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Near the mill is the canal wharf, open to the public and an alighting and loading place for the pleasure barge, the Sir John Gray, taking sightseers further down the canal to see the restored Leawood pump house, or to walk the High Peak Trail, once the course of the High Peak Railway. Cromford was a chapelry of Wirksworth - see cover picture "Branch News"

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EDITORIAL

In this issue of "Branch News" we include the reports on our Projects and when you turn to those pages I'm sure you will feel that 1981 was a very busy year. I will not elaborate further as Joan and Heather have said it all for me, but I would like to add my own thanks for the help we have received. "Branch News" n.19 contained an article on coal mining and in this issue we print the memorial to those who died as a result of the Clay Cross pit explosion in 1882, contributed by Pauline and Malcolm Marples, telling of the dangerous conditions under which our coal-mining ancestors worked. These hazardous conditions will be seen in the film "Nine Centuries of Coal-Mining" at our March meeting.

I would like to thank members and friends who keep material for "Branch News" rolling in. Owing to the large number of new members and the long projects report, some articles have had to be put aside for a future issue, which is all to the good. We include in this issue the list of magazines we receive from other Societies. New Societies are being formed all the time and we welcome as an associate member of the Federation, the Highland F.H.S. (Sec. David Evans, 53 Ballifeary, Inverness, Scotland.) We can supply addresses for all other member Societies.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the untimely death of Daphne Whitlam who had been an active member of the Society. Our sympathy goes to husband Peter and their two young children. A donation from the Society in memory of Daphne has been sent to the Church Missionary Society, and anyone wishing to make an individual donation is requested to send direct to the C.M.S with which Daphne was closely connected, Address: 157 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8UU.

W.E.W.

A.G.M. The following three long serving Committee Members have advised that they do not seek re-election at the A.G.M. - Mary Johnson who has been Secretary since formation of the Society, Fred Hall who has, over the years, been Treasurer, Interests Co-ordinator and Overseas Membership Secretary. Joan Smedley who has been Minutes Secretary and is now Projects Organiser. The first two named feel that as they are both well into their seventies the time has come to hand over to a younger person, whilst Joan has been obliged to curtail her activities due to indifferent health.

Written nominations are invited for three replacement Committee Members. In view of the fact that a new Secretary, Overseas Membership Secretary and Projects Organiser will be elected at a Committee Meeting following the A.G.M. it is requested that after 30th April and until replacement officers are notified in the June magazine, all correspondence for these officers should be sent to your Correspondence Secretaries.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 26th March: Mr. R. Storer with the N.C.B. film "Nine Centuries of Coal-mining".
- 30th April: A.G.M. and Exhibition. Please bring along any old family photographs, Family Bibles, copies of Wills etc to display.
- 28th May: Mr. Sowter on "One Name Studies". Mr. Sowter had to cancel this in October.
- 25th June: Mr. D. Fowkes, of Staffs Record Office and formerly of Matlock Record Office. Title: "Enclosure and tithe maps and awards".

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NEW MEMBERS.

Welcome to the following members who have joined the Society by 30th January 1982.

418. Mrs. Dulcie LOVE, 18 South Terrace, Plympton Pk. Australia 5038. Searching BOTHAM, BOTTOMLEY of DERBYS, NOTTS and MANCHESTER; FERREDAY of BIRMINGHAM and MANCHESTER.
419. Mrs. Virginia BRONSON, 1518 Weeks Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas U.S.A. 72903. Searching John HALL of MILFORD 1835; REID (Robert and Amelia); McALLISTER (Janet) GLASGOW 1833?
448. Mrs. Susan DUDLEY, 31 Grisedale Court, Field Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham. NG9 5NN. Searching WHYSALL John (John and Frank) of CODNOR 1878; WHYSALL (James and Ruth) of RIPLEY 1895; WOMBLE (Wm.) of BAMBUSK (CRESWELL ?); WOMBLE (Henry) of ELMTON 1859?
449. Mr. Stephen ARCHER, 48 Mayfield Ave. Orpington. Kent. (No details given.)
450. Miss Lesley THURGOOD, 2435 Second St. 706, Burlington, Ontario, Canada. L7R 1E5. Searching PLATTS of NORTH WINGFIELD 1820; CROFTS of NORTH WINGFIELD/CHESTERFIELD/WOOLEY; WARD of CHESTERFIELD 1826; WHITE of N. WINGFIELD; FURNESS of CHESTERFIELD; CARR of CHESTERFIELD and LANCS. 1862.
451. Miss Norma M. HUBER, 8 Dudhope Ave. Cambridge Ontario, Canada N1R 4T1. Searching STONE probably of TADDINGTON 1826. Left for Canada c.1830.
452. Mr. Neil CHISHOLM, 19 Rawson Court, Heathmont, Victoria, Australia 3135. Searching CLEWS of LITTLEOVER 1885; ROOME also of LITTLEOVER 1885.
453. Mr. Roger S. NICHOLS, 3819 Peters Ave, Sioux City, Iowa, 51106, U.S.A. Searching MELLOR of CHAPEL EN LE FRITH 1819; WILD of WHALEY BRIDGE 1831.
454. Mr. Fred C. FELLOWS, 6374 Cork St. Halifax, N.S. Canada B3L 1Z2. Searching FELLOWS (Jehu) NORTH WINGFIELD 1882; RICHARDSON (Mary Maria) ALLERTON, Yorks. 1880 ?
455. Mrs. Kathleen ZIMMOC, 109 Oswald St. Innaloo, W.A. 6018. Australia. Searching SAXTON (Robert) of MORLEY, Derbys. 1799; ABBOTT (Judith) DERBY St. Peters 1748; SAXTON (William Abbott) of CROPWELL BUTLER, Notts. 1777; SANDAY (John) of COTGRAVE, Notts. 1761; GRAY (Elizabeth) of LOWDHAM, Notts.; REYNOLD (Benjamin) of LOWDHAM, Notts. 1750; BRITTLE (Mary) 1778; ALVEY (Elizabeth) 1778 both of LOWDHAM, Notts.
460. Rev. Dr. S.C. ORCHARD, 49 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6JQ. Searching ORCHARD of REPTON 1780 (poss. 1590); CROXALL of Carrington St. DERBY 1845; BRETNALL of DERBY, St. Peter's and St. Alkmund's 1785.
461. Mrs. Margaret HAYES, 363 Watnall Rd. Hucknall, Nottingham. Searching ATTERBURY of DARLEY ABBEY 1840; GREENHOUGH of DERBY 1888; WATSON 1890, NELSON.1890, also of DERBY; MARPLES of CROMFORD 1840.
462. Mrs. E.M. FUREY, 58 Stumperlowe Crescent Rd. Sheffield S10 3PR. Searching WRAGG of BARLOW 1810; BOLSOVER of ECKINGTON c.1780.
463. Mr. Stewart Allan WINSTANLEY, 129 Mildenhall Rd. Great Barr, Birmingham B42 2PF. Searching WINSTANLEY of PINXTON and ASHMORE of PINXTON, both 1909.
464. Miss Sylvia Helen GIDNEY, 1 Peckham Rd. High Green, Sheffield S30 4JA. Searching SIMPSON (Mary) of ALFRETON mid. 1800's.
465. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin S. & Jane C. PRESTON, "Wychnor", Snowdrop Valley, Crich, Derbys. DE4 5BT. Searching WILCOCKSON of BRAMPTON 1622.
467. Mr. & Mrs. C.J. MINORS, 79 Osborne Rd. Sheffield S11 9BA. Searching MINORS of 468. BRISTOL 1871.
469. Mr. & Mrs. D.B. CROOK, 32 Red Lane, Sth Normanton, Derbys. Searching BINGLEY (Jacob) 470. of HEMSWORTH, Yorks. 1872 and poss. GERMANY; BROOKE of THURNSCOE/BILLINGLY, Yorks. 1862; DYSON of CHESTERFIELD ? 1863 ?; CROOK of CHATHAM, Kent 1890; BUTLER of POPLAR, London 1868; MORRIS of BINGHAM, Notts. 1867.
471. Mrs. Dorothy Mary TOWNEND, 62 Smithywood Lane, Dodworth, Barnsley, S. Yorks. S75 3NJ Searching BARNESLEY of HOPE 1737; OWNSWORTH of WORSBOROUGH, S. Yorks. 1690.
472. Mr. M.R. GOACHER, 6 Primley Park Grove, Leeds LS17 7JD, Yorks. Searching GOACHER (William & Jane) WOODALL, Lincs. 1798; GOACHER (Edward & Mary) COLE ORTON, Leics 1743.
473. Mr. P.G. BREEN, 211 Alma Ave. Hornchurch, Essex. RM12 6BJ. (No details given.)



474. Mr. & Mrs. J.A. ASTILL, 61 Burleigh Rd. West Bridgford, Notts. NG2 6FQ. Searching
475. ASTILL/ASTLE (William) of TICKNALL ? c.1803; WILSON of COSSALL 1746; BANCROFT of WEST HALLAM 1671.
476. Mrs. Sylvia SALT, 221 Starkholme Rd. Matlock, Derbys. DE4 5JE. Searching SALT; HODGKINSON. Only preliminary work commenced.
477. Col. A.F. KETTLE F.R.S.A. Sutton Manor, Sutton Scarsdale, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbys. S44 5UT. Searching LEAKE/LEEKE/LECHE of SUTTON SCARSDALE 1520; PIERREPONT of HEATH/OWLCOTES 1570.
478. Mr. Maxwell CRAVEN, c/o Derby Museums & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby. Many interests in Derbyshire genealogy.
479. Mrs. Margery Rodger, Wesson Cottage, West Bank, Winster, Matlock, Derbys. (Research worker into local history). Searching TURNER of COAL ASTON 1742; BURTON of Staffs. Derbys. and Yorks. ; REANEY of NORTON 17th cent. (wide spread); IBBOTSON of HATHERSAGE.
480. Mr. Stanley W. CLIVES, "Kopje" 42 Frith View, Chapel en le Frith, via Stockport, SK12 6TT, Derbys. Searching CLIVE with variants of Derbys. and Shropshire 1200.
481. Mr. William E.R. WHITE, 8 Furzedown, Stevenage, Herts SG2 9EN, Searching WHITE.
482. Mrs. Jean WALKER, 22 Chadderton Fold, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancs. Searching WALKER of HAYFIELD and GLOSSOP 1828.
483. Mrs. P. MARCH, Eavesmead, Eaves Hall Lane, West Bradford, Nr. Clitheroe, Lancs. Searching SAYLES of STH WINGFIELD 19th cent.; HANDLEY (Francis) of STH WINGFIELD / CAKERTHORPE late 19th cent.; Ada HANDLEY / E.J. CARPENTER 1892?; DAUBNEY of SUTTON in ASHFIELD, Notts. 1756.
484. Miss Susan HARRISON, 48 Paxton Rd. Tipton, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - FARNSWORTH of SOMERCOTES/ALFRETON 1824; DENNIS of ALFRETON 1871; HARRISON of CHESTERFIELD 1875; THACKER of APPLETREE, Northants. 1859.
485. Mrs. P. PINKNEY, 2 Old Common, Furneux Pelham, Buntingford, Herts. Searching HOLLOWAY of RIPLEY 1854; CAULTON (Mary); PARKINS (Mary) both of RIPLEY 1850-70.
486. Mrs. J. HUGHS, Huntingdon, 37 Castle View, Simpson Cross, Nr. Haverfordwest, Dyfed, SA62 6EN. Searching STRETTON (William) of DOVERIDGE and WICHNOR 1767-1844; HOPLEY (Charlotte) of HILTON 1844; WOOLISCROFT of SOMERSHALL HERBERT 1871.
487. Mr. H.G. DEVILLE, Bexton Mews, Knutsford, Cheshire. Searching DEVILLE with variants of MARCHINGTON, Staffs, 1600; STALEY of STAPENHILL, 1750.
488. Mrs. Brenda M. BARKER, 29 Brook Way, Romsey, Hampshire SO5 8JZ. Searching BALL of St. Mary Nttm. 1840; BRELSFORTH of St. Alkmund, Derby 1859; DUNMORE of WALGRAVE, Northants. 1819; BAGULEY of St. Mary Nottm. 1864; GOSLING of ISLINGTON, Middlesex 1862; HILLIER of ISLINGTON, Middlesex 1862.
489. Mr. Christopher MARPLES, 50 Church Rd. Egginton, Derby DE6 6HP. Searching MARPLES of BOLSOVER; HANSTOCK of CHESTERFIELD. (Only just beginning)
490. Mr. David HOPKINSON, 13 Richmond Rd. Rugby, Worcs, CV21 3AB, Searching HOPKINSON of NORTH WINGFIELD, 1733.
491. Mrs. M. OWNSWORTH, Fountain House, Low St. Gilroyd, Dadworth, Barnsley, Sth Yorks. S75 3PP; Searching WARD (Matthew, mason) of BAKEWELL 1841 census, aged 45.
492. Mr. Ian BURRELL, Sergeant's Mess, R.A.F. Brampton, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE18 8QL. Searching ASHMOLE, BODEN, HART, MELLOR, WARDLE all of Derbys.; BARLO, BARRY, BURKETT, BURRELL, CHAPMAN, COLLINS, CROPTON, CURTIS, GAUL, GIFFORDS, GLENHAM, GOUSHILL, HARE, HETHERSETT, HOWSE, NEWMAN, PALGRAVE, MANCHESTER, POTTER, QUANTRELL, READS, STURMERS, SEATON, SAYER, WEIGHTMAN all of Essex, Leics. Norfolk; BODEN, DAVIS, HARRISON, HART of Salop, Staffs. Warks. and Worcs.
493. Miss F.R. GOODALL, 63 The Stewarts, Bishops Stortford, Herts. CM23 2NU. Searching GOODALL (Alfred) 1840 d. OCKBROOK 1923; KIDGER (Wm.) THRINGSTONE, Leics. WHITE (Rosanna Elizabeth) b. SHARDLOW 2.9.40 dau. of Jonas and Mary WHITE.
494. Mrs. June PHILLIPS, 96 Lyndhurst Rd. Ashurst SO4 2AU Hants. Searching PHILEMON ROWBOTTOM of CHAPEL en le FRITH 1790-1794; CRESSWELL/CRESSLE of CHARLESWORTH / NEW MILLS/EDALE 1800-60; WEBB of SEVENOAKS, Kent and Tonbridge, 1789-96.



495. Mrs. M.J. UNWIN, 5 Hillside Ave. Dronfield, Sheffield, Yorks. S18 6RQ. Searching WAIN(E) of BRAMPTON 1800; ALLEN of DRONFIELD 1820.
496. Mrs. Joan M. WYNNE, 238 Hady Hill, Chesterfield, Derbys. S41 OBJ. Searching NALL of TADDINGTON 1788; BROOM of TADDINGTON 1822; NEEDHAM of CHELMORTON/FLAGG 1827.
497. Mr. Albert EYRE, 77 Fletcher St. Ripley, Derbys. DE5 3LP. Searching EYRE of CODNOR 1850.
498. Miss K.D. BRENTNALL, 22 Wellington St. Long Eaton, Notts. Searching BRENTNALL of HORSLEY 1810; EATON of HORSLEY 1810; BRIGGS of DENBY; HAWCOCK 1844.
499. Mrs. Christine MEESON, 390 Stenson Rd. Littleover, Derbys. DE3 7HD. Searching - MEESON (Thomas) of GREAT BOLAS, Salop 1780? and of WOMBRIDGE, Salop.
500. Mr. Derek HEMINGRAY, 25 Alfreton Rd. Westhouses, Derbys. Searching HEMINGRAY of ALFRETON 1850; TATLOW.
501. Mrs. Dorothy JEFFS, 3 Instow Drive, Sunnyhill, Derby. Searching BOAR of ASHOVER 1770; MUSCUFF of Coventry St. Michael's 1820; FITZGERALD of RADFORD, Nottm. 1883; TURNER of ASHOVER 1807; JEFFS of SHREWSBURY 1890.
502. Mr. Michael FROST, 19 School Lane, Newbold, Coleorton, Leics. Searching FROST of MIDDLETON/WIRKSWORTH 1805.

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FUTURE NEW MEMBER ? A twig has been added to the HILL Family Tree.

Congratulations to John and Deirdre HILL on the birth of Amy Jessica, 27th January 1982.

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#### AMENDMENTS

416. Mrs. R. BABCOCK, 16068 Challis St. Fountain Valley, CA, 92708 U.S.A. is searching WALTER BATES not William as stated in "Branch News" no.19.
439. Miss N. CUNNINGHAM, Kildare, Paygate, Nr. Horsham, West Sussex RH12 4SJ, now adds BRADLEY to her list of interests.
21. Mrs. M. STUMBLES, 13 Iveagh walk, Riddings, Derbys. Revises her interests:- GUEST/GUIST of DEVON 1720; BLACKMORE of St. KITTS c.1820; SYRETT of LITTLE WOLDINGFIELD c.1740; HAMMOND of SHRIMPLING Sfk. c.1800; PURSGLOVE of SUSSEX c.1700 and Derbys. HOOK of EASTBOURNE 1840; LUSCOMBE of DEVON 1860; EDGECOMBE of LONDON 1870; BISHOPP of DEVON c.1700; RUSH of SUFFOLK c.1800.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: 278. Mr. D.J. ELSAM, WO & SGTS. MESS. 1 WFR Peninsula Barracks BFPO 24.  
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216. Mr. M. GREATORIX, 30 Trojan Hill, Coleshill, Birmingham B46 1TZ.

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#### MEETINGS REPORT

In November Rev. Buckley took us (by film) on a tour of "Old Derbyshire Churches". We went from Cresswell Crags to the Great Cross at Bakewell (a teaching cross). At Thorpe church we saw the window in memory of Mary and Emily Twigg, at Tissington the Fitzherbert memorial, the tomb of Penelope Boothby at Ashbourne, then via the 228ft "crooked spire" of Chesterfield and on to Trusley where the "Coke" family lived for centuries. At Fenny Bentley we saw the Thomas Beresford tomb, these were just a few of the places shown before we arrived at Church Broughton. A second film of Derby Cathedral was also of great interest.

December ..... My Christmas Social report is hear-say only, for the weather conditions prevented myself, like many others from attending, but I do hear that people managed to reach Cressy Fields and enjoyed a little "Christmas Spirit" together.

January 1982: It was marvellous to have such a good attendance at the first meeting of 1982, it was pleasing to keep welcoming new members. Approximately 60 members and guests heard Mr Robinson and his colleague tell us of the Mormon Religion and why they record parish registers etc. Members asked many questions relating to genealogy and the Mormon faith.

(Pauline Marples)

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#### CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARIES

Don't forget it is up to you to contact your correspondence secretary if you want any help or advice (not forgetting the all important stamped and addressed envelope) they will do their best to help you from the information we have available.



PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT.1981.

It would be impossible to name and thank everyone who has worked so hard this year to produce the list of achievements attached to this report. So please will everyone concerned accept this as the Society's personal thank you to them.

It has been a most encouraging year to me to have people asking and writing for work to be sent to them. It has also been a busy year and many new projects have been undertaken, some completed. The greatest emphasis has been on census transcribing and indexing, particularly the 1851, but of course memorial inscription recording has continued apace and to a lesser extent parish register transcription. Our "buy a bit of Derbyshire in which you are interested" (1851 Census) scheme went down very well with a lot of members. If you haven't already participated, perhaps you would like to do so now? I will be happy to send details to anyone.

Derbyshire geographically is a large county and it is somewhat daunting to realise that many areas have not yet been touched either for recording M.I.s or Census Indexing. So much remains to be done. Can we enlist your help in doing this? You don't have to be strong, able bodied, mobile, a typist or even resident in Derbyshire, although of course, people with these attributes are needed too. We need YOU. If you can spare a little of your time, write to me and I can guarantee the Society can and will put it to good use, within your limitations. We know Derbyshire is behind with its project work, when compared with many other counties. Will you help us to catch up?

I would like to ask all those who have work outstanding for the Society to return it to me as soon as possible, as I am resigning from office in April, due to indifferent health, and would like to get finished as many projects as I can before then, so that your new Projects Co-ordinator will not have any "left-overs from 1981" to deal with. Thank you.

Finally, perhaps 1982 will be the year when we get into print our census indexes. I certainly hope so, as these will be of enormous value to anyone with Derbyshire forbears. My best wishes to you all for 1982 - may it be a busy one genealogically for you, ME, and the next PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR.

Joan Smedley

WORK DONE in 1981 on CENSUS RETURNS: TR = Transcript or Photocopy. I = Indexed.

\* = Privately held by members of the Society.

South Normanton	1861	TR. *	Elvaston and Thulston	1851	TR.
Wackworth	1821	TR.	Quarndon	1851	TR.I.
Ironville	1851	TR.	Morley	1801-51	TR.
Breaston (indexed by occupations)	1851		Mercaston	1841	TR.
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Brackenfield	1851	TR.I.	Youlgreave	1841-71	TR.*
Offcote and Underwood	1851	TR.I.	Pilsley (by Chatsworth)	1841-71	TR.*
Temple Normanton	1851	TR.I.	Thornhill	1841-71	TR.*
Hollington	1841/51	TR.I.	Peak Forest	1841-71	TR.*
Kirk Ireton	1841-71	TR.I.	Birchover	1841-71	TR.*
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Walton	1851	TR.I.	Harthill	1841-71	TR.*
Repton	1841-61	TR.I.	Froggatt	1841-71	TR.*
Alfreton	1851	TR.	Curbar	1841-71	TR.*
Litton	1851	TR.I.	Calver	1841-71	TR.*
Hartington Upper Quarter(part)	1841/51	TR.	Middleton and Smerrill	1841-71	TR.*
Weston-Upon-Trent	1841	TR.I.	Rowsley	1841-71	TR.*
Aston-Upon-Trent	1851	TR.I.	Flagg	1841-71	TR.*
Draycott (index of surnames)	1871		Chelmorton	1841-71	TR.*
Radbourne	1851	TR.	Taddington	1841-71	TR.*
Atney	1851	I.	Sheldon	1841-71	TR.*
Great Hucklow	1851	I.	Moneyash	1841-71	TR.*
Duffield (part)	1851	TR.	Edensor	1841-71	TR.*
Easland	1851	TR.	Chatsworth	1841-71	TR.*
Smalley	1851	TR.	Beeley	1841-71	TR.*
Shardlow	1851	TR.	Breaston	1841-71	TR.*
Loscoe and Codnor	1851	TR.*			

NOTE: The 1881 Census is now available at the Library County Offices, Matlock. Advance bookings must be made. Tel. Matlock 3411. CHECK if the area you need is available as 3 reels have been temporarily withdrawn as they were illegible.



<u>WORK DONE &amp; ACQUISITIONS:</u>		<u>PARISH REGISTERS 1981.</u>			(TR.I.)
1. Hathersage Marriages	1627-1700	TR.	9. Wilne Marr. (in progress)	1835-1903	
2. Ashbourne Bp, Bur, Marr. (from parish magazines)	1873-1896	TR.	10. Heanor Wesleyan Chapel Bur.	1840-1903	
3. Ironville Bur.	1852-1900	I.	11. Buxton Wesleyan Bapt.	1797-1855	
4. Mackworth Clergyman's Census	1821	TR.	Methodist Chapel.	TR.I.	
5/6. Morley " "	1801&1811	TR.	12. Holbrook Bapt.	TR.I.	1834-1837
7. Breaston Bapt.	1719-1892	TR.I.	" Bur.	TR.I.	1835-1837
8. Breaston Bur. (in progress)		TR.I.	13. Hope Bapt.	TR.I.	1599-1645/6
			" Marr.	TR.I.	1598-1640

14\* Kirk Ireton - the following names extracted from parish registers. TAYLOR, DEAN, BROWN

15\* Mickleover & Littleover - 1618-1812 TR. the name HODGKINSON extracted

Our thanks to Nottinghamshire Family History Society for items 11, 12, & 13.

OTHER WORK. \*Privately held.

1. Settlement certificates from ALL SAINTS', DERBY.

2\* 1849 Tithe Map and Apportionment list of fields, owners tenants for Great Hucklow.

3\* Documents, newspaper items etc. relating to lead mining in Great Hucklow, Windmill, and Hope areas.

4\* Manor Court Rolls for Abney 1654-83, names of jurors and absentees.

5. Indexing of the 34 reels covering the 1851 Census for place names and number of pages for each place.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT 1981.

It seems as though 1981 was the year that transcribing M.I.s took off in Derbyshire. Since more information has been published in our magazines, more people have come forward to transcribe. Consequently, the information available to YOU has grown from 8,000 slips to 20,000 slips in 18 months, with several transcriptions awaiting attack. All the work involved seems worth-while as members are (at last) beginning to write in with their enquiries and some gain just that clue which is all important.

At one time I was able to carry the index to meetings but this is no longer possible owing to its growth so all must enquire by post. Although all the booklets we publish are in the reference library, and available at members' evenings, some are only held by me and therefore the whole picture is only gained by an enquiry and a stamped addressed envelope.

We are most grateful to various persons and organizations who have donated copies this year. These include the Society of Genealogists, Derbyshire County Record Office and Nottinghamshire Family History Society, to whom we extend our thanks. As a result of a newspaper article, we have made contact with Ilkeston Local Historical Society who are busy transcribing memorials in their area. We are very pleased to share ideas and co-ordinate our work with them.

Members can help enormously by letting me know of other persons or groups who have done any transcription work, so that we and others do not make the mistake of redoing work. I am at present trying to locate all non-conformist burial grounds; the list is far from complete yet so if members take part in a game of 'I Spy', particularly in the north of the county this would be a great help.

Last but not least are my thanks to all those who have helped in this project in any way this year. So many churchyards have now been started that it is impossible to mention everyone as I have done in the past. If work at present in progress is completed this year the index should double in size. However, the percentage of work completed for the whole county barely reaches double figures so more volunteers are needed. If in doubt about starting on your own, come along and join us any Tuesday evening in the lighter months. A phonecall to me will let you know the venue and you will be very welcome.

Heather Eaton.

LIST OF CHURCHES/CHURCHYARDS IN THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTION SLIP INDEX. JANUARY 1982.

Alkington, St. John  
 Alsop and Dale, St. Michael  
 Bakewell, Extracts from All Saints

Heanor, St. Lawrence  
 Ilkeston, Station Road Cemetery  
 Ironville, Christ Church



Bakewell, Newark of All Saints.  
 Barrow-on-Trent, Cemetery  
 Belper, St. John  
 Bulsover, Congregational  
 Boylstone, St. John the Baptist  
 Church Gresley, St. Mary & St. George  
 Codnor, St. James  
 Cusby, St. Andrew  
 Dalbury, All Saints  
 Darty, Agard Street Baptist  
 " Christ Church  
 " Holy Trinity  
 " St. Alkmund  
 " St. Anne (interior)  
 " St. Barnabus (interior)  
 " St. John the Evangelist  
 " St. Luke, (interior)  
 " St. Michael  
 " St. Paul  
 " St. Peter  
 " St. Werburgh  
 Duffield, Baptist Chapel  
 " St. Alkmund  
 Herwood Hall Private Burial Ground,  
 Goyt Valley, Buxton  
 Hossop, All Saints  
 Hazelwood, St. John the Evangelist

Kedleston, All Saints.  
 Kirk Hallam, All Saints  
 Kirk Ireton, Holy Trinity  
 Kirk Langley, St. Michael  
 Little Longstone, Independent Chapel  
 Longford, Cemetery  
 Long Lane, Christ Church  
 Mackworth, All Saints  
 Melbourne, St. Michael (interior)  
 Mugginton, St. Michael  
 Newton Solney, Blessed Virgin  
 Normanton, St. Giles  
 Osmaston by Derby, St. James the Less  
 Pentrich, St. Matthew  
 Pinxton, St. Helen, extracts.  
 Quarndon, Old Churchyard  
 " St. Paul  
 Radbourne, St. Andrew  
 Sandiacre, St. Giles  
 Shirley, St. Michael  
 Spondon, St. Werburgh  
 Sutton-on-the-Hill, St. Michael  
 Swadlincote, Emanuel  
 Swanwick, St. Andrew  
 Trusley, All Saints  
 Turnditch, All Saints  
 Willington, St. Michael

MEMBERS ARE WORKING ON THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES AND CHURCHYARDS

Aldercar, St. John  
 Alfreton, St. Martin  
 Aston-on-Trent, All Saints  
 Belper, Congregational  
 " Methodist  
 Birchwood, Methodist  
 Breadsall, All Saints  
 Bretby, St. Wyston  
 Cauldwell, St. Giles  
 Codnor, Crosshill, Cemetery  
 Croxall, St. John the Baptist  
 Derby, All Saints  
 Dilaston & Wyaston, St. James  
 Elton, St. Peter  
 Elvaston, St. Bartholomew

Heage, St. Luke  
 Morley, St. Matthew  
 Lullington, All Saints  
 Old Brampton, St. Peter & St. Paul  
 Pilsley, St. Mary  
 Shardlow, St. James  
 Rosliston, St. Mary  
 Somercotes, St. Thomas  
 South Wingfield, All Saints  
 Thorpe, St. Lawrence  
 Ticknall, St. George  
 Weston-on-Trent, St. Mary the Virgin  
 Yeaveley, Holy Trinity  
 Youlgreave, All Saints

DERBYSHIRE MARRIAGE INDEX

Please note that this Index covers the period 1538-1837, BEFORE General Registration was introduced on 1st July 1837. Marriages after this date should be centrally indexed at St. Catherine's House, Kingsway, London and certificates are obtainable on payment of the appropriate fee. Marriages before 1754 do not give the parents' names and between 1754-1837 only rarely and then if one of the parties was under age and the father had to give his consent.

To date 80% of parishes have been covered for the period 1813-1837, (from 1538-1812, 46% of parishes are in). As from Feb 1st 1982 I shall be unable to supply lists of marriages of one surname as I have increased commitments from that date and it will no longer be possible to fit this in. Specific marriage queries however will continue to be welcome. (Miss Sue Brown, 25 Home Croft Drive, Pockington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch)

<u>REVISED FEES FOR SEARCHES IN CHURCH REGISTERS. Jan. 1982.</u>	Payable to:-		
	Incumbent	P.C.C.	Total
Searching registers of marriage prior to 1837 (up to 1 hour)	1.80	1.20	3.00
(each subsequent hour or part of an hour)	1.20	0.80	2.00
Searching registers of baptism & burial (including the provision of a copy of any entry therein) (up to one hour)	1.80	1.20	3.00
(each subsequent hour or part of an hour)	1.20	0.80	2.00
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptism or burial.	2.40	1.60	4.00



THROUGH THE LETTER BOX.

DUFFIELD BAPTIST CHAPEL:- The article on Duffield Chapel by Heather Eaton in Issue No 18 of "Branch News" has prompted me to add a little information which might be of interest to members.

My maternal grandmother, Mary WEBSTER of MILFORD, was buried in the burial ground, in August 1900, under a tree which stood in the corner, next to the wall before the road was widened. My mother was eight years old when her mother died at the age of 44 and told me when I was quite young that as the coffin was lowered into the grave it disappeared under water. I will add at this point, to illustrate the hard life endured at this time, that when my mother was taken to Babington Hospital, to see her mother one week after an operation to have both breasts removed she was cleaning the windows!

As a child in the 1920's, my mother took me once a year on a bus from Derby to Milford to see her brother EDWARD, and as we passed the Baptist Chapel she always pointed to the tree and told me my grandmother was there. However, on our visit in 1932 the tree had gone with part of the burial ground and road widening was in progress. I can imagine how my mother must have felt, but remember she was somewhat relieved when we arrived at Milford and her brother told her that the authorities could not inform relatives of the action because the burial registers had been lost and no one knew who was buried there. My uncle said he had made enquiries and had been assured by a council member that all the remains had been exhumed, and re-interred in a common grave in Duffield Cemetery.

Unfortunately neither my mother nor her brother asked where exactly the common grave was in the cemetery. They have both since passed on, but I began to take a renewed interest a couple of years ago when I started researching my family history.

I have visited Duffield Cemetery twice in my quest to trace members of the family buried there and on checking information I failed to find any record of a grave containing remains from the Baptist Chapel either in the registers or on the wall charts of graves.

It is my belief that the remains were never removed, probably Council minutes of 1932 might prove something or someone who worked on the road widening may still be alive to say what actually happened, but until someone proves otherwise I cannot help thinking that as I drive through Duffield on my way into Derby I ride over my Grandmother's remains.

Ken Burdekin, 59 Willesden Ave. Derby DE3 4EZ. Memb. no. 333.

The article referred to above includes surnames from the 30 gravestones which are now leaning along the church wall. Ed.

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REGISTER OF INTERMENTS FOR HEANOR WESLEYAN CHAPEL BURIAL GROUND:- I have read with great interest this transcription. Many of the named people were members of my family (i.e.) ELEY which is mentioned frequently in these records. I thought that the following items might be of interest to your Society. My paternal grandmother, born in 1845 was the daughter of Thomas ELEY a maker of fine hose, at Commonsides, his wife, before her marriage was named GILLOTT and that name occurs frequently in the Wesleyan records. Those two families, and a third, named BREWIN, were said to be of Huguenot descent who fled from France after the Revocation of Edict of Nantes in 1685. This statement seems to be based on fact, for the following reasons, all three families were makers of hosiery and lace on hand frames, they were Anti Catholic, ardent Nonconformists, and rebels against the Established Church. The ELEYS in particular were, in the middle of the last century, members of a society named "The Passive Resisters", who objected to paying tithes, or any money at all, to the Church. My great grandfather, Thomas Eley was a founder member of The Heanor Board of Health in 1885, who were responsible for Heanor's first piped water, and the development of Marlpool Cemetery. Another ancestor, also Thomas, was a founder member in 1822, of what is now The United Reformed Church at Marlpool.

Two more entries in the register, are Thomas POUNDALL and his wife Harriet. Thomas died in 1879, and his wife in 1880, both aged 85, he was a hosiery manufacturer and was blind from birth. An item in my records reads as follows, "Among the characters who attended the services at Church, was blind Thomas Poundall and instead of kneeling, he would stand, hold his top hat in front of his face, and say his prayers into it. He would travel alone from Langley Mill to Nottingham on his business, as a hosiery maker, and the



well known couplet refers to him. (Thomas Poundall of Heanor, kissed, and married his wife before he had ever seen her)".

There are many references to funerals conducted by J. HOLMES from 1870 onwards. John Holmes, born 1820 died in 1919, was a grocer in TAG HILL, now Derby Road, he was a deacon of the chapel and was known in his later years as "Heanor's Grand Old Man". This business is still carried on in the same premises by Mr. Carrington.

Another link in the Eley chain is the mention of Mr. FINES. Thomas Fines was a saddler originally from CAMBRIDGESHIRE, he married my grandmother's sister Mary Eley, and carried on his trade in premises at the bottom of Mount Street, which had been a framewokers' shop, owned by his wife's uncle George. His wife, my great aunt, ran the shop, which is now a newsagents. Mr. Fines was a man of many talents, in addition to his saddler's business, and shop, he was a trustee of the Chapel, a member of the Local Board of Health, and was elected to the Burial Board in 1889, also a reporter for many years for the Heanor Observer. After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Harriet PARKINS of the Whysall House School, who was sister-in-law to Mr. Joseph SEVERN, owner and editor of "the Observer"

The name of Mr. GRASBY is mentioned. Hodgson Grasby ran an academy at the rear of his home on Ray Street, where the sons of the better off people of Heanor were educated (the school building still exists). When the Heanor Hall was converted to become Heanor Technical School in 1894, Grasby's Academy closed. Mr. Grasby was appointed as secretary to the new school, whilst his wife taught there.

The Rev, James PINKNEY was not only the Minister at the Chapel, he was in his later years an enthusiastic radio amateur, and was said to have transmitted in Morse from an aerial at the Technical School to a house on Ray Street.

Finally, my congratulations to you for being able to copy these valuable records which reveal so much of Heanor's past. Might I suggest that the Burial Records of the Reformed Church at Marlpool would be of great value. I have an extract from the Nottingham Review of Dec. 13th 1822, as follows "We regret to report the death of Mr. Benjamin Hardy, aged 25. A young man of amiable disposition, and highly esteemed. He was buried in the new burying ground at Marlpool".

Mr. P. Eggleshaw. Heanor Local History Society.

The United Reformed Chapel mentioned above was originally named Mount Zion and later Congregational. There was a small graveyard, which no longer exists and the stones are gone.

LETTER FROM ELAINE WILTSHIRE, of SURREY. RE. BERKIN/BIRKIN.

For some time now I have been researching the name BURKIN which occurs almost entirely in Kent, Surrey and London (82% of all Births registered between 1837 and 1907 were in these areas).

I am now researching BIRKIN and BERKIN and it occurred to me that if any of your members were researching these names they might be interested in the SHARDLOW registers. In the area of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire etc. the spelling seems to be BIRKIN, but for some reason those in Shardlow seem to have a variety of spellings and this may be worth bearing in mind if anyone is researching this name.

I give below the registrations for Births from 1837-1852 as examples.

June 1838	Ellen Birkin	June 1845	Henry Birkin
September 1839	Mary Birkin	March 1846	Thomas Perkin
December 1839	Harriett Amelia Birkin	September 1846	William Berkin
March 1841	George Samuel Birkin	June 1847	James Berkin
September 1841	Ann Birkin	September 1847	George Birkin
March 1842	Thomas Birkin	September 1848	James Berkin
March 1843	Silas Birkin	September 1849	Sarah Ann Berkin
March 1844	William Berkin	June 1851	George Birkin
September 1844	Levi Berkin	September 1851	Betsey Birkin
	James Burkin	September 1852	Samuel Berkin
December 1844	Thomas Wooton Birkin		Male Birkin

Marriage June 1859

Joseph Burkin

(see BERKIN, note p.11.)

Mrs. E. Wiltshire, 26 Simmil Rd. Claygate, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0RT.



Contributed by C.B. Carter, Memb. no. 145.

My wife and I started to become interested in our family histories soon after the last war ended around 1947.

Our first action was to talk to our then surviving parents, my wife's mother and my father. We very fortunately made notes of the information obtained, but on account of demands of work, Technical studies and the raising of a then young family, did no more than this.

We think we started originally due to the one and only visit and contact we had with an uncle of mine, who at that time was a retired Headmaster, but still very busy in Youth Organisations which fully occupied his time.

We know for sure that his death in early 1978 aged 92, started us off again on the family history search. He was the last link with my family, and this meant no questions could be asked first hand any more.

In my notes of the information given to me by my father, he had said that his maternal grandfather was named Arthur Foster and was a Master Gun Lock Filer, who had lived in Cobden Street, Wednesbury, but the name of his wife could not be remembered.

This was the total information available on Arthur Foster to start with, and considerable time was taken to find him and the background now available.

We were beginners, and the first move was to visit the Library at Wednesbury, and find that they had copies of the 1841-1871 census returns on film, and in fact had the original documents of the 1801-1831 census with names and locations of people. I struck luck immediately in that on the 1851 census the first examined, among many other finds of my own family name, the entry as follows was found:-

88 Butcroft.	Arthur Foster	hd	28	Gunlockfiler	Derbys. Ockbrooke.
	Mahala Foster	w	26		Staffs. Wednesbury.
	Ann Foster	d		"	"
	John Hastings		16	Apprentice Gunlockfiler	Leicester.

In my initial extraction from the 1851 census I wrote Oddbrooke for Ockbrooke and this led to some problems at first. The 1861 census gave similar information. With ages increased by 10 years, the address changed to 21 Cobden Street, and a different Apprentice Gunlockfiler named Samuel Smith, aged 16 from Derbyshire. The 1871 census added a further 10 years to ages, but instead of Mahala it gave the name Amelia, but with the correct age as for Mahala. Address was now 40 Cobden Street. Arthur's wife had been shown as born in Wednesbury in 1851, but Darlaston in 1861 & 71.

The birth certificate of the daughter Ann was obtained, and she was born 16.3.1845 daughter of Arthur Nile Foster and Mahala (formerly Wilkes) at Darlaston Rd. Wednesbury. The marriage certificate of Arthur Nile Foster, son of Arthur Nile Foster, Brickmaker, to Mahala Wilkes, daughter of Richard Wilkes, Bittmaker, at West Bromwich, 23.10.1843. West Bromwich seemed to be a popular place to get married, and all parties always showed residence there. We found several other marriages there with young people, some with overstated ages as compared with the actual.

The examination of the 1841 census revealed a possible Foster, as Othniel Foster, 18, Apprentice Gunlockfiler, residing with William Mansfield and his family, and a further Apprentice named Oswald Freer, and female servant Hannah Carter aged 11. The latter was never connected with my family name although we searched.

An attempt to see the Parish registers of Ockbrook, now located in Derbyshire and coupled with Borrowash, proved impossible because all enquiries had to be referred to an Archivist who made it quite clear that we could only ask with factual knowledge, which clearly if available, we would not be asking at all. At this stage we were still not familiar with the possible sources of information, and had to rest our research into the Foster connections.

When we later found out about B.Ts. and had in fact used them at the Joint Record Office at Lichfield, we further discovered that the Diocese of Lichfield covered parts of Derbyshire, including Ockbrook, and we were thus able to examine these. We found some entries for baptisms and burials of children of Othniel Foster and Ann, but no son



named Othniel. Ann the mother was buried in 1830 aged 32, so born around 1798, all the entries were at Ockbrook or Borrowash. The baptism of Othniel junior was eventually found at Spondon, in 1824. It was the first entry on the 1824 records, but this and the second entry on the same page were undated. The third entry was dated February 2nd 1824, so Othniel was baptised pre. 2.2.1824, the nearest that could be positive. The name Othniel had never been found before and only elsewhere on one occasion since. It was very intriguing.

We found many entries for Arthur Foster, Gunlockfiler in Electoral Rolls, lists of Burgesses, and Directories of Staffordshire, mainly at the Cobden Street address. The last entry in the Electoral Rolls was in 1898, and out of curiosity I consulted the Calendar of wills at Lichfield J.R.O. finding nothing initially, and undoubtedly showing disappointment. The assistant at the J.R.O. asked why I had selected to start at 1899 and afterwards, and then advised of the reason, he could have died in 1898 even if still on the Rolls. She again referred to the Calendar, and immediately found the will of Arthur Foster, probated 17.12.1898. A hand written copy was seen, the original being kept at the Birmingham Probate Court. Reading the copy confirmed that this was indeed Arthur Foster, my Great grandfather. The reason for changing his name from Othniel can only be guessed, but he also changed his wife's name from Mahala to Amelia Jane. Mahala died in 1871, and Arthur remarried, his second wife being named Emma, who outlived him by many years.

In trying to find the place of burial of my grandmother Ann Carter (formerly Foster) we caused something of a stir at the Cemeteries Record Office at Sandwell because on the stone erected for Mahala Foster who was buried 10.6.1871 aged 48, the name Mahala appeared on the stone, but Amelia Jane Foster in the records. Ann Carter was also in this grave, so the authorities initially thought it contained the remains of three women, and were somewhat relieved when we were able to explain the apparent extra one.

These authorities in looking for explanations also found the grave of Arthur Foster Gunlockfiler, who died 24.10.1898 aged 75, and his second wife Emma who died 28.7.1920 aged 82. The two graves are quite close to each other and both have stones. A future road widening scheme will cause the grave of Arthur and Emma to be resited. Ann daughter of Arthur and Mahala Foster was an only daughter, but in any case it seems certain that if there had been a son, he would not have been given the name Othniel.

With help from Derbyshire County Records Office at Matlock, Miss Susan Brown who is preparing a marriage index for Derbyshire, the Joint Record Office at Lichfield and Wednesbury Library, also Mormon records, we have traced the Foster family back to a marriage of Othniel Foster to Dorothy Shepard 1702 at Swarkestone, who had sons Othniel baptised 14.4.1711, and Stephen baptised 4.10.1714 both at Swarkestone.

The names Othniel and Stephen seemed to be repeated in families of both Othniel and Stephen, but the direct line is from this Stephen, son of Othniel and Dorothy, who married Ann Cleaver 20.1.1738 at Swarkestone. Their son Othniel baptised 10.4.1741 or 1743 at Swarkestone, who then married Mary Johnson 11.12.1764. Their son Stephen was baptised 22.8.1770 or 22.8.1772. This Stephen married Sarah Nadin at Ockbrook 8.10.1799, and their son Othniel was baptised 1.7.1800 at Ockbrook. He married Ann Brown 18.11.1819 at St. Alkmund's Derby. My Great grandfather Othniel / Arthur was their son, but as usual had a brother Stephen. In Arthur Foster's will he left a sum of money to Samuel Smith who appeared on the 1871 census with him.

Some other findings believed to be related to the Foster connections are:-

Henry BROWN married Mary CHAPMAN 1.11.1796 at Spondon.

Ann dau. of Henry and Mary Brown, baptised 13.3.1797 at Spondon.

13.7.1776 William NADIN married Charity BIRKIN at Ockbrook

9.11.1777 Sarah dau. of William and Charity Nadin baptised at Ockbrook.

2.11.1743 Mary dau. of William and Lydia JOHNSON baptised at Alfreton.

2.11.1743 Mary dau. of William and Mary JOHNSON baptised at Spondon.

Mahala WILKES origins in Derbyshire were found, and thus verified her birth in Darlaston, in the parish of St. Lawrence.

Arthur Foster was a Wesleyan Methodist and attended the Pinfold Street Chapel at Darlaston and is referred to on various committees, but he did not appear in the minutes of the meetings. He also gave to several charities, but appeared to be careful about



money matters. He owned several properties at his death, and never forgot his daughter Ann who was a beneficiary under his will, but she died before his second wife Emma and did not derive the full benefit he had arranged.

My father thought more of his maternal grandfather Arthur Foster, but this is thought to be because Arthur remembered his daughter and her family, whereas his paternal grandfather was thought to have considerable wealth and left nothing to Ann, although we have since established that contrary to my father's opinion, his paternal grandfather had nothing to leave.

We have developed an admiration for Arthur Foster as a person who came from a poor beginning as regards wealth, but built himself up in business. He signed his will on 21.7.1894 as Arthur Foster, even though in earlier certificates such as for his marriage he had to make a mark X instead of signing.

The extracts from records given above are only part of our searches, which carefully recorded as we progressed, amount now to around 60 sheets and photo copies. This continues

There must be other descendants of Foster from Stephen and Othniel lines, but so far we have not had any contact on this name, or any of the associated names, such as SHEPARD, CLEAVER, JOHNSON, NADIN or BROWN. The 1841 census of Ockbrook was examined at the C.R.O. Matlock but found to be almost unreadable, and a search carried out for us on this in London did not reveal any Fosters. We never traced Samuel Smith as a relative of Arthur Foster, which is suggested by his Derbyshire origins.

The origin of the name Othniel is also being looked for still.

In conclusion, we would say that we enjoyed the work we have done so far, and hope in due course to extend in all directions. There is some evidence of a brickworks near Ockbrook, but for all register entries for Othniel and Ann Foster in Ockbrook and Spondon. Othniel was described as Labourer.

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#### THE OLD FAMILY BIBLE

From an old bible in the possession of a friend of Pauline Marples.

Parents:- William W. PLACKETT Born 4th July 1853  
Elizabeth PLACKETT Born 27th July 1855  
Married August 4th 1877

Children:- William Edmund PLACKETT Born Nov. 2nd 1878  
Elizabeth " " Nov. 16th 1879  
Joseph Herman " " Aug. 7th 1882  
Henry Matthew " " Feb. 16th 1888  
Sophia Ann " " Feb. 26th 1890

A newspaper cutting in the bible dated March 1888 under the heading 'DRAYCOTT' SCHOOL BOARD - refers to a school board meeting, and prizes for attendance to be awarded to six children:- F.SMITH, S.E. MOORE, A.MOORE, M.PLATTS, G.BUCKLEY, and W.PLACKET.

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#### DIRTY DEEDS AT DALBURY BY DIGBY DAKEYNE ?

Samuel ye sone of Edward POLE of LEES borne December ye two and twentyth (He was not baptised here attall, and its plain there was a name raz'd out to put ys in, I believe by Digby DAKEYNE, servant to Madam POLE of RADBOURN) ano. 1709.

Note of Suspicion found in the Dalbury registers by Joan Smedley.

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#### WHAT'S IN A NAME ? GETTING THE BIRD and others.

From The Ripley and Heanor News:- Ilkeston Magistrates' Court has been getting the bird recently - in fact its been getting several. For the court lists have thrown up an unlikely combination of surnames which are also the names of birds. On one Monday alone there was a SWIFT, a SPARROW and a SWALLOW, Later in the week a DOVE and a couple of MARTINS showed up. To tie everything together was (of course), a Mr. BIRD.

Spurred on by these findings, your intrepid reporter was sent scurrying through further lists to uncover more remarkable coincidences, and occupations came out top of the list. There was a positive glutton of PORTERS, CLARK(E)S, TAYLORS and MARSHALLS, and elsewhere you can find a THROWER, FRYER, CARTER, SHEPHERD, BUTLER, COOK, DRAPER and SLATER. FISH get



a look in with a SALMON and TROUT. But is it all mere coincidence, you may ask, that places a Mr. BLACK next on the list to a Mr. WHITE?

Contributed by Mary Johnson.

### THE TONGE FAMILY.

Continuing the story by Mr. J. Johnson in "Branch News" no.19. 'THE JOHNSON FAMILY'.

My mother, Edith TONGE was born in BRIGG, north Lincolnshire and worked as a Milliner in WRAWBY, prior to marriage. (I think I've got it the right way round). She used to mention things like Brigg Fair and Market Rasen Races. She had a brother Will who for some reason there was no contact with in later years. Will's wife was Bertha. There was some rift over a letter concerning wedding arrangements from Dad to Mother, from France prior to coming out of the Army. It was an important letter and was lost. I never saw my Uncle Will that I know of. It must have caused my mother much grief her brother not calling to see her. Bertha was notified about my mother's funeral, but she wrote back saying that by the time she got it to Will it was too late. I remember having to delay the undertakers in case Will arrived at the last minute. The last words on my mother's lips were "Will". As far as I understand, Will left Bertha, although Bertha never let us know. Whether there was an actual divorce I do not know. I understand that Will worked as a Printer at a firm in Gainsborough. My mother had told me that during their childhood she and Will were very close. I always felt that there must have been something that Will thought mother would be ashamed of - and if so, a very mistaken thought. Will and Bertha originally lived in Lincoln. They had a daughter Dorothy and other children including a son. Dorothy had children. I vaguely remember being told that someone, probably Will's child, lost an eye, but I never had any contact with Will or his family.

My grandfather, Henry Tonge, was a Cabinet Maker & Undertaker. I do not know where his business was, unless there is some link with his wife's brother's business at that time, Carpenter & Wheelwright's F.H. Sharpe & Sons. Claxby, Caistor, Lincoln. More than likely his business was in Brigg, but I do not know whether he was born in Brigg or not.

Mother mentioned an artist in the family. A charcoal drawing, 'At Canterbury', is signed by N. Tong, 1889. I think the Artist was a woman, who may have been my grandfather's sister. I do not know whether there were any more brothers and sisters of my grandfather Tonge. Mother said that her father used to make coffins for the lads killed in the first world war. He refused to make a fortune and would not use cheap wood and likewise would not charge enough.

Grandmother Tonge may have been called Tilly, short for Matilda, but I'm not sure. I do not know when grandfather died, I believe he saw me when I was little, but I do not remember him. Grandmother re-married, to Harry GREEN who was formerly married to a sister of my grandmother's. He had two sons who were killed in the first world war. So Harry Green was an uncle, by marriage, to my mother and later became her stepfather. My mother always called him uncle Harry and that is why I score naught for being able to understand where relatives fit in. I cannot see how my grandmother's maiden name can be any other than SHARPE. SHARPE & TONGE were the only two other surnames ever mentioned in my family. I am not sure whether there should be an 'e' after SHARP, or whether only cousin Ethel used to stick one on the end. Neither does the drawing 'At Canterbury' look to have an 'e' at the end of Tong. Mother used to spell Tong with an 'e' but no 'u' and woe betide anyone who put one in.

Harry Green was a Ship's Pilot with Grimsby connections. He retired and lived with grandmother at St. Peter's Avenue, Boultham Park, Lincoln. I remember visiting them there and going to St. Peter's Park. It was here that I first wore my Grammar School cap, at St. Peter's Park. It was green with a red cross. I remember the ice cream lady asking me what it was and that I was very self conscious of it in Lincoln. I hadn't even started that school at the time.

Grandmother Tonge died at Lincoln in 1939 and may have been born at Claxby, Caistor. Her brother's business is still trading, now being carried on by Michael Sharp, Pelham House, Claxby, Caistor, Lincolnshire. Still trading as F.H. Sharpe & Sons, Builders, Carpenters, and Undertakers.

Cousin Elsie of Gringley-on-the-Hill, nr. Doncaster, is remembered for her poppy wine and cousin Ethel for her mirth. She always had a twinkle in her eye, although she



must have had a hard life. She was in domestic service connected with the clergy in Lincoln and finally at the Sub-Deanery. She made a joke about only getting as far as the 'Sub-Deanery'. As a retirement present she was given an ecclesiastic-looking large corner cupboard, which she sold for a paltry sum to a visiting casual antique dealer. Her son Geoffrey emigrated to Canada and has a family.

Cousin Ethel finally lived at 2 Naam Place, Lincoln and would not move, as she put it, "From the sound of the Cathedral bells". So she would not move into a modern Council flat away from those she knew. She minded the children from round about and her personal saying was the line which starts, "If I can help somebody along life's way then my living shall not be in vain".

My mother mentioned a cousin Sam who was a village school teacher. Cousin Ethel said she could not come to my wedding, as Sam had arranged to visit her that day - and he didn't turn up. I understand that cousin Sam's descendants and other relatives are all in the Claxby, nr. Caistor area. I once went with my brother-in-law to visit cousins, possibly at Claxby. These were two ladies who kept a sweet shop and I remember thinking that I would possibly get some sweets without giving up my sweet coupons.

Mr. Johnson has only recently started his research but he has written a delightful story from his own memories. See what can be achieved by writing it all down. Ed.

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#### HELP WANTED

BANNISTER Mrs. D. Young, P.O. Box 102, Shannon N.I. New Zealand is searching for any information on the family of BANNISTER who lived in the CASTLE MILL area of Dudley/Wolverhampton. (WILLIAM BANNISTER b. 3rd April 1795). Also interested in any information on the firm of BANNISTER, BANKS and BANNISTER, brassfounders.

HALL The names of the parents of MARY BAGSHAW(E) who married THOMAS HALL 7 May 1730 BAGSHAW(E) at CARSINGTON are needed. Her father is believed to be THOMAS BAGSHAW(E) of MIDDLETON by Worksworth, who could be of the Bagshawes of The RIDGE, Chapel-en-le-Frith. Mr. S.G. Hall, "Monellan", Upper Wyche, Malvern, Worcs. Member no. 48.

GOOSE William and Mary GOOSE were settled in ARNOLD NOTTS. (both buried there in 1802) WILDGOOSE and their daughter Sarah christened there in 1751 as Sarah WILDGOOSE. The change of name is not uncommon. The origins of William and Mary are sought. MATLOCK and DARLEY DALE were thought possible but have yielded nothing. Can anyone suggest other possible quarters to look ?

Mr. F. Fisher, 94 Ferrers Way, Darley Abbey, Derby DE3 2BD. Member no. 191.

TOPLISS John TOPLISS (Farmer) married Mary COWLEY 3rd Sept. 1755 at ALFRETON. He went COWLEY to live at CAR COLSTON, NOTTS. where he was a churchwarden in 1760. He died at SLATER WOODHALL. LINCS. in 1783. His son John TOPLISS married Elizabeth SLATER 30th JAGGER March 1785 at DUFFIELD.

Elizabeth SLATER the widow of William SLATER (who died 1782) married George EYRE a widower of DUFFIELD 24th March 1789 at DUFFIELD. She was the mother of the above Elizabeth SLATER.

Mary JAGGER married William CRIPWELL of BUNNY, NOTTS. 23rd June 1723 at STH. WINGFIELD. Information is needed on the above. I am also interested in the whereabouts of a BRUCKSHAW HOUSE (Shottle, Duffield area) 1756.

Mr. L. Russell, 26 Tintagel Green, Nottingham NG11 9NA. Member no. 387

BIRKS Please can anyone help on information on BENJAMIN BIRKS 1812-1896 who had 11 SILKSTONE children. I have only got the names of 4 of them - Benjamin, Sarah, Harry and Elizabeth. I have details on the descendants of Sarah and Harry of which I am one, but none of the others. I am also searching SILKSTONE. Has anyone details of Harry SILKSTONE c.1830-1916 who married Harriet. They were both born in Derby. Details of their parents are needed.

Mrs. B. Parry, 13 Albert Rd. Bunny, Nottingham NG11 6QE. Member no. 429.

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EXPLOSION IN PARKHOUSE PIT, NEAR CLAY CROSS. TUESDAY NOV. 7th 1882.

From the memorial to those men and boys who lost their lives by the explosion.

Samuel BARKER, 41, married, DANESMOOR, and  
 Edward BARKER, 15, (son of the above).  
 Phineas BAKER, 53, single, DANESMOOR.  
 John BUCKBERRY, 37, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Thomas BERRY, 34, married, TUPTON.  
 Elias BOWLER, 34, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Thomas BIRKIN, 38, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 William BRIGGS, 29, married, PILSLEY.  
 Henry BEESON, 44, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Aaron BEESON, 23, and  
 John BEESON, 14, (sons of the above).  
 Thomas CHAPPEL, 22, single, DANESMOOR.  
 Emmanuel CLARK, 42, married, DANESMOOR.  
 William CLARK, 21, (son of the above).  
 Richard DUNN, 37, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Joseph DUNN, 24, married, DANESMOOR, and  
 William DUNN, 16, his brother (nephews of above).  
 James EDWARDS, 32, married, DANESMOOR.  
 John FOWLER, 52, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Thomas GOALEY, 28, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 John HOLMES, 50, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 George HEWITT, 46, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Joseph HEWITT, 21, and  
 Thomas HEWITT, 23, (sons of the above).

William MARTIN, 21, engine tender,  
 CLAY CROSS.  
 George MITCHEL, 45, married CLAY CROSS.  
 James PARKER, 25, married CLAY CROSS.  
 Michael PARKIN, 47, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Joseph PHIPPS, 47, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Owen RICHARDS, 36, married, DANESMOOR.  
 William RENSHAW, 36, married, DANESMOOR.  
 William SLINN, 38, married, ALTON.  
 James SMITH, 32, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 Phillip SCOTHERN, 47, married,  
 WOOLLEY MOOR.  
 Joseph STONE, 50, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Joseph STONE, 35, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Jacob STONE, his twin brother, married,  
 (and cousins of the above).  
 James SIMMS, 45, married, DANESMOOR.  
 John STANLEY, 45, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 William SHELTON, 21, single, DANESMOOR.  
 William SQUIRES, 35, single, CLAY CROSS.  
 Richard TAYLOR, 25, married, CLAY CROSS.  
 Richard TAYLOR, 30, married, DANESMOOR.  
 William VICKERS, 21, married, DANESMOOR.  
 Joseph WALTERS, 27, married, DANESMOOR.

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| <p>1. Good Christians, all give ear I pray,<br/>             Attention give to what I say,<br/>             My news is sad, the tale is true,<br/>             Which I do here relate to you.</p> <p>2. The miner leaves his wife and home.<br/>             To labour in the dismal gloom,<br/>             Then ventures on a slender thread,<br/>             And from the sun his life is hid.</p> <p>3. In eighteen hundred eighty two,<br/>             November seven, it is true<br/>             That five and forty men and boys<br/>             Through fire and damp did lose their</p> <p>4. On Tuesday morn, at ten o'clock <sup>lives.</sup><br/>             The people heard a deathly shock,<br/>             The news soon spread to all around<br/>             That death had worked underground.</p> <p>5. Down number seven pit that day<br/>             Some men and boys had found their way:<br/>             The fire broke out with awful crash,<br/>             And soon their tender bones did smash.</p> <p>6. We hope that they aloud did cry<br/>             Lord save my soul, for I shall die:<br/>             Their time was short Christ to embrace,<br/>             For death did stare them in the face.</p> <p>7. As soon as they had felt the waft,<br/>             Some tried to get towards the shaft:<br/>             But after-damp did stop their breath,<br/>             They soon fell in the arms of death.</p> <p>8. That day when this dread scene began,<br/>             Thousands unto the pit soon ran,<br/>             To see them weep and hear them moan-<br/>             It would have melted hearts of stone.</p> | <p>9. The cries of wives and children dear<br/>             Brought forth from many an eye a tear:<br/>             Some wrung their hands, some tore their hair,<br/>             'Twas more than human strength could bear.</p> <p>10. Exploring men went down with lights,<br/>             And soon they saw some ghastly sights,<br/>             The fire burnt some (most sad to tell),<br/>             And some in sleep had gently fell.</p> <p>11. Masters and man went without fear<br/>             And through the works did quickly steer:<br/>             The Underviewer with courage brave,<br/>             His own life risked, his sons to save.</p> <p>12. These men some hardships had to bear,<br/>             But for their labour did not care:<br/>             They worked hard, both night and day,<br/>             To find the dead and clear the way.</p> <p>13. Some coffins then were quickly made,<br/>             And in them the poor bodies laid,<br/>             Then to the "Queen's Head" they were took<br/>             For inquest and a farewell look.</p> <p>14. Then out of sight they soon were laid,<br/>             The owner, he great honour paid:<br/>             Flowers on their coffins he did throw<br/>             As one by one was laid below.</p> <p>15. Poor widows thirty three were left,<br/>             One hundred children are bereft,<br/>             May God take care of every one<br/>             Whose fathers now are dead and gone.</p> <p>16. Now these poor colliers' debt is paid,<br/>             And in the graves their bodies laid,<br/>             At God's right hand we hope they sit<br/>             Who lost their lives in Parkhouse pit.</p> |
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D. Payne, Clay Cross.

"In the midst of life we are in death."



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CENSUS: Kirk Ireton (Trans.) 1841-1871; Mansfield, Notts. (Surname Index) 1851, Nottm. F.E. Hartington Upper Quarter 1841.  
M.I.s: Kirk Ireton; Kirk Hallam, All Saints; Newton Solney, Blessed Virgin.  
REGISTER Trans: Breaston, St. Michael; Society of Friends Burial Register, Codnor Breach.  
CRICH: Names mentioned in Mrs. Perry's Poems 1855-75. Donated by Mr. C. Raven. no. 348.  
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TITHE MAPS: on Micro Film at D.R.O.; FEDERATION NEWS FLASH: July 1979; June 1980; June 1981.  
Derbyshire Influences on LEAD MINING in North Wales in the 17th & 18th cent. by J.N.Rhodes. Donated by Mr. N. Rowland, no.445.  
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ASHBOURNE, Portrait of an early Victorian Town; Would any member who may have borrowed these, please return them. Items in the Reference Library are for REFERENCE ONLY so that everyone may get the benefit of them on meeting nights. (Malcolm Marples.)

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ONE NAME SOCIETIES: Dalton Gen. Soc. June; Filby Ass. Jan./June; Higginbottom Family Bulletin Jan./Mar./Sep./Dec.; Martin F.H.S. Jan./July/Oct.; Palgrave Soc. Spring; Sant Newsletter Jan.; Tyrell F.H.S. March. (Ian Manifold, Magazine Librarian)

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