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EDITORIAL

The beginning of 1979 brought an interesting discovery to the Society. Mr. Fred Hall found in the Local Studies Dept. at Derby Library, a register of Births (not baptisms) for Ripley 1753-1805. These were recorded by a dissenting minister Judah Jagger and contains many names from surrounding villages, including Denby, Heage Codnor, Loscoe, Lea, Ashover, and Swanwick. A note accompanying the register reveals it has twice been sold, once in 1846 for the sum of 4 shillings and again in 1881 for 10 shillings! It has now found a safe home, although, ideally, shouldn't it be at the Record Office Matlock, where other registers are kept? Photocopies of the register will shortly be available in our Society Library.

Recently, our Secretary was handed the register of Banns of Marriage 1852-1887 belonging to Pentrich Parish Church. This was rescued several years ago from a dust bin and had been in private hands ever since. The register has now been returned to the church by our Secretary with a strong recommendation that it be placed into the care of the Record Office. The present vicar was delighted to receive it back, but said that the church had very adequate provisions for the keeping of registers. Before the register was returned to the church it was transcribed by Mrs Joan Smedley, providing another valuable addition to our Society Library.

How many more registers are there in private hands and how many have been destroyed? The fate which would surely have befallen the Pentrich Banns Register if it had not been noticed amongst the rubbish. Under the Parochial and Records Measure which has now become law, those parishes which have not already deposited their records at the Record Office will be required in due course, to do so. At the moment, exceptions are made where stringent provisions are made in respect of the storage of these documents.

At the December meeting, the question of Auditor was discussed and no objection to the appointment of a Society member was raised. I should like to thank Mr. Peter Whitlam for offering his services as Auditor, which the meeting gratefully accepted. Many thanks go to Anna Crill of California and Mrs G. Wheatcroft of Solihull who have both sent many page manuscripts about their family history to the Society. Many thanks also to those who have sent in articles for "Branch News", some already published and others yet to appear.

W.E.W.

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A FUTURE NEW MEMBER? Congratulations to Daphne and Peter Whitlam who have added a new twig to their family tree: Tristan, born Feb. 5th brother for Damian.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- APRIL 27th - A.G.M. also exhibition of Genealogical material and a chance to chat.  
MAY 25th - The Rev. F.Ross, vicar of Snelston, Clifton and Norbury will tell us about his hobby of collecting humorous monumental inscriptions.  
JUNE 29th - Mr. D.Fowkes will talk to us about The Development of Ironville.

### MEETINGS REPORT

Mr. J. Wright and Mr. R. Hull, both members of Heanor Local History Society, came along to the November meeting to show their slides of "Heanor Ancient and Modern". Particular emphasis was on transport in the by-gone era, reflecting the interest and research into this subject by a group of members of their society. Very useful background material for members with ancestors from this area!

The December meeting took the form of a members' evening, when members exhibited any items of interest from their own researches. The "eats" were rather special on this post-Christmas occasion and to round off the evening a genealogical quiz devised by the Secretary was much enjoyed by all.

The January meeting had to be cancelled, due to the snow, and it is hoped that Mr. E. Mellor who should have spoken to us on "Heraldry in Inn Signs" may be included in our future programme.

In February, Mr. Ernest Paulson of Darley Dale spoke on his investigations into the Darley family of Wistow and Buttercrambe, whose ancestry can be traced back to the days before the Norman Conquest.

(J. Smedley)

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS 1979

We thank those members who have already renewed their membership. May we remind those who have not yet sent in their subscription for 1979 that this was due on 1st January. People who have not renewed their membership by 1st June will not receive the next issue of "Branch News". Renewals to be sent to Mr. F. Hall, address on page 1.

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### NEW MEMBERS LIST

We welcome the following new members to the Society.

113. Mrs. I. Coulson Johnstone, 29 Greenwood Drive, Magalia, California, 95954. who is tracing BORROW and Jos. COULSON, late 17th cent. Lavinia SYKES late 18th cent. all of the ASHBOURNE area.
114. Mrs. T. Reeder, 412 Hartley St., West Covina, California, 91790. who is interested in the name FARNSWORTH of DERBY.
115. Mrs. M.V. Hubbard, 41 Crownfield Rd., Ashford, Kent. TN 23 2ED who is interested in KIRBY and HAYNES of DRAKELOWE.
116. Mrs. M. Greatorex, Southend Ave., Newark, Notts. who is interested in GREATOREX of DERBYS., and TEMPEST and SMITH also of DERBYS. early 18th cent.
117. Mr. T. Marriot Moore, 8 Fownhope Ave. Sale, Cheshire, M33 4RD who is interested in MOORE of RIPLEY and PENTRICH.
118. Mr. Holroyd, 265 Cloverdale Rd., Rochester, New York, 17616 who is interested in WARD of MELBOURNE and PACKINGTON, also HULSE, WINFIELD and CALLADINE of MELBOURNE, late 18th cent.
119. MRS. Y.E. Coate, 21 Acanthus Rd., Willetton, 6155 West Australia. who is interested in SMITH and BLUNT of DERBY 1800, COATE of TAUNTON and STATHE, SOMERSET 1780, also JONES of ABERYSTWITH.
120. Mr. S. Matthews, 12 Ascot Drive, Redhill, Nottingham. who is interested in MATTHEWS and STREET of HORSLEY 1891 and of ILKESTON 1904.
121. Mrs. A. Neale, 31 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, Warks. B49 5LH who is tracing John NEALE of ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH, 1807, and William LEES of AUSTREY, WARKS. 1796.
122. Mr. R.W. Price, P.O. Box 11094 Salt Lake City, Utah. 84147. who is interested in WINTERS or WINTERTON of SPONDON and BREADSALL, 18th cent.
123. Mr. D. Smedley, 141 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Derbys. who is interested in SMEDLEY of STAPLEFORD NOTTS. c1840, HANSON or HENSON of GREASLEY NOTTS. c1817, NORTH of FOSTON LINGS. mid 1800's, KING of ALLINGTON, LINGS. mid 1800's, CUPITT of KIRKBY NOTTS. early 1800, TISSINGTON of DARLEY DALE DERBYS. c1750, CLAYTON of DARLEY DALE DERBYS. c1750, BARTON of WESTWOOD NOTTS. c1850.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

6. Mr. F.S. Hall, 188, Nottingham Rd., Alfreton, Derbys. - HALL, SPENCER, ALTON, BRAMLEY, THACKER, all of the DUFFIELD and BELPER area.
7. Mr. L. Howarth, 49, Douglas Ave., Heanor, Derbys. - HOWARTH of the MANCHESTER area
8. Mrs. L. Howarth, as above.
25. Mr. J.N. Beardsley, 42, Park Drive, Ilkeston, Derbys. - BEARDSLEY / BIARDSLEY of N. DERBYS. Is anxious to know more about St.Leodigarius, Notts. 1790.
31. Mr. F.B. Payton, Glenholme, High Oakham Rd., Mansfield, Notts. - PAYTON with all variants, of IRELAND.
36. Mrs. N.C. Zintz, S-5245 Bay View Rd., Hamburg, New York, 14075 U.S.A. - SIMPSON of AULT HUCKNALL and of CRICH, JEPSON of AULT HUCKNALL, TAYLOR of SHIRLAND, all of the late 18th cent. CAUDWELL of the MANSFIELD area, before 1837.
37. Mr. G. Waller, 6645, Lakeview Ave., Burnaby, British Columbia, V5E 2P6, Canada. - WALLER of BEIGHTON, SHEFFIELD 1821, HOLMES of SHEFFIELD 1891, GOSS of BIGGLES BEDS. 1825, COWLAND of SHEFFORD, BEDS. 1823, MATTHEWS of GREAT WIBRAHAM, CAMBS. 1815, SALMONS of HORNINGSEA, CAMBS. 1815.
34. Mrs. J.M. Smedley, 141, Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Derbys. - PARKER of RADBOURNE DERBYS. c.1810, DAWES of ALFRETON, DERBYS. c.1810, LANE of HANSLOPE, BUCKS. c.1810, BANKS of HANSLOPE, BUCKS. c.1820, SIMPSON of ALFRETON, DERBYS. c.1810, REEDS of CROMFORD, DERBYS. c.1805, BRETNALL of MARLPOOL, DERBYS. c.1810, CLAY of SHIPLEY DERBYS. c.1790, COPESTICK of SPONDON, DERBYS. c.1775, HUTCHINSON of SILEBY, LEICS. c.1720, WARD of THURCASTON, LEICS. c.1700, WHATLOFT, of THURCASTON, LEICS. c.1700, DAKIN of LEICS. c.1700, HENSON of LEICS. c.1730, FISHER of SILEBY, LEICS. c.1685, FUKES of SILEBY, LEICS. c.1715, BREWIN of SILEBY, LEICS. c.1660, GUNNELSTONE of SILEBY, LEICS. c.1700, HARDY of LEICS. c.1770.
44. Mr. M.L. Spencer, Flat 3, Hopewell Rd., Matlock, Derbys. - SPENCER of WIRKSWORTH.
48. Mr. S. G. Hall, Monallan, Upper Wyche, Malvern, Worcs. - BAGSHAW and HALL of the WIRKSWORTH area, early 18th cent. also NICHOLLS of BROMSGROVE, WORCS. early 19th cent.
54. Mrs. M. Grist, 63, Thorndon Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, -CALLADINE, of DERBY
56. Mrs. V. Jackson, 4, Conholt Rd., Andover, Hants. - HOLLING of CARCROFT, YORKS. and of TIBSHELF, DERBYS. 1883, PLUMMER of TIBSHELF 1810, TAYLOR of TIBSHELF 1843 and of TEVERSAL, NOTTS. also of WOOLLEY MOOR, DERBYS.
60. Mr. M.J. Glew, 775, North Booth St., Dubuque, Iowa, 52001, U.S.A. - GLEW and WRIGLEY of the DUFFIELD and BELPER area, late 18th cent.
61. Mr. R M HAYES, Box 74, Wells, British Columbia, Canada. - CLARKE and STAPLES, both of RIPLEY, DERBYS. late 18th cent. HAYES of FLAMSTEAD, HERTS. mid 19th cent. SAUNDERS, SPAIN, MAYBEE, DODD, early 18th cent. of ROCHESTER and SHEERNESS, KENT.
63. Mrs. C.G. Drake, 312, Johnson Ave., Warrensburg, Montana, U.S.A. - PHAROAH, ANDERSON and JACKSON.
64. Mr. D. Hooley, 61, St., Martins Rd., Coventry, CV3 6PD. - HOOLEY of DERBYS. and of MANSFIELD NOTTS.
66. Mr. A.S. Bradley, 49, Abingdon Rd., Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxon. - BRADLEY of LEEK 1687, TURNOCK of STAFFORD 1751, WITTON of BIRMINGHAM 1851, TENNANT of ASHBOURNE 1851, ROBINSON of ASHBOURNE 1880, LISTER of ASHBOURNE 1851, LOWE of LOCKO PARK, 1851.
68. Mrs. R. Short, 105, Wiltshire Boulevard, Biloxi, Miss. 39531, U.S.A. - WOODHEAD of STAVELEY and FLETCHER also of STAVELEY, DERBYS. ENGLAND of STAVELEY, 1800's.
70. Mr. B. Key, 33, Brook St., Loscoe, Derbys. - KEY and LUDLAM, both of the CRICH area
73. Mrs. N. Maclaine, 1935, North Cleveland, Chicago, Illinois, 60614, U.S.A. -HOWARD, Seven brothers sailed into NEW ORLEANS early in the 1780's, but from where Originated in the CHESTERFIELD area.
74. Mrs. A. Crill, 1702, Alvarado St., Oceanside, California, 92054, U.S.A. - SHARP and BAINBRIDGE, early 19th cent. both of DERBYS. CUNNINGHAM of W. Va., HERRSCHAFT of DARMSTADT, LIVERPOOL and PHILADELPHIA, 1833, SPELMAN of IRELAND and MANCHESTER
75. Mr. C. Dammling, 191, Diamond St., New Haven, Connecticut, 06511, U.S.A. SHAW, - Henry Samuel, born 29th July 1839.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS continued.

76. Mr. L. Cripps, 4, Knowle Hill Cottages, Bodiam, Robertsbridge, East Sussex.  
- GOODWIN. Is searching for the birth record of Anne Maria GOODWIN at ALFRETON, c.1840, dau. of William.
78. Miss S. Brown, 25, Home Croft Drive, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. LE6 5WG.  
- DOLMAN, ROWLAND, MEE, TOPLIS, FERBON, ADAMS, WOODWARD, WINFIELD, WALKER, MASON, SMITH, WILD, BROCKLEHURST, all of DERBYS. Compiling a DERBYSHIRE MARRIAGE INDEX. 1538-1831.
80. Miss C. Heathcote, 166, Cherrywood Lane, Morden, Surrey, SM4 4HQ. - HEATHCOTE of CHESTERFIELD and STAVELEY, ABBOTT of SMALLEY, DERBYS. BARRATT, UPTON, BERESFORD, MARPLES, BRADLEY, of STOCKPORT, MOULD of STAFFS. ROSE of STAFFS. mid. 1800's, FOSTER of DEVON early 1800's.
83. Miss P. Revill, 13, Bridle Lane, Ripley, Derbys. - REVILL with all variants, also BIRKS, KING, SHAW, all of DERBYS.
84. Miss J. Goodwin, 35, Grampian Crescent, Loundsley Green, Chesterfield, Derbys.  
-- GOODWIN.
87. Mr. A.J. Newton, 50, Charlton Rd., Keynsham, Nr. Bristol, Avon. - WOODWARD of TICKNALL and CALKE.
88. Mr. C.E. Tongue, 32, Lime Ave., Northampton, - BAGSHAW of NEWTON GRANGE, DERBYS. BER(R)ISFORD of PARWICH, NEWTON GRANGE and of ALSTONFIELD, STAFFS. BUXTON of TISSINGTON and CARSINGTON, ELLIS of PARWICH, GOODWIN of HARTINGTON and of HURDLOW, CLARKE of the CHESTERFIELD area, MILWARD of EATON in DOVEDALE.
89. Mrs. P.M. Litton, 34, Bradley Rd., Bramhall, Cheshire, SK7 2DP. - LONGDON, BOWLER, CARLINE. Is searching for the baptism of Martha BOWLER or CARLINE.
96. Mrs. D.R. Glover, 34, Glebelands Rd., Knutsford, Cheshire, WA169 D2. - RIPPON, RHODES, CLARKE, HOWE, all of BARLBOROUGH and SHEFFIELD, c.1773.
98. Mrs. Le Veda O'Heagney, 2005, West "A" North Platts, Nebraska, 69101, U.S.A.  
- WYMORE 1775, DUNN 1839, BURTON of SOMERCOTES, DERBYS. 1850.
97. Mrs. D. Hartley, 12, Coniston Ave., Spondon, Derbys. DE2 7LE. - CAULTON with all variants of DERBYS.
100. Mr. E. L. Tantum, 16, Elmdale Rd., Tyndalls Park, Bristol, B58 1SF. - TANTUM of DERBYS.
101. Mrs. G.W. Wheatcroft, North Lodge, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 0JT.  
- HUTTON of ECKINGTON, SHEFFIELD, WHEATCROFT of DRAYCOTT and GARSIDE of STOCKPORT, late 18th cent.
102. Mr. R. Allkin, 162, Streetly Rd., Erdington, Birmingham, 23. - ALLKIN, The name is thought to come from FLEMISH settlers in N. WALES. Would also like to establish DE VILLE, his maternal line, thought to be of HUGUENOT origin.
103. Sq. Leader R.A. Beardsley, Warren Corner, Old Barrack Rd., Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
- BEARDSLEY, Army family of NOTTINGHAM, 1872.
104. Miss A.C. Smith, 88, Station Rd., Pilsley, Derbys. - SMITH of TIBSHELF, Derbys. also HURT of PILLSLEY, Derbys. 1880.
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1. Mr. J. Bannister, Moor Croft, 4, Highfield Crescent, Rowley Regis, Warley, West Midlands, B65 OBZ, brings his interests up to date with:- BANNISTER of Rowley Regis, 1851 and of DUDLEY, WORCS. 1822. LANGLEY of GREASLEY, NOTTS. 1778. SMITH of WESTBURY on SEVERN, GLOUCS. 1827. SPENCER of NEW RADFORD NOTTS. 1847. and of DUFFIELD, DERBYS. 1828.
33. Mrs. B. Rowland, Tregarth, Summer Lane, Wirksworth, Derbys. now finds she is tracing GALLIMORE of WIRKSWORTH, 1721, WOOD of WIRKSWORTH, 1721. MORRICE (MORRIS) of ROSTON 1880. MORRICE of FOVERHAM, ABERDEEN, 1841. GRIEG of FOVERHAM, 1841, LAMB and SIMPSON, both of BELKELVIE, ABERDEEN, 1846 BERRISFORD of UTTOXETER 1827, DEAN of KIRK IRETON 1829
35. Mr. T. Wood, Hobb Hall Farm, Wirksworth, Derbys. finds he is interested in the names WOOD of BONSALE, 1877. WHEATCROFT of CROMFORD, 1876. SHAW of WIRKSWORTH, 1821. WILDE of WIRKSWORTH, 1827. GREGORY of TANSLEY and ASHOVER, c.1840. STONE of SHEFFIELD, 1850. JENNINGS of SHEFFIELD, 1850.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

All interests we received by 6th Feb. 1979 are to be included in the Directory which will be available by the end of March. Additional lists and amendments will then be published from time to time.

CORRECTION: No. 51. The address of Mr. W.F. Sanders is not as stated in "Branch News" no.4 but:- 26 - 165, Green Valley Drive, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No. 44. Mr. M.L. Spencer, Flat 3, Hopewell Rd., Matlock, Derbys.

No. 61. Mr. B. Hayes, Box 74, Wells, British Columbia, Canada.

No. 67. Mr. L.T. Young, c/o Route 1, - 306E, 8th Street, Rupert, Idaho, 83350, U.S.A.

SHENTON MARRIAGES IN LANCASHIRE FROM BOYDE'S MARRIAGE INDEX.

Sent in by Mr. J.G. Shenton of Cheltenham.

There may be a marriage here you are looking for.

<u>SHENTON</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SHENTON</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1782 Thomas	Jane MULLENEAX	Manchester.	1778 Ann	Jacob BRADLEY	GOOSNARGH
1783 Richard	Hannah JOHNSON	"	1779 Mary	Simon HALLOWS	MANCHESTER
1784 James	Cicily REAY	"	1783 Eleanor	Joseph COOPER	"
1785 John	Jans ASPLEY	"	1786 Elizabeth	William BARMFORTH	GOOSNARGH
1785 Thomas	Ann HARGRAVES	"	1789 Martha	William GLEAVE	MANCHESTER
1790 William	Catherine WATERHOUSE	"	1790 Nancy	Abraham CROSS	WOODPLUMPTON
1794 Richard	Hannah ROWLAND	"	1791 Sarah	John PEARCY	MANCHESTER
1796 William	Sarah HART	"	1792 Margaret	George GRIFFITH	"
1816 Charles	Margaret ROBINSON	GARSTANG	1795 Elizabeth	James COCHRAN	GARSTANG
1816 Thomas	Janet COTTAM	GOOSNORGH	1796 Isabel	John WILD	"
1820 Charles	Eliz, BREWER	PRESTON	1803 Mary	William KILSHAW	"
1822 John	Nancy TIPPING	RIBCHESTER	1806 Betty	Richard DUNDERDALE	"
1828 James	Sarah HOWARTH	"	1807 Betty	Robert MOON	"
1817 John	Mary FLIGHT		1809 Nancy	John GOODEAR	St. Mich.
	wtns. - Philip James		1812 Ann	John ROWCROFT	GARSTANG
			1818 Jane	Thomas CARTER	"

STRAYS FROM THE CENSUS RETURNS.

EASTON on the HILL, NORTHANTS, 1851. - Elizabeth TAGG, unmarried, aged 66, Annuitant, Place of birth - PINXTON, DERBYS.

(sent in by Mrs. J. Hurst)

BELPER, DERBYS. Sheet no. 8 - 033. 1851. - Resident as lodgers at Bloods Bank, Belper;

Samuel SHERMAN, aged 50, - Tailor, born at IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

Elizabeth SHERMAN, aged 47, - wife, born at WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

Alfred SHERMAN, aged 12, - son, born at INGATESTONE, ESSEX.

(F.S. HALL)

FROM ST. PETER'S PARISH CHURCH REGISTER, DERBY.

Noah BULLOCK married on 21st April 1666.

Hutton, the noted Derbyshire Historian, gives this account. "Noah Bullock had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, baptised in 1670, 1672 and in 1681. Noah built an Ark on the Derwent and resided there, carrying on his business of coiner of false money."

(F.S. HALL)

Sir Peter NIGHTINGALE. with reference to the stone at the entrance to ASHOVER churchyard Was he a domestic chaplain or a priest? In Tudor times non graduate clergymen were often given the courtesy title of "Sir" - short for "Sir Priest".

(Mrs. M.A. Patilla)

## FOUNDLINGS

In answer to the query about the burial at Ashbourne of children from the foundling hospital in London (in Strays of Branch News no. 4), our member Mr. W.R. Thorp writes :-

"If anyone finds difficulty in finding an ancestor, and the baptism and other members of the family such as brothers and sisters, cannot be found, there is always the possibility the child was a foundling.

Very often these were illegitimate children who were in the care of these institutions. The Foundling Hospital in London sent children of a tender age out for "nursing". These babies were sent to many parts of the country in wagon loads.

These pathetic human cargoes would also include a number of children of perhaps eight or nine years of age who were to be apprenticed, or work in mills, and little girls to go into domestic service. The children at the London Foundling Hospital were given numbers. It sounds just like prisoners or of being in the Armed Forces.

One can only imagine what a terrible experience it was for these poor little things to be sent on such a journey, which to them would be like the other end of the world. At the end what fate awaited them? Some of those poor little girls became domestic drudges and died very young. Boys were worked to death and some were killed in accidents. Many succumbed to disease.

A few survived and grew up to marry and have their own families. Paul Campbell, no. 2979, and Alice Turner, no. 2323 were two such children who were sent out by the Hospital either as babies, or if older, to work at Ashbourne. I wonder if there is any tombstone for them in Ashbourne Churchyard.

At Otley Parish Church in West Yorkshire I have seen a tombstone over the grave of five children who had been sent out like the above, to work in a mill at Burley-in-Wharfedale. These five children died between the ages of eleven and fourteen.

Now to a rather important side of the story. If a member suspects one of their ancestors was a foundling they will find tracing them difficult.

The Thomas Coram Foundation used to hold all the records for the London Foundling Hospital, but a few years ago these records were placed with the Greater London Council.

If anyone wishes to make a search they should write to :-

Miss E. D. Mercer, B.A., F.S.A., Head Archivist,  
Greater London Record Office,  
(London Records).  
The County Hall,  
London SE1 7PB.

Miss Mercer will send full details to the enquirer on making the search, but DO PLEASE enclose a s.a.e."

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May we remind our overseas enquirers that in England s.a.e. means stamped (not self) addressed envelope, but we cannot use envelopes with foreign stamps. Please send the appropriate number of International Reply Coupons.



## SOME OLD BOLSOVER DEEDS

contributed by Mrs. J. Hurst.

I possess some old deeds relating to two lots of copyhold property at Bolsover. This land belonged to my grandfather, JOSEPH HARRY COUSIN, who had inherited it in 1902 from his father, WILLIAM COUSIN, a grocer and and druggist in the town. Quite a large number of names are included in the documents and I have listed them below in the hope that someone may find them useful.

### Middlefield

This was simply a field abutting on to Elmton Lane, Bolsover.

1. Will of JOHN REVESLY, weaver of Bolsover, proved 7 May 1772.  
JOHN & SARAH REVESLY, WILLIAM HOPPER, BENJAMIN ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, jun.
2. Will of JOHN REEVESLEY, weaver of Bolsover, dated 6 June 1787.  
SARAH REEVESLEY, ANN COUP, MARY JACKSON, HANNAH JACKSON, JOHN PEARSE, ABRAHAM PROS  
CHARLES PEARSE.
3. Letters of Administration to JOHN REEVESLEY'S estate, dated 10 April 1788.  
MARY JACKSON, wife of MATTHEW JACKSON, WILLIAM MOTT (Dis. Regr.)
4. Manor Court of Bolsover: Surrender of land, dated 4 July 1794. JOHN NIXON sen.  
& jun., ANN COUP wife of JOSEPH COUP of Rotherham. JOHN GLADWIN (Manor Steward).
5. Various letters concerning the sale of Middlefield by WILLIAM JACKSON of Mansfield  
to WILLIAM COUSIN, dated 1881 & 1882.

### Property at Hilltop

Originally a "farmhouse or tenement with the barns, stables, cowhouse, shed, yard and garden", there were five cottages on the site by 1837.

1. Deed of Covenant for the Title of the land: The Duke of Atholl to Mr. William  
Armstrong, dated 10 June 1814.  
John, DUKE of ATHOLL  
WILLIAM MURRAY (formerly William FOXLOW) of BANNERCROSS, Yorks.  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, baker of Bolsover.  
MARY MURRAY of Bannercross.  
LORD JOHN MURRAY, late of Pilnacre, Scotland, now of Bannercross.  
JOSEPH CLAY of Bridgehouses in the parish of Sheffield.  
PETER PEGGE (now called PETER PEGGE BURNELL) of Beauchief, Derbys.  
EDWARD DEAN of Bolsover.  
MARY, daughter of WILLIAM, LORD ROSS of Scotland.  
MARY DALTON of Bannercross.  
Sir JOHN RAMSDEN of Birom, Yorks.  
GEORGE FOX LANE of Bramham Park, Yorks.  
JAMES, DUKE of ATHOLL.  
JAMES, LORD VISCOUNT DESKFORD.  
EARL of FINDLATER.  
SAMUEL FOXLOWE of Stavely, Derbys.  
WILLIAM, EARL of MANSFIELD.  
PETER JOHNSON of York.  
Rev. JAMES WILKINSON of Sheffield.  
ALEX FRASER, JAMES HORE, CHARLES JNO. HORE, EDMUND BACOT, all of Lincoln's Inn
2. Manor of Bolsover Surrender of land as in 1. dated 19 August 1814.  
Only one name different from 1. - WILLIAM LANG (Deputy Steward).
3. Manor of Bolsover: Admission of Richard Armstrong, farmer of Bolsover, dated 14th  
April 1857.  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, GEO. WALKDEN (Manor Steward).

4. Manor of Bolsover ; Surrender in Mortgage dated 15 February 1839.  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, baker of Bolsover. SARAH, his wife,  
ELIZABETH BARKER of WOODSIDE, Bolsover.
  5. Manor of Bolsover; Surrender of land dated 25 March 1842.  
ELIZABETH BARKER, SARAH & WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM COOK, farmer of  
Woodside, Bolsover.
  6. Manor of Bolsover: Surrender in Mortgage dated 12 March 1869.  
WILLIAM COOK of Woodside, LUCY HANNAH BIRKS of Mansfield, Notts. I.I. HANDLEY  
(Manor Steward)
  7. Manor of Bolsover; Surrender of land dated 11 Nov. 1870.  
LUCY HANNAH of Mansfield, JOSEPH MASON, stonemason of Sutton-cum-Duckmanton,  
Derbys. JOHN MORRELL, GEORGE SALES, THOMAS BOWNS, JOHN BULLOCK,  
GEORGE JOHNSON, FRANCIS MACKROBY.
  8. Manor of Bolsover; Surrender in Mortgage dated 11 Nov. 1870.  
JOSEPH & ELIZABETH MASON, GEORGE SYKES, saddle and harness maker of Bolsover.
- N.B. I have further information on the inter-relationships of some of these people if anyone requires it. Alternatively, the Manor Court Rolls of Bolsover 1703-1888 are deposited in the Nottingham Record Office (Ref. DD.BM 45-68).

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CODNOR.

Monumental inscriptions in the churchyard.

- BARKLY Isaac, died 21st Jan. 186?. aged 67 yrs. Double stone much eroded, other half is so worn it is impossible to see whether it has ever been inscribed.
- BOWLER Eliza, wife of William, died 19th Feb. 1877, aged 44 yrs.
- BOWMER Benjamin, late of BRINSLEY, died 11th Sept. 1864, aged 68 yrs.
- BRIGGS Daniel, died suddenly 18th Dec. 1868, aged 61 yrs.
- BROWN Ann, wife of William, dau. of John and Elizabeth BUXTON, died 26th July 1848 aged 22 yrs.
- BROWN John, died 4th Nov. 1860, aged 44 yrs.
- BRYAN Esther, wife of Paul of CODNOR, died 6th May 1851.
- BRYAN Paul, late of CODNOR, died 12th Oct. 1856, aged 75 yrs.
- BUCKLEY Elizabeth, died 14th Sept. 1871, aged 34 yrs.
- BUXTON Mary Raby, died 10 th Sept. 1868, aged 20 yrs.
- CHESTER Ezra of CODNOR, died 2nd Feb. 1891, aged 56 yrs.
- CHESTER Maria, widow of Ezra, died at ILKESTON, 15th May 1911, aged 87 yrs.
- CLARK Francis, died 19th July 1863, aged 77 yrs.
- CLARK Francis, died 24th July 1850, aged 49 yrs.
- CLARK James, son of James and Lucy, died 15th Jan. 1854, aged 55 yrs.
- CLARK James, died 12th Dec. 1854, aged 78 yrs.
- CLARK John, died 29th Jan. 1860, aged 64 yrs.  
(the last three Clarks- on same stone)
- CLARK Mary, wife of Francis (died 1863) died 14th Jan. 1866, aged 78 yrs.
- CLARKE Annie Matilda, wife of Henry, born 6th April 1850, died 21st May 1891.
- CLARKE Joseph, died 25th Jan. 1847, aged 38 yrs.
- CUNN James, died 9th April 1871, aged 34 yrs.
- DIXEN Samuel of ILKESTON, died by a railway accident, 10th April 1852, aged 36 yrs.
- ELLIOTT Ann, wife of John, died 24th March 1869, aged 71 yrs.
- ELLIOTT John, of CODNOR, died 23rd May 1857, aged 45 yrs.
- EVANS Eliza, wife of George, died 26th Nov. 1867, aged 49 yrs.
- EVANS George, died 12th June 1890, aged 73 yrs.
- FAIRCLOUGH Mary, wife of Walter, of this parish, died 29th Dec. 1861, aged 23 yrs.
- FAIRCLOUGH Phaebe Peake, infant dau. of Walter and Mary, died 6th Oct. 1861, aged 11mths.
- FARNSWORTH Abigail, wife of Daniel, died 6th Jan. 1842, aged 33 yrs.
- FARNSWORTH Daniel, died 1st Nov. 1846, aged 35 yrs.
- FARNSWORTH Edward, died 15th Nov. 1869, aged 60 yrs.

FARNSWORTH Joseph, died 5th Oct. 1849, aged 59 yrs.  
 FARNSWORTH Joseph, son of Daniel and Abigail, died 17th March 1851, aged 17 yrs.  
 FARNSWORTH Samuel, died 18th Feb. 1852, aged 77 yrs.  
 FARNSWORTH Sarah, wife of Edward, died July 30th 1872, aged 60 yrs.  
 FARNSWORTH Sophia, wife of Samuel, died 12th July 1860, aged 74 yrs.  
 FLINT John, died 22nd July 1845, aged 72 yrs.  
 FOSTER Stephen, died 23rd Dec. 1859, aged 68 yrs.  
 HICKING Amy, wife of John, died 11th July 1858, aged 67 yrs.  
 HICKING John, late of WOODLINCOLN, died 11th June 1868, aged 75 yrs.  
 HICKING Thomas, died 11th Sept. 1847, aged 69 yrs.  
 HICKING William, brother of Thomas, died 5th Jan. 1856, aged 73 yrs.  
 HOGG Elizabeth, wife of Samuel, died 22nd June 1875, aged 73 yrs.  
 HOGG Samuel, of LOSCOE, died 17th March 1859, aged 60 yrs.  
 HOLES William, 2nd son of George and Ann, who died suddenly 8th Oct. 1846, aged 26 yr  
 HUFTON George, son of William and Hannah, died 24th July 1869, aged 13 yrs. 3 mths.  
 HUNT Catherine, wife of William, died 22nd June 1853, aged 43 yrs.  
 HUNT John, died 20th Feb. 1870, aged 28 yrs.  
 HUNT Sarah, died 22nd July 1871, aged 26 yrs.  
 HUNT William, died 25th April 1871, aged 66 yrs.  
 (all HUNTS on one stone)  
 LANGTON Sarah, wife of Thomas, died 25th May 1865, aged 55 yrs.  
 LANGTON Thomas, died 18th May 1865, aged 59 yrs.  
 LEAKE Mary, wife of William, dau. of Richard and Sarah BRUNT, died 23rd Oct. 1871, aged 23 yrs.  
 LEAKE William, husband of Mary, born 20th Jan. 1842, died 15th Aug. 1898.  
 LOWE Thomas, son of James and Jane, died 9th June 1872, aged 18 yrs. 11mths.  
 PARKER William, died 18th Feb. 1865, aged 30 yrs.  
 PEACH ----- William and Lydia. (the rest illegible)  
 REDFERN William died 11th Aug. 1870, aged 45 yrs.  
 ROBINSON James, late of SKIDBY, YORKSHIRE, died 22nd March 1857, aged 72 yrs.  
 ROBINSON Sarah Wilson, wife of James, died 13th April 1859, aged 75 yrs.  
 ROYSTON Anne, wife of James C. of Woodlincoln, died --- 1860, aged 36 yrs. (eroded)  
 ROYSTON Emma, born 29th Aug. 1831, died 24th Nov. 1901,  
 ROYSTON James C. died 29th Dec. 1866, aged 48 yrs.  
 (all three ROYSTONS on one stone)  
 SEARSON Alexander, son of Edward and Thomasine, died 14th March 1857.  
 SEARSON Edwin, son of Edward and Thomasine, died 15th April 1854, aged 20 yrs.  
 SEARSON Francis, son of Edward and Thomasine, died 16th March 1848, aged 9mths.  
 (all three SEARSONS on one stone)  
 SEARSON Samuel, died 13th May 1872, aged 47 yrs.  
 SEARSON William, son of Edward and Thomasine, died 16th Nov. 1832, aged 11mths.  
 (on same stone as Alexander, Edwin and Francis)  
 SEVERN Hannah, died 18th May 1861, aged --- (eroded) wife of William.  
 SEVERN John, died 17th Sept. 1853, aged 55 yrs.  
 SEVERN John, son of John and Sarah, died 13th Aug. 1857, aged 22 yrs.  
 SEVERN Sarah, wife of John, died 15th Jan. 1872, aged 70 yrs.  
 (the last three SEVERNS are on one stone)  
 SEVERN William, died 19th March 1882, aged 61 yrs.  
 (on same stone as Hannah)  
 SLACK Hannah, died 19th March 1855, aged 68 yrs.  
 SLACK Hannah, wife of Samuel, died 3rd Sept. 1870, aged 61 yrs.  
 SLACK Harriett, wife of Samuel W. died 19th June 1905, aged 40 yrs.  
 SLACK Mary, mother of Samuel W. died 16th Jan. 1874, aged 57 yrs.  
 SLACK Samuel, father of Samuel William of CODNOR, died 15th May. 1887, aged 70 yrs  
 SLACK Samuel William of CODNOR, died 12th Nov. 1911, aged 54 yrs.  
 (the last five SLACKS are on one stone)  
 SLACK Samuel, died 12th Feb. 1865, aged 64 yrs.  
 SLACK Thomas, of CODNOR, died 8th Nov. 1849, aged 28 yrs.  
 SLACK William, died 26th May 1860, aged 81 yrs. (on same stone as Hannah, died 1870)  
 STANLEY Anthony, died 21st Oct. 1852, aged 68 yrs.  
 STANLEY George, died 17th March 1865, aged 34 yrs.  
 STANLEY Margaret, wife of Samuel, died 6th Nov. 1870, aged 69 yrs.  
 (the last two above are on the same stone)

STARBUCK Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Nadauld Starbuck of CODNOR, died 2nd Jan. 1866?  
aged 50 yrs.

STEEPLES Harriet, wife of Thomas, born 26th Feb. 1834, died 3rd Nov. 1916.

STEEPLES Thomas, brother-in-law to Eliza Bowler, born 4th July 1829, died 28th Feb.  
1892. (both the above are on the same stone as Eliza Bowler )

STEVENSON Ann Cutler, wife of William, died 7th Sept. 1848, aged 65 yrs.

STEVENSON William, late of CODNOR, died 13th Nov. 1848, aged 65 yrs.

STIRLAND Elizabeth, wife of Joseph, died 3rd Feb. 1872, aged 81 yrs.

STIRLAND Joseph Esq. of CODNOR, died 23rd Dec. 1877, aged 85 yrs.

TAYLOR Hannah, wife of Thomas, died 25th March 1872, aged 64 yrs,

THORPE Alfred Stevenson, died 25th July 1845, aged 2 yrs. 11 mths.

THORPE William, died 9th April 1846, aged 16 mths.

(both the above are children of John and Alice)

WAGSTAFF George, late of SWANWICK, died 31st March 1868, aged 73 yrs.

WATSON Martha, wife of Stephen, died 20th July 1860, aged 61 yrs.

WATSON Mary Jane, late of LOSCOE FIELDS, died 7th Jan. 1863, aged 21 yrs.

WOOLLEY Anne Elizabeth, of CROSS HILL, born 7th June 1827, died 15th Dec. 1871.

WOOLLEY James, died 25th Aug. 1866, aged 53 yrs.

WOOLLEY Rev. James John M.A., Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. 3rd son of  
Jonathan and Mary Woolley, born at Ripley 2nd Sept. 1822, died at  
POWERSTOCK, Dorsetshire, 29th Jan. 1848.

WOOLLEY James John, 2nd son of the late John Woolley of CODNOR, born 4th Feb. 1836.  
died 7th July 1877, (on same stone as Anne Elizabeth)

WOOLLEY John of CODNOR, died 1865 (no date given) aged 70 yrs.

WOOLLEY Jonathan, born 12th Jan. 1787, died 18th Feb. 1875.

WOOLLEY Mary, born 22nd Jan. 1793, died 18th Feb. 1861.

(both the above are on the same stone as James John who died in 1848)

WOOLLINS James, died Jan. or Feb. ---? aged 16yrs ? (eroded) another inscription  
almost illegible - "and Ann Woollins----- died-- June 1856?aged 15 yrs?"

WOOLLINS Sarah, dau. of James and Ann, died 10 th March 1856, aged 3 yrs.

WRAGGE Thomas, died 28th Jan. 1850, aged 69 yrs.

The following inscriptions are almost illegible.

Sarah wife of John M. ALVERN ? or MALVERN of WORCESTER, mother of -----  
She resided -----, died 10th Jan. 1874 ? aged 93 yrs.

William, son of ----- and Elizabeth -----, died 17th Sept. 1847, aged 6-? yrs.

A small number of stones are completely illegible.

#### MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS INSIDE THE CHURCH

BATES Emily Jane, wife of the Rev. William , vicar of this parish, died 10th July,  
1903.

CLAYTON Charles of LOSCOE, Gent., born Sept. 26th 1804, died Dec. 7th 1889.

CLAYTON Maria, wife of Charles, born 30th Aug. 1808, died 5th March 1904

KENSIT Henry Thomas, died 23rd Nov. 1936.

KENSIT Mary Hannah, died 29th Nov. 1893.

MIDDLETON, Rev. Henry, who was first and for 40 yrs vicar of this parish,  
died 18th Oct. 1884, aged 77 yrs.

PINE Arthur Floyde, 1861-1954. Headmaster of Crosshill School and choir master  
of this church.

ROWE Thomas, died 27th Feb. 1911, in his 67th year. (memorial erected by his wife)

LUPTON Thomas Stanley, vicar of this parish 1935-1949.

STRELLEY William M.D., 3rd son of Robert Strelley Esq., late of Waingrove Hall,  
died 30th Sept. 1867, aged 86 yrs. (tablet erected by his sister Lucy  
Harris)

WOOLLEY George, of Egreaves House, LOSCOE, died 19th May, 1879, aged 61 yrs.

WOOLLEY Mary Ann, wife of George, died 23rd Feb. 1895, aged 69 yrs.

WOOLLEY Laura Sarah, eldest dau. of George and Mary, died Oct. 25th 1884.

aged 36 yrs. (East window erected to their memory by Jonathan William)

WOOLLEY George, of KIRKBY ASHFIELD, NOTTS., formerly of this parish, died 1st Sept.  
1910, aged 79 yrs.

WOOLLEY Rebecca, wife of George, died 2nd July 1908, aged 75 yrs. (window erected  
by their son)

WRIGHT Henry and Mary. (Pulpit given in memory by their sons and daughters, 1961)

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES  
FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR. 1914 - 1918.

FRED ADAMS	JOHN GRANEY	WILLIAM PARKIN
JOHN AINSWORTH	ALBERT GRATTON	WILLIAM RIGLEY
CHARLES ALLSOP	HERBERT W. HAINES	THOMAS RILEY
TOM ALLSOP	JOHN HANLON	EDWARD SEARSON
CHARLES H.B. ASHER	HAROLD S. HICKING	FRANK SEVERN
HERBERT BAMFORD	HAROLD HICKING	SYDNEY A. SEVERN
LAURENCE BROWN	MAURICE W. HOLBROOK	GEORGE SHAWCROFT
THOMAS BUNTING	WILLIAM HOLMES	ROBERT SHELTON
ERNEST BURGIN	ARTHUR HUBBALL	THOMAS SHORT
GEORGE R. BUTLER	REGINALD KNIVETON	HERBERT T. SMEDLEY
LEONARD CAULTON	HIRAM LANGTON	ROBERT F. SMITH
JOHN J. CORBY	ARTHUR LOMAS	ARTHUR G. STAPLETON
GEORGE COWLEY	CHARLES LONGDON	ERNEST W. STONE
HENRY W. COWLISHAW	CHARLES W. H. MARCHANT	GRIFFIN WALTERS
HERBERT CRESSWELL	WILLIAM G. MARSHALL	ALFRED H. WATSON
ARTHUR DARRINGTON	HERBERT MARSTON	GEORGE WESTON
CYRIL A. EYRE	WILLIAM E. MARTIN	THOMAS E. WHITEMAN
GODFREY G. A. EYRE	JAMES MEE	SAMUEL WIGHTMAN
HENRY FARMER	HERBERT MORLEY	WILLIAM WOOLINS
FRED W. GARRET	JOHN E. NOBLE	CLAUDE S. WRIGHT
HAROLD GAUNT	JAMES PALFREYMAN	JAMES WRIGHT
JOHN F. GRAINGER	JOHN A. PARKIN	GEORGE WYLD
		WILLIAM YATES

"BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE"

This completes the monumental inscriptions in the churchyard and within the church. A booklet containing the inscriptions in more detail will be available by the end of the year. In 1876 a piece of ground adjoining the churchyard was laid out as a cemetery. The recording of inscriptions here is now in progress.

VICARS OF CODNOR: Some dates are approximate, as no list is available at the church.

1844	Henry MIDDLETON	1949	W.G.H. GATER
1884	William BATES	1955	Paul MILLER
1914	Samuel ELDER	1961	John N. CAPSTACK
1928	H. PINCHBECK	1964	L. MIDDLETON
1935	Thomas S. LUPTON	1972	N. HILL

CODNOR and LOSCOE were, until recent years two mining villages, lying between HEANOR and RIPLEY. The collieries are now closed. The parish of Codnor along with Loscoe was formed in 1844 from the parishes of Denby, Heanor and Pentrich. The church, dedicated to St. James, was erected in 1844 on the hill midway between the two villages. The Butterley Company opened collieries in the area in 1824, where the majority of the inhabitants worked, until mining in the area ceased with the closure of Ormonde Colliery at Loscoe in 1970. A number of men worked at the Codnor Park Blast Furnaces 2 miles away, also owned by the Butterley Company, these too, are no longer in operation. Framework Knitting was also a form of employment and a few worked on the land.

LOSCOE became a separate parish in 1927. The church (now the church hall) was built on land given by the Butterley Company who also contributed to its erection. Later, in 1938, St. Luke's church was built, a gift of James John Arthur Woolley, Esq. of Egrevae House, and friends. The baptist chapel dates from 1722, recorded by a date stone which also bears the initials F.T. believed to be those of Francis Tantum. John Hieron, ejected rector of Breadsall, brought non-conformity to Loscoe and died here in 1682. A well known personality, Mr. John Gillott, lived in the cottage by the dam, where he worked as a framework knitter. His stocking knitting frame, which stood until recent years in the cottage, was given by his daughter, Miss Mary Gillott, to the Aristoc factory as a museum piece. It is now at the F.W.K's museum at Ruddington. Loscoe had a small Brickworks owned in 1922 by Owen Smedley and by the Gaunt family afterwards for many years until it closed in 1975.

### The Ruins of Codnor Castle.

The castle, formerly standing in a park covering an area of 3,300 acres, was founded by William de Peveril, son of the Conqueror and remained in the hands of the Peverils until 1154. All the estates connected with Codnor then came into the hands of the Greys and afterwards the Zouch family. These families, as mentioned in "Branch News" no. 7, became Lords of the Manor. After passing through several hands, the estate was bought by Sir S. Masters in 1712 and in 1861 it became the property of the Butterley Company. The castle is now in a very ruinous state, a number of farmhouses in the district having been built with stone from it.

Charities: Money was left for the poor of Codnor and Loscoe by Jonathan TANTUM in 1705 and by the Rev. Francis GISBORNE of Staveley.

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### Extract From 'Glover' 1825, CODNOR and LOSCOE.

Contributed by Mr. P. Eggleshaw, of the Heanor Local History Society.

There are many freeholders in Codnor and Loscoe, whose names may be of interest:-  
Joseph BARROW, Thomas CLARKE, Charles CLAYTON, Samuel FARNSWORTH, Thomas and Joseph FLETCHER, John and Samuel FLINT, Joseph GRAMMER, John GODBER, William GREGORY, Philip, Thomas and John HICKING, Henry KIRKLAND, Griffin and Henry MILWARD, Hannah PEAKE, SHAW and PRINCE, William SLACK, John STARBUCK, Joseph STIRLAND, Thomas and Stephen WATSON, Joseph WHITE, James, John, Jonathan and Samuel WOOLLEY, Samuel ARGILE, Thomas BESTWICK, Thomas BRIGGS, Paul BRYAN, James BAKER, Joseph BRIDGATT, Thomas and Abigail CLARKE, Joseph CHEETHAM, Joseph EYRE, Henry FREARSON, Joyce HARRISON, C.V. HUNTER, Esq. Hannah, Abigail and John HOGG, John LILLEY, Samuel MACHIN, Henry and Lucy KIRKLAND, Joseph OSBORNE, Christopher and Samuel OLDKNOW, William PARKIN, Charles James ROYSTON, William SHEPHEARD, Rev. John SMITH, Hannah RIGGET, Elizabeth STRELLEY, Hannah STREET, William and John SEVERN, John WRIGHT Esq. Thomas WOODHEAD, John WOOD, Rev. Richard WHINFIELD, Robert, William and Joseph WRIGHT, The Executors of Michael HOLMES and the Assignees of William KIRKLAND.

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CODNOR BREACH: An ancient house, the property and residence of Mr. Joseph GRAMMER, is one of the finest situations in the neighbourhood and commands an extensive prospect over the surrounding country. Near to the house there is a Quaker Chapel and graveyard. (Glover)

Thomas HOWITT of The Dene, and Pheobe TANTUM of The Falls were married at the Friends Meeting House at Codnor Breach in 1790. They became the parents of William HOWITT the poet in 1792. In about 1908 I was taken by my parents to see a very big gathering of

Quakers from all over the world at the Friends Graveyard at Denby Common Breach.

The other members of the Grammer family I have recorded, are in 1830. Grammer, a carrier of goods from Heanor to Nottingham, - Wednesdays and Saturdays, return the same day. In 1840 Clayton Richard Grammer Esq. described as a farmer and colliery owner resided at Millhay. I believe the Clayton and Grammer families were related.

(P. Eggleshaw.)

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"All in the Family" - another success story.

Our Californian member Marie Ortmann had for some time been trying to find her JEPSON relatives in BLACKBURN and at that distance it seemed so simple for one of us just to nip over to Blackburn after tea to find out what had happened to "the cycling Jepsens" who, as far as she knew, were still in business as cycle manufacturers early this century.

As I could not hope for an early opportunity of visiting Blackburn I wrote to the Lancashire Evening Telegraph and after the editor published my letter, free of charge, the response was overwhelming, especially that from the actual family themselves who now run "the largest furniture business in the North".

But read on in Arnold Jepson's own words from the 11 page letter he wrote to me.

"I'm the youngest son of R.L. Jepson who founded the business known as R.L. Jepson Ltd. Cycle manufacturers of 19, Northgate, Blackburn. I think undoubtedly we are the firm to which Mrs. Ortmann refers and we are still in existence. The Business was established in 1870 by R.L. Jepson who left school at 9, became a telegram boy, then a postman and at the age of 20 he started his business with £16 being the proceeds of his Christmas tips. He went into partnership with a Birmingham man called T. Cemm initially. The Partnership didn't last long although T. Cemm continued to work in the firm until about 1937 as a paid employee of R.L. Jepson. The firm had two other retail shops by this time, one in Lancaster and one in Kendal, the Lancaster one being managed by my mother Janet Jepson, whilst Father continued the business in Blackburn.

About the turn of the century the firm moved to 19, Mincing Lane and started wholesaling cycle components, car components and tyres. R.L.J. was firstly a very keen cyclist. He used to race round the Blackburn Rovers football ground and was the first person to ride up a well-known hill in Blackburn called Steep Brow. At this time he also became very much a pioneer motorist, starting in the early days of motoring with a Riley Tri-car - De Dion Bouton - Humbrette - Phoenix. In 1920 he was the proud owner of a Vauxhall 23/60 tourer. During World War I he escaped call-up, I think because of ill-health, but continued to develop the business.

In 1919 he bought a 16 acre farm called "Throstle Nest", Saccary Lane, Mellor, near Blackburn, and converted the house into a very nice dwelling and started a home farm.

In 1926 when radio was becoming popular he ventured into this business, selling wholesale kits of parts for amateurs to construct their own receivers. In 1929 he bought a large cotton mill for £300 called Nova Scotia Mill, Rayth, Blackburn. This was during the slump and most people thought he was crazy to do this. However he had tremendous vision and courage - his aim was to see his varied enterprises then dotted around Blackburn all assembled under one roof. In 1933 my eldest sister and brother were starting to set up home and my father never liked buying anything retail if he could help it. He approached a firm of furniture manufacturers in Burnley and bought 6 bedroom suites from them. My brother and sister had their choice from these and the remainder were left in the cycle shop. The customers said they would like to buy them and so began a new shift.

He had lots of unused space in the mill, so he started in the furniture trade. Within a space of 2 years this built up so rapidly that the sales overtook the rest of the business. Very soon he created one of the largest furniture stores in the North of England, selling furniture and carpets. His next venture was furniture manufacturing. He didn't like the standard and quality of upholstery that he could buy so he started his own upholstery manufacturing business.

Then came World War II. Practically the whole of the stocks were sold and could not be replaced. With the surplus money he bought about 6 hill farms from the Hornby estate near Lancaster. The mill was then used for food storage as a buffer depot for the Ministry of Food. After the war, normal goods were scarce, so he bought very heavily, Government Surplus Stores and with his usual determination made a great success of this.

I was demobilised in February 1946 and started to rebuild the furniture dept. from scratch and this still flourishes. R.L.Jepson died of cancer in 1953 at the age of 79. He was still as active in business up till the day he died as he had always been. From his hospital bed he used to ring up daily to see how various deals were progressing.

From then on the business continued to prosper. We had all been brought up in a hard school and all of us started doing useful work from the age of 9 or 10. The family consisted as follows;- Kate Audrey Jepson born 1900 (now Isherwood) Rona Jepson born about 1905, died from pneumonia at 6 mths. Sidney Jepson born 1908 (about) now retired. Phillip Jepson born 1910, died in 1925 at the age of 15 from leukemia. Mary Jepson born 1915 (now Burgess) still active as Sec. of R.L. Jepson Ltd. Arnold Jepson born 1917(that's me!) Managing Director of R.L.J.

The business comprises a group as follows:- R.L.Jepson Ltd. Trading retail in furniture and carpets with what is probably the largest store of its kind in the North of England. Massey Motor Coy, Trading in engineering stores and tools. This company used to manufacture the Massey Arran Brown Motor cycle. It went bankrupt in 1925 and R.L.J. bought it from the liquidator. Nova Scotia Bearing Coy. dealing in bearings and ball-races. Jepson Finance Coy. servicing hire-purchase trade for R.L.J. Nova Scotia Transmissions Ltd. dealing in V belts, chain sprockets and pulleys etc. We bought a small company trading in Accrington selling bearings. This was the beginning of the Nova Scotia Bearing Co. which was developed by Ernest Jepson and very soon became the biggest profit earner in the group and still remains so.

Our staff normally stay with us all their working life. One has just retired on to half-time, he joined the company in 1922 at the age of 14. Incidentally one final point of interest, the grandson of my father's partner, T. Cemm is now with the business and a Director of Nova Scotia Transmissions Ltd.

I should be delighted to learn more about Marie Ortmann. I had no idea we had any relatives still alive in America. I have been over to States this year for the first time. I shall certainly go again and who knows, may well be able to have a family reunion with your member.

Although the practised family historian will detect some small inconsistencies in this story, Marie was "over the Moon" to receive the letter and soon there is to be another of those happy transatlantic family reunions. Maybe Marie will tell us all about it after the event.

(M.E.Johnson)

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR ANCESTORS? (Again - see "Branch News" no. 5)

Extract from "Peakland Days" by Roger A. Redfern.

"..... At that time (winter) comes to mind the medieval custom that the people of Brampton were bound to take the corpse of the first person who died in Brampton, Loades, Pocknedge, Wadshelf or Wigley after New Year's Day to be buried in Chesterfield at the parish church of St. Mary and All Saints. The vicar of Chesterfield received all the fees and mortuary offerings that would normally have been paid if the body had been buried at Brampton."

Ask yourself if this is a custom that was likely to have been unique to Chesterfield.

(M.E. Johnson)

Are you Adopted?:- Then write to Adoptive Children's Register, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.



ADVERTISEMENTS.

HELP WANTED

SPENCER Details are needed of the marriage, before 1828 between Paul SPENCER and Ann ? There seems to be very few references about that time to any Spencers with the Christian name of Paul, but the Paul Spencer mentioned above was the father of William Spencer, baptised on 16 March at DUFFIELD.  
No. 1 Mr. J.W.Bannister, Moor Croft, 4, Highfield Crescent, Rowley Regis Warley, West Midlands, B65 OBZ.

WINTERTON Marriages and origin of William WINTERTON/WINTERS and Ruth about 1764;  
WINTERS John WINTERS/WINTERTON and Sarah about 1738; Resided at SPONDON and BREADSALL. Probably were in INDIA in the military.  
No. 122 Mr. R.W.Price, P.O.Box 11096, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84147 U.S.A.

CLARKE I am searching for information about my great, great, great grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth CLARKE of HAMMERSMITH. Thomas Clarke was born at RIPLEY about 1815. Elizabeth Clarke (nee STAPLES) was born at RIPLEY about 1822. I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows of this family.  
61. Mr. R.M.Hayes, Box 74, Wells, British Columbia, Canada, VOK 2R0.

WOODWARD Of West Derbyshire, I have searched census returns, knowing my family were farmers and lived in and around TICKNALL and CALKE for the last 400 yrs.

The 1841 census gives my great, great Uncle William, his wife Elizabeth Woodward, three children and eight servants of "Southwood", REPTON parish. "Southwood" lies between Calke and Ticknall. William is mentioned in Kelly's directories up until 1884 as living in the place I have stated. From this information I have searched the census returns for 1851-61 and 71 to locate his family but it gives nothing of him or his family nor any reference to them in Calke or Ticknall parishes.

I wondered if any members have had this problem. I would very much appreciate any help. If I can help with any connections with families in the BRISTOL area in exchange with the Woodwards of "Southwood" I will be very pleased.

NO. 87 Mr. A. Newton, 50, Charlton Rd., Keynsham, Nr. Bristol, Avon.

STOP PRESS: The following members have joined us since the New Members List on p.3 was compiled. We extend a warm welcome to them.

124. Mrs. M.C. Copley, 129, Marlborough Rd., Swindon, Wilts. tracing ADDICOTT of NOTTINGHAM, St. Nicholas, 1866. COPLEY of S. YORKS. and N. NOTTS. WINKBURN of DERBYS. 1900. GOODWIN of NOTTS. CROPWELL and BUTLER 1860's.
125. Mrs. S. Smith, 8, Albert Rd., Breaston, Derbys. DE7 3DL. tracing THEOBALD and TEBBUT 18th and 19th cent. of WILNE, LONG EATON, SAWLEY and DRAYCOTT. DAFT of LONG EATON.
126. Mr. G.W. Gibson, 6, Raie Maisonnets, Barry Rd., London SE22 0JZ. tracing GIBSON of RADFORD, NOTTS. 1818. MANHAM of SHIRLAND, DERBYS. 1833. WALLWIN of RIDDINGS, DERBYS. 1835. GRAINGER (John) of RIPLEY, DERBYS. 1827.
127. Mr. D.R. Astle, Lenton Hall, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD. tracing ASTLE of HILTON, DERBYS. 1844.

"INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BRITISH GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY." Our member in Ohio, Mrs. E. Grissinger has written to say she is now a trustee and charter member of the above Society which has been instigated in U.S.A. by Don Steele." The Society will include people from all over U.S. and Canada (and maybe elsewhere) who are interested in a cultural exchange and mutual assistance between groups in Britain and elsewhere." It will give some international assistance to some projects, such as Monumental Inscriptions and could prove to be quite a help to "both sides of the pond".