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EDITORIAL

As will be seen from the report of the Annual General Meeting this Autumn will be a critical time for the Society. In many ways we continue to thrive: with the successful launch of a London meetings, all of which are well supported, in addition to the main meetings at Gateshead. Most of the groups are involved in indexing or recording marriages, census returns, monumental inscriptions and other useful projects. Unfortunately the work of running the Society also grows, and most of the work falls upon a comparatively small number of people, most of whom have other full time jobs to do. Unless more members are willing to play an active part in the organisation it is difficult to see how we can continue.

In particular John Scott, who as Treasurer has been a key figure in the Society for the last eight years, informed us more than a year ago that he wished to be relieved of his position. Although it is thought that the work John has been doing could be shared between two or three members, up to the time of writing no-one has come forward to take on the job. It should be said that for the bulk of the work no particular financial knowledge is necessary, but a fair amount of time is required. Anyone who feels he (or she) can help please contact a member of the committee.

Another task that grew so fast that it got rather out of hand was the compilation of an up-to-date Directory of Members' Interests. An article by Bob Vine on another page explains the present position; it is hoped that publication will take place soon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tape Recordings of Talks

In response to many requests from members, arrangements have been made to record on tape some of the talks given at the Society's meetings, subject to the speaker's agreement. The first talk recorded in this way was that given by Mrs J. Brusey on "The Blackett Family". Tapes may be purchased from Mr J.A. Ashburner, II) Melrose Grove, JARROW, Tyne & Wear NE32 4HP, price £2.50 post free.

The Five Bridges Hotel, Gateshead

The name of the hotel at which the Society's meetings have been held for the past two years has recently been changed from 'The Five Bridges' to 'The Swallow Hotel'. In order to avoid confusion (particularly as there is already a Swallow Hotel in Newcastle), the old name has been used in our Future Programme in this issue. Please note that the new name will be used in future, but the actual venue will remain the same.

Irish Ancestry

The Derry Youth and Community Workshop has produced two publications of interest to family historians:-

1. *The First and Second Valuations of Derry City - 1832 and 1858.* This book lists all heads of households in alphabetical order for the above periods.
2. *The O'Doherty Information Pack.* In addition to information on the Doherty clan this provides a series of maps showing the counties of Ireland, the baronies of Ulster, the parishes of Counties Derry and Donegal, the towns and castles of the Inishowen Peninsula, Donegal, and the streets of Derry city, together with a description of the records used in a family tree search in Ireland.

Both publications can be obtained from the Research Centre, Derry Youth and Community Workshop, 15 Magazine Street, LONDONDERRY BT48 6HH. The cost, including postage, is £2.50 for the Valuation book, and £3.50 for the Doherty Pack.

Photography Service

One of our members, Mr J.A. Ashburner, is willing to take photographs of Monumental Inscriptions or other items in the Tyneside area. Anyone wishing to make use of this service should first contact our Project Co-ordinator Bill Butterley (address on 'Contents' page).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 1987/88

Subscriptions for 1987/88 are due on or before 1 November 1987; as in previous years for reasons of economy no receipts will be issued, but delivery of the Spring 1988 issue of the Journal may betaken as confirmation that your subscription has been received. We are sorry to say that for the first time since 1982 it has been necessary to increase our annual subscription rates, though members who have been good enough to help us in the past by paying their subscriptions by banker's order will not be called upon to pay the new rates until November 1988. For all other members the new rates are as follows:

United Kingdom (<i>including all BFPO addresses</i>)	£6.00
Overseas (<i>Surface Mail</i>)	£ 1.00
Family Membership (<i>Each additional family member</i>)	£ 1.00

Members who do not pay by standing order should complete the enclosed renewal card and send it, together with their subscription, to the Membership Secretary at the address show on the card. All cheques should be made payable to `NDFHS' and should reach us not later than 1 November 1987; late renewals do cause a good deal of extra work for our small band of unpaid helpers.

Overseas members are asked to pay in Sterling if at all possible. If however it is necessary to pay in local currency an extra f 1.50 should be added to the subscription rates shown above before converting to dollars, to cover the cost of re-converting your cheque at our bank.

Members who pay by standing order need do nothing at present; no renewal card will be enclosed with this Journal, but please remember to notify the Treasurer if you have changed address. A new standing order form will be sent to you for completion early in 1988.

Members who do not at present pay by standing order but would like to do so in the future may obtain the necessary forms from the Treasurer after 1 November 1987; a further announcement will be made in the next issue of the Journal.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Bob Vine

The long awaited replacement for our 1981 directory of members' interests is at last well under way. Some 950,000 characters of information were transferred to computer files earlier this year and I am now hard at work editing them for publication. An advantage of having the interests on computer once they are tidied up, is that they may be easily updated with the additions and changes that come in continuously from you the members, and yet be readily set up in columns and pages ready to print again with minimal further delay.

A team of volunteers to whom we should all be very grateful prepared the cards which went to the computer. But it is hoped that the updating will be possible directly from the forms sent in. In the hope of smoothing this process and perhaps also of increasing the usefulness of the directory I have some comments to make on the editing I have been doing. I would like you to bear these points in mind when checking existing entries and when filling in new forms.

The purpose of the directory is to advertise to other members what one is interested in with clarity and reasonable conciseness. References to a town or to a parish or to a larger area are all satisfactory, but a reference down to streets is impractical to print and may not fetch a suitable response if we did print it. A much more common error is to quote a location of such insignificance that is difficult or impossible to find in a gazetteer. I can guess that some people are quoting straight off the birthplace in a census return. Now those of us with experience know that many such entries were corrupted by the fact that the informant could not write it and the enumerator if he did not know the place had to write down what he thought was said, possibly coping with an unfamiliar accent as well. For your own sakes check any location in Bartholomew's or some other good gazetteer before sending it in, and if it is a hamlet replace it by the parish. Remember if it is not in a gazetteer then you have a better chance of deducing what was meant than anyone else has. Even if you know the place exists it is still worth looking it up for another reason, to resolve ambiguity. Some names like Barton or Brompton pop up everywhere and unless you check you may never realise there is a problem. In many cases the addition of the correct County is sufficient to resolve the ambiguity, but sadly not everyone managed this on the old forms.

Another rich source of ambiguity comes from having towns and Counties with the same name. I am treating all such entries as referring to the town although I suspect that some were intended to refer to the County. Whichever you want to have entered, please be careful in these cases to make it clear.

I am sticking to the pre-1974 County names and boundaries so please help by keeping to these when you fill in a form. For Yorkshire I am using the 3 Ridings as Counties. If you want to specify a larger area than a County that is alright. If you want to specify 2 or 3 Counties then write an entry for each, otherwise you can use a simple description like "Northern England" or "Scottish Borders". I would like you to remember that I have space for 19 characters for the place or area description, no more.

In the time column I want only the century values, either as a single value or as a pair of limits e.g. " 18" or " 17-19".

Finally, if you have sent in your interests and are about to move house, please let the treasurer know your new address as soon as possible, even if you haven't actually moved [yet so](#) we can get it up to date in the directory.

THE SPRING MEETINGS

March

The March meeting took the form of a Quiz, Northumberland competing against Durham in a keenly contested match. Although Ken Brown as scorer did his best for Northumberland, he was unable to prevent Durham winning by a short head.

April

There was a good attendance at our April meeting for a talk and slide show given by Mr Len Kerr on "The Industrialists of Tyneside". Many famous engineers and innovators have originated in the North, from George and Robert Stephenson to the more recent Charles Parsons and the armaments 'king' Lord Armstrong. Mr Kerr was most knowledgeable about these men and their rise to fame.

May

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 12 May, and was well attended. Some members of the committee have had to resign because of other commitments: these include our Research Editor, Yvonne Armstrong, who for more than five years has been responsible for 'Member's Interests' and 'Second Time Around', and Roger Tankerville, who has been Monumental Inscriptions Co-ordinator for almost as long. We are greatly indebted to them for all the work they have done on our behalf. The job of Research Editor has been taken over by Mrs Irene Blackburn, and that of M.I. Co-ordinator by Mr Norman Rush. Another important member of the committee, John Scott, has given notice that he cannot continue as Treasurer beyond October this year. John has been Treasurer for more than seven years, and throughout this period the Society has continued to grow rapidly, with a consequent increase in his workload. It is now felt that the job should be split between two or three people, and we urgently require volunteers. Most of the work requires no particular financial skill, but it will entail some time and commitment. Anyone who would be prepared to help please contact the Secretary.

It was also agreed that the membership subscription, which has been held steady for four years, should be increased. The new rate for United Kingdom members will be £6.00, and for overseas members £10.00. Family membership will remain at £1.00 extra. These rates will apply from 1 November 1987, except for members who already pay by Banker's Order; in their case the new rates will take effect from 1 November 1988.

The A.G.M. was followed by a talk by Mrs J. Brusey on "The Blacketts". Although their family tree is rather involved, Mrs Brusey gave a detailed account of the fortunes of the family from the founder, Sir William Blackett (Baronet 1673), to the present day. Sir William was a shrewd business man with interests in six collieries and the lead mines of Alston and Allendale. In 1676 he moved from the Close to Anderson Place, the largest house in Newcastle. His eldest son, Sir Edward Blackett, who became the second baronet, was interested in land-owning, and moved to Ripon, where he bought Newby Hall. Later generations of this branch moved back to Northumberland and through marriages obtained Aydon Castle, Halton Castle and Matfen Hall (now a Cheshire Home). The present heir, Major Blackett, still lives at Halton Castle.

Sir William's youngest son, also called William, inherited his father's business interests, and his fortune steadily increased. In 1688 he bought the Cambo estate from the Fenwicks, and later built the famous Wallington Hall. On this side of the family, due to lack of sons and legitimate heirs, by 1779 there were no more Blacketts in direct male line, and the estates were divided. Wallington Hall went to the Trevelyan family, who in 1941 gave it to the National Trust.

Editor's Note: This talk was recorded on tape: see "News in Brief."

SOUTH TYNESIDE GROUP

The April Meeting was enlivened by a Quiz in which the Ladies competed against the Gentlemen, and there was also a section devoted to "Local Matters of Interest". The meeting in May saw St Peter's, Harton, Monumental Inscriptions completed and indexed: there are almost 9011 gravestones covering the period from 1858 to 1987, and they include many of men killed overseas in the First and Second World Wars, and some from the Boer War. St Simon's, Simonside, Mis from 1880 to 1987 have also been completed.

The June meeting marked the 4th anniversary of the formation of this, the first of the local Groups, and there was a general discussion on new projects to be tackled. Since our first meeting the attendance has more than doubled, mainly due to the informal atmosphere.

DURHAM GROUP

About 40 members, including several newly joined, attended our meeting in March. It was held in a small downstairs bar, and although space was restricted it was pleasant to be in a quiet corner. The speaker arranged for the evening was unable to be present, so the Group Chairman spoke for half an hour on Local Records and where to find them. The Society's Chairman, Bill Rounce, then gave an interesting talk on various aspects of research and helpfully answered questions from the floor.

At the April meeting Mr Patrick Mussett gave an informative talk on the materials available for genealogical research at the Department of Palaeography and Diplomatic at Durham University.

About 30 members were present at the May meeting to hear a talk by Mr Robin Gard of the Northumberland Record Office on "Catholic Ancestry". Mr Gard brought with him many records to illustrate his talk, and his audience, particularly those with dissenting ancestors, found it very enlightening.

SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

In March Miss Margaret Burdon, the Local Studies Librarian at Morpeth, gave us a useful up-date on the sources available there. We also had a visit from Mrs Godmundson of Washington, D.C., who is researching the Forsters of Seaton Deleval. At our April meeting one of our members, Mrs Irene Blackburn, gave an interesting and informative talk on Northumberland Catholic records, and in May we welcomed Mr Alan Armstrong, who entertained us with an account of the formation and objectives of the Armstrong Trust.

SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

The Sunderland and District Group still thrives at the RAFA Club with attendances in excess of 35, and continues to enjoy a wide variety of speakers.

LONDON GROUP

The inaugural meeting of the London Group was held at the Society of Genealogists on Saturday, 4th April 1987. Mr Bill Rounce kindly travelled to London and chaired this meeting, which was attended by 72 members. He thanked Dr Chris Watts and Mrs Wendy Bennett for arranging the meeting and introduced Mr Lawson Edwards, the Librarian, who gave a most informative and interesting talk on "Sources in the Society of Genealogists for Research into Northumberland and Durham Family History". Mr Edwards has prepared an article on this subject which is to appear in this Journal, so further details are not given here.

There followed a general discussion and it was agreed that Saturday was the most convenient day for meetings; ideas for speakers were put forward, and Mr Alan Craggs agreed to act as Chairman. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 24th October 1987, at 10.30 a.m. and Mr Bill Rounce will speak on "Resources for research in Northumberland and Durham". Further dates for your diaries for 1988: 5th March 10.30 - 12.31; 9th July 2.00 - 4.10 p.m., 12th November 11.31 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

- Tuesday, 1 September 1987* *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting.
- Wednesday, 2 September 1987* *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.
- Tuesday, 8 September 1987* *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Talk by Mrs S. Lenderyou of Newcastle Central Library on "The Resources for Genealogists in Newcastle Library."
- Thursday, 10 September 1987* *Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*
Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Vera Stephens will give a talk on "Local Churches."
- Tuesday, 15 September 1987* *Blyth, 7.30 p. m.*
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting. Talk by Mrs Janet Brown on "The History of Ulgham."
- Tuesday, 6 October 1987* *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting.
- Wednesday, 7 October 1987* *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.
- Thursday, 8 October 1987* *Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*
Sunderland and District Group Meeting.
- Tuesday, 13 October 1987* *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Capt. K. L. Row, Deputy Master of Trinity House, Newcastle upon Tyne. will speak on "The History of Trinity House, Newcastle."
- Saturday, 24 October 1987* *London, 10.30 a. m.*
Talk by Mr Bill Rounce on "Resources for Research in Northumberland and Durham."
- Tuesday, 27 October 1987* *Blyth, 7.30 p. m.*
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting. Talk by Mr R.C. Simpson on "Miners and Mining in South-East Northumberland."
- Tuesday, 3 November 1987* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*
Durham Group Meeting.
- Wednesday, 4 November 1987* *South Shields, 8.00 p. m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.
- Tuesday, 10 November 1987* *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Talk by Mr T. Goonan on "Famous Northumbrians."
- Thursday, 12 November 1987* *Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*
Sunderland and District Group Meeting. Pat Storey will give a talk entitled "Tales from The Sunderland Echo".
- Tuesday, 17 November 1987* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting. Geoff Nicholson will give a talk on "The History of Stephen Hall and its Occupants."
- Tuesday, 1 December 1987* *Durham, 7.30 p. m.*
Durham Group Meeting.
- Wednesday, 2 December 1987* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*
South Tyneside Group Meeting.
- Tuesday, 8 December 1987* *Gateshead, 7.15 p. m.*
Christmas Social. Details to be announced later.
- Thursday, 10 December 1987* *Sunderland, 7.15 p. m.*
Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

Tuesday, 15 December 1987
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

Blyth, 7.30 p. m.

Members of the Society are welcome to attend any of the above meetings; the venues are as below:

Gateshead:	Washington Suite, Five Bridges Hotel, High West Street.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Pheonix Theatre, Beaconsfield Street.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redshanks

MrFS. Porritt, of 29 Stoooperdale Avenue, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL31)UH writes:

"The word "Redshanke" which appeared on page 16 of the Spring issue of the Journal is one with which I am familiar. Prior to World War I I heard a neighbour (a lady from_ Richmond in Yorkshire) refer to another as a "Redshank" in a very derogatory sense. I asked her why, and what the term meant. She told me that French prisoners of war in the 1800s had been restrained with leg irons, and when these were removed permanent damage had been done to the flesh and skin. These prisoners were transported to the Yorkshire lead mines as forced labour, and were consequently looked upon as very second class persons. So in Richmond to be called a "Redshank" was a stage lower than one of doubtful parentage. It would appear then that the term "Redshank" in 1641 referred to Prisoners of War."

Irrelevant Birth Certificates

Mrs H. Allinson, of 34 Woodstock Road, SITTINGBOURNE, Kent ME 10 4HN, writes:

"Over the years I have ordered a number of Birth Certificates which have proved to be the wrong ones. They might be of interest to other members, and I would be prepared to photocopy one for anyone on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. The details are as follows:

1. BRANNIGAN, William, born Iveston 1893, son of Patrick and Elizabeth (nee Valentine)
2. O'CONNELL, Margaret, born Conssett 1893, daughter of Richard and Margaret (nee McGonigel)
3. REDFEARN, Hannah, born Batley 1838, daughter of William and Sarah (nee Tolson)
4. SMITH, Margaret Jane, born Middlesbrough 1868, daughter of John and Mary Jane (nee Th...les?)
5. COLLINS, Sarah Jane, born Worsley 1887, daughter of Richard and Mary (nee Morris)
6. COLLINS, Robert, born Heworth 1866, son of George and Mary Elizabeth (nee Milburn). -

BOOK REVIEWS

The Genealogical Research Directory

The 1987 edition of the Genealogical Research Directory has been published, and is full of information for the researcher into family history. It includes 100,000 surname references submitted by 5778 contributors in its 840 pages, and is a good buy at f- 10 plus f- 1 postage. It is obtainable from Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, 2 Stella Grove, TOLLERTON, Notts. NG 12 4EY.

A copy has been presented to the Society's library, and is available on loan (to UK members only) from our librarian, Mrs Doreen Tait.

The Model School - Bede College 1881-1933

By Lilian Groves

This account of the Bede Model School from 1881 until its closure in 1933 is based upon the school log books, and gives a vivid picture not only of life in a Durham elementary school in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, but of patterns of teacher training during that period.

The 43 page booklet may be obtained from Miss L. Groves, College of St Hild and St Bede, University of Durham, DURHAM, DH 1 ISZ, price £2.00 plus SAE (size A5 or above).

*The History of Cresswell, Ellington, Linton,
Lynemouth and Woodhorn*

By Leonard C. Leach

This 103 page booklet by a former resident in Ellington gives an interesting account of Cresswell and the neighbouring townships. It contains information from trade directories, census returns, militia lists and many other sources, and gives details of some of the local families. Notable among these there is the Cresswell family, whose ancestor Sir Robert de Cresswell owned estates there in 1191.

The booklet is obtainable from Mr Leach, 10 Claremont Road, Wivenhoe, COLCHESTER, Essex, price £4.95 post free.

THE WRONG LORD HILL

Jill Davies

I started on my family history two years ago, concentrating at first on my mother's family, the Bensons, as they seemed to have priority. A relative had said there was a Lord Hill in the family, and this caused great excitement! However, on going over boxes of old family photographs I found one of a pub and terrace of houses in Bexleyheath, Kent, taken about 1900, and yes, you've guessed, close examination of the sign and some very faint writing along the bottom revealed "The Lord Hill"! Hopes of an illustrious ancestor faded fast. Further research showed that the pub and the houses belonged to my great great grandfather, William Benson but I had difficulty in tracing his baptism and therefore his parents' names. Eventually, after a few trips to the Greater London Record Office checking London registers not included in the IGI, I found his baptism at St Giles in the Fields (the registers are still held in the parish). Again I was stuck: the entry gave simply the date of birth, date of baptism, and names of child and parents - not even the mother's maiden name.

Being close to Maidstone I made an appointment at the new Archives Office, and one wet, wintry afternoon attempted to trace the ownership of the properties at Bexleyheath. I also looked in the card index of personal names for my great great grandfather, and found not only the Tithe reference number for the "Lord Hill", but also another Tithe reference number. This proved to be another pub, "The Plough Inn" at Northfleet, and on checking the card index again I found that some papers and deeds relating to the "Plough Inn" had been deposited. You can imagine my excitement when the bundle of documents was produced and was found to contain the Will of my great great great grandfather, another William Benson, who had owned all this property and had died in 1849. He left only the interest in his estates to his son, and on his death, which took place only two years later, to his grandchildren. There were also records of Proceedings in Chancery by which the grandchildren were made Wards of Court after the death of their father, their mother believing that the money was not being distributed properly, and Sale Notices indicating that the properties were eventually put up for sale at a Coffee House in the city of London in 1871.

From information in the Will we were able to trace his brother's death and place of residence, and so to find him in the Census for Hexham in Northumberland. The census gave Hexham as his place of birth, and from this we were able to find that my great great great grandfather and his brother were both born in Hexham in the 1770s. Purely on the offchance I picked two people with the same name still living in the Hexham area from the Northumberland telephone directory, and wrote to both. I had almost immediate replies, and both turned out to be very distant cousins. One sent a copy of his family tree, and this matched in every detail what I had already found from my own researches, but went further back to a birth in 1800, and included some information from Burke's Landed Gentry. The other was very interested in my research, and on my supplying him with his 'tree', went out and photographed all the farms which I was able to tell him had been 'in the family'. We are still in correspondence and hope to meet later this year.

I realize I have had an enormous amount of luck, but it just goes to show what can be hidden completely unknown in an old bundle of documents in an Archive Office.

Editor's Note: *Mrs Davies' address is Old Shelve Cottage, Lenham, MAIDSTONE, Kent ME17 2DT.*

FAMILY HISTORY AND NATURAL HISTORY A COMPLEMENTARY STORY?

Harry Robinson

As we all so diligently research our family history in the North East, and learn about the way of life of our ancestors. I wonder if we ever give thought to the way in which the natural environment of Northumberland and Durham helped shape the character and outlook of our forebears?

It is astounding to learn that the population in the area of the Durham Constabulary in 1839 was only 120,000. The opening up of the coalfields, the establishment of the steel industry, the advent of the railways and all the attendant heavy industries which grew up in the wake of these changes, meant that the population shot up to 336,000 by 1869 and to 1,041,9(x) by 1931.

Such an influx of people in the short space of 100 years and the development of industry and the expansion of towns and villages must have created almost a frontier atmosphere, and the indigenous population must have been alarmed by the invasion of strangers from all parts of the United Kingdom. Yet this new blood must have enriched the local stock and helped to produce future generations who went out into all parts of the world, generations who had been toughened by the invigorating Northern climate and hardened by the rugged Northern landscape. The large number of our members throughout the world demonstrates the truth of this.

The transformation of our region from an almost deserted tract of woodland, moor, heath and farmland into a major industrial complex, especially in south-east Northumberland and northern and eastern Durham, resulted unfortunately, in great damage to the outstandingly beautiful countryside. Vast stretches of woodland were felled, beaches ruined by coal waste, heath despoiled by straggling steel works and sparkling rivers, renowned for their trout and salmon, turned into open sewers. This process continues even in modern times, with our red squirrel population in decline, merlin, otter and dippers threatened and precious butterflies and plants almost extinct. Our remaining ancient woodlands are also in great danger and need to be protected.

Fortunately, there are three voluntary organisations in the North East who are dedicated to safeguarding the remaining wildlife in our area, without hindering the economic development of the region. As David Bellamy says "Conservation is not about stopping things, it's about starting things and making sure that they happen in the right way", and so the three organisations co-operate with landowners and industrialists to guide them in making their developments without damaging the natural environment.

The three organisations are the Northumberland Nature Wildlife Trust, the Durham County Conservation Trust and the Cleveland Nature Conservation Trust, all of whom are currently running appeals to raise funds to purchase more reserves, to develop their education policies so that the general public can be reached with the vital conservation message, and to improve their advisory services to landowners and developers.

As Director of the Durham Wildlife Appeal, organised by the Durham County Conservation Trust, which covers Durham County and the part of Tyne and Wear south of the Tyne, and also as a member of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society, I am sure that the protection of the remaining wildlife of our region is of vital interest to all of us. Understanding the present without knowledge of the past, but equally, the past loses its fascination if it is divorced from the present. Nor can the past or the present be properly appreciated without reference to the environment. Most of all, if nothing is done to prevent the further deterioration of our natural surroundings, all our futures will be that much less rewarding.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to any of these organisations, or wishing to join them, or requiring further information, should contact:

1. Durham Wildlife Appeal, P.O. Box 2, Rowlands Gill, Tyne & Wear, NE39 1HW, tel. 0207-542394.
2. Northumberland Wildlife Appeal, Hancock Museum, Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT, tel. 091-232-0038.
3. Cleveland Nature Conservation Trust, The Old Town Hall, Mandate Road, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. tel. 0642-608405.

THE FAMILY OF CAPTAIN JAMES COOK

Ada Burnicle

It is well known that Captain James Cook, R.N., F.R.S., was a Yorkshireman by birth. He was born on 27 October 1728 at Marton, near Middlesbrough.

We knew that he married Elizabeth Batts at Barking, Essex, and that his family all died without issue. This is why the descendants of his sister Margaret Cook, who married James Fleck of Redcar, have become important to genealogists and interesting to relatives of her family. But did you know that Sunderland and South Shields had a high proportion of descendants of the Cook family living there, and that many of them still do?

Margaret Fleck's grandson William Carter's family lived at South Shields. He married Elizabeth Young about 1823 and had six children. Ann Carter, grand-daughter of Margaret and James Fleck, married John Burnicle (both from Marske) in 1814 at Bishopwearmouth Church and produced ten children. Their son James Burnicle, born 1828, married his second cousin Margaret Davison, and their children James Fleck Burnicle and John William Burnicle became prominent citizens. John Fleck Burnicle became a solicitor and Coroner of Sunderland, but sadly there was no issue. John William Burnicle will be remembered as Headmaster of St Bede's School in the 1920s by the older generation. His daughter Kathleen is still living and resides at Allendale in Northumberland.

These are just snippets of information from a book of family histories compiled by me in 1985. It is called "A Study of the Genealogy of the Family of Capt. James Cook, R.N., F.R.S., 1728-1779", and is available from the Captain Cook Birthday Museum, Stewart Park, Marton, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland, price £3.50 plus postage and packing £ 1.20.

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NORTHUMBERLAND MARRIAGE INDEXES

Following the publication of a list of Durham Marriage Indexes in the last issue of the Journal, we now include a similar list for Northumberland. Further information about any of these indexes may be obtained from our Project Co-ordinator Bill Butterley, whose address appears on the 'Contents' page.

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AN ELIZABETHAN PEW LIST

The following pew list for the church at Middleton-in-Teesdale was compiled in 1595, and gives the names of people living in Upper Teesdale at that date. It is divided into four sections, one for each of the four townships making up the parish, and as well as showing the area from which they came, it gives an indication of the social status of the individuals concerned (the lower the pew number the higher the status). The source is Volume I, Issue No. 12 (1869) of "The Lord Fitzhugh and his neighbour Lord Baliol, or the Parish Magazine for Laithkirk, covering both sides of the Tees", printed by R. W. Atkinson, Market Place, Barnard Castle. Price 2d.

We are indebted to Major L.M. Kenyon-Fuller, of Arlaw Banks, Winston, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL2 3PX, for his transcription of the list.

The order of the seats in the church of Middleton-in-Teesdale, by the twenty four, as they thought most convenient, on 3 June 1595.

a. From the pulpit to the South Window:

1. Mr Cuthbert Bainbridge, 10 seats, and to pay for 3 next the pulpit, indifferently, among all the four bounds.
2. Mr Mariam Watson; John, Edmund and Leonard Maynard.
3. Edmund Wilson, two seats; Robert Poake, and Edmund Bainbrigg.
4. Thomas Best, Anthony Bainbrigg sen; John and Michael Maynard.
5. Cuthbert, William, Leonard and Catherine Allison.
. and Roger Gibson: Cuthbert Watson and Roger Gibson.
7. John and Richard Johnson.
8. George Bainbrigg, William Raine, James and Roger Colpits,
9. John and John Rutter, Cuthbert Lind, and James Bainbrigg.
10. Henry and Thomas Bainbrigg; Cuthbert Maynard, and John Gibson.
11. John Fieldhouse, Ralph Natrass, Bartholomew Tinkler, and William Gibson.
12. Anthony and William Bainbrigg, Giles Parkinson, and John Wilson.
13. John and John Bainbrigg, Cuthbert Lind and Christopher Turner.
14. Edmund Wilson, Thomas and James Bainbrigg, and Cuthbert Gibson.
15. James Colpitts, Ralph Peake, Peter Bainbrigg and Cuthbert Lind.
16. Behind the door, two seats; John Maynard and John Hobson.

The rest in common. This much for Middleton.

b. Seats for Egglestone:

1. Anthony Arrowsmith, 6 seats.
2. Henry Ridley, Henry Richardson, John Hodgson, William Wharton, William Dowson and Richard Raine.
3. John Coatsworth, John Pinkney, Cuthbert Raine, John Mires, John Addison, & William Hodgson.
4. George Bayles, Martin Hodgson, George Headlam, Nicholas Headlam, Roger Dowson & Nicholas Croston.
5. Thomas Hodgson, Thomas Gibson, John Nube, John Hodgson Jnr., Richard Loansdale & John Pinkney.
6. Joseph Pilkinton.
7. Thomas Walker.
8. John Kipling, Widow Harrison, Widow Myers, Cuthbert Bainbrigg, & Thomas Catesby.
9. John Simpson, John Gastall, William Arrowsmith, & John Gibson.
10. William Parkin, Christopher Addison, William Ridley, & John Walker.
11. Nicholas Verley & William Stephenson.
12. John Nicholson, William Coatsworth, John Bland, Christopher Robinson & Richard Pattison.
13. The seats in the alley common to all Common to them above the pillar because they are strait.
14. To the cottages, i.e. John Harrison, Widow Nicholson, Cuthbert Pinkney, Henry Johnson, William Nicholson, Widow Dowson, William Hodgson, Thomas Frankland, William Raine & Henry Headlam.

c. Seats for the Forest:

1. Mr Thomas Bainbrig, of Vallance Lodge, and his wife; Mr Guy Bainbrigg & his mother; and Mr Thomas Bainbngg of Brighthouse, and his wife.
2. The same three men.
3. The children of the same three men.
4. John Horn, Henry Bainbrigg, Seavhill, Henry Bainbrigg, Birkbush, and Guy Bainbrigg, of Harwood.
5. John Elands & Widow Appleby.
6. Ralph Bainbrigg of Dirtpit; Matthew Kearton; Christopher Allison of Wat Car; John Allason of Wat Car; Robert Elande; Edmund Nuby; & John Pattison.
7. Widow Perkin, John Vipond, Michael Raine, John & John Walton, Peter & Edmund Horn. Anthony Vipond, John Stephenson, John Horn, & William Watson.
9. Anthony & George Race; Simon Watson & Jeffrey Bainbrigg.
- 10). Thomas Lee, Anthony & Richard Walton, & George Race.
11. Cuthbert Robinson, John Kearton, Michael Emmerson, Matthew Bainbrigg.
12. Anthony Bainbrigg, Richard Atkinson, Peter Friers & Henry Shield.
13. Behind the alley, John Robson. Anthony Bainbrigg of Heg Pot; & Widow Bainbrigg of Bates Bank.
14. John Walton, Anthony Walton of Bowes Close; Elizabeth Horn, Christopher Elands & William Bainbrigg of Briber Hill.

d. Seats for Newbiggin:

1. William Bainbrigg.
2. Mr Roger Bainbrigg.
3. Christopher Preston, & Francis Gastle.
4. Cuthbert Bainbrigg, for Low House & Reveling.
5. Lawrence Race, & Jennet Bainbrigg.
6. Lawrence & Michael Bainbrigg.
7. Cuthbert Natrass, & Robert Allason.
- 8 James Peaker, & Peter Bainbrigg.
9. John Parkinson, & Ralph Loansdale.
- 10). John Gobson, & Henry Rownthwaite.
11. Mr Cuthbert Bainbridge, & Christopher Allason.
12. John Allason, West End; and Christopher, Woodside.
13. Cuthbert & Robert Allason.
14. John Allason, East End; & John Race
15. John Bainbrigg, & James Allason.
16. John Allason, Field Head.
17. Widow Nuby, & Thomas Race.
- 18 Edward & Edward Race, & John Nuby, a seat in either of the last two.

e. The names of the Church Wardens, & twenty-four, when the church was seated.

1. The Church Wardens:
Guy Bainbrigg, Roger Nuby, Matthew Robinson, & Roger Dowson.
2. The Twenty-four:
Cuthbert Bainbrigg; Robert Peake; Edmund Wilson; Anthony Bainbrigg, Sen; John Johnson;
John Maynard; Ralph, Roger & William Bainbrigg; James Peake; Cuthbert Natrass; Lawrence
Horn; John Allason; Henry & Guy Bainbrigg; Anthony Arrowsmith; William Wharton;
Roger Dowson Nicholas Headlam; & Richard Raine.

KNOW YOUR PARISH: XXI ALNHAM

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The obscure hamlet of Alnham is one of the tiniest in the county of Northumberland, and the population of the parish can only be described as sparse. Many Northumbrians of today may wonder where it is actually situated: the clue to its location is in the name, 'ham' being an old English word denoting home or dwelling place, and 'Aln' being the name of the river on which it stands. It is here that the river, no more than a stream, first trickles forth from the wild hills and then winds its meandering way through rich tillage and lush pastures until it eventually reaches the sea at Alnmouth, some twenty miles to the east.

The hamlet of Alnham is within six miles of Scotland, in the foothills of the Cheviots. The focal point of any parish is the church, which at Alnham stands today in its remote position as strongly as it has for many hundreds of years. The hamlet consists only of the church, now unused, the nearby vicarage which was originally a fortified pele tower built to repel Scottish raiders, and one or two farms. Nothing remains of Alnham castle but the turf covered foundations which can be seen on a grassy knoll a short distance to the south-east of the church. Alnham suffered much from plundering raids of the Scots, and on the 10th October 1532 the whole village was burnt down by these wild marauders. Fortunately today's Scottish visitors come with more peaceful intent and are always welcome.

At the beginning of this century the natives called the village 'Yeldom', and over the years there have been many variations in the spelling of the name. In 1331 it was known as Alenham, in 1354 Alenham, in 1509 Elnam, and in 1663 Ailnham. The population as given by census returns reached a peak of 295 in 1861, and it is probably much less today. The parish consists of the small townships of Alnham, Prendwick, Scrainwood, and Unthank, and these can only be described as small hamlets or settlements with the odd farmhouse here and there. The parish comprises about 12,4011 acres, and as in so many remote parishes of Northumberland there are more sheep than people. It is a lovely corner of the county, with its rolling hills and fast flowing streams that ripple and flash over sandstone or granite rocks, to the sound of the bleating of sheep and the song of the birds - a place of peace and tranquility in complete contrast with other parts of the kingdom more often in the news.

Above the village of Alnham is Castlehill camp, a fine specimen of a Celtic camp, a circular earthwork one hundred yards in diameter. The views of the Cheviot hills to the north and west, and the Simonside hills to the south, can only be described as awe-inspiring.

*"Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!"*

The little church with its stone tiled roof looks rather forlorn, standing on its own behind dry stone walls amidst the oak and the ash. In former days it was much larger, and outside the north wall of the nave can be seen the outline of an earlier arcade. The chancel arch is Norman, but its round pillars have 13th century capitals. Within the walls of the church and in the burial ground outside are several quaint tablets and moss-covered gravestones marking the burial places of past generations of parishioners of this remote and quiet parish. The inscription on a tablet on the west pier of the south transept was erected to the memory of two sons of one of Northumberland's most noble and illustrious families, the Collingwoods. The family seat of the Collingwoods was at Eslington, in the adjoining parish of Whittingham, but there were branches of the family at both Prendwick and Unthank. Sons William and Percival Collingwood both died before reaching the age of 45 years.

The list of vicars of the parish is, of course, lengthy, starting with.

Robert, the chaplain of Alnham	1228
Walter de Alnham	1316
Thomas de Durem	—
William de Halliwell	1370

and so on until our own time.

In 1291 a tax was levied on all church property, and Alnham Rectory was valued at £3 I; in 1340 it was £37. The following interesting notice of Alnham Church is found in Tate's *History of Alnwick*, Vol. I, page 289; it is part of a formal document written in 1597 by Henry, the ninth Earl of Northumberland, to his cousin, Thomas Percy, known as the Conspirator (he was one of the leaders in

the Gunpowder Plot with Guy Fawkes, and was slain at Holbeach in 1605). Thomas, for whom the Earl appears to have had a great regard, was for many years Constable of Alnwick Castle: "The very true and undoubted patrons of the parishe and churche of Alnham sending greeting in the Lord God Everlasting, graunts by his writing to my well-beloved cosyn Thomas Percy, his executors, and assignees, the first and next advowsome, donation, nomination, presentation and free disposition of the Rectory and Parsonage of the Parish churche of Alneham." Unfortunately for Henry his trust was misplaced; his cousin was dishonest, unjust and harsh. When unable to extort money from the Earl's tenants he frequently had them thrown into prison in the castle. Because of his involvement with Guy Fawkes suspicion naturally fell on the Earl, and although nothing could be proved against him, he was confined to the Tower of London for the next fifteen years, and was only released on payment of a heavy fine - but that is another story.

The earlier parish registers of Alnham have disappeared, and those in existence are MM. there are no entries, illustrating or confirming the sparseness of the population. The names most

The manor of Scrainwood, on the boundary between the Aln and the Coquet, was held in turbulent times by an old Northumbrian family, the Horsleys. An official report on the state of the Borders, made in 1509 reads: "Thomas Horsley of Skyenwood has twenty men." The manor first emerges from the mists of antiquity as one of the possessions of the de Vescys - the Lords of Alnwick before the Percys. The last of the de Vescys died in 1314, when the male line became extinct. Roger de Horsley was in 1320 one of the Keepers of the Truce between the English and Scottish kingdoms; he died in 1358, but the manor was still held by the family in 1663.

Apart from Unthank, the only other hamlet in the parish is that of Prendwick, which in earlier times was also held by the de Vescy family. The Border Survey of 1541 states, however, that: "At Prendyke ye Lykewise, a liyttle toure (tower) newly buylded by one, Thomas Alder and George Alder of Prendyk." The Alders were the owners of the land for upwards of two hundred years. In 1792 the whole of Prendwick estate was purchased from the families of Byne and Alder by Ralph Carr, a direct ancestor of the present Carr-Ellison family, the head of which is now a Deputy Lieutenant of the County.

A small part of Northumberland, but a valuable part of our heritage.

The Parish Registers of Alnham have been deposited at the Northumberland County Record Office, where the census returns may also be seen.

DISMISSED WITH A CAUTION

"Discipline. - 1704, Oct. 29 - The Session being informed of the profanation of the Lord's day immediately after Michaelmas, by some drunken folks, in James Malloch's house in Crieff, appoint the said James, and Beatrix Clerk, his wife to be summoned against Sabbath next.

1704, Nov. 6 - After prayer, sederunt, Minister and Elders, James Malloch being summoned and called, compeared; and being interrogate anent the abuse by some strangers drinking and fighting (as was reported) in his house the Sabbath immediately following Michaelmas, Answered, that they were drunk before they came into his house; that they only drank three pints of ale; and when they began to fight he put them to the door. He being enquired at if it was in time of Divine service they came into his house, and if he himself was hearing sermon that day, Declared that it was after Divine service they came into his house, but confessed that he himself was not in the kirk that day. He was summoned, and his wife, , and not compearing, they appoint her to be cited to the same diet....

1704, Nov. 12 - James Malloch and Beatrix Clerk being called, compeared; and she being interrogate anent the abuse committed by some drunken strangers in her house on the Sabbath day after Michaelmas, answered as her husband the last day. Being asked if she was hearing sermon that day, replied that she was both forenoon and afternoon. They being rebuked for giving entertainment to the folks on the Sabbath day, and promising never to do the like, were dismissed. Closed with prayer."

From the Records of the Kirk-Session of Crieff.

SOURCES FOR DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND GENEALOGY AT THE SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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The shelving of English material in the library is arranged county by county and is subdivided in each instance into six sections:- General; Local; Registers; Monumental Inscriptions; Census; Lists (Directories and Poll Books); and in this article the total number of holdings in each category is given with particular mention being made of items of special interest. Sometimes the items will be on microfilm or microfiche and this is noted in the following lists where it is of particular significance.

DURHAM

- General Items: 25 volumes including Fordyce's *History and Antiquities of the County Palatine of Durham* (2 volumes, circa 1555).
Durham and Northumberland Newspaper Notices: 7 manuscript volumes of events (death notices etc) from the 18th and early 19th centuries.
Bibliography of British Newspapers: Durham and Northumberland, edited by [E.W.D. Manders](#). [British Library](#) publication, 1982.
- Local Items: 13 Items, including *South Shields Education Records 1869-1883* (Microfilm No. 396)
- Registers: 92 parishes including Gateshead 1559-1960 on Microfilms No. 362-385.
International Genealogical Index: 56 Microfiches covering 74 parishes.
Boyd's Marriage Index: 71 of 91 ancient parishes covered in the Main Series, Banns in the 1st and 2nd Miscellaneous Series. (Copies of Index at Newcastle Public Library, Middlesbrough Reference Library, Durham County Library and Durham County Record Office)
- Monumental Inscriptions: 26 churches and/or churchyards covered (it is hoped to add to these considerably by copying transcripts presently on loan to us from from Northumberland and Durham Family History Society).
- Censuses: 24 places covered, many copied by the Cleveland Family History Society and donated to the library. (Note: in most cases these are indexes and not full transcriptions of entries)
- Lists 14 Directories spanning the period 17911-1938.
15 Poll Books, including 11 for Durham City 1761-1868, and North and South Durham Polls for 1868.

Other important items to note are the publication of the Surtees Society (1834 to date); Marriage Licences: Bonds 1662-1674, by Edwin Dodds (1912); Extracts (220) of Marriage Bonds 1662-66 in *The Northern Genealogist*, and a typescript index of females in Durham Marriage Bonds 1662-86.

Wills and Will Calendars and Indexes are to be found in Surtees Society volumes 2, 38, 112 and 142, and also on Microfilms No. 909-911.

An interesting work known as the Modern Domesday, but officially entitled *Return of Owners of Land in England and Wales excluding the Metropolis 1873*, published in 1875, contains details of land ownership in each county and names 31 12 people who owned 1 acre or more in 1873.

NORTHUMBERLAND

- General Items: 12, including 3 volumes of *Men of Mark, Twixt Tyne and Tweed*: reprinted from local papers, 19th century.

Boldon Book: the Domesday equivalent for Northumberland and Durham, circa 1183.

Inquisitions Post Mortem: Edward I - Charles II (1272-1686). Northumberland Musters and Pipe Rolls: Musters of 1539; Pipe Rolls of Edward I for 1272-1275.

Pedigrees recorded at the Heralds' Visitations of 1615 and 1666.

- Local Items: 13 volumes mostly relating to Berwick and Newcastle.
- Registers: 97 transcripts including a large number of Catholic registers and the W.E. Rounce Marriage Indexes.
International Genealogical Index: 59 Microfiches for 103 parishes.
Boyd's Marriage Index: 81 of 96 ancient parishes included in the Main Series; also 34 parishes of A.J. Readdie's Marriage Index, mostly for the north of the county.
- Monumental Inscriptions: 64 transcripts, to be argued by Xeroxes of loaned copies.
- Censuses: None to date.
- Lists: 24 Directories spanning the period 1778-1959.
19 Poll Books spanning 1710-1852.

There are no Marriage Licences as such; what there are will be found with Durham. For Wills also see Durham. "Modern Domesday" names 2221 owners of 1 acre or more.

An important reference work to be used for both counties is Volume XI, Part I, of the *National Index of Parish Registers: Durham and Northumberland*, compiled by C.P. Neat (2nd edition, 1984), which indicates the whereabouts of original registers, transcripts, Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licences. This is in the Middle Library, on the Textbooks shelves, at the Society of Genealogists, and is available from them for £5.60 post free.

Editor's Note: We are indebted to Mr Lawson Edwards for this edited version of his lecture given at the Society of Genealogists on 4 April 1987.

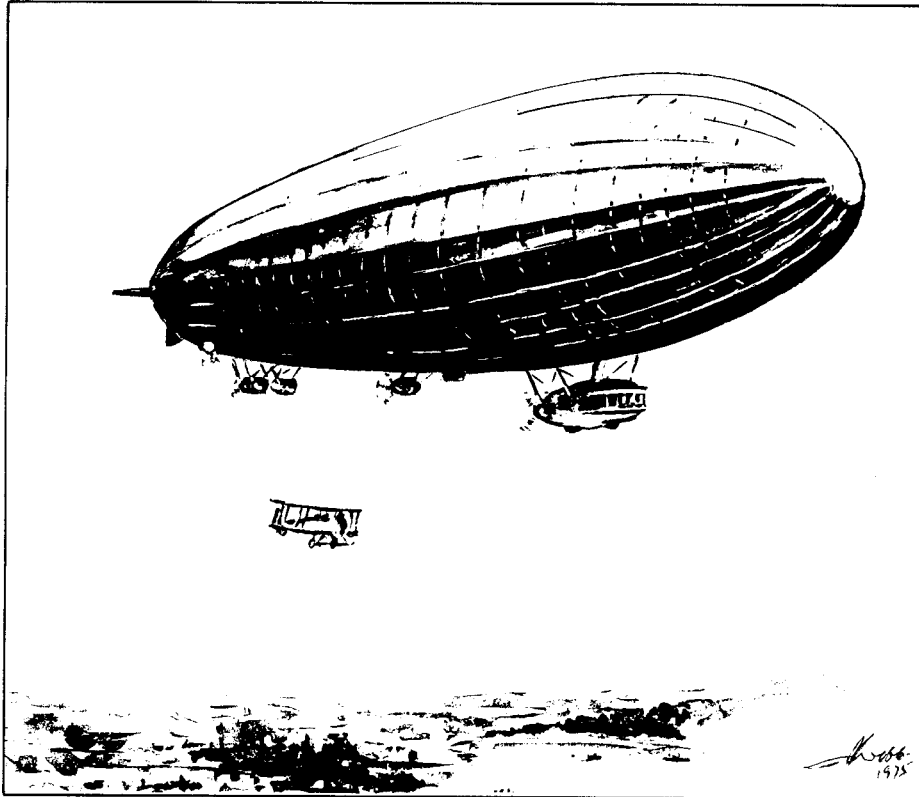
A ZEPPELIN OVER HARTLEPOOL

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The Zeppelin L34 was destroyed over Hartlepool on 27 November 1916, and my father wrote an eye-witness account of the scene in a letter written the following day. He wrote: "The beast was picked up by the searchlights when over the west of the town - Park Way - looked like a beautiful silkworm cocoon, floating up in starry sky. Lud knows how many searchlights got onto it; quite enough anyhow to illuminate it brilliantly. It floated coolly on towards the sea - right over the town, and as it went we saw the shells getting at it and within five minutes, sparks came out from its underside and more sparks running along its underside towards the tail where they broke into a small flame which grew and grew until the whole show was alight. In a few minutes the whole thing still blazing, and falling slowly but still drifting seawards, broke in two, the larger part falling pretty fast and the smaller part following leisurely and the whole came down, plump into the water about a mile off and the wreckage lay blazing on the water for a full quarter of an hour.

"The searchlight men say that when it broke in two, the crew jumped for it. I couldn't see that but it was low enough - before it was hit - to see the gondola. My only sensation was one of the thrilling contentment and happiness and peace, tempered only by a thought for the possible casualties in the town and the certain death of the crew. Fortunately the casualties are by no means heavy. Can only hear of one killed and one died of shock and perhaps a dozen injured. Not bad considering the reverberations of the bombs and the noise of the guns. As for property, the structural damage is the extraordinarily small. Have been all around today and was surprised that so little structural damage was done. Of course no end of windows blown in (or rather, sucked out) because it is curious that the concussion always draws the glass out - in every case practically without exception. A vacuum is the correct explanation I believe. All Gray Peverill's Windows facing Victoria Road (new and old shops) have gone and Messrs. Blakes, Smithson's and Electricity Shop opposite. Most damage about Lowthian Road.

"It has done a lot of people good and the common expression of opinion is "I don't care a hang if they come back every week now I know we can hit back effectively." The cheering in the town was tremendous and today the whole place is as vivacious and animated as if the people had been imbibing champagne at a wedding feast! People who were nervous before are simply bucked immensely and everyone is so jolly and happy, that complete strangers started cordial conversations and people you disliked, you want to slap on the back and shake hands with. I didn't go to bed until after three o'clock but got up cheerfully at 9 and slept every minute in between."



Actually the Zeppelin was not brought down by gunfire as my father thought but by an aeroplane piloted by Second Lieutenant Ian Vernon Pyott of the Royal Flying Corps, flying a Be2c aeroplane. He was awarded the D.S.O. for his effort. He survived the War after serving in France and by 1918 had been promoted to Captain. When you consider that the Zeppelin was about 485 feet long and about 50 feet in diameter, while the Be2c aeroplane was only about 29 feet long with a wing span of about 35 feet, one can only marvel at the courage of the pilots who attacked the Zeppelins. They had no communication with the ground and they virtually had no night flying instruments to help them, and no parachute if anything went wrong. Without ground communication they had no means of telling the anti-aircraft batteries to cease fire while they had a go - they just had to go in and hope they wouldn't be hit by their own guns.

It is clear that my own father who was watching the event didn't see the aeroplane at all, although it flew along underneath the Zeppelin for about 5 miles, which gives some indication of the relative sizes. I tried to paint a picture of the event recently, based on my memory of other Zeppelin raids, and I worked out mathematically the size of the aeroplane in comparison with the airship; I found that it was impossible to make it look like an aeroplane, it would be so small - a mere speck with the smallest brush.

The official account says that Lieutenant Pyott attacked the airship at 10,000 feet and flew along side for five miles at 60 miles an hour (just about flat out for a Be2c!), Pyott firing at the airship continuously. When the airship finally burst into flames Pyott's face was scorched although he dived away at least 300 yards. It appears that anti-aircraft shells were of little use as the airship could stay aloft with quite a few holes in it, and similarly it was found that ordinary machine-gun bullets were of little use, and only incendiary bullets which set fire to the hydrogen in the airships were any good. This necessitated flying up underneath the airship (which usually had a better rate of climb than the aeroplanes of those days) firing the gun fixed on the upper part of the aeroplane with the fervent hope that if the Zeppelin caught fire the pilot would be able to dive away quickly enough to prevent being incinerated!

AN EMIGRANT'S LETTER

The following letter is one of a collection in the possession of Mr T. W. Crozier of RRI, Ailsa Craig, ONTARIO NOM IAO, CANADA. They were written to their friends back home by a group of people who had emigrated to Australia from the North-East of England. One is from T. Robson who emigrated in 1854 and settled about two miles from Clare, 90 miles northwest of Adelaide. Mary, whom he mentions, worked for G.J. Beck in Walkerville, two miles from Adelaide. The letter published here is from Isabella Culley, and describes her voyage to Australia in 1856 and her arrival at the home of A. Hallott at East Payenham, Adelaide, where Mary is now working. By 1859 Isabella had married, and as Mrs Henry Powell was living happily on a small farm near Melbourne. Mr Crozier's grandfather was named Henry Powell Crozier, suggesting a family connection, although the exact relationship has not been established.

Clare, September 28th 1856

My Dear Friends All,

I have delayed writing so that I might be able to give you a long account, and I thought it better to see my dear friends at Clare too; in fact I want to send you a long letter. I have forgotten what I said in my letters before I sailed, so I shall begin and give you an account of myself after I left you at dear Morpeth. Ellenor and myself went to Mr Young's Hotel and our bed by some means. Mr Crosier had found us out and when we went to bid him goodbye we found all our cloakes and bags at his house. Caroline Brown was there from Boldon to see us off by the train in the morning; I went to Aunt Todd's with a hope that I might see someone from Shields. There was not even a message for me - my Aunt never asked me to sit down - indeed she said she would not have been in the house but for the paper that our brother Tom had left for me. I feel sorry that there should have been any unkind feeling towards me, but that is past and I am sure I have a kind feeling for them all. I believe I told you what a number of Emigrants went in the same train with me to London and what dreadful lodgings I had that night. The next day we all went to Southampton (quite free of any expense); my two boxes were there before me, and they charged me only the Luggage train price although they had been sent by passenger train. We were more than a week at Southampton in a very large depot - plenty of good food, and the place kept in great order - but one night we were all dreadfully alarmed by the great stifling rooms being filled with smoke. I was one of the first down stairs, and such a confusion was going on: the lower part of the building was crowded with people in their night dresses; the poor Cook
no danger. which was the case as it was only one of the flues that had got wrong. I had my nice ink bottle broken, which made be very sorry as it was poor Mrs Wilson's and I had such trouble with the poor old thing - she scarce was well' during the whole voyage. On the 17th I had a long walk in Southampton; it is I think a very fine place. I purchased some figs, bacon and vinegar, and in the evening I had a letter from Shields and from Otterburn. The same evening we were all sent on board; we did not sail until the 19th, and then only 5 miles - we had to cast anchor as both wind and tide were against us. The same day we had the pleasure of seeing Her Majesty laying the foundation stone of a hospital near Netley Abbey. It was indeed a grand site to see all the large ships manned at every yard, and the great gun boats - such noise and firing of cannons; they sailed down past our ship playing Auld Lang Syne as a finish - I could not help shedding tears.

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do very well. The sea was then lashing on to the deck: I only felt a little giddy, and never suffered one day from sea sickness. 21st - The Captain pointed out St. Agnes's Light House, but we could just see it like a speck very far off. Today a poor Baby died: it was a solemn sight seeing its body committed to the deep, and always at such times there is a shark following the ship. 25th - The sea very rough; it was a very dull Sunday, and no sleep at night, the vessel rolled so much. In the evening we were spoken with by a Spanish vessel bound for London - we answered all well. 27th - The sea is beautiful today; you would be amused seeing my writing journal sitting upon my knees at what we call our Sofa - a few put together to hold our cleaning utensils. One of the girls is having a hearty laugh at me calling it a Sofa. 28th - All going well, so they say, but I do hope we will have a more quiet night; I cannot say we are laying in bed as I fell sometimes half standing. 29th - A very fine morning; a ship called the Sea King passed us on the way to Sydney - she was from London. 31st - A very fine day; we had a school of porpoises close at the side of the vessel - they are large and black numb looking things. The children all clambered up the side of the vessel to see them; they frightened me - I told them if the Captain saw them he would order them to bed; it had the desired effect and they were down in a minute. Sunday June 1st - A very fine morning - going at a rate of 10 miles an hour. We had prayers on deck: at 10 o'clock they chimed a large bell - it made me feel so sad. A barrel was placed, covered with the Union Jack, to form a pulpit- every one joined in thanking God for his goodness. Today a poor old man died: he and his wife were going to their children. 2nd - A child was born today. Rather storming, and had a bad toothache. 3rd - My face is very painful: I want dear Lizzy to get something to make me feel more comfortable. 4th - My face very painful - I feel sick at everything. I am glad none of nieces are here. I cannot eat the food: we have only the gruel, and we have so little of that. This evening I had my tooth

extracted. 5th - A poor baby died today: went to see its mother - gave her some of my good things to make her comfortable - no easy thing on board a ship. The sun is very hot today - there is a large awning put up to screen us from its power. The Captain, Doctor and Mates are all very kind, and certainly we simple females have the best part of the Ship. How I wish some of you my dear friends could have seen the sunset this evening: I never saw anything so great, only the sight was of short duration - the sun seemed to dip into the sea in one minute. We were only going on very slowly, and such hot nights besides the ship is swarming with rats. 6th - Another poor Baby died today. 14th - I have omitted writing for many days- the heat is so oppressive, and I have such bad headaches. A little girl was born today. We had our boxes out of the hold, and my shoes were covered with mold. I was told not to rub it off. We saw a ship today homeward bound. The sailors tried to catch a shark this evening: I saw it lifted quite out of the water, but it lost hold of the bait, and afterwards was very shy so we did not catch him. There were numbers of beautiful flying fish and the pretty little thing called the Portugese man-of-war - a species of Nautilus. It did not appear larger than a walnut shell, and was sailing against the wind with its little wings for sails.

22nd - We are now north of the Line and Oh so hot! and such thunder and lightning and rain in torrents. The rats bother me sadly too. 23rd - The ship is going at 12 miles an hour. We have passed another ship, but too distant - we were watching her going home. There are such lots of Porpoises in sight today - large black numb things. 24th - Such a large shark sailed after us today. 25th - This evening we crossed the Line. The Captain was very droll about it - he said did we not feel the ship jump? I find I must pass the rest of my voyage in fewer words, only I must tell you that we saw several whales and many wonderful things. When we came near the Cape we had very rough weather- no day or night, and very cold. Both scuttle and port holes shut up in our cabin so that it was almost dark. We had such beautiful birds, and the Albatross was the King of them all. One night we had a sail blow overboard and another one split from top to bottom; the second mate was nearly washed overboard. I have asked Mr Marshall to call upon you dear when he goes back to South Shields - he is a native of that place, and nephew to the owner of the ship Eliza and many things- he is second mate and a very nice man. When we got near the coast of Madagascar the sea ran mountains high; whenever we expected a squall I laid awake waiting for it, but the good Eliza rocks and flies along like a bird, and the Captain is so careful it makes us feel so safe. And to sum up, we arrived at Adelaide on the 17th August just being 13 weeks from land to land, and one of the finest voyages this year into the Port. We had 7 deaths and 9 little new lives. About 4 miles from Adelaide she came to the ship for me, bringing a cart for my boxes; she is very well indeed. I went to her Master's house, Mr Hallot, where I stayed 3 weeks; during that time Mrs H. was confined and I had to be nurse until the woman came she had engaged, and then I set off for Clare where I am now sitting writing this letter. They are all well, the children very much grown. The country here is beautiful - every way you look reminds you of a fine Park at home; such a drive from Adelaide to Clare as you never could imagine- roads, carts and horses all alike - I thought I should have my neck broken, but the people here think nothing of it. I return to Adelaide on Thursday night - you must know it takes two days for the 90 miles - indeed part of the way you are travelling in the bush. I am going to live in the same family with Mary. I am to have the baby, and as housekeeper, and Mrs H. is only delicate - £30 a year - that is a high wage as they stand at present. My work will be very light indeed. Mary is parlour maid, £20 now. I mean to save as quick as I can and come home again, buy an annuity, and die at dear Mitford - that is if I am spared with health and strength to do so. I hope at the end of 4 years I will be able to. I wish dear Lizzy had come with me, and then I would have brought her back with me. Mary laughs at my going home again - she says everyone feels the same at first landing here.

Adelaide is a very fine place - nice shops, and everything so truly English. The natives are a very queer looking set of beings; there are very few of them near Adelaide at present, but as summer gets nearer they then come down from the Murray river. The birds here are not so pretty as ours at home, and no music in the air; you hear in the morning the laughing Jackass, and a queer nasty laugh it has. The Parrots are very pretty, and there is a bird resembling our magpies - it comes close to the door, and is not timid, making a funny whistling noise. The weather is just the same here at present as I suppose it will be at home, only instead of frost and snow coming we are now expecting excessive heat. Everything is in a flourishing state in the Colony - the Burra Burra Mines are almost as good as gold, but the shareholders are the ones that are benefited. I think this one of the best for a working man and his family - they are so well paid, and such abundance of good food. Robson's wages is £ 100, a house, firewood, milk; the rations are now very abundant: 1lb of tea, 5lb of sugar, 1lb or soap, 30lb of flour; the beef and mutton is new weighed, an average about one sheep in 5 days. Plenty of suet for candles, and heaps of the finest fruit- but this great allowance is because Eddy is working in the garden. This is a weekly allowance. The beef and mutton are both very delicate, and not the same taste as that we have at home. I think it is so wasteful to see them throw both head, feet and tripe to the dogs, and fine bullocks they are. Brother, I mentioned about writing, but no letter has arrived, and there was a paper and letter from Mrs last week. I fully expect to hear from them soon, and I want to know how Shields Lizzy is getting on in her new home, and how they all are. Indeed I want to hear every particular about every one of you- I cannot mention all your names because their multiplicity. Robson has been this morning, bringing home his nice mare; she looks so pretty and is very gentle. They have a

dog too named Cleadon. I will write you very soon again, and let me beg of you to send me a letter sometimes. I send my love to you all, and I have not forgotten my promise to dear Millie Price and Matthew Charlton. I will write to them when I am settled. I cannot mention all the kind friends, but you know who I mean: so pleased to give my love to them all, and believe me now and always yours affectionately,

Isabella Culley

Miss Culley,
A. Hallot Esq.
East Payenham
Adelaide
South Australia.

SIR JAMES KNOTT AND HIS FOREBEARS

A. S. Angus

The Knott Flats at Tynemouth, a conspicuous landmark at the entrance to the River Tyne, stand as a lasting memorial to one of Tyneside's most successful business men, Sir James Knott. They were built in the 1930s with money largely provided by the Knott Trust which had been formed to administer the large fortune amassed during his lifetime.

James Knott was born in 1855 in Stephenson Street, Howdon, where his father Matthew Knott had set up in business as a grocer and ships' chandler. In the following October the family moved to North Shields, and James became a pupil of Mr Mavor at the Scotch School. He left school at 14 to go to work in the shipping office on Newcastle Quayside, but when barely 20 he started his own ship-broking business. After three years, having decided that ship-owning was more profitable than ship-broking, he bought his first ship, an old collier brig named '*The Pearl*', for £ 185. This was the first of many sailing ships to pass through his hands, and before long he had 60 vessels under his control. In 1881 he purchased his first steamship, the '*Saxon Prince*', and this was the beginning of the famous Prince Line, whose ships were soon to be found in every part of the world.

While still managing his shipping business, James Knott found time to read law, and 1889 he was called to the Bar. After a few years he had to give up his legal practice because of other commitments- by this time he was a colliery owner and merchant as well as a ship-owner. He was also an ardent Unionist and keen tariff reformer, and was one of the founders of the Northern Tariff Reform Federation. In 1906 he stood unsuccessfully for Parliament, but in 1910 he was elected as Conservative member for Sunderland. He held a commission in the R.N. R., but on the outbreak of war in 1914 he was not called up for service as his position in the shipping industry was considered to be too important. He was created a baronet in 1917.

In 1878 James Knott had married Annie, daughter of the Rev Thomas Garbutt, and they had three sons, two of whom were killed in action in the Great War. Sir James built the Church of St Basil and St James at Fenham as a memorial to them. During the pre-war period the family had lived in Beverley Terrace, Cullercoats, but they subsequently moved to Close House, Wylam, and finally to the Channel Islands, where Sir James ended his days in June 1934. His wife had died in 1929, but he had married again in 1932, when he was 77 and his bride 25. There was an outcry in Parliament after his death because, as a resident in the Channel Islands, no Death Duty was payable on his £34 million fortune.

My interest in the Knott family arises from the fact that my maternal grandfather John F. Smillie was a first cousin to Sir James- his mother was Matthew Knott's sister- and with the aid of a few notes left by my grandfather I have traced the family back to the end of the 17th century when they were living in the area known as Hexhamshire. There are references to the family in the Hexham, Warden and Newbrough registers, and the records of the Roman Catholic chapels at Hexham and Stonecroft show that John Knott, a farmer Warden, married Margaret Leadbitter at Hexham in 1741, and that during the next 16 years they had nine children baptised at Stonecroft. The second son John (baptised 1746) married Margaret Leadbitter, the daughter of the local squire, Matthew Leadbitter of Warden - a union in which the Knott family evidently took some pride, because the name Leadbitter has been used by them as a Christian name ever since. Six children of John Knott and Margaret Leadbitter were baptised at Stonecroft between 1771 and 1783, but soon after this they moved to Howdon Pans, for Margaret died therein 1786.

John Knott is described in the Wallsend Parish Register at that time as a ropemaker, and it is probable that he was employed at Hurrys' ropeworks beside Howdon Burn. When the Hurry firm

failed in 1806 the ropeworks were taken over by two of his sons, John and Matthew. Matthew, who had married Ann Miller in 1802, had two daughters and six sons, of whom the fifth son Isaac eventually succeeded to the ropeworks. The second son James, described as a mariner, married Mary Turnbull about 1829 (no record has been found), and it was their eldest son Matthew, born in 1830, who was the father of the future Sir James, and their eldest daughter Jane, born in 1832, who married Alexander Smillie, my great grandfather.

It can be seen that James Knott came from a fairly humble background, and one wonders what special attributes he possessed that made him so successful in business. He had the reputation of being a hard man, as the following anecdote illustrates: one day he asked my grandfather, who was the Borough Surveyor of Tynemouth at the time, if he could call at the Prince Line office to discuss some plans he had in mind. It transpired that the proposal was that the road along the sea-front at Cullercoats should be diverted in order to provide the Knotts' house in Beverley Terrace with a bigger front garden. It did not take my grandfather long to tell him there was no possibility of this, but as he was leaving the office he paused to look at a map upon which the whereabouts of each Prince Line ship was indicated by a flag. When asked by James Knott what he was looking at, he replied that he was interested in a particular ship on which his brother-in-law was Chief Engineer. "You mean he was," said James, and promptly arranged for him to be paid off in Bombay or wherever it was. Nevertheless it is good to know that through the Knott Trust much of the money he made is being put to good use.

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- 2.090 FAMILY TREE OF KAY AND HALL. E.A. Pegg (1987). 1 p. Manuscript.
- 2.091 DAVISON FAMILY TREE. A. Davison (1987), 1 p. Manuscript.
- 2.092 ADMISSION REGISTER OF WESTOE ROAD SENIOR SCHOOL - BOYS - 1917. (E. J. Arnold and Son, 1917), 18 pp. *Indexed.*
- 2.093 DESCENDANTS OF MICHAEL McCARRON. Wilbur R. Wegener (1986), 47 pp.
- 2.094 DESCENDANTS OF JOHN COWANS. Wilbur R. Wegener (1987), 65 pp.
- 5.068 THE SEA - TRACING MERCHANT NAVY ANCESTORS IN THE PRO. W. Neil. 8 pp. Manuscript.
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- 6.053 THE MODEL SCHOOL - BEDE COLLEGE. Lilian Groves (University of Durham, 1987) 43 pp.
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- 5.071 A GUIDE TO CHURCH OF ENGLAND FEES. (Church Commissioners, 1987). 22 pp.
- 5.072 POST OFFICE ARCHIVES. (Post Office), 1 page leaflet.
- 4.1148 A SHORT GUIDE TO ST HILDA'S CHURCH, SOUTH SHIELDS. 8 pp. Typescript.
- 6.054 BOWES MUSEUM. C. H. Wood, 30 pp. *An illustrated guide.*
- 6.055 WAR DIARY OF G.W. NUTTALL. Roger Nuttall (1981). 25 pp. Duplicated.
- 1.115 RIVER OF TYNE - SALT MAKING AT SHIELDS, 1635. 8 pp. Photocopy.
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ABIGAIL GUSTARD OF LONGFRAMLINGTON

J. W. & N. Ewart

Abigail Gustard was born in Longframlington and baptised there in 1532, the daughter of John and Abigail Gustard. She had two older sisters, Jane, born 1525 and Sarah Ann, born 1530. John Gustard, is recorded as the proprietor of a Bakery & Grocery business in Longframlington during the period 1525 to about 1534 or later. By 1555 however John Gustard's widow Abigail, was running the business and was described as a "Grocer & Dealer in Sundries".

Longframlington, situated on the turnpike road running between Wooler and Morpeth, in 1559 had a population of about 550. A contemporary observer of the time remarked that the village had been markedly improved by the building of several neat houses. The Lord of the Manor was Admiral Mitford and the chief landowners were J.T. Fenwick and J. Cookson.

The vicar was the Reverend Thomas Ilderton and two other clergymen lived in the village. They were the Reverend John Clagston (Presbyterian) and the Reverend Richard Burdon. Places of worship in the village were the Anglican church of St Mary the Virgin dating from the late twelfth century and the Presbyterian chapel built in 1854 which, with a seating capacity of 500, was quite capable of accommodating the whole population of the village.

For thirst after righteousness, the village provided four Inns or public houses. These were The Horse & Jockey, The New Inn, The Grand B (or Granby or Grand Bay) and The Queens Head. Dr Charles Rice attended to the physical shortcomings of the villagers.

A Parochial School, endowed with the interest of £500 bequeathed by Mrs Tate in 1826 for the free education of 20 children, was also established in the village. (Forster's Education Act, which brought education within the reach of the masses, still lay in the future of 1870). Village education was also served by the Mechanics Institute, established in 1848; its secretary and librarian was Hans Murray who had custody of 800 books. Hans also served as master of the Parochial School and as a "Letter receiver and agent for the Equitable Fire (Assurance)."

To the South lay the hamlet of Low Framlington, consisting of two farms, the nearest railway station of Acklington lying just over 7 miles to the West.

Three carriers plied between the village and Alnwick on Saturdays and a carrier also journeyed to Morpeth on Wednesdays.

There were two collieries, a limestone quarry and a free-stone quarry in the vicinity of the village.

Red letter days for the community must have been the second Tuesday in July, the 23rd August and the 25th October, when **fairs for sheep** and cattle were held, for the village provided homes for a dozen farmers and two blacksmiths. Perhaps it was on one of these occasions that the young Abigail met her husband to be.

Abigail, upon, the death of her mother in 1857, must have inherited the business and by then was married to John Reed. Hence the local directory entry for 1859 which has him listed as a grocer, flour dealer and provision merchant in the village. It is possible that Abigail had family connections with the farming community for two of the farmers of Longframlington were named Thompson, and Abigail who, it would seem, was anxious to carry on the family name, used her own maiden name of Gustard when naming her children by John Reed, and also the name Thompson which may have been her mother's maiden name. On the 19th September 1858, Abigail and John's son Gustard Thompson Reed was baptised in Longframlington by the then Vicar of Alnham, George Selby Thompson, which is another indication of a possible family connection.

Early in 1859, John Reed died at the age of 31, leaving Abigail a widow with three young children, but she was not widowed for long before she married again, this time to Walter Ewart who is recorded in the April 1861 Census Return for Longframlington at the address of John Moffatt, Cattle Dealer. His occupation is given as cartman and place of birth, Scotland. Abigail and Walter were married at the Register Office in Newcastle in 1861. Both bride and groom gave their place of residence as 22, Hinde Street, which later formed part of Scotswood Road.

Their stay in Newcastle can only have been short for, in 1863, the first child of the marriage, Walter junior, was born in Longframlington. There followed a second child, Sarah Jane Christina Ewart, born in 1864, and then George John Ewart who was also born in the village about 1866. From this time the movements of the family are unknown until, in the later 1870's, Abigail Ewart.

presumably widowed again, appears in the Newcastle upon Tyne and Gateshead directories under the heading of Dressmaker. She had business premises in Askew Road, Gateshead, in 1881, and her children, except for Sarah Jane Christina, now all of a mature age, were employed in that business. Another exception was George John Ewart who, at the age of 15, was still at school at a time when school attendance was only compulsory up to the age of 11. Her son, Gustard Thompson Reed, is known to have had a drapery business in Gateshead during 1885-86 although residing in the Shieldfield area of Newcastle, but it is not known if he was carrying on the family business or had set up on his own.

There can be little doubt that the matriarch Abigail was a person of vigour and drive with a mind of her own in what was predominantly a male-dominated society. She must have been the driving force in having her children christened using her maiden name, and perhaps her mother's maiden name, probably with the hope of perpetuating her family names. That being the case, it could be said that she has been successful in her aim. The assembled family in Gateshead gives a clue to what one hopes was a kindly dominance over her children. Now no longer in the grocery trade here she has become a dressmaker, her daughter follows suit, and her sons are also in the drapery trade. Walter Ewart junior, at the age of 18, is described as a cartman but, is known that he became a commercial traveller, probably in the drapery trade.

What became of Abigail after the early 1880's is not known at the time of writing but, if anyone out there

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EDINBURGH TO LONDON EXPRESS

"Edinburgh, Berwick, Newcastle, Durham, and London stage-coach begins on Monday the 13th October, 1712. All that desire to pass from Edinbro' to London, or from London to Edinbro', or any place on that road, let them repair to Mr John Baillie's, at the Coach and Horses, at the Head of the Cannongate, Edinbro, every other Saturday, or to the Black Swan, in Holborn, every other Monday, at both of which places they may be received in a Stage-Coach, which performs the whole journey in thirteen days without any stoppage (if God permit), having eighty able horses to perform the whole stage. Each passenger paying £4. 10s. for the whole journey, allowing each passenger 20lbs. weight, and all above to pay 6d. per pound. The coach sets off at six in the morning. Performed by Henry Harrison, Nich. Speight, Rohr. Garbe, Rich. Croft."

Newcastle Courant.

THE TATOED SAILOR

- 23 April 1842. - The body of Mr Nicholson Ilderton, mariner, who was drowned in the river Tyne by falling out of a keel, was found near the place where it was lost, and was interred on the following day, in Tynemouth parish church yard. When a lad, he was bound to the *Good Ship*, port of Sunderland, and at the age of 16, was kidnapped in London, for a foreign service, where it was his misfortune to be taken with the ship and crew by the inhabitants of the island of Tongataboo, in the South Pacific Ocean, and was doomed by them to undergo the painful operation of tattooing, which he always spoke of as being of a long and harassing nature. During a residence of some years there, he was married to the daughter of one of the chiefs, but espying an English-rigged vessel in the offing, and sighing for liberty to return to his native land, he swam a distance of eight miles to her, and was taken on board. Mr Ilderton was fifty-two years of age. The tattooing excited the wonder and admiration of all who beheld it."

Local Papers.

MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Items for this and the "Second Time Around" column should be sent to Mrs Irene Blackburn, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.

May we remind members that the pedigree charts used for indexing Members' Interests for the next Directory are quite separate from the Interests for these columns. If you wish your interests to be published, please send a paragraph outlining your areas of research, problems [etc. to](#) Mrs Blackburn,

at the above address, for publication in the next available Journal. Please check that you include your membership number when writing, and we suggest that names for publication are PRINTED, to avoid errors.

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 1343 Mrs A. THORNTON**, 10 West Drive, DOVERIDGE, Derbyshire DE6 5NG.
Researching Younger, Common, Macintosh and Mackinley/Mackenley/Mackinlie. Seeking information about William Younger, son of Joseph Younger, thought to be born about 1816 in Stannington or Morpeth. Also John Common born about 1787 who lived in Alnwick; David Mackinlie born about 1772 also lived in Alnwick. Also interested in Archibah Macintosh, licensee of the Horse and Groom in Belford; he died there aged 62 in 1843.
- 1568 Mr W.J. BLACKBURN**, 11 Blackdene, ASHINGTON, Northumberland NE63 8TL.
Ashington 852775) Seeking birth of Mary Blackburn, daughter of Thomas Blackburn, about 1866 somewhere in County Durham. Several possibles in St Catherines index. She married John (Jack) Holt/Hout in 1888. Both lived at Burnhope at that time.
- 1800 Mr D.M. BERKLEY**, Old Orchard, Moorland, BRIDGWATER, Somerset TA7 OAX
Weston Zoyland208) Researching Goodsir family probably originating in East Fife. Some moved to Edinburgh and South Shields. Plenty of information about Prof John Goodsir but looking for others, especially around 1700. Many of the family were cabinet makers, linen weavers, and doctors.
- 2019 Mr G.A. FENWICK**, 15 Larch Drive. CHESTER, NEW JERSEY 07930 UNITED STATES.
Seeking information on Joseph Fenwick of Brink heugh, Morpeth (born about 1768, died in Quebec 1832). He may have been the son of John Fenwick (1744-1841) and Mary Hall of Corbridge and the younger brother John Fenwick of South Shields and Brinkheugh (1768-1841) and of his sisters Mary and Isabella. Joseph was probably the cousin of John Fenwick of Fletchers Close and Stoddarts Close, near East Mill, Morpeth. No record of Joseph's birth or baptism has been found and confirmation of his parentage would be welcome. Mr Fenwick would also like to hear from any descendants of the people mentioned above.
- 2318 Mrs J.E. CHOWN**, 1 Sherwood Close, Shotley Bridge. CONSETT, County Durham DH80TX.
Seeking the family of George Marshall Cunnington, a House Agent of First Avenue. Heaton, Newcastle. He lived in the area from at least 1875 until 1915 when he died. He was from Oakham. Rutland and his wife Mary Anne Courtney was born in Ireland. They were married between 1872 and 1875. Their children were: George Snodin, Maria (married Frederick Molteni in 19116), Henry (known to have been in Canada in 191)6), Wilfrid (killed in France 1916), Mabel and Mary Eveline (married Charles Ernest Rowe before 1915). Also trying to find where George Marshall Cunnington is buried. The notice of his death in the local paper says "interment at All Saints 13th" (December 1915) but there is no record of his burial in any of the cemeteries.
- 2368 Mrs E. UTERMÖHLEN**, Moringveien 13, 4056 TANANGER, NORWAY.
Seeking ancestors and descendants of the following: William Finlay, pitman, born Shield Row about 1821 (son of Edward Finlay, husbandman), who on 25 June 1843 at All Saints, Newcastle, married Mary Trotter born Elswick about 1821 (daughter of Robert Trotter, pitman). Their children were Elizabeth, Annie (1845-1926), Jane, Margaret, Hannah, Mabel, Robert and Emma. Annie Finlay married Thomas Jolly Reid in 1872 at St Andrew's, Lamesley. He was a joiner and cabinet maker born 1844 at Bower, Caithness. Would like to contact descendants of his sisters Betsy (Mrs Scouler) who lived in Leith and Jessie (Mrs Taylor-Snodden) who lived in Liverpool.
- 2398 Mrs J.E. REED**, 36 Deepdale Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3AN.
Tyneside 257 7199) Seeking baptism of John Mills, born 1802/3 at Hilton, Durham, according to 1851 census. Also seeking marriage of John Mills and Barbara Potts. Information wanted on Carr Robson, baptised 1842 at Cramlington, son of Carr Robson and Elizabeth. His first wife was called Margaret, born 1844/45 at Quarrington Hill; seeking her baptism and their marriage. Also researching Margaret Sarah Robson born 1887 at Burradon. daughter of Carr Robson and Cilla (Tait). Looking for baptism of Clementina Pickering, born about 1863 possibly in Newcastle; she married Frederick Matheson in 1888. Other interests are Young, Matheson, Archbold (Belford).
- 2605 Mrs R. THWAITES**, 33 Fox Street, HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.
Researching Francis Thwaites born 22 April 1838 in Sunderland (no entry in St Catherines Index). His father William Thwaites was born in North Shields in 18111, son of James Thwaites (mariner, native of Newcastle) and Ann Haige (native of Tynemouth). He arrived in New Zealand in 1864, five years after his brother Thomas (born 1830); both were shipwrights. When Thomas married Jane Thornton Brown in 1852, he was living in Monkwearmouth.
- 2632 Mr G. HARBOTTLE**, 72 Green Lane, Stobhillgate, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2HB.
Seeking information on Charles Whitehead, born 12 December 1784 in Newcastle Parish according to his Army records dated 18(0)5. These records also state that his next of kin was his brother Henry, then living in All Saints Parish, Newcastle. No trace can be found of either birth or baptism of Charles or Henry, though Charles_ was later married as a Dissenter in the Parish of Ford, North Northumberland. Can anyone help?
- 2633 Mrs M. HARBOTTLE**, 72 Green Lane, Stobhillgate, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 2HB.
Entry in Lowick Dissenters Register reads: Robert, son of James and Isabella (now deceased) Fairbairn in Lowick. (Born 9th December 1844) was baptised 3rd February 1845. A footnote says, N.B. Father, Mother and Son are tenants of the tomb, sleeping in the dust (May 1845). Though baby Robert was buried in Lowick on 18th March 1845, there is no record of the burials of either Isabella or James. Can anyone help?
- 2641 Mrs M. PHEE**, 2115 Hudson Parade, CLAREVILLE BEACH, NEW SOUTH WALES 2107, AUSTRALIA.
Information sought on the family of Mary Jane Purdom, born 1849 at Pit, Seaton Delaval, daughter of Christopher Purdom, brakesman, and Mary (nee Raine). Mary Jane married John Johnson, mineworker, in 1867 at Seghill. and they came to Newcastle, Australia around 1870 with their son George. Later children were Robert (1871). Mary Eleanor (1875), Hubert (1883) and Florence (1889). Mrs Phee would like any information about the family and also background information about Seaton Delaval and Seghill at that time.

- 2660** Mr I. CHERRY, 84 Porchester Drive, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 9QH.
Interested in the Cherry family. originally from Wensleydale. later of Blackhill. Consett. Simon Cherry married Mary Ann Thompson in 1875; their children were John. James (?), Elizabeth and Ellen. John's family later moved to Doncaster. Any information about C herry family in Consett would be welcome.
- 2661** Mrs C. CHERRY, 84 Porchester Drive, C RAMLINGTON. Northumberland NE23 9QH.
Researching William Spencer. born 1842 in Swalwell, married Elizabeth Haron or Heron (born 1837 Stannington). Their son Thomas Hutchinson Spencer (born 1864) married Ellen Annie Best. Other interests are the Daglish family of Wallsend and the ancestors of Joseph George Simpson (born 1858) who married Lillie Sophia Johnston, and Mary C hrystal who married Robinson Hodgson Howe of Newcastle about 1880.
- 2687** Ms V. ELSDON, 3 Colomba Walk, GOSFORTH, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1AY.
Researching Elsdon/Dixon/Dobson families. Joseph Dobson married Eli Wilkinson in South Shields 1871. They lived in the Jarrow/Hebburn area. His parents John Dobson, blacksmith, and Mary Holden were born in Winlaton. In 1831 George Dixon married Hannah Main in Gateshead. In 1860 James Dixon married Jane Armstrong at Lanchester. George Dixon married EleanorSheal probably around 1835 in Northumberland. George was born in Ponteland in 1818; his parents were Thomas Dixon. mason, from Alnwick, and Margaret Lumsdon from Ponteland: they were married in 1811.
- 2691** Mrs J. HEDLEY, 12 Mitford Close, High Shincliffe. DURHAM DH 12QE.
Seeking information about the immigration of Christian Brunsvik (also known as Christopher Brunswick), a Master Mariner from [Copenhagen, Denmark](#) to South Shields or London between 1785 and 1798. He married Jane Pearson at St Pauls, Jarrow in 1798. He died in 1856. Also interested in William Bell. engine driver. born 1823-34 at Aydon. Northumberland, son of Ralph Bell. William married Jane Brunswick at South Shields in 1852. Other interests include Elizabeth Ann Boyes born 25 January 1864, one of sixteen daughters of Thomas Boyes, jockey and coachman. Also seeking information about the Johnson family of Gateshead before 1770.
- 2715** Mr C.R. MASON, 4 Paterson Court, Kenilworth Road. Knowle, SOLIHULL B93 0,113.
Researching the Maddison family. Joseph and Esther Maddison (formerly Blackett), a plumber of Hawthorn Buildings Byker around 1876. Subsequently at 117 Raby Street, Byker. Family included twin sisters Elizabeth Jane and Sarah Anne; brothers Lance. Joe, Isaac, and Francis and sister Emily. Also researching the parents of Esther Maddison, namely J ohn Blackett and Jane Brindley of St Peters. Byker. Newcastle. Any information would be greatly appreciated.
- 2722** MissJ.A. ELSDON, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (For Accra). King Charles Street. LONDON SW IA 2AH.
Interested in the Elsdon family of Lanchester. County Durham. Seeking birth of Walter Elsdon (about 1856), son of William Elsdon. Walter married Rosanna McGuillon (daughter of Thomas McGuillon) on 23 November 1878 at Lanchester Register Office. At the time of their marriage Walter lived at Langley Park and Rosanna at 59 Liddle Street. Cornsaw Colliery.
- 2728** Mrs C. BRUNTON, 409 Outwood Common Road, IS BILLERICAY Essex CV 1 JET.
Seeking births of John Brunton, tailor, about 1838 (son of Walter Brunton) and Mary Jane Shields, daughter of Thomas Shields, cordwainer (dead by 1861). At the time of their marriage in 1861 both were living in Sunderland. According to Census returns John was born in Scotland and Mary Jane was born in Sunderland. Also seeking Michael Hepple born in Sunderland about 1784, Sarah Coulthard born 1823 in Weardale. John Coulter born 1816 and Elizabeth Mitchell horn Berwickshire, Scotland in 1824.
- 2736** Mrs F. GEITGEY, 5576 Mesmer Avenue. CULVER CITY CALIFORNIA 90230, UNITED STATES.
Would like to contact any Lightley cousin. David Lightley married Catherine Richardson 12 April 1868 at St Stephens, Willington, Durham. Their children were Robert William (born 1869). George Dobson Lightley (born 1875), Mary Annie (born 1879), Frances Jane (born 1882), David (born 1887) and John Thomas Richardson Lightley. Also seeking the marriage of David Lightley (born 1887) to Frances (surname unknown).
- 2746** **Mr C.P. RAWCLIFFE**, 35 Comely Bank Road, EDINBURGH EH4 1DS.
Looking for the birth of Henry Dobson (son of William Dobson), possibly in Weardale 1850-51. Also antecedents of Joseph Bell (son of Edmund Bell) who married Sarah Allinson, daughter of Joseph Allinson. Also interested in George Robinson, son of John Robinson.
- 2766** **Ms M.J. AUCKLAND**, 10 Rookery Close, HATFIELD PEVEREL. Essex CM3 2DF.
0245 381592) Seeking the birth of Joseph (Carrick) Beck (about 1828-30). bricklayer, who married Elizabeth Armstrong on 18 September 1875 at St James Church, Carlisle. They had two sons. William (horn 1876, Carlisle) and John Carrick (born 1878, Carlisle). Unable to find family on Carlisle census. Family tradition is that John Carrick Beck became a steeplejack and went south from Newcastle or Sunderland.
- 2786** Mrs A. MARX, 13 Gordon Road, CHINGFORD, LONDON E4 6BT.
01 529 1280) Interested in the Vint family of Morpeth in the second half of the 19th Century. Seeking baptism of Thomas Vint, in 1835 at Heworth, Co. Durham, in a hamlet attached to the White House. Also intersted in Edward Storey of "Make-em-Rich" (175 1-1818), and the Shield family who lived at Meldon on the Cookson family estate.
- 2801** Mrs V. HARLAW, 3038 Sheryl Avenue, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS 72703. UNITED STATES.
Enter and miner from the Coxhoe area. He married Elizabeth Rich or Ferry; they had two sons, James baptised 1847 at Kelloe and John (1848-49). Elizabeth died in 1850 and George married Elizabeth Allen in 1851; they had two sons and went to America in 1869. Mrs Harlaw would be grateful if anyone could send further information about the deaths of John and Elizabeth, perhaps from Coxhoe Parish Church monumental inscriptions. James Ayre married Hannah Liddle, from Ferryhill in 1869. They lived near Quarrington Hill and had children christened at Coxhoe before coming to America in 1877.
- 2809** Mr P.R. FOX, 171 Bracon Road, CHATHAM, Kent ME5 7BS.
Mr Fox is interested in tracing his grandfather. Edward Newton Chariton, who was horn 16th August 1887. Also his grandmother, Annas Josephine Golightley. born **22nd May 188 1**.
- 2817** Mrs J. HOLMES, 71 Redlands Lane, FA REHAM, Hampshire PO 14 1HQ.
(S Fareham 220006) Researching Elliott and Jobey families. Seeking births of William Elliott born about 1875, place unknown, and Mary Jobey, his wife, a Wesleyan, born January 1881/2. They had two sons James Leslie (born Benwell

- 1903) and William Ernest (born Lemington 1907). William and Mary moved to Barrow-in-Furmess, Cumbria, around 1810 and then to Lancashire where they died. During the Depression William went to Nova Scotia; they returned some years later New York to Newcastle. Any information appreciated. Also interested in George Jobey (Mary's brother) who became a footballer and died in Derby.
- 2818 Mr A.W. EDGAR, Oulton Lodge, Borrow Road, Oulton Broad, LOWESTOFT. Suffolk NR32 3PW
(Tel Lowestoft 65036)
- 2819 Mrs J.D. THOMPSON, 16 Turner Close RYTON. Tyne and Wear NE40 3J R.
- 2820 Mrs E. WHITELEY, 17 Camperdown Avenue CHESTER-LE-STREET. County Durham DH3 4AD.
- 2821 Mrs R. GLENNON, 19 Garden Close Hook. BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire RG27 9QZ.
- 2822 Mrs G.D. DAVIES, Olde Shelve, Lenham, MAIDSTONE, Kent ME 17 2DT.
Maidstone 859058) Interested in the Swan/Swann family of Bedlington, Horton, Woodham and Morpeth, all Northumberland. Also the Grey/Gray family of Bedlington and Embleton and the Davison family of Stannington. Also seeking information about Thubron/Thubborn/Thorburn family of Bothal, Stannington and Bedlington area.
- 2823 Mr A.R. TAYLOR, 24 Mavfield Road. South Hylton, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR40NE.
- 2824 Mrs D. TAYLOR, 24 Mayfield Road. South Hylton, SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR4 0NE.
- 2825 Mr N. GRAY, 7 East View, Clara Vale, RYTON, Tyne and Wear NE40 3SP.
- 2826 Mrs M. GRAY, 7 East View, Clara Vale RYTON, Tyne and Wear NE403SP.
- 2827 Mrs J. CARTER, 2 Shooters Avenue. Kenton, HARROW, Middlesex HA3 9J36.
- 2828 Mrs D. DORE, 79 Hawthorn Road, West Bridgford, NOTTINGHAM NG2 7AE.
Nottingham 812608)
- 2829 Mrs M.A. WOODHEAD, 12 Church Street, Edwinstowe, MANSFIELD. Nottinghamshire NG21 90A.
Mansfield 822492) Interested in John McGowan, shoemaker, of Hamilton, Scotland, who married Elizabeth Irwin in 1853. They settled in Newcastle and changed their name to Cowan. Children were Martha (1854), Robert (1856), Elizabeth (1860), Isabella (1862), Thomas (1866), James (1870) and Archibald (1872). Would like to contact any descendants. Also seeking baptism of Alexander Barrass, pitman, who married Sarah Hempseed in 1784 at Earsdon, Northumberland. Also seeking information about John Hastings, clogger, who married Elizabeth Simpson in 1841, and John McIver, shoemaker, and his wife Mary who settled in St Nicholas Square, Newcastle between 1834 and 1840; their daughter Elizabeth (born 1833) married John Barrass in 1855.
- 2830 Mr J. BROWN, 146 Split Crow Road. GATESHEAD. Tyne and Wear NE5 3TY.
- 2831 Mr J.K. FENWICK, 1 Marden Road South, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8RD.
- 2832 Mrs S. FENWICK, 1 Marden Road South, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne and Wear NE25 8RD.
- 2833 Mr L. WATERS, 43 Mandarin Close, Westerhope, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE5 1YP.
Tyneside 267 6072)
- 2834 Mrs J.E. WATERS, 43 Mandarin Close. Westerhope, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE5 1YP.
(Tel Tyneside 267 6072)
- 2835 Mr J.I. TODD, Cherub Cottage Lelant, ST IVES, Cornwall TR263EL.
Havle 755067) According to the 1909 Death Certificate of James Todd, his parents were Nicholas Todd (Methodist Minister, deceased) and Anne Robson (deceased). However, according to the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist Historical Societies, there is no record of a Methodist Minister or even a Lay Preacher called Nicholas Todd. As their son James Todd lived in Scotland from at least 1853, the only information the census gives is that he was born in England about 1823. He built two houses named Marsden and Jesmond in Renfrew, Scotland, so this may be where he had lived as a boy. James may have had two brothers called William and Hugh. Can anyone help?
- 2836 Mr A. BELL, 24 Roselea Avenue, Ryhope. SUNDERLAND, Tyne and Wear SR20RZ.
- 2837 Mrs M. JOHNSON, 36 Gurnells Road, Seer Green, BEACONSFIELD, Buckinghamshire HP9 2XJ.
Seeking the marriage of Francis and Elizabeth Carr, found on the 1871 census at Hartlepool with their children Francis (9) and Ralph (7) who were born in Sunderland, and Henry (4), John W (2) and Nicholas (6 months), all born in Hartlepool. Baptisms sought. Nicholas married Alice Ann, daughter of John Thwaites, in Stockton-on-Tees in 1898. Would welcome further information about the Thwaites family. Also seeking births and parents of George Curry (about 1805) and Ann Bland (about 1809), who married in 1827 at Chester-le-Street. They later lived at Lumley Boat House, Little Lumley and George may have been born there. They had eleven children including triplets. Also seeking the baptism of Robert Skelton (born Shincliffe), son of George Skelton, gardener. Robert married Jane Ann Curry in 1858 and both gave their address as Gateshead Fell.
- 2838 Mr R.M. O'KEEFE, 25 Matlock Gardens. Westerhope. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE5 58X.
- 2839 Mr K.A.E. CARTER, Kenton. HARROW. Middlesex HA3 9BG.
- 2840 Mr P.J. CHAPMAN, 19 Bredward Close Burnham, SLOUGH. Berkshire SL 17DL.
Burnham 2041) Interested in Chapman family mainly in East Anglia.
- 2841 Mrs B.A. CHAPMAN, 19 Bredward Close Burnham, SLOUGH. Berkshire SL 17DL.
Burnham 2041) Seeking the marriage of James Gardner/Gardiner, manner, to Catherine Campbell; their daughter Agnes was born in Blyth on 17 February 1851. Does anyone know of any other children? Also researching Middleton family; William born 1825-30 (father John), married Sarah Jane Todd born 1825-30 (her father was called Ralph). According to the census they were both born at Greatham, Durham.
- 2842 Mr R.T. TURKOVICH, 716 McKean Avenue DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA 15033, UNITED STATES.
Interests include William Bolam, parish clerk, married Mabel Storey, daughter of William Storey, on 1 April 1800, all of Rothbury. Thomas Cummings, butcher, native of Alnwick, married 21 May 1793 to Mary Carr (daughter of John Carr of Rothbury who died December 1807 age 67 years). Robert Weightman (born 2 August 1866 at Tritlington) son of Robert Cummings, butcher of Rothbury and Hannah Weightman daughter of John and Elizabeth Weightman. Contacts with descendants or anyone wishing to share information most welcome.

- 2843 Mr A.LOWES, PO Box 4602, MELBOURNE. VICTORIA 3001, AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information and relatives of the Lowes family. Father Hugh Gilmore Lowes, born 8 August 1899 at South Bishopwearmouth, married Evelyn Rose Addison on 16 June 1924 at North Shields. Died 11 May 1984 at Darlington. Grandfather was Anthony Lowes, **born 12 May 1866 at Earsdon, married Mabel Alberta Taylor on 11 March 1897 at South Shields.** Died 4 September 1938 at South Shields. **John Lowes was born 1818 at Chirton and was a blacksmith at Earsdon and Old Hartley; he married Elizabeth Graham between 1838 and 1842 at Monkwearmouth and died about 1894 at Preston, North Shields.**
- 2844 Mr BJ. HALL, 4 Tame Close, Biddulph, STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire ST8 7HH.
Stoke-on-Trent 511588)
- 2845 Mrs K.N. HALL, 4 Tame Close, Biddulph, STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire ST8 7HH.
- 2846 Miss H. LLOYD, 46 Balmoral Gardens, NORTH SHIELDS. Tyne and Wear NE29 91313.
(S Tyneside 257 4608)
- 2847 Mrs P. HAYWARD, 17 Sturton Way, Long Sutton, SPALDING, Lincolnshire PE 12 9BZ.
Holbeach 362907) Seeking information on the Starpert family from Northumberland. Richard Starpert was a Waterman (?) in the Wallsend area. his daughter Margaret married John Brammer, who was born in Gateshead in 1842. Their children were John (1847), Margaret Ann (1852) and Mary (1854) all born at Maling's Rig. At some point they moved to Holland before moving to Glasgow. Would like information about Brammer family.
- 2848 Mr D.C. ANGLES, 5 Guillemot Close. South Beach, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3SL.
Blyth 366308)
- 2849 Dr J.W. FINCH, 10 Oaklands. Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9PH.
Ponteland 22283)
- 2850 Mrs D. FINCH, 10 Oaklands, Ponteland. NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9PH.
Ponteland 22283)
- 2851 Mrs A.T. SIMMONDS, 6 Marlborough Road, BEDFORD MK40 4LG.
Bedford 66203)
- 2852 Mr J.P. MORRIS, 10 Cranbourne Grove. Tynemouth, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3NB.
Tyneside 252 9255)
- 2853 Mrs J.K. EVANS, 4 Blind Lane, CHESTER-LE-STREET, County Durham. DH3 4AG.
- 2854 Mrs J. NICHOLLS, 51 Hilldale Road, Cheam, SUTTON, Surrey SM 12JN.
(12 01-644 9156)
- 2855 Mrs BJ. HOWARTH, 2 Beaumont Road, Petts Wood, ORPINGTON, Kent BR5 1JN.
(S Orpington 33136)
- 2856 Mrs S.E. THORNTON, 38 Kendal Drive, C RAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 9XE.
Cramlington 714770)
- 2857 Mrs D.M. TARANOWSKI, 30 Stuart Road, Ham. RICHMOND, Surrey TW 10 2PR.
(S 01-948 6232)
- 2858 Mr P. STODDART, 142 Bellingham Road, Catford, LONDON SE6 2PR.
01-698 1829)
- 2859 Mrs M. KONG, 31 Roseneath Road, Battersea. LONDON SW 1 16AG.
- 2860 Mr A. KONG, 31 Roseneath Road, Battersea, LONDON SW 1 16AG.
- 2861 Prof P.G. FRANCIS, 301 Avenue de Tervuren B I, 1150 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.
- 2862 Miss A. McCUTCHEON, 13 Moorfield, High West Jesmond, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 3NJ.
- 2863 Mr G. BROWN, 29 Cradley Drive. Brookfield, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 8HF.
- 2864 Mrs M. BROWN, 29 Cradley Drive, Brookfield, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS5 8HF.
- 2865 Mrs L.D. READ, 19 Tukes Avenue, Bridgemaury. GOSPORT, Hampshire PO 130SA.
(S Fareham 230160) Interested in the Teasdale family from Allendale, Northumberland, and the Dargue family from Jesmond, Newcastle. Particularly seeking information leading to the descendants of Phyllis Mary Dargue and Reginald Arkless Forster who were married at Jesmond Presbyterian Church in 1918. Also **interested in John William Rintoul, son of John Rintoul, coach builder, and Jane Spencer Richards, daughter of John Henry Richards and Ann (married 1898 at St George's Church, Jesmond).**
- 2866 Mr J.W. SHORT, 106 Cheviot Road, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE34 7ST.
(S Tyneside 455 4887)
- 2867 Miss DJ. ICETON, 19 Court Drive. Waddon, CROYDON, Surrey CR040A.
Seeking baptism of George Patterson, son of George Patterson born 22 July 1835 possibly at Denton. **Also seeking baptism of John Icton/Oiston born at Great Smeaton, North Yorkshire in 1782, possibly the son of Anthony Icton and Jane Jobling who** were married at Great Smeaton in 1781. John was a blacksmith and travelled from Yorkshire to Sedgefield where he was married in 1807. His **eldest child was born in Pallinburn, Northumberland.** He died in 1866 at Sedgefield. Anthony Icton's line has been traced back to Wolsingham and Bishop Middleham, County Durham.
- 2868 Mrs R.A. PROBERT, Close House, Ropehaugh, Allenheads, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE47 9HG.
(S Allenheads 284)
- 2869 Mr K. GREEN, 7 Elmwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 1 1013X.
(S Tyneside 460 797 1)
- 2870 Mrs E. GREEN, 7 Elmwood Gardens, Lobley Hill, GATESHEAD, Tyne and Wear NE 1 1013X.
(S Tyneside 4607971)

- 2871** Mr J.D. **BOWMAKER**, 13 Stoneycroft, Albany Village WASHINGTON, Tyne and Wear NE37 IUJ.
Tyneside 416 6043)
- 2872** Mrs D.D. HALSEY, Little Orchards. Birchwood Grove Road. BURGESS HILL, West Sussex RH 15 0DN.
Burgess Hill 6765) Researching Davison of North Charlton and Alnwick; trying to find marriage of James Davison. a farmer of Goldenmoor Farm, Denwick, Alnwick, to Elizabeth (Atkinson '?') around 1823. Both were Presbyterians. Also interested in Ord family of Wittingham. Hill family of Wittingham and North Charlton, and the Beal and Mason families of Alnwick.
- 2873** Mrs C.L. KEYTE, 25 Woodsedge, Waterlooville, PORTSMOUTH. Hampshire P07 8ER
Waterlooville 267582) Researching Allison/Belcher/Dent/Dodds and Hodgson families. Particularly interested in Hodgson Dent born 1856 at West Birkhat; his mother was Jane Dent who never married. He was brought up by his grandparents George and Sarah Dent (nee Hodgson). Jane worked for John and Alice Dent in Hunderthwaite - were they relatives? Willing to do research in Portsmouth Record Office in exchange for research done at Durham.
- 2874** Mrs J. TRUEMAN, 89 Valley View Road, Borstal, ROCHESTER. Kent ME 1 3NX.
Medway 826850)
- 2875** Mr R.G. TREVORROW, Overdale. Parkside. Throckley, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 15 9AX.
- 2876** Mrs L. TREVORROW, Overdale. Parkside. Throckley NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 15 9AX.
- 2877** Mr R. STEELE, 33 Partridge Close. Ayton, WASHINGTON. Tyne and Wear NE380ES.
- 2878** Mrs A. STEELE, 33 Partridge Close. Ayton. WASHINGTON. Tyne and Wear NE38 OES.
- 2879** Mrs D. RIDLEY, 5 Moorsley Road. Hetton-le-Hole. HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING. Tyne and Wear DH50DR.
(2 Wearside 526 2889)
- 2881** Mrs L.F. BURTON, 10250 Caminito Cuervo 28. SAN DIEGO. CALIFORNIA 92108, UNITED STATES.
Mrs Burton is publishing a genealogy of the Burton family descended from John Burdon. John Burdon was born in the city of Durham about 1685. His father's name was John and he had two brothers. Thomas and George. John was a tailor by trade but in 1700 he was impressed on board a man-of-war and was at the taking of Gibraltar in 1704. He returned to Durham and married, but his wife Betty and their only child died so he went back to sea. The ship on which he was working brought a cargo of slaves to Salem. John left the ship and settled in America. Mrs Burton would like to correspond with anyone researching the Burdon/Burton family in England.
- 2882** Ms V.E. MITCHELL, 62 Salmon Street. SOUTH SHIELDS. Tyne and Wear.
South Shields 454457) Researching Thompson and Morton families. Richard Weatherburn Thompson. a shipwright, born about 1838. died 20 April 1902 at South Shields, age 64. He married Barbara Harkless Morton (daughter of Andrew Morton, mariner) on 13 May 1860 at St Stephens Church. South Shields: both gave their address as Hough Street. South Shields. Trying to find baptisms of both Richard and Barbara, not born in South Shields: also unable to locate them on 1861 census. Children were Richard, John, Margaret. Agnes, Barbara. Mary. Ellen. and Catherine Lavinia Baston Thompson (grandmother). Mortons may have come from Alnwick.
- 2890** Mrs A. BROOKS, 2178 Gibson Street. PORT ALBERNI, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V9Y 1A7 CANADA.
Mrs Brookes is researching the Boad family history.
- 2892** Mrs M. BLODGETT, P.O. Box 94, WASHOUGAL. WASHINGTON 98671, UNITED STATES.
Seeking information about Bartholomew Kindred who was baptised in Haltwhistle, Northumberland in 1727. He went to America in 1774 with his wife Paradine and sons William. Thomas (1760), Bartholomew (1761), and Edward (1765): the two youngest children were baptised at Lannercost. Cumberland. Further information would be welcome.

SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0079** **Mr F.S. HINDMARSH**, 12 Roy Street. TAW. NEW ZEALAND.
Researching Hindmarsh/Hindmarch/Hindmer/Hindmoor/Hymas/Hymers. Information sought on birth and parents of the following: Elizabeth Hindmarsh, second wife of George Stephenson (creator of Britain's Railways). William Hindmarsh of Darlington (1761-1800) grandfather of Captain John Hindmarsh RN, Founder and First Governor of South Australia. Thomas Hindmarsh, leadminer, of Middleton-in-Teasdale (1759-1828) and his son Ralph Robinson Hindmarsh (1785-1834) Master of Plumbers Company in London.
- 0906** Mrs L.E. CLEGHORN, 30 Stapley Crescent. ALTONA EAST, VICTORIA 3035, AUSTRALIA.
Thomas Cleghorn married Dorothy Marshall at Felton, Northumberland. 13th February 1800. An inscription on a stained glass window in the church refers to a Marshall family living at West Thirston since the 13th century. Can anyone say whether Dorothy belonged to this family?
- 0935** Mrs D.J. ELM, 22 Portobello Grove. Portchester. FAREHAM. Hampshire PO 168HU
Seeking the baptism of John Hunter about 1828. son of James Hunter a farmer of Alnwick. Also trying to find the connection between John and Robert Hunter, a hairdresser of Alnwick. John's daughter Margaret Hunter was lodging with Robert in 1871: according to the census she was 'Relative'. Robert was born between 1811 and 1821. Also seeking marriage of Joseph O'Harrow of Ireland and Elizabeth Taylor of Gateshead. Their eldest child was born in Walker. Newcastle, in 185). Also interested in Thomas Hebron. born about 1785 in North Yorkshire: he married Sarah Peacock at Liverton, North Yorkshire in 18__9.
- 1232** Mrs M.SPRATT, 77 Cross Gates Close, Bracknell, Berkshire RG1260Y.
Bracknell 489448) Researching Welch family of Pegswood and Newton-on-the-Moor. Appleby and Nichol families of Morpeth, and Young of Alnwick. Mrs Spratt would like to hear from anyone researching these surnames in these areas and would be willing to reimburse anyone willing to do some research for her.
- 1598** Mrs N.M. McKINNA, P.O. Box 336, COOKTOWN, QUEENSLAND 4871. AUSTRALIA.
Seeking information about her great-grandfather Myers (first name unknown). He is known to have had two sons. George and William (born 1848) and a daughter Polliv. George Myers (Mrs McKinna's grandfather) married Elizabeth

Henderson and worked as a carman on the Newcastle trams. His brother William was in the Northumberland Fusiliers. George Myers remembered his mother taking him to the Gypsy Gathering every year and there may have been gypsy blood in the family. She may have been a widow when she married Mr Myers and her name is unknown. There may be some connection with the name Sessford. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Also seeking information about Arthur Henderson of Sunderland who went to Australia around 1877. Who were his parents and where did he disembark?

- 2183 Mrs E. WHITEHEAD, 5 Mayfield Drive, Cleadon Village, SUNDERLAND. Tyne and Wear SR6 7(N).
Wearside 536 2041) Seeking information on James Smith, a miner born January 9th 1816 at Whitley, Northumberland. He married Mary Hall. born March 5th 1828 at Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. Their sons were John (born 1851) Joseph (born 1852) both at Cowpen, Northumberland. James (who emigrated to America) and Bartholomew bom 26 June 1859 at Chester-le-Street. Bartholomew married Mary Jane Ashcroft. Also interested in Joshua Elliott of Blyth, Northumberland. He married Emily Bridgetta Brvant around 1900 and they lived in South Shields before moving to Kent where they died. Joshua had a brother called Joseph.
- 2238 DrC.E. FISHER, 14 Batterdale, HATFIELD. Hertfordshire AL95JF.
Hatfield 69730) Interested in the Coxon family. George Coxon a farmer at West Sleekburn was born in Woodhomb about 1820 and died in 1899 at Red Row, Bedlington Station. His wife Ann died in 1868 age 40. Their son Mark (baptised Bedlington. 1850) had children: Margaret (born 1874) who married James Allison at Sleekburn in 1906, George (born 1876), Mary Jane (born 1878). Eleanor or Ellen (born 1880), Mark (1882), William (born 1884) and John Robert (born 1888).
- 2543 MrM. EMMERSON, Belvedere Building, Pitts Bay Road, PEMBROKE, BERMUDA.
Researching the Emmerson family of St Giles, outside the city of Durham, from 1700 to today. John Robinson Emmerson senior and junior born 1781 and 1810 respectively, Joseph (born 1796), Charles (born 1789), Henry (born 1783), Charles Henry (born 1810), Mary Ann (born 1812) who married a Mr Reed of Putney and Charles (born 1832) who spent most of his life at sea but was living in Darlington in the 1890's. Also interested in the Emmersons of Barnard Castle in the 1700's.
- 2591 **Mr A. GLENDINNING**, 1 Abbotsmount Farm, St John's Road, St Helier. JERSEY. CHANNEL ISLANDS.
Seeking descendants of Henry Kirtley Glendinning. Master Draper of 27 Lynn Street. West Hartlepool. He was baptised 24 September 184 1 at Holy Trinity Church, Seaton Carew. He was the youngest of five children of Kirtley and Mary (nee Baker) Glendinning of Tofts Farm. Seaton Carew. He married Abigail Grainger of Robin Hoods Bay on 14 March 1866 at St Cuthberts Church. Gateshead. Children were: Joseph Henry (born 1867), Lydia Dorothy (born 1868), Margaret Jane (born 1871). Also seeking marriage of Kirtley Glendinning and Mary Baker between 1832 and 1835 possibly in Hartlepool or Wolsingham. Seeking last address of Kirtley Glendinning who died in 1862. death certificate only gives West Hartlepool.

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