning the guns, which proved much more successful. He won prize bounty awards for the sinking of U-boats. Again we were shown many photographs of the ships' logs from the PRO which give every detail of the ships' lives.

The "Baralong" completed her service in Port Said from where Harold Wilkinson walked to Alexandria, where he caught a ship to Marseilles, went over land in France, then to Southampton and finally to London. From 1916 onwards he served on merchant vessels.

There are many records of army life etc. in the PRO and Imperial War Museum and for anyone with an ancestor who served in either World War, a study of their life and service can greatly enhance a family history.

Susan E. Hammond.

Meeting on Thursday 20th November 1986.

Upstairs Downstairs in the 1920s at Cusworth Hall.

Miss Alison Morrish, Curator of Cusworth Hall Museum began her illustrated talk with a brief history of the house. It was designed by George Platt of Rotherham and built in the 1740s for the Wrightson family. They married into the Battie family and became the Battie-Wrightsons. The house consists of a main block in which the family lived and a wing at either side. The East wing housed the outdoor staff and the west wing the indoor servants. In Edwardian times better servants' quarters were added. A library and a chapel were also later additions. Behind the kitchen can be found a brew house, a water pump tower and game larders, at the moment all in a shabby state but to be renovated at some future date.

The gardens contain 3 lakes. The kitchen garden provided all the fruit and vegetables needed by the household.

Before World War II all the inhabitants of the village were employed on the estate. However, in 1952 Robert Cecil Battie-Wrightson died and the contents of the house were sold to pay the death duties. The house was left derelict until in 1962 it was sold to Doncaster District Council. In 1967 it opened as an industrial museum but in 1974 it became a folk life museum. In 1981, as an experiment the great kitchen was opened for a day to the public, with a baking demonstration. Enormous interest was roused especially amongst local people who had worked in the house. As a result the museum began a research programme into the memoirs of the servants.

Miss Morrish entertained our members with many fascinating stories of life below stairs told to the museum staff by former servants. A book of reminiscences has been written and is available from the museum.

Denise Marsden

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OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

	Mr.T.R.Whitley 118 Shalmsford Street, Chartham, near Canterbury CT4 7QW is seeking information on the following people all of whom probably died and were buried in the Sheffield area:
WHITLEY	William Whitley, probably born late 1700s, died between 1842 and 1861.
	Elizabeth Whitley, wife of William, born about 1800 and formerly a servant of Hameworth, Derby.
DOBSON	George Dobson, a slater by trade of Scholes, Yorks.
WHITLEY	Hannah Whitley nee Dobson.

MORGAN  
DWYER

Mr.V.J.Morgan, Marisheem, Mill-Lay Lane, Llantwit Major CF6 9QE is seeking further information about the family of Richard Morgan (born Scotland 1841-2) and Catherine Dwyer (born Limerick Ireland 1843-4). They were married in Rotherham in 1862. Their children all born in Rotherham were Teresa (b.1864, m. James Heath 1884), Eliza (b. 1866, m.A.Stanley 1884), Mary (b.1868, d.1870), John Thomas (b.1870, m. Mary Heany 1893), Ann Mary (b.1872 m.P.Quennan 1896), Christopher (b.1874), Ellen (b.1875, d.1892), Catherine (b. 1878, m.W.Earnshaw 1900, d. 1963), Walter Ernest (b.1880, d.1902), Richard Godfrey (b.1883). The family is known to have been resident in Masbrough from 1864-1902.

HEATH  
STANLEY  
HEANY  
QUENNAN

EARNSHAW

CHESTERMAN

Denise Friddey, 21 Reading Drive, Sale, Cheshire M33 5DJ would be interested to hear from anyone related to the Chestermans. In the course of her family history research she has come across a reference in a birthday book to Sheffield steel tool makers Rabone and Chesterman. The entry mentions Sabrina Chesterman 7 July 1830 or 1880 (probably 1880) and also Charles Chesterman. The relationship between them is unknown. The birthday book belonged to Elizabeth Annie Cowling nee Seary (b.1881). The Chestermans are believed to be her relatives.

COWLING  
SEARY

MILLINGTON

Miss L.Millington, 156 St.James Road, New Lambton, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia 2305 asks if anyone can help with information on Millingtons who were cutlery makers in Sheffield An uncle, Mr.Ken Millington who was a pilot in the Australian Air Force stationed in England during World War II, visited this family on a few occasions at the request of her great uncle Thomas Millington. Thomas was a keen family history researcher and had located this family and had been corresponding with them for some time. They were supposed to be related to them. Unfortunately no records are left of Thomas's work in this area now.

DRURY  
LOMAS

CUTTS

Mrs.Barbara Moore, 15c St.John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent is trying to trace her maternal relatives, the Drury's of Gleadless. Her grandfather John Drury married Ada Annie Lomas at St.Mary's Church Sheffield in 1894. John was born at Gleadless in 1872 and his parents William Drury and Harriet Cutts were married at the Parish Church Sheffield in 1856. William was born about 1833 and his

father was James Drury. James, William and John were all coalminers. John moved to Barnsley about 1907/8 in search of work and his daughter Frances Elsie was born there in 1909. John had several brothers and sisters, Mary Ann, James, Harriet and Hannah, some of whom probably moved to Doncaster and Rotherham in search of work. Mrs. Moore is willing to do local searches in exchange for work done in Sheffield.

BIRD  
PARKES

Miss Jeanne Bird, 51a Crescent Road, Sheffield S7 1HN is seeking information on George Henry Bird born Matlock Bath 8 Nov 1838, a blacksmith. He married his first wife Emma Parkes in 1860 and lived at 40 Peel St, Sheffield (1871 Census). He married his second wife (widow) Mary Harrison on 1 Oct 1882 of Mareus St. Known Children 9. From trade directories lived Chatsworth St in Oct 1882, 188 Wentworth St 1884-86, 186 Mushroom Lane 1886-1890, 31 Pitt St 1890 and 81 Mitchell St 1903. Died 1916 at 1 ct.2 Forge Lane, Sheffield. Miss Bird is trying to find out about George's whereabouts from birth to his marriage and information on his wives.

HARRISON

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OFFERS OF HELP

Huddersfield/  
Holmfirth area

Mrs. J. Beech, 19 Stead Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield HD5 0JP is willing to assist members of the Society who require help in the Huddersfield/Holmfirth area.

BIELBY

Mrs. J. M. Walker, 10 Gravel Hole Lane, Sowerby, Thirsk, N. Yorks YO7 1NS has amassed a lot of information about her grandfather William Bielby in Sheffield from 1870 onwards and earlier in Bridlington. (His grandfather William was from Scarborough). If anyone from the U.S.A. or Australia has a query about this family, Mrs. Walker can provide information. Her grandfather William had three brothers who all emigrated.

1841 Sheffield  
Census

Mrs. Hilary Theyers. 'Penvounder', Ham Square, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL52 6NF has made a copy of every entry for the following names from the 1841 Census of Sheffield, North sub-district, Ecclesall Bierlow, Attercliffe and Darnall on receipt of an S.A.E.  
BARNES, BISHOP, BOTTOM/BOTHAM/BUTTON, BOWER, CROOKES, FAIREST, HILL, HUTCHINSON, IBBOTSON (Ecc, Att & D. only), KIRBY/KIRKBY/KIRK, MASON, MILLS, PROCTOR, PRYOR, SCOTT, STANIFORTH, SWINDEN, TASKER, TAYLOR & WARBURTON.

Chinley  
Chapel-en-le-  
Frith

Mrs.R.Clarke, 19 Arden St, New Mills, Stockport,  
Cheshire SK12 4NS is willing to look at entries in  
the Chinley Non-Conformist Chapel Registers and  
she also has some knowledge of families in the  
Chapel-en-le-Frith area. In return she would  
appreciate help in Sheffield Archive Department  
with her Middleton and Kyrke ancestors.

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### MARRIAGE LICENCE BONDS

From the early sixteenth century people who wished, for whatever reason, to avoid the calling of banns before their marriage could obtain a marriage licence. One of the parties, normally the bridegroom had to make a formal statement called an allegation, that there was no lawful impediment to the marriage. The bridegroom and a friend had to enter a bond to forfeit a sum of money if the information given was untrue (exact details of bondsmen vary). These bonds often survive in diocesan record offices. One such is the following from the Nottingham Archdeaconry Court published in the Thoroton Society Record Series Vol.X Part II.

July 30th 1768

GEORGE BRADLEY p. Rotherham, co. York., 20, b. and Hannah Blatherwick p. Burton Joyce, 21, sp. at Burton Joyce.

William Hutchinson of Nottingham, f.w.k. and John Whiteley of W. Drayton, flax-dresser, are bond; and on same day, above William Hutchinson, who was one of the Sheriff's Officers, deposed that Henry Bradley, father of George Bradley did in his presence declare that he consented to this intended marriage; and further made oath that the letter hereunto annexed and signed by the said Henry Bradley, the father, and witnessed by James Heald, constable of Rotherham, was received by him the said William Hutchinson, etc.

The annexed letter sheds further light on the story behind this marriage. It is addressed to "Mr.William Hutchinson, one of the Sheriff's Officers at Nottingham", and is dated from Masborough, July 27th 1768, and reads "These are to certify whom it may concern that I Henry Bradley of Masborough in the Township of Kimberworth and the West Riding of Yorkshire do hereby give my Consent for my son George Bradley, now a prisoner in the County Goal (sic) of Nottingham for Bastardy, to Marry with Hannah Blatherwick of Bulcoat in the parish of Burton and County of Nottingham, Spinster, she having made Oath that she is now with Child by my said son George Bradley."

(signed) Henrey Bradley.  
Witness, James Heald, Constable)

Contributed by Mrs.M.Newton.

## JOHN NALL OF CASTLETON

My Aunt Kathleen Ellis of Ecclesall, who was born a Nall, has among her fascinating family archives featuring Nalls of Derbyshire the following account. An extract from an old letter, it describes a search for a John Nall in Castleton in about 1812, and throws an interesting light on the origin of surnames. "My father" in the letter was this John Nall, John the younger; "your great grandfather" was his father, John the elder.

"Possibly Nellie has given you her idea of the size of Castleton, famous Castleton - but doubly so when its lead mines were in full blast, and "Blue John", "The Peak", "The Winnato", and "The Shivering Mountain", were gaining their glory and renown. Castleton was never a very populous place, and, like Broadbottom in 1851, its inhabitants were more or less closely related, being kinsmen according to the flesh. The churchyard tombstones, and the old oaken church pews, still bear record to the prevalence of the Nalls - the Halls - and the Kirkes. Those names, especially the first, were so numerous that each family root had to be distinguished by a special by-name. The oldest inhabitant would hardly know whom you meant if you asked for a person by his proper Christian and surname. My father was subscribing for a new periodical at the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Kirke, and, as the original canvasser changed his route, his successor continued the delivery, but he was a 'stranger' and wasted much time inquiring for John Nall. He actually made enquiries for John Nall at the next door. You could step from one door to another... It was daytime and the men were at work in the mines. The neighbourly creature didn't know a John Nall in Castleton, but there was a John Nall at Braddow, a village about two miles away. But the Colporteur was sure his John Nall was at Castleton, so, before starting for Braddow, he decided to make one more effort, and stepped into the next house to make inquiries. He soon found out the truth, and, as he and Mrs. Nall Jr. were talking, the neighbour woman popped into the house and said, "Why, mon, if yo'd asced for Jack Prince, aw cud a towd yo in a minnit." And for years upon years afterward, when any of our family visited Castleton, their old friends cried out here's Jack Prince, or Nanny Prince or Jane Prince or Jim Prince come again. They were never called Nall by the upgrown folks. How came they to be called Prince? Because your great grandfather John Nall was chief musician and poet of Castleton. In vocal and instrumental music - church music, he was acknowledged leader."

This John Nall the elder, of Castleton, known as "Prince", married Hannah Hibbs of Hope at Hope in 1785. Their son John Nall the younger was born in 1790, and the baptismal entry in the Bishop's Transcripts reads thus:

"John son of John and Hannah Nall. Prince"

Barbara Garner,  
"Four Winds", Heath Ridge Green,  
Cobham, Surrey KT11 2QJ.

CHESTERFIELD POOR LAW WORKHOUSE

1871 Census (cont) Volume 3617 Folios 78-81

<u>Inmates</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Mary McEvoy	5	Chesterfield	
Thomas McEvoy	3	"	
Geo T. Goodwin	4	Harnower Leics	
Harry Swift	4	Birmingham	
Elizabeth Swift	8	Smithwick Works	
Maurice Swift	6	Birmingham	
Emma Halford	10	Chesterfield	
Ann Halford	13	"	
Mary Halford	6	"	
Martha Kay	11	Great Barlow	
James Rollinson	13	Chesterfield	
Louis Chapman	12	Eckington	
Walter Collis	17	Brampton	Deaf & dumb
Joseph Southall	10	Staveley	
Thomas Bartholomew	11	Killamarsh	
Samuel Allin	14	Sheffield	
James Mark	13	Chesterfield	
Daniel Edwards	12	Ellesmere Cheshire	
Walter Marriott	11	Clay Lane, Derbys	
George Hopkinson	15	Chesterfield	
Henry Davis	11	Alfreton	
Timothy Wharton	9	Ashover	
Anthony Holland	9	Chesterfield	
Joseph Naylor	11	Dronfield	
George Wharton	11	Ashover	
William Hunter	10	Manchester	
Charles Parsons	13	Chesterfield	
George Ross	16	Ashton under Line	
John Brailsford	10	Staveley	
Thomas Wisehall	9	Belper	
Edward Smith	11	Chesterfield	
George Bennet	3	"	
Mary Thirwell	33	Eckington	Imbecile
Ruth Carline	25	"	
Martha Spencer	39	Staveley	
Ann Riddish	28	Birmingham	
Harriet Lucas	29	Higham Derby	
Harriet Swift	41	Jelridgway? Staffs	
Charlotte Halford	30	Dronfield	
Elizabeth Kay	33	Great Barlow	Imbecile
John T. Brassington	1	Chesterfield	
Charlotte Brassington	8wks	"	
Elizabeth Brassington	24	"	
Sarah Madin	18	Ireland	

<u>Inmates</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Elizabeth Matthews	23	Bilston Staffs	
Ann Madin	10m	Chesterfield	
Harriet Locock	34	Dronfield	
Agnes Crowder	78	London	
Jane Marsden	79	South Dalton Yorks	
Elizabeth Cutts	55	Chesterfield	
Margaret McHugh	71	Ireland	
Jane Ady	19	Lamington Wanks	
Esther Firmy	67	Eckington	Imbecile
Grace Marsden	78	Baslow	
Priscilla Walters	72	Kilburn	
Eliza Lowe	76	Sheffield	
Alice Smith	66	Brampton	
Charlotte Halford	2	Chesterfield	
Esther Smith	11	Clay Lane Derbys	
Jane Ady	5m	Chesterfield	
Mary A. Shirman	2	"	
Ann Spooner	10	Dronfield	
Harriet Halford	5	Chesterfield	
Mary J. Paul	3	Hasland	
George Slater	6	"	
Eliza Lee	5	Chesterfield	
Sarah J. Marshall	2	Stretton Derbys	
Sarah Hallingham	10	Chesterfield	
Jessie Hallingham	8	"	
Ellen Hallingham	5	"	
Susannah Littlewood	39	"	
Julia Burns	76	Ireland	
Harriet Furniss	41	Staveley	
Sarah Mallinder	46	Whittington	
Sarah A. Bennett	23	Dudley Staffs	
John T. Bennett	1	Staveley	
Mary Robinson	18	Manchester	
Martha Bennett	16	Duckmanton	
Ann Scott	24	Sheffield	
Ann Goodwin	31	Leics Harly	
William Scott	5wks	Chesterfield	
James Goodwin	1wk	"	
Ann McAvoy	30	Ireland	
Deborah Spencer	59	Chesterfield	
Elizabeth Oldfield	80	Sheldon, Yorks	
Julia Bellamy	70	Eckington	
Ann Marsden	76	Bontse Derby	
Alice Gascoigne	19	Chesterfield	
Ann Hall	25	Brampton	
James McAvoy	1day	Chesterfield	
Richard Goodhall	61	Higham Derbys	
Bridget Kenny	13	Ireland	

Ted Shortland

SAGAR/SAGER

(Early variants SAIGER/SAYGER/SAGGER/SEGAR/SEAGAR/SEAGER/SIEGER)

The SAGAR and SAGER surnames in the years prior to 1900 were concentrated to a large extent in N.E.Lancashire with lesser occurrences elsewhere in Lancashire, others close by in W.Yorkshire and Cumbria, and a very small number scattered around the country. The name SEGAR and later some of the SEAGAR/SEAGER names appear to be a derivation of SAGAR/SAGER in the Halsall/Formby/Southport/Liverpool areas, but probably not so elsewhere in the country.

A study of SAGAR and SAGER birth, marriage and death entries in the national G.R.O. indexes shows that in the 19th century well over 70% of all the registrations were made in Lancashire, with around 20% in Yorkshire. The Lancashire figure has gradually decreased over the years to around 30% today, but the 20% is maintained in Yorkshire. Virtually all counties in England have now shown a SAGAR/SAGER entry. SAGAR of Asian origin is now occurring in a number of areas.

Over 20,000 references to SAGAR/SAGER variants have been accumulated and indexed. Help is offered to anyone researching the names. These references include:

- (1) Over 1600 Christenings 16thC to 1837 and over 5600 G.R.O.births 1837-1980s.
- (2) Over 700 marriages 16thC to 1837 and over 4200 G.R.O. marriages 1837-1980s.
- (3) Over 500 burials 16thC to 1837 and over 4400 G.R.O.deaths 1837-1980s.
- (4) Over 100 Wills/Admons 15thC to 1858 and over 1100 PPR Wills/Admons 1858-1980s.
- (5) Over 1000 individual census entries, mainly for 1841 & 1851.
- (6) Many miscellaneous items 16thC to 20thC both in UK & overseas.

The indexes are by no means complete except for the G.R.O. and P.P.R entries and I would welcome anyone coming across the names of SAGAR/SAGER/variants to forward those references for inclusion in the indexes. I am particularly interested in obtaining details of

- (1) Pedigrees ancient and modern (however small)
- (2) Obscure references
- (3) pre 1700 references
- (4) any overseas references - births, marriages, deaths, immigration, directories etc.

All correspondence will be acknowledged and postage refunded when specifically requested.

If anyone could help with any of the following "puzzling" items I would be more than grateful. Whilst having detailed much of my own family back through Clayton-le-Moors (20th-19th C), Burnley (19th C)

Worsthorne(19th-18th C), Cliviger (18th C) and Hapton (18th-17th C), I have been unable to locate the following:

- (1) The Christening of James SAGAR who married Mary HITCHEN in 1704 at Burnley. Likely to have been the son of Richard and Elizabeth SAGAR and born in the Hapton/Padham area. Three Richard and Elizabeths likely to have been producing children at that time in N.E.Lancashire.
- (2) The census entry for John SAGAR in 1851, aged c20 years, son of John SAGAR, believed dead but no confirmation, born in Burnley. Ellen - mother described as widow on death in 1847 but no death recorded for John 1837-1847 who was living in 1835 and no burial 1835-1837 locally. John SAGAR married in 1853 at Haslingdon to Catherine Dean of Clayton-le-Moors. Possibly a "Howorth/Haworth" connection as their first son John Howorth SAGAR born in 1854 takes a middle name never used previously in either Sagar or Dean families.
- (3) The whereabouts and descendants of Edwin SAGAR (b 1871) son of John and Catherine SAGAR, who married Harriet Baldwin at Burnley Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in 1896. Neither appears in the G.R.O. death indexes, so are presumed to have emigrated, Edwin not appearing in the War Deaths 1914-1918 and Harriet not re-marrying.

Where possible I will help anyone with SAGAR/SAGER connections to extend their pedigrees and to link them with all other relations.

John H.Sagar, 8 Morrell Ave,  
Horsham, W.Sussex RH12 4DD.

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#### HOW WE FOUND A DEER IN SHROPSHIRE

Professor John Widdowson's lecture, "Let's Keep it in the Family" reminded me of an entry we came across in a Shropshire parish register. A fashionable name, over several years towards the end of the 18th century, amongst the baptisms in this particular parish, seemed to be Penelope.

We could only think the pronunciation at that time must have been (phonetically) "Pennylope" because, later in the same register, there was an entry for a child baptised "Antelope"!

One better than the Pennylopes?

John Hanstock.

THE AFTERMATH OF SHEFFIELD FLOOD 1864 (cont)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Assessed</u>
3999	DAWSON, Joseph, Tailor, Low Bradfield.	£10.0.0
5239	DENTON, Ann, widow, Steel Tilter, Matlock Works, Loxley, (possibly just outside the chapelry)	£325.5.0
6139	DENTON, Edwin, Foregeman, Loxley, nr Little Matlock	£295.0.0
5385	DENTON, Henry, Tilter & Forger, Old Wheel, Loxley	£10.0.0
5386	DENTON, Henry & Thomas, Tilters & Forgers, Old Wheel, Loxley	£681.16.4
5387	DENTON, Thomas R., Tilter etc. Old Wheel, Loxley	£15.5.4
6099	DRABBLE, George, Farmer, Fox Holes, Bradfield.	£5.4.0
6390	DRABBLE, Henry (& George ELLIOTT) Fire brick manufacturers & Fire Clay dealers, Griffs, Stannington.	£30.0.0
6161	DRABBLE, Jonathan, Fire Brick & Clay Merchant, Ughill, Bradfield.	£45.0.0
5990	DYSON, John & Jonathan, Fire Brick makers, Griffs, Stannington.	£90.0.0
6164	EARNSHAW, Agnes, Farmer, Bank near Bradfield.	£6.6.0
6098	EARNSHAW, George, Farmer, Low Bradfield.	£26.0.0
4806	EARNSHAW, John, Farmer, Nether Bradfield.	£33.19.0
4606	EARNSHAW, Joseph & William, Bradfield	£1950.0.0
6390	ELLIOTT, George (& Henry DRABBLE), Fire Brick manufacturers & Fire Clay dealers, Griffs, Stannington.	£30.0.0
4553	ELLIOTT, Joseph, Filesmith, Bradfield	£6.10.0
4261	ELLIOTT, Mark, Blacksmith & Farmer, Low Bradfield.	£75.0.0
4274	EVANS, Thomas, Blacksmith, Low Bradfield.	£2.9.6
1581	FOX, Joseph, Publican, Hollow Meadows, Rivelin	£10.0.0
1728	FOX, William, File Grinder, Blands Row, Loxley	£2.1.0
4571	GILL, James, Mason & shopkeeper, Low Bradfield.	£15.0.0
3019	GILLOT, William, Razor Grinder, Stannington	£5.11.0
6244	GLOSSOP, George, Labourer, Blands Buildings, Loxley	£3.7.4
6398	GODDISON, Hannah, spinster, Griffes, Stannington	£1154.0.0
6402	GOODISON, Jonathan, Retired farmer & clay dealer, Griffes, Stannington.	£220.0.0
6565	GOODISON, Joseph, Pocket Blade Grinder, Stannington (Overgate)	£6.0.0
6561	GOODISON, Lewis, Pocket Knife Grinder, Stannington, (Uppergate)	£5.0.0
2969	GOODISON, Thomas, Pocket Knife Grinder, Stannington	£7.4.0
2382	GOODISON, Thomas, Razor Grinder, Stannington.	£6.10.0
3032	GOODISON, William, Pocket Blade Grinder, Stannington, (Overgate)	£4.15.0
4425	GOODISON, William, Pocket Blade Grinder, Stannington.	£10.0.0
4093	GOODISON, George Shaw, Farmer, Stannington)	£4.10.0
5418	GOODISON, Thomas, Stannington )	£1300.0.0

<u>No.</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Assessed</u>
5031	GRAYSON, Michael, Farmer, innkeeper & timber dealer, Bradfield.	£6.0.0
326	(amended) GREEN, John, Steel Forgerman, Old Wheel, Loxley.	£19.0.0
3026	GREGORY, Joseph, Grinder, Loxley	£12.0.0
4375	HAGUE, Hannah, widow, grocer & butcher, Dungworth	£1.10.0
3914	HAGUE, Mark. Cutler, Dungworth	£10.0.0
4666	HAGUE, Thomas, Omnibus driver & farmer, Dungworth	£8.9.0
5240	HALL, John, Farmer & Grinder, Damflask.	£50.0.0
6554	HARRISON, Edward, Razor Grinder, Stannington.	£6.0.0
5872	HARTLEY, Jonathan, Farmer, Mill Lane nr Bradfield.	£61.10.0
6038	HAWKE, Martin, farmer, Lower Bradfield.	£84.0.0
4769	HELLIWELL, Charles, Farmer Broadhead Flats, Stannington Wood.	£8.5.0
3680	HEMSALL, Joseph, Farm labourer, Hornet House Farm, Bradfield.	£60.0.0
3681	HOBSON, Benjamin, Labourer, Bradfield.	£6.18.6.
5502	HOBSON, George, Farmer & milkman, Low Bradfield.	£50.0.0
4318	HOBSON, Joseph, Farmer & miller, Damflask	£510.0.0
5419	HOBSON, Rebecca, widow, Stannington.	£17.6.8.
6251	HOLLINGWORTH, George, Paper Maker, Blands Row, Loxley	£1.17.0
5868	HOLLINGWORTH, James, Paper Maker, Blands Row Loxley.	£2.5.8.
5430	HORSFIELD, Benjamin, Farmer & Blacksmith, Nether Holdsworth	£235.0.0
4569	HORSFIELD, Henry, Blacksmith, Dam Flask.	£59.4.0
3955	HOWE, George, Grinder, Stannington. (& two others out of the chapelry) Trustees of the Will of the later John Wilson Esq.	£1220.0.0
6100	HUDSON, Joseph, Farmer, Hill Top, Bradfield.	£12.10.0
4938	IBBOTSON, George, Farmer, Briers House, Dam Flask	£15.0.0
2545	IBBOTSON, Joel, Table Blade Grinder, Stannington.	£4.4.0
354	IBBOTSON, John, Farmer, Ughill	£38.7.0
1950	IBBOTSON, John, Table Blade Grinder, Loxley	£1.12.0
1877	IBBOTSON, Jonathan, Licensed Victualler, Dam Flask	£200.0.0
5722	IBBOTSON, Joseph, Corn Miller & Farmer, Lower Bradfield.	£3505.5.0
4260	IBBOTSON, Richard, Boot & shoe maker, Lower Bradfield.	£41.0.0
3098	INMAN, Samuel, Pocket Knife Grinder, Stannington	£4.0.0
5910	INMAN, William, Knife Grinder, Stannington.	£5.0.0
5702	LITTLEWOOD, George, Farmer, Haychatter Farm, Bradfield Dale.	£45.7.3.
4944	LOVEDREN, Joseph, Farmer & valuer, Loxley	£108.3.0

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R.Wardale.

## "THE RIGHT END OF THE DISHCLOTH"

Recently, my little old mother of 88 produced some old photographs - a veritable treasure trove for any "hooked" family historian. We looked through them and identified as many family faces as we could. Then I picked up a different photograph, which I knew was not of anyone in my family. I have it here in front of me. It is of two couples - perhaps in their forties. The two ladies are sitting side by side, with their respective partners standing behind them. All are obviously dressed for some 'occasion', in their 'Sunday' clothes. The ladies have bouquets, and then men have buttonholes and are carrying top hats. They all look pleased and rather self-conscious as if this would not be their usual style of dress. Is it a wedding picture? If so, might it have been a double wedding, as both couples have equal importance in the picture? Or, could it be a bride and groom and the bride's proud parents? The ladies could be mother and daughter, or equally sisters as there is some facial likeness. But all are past the usual teens and twenties marrying age. They are sitting in the back yard of a terrace house, with quite a large greenhouse behind them. The greenhouse and the yard are overflowing with pot plants.

"Who are these people", I asked my mother.

"This one", she replied, pointing to the younger of the two women, "is Mrs. Tart - so I presume that is Mr. Tart, but I don't know who the other couple are."

"Who's Mrs. Tart?" I asked, never having heard the name before.

"She was a friend of my mother's," said my mother. "When I was a girl, she was already a widow, and she used to visit us when we lived at Tinsley."

On further questioning, I gathered that Mrs. Tart when she became a widow, went to live with her son at Tinsley. Her son's name was Collins, which fact may point to the picture being one of her second marriage to Mr. Tart. Evidently the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law conflict was just as strong in those days as at present. Mrs. Tart's visits to my grandmother were obviously at least partly to escape from her daughter-in-law's tyranny. She was often heard to say, rather sadly, "I've lived all these years, and I don't know the right end of the dishcloth". Over the years, I have heard these same words said many a time by various members of my family.

There are three entries under the name Tart in the Sheffield telephone directory. In an effort to return Mrs. Tart to her family, I rang the first number and received a polite but not very interested reply. I was told that number two was a brother to number one so I tried number three. There was a little more interest shown here, but when I was informed that "my family came across from France with the Argonauts", I did wonder a bit. Later I discovered he meant "Huguenots", so perhaps I should have taken him more seriously. Anyway, it was not the right "Tart".

I thought of all those similar, sad, unidentified photographs which you see on flea-market stalls. I would like "my" Tarts to go back to the family that would treasure them. But then, perhaps I need to look for all the Tarts in the Liverpool telephone directory. The photograph is marked, "G.Latimer, 262 Walton Road, Liverpool". Any claimants?

Eileen M.Allen.

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### MY INHERITANCE

Where do you get it from? my father often asks,  
As I settle down once more to do my various tasks.  
"I know it's not from me," he'll protest with a smile  
And that makes me stop and think for just a little while.

The innate ability for craftwork and for art  
That in my daily lifestyle plays such a major part  
Has been handed down to me through many countless years.  
Through many countless lives, with all their joys and fears.

All workers in steel, yet craftsmen in their way,  
They worked at Joseph Rodgers for long hours and short pay.  
Their trade, you know was Cutlery, it earned them world renown  
In this, the city of Cutlers, the best known firm in town.

Now for the Exhibition of 1851,  
The firm of Joseph Rodgers caused a great thing to be done.  
Two very special knives were made, the best there'd ever been  
The Norfolk and The Year Knives were shown to Albert and the Queen.

When telling us about them,my grandad used to say  
How his grandad was locked up in a room twelve hours a day,  
To work upon the Norfolk Knife, it was his sole intent  
To work with skill of hand and eye until his back was bent.

But exactly what John Bamforth did, now that I'll never know,  
For credit wasn't given to those men of long ago.  
The Company was the only thing that mattered in that way  
And not the many little men who worked there day by day.

So when anybody asks me, I cheerfully smile and say,  
That a long, long line of nobodies has slowly paved my way.  
But of one thing I am certain, in fact I'm very sure,  
I am the distillation of those who've gone before.  
So whatever skill that I have now I owe it to their lives  
To those long fogotton workers in hafts, blades, scales and knives.

Margaret Stark. 1985.

## LITTLEWOOD

Nothing could be more exciting, or indeed encouraging, to the genealogist than a big slap on the back from Lady Luck when he or she is patiently trying to pick a path through the swirling mists that so often shroud people and places in bygone centuries.

By "luck" I don't mean the odd extras that fall in beside the hard-earned products of painstaking labour, the slog that goes into the detailed perusal of ancient documents and registers. After all if you are looking in the right places you will every now and then drop on the occasional winner...compensation in some measure for the endless succession of losers.

What I am talking about is the totally unexpected, the choice morsel that drops into your lap from out of the blue, such as the one that came my way recently while I was delving into the history of the Littlewood families who lived in the parish of Almondbury, near Huddersfield, in the reign of Good Queen Bess.

It was hard-going. The register, in spite of the devoted efforts of its transcribers (for whom no praise could be too generous) teemed with imponderables. My next task, therefore, was the tedious routine of extracting every Littlewood entry. The list was a long one, but from it I was able to distinguish quite clearly a number of family groups attached over long periods to particular locations, tiny settlements in the Pennine foothills to the west of Holmfirth (where the name is believed to have originated). To my joy I found that the place I was mainly interested in, Oldfield, near Honley, was the home of an unbroken succession of Littlewoods from 1550 to 1816, when my great grandfather, Thomas Littlewood was born. In fact I had enough to enable me to construct, from names and dates, a speculative pedigree...and I really mean speculative, because in places it was held together by worrying assumptions.

One of these concerned a Richard Littlewood, baptised in 1572, the son of Richard. An entry 27 years later, in 1599 recorded the baptism of Richard's son, but there was no mention of a marriage. Could he, I wondered, have married a girl in another parish? The IGI produced a possibility: 1597 March 25, Kirkburton, Richard Littlewood and Dyonesse Mathewman. Kirkburton is next door to Almondbury...just across the river Holme, in fact, and the date was spot on.

In the faint hope that the Kirkburton register might yield more detail I wrote to the Chief Librarian at Bradford, asking for a copy of the entry. A shot in the dark, but worth trying.

The Librarian, bless him, very kindly responded with a photocopy of the relevant page from the printed transcript, and there sure enough, Richard Littlewood marries Dyonesse Mathewman and nothing else. I might just as well not have bothered.

A moment later, I discovered to my delight that it was a jolly good job I HAD bothered. At the top of the page was a long entry giving details of a lawsuit between a Simon Charlesworth and one Richard Wortley over the abstraction of tithes. That didn't matter. What DID matter was that the land involved in the dispute, "Le Damme House" and 20 acres in Cartworth within the parish of Kirkburton belonged to "Ricardus Littlewode nuper de Oldfield in Honley" who was seized of it on August 1, 30 Eliz (1588) and who had "demised the same to the plaintiff for 21 years."

So, by a stroke of luck, I had discovered that Richard Littlewood, sen., of Oldfield, was a man of some substance and I had established beyond doubt a family link with Kirkburton, giving added force to the idea that the Richard who married the fair Dyonesse was indeed Richard of Oldfield. Further force comes from that fact that he is the only Richard Littlewood in the index to fit the case. It all goes together beautifully, and provides the basis for a fresh and unexpected line of enquiry.

A real stroke of luck!

Frank Littlewood.

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#### 1851 LAUNDRY?

The discovery by Mrs.Allen of a woman whose occupation was described as "Keeps a mangle" (Flowing Stream, Spring 1984, Vol.5 No.1) may not be so unusual as it first appears. One of my ancestors, Alice Ramsbottom, of Wentworth St.,Sheffield is described in the 1851 census as a "manglewoman"! Presumably these ladies provided the same services as the present laundrettes and took in washing.

Mrs.F.J.Badger

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#### VACCINATION CERTIFICATE

I have a vaccination certificate, dated 1855 which reads:

" I, the undersigned, hereby certify that Mary Dodsworth Hartley aged 13 weeks the child of Jos<sup>n</sup> Hartley of Low Bradfield in the parish of Bradfield in the county of York has been successfully vaccinated by me. Dated this 18th day of Sept. 1855. John Shearwood Roberts, Surgeon etc, Oughtybridge & Wadsley."

On the reverse of the certificate it states: "This certificate should be carefully preserved by the Parents of the within-named child.." I think I can safely say that this instruction has been complied with.

Mrs.F.J.Badger

DIARY OF A VOYAGE TO QUEENSLAND (concl.)

Thursday July 9th.

Lat.  $40^{\circ}55'S$ . Long  $115^{\circ}38'E$ . Distance 230 miles.

We are now about 300 miles from the Australian shore and 1240 miles from Cape Otway, which is situated at the entrance of the Bass Straits. Another fire in the stores, caused in similar manner to the last; this is the third time the ship has been on fire since we left Plymouth. Some of the sailors say she has the curse of Christ against her; others that she is an unlucky ship because she left port on a Friday, and many other similar remarks.

Friday July 10th.

Lat.  $39^{\circ}37'S$ . Long  $120^{\circ}54'E$ . Distance 242 miles.

Passed the ship "James Montgomery" of Boston (USA) 96 days out, bound for Melbourne. Wind south, very cold.

Sunday July 12th.

Lat.  $38^{\circ}46'S$ . Long  $130^{\circ}E$ . Distance 150 miles.

630 miles from Cape Otway. Service on the poop. A shoal of large fishes passed this afternoon; a mudasa, or stinging fish, caught by one of the crew.

Monday July 13th.

Lat.  $88^{\circ}48'S$ . Long  $131^{\circ}18'E$ . Distance 61 miles.

Saw a large flock of birds, several thousands in number, also several bottle-nosed whales, which were soon scared away by the noise made by some of the steerage passengers.

Wednesday July 15th.

Lat.  $39^{\circ}33'S$ . Long  $139^{\circ}21'E$ . Distance 202 miles.

190 miles distant from Cape Otway. A spree in the steerage last night when forms, bunks and tables were destroyed and flour, oatmeal and biscuits, tin pots and water were scattered in all directions about the place. A mass of phosphorescent matter floated passed the ship this evening. Got up 45 fathoms of the port anchor cable.

Thursday July 16th.

Lat.  $39^{\circ}0'S$  Long  $144^{\circ}26'E$ . Distance 200 miles.

Sighted Cape Otway about 8am. which is the first land we have seen since we passed Cape de Verde Islands.

Friday July 17th.

Lat.  $28^{\circ}33'S$ . Long  $148^{\circ}22'E$ . Distance 200 miles.

Passed through Bass Straits, the wind blowing very strong, night thick and cloudy, hove to six times, the men on the look out having lost sight of the light. Passed the lighthouse about 2 o'clock about a stones throw from the rocks. About 90 miles distant from Cape Howe, which we passed at 8pm. A ship in company, seaweed in abundance.

Saturday July 18th.

Lat.  $34^{\circ}38'S$ . Long  $151^{\circ}51'E$ . Distance 268 miles.

Again sighted the coast and saw the hills a considerable distance inland. Warwick's birthday, which we celebrated with plum pudding and brandy to the best of our ability, talking of our friends in the old country.

Sunday July 19th.

Lat  $28^{\circ}33'S$ . Long  $155^{\circ}4'E$ . Distance 237 miles.

250 miles from Cape Morton; kept within sight of the coast of NSW.

Monday July 20th.

Lat.  $28^{\circ}43'S$ . Long  $155^{\circ}49'E$ . Distance 164 miles.

103 miles from Cape Morton. Spoke with the coasting schooner the *Liberty* of Sydney; saw the mail steamers lights about 7pm, which we mistook for the lighthouse and which we came up to about 10pm. The Captain signalled with cannon rockets and blue lights, which were not answered; hove to. About 2pm anchored close to shore near the mouth of the Brisbane, about half an hour after the "*Golden Empire*" had dropped anchor. We found the following ships at anchor, all of whom had arrived within the previous fortnight. Viz. "*The Beejapore*", "*Cairngorm*", "*Montmorency*", "*David MacIvor*", "*Golden Empire*", "*Hannah Moore*", and "*Young Australia*", all Black Ball liners; also "*The Rockcliffe*", the Government Emigrant ship and the barque "*Cornwallis*".

In the evening had a farewell glass with our friends between decks and retired at a reasonable hour.

Tuesday July 21st.

Early in the morning the steamer "*Settler*" came along side, bringing the government emigration inspector, who passed us and immediately afterwards we were told to get our luggage ready and go on board the steamer; which we did with very good grace and left the old ship "*Young Australia*" about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3. We had a pleasant ride up the river to Brisbane, which we reached about dark and soon found our lodgings in the land of our adoption.

Note:

It is thought that William stayed in Australia - when did Thomas return to England? He married Mary Jane Williams at St. Stephens Church, Westminster in 1874. They were my husband's grandparents. (See *The Flowing Stream* Vol.4 No.1 Winter 1982, for "*My Ellis Tree*")

Mrs.D.Ellis.

## BOOK REVIEW

"Years of Grace" by Phylliss M. Crossland. Published by Bridge Publications, 2 Bridge St, Penistone, Sheffield S30 6AJ. Cost £4.95 plus 50p postage. ISBN 0-947934-04-9 (hardback). ISBN 0-947934-01-4 (paperback).

This book is a story of country social life and customs during the period 1850-1973 in the Penistone, Sheffield area of Yorkshire. A very well written book about the life and times of the author's mother, Grace Brammall and the families of the Brammalls and the Spencelys. Change the area and people's names and it could have been set in many country districts in the UK. A very descriptive book which covers the laughter and joys of school days, the problems of growing up, the joys, heartaches, trials and tribulations of married life then widowhood.

The final two chapters were to me a very fitting end, it was when, in 1952, electricity was finally connected to the house and after a lifetime of drudgery and hard work Grace was able to enjoy what we at present take so much for granted. To the older reader it must be a graphic description of what they experienced in their lifetime.

To many readers it will revive memories of days gone by which they thought they had forgotten, it has a humorous biographical style at times and there is much to please those who are interested in the changes that took place over the 113 years covered by the book.

There is a good index at the back of the book. There are 286 pages and for the price it is an excellent buy. A book that can be read and enjoyed several times or to those researching that area or names a useful reference book.

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