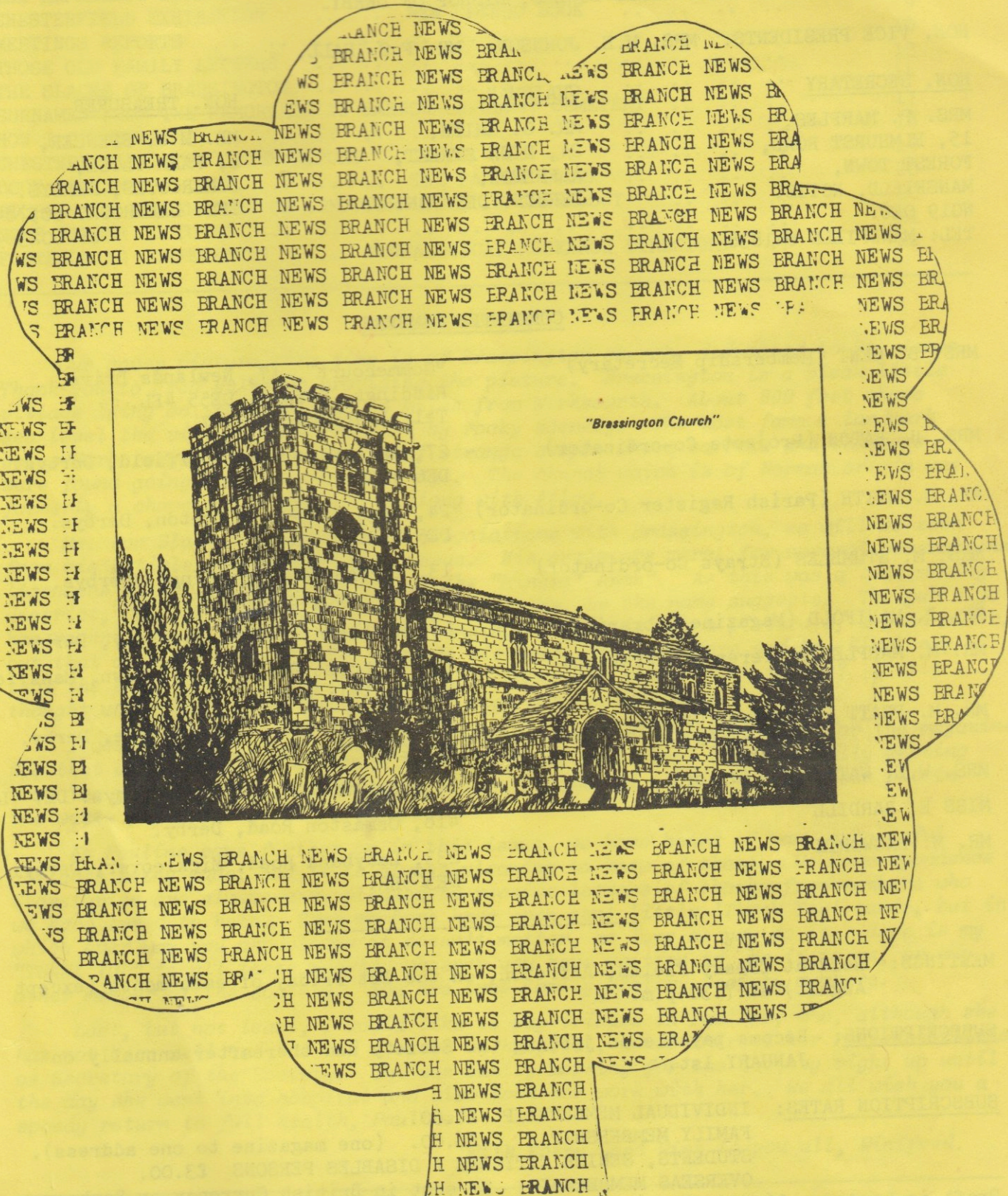


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EDITORIAL

Our cover picture this time is of Brassington church, dedicated to St. James. Thank you to Fred Hall for providing the picture. Brassington is a bleak little village lying on the moorlands, 4 miles from Wirksworth. About 800 feet above sea level the village is surrounded by rocky scenery. The most famous landmark being Harborough Rocks consisting of strange shapes where barrows and chambers were found going back to the Stone Age. The church which is of Norman origin was formerly a chapelry of Bradbourne along with Atlow.

Mr. Ron Slack has long family associations with Brassington, as will be seen from his article included in this issue. His ancestors were, for several generations licensees of the public house called the "Miners' Arms". As this was a lead mining district, the pub was frequented by lead miners, as the name suggests. The pub sign has recently been renewed, and now, hanging outside is not a picture of a lead miner, but that of a coal miner! The present licensee, the villagers and Mr. Slack say that the sign is not appropriate, and of course who would think it was? Little thought was given to the area when the sign was decided upon.

I would again like to thank everyone who has sent contributions for the magazine. Now that we have enlarged Branch News (22 pages this time) I am gradually getting down the pile I had. If your article hasn't appeared yet, it hasn't been put in the waste paper basket; it will appear.

As Pauline says further on in this issue, we have heard of many successful contacts being made, and it is always pleasing to know of these. We Correspondence Secretaries are always very pleased to receive letters of thanks from members who we have tried to help. Some members have even sent little 'Thank You' cards, but in which ever way you acknowledge it doesn't matter, as long as you do it. Here is my "THANK YOU" to all these people, whoever you have written to, be it to me, or any other member of the society. You are true Family History Society members.

Last, but not least, I would like to pay tribute to Pauline, who, although she has not been well and has had a spell in hospital, never shirked her responsibilities as Secretary of the Society. She was busily working for the Society right up until the day she went into hospital and also took her work with her. We all wish you a speedy return to full health, Pauline.

With Every Good Wish to you all, Winifred.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- 5th October - 'Gypsies and Travelling People' (their history with particular reference to South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire) by David Smith. (Slides)
 2nd November - The History of Tombstones, by Eileen De Ville.
 7th December - Members' Evening.

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We welcome the following new members who have joined us by July 20th 1984.

930. Mr. and Mrs. COOPER, 81, Kirkby Folly Rd., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Searching - COOPER of DERBY 1880; DEWICK of DERBY c. 1882; TURNER of RIPLEY; HOUSELEY of RIPLEY; ALLCOCK of CODNOR 1893.
934. Mr. P. SLATER, The Flat, 3, St. Thomas Rd., Derby. Searching - SLATER of DERBY and SALISBURY 1875.
958. Mrs. J.A. GLASBY, 89, Brockwell Lane, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - HAWLEY of CLAY CROSS 1858; JESSOP of PILSLEY 1897.
959. Mr. Lewis DAVENPORT, 56, Crayford Rd., Alvaston, Derby DE2 0HN. Searching - FANTOM of WIRKSWORTH 1791; TURNER of Sth. WINGFIELD 1720; SMITHURST of MORTON & CRICH 1803 & 1810; BLITHE of TIBSHELF & Sth. WINGFIELD 1711; BATTERLEY of CRICH 1810; GODBER of MORTON 1700.
960. Miss C. BEAUFOY, 202 Kahutia Street, Gisborne, New Zealand. Searching - PAGE of DERBY (John, son of Charlotte & William, bn. 1854).
961. Miss Nancy ROBERTS, 56, Union Street, East Brighton, 3187 Victoria, Australia. Searching - GLOVER of HARTSHORNE c. 1800 and of LIVERPOOL, Lancs. c. 1850; STRINGER of LONDON & INDIA c. 1830; SWAINE of NOTTINGHAM & DERBYSHIRE c. 1800; CUTHBERTSON of anywhere in ENGLAND c. 1800.
962. Mrs. Ruth EDDINGTON, 43-840 Sanysidro Circle East, Palm Desert, CA 92260 U.S.A. Searching - SOARE of St. Werburgh, DERBY, COVENTRY & LONDON 1662; WALKER of St. Werburgh, DERBY 1662; FINNEY of St. Michael, DERBY 1662; HOOD of All Saints, DERBY 1774; BELL of DERBY, MALTON, York; NEWARK, Notts. 1793; BRYAN of BURTON-on-TRENT, and of DERBY 1789.
963. Mrs. Mildred SHARPE, 1631 Goodwin Pl. Kamloops, B.C. Canada V2B 4K8. Searching - THACKER of BURTON-on-TRENT 1800; INGRAM of BURTON-on-TRENT 1870; PHILLIPS of SHEVIOCK & LISKEARD, CORNWALL 1822; HOSKEN of LISKEARD & ARGIBBET, CORNWALL 1830.
964. Mr. A.C. VERRY, 52, Athlone Crescent, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Searching - BRINDLEY of BUXTON & SWANWICK 1848; BEECROFT of RIPLEY area & of NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 1825; VERRY/VERRIER of HEREFORD, GLOUCESTER & of RIPLEY, Derbys. 16th cent.; SAGE of GLOUCESTER, STROUD & BRISTOL 1811; MANGER of LUTTERWORTH, Leics. 1800; MOORE & GEARY of BARTON under NEEDWOOD, Staffs. 1800.
965. Mrs. Pam LLOYD, 30, Kashmir Cresc. Frankston, Victoria, Australia 3199. Searching - BRETNALL (John) of ILKESTON 1780, (wife Hannah bn. GREASLEY, nee HICKTON, 1785). ALDRED (Hannah) of ILKESTON, m. Elijah BRETNALL approx. 1830.
966. Mr. R. DALLISON, 117, Epworth Circle, Fredericton, N.B. Canada, E3A 2M7. Searching - DALLISON of BURTON-on-TRENT and DERBY 1850; HORTON of the same.
967. Miss Gail L. CLAYTON, 421, Luster Ave., Madison, WI 53704. Searching - CLAYTON of MELLOR pre. 1800; CLAYTON of GLOSSOP 1813 and of HAYFIELD 1817-1835 and of the STOCKPORT district of Cheshire 1845-1851; HILL of MORTON 1780.
968. Mrs. P.A. HADLEY, Cumberland College of Health Sciences, School of Physiotherapy, Lidcombe 2141 N.S.W. Australia. Searching - SOMERSALL of SOMERSAL HERBERT, DOVERIDGE, MARSTON MONTGOMERY, SUDBURY, ROCESTER, UTTOXETER, BRAMSHALL & MARCHINGTON. In particular John 1604.
970. Miss Judith ELLIOTT, 16, Twyford Court, Vinters Park, Maidstone, Kent. Searching - ELLIOTT of CHESTERFIELD/STAVELEY pre. 1812 also of SKEGBY nr. MANSFIELD, Notts. pre. 1812; MAJOR of STAVELEY 1900; EMINSON of Sth. LINCS. c. 1700; BRUMBY of Nth. LINCS. c. 1800.
971. Mrs. I.M. WOOD, 6, Milford St., Derby DE1 3EL. Searching - SHIPLEY of DERBY and of CASTLE DONINGTON; TILLSON of MELBOURNE.
972. Mr. R.P. SMITH, 11, Queensway, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 7GG. Searching - MALTBY of SELSTON, Notts. 1820; BINNS of WAKEFIELD, Yorks. 1850; DAVISON of LEEDS, Yorks. 1870; HUTCHINSON of MALTON, Yorks. 1820; CHETWOOD of DAWLEY, Shropshire 1900.
973. Mrs. Mary LOOSEN, 28, Fifth Road, Newbury, Berks. RG14 6DL. Searching - CHAMBERS of CHESTERFIELD 1830's; ALLEN of CHESTERFIELD 1830's; WHITAKER of LEEDS, Yorks. 1800's; FALKINGHAM of KNARESBOROUGH, Yorks. 1820's.

974. Mrs. Sheila CROOK, 109, Crossdale Road, Brightmet, Bolton, Lancs. BL2 5ND. Searching - STONES of BOLTON, Lancs. and of NORMANTON & STAVELEY, Derbys. 1850. GIDMAN of BOLTON, Lancs. and anywhere 1790; PARNELL of BOLTON, Lancs. and of the CHESHIRE & DERBYS. border 1868; KAY of BOLTON, STALEYBRIDGE, Lancs. and CHES. & DERBYS. border 1868; STEPHENSON of ULVERSTON, Cumbria & FURNESS area, also HOLME, Westmorland 1822; PARK of PNEEY BRIDGE, Cumbria and ULVERSTON 1822; BANKS of BOLTON, Lancs. 1721.
975. Mr. COONEY, 3, Goodsmoore Road, Sunnyhill, Derby. Searching - COONEY of St. Werburgh, DERBY 1830; WOOD of St. Werburgh, DERBY 1860; GOUGH of KIGHTON, Staffs. 1840; BRIGGS of DERBY 1840.
976. Miss WOODDISSE, 1, Flaxholme Ave., Derby Rd., Duffield, DE6 4FL. Searching - WOODDISSE/WOODIWISS of WIRKSWORTH 1600.
977. Mr. G.O. LEGG, 81, Marylebone Cresc. Mackworth Estate, Derby. DE3 4JX. Searching - HAWKSWORTH of DERBY 1910; MONK of DERBY 1909; LEGG of CHARD, Somerset & of DERBY 1885.
978. Mrs. Dena M. ANNABLE, Burn Brae, Horsley Lane, Coxbench, Derby DE2 5BH. Searching - EADSON of PLEASLEY/SCARCLIFFE 1750; VALLANCE of HORSLEY WOODHOUSE; LINDLEY of PLEASLEY 1750; TUCKER of PLEASLEY.
979. Mrs. Frances PROBERT, "Tree Cottage", Old Hall Road, Littleover, Derby. Searching - MUMFORD (Mary Ann) of the DERBY area 1811-1848; BURROWS (Eliza, father Robert) of DERBY 1823-1857; MARRIOTT (James) of NOTTINGHAM, bn. 1802, m. Sarah MYCROFT of NOTTINGHAM, bn. 1802.
980. Mrs. Judith FRYER, Jays Cottage, Roston Common, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 2EL. Searching - BROUGH of KIRK LANGLEY 1780; ELSE of DARLEY DALE 1900.
981. Mr. Alan BRADWELL, 10, Windley Cresc., Darley Abbey, Derby. Searching - BRADWELL, FRENCH & DRURY of HOPE, BRADWELL, DRONFIELD, UNSTONE 1800.
982. Mrs. V.A. BLADDON, 62, Newbold Rd., Chesterfield, Derbys. S41 7DW. Searching - WILBRAHAM and PENDLETON of Nth. WINGFIELD 1814/1815; PURDY of Sth. WINGFIELD 1772; BALL of Sth. NORMANTON c. 1800; HOLLINGWORTH of Sth. WINGFIELD 1773; BROOKS of WIRKSWORTH 1800's.
983. Miss Joan THORNELY, Fold Farm, Chisworth via. Hyde, Cheshire SK14 6SA. Searching - THORNELY of the CHESHIRE & DERBYS. border 1650; WOOD of the same 1725; WINKLEY of LANCASHIRE 1750.
984. Mrs. B. TURNBULL, 4, Broomhurst Court, Ridgeway Rd., Dorking, Surrey. RH4 3EH. Searching - BOYLE of WHALEY BRIDGE/CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH 1856; BEARD of BUGSWORTH/CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH 1850; LOMAS of NEW MILLS 1852; GODDARD of NEW MILLS 1850; BROOKES of MARPLE 1890.
985. Mrs. Kate CAVE, 32, Whinfell Close, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster, S. Yorks. Searching - MORRIS of AMBERGATE 1874; ROSTRON of AMBERGATE 1874 and of MANSFIELD, Notts. 1944/5.
986. Mrs. J. WALSH, 19, Watmough St., Great Horton, Bradford 7, BD7 3PP W. Yorks. Searching - SILVERS of SHEFFIELD & ECKINGTON 1870.
987. Mr. John C. LEE, 28, Blackscotch Lane, Mansfield, Notts. Searching - LEE of DERBYSHIRE pre. 1583.
988. Miss E.M. WOODHALL, 16, Albion Rd., West Park, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - WOODHALL of BRIGHTSIDE, SHEFFIELD, Yorks. & of NEWARK, Notts. c. 1850; LIGHTFOOT of BARLOW nr. SELBY, Yorks. c. 1880; BAGSHAW of BRIGHTSIDE, SHEFFIELD, Yorks. c. 1900; WALKER of GAILSBOROUGH, Lincs. c. 1850; WHITAKER of BRIGHTSIDE, SHEFFIELD, Yorks. c. 1890; BARNES of POPPLETON, Yorks. c. 1890.
989. Mrs. Thelma BRADSHAW, 1, Faversham Close, Alvaston, Derby. Searching - COOK of TICKNALL; CULL and POXON of DERBY.
990. Mr. J.B. RAYNOR, 23, Carisbrooke Ave., Leicester LE2 3PA. Searching - RAYNOR of DERBYSHIRE, NOTTS. & CHESHIRE 1750.
991. Mrs. Norma DUNCAN, "Malone", 19, Netherton Drive, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 6DG. Searching - BONNER (Edward) of HEANOR bn. 1811, also Sarah bn. 1814; SHACKLETON (Louise) of HEANOR, daughter-in-law of Edward & Sarah.

992. Mrs. June WEATHERALL, 8, Bellamy Close, Southmoor, Abingdon, Oxon. OX13 5AB. Searching - KENDALL (Charles) of NOTTINGHAM 1869; LONGBOTTOM (William G.) of NOTTINGHAM or DERBY; GLOSSOP (Eliza ANN) of NOTTINGHAM 1872; RATCLIFFE (Eliza) of NOTTINGHAM c. 1880; PADMORE (Rosanna) poss. of NOTTINGHAM.
993. Mrs. Christine SMITH, "Little Oak", Verwood Rd., Three Legged Cross, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 6RP. Searching - GOLDSMITH of GLOSSOP 1819.
994. Mrs. R. MUDD, 16, Viceroy Close, Bristol Rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7UR. Searching - HEALD of Nth. WINGFIELD and of WIRKSWORTH 1781; COOPER of WIRKSWORTH 1747; BESWICK of CARSINGTON 1781; COCKAYNE of DERBY 1806; HARVEY of DERBY 1806; STACK/SLACK of BRASSINGTON 1772.
995. Miss L. MORTON, 10, Tredington Rd., Mount Nod, Coventry, CV5 7BN. Searching - MORTON of GREAT LONGSTON 1756; CHECKLEY of KENILWORTH, Warks. 1807; BETTERIDGE of DUDLEY, Works. and of STAFFS. 1805; WRAGG of CARLTON in LINDRICK, Notts. 1821.
996. Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Deborah GOMERSALL, 7, The Avenue, South Milford, Leeds, N. Yorks. LS25 5BB. Searching - GOMERSALL with variations, everywhere, esp. YORKS. 1900; WYATT of EYAM 1750; WATKINSON of HEATH 1850; GYTE of CHELMORTON 1800; GILMAN of CHELMORTON 1800; DRABBLE of DERBYS. 1800.
997. Mr. and Mrs. J.E. OAKDEN, 1, Victoria Place, Higher Furzeham Rd., Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8QX. Searching - OAKDEN of DERBYS. & STAFFS. (WATERFALL, ASHBOURNE etc.) pre. 1650.
998. Mr. and Mrs. J.C. BISHOP, 13, Barden Dr., Allestree, Derby DE3 2AL. Searching - NOWELL of LANCS. and WEST ANDWORTH, Yorks. 1771; MELLER/OR of TWYXCROSS, Leics. 1765; EDWARDS of NUNEATON, Warks. MARKET BOSWORTH, Leics. 1776; DORRILL countrywide 1776; PIERCY of BEDWORTH, Warks. and BIRMINGHAM 1800; ALLEN of HEANOR and BELPER 1850.
999. Mr. John Wolston Booth HEANE, Pine Cottage, 136, Gold Links Rd., Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8DA. Searching - HEANE of the CHESTERFIELD area and north NOTTS. 1765; BOOTH of EYAM 1724; COATES of DERBYSHIRE and of ASKRIGG, Yorks. 1778.
1000. Mr. G.H. HICKLIN, 2, Lindsay Ave., Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs. FY6 8BQ. Searching - HICKLIN (William) of MELBOURNE 1826-27 and HICKLIN (Bryan, father of William) also of MELBOURN pre. 1827.
1001. Mr. M. GRATTON, 85, Daulish Drive, Coventry, CV3 5L7. Searching - GRATTON of BARLOW and the surrounding parishes 1755.
1002. Mrs. Jean CAPSTICK, 229, Tonge Moor Rd., BOLTON, Lancs. BL2 2HR. Searching - RICHARDS of LONG EATON and of ALFRETON; BIRLEY of ILKSTON, both mid. 19th cent.
1003. Mr. Victor A. ROSEWARNE, 15, Ryecroft Ave., Whitton, T Wickenham, TW2 6HH. Searching - ROSEWARNE of DERBYSHIRE 1770-1870; KNIVETON of WIRKSWORTH 1680-1820; STREET of WORKSWORTH 1720-1880.
1004. Mrs. E.M. BONSALL, 28, Newbridge Lane, Highertown, Truro, Cornwall TR1 3JS. Searching - BONSALL (Francis Henry) of TUPTON.
1005. Mr. Brian J.R. BAILEY, 44, Thornbury Ave., Shirley, Southampton SO1 5DA. Searching - BAILEY of DERBY 1750; WADE of MICKLEOVER 1820; TOMLINSON of DERBY 1820; JOHNSON of MACKWORTH 1750; BUNKER of DERBY 1883.
1006. Mr. L.M. WAUD, 20, Old Hall Avenue, Duffield, Derbys. DE6 4GN. Searching - MOSLEY (Ralph, Henry, Thomas) of BUXTON/BAKEWELL area 1778. Farmers in WORKHILL area.
1007. Mr. P.A. SLATER, "The Hole in the Wall", Bradley, Ashbourne, Derbys.
1008. Miss G. MARTIN, 4, Post Office Row, Garstang Rd., St. Michaels, Preston, Lancs. PR3 0TE. Searching - PEACH (George) of MATLOCK/TANSLEY 1800; DEVONPORT/DEVENPORT (Emma) of CROMFORD/STARKHOLMES 1800.
1009. Mr. D. CHEETHAM, 20, Simmons Rd., Bloxwich, Walsal, West Midlands. Searching - CHEETHAM and SIMMS of RIDDINGS 1837; CHEETHAM of FLINTHAM, Notts. 1810.
1010. Mrs. J.D. WILKINSON, 10, Kendrick Rd., Slough, Berks. SL3 7PQ. Searching - WALKER (Henry & Elizabeth) of BREADSALL, Jane WALKER bn. at BREADSALL PRIORY 1854; DRAKEFIELD (William) of SHEFFIELD 1865, m. Jane WALKER AT St. Peter's, Derby 1890.

AMENDMENT: Due to a misunderstanding, the interests published in "Branch News" no. 28 for members no. 884/885 are misleading and should read as follows:-

WATERHOUSE of HAYFIELD, Derbys. 18 c. (Samuel 1760, John c. 1750). The following were all Quakers at the dates shown; WATERHOUSE of BURNLEY and LIVERPOOL, Lancs. c. 1765-1880 and of HOWDEN, East Yorks. 1741, Ellythorp (sic). ELLYTHORP(E) (Martha) of HOWDEN 1741. CLOUGH (Sarah) of NEWTON, Yorks. 1767. Rogers (Ann) of MANCHESTER 1790. Mr. H. WATERHOUSE, 106, Cromwell St., Sheffield S6 3RP. and Mr. N. WATERHOUSE, Meavy House, Meavy, Nr. Yelverton, Devon.

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197. Mrs. A. BECK, Prospect House, 11, Southcliffe Road, Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 4NP.
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762. Mrs. A.M. BUCK, 69, Sandy Lane, Upton, Poole, Dorset.
780. Mrs. J.L. PHILLIPS, 13, Cromford Road, Wirksworth, Derbys.

DENCE
ROE
COLLARD

Laura Jannette (known as Janet or Jeanette) who marr. James ROE on 9.4.1898 at St. Peter's, Derby, bn. c. 1875. Any info. on her father WILLIAM DENCE who was a lab. Also any info. on EMILY COLLARD, who marr. JAMES ROE on Christmas Eve, 1855 and was bn. c. 1836. Her father was WILLIAM COLLARD a silk hand. Any info. on these would be welcome if anyone has come across these names. The DENCES may be of Leics. origin, but the COLLARDS I haven't a clue about. Mrs. A. ENGLEFIELD, 23, Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley, West Yorkshire. (Memb. no. 545.) Please note new address, published in last issue.

CHOYCE

BENJAMIN CHOYCE, a colliery carpenter in COALVILLE, Leics. marr. MARY ANN NEWBERRY, 20 July 1873, at the "Register Office, in the District of ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH, in the Counties of Leicester and Derby". A five year search of Leicestershire towns has not turned up any info. regarding Benjamin prior to his marr. Perhaps he is "lost" in Derby records? If anyone spots him in a census record, apprenticeship record, parish register, etc., would you please jot down the info. and forward it to me? I'll be glad to reimburse postage. I am a CHOICE/CHOYCE One-Namer and collect any and all references to that surname. Mrs. Betty Choyce SHEEHAN, POB 2123, Largo, Florida, 34294. (Memb. no. 813.)

MIDDLETON
MASON
NEWTON

Searching for the marr. of CHARITY MIDDLETON of SMALLDALE nr. HOPE and JOSEPH MASON of NEW MILLS which took place 1832-1837. She was bap. 1803 at HOPE and he in 1802 at MELLOR. Also looking for the whereabouts of their second son JOASH MASON who would be 12 yrs. old in 1851, but is missing from the census. He was bn. in DUKINFIELD, Chesh. Also JOSEPH NEWTON who worked at STOCKTON as a boiler maker. In 1881 his home address would be 196, Lodge Lane, Dukinfield, but he is missing. His age would be 33 yrs. Mrs. D. FLOWERS, 2, Early Bank, Stalybridge, Cheshire, SK15 2RU. (Memb. no. 871.)

WIBBERLEY

Searching for children of SAMUEL WIBBERLEY/WHIBBERLEY (bn. 12 Aug. 1807) marr. ELLEN nee MYCOCK (bn. 15 Jan. 1810) on 13 Dec. 1830. Their children all bn. in ASHFORD-in-the-WATER, were, EDWARD bn. 2 Dec. 1832; ANN bn. 16 Nov. 1834; ELIZABETH bn. 24 June 1837; WILLIAM bn. 16 June 1844. Also info. needed on EDITH ARMSON bn. 1879, d. 22 Aug. 1974, wife of SAMUEL WHIBBERLEY, bn. 9 May 1872. Mr. S. WHIBBERLEY, 9, Ashclose, Biscovey, Par, Cornwall. (Memb. no. 907.)

WRIGHT
BENNETT

Any info. on ROBERT and MARY BENNETT (nee WRIGHT) would be much appreciated. ROBERT BENNETT came from COHENT HILL, MACKWORTH, Derbys. They had 10 children, JAMES bn. 1801; MARY bn. 1803, HARRIET bn. 1805; SAMUEL STENSON bn. 1807; ELLEN bn. 1810; ROBERT bn. 1812; GEORGE bn. 1814; JANE bn. 1816; EMMA bn. 1818 and JOHN WRIGHT BENNETT bn. 1820. Only the last three children were born in the Parish of All Saints, Derby. The family were Nonconformist and attended the Friar Gate Chapel. I will be happy to refund postage and any reasonable expenses

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WRIGHT
BENNETT

for info. on this family and any descendants. Mrs. M. MEADOWS, 18, Chapman Street, BRADDON, A.C.T. 2601 Australia. (Memb. no. 682.)

STRUTT
AMBROSE

Date and place of birth needed and names of parents of EDWARD STRUTT, bur. at OXTON, Notts. on 15 Oct. 1717. Maiden name of his wife MARY, date and place of marr. also needed. Mary was bur. in 1700 at STANTON by DALE. They had children, Mary, bap. 2.9.1689, bur. 14.11.1698, and Henry, bap. 8.1.1690, bur. at Oxtun 5.4.1781. Also any info. on STRUTTS prior to 1700. Info. is also needed on THOMAS AMBROSE, bn. c. 1813, poss. FINDERN or Sth. Derbys. Any info. on this family c. 1800. Mr. and Mrs. W. AMBROSE, 75, Eton Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. DE14 2SP. Tel: Burton 32827. (Memb. no. 596/7.)

COOPER
CHAMBERS
HAIGH

SMALLDALE, BRADWELL & GLOSSOP area. Info. needed on family of MARY ELIZABETH HAIGH, marr. CHARLES CHAMBERS, bn. Aug. 28, 1887, poss. at SMALLDALE or BRADWELL. Father CHARLES CHAMBERS bn. Nov. 5, 1857, marr. HANNAH MARIA COOPER, bn. July 17, 1860, father ISAAC COOPER. CHARLES and HANNAH (2nd marr.) children FRANCES and FREDERICK. (1st marr. of CHARLES, wife unknown) children CHARLES and ANNE. All came to CANADA. CHARLES snr. worked at HEROD FARMS and at a STONE QUARRY. Mrs. M. HAMANN, RR#, Mckinley Rd., Kelowna, B.C. Canada V1Y 7P9. (Memb. no. 816.)

TINLEY

Bapt. and parents of SAMUEL TINLEY needed, bn. 1819/22 at MARLPOOL, Derbys. HEANOR and all parishes joining searched without success. Any reference to the name TINLEY 1780-1830 welcome, to pin-point a parish. Miss R. TINLEY, 16, Lincoln Road, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8HE. Tel: Lincoln 681960. (Memb. no. 877.)

PLANT
EMMERSON

Info. needed on ELIZABETH PLANT who marr. FRANCIS EMMERSON c. 1895. She is believed to have been bn. in the BURBAGE area c. 1875. Had a brother JAMES who kept horses and was a church minister. FRANCIS EMMERSON was bn. c. 1870, he was a carpenter and joiner. Francis died in 1905 aged 36 yrs and Elizabeth marr. again, to RUPERT ARTHUR WALKER. Mrs. J. WHITE, 62, Parkstone Ave., Poole, Dorset, BH14 9LS. (Memb. no. 889.)

STONES

Of NORMANTON, Derbyshire. My 2nd Gr. grandfather was bn. in "the parish of Normanton, Derbyshire". St. Giles, Normanton, Derby has no record of any STONES, so perhaps it is TEMPLE NORMANTON or SOUTH NORMANTON that I am looking for. I am willing to help with research at BOLTON REFERENCE LIBRARY, which has a wealth of records for any area, in return for help with my STONES family of Derbyshire. Mrs. S. CROOK, 109, Crossdale Road, Brightmet, Bolton, BL2 5ND. (Memb. no. 974.)

SILVERS

Info. needed on THOMAS SILVERS bn. & bapt. at DUDLEY, W. Mids. He moved to ECKINGTON, Derbys. when about 10 yrs. old. He had brothers JAMES and ISAAC. He marr. LOUISA c. 1878 and had 4 children; WILLIAM, THOMAS, LOUIE and ETHEL. THOMAS jnr. marr. NELLIE? I would like to find this marr. which did not take place at ECKINGTON. Any info. on the SILVERS name would be appreciated. I have the I.G.I. of the SILVERS name for most counties. I am willing to check my index for SILVERS and offer any help at BRADFORD LIBRARY and poss. WAKEFIELD P.R.O. when I do my own research there. Mrs. J. WALSH, 19, Watmough Street, Great Horton, Bradford 7, BD7 3PP. (Memb. no. 986.)

RAYNOR

Info. needed on JOHN RAYNOR/RAYNER bn. mid 1700's and of his marr. to ANN? They had a son GEORGE bapt. 17.3.1776 at GREASLEY, Notts. Also info. needed on grandson WILLIAM RAYNOR, bapt. 17.4.1803 at GREASLEY. Looking for his marr. and descendents. I have a lot of info. on RAYNORS in BUXTON, and STOCKPORT, Chesh., late 1800's, also of SAVILLES of EMLEY, WATH, COMSBOROUGH, WORSBOROUGH, BARNESLEY. Also of HAWLEYS of SWINTON, Yorks. and STOKE, Staffs. 17th and 18th cent. Does anyone know where I can find info. about GRINLOW limeworks and the pubs of BUXTON? Various RAYNORS worked at, or owned these in the 1800's. Mr. J.B. RAYNOR, 23, Carisbrooke Avenue, Leicester LE2 3PA. (Memb. no. 990.)

SWAN/N/E

Mr. F. SWAN, 38, St. Andrew's View, Breadsall, Derby DE2 4LH has set up a Computer Index of over 1,300 references to the name SWAN and all variants. He is willing to search this index for those interested, by first names, date of birth/baptism, date of marriage, date of death/burial and corresponding locations, free of charge. (Please remember S.A.E. or 3 International Reply Coupons in the case of overseas enquiries.) Mr. Swan also offers a SWAN Family Chart for anyone's line, containing all generations and place names for £1 per printout.

CHOYCE

I have thousands of records for people with the surname CHOICE/CHOYCE from ENGLAND, U.S.A., AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA and CANADA. I would be willing to share any of these with another family researcher at no cost. (Postage or I.R.C. not necessary either.) Mrs. Betty CHOYCE SHEEHAN, POB 2123, Largo, Florida, 34294.

WILNE

Mrs. Kathleen ZIMMICH, 67, Hertha Road, Innaloo, W.A. Australia, 6018 will be working on the film of the parish registers for WILNE in the near future and is willing to make searches for members. Kathleen will be happy to receive English stamps instead of IRCs in return. She will have the film for only a short time, so don't delay.

BRADFORD
WAKEFIELD

An offer to help with research in Bradford Library and Wakefield Record Office.
See SILVER in "HELP WANTED".

BOLTON

An offer to help with research in Bolton Reference Library.
See STONES in "HELP WANTED".

FROM THE SECRETARY

Times of illness are not what we usually recall in our family history, but for me my recent spell in hospital will hold one or two very special memories.

First, I have to say "Thank You" for the beautiful carnations I received from everyone in the society. Malcolm has taken a photograph of them and it will have a special page in the Marples Family History.

As some of you know, our meetings are held at "Cressy Fields" which is a Derbyshire County Council Home for disabled people. At the meeting held on 6th July, one of the residents, Brian Cook, who I often chat with, went into the meeting and was concerned to hear that I was ill. Can you imagine how I felt when Brian phoned me a few days later to ask how I was - a memory I will always treasure.

I have received many lovely cards and letters, but one very special letter is in the handwriting of a child - "Dear Pauline, I hope you get better soon x x x Love Emily", from Dorothy Gent's 5 year old daughter. Emily has often added her squiggles etc, to correspondence which has passed between Dorothy and myself.

Thank you everyone, for messages and phone calls I have received.

Working as I do in an Occupational Therapy Department, I can now personally endorse what I often preach, that Family History is a good diversional therapy. Thankgoodness I have this interest to turn to while I have to take life easy for a while. There is always some society work to be done, many letters to write, and contacts made between new and old members. I have even managed to do a little work on my own research. The dining room is more littered than ever with papers (has anyone seen a table and four chairs?)

I am even finding time to read, and recommend Kathleen Cookson's "Our Kate" which gives many insights into her life and childhood in the early 1900's, which must be very relevant to some of our own family histories. "Larkrise to Candleford" by Flora Thompson is also valuable in the information it gives into the background of the early farm labourer and people of the village/hamlet. How many of our ancestors would have lived their lives as these people did?

Pauline.

PROBLEMS! Our membership is still growing rapidly and we all try hard to keep the organisation of our society running smoothly, but occasionally, we do have 'slip ups', i.e. a letter is not replied to, a magazine is not received. PLEASE can I ask you all in the first instance, to write to me if you have any of those problems. I can check with the person concerned (it may even be me), this may save time and agro. The one thing I/we cannot do, is to force other members to reply to you. In good faith, we will give out the name and address of members who have included their interests in our "Members' Interests" or "Branch News", as they were obviously hoping that others would contact them, but, forget a reply is needed. Happily this does not happen too often and we hear of more success stories from our members, and this is what being a member of a Family History Society is all about.

Happy Hunting, Pauline.

THE REFERENCE SECTION

This section is for Reference Only and items cannot be loaned, but members can view this at our monthly meetings. It was taken along to the last exhibition at Derby and was made available in a special Members Only Section. It is hoped this may be repeated at an exhibition in Chesterfield on 20th October 1984. In this way, we try to give more members the opportunity of using the section.

Distant members can write to their Correspondence Secretaries and ask them to check items. Please remember that they only get the chance to view the section once a month. Members can also write to Malcolm Marples (address on cover) who stores this section. For convenience and where possible, information may be photocopied and a charge made accordingly. A large S.A.E. should be sent and your membership number must be quoted.

For a list of items in this section, you can purchase "Library Contents" from Martyn Pratt (address on cover of this magazine). Updates are also included in "Branch News" from time to time.

PLEASE NOTE! Items in the "Library Contents" are NOT FOR SALE. The booklet is purely for you to see what we have available to help with your research. The Reference Section is made up of items bought, donated, and the results of the hard work of members helping with projects.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:- We are, where possible, attempting to make items for sale - it all takes time and money. We have many ideas for the future and you can help by purchasing publications, such as the Census Index books, Derbyshire Strays and Members' Interests Supplements. A S.A.E. to Martyn Pratt will give you an update list of sales, or check your various copies of "Branch News" for details of publications.

THE DERBYSHIRE MARRIAGE INDEX 1538-1837

This index which is still being compiled, was started in 1971 and now covers over 100,000 marriages stored in over 100 shoeboxes. The actual coverage is 1813-37, 99% of parishes and 1538-1812, 65%. Entries are filed by groom's surnames and then in chronological order, so for an enquiry to be made, the information has to be fairly specific, i.e. "John Bloggs and Mary, eldest known child bap. 1791".

All the parishes are together in one vast index and it is NOT possible to extract lists of surnames for people, as I simply do NOT have the time. However, the index is FREE and specific enquiries are welcomed, these should be by post, as I am not prepared to make searches over the telephone. Every enquiry should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope or 2 International Reply Coupons for overseas enquiries.

The sources used, are Parish Registers, Bishops Transcripts, Phillimore and other Transcripts where available. I shall eventually be including marriage licences of Derbyshire folk at Lichfield. Each enquirer receives an up to date list of parishes, sources and dates included in the index so far.

Miss Sue Brown, 25, Homecroft Drive, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. LE6 5WG.

Family History Exhibition at

CHESTERFIELD

Saturday October 20th 1984

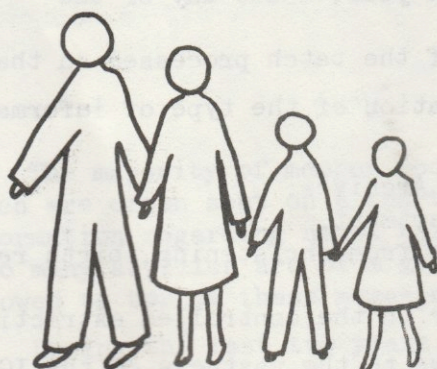
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At the May meeting a large audience had assembled to hear Mr. Jeffrey Pack, making his fourth visit as guest speaker, illustrated by means of slides and sound track, the workings of the Mormon Microfiche.

He explained that, The International Genealogical Index was a production of the Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Although, it was a frequently referred to research aide it was often misused and under utilized because of a lack of knowledge of its origins and limitations. He stressed that it should be used merely as a guide and that the original documents must always be sought to positively check the information.

The first basic card index began in 1922 and during the first five years three million cards had been produced, by 1969 this index had grown to about 38 million cards. At this time a decision was taken to change to a computer based record system and by 1981 the IGI consisted of 5463 fiche. In numerical terms this equated to 270 frames per fiche and 60 names per frame, totalling 88,500,600 names in all.

Mr. Pack continued by saying that the information was submitted in various forms some more reliable than others. The main two sources were patron input by living relatives of the names listed and input from the controlled extraction programme. The patron input was often liable to error because the information was not checked before submission, however, the entries from the controlled extraction were very thoroughly checked. Slides were shown of the extraction and checking procedure and the computer operation in progress.

Mr. Pack then explained how the fiche was laid out in a specific form, the left hand columns identifying the surname and genealogical information and the right hand columns the ordinance dates and source references. Although, of little significance genealogically the words 'Cleared' meant that the entry met the minimum identification standards and the ordinance would be performed soon. 'Uncleared and Infant' usually referred to an individual known to have died under the age of eight years for whom the ordinance was not necessary. He explained that, there was a significance in the batch reference numbers, stating that a seven digit number was usually an entry submitted by a relation and 7323183 would represent

73 the first two digits specified the year the entry was submitted 1973.

231 digits three to five specified the day of the year, 231st day or the 19th of September.

83 the last two digits referred to the number of the batch processed on that day.

The prefixes to the batch numbers gave an indication of the type of information source.

A were entries derived from Family Group Record Archives.

H from the entries of the Church Historical Department.

C and M from the controlled extraction programme from christening, birth records and marriage records.

P from Records Tabulation Programme a forerunner to the controlled extraction.

He concluded that it had now become necessary due to the vastness of the IGI project to extend the buildings and library in Salt Lake City. The cost factor of producing the microfiche was now of paramount importance and ways were being sought to further reduce the fiche to reduce storage.

A question and answer session rounded off what had been a memorable evenings talk.

Members Evening June 1st.

During the year the Society tries to provide a balance between meetings with a speaker and meetings known as 'Members Evenings'. At the Members Evenings the Society aims to make available a wide range of literature on all aspects of family history. This often stimulates the participant membership to discuss their own family histories and genealogical problems with each other.

The main items available at the Members Evenings fall into three main categories, those produced by our own society, those produced by other societies and independent reference material.

THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (IGI)

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COUNTRY: ENGLAND		COUNTY: LINCOLN		AS OF DEC 1980		PAGE 3,958		SOURCE	
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The majority of member societies to the Federation exchange Branch Magazines, which are often sent on a quarterly basis. These booklets often provide valuable information regarding names being traced in other areas and who is tracing that name. Also many articles are of a general interest to the family historian. Members are allowed to borrow these magazines for a monthly period.

During the last two years the Society has attempted to bring a wider range of books to the meetings for resale. This has proved an excellent investment as the membership has responded with a magnificent sales record. Also the Society has produced booklets on such topics as Census Returns, Members Interests, Strays and Memorial Inscriptions.

Reference material has increased considerably through the two pronged policy of buying more and the increased efforts of society members producing more project information. This project information provides many topics of conversation during the evening with the committee members who are responsible for Census Returns, Strays Parish Registers etc.

Often members bring their own family trees and old photographs to the meetings to show how they have gone about putting these into a display form.

The Members Evenings have been well supported during the year with average attendances of 70 members and it is hoped that this level of interest can be maintained and possibly bettered over the next year.

July Meeting

'Tracing the survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade'

Kenneth Horton entertained a large gathering at the July Meeting by first outlining the reasons leading up to the charge of the Light Brigade. He explained that it was during the Crimean War campaign, at the Battle of Balaclava on Wednesday the 25th October 1854 that a crack brigade of light cavalry under Lord Cardigan was ordered to deal with an isolated enemy outpost. In the disastrous confusion Cardigan instead led the Light Brigade against the main Russian artillery position.

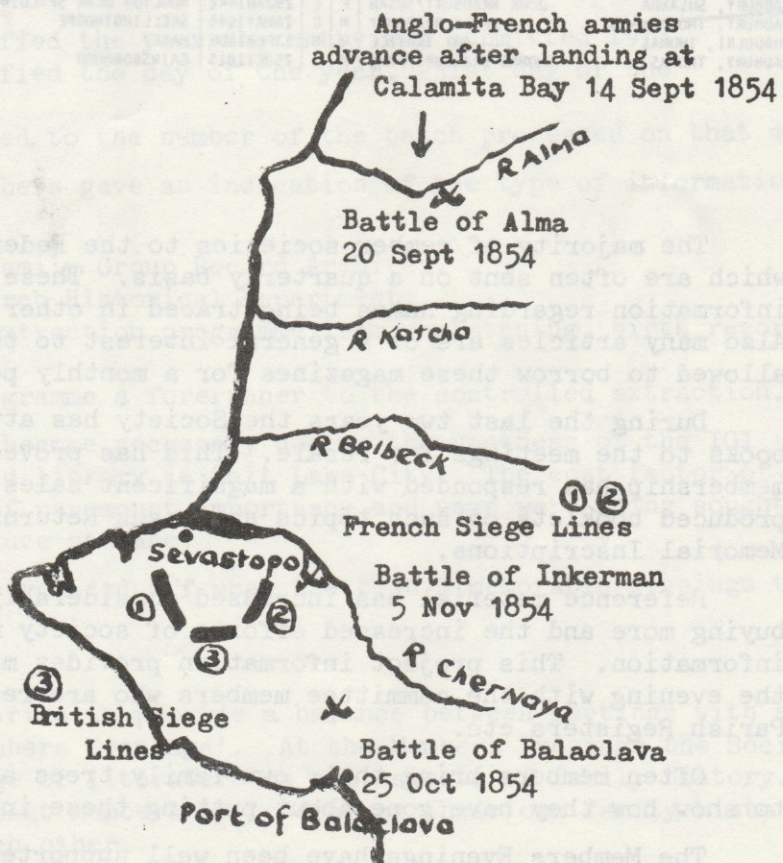
Of the 630 men involved in the charge, 102 were killed in the battle, 56 were taken prisoner, 15 died of wounds received in the charge and a further 22 died in later campaigns. This meant that in the region of 450 men survived.

It was what happened to these survivors that stimulated the speaker to try and trace the genealogy of each individual. His research was aided by the fact that the survivors of the charge decided to hold a reunion every year and from the resultant photographs taken of these events, Mr. Horton had been able to identify each man. In 1890 there were still 36 survivors and it was not until 1913 when only 6 men survived that the event finished. The last survivor died in 1927.

Mr. Horton used slides to illustrate his talk and showed the reunion photographs giving information on such characters as John Brown, George Smith and Henry Pilkington. The speaker had traced many of the histories and produced family trees by using conventional genealogical aides as well as using the original army papers and records. He had been in touch with many of the descendants of the charge and this had provided many interesting anecdotes on the characters of the individuals.

Mr. Horton concluded by showing the graves of many of the Light Brigade survivors, it was his intention to try and trace and photograph the resting place of each man.

THE WAR IN THE CRIMEA
1854 - 6



THESE OLD FAMILY LETTERS

Mrs. M.A. Foster,
1583 E. Davis St.
Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.
Nov. 1 1924.

Mr. William Waysall and Son.

Dear Cousins, you will be surprised to receive this letter especially when I tell you who it is from. My name was Mary Alice Caunt daughter of Mrs. Ann Caunt of Plengar, Bottesford, Notts. formerly Ann Smith of The Chevin Nr. Belper Derbyshire. Your Grandmother Whysall of Belper was her mother's mother. I remember you visiting at our house in Plengar and remember going to your grandmother's in Belper many many times, with your sisters Hannah Phebe Ann Mary and Elizabeth. I have Phebe Ann picture (and her little boys to) taken in Nottingham. I also remember Abraham he was a maltster and another brother who was a grocer in Nottingham of course some may have passed away if so I hope some one of the descendents will please answer this letter.

My object in writing is to ask for a little assistance, just a little money as I am in poor circumstances - I am now a poor old infirm and crippled old widow woman. I am living with my daughter but they are poor half the time out of work. I am 78 years old too old to work any more. My Father and Mother made a great mistake in leaving dear old England in 1869 and coming the the U States. Of course they are dead lost all they had died in poverty. We girls all married poor men and I married a man who mistreated me. This is poor country. My name now is Mrs. Mary Alice Foster. I never did like it the country I mean. Do you know if any of the Sam Summer Commercial Hotel Nottingham family are living? or Sam Eites family near Derby. They owed my mother £256 pounds left to my mother by her Uncle Thomas Smith of Shottle Derbyshire in R.R. Debentures and Sam Eite her cousin was executor and when my mother went back to England in 1876 to get it and some other money that was due to her she found that her cousin Sam Eite had appropriated it for his own use. The 256 pounds so she has never got it. I hope you will please advise them of my circumstances and surely they will have the heart to send me some of it. I am the only one left my dear mother's only heir. Will some of you please see some of them and advise them of my lamentable condition. If I dont get some financial assistance I shall be sent to the poor house. If I were only in dear blessed England I should be happy if I could only sit on some of the tombstones in Plengar churchyard. Oh I do get homesick and lonesome. I know I have not much longer to live but I would like to have the necessities of live.

All people think of here is sport. Speeding in Autos. They are pleasure mad. They have no time for old folks they have no regard for the Sabbath day most of them are like heathens. They neither fear God nor regard man.

Now please sit down at once and may the good Lord put it in your hearts to send me some money if it is only a few pounds. Dear Cousins affectionately.

Mrs. Mary Alice Foster.

Excuse poor writing.

(Contributed by Angela Hillier, Memb. no. 653.)

THE HOBBIES OF OUR ANCESTORS

JOHN PICKARD, Cordwainer and one of the Ringers, buried Jan. 10th 1808.
Mr. SAMUEL BOWER, aged 60. Organist for upwards of 37 years, buried 22 March 1808.
From the Chesterfield Parish Registers. (Contributed by Pauline Marples.)
In Affectionate Remembrance of JOHN ALLSOP. For sixty years, clerk of this church, who died September 29th 1860, aged 85 years.
Memorial stone in Tissington churchyard. (Contributed by Winifred Waterall.)

COVER PICTURE : BRASSINGTON CHURCH.

THE SLACKS OF BRASSINGTON, 1700 - 1900

By Mr. R. Slack, Memb. no. 642.

For 200 years, from 1700 until 1900, all of my father's direct ancestors, and most of the members of related lines, were baptised, married and buried in Brassington, a limestone village between Wirksworth and Ashbourne, about 16 miles from Derby. The churchyard has many of their gravestones, the earliest commemorating a boy of 12 who died in 1744. This stone is deeply carved in a stylish script based on 18th century handwriting. It has a homemade verse full of sad resignation - Job Slack 1744/Short was my time/Longer is my rest/God called me hence/He thought it best.

The young Job's family and their descendants made a living characteristic of Derbyshire villages in the limestone areas by combining prospecting for lead with farming a holding of a few acres of ground, a pattern which persisted until the 19th century, when members of the family were variously farmers on a larger scale, stone-masons, innkeepers, shopkeepers, labourers and school teachers.

The first mention of the family is the baptism of Daniel Slack in November 1700, son of Christopher Slack, Christopher and his wife, later identified as Elizabeth, may have come from the neighbouring parish of Bradbourne, as there were Slacks there in the 17th century, and as early 18th century Slacks, including Daniel, were married in both Brassington and Bradbourne churches, but there are no entries for his baptism, marriage or burial in Brassington or neighbouring parishes. From the Brassington Manor Court Roll, which describes Christopher at different times as occupying property which included a "stabulum" and the "croft and Well Pingle", it can be inferred that he was a small farmer.

Christopher's son Daniel is described on the bond for his marriage to Alice Briddon in 1724, which he signed, as a "yeoman". He is listed on the Suite Roll, the list of copynolders in the Manor, and was on a number of occasions a member of the Manor Court jury. He is also described in the Wirksworth Barmaster's Book as "a Brassington four and 20ty man", that is a member of the Barmote Court in the lead mining liberty of Brassington and therefore an experienced and knowledgeable miner. Daniel's status in the village however is difficult to be sure about, since he is described as a pauper for a period in the Suite Roll. This evidence of poverty is reinforced by a bequest in the will of his father-in-law, Anthony Briddon, of £20 to buy Alice a house, implying that the family was homeless. This was in 1731 and a further effort to help the family was made when Alice's brother Mark, dying in 1733, left her a cow and her son Thomas a "theve" or young ewe, and a lamb. Mark directed that Thomas should have either his, Mark's, house after the death or remarriage of his widow, or the house which Anthony's will had provided for. Mark also willed that his other nephew, Job, then 2 years old but fated to die early, as we have seen, should have whichever house Thomas refused.

Daniel and Alice had three sons and three daughters, all surviving childhood except Job. Their youngest son, Mark, was also a miner and, since he signed marriage lines as a witness on 2 occasions, was literate, as were all the men of the family, perhaps educated under the charity established in the village by Thurston Dale. Typically for the period however, this privilege seems to have been reserved for the boys as most of the women made their mark, X, on their marriage lines. Daniel died in 1765, his unmarried daughter Elizabeth in 1781, Alice in 1785 and Mark, unmarried, in 1787, at the age of 51.

The eldest son of the family, Thomas, born in 1725, was a miner and a 40/- freeholder, since he voted in the General Election of 1768. His freehold land was in the next village, Carsington, and he paid 6/6d Land Tax on it, at 4/- in the £. Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth Walker, whom he married in 1757, had 11 children, including 3 sons who survived childhood, married and had children. Thomas's will has survived, revealing a split in the family. Apart from bequests of £5 to his grandson William Gould, son of his daughter Margaret, and of his family bible, "left me by my brother Mark" to his grandson Mark, son of his eldest son Thomas, he leaves everything to his wife and after her death or remarriage, "equally share and share alike" to his children Thomas, Job, Christopher and Bennet. However he warns his wife and his younger children Christopher and Bennet not to "meddle in my affairs" and directs that his executors, Thomas and Job, should do their work without the "let will or molestation"

of Christopher and Bennet. Although it is tantalising that there is no evidence to show what the quarrel was about, the language of the will is very unusually personal and reveals Thomas to be both sentimental, by the bequest of the bible, and imperious in his warnings to his younger children.

The three sons Thomas, Job and Christopher were all lead miners, and Thomas was able and energetic enough to secure the very advantageous position of Barmaster for the Brassington Liberty when the previous holder of the post, Edward Ashton, died in 1792. His eldest son, another Thomas, born in 1782, followed him in the post at his early death in 1804, at the age of 47, and was Barmaster until 1839. This son subsequently accumulated a sizeable land holding which a survey of 1835 gives as 40 acres of copyhold land and 50 acres rented from others. He was also the landlord of the Miners Arms from 1808, marrying its owner, Jane Allsop in 1812, after the death of his first wife in the previous year. This pub was the venue for meetings of the Barmote Court and, from the 1820s, of the Manor Court also. Thomas's pub accounts, written in a book originally used by his father for the Brassington lead mining records from 1792 until 1802, have been preserved by his descendants and show him to have had very considerable amounts of cash available to lend to his customers and to finance many of the villagers' activities, including mining, farming, building, sporting events such as hare coursing and even a funeral. At different times Thomas was the Land Tax assessor and Overseer of the Poor and was a regular member of the Manor Court jury. He was also, as is shown by a letter from the Miners Arms which he drafted in his accounts book, the village bandmaster. Thomas's only son William farmed about as much land as his father and inherited the pub when the father died in 1860. He never held the licence however, and after an interval of 7 years during which the licensees were first his brother-in-law William Watson and later his cousin Esther Nadin and her husband George, the pub became the home of William's son Joshua. Joshua, like his grandfather, combined farming with innkeeping and, also like him and like his father too, was a member of the Manor Court jury, still meeting at the pub until the 1880s. He was the enumerator at the 1871 Census in Brassington and is shown by a page of accounts in the same book as his grandfather's to have provided services to the trustees of the school built in the village in 1872. Joshua bought the freehold of the Miners Arms from the Lord of the Manor in 1879 for £25 and sold the pub in 1881, moving to the Jug and Glass at Holloway. Joshua retained a link with the village by his ownership of a house called Rose Cottage there and this house is given as his voting qualification in the Electoral Register until his death in 1808. His brother Henry was a labourer, working at different times on farms and on the railway, and a younger brother, Albert, followed the combination of farming and innkeeping favoured by this branch of the family by holding 2 fields at Brassington and being the landlord of the Bear at Alderwasley, where he died in 1904.

Job Slack, born in 1758, seems to have been the most successful miner in the family. The records kept by his brother the Barmaster show that from 1792 until 1802 his average annual income was about £150 and entries in the Miners Arms accounts book for payments to his nephew for Thomas's official duties in measuring the ore suggest that he maintained this income for the next 20 years. He married Elizabeth Banks in 1780. Elizabeth, like Alice Slack before her, benefitted from her father's will after her marriage. He was John Banks, a farmer on a fairly large scale, and after leaving his land to his 3 sons, he directed that they should give their sister £20, £20 and £30 respectively. From the Manor Rolls, the 1835 land survey and from the will of his grandson, who died in 1909 leaving his cottage to his youngest son Edwin, we know that Job lived in his father's house and that the house remained in the family's possession until Edwin's death in 1976. It is a cottage, always described in the documents as have "two gardens thereto belonging", high on Brassington's steep Western slope, near the North wall of the churchyard. Job's younger son, John, born in 1784, became a farmer, a member of the Manor Court jury, and a regular voter at General Elections. He left the village to farm at Ivy Lane in Macclesfield with his second wife, Ellen Potts, whom he married at Prestbury Church in 1838. It may be an indication of a certain social sense in John that on his marriage certificate he described his father, a life-long miner, as a farmer. His elder brother Thomas stayed unmarried until after his father's death in 1825 and his mother's in 1832. He is always associated with Job in the mining records, and was clearly his father's working partner. Both were members of the Barmote Court. When Job died he left his "real and personal estate" to Thomas, apart from "£5 apiece" to John and 3 married daughters, instructing him to maintain his mother "suitable to her degree". Thomas's late marriage to Mary Titterton in 1835, at the age of 53, is recorded in pages from

a family bible which he received from Mary's family and which have survived. Thomas and Mary were early members of the Primitive Methodist church in Brassington, worshipping at the chapel built in 1834, as were his sister Elizabeth and her husband James Fearn, a Local Preacher and Leader of the Brassington church. This attachment to Methodism continued for the next 3 generations. It was during Thomas's lifetime that the lead became exhausted in Brassington, and since he seems to have relied on it, his branch of the family had the hardest time in the second half of the 19th century. His son, another Thomas, was 12 when his father died in 1850, and is listed in the 1851 Census as a lead miner. He obviously became the breadwinner for his mother and younger sister, though Mary worked for the rest of her life as a servant, "charwoman" in 1851 and "housekeeper" in 1861. The family cottage was copyhold property and was forfeited in 1851 when Mary, for whatever reason, failed to attend any of the 3 meetings of the Manor Court at which it was "proclaimed", a procedure designed to give the heirs of former holders of copyhold land the chance to claim the tenancy. However, she and her son, by then 18 years old, reclaimed the house with the 2 gardens in 1856 and were admitted to the copyhold at a meeting in that year. He was a miner until about 1870, and subsequently worked wherever he could, being the toll keeper at Hipley in a cottage only recently demolished, working on the construction of the bridges on the Cromford and High Peak Railway, quarrying at Buxton, dealing in coal and ending his life, in 1909, farming at Longcliffe. He had married Eliza Adams, daughter of a miller, in 1859, and after her early death in 1878, married a widow, Ann Alcock. His 2 sons by Eliza broke new ground by qualifying as mental nurses after training at Derby Borough Asylum, and spent some years as attendants with families rich enough to afford their services in caring for mentally sick members. These men, Thomas William and Samuel, were later farmers, as were their sister Maria and half-sister Mary. Mary's sister Eliza's husband was at the time she met him carting lead ore from Millclose Mine to the cupolas at Whatstandwell, and their brother Edwin worked on the High Peak Railway.

The third branch of the family descended from the Thomas Slack who died in 1800 was that of his youngest son Christopher. Like the rest of the family at that time Christopher was a miner, with a copyhold house and smallholding, but his descendants followed a greater variety of occupations than their relatives. Christopher's eldest son William, born in 1801, started as a miner but changed his occupation, presumably because mining became uneconomic, and was for most of his life a stone mason, as was his son Christopher. His younger brother Daniel was the village schoolmaster from 1832, in a new school built on land sold to the trustees by his father, until his early death in 1845 at the age of 38. The connection with education was maintained by Daniel's widow, Hannah, still a schoolmistress in 1881, at the age of 67, and by their son William. He was a grocer and small farmer and was a trustee, manager and secretary of the new school, opened in 1872. His tussles with one Headmaster over his children's education, including in particular the progress of his daughter Alice as a pupil teacher, are faithfully recorded in the School Log, from the Headmaster's point of view. Both William and his cousin Christopher had sons, and there may well be descendants of this branch of the family with the surname, as there are of the other 2. However all the members of the generation born towards the end of the 19th century, with the sole exception of Edwin, left the village, and when he died in 1976 he had for many years been the only one of his name in Brassington.

(Slack family chart shown on opposite page.)

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