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FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Thursday 19 May 1988 Visit to Castleton. Bus 272. Meet 7.30pm Village Car Park (pay & display). Members of the Castleton Historical Society will show our group round the village and the Castleton Village Museum.
- Saturday 18 June 1988 Coach trip to Halifax ' Shibden Hall. Cost £2.50. Coach leaves Paternoster Row at 9am, home about 7pm. Halifax Piece Hall (adm free), Calderdale Industrial Museum (adm 50p/25p) & National Museum of Working Horse (adm free).Shibden Hall (adm 60p/30p, period rooms.
- Wednesday 22 June 1988 Beginners' Meeting at the Ancient Order of Foresters, Trippet Lane at 7.30pm. This meeting is for beginners only. Members of the Committee will be available to give instruction help and advice to beginners. Anyone wishing to attend should phone Marjorie Dunn on Sheffield 351827.
- Tuesday 28 June 1988 Coach trip to London, St.Catherine's House. Cost £5. Coach leaves Paternoster Row at 7.30am, home about 8.30pm. To book: Telephone 402727 (Mon-Fri after 8pm) Sue Graves. Cheques payable to 'Sheffield & District Family History Society' and sent to Sue Graves, 57a Fircroft Ave, Sheffield S5 0SB.
- Thursday 21 July 1988 Handsworth. (Buses 52,53,32). Meet 7.30pm Handsworth Parish Centre, behind Handsworth St.Mary's Church on Handsworth Road (A57). An evening with the Handsworth Historical Society.
- Tuesday 13 Sept 1988 London, St.Catherine's House. Coach trip. For details contact Sue Graves.
- Thursday 15 Sept 1988 Meeting: Army Records by Dr.Watts.
- Thursday 20 Oct 1988 Meeting: Details to be announced.
- Thursday 17 Nov 1988 Meeting: Two short talks by Roy Bullen & Sue Graves.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE FORESTERS.

The Foresters will continue to open all through the summer IN THE AFTERNOON ONLY. The last evening opening of the Foresters will be on June 8th (apart from the Beginners Meeting on June 22nd). Evening meetings will recommence on Sept 7th.

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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 on the 2nd and 4th 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 £6 and £8 for joint membership (only one Journal).

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## EDITORIAL

One of the questions a family historian is frequently asked is, "How far back have you gone in your researches?" I feel that perhaps the question should be, "How much do you know about your ancestors?" One can draw up a family tree going back many generations but only have a few dates and places connected with each name, and no idea of what the real people were like. Most of us can only put flesh on bare bones of our most recent ancestors. This we do by talking to our relatives.

A fact we tend to forget in our researches is that one day we shall ourselves be ancestors. How grateful our descendants will be if we leave them some idea of our life and times. Within the pages of this Journal can be found one idea for recreating the past for our descendants. Eileen Allen's idea of a book describing "On the day you were born" enables us to encapsulate one day in the life, not only of the baby receiving the book but also all his or her relations. Another idea is to write the "Diary of a Lifetime" either in a copy of the book of that title or in any suitable notebook. Many people find it impossible to write a daily diary but a brief account of our activities written up once a month seems more possible. Keeping a scrapbook of mementoes of our activities is another easy way of recording for the future what we are doing now.

If any of you have any other good ideas on preserving the present for the future please write and share your thoughts with the rest of the Society. Many thanks to all those who have contributed in any way to this Journal.

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## MEMBERSHIP LIST

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#### Obituary

The death has occurred of Mr.J.C.Bingham. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

#### Change of Address

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#### NEWS AND NOTES

##### DEEDS OF COVENANT AND BANK STANDING ORDERS

The Committee has decided that because of a poor response from members and the amount of time and effort spent in administration balanced against the mediocre financial benefit to the Society it would be better to discontinue the use of Deeds of Covenant. Members who have already submitted Deeds of Covenant had been informed. It does not follow that subscriptions may not be paid by standing order through a bank. Members wishing to pay by this method should make the order payable to Sheffield and District Family History Society, at Lloyds Bank plc., 32 Corporation Street, Rotherham (30.17.16) account number 0368221, to be paid annually on Jan 1st.

##### IMPORTANT - MAY MEETING

An outdoor meeting has been arranged for Thursday 19th May 1988. Full details are to be found inside the front cover of this Journal.

##### WILLS ROOM AT THE PRO

The Wills Room at Chancery Lane has been rehoused in the old Rolls Room. There is now more space and a new speedier service is provided. It is also planned to make the 1841 and 1851 censuses available in the same room.

### INDEX TO PEOPLE WORKING ON THE LONDON, BRIGHTON & S. COAST RAILWAY

Eastbourne & District FHS have produced the index (taken from the Census for Eastbourne & District 1851-1881 incl). Price £2.65 incl. p+p; £3.25 incl. p+p o/s surface.

### RECORDS OF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

Capt. Erik Gray, 32 Muster Drive, Cróyden, Surrey CR0 5UP is a genealogist specialising in the records of officers and soldiers of the British Army between 1660 and 1918. He is willing to undertake work at the PRO, Kew for a modest fee.

### MARRIAGE INDEX OF DONCASTER DEANERY

Mrs. L. Peabody, 28 Bruce Crescent, Intake, Doncaster DN2 5JL has a card index of marriages which took place in the Doncaster Deanery between 1754 and 1837. Both parties and widows are shown. Please send an S.A.E. for further details. (Information taken from York FHS Newsletter No. 16 Autumn 1987).

### SUMMER COURSES - TRACING YOUR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANCESTORS

The Nottinghamshire County Council is presenting in conjunction with the Nottinghamshire Family History Society, two 1-week Summer Courses (residential or non-residential) entitled "Tracing your Nottinghamshire Ancestors". They will be held at Eaton Hall International College, Retford, Notts. in the weeks commencing 25 July and 1 August 1988. The Society will make available its marriage and census indexes, records of monumental inscriptions, other local data and its vast local expertise and experience. Visits will be arranged to the Notts. Archive Office, Libraries and, where possible, ancestral towns and villages. The courses will be directed by Dominic Bland and Dorothy Dore, both professional genealogists with a particular interest in the East Midlands. It is expected that the courses will prove valuable to both experienced and inexperienced family historians. For application details please write to Summer School '88, Eaton Hall International, Retford, Notts., DN22 0PR or telephone (0777) 706441.

### THE BRITISH IN INDIA MUSEUM

The museum is located in Sun St, Colne, Lancs. and includes a working model of the Kalka-Simla Railway. Besides a collection of postage stamps there are interesting letters, paintings, photographs, medals, model soldiers, cap badges, military uniforms and other items. The museum is open from May to September. Telephone enquiries - Nelson (0282) 63129.

### PEAK FOREST AND ECCLESFIELD MARRIAGES

The Society would like to thank Mr. Fred Hobson for his transcript of S. Yorkshire marriages at Peak Forest Chapel, Derbyshire 1746-1815 and his transcript of the marriage registers of Ecclesfield from 1622-1840.

### INDEX OF SOLDIERS AT SHEFFIELD BARRACKS MARCH-MAY 1812

Mr. Fred Hobson has also compiled the above index. The Society is most grateful to him. All items will appear in due course.

### SHEFFIELD RAGGED SCHOOL

The records of Sheffield Ragged School in Peacroft and later Solly Street have not survived although the later building built in 1877 has. There are, however a few annual reports available and I would willingly send the stories of the following children mentioned in them. Please send an S.A.E. and 10p for each photocopy. They are very moving stories with little actual data. The period covered is 1850-1860s.

Marjorie Dunn

ROSANNAH BROWN  
HARRAFORD HILL  
T.KENNEDY

SOLOMON HUFF of Spring Street  
AMOS DUKE  
J.NEWSOME COCKAYNE - Mother  
went to West Melton.

NOTICE TO OVERSEAS MEMBERS

A few overseas members have sent their subscription at the old rate. They have therefore been sent their Journal at surface rate. It would be appreciated if they would sent the balance of their subscriptions to Mrs.E.Allen. The new subscription rate is £6 surface or £8 airmail.

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THROUGH THE LETTERBOX

17 Red Hill,  
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Dear Editor,

I have for some time been tracing the Wagstuffs of Derbyshire and Yorkshire and have decided to form a Wagstaff Society. If any of your readers are interested, I shall be happy to send a copy of the first newsletter and further newsletters if desired on receipt of stamps to cover postage. I shall also be grateful to receive information about any Wagstaff in any part of the world and if I receive any queries with an S.A.E. I shall answer them if possible or keep them in my index until I am able to answer them.

Yours etc.,

Barbara Kent (Mrs)

43-933 Admirals Rd.  
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Dear Editor,

The legendary British Naval Hero Admiral John Benbow (1653?-1702) claims to be one of my ancestors. His voice from the past spoke to me through a family tradition passed on from father to son for seven generations. As a result I have done extensive historical research and written the first comprehensive book length biography of the potential progenitor and esteemed national figure, titled "Brave Benbow". It is 104 pages and 40,000 words in length and covers his early life, naval career and of course the infamous mutiny. As well I have documented his genealogy and descendants and included various pedigrees and coats of arms. I am sure this work will be of interest to anyone with Benbows in their tree, as well as anyone fascinated with British Naval history.

Shrewsbury Information Centre, The Square, Shrewsbury, Shropshire  
SY1 1LH is selling this book, "Brave Benbow" for £4, or your readers can order it directly from myself for \$13.

I would greatly appreciate your mentioning my book as it will allow me to share my researches with others interested in this colourful gentleman. As well I would be delighted to correspond with anyone working on the Benbow surname as I have much associated material.

Yours etc.,

Bill Benbow.

49 Mason Lathe Road,  
Sheffield,  
S5 0TL.

Dear Editor,

It may be of interest to members with IBM compatible personal computers that I am a registered user of the shareware software "Family History System" written by Phillip E. Brown of Tallahassee, USA. As such a user I hold a copy of the system suitable for distribution for evaluation purposes to new users and am prepared to make copies for persons who may be interested. It should be pointed out that this software is shareware and there is a moral obligation that people who wish to use it after a period of evaluation should make a contribution to the author, Phillip E. Brown. This is easiest by means of an international money order for the requisite sum, the cheapest money orders are from Lloyds Bank who charged a fee of £3 the last time I used one.

I use this system for holding my own family history records and can recommend it, the only disadvantages I have found are that:

1. Formats are aimed at American users and this means that some items such as addresses do not readily accommodate English county names, postcodes or telephone numbers.
2. Military information formats do not take account of British information.
3. Education formats do not accommodate the British system and its qualifications.
4. The system cannot yet take account of dates prior to 1753 that need to be stored in the form 7th Feb 1751/2.
5. The system cannot put out family trees in the British format tree diagram.

Yours etc.,

John S. Bentley.

14 Westcroft Crescent,  
Westfield,  
Sheffield S19 5EG.

Dear Editor,

Some time ago I began an index of people with interests in North Nottinghamshire, with a view to holding occasional meetings at the Foresters' and to circulating the index. Whilst this seemed a good idea at the time, events have proved it to be a non-starter. The initial response was poor and interest in it has dwindled to none at all, and as I have not been able to visit the Foresters' on Wednesday evening, due to other commitments, for many months it seems pointless to try to revive it. I read so often in our magazine of members not wanting to get involved, and this seems yet another instance.

Yours etc.,

Eileen M. Beech.

Ed.'s Note. Mrs. Beech's information about the North Notts. Group can be found at the Foresters.

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Dronfield,  
Sheffield S18 6EY.

Dear Editor,

Browsing through my grandmother's bible the other day I came across a silk ribbon inscribed thus:

"In Loving Memory of Ernest The Beloved son of  
Florrie and Ernest Brierley Who departed this  
life December 31st 1918 Aged 2 years. Interred  
at Burngreave Cemetery."

I am quite willing to pass this on to anyone who thinks it is part of their family research.

Yours etc.,

Heather Gillott (Mrs)

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#### SOCIETY MEETINGS

##### Meeting on 21st January 1988

Due to indisposition the speaker for the evening was unable to attend our meeting. At the last moment Miss Sue Graves stepped in and gave a fascinating and informative talk on Frank Saltfleet, a Sheffield artist.

##### Frank Saltfleet (1860-1937): A Sheffield Watercolour Artist. By Susan Graves.

I have been doing research on Sheffield artists for some years now, using the same sources of information as family history: trade directories, census returns, newspapers, parish registers, IGI. Frank Saltfleet was one of many such artists I had discovered, and I chose him as my subject for a Post-Grad. project in 1987 because there were about 15 samples of his work in the Sheffield Arts Collection to use as examples. However, I wanted to trace as many works by him as possible, and I approached the local press to ask relatives of Saltfleet, and /or owners of his work to contact me. I also advertised in the Museums Journal, Country Life and the Flowing Stream. The response was very good, with about 150 in private collections, three in Rotherham Arts Centre and one in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

During correspondence and conversations with family and acquaintances, various 'legends' emerged. One related to the name Saltfleet and its origin. The most unusual 'story' involved the Spanish Armada! After the defeat of the Armada, some of the Spanish ships were blown up the Channel and into the North Sea, some to founder. One such was supposed to have foundered off the Lincs. coast at Saltfleet. An armourer and his son came ashore, decided to settle and took the name from the place. Saltfleet had a reputation for being a very humorous person, a good raconteur and after-dinner speaker, and I am inclined to think that he invented this story to add spice!

A more likely explanation was given me by Saltfleet's niece whose parents had told her that the name derived from a French name Solflet/Solfleet, and that his grandfather had fought at the Battle of Waterloo (on which side I ask myself!). I knew from the Census Returns that Frank's father came from London (bc1816), so I checked the IGI and found a family called Solfleet living in Chelsea in the 1820s, and other Saltfleet entries.

Another story referred to a 'wealthy patroness' who paid for his trips to Europe and chose the best from his portfolio on his return. I have been unable to identify this person.

Frank Saltfleet's obituary which appeared in the Sheffield Daily Telegraph on 17 April 1937, gave me the bare bones of his life, and so I set out to check some of the details.

1. His father was a House Painter. The Census Returns confirmed this.
2. He was apprenticed to the silver trade (not completed) and then to a Cabinet Maker. He is listed as a Cabinet Maker in the 1881 Census.
3. During his apprenticeship as a cabinet maker he attended art classes at the Mechanic's Institute in Surrey Street, and was taught by Read Turner. A search of the Institute's Annual Reports, Committee Minutes and Accounts found no reference to Turner have been employed there.
4. Saltfleet showed his work to Mr. Henry Swan, curator of the St. George's Museum in Walkley and Swan had showed them to John Ruskin who had established the Museum in 1875. The Visitors' Books of the Museum did indeed reveal Saltfleet's signature during the early 1880s, and the following conversation is recorded in Works of Ruskin:

"Will he be a master?"

"Why, Swan", replied Ruskin, "Saltfleet is a master".

Ruskin's influence seems to have been the turning point at which Saltfleet decided to become a full-time artist.

5. Funds became available to enable him to attend the Antwerp Academy of Art. I have been unable to find out the source of these funds, but a letter to the Academy produced a photocopy of what appears to be a 'register' of entrants to the winter course of 1884-5, including the names of Saltfleet, two other Sheffield artists (Willis Hudson and Dudley Hardy) and a Lincoln artist (Joseph Bentley) who later settled in Sheffield and became a close friend of Saltfleet.
6. The obituary then refers to trips to Europe: Italy and the Adriatic coast, Venice and San Gimignano, but no dates. Of the pictures I had traced, some of the continental ones were dated, so I knew that he was in Sibenik on the Dalmation Coast in 1889, and in Venice in 1907, although he apparently made several visits to Venice.
7. He had a one-man show at the Fine Art Society in London, but again no date. A letter to the Society brought a photocopy of the exhibition catalogue, listing sixty watercolours entitled "From London to the Sea", held in January 1900. There were reviews in The Athenaeum and the local press, but not in The Times. However, the outbreak of the South African War at this time may account for this.
8. Saltfleet was President of the Sheffield Society of Artists. This Society had been founded in 1875, and held exhibitions almost every year until 1960, most of which were reviewed in the local press. This source and surviving exhibition catalogues were to prove useful in identifying the titles of Saltfleet's pictures, and so where he worked: Sheffield and environs, Yorkshire and Derbyshire Moors, the east coast (Flamborough, Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay, Scarborough, Bridlington), Lincoln, Nottinghamshire (especially Sherwood Forest), Wales, Scotland, Lake District, Norfolk, Herts, Hants, Sussex, Devon, Cornwall, London and the Thames and Europe (Venice, Florence, San Gimignano, Genoa, Dalmatia and Belgium). The first reference to Saltfleet in these reviews was in 1880, and he continued to exhibit with the Society, with few absences, until the year of his death (posthumously) in 1937. He was President 1894-5, Vice-President 1907-9 and 1913-22, Acting President 1923-33, Vice-President 1934.
9. He married twice. I knew about his second wife, Jean Mitchell, daughter of Young Mitchell who had been Principal of the Sheffield School of Art 1846-63, but had no details of his first wife. A visit to St. Catherine's House gave me the quarters and years of both his marriages and the date of death of his first wife. Armed with these details I turned to the local press, the marriage and death columns, which gave me the exact dates and churches. The first marriage took place in St. Andrew's Church in Sharrow, available in the local Record Office. The wills of his first wife and that of Jean's mother, gave details of inherited income. This

proved insufficient as both had to take up teaching, he with private pupils, she at the School of Art and at her studio in North Church Street.

10. Recent exhibition at the Graves Art Gallery. This was held in December 1935 and was Saltfleet's last one-man show. It was reviewed in the local press.
11. Other interests included music, literature and drama. Family and acquaintances told me he had a good voice, and that he like Gilbert & Sullivan. He was involved with Sheffield School of Art Musical and Dramatic Club, and appeared in their musicals 1907-10 (reviewed). He collected and sang Folk and comic songs.
12. He belonged to St. Leonard's Lodge of Freemasons. During my researches I acquired a copy of the commemorative booklet of the Lodge's Jubilee which stated that Saltfleet was the Master in 1913.

Many of the pictures in private collections were still in the original families who had acquired them direct from the artist during his life. This gave some idea of what type of people were Saltfleet's patrons (local wealthy businessmen in retailing, printing, steel manufacture, managerial). Saltfleet, like many of his contemporaries, had to rely on patronage.

At the end of my talk, I showed some slides of Saltfleet's work including one view of Sheffield from Norfolk Park, three views of Beauchief Abbey (a favourite subject), a self portrait, and coastal scenes in Britain and Europe.

Sue Graves

#### Meeting on Thursday 18th Feb 1988 (& AGM)

The meeting began with the AGM. After the minutes of the last meeting were agreed, reports were briefly given by the officers. The Secretary reported a busy year with a change of venue in the autumn. Mrs.M.Dunn asked for more help with small requests from out-of-town members. Mrs.E.Allen reported a deficit for last year which made the increase in subscriptions necessary. Copies of the balance sheet can be obtained from her on receipt of an S.A.E. Mrs.D.Marsden thanked all those who help with production of journals and other publications - Mrs.S.E.Hammond who does the typing, Mrs.E.Smith who holds the membership list on computer and provides the address labels, and the team producing the 1861 Census Index, Mr.J.Perkins, Mrs.E.Perkins, Mr.R.Wardale and Mrs.P.Dodsworth. Mrs.E.Perkins who runs the Society Bookstall was elected on to the Committee. All other committee members were re-elected. Mr.Roger Stevenson asked if any member would like to join him in a tour of World War I cemeteries in France.

The second part of the evening was an illustrated lecture by Mr.Martin Olive from the Local History Library, on "Sheffield People in Old Photographs". Sheffield Library are still collecting copies of old photographs particularly if the people on them can be identified. He warned that we should make a note of the details of photographs held by old relatives while the information is still available.

Mr.Olive showed a variety of old photographs of people and places. The Library's extensive collection of photographs is catalogued under various headings. Unidentified people are often in the catalogue under "Costume". Photocopies can be made of most photographs and if the picture is out of copyright, photographic prints can be made.

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#### OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS

GILL  
SMITH  
HARDY  
KERRY

Mrs.Jean Simkins, 3 Ploughman's Way, Yealmpton, Plymouth, Devon, PL8 2JE would like to contact someone going to the West Yorkshire Archive Service, (Leeds), Chapeltown Road, Sheepscar, Leeds, LS7 3AP, Information on her Gill family is held there and in the Parish Church. Thomas Gill married Hannah Smith at Rothwell on 21 July 1834. Thomas was baptised at Rothwell on 16 May 1813. His

parents were also Thomas and Hannah. Any information on them would be gratefully received and reasonable expenses paid by arrangement. Mrs.Simkins would also like to find where John Hardy farmed in 1808. His son Thomas Clark(e) Hardy was born outside Yorkshire in that year according to his Monumental Inscription at Ecclesall Parish Church where he was buried with his mother Mary. Both died in 1846. Several Hardys are mentioned in "The History of the Kerrys and allied families". Does anyone know where this is to be found?

DRABBLE  
BENNET

Mrs.Sheila Mitchell, Coley Mill Cottage, Norwood Green, Halifax, West Yorks HX3 8RD has an ancestor James Drabble known only from an 1893 Directory entry when he was at the George Commercial and Family Hotel and Livery Stables, 70 Market Place, Sheffield. Can anyone find James Drabble anywhere else or give her a clue as to his family or whereabouts? Mrs.Mitchell also has a James Drabble widower who married Amelia Bennet widow in 1784. She would like to know how to tackle the problem of the children and the couple's baptisms.

BANTON

Mr.James Fielding, "The Burrows", Kempley Green, Dymock, Glos. GL18 2BW is seeking information about the former Phoenix Theatre in Langsett Road, Sheffield, particularly during the period pre-1918. His grandfather Arthur Banton worked there as a member of the backstage staff around 1910-1913 and his grandmother provided 'theatrical digs' for some of the performers there.

REDFEARN

Mr.Geoffrey Redfearn, The Weeths, Alverton, Penzance would like to contact anyone researching the Redfearn family (however spelt) before 1680. He would also like to know of anyone researching the place and date of origin of the name Redfearn.

LONGDEN  
MILNES

Mr.Geoffrey Milnes, 25 Morley Road, Chase Terrace, Nr.Walsall, Staffs. WS7 8DE seeks the date and place of death of Aaron Longden baptised 21 July 1833 at Bradfield, married Mary Milnes at Sheffield 15 Aug 1858. Death of wife also required.

ROBERTS

Mrs.Edith Gibbons, 8101 N. 107th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345, USA would like information on John Roberts, chr 11 Jun 1820, and his brother William, chr. 5 May 1822, both at Sheffield Cathedral, sons of Richard and Hannah, and their descendants. They remained behind when their father brought their four younger siblings to America about 1840, after their mother's death. One had a wife or child named Jane or Jennie.

CARROLL  
HITCHEN  
JORDAN  
RAWLINSON/  
ROLLINSON

Mr.Graham Eardley, 40 Nuns Road, Winchester, Hants. SO23 7EF is interested in discovering any information for the Carroll, Hitchen, Jordan and Rawlinson/Rollinson families living in the Sheffield area during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. So far all that he has discovered is that John Hitchen (a Table Knife Cutter and a member of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) was married to a Selina Rollinson and by December 1901, they were living at 2 Court, Scotland Street, North Sheffield, where their son Frederick was born. John Thomas Jordan (a Corporation Labourer and later a Bill Poster) was married to Margaret Carroll and by January 1901 they were living at 40 White Croft, North Sheffield, where their daughter Catherine was born. Frederick Hitchen married Catherine Jordan at the Cathedral Church, Sheffield on 12th July 1920 by which time both families were living in Lambert St, Sheffield.

WARDALL  
YOULE  
STRINGER

Mr.E.Youle, 26 Jacob St, Gawler, South Australia 5118 is seeking information on his great aunt, Mary Wardall (nee Youle) born Sheffield 1869. She was living at Blthe St in 1918. He is also seeking the baptism of Joseph Youle in 1790 and the baptism of any children resulting from his married to Elizabeth Stringer at Ecclesfield in 1811.

Wincobank

Mrs.B.Greaves, 120 Ecclesfield Road, Chapelton, Sheffield S30 4TE would like to purchase a copy of the book "Material for the History of Wincobank, Sheffield 1523 to 1750" by T.Walter Hall. Published by Northend in 1922.

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#### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Recent publications from Family History Societies.

1851 Census Surname Index of Manchester Vol5 Ancoats Sub-district

Local History No.15

Transcript of Netherfield Independent Chapel, Thurlstone, bapts & burials 1788-1837 app.

Rallymaps of West Wellow: An introduction to Ordnance Survey Maps

Map & Book catalogue

Gen.Soc. of Utah: Preserving the past booklet.

Coldwell Family History

Indexes of the Fire Insurance Policies of the Sun Fire Office and the Royal Exchange

Assurance 1775-1787, D.T.Jenkins.

Thurlstone Chapel, Parish of Penistone, transcripts of birth & baptisms 1795-1836.

General Register Office & International Genealogical Indexes: Where to find them, Gibson.

Record Offices : How to find them, Gibson & Peskett.

Marriage Register of Ecclesfield transcript 1622-1840, transcribed by Fred Hobson.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

"A New Dictionary of Heraldry" Edited by Stephen Friar. Alphabooks 1987.

ISBN 0-906670-44-6. 384pp. £15.95.

In 1985 Alphabooks of Sherborne scored a winner when they published Terrick FitzHugh's "The Dictionary of Genealogy". In my opinion, this astonishing source of every sort of genealogical, and related information should be on every family historian's bookshelf - and cheap at the price.

Now Alphabooks seem to have done it again with a complementary Dictionary of Heraldry. The Editor, and major author, Stephen Friar, has marshalled a formidable team of 37 expert contributors, which includes, inter alia, nine Heralds and three heraldic artists. With such an array, many of the contributions must be considered to be as definitive as is possible, within such a compass.

It is not for an heraldic non-specialist to make the final judgement on the comprehensiveness of such a volume, but everything I could think of looking up was there, dealt with either as a crisp definition, an informative paragraph or two, or an essay of anything up to four pages, often of an entertaining nature. An invaluable aspect is that prime literature references are given in the article, and not assembled at the end as an appendix. There is, however, an entry under Bibliography which gives several pages of frontline books etc. on all aspects of the subject.

Do not get the impression that this is a book dedicated to narrow specialists. There are numerous articles on an incredible number of related subjects, and of special interest to genealogists and others. For example there are entries, sometimes long, under Airline Devices, Artwork & materials, Bachelor, Bargemaster, Bayeux Tapestry, Bookplates, Bottle Seals, Calligraphy, Ceramics, Coinage, Courts Baron & Leet, Crusades, Ethnic Armory, Firemarks, Fireplaces, Floor Tiles, Gentlemen, Glass, Inn Signs, Japanese Armory, Knots, Livery Companies, Maps, Merchants' Marks, Offices of State, Postcards, Semiotics, Silverware, Stamps, postage, Visitations, and so on. It is a fascinating volume, and I have learned much by just browsing.

The mere statistics - 384 pages, more than 100 illustrations of high quality, including 16 colour plates of outstanding quality - make this a very good buy at the price. Maybe not every family historian will feel the same compulsion, as with the previous volume, to have this on their own shelves, but if you do not, then make sure your local library does!

Peter Wilkinson

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#### USEFUL ARTICLES IN OTHER SOCIETIES' JOURNALS

##### 150 Years of Civil Registration

N.W.Kent F.H.S. Vol.4 No. 8 Dec 1987.

##### Non-Conformists - The Early Background

By Michael Gandy. N.W.Kent F.H.S. Vol.4 No. 3 Sept 1986.

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#### 1881 CENSUS PROJECT

The Federation along with various other bodies has decided on a national project to index the 1881 Census of England and Wales. Members are earnestly requested to help with the project. Volunteers will be able to do the transcribing from photocopies at home - or to work from microfilms. Wherever possible, volunteers will be able to work on an area of interest not just the area in which they live. If you are willing to transcribe even just one enumeration district please contact Mr.J.Perkins for further details.

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#### HOW TO RECOGNISE A DEVONSHIRE ANCESTOR

"We could not but remark on how common the tendency to Madness is among the Devonshire Families. There was not one around that had not the malady among them. The Physiognomy is very peculiar, a square flat forehead a nose rising gradually from it to the point, rather sharp chin and the arch of the head not very frequently formed, the complexion light and the face white and not often with colour. They are a perfectly different race from the Somersetshire and I have no doubt are descended from different people."

Extracted from the Diary of William Holland, a Somerset Parson, 1803.

## 'ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN - '

I was casting around for a suitable gift for my soon-to-arrive nephew/niece. (It turned out to be a boy, so I shall refer to 'it' as 'he' from now on.) With a large circle of friends and relatives, I knew there would be no shortage of knitted matinee coats and pram toys. A cheque would be appreciated, but would be paid into an account and its donor forgotten. Then an idea hit me. Perhaps when he grew up he would be interested in the past as I am. Even more in his own past. So I decided to compile a book, which would be a portrait of the day on which he was born.

There was not much I could do beforehand except to make sure that I had several newspapers and magazines on order, and to provide myself with a suitable book. This was more difficult than I had thought. I wanted a nicely bound book with good quality blank pages. The nearest I could get was a leather bound Autograph album. Unfortunately it announced 'Autographs' right across the front cover - and I would have liked it a bit larger. But it was the best I could get, so I had to be satisfied. The different coloured pages were very attractive.

I got a friend, who does rather splendid lettering, to do the title page for me - 'On the day you were born' - and also the second page, giving the child's name, date and place of birth. After that, the book was arranged in sections, with as much variety as possible, and including contributions from as many people as possible.

### PART I

This was a 'family' section. Each member of the child's family was allocated a page, on which was written what he or she did on that particular day. It began with, 'Your Mother, (name) was there!', followed by, 'Your Father' (name) was busy at work at (his place of work), when the 'phone rang to say you were on your way'. Trivial things I found equally acceptable. For example 'Your Grandmother, (name) burnt the Christmas cake in the excitement of your imminent birth', or 'Your Uncle --- played a round of golf, but he didn't win'. Facts about where people lived, occupations, hobbies, ages (particularly of older relatives), added to the interest. As far as possible, I got people to write, and sign their own contributions. Small photographs were also included, and odd things like samples of wool, fabrics and wallpaper from relatives who had been knitting, sewing or decorating. It took several weeks after the child's birth to complete with section, so I warned people beforehand that I wanted a contribution. Even young children in the family added bits to the book.

### PART II

Weather. Apart from a description of weather conditions on the day in question, I also included newspaper forecasts and reports. Freak weather conditions or natural phenomena in other parts of the world were also recorded.

### PART III

This was about media news on the day of the child's birth. Reports and/or newspaper cuttings of any notable events, (local, national or international) which took place on the actual day were written down or pasted into the book.

### PART IV

This section was about current issues of note - what people were concerned about or doing. It included reports and newspaper cuttings on things like elections, royal events, advances in the field of medicine or science, overseas events, financial news. There were so many things that could have been included here, that I had to be ruthlessly selective.

### Part V

Sports and 'Pop' music. Personalities in the news, with a record of their achievements. Again, it was necessary to be selective.

## PART VI

For want of a better word, I called this section 'Nasties'. It included subjects like Aids, disasters, unemployment etc. I made these reports very brief.

## PART VII

Prices. The idea was to give an idea of the current cost of living. It recorded the cost of a cross-section of items - standard things like bread and vegetables, larger items like cars and houses. I stuck advertisements and bills into the book, a postage stamp and a 'bus ticket. I even included the price of the Autograph Album itself.

The whole thing ended up as a fascinating mixture of trivia, personal items, amusing bits, news, information and serious issues. I am in no doubt that anyone wanting to use this idea, could come up with lots more ideas of their own for inclusion.

It did take time, but I enjoyed gathering it all together. When I had completed as much of it as I could myself, I handed it over to the parents, with the instruction 'Add anything you want, then put it away and forget it, until he is of age, or at least old enough to appreciate it'.

They were delighted!

P.S. If anyone can tell me where I can buy a more suitable book, I'd be very pleased. The next nephew/niece is due in a few months time!

Eileen M.Allen.

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## LEES HALL GOLF CLUB (cont)

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Results of Competitions.

Monthly Stroke Competitions:

Thursday Winners: J.SMITH, G.H.HEMSOLL, L.MURRAY, H.SENIOR, G.E.STEEL, J.S.OSWALD,  
A.SAMPSON, J.E.DEWSNAP.

Saturday Winners: W.BURNELL, J.SMITH, G.H.HEMSOLL, L.MURRAY, W.H.TRIPPETT, F.POTTS,  
J.H.PETTY, G.BIRCH, E.V.BEARD, F.W.HARDY, E.HUTCHINSON.

Gold Medal Winners: Thursday: L.MURRAY  
Saturday: W.H.TRIPPETT

President's Cup: Final Round: G.H.HEMSOLL beat T.HOWE.

Larder Cup: Final Round: J.SMITH beat J.W.HYDE.

Captain's Prize: Final Round: G.H.HEMSOLL beat J.SMITH.

Professional: A.SHAW. Groundsman: J.HOLLAND. Stewardess: Mrs.Samuel SMITH.

## LIFE IN A SHEFFIELD SCHOOL c1910 (conc)

### Edith continues her story:

"As I said before, Standard VI was the highest standard at Carbrook so I had to go to another school for Standards VII and VIII. This school was called 'Huntsman's Gardens'. It was a good school. The headmaster was Mr. Vine.

Sometimes at Huntsman's Gardens we had talks given by people who had interests in certain things. One was 'Electricity'. I remember the speaker's enthusiasm and how he had said that electricity could become as cheap as water in time. After being told this, my mother said, 'Let it be soon'. At that time, we had got no further than gas light at home. Oil lamps were still in use in my schooldays.

We did science at Huntsman's Gardens. The master talked about margarine one day, extolling the virtues of margarine just at the time when it was becoming something. And I went home and told my mother about this and she said, 'Well I'd rather give you lard than margarine.'

My mother had a keen sense of humour and she was intelligent. My parents hadn't a great deal of money - my father worked on the railway - but my mother was very proud and we were not allowed to be rough. Nor would she allow us to accept anything from school. In my day, you see, if children were poor, they could get gifts from the Cutler's Hall in Sheffield but my mother would have none of that.

My mother didn't go to church much but she saw that we all went to the Church of England Sunday School. I liked the church very much and when we were old enough to go into the church service, I really enjoyed it. I don't think it was because I had any religious inclinations but I think what I liked most of all was the theatrical part of it where the choir came in from the back of the church and walked, singing, down the aisle. This church was a very big parish church - Attercliffe Church - it was bombed in the war. It had a vicar and three curates. The vicar wore a silk hood with his vestments; some had fur. One clergyman was very theatrical. He would go into the pulpit and spread himself out and, as a child I watched all these things and thought it was marvellous. I knew all the services and could go through them without a book because I had been so regularly.

Sometimes in the school holidays, my mother took us to the seaside, to Cleethorpe or Mablethorpe, and we sometimes went to visit our grandparents at Welbourn, which is not far from Newark. We went by train and used to walk from Leadenham to their house, not too far. My grandfather was a self-made man, a wheelwright and carpenter, and he had his own business. When I was a little girl, he was working in the business himself and employed his two sons, a grandson and another man. I loved going to my grandparents. I loved the atmosphere there. They had someone to do the housework but Grandma did the cooking and she was a lovely cook. I had the dearest grandmother but she was stone deaf and I must tell you this story. My Aunt Emily had died - I think she'd had a throat infection - and one day Grandma told me to go to another aunt's and gather some violets from a field nearby. This done, Grandma said; 'Now we'll take these to Aunt Emily's grave'. On the road to the cemetery, we met Farmer Crosby and he was deaf like Grandma and they both had ear trumpets. There was Farmer Crosby asking Grandma who I was and there was she telling whose child I was. And you can imagine me, a little child, standing there and looking and watching them. You know that ear trumpet was a play thing to we children. When Grandma couldn't hear, we'd get this thing but if Mother was with us she'd say, 'Don't shout down that ear-trumpet.'

Oh, Grandma was lovely. She was very kind to we children. They used to put a swing for us in the orchard. Grandma used to make her own butter. They kept one cow for their own use and some pigs. There was also the big workshop and we used to wander in there and gather up the wood shavings and put them on for curis. My grandmother taught herself to read but she could only read the Bible. She used to sit on one side of the fireplace with a big Bible on her knee and Grandpa sat on the other side. It really was lovely to go to our grandparents.

Back home in Sheffield, my Aunt Annie came to live with us. We called her Tannie. She was a great influence in my life. She was very intelligent and we could look up to her. She took us on visits to museums etc.

I left school when I was nearly fourteen years old. I took the leaving exam. before I left then I went to night school and learnt shorthand. I reached a speed of sixty words a minute. I went to work in a place called J.G.Graves in Sheffield. Mr Graves was a philanthropist who did a lot of things for Sheffield. He gave the town a beautiful library, things like that. He had this firm of 'monthly payments'. Working there was really like going to school to tell you the truth. We went into the first room and the first work we did was addressing envelopes. Then we moved into another office where there was a spinster lady, a charming person, and she had four of us girls working with her. We did what was called 'Tracing'. You see there were a lot of bad payers. All the records were in another place and we had to go there and trace these records. Then I was moved into another section - step by step up, you see - and there was a young woman who had two girls under her charge.

At about this time, my friend who had been working in a shop as a cashier, told me she was leaving, so I thought, 'Well, I'll go there.' They took me on straight away. I hadn't been working there for very long when I heard that women were being employed as railway clerks; they had never had women clerks before. I was accepted and went to work in the goods office at a small railway station. I did all sorts of work including going out and collecting money from firms. As the war progressed, more men went away and there was only one man left at the booking office and I had to go into the booking office and take the opposite turn to him. On early shift, I had to be there at 5.00am. At first a porter would come and run the first train but soon the porters were drafted into signal boxes and I had to go and book my own trains. I worked in the railway offices for eight years. I was very friendly with the station-master's daughter and one day she said, 'My father has been talking about you. He said what a good girl you are.'

I can't remember exactly how much I earned at the first job. I just accepted the money and was grateful. When I was in the ticket office, I used to have to work a Sunday every so often and if I worked a Sunday I got £3 for the week."

When Edith was seventeen, her mother started having strokes and Edith had to help her mother with the housework despite the fact she was often up at four in the morning in order to get to work by 5.00 am.

Edith developed a great liking for English literature, as she explains:-

"I read all Charles Dickens but two, "The Tale of Two Cities" and "Pickwick Papers" but I have read those since. I read a bit of Rider Haggard and Thomas Hardy and the Brontes. I never read silly books. I could never read a lot of silly love stories. Nowadays I read biographies and autobiographies. I like to know the feelings and opinions of others and how they lived. I was very interested in Malcolm Muggeridge's book, for instance. He turned away from religion, as I did, and now he's come back. I've always been analysing religion: why this? and why that? I've always had a questioning nature. If I ever got a book and there was a subject mentioned in it, I would follow it up. Once I remember I saw something about Swedenborg and I thought, "I must find out about Swedenborg". He was a religious man, you know. I've studied all types of religion. I believe this in religion: "God is Love and Love is God. And you don't go further than that."

Edith, or Mrs.Middletonas she now is, for she married when she was twenty two years old, remembers going to Co-operative Guild evening classes before the Second World War. She recalls a series of lectures on Central Europe and remembers the lecturer saying, "The next war will start in Central Europe". Her husband disapproved of her going to evening classes, saying, "You are wasting your time".

When she was 48 years old, Mrs.Middleton took the City and Guilds examination in needlework; she had made a coat. She would have liked to have gone on to take a course

in tailoring and dress-designing but her husband was ill. So, instead, she taught needlework at evening classes on three nights a week for ten years.

Mrs. EDITH MIDDLETON (b 1899)

Copy of the inscription in her prize book 'Our Darlings'

CITY OF SHEFFIELD  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
FIRST CLASS PRIZE  
AWARDED AT THE  
CARBROOK COUNCIL SCHOOL  
TO  
EDITH MUSSON  
FOR PROGRESS  
(Signed) G.S. BAXTER  
Secretary  
(Signed) M. HOBBS  
Head Teacher  
July 31st 1908

A.B. Walker

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GRAVE HUMOUR

As I live almost of the doorstep of our local cemetery, I thought that I should take it upon myself to document all the M.I.s therein. I was put in touch with the co-ordinator for Lincolnshire and got all the low-down from him as to what exactly was needed. Before I actually began, one day, I met our gravedigger and was explaining to him what I proposed doing, and the reasons behind it.

"That's funny", he said, "it was only last week I was looking up the records to see how many dead there are in there."

Thinking I was going to learn something of interest here, I said,

"How many would that be then?"

"All of 'em", was the deadpan reply. Hook, line and sinker!

Margaret Stark.

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"HISTORY OF PENISTONE" (cont)

NOVOGENARIANS IN PENISTONE & DISTRICT

Nathaniel Crossland, Donhill Hse. Hunshelf d. 6th June 1873 aged 92.  
Thomas Peace, Hunshelf, d. August 27th 1873 aged 90.  
Enoch Jubb, Thurlstone, d.Dec. 29th 1880, aged 94.  
Elizabeth Taylor, Penistone, d. July 30th 1883, aged 96.  
Mary Norton, Thurlstone, d. Jan 12th 1885, aged 95.  
Jonathan Woodhouse, Catshaw, d. Sept 13th 1886, aged 90.\*  
Elizabeth Hattersley, Hollin Busk, d. Nov 26th 1886 aged 94.  
Harriet Illingworth, Thurgoland, d. Sept 16th 1887, aged 92.  
Michael Marsden, Cubley Hall, Penistone, d. June 27th 1890, aged 93.  
Elizabeth Dickenson, Hoylandswaine, d. March 28th 1892, aged 97.  
John Woodcock Rayner, Penistone, d. June 13th 1893, aged nearly 90.  
Jonas Hinchliffe, Penistone, d. Nov 22nd 1894 aged 96.  
Jonathan Wood, Clayton West, d. April 8th 1898, aged 90.  
Joseph Beaumont, Hoylandswaine, d.Feb 1st 1901, aged 92.  
Mary Lockwood, Thurlstone, d. Jan 10th 1903, aged 91.  
Sarah Ann Cousins, Penistone, d. Sept 11th 1903, aged 93.

\* He was born at Oxspring in 1796; was apprenticed to Geo. Brown papermaker of Moorhallows, Thurlstone, in 1810; and was the last of the founders of Bullhouse Sunday School.

PENISTONE CRICKET CLUB

1855. Rev.W.S.Turnbull, John Greaves, Hugh Tomasson (Capt.), W.E.Parker, Jno.F. Moorhouse, Charles Moorhouse, Henry Ward, E.T.Brearley, Vincent Corbett, John Wilcock, Joseph Siddons, Thomas B.Brook, Richard Dyson, Benj. Dyson, Charles Biltcliffe, George Rosebuck, Alfred Rosebuck, Henry Senior, John Brownhill, William Hawley, Alfred Baker, Joseph Lawton, Benj.Marsh, John Dransfield.

A USE FOR CARBOLIC SOAP

After urging readers to use carbolic soap for the cleaning of teeth, as a preventative against cancer of the tongue, Dransfield adds a further paragraph in his own handwriting at the bottom of the page. It reads - As old false teeth of dead owners are sold and used for others, what is the consequence if false teeth of persons who have died of tuberculosis, cancer etc. are fixed in the mouths of healthy persons?

MEMBERS OF WORTLEY FARMERS CLUB

J.A.Stuart Wortley Esq.	Mr.Hague, Blackmoor.
Sir Francis Lindley Wood, Bart.	Mr.Ronksley, Hollow Meadows.
F.O.Edmunds, Esq.	Mr.Bedford, Pond.
James Cockshutt.Esq.	Mr.Chapman, Penistone.
J.Payne. Esq.	Mr.Dagley, Penistone.
James Bland Esq.	Mr.Birks, Water Hall.
John Lees Esq.	Mr.John Camm.
The Rev. Stuart Corbett	Mr.Hargreave, Gunthwaite.
Mr.John Foster, Sen. High Green	Mr.Greaves, Hunshelf.
Mr. John Foster, Jun.	Mr.West, Cawthorne.
Mr. Smith, Cowley	Mr.Thorpe, Banks.
Mr.Hall, Rodmore.	Mr.Balmer, Hollingsworth Hall.
Mr.Thomas Eyre, Sen. Woodland.	Mr. Charles Greaves, Woodland.
Mr.Thomas Eyre, Jun. Flash House.	Mr.Hardy, Penistone.
Mr.Askham Eyre, Thurlstone.	Mr.Richardson, Pewell Hill.
Mr.James Eyre, Thurlstone.	Mr.Thomas Parkin, Claphouse.
Mr.William Ellis, Midhope.	Mr.J.Parkin, Wharncliffe Lodge.
	Mr.John Kelly, Wortley.

The following are members of the Shepherd's Society in the year 1807

MEMBERS IN THE WOODLANDS SOCIETY

1. Thomas Eyre, Howden
2. Edward Eyre, Bankslee
3. Rowland Eyre, Goars
4. Benjamin Eyre, Gillothey
5. John Eyre, Allport
6. George Eyre, Allport
7. Joseph Eyre, Upper Ashup
8. Matthew & Benj. Webster, Ridge
9. Thomas Webster, Bank Top
10. Thomas Fox, Westing
11. Duce Fox, Marebottom
12. Jesse Wain, Birchinlee
13. Charles Wain, Ash House
14. William Wain, Derwent
15. William Walker, Fairholmes
16. Charles Greaves, Rowlee, 2 flocks
17. Benjamin Logden, Upper House
18. Thomas Wilcockson, Wood.
19. Robert Middleton, Elminpits
20. Zacchus Middleton, Two Thornfield
21. Isaac Middleton, Bridge End.
22. Thomas Bridge, Bell Hag
23. William Tomasson, Grainfoot
24. Joseph Dawson, Derwent Hall
25. William Thorpe, Derwent Mill, 3 flocks
26. William Thorpe, High House
27. Abraham Thorpe, Derwent
28. John Cotterill, Dingbank
29. Daniel Rose, Tin Wood
30. Edmund Barber, Shuts
31. John Fox, Old House
32. George Fox, Yorkshire Bridge
33. Thomas Hall, Riding House

MEMBERS IN PENISTONE LIBERTY

1. Edward Taylor, Windledon, 2 flocks
2. Samuel Hadfield, Townhead
3. Josh. Hinchliffe, Dickroyd House
4. Joshua Hinchliffe, Dickroyd House
5. Thomas Wainwright, Townhead
6. George Hall, Carlcoates, 2 flocks
7. Joseph Kenworthy, Carlcoates
8. William Booth, Carlcoates, 2 flocks
9. John Martin, Carlcoates
10. George Hirst, Sofley
11. James Hirst, Sofley
12. Joseph Goldthorpe, Savel House
13. John Greaves, Ranah
14. William Charlesworth, Hazelhead
15. Daniel Charlesworth, Swindin
16. Joseph Clark, Middlecliff
17. Edward Milnes, Flash House
18. Joseph Shaw, Smallshaw
19. Daniel Wainwright, Shorehall
20. William Lockwood, Penistone
21. John Hague, Blackmoore
22. John Crossley, Langsett
23. Joseph Brownhill, Bruck Hse
24. Benjamin Crosley, Swindin Walls
25. Jonathan Bramall, Swindin
26. William Bagshaw, Hordron, 2 flocks
27. Elizabeth Bramall, Swindin
28. Joseph Barrow, Blakerhodes

MEMBERS IN BRADFIELD LIBERTY

1. Benjamin Crosley, Middop, 2 flocks
2. Joseph Hawsworth, Middop
3. Joshua Sanderson, Middop
4. Emma Green, Middop
5. William Downing, Middop Hall
6. John Hague, Wind Hill
7. Joseph Creswick, Euden
8. John Howe, Euden
9. John Rimington, Esq. Broomhead Hall
10. John Helliwell, Wigtwizzle
11. William Crapper, Wigtwizzle
12. Jonathan Thompson, Wigtwizzle
13. Thomas Holling, Wigtwizzle
14. Benjamin Wood, Oldbooth
15. Thomas Hobson, Spout House
16. Thomas Crowshaw, Onesacre
17. William Ronksley, Rularnside
18. James Bird & Wm. Marsden, Fullwood Back
19. John Greaves, Hollowmeden
20. John Earnstowe, Cowan-far-strides
21. William Ibbotson, Bradfield Dale
22. Henry Ibbotson, Woodseats
23. George Elliot, Bradfield Dale
24. John Bacon, Hallfield
25. Jonathan Bacon, Stubbing
26. Widow Hamerton, Sugworth
27. John Oliver, Mosker House
28. Edward Hall, Swingleyforth
29. Jasper Horsefield, Brogginium
30. John Barnes, Whitelee

to be continued

Margaret Stark  
12 Wyvern Close, Crowle  
Scunthorpe, Humberside.

## JOHN MERCHANT - ESPERANTO PIONEER

John Merchant was born in Sheffield in 1872, spent almost all his life there and died in the town in 1936. He was a practical idealist and it is thanks to him and others like him that Esperanto-speakers have been able to celebrate the centenary of that international language in 1987.

John Merchant left school at the age of twelve and through his diligence he rose to become managing director of Adams Polish. A man of tremendous energy and wide interests, he was, at various times, Council member of the YMCA, a member of Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Sheffield Reform Club, Treasurer of Sheffield Wednesday Cricket Club, Chairman of the Yorkshire Esperanto Federation from 1921, and Chairman of the British Esperanto Association from 1922. From 1928 to 1934 he held office in the international body for the promotion of Esperanto.

He was not just a committee man. As a creative writer, he possessed a lively and simple style. He wrote two slim books in Esperanto: 'Tri Angloj Alilande', about the adventures of three innocent Englishmen travelling abroad, and 'Kompatinda Klem', an amusing story which was published in 1931.

Merchant found time to be a sportsman, playing both cricket and football. He was also a contributor to Sheffield and other newspapers, particularly on sporting topics. Some press cuttings and typescripts of his journalistic work can be consulted at Sheffield Library.

It was in 1903 that John Merchant learned Esperanto - by means of a textbook in French. He is listed as Esperantist number 8280 in Dr.Zamenhof's listing of adepts of the new tongue. It is strange to see his address (43 Cliffe Field Road, Meersbrook) nestling close to addresses in Yokohama, Moscow, Monte Carlo and Prague! He became a tireless traveller, giving talks on the language all over the country and contributing thoughtful pieces to a score of Esperanto journals all over the world.

John Merchant's contribution to the progress of Esperanto was marked by his diligence and energy. He worked unstingily for Esperanto in his beloved home-town and on the world stage.

Hilary S.Chapman.

Acknowledgements: I am grateful to Donald Merchant for much information. Mrs.G.F. Cartledge, 175 Hunter House Road, Sheffield S11 8TZ has in her possession the early minute book of the Sheffield Esperanto Society. I am grateful for her help in putting together a picture of a remarkable man.



*Ant. Hagen  
(Venice)*

*Bruxelles*

*3 August 1905*

CHILDREN'S EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION (cont)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Pit or Place</u>	<u>Job</u>	<u>Date</u>
98. Charles Hawcraft	50	Mount Osborne Pit Barnsley	Steward	19.3.1841
99. Edwin Ellis Esq		Silkstone	Surgeon	18.3.1841
100. A female		"		
101. Benjamin Mellor	46	Clarke's Pit, Silkstone	Steward	18.3.1841
102. Matilda Carr	12	"	Hurrier	"
103. Mary Shaw	19	"	"	"
104. Hannah Clarkson	17	"	"	"
105. Ann Holling	16	"	"	"
106. Peter Dale	12	Day & Twibell's Pit	Trapper	19.3.1841
107. James Cargill	11	"	"	"
108. Edward Newman Esq.		Barnsley	Solicitor	"
109. Matthew Lindley	52	Day & Twibell's Pits	Collier	
110. John Ostcliffe		Barnsley	Registrar	
111. John Twibell Esq		"	Coalmaster	22.3.1841
112. Maria Gooder	12	Thorpe's Pit Gawber	Hurrier	"
113. Ann Eggle	18	"	"	"
114. Elizabeth Eggle	16	"	"	"
115. Eliza Coats	11	"	"	"
116. Sarah Gooder	8	"	Trapper	"
117. Ann Gooder	17	"	Hurrier	"
118. John Clarkson Sutcliffe		"	Agent	23.3.1841
119. Matthew Fountain		Darton Colliery	Steward	
120. William Duckworth		Micklethwaite & Co's Pit	"	
121. John Micklethwaite		Oaks Colliery Ardsley	Proprietor	15.3.1841
122. John Matthews	18	Micklethwaite & Co's Pit	Engineer	"
123. John Lawton	45	Travis Horsfall's Colliery	Steward	
124. Richard Earnshaw Roberts.		St. George's Barnsley	Incumbent	1.4.1841
125. Peter Waring		Billingley	Collier	16.3.1841
126. John Simpson	64	Thorpe's Colliery	"	25.3.1841
127. John Crossland	31	"	"	"
128. James Eggle	45	"	"	"
129. John Wright	9	"	Hurrier	"
130. John Hargreave	66	"	Collier	"
131. William Moxan		"	"	
132. Thomas Wright	43	"	"	
133. David Row		"	"	25.3.1841
134. Mr. Cawthorne		Charlesworth Pit Silkstone	Steward	26.3.1841
135. Daniel Crossland	18	"	Hurrier	"
136a. Rebecca Hough	14	"	"	"
136b. Ann Fearn	14	"	"	"
137. Thomas Wilson Esq		Silkstone	Owner	
138. Mr. George Armitage	36	Ex Collier Silkstone	Teacher	27.3.1841
139. Michael Thomas Sadler Esq.		Barnsley	Surgeon	31.3.1841
140. Robert C. Clarke Esq		Silkstone	Coalmaster	26.3.1841
141. Timothy Marshall	35	Darton		30.3.1841
142. Meeting of 350 working colliers of surrounding district held in Court House Barnsley 25.3.1841 before Sub-Commissioner resolved:				
1. That 11 hours is the usual time colliers are worked each day on average.				
2. That 8 hours is quite sufficient time for both men and children to be in the pits and that longer hours are injurious to both, considering the atmosphere of mines and the accidents to which they are exposed.				
3. That children ought not to be employed in the pits at all before they are 11 years old, but that parents cannot afford to maintain them up to that age without the assistance of their labour; and no legislation ought to take place without provision to be made for their maintenance.				

4. That the work of hurriers is very laborious for children and that the work of trappers is wet and cold and hurtful to the health of young children.
5. That the employment of girls in the pits is highly injurious to their morals, that it is not proper work for females and that it is a scandalous practice.
6. That the ignorance of the children of colliers is very great and the reason is that their wages are not sufficient to enable the colliers to give their children education and they earnestly desire to have better means of education. The long hours the children work tire them too much to allow them to learn in the evening.

I certify that these resolutions were duly passed by show of hands at the above mentioned meeting, after full and free discussion by the colliers as there assembled.

Signed W.C.Mence

Clerk of the Peace at Petty Sessions Barnsley

143. Rev. Robert Willan	St. Mary's Barnsley	Minister	
144. Mrs. Fern	Silkstone	Colliers Wife	26.3.1841
145. Job Marshall	Peniston	Banksman	
146. John Cawthra	Wilson's Pit	Collier	24.3.1841
147. Sarah Ann Swaine	10½ "	Hurrier	"
148. John Batty	8½ Clarke's Silkstone Pit	Trapper	18.3.1841
149. Ann Mellor	14½ "	"	"
150. John Dunk	12½ Barnsley	Winder to Weaver	2.4.1841
151. Thomas Dunk	14 "	Weaver	"
152. Sarah Jackson	15 "	"	"
153. Edwin Fairclough	11½ "	Winder	"
154. George May	10½ "	"	"
155. Mary May	13 "	"	"
156. Tom Hillingley & Wife	"	Weavers	"
157. George Eversedge	12 Wilson's Pit Darton	Trapper	24.3.1841
158. James Hitchen	Barnsley	Weaver	2.4.1841
159. Charlotte Cooper		Hurrier's Mother	"
160. Rev. Mr. Newman	Tankersley	Curate	
161. Mr. Richard Hincliffe	Grahams Ironstone & Fitzwilliams Pits	Agent	29.3.1841
162. George Higgs	Grahams Ironstone Pit	Steward	1.4.1841
163. George Carr	50 "	"	"
164. Joseph Ball	15 "	Hurrier	"
165. Jerry Kenworthy	9½ "	"	"
166. Mr. Crooks	Barnsley	Surgeon	5.4.1841
167. Rev. Henry Watkins	Silkstone	Vicar	
168. Rev. Francis Maude	High Hoyland	Incumbent	
169. Rev. Richard Morton	Dodworth	Chaplain	
170. Rev. John Blackburn	Attercliffe	Incumbent	

#### Wages at Attercliffe

A Trapper (at age 6 or 7 years old) has 3s per week.

A Horse-Boy 6s or 7s per week.

Ginnear (11 or 12 years old) 7s per week.

Loader & Hurrier (from 11 to 18 years old) has from 5s to 15s per week.

Collier averages from 17s to 22s.

All these except the trapper who works in the dark have candles to find, the consumption of which is about 1lb per week (cost 6d)

Maureen Newton  
64 Bestwood Road, Hucknall,  
Nottingham NG15 7PQ.

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## A NOTICE FROM THE PAST-TOLLS AT DARNALL AND HANDSWORTH TOLL BARS

While working at the Handsworth Nurseries of Fisher Son & Sibray in the winter months of 1928-29 I was given the task of cleaning out the big packing shed during a period of snow and frost.

Thankful to be inside out of snow I set about the task. Barrow after barrow of rubbish had been wheeled out when in a corner under a great heap of rubbish I came across this wooden structure. By the time I had completely uncovered the whole, it measured roughly six feet by four feet. My intention was then to carry it outside and dump it. But to my surprise when I lifted up one side I saw distinct lettering. Further inspection showed it to be a century old toll board which must have laid buried there for a good number of years for none of the old employees knew of this. The board was sent to Sheffield Museum and was for many years stored in the archives there. The board was at one time on display at the Abbeydale Industrial Museum but now hangs on a wall in Kelham Island Museum.

The board gives a table of tolls to be taken at the Darnall and Handsworth Bars on the Turnpike Road from Worksop to the north east of Attercliffe.

J.W.Saxton.

Ed.'s Note: A full transcription of the board was made by J.W.Saxton, passed on to us by Mr.Clayton and can be seen at the Society's library at the Foresters.

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### ALLEGED BIGAMY IN SHEFFIELD

Taken from the Nottingham Journal 23rd March 1870.

A blacksmith named John Hiley who carried on business in Russell Street, Sheffield was apprehended on Monday under a warrant by Police Constable Swift, on a charge of bigamy. It is said that in 1864 Hiley was married to a young woman, 18 years of age named Lucy Jackson in Nottinghamshire. After living with her three years he came over to Sheffield and he became acquainted with Mary Jane Gregory, a widow, who owns some property in Russell Street. They 'kept company' and at the latter end of 1869 were married at the Wicker Church. They lived together until the other day when it was discovered that Hiley was a bigamist.

V.F.Fearn.

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### BOOK LIST

"A History of Cutthorpe Village" by Judith Stubbs. Part 3 £2.95.  
Local History Books by Don Cole and available from him at 23 Smithy Lane, Leeds, LS16 7LX. Profits go to ARMS (Action and Research into Multiple Sclerosis)

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THE SHEFFIELD VOLUNTEER INFANTRY 1803-1808 (cont)

Hall	George	3 Milnsands	Silver Plater
Whitehead	Edw <sup>d</sup>	Market St.	Hatter
Turner	Tho <sup>s</sup>	Gibberalter St.	Filesmith
Auckland	Will <sup>m</sup>	4 Pea Croft	Cutler
Norton	Joseph	29 Broadlane	Silver Plater
Crookes	Michael	29 Hawley Croft	Cutler
Halme	George	6 Wicker	Hatter
Howland	John X	5 Newfield, Bridgehouses	Edgetool Maker
Farkin	Ric <sup>d</sup>	30 Scotland St.	Cutler
Frith	Joseph	7 Snighill	Grocer
Curtiss	James X	8 Newfield, Bridgehouses	Cutler
Rose	Joseph	Coalpitlane	Cutler
Wade	-	Corner St.	Corn Factor
Battersby	James	Burgess St.	Cutler

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Hainn	Joseh	1 Spring St	Scissorsmith
Webster	John	38 Bailey St	Cutler
Brookfield	Tho.	Near the Cottonmiln	Factor's Clerk.
Reynolds	John	67 Broad Lane	Cutler
Fox	William	King St.	Printer
Kesteven	James	44 Pea Croft	Cutler
Maney	Francis X	Sandspavers	Optician
Thompson	Charles	58 Westbar	Bookseller
Bramall	Joseph	Westbargreen	Breeches Maker
Eyre	George	King St.	Butcher
Marsh	Sam <sup>t</sup> X	Bailey Lane	Cutler
Stones	John	1 Garden St.	Grinder
Armstrong	Jo <sup>s</sup>	Pond St.	Victualler
Frith	- <sup>s</sup>	13 High St	Cutler
Twigg	Adam	Market St.	Silver Plater
Saxton	Robert	9 King St.	Cutler
Hawksworth	Rob <sup>t</sup>	Norfolk St.	Cutler
Garlick	Rob <sup>t</sup>	Bakershill	Silversmith
Micklethwaite	Josiah	117 Pond St.	Cutler
Holmes	George	Newfield, Bridgehouses	File Smith
Slater	Jos <sup>h</sup> X	4 Townhead St.	Cutler
Powil	John X	Holliscroft	Forkmaker
Hu-	James	61 Campo Lane	Silversmith
Wake	Rob <sup>t</sup> X	Barkerspool	Taylor
Saxton	Rob <sup>t</sup> X	Hay Market	Chair Maker
Warris	W <sup>m</sup>	Church St.	Merchant
Lawsons-aw	Geo <sup>e</sup>	Bailey St.	Buttonmaker
-	James	70 Holliscroft	Victualer
Marsden	William	2 Little Sheffield	Silversmith
-	-	Bailey St	Cutler

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Woodhead	William	3 Leecroft	Joiner
Wilson	Thomas	Scotland St	Cutler
Hattersley	Tho <sup>s</sup> X	41 Church St.	Taylor
Rodgers	Charles	9 Howard St.	Engraver
Cliff	Sam <sup>l</sup> X	3 High St.	Flaxdresser
Timperley	-ny	2 Meadow St	Cutler
Thompson	John	Carver Lane	Cutler

Too-	John	Waingate	Cutler
Smith	James	9 Bakershill	Cutler
Woodcock	John X	Bridgehouses	Silversmith
Massie	Henry McDonald	100 Fargate	Ironmonger
Howarth	Tho <sup>s</sup>	Coalpitlane	Silversmith
Creswick	Cha <sup>s</sup>	Bannercross	Silversmith
Robinson	James X	4 West Barr	Basket Maker
Naylor	W <sup>m</sup> X	Edward St	Cutler
Jackson	John X	10 Meadow St.	Cutler
Elliott	John	32 Silver St.	Filesmith
Ratcliff	Joseph	7 Bridgehouses	Optician
Askham	William	20 St.James St	Surgeon
Askham	Tho <sup>s</sup>	20 St.James St	Bookkeeper
Charles	Joseph	Wicker	Roller
Gilling	George	12 Church St.	Butcher
Lambert	John X	Sheffield Moor	Cutler
Creswick	-	Green Square	Silversmith
Fowler	John	62 Broad Lane	Scissorsmith
Best	Abraham	Hawley Croft	Filesmith
Steel	Geo	16 Parradise Square	Cabinet Maker
-	-	Carver Lane	Silversmith
Williamson	John X	15 Holley St	Cutler
-	-	9 Norfolk St	Clerk

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Levick	Joseph	110 Pond St	Cutler
Darwent	William	43 Fargate	Cooper
Darwin	Dan <sup>l</sup> X	43 Fargate	Cooper
Linley	John	111 Pond St	Silversmith
Linley	W <sup>m</sup>	111 Pond St	Silversmith
Crossland	John	25 Bridge St	Silversmith
Holmes	Joseph	4 Peacroft	Cutler
Arstall	Geo <sup>e</sup>	19 Shemeld Croft	Bailiffe
Milner	Jon <sup>n</sup> X	5 Lambert St	Scissorsmith
Longley	Tho <sup>s</sup> X	3 Burgess St	Grinder
Crownshaw	James X	5 Bower Spring	Cutler
Lathom	Peter X	Pond Rowe	Forgeman
Bramhall	John	Sheffield Moor	Cutler
Newbould	Tho <sup>s</sup>	PintstoneLane	Merchant
Fenton	Fran <sup>s</sup>	Church St	Merchant
Emmott	Joseph	Bridgehouses	Cutler
Bright	-	11 Market Place	WatchMaker
Dixon	Cha <sup>s</sup>	12 Crossmithfield	Silver Smith
Ashmore	Tho <sup>s</sup>	18 Shewdhill	Silver Smith
Oldhams	George	Nursery	SilverSmith
Gordon	Fred <sup>c</sup> X	Rockingham St	Printer
Owen	Thomas	2 Silver Street	Button Maker
Parkinson	John X	10 Pond St	Cutler
Thompson	Jos <sup>h</sup> X	58 West Barrs	Sawmaker
Broad	John X	12 Shemeldcroft	Buttonmaker
Moorhouse	Charles	154 Trinity St	Cutler
Thorpe	William	36 Burgess St.	Stamper
-	- X	Burgess St	Buttonmaker
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