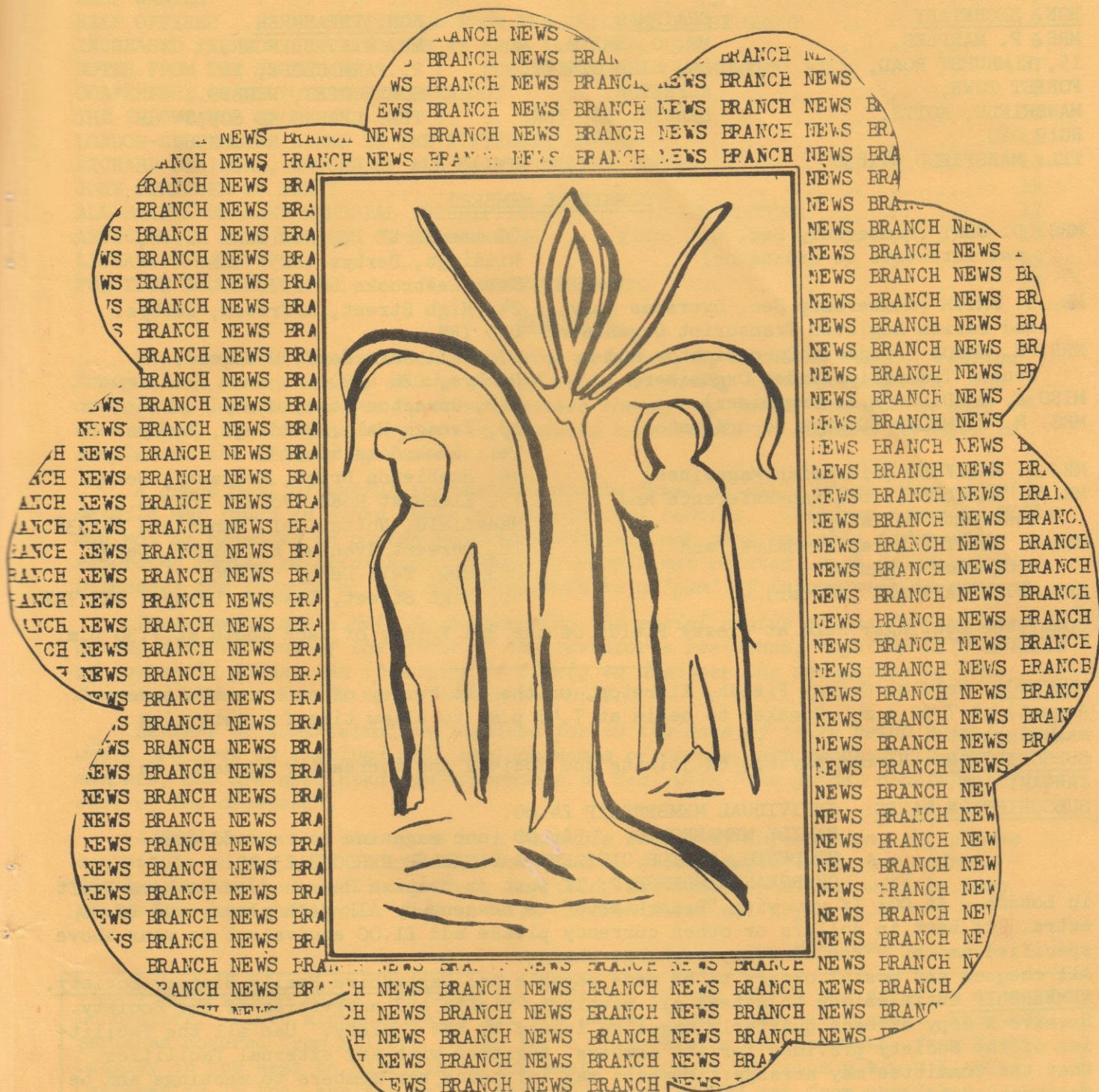


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EDITORIAL

This issue of "Branch News" contains articles, by Kathleen Zimoch, Jessica Freeman and Sandra Smith, on the use of Wills in family history research. The article by Jessica and one by Sandra passed through my letter box within days of each other, then Sandra very kindly produced her article on Richard Stringer to complement the article by Jessica.

A great deal of useful information can be found in Wills which often provide details not found in other types of genealogical records. Children named in Wills may not be recorded in parish registers and they can give valuable information regarding family relationships. Names of people not related, such as executors, witnesses and tenants of the testator could be a 'gem' of information to someone.

Inventories are a help in determining the social status of the family, some giving descriptions of the rooms of the testator's residence, together with details of household goods. An inventory is likely to disclose the occupation of the deceased when it is not mentioned in the will.

Letters of Administration, applied for in the case of there being no Will and where property is involved will include names of people, not necessarily family members, who are appointed administrators to deal with "the goods, chattels, credits etc. of the deceased".

A Will Index can therefore be a valuable source of information, so, please contribute to our Will Index being compiled by Alison Englefield, her address - 'Nether Orchard', 2, Holloway Road, Duffield, Derbyshire. Alison will be very pleased to hear from you. (see article "Branch News" no. 27, p.13.)

Winifred.

CENSUS NAMES INDEX 1851: DUFFIELD Sub District of the BELPER Registration area of Derbyshire. Lists alphabetically all the nearly 7,000 names with ages. Thirteen parishes covered from Milford in the North to Markeaton in the South, from Kirk Langley in the West to Duffield in the East. Price £2.00 (plus p & p U.K. 20p) Overseas £2.75 inc. surface mail. Have YOU bought YOURS yet from our Sales Librarian?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 6th April - Annual General Meeting. Copies of the Constitution available on request.
- 4th May - 'Preserving the past for the future' (The I.G.I. and Salt Lake City Archives) by Mr. Jeffrey Packe, representative for the Genealogical Society of L.D.S. (possibility of slides)
- 1st June - Members' Evening.
- 6th July - 'Tracing the survivors of the Charge of the Light Brigade' (illustrated by slides and sound-tract) by Kenneth Horton, who has done a great deal of work on this subject; research still continues.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined us by 20th Jan. 1984.

805. Mrs. Lee SCHAAL, 1008, 33 Ave. Vernon, B.C. Canada. Vit. 6R7. Searching - TOMLINSON (Arthur John) of BIRMINGHAM bn. 1868 & (Annie Elizabeth, nee BACON) wife of the above, bn. DERBY 1871; BACON (Annie, nee WROOM) died DERBY, but prob. from IRELAND; TOMLINSON (Joseph) of DERBY & wife Mary, poss. bn. DERBY, (nee TAYLOR); WARD (John Thomas) & his wife Maude (nee JEFFRIES) bn. DERBY.
806. Mrs. Joy APPLEBY, 63 Moriarty Road, Latrobe, Tasmania 7307. Searching - HEATHCOTE (George Haddon) emigrated to Australia in early 1800's.
807. Mrs. Helen W. HUNT, 777 McMurray 20, Richland, WA. 99352 U.S.A. Searching - LOMAS (Abraham) of CHAPEL en le FRITH, b. 1790; LOMAS (David) of GLOSSOP, b. 1818, David Lomas marr. Elizabeth Mary HAMMERSLEY in 1841.
808. New York Public Library.
809. Mrs. Shirley Phelps BRUSO, 6508, 103rd St. Court East, Puyallup, Washington, 98373 U.S.A. Searching - HAYNES of DERBY 1795; REEVE of DERBY 1795; RICHARDSON & DAY both of DERBY/SPONDON/DUFFIELD 1795; WARNER of RUGBY, War. 1851; WARNER & REEVE of STANESTON /BADBY Northants. 1841; ARNOTT & HINDLE of LEEDS, Yorks. 1780; HYDE, GRIMSHAW & SEDDON of LEIGH/MANCHESTER/FAILSORTH, Lancs. 1775.
863. Mr. Alun ROWLAND, 7, Beechwood Close, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3JZ. Searching - ROWLAND of WINSTER nr. MATLOCK 1777; BROOKS of DERBY (Weston St.) 1858.
864. Mrs. Elsie M. THOMSON, 10 Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, Notts. NG15 9FE. Searching - STANHOPE of ALFRETON and also of Notts. 1730.
865. Mrs. Jean PICK, The Croft, Pilsley, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - PARRIS of KENT 1864.
866. Mr. D.T. HORSLEY, 30, Garden Avenue, Ilkeston, Derbys. Searching - HORSLEY of PYE BRIDGE/RIDDINGS/ALVASTON/WEST BRIDGFORD 1770.
867. Miss O.C. MEAKIN, 4, Roughton Close, Mickleover, Derbys. DE3 5UD. Searching - MEAKIN of DERBY 1814; TAYLOR of ALLESTREE 1842; TOMLINSON of CHELLASTON 1822; PANNETT of MARKEATON 1825; DIX of DERBY 1860; BOOTH of MACCLESFIELD, Chesh. 1860.
868. Mrs. B.H. SLEIGH, 5, Balmoral Grove; Hazel Grove, nr. Stockport, Cheshire SK7 4QF. Searching - MYCOCK of TADDINGTON 1808; VERNON of the HOPE area 1827; DOUGHTY of FAIRFIELD/LONGNOR/BUXTON 1800; NALL of CASTLETON 1808; HOROBIN of EARL SHERNDALE 1800.
869. Mrs. Marie N. Quinney, School House, Station Road, Collingham, Newark, Notts. NG23 7RA. Searching - SPENCER (George) of NORTH NOTTS 1767; NEWBURY with variants of DORSET/DEVON 1810; APPLING with variants DORSET/DEVON 1810; WHITE (Daniel) of DERBY 1814; WRIGHT (John) of ROSSINGTON, Yorks. pre 1809; BOREBANK (Thomas) of NOTTS. & DERBYS (any time anywhere); CONALEY with variants (Joseph) NOTTINGHAM & NEWARK c. 1823; GENT (Edward) of NOTTS. & DERBYS. c. 1755.
870. Mrs. S. MURFIN, 114, Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby, DE7 1FL. Searching - ADCOCK of MELBOURNE 1801 and of LEICS. pre. 1801; COOPER of MELBOURNE and of WILSON, Leics. 1756; EARP of DERBYS/LEICS/NOTTS.
871. Mrs. Dorothy FLOWERS, 2, Early Bank, Staley Bridge, Cheshire SK15 2RV. Searching - WILSON (Matthew) of THORNHILL, HOPE bp. 1697; HARRISON (James) of GAMESLEY nr. GLOSSOP bp. 1761; BANCROFT (Thomas) of BRADWELL, HOPE marr. 1789; LOMAS (George) of BRADSHAW EDGE, will dated 1802; WALTON (John) of CROSSINGS, BRADSHAW EDGE, CHAPEL en le FRITH marr. 1786; MIDDLETON (Charity) of SMALLDALE, HOPE bp. 1803.
872. Mrs. Pat. PICKERING, 443, Doncaster Road, Ardsley, Barnsley, Yorks. Searching - WESTON 1811 and SWINSON 1837, both of DENBY/HORSLEY/SMALLEY/RIPLEY.

873. Mrs. J. FORRESTER, 199, Kingsway, Osset, W. Yorks. WF5 8ED. Searching - LIMB of DERBYS/NOTTS/LANCS; BODEN of MATLOCK & WIRKSWORTH area; HOWLING of ENGLAND & IRELAND; GREEVES of LINCS. & CAMBS.; COUSINS of NORFOLK; FORRESTER of HULL & IRELAND; CANSICK of ENGLAND; FLATT of NORFOLK; SALMON of WEST DEREHAM, NORFOLK; NEARNEY of ENGLAND & IRELAND; TAYLOR of TATHWELL, LINCS. and of WEST LYNN, NORFOLK.
874. Mrs. Wendy BATEMAN, 96, Belper Road, Derby DEL 3EQ. Searching - BATEMAN of BARTHOMLEY, Staffs. 1810; MELLOR of WINSFORD, Chesh. 1790; BRISTO(W) of THORNE, Yorks. 1825; BODEN of WINSFORD, Chesh. 1790; WHITE of PORTSMOUTH, Hants. 1870.
875. Mr. Gordon GREATOREX, 181, Burnaby Road, Coventry, CV6 4AX. Searching - GREATOREX of WINSTER 1800. Marriage of Henry GREATOREX to Ann BOAM c. 1845 needed. Has anyone information on a Derby church, said to have been bombed during the first world war, poss. by a Zeppelin?
876. Mr. S.P. ROBINSON, 45, Oakfield Gardens, London N18 1NY. Searching - FROST & HALL of HEAGE & DUFFIELD late 1700's. Would also like information on the Muggletonians.
877. Miss R. TINLEY, 16, Lincoln Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln, LN6 8HE. Searching - TINLEY of HEANOR, Derbys. & of Notts. 1750; ATKIN of DERBYS. & NOTTS. 1800; PARNELL of WARWICKSHIRE 1750; TREADGOLD of NORTHANTS. 1700; MAULEVERER with variants of YORKS. & NOTTS. 1580; HALL of WORCESTER 1800.
878. Mrs. Beryl NORTH, 51, Mansfield Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. Searching - BUXTON of DERBYS. & YORKS. MOSEBOROUGH & SHEFFIELD.
879. Mr. J.H. CHAWNER, 43, Spring Lane, Balderton, Newark, Notts. NG24 3NZ. Searching - CHAWNER of ASHBOURNE, Derbys. 1580.
880. Mrs. Sheila M. TAYLOR, 2, Roughton Close, The Woodlands, Mickleover, Derby. Searching - ROBINSON of St. NEOTS 1876; CLIFFORD of Leics. 1821; PASHLEY of ROTHERHAM, Yorks. 1837.
881. Mrs. Beryl HALL, 94, Blundell Road, Hightown, Merseyside, L38 9EQ. Searching - JOHNSON of SHIPLEY/ILKESTON, Derbys. 1800; BLOUNT of ILKESTON 1880; GOUGH of AWSWORTH/ILKESTON, Derbys. 1890; BLOUNT of MELTON MOWBRAY area Leics. 1758; ATTEWELL of EATON, Leics. 1830.
882. Mrs. Carol LANGHORN, 41, Orchard Road, Compstall, Stockport. Chesh. Searching - GRIFFIN 1768; GODBER with variants 1788; PARKER 1770; MITCHELL 1788; BUNTING 1835. All of WIRKSWORTH, Derbys.
883. Mr. B.D.P. WETTERS, 151, Oldfield Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4HY. Searching - DRINKWATER of BUGSWORTH/GLOSSOP/CHAPEL en le FRITH, Derbys. 1750; FORD of CHAPEL en le FRITH 1717; BARBER of MELLOR, Derbys. 1820; ARNFIELD of SMITH of MELLOR, 1785; BRAMWELL of CHAPEL en le FRITH 1791.
884. Mr. Nicholas WATERHOUSE, Meavy House, Meavy, Nr. Yelverton, Devon. Searching - WATERHOUSE of HAYFIELD, North Derbys. and of LIVERPOOL/LANCASHIRE all 1600.
885. Mr. H. WATERHOUSE, 106, Cromwell Street, Sheffield, S6 3RP. Searching - WATERHOUSE as above.
886. Mrs. Beth MEESE, Trenarren, 3, New Street, Ockbrook, Derby. DE7 3RA. Searching - FORD of HULL/Yorks. 1850's; HAWKINS of FOREST of DEAN, Gloucs. 1840's; CLIFFORD also of FOREST of DEAN 1863; MASON of AIRMYN, Yorks. 1800's; JACKSON of GOOLE/HOWDEN, Yorks. 1860's; MEESE of BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs. 1690.
887. Mr. R.S.D. REANEY, Flat 5, 3, Parrs Close, Sanderstead, Surrey, CR2 0QX. Searching - REANEY with variants of DRONFIELD/ECKINGTON/NORTON, Derbys. 1655 - 1720.
888. Mr. and Mrs. A.B. BRITTON, 119, Holly Hill Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4DL. Searching - BOWER of CHESTERFIELD, Derbys. 1777; ELLIOTT (parish clerks) 1772, FIDLER 1800, HOFF 1771, WYLDE 1797, all of WINGERWORTH, Derbys. WHITE of NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbys. 1797.

889. Mrs. Joan Groom WHITE, 62, Parkstone Avenue, Poole, Dorset. BH14 9LS. Searching - EMMERSON of DERBYS. any time; PLANT also of DERBYS. anytime; CLAXTON anywhere/anytime; HELLYER/HELLIER/HELLIAR, of the Sth of ENGLAND 17th Cent.; GROOM of GLOS/SALOP/ESSEX late 18th early 19th cent.; CROUCH of GLOS/SALOP/ESSEX anytime.
890. Miss Patricia NEAL, 19, The Common, South Normanton, Derbys. DE7 5EN. Searching - NEAL of AMPHILL & MILBROOK, Beds. c. 1900; ALLSOPP of EASTWOOD, Notts. c. 1900; CHAMBERS of EASTWOOD; GOODMAN of HILCOTE, Derbys.; MILLERSHIP of EASTWOOD, all c. 1900.
891. Mr. P.R. PURCELL, 33, Glyndebourne Gardens, Corby, Northants.
892. Mr. and Mrs. B.J. DAWSON, 2 Buttermere Drive, Allestree, Derby DE3 2SN. Searching - DAWSON & SHORT both of DERBY.
893. Mrs. Sheila M. LLEWELLYN, 15, Burcot Park, Burcot, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 3DH. Searching - BERESFORD (David) of ASHOVER, 1806 - 1812; BARTON (Ann) of MATLOCK, Marrd. 1836; WEBSTER (John and wife Sarah) of RIBER, 1775 - 1854; STATHAM (Isaac) of RIBER, 1810; STEELE (Hannah) of RIBER, 1816; WALDRAM (Charlotte) of CROMFORD, 1840.
894. Mrs. Bernice OWEN, 3, Stepping Stone, Maulds Meaburn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3HN. Searching - BANKS of HARTINGTON & CHESTERFIELD, Derbys. 1725; HODGKINSON of CHESTERFIELD 1828; WARDLE of HARTINGTON, Derbys. & of SHEEN, Staffs. 1803; FLYNN of NORTH WALES & of LANCS. 1875; WHITHAM of CALDERDALE, Yorks. 1820.
895. Mrs. Natalia SOLOMONS, 'La Grande Lande', 72, Margraten Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex. Searching - SMITH of HUCKNALL, Notts. 1837 & of SACHERWELL, W. DERBY c. 1810.
Family Christian names - James, Alexander, Sylvester, Howitt.
896. Mr. Neil YOUNGER, 8 Ormsby Road, Newbold, Chesterfield, Derbys. S41 8SA. Searching - PLANT of YORKSHIRE & SUNDERLAND 1860's; YOUNGER of DURHAM 1850; BARRAS poss. of NEWCASTLE 1868; PARKIN of NEWCASTLE 1874; FENWICK of DURHAM 1843.
897. Mrs. L.F. KELLOE, 37, Middle Way, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4JY. Searching - BOLAS & HINCHCO.

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109. Mrs. S. TOMKINSON, Sandybrook House, Sandybrook, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 5AE.
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455. Mrs. Kathleen ZIMMOCH, 67, Hertha Road, Innaloo, W.A. 6018, Australia.

HELP WANTED!

TOWNSEND
CRICH
MOOR

Information sought on TOWNSEND of EAKING/MANSFIELD/FARNSFIELD, Notts. and in Derbys. Also on CRICH & MOOR of PLEASLEY, Derbys. & CRICH of ASHOVER c. 1588. Mr. G. TOWNSEND, 483 East 57th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V5X 1S8. (Memb. no. 184)

BATTESON

Searching for JOHN BATTESON bn. c. 1817 in DERBY. Later info reveals he became a carpenter journeyman and was the son of JOHN BATTESON (Farmer). Any info. regarding JOHN BATTESON snr. or jnr. most welcome. MR. R. BATTESON, 17, Orchards Way, Walton Road, Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 3DA. (Memb. no. 530)

BRITTON
BRITAIN

Help needed please to trace the date of place of marriage of EDWARD (coalminer) and SARAH BRITAIN. Also the bap. of their son EDWARD, who, according to the 1871 census, was bn. c. 1824 at BELPER. Mrs. D. NEWTON, 9, St. Christopher's Avenue, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. OL6 9DT. (Memb. no. 550)

SILKSTONE

Any info. please on the birth or marr. of WILLIAM SILKSTONE, bn. c. 1841, prob. in DERBY. He marr. HARRIET WOODIWISS c. 1865, poss at ASHOVER, but not sure. WILLIAM became a dairyman and lived at 7, Grey St. in 1895. Had 9 children. MIRIAM, EMMA, GEORGE, ELLEN, SAMUEL, MARY ANN, WILLIAM, HARRY & MARY LILIAN (my grandmother). WILLIAM was bur. 29 Oct. 1916 at DERBY. Mrs. B. PARRY, 13, Albert Road, Nottingham, NG11 6QE. (Memb. no. 429)

COUPE
ADSETTS

Info. sought on these surnames within the ELMTON/SCARCLIFFE area. In particular looking for marr. of GERVAISE COUPE c. 1690, also of JOHN COUPE c. 1660. Mr. J. COUPE, "Brookthorpe", 50, Valley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 2NL. (Memb. no. 594)

BROCKLEHURST

Info. on this family sought. JAMES BRUNT marr. NANCY BROCKLEHURST c. 1866 and a child was born to them at WILDBOARCLOUGH in 1868. I have a jug (an apprentice piece) marked with the name of KEZIAH BROACHLEHURST 1829 Mrs. D. RIX, 270, Turkey Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex TN39 5HY. (Memb. no. 655)

BOREBANK
WHITE

Info. appreciated on parents/antecedents & marr. of THOMAS BOREBANK, bookkeeper. Two of his children, THOMAS & ELIZA, bn. HEANOR, Derbys. c. 1818 & 1835, were living in RADFORD, Notts. in 1851. ELIZA marr. a WILLIAM GEORGE WRIGHT in RADFORD in 1855. Info. needed also on DANIEL WHITE bn. 1814, DERBY, St. Peter's. Enlisted in the army in 1832, had a son DANIEL. Mrs. C. QUINNEY, School House, Station Road, Collingham, Nr. Newark, Notts. (Memb. no. 869) Postage refunded.

GREGG
GREGGE

Foot (Foote) GREGG (1700 - 1764) was bapt. & bur. in the parish of PUTNEY, LONDON, but Lysons and others always refer to him as being "of DERBY". This also occurs in a Grant of Arms dated 1725. He certainly had a residence in Derby, relinquishing the lease in 1732. He was a London lawyer and, with his associates, seems to have been involved in the coal mining industry. They rented a number of properties in Derbyshire and North Staffs, presumably for the purpose of extracting coal. Any info. about these activities, Foot Gregg's place of residence and, in particular, whether he had a wife and family, would be of great interest. (An ANNE GREGG marr. JOSEPH RILEY at SMALLEY or MORLEY on 23rd July 1762 and may have been a daughter. Mr. R. CARR-GREGG, 13 Godfries Close, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 0LQ. (Memb. no. 660)

SHEPHERD
CHATFIELD
BLORE
CLAY

Seeking information on THOMAS SHEPHERD (born app. 1772), m. MARTHA. On the 1841 DOVERIDGE, DERBYSH. Census has WM. B. 20 Oct. 1818 and MARTHA (app. b- date 1833). WM. SHEPHERD 1818 m. 6 Nov. 1844 to ANN CHATFIELD in DOVERIDGE. JOSEPH CHATFIELD m. 20 Apr. 1780 DOVERIDGE, to ELIZ. CLAY (app. b- 1752). Children, Joseph, Henry, Jenny, Webb, Mary, Wm., and Thomas. JOSEPH CHATFIELD (app. b- 1756) d- 1833 Doveridge M-31 May 1802 to MARY BLORE (app. b- 1777) d. 1835. Children are Josiah, Mary, John, Wm. and Ann. Any help would be appreciated. Mrs. Robert HOLCOMB, 365 Mistletoe Cir., Corvallis, Oregon 97330 U.S.A. (Memb. no. 685)

HELP WANTED cont.

MANOR OF RIPLEY I have a programme inviting my gr. grandfather to the Annual General Meeting of the 'Lords of the Manor' of Ripley on Wed. 14 April 1875, at 11 a.m. held at the White Lion Inn - Ripley (Derbys.) On the back of this my gr. grandmother has written "I and my sisters were Ladies of the Manor of Ripley". Can anyone tell me what this was. Mrs. P. PICKERING, 443, Doncaster Road, Ardsley, Barnsley, South Yorks. S71 5ER. (Memb. no. 872)

HELP OFFERED!

MAP OF DERBYSHIRE: If any member is interested, I have a copy of the map of Derbyshire by John Spede, dated 1610. Anyone may have a copy on receipt of a S.A.E. plus a loose 16p stamp to cover cost of duplication. I would be glad to swap copies with a member who has a similar map (i.e. 1610) of Nottinghamshire. Mrs. P. TOTTERDELL, 46, Hillside, Horsham, Sussex, RH12 1NG. (Memb. no. 620)

TAYLOR: Included in the 1881 census for BILSTON is a MATILDA BATE who I know is formerly a TAYLOR, who was aged 25 yrs. and marr. to JOSEPH BATES my 3rd gr. grandfather. Also a WILLIAL TAYLOR, aged 48 yrs., both stated as coming from DRAYCOTT, Derbys. and resided at 6, Colo Lanes, Bilston. If any member is interested in the above, I will be pleased to let them have a copy of the entry. I should be very interested to know more about the TAYLOR family. Mrs. A. JAMES, Micklewood Crossing House, Nr. Longnor, Shrewsbury, SY5 7QD.

TRANSPORT OFFER: Lifts to record offices etc. for petrol. Contact MARTYN PRATT, 16, Derwnet Avenue, Allestree, Derby. DE3 2DQ. Tel: Derby 557896.

1851 CENSUS for BIRMINGHAM AREA: Mr. Stanley CLIVES of 'Kopje', 42, Frith View, Chapel en le Frith, via Stockport, Derbys. SK12 6TT, has copies of the 1851 census for HARBOURNE, LADYWOOD and EDGBASTON areas of Birmingham. He is willing to search these for members of our Society free of charge, provided a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed. He also has many parish register transcripts of the Birmingham area and Staffordshire.

AN INVITATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE CHILWELL HOUSE GROUP



The Chilwell House Group continues to meet on the third Friday of most months and is attended by a few loyal regulars, plus other members who drop in on a more casual basis. The discussions are generally informative and helpful (most of us like solving other peoples problems) and are of benefit both to individual members and the group as a whole. What we would like to see, however, is more D.F.H.S. members at the House Group meetings. So, if you live anywhere near Chilwell, please come along and join us. You will be most welcome and if you require further information, give me a ring on Nottingham 259390.

Christine Ward.

INCREASED FEES FOR BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES AS FROM 1st APRIL 1984

At the General Register Office London: (St. Catherine's House).

- Personal application for standard certificate - £5.
- Short form of birth certificate - £2.50.
- Postal application for standard certificate - £10.
- Postal application for short form of birth certificate - £7.50.

At the Local Register Office: (Issued by Superintendent Registrar).

- Standard certificate - £5.
- Short form of birth certificate - £2.50.

Issued by a Registrar of Births and Deaths: Standard certificate - £2.
(From Mr. J. Bannister, Memb. no.1)

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

TYPING: Thank you to those members who have offered to help with typing. I now have a number of people to call on in an 'hour of need'.

DIALECTS: Some time ago I asked members to send in Derbyshire sayings. One member has shown great interest and we are talking about the possibility of a publication on dialects. He requests that more of you send in your 'local sayings'. This could help YOUR research; what may be a local expression to you regarding work, school or play may be foreign to someone else. For instance, a short time ago I offered to shop for an old uncle; I looked at him in amazement when he asked me to fetch a small tin loaf! Has that set you thinking? Please send your local sayings to me. I hope I get too many to acknowledge, so see "Branch News" in June for a thank you.

SALES: Our Sales Librarian is being kept busy. The Census Book is selling well. Members' Interest Supplement No. 3 is high on the request list and we now have a new 'Library Contents' for sale at 45p. We are often asked "What is the Reference Section?" It's all contained in this new booklet for only 45p. (plus 20p p. & p. in U.K., overseas £1.00 including surface mail)

HARLAXTON MANOR JUNE 30th: Grantham, Lincs. A One Day event with interesting speakers, bookstalls and the chance to meet and talk with members of your own and other Societies. This was a very good event last year, so don't miss out in 1984. All for approximately £7.50. If possible, I will include a booking form with this magazine. If not, please send S.A.E. for further details.

JANUARY MEETING: The first meeting of 1984 was well attended with many people travelling long distances to be with us. It is good to keep welcoming new members and to see members taking advantage of the various library sections.

REFERENCE SECTION: Thank you to everyone who has donated a book or other item recently. This section is growing at a fast pace due to the hard work and generosity of both members and other people.

MISSING FROM THE REFERENCE SECTION after the NOVEMBER MEETING: A Blue Book. "WORLD CONFERENCE ON RECORDS - PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE" Part 1.

Please contact Malcolm if you inadvertently took this book home. Can I remind everyone that items in the Reference Section are NOT TO BE TAKEN AWAY.

GET WELL: I have heard that one or two of our members have been ill of late and I hope they will all soon be fighting fit and back on the Ancestor Trail.

PUBLIC RECORDS AMENDMENT BILL: We sent a 'News Flash' to all home members about the 'Public Records Amendment Bill' and it was pleasing to know that some of you re-acted to this and wrote to Lord Teviot, George Pelling and myself. (see our chairman's remarks later).

The A.G.M. will soon be with us again. It was an interesting meeting last year; do come along. Once the main business is over there will be the usual opportunity to view the Reference Section, read other Society's magazines and to buy from Martyn at the Sales counter.

AUTUMN CONFERENCE: To be held at Norwich University of East Anglia 31st Aug. - 2nd Sept. For details write to: The Conference Secretary, The Hyde, Main Road, Fleggburgh, Norfolk, NR29 3AG.

Pauline.

PUBLIC RECORDS (AMENDMENT) BILL: Many of you read the November News Flash and kindly wrote to the Chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies, Mr. George Pelling with respect to your opposition to the charges proposed in Lord Teviot's Public Records (Amendment Bill). Your letters certainly had the desired effect for the Society received a letter from George Pelling acknowledging their receipt and asking if we would further amplify and clarify our report as follows:-

1. Charges are already made for access to public records at 3 County Record Offices.
2. The proposed Bill concerned only the records of births, marriages and deaths over 100 years old and which were to be removed from the custody of the Registrar General to the Public Record Office.

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3. Indexes for these records have always been available and will continue to be so, free of charge.
4. Microfilm copies of these (register entries) have now been made and the proposed charges related to a sight of these records on microfilm. The intention was that this innovation should be self financing.
5. The Liverpool Conference resolution reflected the spread of charges to other public records.
6. The Brighton Conference resolution was that "if these particular charges are inevitable then let us try to influence the amount and incidence of them".
7. A sub-committee was formed and is in negotiation and discussion with all interested parties.
8. George Pelling has been invited to visit us in 1984 and it is hoped he will be able to give members an up to date account of the situation.

(Garry Smith, chairman)

CONFERENCE - COMPUTERS IN GENEALOGY

Member, Martin Jackson, attended this one day conference, organised by the Society of Genealogists at Queen Elizabeth College, University of London on Saturday 29th October.

After registration and coffee, the people attending (over 100) were addressed by Mr. Anthony Camp - Director of the Society of Genealogists, who reviewed the past 16 months of the 'Computers in Genealogy' sub-section of the Society of Genealogists. He then went on to introduce Dr. Nicholas Cox, who is the current Head of the Public Records Office's Research and Planning Unit. Dr. Cox spoke on the Impact of Computers on the P.R.O. and the difficulties encountered in the use of computers were much the same as in any large business but are compounded by the diverse nature of the records, the transcription of the details, and the cataloguing of these. It has been decided to make the Index of material available on micro-fiche instead of the more usual printed form, saving publication time by many months and also greatly reducing costs. The magnitude of the problem may be shown by the fact that a proposed names index might have to contain upwards of 50 million computer characters or 'bytes'. A rationalisation of resources means that there will be a speeding up at Chancery Lane in parallel to the records held at Kew. There were many questions from the floor - all of which were comprehensively answered by Dr. Cox, including whether computers would speed up the access to information. This would probably be so, but the costs of this implementation are still being studied. It was also stated that there are many problems with archiving the information being passed in the "Electronic Office" and in inter-departmental memoranda in Government previously held on paper, but in future this may not be kept at all, therefore "losing" material vital to future historians.

The second speaker was introduced by Dr. C.P. Watts, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society of Genealogists; this was John Welford, who works in the Program Library of the University of Edinburgh. His subject was "The Establishment of Portable Interchange Formats for Genealogical Data - can we hope to reach an acceptable standard?".

John reminded the audience of the objects of the meeting and of the levels of interest of the members, spanning from the professionals to the complete novice who wants the computer to assist in the task of record keeping. The problem is one of people using different standards and thereby locking out all others because of non-compatibility of Data when stored on computer tape or disc. The aim surely is to use one format so that all information is machine readable and therefore interrogatable by others than the originator of the Data.

Firstly - a commonality of hardware must be aimed at, and secondly information must be complete - Data not being reduced in an attempt to save computer storage space. John cited some records held by the Soc. Gen. that are virtually unintelligible today because of the compiler's coding of that information. Acceptable coding

could be the Chapman Code of Counties, but until a list of place names, perhaps based on Map Grid references is completed, then complete place names ought to be used, as should occupations. He referred to the 1851 Census transcription and the need to achieve Data Interchange, citing the difficulty in no standard of Data representation, i.e. 31 Oct. 83, or 10-31-1983, etc. The reduction of Data intentionally, e.g. Blind/Deaf/Dumb omission by some - because it does not matter very much to the genealogist, whereas the social historian would find the omission unacceptable. The marital state is often coded as M or U or W, but can appear as 'Bach' or 'Spin', etc. Unless household delineation is noted then the information is degraded for some users; all P.R.O. information should be used - the user may wish to refer back to the original document. John went on to make specific recommendations in the field of Data format, and the use of the British Standards in Data Interchange using a Restricted Character set based on the ASCII Standard (American Standard Code of Information Interchange).

In conclusion he suggested that in order to promote and preserve a common standard, the following could be adopted:

1. Personal entry of Census Data held on a "DATA COLLECTION FORMAT FILE".
2. This to be passed to the Soc. Gen. who would apply a "CONVERSION PROGRAM" to produce a "PUBLIC DATA FORMAT FILE", the basic data also being stored at the University of Essex Data Archive.
3. A copy of the Data after conversion to be available to the Indexer and the Transcriber.
4. The eventual output being a printed copy and transcription available to all genealogists.

The subsequent question time was most provoking with arguments for and against the proposal and no conclusions were made except to say that a paper should be published after due discussion to recommend standards acceptable to all levels of genealogists with the aim of making all data available to all. Afterwards, David Hawgood, Chairman of the Computers Committee, informed the meeting of the specialist groups in being, and asked members to make full use of the facilities available.

In the afternoon there was a demonstration by 10 members of their computers, the applications showing everything from the 1851 Census transcription to One Name Studies. Novices were urged to try the systems for themselves - perhaps this being the incentive for many to make the big step into computing. The already committed were able to see how others were using the equipment and much valuable exchanging of Techniques was made.

In the final session of Open Forum, the Chairman encouraged discussion on all aspects, and members agreed that it had been a very stimulating and rewarding day.

Further details of this Conference will be given in the Soc. Gen.'s December issue of 'Computers in Genealogy' obtainable from the Society.

Subscription for the Computer Interest Group is £3.00 annually, and the Society publishes four quarterly newsletters; however, single copies are available from the Society at £1.00 per copy.

THE WAKELIN INDEX of Britons who died Overseas: Mr. Dennis Pearce is continuing the index started by the late George Wakelin. He asks for lists of names or information as to where such information is stored. This index will be available for research by anyone affiliated to the Federation of Family History Societies. Please send information to Mr. D. Pearce, 'Wayside', Roman Road, Twyford, Hampshire SO21 1QW.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WILLS

January 1984

by Mrs. Kathleen Zimoch, 67, Hertha Road, Innaloo, W.A.6018.
Australia.

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to all the members who have written to me during the year 1983, especially Carolyn Heathcote who researched Lichfield R.O. for my Abbot Wills.

I would also like to commend you for starting the Wills Beneficiary Index. I received my journal Christmas Eve and it has taken me nearly two weeks to read through and Index my Wills, (I didn't know I had collected so many, 66 including extracts and Administrations).

Wills are vital in establishing the correct relationship, especially when there are more than one family in the same area having the same names. This past year has been particularly beneficial as I was able to visit both Nottingham and Lichfield RO to follow up on some death dates I had collected.

Perhaps the greatest breakthrough were the following Wills provided by Carolyn Heathcote. Unable to find the Chr. of Judith Abbott ca.1708 at Morley with her siblings, she appeared on her two brothers Wills under her married name also her son William Saxton. This also established a link between a Will I had aquired earlier of Robert Saxton of Morley Park - Morley Park had come down through the Abbott and not the Saxton line.

There were 3 William and Mary Saxton's all having children the same period, my William Abbott Saxton had two children in Cropwell Butler Notts. When did he leave Morley, did he marry in Derby or Notts, did he have any children in Derby, were questions I asked myself. The LDS microfiche showed three William and Mary marriages. I took a chance and ordered Parish Records for Derby St. Alkmund and sure enough the full entry read: Marr. 15 Apr. 1776 William Saxton of Cropwell Butler of Tidby (Tithby Parish) Co. Notts. and Mary Smith of Long Eaton. His Will showed him to have the two children born to them at Notts.

I work as assistant librarian at the LDS genealogical library here and also involved in extracting names for the LDS microfiche. I would like to say to all members to view the Parish Records after viewing the LDS IGI Index, as it is only an index. I feel a great responsibility in emphasizing this as the Parish Records often give so much more additional information, especially the marriages. The Yorkshire Parish I am presently working on gives the male party in a lot of cases coming from nearby counties to wed.

Six members responded to my offer to research Parish Records last year. Part of one members tree was based on the Chr. of a male child that died aged one year old, I suspect this tree was based upon the LDS microfiche alone, the extractors do not record deaths although we may see that the child may die in infancy we have not to record it. Whilst it is very exciting to think you have found your ancestor on the microfiche because he was born in 1854 somewhere in Somerset for example, perhaps so were 10 others of that name. I was asked to obtain a birth certificate of an Elizabeth Woodcock at St. Catherines house this summer, I was given the year, there were 16 in that year, so we must be careful to check things out more carefully or spend time and money following the wrong lines.

I hope to be checking Long Eaton and Stanley this coming year, if there are any members knowing their ancestors to have come from either of these Parishes and cannot get to Matlock Record Office if they care to send me 3 International Reply Coupons I will gladly research these Parish Records for them.

Meantime if anyone has the following Wills in their possession I will be pleased to hear from them.

WANTED: Any Will of KILBOURNE, daughter JUDITH wife of JOHN ABBOTT (possible brother Michael Kilbourne) possibly Stanley, Derbyshire.

WANTED: Any SMITH Will, daughter Mary wife of WILLIAM ABBOTT SAXTON possibly of Long Eaton.

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WANTED: Any Will of GRAY, daughter Elizabeth wife of JOHN SANDAY of Cotgrave, Notts.

WANTED: Any BRITTLE Will, daughter Elizabeth wife of BENJAMIN REYNOLDS of Lowdham, Notts.

The following articles which have a common link were received within a few weeks of each other. Many thanks to Jessica Freeman and to Sandra Smith.

LONDON-DERBYSHIRE LINKS IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY by Jessica Freeman (Memb. no. 706)

It is not often that one can find evidence of the movement around the country of families, particularly in the more distant centuries, so I was interested to come across a related group of families that had London links during the second half of the fifteenth century.

The man linking the four families together was William Shore, mercer of London, and also of the Town of Derby and of Middleburg, Zealand, in Flanders. His will, dated 27th November 1494, was proved in the PCC that same year. In it he named as his executors his brother-in-law John Agard of Foston in the county of Derby, his cousin Rafe Agard, John's son, and his cousin Richard Strenger of Derby. Shore bequeathed "according to my fader's will all such lyvelod as came to me by means of my fadre... except the stable and gardyn and fishehowse which was given to my modre which is to be sold ..." He owned property both in Derbyshire and in Middleburg, and the proceeds of the sale of these were to be distributed mainly amongst various religious guilds and churches, including All Hallows, Derby. The residue of his goods, after bequests to John and Rafe Agard, to Richard Strenger and William his son and heir, as well as to John Hall or Hawe(s), mercer of London, his wife and their daughter Ann, was bequeathed to his executors "to dispose for my soule and my frends souls".

William Shore probably belonged to the same family that had returned several members to Parliament for Derbyshire, among them Thomas Shore in 1411 and Ralph Shore in 1421. This links up again with the Agard family, for John Agard's father Thomas Agard of Foston was Member of Parliament for the Borough of Derby in 1450.

William Shore's wife would have been a sister of John Agard rather than the other way round (as John Agard's two wives are known to have been Johane Wolseley and Maud Stanley, widow of Sir John Ferrers). Mistress Agard was William Shore's first wife, and must have died several years before her husband, for as his second wife William chose a much younger woman and had the dubious distinction of seeing her become the mistress of King Edward IV. She was later called Mistress "Jane" Shore, though recent research indicates that this was a subsequent literary fabrication. She was, in fact, Elizabeth, daughter of another prosperous London mercer John Lambert, a fellow member of the Company of Mercers with William Shore. On 1st March 1476 Pope Sixtus IV sent a mandate to hear the petition for nullity of the marriage of Elizabeth Lambert, alias Schore, the wife of William Schore, on the grounds that he was "frigid and impotent". It is intriguing to note, however, that Elizabeth appears to have been an attractive person: Sir Thomas More describes her as "Proper she was and fair ... yet delighted not men so much in her company, as in her pleasant behavious. For a proper wit had she, and could both read well and write, merry in company ..."

Elizabeth Shore is said to have met King Edward because her father's business took him much to court, and the liaison appears to have started in about 1475/6: in any event William Shore, whose name appeared regularly in the records up to 1476, from now on disappears from view for some years, following an entry on the Patent Rolls which bestowed the King's protection upon William Shore, citizen of London, with all his lands and goods in England and elsewhere. As William Shore's name is noted as returning from Antwerp in 1484 (the year after King Edward died) and he owned property in Zealand, he had no doubt travelled to Flanders.

Once back in London, on 7th May 1487 Shore made a Deed of Gift of his goods and chattels (this is essence created a form of trust) to John Agard, John Hawe and William Caxton. William Caxton was of course the famous printer, who had spent many

years in Bruges and at the Burgundian court before returning to London in about 1476. No doubt Shore and Caxton had met either in London (where they were both members of the Mercers Company) or in Flanders.

John Agard, Receiver of Tutbury in 1486, was a member of a prominent Derbyshire family, who held hereditary offices in the Duchy of Lancaster. In his will proved at Lichfield in 1516 he mentions "the dett of an obligacon yt which is made betwene my son(in-law) Thomas Kynnersley and Raffe Aym, marchand of London which was for the detts of my son Raufe Agard". Raufe Agard died before his father, and John was succeeded by his grandson John the younger, who died in 1519. John the elder founded a chantry at St. Paul's, Scropton, and the Deed for this has also survived at Lichfield : the list of those whom the chantry priest was to prey included the name of William Shore, as well as that of George Duke of Clarence and William Lord Hastings, whose retainer John Agard had been during the 1480's. Elizabeth Shore later became Hastings' mistress after the death of King Edward and ultimately married again, to Thomas Lynam, the King's solicitor.

The third family mentioned in Shore's will was that of John Hawe, mercer of London, and his wife Margaret, whose daughter Anne married William Fitzwilliam, a fellow Alderman of John Hawe. Fitzwilliam was later Sheriff of London, and of Northants, being knighted in 1522. He was Treasurer to Cardinal Wolsey and died in 1524. John Hawe's will, dated 1516, was proved in the PCC in 1517 : he was a very wealthy man, owning a large amount of silver plate and leaving property in Honey Lane, London and at Sion, "Chelchehith" in Middlesex, as well as household effects in the town of Calais to his son Roger Hawe. Roger was also to have all his messuages, lands and tenements in the county of Derby. The most interesting items in his will, however, are his bequests to the parish churches of "Thadyngton in the peke" and "Chelmardon in the peke" where his father and mother were respectively buried.

The fourth family was that of Richard Strynger of Derby : as he is called "cozen" in Shore's will his mother was probably Shore's sister. Richard, according to his will proved PCC in 1510, was a grocer of All Saints, Derby, leaving to Richard his son his stock and shop there. His son William was to have a standing gilt cup and a maser that William Shore had given him, and he also mentions his wife Margery, daughter Margaret and brother John Strynger.

Of the two sons of Richard Strynger the elder, Richard junior is probably the Richard Stringer of Derby whose will was proved at Lichfield in 1540; and William could be the William Strynger of the parish of Sutton whose name appears in the Lichfield Act Book Entry in 1540.

Looking at these four families it is interesting to note that the links with the "home" county were kept up in London. The fathers of both William Shore and John Hawe must have been fairly substantial men in their own right, and well connected with the mercantile community in London to be able to apprentice their sons to one of the wealthiest London companies, the Mercers. It shows too how much valuable information is available from wills, and also the fascination and surprises of family history. I am a descendent of John Agard and I had no idea that my family included someone who knew William Caxton, and who must have been involved to some extent in the amours of Edward IV's court, and his brother-in-law's divorce. It indicates how much material is available to fill out the bald details of birth, marriage and death, particularly if one follows up references from the bibliography of one book to another.

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RICHARD STRINGER, GROCER OF ALL SAINTS PARISH, DERBY.

by Sandra Smith (Member no. 125)

Although it was a religious age, even during Mediaeval times the finding of money for the reparation and maintenance of churches was, as today, a headache. So, the Derby Churches of St. Peter, St. Werburg, St. Alkmund and St. Michael would welcome the six shillings and eightpence left to them for that purpose by Richard Stringer in his will of 1510.¹ Richard's generosity also extended to the, 'prioress of the nunes of Derb', and, 'her sisters', who were to receive the large sum of ten shillings and a bequest of six shillings each was made to the 'mader church of our lady of Coventre', and, 'the Cathedrall church of Lychfield'.

Richard's body was to be buried in his parish church of All Saints, Derby before the, 'aulter of Seynt Nicholas', and after, 'the custome', of the parish he bequeathed his, 'best thing', in the name of his mortuary, although normally it was usually the second best animal or its equivalent that was used for this purpose. Unfortunately there is no record of what was Richard's, 'best thing'.

Of Richard's many lands, which he held in and around Derby, his wife, Margery, was to have, 'in the name of her wyntur dower', the use of those lands, tenements and hereditaments in, 'Osmaston Lachurche Ageton and Makwoorth'; also a barn and croft in St. Michael's and a close in Derby called, 'the Hife close', together with all their appurtenances.

A bequest of £20, 'in mones', and household goods and all the debts that were owed by John Jackson was made to Margaret, Richard's daughter, 'in full recompence of hir parte of all my mouvable goods'. The, 'Rule and governance', of Margaret was left in the hands of her mother, as was, 'all goods and catalls', that were bequeathed to her, 'unto such tyme as she shalbe maried or otherwise preferred'. If Margery died before Margaret was married then the, 'guyding and Rule', of her was to pass to the overseers of Richard's will, Henry Hudson, vicar of Ashbourne and John Stringer (Richard's brother).

'All my silver (?) all my Brason morters', that were to be found in Richard's shop were left to son Richard, who was also to receive the, 'terme in a shop in Lenton' (?), and a close called, 'Romeshe', and £20, 'in money and plate'. Once again the, 'Reuole and governance', of Richard was left to Margery Stringer, until he reached the age of twenty one. On her decease it was to revert to John Leyland and, 'my ouseers'. All purchased lands, tenements and hereditaments in Derby were to be Richard junior's after the, 'ende of a hole year nexte', after his father's death.

Richard's other son, William, was to receive, 'a Nutt, a standing gilt cup', and a, 'maser', which William Shore (2), 'gave hym to have to hym and to his heyres of his body coming'. 'Household stuff', to the value of, 'xviii s', and all lands, tenements and heriditaments in Derby which Richard had, 'of the gifte and demise', of Richard, his father, were also left to William. The vicar of Ashbourne, Henry Hudson, was to have the, 'Rule and governance', of William and use the issues and profits from the lands, tenements and hereditaments, 'unto suche tyme', as William, 'shalbe prest or of age to be prest', and was to, 'fynde him to schole'.

For a term of ten years an, 'anuytie or yearlie rent', of twenty six and sixpence, 'of lawfull money of England', was made to Henry Justice, parson of, 'Alhalowes', i.e. the subdeacon of the Collegiate Church, John Newton, John Elestones and, 'Cristofer Thikker', out of Richard's 'age' in Derby which had been previously held by Thomas Bastoke, baker. This rent was a most bountiful benefaction towards the building of the great tower of All Saints, church. Payments were to be made in four equal portions at, 'the feste of the Nativitie of seynt John baptiste seynt Michell thearchanngell Cristmas', and the, 'Annucon of our lady seynt mary virgyn'. To ensure its continuity Richard stated that if the rent was, 'mynished or decayed', or a good tenant could not be found then the annual rent was to be paid out of his, 'goods and catalls', and lands. Provision was also made for rent arrears. If payment had not been made by fifteen days after any one of the feast days then the tenants were to be distrained. Any animals grazing on the, 'age', were to be put in a pound and kept there until a settlement had been made or sold to meet the payment.

The profits from a parcel of meadow in Twyford, called, 'Curson medow', had

been set aside for a yearly, 'obite', to be kept in All Saints for the souls of Richard's, 'fader and moder', and 'my soule'. 'For the tyme being', the parson, 'of the said church', was to receive sixteen pence, 'enypishe preest', tenpence, 'eny dekon beying prest', eightpence and any, 'Dekon not being preest', fourpence; the 'pische clerk', receiving sixpence for Richard's, 'Dirige and masse'. If any were so remiss as to be absent from 'the said Dirige and masse', then they, 'shalhave nothing'. At the, 'Dirige', fourpence was to be expended on bread and threepence each on ale and cheese. Richard's last wish was that the, 'obite', should be kept, 'yerely for evrmoer'.

Witnesses to Richard's will were Henry Justice, parson of the, 'church of Alhalowes', Henry Hudson, vicar of, 'Ashbourne', John Newton, James Oxley, Thomas Paynell, John Bamford and, 'othr men at Darby'.

In the churchwardens account book of All Saints for the years 1510/11 the following entry is recorded; John Newton, John Elistone and Christopher Thacker being, 'gardianor' Eccle'.

'Inpms of M'gery Stryng' for buryall of Richerd Strynger hyr late husbnde And of henry yr son Aftr the olde custo' of ye church vjs viijd'

Richard Stringer seems to have held the office of churchwarden of All Saints twice, in 1496-7 and 1505-6, although his name appears as auditor of the accounts on a number of occasions.

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1. PRO Prob 11/16
 2. William Shore founded a, 'Service' in All Saints church, 'for a pryst at St Nycholas Alter'. In an inventory of ornaments belonging to, 'Sancte Nicholas alter' is recorded:
'In p'mis on' chalice of sylv' & gylte of the gyfte of m̄ Willia' Shore
Itm' on' blak cha'lett vestemente w' all thyngs belongyng y'unto of ye gyfte of ye m̄ Shore'.
A list of altar cloths gives:
'Itm on Spruse Cofer of the gyfte of the said m̄ William shore ffoundar of the saide Chauntrye'.
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JOHN STRINGER OF DERBY

When John STRYNGER or STRINGER of All Saints' parish, Derby a prosperous baker, made his will on 20th August, 1518, he not only made provision for his worldly goods but also for his soul.

By his will, which is deposited in the Public Record Office, he appointed Robert JOHNSON, subdean of All Saints, William WOODHOUSE and Thomas HARWODE, grocer, both of the parish of St. Werburgh, Derby, as overseers to ensure that his last wishes were properly carried out by the executors, his sons, Henry and Robert.

After commending his, 'soule to almighty god to his blessed mother our lady saint mary and to all saints', in the manner of pre-Reformation wills, John requested to be buried in the choir of All Saints in the monument where his first wife, Johane, was buried. His executors were to purchase a, 'marbell stone with ymages of Laten Impressed and graven thereuppon', which was to be, 'layde upon my body', within one year of his burial. For his principal or mortuary John bequeathed, 'a silver Salt pcell gilt w' a silver cover pcell gilt'.

On the day of John's burial, six poor men, clothed in, 'vj blak gownes redy made of my cost', were to bear six torches, worth eighteen pence, around his body and were required to pray for his soul. Sixpence was given for light at the high altar and from the residue of the money, by equal portions, to the other four altars. Every priest, deacon and subdeacon who attended the burial and said placebo and dirige were to receive fourpence and twopence respectively and twenty shillings, 'in old pens', was to be distributed to scholars and poor people. An honest and convenient priest was to say masses and pray for John's soul at our Lady altar in All Saints for one year at a wage of six shillings and eightpence. After the saying of high mass on every

Saturday during the year following his burial white bread was to be distributed to the poor.

As the great tower of All Saints collegiate church was in the process of being built he left £3 6s 8d, 'to the making of the Steple (Tower) there and a boke called a Legend of the best making and a Laton Lecturne with an egle upon it of 5v price or more'. The latter was to, 'stande and doo service in the Chancell of my said prsh Church for evermore'.

Agnes, John's second wife, was to have that part of goods which had been her dowry and £10 of, 'good and lawfull money of England'. As John obviously owned much property in Derby she was also to receive the rents from a tenement in St. Alkmund's, occupied by John EYINSON, 'wever', a 'corne' (?) house, also in St. Alkmund's tenanted by Nicholas JACKSON, 'ffuller', and a tenement in the parish of St. Michael where Margery SHAW, widow, lived. The annual rent from these properties amounted to forty one shillings and Agnes was to, 'make and upholdn almanor repacōn of the said tēnts during her forsaid lyfe'.

John had lived in his house in the Cornmarket and this, with his bakehouse and, 'all other things belonginge to Bakers Crafte', and all other properties that had been given by his father Richard and father in law John WOODHOUSE were to go to Henry his eldest son and heir. Henry was also to receive a, 'standings cup of silver and gilt', and a farm, 'in the closures at St. Johns well in Derby' which John had previously indentured from the prior and convent of Rymingdon (Repton).

To son Robert, John bequeathed £20 and, 'all my purchased landes, tēnts, closures, shoppes and coatages'. To another son, Thomas, 'Chanon of Rympyndon (Repton) Monastery', he gave a tenement in Full Street where John's son in law, Richard LEGGE, 'bocher', dwelt. Daughters Margaret and Johane were to receive £20 each as was daughter Elizabeth and her husband, Richard LEGGE; their four children having six shillings and eightpence, 'a peec'.

John did not forget his servants. Gilbert HATFELDE, who was also a kinsman, was left £14, 'in full payment of all the detts and other rekonynges betwix me and him for his service', and a shop in Irongate, in the occupation of Rauf DEYN. Thomas MARTYNE, Elizabeth RUSSHETON, John FLETCHER and Margaret PLASTERER were each bequeathed six shillings and eightpence.

Various monies were left for the saying of placebo and dirige for John's soul and those of his father, mother in law, Johane, his first wife, his children and his benefactors.

A close in Litchurch fields had been purchased from Richard COLYER, tailor, Hugh ROBINSON being tenant, and the rent was to be used for a yearly, 'obite', in All Saints, 'solempnely kept with placebo dirige and masse of requiem'. The subdean, Robert JOHNSON, was to have twelvecence annually for the saying of placebo and dirige and for lights (i.e. candles) sixpence. Every parish priest sixpence, the two priests or deacons fourpence, the, 'pisshe clerk for Rynginge', sevenpence, and twenty one pence was to buy bread and ale to be distributed to the poor on the day of the obit.

The Abbot and Convent of Derby (Darley) were to have ten shillings to say a, 'Trentall'³ of masses as was the prior of the house of Francis in Derby for saying, 'a St. Gregorie Trentall'. Six shillings and eightpence was for the, 'prioress of the house of Nunnes beside Derby', and also to each parish church in Derby for the saying of placebo and dirige.

The witnesses of John's will were Richard KEY, vicar of St. Peter's, Derby, Christopher THACKER, Woodhouse Thomas PARR, Thomas PARKER, Hugh ROBINSON, Thomas AGARDS, William ADMARGET (?) and others not named.

John STRINGER served the office of churchwardens of All Saints, Derby three times, in 1480/81, 1492/93 and in 1514/15, three years before his death.

1. Vespers for the Dead
2. Matins in the Office of the Dead
3. A set of thirty requiem masses said on the same day or on different days.

'The Golden Legend' by Jacob de Vorgine contained the lives of the saints, running through the ecclesiastical year, and was first published by Caxton in 1483. An inventory of, 'bokes in our lady Chapell tyed with chenes yt were gyffen to Alhaloes Church in Derby', records, 'Item Anoyer boke called legenda Aurea', which may have been the very book that John requested to be bought.

(Sandra Smith Memb. no. 125.)

From "Calendars and Sentences of Prisoners", Derby Reference Library.

ISAAC LOMAS aged 17. March 12th 1835 - stealing a hat and waistcoat at GLOSSOPP, the property of GEORGE MALONEY. - Transported for 14 years.

ISAAC LOMAS aged 39, charged with having on the 15th February at CHAPEL en le FRITH feloniously stolen 1 coat, the property of RALPH MORTON, 17th March 1845.

NANCY ROBINSON aged 21, 13.3.1858, stealing on 17th February a woollen Coburg dress, value 10/-, property of ROBERT LOMAS of CHAPEL en le FRITH, 4 months imprisonment.

(contributed by Mary Johnson)

TIME FOR TEARS when reading the Chesterfield Burial Register.

17 May 1808 - An infant strange.

13 Oct. 1809 - A child upon travel, born Oct. 3rd.

14 April 1811 - A female pauper from the Workhouse (a stranger).

3rd Oct. 1811 - A man who was foynd dead at Hasland coal pits - a stranger.

ALL SAINTS, BRADLEY MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

ALLCOCK	FEARN	IRLAM	PARKER	TAYLOR
ARCHER	FERNYHOUGH	JACKSON	PEGG(E)	THORNELLY
ASKEY	FILLITER	JOHNSON	PONTIN	TILL
BADDER	FLINT	JONES	POTTER	TODD
BAGSHAW	FORD	KENNEDY	PRINCE	TOMLINS
BAILEY	GAMBLE	KNIGHT	RAGSDALE	TOMLINSIN
BALL	GERARD	KNIFETON	RAINS	TOWNSEND
BARKER	GOODALL	LAMB	RAVEN	TREVITT
BATTLE	GREAVES	LAWTON	REDFERN	TWIGG
BEESTON	GREEN	LECHE	REEVES	TYSON
BLORE	GREGORY	LEE	RICHARDS	WALKER
BOTHAM	GRIME	LITCHFIELD	RIDDING	WALLIS
BOWES	HALL	LOMAS	SALT	WALTERS
BROWNSWARD	HALLAM	MASKERY	SGAMBELLA	WARNER
BURDIS	HAMMERSLEY	MEYNELL	SHAW	WEBSTER
BURTON	HARRIS	MOORE	SHERWIN	WESTON
BYROM	HARRISON	MOSS	SIMMS	WHARTON
CLARK(E)	HARTSHORNE	MOTTRAM	SIMPSON	WIGLEY
CLOWES	HASELDINE	MURFIN	SIMS	WOLFENDEN
COPESTAKE	HAWFORD	MYERS	SINGLETON	WOODFINE
CROOKS	HELLABY	NAYLOR	SMALES	WOODHOUSE
DAVALL	HIND(S)	OAKDEN	SMITH	WOOLLEY
DEAN	HOLLOWAY	OLDFIELD	SPENCER	WRIGHT
DERBYSHIRE	HOOSON		STAFFORD	YATES
DICKINSON	HOUGH			
DIXON				

There are unfortunately no remains of the Norman building which once stood on this site, except perhaps for a few stones incorporated within the walls of the present church which dates from 1370. In the churchyard is a cross which has stood on the site for well over 1000 years and probably marks the area in which the Norman church stood. It is from this earlier church that the font is thought to have come, being dated at 1225. It much resembles the font in St. Oswald's, Ashbourne, of which All Saints, Bradley formed a Chapelry until sometime between 1240 and 1291.

Two well known Derbyshire families have had close connections with Bradley for several hundred years. The Kniveton family held the estate well before the reign of Henry VIII but were forced to sell it after incurring debts as a result of supporting the Royalist cause during the Civil War. The estate was then held by the Meynell family with whom it remained until the late nineteenth century. Some ancient memorials to these families may be seen in the sanctuary of All Saints, although they are now barely legible.

The oldest parish register dates from 1579. Microfilms of the registers are now held at the County Record Office, Matlock, Baptisms to 1981, Burials to 1891, Marriages to 1981 (with a gap from 1783 to 1812) and Banns from 1824 to 1899.

COVER PICTURE: One historic feature of the present church at Bradley is the existence of a crudely carved stone in the south wall of the nave. This depicts Adam & Eve under a tree, possibly representing the story of the forbidden fruit. It is somewhat similar to the carvings of Saxon times, which means there may have been some form of ecclesiastical building at Bradley as far back as the earliest centuries of Christianity in Britain, from which this stone was removed.

(Taken from the guide to All Saints, Bradley)

Thanks to Sue Brown for the drawing.

(Heather Eaton, Projects co-ordinator)

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16. (Mar. '81) Memorials in St. Michael's Church, Derby.
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Agard Street Baptist Chapel.
Executions at Derby.
Ambergate and Toadmoor 1851 census - List of Heads of Families.
18. (Sep. '81) Brailsford Races.
Ambergate and Toadmoor 1871 census - List of Heads of Families.
List of parishioners in Pentrich 1641, from the Protestation Oath Roll.
Notes of a Derbyshire farm labourer.
Duffield Baptist Church M.I.s - List of surnames.
19. (Dec. '81) Browett of Chesterfield.
Johnson of Retford.
Stanton Road Cemetery, Ilkeston - List of surnames.
Transportation of John Thompson of Derby.
List of names from Derbyshire Muster Rolls of 1585; by parish for the Northern half of the county.
Names of Crich parishioners and others mentioned in the poems of Ann Foulks.
20. (Mar. '82) Webster of Milford.
Arthur Foster - Master Gunlockfiler of Ockbrook and Wednesbury.
Tonge of Lincolnshire.
Memorial of the 45 killed by the explosion at the Parhouse Pit, - Clay Cross. - Names and verse.
List of births of Birkin of Shardlow. 1837 - 52.
Reminiscences of Heanor Wesleyan Chapel.
21. (Jun. '82) Wirksworth - common surnames.
Henry Brentnall of Heanor.
Pedigree of Brentnalls of the Heanor area.
Brief history of the Babington Hospital, Belper.
Derbyshire Bigamy trials in 1840.
Marriage celebration at Sheldon - a lewd tale from the Peak district.
Surprising frequency of Derbyshire marriages at Manchester Collegiate Church.
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Details of the Chesterfield Name Index.
Horsley Hearth Tax return 1670 - List of names.
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The exploitation of children in the coalmines of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and elsewhere.
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Sedgewick Family Bible.
List of names mentioned in Cresswell Family wills at Hope, Chapel en le Frith and Bakewell etc.
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Mass baptisms.
Names taken from the "History of the Village of Crich".
Shipton of Hatton - a long lived family.
Turnditch M.I.s - List of surnames.
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 1d Ashbourne St. Oswald (some) MI's
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 1d Ilkeston Station Road Cemetery MI's
 1d Langley Mill Central Baptist Chapel MI's
 1d Melbourne New Jerusalem Church MI's
 1d United Reform Church MI's
 1d Catholic Church of our Lady MI's
 1e Loscoe 1851 Census
 1e Mapperley 1851 Census (Horsley 2/7)
 1e Denby 1851 Census (Horsley 2/8b)
 1e Horsley Woodhouse 1851 Census (Horsley 2/3a)
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 1e Duffield 1851 Census (Duffield 10d)
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 1g Chesterfield Name Index - Computer Printout by Philip Riden
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 4a DFHS Census - Transcriptions @ Jan 1984
 4a Derby Education Committee - Brief Listing of Records
 4b FFHS Quarter Sessions Records 2nd Ed. 1983
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 5c History of Chinley Chapel, Chinley
 6 Borough of Derby Map of 1852
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