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EDITORIAL

As both chairman of the Society and editor of "Branch News" I feel that I must pay tribute to everyone who has contributed in some way to the continued success of the Society. It is most encouraging to hear that so many of you are offering to help with the various projects and excitement grows as each piece of finished work is returned to us. In gathering material together, indexing, and publishing the finished work we are helping family historians everywhere.

Of course, the main object of the Society is to help members in their own researches. "Branch News" is produced as a means of contact, not only with officials of the Society, but with other members, and many other Societies. We encourage members with similar name and area interests to contact each other and we are very pleased to hear when such contacts are made. Some people are unsure in case a member they might contact should feel reluctant to pass on 'hard gained' information, but this should not be so. Family historians are noted for their willingness to share and their generosity in passing on information. One good way of finding contacts is through the use of Members' Interests (see p. 3.) as all interests submitted by members, right from the formation of the Society are alphabetically listed. Many members are now finding 'lost' relatives through the use of these booklets.

Another way of making contact, is to make "Branch News" work for you, it is your magazine, use it to help you. Send in a query for "Help Wanted" (free to members) or better still, write a short article about your family research. I was persuaded to write an article about my family research in the very first issue of "Branch News" and this brought me a letter and information from the noted author, lecturer and genealogist, Frank Smith of Salt Lake City, and we find that we are 3rd cousins!

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in information and interesting items. A short while ago we had a marvellous gift from Mr. E. Breffit of Felixstowe, Suffolk, of an album packed with old postcards, many relating to Derbyshire. Thank you, Mr. Breffit, your gift is very much appreciated.

Good hunting during the summer months
W.E.W.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members into the Society.

- 345. Mr. K.G. MORETON, 12 Brixham Close, Bedford MK40 3BH. Searching MORETON of DUFFIELD 1817.
- 346. Mrs. M. ALLEN, Ox Close Farm, Offcote, Ashbourne, Derbys. Searching WHEILDON of FOXT and IPSTONES, STAFFS. 1808; BOLAS of LITTLE WENLOCK, SAL.
- 347. Mr. M.D. BOOTH, "Nuthanger", Holy Well Rd., Malvern Wells, WOR. Searching BOOTH (Aaron) of PENTRICH 1805; BARKS (Lydia) of RIPLEY 1863.
- 348. Mr. Clifford J. RAVEN, 47 Haselbury Rd., Edmonton, London. N. 18 1AZ. Searching HAWKSLEY of SOUTH WINGFIELD 1860; PERRY of CRICH 1860's; FOULKS of SMALLEY 1830
- 349. Mr. Alan G. SCOTT, 100 Portreath Drive, Allestree, Derby. Searching SCOTT of SUNDERLAND 1900; THOMPSON of DUNDEE, SCOTLAND; SCOTT of HALIFAX, YKS. 1890.
- 350. Miss Diane E. ROWLAND, 38 Ladysmith Rd., Eltham, London SE9 5BN. Searching ROWLAND of THORPE 1788; EYRE of BRADBOURNE 1774; WHEILDON of THORPE 1796; JACKSON of BRADBOURNE 1774.

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351. Mr. A.P. KNIGHTON, 28 Kensington Gardens, Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 5NZ. Searching - KNIGHTON of ILKESTON; STRAW, BEARDSLEY, TURTON, TRUEMAN, FLETCHER, EATON, HENSON and WEST also of ILKESTON; PASS of HEANOR and SHIRLAND; STIRLAND of HEANOR and SHIPLEY; BAKER of SHIPLEY; ROBINSON of ALFRETON; HENSON of GREASLEY and BILBOROUGH NOTTS; SWINDALL of DENBY and BELPER; ADAMS of GREASLEY NOTTS; HOPKINSON of SHIRLAND.
352. Mr. & Mrs. C.V. SALT, 30 Ashbourne Rd., Leek, Staffs. ST13 5AS. Searching MAXWELL of
353. GLOSSOP 1850-1870 and of SALFORD LANCS. 1832.
354. Mrs. G.A. PRICE, R.R. No.2, Milton, Ontario, Canada. Searching ROBERTS of BRIMINGTON 1879; MYHILL of SHEEPBRIDGE 1879; HARMER probably of SHEEPBRIDGE 1851.
355. Mr. F.R. GILBERT, 26 Crook Stile, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 3LJ. Searching GILBERT of YOULGREAVE 1806.
356. Mr. Peter D. SMITH, 21 School Lane, Chilwell, Notts. NG9 5 EH. Searching SMITH of WEST HALLAM 1550; HARDY of PINCHBECK WEST LINCS. 1880; DEAN of St. Barnabus, DOUGLASS I of MAN.
357. Miss. Elizabeth MORONEY, 10 Lyndhurst St., Dudley 2290 N.S.W. Australia. Searching - YEOMANS of REPTON 1831; ASHMOLE of MICKLEOVER 1825; BAILEY of FINDERN; COWLISHAW of FINDERN; STORER of MICKLEOVER. (BAILEY 1860's; Cowlishaw 1846; STORER 1794)
358. Mr. & Mrs. D.C. MEASHAM, Tor Cottage, 81 Cavendish Rd., Matlock, Derbys. DE4 3HD.
359. Searching MEASHAM of REPTON 1810; KNOWLES of BARROW-ON-TRENT; BARRY of FROME SOMERSET 1880; APPLGATE of FROME SOMERSET 1880.
360. Mr. Malcolm S. TIMMS, TIMMS of HEANOR 1785; BROWN of HEANOR 1816; RICHARDSON of ALFRETON 1829; RADFORD of ALFRETON 1807. Address - Wall Hill Cottage, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 3QF.
361. Mrs. R. KOLK, 2809 Guthrie, Der Moiner, Iowa 50317 U.S.A. Searching WRIGHT (Thomas) of WINGERWORTH 1887; SIMPSON (Joseph) of TIBSHELF 1881; DAVENPORT (Geo.); WALKER (Joseph); HINCHLIFF of BOTTESFORD 1840, (Leics).
362. Mr. & Mrs. I.E. ARGYLE, Hafod-Y-Coed, Belbins, Romsey, Hants. Searching ARGYLE/
363. ARGILE of RIPLEY 1819/20, and MATLOCK 1840; SWIFT of SCARTHENICK, CROMFORD 1840.
364. Mr. M.F. KNIGHT, 26 Salcombe Drive, Redhill, Arnold, Notts. NG5 8JF.
365. Mr. H. SHAW, 50 Burnside Drive, Spondon, Derbys. DE2 7QQ. Searching SHAW (Ernell) of BOYLESTONE 1867; MUSGROVE of St. Peter's DERBY 1850. James Shaw married Emma Musgrove at St. Peter's. Fathers name Samuel SHAW; James Shaw born c.1827.
366. Mrs. Alice D. TOMPKINS, 18 Landy Drive, Warilla, N.S.W. Australia 2528. Searching - WOODCOCK of ILKESTON and LITTLE BYTHAM, LINCS.; PLANT of HEANOR and LOUGHBOROUGH; QUAYLE of IRELAND; BROMYARD of BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORD.
367. Mr. Norman ESSEX, 24 Balmoral Rd., Borrowash, Derbys. DE7 3FZ. Searching WALKER of UPPER LANGWITH and probably SCARCLIFFE 1879 and 1840; NORTHAGE of CARBURTON, Nr. WELBECK ABBEY, NOTTS. 1848; ESSEX of SHIPTON OLIFFE, GLOS. 1874, and probably of ULLENWOOD, GLOS. 1856; MONTGOMERY of ASHPERTON, Nr. LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE 1854.
368. Mr. Edward P. HURRELL, 42 Butlers Court Rd., Beaconsfield, Bucks. Searching - SHORE of SOUTH NORMANTON/MORTON 1786/1749; WELLS of CHESTERFIELD 1850; ROE of SOUTH NORMANTON 1786; BUTCHER of STONEBROOM 1866.
369. Mr. J.W. SANT, 7 Mostyn Ave., Littleover, Derbys. Searching SANT of RIPLEY 1795 also SAINT.
370. Rev. T.A. ASEBY, 12 Parkway, Steeton, Keighley, West Yorks. BD20 6SX. Searching - ASHBY of HOPE 1793; Is also involved in much research in the parish registers of TAXAL and CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.
371. Mr. & Mrs. Brian H. WOODALL, 29 Lodge Rd., Pelsall, Walsall. Searching SLATER and
372. PHIPPS of OCKBROOK 1806 and 1745; SMITH and PORTER of ELVASTON and BREADSALL 1796 and 1765; THRUTCHLEY of ALVASTON 1765; STEVENSON of BRAMPTON 1799; BATTESON of CHESTERFIELD/BOLSOVER? 1808(Chesterfield); PARSONS of CHESTERFIELD 1803; STRANGE of CHESTERFIELD 1828; BRADLEY of CHESTERFIELD; PITMAN of St. Peter's and All Saints DERBY 1794 and 1794 and 1789; BROWN of All Saints DERBY 1699; WILKINSON of REPTON; MEASHAM of REPTON; SMITH of MICKLEOVER; ALLSOPP of St. John's and St. Alkmund's DERBY; LAMBERT of SPONDON.

373. Mr. T. BARKER, 18 Froggatt Close, Allestree, Derby. Searching BARKER of NORTHOWRAM YORKS. 1817; BRIGGS of BELPER 1852; TAYLOR of NUNEATON c.1800; ROBINSON of DERBY, St. Alkmunds 1841.
374. Mrs. Barbara ROGERS, 20 Longmoor Gardens, Long Eaton, Nr. Nottingham NG10 4DP. Searching BRIGGS possibly of NORTH WINGFIELD/PENTRICH 1700; DAVIS; BROWN; KIRKHAM.
375. Mr. David J.R. NICHOLAS; P.O. Box 114; Edgecliff, N.S.W. 2027 Australia. Searching PHILLIPS of BIRMINGHAM 1780; WOODWARD of KEYWORTH, NOTTS; PACEY of NOTTS; KITTLEBURNE of KEYWORTH, NOTTS; PUNT of HISTON, CAMBRIDGE; MANN of TETBURY, GLOUCS. 1680; (WOODWARD, KITTLEBURNE and PUNT 1800; PACEY 1809).
376. Mr. Richard G. MORLEY, 1 Hillbrow Close, Wood Street Village, Nr. Guildford, Surrey GU3 3DF. Searching MORLEY of BARGATE, BELPER 1846.
377. Mr. J. George SKEVINGTON, Lanteglos House, Rectory Lane, Mulbarton, Norwich, Norfolk NR14 8AG. Searching SKEVINGTON of ILKESTON 1795.
378. Mr. M.J. PAYNE, 534 Duffield Rd., Allestree, Derby. Searching HOUGH of KIRK LANGLEY 1816; ACETHORPE of ST. LUKE'S, DERBY 1896; HUCKERBY of HORNINGLOW 1850.
379. Mr. R.W. HUMMEL, 20 Stonebridge Rd., Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon. Searching WRIGHT of HEANOR, 1824; BOAM of HEANOR 1822; ELEY of HEANOR 1811; ELEY of ILKESTON 1801.
380. Mr. Brian ELLIOTT, "Threepieces", Vernon Lane, Kelstedge, Derbys. S45 ODU. Searching ELLIOTT of NORTH WINGFIELD and STRETTON.
381. Mrs. Elsie YATES, 30 Woodside Ave., Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 6BQ. Searching HODGKINSON of MAYFIELD Nr. ASHBOURNE 1626; ALLEN (Emily) of STOCKPORT also lived at MAYFIELD.

(cont. on p. 5.)

CORRECTION: 318. Mr. A. SPENCER, 91 Ferrers Way, Ripley, Derbys. DE5 3DY is tracing the name JEWKES (not Jukes as stated in "Branch News" no. 16). His other interests are DEPLEDGE of BELPER 1850, and BARLOW.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Malcolm Wood writes to say that he has traced his line of the WOOD family of SELSTON and PINKTON back to a marriage of William WOOD and Mary SKINNER at SELSTON in 1733, not to 1626 as given in "Branch News" no. 16. He does however, have information on the name WOOD prior to this marriage, but at this point cannot connect it with his own family. Mr. M. Wood, 3 Hazeldene Rd., Trentham, Stoke on Trent, Staffs. ST4 8DM. Memb. 344.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

19. Mr. M. SPENCER, 2 Farm Close, Somercotes, Derbys. DE55 4JE
147. Mr. S.D. MELLOR, 15 Heol-y-Wern, Cardiff, CF4 6NG
174. Mr. C. TURNER, 76 Cornwall Ave., North Shore, Blackpool, Lancs.
160. Mr. R. LANGENS, P.O. Box 37, Mitchell, Queensland 4465. Australia.
180. Mr. C.H. DUNCAN, c/o W. Fox, R.M.B. 3910, Main Rd., Anna Bay, 2301 N.S.W. Australia.
- 236 Mrs. C. SHARP, "Mayfield", Downsway Close, Tadworth, Surrey.
234. Mrs. S. METCALFE, 1951 Rathburn Rd., E. T.H. 65, Mississauga, Ontario, L4L0 2N9 Canada.

CORRESPONDENCE: Please add your membership number to any correspondence with members of the Society. It is also a great help if your name and membership number is added to all pedigree sheets which are sent, in even though a letter is enclosed with them. This will make our Membership secretary's and Interests co-ordinator's jobs much easier.

MEMBERS' INTERESTS SUPPLEMENT No.1.

- Supplement No. 1. 80p (by post £1.00.) 1980
- Members' Interests March 1979 plus Supplement No. 1. £1.30 (by post £1.50.)
- Members' Interests March 1979 only, 50p. (by post 60p.)

These booklets contain names submitted by members from way back to the formation of the Society and will be of great help to new members in particular.

HELP WANTED

ALLSOP Mrs. L. Preston is seeking information on ROWLAND ALLSOP who was born at
SUTTON CARSINGTON, Derbys. in 1814 and emigrated to Australia around 1838. He married
BAILEY JANE McINTYRE in Australia but Mrs. Preston is yet to find the marriage details.
A possible first marriage has been found in the BRASSINGTON register, but it is
probable that his first wife died before he went to Australia. Mrs Preston would also be
pleased to receive any information on the family of WILLIAM HENRY SUTTON, a schoolmaster,
who had a daughter FRANCES ELIZABETH. His wife was JANE PENELOPE WELLINGTON and they lived
in BROADWAY SOMERSET 1849. Information is also needed on EDWARD BAILEY who married SARAH
ANN DORRINGTON, born 1837 in BRIGHTON. Mrs. L. Preston, 31 Churchill St., South Tamworth,
N.S.W. 2340 Australia. Member no. 287.

STANIFORTH Parents of GEORGE COX, farmer born at BOLSOVER, Derbys. about 1800, (died 1872
THOMPSON at Bolsover) and ANNE STANIFORTH (born 1808-9 at HACKENTHORPE nr. BRIGHTON 1835)
CRAWSHAW Children: WILLIAM STANIFORTH, GEORGE, REBECCA ANN and WALTER HENRY, born between
COX 1836-1845 at BEIGHTON though the family shifted back to BOLSOVER after WALTER
TRUMAN HENRY'S birth. Also parents of ESTHER (or Hester) TRUMAN (born 25 Nov. 1810)
who married GEORGE THOMPSON of NORBURY, Derbys. in 1838 and moved to COUNTY
TIPPERARY with their family in 1849. When Esther died in 1876, George married ELIZA FRANCES
CRAWSHAW in 1868 at STAVELEY, Derbys. I am anxious to get in touch with descendants of the
COX children - WILLIAM STANIFORTH COX or REBECCA ANN COX who married WILLIAM HENRY GRIMES
5 November 1863 at BOLSOVER. If anyone can help, please contact Mrs. Janet SHAW, 6 Granada
Place, Glendowie, Auckland 5, New Zealand. Membr. no. 295

BUXTON Searching for information on HENRY BUXTON, born in Derbyshire in 1794. Left
STAVELEY in 1821 May 21st with HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY for MANITOBA. Died in
OREGON in 1870. Anne MATTHEW, 13520 Fitzhugh Lane, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22191. U.S.A.
Postage gladly refunded. Memb. 305

TOMLINSON I am trying to trace the ancestry and descendants of SAMUEL TOMLINSON, farmer
SMITHERD of DERBY HILLS near MELBOURNE, who married JANE SMITHERD 1767, died 1807.
His children were: James (married Sarah EARP) John (married Mary SCOTT 1798)
David (married Hannah WEBSTER 1799) Mary (married Francis ROBINSON 1798) Sarah (married
John EARP 1798) Joseph (emigrated to Canada 1817). Any information will be greatly
appreciated and postage reimbursed. Joseph married Mary PARNELL on 22 Sept. 1806 and moved
to Canada with his wife and family. Some of his brothers and sisters may have remained in
the MELBOURNE area. Any information on the Melbourne-Derby Hills area or on the Tomlinsons
and Smitherds would be greatly appreciated. Mrs. S. VILJOEN, 131 Penfield Drive, Kanata,
Ontario, K2K 1M4. Canada. Member no. 315.

SKINNER Mr. M. WOOD would be grateful if anyone can supply him with any information
WOOD about STORTHE LANE, Pinxton. In a will dated 1621 CHRISTOPHER WOOD, Yeoman of
SELSTON bequeathed all his lands to his son WILLIAM, except for a legacy to his
grandchild "DOWSABEL for the Benefit and Profit of a Close or Closes called STORTHEs in
PINKSTON during the Tearme of four years." In a will dated 1636 WILLIAM WOOD, Yeoman of
SELSTON bequeathed his land at PINKSTON (presumably the STORTHEs inherited from his father)
to his son CHRISTOPHER. STORTHE LANE still exists in Pinxton. Mr. M. WOOD, 3 Hazeldene Rd.,
Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. Member no. 344.

Please do not forget to refund postage to anyone who may answer your plea for help.
Also, when writing for information do not forget to send a stamped and addressed envelope,
or two international reply coupons in the case of overseas enquiries. Thank you.

APPEAL FROM THE COUNTY ARCHIVIST.

Now that the County Record Office has reopened it has become apparent that it is
absolutely essential for researches to make prior appointments when they wish to use the
archives. Miss Sinar, our archivist, appeals to all our members and especially those from
abroad who propose to spend their holidays on family research to give as much notice as
possible of their desire to do research at Matlock. It would be a great help if researchers
could say which records they wish to consult as these can be looked out in readiness for
their arrival.

The fee is now 50p per day. Write to The County Archivist, C.R.O. Matlock. DE4 3AG.
Telephone number Matlock (Code 94) 3411 Ext. 7347.

PROCEDURE WHEN SEEKING PERMISSION TO SEE PARISH REGISTERS WHICH ARE STILL AT THE CHURCH.

1. Write to the incumbent for permission to see the registers and also to ask what fees, if any, are charged.
2. If no answer has been received from the incumbent after a reasonable time, telephone to ask if he received your letter.
3. Should you be refused permission to see the original registers, you should quote the Parochial Registers and Records Measure to him. (see "Branch News" no. 10)
4. If permission is still refused, contact the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, Rev. J.O. Drackley, The Vicarage, Long Lane, Dalbury Lees, Derbys.

When permission is granted for you to see the registers and someone other than the incumbent is to give you access to them, you should have written consent from the incumbent.

(From the Evening Sentinel) DOCUMENTS TO AID SEARCHES (11th April 1981)

Two valuable documents to help genealogists trace their ancestors have been published by Staffordshire's County Record Office.

They are a list of non-conformist chapels from the 18th to the 20th centuries and a handlist of all non-conformist church and chapel records.

A spokesman said genealogy had become a popular hobby and the documents could be obtained from the office in Eastgate-street, price 20p each, plus postage.

The above article from the "Evening Sentinel" has been sent in by Mr. Malcolm Wood who very thoughtfully contacted the Editor of the newspaper for permission to reprint the article in "Branch News".

HELP WANTED. cont.

Any information of the parents of Hannah EATON who married Thomas COTTON (Engineer) COTTON 30 Jan. 1836 at ASTON-on-TRENT. Please write to: F.S. HALL, Membership Secretary, 188 Nottingham Rd., Alfreton, Derbys.

GORDON Mr. E. Horn, 5 Devas Gardens, Spondon, Derbys. Memb. No. 214, seeks details of HORN Grandfather John GORDON of TYNESIDE, drowned in S.S. Zadne and buried in a communal grave at WORTHING in 1894. Also of Grandfather HORN of LOWERSTOFT (Herring Industry) settled in NORTH SHIELDS around 1900.

NEW MEMBERS. cont. from p. 3.

382. Mr. A.A. MIDDLETON, 2930 Marshall S.E. D. 35 Grand Rapids, MI 49508 U.S.A. Searching MIDDLETON of GLOSSOP and HOPE 1821; HARRISON also of GLOSSOP 1821.
383. Mr. J.R. SYKES, 14106 Riverforest, Houston, Texas, 77079 U.S.A. Searching SYKES (Godfrey) of St. James, NORTON and DRONFIELD 1718; SYKES (Thomas) - Chief Surveyor at Dronfield 1816; SYKES (Robert) DRONFIELD (Holmesfield) c.1689/1694 ?
384. Mr. Terry MART, 8 Frickley Road, Nether Green, Sheffield S11 7EX. Searching MART of HULLAND and BIGGIN 1654, and of ALSOP-EN-LE-DALE c.1720.
385. Mr. & Mrs. B. SHEALE, Nicholas House, 35 High Street, Tutbury, Staffs. DE13 9LS.
386. Searching SHEALE or SHELL of HELMSLEY, Yorks. 1770.

This completes our membership up to 30th April 1981.

HELP OFFERED

Mrs. H. ALLINSON, 125 Westerham Rd., Sittingbourne, Kent. ME10 1XG, who is a member of the NORTH WEST KENT F.H.S. is willing to search her BORDEN (nr. SITTINGBOURNE) KENT information which includes M.I's, 1871 census and 1841 tithe in return for a S.A.E.

Thank you for your kind offer Mrs. Allinson.

THE YEOMAN FARMERS OF DERBYSHIRE

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By far the most substantial character in the countryside of long ago was the yeoman farmer - that politically sound, hard-working man whom historians called the bulwark of England.

Over the centuries he remained a staunch ally of the squire, whose land he farmed. More often, though, he was a freeholder in his own right, having with shrewdness purchased good fat acres from thriftless nobility. The Derbyshire farmer of bygone days was a practical man, who believed in resolute independence; and when he bought or sold, it was always a cash-down transaction. He ate hearty meals, slept soundly, and enjoyed unmolested the sport of gun and hound. Of course, he had his times of adversity, but was not unduly cast down by the vicissitudes of the seasons or the policies of successive governments. The conduct of village affairs was largely his concern, and at meetings he would express his views in no uncertain terms. If there was money in the family, then he bred the best horses and cattle, sent his sons and daughters to good schools, and subscribed generously to the local hunt. And although he may not have been accepted in the county's charmed upper circle, at least he could live accordingly.

This rise to social distinction began about 1720 when, by an Act of Parliament, large enclosures of waste land were brought under cultivation. And those who had the wisdom to give up the older style of strip farming were able to amass what was then considered a village fortune. But this was mostly grass farming, with modest rents for land round Derby. In the Markeaton estate book is the following entry: "Paid by John Greatorex for 3 years grazing Markeaton Moor - 1755 to 1757 - the sum of one pound."

COW GATES: Local landowners soon began to fence the open commons into small acreages, called cow gates, which they let for 3s a gate annually. In the same Markeaton accounts we read: "Purchased 13 hundred quick-thorn sets at 6d a hundred," indicating that hedgerows were here to stay. John Bryer of Vicarwood kept a neat record of his farm transactions, and these give an accurate picture of costs in those days. For instance, in 1758 he paid William Pickering 3s.8d for carting 11 loads of clover from Mackworth to his stackyard. Sundry expenses included "2 hay-rakes 1s and 2 yard brushes 6d." He also mentions "a journey to Ticknall for a load of lime" which cost 13s. In 1772 he gave 11s each for some sheep, and £1.12s for a tup. Antique dealers note that a new cheese-press and screw came to 11s. But his most expensive acquisition that year was a filly costing £2.10s. Vicarwood was noted for grain, and in February 1774, John Bryer wrote: "Sold 16 quarters of barley to Wilson and Kirk of Derby for £1.13s a quarter." But by 1776 the price had fallen to £1.3s a quarter.

INVASION THREAT: It was not until invasion threatened (in 1805) that the plough got moving in the pastures, turning them into cornlands to feed the nation at war. Soon the price of wheat rose to 80s a quarter, and townsfolk noted with disfavour the success of the yeoman farmer, who could now afford to hunt, buy his wife good clothes, and educate his family. Farmers' daughters became too fine-fingered for dairy work, and parents encouraged them to marry out of farming. The retail shopkeepers were beneath their notice when choosing suitors, though a solicitor, a brewer or corn-merchant (especially one who kept a carriage and servants) was accepted as suitable company with whom the educated country girl could mix.

SNOBBERY: Just as in our own times, there were degrees of snobbery, and I am reminded of a well-to-do farmer's daughter who became engaged to a young doctor. When his mother heard about the match she was horrified, and told him: "No farmer's daughter is a lady." The fact that the girl's mother was the daughter of a Derbyshire parson did not apparently carry any weight. Improved social conditions led to a competitive spirit among the yeoman farmers, who arranged pheasant shoots, cattle shows, ploughing matches and gave prizes for all manner of country activities. Do any readers still recall the best-kept stackyard contest organised by Brailsford and District Ploughing and Hedgecutting Society? This event was judged for tidiness, sound fencing and well-built stacks. The main feature, however, was the care taken with the thatching. In the working-out of this most necessary piece of ancient craftsmanship lay the secret of success. Good farming also required steady, persevering work and a shrewd common sense. Even then the yeoman farmer frequently found that, in the face of cheap foreign imports, he could barely sell his produce.

MILK TRAIN: My grandparents would tell how, in 1905, they delivered the milk to Etwall station - bound for London - on seven days a week for a price of only 4d a gallon. And if the milk did not arrive at its destination in a sweet and marketable condition it would be

returned, carriage paid by the unfortunate farmer.

Quite a different aspect of a yeoman farmer's life was provided by his service in the armed forces of the Crown. Sturdy and loyal as the name suggests, some of the old yeoman families of Derbyshire had close connections with their county regiment. Indeed it was once a condition of tenancy upon the Radbourne estate that all farmers must be willing to join the Yeomanry. And none but the aged or infirm escaped duty. These part-time country soldiers would be seen riding into Derby in their smart red-and-blue uniforms and pillbox hats. They were required to attend two weeks' training at Sudbury camp each year - and provide their own horses. But life was not all pageantry.

DEPRESSION: Those born into pre-war farming still remember the grim years of depression, when farmers' sons had wages of a shilling a week. And there is a sense of admiration towards the rugged survivors who clung defiantly to their land. The yeoman farmer responded in time of war to grow more food, and may reflect with satisfaction that agriculture has now become Britain's biggest industry.

THE PARTICULAR BAPTIST CHAPEL AGARD STREET, DERBY.

The Derby Mercury Newspaper of 1794 tells us that this chapel held its opening service on June 12th of that year in a building on Nuns Green, later to become Agard Street.

The Freebody Directory of Derby for 1852 tells us that the origins of this chapel are obscure, and struggled for over a century, having had a chequered existence, more than once being on the verge of extinction. Soon after the erection of the building, however, which was at the sole expence of ARCHER WARD Esq. of MILL HILL HOUSE, the chancel was enlarged to double its size, pulpit, pews and gallery also being added.

Mill Hill House was later purchased by a MR. SWINBURNE, a banker in Derby who was also President of the Baptist Provident Society, formed in 1815. Mrs. Swinburne furnished the chapel with an organ in 1827 costing £170 and she and her husband had given the communion cup, of solid silver, inscribed 1807.

For over 80 years the Agard Street church continued until in 1876 the Great Northern Railway Company purchased the property for £3,000. In 1880 the Green Hill Chapel was erected and worship continues there today, services being held in the Friends Meeting House in the intervening years.

The burial ground in Agard Street was closed for burials on 1st May 1855. Below the railway arches today in a garage mechanic's yard are a few memorials between jacked up cars and rubbish. The bodies of those buried there are said to have been disinterred and put in an enclosed concrete bunker at the entrance to the yard.

Of the 12 memorials I found only 4 could be read easily, the others being defaced or broken.

1. Sacred to the Memory of ALPHEUS ROBOTHAM who departed this life the 26th of June 1830. Aged 21 years.
2. To perpetuate the memory of BENJAMIN PAGE who departed this life March 29th 1845. Aged 68 years.
3. Beneath this stone are deposited the mortal remains of HENRY son of HENRY and ANN MOSS who departed this life January 17th 1828. Aged 3 years. Also MARY ANN (their daughter) who died January 28th 1846 in her 17th year.
4. To the Memory of ANN daughter of EDWARD and SARAH GADSBY who departed this life the 17th of May 1799. Aged 6 months. Also EDWARD their son who departed this life the 14th of May 1805. Aged 9 months.

Heather Eaton.

IS THIS YOUR LONG LOST ANCESTOR ?

1. Mary dau. of URIAH MUSGRAVE, a traveller, bapt. in 1703 at DALBURY.
2. 1851 Census HASLAND: THOMAS MURFIN, Head Married 35 Lace Maker Born ON THE SEA!!!

DERBYSHIRE STRAYS FROM ST. MARY'S NOTTINGHAM

Sent by Mr. M.J.T. Tedds.

MARRIAGES

- 13 Oct. 1812. William STEVENSON p. All Saints, Derby to Sarah NEED
 7 Nov. 1812. George ROBINSON of Matlock, co. Derby to Sophia WALTON (lic.)
 22 Apr. 1812. William HARDY b. of Chesterfield, co. Derby to Sarah MADIN (lic.)
 28 Dec. 1811. Anthony PULSFORD of Melbourne, co. Derby to Mary TOON (lic.)
 6 Nov. 1811. Joseph BUNTING of Bakewell, co. Derby to Mary WARD (lic.)
 9 Sep. 1811. Robert BUNTING of Matlock to Jane MARSDEN
 22 Sep. 1811. John ASKEW of Heanor to Millicent RILEY
 29 Sep. 1811. John THOMPSON of Sawley to Jane ROPER (lic.)
 14 Dec. 1810. William CARTER to Ann BELL of Stanton, co. Derby.
 30 Oct. 1809. Jacob UDALL w. p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Tacey HUGHES (lic.)
 12 Oct. 1809. Thomas JONES b. of Sawley to Frances LEE (lic.)
 17 Oct. 1809. John RAVEN b. p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Frances CHAPMAN (lic.)
 29 Sep. 1809. William FLETCHER b. of Alfreton, co. Derby to Millicent BODSWORTH sp. (lic.)
 24 Oct. 1808. Samuel GRUNDY b. of Ockbrook to Sarah BOOT sp. (lic.)
 15 Aug. 1808. John FURBANES b. of Ockbrook to Jane GIBSON
 23 June 1808. George CLOUGH w. p. of St. Peter, Derby to Hannah PEGG (lic.)
 21 Mar. 1808. Thomas HOWITT b. of Heanor to Ann MILWARD s. (lic.)
 20 Apr. 1808. Joseph CLIFFORD to Mary SMEDLEY of Sawley.
 4 Oct. 1808. Robert WHITE of Shirland b. to Elizabeth ELLIOT (lic.)
 8 Oct. 1807. Charles POYSER p. St. Alkmund to Mary LACY
 24 Nov. 1806. Thomas WARD of Melbourne to Mary NELLOWS
 19 Jan. 1806. John HARRISON p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Mary BRADBURY (lic.)
 1 Dec. 1805. William HODSON of Shirland to Sarah HIBBERT (lic.)
 15 July 1805. Samuel ROBERTS p. All Saints, Derby to Abigail HASLAM (lic.)
 18 Mar. 1805. Benjamin FLINT of BREASON (BREASTON) to Elizabeth KIRKLAND
 28 Nov. 1804. Edward BRETON of Duffield to Elizabeth Louisa GOODALL (lic.)
 29 Oct. 1804. John WINROW to Mary BEXTON of Sawley
 9 Sep. 1804. William HARVEY of Heage p. Duffield to Dorothy HUNT (lic.)
 20 Aug. 1804. Samuel EVANS of Roston p. Norbury to Elizabeth Tomlinson (lic.)
 20 June 1804. Charles ETCHES p. St. Peter, Derby to Ann BARKER (lic.)
 17 Apr. 1803. William HOLLINGWORTH of Dale Abbey to Mary SNAPE (lic.)
 5 Mar. 1803. John FARNSWORTH of Alfreton to Rebecca BLACKBROW
 18 Aug. 1802. John GOODALL of Ashover to Phoebe SADLER (lic.)
 26 June 1802. Joseph KIDDY to Ann Jemima TEMPLAR of Belper (lic.)
 31 Mar. 1802. Robert CARRINGTON of Smalley to Ann CARRINGTON
 7 Dec. 1801. John GILL of Dracott to Elizabeth SIMPSON (lic.)
 6 July 1801. John FROST of Staunton, co. Derby to Mary COLLINSON (lic.)
 7 July 1801. Samuel CHARLESWORTH of Bolsover to Ann RADFORD (lic.)
 16 Feb. 1801. Thomas EATON of Draycot p. Wilne to Mary HANBERRY (lic.)
 25 Nov. 1800. Thomas MEADS of Chesterfield to Mary WALKER (lic.)
 8 Dec. 1800. John JOWETT of Long Eaton to Elizabeth HALLAM (lic.)
 13 Dec. 1800. John FLETCHER of Sawley to Mary JALLANDS (lic.)
 2 Oct. 1799. William FERNE to Ann GOODWIN of Bolsover (lic.)
 17 Mar. 1799. Thomas GELL of Wirksworth to Mary MILLS (lic.)
 1 Dec. 1798. Anthony CHEETHAM of Matlock to Elizabeth STONE (lic.)
 9 Apr. 1798. Thomas RILEY of Bolton, co. Derby to Elizabeth BACON (lic.)
 28 Dec. 1797. Thomas BILLIALD to Margaret TUNNICLIFFE of Ashbourn (lic.)
 30 Oct. 1797. William GORSE of West Hallam to Charlotte BRADLEY (lic.)
 13 Nov. 1797. Samuel BOOTH of Belper to Sarah LOCKETT (lic.)
 29 May 1797. Henry NAYLOR of Bakewell to Ellen SMITH (lic.)
 1 Feb. 1797. William POTTER to Mary SHIPMAN of Ripley (lic.)
 11 Dec. 1796. Thomas SMITH of Longford co. Derby to Sarah GROVES (lic.)
 17 Oct. 1796. Robert BARNSDALE to Mary LINGS of West Hallam (lic.)
 25 June 1796. Thomas TRUMAN to Ann RANDALL of Ilkeston (lic.)
 16 July 1795. Thomas RICHARDSON of Chaddesden to Mary REEVES (lic.)
 10 May 1795. Richard HARRISON to Margaret WATSON of Pinxton
 10 Aug. 1795. William CAREY of Alfreton to Elizabeth SHEPPARDSON
 18 May 1795. Thomas KEETLEY of Sandycroft to Mary BESTALL (lic.)
 29 Dec. 1794. John FOWLER of Pleasley to Elizabeth ELLIOTT (lic.)
 6 Jan. 1795. Peter BAMFORD of Repton to Mary JONES (lic.)

19 Jan. 1795 Joseph BROWN to Mary WHITING of Ilkeston. (lic.)
 29 July 1794 William HAYWOOD of Sawley to Ann CARTER (lic.)
 19 Dec. 1793 Francis BUTLER to Mary FISHER of Pinxton (lic.)
 3 Oct. 1793 Elias BROWN of Denby to Ellen DARINGTON (lic.)
 28 Dec. 1792 William BROOKS of Tibshelf to Sarah DEWEY (lic.)
 7 Jan. 1793 George SNEESBY to Ann ADAMS p. St. Michael, Derby (lic.)
 11 Jan. 1792 Thomas FELTON p. All Saints, Derby to Elizabeth CHETTLE (lic.)
 20 June 1791 Thomas VERNON of this p. to Catherine VERNON of Caulk, co. Derby (lic.)
 12 July 1791 Richard FOWLER p. All Saints, Derby to Mary MADDOCK (lic.)
 26 Apr. 1791 John WOOD to Elizabeth CAMM of Chesterfield
 4 May 1790 John WALKER to Ann GREGORY of West Hallam (lic.)
 11 Nov. 1788 George LISSANT COX to Mary BARBER of ECKINGTON (lic.)
 13 Jan. 1788 William THOMPSON of Melbourne to Sarah HARRISON (lic.)
 27 Nov. 1787 Samuel ROBERTS of Horsley to Sarah ROBERTS (lic.)
 8 May 1787 Joseph MAYOR of Eckington to Susanna ROTHERHAM (lic.)
 4 Jan. 1787 Francis SIMPSON p. St. Alkmund, Derby to Sarah DENNIS (lic.)
 30 Jan. 1786 Robert BLUNDSTONE of Ilkeston to Sarah RICHARDSON (lic.)
 14 Nov. 1785 Thomas HUDSON p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Hannah CAMPION
 4 Oct. 1785 William OAKLAND to Maria ROGERS of Chesterfield
 4 Oct. 1785 John HUTCHINSON of Elvaston to Ann PIGGIN (lic.)
 10 Oct. 1785 Thomas BRODHURST to Mary JACKSON of Breeston co. Derby (lic.)
 23 Dec. 1784 John CAUNT to Mary KIRKBY of Ilkeston (lic.)
 24 May 1784 Samuel JENNISON of Duffield to Elizabeth SHAW
 22 Nov. 1783 Henry FLINT of Bonsall to Betty FLINT (lic.)
 17 July 1783 John SIMPSON of Bonsall to Elizabeth HAWLSLEY (lic.)
 15 Feb. 1783 William BURNS of Duffield to Eve BALL
 12 Nov. 1782 John SWANN to Ann LANCASHIRE of Long Eaton (lic.)
 17 Aug. 1782 Samuel REPPON of Duffield to Hannah THORNLEY
 22 Aug. 1782 Samuel WOOLLEY of Codnor p. Heanor to Ann CAUNT (lic.)
 16 Feb. 1782 Edward HAWSON to Joanna SMEDLEY of Stanton co. Derby (lic.)
 30 Oct. 1781 William ABBOT p. All Saints, Derby to Hannah BACON
 22 Nov. 1781 Joseph STANIFORD of Eckington to Elizabeth WILKINSON
 13 Aug. 1781 George SNEATH of Higham co. Derby to Mary GILSON (lic.)
 25 Sept. 1781 John BLATHERWICK of Sawley to Mary CHETWYND
 24 Apr. 1781 Ferdinando BRWONE p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Ann CARTER (lic.)
 27 July 1780 Philip GELL of Wirksworth to Elizabeth WRIGHT (lic.)
 2 May 1780 William ROBINSON of Bolsover to Elizabeth JAMES (lic.)
 28 May 1780 John BERISFORD to Elizabeth COOMBS of Melburn
 9 Jan. 1780 James FIDLER of Shirland to Catherine CLARINGBURN (lic.)
 18 Jan. 1780 Joseph SIMPSON of Ilkeston to Sarah NIGHTINGALE (lic.)
 12 Jan. 1779 John GRUNDY of Stanton to Elizabeth NOTON
 25 Apr. 1777 Anthony ALLSOPE of Brassington to Sarah GRIFFIS (lic.)
 6 Apr. 1777 Samuel HUFFTON of Ilkeston to Elizabeth HENSHAW
 10 Feb. 1777 John PARISH to Mary DICKENSON p. St. Werburgh, Derby
 18 Oct. 1776 James SHIPLEY to Mary CLAYTON of Heynor (lic.)
 21 June 1776 Joseph BADDER to Sarah HOUGH of Bradley (lic.)
 3 Nov. 1775 John HANCOCK of St. Peter's, Derby to Susanna FROGGATT (lic.)
 27 Apr. 1775 John SANSON to Elizabeth RYLEY of Denby (lic.)
 27 Jan. 1774 Charles COOK of Risley to Catherine HUGHES
 27 July 1773 John JUSTICE of Wirksworth to Sarah DANCE
 10 May 1773 Richard BADDLEY to Elizabeth GREATLEY of Mickleover (lic.)
 23 Sep. 1772 Gilbert NEVILLE to Ellen HOLMES of Matlock (lic.)
 24 May 1772 Thomas BEARDSMORE of Pinxton to Sarah PARR
 18 Feb. 1771 Thomas DALLISON p. St. Werburgh, Derby to Jane CLARK
 5 Dec. 1769 Thomas KEY p. All Saints, Derby to Sarah SMITH (lic.)
 22 Dec. 1769 Thomas ARNOLD to Sarah NELSON of Chesterfield
 7 Feb. 1769 John CARTER of Stanton by Dale to Elisabeth HUCKERBY
 22 Feb. 1769 Timothy HOYLS to Sarah BOWLER of Alfreton
 8 Nov. 1768 Christopher SMITH of Stanton to Sarah NORTON (lic.)
 3 Aug. 1768 John HIND of Mickleover to Sarah COOK
 12 Jan. 1768 Samuel HENSHAW to Mary WRIGHT of Ilkeston
 9 Oct. 1766 William BRIDDEN of Wirksworth to Martha WHITE (lic.)
 2 June 1765 John MORTON of Eckington to Elizabeth SHACKLOCK (lic.)

9 Apr. 1765 John HOULBROOK of Wirksworth to Theodosia JEPSON
 15 Oct. 1764 William KIRK to Betty GREGORY of Matlock
 25 Nov. 1764 Richard TAYLOR of p. All Saints, Derby to Elizabeth HALL (lic.)
 23 Aug. 1764 Edward WARD to Elizabeth TETLEY of Hartshorn. (lic.)
 5 Oct. 1763 Joseph WYLDE of Ashbourn to Mary ROPER
 9 May 1763 George TURNER of Chesterfield to Anne HARPER

Thank you Mr. Tedds, for all the hard work you have done on behalf of the Society.

SURNAMES RELATING TO THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF ST. JOHN ALKMONTON.

ADAMS	GADSBY	LAMONT	SAINT
ATKIN	GALLIMORE	LEA	SALT
CHADFIELD	GLOVER	LEMON	SESSIONS
COXON	HAMMOND	MASSEY	SLIGHT
DEARDEN	HARRISON	MAULTON	SMITH
DEAUVILLE	HELLABY	PEILL	SPENCER
EDWARDS	HIDDERLEY	POTTER	STONE
FEARN	HOLBROOK	ROSE	SWALE
FOSTER	JEFFERY	ROYDEN	THOMPSON
			TIDOR
			WILLOCK

Total. 38 Names. Earliest Date 1805. Latest Date 1978.

Alkmonton is a township in the parish of Longford where a hospital for lepers was founded in the fourteenth century and a chapel a century later, dedication to St. Nicholas

As land and property supporting these places was confiscated by Henry VIII they fell into disrepair and are completely lost, except for the font which was found in a field and is now used in the new church built in 1843.

Heather Eaton.

THAT OLD FAMILY BIBLE

After reading in our last issue of "Branch News" of Pauline's findings in an old bible new member Mr. A.P. Knighton of Ilkeston sends in the following names entered in a family bible in his possession.

WEST FAMILY BIBLE

On Fly-leaf:- Mary West, Ilkeston, Unitarian S.School. Jan. 12th 1874.

On reverse side of fly-leaf:-

John Beardsley born March 23rd 1820
 Ann Beardsley born May 15th 1821
 William Beardsley born February 19th 1823
 Amos Beardsley born November 7th 1824

The above are brothers and sister.

Isaiah Beardsley born January 24th 1841
 Illegitimate son of Ann Beardsley.

John West born February 6th 1824

Francis West born February 4th 1845
 Elizabeth West born September 17th 1846
 Alfred West born January 1st 1849
 Sarah West born May 8th 1851
 Ann West born August 20th 1853
 Charlotte West born June 11th 1858
 Mary West born August 15th 1861
 Hannah West born December 9th 1863

The above entries are 8 children of John West and Ann Beardsley.

Mr. Knighton has yet another bible which is of the Knighton family and entries are of a recent date, as follows:-

Parent's Names:- Frederick Knighton born April 30th 1878 Married June 8th 1901.
 Ada HENSON born November 15th 1879

Children' Names:- Knighton Frederick born February 12th 1902
 Knighton Cecil born February 8th 1904
 Knighton Eric Stanley born April 29th 1909

Deaths:- Knighton Cecil died 14th June 1904
 Knighton Frederick died 28th June 1924 (refers to Frederick Snr.)

MEETINGS REPORT

The February meeting was a members' evening and was well attended. Members made good use of both the library sections and the M.I. indexes. Available for the first time was the Ironville baptism index. The newly started scrapbook was also on show. I would like to thank those of you who have responded to my request for contributions towards this (Page 3, March edition of "Branch News").

In March it was pleasing to see many new members, when Mr. Albert Knight spoke to us of the use of maps in Genealogy. Mr. Knight illustrated his talk with various old maps showing how information could be gained from this source. (Pauline Marples)

The A.G.M. was held on 24th April and was well attended considering the freak snow-storm we had that day! All members of the committee were re-elected and retain their official positions. Dorothy Gent and Ian Manifold were proposed and duly elected onto the committee, bringing the number of committee members to 12. It was agreed unanimously to delete from the Constitution, at 4. Subscriptions (ii), the sentence starting:- New members joining after October 1st as this sentence seems to have caused some misunderstanding for these members. This clause will now read:- Subscriptions become payable on joining the Society and thereafter annually on January 1st. This we hope, will make it clear that everyone is due to pay their subscription on that date, no matter when they join. All new members will receive the full quota of magazines for the year in which they join.

SPRING CONFERENCE AT BIRMINGHAM 10-12 APRIL 1981

The spring conference for Family History Societies was hosted by the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry in the Vale Conference Centre, University of Birmingham. Over 200 family historians attended the conference and enjoyed the lectures which varied from the usual pattern of conference lectures; and were extremely interesting. On Saturday morning Professor R H Hilton gave an enlightening lecture entitled "Names Associated with Wat Tyler and the Peasants' Revolt" describing in detail the plight of the peasants. He was followed by Mr. F.K. Horton who entertained us with both sound track and slides as he described his quest to find "The Survivors of The Charge of the Light Brigade" Lectures began in the afternoon with "Chosen Names" given by Mr. J.C. Sharp which followed the development of Christian names in England. The series of lectures was completed by Dr. David Wilson, with his humorous presentation of a lecture entitled "Vital Statistics of Ancestors" describing the pattern of families, average sizes of families, and ages at marriage and death over the years.

On Sunday, whilst we delegates were attending the A.G.M. other conference participants were enjoying lectures by Mr. F. Markwell on "Those Elusive Ancestors" and by Dr. A Joseph on "Jewish Records". This year, both Patrick Palgrave-Moore and Colin Chapman completed their term of office as Chairman and General Secretary respectively. Colin Chapman has now become Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies and Ann Chiswell has become General Secretary.

As we left the Conference Centre at the end of this successful weekend, we took with us a reminder, in the form of a live Family Tree, a present from the host Society. As we waved goodbye with tree in one hand, books and bags in the other (imagine that!!!) to old friends and new, our minds were on the next Conference to be held at Cheltenham, where we all hoped to meet again. Booking form for this conference can be obtained from:- Mrs. S. Blewett, 83 Cheltenham Rd., Gloucester, GL2 OJG.

MAGAZINES RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOCIETIES TO-DATE: APRIL 1981

Higginbottom; Martin: Sant; The Genealogist (Australia); Birmingham and Midland; Bristol and Avon; British Columbia; Devonshire; Northumberland and Durham; Essex; Gloucestershire; Hampshire; N.W. Kent; Lancashire; Lincolnshire; Manchester and Lancashire; Northamptonshire; Nottingham; Suffolk; West Surrey; Sussex; Wiltshire; West Central Missouri; Yorkshire Archaeological Society.

(Ann Burnham)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

July 31st and August 28th - Recording Monumental Inscriptions at South Wingfield.
September 25th - Members' Evening and Question Time. (Bring along your problems)

EXECUTIONS AT DERBY

Contributed by Insp. Des Bamforth.

(We have been pleased to welcome Insp. Bamforth on two occasions to talk to us on 'Crime' and also to visit the Police Museum at their headquarters in Butterley Hall at his invitation.)

- 1556 Aug. 1 Joan WASTE was burnt as a heretic in Windmill Pit, on the Burton Road, at Derby. (She was a blind woman, who, during the reign of Edward VI, had attended the services of the Church. After Queen Mary came to the throne she was accused before the Bishop of the Diocese of maintaining that the Sacrament was only a memorial or representation of the body of Christ, and the elements were mere bread and wine. This opinion she was required to renounce; but, persisting in it, she received sentence of condemnation. After a sermon in the church she was led to the stake on the Burton Road, and there burned, holding Roger WASTE, her brother, by the hand, praying and desiring those around her to pray.)
- 1683 July 25 Three Roman Catholic priests, Nicholas GARLICK, Robert LUDLAM and Richard SYMPSON, suffered martyrdom at Derby, being hanged, drawn and quartered.
- 1608 Five men and a woman were executed at Tapton Bridge, Chesterfield, the Assizes having been held at Chesterfield owing to the prevalence of the plague at Derby.
- 1665 March 14 A woman pressed to death in the County Hall, Derby, as a mute. This awful punishment was pronounced on those who refused to plead and remained mute. Before the infliction of the sentence the accused was warned three times of the penalty which would attend abstinence silence, and allowed a short time for consideration. If the prisoner still persisted in silence, the 'Judgment of Penance', as it was termed, was thus pronounced:- "That you be taken back to the prison whence you came, to a low dungeon into which no light can enter; that you be laid on your back on the bare floor, with a cloth round your loins, but elsewhere naked; that there be set on your body a weight of 1 ton, as great as you can bear - and greater; that you have no sustenance save, on the first day, three morsels of the coarsest bread, on the second day three draughts of stagnant water from the pool nearest the prison door, on the third day again three morsels of bread as before, and such bread and water alternately from day to day until you die."
(This is the last known instance of this awful penalty being carried into effect.)
- 1693 A girl in farm service at Swanwick burnt for murdering her master. This was the last case in Derbyshire of death by burning at the stake.
- 1732 March 23 John HEWITT and Rosamund CLERENSHAW were executed for poisoning Hannah HEWITT at Derby. (They were executed in their shrouds.)
- 1738 March 2 Richard WOODWARD was hanged at Derby for highway robbery.
- 1757 Thomas HULLEY hanged for returning from transportation.
- 1785 April 1 William and George GROOBY and James PEAT, for burglary at Derby. ("It is now more than sixty years," says the "Mercury", "since there were so many executed at one time upon our gallows; the persons who suffered then were named ROCK, LYON and SHAW, and we believe their crime was counterfeiting the current coin of the realm. PEAT wrote on the prison doors with chalk: 'Calm and Composed, my soul a journey takes; No guilt that troubles, nor a heart that akes.")
- 1788 March 29 Thomas GRUNDY hanged for murdering his brother. (After execution his body was publicly dissected in the presence of a great number of spectators.)
- 1795 April 10 Thomas NEVILLE, for burglary. (He was carried to execution in a mourning coach, attended by a hearse; where he assisted his executioner to fasten the rope to the tree, after which he drew his cap over his face and leapt from the cart into eternity.)

- 1803 March 19 William WELLS, for murder at Barlborough. (About a minute after he had been hanged the rope slipped and he fell to the ground; the executioner was therefore under the necessity of tying him up a second time. His body was given to the surgeons for dissection.)
- 1813 April 9 Paul MASON, Richard HIBBERT, and Peter HENSHAW, for burglary. (They were executed on the new drop, in front of the County Goal, before an immense crowd of spectators.)
- 1815 March 8 Anthony LINGARD, for murder. The last case of gibbetting in the County of Derby. (The body was afterwards removed to Wardlow Miers, and hung in chains near to the house where the crime was perpetrated. This was the last case of gibbetting in the County of Derby. Lingard's brother William was 11 years later sentenced at Derby Assizes for highway robbery within view of the gibbett on which the bleaching bones of his brother were hanging.)
- 1817 Aug. 15 John BROWN, Thomas JACKSON, George BOOTH and John KING, for arson at North Wingfield. (In describing the execution the "Derby Mercury" of that date says: "As every fact which may tend to illustrate the principles of human action deserves notice, it is worth observing that a heavy shower happening whilst the doomed men were singing the hymn, two of them deliberately retreated to the shelter of an umbrella which was expanded on the drop, and the third placed himself under cover of the doorway. The inconvenience of being wet was felt and avoided by men who knew they had not five minutes longer to live!!")
- 1817 Nov. 7 BRANDRETH, LUDLAM, and TURNER, the "Pentrich Plotters", executed at Derby. The last instance of the old penalty of high treason, hanging, drawing and quartering. (Cavalry stood on guard during the execution. The prisoners were first dragged round the prison yard on hurdles, were then hanged for half an hour, and their bodies cut down. The executioner then struck the heads off the bodies and seizing the head of BRANDRETH by the hair, showing the ghastly countenance to the multitude, exclaiming "Behold the head of the traitor, Jeremiah BRANDRETH." The crowd, "as if under the impulse of a sudden frenzy, separated in all directions, but equanimity was restored, and the separation and exhibition of the remaining heads was witnessed with the greatest order and decorum." The executioners were masked and their names were kept a profound secret. The poet Shelley witnessed the scene. The block is still able to be seen in Derby Prison, where, its wood is always damp - so it has been averred - it has given rise to the tradition that the block of the unhappy men has not dried and never will.)
- 1819 March 22 Hannah BOCKING (aged 16), for poisoning another little girl.
- 1847 April 4 John PLATTS, for murder at Chesterfield. (This was a public execution in front of the County Goal, and was witnessed by 20,000 people.)
- 1862 April 11 Richard THORLEY, for the murder of Eliza MORROW. (The last public execution in Derby.)
- 1881 Nov. 21 Alfred GOUGH, for the murder of Eleanor WINDLEY, aged six at Brimington.
- 1888 Aug. 10 Arthur Thomas DELANEY, for the murder of his wife at Chesterfield.
- 1902 July 30 John BEDFORD, for the murder of Nancy PRICE at Duckmanton.
- 1905 Dec. 29 John SILK, for the murder of his mother at Chesterfield.
- 1906 Dec. 27 Walter MARSH, for the murder of his wife at Chesterfield.
- 1907 July 16 William Edward SLACK, for the murder of Lucy WILSON at Chesterfield.

From Derby Mercury 8.4.1863: On Tuesday Aaron Walker, a middle-aged man, went to the rooms of Mr. C. Slater to have his physiognomy transferred to paper by the photographic process, but also, unhappily for him, transferred a breast-pin of Mr. Slater's to his own person, for which the magistrates, on the same day, transferred him to the county goal where he will be for a fortnight placed in an attitude which he would probably not choose to be photographed in.

(contributed by M. Johnson)

COVER PICTURE: The church of St. John the Baptist, Boyleston contains some 14th century work. It was the scene of a curious episode during the Civil War, when in 1644, two hundred Royalists under Colonel Eyre took refuge in the church on their way to relieve Wingfield Manor. During the night the church was surrounded and they were taken prisoner by the Roundheads. An account of this, and a description of the church appears in "Branch News" no. 11. Two members of the Society live in the village, Mrs. Sandra Tomkinson who has recorded the monumental inscriptions and Mr. R.G. Chawner who has helped us by bringing up to date the list of rectors of Boyleston and by giving us the details of the first two rectors which are not "officially" listed.

RECTORS OF BOYLESTON

- 1238 Walter, son of William of Lichfield
 1272 Robert (who had been appointed prior to this date.)
 1300 Walter de Lega; patron, John de Basing.
 1303 Henry de Coleshull; patron, John Senche.
 1314 William de Wykleswode; patron, Walter de Waldesheff. On the death of Henry de Coleshull in 1322, this rector obtained license (insistendi obsequiis) of one Stephen de Abyndon
 1328 Thomas de Birton; patron, Edmund de Cheyne (perhaps as trustee of Sench). on the resignation of W. de W. Thomas Stapleford.
 1343 Henry de Kniveton; patron, Sir Walter de Ridware. On the resignation of T.S.
 1349 Walter de Kent; patron, Margaret Senche. On the resignation of H. de K.
 1386 William Kay; patrons, Henry de Tittenshover, chaplain; John Glapwell, and John de Rolleston (trustees), for this turn. On the death of Walter de Kent.
 1392 Thomas de Walton, vicar of Alrewas, exchanged with W.K., rector of B. patron, Roger Sapperton.
 1397 Thomas Thurbache; patron, William Cotton. On the resignation of T. de W
 1401 William Clarke, rector of Castle Frome, exchanged with T. T., rector of B. patron, William Sapperton.
 Henry de Bilburgh (alias Bamburgh).
 1417 Robert de Termethorpe, rector of mediety of Esterkele, exchanged benefices with H. de B., rector of Boyleston; patron, John Cotton de Ridware. J. Beltesford.
 1422 Robert Clerk, rector of Donington, exchanged benefices with J. B., rector of Boyleston; patron, John Cotton. Thomas Barlow.
 1438 Nicholas Baxter (alias Baker); patron, John Cotton. On the death of T. B. The same rector was again instituted in the following year, apparently owing to some informal in the previous appointment.
 1477 John Downes (alias Doways); patron, Nicholas Montgomery. On the death of N. B.
 1527 Richard Reve; patrons, Ralph Longford, William Basset, junr., Humphrey Comberford, Ralph Purfrey, Richard Cotton, William Dethick, and Edward Redferne, as trustees of Isabella Bradbourne, widow. On the death of J. D.
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- 1622 Dec. 14th. Edward Wheatley; patron, Sir John Ferrers.
 1640 May 4th. Thomas Allsopp; patron, Sir R. Brooke.
 (1650) "Mr. Gretton, incumbent."
 1661 April 26th. Philip Osbaldeston.
 1662 Dec. 22nd. Thomas Allsopp, reinstated; patron, John Ferrers, of Westminster.
 1716 May 29th. Thomas Gilbert; patron, Henry Gilbert.
 1733 Sept. 20th. Henry Fletcher; patron, Elizabeth Gilbert, widow.
 1761 July 23rd. Carter Fletcher; patron, Elizabeth Fletcher, widow.
 1808 July 27th. Thomas Gell; patrons, John Toplis and Robert Hagg.
 1834 July 1st. Theodore John Cartwright; patrons, Frances Gell, widow, and John Smith of Bermondsey.
 1839 Nov. 20th. William Hurst; patron, William Hurst.
 1842 June 15th. Roger Bickerstaff; patron William Hurst.
 1861 Dec. 7th. Tansley Hall; patron, Tansley Hall.
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| 1861-1893 | T. Hall | 1956-1961 | W.H. Green |
| 1893-1923 | N.I.H. Fyson | 1961-1966 | J.E.W. Topley |
| 1923-1949 | W.S. Penley | 1967 | D.H. Buckley |
| 1949-1956 | E.B. Bull | | |

HEADS OF FAMILIES IN THE AMBERGATE & TOADMOOR AREA FROM THE 1851 CENSUS OF HEAGE.

Contributed by G. Whittingham Member no. 311.

The following information on the heads of families in Ambergate and Toadmoor in 1851 is taken from the Heage Census returns. The name Ambergate was taken from the toll gate at the junction of the Cromford / Belper and Ripley turnpikes and related initially to the area round the 1840 station on the North Midland railway from Derby to Leeds engineered by Robert Stephenson. It is not surprising that Amber Gate in 1851 consisted of only six houses, the station and the Thatched House Inn.

Toadmoor, (still known locally as "old Ambergate"), can be traced back at least to Elizabethan times when it was described as a "bancke" in a survey of the timber resources of the medieval royal forest of Duffield. In 1851 it contained 36 houses, a dilapidated Methodist Chapel, the White House Inn, and a population of 170. The main sources of employment were the forge in the Shining Cliff woods, later to become the Richard Johnson wireworks, the developing railway (the branch line from Ambergate to Rowsley had been opened in 1849), the limeworks built by George Stephenson in 1840, and nailmaking, an industry long associated with Belper, two miles to the south of the village.

<u>AMBERGATE</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Benjamin BROADHURST	49	Innkeeper	Ashby, Leics.
John CHAFFER	38	Toll Collector	Knaresboro, Yorks.
Anthony FLINT	66	Railway Porter	Middleton, Derbys.
John SALT	50	Limekiln Labourer	Wirksworth, "
William WOOD	26	Stationmaster	Wakefield, Yorks.
John WEBSTER	30	Puddler	Alderwasley, Derbys.
<u>TOADMOOR</u>			
Henry ADAMS	44	Sheet Iron Dresser	Toadmoor, Derbys.
Samuel ADAMS	41	Blacksmith	" "
James ALLEN	27	Limekiln Labourer	Wirksworth, "
Samuel ALLEN	33	" "	" "
John ALTON	54	Farm Labourer	Heage, Derbys.
William ASHTON	25	Limekiln Labourer	Belper, Derbys.
Ambrose BLACKHAM	42	Gunsmith	Toadmoor, "
Joseph BLACKHAM	49	Nailmaker	Belper, "
William BLACKHAM	52	"	" "
James BRADLEY	49	Agricultural Labourer	Toadmoor, "
Samuel BRADLEY	48	Leadminer	Kimberley, Notts.
Thomas BRADLEY	34	Horse Driver	Toadmoor, Derbys.
William CARVER	29	Railway Labourer	Alstonefield, Staffs.
James COOPER	23	Puddler	Cromford, Derbys.
Samuel COOPER	30	Forge Labourer	Wirksworth, "
James GARGON	37	Railway Porter	Brayburn, Kent.
William GRAVES	51	Cordwainer	Coningsby, Lincs.
David GREEN	26	Carter, Forge	Nottingham.
Mary HARRISON	55	School Dame	Toadmoor, Derbys.
Joel HARRISON	73	Farmer	Heage, "
Joseph HIDES	35	Rooler, Forge	Crich Chase, "
William HUTCHINSON	26	Railway Labourer	Crich, "
William JACKSON	55	Limekiln "	Darlaston, Staffs.
Susan KIRK	44	Widow	Toadmoor, Derbys.
Henry KEELING	22	Forge Labourer	Derby.
William LITCHFIELD	36	Innkeeper/Butcher	Belper, "
Thomas MERCHANT	51	Farm Labourer	Alderwasley, Derbys.
William MERCHANT	43	" "	" "
Ann NAYLOR	39	Widow	Old Retford, Notts.
William ORME	26	Framework Knitter	Heage, Derbys.
John PYM	65	Coalfield Labourer	Derby.
William REDDISH	26	Farm Labourer	Langworth, Notts.
Samuel SLACK	43	Stonecutter	Belper, Derbys.
Samuel WALKER	30	Agricultural Labourer	" "
Humphrey WINSON	41	Labourer	Shottle, "
Isaac WRAGG	23	Forge Labourer	Wirksworth, Derbys.

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