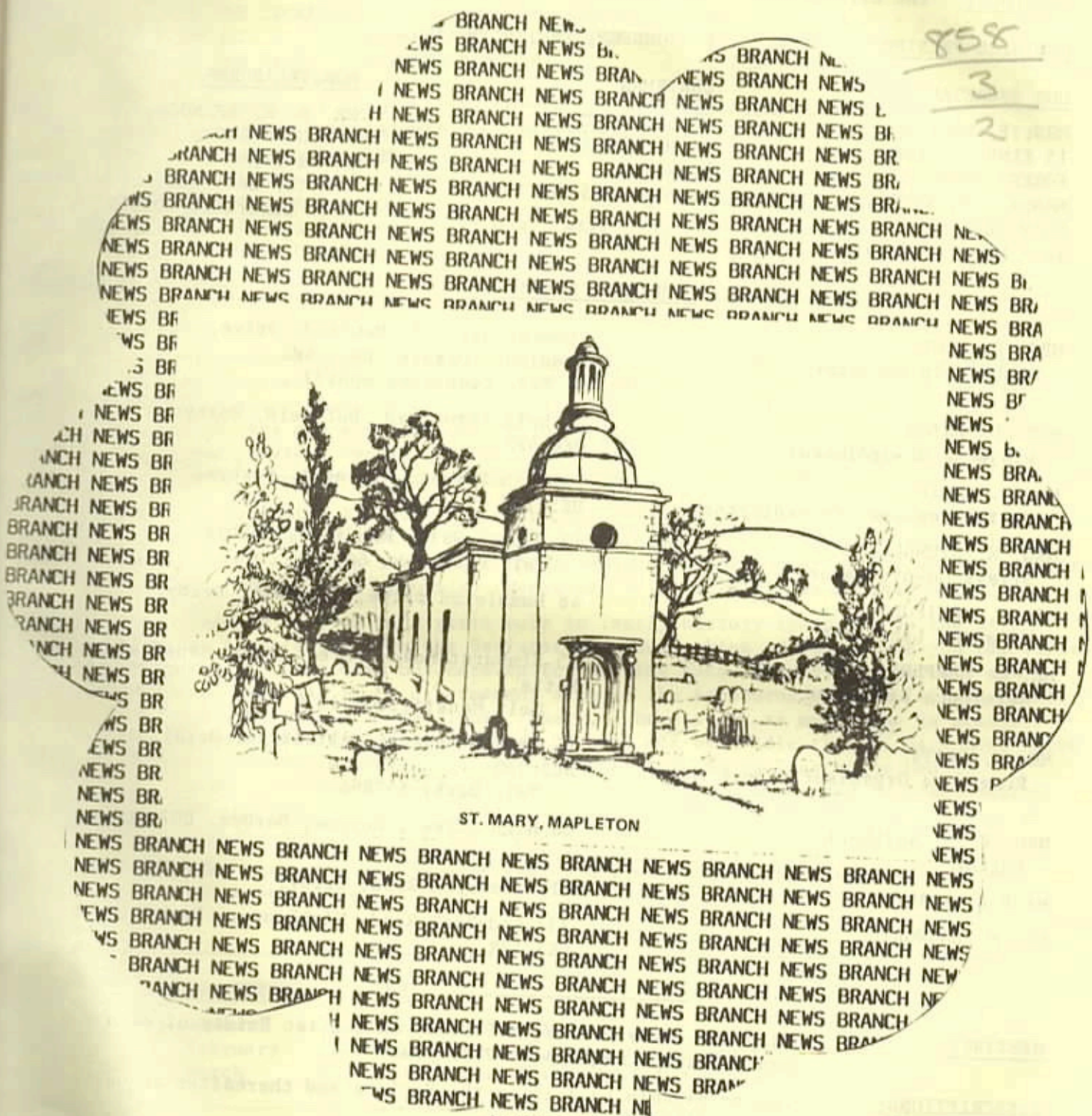


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EDITORIAL

Somehow, wherever I go, the subject of Family History crops up. At the 'Old Car Club' which I attend with my husband at "The George Hotel", Castleton, a family history discussion always takes place. It is interesting to note how many people with vintage cars are also interested in family history, even if it is primarily to trace the previous owners of their cars. There is an interesting little article on this subject by Ian Fuller in the Essex Family Historian, May 1984.

The subject of family history also crops up at Caravan Rallies. I was delighted to hear from my neighbour that he had been in conversation with a couple at a Rally near Ashbourne, and they turned out to be members of our Society who live in Yorkshire. I'm sure the couple will recognise themselves - it certainly is a small world!

Owning a touring caravan is a great help in family history research, as the Welsh couple say. (See 'Notes from the Secretary'). Just think of the places you can visit at low cost. We have used our caravan for getting into "ancestral country", and this year we have had it on a permanent site in the Ashbourne area (my Allsop country) on a farm having family connections. There, I have spent as much time as possible during the glorious summer we have had. I have not been idle though, as I have spent many pleasant hours recording the memorial inscriptions at Tissington Church. Imagine my delight when I was told that a family member, who I had no idea existed, had visited the farm looking for his birthplace! Unfortunately I was back home at the time and did not meet him, but we have since made contact.

The year 1984 has certainly brought its surprises. I hope that 1985 will be as fruitful to me and to you all.

Winifred

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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| 4th January | - | Members' Evening |
| 1st February | - | Maxwell Craven, "Derbyshire Gentry". |
| 1st March | - | John Heath, "Ways and Roads of Derbyshire". |

MEMBERS INTERESTS SUPPLEMENT NO.4

Contains nearly 1200 names being researched by our membership of 1983. This is new and just completed. On sale at £1.00, plus 25p p.&p.

Work is now in progress on the slips you all returned earlier this year for the New Complete Members Interest Booklet. We had hoped it would be out around now, but our apologies - "the best laid plans of mice and men" do not always work out - spare time is in short supply. See back numbers of "Branch News" for earlier Members Interests and prices. All obtained from Martyn Pratt, address on inside front cover.

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We welcome the following new members who have joined us by 19th October, 1984:

969. Mr. T. W. & Mrs. G. G. ANTHONY, 1846 Garfield Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A. 84108. Searching: HIRST (Thomas) of DERBY & DUFFIELD 1801; BANSOR (William) of OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTON 1801; HILL (Emma) of BURTON c.1830; ORME (Richard) of DERBY 1759; PEACE of CHURCH GRESLEY c.1760; WENT of ALKMONTON c.1755.
1007. Mr. P. A. SLATER, "The Hole in the Wall", Bradley, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 1LQ. Searching: PHIPPS of OCKBROOK 1782; STONE of OCKBROOK 1777; STEVENS of OCKBROOK 1780; FOSS of OCKBROOK 1800; DAKIN and BECK of DRAYCOTT 1800.
1011. Mrs. B. M. ATKINSON, Burton Common Farm, Burton Salmon, Leeds. LS25 5NB. Searching: OUTRAM (Mary) of HOLMESFIELD c.1812; GREGORY (Samuel) of CALVER/CURBAR/BASLOW c.1789; WATSON (Mary) of CALVER/CURBAR/BASLOW marr. above 1809; GREGORY (Joseph) CURBAR/CUPOLA/BASLOW and ROBINSON (Susanna) marr. 1782 at BASLOW.
1012. Mr. Colin F. COUPE, 4 Aldersley Close, Findern, Derbys. Searching: BURGESS (William) of LEICESTER c.1840; BURBRIDGE (Elizabeth) of LEICESTER c.1840; WHITE (Fanny) of HANDSWORTH, YORKS. c.1820; RANDRESON of DONCASTER, YORKS. c.1870.
1013. Mrs. J. E. BIGGIN, Riber Hall, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 5JU. Searching: HATFIELD of DERBYSHIRE 1685.
1014. Mrs. P. J. PAILLIN, 10 Burdett Way, Repton, Derbys. DE6 6GA. Searching: LYNAM of DERBYSHIRE/NOTTS. & CALIFORNIA 1769. LEAM; CABORN.
1015. Mr. W. H. HILL, c/o William H. Hill Associates Inc., Suite 210, 3100 University Boulevard South, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.
1016. Miss R. E. MILES, 12 Daneshill, Prestwich, Manchester, Lancs. Searching: GARLICK of SPARROWPIT/CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH nr. CASTLETON 1820-1900.
1017. Mrs. Beryl BARRY, 32 Radiant Road, off Scraftoft Lane, Leicester LE5 2HR. Searching: DEAN of DERBYSHIRE pre 1867; DEAN (William) of NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 1867-1949, bn. PINXTON, marr. HARRIOT WORTHINGTON c.1890. (Parents poss. Thomas & Emma DEAN)
1018. Mr. George W. GREGORY, 46 White St., Kedleston Rd., Derby. DE3 1HA. Searching: GREGORY of BONSALL and of DARLEY ABBEY 1784; PEEL of WIRKSWORTH and of DARLEY ABBEY 1801; HOLMES of ROCESTER, STAFFS. and of DARLEY ABBEY c.1795.
1019. Mr. John E. HODGKINSON, 8 Melville Court, Etwall, Derby. DE6 6LB. Searching: HODGKINSON (Edward) of DERBY 1850.
1020. Mr. J.F.L. WETTON, 19 Vancouver Close, Worthing, West Sussex. BN13 2SH. Searching: WETTON (George) of BURTON-ON-TRENT 1881.
1021. Glenn ELLIOTT, 387 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme, CT 06333, U.S.A. Searching: GODBER of MILFORD and of DRAYCOTT 1804; BATES of SUTTON BONINGTON 1805; BARLOW of HEYWOOD, LANCS. 1830; BARLOW of RADCLIFFE and of BURY, LANCS. 1830; TAYLOR of MANCHESTER, LANCS. 1857.
1022. Mr. John C. MANSON, Attorney at Law, 406-13th Street, West, Bradenton, Florida, 33505 U.S.A.
1023. Mrs. O. P. HERBERT, "Delamere", Huntingdon Rd., Wyton Village, Huntingdon. PE17 2AD. Searching: ALLEN of CODNOR 1890; BUCKLEY of CODNOR 1890; HILL of RIPLEY 1823-1847; HASLAM of CODNOR PARK 1847; SEARSON of CODNOR 1890; WILLIAMS of RIPLEY 1824.
1024. Mr. Geoffrey PITCOCK, 208 Walstead Rd., Walsall. WS5 4DP. Searching: PIDCOCK/PITCOCK of anywhere. Found mainly in MATLOCK, BAKEWELL, ASHBOURNE, also LEICS. and NOTTS.
1025. Mr. D. G. MIDDLETON, 31 Perton Rd., Wightwick, Wolverhampton. WV6 8DE. Searching: MIDDLETON of BRAMPTON 1500 (connections sought with other Peak District MIDDLETONS); KIPLING of ROMALDKIRK (formerly of YORKS. and of DARLINGTON/DURHAM) 1583; GARDNER of AYNHO, NORTHANTS. marr. 1789; PONTING of MARLBOROUGH, WILTS. 1657.
1026. Mr. H. D. CAMPBELL, 92 Vicarage Rd., Mickleover, Derbys. Searching: CAMPBELL (John) of DERBY and of LONDON 1855; LEASOR of BIRKENHEAD pre.1900; DREW (William) of BRIGHTON 1811; PLACKETT (Thomas) of LONDON/DERBY/BREASTON c.1796.

1027. Miss Margaret BREEZE, Caerleon, 406 Sandon Rd., Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. ST3 7LH. Searching: HUTSBY of LOSCOE/HEANOR 1840; SALES/SEAL(S) of HORSLEY 1760; FISHER of DERBY 1760; MOSS of GREASLEY/ILKESTON/HEANOR, NOTTS./DERBYS. 1774; HORN of the same. 1774; WOOLLEY of the same. 1771.
1028. Mr. George ARMSTRONG, 35 Dene Rd., Didsbury, Manchester 20 8ST. Searching: HOLMES of BASLOW 1780-1800; HOLMES of MATLOCK; BOTTOMS of GT. LONGSTONE pre 1850.
1029. Mrs. Margaret HARTLEY, 110 Hurst Rd., Twyford, Reading, Berks. RG10 OAN. Searching: NALL/NAUL of HOPE/BRADWELL pre 1834 also of CASTLETON 1619, of CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITON 1696, of MARPLE, CHESHIRE 1800 and of STOCKPORT/HYDE, CHESHIRE 1800; HIBBS of BASLOW pre 1815.
1030. Mr. G. DOODSON, 11 Victoria Court, St. Lucia, Georgetown, St. Saviour, Jersey, Channel Islands. Searching: DOODSON of GLOSSOP and COCKROFT also of GLOSSOP, both 1876-1920.
1031. Mrs. Susan STAPLETON, 111 Wood Lane, Harborne, Birmingham. B17 9AY. Searching: STAPLETON of HEAGE; STAPLETON (Samuel) of BELPER 1837; STAPLETON of CRICH 1831.
1032. Mr. J. BURTON, 33 York Ave., Jacksdale, Notts. NG16 5LA. Searching: BURTON of SOMERCOTES 1700-1860; SOUTHGATE of KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK 1700-1860.
1033. Miss V. CLARKE, 26 Broadway, Derby. DE3 1BQ. Searching: BOFFIM of OXFORD 1840; CLARKE of BIRMINGHAM 1840.
1034. Mr. W. J. HODGKINSON, 7 Manor Grove, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 1PP. Searching: HODGKINSON everywhere, earliest date so far 1424.
1035. Mr. & Mrs. BILLINGE, 19 Daventry Close, Mickleover, Derbys. DE3 5QT. Searching: BROOKSBANK of NOTTINGHAM (St. Mary's) late 18th cent.; CLARK of DERBY (West End) late 19th cent.; BILLINGE of CHURCH BROUGHTON mid 19th cent.; ALVEY (Maria) of DERBY (West End) c.1852.
1036. Mrs. M. A. WILLIAMS, Mowbray, 10 Eastcote Lane, Hampton in Arden, West Midlands. B92 045. Searching: RABY of DERBY and surrounding area, 19th cent.; HALLAM and HER(R)OD of the same.
1037. Mr. G. M. JOHNSON, 66 Walsall Rd., Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 8AF. Searching: JOHNSON (John) of FOSTON 1745; HUGHES (Edward) of LIVERPOOL 1870; PARRISH (Frederick) of KINGSWINFIELD, STAFFS. 1845; CROOKS (Georgina) of THORNABY-ON-TEES 1876; FORD (Sarah) of TUTBURY, STAFFS. 1838; HOOD (Mary) of HATTON 1806.
1038. Miss Julie WILSON, 161 Bisley Rd., Stroud, Glos. GL5 7HS. Searching: WILSON of GLOSSOP 1870; ENTWHISTLE of BRADFORD and MANCHESTER 1880; KAY(E), KAMINSKY etc. of BRADFORD and MANCHESTER 1880; COOKE of BOURNVILLE and BIRMINGHAM 1860; LEA of DENTON, MANCHESTER 1850; NEILD of MANCHESTER 1850.
1039. Mrs. I. M. BROOKS, South View, Prestedge, Ashover, Chesterfield. S45 OHY. Searching: ASKEW of MATLOCK 1882; WILSON of LANGWATHBY/CUMBRIA 1860; MASON of WELWICK/HUMBERSIDE 1838; DIBNAH of WELWICK/HUMBERSIDE 1839.
1040. Mrs. S. M. BOWMER, Whitfield Farm, Prestedge, Ashover, Chesterfield, Derbys. S45 OHX. Searching: BOWMER of CRICH 18th cent.; WIGLEY of BELPER 19th cent.; WHITE of BELPER 19th cent.
1041. Mrs. M. RIDGE, 49 Fifth Cross Rd., Twickenham, Middx. Searching: IRONMONGER of STAFFS 1600-1800; BRANDRETH/BRANDRICK of STAFFS. 1600; ILLIDGE of STAFFS. 1700; THOMPSON of WEST MIDLANDS 1700; GARDNER of WORCESTER 1700.
1042. Mrs. Hilda E. LARSON, 1031-17 A Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada T1K 1Z. Searching: RICE (James) of DERBY and surrounding areas c.1790, also Henry Howard RICE of the same area c.1811; BISHOP (Elizabeth marr. Henry Howard R. on 9 July 1832 at All Saints, Derby); FISHER (Joseph) of WESTON-ON-TRENT c.1738; PEARSON (
1043. Mrs. Mona SQUIRES, 4729 McKinley Drive, Boulder, Colorado 80303, U.S.A. Searching: LYTTON of BURTON-ON-TRENT 1874; WRIGHT; PAVEY; VICKERY.

1044. Miss Betty M. FORSYTH, 1207 Clinton Ave., Irvington, New Jersey, U.S.A. Searching: HIBBS of BONSALL (George marr. Hanna 1772); WIGLEY of BONSALL (Sarah bn. 1772); HALLAM of BONSALL (William marr. Sarah Wigley 1794); DURDEN (James of London marr. Hannah Hallam 1821, Birmingham). Also interested in the origin of the surname BONSALL.
1045. Mrs. M. GARSTIN, 36 East St., North Dundas, Ontario, Canada. L9H 1N8. Searching: HICKINBOTHAM (James) of TICKNALL, CHELLASTON, REPTON, SWARKESTON 1788; HOFTON (Ephraim) of ILKESTON 1831; BURROWS (Godfrey) of STRELLEY and poss. TROWEL 1769; SANDERS (John) of TICKNALL 1790; HUNT (Sarah) of SWARKESTON marr. James Hickinbotham 1788; BRIGGS (Sarah) of TICKNALL 1768.
1046. Miss Freda GELL, 29 Pentland Gardens, Thorpe Park, Long Eaton, Notts. NG10 4FX. Searching: GELL (George) of DERBYS/NOTTS/LEICS. bn. SHEPSHED 1804. Interested in all GELL references in DERBYS and NOTTS.
1047. Mrs. E. EDIS, 14 Co-operative Ave., Hucknall, Notts. NG15 7AJ. Searching: JENNINGS of SOUTH WINGFIELD; MARSHALL of CRICH.
1048. B. W. HEATH, The United Nations Building, Rajadamnern Ave., Bangkok 2, Thailand. Searching: ADSETTS of DERBYSHIRE, poss. MILLTOWN, ASHOVER.
1049. Mrs. V. PEARCE, 2 Newbridge Court, Old Whittington, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching: KNOWLES of BONSALL 1856; LIMB of HACKNEY 1883; STONE; YOUNG of SHEFFIELD 1872; BRAMHAM of SHEFFIELD 1901; SHAW of SHEFFIELD 1875.
1050. Mr. Dennis RODGERS, 2 Highlow Close, Loundsley Green, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching: RODGERS of CHESTERFIELD c.1900; FISHER of CHESTERFIELD c.1650.

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- 19 Mr. M. K. SPENCER, 7 High Street, Somercotes, Derbys. DE55 4HD
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 952 Mrs. R. J. MAWER, 12 Lascelles Lane, Northallerton, North Yorks. DL6 1EP

Help Wanted

GODBER BATES

Info. needed on family and ancestry of JOHN GODBER, bn. DRAYCOTT, Derbys. c.1804. Married MARY BATES of SUTTON BONINGTON, Notts. and then moved to ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs between 1851 and 1861 with his family. He died widowed on 18 April 1879 at ASHTON-U-LYNE. Info. also needed on MARY BATES.

Mr. G. ELLIOTT, 387 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme, CT 06333, U.S.A. (Memb.No.1021)

BEECROFT HUBBERSTY

Info. needed on the children of WILLIAM BEECROFT all born SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD between 1814 and 1828, MARY, ANN, WILLIAM, ELIZABETH, THOMAS and HENRY. Also on the HUBBERSTY family, late of BURBAGE HALL nr. BUXTON
 DENBY POTTERY Info. needed, especially any copy of an old photograph of the pottery.
 Mr. Adrian VERRY, 52 Athlone Crescent, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. (Memb.No.964)

CLAYTON HILL

Would like to exchange info. on the EDWARD and BELLA CLAYTON family of MELLOR. They had two sons EDWARD and RALPH. RALPH was bapt. in 1791. He marr. ELLEN HILL in 1813 at GLOSSOP. They had five sons, ADAM, AMOS, ELLIS, WRIGHT and LUKE. RALPH, ELLEN, WRIGHT and LUKE went to WISCONSIN, U.S.A. in 1850. Is the above ELLEN HILL the same as the one bapt. 7 June 1789 at MORTON, the dau. of THOMAS & CATHERINE HILL? If not, can anyone tell me where she was born?

Miss Gail CLAYTON, 421 Luster Avenue, Madison, WI 53704, U.S.A. (Memb.No.967)

RIDG(E)WAY FOX

My Gt.Grandfather, JOHN HENRY RIDGWAY b. 20 Nov 1863 in SPRINGS BURY, LANCASTER, son of FREDERICK JOHN RIDGEWAY b.1840 and marr. 19 Jan 1862 at GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE to MARY FOX b.1842, dau. of HENRY FOX of MELLOR, DERBYS. Can anyone help me with these families?

Ms. Sherri CLEMENS, 4560 W. 5th St., Santa Ana, Ca.92703, U.S.A. (Memb.No.817)

LANGFORD
HOLMES

SARAH LANGFORD of SHIRLAND marr. JOSEPH HOLMES 1820 at SHIRLAND. Various HOLMES baptisms and marriages from SHIRLAND available to anyone interested (1819-1845). Would like to hear from anyone who has connections, however vague, with the SHIRLAND 'HOLMES'.
Miss N. Cunningham, 24 Burford Rd., Horsham, West Sussex. RH13 5SP (Memb.No.439)

BEAUFOY
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Searching for info. on HERBERT and EMMA BEAUFOY (LONGSTAFF) who both came from ENGLAND. HERBERT was bn. poss. in COVENTRY. They both came to GISBORNE. Also info. on JOHN, WILLIAM and CHARLOTTE PAGE. CHARLOTTE later marr. WILLIAM TEAT at HARBY, LEICS. They all came out to NEW ZEALAND. JOHN PAGE to NAPIER.
Miss Cushla Beaufoy, 202 Kahutia St., Gisborne, New Zealand. (Memb.No.960)

WOOD

Info. on WOOD family of FAIRFIELD/BUXTON 1800-1899 needed. (Baptisms, Marriages or Deaths). All postage refunded.
Mrs. C. Unsworth, Spurs Lodge, Sagars Rd., Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 4HE. (Memb.No.631)

DOODSON
COCKROFT

Info. needed on GEORGE DOODSON, draper of GLOSSOP from 1870-1898. Also on dau. SARAH DOODSON, domestic servant 1881. Info. on death of HENRY DOODSON, bleacher, needed c.1871. Also on GREE, WOOD, COCKROFT and CLOGGER.
Mr. G. Doodson, 11 Victoria Court, St. Lucia, Georgetown, St. Saviour, Jersey, Channel Isles. (Memb.No.1030)

Help Offered

SOUTH
NORMANTON

Mrs. A. Burnham, 30 Springfield Crescent, Somercotes, Derbys. has copies of the 1841-1881 Census of South Normanton and is willing to search these for members if S.A.E. is sent.

HOLMES
(SHIRLAND)

Miss N. Cunningham offers info. on the HOLMES family (1819-1845) living in Shirland, Derbys. See "Help Wanted" above.

SMEDLEY

I have 27 photocopy pages from a book published in 1901 about English SMEDLEYS, their families and their American descendants. It also has small pieces on well-known Smedleys, and there are several pages listing Smedley wills (and other derivatives of the name) in Derbyshire from 1524-1700. Altogether there is a wealth of names and dates. For a photocopy send £2.00 to cover costs. Any enquiries welcome.

Mrs. R. J. Mawer, 12 Lascelles Lane, Northallerton, North Yorks. DL6 1EP. (Memb.No.952)

Mrs. Margaret Hartley offers to undertake a limited amount of research at:-

1. Society of Genealogists - she is a member.
2. St. Catherines and Alexander House. (Births, Marriages, Deaths), and at the General Record Office.
3. Obtain printed copies (17p per sheet) from Shire Hall, Reading of the 1978 I.G.I. - these take about 3 weeks to come via post.

Mrs. M. Hartley, 110 Hurst Rd., Twyford, Berks. RG10 OAN. (Memb.No.1029)

PLEASE REMEMBER: ALWAYS state your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and enclose a S.A.E. with all enquiries.

RESEARCH OVERSEAS

Jennifer Harrison of Queensland, Australia, and a member of the local Family History Society says they have a wonderful system for distributing overseas journals among members. Also they can order films through the local Mormon Church, thus obtaining access to Parish Registers and Census Returns, providing you live in the city.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Christmas Greeting to you all, and I hope that 1985 is a year of great discoveries for everyone.

It is not just by going to Libraries that you further your research... why not book for the next Family History Conference within travelling distance to you? Malcolm and I recently attended a One-Day Event at Leicester and we were pleased to meet more of our own members there. Lectures on Apprentices, Union Records and Population Mobility gave us new ideas for our own research.

An interesting conversation with a lady from Wales, who knew a great deal of history of the Enderby Stone Quarries and of their movement to Wales - taking along men to work there - gave me the possible answer to why my Gt. Grandfather gives his address as Chepstow, Monmouthshire, at one period of time. This same lady and her husband assured us that they have the answer to Family History research - a touring caravan.

You can also further your research by offering help to either the Society or to another member who may need help in an area you know. It is amazing what you can learn by trying to do something for others. You gain new ideas and possible leads to your own research.

Membership of our Society has grown tremendously in the past year. Now, well over 700 members and a Committee of 12. This year has seen more members coming forward to offer help with projects, typing or corresponding and researching for others. To you all, we say "Thank You".

In 1984 we have offered you more publications for sale - saving time and helping with your research. We have had exhibitions in Derby and Chesterfield, taking each time the Reference Library and Exchange Magazines to those of you who cannot get to Alfreton on meeting nights.

These are just a few of the things which the Society has done for you. Some of you would be amazed at what goes on behind the scenes and what our families have to put up with! But the letters of thanks and friendship we receive from many of you make it all worthwhile, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with just a small P.S. "What can you offer us in 1985?"

Pauline

PLEASE ANSWER LETTERS

It saddens us to receive a letter such as the following:- "The reason I am cancelling my membership is because I have written to quite a number of people who were listed in the newsletter, sending 2 International Coupons, and received only one answer. The rest of the people neither answered nor used my coupons to reply to me. I just cannot afford to send letters and receive no replies". This was a letter from Valerie Beck, 1090 Peebles Ave., Morgan Hill, California 95037. Please, please answer letters which contain return postage. Even if you have no information to offer, please write and say so - but even the smallest snippet of information could be important to someone. Valerie is researching TIPPER and SMITH of SCROPTON c.1839.

DERBYSHIRE MARRIAGE INDEX

Sue Brown has recently been inundated with queries regarding the Derbyshire Marriage Index and asks will people please be patient if her reply takes a long time. She is also Secretary of the Leics. Family History Society, and works for her living, so she is a busy person. This, of course, also applies to anyone holding indexes etc.

OBITUARY

We were sorry to hear of the death of member Mr. Horne of Devas Gardens, Spondon, who had been an invalid for a number of years.

Gypsies (named after their supposed origin in Egypt) are recorded as being in the Balkans by 1409. Banishment orders continued to force them westwards and they were in Britain by 1500. Acts in the 16th century meant that Gypsies could be convicted of felony (in theory a capital offence), but despite this there are many references to Gypsies in the 16th and 17th centuries. The Act was repealed in 1783.

In 1596 a hundred Gypsies gathered at Peak Cavern, Castleton, and in the same year 190 at York were ordered to be taken to their place of origin and settlement certificates returned within 10 months. A daunting task for the official appointed, as they claimed to come from far flung parts of the country.

The 17th century Parish Constable and Churchwarden Accounts Books are a good source of information about Gypsies and show when money was sometimes paid to them to leave the parish. The particularly good Parish Constable Accounts Books of South Lincolnshire make it possible to follow them from parish to parish. Constable Accounts may also say why they were travelling.

In the 18th century they appear in Poor Law Examinations; one example is Jane Hearn, aged 16, who "betook herself to the travelling way of life". The lanes in Norfolk used by her family were still used by a family connection in 1968.

The distinction was usually made between 'Gypsies', who travelled as a complete family, and 'travelling people', usually a fragment of a family, split by domestic problems.

Gypsy Surnames include Smith, Boswell, Lee, Elliott, Price, Taylor and Loveridge. The name of a more favoured side of the family was often adopted.

From the earliest times in England Gypsies had English Christian names; similarly from the earliest references in France, they had French Christian names. Fashions in Gypsy names included Puritan names in the late 17th century, biblical in the 18th and 'event names' (Waterloo, Crimes etc) in the 19th century. Within the small Christian name pool there was continuity; for example in South Derbyshire at the end of the 19th century Johnny 'Two Wives' Smith had a son - also Johnny 'Two Wives' Smith. The first of several 'No name' Boswells was recorded in 1820 from a thwarted attempt to christen him Beelzebub. This family is still travelling in Lincolnshire; previously in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Tracing back 3 or 4 generations is easily done by oral tradition - although they tended to ignore a marriage into a group they were not keen on!

The many Gypsy/Rogues/Tinkers Lanes derive from repeated visits over many years.

Martyn Pratt

THE SHEFFIELD STAKE BRANCH GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY Wheel Lane, Grenoside, Sheffield S30

This new library has to offer many records including the I.G.I., Boyd's Marriage Index and local information. Records available on film can be ordered including Census, Parish Registers/Bishops Transcripts (over half the parishes of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland), Nonconformist and Probate Records, also records of Apprenticeship, Merchant Seamen, Military, Migration and Emigration.

All films and fiche can only be used in the library. The films must be ordered beforehand as they are sent from the Huddersfield Centre and you will be notified when your film is available. (Tel: Sheffield 453231)

The library is also purchasing, on an indefinite loan system, the micro-films of the Indexes of Births/Marriages/Deaths at St. Catherine's and Alexander House. Each film costs £2.00 and the library suggests that people might like to 'contribute a film' stating year/time/type of a film of their choice. Cheques & Postal Orders should be made out to "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" and sent to the above address.

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NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF WILLIAM BAMFORD, who worked in the mills of Belper 150 years ago.

(Contributed by Mr. D. Statham, Memb.No.638)

1821

January 15th

An account of dwelling houses and sundry other buildings in Belper.

Farmhouses	38	Mercers, Grocers & Butchers Shops	35
Cotton Mills	3	Joiners Shops	7
Hosiery Warehouses	1	Blacksmiths Shops	7
Nailers Warehouses	6	Nailers Shops	162
Hat Factories	2	Stockingers Shops	27
Potteries	1	Weavers Shops	24
Tanyards	1	Malthouses	2
Corn Mills	4	Bakehouses	12

Population of Belper: In 1801 - 4,500 In 1811 - 5,778 In 1821 - 7,235

July 13th

The Coronation of George IV. A tea drinking given by Messrs. Strutt in the Long Row.

August 7th

Queen Caroline died about 25 minutes to 10 at night.

September 26th

The new Regulator Coach overturned just coming out of Weir House, fortunately not much injury was sustained.

1822

September 14th

The first stone of the new church was laid by Jedediah Strutt Esq., with it a sovereign. The foundation stone was laid on October 31st, 1822 by the Most noble Duke of Devonshire. Under the foundation stone was deposited One Sovereign, One Crown, One Half-Crown, One Shilling and One Sixpence. The coins were sent from Derby by Mr. William WILLIAMSON in a case which cost one and sixpence, making its contents £1.10s.6d.

September 20th

Friday morning a man found lying in the Orchard of George WOLATT, Heage. Shot dead by a servant lad of about 16 while in the act of robbing it. At the inquest the Jury gave Justifiable Homicide.

October 24th

George JESSOP fell down in West Hill passage in a senseless state, and has since become quite insane.

November 18th

The Gasometer at Milford was bought of Isaac HORTON, West Bromwich, November 18th 1822. Weight 6 tons-3cwt-lqu.-22lbs. At 32 shillings per cwt. Size 40 feet diameter, 12 feet deep at sides, rises 2 feet 8 ins. in crown. The gasmeter was had from Mr. William WIGSTON, Derby. The large time-piece with machinery and large counter was had from Whitechurch and Son, Derby, cost £16.5s.0d. The alarm clock off same £9.5s.0d. The gasometer at Belper was from Isaac HORTON. Weight ? tons at 33 shillings per cwt. Size 9 feet diameter, 12 feet deep at sides. The Gas Meter was had from Mr. William WIGSTON of Derby, cost £51.17s.0d. Begun lighting Belper Autumn 1825 (8 lamps).

1823

January 31st

George BAMFORD taken suddenly ill between 12 and 1 O'Clock in such a way that his life was despaired of. Mr. EVANS bled him copiously in the arm and likewise in the neck and in a short time after he began to be better. By night he was almost well again to the astonishment of all who had seen him.

1824

March 1st

The Matron at the Workhouse (Mrs. Marsh) was seized with cramp in the stomach about 4 p.m. and died before 6 p.m.

May 16th

About 11 o'clock at night WATSON the Derby carrier had his thigh dreadfully broken by the wagon running over it, a little way beyond Duffield. He lay until 5 o'clock next morning before he was found. Died June 2nd 1824.

July 4th

TAYLOR of Cow Hill (a local pugalist) died on Sunday morning, James CHOLERTON, with whom he had been sparring on Whit Monday, and from whom he received a blow which caused his death, absconded but gave himself up on Friday before the Assizes. He was tried and acquitted August 9th. Him and his friends came to the George Inn at Belper about 9 o'clock at night in a chaise making a great shout as they came along.

September 6th

The consecration of the Church took place by the Right Rev. Henry Ryder, Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry. One of a number of questions put to Mr. Jedediah Strutt concerning the new Church was "To what saint is the chapel to be dedicated?". "We believe the old chapel to be dedicated to St. Peter, and as there is no good reason why the new one should have a different patron, it had better be dedicated to St. Peter".

September 9th

John MONK died. A happy event as he had been for a long time in such a state that scarcely anybody would come near him, he literally rotted on the earth and died by inches. He was the first to be buried at the new church.

1825

May 5th

SPENCER and TUNNIDGEN Company of Comedians came to Mr. WALKERS at the George Inn, Belper. Left June 6th. Had but moderate success. They were the most respectable company ever to come to Belper, and paid their way honourably.

May 6th

The celebrated Indian Juggler, PHIAH KHAN KHRUSE performed in the schoolroom.

July 18th

About 3 in the afternoon George HUNT was drowned while bathing at Hopping Hill. The bad luck surrounding this man was very strange. He was a Denby collier and had twice been brought home in nearly lifeless state. Because of this his wife wanted him to find a less dangerous job. It is about two years since they left Denby, in which time they have had one child burned to death.

September 28th

In the summer of 1825, Nathaniel MOXON had the misfortune to receive a wound in his leg while stacking hay at Mr. WALKERS. It became very painful and went on to such an alarming degree that his life was in danger, and amputation was considered the only cure. He refused for a long time, but at last consented, and it was accordingly taken off by Spencer Junior of Duffield on September 28th.

October 19th

The landlady of the Red Lion Inn, Belper (Mrs. DEAVILLE) died Wednesday October 19th at about half past one p.m. They came to the house at Ladyday last, and had been married only 7 months. A most distressing circumstance happened to the wife of Mr. Deaville, who was buried at Duffield on Monday October 24th 1825. On Friday the 28th some miserable wretches in the form of men stole her from the grave, and had got her in a hamper, her neck, back and legs broken. They were taking her towards Derby when they were met by some men who insisted on knowing what they had got, when the villains put down the hamper, and ran off.

November 10th

A most dreadful accident happened at the coal pit, Hopping Hill, Milford (50 yards South of Shaw Lane). George DAVIES's youngest son fell down the shaft and had both his legs broken. He was brought home on a cart, and they were set by one of Mr. Evans men, but he died soon after.

Mr. William HARRISON's shop at the Green was robbed to a very considerable extent. A reward of 20 guineas is offered to anyone who catches the thieves.

1826

Whitsuntide

The Egyptian Mummy, belonging to Mr. Joseph STRUTT was on view at Belper, and a great number of people came to see it.

June 25th

A woman died raving mad. Was the wife of Mr. WALKER-DISON, Strolling Player and Quack Doctor. She was buried at the old Chapel.

July 5th

Mr. GREEN went up in a balloon from Derby, he came over Belper about 5 o'clock and was seen for a quarter of an hour. The wind took him towards Alfreton, and he alighted at Ollerton, near Mansfield, and came back to Derby about 12 o'clock.

November 28th

John BROUGH, who had rode the Post from Wirksworth to Derby for a great number of years was taken up and shut in Derby Gaol for breaking open a letter, and stealing £60 in notes from it, which had been sent from Buxton to Northampton. He was tried at Derby Assizes, March 1827 before Judge BEST, and sentenced to be hanged, this sentence was afterwards reduced to 'Transportation for Life'. He was sent off on Thursday May 24th. He died on the way.

1827

February 5th

Two women stood and fought a pitched battle. (BOOTH and HALLSWORTH).

May

Edward MOSS, his wife and family, John WHITACKER and George RIDE and his wife all set out for America this month.

August 14th

About 11 o'clock at night as William GLEW of the Common Side was returning home and when about at his own home, he saw two men coming from his Brother's garden. It appeared they had been getting onions. He said to them "Well, lads, you've been gardening". They immediately pounced upon him and got him down and one seized him by the throat, and the other jumped on his belly with his knees several times. He died in the course of the next day.

October 10th

Mrs. JACKSON dropped down dead at the house of John YATES no.6 Hopping Hill, after her breakfast and smoking her pipe, apparently in good health.

1828

February 13th

WALKERS flitted from the George Inn Belper to Derby. Old James WALKIN died. Had been a very drunken man in his youth and wasted his money, whereby he came to poverty and had to beg for his bread. When he became unable to work his brother allowed him a liberal weekly allowance, and also found his coals and other necessities. This Brother by his good and worthy conduct had become rich, and great praise is due to him for supporting a fallen brother who, of course, must have become a burden to the Parish.

May 26th

George LEES's child hurt by a lion in a menagerie at Derby.

July 16th

William ADAM's daughter of Hopping Hill married, and on the 15th she and her husband set off for America with several others, T. COLLEDGE, T. RIDGATE and his wife, BLAND from Heage, Peter SMITH etc.

FINDERN PARISH REGISTERS

The registers from 1558 to 1779 have been badly damaged by fire but there is a transcript of the legible entries in the county archives. It is unfortunate that there are also considerable gaps in the Bishops Transcripts in the 18th century, though a few sheets were found to be mixed with Mickleover and Littleover). The 1811 census is in the registers and shows some of those born in the missing periods. Findern was a chapelry of Mickleover until 1858; before this date marriages were at Mickleover with only two or three exceptions legible in the Findern registers. There was a further period for which marriages were at Mickleover, 1862-3, when the present Findern church was being built.

Surnames from the Registers 1558-1600

ASHEMOOR	DICKENSON	HOPKIN/S	PARDONE	SMITH
BAKER	DOUGHTY	HUNT	PARTRIDGE	STORER
BANKROFT	ELE	HYDE	PELLARD	SYMONS
BASFORD	FLIMEING	IRELAND	PORTER	WAGSTAFFE
BAKEWELL	GOODALE	JOHNSON	RAMPAYN	WARDE
BENBRIG	GOODEN	JORDAYNE	ROBINSON	WATERFALL
BLADEN	GOODWINE	KNIGHT	RODGERS	WILDER
BOROWS	HARDY	MATHER	ROME	WILSON
CALADYNE	HARISON	NERMON	ROYD	WRIGHT
CARTER	HINDMORE	OWLEY	SHARDLOW	
COOKE	HOLDEN			

(Contributed by Martyn Pratt)

DERBYSHIRE CATHOLIC RECORDS in the NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

The following Registers from Derbyshire are held in the Diocesan Archives at the present time (August 1984). The number in brackets refers to the Accessions Register.

ALFRETON/CLAY CROSS

(17)	Baptisms	August 1862 - April 1887
(18)	"	May 1887 - September 1917

GLOSSOP, ALL SAINTS

(322)	General Register incl. Baptisms	January 1856 - August 1863
	(Conditional Baptisms 1861)	
	Confirmations	September 1861-1950
	Marriages	January 1856 - August 1914
	Deaths	January 1856 - August 1872
(323)	Deaths	August 1872 - December 1927
(324)	Baptisms	February 1803 - December 1947
	(Conditional Baptisms	January 1881 - December 1886)

GLOSSOP, ST. MARY'S

(326)	Baptisms	April 1882 - December 1930
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NEW MILLS

(327)	General Register incl. Baptisms	March 1856 - December 1876
	Confirmations	June 1865 - November 1925
	Marriages	November 1856 - November 1923
	Deaths	November 1856 - September 1883
(328)	Baptisms	December 1876 - December 1923

ILKESTON

(356)	General Register incl. Baptisms	February 1858 - September 1862
	Confirmations	December 1858 - November 1872
(357)	Baptisms	October 1862 - December 1873 (and 2 entries for 1890)
(358)	Baptisms	January 1874 - July 1889
(359)	Baptisms	October 1889 - September 1922
(360)	Confirmations	July 1887 - September 1942
(361)	Deaths	November 1876 - January 1905
(362)	Deaths	March 1905 - June 1930
(363)	Deaths	July 1930 - September 1973
(364)	Marriages	January 1876 - June 1917
(365)	Marriages	July 1917 - March 1956

HASSOP

(406)	General Register incl. Baptisms	January 1816 - December 1843
	(Conditional Baptisms 1852-1887)	
	Marriages	November 1817 - April 1861

ASHBOURNE

(412)	Marriages	January 1855 - June 1959 (with insert Aug.1851-Sept.1872)
(413)	Baptisms	September 1876 - May 1908 (with insert Apr.1851-Sept.1867)
(414)	Deaths	January 1882 - May 1976

MATLOCK

(461)	Baptisms	April 1880 - November 1931
(462)	Marriages	July 1901 - August 1933

The following Registers are known to be held at the present time (August 1984) in the parishes concerned. Many parishes in Derbyshire are omitted from this list. The reason is because the parishes concerned have not been checked. This, in turn, is due to one of the following reasons:-

- the Archivist has simply not got round to it,
- the parish now lies within the Diocese of Hallam.

DERBY, ST. MARY'S

Baptisms	1843 - present
Marriages	1854 - present
Confirmations	1855 - present
Deaths	1855 - present

HASSOP

Baptisms	1908 - present
Confirmations	1908 - present
Marriages	1861 - present
Burials in church cemetery	1904 - present

BUXTON

Baptisms	1863 - present
Confirmations	1874 - present
Marriages	1863 - present
Deaths	1890 - present

HATHERSAGE (Diocese of Hallam)

Baptisms	1837 - present
Confirmations	1858 - present
Marriages	1854 - present
Deaths	1868 - present

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH/TIDESWELL

Baptisms	1885 - present
Confirmations	1885 - present
Deaths	1886 - present

MARPLE BRIDGE (Cheshire?)

Baptisms	1858 - present
Confirmations	1857 - present
Deaths	1858 - present

GLOSSOP, ST. MARY'S

Confirmations	1886 - present
Deaths	1882 - present

Some of the earlier registers from these parishes are in the Nottingham Diocesan Archives; others - alas! - have probably disappeared.

For the sake of convenience alone, the registers have been listed as if there were only one for each category. In fact, the Baptism Registers at St. Mary's, Derby run into seventeen volumes!

(Rev. A. P. Dolan, Diocesan Archivist - August 1984)

Nottingham Diocesan Archives - Guidelines

- As this is a private collection, the facilities available at County or Municipal Record Offices cannot be provided and all work done is purely voluntary.

2. Normally the Archivist and/or the Assistant Archivist work in the Archives one or two days a week. These are usually Tuesday and Wednesday.
3. No documents later than 1944 may at present be consulted and earlier documents at the discretion of the Archivist or Assistant Archivist.
4. With the exception of some Parochial Registers, the Archives contain very few documents prior to 1850. For earlier documents application could be made to the Archivist of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, c/o Cathedral House, St. Chads Queensway, Birmingham B4 6EU.
5. No documents may be removed from the Archives, and any photocopying required will be done on behalf of, and at the expense of, the Searcher by the Archivist or the Assistant Archivist.
6. A request to visit the Archives should be made in writing accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
7. Postal enquiries will be dealt with, provided:
 - a. they are accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope,
 - b. they do not entail protracted research which would hold up the basic work of cataloguing.

The Archivist, The Presbytery, Nottingham Diocesan Archives, 17 Nottingham Road, Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 5RF.

HIRE OF MICROFILMS OF BISHOPS' TRANSCRIPTS OF PARISH REGISTERS

The Diocesan Registrar is able to offer for hire a set of microfilms covering the Bishops' Transcripts of the Parish Registers for the whole of the Diocese of Lichfield, the original transcripts being deposited at the Lichfield Joint Record Office.

The microfilms can be sent to approved applicants by registered or recorded delivery post, and must be returned by the same type of post, at the borrower's own expense, unless delivered personally at the Registry.

The use of a microfilm reader is, of course, a necessity for anyone hiring microfilm.

All applications for hire must be made by letter, and the fees paid before the microfilms can be despatched. Information can be obtained from the Registry by telephone. All applications must state the parish and the earliest and latest dates required, or if all transcripts for the parish are needed. It is not possible to pinpoint actual dates when a particular reel begins and ends, but a general judgment can be made as to what reels will cover a particular period. There are basically two series, from the earliest date for which transcripts are extant to 1810/12, and from 1810/12 to the latest date. Large parishes such as Birmingham, Saint Martin, may have a considerable number of reels from 1810/12 onwards.

The initial hiring is for a maximum of 14 days, and any extension must be arranged with the Registrar, for which an additional fee will be payable.

Fees are as follows:-

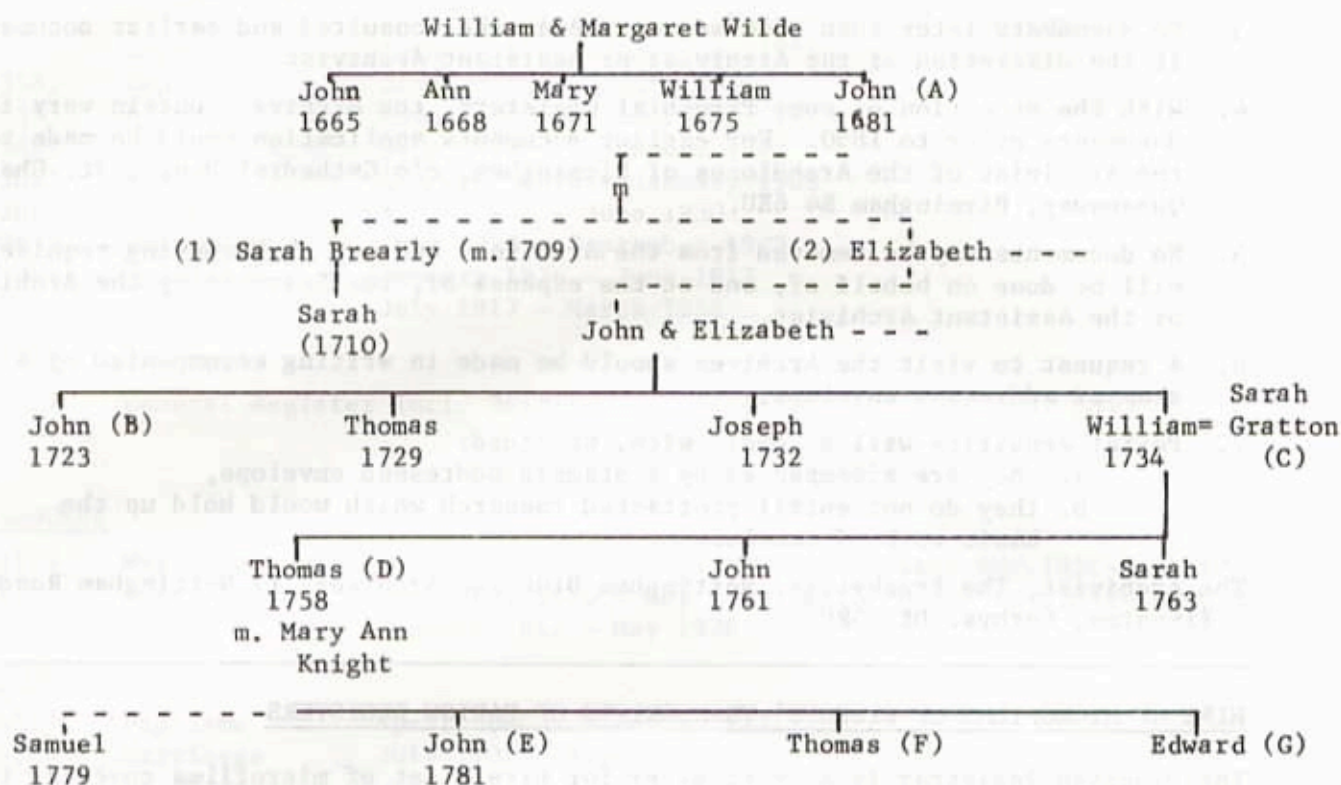
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1 reel	£7.00	£1.05	£8.05	4 reels	£10.60	£1.59	£12.19
2 reels	£8.20	£1.23	£9.43	5 reels	£11.80	£1.77	£13.57
3 reels	£9.40	£1.41	£10.81	6 reels	£13.00	£1.95	£14.95

6 reels is the maximum number supplied at any one time, except by special arrangement. Extra for retention beyond 14 days - £1.38 per reel per week including V.A.T.

(Diocesan Registry, 20 Saint John Street, Lichfield. WS13 6PB)

BEAT THIS! Births - On the 28th ult. at Wollaton, the wife of GERVASE WILKINSON, labourer, was delivered of her 25th child.
"Ilkeston Pioneer", 15th June 1854.

(Contributed by Pauline Clarke, Memb.No.761)



It must be supposed that the earliest Spondon Registers were destroyed during the Civil War, for the oldest extant begins in 1653.

As they were raising a family from 1665 onwards, William and Margaret Wilde were probably born and brought up through the period of war and Commonwealth. If they are, in fact, our progenitors the record is taken back well over 300 years.

The implication in the identical naming of the eldest and youngest sons (John) is that by 1681 the elder son had died - exactly the same thing occurred - - in the case of the sons of E. A. Wilde in the early 19th century.

The terms "farmer" and "husbandman" applied to members of the next two generations suggest that the Wildes of Spondon earned their living on the land, probably in a humble capacity, for no trace of property ownership can be found. William (C) could only make his "mark" when he married in 1757. He would have been astonished to learn that his grandson would become Lord Chancellor of England and a peer of the realm in 1850.

(A) The Parish Register and Diocesan Transcripts contradict on this entry; the former giving it as a burial, the latter as a baptism. Almost certainly the D.T. is correct, because "son of" would be normal in that case, whereas for Burials a relationship is never stated. This is significant, for a John Wilde born in 1681 would not be impossibly old to marry Elizabeth, and father four sons between ca. 1723/34. The Register shows "Sarah d/o John & Sarah Wild" bapt. in 1710 who could be the child of a previous marriage, an idea supported by an entry in the Register of St. Peter's, Derby for 1709 "John Wild of Chaddesden & Sarah Brearley". Chaddesden adjoins Spondon and they frequently overlap in the records. This may explain why John Wilde was already about 40 when the above sons begin to appear. In an age when life was short, nasty and precarious, re-marriages were extremely common. But we have no proof - this remains a speculation.

(B) This John is the man who changed the whole course of family history, from farming by the Derwent to London and the profession of the Law.

When he reported wounded at Chelsea Hospital in 1760 he said he was born at "Spoonland near Derby" and was then aged 36. He must, therefore, have been born 1723/4. His epitaph (January 1800) gives his age as 77, which fits well, although the Register gives his bapt. in 1726 and the D.T. ignores it completely. He had over 16 years service in the Army and as a sergeant in the 58th Foot fought under Wolfe at Quebec (1759), survived the terrible winter siege that followed and was badly wounded in

the head when the French made their last fling, attempting to recapture the city in early 1760. This forgotten battle (of Sillery) was far more bloody and critical than the famous affair on the Plains of Abraham in the previous year. Nearly forty years later, a small great-nephew was shown - as a great treat - the silver plate in the old soldier's head where it had been trepanned.

The "French Lady" who legend relates was his first wife (Anne, buried at Hampton in 1788) may well have been a kind-hearted French-Canadian who rescued him, desperately hurt, after the tide of battle had rolled on.

Returning to England, John got a post as Sherriff's Officer, i.e. Serjeant-at-Mace of the Poultry Compter, in early 1761 and became High Constable of Holborn in 1778. Just in good time to be nearly killed again in the Gordon Riots of 1780 (see "Barnaby Rudge") trying to control a ferocious mob. He was long remembered about the Courts as "Gentleman Wilde" for his distinguished appearance and courtesy of manner. His wife having died childless, in 1795 - now an old man - he married again, his young wife producing two children of whom one was William Wilde, for many years Chief Justice of St. Helena - who had no difficulty incurring the wrath of the French party sent to the island for the exhumation of Napoleon, by insisting on the letter of English law. That line is now extinct.

In 1768 John's younger brother William (C) bapt. in 1734, joined him as another Serjeant-at-Mace, but while John prospered mightily, William seems to be remembered only as a big man who had several wives, owed money and had an affinity with pubs. But William had children and his brother none, so (probably soon after coming to London) the two sons, Thomas (D) bapt. 1758 and John, bapt. 1761 were adopted and well-educated by their kind uncle. Not so, apparently, their sister Sarah, bapt. 1763, for when she married in 1789 she was described as "Spinster of the parish of Spandon, Derbyshire".

Old John died rich in 1799 and his will (in the PCC) identifies quite a group of Spondon Wildes. By educating the boys and giving them a start in life - Thomas as an attorney, John as an Ensign in the Army - he gave them their chance. John was unlucky, returned from the West Indies with health shattered and died comparatively young, leaving six children. But Thomas thrived in the Law and was able to send his three sons to St. Paul's - probably then the best school in London - and the eldest even to Cambridge. As a consequence of that, and their own abilities, they all did brilliantly.

Brave, upright and kind, all that one can learn of Old John is admirable. It would be a privilege to claim him as an ancestor - ironic to find that in fact we descend not from him, but from the obscure brother who seems - from the very little discovered - to have been a deplorable character.

(C) When William got his job as Serjeant-at-Mace of the Poultry Compter in 1768 - almost certainly bought for him by his brother John - he said his father was "John Wilde of Spondon in the County of Derby, a farmer", and this is recorded in the Freedoms Book of the City Chamberlain. John took a lease of the "King's Head" (121 Wood Street) when he came back to the City from Isleworth after his wife's death in 1788 and was Licensee from 1789 until 1795, the year in which he married for the second time. As Licensee he was succeeded by William from 1798 to 1801, after which William disappears, although he may well be the William Wild who is found from 1801/4 in Southwark, close to his grandson Samuel Wild and his daughter Sarah Godallier. It may be significant that the only son of this Sarah was baptised "William", a name not otherwise popular in the family. The death of William Wilde has proved impossible to trace, but it seems unlikely he was alive in 1805 since his name does not appear in the roll-call of those involved in WALKER v. WILD in Chancery in that year.

(D) Practised as an attorney from 1785 to 1810 at various addresses in the City of London and retired to Croydon, handing over his well-established business at Warwick Square to his youngest son Edward.

When his eldest (legitimate) son John was appointed Judge Advocate for New South Wales in 1815, he accompanied him to Australia, arriving at Sydney in October 1816. There he remained until his death in 1821.

A very odd passage in his will of 1819 runs as follows: "Item. I give and bequeath unto the half or reputed brother of my sons, Samuel Wild of Oxford in England

veterinary surgeon or farrier the sum of two hundred pounds of lawful money of Great Britain (which I am induced to give him from the respect I bear to his relatives and from a consciousness of the inability of the chiefest of them of not being able to make so great a provision for him as might be wished)....."

This extraordinary jargon seems to mean that Thomas did not know for certain whether Sam was his son or not. Yet when, in 1793, he was bound apprentice to one of the best farriers in London, he is recorded in the Farrier's Company books as "Samuel Wild son of Thomas Wild of Watling Street in the City of London, gentleman" No question of evasion there, nor did Thomas's eldest (acknowledged) son John hesitate to employ Sam's only son Edward Thomas, and recognise him as his nephew.

As a member of the Committee of the N.S.W. Bible Society and a respectable old gentleman, perhaps Thomas was inclined to shuffle on this issue ?

(E) As recognised eldest son, nothing was too good for this John. He became head boy at St. Paul's and went on for six years at Trinity College, Cambridge, taking the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law in 1805. This was a period when fears of a French invasion were at a maximum and he greatly distinguished himself as an amateur soldier, raising and commanding a militia regiment said to have been the best in the county.

It appears to have been at this time that he adopted the spelling WYLDE never used before in the family. This may be connected with the fact that he and his brothers then began to use a double crest, displaying a stag and a falcon. The stag had been borne for centuries by the Wylde of Worcestershire and the falcon by the Scots family of Falconar, one of whom married John's great-uncle in 1795.

There was a romantic boom in armorials (mainly due to Scott's novels) and little excuse was needed to blossom forth with totally bogus heraldic devices. In fact, our family did not become legitimately armigerous until 1850, with the grant of arms to Lord Truro and the descendants of his brothers.

John Wylde was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1805 and later commenced practice in the Court of Common Pleas, so he was an experienced barrister of 35 with a wife and young family when he was offered the good post of Judge Advocate of New South Wales in 1815. There he stayed until 1825, when he returned to England with his elder children, leaving the younger ones with his wife at Sydney.

In 1827 he took his LL.D., was knighted by George IV, and appointed Chief Justice at the Cape of Good Hope, arriving in Table Bay in November 1827. There he resided for 27 years until forced to retire by illness in 1855. He died in December 1859, in his 79th year.

In 1835 his wife arrived from Australia with the remainder of the family. Proceedings were then commenced and a divorce was finally granted in 1836. Lady Wylde returned to Sydney, where she died in 1864.

Sir John's surviving children numbered two girls and six boys, some of whom settled in England, while others remained in South Africa.

(F) This Thomas became the most celebrated member of the family, but was far from being a favourite with his father, to whom he was articled, no doubt with the expectation that he would follow his parent in the firm. But no sooner was he qualified and admitted on the Roll, than he struck out on his own, and very soon prospered greatly as an attorney.

It must have been even more annoying to his father, when he married (in 1813) Mary Devaynes, the young widow of a wealthy banker, who remained his devoted wife until her death in 1840. Soon after his marriage he decided to become a barrister and was called to the Bar in 1817, making a considerable impression in 1820 as junior Counsel for the defence at the famous trial of Queen Caroline, the eccentric wife of George IV.

Serjeant at Law in 1824, Member of Parliament 1829, Knighted 1839, Solicitor-General 1840, Attorney-General 1841, Lord Chief Justice 1846, Lord High Chancellor and Baron 1850.

It is sad to find signs of chagrin in the will of the elder Thomas Wilde, made at Sydney in 1819: "..... inasmuch as my son Thomas now a barrister at Law practising as such in England is amply provided for and lives in entire independence the satiety of which I am afraid has almost obliterated me from his memory or at least any active regards I give devise and bequeath" nothing.

(G) The youngest son Edward was evidently a less rebellious type than his brother Thomas, although with the same energy and ability. He seems to have given his father less annoyance than Thomas and less expense than John, quietly taking over the business and developing it, moving in 1819 to a fine old Carolean house in College Hill, from which the firm continued to operate under Wilde principals until 1932. It remains to this day one of the leading firms of solicitors in the City of London, under the name of Wilde, Sapte & Co.

He was unanimously elected Under Sheriff of the City of London in 1828 and was long remembered for his efficiency and humanity during his year of office. At that time it was still the custom to select (probably at random) five names from the number of those condemned to death at the Old Bailey, for execution - pour encourager les autres. The usual interval between this announcement and death was only three days, but in less than that time Mr. Wilde - working night and day - secured enough evidence to save the lives of all the intended victims.

He married in 1810 and had ten children of whom the most distinguished were James Plaisted Wilde, Baron Penzance, Dean of the Court of Arches and Judge of the Court of Probate and Divorce, and Alfred Thomas Wilde, Lieut. General K.C.B., K.C.S.I., a hero of the Indian Mutiny whose Punjabi Regiment retained the title of "Wilde's Rifles" until recently, and perhaps does so still. His grandchildren live (1982) in England.

A DERBYSHIRE POSTBAG by John Williamson

On the 3rd September the cost of posting a letter once again went up, making this the 11th increase during the past 14 years, and over a dozen changes since the penny post ended in 1918.

In return we get an indifferent postal service, no week-end collection, and a general belief that, at present, it makes little difference whether a letter bears a first or second class stamp.

"First class has never been a guarantee of arrival next morning", a post office official said, "and the public should remember that last post is 5.30 p.m. - not 10 o'clock".

Yet if we look back to September 1884 we find that Derby, and surrounding villages, had a postal service that could hardly be bettered. Moreover, next day delivery needed no guarantee - it was a certainty!

In the mid 17th century a regular bi-weekly post from London to Derbyshire was started. Letters were put in a 'Derby bag' which, along with other mails, was carried by coach to Towcester, then brought on to Derby by boys 'riding post'. After each boy had ridden a 'stage' of 14 miles another boy took over, carrying the Derby bag and a printed bill. At each stop the postmaster wrote on the bill the time of despatch, sending off the new boy with the rousing cry "Haste, Post! Haste!"

Letters were then taking three days to reach Derby from London - the same as today's second class mail. This is a remarkable comment on 300 years of progress!

By 1784 mail coaches arrived daily at the post office in Queen Street, Derby. And letters were then carried to the Derbyshire villages by postmen on horseback. The market towns of Derbyshire, however, used the post-chaise, a lightly-sprung, one-horse, high-backed car - so called because it was first used by the post office to 'speed the mails'. One left Bakewell each morning, calling at Matlock and Wirksworth on the journey to Derby. There were no stamps, but postage, which the postmaster marked on the package, varied with the distance. Manchester was 9d and Nottingham 4d - old money.

During the late 1840's the railways had captured most of the long-distance postal business, and the introduction of the 'penny post' in 1840 became so profitable that no increase in postage was necessary for 80 years.

In 1856 letters posted in London at 9 o'clock in the evening were delivered in Derby at 7 a.m. next morning. While letters posted before noon in Nottingham were delivered in Derby the same day. The post office was then in the Cornmarket, Derby (next to the Royal Hotel) and had a staff of 30. Their motto was 'service', and every possible means of obliging the public was sought out, tried and used.

One has to admire the confidence expressed in this notice displayed in Derby post office: "This box closes for London, Birmingham, Leicester, Sheffield, Leeds and York at 9 p.m. for next morning delivery". That prediction could hardly be made today!

Letters for Nottingham, Newark, Lincoln and Grantham could be posted up to 2 a.m. Mail for Belper arrived at 3 a.m., Alfreton at 4 a.m., and Wirksworth (from all parts of the country) at 7.30 a.m.

In 1869 the new Head Office in Victoria Street, Derby was open to the public from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; for parcels up to 10 p.m. On Sunday the office opened from 7 to 10 a.m. and three hours in the evening. The G.P.O. Telegraph Office was always open - day and night. And 29 subsequent sub-post offices in Derby were open for business from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

During the late Victorian era there were five deliveries daily, the first at 7 a.m. and the last at 7 in the evening. On Sunday town and village had to manage with just one delivery - or you could collect your own mail.

In those days letters were collected nine times daily in Derby, the last collection being at 10 p.m. Even the tram-cars carried a letter-box on the last trip of the day; and an additional half-penny stamp ensured that late letters would be despatched that night.

The Derby postal staff in 1884 numbered 256. There were 88 town postmen and all collections and deliveries were made on foot, by handcart or horse and gig. Bicycles came later. Every village in Derbyshire received letters by postmen on horseback.

From 1846 until the first World War a mail-cart, drawn by a pair of horses, was despatched to Ashbourne daily at 4 a.m. Mail bags for a dozen villages were handed over to waiting postmasters at Mackworth, Kirk Langley and Brailford, and the journey was completed in 75 minutes. On arrival at the "Rose and Crown", Brailsford there was a flurry of activity as horses were changed. This took no more than two minutes, and the same procedure was repeated on the return trip at 8.15 each morning.

A large part of the country mail in those times consisted of newspapers, since an annual subscription to the publisher was often the only means of obtaining a daily paper. Up to 1939 it cost one penny to receive a morning paper by post. Six papers each week for just one shilling! Today the cost would be nearer £2.50. No wonder postal subscriptions have all but ceased.

If the cost of postage continues to rise (and we are now on the brink of the 3s.6d. letter) then the post office may find that fewer people will be posting letters. One thing is certain, we shall never again see the speed and reliability for which the British postal service was once justly famed.

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THE CHESTERFIELD EXHIBITION

The day was wet and cold, but the welcome was warm, and those members and the public who came, I am sure will echo the words of Ian Manifold, "This is an excellent exhibition".

Several of our members had travelled some distances to be with us and take advantage of the Reference Library and Exchange Magazine section. Heather Eaton brought along a Fiche and Census Viewer for the benefit of everyone. Mrs. Stumbles was very pleased that she was able to help many people from her Strays Index. Sue Harrison, besides bringing along a very interesting display about her family history, helped Martyn Pratt on our Book Sales. Dennis Jagger displayed maps and publications on Old Chesterfield, and Mike Sims brought along a good display of photographs of Old Chesterfield. The display and wonderful old family photographs of Mr. Betteson's family history made some of us envious, and Ian's display of 'Manifolds' showed us what can be done with a one-name study.

These were just a few of the items on display which enticed people to either immediately join or take away an application form for 1985; Dorothy gave many out to interested people.

Special thanks go to everyone who helped in any way, especially those, who along with the committee, gave up a full Saturday of spare time for the benefit of the Society.

Sadly, for those of you who were sent a letter for contributions or help, but did not respond - You missed out on a great opportunity to further your own research and to take an active part in YOUR SOCIETY.

Pauline

P.S. Do you have a Town Crier in your family history? We had one visit our exhibition; very splendid he was in his red regalia. He then proceeded to advertise the details of our exhibition around the Chesterfield Market Place in the true fashion of the Town Crier. What more could we ask.

THE PAWNBROKER'S WINDOW - From the Derby Mercury, May 1841

There is more philosophy of life to be learned at a pawnbroker's window than in all the libraries of the world. The maxims and dogmas which wise men have chronicled disturb the mind for a moment as the breeze ruffles the surface of a deep still stream, and passes away; but there is something in the melancholy grouping of a pawnshop window which, like a record of ruin, sinks into the heart. The household goods and the cherished relics - the sacred possessions affection bestowed, or eyes now closed in death had once looked upon as their own, are here as it were profaned; the associations of dear old times are here violated - the family hearth is here outraged - the ties of love, kindred, rank and all the heart clings to are broken here; it is a sad picture, for in spite of glittering show, its associations are sombre. There hangs the watch, the old chased repeater, that hung above the head of a dying parent when bestowing his trembling blessing on the poor outcast who parted with it for bread; the widow's wedding ring is there, the last and dearest of all her possessions; the trinket, the pledge of one now dead, the only relic of the heart's fondest memories, silver that graced the holiday feast, the gilt-framed miniature that used to hang over the quiet mantleshef; the flute, the favourite of a dead son, surrendered by a starving mother to procure food for her remaining offspring, the locket that held a father's hair; or, gloomier still, the dress, the very covering of the poor, is there, waving like the flag of wretchedness and misery. It is a strange, sad sight. To those who feel aright, there are more touching memorials to be seen at a pawnbroker's window than in all the monuments in Westminster Abbey.

(Contributed by Mary Johnson, Memb.No.9)

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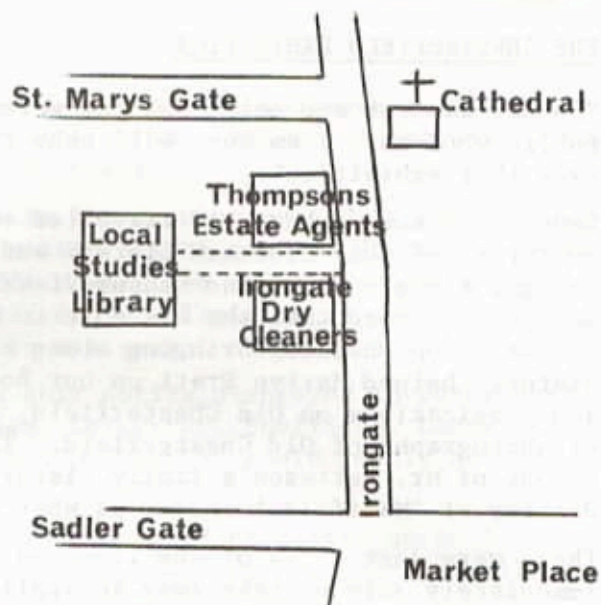
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ST. MARY, MAPPLETON (Cover Picture)

The history of the church is obscure, although first mentioned in records of Edward I 1289, when the chapels of Kniveton and Mappleton were given by the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield to be disposed of as he thought fit.

The present building is difficult to date for lack of definite records, but it is probably c.1752. The title of Rector of Mappleton disappeared in 1974 when the church became a United Benefice with Ashbourne.

The registers date from 1704 and are deposited at the County Record Office, Matlock, baptisms to 1712, marriages to 1811 and 1814 to 1937, banns to 1812, burials to 1812 and 1887 to 1892. These registers and later ones still held by the incumbent have been microfilmed to 1880. The Bishop's Transcripts are held at the Joint Record Office, Bird Street, Lichfield and date from 1677 to 1883.

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ANSON	GALLIMORE	JOHNSON	ROBERTS
AUSTIN	GATHER	JONES	ROBINSON
BARNES	GLADWIN	KENT	SALLOWAY
BASSETT	GLADWIN-ERRINGTON	KNOWLES	SCHWABE
BEESTON	GLOVER	LAMBERT	SIMPSON
BERESFORD	GOODWIN	LEBURN	SLATER
BERISFORD	GOODWIN-GLADWIN	LEGGET	SMITH
BICKERTON	GOUGH	LINETTE	SPENCER
BOND	GREATOREX	LITTLER	STEVENSON
BRINDLEY	GREATORIX	LONGDON	STIGLEY
BROOKES	GREEN	LYON	SWINDELL
BUCKSTON	GRINDEY	MACER	TRICE
CARTER	HALL	MANNERS	TROTT
CAVENDISH	HARDY	MARSHALL	TUNNICLIFF(E)
CHAMBERS	HARRIS	MASKERY	TURBUTT
CLARKE	HAWKESWORTH	MELLOR	TWIGGE
COATES	HAYNES	MITCHELL	UTTING
COOPER	HAYWOOD	MORRIS	VAUDREY
CORDEN	HEMING	MOSELEY	WALKER
DALE	HENNIKER	NAYLOR	WASHINGTON
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DUNN	HOLMES	PILKINGTON	WEBSTER
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