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THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society is open to anyone interested in the study of Genealogy and Family History. Monthly meetings are held at The Blind Institute, Mappin Street, (off West Street) Sheffield on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm during the winter months and excursions are held in the summer. Informal meetings are held at the Ancient Order of Foresters on Trippet Lane, Sheffield every Wednesday 1.30-4pm and the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month 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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31 May
31 August
30 November

EDITORIAL

"The Foresters", as our informal meetings at Trippet Lane have come to be known is flourishing. We now have three microfiche readers available for use with the IGI. We have a large collection of journals from other societies and many indexes to M.I.s etc. as well as a good collection of local history and genealogy books. A large part of our local membership uses these facilities, but, I wonder, how many of you have contributed to them?

In Sheffield we can boast extensive and detailed indexes of our census returns, thanks to a handful of dedicated indexers. There is so much more that can be done if only we have a few more helpers. If you can spare only a little time please volunteer. You'll find that you, as well as others, will benefit. In a small way every member can help. John Perkins is looking for any stray that you may come across. For the information of new members, "Strays" are people baptised, married or buried or found in any other record outside the county of birth. I am making an index of people found in the 1861 and 1881 censuses in Sheffield who have a different surname from that of the head of the household e.g. servants, visitors, lodgers, in-laws etc. With the increase in Society membership we have outgrown our meeting room at Endclove Methodist Church hall. Our new venue for meetings is The Blind Institute in Mappin Street. Full details can be found on page

By the time you receive this Journal, the summer holidays will be in full swing. I wish you all happy ancestor hunting. My thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Society welcomes the following new members.

Mr.B.Ashmore, 13 Dikelands Mount, Angram Bank, High Green, S30 4FW.
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Mrs.P.D.Evans, 64 Yodarai Crescent, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315, Australia.

Change of Address

Mrs.P.Mootcraven, 30 Trent Drive, Wareham, Dorset BH20 4DF.
Mr.J.Fielding, 25 Merton Ave, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 6PY.
Mrs.D.Crumpler, RSO Tennyson, via Prairie, Victoria 3572, Australia.

Obituaries

We are sad to announce the death of Mrs.Eileen Ludlam. She worked hard on the making of the 1841 Census Index. Our deepest sympathy is sent to her husband and family.

The death has also occurred of Mr.H.Stocks, a new member of our Society. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife.

Long standing members will be sad to hear of the death of Mr.G.J. Robinson, our first Treasurer, after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy is sent to his daughter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE TREASURER

As we all know too well, everything goes up! - the cost of room hire, stationery, Journal production, duplicating etc. At the last meeting, the Committee discussed the financial state of the Society, looking at future costs and commitments, balanced against income. It would appear essential that subscriptions should increase in 1988. The Committee suggest that increases should be as follows:

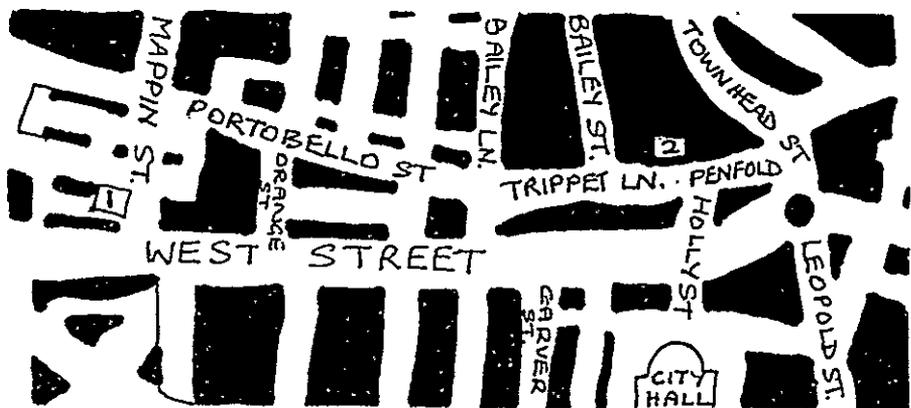
Single Membership	from £4 to £6
Joint Membership	from £5 to £8
Overseas Membership	as above but with an optional £2 extra for Journals to be sent by airmail instead of by surface mail.

The Committee are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss these proposals, to be held in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting, on October 15th, 1987, at The Blind Institute.

E.M.Allen.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - NEW MEETING PLACE

In future, the Society's monthly meetings will be held at The Blind Institute, Mappin Street (off West Street), Sheffield. The Blind Institute is close to bus routes to the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and the Children's and Jessop's Hospitals so members should have no difficulty in finding a suitable bus service. There is also ample parking space nearby. See page 11 for full details of the Autumn programme.



GUIDE TO SOCIETY MEETING PLACES

1. The Blind Institute, Mappin Street.
2. The Ancient Order of Foresters, Tripplet Lane.

NEWS AND NOTES

CORBETT ONE-NAME SOCIETY

Mrs. J.C. Noble, 12 Sherwood Crescent, Woodhatch, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7QL is making a one-name study (accepted by the Guild of One-Name Studies) of the name Corbet, Corbett, Corbit, Corbitt, Corbetta, Karbut, Kerbit and Karbutt. She is making an index to all references of the name. She would like to hear from any members who have found references to the names in their researches in order to expand her index.

COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Seaman Photographers, 193 London Road, Sheffield offer a copying service of old photographs. Postcard size photographs are copied for about 50p each. The process uses a print to print method so sizes available at this price are limited but many old photographs fall within their size range.

DRURY AND FARRINGTON

Mrs. Barbara Moore, 15c St. John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3LR has a copy of all birth, marriage and death entries for Drury in Sheffield from the St. Catherine's House Indexes between 1837 and 1900. She also has Farrington entries from Wolstawton and Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs., and Barnsley in Yorkshire from 1837 to 1880. On receipt of an S.A.E. she will give any help she can.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE F.H.S. ONE DAY CONFERENCE

A One Day Conference is being held on 10th October 1987 in Northampton with the title, "Poor Relations". Subjects covered are "The Poor Law", "Using the Records of the Overseers of the Poor" and "Gypsies, Tinkers and Travellers". The cost of £7 including lunch and morning coffee. Full details from Mrs. V.M.A. Alsford, 11 Wycliffe Road, Abingdon, Northants NN1 5JQ.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE F.H.S. ONE DAY CONFERENCE

A One Day Conference is being held on 3rd October 1987 at Newark. Subjects covered are "The Photograph - its history and its relevance to Genealogy", "Records of Other Ranks in the British Army" and "Reading Old Documents". The cost of £7.50 per person includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. Places are available at £3.50 excluding lunch.

SPRING CONFERENCE - 1988 IN ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland F.H.S. is hosting the Spring 1988 Conference and Federation A.G.M. at Aberdeen University from 8th to 10th April 1988. The theme is "Scotland: its People and its Records". For further details send a 9"x4" S.A.E. to Mrs. R.A. Baxter, 647 King St, Aberdeen, AN2 1SB, Scotland.

FAMILY HISTORY AND ARCHIVES DAY

This is being held in Leeds Civic Hall on Saturday 7th November. There will be demonstrations of conservation work, an exhibition of original manuscripts, original Parish Registers available for consultation on microfiche, old films, dvice panels and many other attractions. Further details from our Secretary Mrs. M.P. Dunn.

KENT ANCESTRY

Members with Kent ancestry may be interested in details of the Kent Co-operative Search Group. Subscribers pay a low cost in advance to fund the compilation of an index which upon completion will then be searched for the names they are interested in. Details are to be found at The Foresters.

INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

A set of leaflets sent by the Institute is at The Foresters. Subjects covered are:

Syllabus for beginners' courses in genealogy and family history
Teachers' packs
Details of the Institute work and holdings
Indexes and special collections at the Institute

FEDERATION NEWS AND INFORMATION

ANGLO-GERMAN GROUP

Mr. Roy Bernard, 39 Long Lane, Cookham, Berks, is trying to form an Anglo-German group. Mr. Bernard's ancestors were immigrants to England from Germany in the 1800s and he has had a great deal of enjoyment and success researching his family tree. He is now in a position to help others in similar circumstances. He hopes to send a quarterly newsletter to all members of the group - starting in August/September 1987 - and at present the subscription is a nominal £1 to cover the cost of the Newsletter and postage. An informal meeting is planned at the above address for October and from the attenders he hopes a committee might be formed. Some help can be given to formulate letters to Germany when enquiring about church records, also help in transcribing replies, but he is unable to help with the old German language. Anyone interested in joining the Anglo-German Group should write direct to Mr. Bernard at the above address.

SOUTH AFRICAN FAMILY HISTORIANS

Correspondents in South Africa are embarrassed and apologetic at not being able to send return postage as IRCs are unobtainable there. Members are asked to be tolerant and bear in mind that people in South Africa are in a difficult position.

WAGSTAFF ONE-NAME SOCIETY

A One-Name Society for the name Wagstaff has been formed by Mrs. Barbara Kent, 17 Red Hill, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY8 1NA. Although still in its infancy, the first Newsletter has been published and can be sent to anyone interested in exchange for 2 x 18p stamps. Mrs. Kent will be pleased to receive information, or answer queries on the name Wagstaff.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

The Calendars of Grants of Probate and Letters of Administration 1858 to 1934, and the Index to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1853 to 1858, formerly stored at the Cambridgeshire R.O. Huntingdon office, have been transferred to Cambridge.

CORNWALL COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

This office is to be closed for much needed extension work. The period of closure will begin on 1st September 1987 and by 1st January 1988 it is hoped that a definite date of re-opening will be known. If you wish to be notified of the office's re-opening please send an S.A.E. clearly marked CRO/88 to the Cornwall County Record Office, County Hall, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3AY.

GUILDHALL LIBRARY ACQUISITION

The City of London's Guildhall Library has recently acquired by private purchase, thirteen poll books which record how electors voted for candidates in general, county or borough elections in Canterbury, Colchester and Marlborough, prior to the introduction of the secret ballot. The Guildhall Library has a collection of poll books dating from the early 18th century onwards, which the City's Public Relations Department claims is 'the finest publicly available in the world'.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

"Archives at National Trust Properties" by Barry Williamson. It lists details of location of the archives relating to National Trust Properties. Price 75p + postage obtainable from the National Trust, 42 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AS.

"Historical, Archaeological and Kindred Societies in the United Kingdom: A List." Compiled by Malcolm Pinhorn and obtainable from Pinhorns, Hulverston Manor, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 4EH. Price £9.50 + 50p p+p. 109 pages of useful addresses, of all kinds of societies, in alphabetical order supported by a topographical index.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

Meeting on Thursday 19th March 1987.

Mr. Bowen talked to Society members about "Post Office Archives". These records cover 300 years and many subjects connected with the mail. No records of employees are kept but there is a series of books listing appointments, retirements and pensions that could be useful. All books are kept chronologically not alphabetically so for any query it is necessary to know when and where employment started, and at what grade. It is sometimes possible to find people mentioned in archives about places. Subpostmasters are not found in the records because they are agents of the Post Office not employees of it. No personal information is kept on employees after their death. Staff magazines and the magazine of the Union of Post Office Workers can be useful in giving details of people at that branch.

Denise Marsden.

ED's Notes.

Leaflets about the Post Office Archives can be found at the Foresters.

A question was asked after the talk about identifying World War I Army postmarks. These can be found in "The Postal History of the British Army in World War I" by Alastair Kennedy and George Crabb. It was published by Crabb in 1977 and has a soft spiral binding but no ISBN. There is a copy in Sheffield Philatelic Library.

Meeting on Thursday 16th April 1987.

Dr. Margaret Barnet: Medical History of a 17th Century Yorkshire Family.

With her medical background, Dr. Margaret Barnet was able to give those who attended the Society's meeting on 16th April a most interesting and amusing account of 'medical' practices in the 17th century, with particular reference to the family of Alice Wandesforde (1625-1709). This remarkable lady left diaries which not only contain her pious thoughts and prayers, but also a fascinating and detailed account of her own medical history and those of various members of her family.

The 17th century is medically very interesting, the search for knowledge being stimulated by the establishment of the Royal Society; but this knowledge was usually 'academic' not 'practical'. Doctors were few and often far away from their patients which meant a long time before their arrival. Often diagnosis was given by letter. They could also be expensive. Self-treatment was the order of the day with such 'remedies' as mustard baths, enema (given using a pig's bladder), purging, poultices, hartshorn and herbs. The help and advice of a local 'wise woman' learned in such treatment was also often available in country areas. For instance, ear ache and eye infection were treated with warm milk; toothache by rubbing wax candle or hartshorn on the gum, and in extreme cases calling out the farrier!!

The Doctors' treatments included bleeding and Theriacum, a 'blunderbus dose' to purge the patient's system. Tonics included such substances as powdered pearls, powdered 'unicorn' horns, and Venice Treacle, an imported cure-all of over 20 ingredients including white wine, spices, roses, sloes and 12 stewed vipers! Dr. Hall, Shakespeare's son-in-law, used Swallows' nests, dung and all!

Diseases during the 17th century were changing, some disappearing, others appearing or getting worse. Small pox, originally a child's minor ailment, was now becoming serious, as were syphilis, scurvy, influenza, TB, dysentery, measles, whooping cough, bloody flux etc. Food was often tainted and required salt and spices to make it palatable, but it caused many internal disorders.

Alice Wandesforde was born in 1625 near Ripon, her mother the daughter of a London merchant, her father Christopher, a landowner in North Yorkshire and a friend of the Earl of Stafford. In her diaries it is evident that Alice endured and enjoyed her ill-health. She suffered the usually childhood ailments of measles and chicken pox. At the age of three she tripped and fractured her skull. In 1632 the family went to Ireland with the Earl of Stafford (Governor) and Alice shared the education of the Earl's daughters. The Countess employed a French page to exercise the children, by swinging them by the arms. Unfortunately he dropped Alice one day and she broke her jaw!

The 1640s were unsettled times because of the Civil War. Christopher Wandesforde was Acting Governor of Ireland, and overwork led to three minor heart attacks, followed by a massive one which put him in bed. The treatment used was called 'bringing the pigeons', the birds being cut open and placed against the feet of the dying person, but unfortunately he died. The family, Mrs. Wandesforde, four children and servants, left Ireland and arrived in Chester, only to be besieged by Parliamentary troops. The children got small pox at this time, treated by wrapping them in red blankets or having red hangings in the sitting room. Eventually the family were allowed to return to Yorkshire, to the Dower House at Hipswell. Scottish soldiers were forcibly billeted on the family, and they caused a lot of damage and stealing and the girls risked being raped. It was a time of harvest failures and epidemics. Diet was always a problem in winter, and salt and spices were scarce. Fruit and vegetables were not eaten much, which led to a lack of Vitamin C (scurvy), Vitamin D (rickets) and Vitamin A (eye and bladder infections, and kidney stones).

During the 17th century there were no contraceptives, and infant mortality was high and largely accepted. Alice's sister, Catherine, had 16 pregnancies in 15 years: 6 still born, 10 born alive but only 7 reached childhood. Catherine died after her 16th pregnancy. Babies were fed milk or whey with a cow's horn, and weaned on bread and milk mixed with chopped lark or chicken.

Alice was reluctant to marry, but eventually married John Thornton. He was poor and they lived with Mrs. Wandesforde. At the marriage ceremony Alice collapsed. Dr. Witty was summoned, from York, 40 miles away. He diagnosed the cause of Alice's condition as being the fact that she had washed her feet the night before, a very dangerous thing to do at that time of year, February! Alice had 11 pregnancies in 10 years. She suffered miscarriages and still-births, on two occasions caused by being forced to go on long journeys in late pregnancy. Her daughter Elizabeth suffered birth injury which caused convulsions; Dr. Witty prescribed a visit to St. Mungo's well, and the juice of the mistletoe berry, but she died. William developed neo-natal jaundice and died. Another child was breached, with cord around the neck, and died. After one labour, Alice suffered haemorrhaging but Dr. Witty, when he arrived, bled her! Her last child developed gastro-enteritis

and died. Her eldest surviving daughter, Alice, nicknamed Nally, once burnt her hand; the blisters were opened and bathed with vinegar, lettuce and onions. Three of her children caught small pox: Nally lost her hair and was nearly blinded, and Robert was badly pock-marked. Mrs.Wandesforde died of breast cancer, treated with hemlock, mistletoe berry juice and hot oatmeal applied to the breast.

Alice's husband, John Thornton, seemed to be of a depressive nature and when Alice was ill, he became 'unwell' too. Dr.Witty would recommend a visit to a spa or to London. He eventually died aged 44 after a stroke when visiting Malton Market. Alice lived another 40 years, coping with lack of money and family problems. She helped the villagers in Stonegrave (they had moved to East Newton Hall after Mrs.Wandesforde died), lost her sight, but found consolation in her religion. Nally, at the age of 14, married Thomas Cumber, Rector of Stonegrave. He had been a delicate child, and he sympathised with Alice, and would often sit and read from the Bible to her. She firmly believed that death would re-unite her with her mother and children.

One remedy which has come down to us: infusion of willow leaves:
ASPIRIN!

Sue Graves

Meeting on Thursday 21st May 1987

Mr.Tony Munford from the Brian O'Malley Central Library in Rotherham gave us a detailed account of his library's holdings in the Archives and Local Studies Section. He has supplied the following detailed guide for our information.

SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Parish Registers

N.B. This section holds no original parish registers. These are deposited either at Sheffield Record Office or at Doncaster Archives.

The section holds microfilm copies of the original parish registers for All Saints, Rotherham, Greasebrough, Ravenfield, Wentworth and Wickersley together with a growing collection of typescript transcripts of registers for parishes within the Metropolitan Borough and the printed transcript published by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

Non-Conformist Records

The largest collection of non-conformist records is that for the chapels comprising the Wath and Mexborough Circuit of the Methodist Church. Other collections include the records of Westgate Baptist Chapel, Doncaster Gate Congregational Church of Our Father, Moorgate (Unitarian). All these collections include registers of baptisms, lists of members etc.

Census

Microfilm of the census returns for 1841 to 1881 inclusive are held for the whole of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough and for a few other places. The section holds a card index to the 1851 Census for Rotherham Registration District, while a typescript index to the 1881 census is in progress.

IGI

The section now holds the 1984 edition of the IGI for the whole of England.

Cemeteries

In addition to microfilm and transcripts of Anglican burial registers (see Section on Parish Registers), the section holds microfilm of the registers for municipally controlled cemeteries in the Metropolitan Borough. These include Moorgate and Herringthorpe Cemeteries at Rotherham and the cemeteries at Greasbrough, Maltby, Masbrough, Rawmarsh and Wath.

Newspapers

Copies of the Rotherham Advertiser 1858 to date, South Yorkshire Times 1877 to date and Morning Telegraph 1890 to 1986 are held by the section. These are normally only available on microfilm.

Other Sources

Other sources that may be of use for family history include

1. Workhouse - Board of Guardians minutes, registers of inmates, creed registers, registers of births in the workhouse.
2. Education - an extensive collection of school log books and admission registers with larger collections of records of Rotherham High School and Brampton Ellis School.
3. Family - Bosville of Ravenfield, Bentley, Earl of Effingham's Grange Estate and miscellaneous collections of title deeds and wills.
4. Local Authority - extensive records of Rotherham County Borough and of the pre-1974 UDCs and RDCs including rate books, wages books etc.
5. Maps - an extensive collection of Ordnance Survey and other maps including a number of enclosure awards and maps.
6. Photographs - a large and growing collection arranged by place and subject.

Printed Sources

The section has an extensive collection of printed books on all aspects of the history of Rotherham and of other places within the Metropolitan Borough. In addition to the normal local histories,

collections of pedigrees, directories, society transactions and books by local authors, there are collections of press cuttings on particular places and subjects and copies of a number of unpublished theses and local studies.

Copies

Copies can be provided of most of the material held by the section subject to the limitations imposed by the Copyright Act. Charges at present for photocopies are 10p (A4) and 15p (A3). Print-out microfilm or microfiche is available at 15p per sheet.

Situation

The Archives and Local Studies Section is situated on the first floor of the Central Library in Walker Place, Rotherham. This is within easy walking distance of the new Central Station and of the Bus Station in Frederick Street. The most convenient car parks are the multi-storey car park above the bus station and the surface car park off Drummond Street (behind the Library).

Opening Hours

Mon. Tues. Fri.	10.00 - 17.00
Wed.	13.00 - 19.00
Thurs.	10.00 - 19.00
Sat.	09.00 - 17.00

Readers wishing to use microfilm material are advised to book in advance.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 17th September 1987. David Hey - "My Battye Ancestors".
- Thursday 15th October 1987. Marjorie Dunn - "Slum to Sunshine", a glimpse into the past.
- Thursday 12th November 1987. Mrs. Dilys Glover - "Welsh and Yorkshire Ancestors". N.B. This is the 2nd Thursday in the month.
- Tuesday 27th October 1987. Trip to London to visit St. Catherine's House, the P.R.O. and Somerset House. £5 per person. Contact Sue Graves to book, Tel. Sheffield 402727.

Courses organised by the Division of Continuing Education, The University of Sheffield.

"Tracing Your Family Tree" (10)

Peter Wilkinson. Mondays 7.30pm from 5th October, Geology Dept, Mappin Street, Sheffield.

"Reading Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Documents" (10)

Margaret Turner. Tuesdays 7.30pm from 6th October, University Arts Tower.

Family History Day School.

Saturday 14th November 10.00am to 4.30pm, Medical School Lecture Theatre; Richard McKinley: The Origins of English Surnames.
David Hey: Stable Families in Tudor and Stuart England.
Peter Wilkinson: The Homes of Family Names.
Michael Williams: But who are all these people?

Details from The Division of Continuing Education, 85 Wilkinson Street, Sheffield S10 2GJ.

OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

Ms.Woodhouse, 16 Basegreen Crescent, Gleadless Sheffield S12 3FD is seeking information on the following people:
CAMBELL Cambell (without the P) ancestors, any information will be very useful.
NICHOLSON Florence Nicholson who later married Charles Woodhouse in Sheffield.
WOODHOUSE
OXSPRING Richard Henry Oxspring who later married
BANKS Charlotte Banks.
PASHLEY Ely Pashley who later married Lily Houghton.
HOUGHTON Harry Dawkins Dawson born somewhere in 1386
DAWSON in Sheffield.
GREGORY William Henry Gregory who later married Annie Norman.
NORMAN
CRADDOCK Joseph Craddock who married Sarah and John Craddock who married Harriet.

Mrs.R.Watts, 14 Whitegates Close, Hethersett, Norwich NR9 3JG would like to hear from anyone who has an ancestor who may have worshipped at Zion Congregational (Independent) Church in Attercliffe. Her particular interest is in

JOSEPH WATTS

Joseph Watts who was senior deacon at Zion from 1871 to 1901.

"The Story of Old Attercliffe"

Mrs.R.Watts (address above) would like to purchase a copy of "The Story of Old Attercliffe". A whole chapter is devoted to Zion Church and there are other references to Joseph Watts and his brother John Willson Watts who was her husband's great great grandfather.

Sheffield & District Licensed Victuallers Association.

Is there anyone with an interest in the Sheffield and District Licensed Victuallers Association who can give Mrs.Watts (address above) information on Samuel Edwin Watts (Association President 1900-1902) or his son Henry Watts (Association President 1930-1937+). Both men ran the Firth Park Hotel on the corner of Page Hall Road, which seems to have stayed in the Watts family until around 1950.

WATTS

Firth Park Hotel

MARGERISON
HODGKINSON
HARTLEY

Robert C.Goodwin, Flat 16, Sir Oswald Stoll Mansions, 446 Fulwood Road, London SW6 1DR would like information on Thomas Margerison widower aged 45 who married Hannah Hodgkinson (nee Hartley) widow aged 35 at the Parish Church Sheffield on 20th February 1875 from 4 Saville St. Later in 1875 they lived at No.8 Brightside Lane. Mr.Goodwin is also seeking information about Thomas Margerison's first wife. He will pay any expenses incurred.

MUGGESON
MUGGISON
COPLEY
BRADSHAW/BROADSHAW

Mrs.M.E.Muggeson, 3 Norwood Road, Skegness, Lincs PE25 3AD is seeking any reference to the name Muggeson or Muggison, anytime, anywhere. She is also interested in John Copley born 1803/4 in High Hoyland. He married Ann Bradshaw or Boardshaw (born 1802/3 at Walkley) on 28 Sept 1822 in Rotherham Parish Church. He lived in Low Walkley in 1851 and 110 Creswick St in 1861 and died on 5 March 1864, at Walkley. His children were Mary Ann (b.1830), Sarah (b.1839/40), Elizabeth (b.1836/7), Emma (b. 1833/4), James (b.1826/7), Charles (b.14 Oct 1828, d.6 Jan 1899), John (b.1835/6) and Eliza. Grandchildren living with John in 1861 were Henry John Copley Marshall (b.1843/4) and Charles James Copley Marshall (b.1850/1). Mrs. Muggeson would like information on the firm of John Copley & Sons, Richmond Hill, Walkley which he founded.

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HISTORICAL NOTES ON THE SITE OF THE OFFICES
OF THE "TELEGRAPH"

On Friday 31st October 1913 there appeared in the pages of The Telegraph" the first part of some historical notes written by R.E. Leader (our famous Sheffield Historian). The notes concerned the site on which the Telegraph's offices were built in York Street.

"....In the reign of Elizabeth much of the property from this point down to what became the famous old Cock Tavern, at the upper corner of the cul-de-sac now called High Court, was in the ownership of Richard Skynner, of The Hill, Hathersage, gentleman. We may note, in passing, that the extent to which large holdings in Sheffield were at that period held by North Derbyshire men is remarkable. Besides Richard Skynner on the North, there were the Brays of Eyam, and Thomas Mozley, also of Eyam, and Thomas Barber, of Hope, all possessed of considerable properties. Do we get a clue to the reason for this by remembering that, in the following centuries, the marked opulence of the Lees of Little Sheffield, the Speights of Attercliffe, through them the Clays of Bridgehouses, and of others, was derived from the once lucrative lead-mining of the Peak?

The name of Richard Skynner, of The Hill occurs among a list of North Derbyshire gentlemen on whom a levy was made, in 1601, "towards the setting forth of three horsemen into Ireland, " his payment being 35s . And since "Ricus Skynner, yeoman," with others of the same surname in Hathersage, was among the Recusants convicted at the Lent Assizes in the 10th and again in the 12th, years of James I (1612-1617) it is clear that his family was one of the many in that locality adhering tenaciously to the old faith. I understand that the Skynner family continued at The Hill far into the seventeenth century.

to be continued.

Contributed by Mrs.J.King.

YORKSHIRE PROBATE INVENTORIES

The following are lists of family names relating to Yorkshire Probate Inventories for areas around Barnsley. For further information please send S.A.E. to Mr.B.Elliott, 8 Branksome Ave, Barnsley S70 6HX.

Silkstone Families 1680-1750

Andrews	Crowder	Lister	Smith
Ant	Denton	Lockwood	Sourby
Batty	Downing	Martin	Street
Beachill	Ellis	Milner	Swift
Beaumont	Firth	Moakson	Swinden
Beet	Fretwell	Moulson	Sykes
Benson	Gothard	Morton	Thackwray
Booth	Hargreave	Parkin	Thicket
Bramhall	Harrison	Pashley	Trinkett
Broadbent	Hawkesworth	Pilmay	Turton
Brook(e)	Heaward	Pimperton	Walker
Burgon	Hirst	Platts	Walton
Butterworth	Hobson	Rawson	Womersley
Catlin	Ibbotson	Roe(Rowe)	Woodhead
Chappell	Jubb	Scott	Wood
Coldwell	Kay	Senior	Wordsworth
Crawshaw	Lee	Shaw	Wright
Craven	Lindley	Simpson	Wroe

From 110 inventories - Dodworth, Silkstone, Stainborough, Thurgoland & West Bretton.

Worsbrough Families 1680-1750

Allot(t)	Dames	Milner	Travis
Beckett	Ellis	Ounsworth	Walker
Bigge	Harrison	Pool	Wightman
Burgin	Knutton	Saltonstall	Wildsmith
Carrington	Marrow	Shepherd	Wilkinson
Cawthorne	Neeley	South	

From 25 inventories.

Darfield Families 1680-1750

Andrews	Hay (Hey)	Pimperton	Slack
Beardsall	Hick	Pollard	Smith
Birk	Holdsworth	Preston	Strafforth
Box	Kay	Rhodes	Storey
Brooksbank	Kitchingman	Roberts	Swinden
Carr	Lee	Robinson	Watson
Cope	Loxley	Rock	Wilkinson
Cusworth	Lupton	Rollinson	Wilson
Day	Mount	Sanderson	Wood
Ellis	Penell	Scorer	Woodhead
Fox	Pepper	Senior	
Hall	Pigot	Shepherd	

From 45 inventories - Ardsley, Billingley, Darfield, Great & Little Houghton & Wombwell.

MORRISON WITH AN "A"

I sighed, and tried again, "It's MARRISON - M.A.R.R.I.S.O.N.
"Oh, you mean MORRISON", the assistant brightened.

Swallowing my frustration, I replied, doggedly, "NO, not Morrison, at least not unless you spell it with an "A". And NOT Harrison either, unless you shove in an "M" for the "H".

Thrusting the slip at me rudely, the assistant flounced off. I glanced down at the name she had written: MOLLISON. I gave up.

In the end, tired of this damnable name that SEEMS like so many other common names, but which is yet separate and unique, I turned to genealogy for the answer. Why was this name so rare in this state of half a million people? Why were we the only bearers of the name? After all, great tribes of Harrisons, Morrisons, Mallisons and Mollisons existed.

I began with the 1978 U.K. phone books, seeking out all Marrison entries. South Yorkshire yielded a quarter of the total 184 entries for the entire country; thus confirming my Sheffield birth. Despite this, my mother claimed determinedly that Sunderland was the family homeland. Being a true Yorkshireman, I always doubted this, and, for want of evidence, held Sheffield to be our home. In the end, we were both wrong, despite a family presence in Sheffield of over 150 years. No, by using civil records, I.G.I. and parish records, it was established that we were descended from a long line of village bricklayers from east of Doncaster. In late Henrican times, Merrisons and Marysons, lived in Finningley parish skirting the fens. Later, through the heady eras of Stuart and Hanoverians, Marrissons plied their trade in the bustling port of Bawtry. Finally, around Waterloo time, they slipped over the county line into Blyth, great great grandfather Joseph being born there (registered as Morrison) in 1815. He was the watershed in the family history, for he brought the family in from the rural cold, into the bustle and grime of industrial Sheffield.

As my search unfolded, I became aware of a branch of Marrissons living in the Norfolk region from mid-fifteen hundred to date. Through lack of evidence for connection with the Yorkshire branch, I discounted this line. Not, so, the Castleton clutch, accidentally uncovered by the I.G.I. This showed Marrison families living in the shadow of the castle from early seventeen hundred onwards into the present century. Were these people an off shoot of the Bawtry line, a lost tribe of Israel? Had they followed the packhorse trail up from the port? I wished I knew. Whatever the true answer, the Castleton churchyard holds the best collection of Marrison headstones I have seen in the country. The name was, till recently, well known in the area, possibly because of the famous family of rope makers who worked in the cavern. Bert Marrison was the last, having only retired a few years ago.

Despite the results of nine years frantic research, during which I came to know many Marrison's in many places, I still do not know WHY this name is so rare. Could it have been brought about by the LATE popular acceptance of the root Christian name: Mary, around the period of surname formation, (possibly the late fourteenth century?) Any ideas anyone?

Now with the death in 1984 of my dear aunt; Mrs. Win. Stuart, wife of the late Walter Stuart, well known survivor of first world war naval battles, the wheel has turned full circle in Sheffield. For the first time in 150 years the city is without family residence. But between now and 1990, when I hope to return to Sheffield for my second visit in nearly forty years, I'll just keep patiently spelling out my name to endless disbelieving Tasmanian shop assistants. Cos, I know, that when I once again stroll the pavements of Ecclesall Road, when I enter a shop and mumble my name, I'll be accepted for what I am - a son of Mary, not Maurice, or Harry, or Moll, or.....

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A SHEFFIELD FAMILY GOES TO CANADA

One of my New Year's resolutions was that I would write to the editor of The Flowing Stream, to express my sincere thanks to all the people who put so much effort into that remarkable little magazine. When my copy arrives I am lost for days, first, digesting it from cover to cover then transported back to the long-ago-days of my forbears, and imagining how things were for them. Some of you and your members have helped me in my quest.

My grandmother, Matilda (Ward) Timm sailed for Canada from Liverpool on the vessel Sarnation on January 31st 1884. She came to join her husband Charles Henry Timm, who had come ahead of her and was waiting in Montreal for her and their five children. After a stop at Londonderry the ship landed at Halifax on February 10th, and then went on to Montreal. I obtained these facts from the Public Archives here in Ottawa helped by faint notes in pencil which I found in my grandmother's Bible. I feel very fortunate to have obtained this material.

Both of my grandparents had worked in the cutlery business in Sheffield as did their brothers and sisters. My grandmother was a burnisher and my grandfather was a knife scaler. I am told that he came to Canada to start a cutlery business making knives, but found a brisk trade in wooden handled knives already established by some German immigrants, and realised that he could not compete. What he did then I do not know, but they returned to Sheffield in October 1885,

then started afresh in Montreal in 1887. I have a picture of the family taken outside their new clapboard house in Montreal about 1890. There were nine children then. Sometime before 1900 Hannah Ward, Matilda's mother visited Montreal for at least part of a winter. She was so tiny that she had to be lifted over the snow drifts. I have a photograph of the little lady. She looked just like Queen Victoria and it is hard to believe that she could have come so far to visit one of her daughters all those years ago. Her father, James Swift, died in January 1884 at the age of 81. I have his photograph and his memorial card. He was buried at Intake Cemetery. His wife was Martha Pashley, and they lived at 93 Green Lane, Sheffield. Martha's mother was Mary Pashley. My search ends there for that branch. James Swift was a caster: he came from Outwood.

Joseph Ward was the son of John Ward and his wife, Elizabeth. He came from Woodhouse and she from Ardsley. They were married on 8th December 1828. He was a butcher and they lived at 106 South St in Sheffield at the time of the 1851 Census. End of that trail!

Charles Timm was the son of Walter Timm. Father and son were both scale cutters. His mother was Hannah, born in 1835 in Sheffield. In 1871 they were living at Court 15, Franklin St; Walter's father was Thomas Timm, married to Martha Baxter. Martha was born in Sheffield in 1794. She married Thomas on May 18th 1813. He too was a scale cutter and in 1851 they were living at Court 15, Edward St, Sheffield. As you can see, progress is slow.

Returning to my Canadian roots: my mother was the youngest of her family of 12. Her whole childhood was spent in Montreal and I loved to hear her stories of that interesting city. When she was in her eighties and living in a nursing home, she and other residents were asked to write a story of a special event in their childhood. Her story which she dictated to me won a prize and was printed in the residence magazine. I treasure my copy to this day. She told me about the time her father took her to see the ice palace atop Mount Royal. There is an enormous illuminated cross on Mount Royal now, which can be seen for miles in every direction. There my grandparents are buried with most of their children, and, I wonder, how many other good Sheffield folk who dared to make a new life for themselves in Canada.

I would be happy to send copies of the photographs I have to anyone interested in them.

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CORONERS' INQUESTS

Extracted from The Thoroton Society Series of Coroners' Inquests.

HENRY NORTON of Plumtree (K.B.9/452, m.32).

29 Feb.1508. Scrooby. Thomas Thrope, coroner and bailiff assigned in the town of Scrooby with its members by virtue of charters and grants of divers kings of England.

Jurors: Thomas Wryghte, John Hanley, Christopher Glasier, 'Rothe Rigo', John Travess, all of Scrooby; Richard Wryghte, Henry Rannesley, William Bertram, Nicholas Screy, all of Harworth; Lawrence Storrer, William Tailior, William Bagott, Thomas Bagott, all of Martin.

About 4 p.m. on 26 Feb. Richard Wade late of Rotherham in Yorkshire, 'scoler', assaulted Henry Norton late of Plumtree in the parish of Harworth with a knife called 'le hynger' (sc. hanger) worth 2s, which he held in both hands, making 3 wounds in his right side and 3 in his left side and giving him 2 fatal wounds in the front of his head 5 inches long and 2 inches deep, of which he immediately died there (sic). Thus Richard feloniously murdered him, and he immediately afterwards fled. He has no goods or chattels. Richard Scott late of Rotherham, 'scoler', on the same day feloniously comforted and aided Richard Wade in the committing the murder.

(This inquest was delivered to the gaol delivery justices with No.24 but into King's Bench in Michaelmas term 1509, although separately from Nos.42-44. Richard Wade and Richard Scott were outlawed in the county court at Nottingham on 27 Oct.1511 and 9 April 1515 respectively (K.B.29/140,m.14d.))

WILLIAM BARTON of Chesterfield; 'chapman' (K.B.9/449, m.56)

13 May 1508. Arnold. Thomas Longforde, county coroner.

Jurors: Thomas Parker, Roger Nedam, William Fox, Christopher Hydes, Henry Sully, all of Arnold; Richard Taillour of Hucknall Torkard; Thomas Appulby of Watnall; Christopher Fox, William Warsop, John Trewman, William Iveson, all of Arnold; Richard Wylson of Bulwell; Richard Ynglond of Owlthorpe; Robert Master of Kimberley.

On 12 May William Barton late of Chesterfield in Derbyshire, 'chapman' (sc. merchant), one of the king's prisoners detained in his prison in the keeping of Edward Stanhop, knight, sheriff of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, on suspicion of felony and treason of which he was indicted in Derbyshire, died naturally and not otherwise in the said prison at Arnold in the sheriff's keeping.

(This inquest was delivered to King's Bench in Trinity term on a writ to the coroner dated 28 June (K.B.9/449, m.55; K.B.29/137, m.32))

Contributed by Mrs.M.Newton.

DORE SURNAMES

From Dronfield Parish Registers, 1676-1720 inclusive

<u>Most common:</u>	CARNALL	RIDGE	TAYLOR
	YELLOTT	TURNER	GREENWOOD
	GREAVES	WOODHOUSE	CLARKE
	WATSON	CROOKES	HAGUE
	OATES	FISHER	SWIFT
<u>Others:</u>	*ALLOT/ELOTT	HUDSON	
	BANCROFT	IBERTSON	
	BARKER	JAMES	
	BAXTER	JOHNSON	
	BEARD	JONES	
	BENNIFF	LANGDIN/LONGDEN	
	BRIGHT	LEADBEATER	
	BULLER	MARSDEN	
	BUTLER	MARTIN/MORTON	
	CARTLEDGE	MASON	
	COPE	MOOR	
	CUTLER	NEWBOULD	
	DALTON	NOE	
	DEAVIS/DEWRIS	PARKINSON	
	DON/DUN	PINDAR	
	DUNGWORTH	QUICKSALL	
	DURHAM	RAWORTH	
	EVANS	ROYLES/RYALS	
	FLINT	SHORE/SHOAR	
	FOWLER	SIDDALL	
	FOX	SLACK	
	FRICKNALL	STEVENSON/STEPHENSON	
	GREEN	STONE	
	HALL	THOMAS	
	*HALLATT	WAG(G)	
	HILL	WARD	
	HOUNSFIELD	WILKINSON	
	HOYLAND	WINDER	

Margaret Furey

ADVENTURES OF A GENEALOGICAL DETECTIVE

Two letters dealing with matters genealogical which came into my husband's possession (as a member of the Davy family of Upper Airedale) posed a problem.

A member of this Davy family, Joseph Burtt Davy, of Oxford, being interested in his family tree, wrote to his father's second cousin, Thomas Davy Laurence, then living in Torquay, and in reply on 5th September 1922, Thomas Davy Laurence wrote: "I have a note from my first cousin Frederick Davy. He writes very indefinitely but he says that 'on the front page (he does not say of what) is written:

B.Davy, Watchmaker
Holborn 6093'

and then followed the date of his father's birth, 11th mo.10th 1813 at Sheffield. His father was my mother's brother. Fred Davy married his cousin and he writes that her mother is living at Paignton 92 years of age".

Joseph Burtt Davy evidently replied to this letter and T.D.L. wrote again: "As I intended being in Liverpool last week and thinking I might see Frederick Davy at his office, I delayed answering yours of the 16th (of Sept.). I saw him, and he tells me that they were second cousins and she was the daughter of Edward and Martha Edmonds, Rockville, Paignton, Devon. Mrs.Davy was away from home, but Frederick promised to send me further information. He does not appear to know much about ancestors."

Joseph Burtt Davy had evidently asked T.D.L. whether he had heard of James Davy (J.B.Davy's grandfather) but T.D.L. hadn't. He continues his letter mentioning other members of his branch of the Davy family:

"There was a Rowland Hills, a doctor at Rotherham. He was a son of Isabella, a sister of my mother married to John Hills. Another sister, Priscilla, married another brother, James Hills; both these families lived in Sunderland. Then there was another sister who for some time lived at Ackworth (William Brown) not far from the School; they had no children. My mother was the youngest, I believe, of a large family. The eldest, I understood was a Josiah Davy, who for some time lived in Manchester and had a large family of sons.

"I have lately found an old silver watch, and on opening it found my mother's maiden name engraved on the inside, F.A.Davy, Sheffield. I was born there, 4.1.1846; and my elder brother and sister also; the younger ones in Manchester or Liverpool. Perhaps I ought to add that my father and mother took over, from her brother Charles, a draper's shop in Sheffield, on their marriage."

This was all very helpful to us when researching the family tree, and confirmed some of our findings (although some of the information proved to be incorrect). But who was 'D.Davy, Watchmaker Holborn 6093'? In what was it written; and how were Frederick Davy and his wife related as second cousins?

These letters came into our possession soon after we had started our own research in 1948 and we couldn't get into touch with either J.B.Davy or T.D.L. as they were both dead. We had, however, already discovered that Charles Davy, Frederick Davy's father, who was born in Sheffield in 1813, was the son of David Davy, cutler, later merchant of Sheffield, and that they were Quakers. We had also discovered that Charles Davy had married Mary Browse Gratton. We felt, however, that we should never find out the answers to these riddles. We abandoned our research in the early 1950s as then it was a very expensive hobby, and we didn't take it up again until 1977, when my husband and I had retired.

In the course of our renewed research, when looking at the Calendars of Wills at Somerset House, we found an entry for Edwin Browse Davy, of Thorrington, Essex, who had died in 1969. We read this will and wrote to a niece, then living at Thorrington, who was mentioned in the will.

In her reply she told us that she had her mother's (Edith Davy) family bible "in which a Josiah Davy is mentioned". (We knew about him already as Charles Davy's brother.) She continued: "the writing is very indistinct; but with the help of your tree I have been able to make some sense of it". What writing was this? Intrigued, I asked whether she would send me a copy of it; shortly afterwards I received one which she had written for me. She also wrote that she felt that the Bible belonged to Josiah Davy, although his name is written in large copper plate on the back.

Imagine my surprise when I read the first line of her copy: "D.Davy watchmaker Holborn 6093". Below followed particulars of the births of Charles Davy on 11th Month 10th 1813 in Sheffield, and Mary Browse Gratton in Higham Derbyshire in 12th month 25th 1815. Their marriage at Alfreton Church on 3rd month 26 1840 is recorded next, and then follow the births and some deaths of their children. (This way of giving the day was the method used by Quakers.)

This information was very useful as the children had been born in so many different places - Sheffield, Bootle, Derby, Islington and Spondon - and we hadn't found them all. The Bible was probably a wedding present from Josiah.

But I was no nearer solving the problem posed by the first line. Could there have been a descendant of Charles who was a watchmaker? I wrote to the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers at the Guildhall Library in London to find out whether D.Davy had ever belonged to their guild; but the answer was in the negative. I even went to the Telecommunications Museum in Queen Victoria St, London and looked at old telephone directories in case Holborn 6093 was a telephone number; but it wasn't.

It then occurred to me that it would be useful to have a photocopy of the page in the Bible, and in the course of time I received one. Yes, here was the line at the top, "D.Davy Watchmaker Holborn 6093".

But it was written in a different hand, and had probably been added after the rest of the page had been written. However, as with the other two members of the family who had copied it, we were all taken in! Looking at the line very carefully again I read it through a magnifying glass only to discover that what was written was "D.Davy's Watchmaker R.Holborn 6093".

Why this information was ever written above the particulars of Charles Davy and his family, or what the number meant we shall never know. Had this page of the Bible been used as a note-book; and was 6093 the number of the watch? Robert Holborn was certainly a Quaker watchmaker. He was born in 1784 and died in Sheffield in 1863.

What a travelled family Bible this was. It started life in Sheffield, and went with the family to Bootle, Derby, Islington, Spondon and then back to Sheffield, and again to London, where the family was living in 1871. It then apparently went to the Croyden area and back to Sheffield where Alfred Gratton Davy, the eldest surviving son of Charles Davy, was living in 1885. Alfred Gratton Davy later moved to Kings Lynn where he had a drapery business, as he had had in Sheffield, and it was his daughter Edith who passed it on to her daughter, who now lives at Thorrington, where it rests for the time being at least.

One problem posed by letters written in Torquay to a relation in Oxford has been solved. We still have to discover how Frederick Davy and his wife were second cousins. There are many Davys living in Devon where Annie Edmonds (later Davy) lived with her parents, but so far the family of Davy which we are researching has its roots in Yorkshire and does not appear to have any connection with the Devon Davys. It is therefore through other surnames unknown to us that the relationship must have existed.

The reference to Josiah's living in Manchester also has to be substantiated. We have found him and some members of his family in all the Sheffield Census Returns 1841 - 1871 (he died in 1871). He could, of course, have lived in Manchester, between the Censuses with one of his sons for whom we haven't been able to account - Henry Partridge Davy c1824, who died in Manchester, Walter born c1827 and Arthur born 1836.

Kathleen M.Moore.

THE DIARY OF W.DARLEY

This diary came into my possession on the death of my mother, Laura Burton, of Millhouses, Sheffield. Her mother was Mary Ellen Jones, who kept a corner shop at 55, Club Garden Road. In 1914, she took over the house next door, No.53, and took in 'paying guests'. One or two stayed for long periods, but most of the 'guests' were artistes from the Music Halls and Theatres. I have a 'Visitors Book' signed by some of the guests.

There are some watercolours which are signed W.Darley, 1914 but the diary is for 1911. An address at the beginning of the book is 46a Bridge Road, Hammersmith W. He paid rent of 4/7d (23p) which apparently included washing. In order to pay his rent and buy food he sold paintings to whoever would buy them. This was not easy, and many days he did not get out of bed until 12 o'clock and frequently went without food all day. He seems to have walked miles most days in search of food and money. On New Year's Day for example, he walked to Kew to have his breakfast with 'Quirke' and spent the day there, walking to Richmond and back at night. This was the pattern of his life but the good days seem to have been few and far between, especially as the weather was typically cold so he stayed in bed until dinnertime to keep warm.

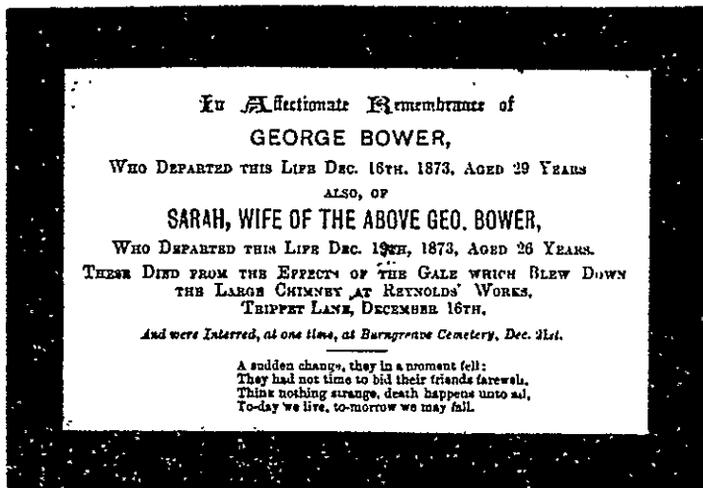
The misery gets even worse! On the 1st July, a friend Francis asks him if he will go to Kew and keep house for him. It means giving up his lodgings because he cannot afford to pay rent for nothing. In the end he goes, but it is a disaster, and it ends with him being turned out the very next day. He manages to get into the house for a night or two, but in the end has to accept the inevitable and sleep rough. The first night in Richmond Park he slept but was "eaten with mosquitoes". As the days went by he became more and more hungry for he had no money for food except what he could beg from his friends. He began to feel more and more ill and miserable wondering what was to become of him. The misery continued until the end of July, but there is a page missing and two weeks later, in red ink we read, "Sun. Mrs.Wright got me comfortable Bed what a blessing once more!! Had real good Breakfast Grouse, and everying money could buy fruit without end, a cigar and then slept in the garden sound so glad of a real rest. Mrs.Wright gave me a brand new suit of clothes and shirts and collars and I went to a Garden Party!"

There is another gap, longer this time. It is November and he is at Newark and has hurt his hand. It has swollen up and he cannot work so he gives up his job and gets a week's wages. The weather is now very cold and he is in despair. In December he does a lot of painting, some of it for Christmas cards for which he gets paid, and he seems to have had a reasonable Christmas, but on the 1st January 1912 he writes "I am alive that is all! No friend to wish me a happy New Year bitter mockery!! My only regret is that I have lived to see another year forsaken by God and Man and without means or hope. I give or receive no welcome and wish to end it."

One of the names he mentions is that of Warde-Aldam, and it seems familiar but I cannot place it. If there is anyone who may have some claim to the diary, I should be pleased to hand it over. It might hold clues to someone else's Family History!

Jean Linsley.

A MEMORIAM CARD



BOOKLIST

Local History Books by Don Cole and available from him at 23 Smithy Lane, Leeds LS16 7LX. Profits go to ARMS (Action Research into Multiple Sclerosis).

"Just an Ordinary Life 1889-1936 in Adel & Cookridge" £1.50 + 25p p+p.

"Rectors Squires & Stewards in a Yorkshire Parish. Their homes and lives through 300 years in Adel & Cookridge" £1.65 + 25p p+p.

"Cookridge". The story of a Yorkshire Township. Parts 1 & 2. (Out of print but in Leeds Libraries.)

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