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## EDITORIAL

First of all I feel that some explanation for the late appearance of the Spring Journal is called for. As you know, the Journal is dispatched to all paid-up members, and the fact that you receive it is an acknowledgement that your subscriptions has been paid. Unfortunately the change in the subscription paid by standing order resulted in a good deal of confusion: some of the trouble was caused by members filling in forms incorrectly, but more was due to a mix-up on the part of the bank. The resulting uncertainty as to who had paid and who had not meant that the issue of the Journals had to be delayed until the matter had been sorted out.

You will find two leaflets in this issue, one giving details of the Conference at Durham in September, and the other announcing the publication of Volume 3 of the Index to the 1851 Census of Northumberland and of a new Library Catalogue. There is also an article by Bob Vine about the Directory of Members' Interests: the full benefit of the up-date to be printed later this year will only be available to those who have the 1988 edition; this can still be obtained, price £2.75 - see *Books for Sale* in this Journal.

Irene Blackburn has resigned as Research Editor and is handing over to Mrs F.M. Carr. We thank Irene for all the work she has done for the Society during the last few years, and welcome Mrs Carr as her successor. Please address all correspondence regarding the *Members and Their Interests* and *Second Time Around* columns in the Journal (but not entries for the Directory) to Mrs Carr.

Please note that the South Tyneside Group now meets on the fourth Wednesday in the month instead of the first Wednesday as formerly. The venue remains the same.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### *Northumberland War Memorials*

A project currently being run by the Association of Northumberland Local History Societies is to collect information about the war memorials in the county (which for this purpose includes Tyne and Wear and North Tyneside). The information will eventually be deposited in the County Record Office.

The information sought is as follows:-

Name of place

What form does the memorial take? (Cross or column, building, trust fund)

From what material is it made?

To whom is the dedication? (the parish, an individual, a regiment, staff of a firm, former school pupils)

Is the memorial in its original location? If not, where was it originally and where is it now? Why was it moved?

Does the memorial still exist? What happened to it?

Are there any photographs, old or new? Do you know where they are?

Do you know of any story behind the monument, either about how the persons named met their death, or about the erection of the memorial?

Who paid for the memorial? (private donation, public subscription)

Are there any newspaper cuttings?

If you can supply photographs old or new, and/or newspaper cuttings, this will enhance the entry and be greatly appreciated.

Any members who can help with this project should contact the Association's Secretary, Mrs J. Brown, c/o the Literary and Philosophical Society, Westgate Road, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 1 ISE.

### *Brady Family Bible*

A family bible which has come into the hands of Mrs Ann Curry, Editor of the Dorset F.H.S. Journal, relates to a family named Brady. It begins with a Mary Brady, born 10 October 1801, and also refers to George Brady, son of Henry Brady of Gateshead, who married Ellen Wright of Chesterfield 28 September 1859.

Anyone with an interest in this family should write to Mrs Curry at 43 Julians Road, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 IEF.

## *A Border Family*

The story of William Wallace (1831-1873) and Christian Galbraith (1833-1910), their ancestors, descendants and close relatives, has been told by their granddaughter Hilary (Wallace) Forrester in her book *William & Christina: One Woman's Search for her Ancestors*. William and Christina were born in the Border country between Scotland and England, and moved south to the industrial North-East of England. A full account is given of their ways of life and the areas in which they lived: Howtel in Northumberland, two miles from Flodden Field, an area of pele towers and Border warfare; Coldstream on the Scottish bank of the Tweed, a church-going community of artisans and small shopkeepers; and Southwick, Sunderland, which grew as it set about burning lime, exporting coal, producing pottery and glass, and building ships. The illustrations includes photographs of people and places which span 130 years, family trees, Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates, Census Returns, and seven maps.

The book is available from the publishers, William Sessions Limited, The Ebor Press, York YO3 9HS, price £5.95 + p & p £1 (U.K.)

## *Westminster Libraries Research Service*

A genealogical research service is now offered by Westminster Libraries. Their genealogist will look through such records as Parish Registers, Census Returns, Ratebooks, Poor Law Records, Wills and Directories.

The charge for this service is £8.00 for the first three-quarters of an hour, after that £8 per hour or part of an hour. Any enquirer furnishing full details for confirmation of a known parish register entry would not be charged. Some of the records are available on microfilm which can be photocopied. Handling charge is £2 per film plus I Op per copy. Enquirers giving full details would only incur charges covering the cost of photocopies.

Further details and research order forms may be obtained from the Archives Department, 160 Buckingham Palace Road, LONDON SW1W 9UD.

## *Haskell Family Reunion*

The International Haskell Family Association will hold its first USA reunion in Danvers, Massachusetts, on 29 July 1989. Membership of the IHFA is open to all Haskell descendants and all are welcome to the reunion. For membership application and reunion reservation forms write to: Marion S. Anderson, 200 Brightdale Road, Timonium, MD 21093, USA.

## A LEGAL TANGLE

*Judy Ross*

I have recently been studying some copyhold records and feel the following may be of interest, not only to those researching the names Atkinson, Taylor and Jackson, but to anyone keen on unravelling a puzzle.

*"Escomb. Be it remembered that the sixteenth day of April in the thirtysixth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third now King of Great Britain and so forth and in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety six came Thomas Taylor of Cornsay House in the County of Durham Esquire .... and took of the Lord all those fields closes or parcels of ground commonly called or known by the names of the Half Acres and North half Acres and Pasturage for One Beast in the Township Pasture in Escomb with the Appurtenances heretofore the Estate of John Slater and by him sold to Susanna Johnson Widow deceased. In Which Susanna Morley of Red Lyon Street Clerkenwell in the County of Middlesex Widow before her marriage called Susanna Atkinson and granddaughter and a devisee named in the last Will and Testament of the said Susanna Johnson formerly of Sunderland near the Sea and afterwards of Woodside in the Chapelry of Escomb in the said County of Durham Widow deceased Michael Jackson the Younger of Sunderland near the sea Master Mariner and Jane Jackson his Wife before her Marriage with him called Jane Atkinson Spinster and which said Jane Jackson is the only sister and Heir at Law of Thomas Atkinson late of Sunderland near the Sea Mercer and Draper and afterwards a Mariner deceased who was the Great Nephew and Heir at Law of Bryan Atkinson late of Woodside Yeoman deceased who was the Eldest Son and Heir at Law of the said Susanna Johnson by Bryan Atkinson her first husband long since deceased (to wit) the said Thomas Atkinson deceased being the only son and Heir of Thomas Atkinson deceased who was the Son and Heir of Nicholas Atkinson long since deceased who was the only Brother of the said Bryan Atkinson the Son and the only Younger Son of the said Susanna Johnson ...."*

# THE WINTER. MEETINGS

## *December*

The December meeting was the first held at our new venue, the British Legion Club at West Jesmond. The new surroundings were warm and comfortable, and should prove eminently suitable for our meetings.

The talk of the evening was a splendidly informative account of the Londonderry family, given by Dr A. Heeson. It concentrated mainly on the exploits of Charles William Stewart, 3rd Marquess of Londonderry, and his second wife Lady Frances Vane-Tempest. As a major coalowner in County Durham Lord Londonderry was deeply involved with the Durham: pitmen, and in 1831 when Tommy Hebburn called a strike over wages he was the only one willing to meet their demands. When a second strike was called Lord Londonderry, now Lord Lieutenant of the County, was in London; on his return the miners expected him to support them, and when he did not do so they felt betrayed.

Dr Heeson's talk helped us towards a better understanding of this complicated man.

## *January*

Our January meeting saw the return of an excellent speaker in Mr D. Branfoot; he spoke this time about Methodism and its influence in the North-East. He began by giving a brief account of the life of John Wesley and of the gradual emergence of Methodism as a separate denomination from the Church of England. John Wesley began his travelling ministry in 1741, and his first visit to Newcastle took place on 28 May 1742 when he preached in Sandgate. The first Methodist Chapel was subsequently established in the Orphan House. Wesley revisited Newcastle fifty times during the rest of his life.

Mr Branfoot's ancestors include Rev. John Branfoot who was the first Primitive Methodist minister in the North-East, and William Branfoot who was the instigator of the secession of the Independent Methodists from the Primitive Methodists in Sunderland.

Mr Branfoot also gave some addresses that may be helpful in finding Methodist records: enquiries of a general nature could be sent to Miss Alison Peacock, Connexional Archivist, c/o John Rylands University Library, Deansgate, Manchester M3 3EH; for local sources, Dr E.D. Graham, Connexional Archives Liaison Officer, 34 Spiceland Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 1NJ; and for the British Section of The World History Society, Mr J. Lenton, 21 Vineyard Road, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire TF1 1HB. There are also of course Methodist records in many local offices and libraries.

Mr Branfoot gave an insight into the lives and ideals of the founder members of Methodism, and his talk was much appreciated by us all.

## *February*

At our February meeting our Chairman, Bill Rounce, gave a talk and slide show based upon material supplied by one of our members, Leslie Errington, who lives in Melbourne, Australia. It concerned the Castlemaine goldfields and some of the men from the north-east of England who arrived there.

Firstly Mr Rounce gave a brief history of Australia after Captain Cook claimed it for Britain in 1770. Originally the labour force was sent to develop pastoral sheep farming in Victoria, and although gold was discovered very early on it was kept secret. It was not until after the Californian goldrush, to which Australia lost many of its workers, that the discovery of gold in Australia was announced and caused many people to return. Gold was found at different times in many parts of the continent, and the continual shifts of population helped to break down the class structure and form an integrated society.

The slides supplied by Ms Errington showed the route taken by the miners from the port to the Castlemaine goldfields. Although a modern highway now follows the original route the surrounding countryside has probably not changed much since the 19th century. It was most interesting to see the remains of the old mines that cover the area, and to hear of the lives the miners led. The talk included many anecdotes of life in times gone by and also of life in modern Victoria.

Altogether it was a most interesting evening, and we are indebted to Ms Errington for producing the talk and the accompanying slides and to Bill Rounce for presenting them.

## March

At the March meeting Dr Malcolm Smith gave a most unusual talk on the way in which parish registers and census returns can illuminate some aspects of local history.

His first example was based on the large Lakeland parish of Crosthwaite between 1560 and 1660. All the deaths in the above period when plotted graphically showed three distinct peaks around the years 1580, 1600 and 1620. The immediate explanation to spring to mind would be plague, but the rise in death rate occurring in many places simultaneously suggested that famine rather than pestilence might be the cause. This could be cross checked from other sources by noting grain prices and accounts of bad harvests.

As an anthropologist Dr Smith is also interested in the local 'gene pool', and when plotting consanguineous marriages for the same period (as indicated by the number of marriages between couples having the same surname) he found that peaks in this graph coincided with peaks in the death rate. He suggested that this may have been because of the way land in the Lake District was held by 'statesmen' (estatesmen), who often passed on their tenancies to their successors by dividing it between them: this tended to make individual holdings smaller, and in times of crises of subsistence a higher proportion of consanguineous marriages might take place in order to reunite lands previously divided. This could be confirmed by studying wills, inventories, marriage settlements etc.

Dr Smith's second example related to work he had done on the census returns for Selsey in Sussex, in which he had tried to find whether certain surnames were associated with certain occupations. For this purpose he divided the occupations under five headings: agricultural labourers, coastguards, fishermen, farmers, and others. He found that when surname and occupation from the censuses were correlated the fishermen's names were the most **stable and the coastguards the least so**. He had also studied the inheritance of occupation from father to son, and found for example that the son of an agricultural labourer was also likely to be an agricultural labourer. Dr Smith pointed out that the parish register records key events in the lives of different people, whereas the census covers the whole population at one instant in time.

This talk was very well received, and gave a new insight into alternative uses of registers and censuses.

## DURHAM GROUP

For our January meeting we had the welcome return of George Flynn, who this time gave a talk illustrated with slides on "Durham City Delights". His description of some of the lesser known delights of Durham City was informative as well as entertaining, and emphasised how little some of us knew about our city.

In February Mrs Lenderyou of Newcastle Central Library gave a very helpful talk on the facilities and family history sources available in the library.

For the March meeting members are bringing along their favourite heirlooms.

## SUNDERLAND AND DISTRICT GROUP

At the January meeting Mr C. Wesenraft gave a fascinating talk on possible sites of the Battle of Otterburn. This was illustrated by simple movement of symbols on boards whilst he recounted the events of that fateful affray.

In February Mr Keith Gregson gave a talk on seamen and methods of searching for their documentary records. Because of his own Shetland ancestry Mr Gregson was able to open up a new area not often encountered by members.

In March Mr Vic Branfoot gave a talk well illustrated by a collection of his own slides on the history of the Hetton Railway. This seemingly unimportant mineral line was nevertheless earlier than the Stockton to Darlington railway, being laid down in 1822. It finally ceased as a working line only recently, so that Mr Branfoot's collection of slides has been compiled just in time to capture the last of a piece of our industrial heritage.

## SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND GROUP

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas social with good food and some excellent entertainment. The main entertainment was provided by the Beaconsfield Operatic society, but there was also a Quiz and a competition in which members attempted to recognise each other's childhood photos.

In January Mr Gordon Parker, the author of two novels based on local events, described how he researched the background by reading contemporary accounts and official reports. The first was based on the Hartley Colliery Disaster of 1862, and the second concerned the derailment of the Flying Scotsman during the Miners' Strike of 1926.

At the February meeting our knowledge of family history and related subjects was tested by a Quiz arranged and conducted by two brothers, Messrs C. and K. Wanless: a close contest finally had to be settled by a tie-break.

## LONDON GROUP

Professor Gordon Batho has kindly agreed to travel down from Durham University to speak on "The Wizard Earl of Northumberland, 1564-1632" at the next meeting on Saturday, 15 July 1989, at 2.00 p.m. This will be followed immediately by the first London Group Annual General Meeting.

## DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS FOR 1989

*R.E. Vine*

The Directory of Members' Interests contains Surnames in alphabetical order together with details of places and periods in which one or more members are searching for information. The 1988 edition contained some five and a half thousand names with lists that varied from a single entry to more than a column for one name. Taken altogether therefore a rich source for contacting fellow enthusiasts with whom to share the quest for family details - a source in which almost everyone could find something of interest; and if I may say so, still a bargain at £2.75 from Mrs C. Davison (address inside the front cover of this Journal).

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those people who have been kind enough to write expressing their approval of the Directory. I do appreciate your warm words. I know that many members have used it to make useful contacts, and I am sure that many more could. For example a member wrote to me recently asking about a Mary Hall born in Newcastle: now I personally know nothing about the Hall family, but turning to the Directory I see no less than nine members advertising a specific interest in the Hall family in Newcastle. It would be surprising if that number of people could not come up with the desired information.

I have already received a considerable number of new and revised lists of Surnames for publication in the next edition of the Directory, but there is still time for yours if you act now. Many of these lists have already been entered on to the Computer by our Data Preparation Service, and I am busy checking this material. There are new blue forms to be found in the centre of the 1988 Directory on which to send me your list, but if you have already sent in one of the old style white sheets which have family trees the other side do not be concerned, as those already received will be processed for the 1989 issue.

Your committee has discussed the 1989 Directory in the light of the financial state of the Society, and has decided that we can only afford to produce an update to the Directory this year, rather than a completely new edition. This update will be printed in November and will contain all the additional entries which have been sent in, with names and addresses of the new contributors, and changes of address for previous contributors; but it will still require access to the 1988 Directory for the full information to be available. The complete and integrated up-to-date edition will be published as soon as practicable, but this will not be before a further year has passed (November 1990).

Please return your lists to me, R.E. Vine, at the address inside the front cover of this Journal, and not to Mrs Blackburn or any other member of the Committee. Please check that you have filled the form in completely and correctly before posting.

## FUTURE PROGRAMME

*Thursday, 4 May 1989* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*  
Annual General Meeting of the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society, followed by a talk by Mr John Grundy on "Northumberland Family Homes", illustrated with slides.

*Thursday, 11 May 1989* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*  
Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

*Monday, 15 May 1989* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*  
Durham Group Meeting. Mr George Patterson will give a talk on "Victorian Sunderland".

*Tuesday, 16 May 1989* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Wednesday, 24 May 1989* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*Thursday, 1 June 1989* *Newcastle, 7.15 p.m.*  
Northumberland and Durham Family History Society Meeting.

*Thursday, 8 June 1989* *Sunderland, 7.15 p.m.*  
Sunderland and District Group Meeting.

*Monday, 19 June 1989* *Durham, 7.30 p.m.*  
Durham Group Meeting. Mr Stevens will give a talk on "Silksworth - a Colliery Village".

*Tuesday, 20 June 1989* *Blyth, 7.30 p.m.*  
South-East Northumberland Group Meeting.

*Wednesday, 28 June 1989* *South Shields, 8.00 p.m.*  
South Tyneside Group Meeting.

*Saturday, 15 July 1989* *London, 2.00 p.m.*  
London Group Meeting. Professor Gordon Batho will give a talk on "The Wizard Earl of Northumberland, 1564-1632". This will be followed by the Group's first Annual General Meeting.

There will be no meetings of the Society at Newcastle during July and August, but meetings may be arranged by some of the Groups.

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

Newcastle:	British Legion Club, Lonsdale Terrace, West Jesmond.
Durham:	Salutation Inn, Framwellgate Moor.
South Shields:	Black Prince. Hotel, The Nook, Prince Edward Road.
Blyth:	Blyth Cricket Club, Plessey Road, Blyth.
Sunderland:	RAFA Headquarters, Murton Street.
London:	Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

## DURHAM COUNTY CONSTABULARY

One of our members, Mr David E. Cromarty, of 108 Raby Road, DURHAM DH1 5NH, has deposited in the Society's library copies of returns giving particulars of officers serving in the Durham County Constabulary in the period 1852-1889. The details are carefully handwritten in columns headed as follows: No.; Name; Station; Date of present rank; Date of entering service; County (of birth); Age (month and year of birth); Height; Trade (before entering service); Marital Status; Number of Children; Former Public Service; Pay Scale Code; If residing in a free house (i.e. rent free); Changes (in rank) and Removals (postings etc.)

Anyone wishing to refer to these returns should quote the Reference Number 3.085.

Editor's Note: Mr Cromarty, who is himself a serving officer in the Durham Constabulary, would be pleased to hear from any reader who comes across Cromartys anywhere (other than Holy Island).

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## *British-Australian Heritage Society*

*Mr F. Furness, of 8 Shadfen Park Road, Marsden Farm Estate, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne and Wear NE30 3JD, writes:*

"On 6th January last year I sent copies of "Transportations extracted from the Newcastle upon Tyne Quarter Sessions" to Mr Ian W. Lauder, PO Box 5, Agemics Unit, The British-Australian Heritage Society, St Thomas Centre, St Thomas Street, RYDE, Isle of Wight.

You may recall that Mr Lauder gave a talk at our Conference at Trevelyan College, University of Durham, in September 1987. My wife and I had a chat with him at that time, and he said he would be delighted to receive any material of this nature for addition to their collection. So we duly sent off copies, but never received any acknowledgement as to whether they ever arrived. In May 1988 I sent a postcard advising him of the dispatch of the package, and offered to send further copies if it had been lost in the post. However I have not received any acknowledgement of the postcard either.

I would be interested to know whether any other members of our Society have had difficulty in making contact with this organisation."

## *Bell Family Bible*

*Mr J. O. de Russett, of 6 St Peters Court, St Peters Road, Byker, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE6 2XH, writes:*

"I am writing to you regarding the details of a Bell family written inside the cover of a Wilson's Bible which I purchased at Tynemouth Station. It covers the children of a John and Jane Bell, born between 1816 and 1833, and it could well be that a member of the Society is tracing this family. There is no indication of as to where they lived. Should anyone be researching this branch of the Bell family, please get in touch with me, and I will forward a typed copy of the details concerned.

The branch of the Bell family that I am particularly researching is related to the Club(s) of Westmorland and Cumberland, and were mainly farmers over a large area."

## *The Lambton Estates*

*Mrs J.M. Ross, of 10 Penlee Road, Stoke, PLYMOUTH PL3 4AU, writes:*

"Is anybody else researching an ancestor who was a tenant of the Earl of Durham? My experience has been total indifference to my queries from the Lambton Estates as to dates of tenancy even when the actual farm and approximate years are given. Can anyone suggest a way whereby these records may be made available?"

## *Clouston Family Bible*

*Mr R. Galloway, of 15 Torver Close, Brunswick Green, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE 13 7HJ, writes:*

"I have in my possession a family bible dated 1863 which is dedicated to Robert William and Elizabeth Clouston and their family of Gateshead. If any member of the Society is researching this name I would be pleased to hand it over to him or her."

## A SURFEIT OF SALMON

The quantity of fish caught on the coasts, and in the rivers, of Northumberland, this week, has exceeded all precedent in the memory of man. On Thursday morning, there were upwards of 10,000 salmon, in Berwick market, which had been caught in the Tweed, some of which might have been bought at 2s. each. At the same time the finest herrings, of which an immense shoal is now on the coast, were sold for 2s. the hundred of six score. On the same day, the best salmon was sold in this market at 6d. per lb. and some of the inferior kinds, we are informed, were sold as low as 4d.

*Newcastle Courant, 27 August 1814*



# BOOK REVIEW

## SUNDERLAND: RIVER, TOWN & PEOPLE

### A HISTORY FROM THE 1780's TO THE PRESENT DAY

Edited by Geoffrey E. Milburn and Stuart T. Miller

*Reviewed by Vic Branfoot*

Upon reading this splendid book I was reminded of the reply given by Ronald Colman upon being accused of having been grossly overpaid for a mere five-minute part in the 1957 film 'The Story of Mankind.' "I have not been paid for just an afternoon's work," he retorted, "but for

At £ 11.95 for a limp-backed and sponsored book, Sunderland - River, Town & People may seem to be an over-priced publication. Not a bit of it! The expertise which is brought by the editors and their team of contributors to this first major study of Sunderland to embrace the modern period makes this book excellent value for money. The editors' skills come from working lifetimes as professional historians and communicators, thereby enabling them to present a comprehensive study in a style which shows empathy for the lay reader.

As the book's title would indicate, Sunderland - River, Town & People interweaves events, places and central characters in a thorough and eminently readable manner. It is neither dour nor flippant. That there are contributions from different authors, each an expert in his own field, does not result in a disjointed end product.

It must have been vexingly difficult for the team of authors to decide whether to make occurrences, places or people the key to the titling and ordering of their chapters and sub-sections. In the event, they provided a skilful mixture of all. A result of this is both a strength and a weakness of the book; the reader frequently must cross-refer in order to glean all that is written about what is under consideration. Perhaps there is an inevitable cross-fertilisation between the themes of industry, politics, religion, education, architecture and other aspects of community and family life.

Upon dipping into the book the reader is readily provoked into following lines of thought to other areas of the text until one feels frustrated at not being able to devour it all at once!

As well as having the above general qualities, the book is copiously illustrated (partially in colour), is attractively organised, has several worthwhile appendices, has a comprehensive index and is printed on good quality A4-sized paper. The family historian will find the frequent merging of vividly described people with significant events attractive, and may well find the appendix "A Guide to Sources" to be of use in his own researches.

*Sunderland: River, Town & People* is recommended with confidence. It is published by Sunderland Borough Council, price £11.95 (256 pages) and is obtainable from Hills and other bookshops, from Sunderland Museum, or post-free from the printers, Thomas Reed Printers Limited, PO Box 36, Double Century House, High Street West, Sunderland SRI 1UQ.

## YOUR FAMILY TREE

*Bobby Bolam*

*Hev you ever tried tracing your family tree?  
It's quite a rewarding thing to dee,  
You start off by asking your Uncle Joe,  
Or anyone else that's inclined to know  
Whence came Great Granda, and did he have nowt?  
And who was his fatha? Should knowledge run out  
County Hall is your target, mind specs you must don,  
To read micro film, but keep pressing on  
Then out in the car with your camera at hand,  
And take all your snapshots and survey the land,  
The mill wheel was there; or it might have been here,  
Wad that be his cottage, or this? It's not clear,  
But it's fun to imagine just how folk would be,  
Deed wraang uns or decent, was any like me?  
It's a laang draan oot mystery - your family tree!*

# MEMOIRS OF AN OLD STAGER

*The following reminiscences, submitted by Mrs R. McWiggan of 12 Austral Place, Wideopen, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE13 7HH, are extracts from books written in 1928 by James Dellow, a well-known hairdresser in Grey Street, Newcastle, who was a great-uncle of Mrs McWiggan's mother.*

In October (1854), prior to one of the good ships of the General Steam Navigation Company landing us all upon the quayside, there had taken place the Great Explosion, which cost so many lives and played such havoc both in Gateshead, where it occurred, and in Newcastle; and I recall that my father delighted in bringing his boys over in relays on a Saturday evening, standing on the High Level Bridge, and looking towards Hillgate where the burning lava was pouring into the river. Twice did I come from Sheriff Hill, where we had a large house and garden, and the effect upon me was this: that I had been told where naughty boys went when they died, and as in this place there was as much sulphur and huge fires, fires which never went out night or day, I formed the idea that this was the spot, and it needed not much imagination to people such a place with heaps of bad boys being stirred up constantly until at last they were tumbled into the river. It was a terrifying idea, one that made me resolve, for a time at least, that I would always be good.

At our school we were great favourites with our schoolfellows because we were "cockneys" and, according to them "taaked se fine" that they were constantly forming us into a little group, to get us to gossip. As showing the march of events in one man's lifetime, I was a village postboy, receiving as one of the servants of Queen Victoria (though I did not know of her being my mistress), the splendid sum of one shilling and sixpence per week. My "round" used to take me about a couple of hours; it extended to Beacon Lough, southward to a part of Heworth, near to St Alban's Church on the east, to part of Kell's lane westward, and to the Canon Inn and pottery northward. Mr Hetherington, our schoolmaster, was strict about us being punctual, but in my case a special "licence" was granted, and I used to feel mighty superior to other scholars as I walked into school at about eleven o'clock instead of nine.

By the time I was ten years of age (1858) I had to give up my honourable and lucrative (?) position as a postman, and go into regular work, my first situation being with Messrs J. & H. Harrison, coopers, basket makers and ironmongers. The hours were from 8.30 to 7; on Saturday till 10 p.m. Remember that when work was finished we had our walk of nearly 2 miles to Sheriff Hill, and this for half-a-crown a week!

My father was foreman in the firm of Messrs Harrison at the foot of High Street in Gateshead, looking straight up Half Moon Lane. The building they occupied was bought by an enterprising draper, and entirely rebuilt, my old employers going into a narrow lane which was a short cut to the railway station. Time has rendered the removal of this draper's shop necessary, as well as that of Messrs Snowball, which was built on the site of the old Black Bull. Those changes have become inevitable upon the building of the New Bridge. Believing he could do better as a master basket maker, my father commenced for himself and I went with him, but from the first it never paid. One day he saw a notice on the window of the shop of which I am now proprietor (James Dellow's first premises, before Grey Street): "Errand boy wanted." To Mr Rougier I came, I saw, was seen and was conquered. What light work compared with that I had to do at Gateshead, yet the wage was no bigger, and much walking made a great impression on my boots. The hours were much the same, but it was 15 minutes further from my home. Often do I think of the interminably long hours on a Saturday, the huge wood shutters - 22 of them; so great was their length, I had to balance them with my head, and frequently on a breezy night it was a great struggle to get each one in position.

At the age of 14 I was duly apprenticed for 7 years, commencing at two shillings and sixpence a week, terminating on the day I was 21, when according to my indenture, I was entitled to 7/6. Where are the lads today who are having a similar experience? Where are the parents today who will make the sacrifice that was made by my parents, in order to further their boy's best interests? Two of my elder brothers were apprenticed to Messrs M. & W. Lambert opposite, printers and proprietors of *Newcastle Daily Chronicle*. They too had equally big (?) stipends. Later, when the Chronicle was purchased by Mr Joseph Cowen, one of them chose to remain, but was somewhat wayward, and eventually his indenture was cancelled. The other preferred to cast in his lot with the new proprietor, and whilst serving his time taught himself shorthand, languages, became a member of the Mechanics' Institute (later merged in the Public Library), and for many years represented his beloved Newcastle paper, first in Essex Street, then in Fleet Street, then retired to a Kentish village.

## LIBRARIAN'S THANK YOU

I would like to express my grateful thanks to those of our Members who volunteered to re-type some of our Monumental Inscriptions which were showing signs of wear and tear. These **typists, Mrs M. Johnson, Mrs M. Everitt, Mr de Russett and Mrs Bartram** have been working consistently these last few months, and it is gratifying to know that when our members are asked for help it is forthcoming with such generosity.

*Doreen Tait, Librarian.*

# THE AUSTRALIAN FIRST FLEET

*Bill Rounce*

Through the generosity of one of our Australian members the daily journal of Surgeon Arthur Bowes Smyth of the *Lady Penryhn* is now in my possession, and it is from this and other diaries that the following is extracted.

The First Fleet sailed from England on 12 May 1787, to arrive at anchor at Botany Bay on 20 January 1788. It carried the crews of eleven ships, a complement of marines, and 759 convicts - 568 males and 191 females. The American War of Independence having been lost, and with it our former convict colony, necessity demanded another place to deposit the unwanted of the 18th century who crammed the gaols and prison hulks. So for 8 months these folk braved sea hazards, disease and uncertainty to found what became today's Australia. Not all of them survived; 48 died on the way, and many more died soon after arrival. The new continent was no El Dorado. However, free emigrants and the 163,000 convicts who followed have made the country what it is today.

## THE SHIPS OF THE FIRST FLEET

1. *Sirius*: Commander Arthur Phillips; Capt. Hunter; Mr Worgan, surgeon.
2. *Supply Tender*: Commander Lieut. Ball; Mr Callian, surgeon; and Mr Read, captain.
3. *Alexander* Transport: Commander Capt. Sinclair; Mr Ballmain, surgeon's assistant; 210 male convicts.
4. *Scarborough*: Commander Capt. Marshall; Mr Considen, surgeon; 210 male convicts.
5. *Charlotte*: Commander Capt. Gilbert; Mr White, surgeon; Mr Lucy, chief mate; Mr Donnison, 2nd mate; 78 male and 20 female convicts.
6. *Lady Penrhyn*: Commander Capt. William Sever; Mr Antis, mate; Arthur Bowes Smyth, surgeon to Captain and company; Mr Alltree, surgeon to convicts; William Jifson, cook; 104 female convicts and 8 children.
7. *The Prince of Wales*: Commander Capt. Walton died after leaving England; Mr Mason took over the position.
8. *Friendship*: Commander Francis Walton; Mr Arundell, surgeon. Patrick Vallance 2nd mate, was lost overboard. 100 male and female convicts; Jane Parkinson died, leaving "a fine boy of 21/2 years."
9. *Borrowdale*: Commander Hobson Read.
10. *Golden Grove*: Commander Capt. Sharp.
11. *Fishburn*: Commander Matthew Brown; Rev. Richard Johnson and his wife.

The last three were victuallers, and carried no surgeons.

The *Lady Penrhyn* also carried Capt. Campbell, Lieut Johnston and Lieut. Collins of the Marines; Mr Watts, a lieutenant in the Navy; Mr Young, the steward; Mr Nicholas, a passenger to China; Mr Cooper, carpenter; Mr Squire, 2nd mate; Mr Ball, 3rd mate; and Mr Holmes, 4th mate.

Also with the fleet were:-

Marines: Mr Bramwell and 1st Lieut. James Maxwell,

Seamen: John Fisher and a Mr Topham.

Convicts: Barsly, Freeman, John Bennett, William Parr, Thomas Till, Corbett, Patrick Gray, Daly, William Boggis, John Owen, Moses Tucker, John Power, John Thomas, James Davis, Henry Dodd, John Easty, Thomas Brimage, John Trace, and the females Lydia Munroe and Deborah Herbert.

NAME	AGE	CRIME	TRADE	TERM
* Francis Davis	22	Robbery, Highwayman	Service	14 years
Ann Yates	19	House breaking	Milliner	7
Mary Love	60	Theft	Service	14
Ann Colepits	28	Privately stealing	Service	7
Elizabeth Lock	23	House breaking	Service	7
Mary Gamble	37	Defraud	Service	7
Olivia Gascoin	24	Theft	Service	7
Mary Tilley	30	House breaking	Service	7
Sarah Davies	26	Shoplifting	Glovemaker	7
Ann Hinett	30	House breaking	Mantua maker	7
Mary Wilkes alias Turner	21	Privately stealing	Service	7
Eliz (?) Bird	45	Lamb stealing	Service	7
Ann Dawley alias Twifield	23	Highway robbery	Service	7
Sarah Bellamy	17	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Davis	25	House breaking	Service	7

Mary Mitchell	19	Stealing	Service	7
Mary Boulton	29	House breaking	Service	7
Mary Dickenson	26	Stealing	Barrow woman	7
Amelia Levy	19	Shoplifting	Furrier	7
Elizabeth Hall	18	House robbery	Service	7
Margaret Townes	45	Highway robbery	Service	7
Hannah Mullin	20	Forging	Service	Life
Elizabeth Beckford	70	Shoplifting	Service	7
Elizabeth Innes alias Osborn	28	Robbery	Service	7
Elizabeth Colley	22	House breaking	Service	14
Elizabeth Lee	24	Robbery	Service	7
Mary Brenham	17	Housebreaking	Service	7
Elizabeth Shipley	28	Pickpocket	Needlework	7
Ann Reed	22	Street robbery	Service	Life
Susannah Huffnell	24	Buying stolen goods	Service	7
Elenor McCave	24	Robbery	Hawker	7
Mary Finn	26	Robbery	Service	7
Martha Eaton	25	Receiving stolen goods	Service	7
Mary Greenwood	24	Street robbery	Service	7
Jane Langley	24	Robbery	Tambour worker	7
Elizabeth Cole	20	Shoplifting	Milliner	7
Catherine Hart	19	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Hill	20	Pickpocket	Service	7
Margaret Dawson	17	Privately stealing	Service	7
Elizabeth Dalton	21	Shoplifting	Service	7
Elizabeth Marshall	29	Shoplifting	Service	7
Mary Moulton	21	Shoplifting	Service	7
Elizabeth Evans	28	Shoplifting	Service	7
Mary Humphrey	30	Pickpocket	Service	14
Ann Ward	20	Shoplifting	Lace maker	7
Elizabeth Needham	25	Shoplifting	Maker of childrens' linen	7
Lucy Bran alias Wood	33	Pickpocket	Service	7
Ann Martin	17	Shoplifting	Service	7
Mary Harrison	34	Misdemeanour	Silk winder	7
Ann Sandlin alias Lyon alias Breton	30	Petty larceny	Needlework	7
Ann Green alias Cowley	28	Privately stealing	Mantua maker	7
Rebecca Davidson	28	Pickpocket	Needlework	7
Mary Cooper	47	Privately stealing	Chairwoman	7
Ann Davis	29	Shoplifting	Service	7
Ann Dutton	25	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Carroll	36	Privately stealing	Service	7
Ann Thornton	22	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Smith	25	Shoplifting	Matua maker	7
Ann George	22	Pickpocket	Shoe binder	7
Easter Howard	29	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Cockran	32	Receiver of stolen goods	Dealer	14
Sophia Lewis	29	Pickpocket	Service	7
Mary Jackson	31	Pickpocket	Hawker	7
Elizabeth Fowler	22	House breaking	Hawker	7
Mary Adams	29	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Parker	29	Privately stealing	Service	7
Mary Dicks	29	Pickpocket	Staymaker	7
Mary Williams	39	Privately stealing	Needlework	7
Margaret Burn	25	Pickpocket	Service	7
Anne Powell	35	Privately stealing	Service	7
Dorothy Hendlin alias Grey	82	Perjury	Dealer	7
Mary Lawrence	30	Privately stealing	Service	7
Sarah Partridge	22	Shoplifting	Mantua maker	7
Mary Slater	23	Shoplifting	Watch chain maker	7
* Mary Piles alias Jack White	20	Pickpocket	Service	7
Jane Creek	48	Privately stealing	Service, called Nurse Creek	7
Phebe Norton	26	Privately stealing	Service	7
Elizabeth Bruce	29	Privately stealing	Service	7
Elizabeth Anderson	32	Receiving stolen goods	Service	7
Susannah Trippett	22	Pickpocket	Artificial flower maker	7
Mary Counor alias Allen	28	Shoplifting	Hawker	7
Catherine Henry	26	Shoplifting	Service	7
Elizabeth Fitzgerald	26	Felony	Service	7

Elizabeth Leonard	33	Stealing	Service	7
Mary Allen	22	Pickpocket	Service	7
Mary Jackson	22	Pickpocket	Service	7
Martha Baker	25	Pickpocket	Service	7
Martha Burkett	33	Pickpocket	Service	7
Charlotte Sprigmoor	30	Misdemeanour	Silk winder	7
Thomasin Allen	32	Pickpocket	Service	7
Mary Marshall	19	Pickpocket	Service	Life
Mary Springham	21	Pickpocket	Hawker	7
Ann Smith	30	Stealing	Nurse	7
Sarah Purdue	23	Robbery	Mantua maker	7
Maria Hamilton	33	Privately stealing	Lace weaver	7
Charlotte Cook	20	Privately stealing	Tambour maker	7
Sarah Hall	46	Privately stealing	Hawker	7
Elizabeth Haward	13	Privately stealing	Service	7
Sarah Perry	28	Felony	Milliner	Life
Isabella Lawson	33	Privately dealing	Mantua maker	7

#### CHILDREN

Jane Jones	2	Jane Parkinson	30
Mary Mullens	3	Esther Julian	20
Mary Fowles	4	Mary Harrison	25
William Tilley	6 weeks	Mary Martin	20
John Harrison	15	Mary Smith	35
One infant died			

\* Francis Davis and Sarah Piles alias Jack White came on board in mens' clothes; the former used to rob the highway, and the latter attended as a servant.

## GAOL BREAK

The following extract from *Local Records of Northumberland and Durham*, by T. Fordyce (1867) was sent in by Mrs S. Clay, of 14 Bradbourne Road, SEVENOAKS, Kent TN13 3PY. William Donkin, John Dunn, Matthew Oliver and Job Savage are four of those mentioned in the list of "Transportations from Newcastle Quarter Sessions 1836-1855" transcribed by Mrs M. Furness (Volume 13, No. 2) and it is interesting to note that although Job Savage was sentenced to seven years transportation on 15 October 1845 he was still a prisoner in Newcastle gaol in 1850.

"January 29 (1850) - Great excitement was occasioned among the inhabitants in the vicinity of the Gaol, Newcastle, by the report that four convicts had made their escape. Between twelve and one at noon four prisoners under sentence of transportation, names Job Savage, John Dunn, William Donkin, and Matthew Oliver, had succeeded in making their way from the convicts' to the debtors' yard, and by using a ladder belonging to some masons employed in the gaol, they gained the top of the high wall fronting Carlhol-street. They next tied a rope which they had obtained to the ladder, when three of them lowered themselves into the street. The fourth one (Job Savage) was not fortunate, for on reaching the pavement he was seized by a person named Robson, who was passing at the time, transferred to his old quarters, and the escape of his comrades made known. A general pursuit was commenced, and they were traced up Pandon Dean, near the old water mill, and afterwards to Lambert's Leap. Dunn, weary with running, leaped over the wall and lay down, where he was captured by P.C. Turner. The other two were not, however, so easily captured; and but for extreme vigilance on the part of those sent in pursuit, might have eluded detection altogether. Donkin was the first who had the misfortune to fall into the hands of his pursuers. Being evidently possessed of a partiality for bibulous compounds, he had found refuge among some barrels, and was taken in Mr. Ralph Naters' brewery yard, just as he was coming out. Oliver evaded detection for some time longer, and a general hue and cry was set on foot for his capture; those parts of the town where rogues most do congregate being subjected to a thorough and diligent search. This was evidently anticipated by the prisoner, who did not make his appearance in any of those places. An officer on duty in the Shieldfield, P.C. Graham, towards evening saw a man coming along minus his shoes, and it suddenly dawned upon the mind of this astute "limb of the law" that the man was one of the escaped prisoners. He took him into custody, and his surmise having turned out correct, Oliver was again lodged in durance vile, to the great satisfaction of the authorities, and his own chagrin. Much surprise was manifested at the evidently very lax arrangements inside of the prison, the fact of four men being able to make their escape from such a stronghold, in broad daylight, being much commented upon."

# ONCE UPON A TIME

*Gillian Davies*

As a child I often stayed for a week or two with my maternal grandmother, Katie Jane Dorothy Morris (nee Swann), who was born in Bexleyheath, Kent, in 1881. She had all sorts of fascinating things from the past - old photos, funeral cards, obituaries and, most fascinating of all to me, six silver teaspoons, wrapped in chamois leather and then in a little draw-string cloth bag. I say fascinating because of the tale which went with them and the initials on the top: G I T (the G being in the centre over the two letters). Who was G.I.T. I used to wonder?

The tale Nan told me was that the G stood for Gray, an old family name which may have been the maiden name of her father's mother. Either the Swarms or the Grays had been squires of a village in Northumberland where her father Thomas Swann was born in 1844, but whichever family it was, they had numerous children so by the time it was her grandfather's or grandmother's turn to inherit anything all that was left were the spoons!

All these things came back to me several years ago when I decided to start on the family history and, luckily, I had asked for and kept all the photos, cards etc. when Nan died in 1956, so I had something to start with. A year ago my mother also gave me the spoons. The first birth certificate I sent for was my great grandfather's - Thomas Swann, born Bedlington 1844. Sure enough his mother's name was Catherine Gray; her father was William Swann, cordwainer. I next wrote to the Vicar of Bedlington, but he was of the opinion that the 'squire story' was apocryphal, as the squires of Bedlington had never been Swarms or Grays.

From census records I found the ages and birthplaces of William Swann and Catherine Gray - the former Bedlington, the latter Horton (by Blyth). The IGI gave me the date of Catherine's baptism, 23 November 1806, and the names of her parents as William and Isabel. Northumberland Record Office have sent me a photocopy of the entry in the register: William Grey, husbandman, native of Pigdon, and Isabel Thouburn, native of Bothal, were Catherine's parents. The IGI told me the date of the marriage: 6 May 1804 at Bedlington - William Gray signed, Isabel Thubren made her mark, and the witnesses George Gray, Thomas Thubren and John Thubren all signed.

It appears that the mystery of who owned the spoons is solved - Isabel Thubren Gray. The silver mark is Newcastle, date 1788/9, so I think they were probably a wedding present, but were they six alone, or were they part of a larger set of silver cutlery, and if so who had the rest? Did Nan make up the story of the squire? None of the families seems to have been wealthy; the spoons are very light, though silver, and have obviously been treasured rather than used.

I have found Isabel's baptism at Bothal on 2 January 1780, parents Thomas and Dorothy (nee Marshall), and I believe Thomas to have been baptised 7 April 1754 at Horton by Blyth "son to Thomas Throubourn of Stickley". I think Thomas senior moved from Cramlington where he married Isabel Cockeram on 7 June 1747. Their son Richard, baptised at Cramlington 10 July 1748 (as Richard Thurbanand), also moved to Bothal, and he and his brother Thomas were having children baptised there during the same period.

Any information about the apocryphal squire, the spoons, or the Thubren family gratefully received!

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## RUN-AWAY

~~“On Saturday last, from North Shields, in the County of Northumberland, Thomas Turnbull, an Apprentice to William Linskill, Esq. of that place, Ropemaker; whoever shall apprehend the said Apprentice, and bring him to Quintin Blackburn, of North Shields, shall receive TWO GUINEAS reward.~~

The said Thomas Turnbull, is about twenty four years of age, about five foot seven inches high, of a fresh complexion, wearing his own brown hair tied; is the son of Thomas Turnbull, late of Newstead, near Alnwick, in the County of Northumberland, Butcher, deceased."

*Newcastle Courant, 20 September 1794*

# ONE FINE DAY

*Robert Bolam*

It was a beautiful day: the sun was shining, birds singing, and the sight of butterflies on the wing gladdened our hearts as my son and I set off in the car to try and find the places where some of our ancestors had once lived and worked. I had long held a desire to know about my family history, and now that I had retired from work I had the opportunity and time to do just that. Perhaps with the butterflies in mind I thought an apt title for this tale would be "One Fine Day". However, what with the thrill of seeing the places where our ancestors came from, and the great pleasure we had in meeting some very friendly and warm-hearted Northumbrians, it was more than just one fine day.

For some strange reason - or was it plain ignorance! - I had always taken it for granted that my family the Bolams had lived in the Dipton/Lanchester area ever since the time of the Ancient Britons. Maybe what suggested this line of thought was that I knew there were two small properties in the Dipton area named Bolams Buildings, and a section of Dipton Woods has been called Jim Bolam's Wood ever since I could remember. Apart from that Bolams had farmed at Pontop Hall and High Ewehurst many years ago, and my cousin was still farming at Stobb House Farm. My great great great grandfather George Bolam had been the miller at Maiden Law near Lanchester, where he died in 1852 aged 86 years. The house he lived in still stands, but the heavy stone slabs that once covered the roof and were held in place with sheeps' bones has been replaced. The mill, which was wind driven, stood behind his house according to local historians, but has long since disappeared.

My idea that Bolams had existed in this part of County Durham since the Ancient Britons was quickly dispelled after a visit to Durham County Record Office, when I was astonished to find that George Bolam the miller of Maiden Law had previously been the miller at Broomhope Mill in the parish of Birtley in Northumberland, and that he had been born in Elsdon in 1766.

It was on Broomhope Mill that we first set our sights, but before leaving I made sure we were well provided for in the way of flasks of tea and bacon sandwiches. The reason for this was that whenever my son finds himself on a strange road he has an urge to know where it leads to. On a previous outing we had some years ago looking at castles in Northumberland I found myself jumping in and out of the car opening field gates. While shutting one gate I looked around and thought what a magnificent county Northumberland is - the scenery was breathtaking. However I also noticed that except for a few sheep scattered on a distant *hill* there was not another living soul in sight. Then hearing the lonely call of a curlew made me realize if the car breaks down here, and with only one bar of chocolate between us, the prospect could be bleak.

We arrived in the quiet peaceful little village of Birtley near Wark, and the first person we met happened to be the landlord of the 'Percy Arms'. Before asking him the whereabouts of Broomhope Mill I asked if he knew any Bolams who might be in the village. He said no, there was not anybody of that name. I said I was hoping there might be some Bolams still here. He then asked how long ago was it since they lived here, and I answered "Oh! its almost 200 years." We had a good laugh when he drily remarked "You've left it a bit late." He was a jovial character, and after enjoying listening to his delightful Northumbrian voice I explained that we were tracing our family tree, and could he direct us to Broomhope Mill. We were surprised to find it was a few miles outside the village, and we would have found it difficult to locate without his instructions.

Broomhope lay between the folds of two steep hills; the pretty cottage where George Bolam had once lived looked well cared for, but the mill, which had been water driven, was no longer there. Here we sat on the bank of the little stream that had once driven the mill and had our first picnic. As we enjoyed our meal and were entertained watching dozens of trout dashing here and there we thought of the miller's ten children who had been born in this lonely cottage. Eleanor was the first child, born in 1788, followed by Robert (1791), William (1792), Elizabeth (1794), John (1797), Charles (1799), Barbara (1800), George (1802), Thomas (1804) and James (1810). There certainly would not have been any danger here from fearsome traffic for the children, but getting to school must have been quite an effort even in summer. Ridsdale seemed to be the nearest place where there might have been a school, and it would be a tiring struggle for the children to climb such a steep hill to get there. George Bolam's wife was Ann Potts who was born at Bellingham, the daughter of William Potts, a farmer of Simonburn.

The next stage of our journey was to Elsdon, where George Bolam's father had been the miller at Cants Mill. Robert was born in 1737 and married Elizabeth Boiston of Landshot Farm, Elsdon. They had eight children: Margaret born 1762, George (1766), Robert (1770), John (1772), Charles (1774), William (1776), Barbara (1780) and Roger (1786). The Elsdon parish register states that Robert Bolam the miller was of Colwellhill and was married in 1766, so Margaret was illegitimate; the last six children were born at High Carrick. Robert Bolam the miller of Cants Mill died in 1831 and is buried in Elsdon churchyard; his headstone states he was 100 years old, but I believe he was only 94- a mere lad. I suspect

that mathematics was never the Bolam forte; a story my father often told me about one of the Bolams who farmed High Ewehurst at Dipton and was also a butcher seems to bear this out: a local miner's wife bought some meat from him and the price came to forty pence (before decimalisation). "That will be 3/6," said Mr Bolam. The following week the miner's wife said she thought she had been overcharged as she had looked at her ready reckoner and it said 40 pence was 3/4d. "Tut-tut woman, you must have looked at last year's ready reckoner!". The tale is true, but I would like to add that it could have been a genuine mistake. He was a quaint character and much loved by the villagers. There are many amusing tales of 'Old Jim Bolam the butcher' as he was affectionately known.

On arriving at the outskirts of Elsdon we noticed a lady relaxing in her cottage garden and enquired if she could tell us where Colwellhill Farm was, also High Carrick and Cants Mill. We explained that one of our ancestors, a Robert Bolam, had once lived at these places, and that we both carried the same name. To our surprise she asked were we looking for the Bible? We said we did not know anything about a Bible, and the story she told was that a Bolam had left Elsdon long ago, leaving his Will in the Bible. Apparently he had gone abroad and had later owned some land in Bermuda which was now worth a fortune; she said some people called Murray had advertised in the local newspaper asking if anyone could tell them about the missing Bible. There is a reference in the Elsdon parish register to a George Bolam "believed to have gone abroad" - is he the person who went to Bermuda? Perhaps some day the mysterious Bible will turn up and another Bolam will have a stroke of good luck - strange things do happen. In his *History of the Parish of Dipton* written in 1910 J. W. Fawcett of Statley devotes a chapter to his ancestors John and Nannie Taylor who left Ryton about 1780 to work at the Lowd Farm near Pontop Pike. The episode is called "The Lowd Money Pot". One day John Taylor was ploughing one of his fields when the plough unearthed an old kail pot full of golden guineas. Mr Fawcett says John Taylor had a trusty friend in London who advised him about his rich discovery, and the advice was well taken. John Taylor prospered: he bought two farms at Holmside near Cornsay, and all his children shared in his good fortune - including his granddaughter Margaret Taylor who married James Bolam, the youngest son of George Bolam the miller of Maiden Law.

Having left our new found gardening friend, who had insisted on giving us tea and scones, we visited Colwellhill Farm and were given another warm welcome. The farmer allowed us to take a few photos of the farm before we set off to find Cants Mill. Another inhabitant of Elsdon kindly hunted a local map out of his desk and showed us the exact location. Our next step was to ask the farmer at Soppitt Farm for permission to view the site where Cants Mill had stood. Again we met another friendly and very helpful Northumbrian; not only did he give us permission, but he went to the trouble of taking us part of the way and pointing out the site. Before we told him the tale of the missing Bible, he too asked us if we knew about it. I said no, we had just heard the story. Perhaps there might be some truth in it; one sure thing is that the Bible was not at Cants Mill - only a heap of stones remains.

Birdhope Mill near Rochester was our final goal, where Robert Bolam the miller's parents had lived. He too was called Robert, and his wife's name was Mary. They had five children: Elizabeth born 1732, Ann (1735), Robert (1737), John (1740), Margaret (1742) and Jane (1743). Their son John's birth is noted in the Birdhope Presbyterian Register as 6 April 1740. We did not find the site of Birdhope Mill, but took a photo of Birdhope Presbyterian Scottish Reform Church - at least I thought I had, but have since discovered that you get better pictures if there is a film in the camera.

I would be very pleased to receive any information regarding Robert Bolam the miller of Birdhope. I assume that he was born about 1708 as his first child Elizabeth was born in 1732. Robert's grandson Charles, born in 1774, was also a miller; in the Birdhope Crag Presbyterian Register are the names of two of his sons. Roger (born 1803) and Jeremiah (born 1805), the places of birth being given as Rooking Pit Houses and Craigend near Rochester.

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## ACCIDENTAL DEATH

On Saturday last, an inquest was held on the bodies of two pitmen, named James Menham, and John Manger, both young men, who were unfortunately killed the Thursday preceding, by slipping from the rope in ascending a pit at Messrs Bell and Brown's Walls End colliery, near this town. It appeared by the evidence of the Onsetter, that the victims had been the victims of their own negligence. When the pitmen are going to *ride* as they term it, they fasten a loop to a crook, at the end of the rope, by means of a catch; but they had carelessly neglected to force the loop past the catch, leaving it, as is supposed, to their own weight to fasten when lifted from the bottom. The pit is 107 fathoms deep; and from the time of leaving to that of falling to the bottom, they must have been nearly half way up before they slipped. Verdict - *Accidental Death*.

*Newcastle Courant, 24 September 1814*



# THE VALLEY OF THE CHAUDIERE

*Eva Taylor*

Before the white man came the Abenakis roamed the forest, freeholders of the wilderness. When the time came to divide this great inheritance the Indians of the Algouin (Abenakis) race were inclined to be friendly, their enmity being with the hostile Iroquois rather than with the white invaders. In 1646 Father Druillette, as ambassador of the king, came as a Jesuit missionary, and he is known as the discoverer of the region now known as the County of Beauce, of which the thriving city of St George is the acknowledged centre.

It was well over a century after the Jesuit missionary's travels that Benedict Arnold and his invading army came through on his ill-planned attack on Quebec. It was in this region that Arnold and his men came near starvation and freezing at the mouth of the Waopotomac (now called the Famine) River as it empties into the Chaudiere.

Years passed and the Valley grew in wealth and beauty. In the year 1817 George Pozer brought from Germany 189 colonists, planning rapid growth of the new country. They did not all stay, but John Munkel, M.D., a man beloved by all the residents, remained to minister to the sick whether they were able to pay him or not.

The seigneuries of Quebec Province form a fascinating part of history in the settlement and life of the Valley. In the region known as St George de Beauce there were two which comprised all the seigneurial lands of Aubert Gallion and Aubin de L'Isle. These extensive lands were conceded in 1736 by Charles, Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor, and Gilles Hosquart, Intendent of New France. The first owner of Aubert Gallion was Madam Maria Therese de Lande Gayon, widow of Francois Aubert de la Chesnaye, a member of one of the noble families of France. The Seigneur of Aubin de L'Isle was also a man closely identified with the life and problems of the Indians, natives and colonists. These lands were later divided into three sections: Cumberland, St Charles and St Barbe.

The Fief Cumberland had for its first owner John Collins of Quebec City. Then it became the property of Edward Harbottle, who was born at Woodhorn in England in 1787 and died at Cumberland Mills in 1851. He came to Canada in 1817 and settled in Quebec City, and from there to Cumberland. He was instrumental in bringing settlers from Northern England to occupy the Fief Cumberland (the name deriving from Cumberland in England), the Mills being added as he built a grist mill, followed by a saw mill and brick kiln. The first saw mill was burnt and replaced by another. Mr Harbottle also built a large stone manor which was finished in 1840, and in response to the religious needs of the new arrivals he built a stone church which was finished in 1847. This he conceded to the Church Society of Quebec along with a tract of 273 arpents of heavily timbered land known as the "Church Lots". The "Church Lots" were ceded to the Church Society by Edward Harbottle Taylor in 1867 when he became Seigneur of Cumberland.

The Fief Cumberland reached from a mile beyond the Manor House (erected about 1830) to the Riviere Nouvelle Beauce (Chaudiere), an area of over seven thousand acres. St Paul's Anglican Church, completed in 1847, was of Gothic architecture, and constructed of field stone after the manner of small English country churches. It still stands upon solid bed-rock and is one of the two oldest stone churches in all Beauce County. Before the church was completed services were held in the Manor House, a travelling missionary officiating. The congregation often numbered one hundred, and all were invited to remain for dinner at the Manor following the service. Edward Harbottle and his wife are buried under the floor in the south-east corner of the church which is their monument. There is a plaque to their memory inside the church.

The One Hundredth Anniversary Service was held in 1946 with every member of the congregation being present, as well as friends and relatives from the Eastern Townships and St Georges de Beauce. The service was conducted by the Rev. G.F. Hibbard, whose incumbency (1911-1942) was the longest. The Anglican Archbishop of Quebec, The Most Rev. Philip Carrington preached, and the Rev. A.V. Ottiwell also took part.

In 1867 Edward Harbottle Taylor of Quebec City, nephew of Edward Harbottle, became Seigneur of the Fief, and at his death in 1906 his brother, Thomas John Taylor, became the last Seigneur of Cumberland. The Domaine remained in the hands of the Taylor family until 1975, when the Manor, built by Thomas Taylor in 1917-18, and the land which had belonged to Frank Taylor (son of Thomas), were sold with the full understanding that it was to become a recreational centre and part of Quebec's heritage. This unfortunately has not been the case, and it has passed through several hands since the sale in 1975.

**Editor's Note:** The above article was sent in by Mrs N. Taylor-Bernier, of 19 Sunny Acres, BAIE D'URFE, QUEBEC H9X 3137, CANADA, who is the granddaughter of the last Seigneur of the Fief (the seigneurial system was abolished about the time of his death). It was written by Mrs Taylor-Bernier's 93 year old aunt.

# BRANCHES OF THE ORANGE TREE

## *A.J. Orange*

Joseph Orange, born at North Shields on 11 January 1805, was the youngest son of Robert Orange and his wife Eleanor, nee Reed, and was named after his maternal grandfather Joseph Reed, schoolmaster and Parish Clerk at Hartburn. His mother died when he was only eight years old, and he was brought up at Molesden by "Aunt Potts". No one in the family knew who "Aunt Potts" was until my visit to the Northumberland Record Office in 1981; there I found the marriage of his father's sister Elizabeth Orange to one James Potts at Mitford on 6 June 1775.

Joseph grew up on their farm at Molesden and received pocket money for helping on the farm. The time came when he met a young lady from Rothbury named Eleanor Foggan and fell in love. His future father-in-law was not too happy about a young man being brought up by an aunt 'in the country', and rather hinted that he might be illegitimate. It would appear that "Uncle Potts" had passed away some time earlier. Eleanor must have expressed her father's doubt to her young man, because Joseph, not wishing to lose his girl-friend, immediately set about researching his origins. He found that his father had been a carpenter and joiner, and had been born at Mitford, the son of Thomas Orange, farmer, of Lightwater House.

One of Joseph's great-granddaughters, in a letter to a cousin, related how Joseph's father Robert had been taken by the Press Gang and was at sea for 14 years. She went on to say that "Robert's wife, Eleanor, opened a school in Bedlington to support herself and her family while he was away. Joseph was born after his father escaped from his ship. He saved £ 10 by working on his aunt's farm and she also lent him £10. He took a small shop next to the Bank in Bedlington, bought one sheep, and started his business as a butcher .... and repaid his aunt in full..... Mother lived with him until he died, when she was eleven years old."

"He was a very honest, good-living man and, being a widower, didn't think it was right to have young maids in the house, so Mother was a sort of chaperon to stop any gossip."

"He told Mother all the family stories including one about old Elspeth Reed (yes, of Redesdale) who was left on her own while all the family were out reiving - nothing was ever too hot or too heavy for them to 'pick up' in those days. Their sworn enemies, either C.....s or A.....s, were on the rampage as well, but Elspeth saw them coming and locked, bolted and barred the peel tower and when she heard them up on the roof preparing to come down the chimney, she kept a good blazing fire going with everything she could lay hands on."

"When the family returned and routed the raiders, poor old Elspeth was sitting on the floor, still shouting the battle cry, "A Reed, A Reed, A Reed, O!" She had burnt all the furniture, tables, settles, stools and everything."

Having digressed, we must now return to Joseph. He and Eleanor had four sons and four daughters, but two of each died in infancy. The two surviving daughters, Eleanor and Anne, married, and the two sons assisted in the butcher's shop. Robert, the elder (1834 - 1877), married Elizabeth Lamb, gave up butchery and became a corn-dealer in Bedlington. Joseph, the youngest of the family (1847-1928), eventually took over the business from his father, married Elizabeth Blanch and had fourteen children. He also rented Meadowdale Farm, Bedlington, and became a farmer. The land attached to the farm was subject to subsidence due to coal-mining, but the Bedlington Coal Company had to pay compensation not to Joseph but to his landlord!

When the landlord died the farmhouse and land were put up for sale. Joseph tried to purchase both, but was outbid by the Bedlington Coal Company, who, as owners, were saved the expense of the former compensation payments.

As a lad, Joseph had attended Morpeth Grammar School, his mode of transport to and from school being by pony and cart. On one occasion the school got in touch with his father to ask when the boy would be returning to school. As his parents were in the habit of seeing him off to school each morning it came as quite a shock to them. It transpired that young Joseph had been playing truant for some time and had been carting bricks to a building site in Morpeth!

This flash of business acumen did not last for long, as his granddaughter Annie Atkinson (nee Orange) told me that in later life he never did any work - it was all done by his sons. None of his sons went to Grammar School, and when his eleventh child begged to be allowed to go, he flatly refused. Yet when one of Annie's sisters (one of his granddaughters) wanted to go, he offered to help pay the fees.

Joseph, who used to pass some of his time writing poetry, once sent someone to Canada to collect two orphaned relatives who were then brought up by his wife with her own huge family. The two orphans had other brothers and sisters who, presumably in their late teens, preferred to fend for themselves in Canada.

When my father and I called at the home of one of Joseph's grand-children, Joseph William Orange, at Pe-swood, near Morpeth, in 1954, he was at work but his wife confirmed that Joseph had had seven sons and seven daughters, the survivors of whom had inherited over £700 each from their father's estate. According to the Probate Registry Joseph died at Bedlington on 2 April 1928; his son Joseph and his daughter Annie (Hume) were his executors, and his effects for purposes of Probate totalled £6541-11-6, a considerable sum at the time. Mrs Orange said her husband was a plumber employed by the Local Authority, and she thought that his father, William Orange (Joseph's sixth child, born in 1882) was a cousin of Rachel (born 1864), the granddaughter of my great-great-grandfather Thomas Orange (born 1813). She told us that one of Joseph's granddaughters, Mrs Isabella Rutherford, was then still living in Meadowdale Farm, and that that one of her husband's cousins, a Mrs Trenent, kept the Post Office at Bedlington. This was Susan, daughter of Robert Orange (1875-1935), whose husband was the Postmaster. With the exception of James, Joseph's tenth child, all Joseph's sons were dead by 1954, but all his seven daughters were living. She and her husband had one child, Ida.

Later, my father and I called on Mrs Rutherford who told us that when one of the family at Meadowdale Farm died two of the sons sold the farm and went out to America (Klondike, 1898?) where one of them was murdered and all trace of the other was lost. She thought that the last news of the second one was from Vancouver. But as we saw earlier, the farm was never owned by any of the Orange family.

We then called on Mrs Annie Hume, aged 74, who was in the process of painting a wheel-back chair. She had already painted her kitchen and papered her sitting-room. We had a chat with her over a cup of tea and showed her some of the photographs of our side of the family. She immediately picked out the photograph of George Alexander Orange, one of the sons of my great-grandfather, and said that this very photograph was kept in a frame by her mother on her sideboard!

Father and I, on our short visit to Bedlington, had no time to search for gravestones in the local cemetery where there could have been a number of 'family' graves. On our return to Norfolk my father said that in one week he had met more Oranges that he had seen or heard of in his whole life!

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## MORE BRANCHES OF THE ORANGE TREE

A. S. Angus

As a small boy in the late 1920s I was with my maternal grandmother one day when a long-distance coach bearing the name 'Orange' went by. It was one of the coaches run by Orange Brothers of Bedlington, who in those days provided a daily service to London, and on seeing it my grandmother remarked that she was related to the Orange family.

Many years later, when I became interested in family history, I learnt that my grandmother was in fact the granddaughter of John Forster (1791-1830), a North Shields butcher, and his wife Isabella Orange, whom he married at Tynemouth Parish Church on 15 November 1813. Isabella's baptism on 23 December 1792 is also recorded in the Tynemouth parish registers: she was the daughter of Robert and Eleanor Orange, and Robert is described as a joiner of North Shields. I also found that according to a monumental inscription recorded at the Local Studies Centre, North Shields, Eleanor had died in 1813, aged 50, and Robert had died in 1830 aged 77.

A few years went by during which I did no further research into the Orange family. Although I knew that there were Oranges in other parts of the county, particularly around the Alnwick and Belford areas, I assumed that 'my' Oranges were a North Shields family. In 1976, however, I moved to Milford, and was interested to see that several Oranges were buried in the churchyard there. Most, if not all of them, appeared to be descended from a Thomas Orange of Lightwater House who died in 1795 aged 81, and I decided to find out more about him and his family.

I soon found that Thomas had married Isabel Foster at Ovingham on 8 March 1738/9, and that they had had the following children: William (baptised Ovingham 1739); Isabel (baptised Ovingham

1741); Barbara (baptised Mitofrd 1743); Katherine (baptised Mitford 1745); Thomas (baptised Mitford 1748); John (baptised Mitford 1750); Elizabeth (baptised Mitford 1752); and Robert (baptised Mitford 1755). It was the last-named child who interested me. Could this be the Robert who became a joiner in North Shields? Supporting evidence was soon forthcoming when I found that Robert Orange of Mitford married Eleanor Reed at Hartburn in 1784, and it was finally confirmed by further examination of the Tynemouth register of baptisms. This includes four more children of Robert and Eleanor in addition to Isabella already mentioned, and some of the entries give considerable details, for example:

	Born	Bapt.	
Joseph Orange	12 Nov. 1805	23 May 1806	2nd son of Robert Orange of North Shields, joiner, nat. of Mitford P. by his wife Eleanor Reed, nat. of Hartburn P.

From these entries it appears that Robert and Eleanor had two sons and five daughters, but according to the MI already mentioned two children died in infancy. The two sons, however, survived, and William, the elder, was in business for many years as a printer and bookseller in North Shields (where in January 1839 his wife killed by the collapse of a chimney during a storm). The second son, Joseph, figures largely in the foregoing article by Mr A.J. Orange, with whom I had by this time made contact. The coach proprietors Orange Brothers were descended from this Joseph, and my grandmother's claim proved to be correct.

I had not heard the story about Robert Orange and the Press Gang until Mr Orange told me about it, and although it is probably based on fact it is not clear when it could have taken place. Robert was about 30 years of age when he married Eleanor in 1784, and during the next 22 years they were producing children at fairly regular intervals. To be at sea for 14 years he must have been 'pressed' when he was little more than a boy - perhaps about 14 years of age - but if this is so, what about Eleanor opening a school at Bedlington to support the family while he was away? The other possibility is that the 14 years is an exaggeration, and that he was actually away for a shorter period during the 1790s (Isabella, the second daughter, was baptised at Tynemouth in 1792, and Jane, the fourth daughter, was born in 1801. I have not yet found any record of the third daughter - perhaps one of those who died in infancy. It may or may not be significant that Ann, the eldest daughter, was baptised at Bedlington in 1786). Incidentally, a point not mentioned in Mr Orange's article, Robert is said to have suffered a musket shot in the knee during his escape from the ship. Although the parish registers describe him as a joiner or shipwright it seems that in later life he became the landlord of a public house: the obituary column of the Newcastle Courant dated 13 February 1813 records the death "on Monday sennight" of "Mrs Orange, wife of Mr Orange of the Crown and Anchor, North Shields." He would no doubt have some good takes to tell as her served his customers.

The origins of Robert's father Thomas Orange of Lightwater House are unknown. There was a Thomas, son of Richard Orange, baptised at Edlingham in 1714, and this would be about the right date; Mr A.J. Orange, however, who has researched the Oranges in the Edlingham area much more thoroughly than I have, assures me that this particular Thomas was born, married (twice) and died in the Edlingham/Alnwick area. A letter recently received from Mr R. Green (who wrote the article *Where do Oranges come from?* in the Winter 1988 issue of the Journal) has made me wonder: Mr Green says "Thomas Orange himself is the person who intrigues me the most. His occupation is given as 'farmer' in the Mitford burial record of his widow in 1798, but in his 1793 Will it is stated as 'dish turner', and in a Quarter Sessions record for the same year he is said to be a 'turner and dishmaker'. This is the prime occupation of the Edlingham/Alnwick/Belford Oranges, but I can't find a stray Thomas among them. Perhaps some day information will turn up that defines the link."

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Welcome to all our new members.

- 1791 Mr G. BELL, 113 East View, WIDEOPEN, Tyne & Wear NE13 6EF.  
(Tel: 091 236 6408) Interested in the Bell, Ludford, Shepherd and Seery families of north-east Durham and south-east Northumberland around the turn of the century. The Bells have lived in the same area (Longbenton, Walker, Byker) for the last 200 years and were keelrowers and shipyard workers. The Ludfords are believed to have come to the area from London via Stockton, and reputedly owned a number of shoe shops at one time. The Shepherd and Seery families are thought to be of Irish descent. Presently seeking the family and baptism of Sarah Woolley who married Ralph Dinning Bell at Byker Parish Church on 18 March 1888; as a child she was said to have lived at Jingling Gates. Also researching the family of Ellen Dinning (daughter of R.alph Dinning, born c1804, and Ann Ripley, born c1806) who married William Bell in the late 1850s.
- 2773 Mrs J. NOBLE, 31 Parkside Avenue, Benton Lodge Estate, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7NP.  
(Tel: 091 266 8805) Researching Fitzharris of Dublin or Kildare circa 1800. Also Winifred Cranney (born Wallsend 25 January 1890) who emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada with her sister Elizabeth and her husband David Davis sometime after 1908. Also seeking baptisms and marriage of William Brown, born South Shields 1808 and Elizabeth Gray born 1809 at Jarrow. Also seeking help with Axel Olson, born 1859, a sailor in the Swedish Merchant Navy; he jumped ship to marry Johan Johnstone (daughter of Adam Johnstone, solicitor of Burnt Island, and Margaret Chapman) at North Leith, Edinburgh on 13 February 1885. Both gave their address as 12 George Street, Leith. Axel's parents were Olof Johanson, deceased, a seaman, and Sophia (nee Chistianson). Where in Sweden did Axel Olson come from?
- 2922 D.N. HALL, 31 Byron Road, Ealing Common, LONDON W5 3LL.  
Seeking the marriage of Jane Shield and Benjamin Leck between 1828 and 1838. He was born in 1808, son of John Leck, blacksmith, of All Saints Parish, Newcastle and his wife Ann Dixon, daughter of John Dixon, miller of Allendale. Jane Shield was born about 1810-1811, place unknown. All references to the name Leck sought, especially in Newcastle, Gateshead, Bishopwearmouth and Monkwearmouth. All letters answered.
- 2987 Mrs H. MONTGOMERY, 32 Paddock Wood, Coulby Newham, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS8 0SA.  
Researching Montgomery family from North Shields. George Alexander Montgomery married Elizabeth Conway in 1875 at St Dominics Church, Red Barns, Newcastle. Would like information about their 13 children. Also seeking birth place of George's father, George Joseph Montgomery, Sergeant in the 95th Regiment of Foot.
- 3083 Mr L.A. LEWIS, 11 Marker Way, HONITON, Devon EX 14 8EL  
(Tel: 0404 43580) Researching the family of Miles Redgrave, born 1845 Norfolk, Colour Sergeant at Walker Drill Hall 1881-1891. He married Elizabeth Finn in 1872. Children were: Mary (born 1872) who married John Sendall; Richard (1874) married Sally Dryedale; Frederick (1882); Andrew John (1883) died age 12; Mabel May (1885) married William Lackenby; Violet (date of birth unknown) married James Lindsay; Nelson (1889) married Sally Drysdale junior; Sydney (1891) killed in action in 1916.
- 3218 Mr D. WINDLOW, 20 Koolkuna Avenue, DONCASTER, VICTORIA 3108, AUSTRALIA  
Tracing family name and any variants i.e. Windlow, Winlow, Winlo, Winley, Winlaw, Winla. The name occurs in Woodhorn, Cresswell, Widdrington, Holy Island, Bamburgh, Berwick, Ulgham and Druridge as far back as 1683 - the marriage of William Winley and Margaret Palmer at Woodhorn. The Windlow spelling occurs from 1681 (Berwick) to 1865 (Southwick). Any help at all would be appreciated.
- 3227 Mr A.M. MENNIM, Croft Cottage, Sutton on the Forest, YORK YO6 1DP  
Seeking the marriage of Alexander Mennim (born 1810 at Cornhill on Tweed) and Catherine Smith of Whalton (born 1819). A son, Frank, was baptised in the parish of Embleton in 1853. Would also welcome any references to the name Mennim or Menham/Menning/Monnom etc before 1587 when Kathron the daughter of Moillud Mormon was buried in Berwick.

- 3245 Mr L. WOLF, 14 Cleveland Avnue, Winstanley, WIGAN, Lancashire WN3 6DT  
 Seeking intormaatoin about anyone in the Parish of St Mary's Gateshead with the following surnames who may have married a Wolfe, Wolf, Woof etc between 1800 and 1840:- Brown, Blenkinsop, Crone, Cuthbert, Fletcher, Gladstone, Grey, Hutchinson, Irwin, Jobling, Lumsdell, Naylor, Ridley, Surtees, Wheatley and Wilson. All of these names are possible connections through marriage to the children of either Peter Wolf (pitman) and Isable Reay, married 2 July 1785 or of Peter Wolf (pitman) and Elisabeth Thompson (daughter of Robert Thompson of All Saints Newcastle) who were married 17 March 1787.  
 The problem is to place Robert, son of Peter Wolfe, baptised 22 July 1787 at St Mary's into the correct family. Robert is believed to have married Mary Lumsdell on 13 February 1814 at All Saints Newcastle and who later moved to Dents Hole. Would also welcome information about the locations of pits within or just outside St Mary's Parish that were working around the late 1700s and early 1800s.
- 3254 Mr N. GRAY, 15 Wharton Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4PU  
 (Tel: Blyth 353534) Researching Jacobum (James) Gray and Mariae Marshall, married at Callaly RC Church in 1813. Also Lancelot Beal (baptised Shilbottle 1718) who married Phillicia Watson at Warkworth 1752; Thomas Rogerson who married Jane Telford at Kirkwhelpington 1822; Thomas Constable who married Ann Crow at Berwick 1848.
- 3255 Mrs S. GRAY, 15 Wharton Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 4PU  
 (Tel: Blyth 353534) Researching James Doran and his wife Catharine (nee Sullivan) and James Kennedy and wife Mary (nee McAttee) living at Castle Row, St Bees, Whitehaven on 1861 census; Cuthbert Winship and Elizabeth Wright married at Horton 1815; George and Isabella Wood (parents of Annie baptised at Horton 1830); William Tyson and Harriet Leighton married at St Nicholas Newcastle 1857; James White and Hannah Jane Thompson married at St Marks Sunderland 1889; James Patton and Mary Ann Mason married at St Marks South Shields 1875.
- 3316 Mr R. STROPHAIR, 11 Baswich Crest, STAFFORD ST 17 OHL  
 (Tel: 0785 49164) Researching the North East family variously known as Strophair, Straughair, Stroughair, Strafair, Strafaire and several other variants. Any information , especially pre 1837, is welcome.
- 3323 Mrs D. BROWN, Park View, Springhill Road, PEEBLES, Border EH45 9ER  
 Researching Dees family in Newcastle. James married Mary Ann Lough on 1 January 1848 then returned to Cumberland to continue building Whitehaven and Furness Junction railway. His father John Dees was killed in a gas explosion on 14 June 1849 at Gosforth Colliery. Does anyone have any details of this? James died at Bedlington on 10 March 1857 leaving three young children. Is he buried there? Information also sought on Ralph Dees "Headmaster of St Nicholas School for 40 years" - when? Also Robert R.. Dees, solicitor of Wallsend Hall. Are these buildings still standing? Could anyone say if Egremont House in Windy Nook where William Dees was born, is still standing?
- 3326 Mrs L. TOCHER, 11 Coranto Street, ABBOTSFORD, NEW SOUTH WALES 2046, AUSTRALIA  
 Researching Davison. Robert Davison was a ships Master and sailed on the *Posthumouse* from England to Port Philip constantly between 1848 and 1852/3. His last voyage was as master of the *St George* which went aground at the entrance of Port Philip. His wife and two sons, William and Robert, were with him as he intended to settle in the colony. He died in 1854 at Stanley on the northwest coast of Tasmania and, ironically, his third son, John Martin Henderson, was born posthumously the following month. Nothing is known about him before this. From his will it is known that his wife Mary Henderson came from Lesbury near Alnwick and they were Presbyterians; the other executor of his will was Andrew Hutchison of Newcastle, carrier.
- 3336 Mr T.A. WRAY, 2 Netherclose, Duffield, DERBY DE6 4DR  
 (Tel: Derby 841399) Researching Thomas Ray believed to be born in the Alnwick area around 1790. He married Margaret Stark, date and place unknown. On 12 February 1818 their son, Thomas Ray was born in Sunderland.
- 3337 Mr A.G. FRYER, 142 Moor View, Camperdown, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 OXR  
 (Tel: Tyneside 268 9081)
- 3338 Mr A.N. BLENKINSOP, 6 High Firs Road, Sholing, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire S02 8HA  
 (Tel: Southampton 432257)
- 3339 Miss S. BLENKINSOP, 6 High Firs Road, Sholing, SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire S02 8HA  
 (Tel: Southampton 432257)
- 3340 Miss D.E. SCOTT, 1 Churchlands, Kitty Frisk, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 ILL
- 3341 Mr I. RUTHERFORD, 16 Castlewood Street, EAST BENTLEIGH, VICTORIA 3165, AUSTRALIA
- 3342 Mrs L. RUTHERFORD, 16 Castlewood Street, EAST BENTLEIGH, VICTORIA 3165, AUSTRALIA.
- 3343 Mrs J.P. DENNISON, 5 Maplewood, Curwen Place, BRIGHTON, East Sussex BN1 6UP  
 (Tel: Brighton 501802)
- 3344 Mrs M. WILSON, 63 Offington Lawn, SUTTON, County Dublin, IRISH REPUBLIC  
 (Tel: Dublin 392484) Researching Ross, Dickenson, Bushell and Culter of Shields and Jarrow from 1870. Also the Hewitson family of Allenheads and Allendale between 1700 and 1900. Other interests include Oxley family of Ushaw Moor, Durham and Wilkinson Oxley of Durham and Gateshead.
- 3345 Mr R.L. HALLIDAY, 3453 Lynn Oaks Drive, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95117, UNITED STATES  
 Researching the Vest family of County Durham and Newcastle from the 16th to 18th centuries. Also Watson of County Durham in the 17th century and Robson of Painshaw (?) and Potter of Dalton-le-Dale.
- 3346 Mrs E. CARLSON, 251 Sims Avenue, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA V8ZIK4, CANADA

- 3347 Mr J.T. SEMPLE, 5 Sycamore Grove, SWINDON, Wiltshire SN2 1SE  
(Tel: Swindon 486814)
- 3348 Mrs P. REE, 45 Field View, Burton Stone Lane, YORK Y03 6ES  
(Tel: York 39795)
- 3349 Mr A. STEWART, 9 Keswick Avenue, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR6 8NN  
(Tel: Wearside 548 3907)
- 3350 Mrs P.E. CROYLE, 29 Bowershott, LETCHWORTH, Hertfordshire SG6 2ET  
(Tel: Letchworth 684791) Researching Croyle family and any variants (Crile, Cryle, Crell). James Croyle, born circa 1816 was a 'coal under viewer'; he lived with his wife Mary Ditchburn at Pit Row, Netherton, Bedlington from 1837-1841, during which time his sons James and John were born. He died in Honfleur, France (on a visit?). His French death certificate states he was born at Lucker (no trace found) and his parents were James Croyle, coal merchant and Anne Molhers. His father, James, could be one of two men who died within three years of each other, one a miner in Morpeth, aged 68 in 1852, the other a Royal Artillery pensioner, who died aged 70 in 1855 in Bedlington. The Parish register shows a James Croyle born in Chatton in 1786 and R.A. discharge papers confirm this, but there is no sign of the miner's birth.
- 3351 Mrs I. WOOD, 172 Alma Road, Selston, NOTTINGHAM NG16 6BJ
- 3352 Mr A.A. TODD, 78 Albert Street, Ramsbottom, BURY, Lancashire BLO 9EL  
(Tel: Ramsbottom 4511)
- 3353 Mr J.R. TURNBULL, 18 Crossfell Gardens, Stakeford, CHOPPINGTON, Northumberland NE62 5LA  
(Tel: Ashington 855989)
- 3354 Mrs H. TURNBULL, 18 Crossfell Gardens, Stakeford, CHOPPINGTON, Northumberland NE62 5LA  
(Tel: Ashington 855989)
- 3355 Mrs D. DOTCHIN, 13 Coley Terrace, Fulwell, SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear SR6 9HL  
(Tel: Wearside 548 4751)
- 3356 Mrs C. BERRY, 40 Millfields, Aycliffe Village, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, County Durham DL5 6ND  
(Tel: Aycliffe 312104)
- 3357 Mrs A.S. LEAN, Kyloe, Plain Road, Smeeth, ASHFORD, Kent TN25 6QU
- 3358 Mrs K.M. GREEN, 15 Quintana Drive, GALVESTONE, TEXAS 77554, UNITED STATES  
Researching Reay, particularly the family of Robert Reay born circa 1808 at Houghton, County Durham, who married Ellen (Eleanor Coultman?) before 1834. Their children were John, Elizabeth, William, George, Robert and Elloner. The family lived in Haswell from at least 1837 to 1854. Their son John Reay married Margaret Innes (daughter of John Innes) in 1854 at Haswell and their children were Robert, John, William (who married Mary Jane Young, daughter of William Young on 4 September 1884), Jane E., Joseph and Margaret A. Reay. All the men were coalminers. Also interested in the family of George Rutherford (son of Jacob Rutherford) who married Ellen Gibbon (daughter of Robert Gibbon) on 24 November 1857 at St Johns Newcastle. Ellen may have had an illegitimate son Stephen before this date. George Rutherford is described as a smith at the time of his marriage; would he be listed in a city directory?
- 3359 Mr P.J. CALROW, 2 The Crescent, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7ST  
(Tel: Tyneside 266 1171)
- 3360 Mrs J.M. CALROW, 2 The Crescent, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7ST  
(Tel: Tyneside 266 1171)
- 3361 Mr B.R. SMITH, 18B Balmoral Avenue, Corringham, STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX SS 17 7PB  
(Tel: Stanford-le-Hope 675474)
- 3362 Mr J.W. BERRIE, 48 Woodside, BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham DL12 8AP  
(Tel: Teesdale 38638)
- 3363 Mrs R.M. BERRIE, 48 Woodside, BARNARD CASTLE, County Durham DL12 8AP  
(Tel: Teesdale 38638)
- 3364 Mrs S.M. MACASKILL, 3 Dalrymple Road, Crofton Park, LONDON SE4 2BQ
- 3365 Mr M. TOSNEY, 14 Bohemia Terrace, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3LA  
(Tel: Blyth 356476)
- 3366 Mrs A.M. TOSNEY, 14 Bohemia Terrace, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 3LA  
(Tel: Blyth 356476)
- 3367 Mrs J. WRAY, Raw Bank Farm, Beestonley Lane, Stainland, HALIFAX, West Yorkshire HX4 9PS  
(Tel: 0422 7183 1) Researching Holmes of Cornforth around 1875, Loaton and Lambton pre 1880, and Hope pre 1845. All in County Durham. Two members of the Lambton family, John Jervis and William, were killed in the Tudhoe Pit disaster in April 1882. Can anyone supply further details of the Lambton family of Tudhoe at this time?
- 3368 Mr A. CORDNER, 7 Nurseries Avenue, Brundall, NORWICH, Norfolk NR13 5NS  
(Tel: Norwich 713504) Researching Cordner and Renny families pre 1800. Other interests include Armstrong, Davison, Elliot and Moor.



- 3369 Mrs B. LILBURN, The Roundhouse, Chalford, STROUD, Gloucestershire GL6 8PE  
(Tel: Briscombe 885221)
- 3370 Mr D.W. LILBURN, The Roundhouse, Chalford, STROUD, Gloucestershire GL6 8PE  
(Tel: Briscombe 885221)
- 3371 Mrs A. CRAIG-ARRIS, 4 Kings Arms Lane, RINGWOOD, Hampshire BH24 IAH  
(Tel: Ringwood 475085)
- 3372 Mrs I. SYKES, 44 Wintringham Way, Purley on Thames, READING, Berkshire RG8 8BG
- 3373 Mrs M. MASON, 5 Fairthorne Gardens, GOSPORT, Hampshire P012 3PU
- 3374 Mr L. WATSON, 19 King George Court, The Ridge, Derwen Fawr, SWANSEA, West Glamorgan SA28AR  
(Tel: Swansea 298285)
- 3375 Mr R. KITCHING, 2 Allnutt Avenue, BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire RG21 2BW  
(Tel: Basingstoke 22011)
- 3376 Mr T. MOOD, 8 Ocean View, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear NE26 IAL  
(Tel: Tyneside 253 0370)
- 3377 Mrs B. MOOD, 8 Ocean View, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear NE26 IAL  
(Tel: Tyneside 253 0370)
- 3378 Mrs V. TAYLOR, Chapel Hill, Matterdale, PENRITH, Cumbria CA11 0LE  
(Tel: Glenridding 430) Researching Baty, Lambert and Langhorn families. Would appreciate any information about Colonel Lambert, in charge of the English border force during the Jacobite Rising. Also seeking information about the immigration of Non-Conformists to the North East of England in the 17th and later centuries. Other interests include the Lambert and Haig/Rage/Hagge families of Cumbria.
- 3379 Miss J. APPLETON, 4 Tynedale Close, WYLAM, Northumberland NE41 8EX  
(Tel: Wylam 853324)
- 3380 Mrs J.M. DOBSON, 48 Cochrane Park Avenue, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE7 7JU
- 3381 Mrs R. HAYES, 190 Waiora Road, ROSANNA, VICTORIA 3084, AUSTRALIA  
Researching the following names: Hayes, Fenwick, Hampton, Whaley, Pluse, Miller, Sowerly, Proctor, Moody, Bilton, Berginson and Adamson.
- 3382 Mrs E. DAWSON, 5 Midhurst Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 6JH  
(Tel: Tyneside 456 5485)
- 3383 Mr T.E. DAWSON, 5 Midhurst Avenue, SOUTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE34 6JH  
(Tel: Tyneside 456 5485)
- 3384 Dr S. WRIGHT, 277 Mauldeth Road, Burnage, MANCHESTER M19 1FF  
(Tel: 061-248 7433)
- 3385 Mrs J. TAIT, 27 Chesterhill, Collingwood Grange, CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland NE23 6JN
- 3386 Mr A.J. KINDLEY, 12 The Limes, HITCHIN, Hertfordshire SG5 2AY  
(Tel: Hitchin 54238)
- 3387 Mrs A. GRANT, 43 St Anselm Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne & Wear NE29 8BG  
(Tel: Tyneside 257 4467)
- 3388 Mr K. GRANT, 43 St Anselm Road, NORTH SHIELDS, Tyne & NE29 8BG  
(Tel: Tyneside 257 4467)
- 3389 Mrs D. LEAR, 212 Queen Street, WITHERNSEA, North Humberside HU19 2NX  
(Tel: York 612244)
- 3390 Mrs C.J. MILLER, 87 Broomy Hill Road, Throckley, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE15 9LP  
(Tel. Tyneside 267 4411)
- 3391 Mrs M.M. WAGNER, 91 Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon, UXBRIDGE, Middlesex UB10 0QD  
(Tel: 01-848 9388) Researching the Dawson family of Allendale from 1600 to 1800, and Simpson of Allendale from 1700 to 1750. Also the Dawson and Dwyer families in Newcastle from 1800.
- 3392 Mr P. WRIGHTSON, 57 Bristol Road, LONDON E7 8HG  
(Tel: 01-472 4134) Seeking help in tracing Wrightson baptisms in Non-Conformist churches in the Sunderland area from 1820-1840. Also any Wrightson baptisms in the following parishes: Monkwearmouth, Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, Ormesby, Helmsley, and Alne.
- 3393 Mr K. GOULD, 30 Dalkeith Road, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire AL5 5PW  
(Tel: Harpenden 5303)
- 3394 Mrs C. GOULD, 30 Dalkeith Road, HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire AL5 5PW  
(Tel: Harpenden 5303)
- 3395 Mrs H. JOHNSON, 157 Pearl Street South, Apartment 200, HAMILTON, ONTARIO L8P 3X7, CANADA  
Interested in the following names in County Durham: Rippon, Gowland, Holmes, Lowdon, Welford and Vickers. They are in the Cassop Hill, Coxhoe and Lanchester areas.

- 3396 Mr J.\_D. RICHARDSON, 12 Doves Lane, Moulton, NORTHAMPTON NN3 1TA  
(Tel: Northampton 43706)
- 3397 Mrs M.F. SKELLY, 25 Leazes Park, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 3AX  
(Tel: Hexham 604501) Seeking the marriage of Alexander Bosanko or Bosanquet and Grace Bosanko (cousins). Their first child, Jane, was born 1850, and their second child, Martha, was born 1858 Haswell Easington District, County Durham. They came from the Wendron or Redruth area of Cornwall. Alexander was a miner in Haswell. In 1881 they were living at 19 Bell Street, Ryhope. Also seeking the marriage of John Skelly (born Alnwick, Northumberland) and Esther Howe (baptised St Nicholas Newcastle 30.7.1815). Their first child Ann was baptised at Gateshead - Pipewellgate 1833. All the children's baptisms are in St Marys Gateshead registers. Their address in 1871 was Scotts Buildings, Pipewellgate.
- 3398 Mrs J.M. TILLEY, 15 Conway Drive, Broadmayne, DORCHESTER, Dorset DT2 8EF  
Seeking information about George Tilley, resident of Newcastle. Main interest is the Tilley family of Currel R.ivel in Somerset, where they have been since the 1500s. There is a mystery concerning the whereabouts of two members of the family, George Tilley (baptised 12.8.1860 in Curry Rivel) and John Tilley born around 1848, judging from the census. They were two of the five illegitimate children of Caroline Tilley, daughter of Isaac and Betty Tilley. We know that George Tilley had a restaurant in Newcastle and it may have been 'Tilleys Restaurant' in Blakett Street.
- 3399 Mrs M.G. RISTAU, 1316 Coffelt Avenue, BETTENDORF, IOWA 52722, UNITED STATES  
Researching Rostron, Greenwell and Morgan in County Durham. Mother was Harriett Tryvena Rostron, born Chester-le-Street on 22 June 1899. She went to U.S.A. with her family when aged four.
- 3400 Mrs S.G. BURN, 73 Otterburn Avenue, South Wellfield, WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear NE25 9QL  
(Tel: Tyneside 252 7773) Researching Dagg in the Tyne Valley. Thomas Dagg was born at Kielder Castle 1848+ and later became a Police Inspector, retiring to Tynemouth.
- 3401 Mr R.R.J. RAINE, Height Hill Farm, Himbleton, DROITWICH, Worcestershire WR9 7LE  
(Tel: Himbleton 623)
- 3402 Mr T.T. BONES, 10 Hallingbury Road, BISHOPS STORTFORD, Hertfordshire CM23 5LA  
(Tel: Bishops Stortford 57327)
- 3403 Mr R. HAZON, 15 Mulberry Gardens, Felling, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NE10 OEJ  
(Tel: Tyneside 438 3952)
- 3404 Mrs G. WALKER, 19 Mildmay Road, West Jesmond, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 3DU  
(Tel: Tyneside 281 5766)
- 3405 Miss D. DICKSON, 19 Mildmay Road, West Jesmond, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 3DU  
(Tel: Tyneside 281 5766)
- 3406 Mr J.A. BENNETT, 26 Moorcroft Road, Woodthorpe, YORK Y02 2RQ  
(Tel: York 704297)
- 3407 Mrs H. STOBART, 12 Kenilworth, Highfields, Killingworth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE12 ONW  
(Tel: Tyneside 268 0411)
- 3408 Mr H. McGEE, 6 Ripon Road, Newton Hall, DURHAM DH1 5QJ  
(Tel: Durham 386 1090)
- 3409 Mrs S.M. McGEE, 6 Ripon Road, Newton Hall, DURHAM DH1 5QJ  
(Tel: Durham 386 1090)
- 3410 Mrs E. ZIACZ, Lot 3, Stanley Street, GORDON, VICTORIA 3345, AUSTRALIA  
Researching William Eltis of South Shields, born 1827. He was married about 1848 to Margaret Cust (born Stomely, Yorkshire in 1824). They had two sons Robert Cust Eltis (born 1850) and Thomas William (born in 1852). Any information would be welcome.
- 3411 Mr D. GOODSIR, 31 Dahlia Way, HEBBURN, Tyne & Wear NE31 2QH  
(Tel: Tyneside 483 3108)
- 3412 Mrs G. GOODSIR, 31 Dahlia Way, HEBBURN, Tyne & Wear NE31 2QH  
(Tel: Tyneside 483 3108)
- 3413 Mr I.S. KERRY, 13 Wentworth Way, Linksview, NORTHAMPTON NN2 7LW  
Researching the following names in the north-east: Luke, Davison, Wanless, Slater, Richardson and Cowans.
- 3414 Mrs S. CARR, 38 Park Lane, DOWNHAM MARKET, Norfolk PE38 9RB  
(Tel: Downham Market 385465) Seeking information on Joseph Crawford, Postmaster in Bishop Auckland from 1870. Also William Crawford, said to be the first station master on the Stockton and Darlington Railway at Bishop Auckland 1841 onwards. Other interests are Cranston, Bowsfield, Wyld, Widdas, and Pescod.
- 3415 Mrs S.E. BREWIS, 10 The Laurels, Fleet, ALDERSHOT, Hampshire GU13 9RB  
(Tel: Fleet 617863)
- 3416 Mr D.J. BREWIS, 10 The Laurels, Fleet, ALDERSHOT, Hampshire GU13 9RB  
(Tel: Fleet 617863)

- 3417 Mr T. THOMPSON, 35 The Friary, LICHFIELD, Staffordshire WS13 6QH  
(Tel: Lichfield 264140) Seeking information on descendants of William Thompson, born 1855/6 at Blaydon, married Isabella Irwin at Newcastle 1877; they had a son William (born South Hylton 1877/8) and a daughter Ethel (born 1876 at Lemington). Also interested in Frederick James Taylor who was living in Chatham 1920/2.  
Also seeking parents, birthplace and descendants of William Thompson, weaver, born 1763 possibly in Ireland. He married Dorothy Hodgson 2 November 1786 at Castle Carrock. He died 14 October 1841 at Long Dyke Castle Carrock. How was he related to Thompsons of Brackenthwaite, Cumrew and Saughtreegate, Carlatton?
- 3418 Mr K. ROD DAM, 43 Caithness Road, Teesville, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS6 0AJ  
(Tel: Eston Grange 46VJ435)
- 3419 Mrs A. RODDAM, 43 Caithness Road, Teesville, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland TS6 OAJ  
(Tel: Eston Grange 469435)
- 3420 Mr G.R. MARTLEW, 9 Shipley Avenue, Fenham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 9QX  
(Tel: Tyneside 273 6739)
- 3421 Mrs J. MARTLEW, 9 Shipley Avenue, Fenham, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE4 9QX  
(Tel: Tyneside 273 6739)
- 3422 Mrs M. INNESS, 1552 Cambridge Road, TE AWAMUTU, NEW ZEALAND  
Researching Renwick and Elliott of Hexham area. Also trying trying to find out where grandfather George Weddell (son of John Weddell) came from; he married Jessie Weatherston at the Presbyterian Church, Dyrham Road, Gateshead in 1894 and he died aged 32 years in 1898. They were both born in 1865. Jessie was born in Earlston, Berwickshire and was in service as Jesmond Towers before her marriage. Also interested in John Thomas Lough, an engineer/steamboat owner in the Newcastle area.
- 3423 Mr C.P.I. ABBOTT, 10 Faraday Ride, TONBRIDGE, Kent TN10 4RL  
(Tel: Tonbridge 358694)
- 3424 Mr J.K. JEFFREY, 'Sandaig', The Crescent, Cresswell, MORPETH, Northumberland NE61 5JS  
(Tel: Morpeth 860266)
- 3425 Mr R.E. STEPHENSON, White Cross, Piercebridge, DARLINGTON, County Durham DL2 3TH  
(Tel: Piercebridge 275)
- 3426 Mrs E.B. CONARY, P.O. Box 896, BETHEL, MAINE 04217, UNITED STATES
- 3427 Mr C.R. PETERSON, P.O. Box 240763, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99524-0763, UNITED STATES
- 3428 Mr J.L. MURRAY, 19 Crowlands, Cottenham, CAMBRIDGE CB4 4TE  
(Tel: Cottenham 50188)
- 3429 Mrs M. HARRIS, 51 York Street, GATESHEAD, Tyne & Wear NEW OQL  
(Tel: Tyneside 469 0009)
- 3430 Mrs D. SNOWDON, 36 Merston Drive, East Didsbury, MANCHESTER M20 OWT  
(Tel: 061-434 7451)
- 3437 Mrs R.T. MINSON, 1844 Nancy Circle, Thousand Oaks, CALIFORNIA 91362, UNITED STATES  
Researching Asahel Dexter who married Jane Whitfield of the parish of West Allendale, Northumberland. She was christened at Ninebanks church in 1817. Most of her brothers and sisters were christened there too, as was her father Teasdale Whitfield. Teasdale's father, Thomas Whitfield is buried at Ninebanks. Can anyone supply more information about this family?
- 3447 Mr J.F. BURROWS, 25D Mirral Road, LILLI PILLI 2229, AUSTRALIA  
Researching Potts of Wark and Bellingham. Henry Potts married Elizabeth Dinning in Birtley in 1820; they had six or seven children including Henry Potts who was baptised in Birtley in 1823. Elizabeth was born about 1788 at Simonburn, the daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (nee Hutchinson" Dinning. Henry Potts senior was baptised in 1788 at North Corsenside; his parents were Richard Potts and Ann Handayside.  
Lydia Pigg married John Potts in 1848 at Wark. The marriage certificate showed her mother to be Margaret Pigg, a single woman. We found a record of Lydia being baptised 12 January 1821 at Wark on Tyne, daughter of William Crage and Margaret Pigg (single woman). On the 1851 census Lydia, aged 30, gave her place of birth as Falstone. Her mother has not been found on this census, however a Margaret Pigg married Mr (?) Broom in 1826 at Wark. Is this the same woman? Can anyone help.  
Mr K. SHARP, 17 Post Horn Close, FOREST ROW, East Sussex RH18 5DE  
Researching Fernie. The Rev. David Fernie said to have died in Stockton-on-Tees in 1789 aged 89 (Paterson, *Scottish Surnames*, 1866 - unreliable) leaving five sons and one daughter, eldest son said to be named David, born 1750. Information sought on either of these, their antecedents and families.

## HELP OFFERED

- 1149 Mrs J.M. ROSS, 10 Penlee Road, Stoke, PLYMOUTH PL3 4AU  
Knowing how difficult it is to research one's ancestors from the other and other country, I will be happy, on an amateur basis, to visit our excellent reference library here in Plymouth for any members. This covers the censuses for Plymouth and surrounding areas, and the Navy Lists.

## SECOND TIME AROUND

- 0338 Captain A.-I. COULTHARD, Colescote, Piddletrenthide, DORCHESTER, Dorset DT2 9QP  
(Tel: 03004 327) On the Chopwell War Memorial (Great War) are the names of three Coulthards, namely J. W., R., and W. About the turn of the century two Coulthard families were known to be living hereabouts, the family of James and Rachel at Spen and that of Richard and his wife at Clayton Terrace, Chopwell. Any information on these families and if possible the identification of those mentioned on the memorial would be welcomed.
- 0632 Mr J.G. DODDS, 5 Collingwood Crescent, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE20 9DZ  
(Tel: 0661 860297) Interested in William Cram and Ephraim Cram. In 1851 they were living at West Cramlington Colliery with their families. William (aged 70 years) born Durham, his wife Margaret (64) born Wallsend, James (22) born Benton and Margaret (13) born at Newcastle. Next door was Ephraim (age 32) born Benton, his wife Margaret (nee Brown) aged 27, born at Woodside, Westmorland, their daughter Mary Ann (6) born Seaton Delaval and son George (2) born at Cramlington. Ephraim also had an elder brother called Abraham.
- 0962 Miss C.J. TODD, 1 Lansdowne Court, HEXHAM, Northumberland NE46 2LP  
Researching Todd of Seghill pre 1880, Urwin of South Shields and Seed of Durham City both in the 19th century. Also the Davison family of Stanley (before 1850) and of Seghill and Charlton before 1830.
- 1085 Mrs D. MORRIS, 32 Stockport Road, Gee Cross, HYDE, Cheshire SK14 5QG  
Interested in the Cook family, formerly of Brough-under-Stainmore, Westmorland. Thomas Cook married Sarah Lightly at Brough in 1755. Their son Joseph Cook, one of at least five children, moved to Sunderland where he married Mary Annison in 1796; they had six children. He was a keelman and died in 1809. Seeking further information about his father, Thomas Cook, after 1771 when he and Sarah had their last child, William, baptised at Brough.. There is no trace of their deaths in Brough. Did the whole family move to Sunderland?
- 1279 Mrs C. RIDDELL, 37 Millais Road, Itchen, SOUTHAMPTON S02 7FY  
(Tel: 0703 449575) James Riddell, stonemason/engineer, and his wife Christian Craighead lived in Sunderland from the late 1830s to early 1860s. Their eldest son John (born 5 September 1826 at Aberdeen) was an agricultural labourer on his grandfather Craighead's farm in Lonmay, Aberdeenshire, in 1841. In 1860 he lived at Old Hendon Road, Sunderland, with his parents but he was not included in the census return of 1861. In his father's will in 1867 he was described as being 'of Newcastle on Tyne'. Does anyone have more information about this man? James Riddell, John's brother, had a daughter Ada, born 27 January at Bishopwearmouth. Her mother, Isabella Sidey, died the following year and James married Frances Hutchison in June 1862. James died in 1866. Ada was appointed executor of Frances' will which was proved in 1881. Does anyone know what became of Ada?
- 1310 Miss M. ATKINSON, 30 Middle Walk, WOKING, Surrey GU21 1XT  
(Tel: Woking 63574) Researching Patterson of Stanhope and Lanchester parishes. James Patterson married Ann Colpitts in 1770 at Stanhope. Their children included Thomas (b 1802), Stephen (b 1792) and James (1776-1825). James married Mary (surname unknown) and had the following children: James, Ann, Isabel, Thomas, Bell, Mary, Joseph (b 1819). Joseph married Hannah Hills, born 1819 at Lanchester, daughter of Mark Hills and Mary Purvis. Their children were all born at Lanchester; they were Mark (1844), Mary (1846), Joseph (1848), Hannah (1852) and Thomas (1852). Thomas married Mary Ann Musgrave, born 1855, daughter of James Musgrave (born 1833 at Toft Hill) and Mary Harrison (born 1853 Aycliffe), daughter of Robert Harrison and Ann Wood.  
Also Edward Atkinson, born 1780 at Tanfield, son of Thomas Atkinson. He married Jane Langlands at Wallsend in 1803. Their children were Edward (1810), James (1816) and John (1820) all born at Wallsend.
- 1332 Mrs J. Bell, 143 Ringinglow Road, SHEFFIELD D11 71`5  
Trying to contact anyone who knew the following people: Robert Henry Walker, Merchant Seaman, who died at 19 Cannon Street, Newcastle in 1933. His wife Margaret Walker (nee Reed), died at 84 2nd Avenue, Blyth, in 1959. Their son Thomas, born 1910, and his wife Rose, had about six children including Tina and Raymond. Robert and Margaret's other children were James, born 1906, who married Mary Ann; Bob, born 1904, died at 84 2nd Avenue, Blyth in the 1960s (he had a glass eye); also Sidney, Septimus, John/Jack and Dorothy Pears.
- 1977 Mrs A. GROOME, 5 Nichols Road, Convent Station, NEW JERSEY 07961, UNITED STATES  
Need information on Eleanor Morton Blair Houghton, born 1847/48 in Northumberland, died in 1916 in Connecticut. Her father was George Morton, born about 1822 at Trewthley, Northumberland, son of George and Mary Morton. He married Ann Dawson of Allendale (born 1821), but she was Eleanor's mother? Seeking the date and place of the marriage. George emigrated to the United States with his brother Henry T. Morton. Henry may have been married in Newcastle.
- 2613 Mrs G. ROWLEY, 36 Stanley Street, BLYTH, Northumberland NE24 2BZ  
Seeking information about Charles and Eleanor Dudgeon and Thomas and Eleanor Heron who went to Australia. Also interested in Eleanor Short, born 1824 at either Allerton or Pancroft, Northumberland, according to the census; Zepheniah Jackes, born 1822 at Doncaster; Charles Cassidy, born 1843 in Ireland, and Mary Hannah Cassidy who married Joseph Henderson about 1894. Also George Corner and his wife Hannah Taylor who were living at Seaham Harbour in 1867; he was a blacksmith journeyman. Also Ann Whitehouse, born 1868 at Dudley, and Isabella Elsdon, born about 1811 at North Shields.

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Mr Grimmond had an entry in Volume 13, Number 4 but unfortunately his name was misspelt. He would like to hear from anyone interested in his family name - Grimmond.
- 3263 Mr D. LUMLEY, 11 Prestland, Market Deeping, PETERBOROUGH PE6 8DT.  
Would appreciate any help with the Lumley family who were living in Stamford, Lincolnshire in 1871. Marmaduke Lumley (aged 33) a brazier, born Edinburgh, his wife Sarah Muras Lumley, age 32, (daughter of Archibald Gibson), born Newcastle. Their children were: Jane Muras Lumley, born at 30 George Street, Westgate, Newcastle on 18 January 1858; Robert Archibald (aged 10) Catherine (8); Eliza (6); John Marmaduke, born 4 August 1867 at Park Street, Darlington; and Thomas Roughead Lumley, age 1, born at Stamford. Marmaduke was a tin smith in 1858 and a plumber journeyman in 1867.
- 3322 Mrs A.L. FRYER, 5 Richmond Villas, Station Road, ILFRACOMBE, Devon EX34 8DF  
Would like to hear from anyone tracing Pameley/Pamerley or other variants. Particularly Thomas Pamerley who married Edith Smith at Kirk Merrington in April 1800. Their children were Alice, George, Edith, William, Joseph and Thomas. Thomas was baptised in September 1816 at Bishop Middleham and married Elizabeth Baker on 8 October 1851 at Stanground, Peterborough. He was an engine driver. He died in September 1854 in Peterborough, leaving his widow Elizabeth with their children Mary Ann (Polly), Thomas (born February 1853) and a posthumous son Joseph 1854-56. His son Thomas lived in Peterborough and became an engine driver.

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