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EDITORIAL

I have been overwhelmed by the amount of material sent to me for publication in "Branch News" and I thank you all for taking so much interest in the magazine. We have now enlarged the magazine to twenty pages so I hope to catch up on the material I have accumulated. I am sure you will all be patient until your own articles are published. The rate of new membership continues to grow, as you will see from the list in this issue. The 'Help Wanted' section also continues to grow, which shows that members are using the magazine for what it is intended.

Likewise, it is gratifying to see the 'Help Offered' section growing. In this issue, two members are offering help which can be available for a short period only. Mrs. Elinor Kapp offers help in searching Dr. William's Library (see p. 7) and the Rev. Dr. S.C. Orchard offers to send information to anyone interested in names mentioned in the Diary of William Copeland Astbury which he has in his possession for a short time (p. 10). So, those interested, get writing, it is up to you!

With many thanks to you all and best wishes for Christmas and for 1984.

W.E.W.

1984 SUBSCRIPTIONS: We have found it necessary to increase the subscriptions for 1984. Having done our best to keep these to a minimum we must move along with the rising cost of postage etc. Also, "Branch News" has become larger.

Don't forget, "Branch News" is a must to anyone interested in Derbyshire genealogy, so, don't delay send your subs. today!

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

2nd December - Cancelled owing to other commitments.

6th January 1984 - Members' Evening.

3rd February 1984 - 'Religious Nonconformity in Derbyshire' by David A. Barton
(to be confirmed)

2nd March 1984 - 'The Derbyshire County Record Office' by Joan Sinar,
County Archivist. (possibility of slides)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: The 3rd Supplement is now available, price 80p + 20p p. & p. (50p overseas surface). The 4th Supplement will be available shortly.

In 1984 we hope to produce a completely new issue of Members' Interests making all previous issues/supplements redundant and unavailable. YOU MUST SEND IN A NEW SLIP WITH YOUR INTERESTS ON IF YOU WANT THEM INCLUDING IN THE 1984 ISSUE. PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP ON YOUR RENEWAL FORM BY 31st MARCH - YOU MUST BE A PAID-UP MEMBER TO HAVE YOUR INTERESTS INCLUDED. DO NOT WRITE "SAME AS BEFORE" ON YOUR SLIP AS THIS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM.

803. Mrs. Iris L. HALL, 2819 5th Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81003 U.S.A. Searching - POYSER and LYNAM both of DERBYSHIRE late 1700's - early 1800's. MARPLE: HOWELL and LAMBERT late 1700's - early 1800's, place unknown.
804. Mr. Gerry S. TOWNSEND, 483, East 57th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V5X 1S8. Searching TOWNSEND of Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire 1750; CRICH of FARNSFIELD, Notts. 1750 and of PLEASLEY, Derbys. 1703, and of ASHOVER, Derbys. 1588; MOOR of PLEASLEY, Derbys. 1703.
820. Mr. F.J. EVANS, 163, Broadstone Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire SK4 5H5. Searching GRINDY of HARTINGTON, Derbys. 1870; EVANS of ECCLES, Lancs. 1650 and of STOCKPORT, Cheshire 1884; WRIGHT of STOCKPORT 1840; TILLET of the BRISTOL area 1840.
821. Mrs. R. CLARKE, 19, Arden Street, New Mills, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire SK12 4NS. Searching MIDDLETON of CHINLEY, CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH, WHALEY BRIDGE, FURNESS VALE. (William Bn. 1789 prob. to Richard and Ann. Richard bn. BRECK END; CHINLEY, his parents Richard and Leah. All plumbers and glaziers.)
822. Mrs. Janet MARSHALL, 48, Park Lane, Allestree, Derby DE3 2DU. Searching - LATHAM of DERBY 1837; ADCOCK of DERBY 1864; WEBSTER of DUFFIELD, Derbys. and of DERBY 1868; BARNETT of DERBY 1832; BIRD of LICHFIELD, Staffs. 1837.
823. Mrs. J. BOULTON, 93, Windmill Hill Lane, Derby. Searching LATHAM of DERBY 1837; ADCOCK of DERBY; CARTWRIGHT of WARWICKSHIRE.
824. Mrs. Sylvia M. NAYLOR, 2, Smithy Cottages, Crook, Nr. Kendal, Cumbria LA8 8LH. Searching ALLFREE (Herbert and Lucy of 208, Primrose Hill, BLACKWELL, Derbys. 1881); RILEY (Tamar) BLACKWELL 1881; MELLORS (William and Hannah) of BOLSOVER WOODHOUSE, Derbys. 1881, and of SHUTTLEWOOD, 1881.
825. Mr. Peter J. PURSGLOVE, ^c/o Rosebank, Over Haddon, Bakewell, Derbys. DE4 1JE. Searching PURSGLOVE.
826. Miss Hilary GODBER, 70, Grange Road, London, W5 5BX. Searching - GODBER of ALFRETON/SOMERCOTES/BIRCHWOOD, Derbys. 1815; LANGTON of CHESTERFIELD and of GREENHILL LANE/RIDDINGS 1864; FEARN of BIRCHWOOD, Derbys. 1851; COOPER of ALFRETON, Derbys. and of SELSTON, Notts. 1887; GRAVES of ALFRETON and of SKEGBY, Notts. 1839; BOWLER of ALFRETON/BIRCHWOOD 1819.
827. Mr. and Mrs. R. BLOOD, 2, Observatory Close, Benson, Oxon. Searching BLOOD
828. of HEAGE, DUFFIELD and RIPLEY, Derbys. 1812.
829. Miss G.J.E. MELLOR, 6, Railway Terrace, Derby. Searching MELLOR of CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbys. 1803/4; EARDLEY of CHURCH GRESLEY, and of SANDBACH, Cheshire 1791; OLIVER of NETHERSEAL, Derbys. 1803; BIRD of ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH, Leics. 1840; HARPER of ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH 1832; MOON of ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH 1810.
830. Mr. Philip BLIMMER, 21, Maree Close, Sinfin, Derby DE2 9LL. Searching - PLIMMER/PLUMMER/PLIMER/PLYMMER.
831. Mrs. Jane STEER, 478, Duffield Road, Allestree, Derby. Searching PALING of DERBYSHIRE 1880.
832. Mr. Eric HIGGINSON, 17, Willesley Gardens, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics.
833. Mrs. J. TOWNSEND, 29, Willow Grove, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 2SE. Searching - BRADLEY of DERBY 1857; MOORE of DERBY 1895; BISHOP of BIRMINGHAM 1902; GREEN of BIRMINGHAM 1902; BROUGH of BIRMINGHAM 1912; RILEY (John/Jack) of STOCKTON-on-TEES, Co. Durham.
834. Mrs. Joan HOWE, "Starbeck", 7, Mayfair, Pedmore, Stoubridge, West Midlands D79 OXE. Searching ARMSTRONG of CROGLIN, Cumbria 1835 and of HALTWHISTLE, Northumberland. 1780; BAGSHAW of LONGSTONE, Derbys. 1843; GREENWOOD of DROYLSDEN, Manchester 1840 and of LIVERPOOL, Merseyside 1867; WILSON of WALTON-le-DALE, Lancs. 1825; and of BRISTOL, Avon 1854; PAYNE of GLASTONBURY, Somerset 1779.

835. Mr. Michael RADFORD, 11, St. Helen's Avenue, Hemsworth, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF9 4QW. Searching RADFORD of SWANWICK/ALFRETON, Derbys. (William bn. 1855 and George bn. 1832/3).
836. Mr. K.W. MATHERS, 23, Ship Lane, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4AN. Searching - MATHERS (Bertie William and Harriet) of ALFRETON, Derbys. 1901.
837. Miss Linda HARDY, Flat Eight, 27, Lansdown Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. GL50 2HX. Searching JORDAN of COTMANHAY and ILKESTON, Derbys.
838. Mr. G.P.S. MATHER, 18, Ravenswood Avenue, Crawthorne, Berkshire RG11 6AY.
839. Mr. S.R. HOLDEN, 62, Waingroves Road, Waingroves, Ripley, Derbys. DE5 9TD. Searching - HOLDEN of GOLDEN VALLEY and BUTTERLEY PARK, Derbys. 1800-1873.
840. Mrs. Elinor KAPP, 46, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF1 9LL. Searching MART of BIGGIN, Derbys. (MARTHA, lived to be 101, and Ann, dau. of Martha, early 18th cent.) WILKINS (William d. 1836 in DERBY.); PORTER, farmer at BREADSALL, bn. 1721; SHOTWELL (Jane) of WEST HALLAM, marr. PORTER above; TAYLOR (James, Baptist Minister, Brook St. Chapel, DERBY) bn. late 18th cent.
841. Mrs. S.W. ADDIS-SMITH, The Bungalow, Outfields Farm, Graze Hill Lane, Ravensden, Bedfordshire, MK44 2SA. Searching WILMOT of CHADDESSEN, Derbys. c. 1539 and of SUTTON BONNINGTON, Leics. poss 12th cent.; COKE of TRUSLEY, Derbys. c. 15th cent.
842. D.R. ARTHUR, 25, Langley Drive, Kegworth, Derbys. DE7 2DN. Searching - ARTHUR of WHITWELL area, Derbys. (Elizabeth marr. Joseph BRUNT Nov. 1739, also children of Robert and Sarah bapt. 1746 to 1749.)
843. Mr. S. METCALFE, 69, Parkway, Ratton Manor, Eastbourne, E. Sussex BN20 9DZ. Searching METCALFE of SHIRLEY, Derbys. 1850's.
844. Miss Sheila C. MINION, 7, Beeley Close, Allestree, Derby. DE3 2PY. Searching - MINION of TICKNALL, Derbys.; SWAIN and HALLSWORTH both of Derbyshire.
845. Mr. and Mrs. D.H. CLIFFORD, 3, Nottingham Road, Lowdham, Nottinghamshire.
846. Searching - CLIFFORD of ASTON-on-TRENT, Derbys. 1683; HIGTON of GREEN HILL LANE/ALFRETON, Derbys. 1846; GILLIVER of CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbys. 1851; TOLLEY of New tupton, Derbys. 1890; GRICE of LOUDVIL 1851.
847. Mr. and Mrs. R. GEORGE, 54, Aston Avenue, Lenton Abbey, Beeston, Notts.
848. NG9 2SS. Searching NUTTALL of PINXTON, Derbys. 1875, also BISHOP of PINXTON; DARRINGTON and GEORGE of SOUTH NORMANTON, Derbys.; DEAVIN of NOTTINGHAM and CORNWALL; YATES of NOTTINGHAM.
849. Miss A. BILLINGE, Main Street, Youlgreave, Nr. Bakewell, Derbys. DE4 1UW. Searching - BILLINGE of NORTH DERBYSHIRE and NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE 1650.
850. Mr. S. SUTTON, "Springfield" Lakeside, Bakewell, Derbys. DE4 1GN. Searching - SUTTON of HARTINGTON, Derbys. 1600; WAIN of LONGNOR, Staffs; BRADBURY also of LONGNOR; FALLEN of the MANCHESTER area 1800.
851. Mr. Ralph EDENBROW, 3, Devonshire Road East, Hasland, Chesterfield, Derbys. S41 0AD. Searching EDENBROW and all variants of KESTEVEN, Lincs. and EDINBURGH, Scotland 1625; COLLISHAW of KESTEVEN, Lincs. 1820; BROWN, AGER, BARNES of NORTHAMPTONSHIRE and ESSEX 1790.
852. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm and Maureen PEARCE, 1, Cross Brook, Burnley Road,
853. Todmorden, Lancs. OL14 5EX. Searching NORMAN of WINGERWORTH, Derbys. 1810; BENNETT of CHESTERFIELD.
854. Mrs. HOWSON, Honnington, Clifton Lane, Ruddington, Notts. NG11 6AA. Searching - COLEBOURNE of MACKWORTH, Derbys. 1795.
855. Mrs. V.A. HARTLEY, 151, Coniston Road, Kempshott, Basingstoke, Hampshire. Searching - GREEN of DERBY 1845; BROUGHTON of DERBY 1803; MOSLEY of BRAMPTON/CHESTERFIELD, Derbys. 1803; BINGHAM of CHESTERFIELD, 1795; GARTON of CASTLE DONINGTON, Leics. 1780; HOPKINSON of HUDDERSFIELD, Yorks. 1811.

856. Mr. Ralph GODBER, 47, Ruskin Walk, Bicester, Oxon OX6 7TE. Searching GODBER of DERBYSHIRE and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE; LANGTON of the same; AUSTIN of DERBYSHIRE and STAFFORDSHIRE; BROWN of GRIMSBY, Lincs.; SHEPHERD also of GRIMSBY.
857. Mrs. K. NORRIS, 16, Newlands Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Searching HAYWARD (John) of HARGATE WALL, Derbys. (interred WORMHILL 1851); WALKER (Tom) of SHEFFIELD, Yorks. FOWLER (John).
858. Mrs. J. LOPUSZANSKI, 9, Bishop Street, Alfreton, Derbys. DE5 7EF.
859. Mr. P. DRABBLE, 9, Sherwood Avenue, Hope, Sheffield S30 2RQ. Searching DRABBLE of BARLOW, Derbys. pre. 1840; RAINFORTH of NEWBOLD/CHESTERFIELD, Derbys. pre. 1840; HASLAM of BARLOW, Derbys. pre. 1840.
860. Mr. A.C. BRADLEY, "Sherril", Tetbury Hill Gardens, Malmesbury, Wiltshire. Searching KERSLAKE of SOMERSET 1810; BRADLEY of LONDON/ISLINGTON 1850; THOMPSON of WISBECH, Cambridgeshire 1800.
861. Professor G.E. BACON, Windrush Way, Guiting Power, Cheltenham, Gloucs. GL54 5US. Searching BACON of SOUTH NORMANTON, Derbys. 1849.
862. Mr. R. WOODHOUSE, 12, Meadway, Poynton, Cheshire. Searching WOODHOUSE of MIDDLETON/WIRKSWORTH, Derbys. 1796.

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69. Mr. and Mrs. C.L. BOURTON, 19, Mytten Close, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath,
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421. Mrs. N. HAMPSON, 1, Beech Drive, Scelby, Scarborough, Yorks.
545. Mrs. A. ENGLEFIELD, "Nether Orchard", 2, Holloway Road, Duffield, Derbys.
722. Miss L.S. EXTON, 103, Leicester Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. LE6 5DF.

HELP WANTED!

WINTERTON
WINTERS

Information sought on these surnames in area of SPONDON during 1700's. JOSEPH marr. 1712; JOHN marr. SARAH ---? abt. 1735; JOSEPH bn. 1746; JOHN bn. 1762-63; WILLIAM marr. RUTH ---? abt. 1762; HENRY bn. 1760-61; Mr. R.W. PRICE, 2061, St. Mary's Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108 U.S.A. (Mem. no. 122).

BAGSHAW

Any information on THOMAS BAGSHAW, saddler of Derbyshire. Also daughter SUSAN ANN(E), born 1840-50. Mrs. J. HOWE, "Starbeck", 7, Mayfair, Pedmore, Stourbridge, West Midlands. DY9 OXE. (Mem. no. 834).

MOORE

Would like information regarding the birth/bapt. c. 1868 of HENRY MOORE, also the marriage of his parents WILLIAM and MARY ANNE MOORE. (Not Derbyshire). Mr. M.J. SIMS, 16, Edinburgh Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6SQ. (Mem. no. 665).

HEAWORD
ALLARD
BROTHERTON

Information required concerning birth, date and place, of JOSEPH HEAWORD c. 1743, also his marriage to ELIZABETH ALLARD. JOSEPH may have come from GLOSSOP or MOTTRAM-in-LONGDENDALE. There were ALLARDS in WORCESTERSHIRE and DERBY. Joseph and Elizabeth later lived in STOCKPORT and he (not she) was buried there in 1813. Also searching BROTHERTON, probably living in Derbyshire in the 1800's. Any help greatly appreciated. Postage refunded. Miss Mary M. HEAWORD, 34, Cranhurst Road, Cricklewood, London NW2 4LP. (Mem. no. 785).

GRINDEY
WEAVER

Wanted information about twin girls ELIZABETH and poss. JUDITH GRINDEY/GRINDY bn. HARTINGTON area c. 1878. Any mention of the name in HARTINGTON area. Also GEORGE and THOMAS WEAVER, poss. of NEW MILLS area c. 1851. Coal miners. Mr. F. EVANS, 163, Broadstone Road, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Ches. SK4 5HS. (Mem. no. 820).

JEPSON
DUESBURY

Seeking information on GEORGE ANDREWS JEPSON, watchmaker of MELBOURNE, who marr. ELIZABETH DUESBURY at All Saints', Derby, 9th March 1800. After marriage they moved to Nottingham, and from there to London where George died at the age of 64, buried at St. James, Westminster, 14 May 1841. I cannot find any record of baptism for George in Melbourne around 1777. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Mr. C. HENLY, 91, Carden Avenue, Brighton, BN1 8NF East Sussex. (Mem. no. 699).

ASKEW
WILTSHIRE
BARBER
WHEATLEY
TOMLINSON
DUFFIELD
STORER

Does anyone know of a WILLIAM ASKEW of TANSLEY, marr. SARAH WILTSHIRE, prob. in SHEFFIELD, late 19th cent. Also interested in JOSEPH BARBER poss. of CRICH CARR, who marr. MARTHA ---? He was born c. 1846 and she c. 1850 - do you know his parents? Also seeking information on MARTHA ORME WHEATLEY born c. 1872, poss. BELPER. Anyone know of her bapt. or of her parents? My gr. grandfather, WILLIE TOMLINSON-DUFFIELD was bapt. along with his brother ARTHUR and sister EVELYN. All three had a second Christian name of TOMLINSON. Their father was JAMES TOMLINSON-DUFFIELD and mother was ANN. Anyone know anything of James and Ann? Lastly, my gr. grandmother ANNIE STORER was born, I think, in FRITCHLEY, c. 1876. Has anyone connections with that name? Mrs L. PHILLIPS, 2, Thorntree Cottages, Cromford Road, Wirksworth, Derbys. (Mem. no. 780).

COCKER
MARJERRISON
FROST

Seeking information on the families of COCKER of CALVER, Derbys 1787, also FROST of CALVER 1809 and MARJERRISON of BARLOW, Derbys. 1820. Mrs. V. OLDALE, 14, Oak Crescent, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. (Mem. no. 787).

BOWMAN
KYNOCHE
HARLEY
GLASS

Seeking information on the parents of ALEXANDER BOWMAN who married, at the age of 30, MARIA WILSON-KYNOCHE, aged 23, of GORDON PLACE, DYCE, ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND, on 15th March 1894, at Gordon Place. Alexander's parents were GEORGE and CATHERINE (nee HARLEY). Maria's parents were FRANCIS and MARGARET LOUISA (nee GLASS) of LOGIE-COLDSTONE, ABERDEENSHIRE. 'Knoch'soul' was the Kynoch Family House. They were members of the police force. Any information on either family will be gratefully received. Mrs. D. SELLORS, 48, Rebecca St. Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia. 4825. (Mem. no. 520).

EMERY
BRITLAND
FOX

Seeking information on ancestors of HENRY JAMES EMERY, who was born near LONDON c. 1826. He died in 1865 aged 39 years and left a wife REBECCA (nee BRITLAND) dau. of ROBERT and HANNAH (nee HIGTON) BRITLAND. ROBERT was the son of JOHN and ELIZABETH (nee FOX) of CROMFORD, Derbys. I would like to correspond with anyone interested in these three families. Mrs. S. FRANCIS, 63, Atto Street, Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada. J1M 2A2. (Mem. no. 734).

ACETHORPE
HUCKERBY

Seeking information on JANE ACETHORPE (nee HUCKERBY). Born 1876 and marr. GEORGE ACETHORPE in 1898 at HORNINGLOW. Lived in Derby (Oxford St./Portland St.) before moving to HATTON and then KENT in 1908. Jane returned to HORNINGLOW (Victoria St.) in 1912. Has any member any knowledge of her subsequent movements. Mr. M. PAYNE, 534, Duffield Road, Allestree, Derby. (Mem. no. 378).

GASKIN
GASCOIGNE

Looking for details on ROBERT GASKIN, bn. 1811 in WILNE. Marr. ELIZABETH STREET, 1.10.1827 and later LAVINIA BOWDEN, 1.8.1830. Cannot find his bapt. 1841 census says bn. in WILNE. Father poss. ROBERT GASKIN bapt. 6.12.1786, proof needed. Mr. R. GASKIN, 3, Mengham Lane, Hayling Island, Hants. PO11 9JT. (Mem. no. 703).

WYATT
BARTLE

Who are the parents of JOSEPH WYATT (born app. 1789 at GLOSSOP, bur. 9 Dec. 1873 at GLOSSOP), marr. ELLEN BARTLE (born app. 1799 at GLOSSOP) on 6 Oct. 1823. ELLEN was bur. 3 Oct. 1872? He was a farmer and milk seller at the BLACKSHAW farm, north Glossop and had ten children. Any bits of information would be greatly appreciated on the WYATTS and BARTLES. Miss B. WYATT, 1825, Fielden Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40502. U.S.A. (Mem. no. 800).

HENSHAW
ROPER

Seeking information on HENSHAW of SHARDLOW/ASTON-on-TRENT/CASTLE DONINGTON c. 1820. WILLIAM HENSHAW was transported in 1846 for sheepstealing. Also information on the ROPER family of the same and

HENSHAW
ROPER (cont)

poss. of SAWLEY. Miss. T. LARKIN, 114, Oberon St. Randwick,
N.S.W. Australia, 2031. (Mem. no. 260).

MIDDLETON
KYRKE

Seeking the marriage of RICHARD MIDDLETON and LEAH KYRKE c. 1740.
RICHARD was a glazier. Also the marriage of RICHARD MIDDLETON jnr.
and ANN ----? c. 1776. Would also be grateful for any info. with
regard to ROBERT and GRACE MIDDLETON from 1711 onwards. The family
were of the CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH area. Mrs. Rowen CLARKE, 19, Arden Street, New Mills,
Stockport, Cheshire. (Mem. no. 821).

QUARRY

Wanted, any references/information on the surname QUARRY, especially
FREDERICK GEORGE QUARRY bn. 1884 at BUSHEY, Hertfordshire, who died
at PROVIDENCE ST. RIPLEY in 1921. Miss J. SUTTON, 28, Albert Road,
Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd LL29 9TE. (Mem. no. 567).

JOHNSON

Information please on JOHN JOHNSON, born DERBYSHIRE 1769. Trade -
Potter. Convicted Stafford Assizes March 1808 for having forged
banknotes in his possession. Sent to PORTSMOUTH and to N.S.W.
arriving SYDNEY Feb. 1810. Given partial freedom June 1810. Marr-
ied Feb. 1811 as widower, signature well written. Became licenced victualler, died
SYDNEY June 1825 aged 56. Children, JULIA, MARY ANN, JOHN; SARAH. Hopeful that
trade, crime and literacy may help. Postage refunded. Mrs. B. LAMBLE,
8/13, Gladswood Gardens, Double Bay, N.S.W. Australia 2028.

HELP OFFERED!

DR. WILLIAM'S LIBRARY: Mrs. Elinor Kapp, 46, Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF1 9LL will
be working through the non-conformist register from Dr. William's Library (article
in issue no. 25, June 1983 of "Branch News") and offers to look out for names for
members if S.A.E. is sent. This offer is of course for a limited period during 1984.

WILLS (after 1854): Mrs. Dorothy King, 65, Taunton Road, Ashton-u-Lyne, Lancs.
OL7 9DR. is willing to look, (over a period of 5 years) for WILLS after 1854 (Index
for any part of Country) for £1 expenses, for any member of the Society. The inform-
ation does not give whole contents of the will, but gives amount, date of death,
address, executives and their addresses and occupations.

CENSUS RETURNS, YORKSHIRE: Mr. M. Goacher, 6, Primley Park Grove, Leeds LS17 7JD is
offering to look through the Census Returns for Yorks. for £5 per reel, inc. expenses.

CHINLEY CHAPEL REGISTERS: Mrs. Rowena Clarke, 19, Arden Street, New Mills,
Stockport, Cheshire, has become familiar with a lot of names of people attending the
chapel, so if any members are stuck with a particular surname she will be glad to
look up details, given a few weeks notice. (See below)

NAMES FROM CHINLEY RECORDS: GEE, WOOD, CARRINGTON, LINGARD, HADFIELD, PORRIT,
BENNETT, LEECH, KINDER, CLEGG, WATERHOUSE, HARRISON, BRADBURY, BARBER, NALL, THOMASSON,
MELLOR, BARNS, LAW, LOW, DERBY, HUDSON, KIRK, SALT, SHRINGLEY, LOMAS, SHIRT, GODDARD,
BOWDEN, BRIERLY, ATKIN, JACKSON, WARD, GRANT, SWINDEL, WAINWRIGHT, BROCKLEHURST,
HALLAM, DEAN, HALL, GODDALL, MILLARD, OLIVER, LIVESLY, McQUIN, MOULT, DEUSNAPE,
HANDFORD, FORD, BRIDGEWAY, REDFEARN, FORD, HODKINSON, SLACK, HARRISON,
SHALLCROSS, MELLER, MIDDLETON, OLLERENSHAW, SIMPSON, LONGDON, NORTON, FOX, ELLES,
WALKER, ROYAL, DOWNS, RIDAL, CLATANS, BALDEN, STEED, SIGLEY, JONES, STORER.

Of these, the GODDARDS, LINGARDS, PORRITS, FORDS, SLACKS, SHIRTS, MOULTS, BENNETS,
and WATERHOUSES are very frequent.

FAIRFIELD REGISTERS: Mrs. B. Tamlyn, 321, Bear Road, Brighton, Sussex, BN2 4DD,
tells us that an Indexed Transcript of the FAIRFIELD parish registers (Christenings,
Marriages, Burials 1738-1840) is available in Buxton Local History Library. There
is also an Index of CHINLEY CHAPEL registers. Mrs. Tamlyn has information on the
following names, HOUGS, HIBBERT, TAYLOR, VICKERS, GOODWIN, BRUNT, VOSE and SMITH of
that area and will gladly forward the information to anyone interested in any of
the names.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

First, the DERBY'S LIVING PAST EXHIBITION: Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to reply to my letter about the exhibition (these were sent out to people who live near to Derby and who we felt would be able to help or contribute). The extra work we all put in was well worth it, as, despite the wet weather, the exhibition was successful. Some of our members travelled quite a distance and it was especially pleasing to meet them. Success stories too - Mr. Robinson, one of our Derby members is delighted with a new contact he has made because of the exhibition. I gather his family tree now has new leaves and branches. Winifred, our editor has also gained, because she can now put a name to a photograph which she put on display. I think this proves that it pays to take an active part in Society events - so members, don't miss out again.

LETTERS: Thank you to Ken Davis (our first chairman) and to Mary Johnson (former Secretary) who still receive letters for the Society and forward them on to me. Thank you to members who write offering help in their area or tell of a Family History Class or Local History Group doing work which may help others, or a book which may be a useful addition to the Reference Library. I have received some very nice letters of late and thank you all.

CHESTERFIELD: is active where family history is concerned, we have our own 'house group' which is kept going, thanks to the efforts of Dennis and Julie Jagger. The Centre for the Unemployed has been running a family history class, and a teenager from that area is tracing his family history for his Duke of Edinburgh Award. I wish that I could have recorded this young man's conversation when he telephoned me to tell of his progress. He was so delighted with his achievements and with how helpful people were, he couldn't wait for the half term holiday, when he was going up north to continue his research.

CONFERENCES: The Sussex Conference was attended by a few of our members and was another enjoyable event. Three members made the discovery that they were all related. I am not sure if they ever worked out the actual relationship, but once again, they all benefitted from attending an event.

The recent one day event in Sheffield also proved of value to Malcolm and myself. Whilst there, I suddenly heard the voice of one of our members who was gaining from the question time.

Make a note in your diary now, of a one day event to be held at HARLAXTON MANOR in Lincolnshire, JUNE 30th 1984. The date has just been arranged and more details will follow in the next edition of "Branch News".

CENSUS INDEX: The result of a lot of hard-working people are now on sale. Have YOU purchased your copy of our first index yet? If not, do contact Heather or Martyn, (addresses inside front cover) before they are sold out. (see Revue p. 19)

MEETINGS REPORT: Heather started off our Autumn meetings by giving helpful advice on how to begin your family history research. I am sure that even those with some experience gained from Heather's talk.

In October we had an interesting talk on Derbyshire Country Houses by Adrian Tinneswood. We were made aware that many local craftsmen were involved in the building of these houses. Some of the account books may hold the names of our ancestors.

BRITISH TEMPERANCE EMIGRATION SOCIETY: Mrs. M.R. Rosemeyer, 34269 No. Hainesville Road, Round Lake, Ill. 60073 U.S.A. (Mem. no. 777) asks if anyone knows of the whereabouts of the records of the above society.

HELP WANTED: Can you type? I would like to compile a list of people who are willing to type the occasional piece of work for us. Some members are already active in this way, but with over 600 members, I am sure that more of you have hidden talents. Don't be shy, send me your name and tell me the kind of work that you can help with when our need is desperate. Don't forget, we are a Family History Society and Families are there to help each other.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The following members have added a brand new twig to their Family Trees. Congratulations to Wendy and Steve Burley on the birth of Rachel Louise on 27th September. A sister for David Steven.

Also to Jane and Ian Brownson on the birth of their first child, Andrew James on 1st October.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the members of the Derbyshire Family History Society who made my visit to Chesterfield so very enjoyable and successful. Sandra Kirby, 7, Malbarn Avenue, Ingle Farm, South Australia. (Memb. no. 680)

NEWS FROM THE CHESTERFIELD HOUSE GROUP

Seventeen members attended a meeting in July at 71, Storrs Road, Brampton, Chesterfield. Our 'special' guest was Sandra Kirby, who was over from Australia. Sandra is searching the name NORMAN and was given advice by other members attending the meeting. Other visitors to our home for the first time were, Diane Drury, Valerie Oldale, Ethel Frith, Chris and Dorothy Minors, Pauline Marples (our Society's Secretary) and her husband Malcolm.

Mr. Roy Batteson told us of a school-age census for Chesterfield in 1892 which can be seen at Chesterfield Library. Useful to people searching in the Chesterfield area. Another useful hint exchanged was the fact that from the 1920's, the Derbyshire Times Obituaries were very interesting, as, in some cases, they inform briefly on how the people lived and where they came from. Pauline said that these meetings are very helpful to the Society, enabling members who cannot attend the main meetings at Cressy Fields to meet other members and receive help.

Our evening was rounded off with tea/coffee and biscuits served by Julie and a song from myself, with the guitar, about my father's pit accident in 1944.

Julie and Dennis Jagger.

A SUCCESS STORY

Being a member of the Derbyshire F.H.S. I attended the Society's exhibition at St. Helen's House, Derby on Sept. 10th. Although I am researching my ROBINSON ancestry in RUTLAND, I had a family tree on display showing my mother's family, the THORPES, PARKINS and ANTHONYS of Derbyshire. Mrs. Waterall, editor of the Society's magazine, advised me to visit a Mrs. Speed of Derby who was also tracing the THORPE family, of the CODNOR area. I did not know this lady, who lived less than a mile from me.

I was surprised to find that Mrs. Speed was my mother's cousin and she had my gr. grandfather's family bible in which were the names of his family including that of my grandfather SAMUEL THORPE and his sister MARY ELLEN, Mrs. Speed's mother. Mrs. Speed was able to confirm the THORPE entries which I had collected and showed me a Family Tree which includes Thorpes of CODNOR, PENTRICH and RIPLEY. Her gr. gr. grandfather, WILLIAM THORPE, our common ancestor, married SARAH OUTRAM, daughter of JOSEPH and ELIZABETH OUTRAM, related to BENJAMIN OUTRAM, the engineer, and to EDMUND OUTRAM the Archdeacon of Derby. I learned that my gr. grandfather was an engineman (winder) at ironstone and coalmines, and that my grandfather had worked at a pit called Pollerton at Stoneyford. I showed Mrs. Speed photographs of my grandmother, her aunt PHOEBE THORPE (formerly WILSON) of which she has now obtained copies. It just goes to show what can be learned from unexpected quarters. Strange as it may seem, Mrs. Speed's husband came from RUTLAND, his family being of BOTTESMORE, one of the areas which I am researching for my ROBINSON ancestry.

THE DIARY OF WILLIAM COPELAND ASTBURY

William Copeland Astbury (1783-1868), a first cousin of William Taylor Copeland, and associated with him in running the Spode business, kept a detailed diary at certain times in his life, the nine volumes of which are now in the possession of the Cheshunt Foundation, Westminster College, Cambridge. At the moment they are in my possession for indexing, and they contain a wealth of detail about the places Astbury visited and the people he met. He had an interest in genealogy and tried to mention relationships in describing people. From July 11th 1843 to October 17th in the same year he stayed at Repton on the farm of Samuel Ward, and attended the death bed of his old friend Mr. William Bull of Willington, executing his will. He made various excursions in the neighbourhood and to Derby for the markets and the Royal Agricultural Society Show. I hope at some stage the account of his stay in Repton might be published, for it gives a rare account of the people and their friends, and of local attempts to revive the school. For the moment I offer my fellow-members an index of the local people mentioned in the diary. For a few of them there is a great deal of information and for others a bare mention. If you are interested in any of them please write to me with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed and I will try to transcribe the information I have. Please write fairly soon, because I shall be returning the diaries to Cambridge eventually and there are no facilities at the college for answering such queries. If my reply is a long time coming it will be because too many people are interested. The diary has nothing about my own family, the Orchards, who were still in Repton and Milton then, so anything you could let me have about them to supplement the parish registers which I have already searched, would be very welcome.

Mr. Adams of Southwell, Notts, farmer
Mr. Arnold of Uttoxeter, cheese factor
Mr. Asbury, formerly of Repton, patten maker
Mr. James Asbury of Etwall, farmer
Mr. Atkinson, gardener to St. Oswald Moseley
Revd. Horatio Ault, Independent minister, Repton
Revd. Mr. Baddeley, Wesleyan minister
Revd. Dr. Beaumont of Liverpool
Mrs. Becket of Sunderland, gt-neice to Mrs. Ward
Mr. Bennett of Newhall, Wesleyan preacher
Col. Beresford
Mr. Edmond Birch of Leamington
Mrs. Bowman, Kings Head Inn, Melbourne
Mr. Bradley, portrait painter
Mr. Bradbury of the Mitre Inn
Mr. Bryer of Derby, chemist
Mr. and Mrs. Jas Bull of Willington
Mr. and Mrs. William Bull of Willington
Mrs. Bull of Osliston
Sir Francis Burdett
Mr. Camp of Ticknall, farmer
Miss Cantrill of Repton
Earl of Chesterfield
Miss Clarke of Repton, young lady
Miss Collins, ditto
Capt. Chas. Colville M.P. of Lullington
Gen. Cotton
Mr. Edmund Crewe of Repton Park
Sir. Geo. Crewe
Hannah Dawson
Mary Dawson
Mr. Wm. Dawson of Repton Waste, farmer
Mr. Dawson of Repton, surgeon
Mr. Dethick of Willington, farmer
Mrs. Devereux of Bredon (?)
Mr. Dicken of Milton, tenant farmer
Mr. Draper of Repton, churchwarden
Mr. Drew of Repton
Martha Durrant, daughter of Ann Spurling

Miss Dyson of Yorkshire, pupil at Plumtre House School, Nottingham
 Mr. Eaton, sergeant in yeomanry
 Sir Henry Everard
 Mr. Fitch of Repton
 Mr. and Mrs. Gaskine, daughter and son-in-law to Jas. Bull
 German and Holmes, Derby, haberdashers
 Sir Jno. Gerrard
 Mr. Ghrimes of Ticknall, land agent to Sir Geo. Crewe
 Greeves of Repton, carriers
 Gregory of Derby, milliner
 Mr. Guthrie of Abbots Bromley, Cambridge undergraduate
 Revd. Mr. Hall of Burton on Trent; Wesleyan minister
 Earl of Hardwick
 Revd. J. Hare, perpetual curate of Newton
 Mr. Harria of Osliston, tailor
 Marquis of Hastings
 Mary Harrison, dairymaid
 Frank Hatherley, employed by Samuel Ward
 Mr. Hawkins of Burton on Trent, draper
 Mr. Hawksworth of Repton
 Revd. Mr. Haycock of Etwall
 Mr. Healey of Burton on Trent, Wesleyan local preacher
 Mr. Heap of Repton
 Hickinbotham of Repton
 Mr. Higgest of Newton Lane, farmer
 Mr. Hilton of Willington (?)
 Mr. Holbrook of Repton
 Mr. Holden of Repton, farmer
 Hollingsworth, Derby, tailor
 Mr. Hopkinson
 Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Horninglow Hill, farmer
 Mr. and Mrs. Horobin of Willington, butcher and farmer
 Earl Howe
 Mr. Howell of Birmingham, Wesleyan preacher
 Mr. Hulland of Eggington
 Mr. Hutchinson, second land steward of Sir Geo. Crewe
 Inott, Derby, haircutter
 Jackson, Repton, miller
 Revd. Mr. Jenkins of Etwall
 Mr. Jervis of Repton, assistant teacher to Mr. Sykes
 Revd. Mr. Joll of Burton on Trent, Wesleyan minister
 Revd. Joseph Jones of Repton
 Mr. Kenning of Wolverhampton, cousin to Mrs. Meacham
 Kirkland of Willington, carpenter
 Mr. Knight, butler to Lord Hastings
 Revd. Mr. Lees of Eggington
 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Birmingham, basket maker
 Mackley of Repton, labourer
 Revd. Mr. Macauley (dec'd)
 Mr. and Mrs. Marbrow of Repton, farmer
 Mrs. Marples of Repton, farmer
 Mr. Marshall of Repton, the Bull Inn
 Mrs. Marshall, (senior)
 Mr. Matthews of Repton, farmer
 Mr. Meakin of Repton
 Mrs. Measham of Repton, sister to Samuel Ward
 Mr. Chas. Mills of Derby, N. Midland Railway office
 Mr. Moorcroft of Bretby, wheelwright
 Miss Morris of Repton
 Sir Oswald Moseley
 Mr. and Mrs. Moseley of Derby, jeweller
 Miss Newbold of Burton on Trent
 Miss Norwood of Ireland, cousin to Mr. Ordish

Mr. and Mrs. Ordish of Ingelby (and Repton?), farmer
 Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Horninglow, gatekeeper
 Mr. Parker of Repton
 Revd. John Pattinson of Repton (dec'd)
 Mr. Peach of Repton, carpenter
 Peals of Derby, bookseller
 Revd. Dr. Peile, Headmaster Repton School
 Mr. Walter Pike, Derby and Chesterfield Reporter Office
 Mr. and Mrs. Pultney of Willington
 Frank Ratherley, see Hatherley
 Mr. Ratcliffe of Repton, bootmaker
 Mr. Thos. Richardson of Ticknall, farmer
 Mr. Rickman of Derby, Stationmaster
 Mr. Robinson of Rolleston, innkeeper
 Mr. Rogers of Repton
 Earl St. Vincent
 Mr. Salisbury of Burton on Trent, music teacher
 Revd. Mr. Sarjeant, Wesleyan supernumerary minister
 Mr. Sheavyn of Repton, farmer
 Shevin of Repton, farm labourer
 Mr. Shorthose of Milton
 Mr. Gervase Smedley of Repton, registrar
 Revd. John Smith of Bretby, vicar and farmer
 Mr. Seth Smith of Repton, farmer and general surveyor
 Mr. Thos. Smith of Repton
 Mr. Smith of Osliston, farmer
 Mr. Smithard of Repton, saddler
 Miss Soars of Osliston
 Revd. Mr. Stoddart, vicar of Repton
 Mr. W. Somers of Repton, the Boot Inn
 Mr. and Mrs. Somers of Milton
 Revd. Mr. Spilsbury of Gerards Bromley (?)
 Mrs. Ann Spurling of Woodbridge, Suffolk
 Geo. Stevens, Esq., apparitor to the Diocese of Lichfield
 Sutton, valet to Sir Geo. Crewe
 Mr. Swindall of Repton
 Mr. Sykes of Repton, schoolmaster
 Mr. and Mrs. Sykes, daughter and son-in-law to Mr. Ordish
 Mr. Tabberer of Repton, surgeon
 Mr. Dan Taylor of Rolleston, farmer
 Mr. P. Taylor of Burton on Trent, Wesleyan local preacher
 Mr. S. Taylor, ditto
 Miss Thomewell of Gerards Bromley (?)
 Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Derby, stonemason and builder
 Mr. Thompson, lay preacher among Independents
 Edward Thornwell, Esq., of Osliston, landowner
 Mr. Timbs of Swadlincote (?), miller and farmer
 Mr. Tivey of Odstone, farmer
 Mr. Vandeleur of Melbourne
 Mr. Walker of Derby, Mrs. Moseley's father
 Mr. J.W. Ward of Repton, farmer
 Mr. Samuel Ward of Repton, farmer
 Mrs. Warner of Nottingham, proprietor of Plumtre House school
 Watson of Repton, farm labourer
 Mr. Geo. Wayte of Repton, farmer
 Weatherhead, Walters and Co. of Derby, braziers
 Mr. Webb, music teacher
 Mr. Whitehouse of Repton
 Mr. Wilkinson of Burton on Trent, timber merchant's clerk
 Wilkinsons, Sadler Gate, Derby dining rooms
 Mrs. Wiltshire of Woolwich, Mrs. Bull's niece

Mr. Wood of Stapenhill, farmer
Mr. Wright of Willington

Contributed by, The Rev. Dr. S.C. Orchard, 49, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City,
Herts. AL8 6JQ. (Memb. no. 460)

WILLS BENEFICIARY INDEX

This Index will relate to all names mentioned in WILLS, PROBATE DOCUMENTS, INVENTORIES etc. whether as WITNESSES, EXECUTORS, BENEFICIARIES or any other type of person that may turn up! It is hoped that previously 'vanished' or elusive ancestors may thus be uncovered, whereas, in the normal course of events, their presence could not even be guessed at. It is virtually impossible to consult all wills in the hope of uncovering an ancestor or two - hence the Wills Beneficiary Index.

To participate (please!) search through all your family wills etc. and record all names that are mentioned, as shown below. Derbyshire references will be kept in our Wills Index, and those for other counties will be passed on to the appropriate F.H.S.

5"		EXAMPLE (fictitious) 5"	
SURNAME	COUNTY of RESIDENCE	WHITE	DERBYSHIRE
3" Details of all persons of that surname Testator's name, residence & occupation.		JOHN (nephew) E. of RIPLEY MARY (niece) B. of RIPLEY	3"
Probate details		Testator - JOB BROWN of BELPER, FARMER	
		Probate dated 10th Oct. 1790 at Lichfield	

There should be one slip per name per county. If no residence is given, then it is usual to assume that it is the same as the testator. The sort of details to note for each person of the same surname are as follows: relationship to testator, occupation and residence.

The following abbreviations may be used:

A. Administrator	D. Debtor	O. Overseer	T. Tenant
B. Beneficiary	E. Executor	P. Appraiser	W. Witness
C. Creditor	M. Mentioned	S. Servant	

It is important to include the Court of probate in the probate details to enable other searchers to locate the original will. If the repository's reference number can be included, all well and good, also any dates.

Completed slips should be sent to:- Mrs. Alison Englefield, at 'Nether Orchard', 2, Holloway Road, Duffield, Derbyshire. All enquiries should be accompanied by an S.A.E. Thanks!

TWO SISTERS IN ENGLAND

by Elizabeth A. Grissinger (Memb. no. 28)

Much excitement, bustle, and tension fills the air when one prepares for an overseas journey. While there, each day is an enchanted adventure which ends all too soon. Suddenly, it's "home again", somewhat depressed, wondering how it could have ended so quickly. Then the pleasure of recollection begins, as one reads the hastily scribbled diary, done in exhaustion at each day's close, and begins to assemble the photo album. Within each trip are certain unforgettable highlights. Not to bore my readers with a complete description of each day, I would like to report on just three memorable events of my recent genealogical adventure to England during June of 1983.

The trip itself was unusual in that I was accompanied by my sister, Margaret Barger, who had, a few years before, pinned me down to a definite date when I could show her the people and places I had discovered on previous trips. As children, we had both been thrilled with Grandmother Spencer's tales of "cousin" George Eliot. For those of you who are not literarily inclined, and have been our of 12th grade English more years than you wish to admit, George Eliot, (Mary Ann Evans,) is reputed to be in the front rank of English Victorian novelists. The book, *Silas Marner*, was required reading in our school, and her other novels, such as *Adam Bede*, *Middlemarch*, and *Scenes of Clerical Life*, were seriously recommended. I was pleased to announce to my teacher that I was related to the author! Fortunately, I was not asked to explain that relationship.

When genealogy became my consuming interest, establishing that relationship became one of my goals. After many years of research, I was able to document my direct descent from William Evans, George Eliot's uncle. Thus, when our travel plans came to the attention of the George Eliot Fellowship in England, Margaret and I were invited to be the first American "wreath layers" at the annual memorial ceremony in Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

We arrived in Nuneaton on Saturday, June 11, after a week of genealogical pursuits in London. We checked into Griff House Hotel, which had been George Eliot's home during the first 21 years of her life. An article about the wreath laying had appeared that day in the local newspaper -- making us instant celebrities! The hotel manager, aware of our celebrity status, permitted us to tour the building and grounds, in areas not normally open to hotel guests, even into the attic, where legend says George Eliot went to pout and ponder. We also explored, in our rented car, Arbury Farm Estate, which is the Warwickshire seat of the Newdegate family. There, we drove past South Farm, where she was born, and, through the trees, viewed the glorious Arbury Hall, (Cheverel Manor of Mr. Gilfil's *Love Story*, *Scenes of Clerical Life*). That evening, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, (Kathleen and Bill), the Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the George Eliot Fellowship, joined us for dinner at Griff. We found them delightful, and we became much better acquainted than correspondence over the years had allowed.

The next morning, we rose early to prepare for the big day. Kathleen and Bill picked us up at 11:00 a.m. and we were on our way! First stop was a visit to the George Eliot Hospital. Each ward bears the name of some character in a G.E. novel, and the entrance lobby is enhanced by a recently completed bush done by Sculptor John Letts. We visited the George Eliot museum -- a wonderful collection of memorabilia, including some of her dresses, shoes, and her piano, on which we were allowed to play, (after a fashion!). We dined at the George Eliot Hotel, formerly The Bull Hotel, and the original of the "Red Lion" in Janet's *Repentance*.

The memorial ceremony began at 3:00 p.m. in the George Eliot Memorial Gardens, at a monument which had originally been erected in Arbury Park, to the memory of George Eliot, by the Late Sir Francis Newdegate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., a former Governor of Tasmania and Western Australia. It was removed to its permanent position in the Memorial Garden in 1951, when the garden was established. The garden, about two acres in area, covers what was originally part of the garden at the rear of the home of James Williams Buchanan, Esq., Solicitor, (Lawyer Dempster) and his wife Nancy, (Janet Dempster), of Janet's *Repentance*. This area had been blitzed during the war. The monument was flanked by the Vicar and choir of the Chilvers Coton Church, (Shepperton Church of *Scenes of Clerical Life*), along with representatives

of the various schools and organizations in town, city officials, dignitaries, and representatives of the G.E. Fellowship. A wreath was layed by each organization, with the main wreath, and addresses to follow, being presented by the George Eliot Fellowship.

I was deeply moved as I gave my address, which was based on the genealogical background and research which had brought Margaret and me to this ceremony. Those of you involved in family history research will appreciate the emotion one feels in seeing the results of years of endeavor. My sister, being a librarian, gave a scholarly presentation, which I thoroughly enjoyed. As I looked out over the audience, I was honoured to see Winifred Waterall and Mary Johnson, from Derbyshire, and Don Steel, from Somerset, who had travelled a distance to attend this function. Following the ceremony, we were invited to a tea in the council chambers, given by the Nuneaton and Bedworth mayor, John Haynes.

To climax this wonderful day, Kathleen and Bill drove us back to Arbury Estate, and there conducted us through the interior of Arbury Hall. As we wandered through the beautiful structure, Kathleen read passages from Scenes of Clerical Life, which vividly described each room. Then, we sat on the lawn in front of the hall, overlooking a lake, watching the waterfowl and birds. We journeyed on to Astley Church, (Knebley Church of Mr. Gilfil's Love Story,) then, back to Griff to say farewell. A day I shall never forget!

When I journeyed to England in 1974, on my first research trip, I knew two English cousins. Subsequent writing and research introduced me to many more. Thus, by 1978, when I returned to England, the list had lengthened considerably. I decided, on that trip, to invite those cousins who lived in the Midlands, the seat of the Allsop family, to a dinner party. This was held at the Meynell Arms Hotel in Kirk Langley, Derbyshire. Twenty-one attended, all were related, all lived within driving distance of each other, and only a few had previously met. It was a thrilling event, and deemed very successful by all who attended.

As this year's journey approached, Margaret and I felt that we would, again, like to invite relatives to a party. And, once again, the number of known relatives had expanded over the intervening years. Working in conjunction with cousin Winifred Waterall of Derbyshire, we decided an all day affair would be fun. We would start with church services at the Ashbourne Church, where gr. gr. gr. grandparents had wed in 1787. We would rent the village hall at Osmaston for a noon-time picnic -- Osmaston being the small village where many Allsops lived at one time or another, giving picnickers the opportunity of hiking from the village hall to homes and properties of family historical significance. We would end with cocktails and dinner at the Meynell Arms.

During the winter, I designed an invitation, fronted by a drawing provided by Winifred, containing Allsop insignias, arms, and Manor House sketch. Inside, the invitation and schedule of events were printed on antique colour paper, with brown ink. We counted our now-known cousins, and found that 50 invites were necessary. The Meynell Arms had said that they could handle 40 people for dinner, but we weren't alarmed. We knew many of the invitations were going to people living in areas too far removed to attend. Early in the spring, prior to mailing the party invitations, Winifred sent me a xerox of the Allsop phone listings for the mid-Derbyshire area. Over 300! I composed a letter to "Allsop Family Members" stating our research accomplishments and goals, and asking for information. I addressed and stuffed at home, but shipped the entire load to Winifred for "local" mailing. We hoped to add to our knowledge before my visit to England -- and we did! Answers enabled us to extend many verbal invites to the picnic portion of our party.

Meanwhile, Winifred and family were busy designing a programme to be handed to the picnic crowd, which included a hiking map showing local family points of interest. Most of the area involved is on the Osmaston Estate. She contacted residents of the properties, including Lady Elizabeth and Miss Jane Walker-Okeover, to be sure our "hikers and viewers" would be welcomed. Her family also handled the picnic beverages, and provided a wonderful set-up and clean-up crew, supervised by her husband, Don.

I began thinking about some say we would decorate the village hall with genealogical information. I had never made an entire family tree chart, feeling it would

be too tremendous to handle, but, I now started to dwell on how one could be made. Paper would be too perishable to survive the trip. The chart would be so large that it wouldn't be carried. Ink? Once a mistake was made on such a large project, how could it be corrected? Finally an idea formed. I purchased two window shades of heavy, white vinyl, each measuring 36 in. x 6 ft., giving me a working surface of 12 ft. wide by 3 ft. long. I typed, on sticky-back address labels, the name and vital dates of each ancestor and relative. Chart lines were sketched in with pencil, later marked with 1/8 inch graphic arts tape, also with sticky back, and the labels were put in place. Labels and lines could then be removed or adjusted for proper spacing, or retyped, if necessary. The charts could be rolled back up when necessary. I was so pleased with the results that I also made charts for my Evans line, and my Spencer line. In two home-made cases of brown vinyl, the charts were easy to carry on the plane. They fit in the overhead of a 727, but had to go under the seat of the 747.

All our plans and efforts were justified. That Sunday, June 19th, was another day we will never forget! Mother Nature did her part, too, for the day could not have been lovelier. We gathered in the Ashbourne Church -- perhaps 30 of us. The church programme carried the notation that the Allsop family was gathered there. A similar announcement welcomed us from the pulpit. The picnic turnout was huge. People of all ages gathered, chatted, ate and hiked. The wall charts seemed to fascinate them. We had put a roll of red dots by each chart, and each person in attendance put a red dot by his name. Supplies were available to correct or add to the charts.

Peculiar things come to light at a family gathering. A young man at our reunion found that his employer of just a few weeks was also at the reunion. They were distant cousins -- unknown to either one prior to the affair. Photos of ancestors "never photographed" emerged. I was introduced to the grandchild of a great uncle who had disappeared years ago, leaving "no heirs". And, I had no idea that I had Irish cousins -- yet, a family of six crossed to England to attend our reunion!

At 6:00 p.m. the crowd gathered in the lounge and garden of the Meynell Arms for the last phase of the reunion day. Sixty attended! As the acceptances had rolled in, the proprietor had said not to worry! Somehow all would be accommodated -- and they were! The dining room was filled with people, conversation, and laughter. So many new friends had been made by all. Toasts were raised, speeches made, and a real sense of fun and belonging filled the air. Margaret and I were surprised and delighted with a gift presentation to each of us, of a Tutbury Crystal bowl, subscribed to by all in attendance. We had tears in our eyes as a final glass of champagne was lifted, and good-byes were reluctantly said. Never to be forgotten!

On our last day in the Midlands, we attended a meeting of the Derbyshire Family History Society. They had most graciously adjusted their meeting date to coincide with our trip. The meeting was held the evening of June 24, at Cressy Fields, Alfreton. Both Margaret and I are members of this organization -- I, for many years. It is a real pleasure to meet, face to face, people whose names are familiar through the newsletter of an organization, or through correspondence. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Garry Smith, and we were introduced by cousin Winifred Waterall, former organization president.

No formal speaker was present, since it seemed that we were to take care of that position. I was thrilled to have the opportunity of telling what work has been done by the I.S.B.G.F.H. and other genealogical groups in our area, and, how anxious we are to be of assistance to English members in any way we can, be it some contribution to their group endeavors, or some individual assistance given on this side of the Atlantic. I was quite amazed at the display of books available through their organization, and with their vast collection of newsletters from genealogical and family history organizations throughout the world. I was impressed with the availability of these and other aids to the membership!

Thus our trip came to a close. Cousin Winifred and family saw us safely to our room in the charming Higham Farm Hotel in Alfreton. There, our personal good-byes were said. We left the Derbyshire area the next morning, driving on to other parts of England, but looking back with great delight to our Midlands adventures!

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS AT ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES, ATLOW

A chapel probably existed here as early as the year 1100 and was a chapelry of Bradbourne until the Reformation when it attained the semi-independence of a parochial chapelry.

The old church was almost entirely rebuilt around 1750 but in 1874 a new church was built on a site immediately above that of the earlier building. The oldest memorials in the churchyard are grouped under an old yew which is no doubt situated near the south porch of the former building. This was apparently a barn-like structure about 43' x 15' with a gallery at the west end approached by an external staircase. This building was dedicated to All Saints but the name was changed on the consecration of the new church in 1874.

The registers begin in 1685, being copied in 1762 by the curate from 'an old and ruinous paper'. A transcript of baptism from 1685 - 1902, and marriages and burials from 1685 - 1901 is held at the County Record Office, Matlock. Microfilms of the original registers are now also held there. Bishops Transcripts held at the Joint Record Office, Lichfield date from 1682 - 1868.

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JOHNSON
LEE
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ROBERTSON
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TOMLISON
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VAUGHTON
WALLIS
WEBSTER
WOOD
WOODHOUSE
WORMAN

(Heather Eaton)

DON'T BE MISLEAD BY A NAME: BERNARD. of JAMES & MARY BESSIATES of PILSLEY. bapt. Oct. 16th 1725. N.B. The above child is a female but was baptised Bernard through the indiscretion of the Godmother. (From the Pilsley registers, with note by the vicar.)

contributed by M. Stumbles.

HISTORY OF A FAMILY: Flat, small house, bigger house, small house, flat.

THAT MUNDAY MORNING FEELING! Marriage - THOMAS MEE and ORDINARY MUNDAY of DISEWORTH in this parish 29 June 1702.

WHO WAS SHE?!! GILBERT BARKER'S wench buried 18 Oct. 1618.

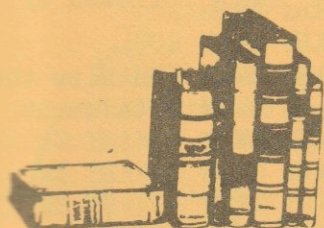
The above two entries are from the registers of Breedon-on-the-Hill.

contributed by M. Pratt.

After Spring 1984 it would be advisable for intending purchasers of Branch News Nos. 1 - 15 (1976 - 80) to send S.A.E. for availability list (plus 20p in money order or stamps if list of articles in Nos. 1 - 23 is required.)

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Stationery - wallet folders, file dividers, plastic envelopes for ring binders, pencils - all at under shop price; for sale at meetings at Cressy Fields.



BOOK REVIEWS

1851 Census Names Index - Duffield Sub District of the Belper Registration Area of Derbyshire.

Produced by the Derbyshire Family History Society in conjunction with the Derbyshire Library Service.

Eliminates the necessity for laborious searching of several reels of microfilm. Lists alphabetically all the nearly 7,000 names with ages, also folio and schedule Nos., enabling immediate reference to the appropriate microfilm. Comprises 13 parishes- from Milford in the North to Markeaton in the South, from Kirk Langley in the West to Duffield in the East. Many hours of work by several members of the Society, but particularly by Heather Eaton, our Projects co-ordinator, has resulted in the production of this very useful booklet, which is the first of a series of Derbyshire Census Indexes.

The Derbyshire Papist Returns of 1705-6.

Edited by Richard Clark : Derbyshire Record Society.

Invaluable for anyone who has, or suspects they may have Catholic ancestors. Prompted by a concern over the growth of Popery, each parish was required to supply a list of Papists; from these returns, this booklet has been compiled to produce a detailed list of Catholics with estimated wealth and occupations. The incidental information about local communities and the excellent introduction make this a work of genealogical value.

1984 Family History Diaries now available.

See Publications List for price and postage of the above.

Martyn Pratt Sales Librarian.

COVER PICTURE: Barlborough, an ancient parish containing some interesting stone houses, lies 7 miles north-east of Chesterfield, near to the Yorkshire border. The church of St. James dates from Norman times of which four round arches still remain. The church was much altered in the 13th century and again in 1899. Within the church are memorials to Sir Richard Pipe, once Lord Mayor of London, who died in 1587 and to Margaret and Mary Pole, two maiden sisters who gave the village its almshouses, and who died within two months of each other in 1755. There is also a very worn effigy of Lady Joan (Neville) Furnival which was moved from Worksop Priory on its dissolution. She died in 1395. The registers date from 1648 and are deposited at the County Record Office, Matlock.

Barlborough Hall, an Elizabethan mansion built in 1583, was the home of Francis Rodes, one of the judges at the trial of Mary Queen of Scots.

TRAGEDY AT STONEY MIDDLETON: Buried. MARTHA MASON dau. of ROBERT Nov. 4th.
Buried. ELIZABETH MASON wife of ROBERT Nov. 8th.

"Those were the unhappy persons blown up with gunpowder. Nov. 2. 1735."

contributed by M. Stumbles.

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE and Annual General Meeting of The Federation of Family History Societies. The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies & Kent Family History Society are hosting the above Conference at Christ Church College, Canterbury 13th-15th April 1984. Enquiries:- Mrs. L. Ewert, Fern Cottage, School Lane, Staple, Nr. Canterbury, Kent.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES. This will be held, by the kind invitation of His Grace The Duke of Wellington, in the garden of Stratfield Saye House, (nr. Reading), on SATURDAY 9th JUNE 1984. The hours are flexible, approx. 11.00 am - 5.00 pm. to cater for those travelling long distances and the only formal part of the day will be the buffet lunch followed by anniversary toasts and cake between 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm.

For the rest of the day you will be free to visit the house and gardens and view the family history exhibitions, relax and enjoy yourselves. Alternative entertainment will be provided in marquees, in case of bad weather.

Wellington Country Park is about 2 miles away with facilities for camping - an ideal spot for those wishing to bring their families or perhaps make a weekend of it.

The cost will be £5 per person to include coffee, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and entrance to Stratfield House. PLEASE NOTE: admission will be by ticket only so advance booking is essential. Booking forms from Pauline Marples. (address on cover)

THE BRITISH DIABETES ASSOCIATION: Mr. S. Whitehouse, 4, Old Orchard, Barrowby, Grantham, Lincs. NG32 1EJ (memb. no. 714) is appealing on behalf of the above association for stamps, used and unused, English and Foreign, which he hopes to turn into funds for research into this complaint. Please save up your stamps and send them to Mr. Whitehouse.

'OLD ILSON': A book, mainly of photographs of old Ilkeston is to be published early in 1984. The cost - £1.75 plus 25p postage. Subscribers are appealed for. For your name to be published in the Subscribers' List, your subscription should be with Mr. A. Knighton, 28, Kensington Gardens, Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 5NZ by early January.

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