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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the June issue and by now the summer activities are in full swing. M.I. recording has started and trips to the P.R.O. and the Family History Fair in London will have taken place. The main interest for our Society, however, is the arrival of the 1881 Mormon census index, eagerly awaited after many painstaking hours of transcribing, checking and rechecking. I understand it has already been of help to some of our members and a copy is now in the library at Alfreton for those of you who have lost an ancestor in Derbyshire.

Many thanks to all of you who have written to me saying how much you like the magazine. I can't thank you all personally but it is nice to know how much it is enjoyed. As you might have noticed the quality has substantially improved, thanks to the purchase of a new computer. After a few weeks of general cursing and muttering - common, I believe, to all of us who deal with anything more than pen and paper - we have finally come to an understanding and the magazine is benefitting. My stock of articles, however, is getting a little low so if you find that elusive ancestor or come across something that might be of interest to us all, get writing.

That's all for this time, so good hunting!

Helen


We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society by 10th April 1995

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Searching: ADAMS of Tring, Hrt & Plumstead, Ken 1840; BASKCOMB of Woolwich, Ken 1839; BERESFORD of Longford 1831; BLURTON of Derby 1842; FLETT of Okl, Sct 1826; HARDY of Longford, Hulland Ward, Turnditch, Shottlegate & Derby 1850; HATCH of Dev & Liverpool, Lan 1805; SCARFF of Tillingham, Little Clacton, Great Holland, Ess 1781; SHERETT of Derby 1842
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Searching: RICHARDSON of Eckington; WILSON of North Wingfield No date given
- 3831 Lucy M. George, 101 The Oval, North Anston, Sheffield, S. Yorks. S31 7BX
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- 3833 Mrs P. & Mr R. M. Howard, Middlebrook Farm, Nottingham Road, Underwood, Notts., NG16 5GZ
Searching: HOWARD of EGHAM, Sry <1849; KILLICK of Alford, Sry <1859; WILLSON of Alnwick, Nbl <1851; PARKER of Carlton, Ntt <1929; BATES of Shottle, Duffield & Belper <1849; JACKSON of Duffield & Shottle <1827; BIRKIN of Eastwood, Ntt <1800; ROUSE of Duffield & Wirksworth <1850; WALKER of Eastwood <1841
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Searching: BROTHERHOOD & COOLE one name study; ADNUTT of Markfield, Lei <1800; FORKNELL of Ibstock, Lei <1900; POTTER of Ashby Loddon, Nor <1850; DANCIE of Lambeth, Lnd <1930; RIGSBY of South Cerney, Glis <1765; GOODCHILD of Deal, Ken 1740-1925; MAUND of Brecon, Wls <1875
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- 3836 Dr. J.D. Pearson, 230 Manchester Road, Audenshaw, Manchester, M34 5QR Searching: ASHTON of Greaton Longston, Bakewell, Darley Dale, Baslow, Bonsall & Matlock <1800; BRIDGE of Hadfield <1830

- 3837 Mr M. B. Mannion, 50 Morningside Close, Allenton, Derby, DE24 9JP
Searching: MANNION of Liverpool, Leeds, Yks & Irl 1850>
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Searching: STANLEY of North Wingfield 1844; ASKEW of Chesterfield 1844
- 3839 Mr D. Fox, 43 Potters Lane, East Leake, Loughborough, Leics., LE12 6NH Searching: FOX of Beauchief, Bradway & Norton 1720>; POPLAR of Belper, Duffield, Ambergate & Cossal 19c; WALL of Rowsley & Dronfield 18-19c; SHEARD of Dronfield 1870>; SMEDLEY of Eckington & Dronfield 19c; BOOTH of Dronfield 18-19c
- 3840 Mrs L.M. Ferguson, 33 The Avenue, Sunbury on Thames, Middx. TW16 5HY
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- 3841 Susan Diggle, 15 Wollaton Vale, Nottingham, NG8 2B
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- 3842 Barbara Thompson, 16 Oldfield Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2LZ
Searching: CRESSWELL of Derby 19c; BARKER & DEVINE no parish or date given
- 3843 Mr R.G. Weston, 'The Thorns' Laneside Road, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4LU
The history of Hartington and any families living there in the 16th & 17thc
- 3844 Pamela E. Walker, Postern Hill Farm, Hazelwood, Derby, DE56 4AG
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- 3845 Prof. P. H. Beighton, Dept. of Human Genetics, Medical School, Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa, 7925
Searching: BEIGHTON, BEETON, BEATON any date, any parishes
- 3846 Mr N. Gregory, 79 Birkby Lodge Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD2 2BL
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- 3847 Mrs A. M. Olarenschaw, P.O. Box 96, Tinana, QLD 4650, Australia
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- 3848 Reginald Pickford, 149 Wommara Avenue, Belmont Nth., P.O. Box 370, Belmont, NSW, Australia, 2280
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- 3849 Mr C. & Mrs P. Dixon, P.O. Box 1939, Katherine, NT 0851, Australia Searching: SEVERN of Cotmanhay <1880
- 3850 Mr R. B. Slack, Guelder Cottage, West End Road, Norton, Doncaster, DN6 9DN
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- 3851 Bairbre C. Herod, Chapel House, Front Street, Tealby, Lincolnshire, LN8 3XU
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- 3879 Jocelyn M. Bell, 41 Lorna St., New Plymouth, New Zealand Searching: JOHNSON of Mellor <1850
- 3880 Susan Chylek, c/o Santa Fe Energy Resources, #16-06 Wisma Atria, 435 Orchard Road, Singapore, 0923 Searching: BUTLER & GRIMES of Ockbrook <1870
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HELP WANTED

SWINBURNE

According to oral history in the family, in about 1844 my great great grandfather, who bore the surname SWINBURNE, was forced to move from Derby to Nottingham because of business failure. This was allegedly due to Chartists burning down mills and wrecking newly installed hosiery machinery on St. Mary's Bridge, Derby. There was some connection with Darley Abbey church. The Derby Swinburne was said to be a cousin of Solomon Beardsley, also a hosiery manufacturer, of Ilkeston. I am aware that facts can be distorted in oral tradition, but I would be grateful for any confirmation or refutation of any of the above leads to this ancestor whom I have yet to trace. *Hilary Swinburne Chapman, 8 Vardre View, Deganwy, Conwy, Gwynedd, LL31 9TE (Mem. No. 3828)*

HAN(D)BURY/HAN(D)BERIE

I would be grateful for any help in extending my research of the above family of Ashover back into the 17th century. The earliest baptism, in 1703/4, is "Henry, son of Henry HANDBERY and Alice, his wife". Alice was baptised in Ashover in 1679 - "Aliff, daughter to William CHADWICK or BOWER and Mary his wife", but I am more concerned with the Hanbury origins. I am in touch with Jim Marsh, but neither of us have found an earlier mention of this surname in Ashover, although there are Han(d)bury families in Chesterfield, Wirksworth and Ticknall at an earlier date - none of these seem to include a Henry. Boyd's marriage index has an entry for Henry HANBURY and Joane PICKERING at Chellaston in 1660, who may be linked to the HANBERIE family at Snenton, Notts; they appear in the I.G.I. Is anyone researching the Pickering's? I hope that the marriages of the children of Henry and Alice might tie in with other research; Henry to Mary KNIVETON (Chesterfield 1725) and secondly to Mary POTTER (Ashover 1744), Dorothy to John RIGGOT (Ashover 1739), Lydia to Robert OFFEWELL (Horsley 1744) and Temperance to James BALLINGTON (Ashover 1751). Is anyone researching Cornelius SLINN (whose daughter Grace married Henry Handbury at Ashover in 1795) who was buried, aged 78, at Alton in 1822? *Peter Breen, 152 Henniker Gate, Chelmer Village, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 6SB (Mem. No. 3814)*

WALKER

Among the memorials for St Peter and St Paul church in Eckington are recorded inscriptions from the family tomb of WILLIAM WALKER of the firm of Appleby Walker & Co., Renishaw Iron Works, who died at Clown 27th December 1848 in his 40th year. His wife was Ann (nee Eaton), who died in 1866. They had children Mathew Henry, bapt. 1834, Joel Eaton and William George, both bapt. 1837, and there are also births and deaths recorded for William Eaton, Mary Hellen and Sarah Ann.

I am descended in Joel Eaton Walker's line, and would particularly like to find out where his father William was born and who his parents were, possibly where he lived at Clown but should be buried at Eckington, or any other details of his life. It looks as if Joel Eaton had a twin brother William George and we do not know what happened to him or to his elder brother Mathew Henry. Any assistance would be appreciated. Joel himself went to work in Sheffield in the steel works there, being shown in the 1851 census as a Warehouse Boy aged 15 in lodgings, by 1871 head of the family and a Commission Agent and by the directory of 1875 has become a Gent! *Hilary Thornton, "Wood Rising", 6 Flock Leys, Scalby, Scarborough, YO13 0RG (Mem. No. 3739)*

CUNNINGTON, BEARDSALL

George Tebbutt CUNNINGTON was baptised 1801 at Kings Cliffe, Northants and died in 1882 at Sneinton, Notts. His first marriage was around 1822 (possibly Heanor/Eastwood area) and his second marriage was to Mary BEARDSALL, born Heanor, in 1832 at St Mary's, Nottingham. George's children were Letitia (1826, Heanor), Thomas (1828, Heanor), Elizabeth (1836), Tebbutt (1837, Nottm.), William (1839, Nottm.), and Alice (1842, Nottm.). I cannot find any reference to George's first marriage, but his

second was recorded as George Tebbut CUNNINGHAM - maybe a similar error occurred with his first marriage. Post marriage censuses and children's names are all registered as Cunnington so it was probably a recording error in the register. I cannot find the BEARDSALL family that Mary came from. The only clues I have are that the Cunningtons were Coopers who diversified into Brewing, innkeeping, baking, Customs & Excise etc. One of the bakers was possibly John Stanger of Ilkeston. The family of Mary Beardsall/Beardall may have run an off licence.

I have searched the FHS indexes for Notts., Derbys, Leics and Rutland, and Northants. Also the baptisms 1824-27 and marriages 1821-36 for Heanor parish with no luck. A one name study for Cunningtons has, so far, only the reference of his baptism at Kings Cliffe under the single name of Tebbutt. I need to find the date of George Tebbutt Cunnington's first marriage (pre-1826, probably after he finished his apprenticeship as a cooper), date of his first wife's death (in childbirth?) circa 1831/2 and if there were any other earlier children from his first marriage. Where were they living, were they with relations?

It is known that a distant cousin, James Cunnington born Oxford 1854, came to stay after the death of his parents, with an "aunt" Phoebe Hopkin (nee Bridges born Chelsea) - actually a cousin - who was the landlady of Wellington Inn. James was later a brewer, colliery stoker, coachman for the local funeral directors. The fact that James came to Heanor in the late 1860s to a family member leads me to believe that maybe there were other relatives in the area around Heanor/Ilkeston/Derby whom George Tebbutt came to in the 1820s when his children were born there. Did he marry before or after he arrived in Heanor? Any information, however trivial, would be welcome. *Mavis Johnson, Kamardon, North Street, Norton St. Philip, Nr. Bath, BA3 6LE (Mem. No. 3365)*

BOOK COLLECTION

I wondered whether any of my fellow members have a copy of "Cotton Arkwright" (M. Arkwright), "Dead Nettle", "Gamekeeper's Gallows", "The Quiet Stranger" and "Slicker Slides" (J. B. Hilton) or any novel by James Prior. I am familiar with Crichton Porteous' work but would welcome information on other writers whose novels have a regional historical context, particularly those set in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. I should be pleased to buy any such that are for sale and shall, of course, pay postage.

I have a large collection of regional novels, many in duplicate, set mostly in Yorkshire and Derbyshire with a few set elsewhere in Britain. I should be pleased to send a list to anyone who writes to me enclosing a S.A.E. *Pauline Bell, 12 Church Close, Louth, Lincs LN11 9LR (Mem. No. 2918)*

WEBB

I have a photograph of Tom and Myra Webb of Shardlow and believe this may be my great grandfather's brother. My great grandfather was William Webb and their father was Robert Webb(e), whose profession was a maltster. William married Mary Jane Titterington in Mayfield in 1903 and had three children, Annie, Myra and Henry. All three married, but only two girls were born so this side of the Webb(e) family has now died out. Does any reader know anything about Tom and Myra Webb? On the back of the photograph is the address, Long Drive, Shardlow. *Kath Dent, 12 Aldersgate, New Mills, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 3BT (Mem. No. 2382)*

BURGESS

I have three brothers, William, John and Samuel BURGESS. William was born in Mellor, Derbyshire c1761, John was baptised 19th August 1759 in Mellor and Samuel baptised 14th May 1763, also in Mellor. There is no record of William's baptism in the Mellor registers or the marriage of their parents, John Burgess and Martha. Can any member help me with either of these two missing items please? Postage gladly refunded. *Helen Lomas, 26 Berrow Court, Garden's Walk, Upton-Upon-Severn, Worcester WR8 0JP (Mem. No. 579)*

GWINNUTT

It seems from family history that my husband's great grandmother ran a hotel for travelling salesman in the Strand in Derby from about 1906 for at least the next ten years. In his book, "A Derbyshire Poacher" written by Tom Gwinnutt, a cousin of my husband's mother, he refers to his grandmother running this establishment. He describes the house as being large but no other information is mentioned, such as his grandmother's name for example. Does anyone remember this place, where in the Strand it was situated and/or the name of the lady in question, so we can cross reference the information we already have? Any expenses incurred will be refunded. *Jean Durbin, 170 Watts Road, Wilson, Perth, Western Australia 6107 (Mem. No. 3778)*

HAND

I would be pleased to hear from persons with knowledge of the HAND family of Spondon, Derbyshire, previously from Sutton Bonnington and Costock, Notts. Have been unable to locate marriage of my gr.gr. grandfather Thomas Hand (bapt. 16 April 1809, Sutton Bonnington), their first child, Thomas, was baptised 4 July 1829 at Spondon. Two daughters also baptised there - Hannah (1835) and Ellen (19 March 1835). Thomas (1809) was convicted at Derby Assizes on 17 March 1835 and transported to Australia for life. The 1841 census shows Mary and three children still living in Spondon, Mary shown as shopkeeper. However they do not appear there in 1851. Mary did not emigrate to Australia, son Thomas emigrated to Australia in 1857 after marrying Mary Ann GUEST at Bristol. Have no further knowledge of Hannah or Ellen. Other Hand families appear in Spondon, unknown if related to Thomas. Any information, particularly of the marriage and Mary's maiden name, would be greatly appreciated. Where did Mary move to? Did she remarry? *Roger Hand, PO Box 134, Baulkham Hills, N S W 2153, Australia (Mem. No. 3852)*

EEDLE

My great great grandfather, HENRY JOSEPH EEDLE, came to live in Derby from Kennington in 1894. On census returns and his children's birth certificates his profession is given as naturalist or taxidermist. Would anyone know why he came to live in Derby and who would he be working for? Does anyone have any information about taxidermists at this time? *Deborah Bull, 54 Shawley Way, Epsom Downs, Surrey KT18 5PB (Mem. No. 3487)*

MARRIOTT, TOWNSEND, MOTSBY

Does anyone researching MARRIOTT have an Emma in their records, born in Derbyshire 1821/22. Any information most gratefully received. Also baptism records for William TOWNSEND and Ruth MOTSBY, who lived and died in Chesterfield but were married in Selston on 9th June 1755. Postage refunded by I.R.C. *Mrs S. Gray, Box 2052, Halfway House, R. South Africa, 1685 (Mem. No. 1989)*

TAYLOR

My grandmother, MARY EMILY TAYLOR, was born at Belper in 1867, the daughter of Hannah Taylor, born at Kilbourn about 1843, parents Isaac and Mary Taylor. Hannah married ROBERT LEE, widower, at Duffield on 10 November 1873. Robert, Hannah, Mary Emily and Ada emigrated to Needham, Mass. USA in 1874. They returned to Belper about 1881 and are listed in the 1891 census living at 12 Short Row, Belper. My grandmother, Mary Emily Taylor, married FRANCIS PARKIN, born 1859 at Kilburn. They had 3 or 4 daughters. Francis died after 1902 and I am searching for his date of death. Mary Emily Parkin then married GEORGE STANTON, widower of Smalley, possibly about 1910. I cannot find proof of their marriage, but I did visit my grandmother at Smalley in 1934. Her marriages and birth elude me. Her death certificate is dated 14 July 1934, Smalley. *Elsie M. Wright, 5711-11 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2K 5P2 (Mem. no. 2047)*

WRIGHT, TWIGG(E)

JOHN WILLIAM WRIGHT, born 11 Feb. 1866 at Stonesby, Leicestershire, the son of WILLIAM WRIGHT, also born Stonesby, about 1844. William married EMILY STEANS (STEINS) of Stonesby on 13 Dec. 1863. William's father was GEORGE WRIGHT, who had died before William's marriage and possibly before 1851 as he is not on the Stonesby 1851 census. Who was George Wright and whom did he marry? John William Wright married HARRIET GODBER at Pentrich, Derbyshire on 22 Jan 1894. Harriet was the daughter of BENJAMIN GODBER and FRANCES ANNE TWIGGE, married 23 June 1861, at Pentrich. Frances Anne was baptised Frances Twigg, father LEWIS TWIGG, farmer, 11 Oct. 1836, Hill Chorlton, Staffs. Lewis Twigg married Harriet Buckley of Audley (by license), Stoke upon Trent, Staffs, 6 Aug. 1835. Lewis Twigg eludes me, could he have been associated with Ilam, Derbys? *Patrick Wright, 5711-11 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2K 5P2 (Mem. No. 2047)*

HERALDRY

I would be glad to hear from any member with a good knowledge of heraldry who would be willing to answer several queries on the subject. *David Blythe, 16 Smithfield Avenue, Trowell, Nottingham NG9 3PD (Mem. No. 3223)*

HALL, ROBERTS

WILLIAM HAYLES HALL was born in Kew, Surrey in 1820. He was butler at Osmaston Manor, between the years 1851-91. He married LYDIA ROBERTS in 1851. Their known children are Ann Elizabeth (1853), William Roberts (1856), Lydia Sophia (1857-60), Henry Frederick (1860), Mary Lucy (1863) and Frank Edward (1867).

William remarried Mary Ann ? after the death of Lydia in June 1868 and prior to 1871 as Rosamond Mary Ann was born in December of that year. Other known children of the second marriage are Charles David (1874), Walter (1875) and Mary Ann (1877). William died in June 1893 and is buried in St. Martin's churchyard, Osmaston by Ashbourne.

Also living with them for many years was William's brother Frederick Charles (1818-1884). My great grandfather, Frank Edward, moved to Paddington sometime between 1881-91, where he started his own particular line. Any information on the above family would be greatly appreciated.

Also can any member help with the placenames of Shipton Hill or Tythley, both in Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire Record Office could not help and I am unable to locate either of these places on the map. *Steven Wellburn, 48 Park Lane, Alexander Heights, Perth, Western Australia, 6064 (Mem. No. 3866)*

RECIPE

I was born just before the war and grew up in Nottingham during the 1940's and 50's. My mother used to make an accompaniment to fried bacon, which she called "Jolly Boys". As far as I remember she made some sort of batter with flour, which she then ladled into the frying pan with a tablespoon. I think the batter-mix rose whilst keeping the oval shape formed by the spoon, so there must have been some sort of raising agent present. None of her recipe books or notes have been of help and I've not come across any references to "Jolly Boys" anywhere else. Were they local to Nottingham or Derbyshire (Mum was a Chesterfield girl) or were they a wartime economy dish? I'd love to know more about them and to have the recipe. Please can any member help? Letters acknowledged and post refunded. *Mrs M. H. Martin, 43 Harcourt Road, Redland, Bristol BS6 7RF (Mem. No. 535)*

DICKENS

Does anyone know anything about a THOMAS DICKENS, about 50/60 years old in 1801, who was living in Marlborough, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, at that time. *Barbara Faber, 157 S. Raynolds Ave., Canon City, Colorado 81212-4015, U.S.A. (Mem. No. 3737)*

JACOBS

Samuel JACOBS was born in September 1865, his parents living at 5 Macklin St., Derby. His father was Benjamin Jacobs and was reputed to have kept a shop in Derby. A check of the 1871 census shows that 5 Macklin St. was unoccupied at this time, while the 1861 census shows someone else living there. Local directories have been checked without result. There is some suggestion that the family may have been Jewish, but at this date the nearest synagogue would have been at Nottingham. Any suggestions or leads as to where Benjamin was living in 1871 would be gratefully received. *David Barton, Hillcrest, Bent Lane, Darley Hillside, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2HN (Mem. No. 1664)*

FAMILY BIBLE

Has anyone come across a family bible with references to births, marriages and deaths of the HOGG, ALTON and BENNETT families of Loscoe and Ripley, approx. 1850 - 1930. It once belonged to my grandmother but disappeared sometime in the 1970s. Has anyone any information on this bible. *Joan Pickup, 20 Murton Garth, Murton, York YO1 3U (Mem. No.3770)*

BARKER, HINCHCO

ANN SHORTHOUSE BARKER, daughter of Robert and Ann Shorthouse, was born around 1800 and married Elijah Barker. In the 1841 Census of Derbyshire she is shown as being born outside the county, Elijah being born in Derby. Neither Ann nor Elijah appears in the 1851 census. Does anyone know the origin of the name HINCHCO, which appears in Staffordshire (Newcastle under Lyme). We are related to Benyan Hinchco, son of John Hinchco and Martha Walter, born in 1829. We can find no records before that date. *Mrs Suzanne Hardebeck, P.O. 13162, Austin TX 78711, USA (Mem. No. 1873)*

SHAW

I am looking for the birth of my great grandfather, JOSEPH SHAW, born 1851/52 in Belper. Also his parents' marriage, John Shaw to Elizabeth Harrison. On the 1861 census Joseph was 9, John 34 and Elizabeth 35. Other children were Eliza (13), Harriet (11), John (7), Walter (5) and Ann (1). These were all registered, but not Joseph. Any help would be very much appreciated. *Jack Shaw, 139 Park Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN3 6LN (Mem. No. 2891)*

MEETING REPORTS



GLOSSOP GROUP

JANUARY 1995

THE DISTRIBUTION OF SURNAMES - DR COLIN ROGERS

The meeting was held at the new Bradbury Community House and 16 members of the Historical Society joined our own members to listen to Dr Colin Rogers, one of our own members. He started off with local names, such as HADFIELD and BEELEY, whose families had lived in the area for generations. He went back to the time when surnames, as we know them, did not exist and explained how they came into being, how they were linked with their place of abode, what they did for a living and, in some cases, who they are, e.g. JOHNSON - son of John. He also illustrated his talk with maps of England, Scotland and Wales, showing how surnames are connected with certain areas. For example, the name DARLINGTON, surprisingly more common in Shropshire than in the North East while SMITH was more common in the south of England than in the North. A very interesting talk.

FEBRUARY 1995

A TASTE OF IRELAND - IVY BATES

Neville Sharp, who should have been our speaker, had to pull out and Ivy Bates, one of our members, very kindly filled in. Her subject was a Taste of Ireland, about her visit to Ireland in 1994.

She visited the 2nd TRIENNIAL IRISH GENEALOGICAL CONGRESS held at Trinity College, DUBLIN. Since the Irish have emigrated over the last four centuries, not only to British Commonwealth countries but to America and Europe, family history is now an important part of the Republic's promotion of tourism. Trinity College has comfortable accommodation (available in the summer) and is central not only to major records and sources, but to Dublin's historical and many other attractions.

Supported by all the Family History organisations of Ireland and including members from overseas, the organising Committee had put together a comprehensive programme; an introduction to sources for beginners, details of the many available resources, use of computers, document preservation and photograph restoration, displays of books and magazines, and helpful pre-arranged consultations.

The wide choice of lectures also covered Ireland's geography and history, different emigrations and historical case studies. There were social events, receptions and dinners, lunches with talks, folk history and film evenings, theatre visits and trips to explore Dublin and its environs.

Bonuses were the opportunity to meet people from many other countries (and no language problem!) the smart shops and, not least, the Irish people themselves. It was all very interesting and a lively discussion ensued until the end of the evening.

MARCH 1995

MELLOR AND ITS PEOPLE - ANN HEARLE

Mrs Ann Hearle is the local historian for the MELLOR area and she started by telling us of the diverse history of the area which she has studied extensively. In the past Mellor was part of the ancient Parish of GLOSSOP but, as with Glossop, became part of the Diocese of SOUTHALL, LICHFIELD and now DERBY. County changes also took place, starting off with Derbyshire and now Cheshire.

MELLOR itself is a scattered village having no Town Centre as such, although now it is a Parish in its own right with a Parish Church. It is mainly rural although in the 18th century it was a thriving cotton and mining community. It had several large cotton mills powered by water from the RIVER GOYT and employed over 500 people. With the decline of both cotton and mining in the mid 19th century, many of the people, along with many from MARPLE and ASHTON UNDER LYNE, emigrated to AMERICA and other parts of the world as well as to other local areas. At this time, the population declined from over 2000 to only 1000.

Many of the older records which were at the Parish Church have now been transferred to the Records Office at MATLOCK, but many have been transcribed, particularly before 1813 and these, together with later records, are still held at the church.

Iris Brown (Mem. No. 1662)

SHIRLAND GROUP

JANUARY 1995

WRITING YOUR BIOGRAPHY - MAUREEN BENISTON

This is the first time that Maureen had given this talk and she planned it with family historians in mind. She began her own autobiography in response to a competition set by the BRITISH LIBRARY in 1993 as their contribution to "The European Year of the Older Person". All the entries have been put in an archive which will be of great value in the future.

Maureen suggested that you work to a rough plan, first deciding on the period you want to cover and then decide on topics, with one topic per chapter. She felt it was important to aim at accuracy

for historical purposes while at the same time keeping the storyline interesting. Maureen had, after introducing her readers to her parents, centred her story on her life during the last war, a greater part of which she spent as an evacuee in LINCOLNSHIRE. She had us in stitches with her story of her first kiss which somehow revolved round a bag of chips. One thing she had not expected to find was the way some very unpleasant things had completely gone from her memory. Maureen's talk was not only informative, but also very entertaining and hopefully she gave us all the inspiration to set to and follow suit.

FEBRUARY 1995

MORE ABOUT CLAY CROSS - CLIFF WILLIAMS

Mr Williams gave us such a lively night's entertainment on his last visit that we felt sure he could not repeat his success. How wrong we were. His superb collection of slides, together with his enormous knowledge of the area and its characters kept our attention for over an hour. The insights Mr Williams is able to give into how life was in the past is always fascinating.

He works so hard himself on his researches that we really appreciate him finding the time to talk to us. At the moment he is working on a project involving all the miners killed in pit accidents in the EAST MIDLANDS and NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE between 1850 and 1890, which will be of interest to all historians.

Mr Williams' study of FRIENDLY SOCIETIES and the FEMALE DEATH AND DIVIDING CLUBS shows how carefully the miners and their families had to plan in order not to be financially embarrassed by the frequent tragedies that were part of everyday life. The TRADE UNIONS were also an important factor in improving living standards and this talk amply illustrated this and certainly made me realise that the progress made possible by their endeavours should not be taken for granted.

MARCH 1995

THE CHANGING FACE OF CHESTERFIELD - MR MARTIN

Mr Martin told us how he has always been interested in old buildings and on his arrival in CHESTERFIELD in 1947 set about photographing them, not intentionally setting up an archive. He soon realised that Chesterfield was changing at an alarming rate so he carried on taking photographs of areas as they altered. The collection of slides he now has is fascinating to both long time residents and to the uninvolved viewer as it shows how architecture has changed over the years and also what legalised vandalism has occurred.

Mr Martin regrets the loss of the dwelling houses within the town centre, of the small specialist shops, and of the right to park anywhere. He approves of the careful development of low pavements and of the brightly coloured canvasses on the market stalls. I agree with him that the retention of the open market was an important factor in keeping CHESTERFIELD the busy town it is, and long may it flourish.

The contrasts between old and new are very striking, but it is also interesting to see corners that are virtually unaltered, like the stretch of BEETWELL STREET from the historic BOWLING GREEN along to the modern police station. SPREAD EAGLE YARD and the little gated courtyard next to it are much as they must have been a century ago.

Mr Martin has a gift for keeping his audience totally absorbed. The talk that evening was no exception, and was much appreciated by everyone at the meeting.

Jo Ashley

Derby Meetings Report.

January 1995.

THE HISTORY OF TIME. PETER DAWKINS

Peter Dawkins is employed by the old established company of clockmakers JOHN SMITH of DERBY. He explained that there are two natural clocks, the oldest and most reliable is the Sun, (when its not cloudy

and the second is the stomach. A stick in the ground was the basis for the first time recorder, which progressed to a burning candle with marks encribed on it to note the passing of time. SAND CLOCKS or more popularly known as EGGTIMERS. were first found in Northern ITALY in 1285, but nobody knows who thought of it.

1525 saw the first external clock and a little later in 1550 minutes were added to the face. SALISBURY CATHEDRAL clock is the oldest working clock in the world five years older than WELLS. Peter showed many slides of different types of clock including a BIRDCAGE and ARMCHAIR clock also a TURRET clock in MANCHESTER which was sponsored by the DUKE of BRIDGEWATER, in LONDON we saw a clock attached to an oak beam, the beam weighs 8 tons and Peters company have modified the old winding mechanism which is now run by a motor.

We also learned about GEORGE FOX a DERBY Farrier who invented the the TANDAM MOVEMENT and when Cast Iron came into being it meant that all clock mechanisms could be made exactly the same. Nearly all clocks made now to fit the outside of a Church have a Plastic material for the face, which will last indefinitely. JOHN SMITH have 25 engineers travelling all over the UK servicing and maintaining clocks. When the clocks are altered in Spring and Autumn one engineer spends three to four days at CHATSWORTH HOUSE just doing that.

Peters slides were complimented with personal anecdotes from the time he was a travelling engineer, even down to seeing a ghost ! We all enjoyed an informative and humerous evening.

February 1995

THE CHANGING FACE OF DERBY TONY BOWLER

This months speaker is a notable local historian who has amassed a large amount of photographs and slides of DERBY through most decades. TONY has eight slide shows, and we saw number one. This show started in the old WEST END of the town and moved down through FIVE LAMPS which were originally in the MARKET PLACE, then onto KING STREET, the area around St HELENS HOUSE and the SEVERN STARS pub which was originally the ROYAL INN where customers drank from CROWN DERBY mugs, (the old factory was next door to the pub). We then moved on to St ALKMUNDS Churchyard which boasted a square of lovely old Edwardian houses and two pubs ! !, all now pulled down to make way for the INNER RING ROAD. Back onto QUEEN STREET and St MICHAELS CHURCH which was unlucky enough to have half of it fall down one Sunday just after service. Around the corner from there stood the NOTTINGHAM CASTLE pub in St MICHAELS LANE, demolished in the early 1960's . We were shown slides of the CAUSEY BRIDGE with a 173 feet span the longest in the town, and St MARY'S BRIDGE the original dated from Saxon times. From there we travelled into FULL STREET which used to be called ALDERMANS HILL or NANNY TAGG'S LANE, in this street stood the DOLPHIN pub at the top and the HORSE and TRUMPET at the bottom. The DOLPHIN is older by exactly half an hour , both built in 1530.

Many of TONY'S slides dated from the 1930's to the 1960's which soon had many members talking and calling out their memories, these included the building of the POLICE STATION in 1936 and the COUNCIL HOUSE in 1931 which was officially opened in 1949. Our tour finished at the CENTRAL BUS STATION , and tour number two heads off from there towards the RAILWAY STATION which I am sure we shall take another time.

March 1995

WORKSHOP EVENING

Our ever popular workshop was dusted down and wheeled out for tonights meeting. Members had two choices, they could either help IRIS SALT with work from the LIBRARY ROOM, or take a crack at working on the name index for the 1891 CENSUS under the guidance of GRAHAM WELLS. This project is starting up as the transcribing of the 1851 CENSUS winds down, although we must finish the 1851 as a matter of urgency, if you could help please contact MALCOLM MARPLES. Members had a third choice, they could do nothing, but no one did thankfully. As always all members attending enjoyed the atmosphere

of the workshop, a chance to help with some work a chat and a coffee. Why don't you attend the next one you will be pleasantly surprised.

GILL HILEY Member No 1774

HELP OFFERED

I have various records in my possession (see below) and I am willing to search any of these documents for members, in return for an S.A.E. or 2 IRCs. Also I can search the graveyard at Dronfield Parish Church and the general cemetery for any member's ancestors.

REGISTERS

Chinley Chapel baptisms and burials 1703-1840

Peak Forest marriages 1727-1815

Chapel-en-le-Frith marriages 1621-1837

Dronfield marriages 1560-1837

Holme Pierpont, Notts, baptisms 1813-1850, marriages 1806-1838, burials 1813-1850

Radcliffe-on-Trent and district, Notts, marriages 1559-1812

St Nicholas, Nottingham, marriages 1562-1812

M.I.'s

Peak Forest, St Charles the Martyr; Wormhill, St Margarets; Chinley Chapel; Peak Forest Chapel; Peak Dale Chapel.

CENSUS RETURNS

Peak Forest 1841 and 1851

HEARTH TAX RETURNS

Derbyshire 1662 & 1670; Nottinghamshire 1664 & 1674.

VARIOUS BOOKS

"Combs My Village" - lots of info on local families

William Senior's Surveys of Estates of 1st and 2nd Earls of Devonshire 1600-1628

Poll Book North Derbyshire 1868

Methodism in Peak Dale

"More than just Dust" -Peak Dale local history

Radcliffe on Trent, Notts, History 1710-1837

Cotgrave, Notts, History 17th & 18th century

GENERAL

Baptisms, burials and general notes from Dr Clegg's diaries 1727-1742 (North Derbys.)

Information on Hadfield(s), North Derbys., El(e)y, Derbys., Cutt(s), North Wingfield, Stretton & district.

Tony Rye, 24 Netherfields Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield, S18 6UX (Mem. No. 1807)

THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES
21st ANNIVERSARY

COCKTAIL PARTY

The lucky winner of the ticket to the afternoon cocktail party, hosted by the Federation, at the House of Lords, was Mrs. P. Richardson, 56 Queen Alexandra Mansions, Hastings Street, London, Membership No. 1571.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 8TH APRIL 1995

CHAIRMANS REPORT

This is my second report as Chairman and I am able to say that the Society has experienced a very busy twelve months.

Work has gone on steadily in all areas. Both the Executive and Projects Committees have been forging ahead with Society business, and the three Meeting Groups at Derby, Glossop and Shirland continue to thrive and prosper.

Membership remains fairly constant. For the past two or three years it has stayed around the 17 to 18 hundred mark. For those that do not renew each year we make up with new members. What is noticeable is the amount of new members over the last Eighteen months from the Glossop, Stockport, Manchester and Cheshire areas. I feel that a lot of those are attributable to the Society promotions on local radio and press, posters in Post Offices and Libraries etc, thankyou and well done the Glossop Group.

Those of you who visit the Library Room at Alfreton will know that we now possess a vast archive, much of this is on slips in shoe boxes, which we realise that many of our visitors to the Library and Open Days love to search for those missing ancestors. But like many other Societies we also realise that to keep adding slips to those already available cannot go on indefinitely. Iris our Librarian estimates that we now hold 250,000 slips. Over the past few months the Executive Committee has been discussing the most practical way of transferring this information onto computer. There are many different and varied programmes available, which to some degree has muddied the waters a little and after some procrastination we have now started to move forward. The Memorial Inscriptions are currently being transferred to disc by Janet Salt, Eileen Beech and Mr L Marples, it has become evident very quickly that it is no small feat, but a monumental task. Five years to complete the task is not ruled out unless more volunteers come forward. If you think you can help please contact Janet Salt.

I reported last year that the Magazine cover and colour had changed. Over the past issues it is apparent that it has been well received, we know this from the many kind comments that have been sent to us. Obviously there have been the negative remarks as well, which we anticipated, but no one can criticize the contents, Helen our Editor maintains a very high standard, bravely toiling along with the old computer which finally past its sell by date last Christmas. The Executive Committee very quickly arranged the purchase of a new computer so that our flag will remain flying high.

Last year in May the Society was present at the Family History Fair organised by the Society of Genealogists in London. We were one of thirty eight Societies present. As a commercial venture it was not a success, but it was felt to be a useful PR exercise which gave many distant members and some from overseas the chance to come along have a chat and put faces to names.

Last October the Glossop group represented the Society at a similar fair in Stockport, which as a first one in the North was a big success. This year some of our Committee will be at the Fair in London on May the 6th and 7th, and other members of the Committee will support the Glossop group at Stockport on October 28th. Please do support either or both venues if you can, it makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Last year the decision was taken to hold only one Open Day. This was at St Helens House in Derby, we were joined by nine other Local Societies and Family Tree Magazine. The day turned out to be one of the most successful ever held, three hundred people, members and non members turned up.

As already mentioned, this year we are in attendance at History Fairs so we shall count those as Open Days. Our committments grow each year and it all puts more work on the shoulders of the same people, who like anyone else have private lives to lead.

1996 is our Societies 20th anniversary. It is also our turn to host the Four Counties Conference. After a concerted effort to find just the right venue, we shall hold the conference at Repton School. This historic and picturesque setting will lend itself admirably to our conference. Details will follow via the magazine later.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped the Society in any capacity over the last year, especially those people on the Executive and Projects Committee's, some who give up countless hours of spare time to devote to the Society. Thanks to all volunteers who, slip, type, index and check, and thanks to all who help at or organise the group meetings, without these hardy souls our Society would not function. It is somewhat sad that all these volunteers represent only a small percentage of our total membership.

Finally on a more personal note, I am standing for re-election as Chairman, if I am successful it will be my third year in this capacity, and I have already informed the Executive Committee it will be my last. I feel that it is healthy for a Society to have a fresh person to take the reins every so often.

Alan Hiley
Member No 1774

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In addressing the Annual General Meeting I can report a year of steady progress.

Brian Greaves, our Parish Registers Co-ordinator, who you will recall took over the reins from Sheila Samways last year and has kept the momentum going, reports the following parish registers were completed and are now in the library.

Alfreton Baptisms 1813-1840

Alfreton Marriages 1813-1894

Belper Independent Chapel Burials 1799-1891

Belper St. Peter's Burials 1893-1894

Belper and Heage Independent Chapel Baptisms 1790-1846

Hope Baptisms 1599-1645

South Wingfield Volumes 1 and 2, all registers 1813-1901

Spondon, all registers 1653-1725

Tansley Burials 1900-1991

Tansley Marriages 1840-1899

Parishes in the pipeline include:

Bradbourne Burials 1813-1882

Breaston Marriages 1719-1908

Chellaston, all registers 1570-1910

Church Broughton Baptisms 1726-1812

Church Broughton Marriages 1538-1754

If the parish you are interested in is not included, why not contact Brian and see if you can transcribe the registers, thereby helping yourself and increasing the library's archives.

Last year the memorial transcriptions were recorded at Etwall, Smisby and Whitwell. Wirksworth and Youlgreave were completed, and Boulton, the last one proved to be a large one and will call for a further visit or two. Again I would ask for more members to come along and assist in the recording. We keep hard at it in the forenoon, but relax over lunch in the local hostelry, before a final burst of recording in the afternoon. We are considering grading the inns and the lunches, and perhaps one day we will publish a guide to rival Michelin and Egon Ronay.

In order to make these M.I.s more available to members, many churchyards and cemetery transcriptions have been transferred onto microfiche. Linda at the bookstall will be pleased to give the locations and sell you the copy you have been waiting for.

The 1851 census index under the direction of Malcolm Marples is nearly finished, and I join Malcolm in his recent appeal for helpers for one last big effort in order to complete the project. Then and only then can we turn our full attention to the 1891 census.

The Derbyshire 1881 census index, transcribed in conjunction with the Mormons, has now reached the library. The Executive Committee made the decision to purchase the other counties of England and Wales for the library as and when they become available. These counties, when purchased, are publicised in the magazine,

Jill Kerr continues to collect the strays, with a further publication being produced.

During the past year Mr Hugh Riordon has volunteered to take on the post of Wills Index Co-ordinator. This is a position that has been dormant for the last few years and Hugh has not, like most of the rest of the officials, had the benefit of taking over an active project and I am sure that many of our members do not realise that we had such an index. Hugh, who is with us today, is keen to answer queries and to accept any details of names mentioned on any family wills you may have and I am sure will be pleased to discuss with members what they want most from a wills co-ordinator.

You may recall at the last Annual General Meeting my mentioning the review of Local Government in Derbyshire and the local and family historians disquiet at the possible fragmentation of the archives and the Record Office. This would appear to have been resolved with the Commission's recommendation that the archive service be kept under one authority being approved. The Derbyshire County Council and especially the archive service, thanked the Society for our support during the review and I would like, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to pass on our thanks to all members who wrote to the commission supporting the retention of the County Record Office.

Also last year I brought to the attention of members that the Federation of Family History Societies had been considering the formation of a company limited by guarantee to enable the F.F.H.S. to enter more easily into binding contracts, and for the protection of its members by limiting the liability of member societies being a nominal £1. This has now taken place, so I would ask members to ensure they keep a copper or two in their pockets in cases of emergency.

If members feel I have been guilty of repetition in my call for volunteers, I can only remind members that what help and assistance can be obtained from the Society in their efforts to build their family trees, is governed by the efforts of those willing to contribute.

GRAHAM WELLS

TREASURER'S REPORT

By now you will have had a chance to look at the accounts for 1994. As I explained last year, the basis of the accounting system need to be changed and this has now been achieved. The figures for 1994 now properly reflect the income and expenditure relating to the year. I would point out that the figures for 1993 are shown merely as a guide and direct comparisons should not be made between the two years as 1993 was largely based upon the old system of accounting.

Overall the Society has had a successful year. I would like to make some comments. Firstly on income. The membership has steadied at about 1800. There has been a slight increase in members covenanting their subscription. The sale of publications includes our own productions as well as commercial lines.

On the expenditure side, the highest cost is for the quarterly journal - this is, after all, the main link to our members. The publicity costs are being kept down by competitive pricing from various printers.

The cost of speakers for meeting is rising, but the expenditure of £440 covers the speakers at the three venues of Glossop, Shirland and Derby. I'm afraid insurance costs have risen and are still rising, but there is a duty to make sure that the Society and its members are properly protected.

The accounts show a surplus of £7400 so I can report a successful year. The Balance Sheet shows the assets and the cash reserves of the Society.

I make no apology for returning to the theme of my report last year. I want more members to sign Deeds of Covenant in favour of the Society. Any United Kingdom taxpayer taking out a Deed will increase his subscription to the Society by a third without him paying a penny more. It sounds incredible, but it is true. The Society can retain the Income Tax paid to the Government by the member on the income which he uses to pay his subscription.

There has been an increase in numbers of Deeds in 1995, but we need even more members to covenant the 1996 subscriptions. So those of you who haven't taken out a Deed make a note in your diaries or Filofax that when the December journal comes out, complete your Deed of Covenant you'll find in it, send it with your subscription and we'll do the rest.

DEREK MEIGH

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1994

	1994	1993	
INCOME			
Subscriptions	15,417.93	17,747.98	
Income Tax recovered on Deeds of Covenant	835.49	782.27	
Interest on Investments	668.31	666.87	
Sale of Publications	7,222.14	7,066.04	
Donations	218.55	220.32	
Meetings, Open Days, Conferences Etc.	1,662.70	1,433.91	
Closing stock of books	10,973.00	8,091.19	36,008.78
	36,998.12		
EXPENDITURE			
Opening stock of books	8,091.19	8,010.00	
Journal	9,314.15	8,651.08	
Reference Library	389.89	212.94	
Stationery, Postage & Telephones	1,419.84	1,470.99	
Speakers	440.75	200.00	
Travelling Expenses	33.20	86.60	
Room Hire	1,556.75	1,188.50	
Projects	141.95	271.49	

Subscriptions & Insurance to F.F.H.S.	685.00		500.45
Purchase of Publications for Resale	5,827.86		7,355.77
Meetings, Open Days, Conferences, Fairs	1,459.67		1,100.45
Computer Upgrade	58.00		392.45
Bank Charges	5.00		-
Auditor's Fee	100.00	29,523.25	-
			29,440.72
Less Adjustments for Subs.Paid in Advance			[5,508.14]
EXCESS INCOME FOR THE YEAR		7,747.87	<u>£1,059.92</u>
Add Accumulated Fund Brought Forward		21,579.37	
Accumulated Fund Carried Forward		<u>£29,054.24</u>	

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 1994

ASSETS	1994	1993	
Furniture	50.00	50.00	
Microfiche Viewers	150.00	150.00	
Computer Equipment	<u>1,665.00</u>	<u>1,865.00</u>	699.45
Publications for Resale		10,973.00	8,091.19
Sundry Debtor		7.40	-
Cash Deposited with Charities			
Official Investment Fund		13,989.77	10,322.22
CASH AT BANK			
Giro Current	6,219.30	6,578.59	
TSB Current	263.38	1,060.46	
TSB Deposit	<u>146.36</u>	<u>6,629.04</u>	7,784.65
Cash floats in hands of Officers		210.00	190.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>£33,674.21</u>	<u>£27,087.51</u>

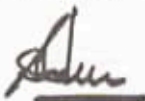
REPRESENTED BY :

ACCUMULATED FUND		29,054.24	21,579.37
SUNDRY CREDITORS			
Subs paid in advance	4,519.97		5,508.14
Auditor	<u>100.00</u>	<u>4,619.97</u>	-
			5,508.14
		<u>£33,674.21</u>	<u>£27,087.51</u>

D. J. Meigh
HONORARY TREASURER

AUDITORS REPORT

*I have audited the foregoing accounts, which are in accordance with the books maintained by the Society
In my opinion, the financial statement gives a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as of
31st December 1994*



S.J. WELLS, Certified Accountant & Registered Auditor
82a, Vestry Road, Oakwood, Derby.

DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Shirland Community Centre

8th April 1995

1] Apologies: ANN PASS, MALCOLM RAY, PAULINE & MALCOLM MARPLES,
LEWIS LEAVESLY, MARGARET MORGAN, DOROTHY BURTON,
GWEN CRIVICICH, ROSEMARY HAWLEY.

2] Minutes of the last A.G.M.: The minutes of the preceding A.G.M. were read out and were accepted as a true record of proceedings in 1994 by the members.

Acceptance was proposed by : Ken Miller, and Seconded by Hazel Foster. voted on and accepted by the members present

3] Matters arising from the previous minutes: Dorothy Hartley asked if the Society was still looking for new premises for the Reference Library, We were, and a sub-committee had been formed to try to give the task some impetus, but contacting estate agents in both the Derby & Alfreton areas had produced virtually no response. From the few suitable properties that were available, it had become clear that we were going to have to pay something in the order of three times the amount that the present rooms cost us at the moment, to get anything near what we required. The quest, however, would continue. The Secretary had been in touch with the Amber Valley District Council, since they had helped several local history societies to find premises, but they are unable to help at the present.

4] Chairman's Annual Report : Alan Hiley gave the Chairman's report.

5] Secretary's Annual Report : Graham Wells read out the Secretary's report.

6] Treasurer's Annual Report : Derek Meigh gave the Treasurer's report.

There were no questions or comments arising from the above three officer's reports, and acceptance of the treasurer's report was proposed by Ian Wells, and seconded by Gill Kerr... Voted on and accepted by the members present.

7] Election of Society Officers

The following members were accepted unopposed for the coming year by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

Chairman: Alan Hiley, **Vice-Chairman**: Iris Salt, **Secretary**: Graham Wells,
Membership Secretary: Lorna Spare, **Treasurer**: Derek Meigh.

8] Election of the Executive Committee.

The following members were accepted unopposed for the Executive Committee by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

Janet Salt, Helen Betteridge, Ian Care, Stephen Orchard, Dave Bull, John Ashley, Marion Kenny, Sue Murfin, Eileen Beech.

9] The Constitution requires that all meeting group sub-committees be approved by the members at each A.G.M., and the Chairman asked the meeting to give it's approval for the following members.

a) Derby group : Alan Hiley, Gill Hiley, Linda Bull, Dave Bull.

b) Shirland group : Jo. Ashley, R.Hawley, S.Wright.

c) Glossop group : Ann Pass, Iris Brown, Peter Beeley, Joanne Binns,
Diane Morton, John Rhodes.

All three sub-committees were accepted unopposed by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

Maureen Newton asked if the Meeting Group sub-committees should nominate one member to serve on the Executive Committee as liaison. She could see that no one from the Shirland sub-committee fulfilled this requirement. The Committee pointed out that John Ashley was a member of the Exec. and was able to liaise on behalf of the Exec. since his wife, Jo was a member of the Shirland meeting group sub committee. There was however, a difficulty to be overcome with the Glossop group, non of whom had been prepared to put themselves forward for the Exec. This was in one way understandable, in view of the distance and often the weather conditions involved, however, to fulfil the requirements of the Constitution and the meeting group standing orders, it was a necessity, and the Executive would be discussing the problem with the Glossop group after the AGM. The Exec. Committee has the power to co-opt members if necessary.

10] Appointment of Auditor:

The Treasurer proposed that the Auditor for 1995 should again be Mr. Wells (no relation to the Secretary !) this was seconded by H Reardon and was accepted by the members present.

11] Any other business

The Chairman read out details of the Chesterfield and District Family History Society open day in April, and read out a letter from the Federation of Family History Societies relating to problems some members have been experiencing with a publication produced by the "Family History Club", from Aberdare, in Mid - Glamorgan. For advice, members should contact Mrs. Julie Lipscombe, at the Trading Standards Consumer Advice Centre, 45 Dean St. Abadare, Mid-Glamorgan, CF44 7BN, or phone 01685 -871097.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that it was the Federation of F.H.S. 25th anniversary this year, and, as advertised in the magazine, one free ticket for a cocktail party at the House of Lords would be drawn from postcards sent in by interested members. The winning postcard was drawn, and the ticket was won by Mrs.P.Richardson, member No. 1571.

There was no further business, and so the Chairman closed the meeting.

WHEN FAMILY HISTORY AND LOCAL HISTORY WORK TOGETHER

When I was Secretary of Derbyshire Family History Society I received many letters from all over the world, most were because of peoples Derbyshire ancestors but a few because of my Nottinghamshire address. One of my reasons for relinquishing the post of Society Secretary was so that I could pursue and gain a qualification in Local History. This in turn lead to an interest in the Nottinghamshire village of Forest Town, a village which did not exist one hundred years ago. It developed because the Bolsover Colliery Company (of Derbyshire) sank a coal-mine, the Mansfield (Crown Farm) Colliery in 1904. A complete new village was built and miners and their families moved in from far and wide to work at the colliery, many were from Derbyshire.

Research into a twentieth century village brings a new awareness of documents family historians should consult when searching for their families, when records like the census are not available to see. Records such as the school admission registers, electoral rolls, minute books and newspapers etc. These have all revealed information, helping to build up a picture of the early families of Forest Town. It was interesting to read in the school log book that the School Headmaster helped to take the first census in the village in 1911, the problem is that what he learnt about the people will remain a secret until 2011.

Recently Ken Ward who had written to me years ago about the society, wrote again from Australia to see if I could locate a memorial in the church yard for him, he did not know of my local history interest. The result of this is that we are now exchanging information and Ken is sending me photographs of his family that once lived in Forest Town and Cresswell Derbyshire. Likewise, Jean Page of Derby was another early correspondent regarding the Society and we are now sharing information on her Houfton family, who lived in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, they were very instrumental in the early development of the Bolsover Colliery Company and its first colliery villages of Bolsover, and Cresswell, Derbyshire and Forest Town, Nottinghamshire.

We should all be aware that family history and local history are both relevant to each other and look for opportunities to enhance this. In Forest Town during the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June A Flower Festival will be held in St Alban's Church. The Church Hall will be a focal point for 'Forest Town Remembered' with displays of photographs, documents and memorabilia, relating to the Village, the Colliery and Clipstone Camp. (*'Clipstone Camp' was established just outside the village in 1915, many thousands of soldiers passed through here before going off to fight in the war*). On Sunday the 25th June 1995 a new stained glass window is to be dedicated in St Alban's Church by the Bishop of Southwell, a date that will go down in the history of the village.

The event will be of interest to both family historians and local historians. More specific times of the events which will be available nearer the date, for further information please send a S.A.E. to Pauline Marples, 15 Elmhurst Road Forest Town., Mansfield, Notts. NG19 0EU

Marriane Brailsford, 4th child of James Brailsford, Laborer, of Barrow, Son of Wm. & Hannah Brailsford of Wadingham, near Kirton in Lyndsey, Lincolnshire, and Martha, his wife, daughter of Moses and Martha Longden of Darley, near Bakewell in Derbyshire. Born Dec 24th and Baptized Feb 19, 1797.

Taken from Film No. 919382 (Parish Register of Wentworth, York) in the Mormon Library, Salt Lake City. Wouldn't it be great if all registers gave this much information when the children were baptised - LaRue H. Davis, 75 Welby St., Helper, Utah 84526, U.S.A. (Mem. No. 1990)

Good news - it's here, it's arrived - the 1881 Census for Derbyshire on microfiche. Many thanks to all who assisted in the transcribing, and a special thanks to Malcolm Marples who co-ordinated the whole project.

Other counties which have arrived in this series during the past three months are Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Glamorgan, Monmouth Nottinghamshire, and Westmoreland. We have also received a copy of the 1851 Census for the Phoside district of Hayfield. This covers piece no. H0107/2153.

Our thanks also for other acquisitions donated to the library as follows:-

Melbourne Parish Records - Apprenticeship Indentures.
 Maintenance and Shardlow Union.
 Rogues, Vagabonds, Voters etc.
 Donated by D. Bell and S. Murfin.

Family Trees and Histories Two Bagshaw Genealogies by Prof. Newton.
 Elkin Family Trees and Wills by Mrs.E.Logan.
 An Early History of the Stansall Family by
 James Mcn.Stancill.

Monumental Inscriptions Uttoxeter New Road Cemetery, Derby.
 St. Mary the Virgin, Uttoxeter, Staffs.

A small group of members have started to input the names from the M.I. recordings on to a data base. 20,000 names have been entered so far, but there is a long way to go before that project is complete. We will keep you informed of the progress made.

We have also started to index the 1891 Census for Derbyshire. This means that from time to time a small number of fiche are out of the library whilst they are being transcribed and then entered on to a computer. This may cause delay in replying to queries about the Census, or a fiche not being available for viewing in the library. We hope members will understand, and letters will be answered as soon as possible. We would appreciate volunteers to help with these two projects, but unfortunately due to the time factor, and the postage difficulties, it is not possible for overseas members to assist.

Finally, we know it was Saturday, 1st. April, "April Fools Day" but who locked us in the library, took away both sets of keys and we had to shout for help for three hours before we were rescued!!!

Iris and Janet Salt.

IS HE YOURS?

Have you lost a 4 y-o boy named WILLIE PEACH? I have found him staying at my Gt. Grandparents' home on Census night 1891, classed as a 'visitor' and born at Swanwick. Was he a relative of theirs - a nephew pehaps?

I would love to hear from any researchers of PEACH.

Mrs Pat Clarke, 109 Chatsworth Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 4GE (Mem. No. 3603)

I NAME THIS CHILD . . . CHARLOTTE

If you have a Charlotte among your ancestors, and know when she was born, you may be able to deduce something about your family.

The name 'Charlotte' has a distinguished history in England. It arrived in 1626 when an Earl of Derby married a Frenchwoman, and a few Charlottes are found in **aristocratic circles** in the second quarter of the 17th century. Then the name virtually disappeared for over a hundred years.

It reappeared in 1761 when Charlotte Sophia of Mecklenburg (in Germany) married George III. The name quickly became very popular among the **upper level of society**, for Charlotte Sophia was a very nice woman, and an entirely suitable queen, with excellent taste in the decorative arts. (George III and Charlotte Sophia were the parents of the extravagant Prince Regent, later George IV, who was described by a contemporary as the "most extraordinary compound of talent, wit, buffoonery, obstinacy and good feeling".)

In 1774 the name got another boost, this time among the **well-educated**, from Charlotte, the heroine of Goethe's *The Sorrows of Young Werther*, a romantic novel which caused a sensation throughout Europe.

'Charlotte' became really popular with what we now call the **middle classes** when the Princess Charlotte, Charlotte Sophia's granddaughter, was born toward the end of the 18th century. Princess Charlotte was the only child of the Prince Regent and his termagant wife Caroline of Brunswick. She was irritable and irritating, hoydenish and erratic, and had been a lot of trouble to her parents, particularly over whom she would or would not marry, but her liveliness was clearly in tune with the times.

Princess Charlotte was also popular with the English. As heir to the throne of what was then the most powerful kingdom in the world, she enjoyed the kind of popularity, publicity and attention that surrounds the Princess of Wales now, not least because Charlotte's parents were so awful that their daughter was the one hope for the future.

The famous novelist Charlotte Bronte, born in 1816 the daughter of a Church of England clergyman, was one of hundreds of middle class baby girls baptised with the princess's name in the early 19th century.

Early in 1817, when Princess Charlotte married a very agreeable minor German princeling called Leopold, the country went wild with delight. Somehow, without benefit of fax, phone, radio, television, or the Internet, and when most people could not read, Charlotte-mania infected not only London but the whole nation.

On 6 November 1817, Princess Charlotte died after badly mismanaged childbirth. Her baby son was still-born. Public grief was ostentatious but deeply sincere.*

In the following months hundreds and hundreds, possibly thousands of families - including mine - named a baby girl Charlotte in memory of the princess. (My family's Charlotte COTTERILL was a farmer's daughter from Ashopton.) If Charlotte first appeared in your family about this time, you ca

* Princess Charlotte's monument is in St George's Church ('the Old Church') in Esher, Surrey. It may not be to your taste but it has considerable style.

rank your ancestors with the bulk of the population: **uneducated, unassuming, but loyal.**

Meanwhile, in the Royal Family, the Princess Charlotte's uncles rallied themselves to produce another heir to the throne (nothing would tempt the Prince Regent near his wife again). The Royal Dukes (the Prince Regent's brothers) became the laughing stock of Europe as they hurriedly divested themselves of their mistresses and morganatic wives, racing each other to marry respectably and breed successfully. It was not easy, for they were no longer young and some had led dissolute lives. Most of the English enjoyed themselves enormously at the Royal Dukes' expense: there were comic verses, bawdy ballads, lampoons, cartoons, and stage skits - all ridiculing unmercifully 'The Royal Marriage Race' and subsequent 'Hunt for the Heir'. And of course betting on the outcome was a national sport. In 1819 the youngest Royal Duke, the Duke of Kent, became the father of the Princess Alexandrina Victoria, and died the following year.

Ten years later, 1830, George IV died and was succeeded by Victoria's uncle childless Duke of Clarence: William IV, the Princess Victoria being then only 11 years old. She came to the throne in 1837, aged 18.

Genealogists will have no difficulty working out that Queen Victoria was Princess Charlotte's much younger cousin. Had she not been born, we might have had the Carolottian Age, not the Victorian one.

**Would Carolottian values have been much different from Victorian ones?
We'll never know.**

Unlike 'Charlotte', the name Victoria never caught on, possibly because by the time the Princess Victoria was born, the country was thoroughly fed up with the Monarchy - though not just because of its sexual antics. In fact, it seems Britain might well have become a republic. (The nearest my family and many others got to 'Victoria' was 'Regina', meaning 'queen'. Our Regina REYNOLDS, born late last century in Coventry, West Midlands, was known as Jenny Wren.)

The name Charlotte, however, not only caught on but carried on; a second generation of Charlottes appeared in the 1830s. (In my family, my great-grandmother Charlotte ROSE, daughter of a farm labourer, was baptised in Derwent in 1838.) And there were so many Charlottes that the name, like Mary Ann, became nearly synonymous with 'servant' - there's even a malicious, bossy maid-of-all-work called Charlotte in *Oliver Twist* (1837).

Not surprisingly, the name had been so over-worked that it went right out of fashion, not reappearing until the 1960s. Somehow, Charlotte, with its (by then) connotations of old-fashioned country gardens, seemed to suit the daughters of the **hippy generation**. And the name has stayed in fashion ever since as nostalgia continues for something that probably never was. Not all my family were hippies, so we didn't get a Charlotte again until 1984; our Charlotte has just celebrated her tenth birthday.

Sources: Mainly: Stella Margetson's *Regency London*, Cassell, London, 1971 - highly recommended for its royal genealogical explanations and account of the Royal Marriage Race. Other sources: dictionaries of English Christian names, Hathersage parish records, and family knowledge.

Pauline Reynolds Neale, Member No. 2897, 65 Todman Street, Brooklyn, Wellington 2, New Zealand.

SECRETARY'S POSTBAG

GLASBY Ms. Frances McMurray informs me that she has started a one-name study on her mothers maiden name of GLASBY. Ms McMurray would be pleased to receive any information you may have on the name, and of course she is willing to help anyone with the same interest, especially in North Notts. Ms. McMurray can be contacted at 38 Armstrong Road, Retford, Notts., DN22 6QY.

MASKREY. Is your name MASKREY?. Was your maiden name MASKREY?. Were your grandparents named MASKREY?. MASKREYS from all over the world will be guests of the Mayor of Chesterfield at the Chesterfield Town Hall on Sunday July 16th 1995 at 2 p.m. Anyone with an interest in the name is welcome, and for more details please contact Carol Beadle, 5 Marshall Hill Drive, Mapperley, Nottingham, Tel. 0115 969 1996.

HARRISON. Maureen Newton has in her possession a Scrap Book compiled by a H. HARRISON of Bole Hill, Wirksworth. It contains photographs and press clippings relating to the family and the area. Maureen is anxious that the book should go back to an ancestor of H. HARRISON. If you think you are related to this H. HARRISON, please contact Maureen at 64 Bestwood Road, Hucknall, Notts., NG15 7PQ.

INDEPENDENT CHAPEL, CHARLESWORTH. Mrs. Penny Hindhaugh recently visited the graveyard at Charlesworth searching for the BOOTH family vault for Ralph and Rachel Booth, who died at Whitfield, and Nancy Booth and others. Unfortunately during the brief visit she could not locate this particular vault, but she did note the following names, ADAMS, AINSWORTH, ARNFIELD, BATEMAN, BEARD, BOOTH, BOTTOM, BROUGHTON, BURCHALL, CHADWICK, COOPER, DEARNALEY, DEWSNAP, GARSIDE, HALLAS, HARDMAN, HARRISON, HARROP, HIGGINBOTTOM, HILL, HOLLAND, HYDE, JACKSON, JEPSON, KENYON, LYNE, MALTYBY, MOTTRAM, NEAL, ORME, REDFORD, RILEY, ROWBOTTOM, SALMONS, SCHOLLES, SHEPLEY, STAFFORD, SWAN, SWANN, THORNLEY, WARDLOW, WARREN, WATERHOUSE, WILD, WOLLISCROFT. Mrs. Hindhaugh would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of the Booth family vault, and is willing to do any research for members in her area, which is 47 Marsh Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 1UN.

SOUTH AFRICAN ARCHIVES. Mrs Marilyn Coetzee, (Memb. No. 3619) tells of the Cape Archives held on a National Computer network. She explains that by the inputting of names, or a combination of names, it enables you to obtain historical and genealogical information. Examples she has sent refers to a M. Marriott, 48 West Street, Buxton, and to a Barnett Collection which contains photographs of the 4th Derbyshire Regiment at Port Elizabeth and Springfontein. The archives address is, The Chief, Natal Archives Depot, Private Bag X9012, Pietermaritzburg, Natal 3200. Ideally it would be useful if you have a relative or a friend, or if you could find a Society member to carry out research, otherwise a professional researcher will be needed.

BEIGHTON Also from South Africa, I have received a letter from Professor Peter Beighton, a new member who is with the University of Cape Town. He informs me that he has accumulated extensive, although incomplete, data in respect of his immediate BEIGHTON family who have links with South Derbyshire during the 18th & 19th centuries. He would welcome correspondence with Society members who have an interest in this name, and its variants BEETON and BEATON, and would be happy to provide any relevant information from his files. Professor Beighton can be contacted at the Department of Human Genetics, University of Cape Town, Medical School, Observatory 7925, South Africa.

MEMOIRS OF THE IRISH REBELLION OF 1798. This book, last in print 190 years ago, has now been reprinted. The book features a text and numerous appendices packed with vivid eyewitness accounts, sworn affidavits and maps, as well as detailed lists of massacre victims and rebel and loyalist participants. An index of 10600 references provides access to many of the people and places involved in the struggle. Genealogists descended from rebel loyalist exiles, or whose families left later in the aftermath of the famine, will find Sir Richard Musgrave's detailed history of particular interest. Details of the book can be obtained from Duffry Press, 2 Court Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

1851 WARWICKSHIRE CENSUS PROJECT. I am informed that Volume XVII is now completed and contains the following parishes:- POLESWORTH, BADDESLEY ENSOR, GRENDON, AUSTREY, NEWTON REGIS, NO MANS HEATH e.p., SECKINGTON, SHUTTINGTON. Details of the new volume, and previous volumes, can be obtained from Mr. T. M. Walsh, 54 Westbourne Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B92 8AU, who would be pleased to hear from any recipient of these works that have been given something new to assist in their research.

THE TRETWEY STORY. This is a history of the Trethewey family, highlighting their role in the lumber industry of British Columbia, and their contribution to the development of the Central Fraser Valley. The story describes the growth of the Trethewey business enterprise from the time of Samuel, the Cornish engineer, and his origins in Cornwall and Derbyshire. Details of the book may be obtained from Daphne Sleigh, Box 29, Deroche, B. C. V0M 1G0, Canada.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY The Society is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday 15th July 1995. The venue is the lively, picturesque and historic town of Olney, and will be held in the United Reform Church in the High Street. Further details may be obtained from Mrs Sue Allaby, 2 Miles Close, King Edward Avenue, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP21 7JH.

COVENTRY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. Following the success of last year's event, Coventry F. H. S. are holding a second Local and Family History Fair on the 24th June 1995 at Finham Park School, Green Lane, Coventry. Full details can be obtained from Mrs. J. A. Riley, Co-ordinator, Local & Family History Fair, Finham Park School, Coventry, CV3 6EA.

METHODISM IN BRADWELL. In a letter from member Mr. L. L. Barber, he tells of a book he found in the Sheffield Reference Library entitled "Methodism in Bradwell", by Seth Evans. It covers 150 years of family history, with many names listed together with a list of some Methodist Burials. Among the names mentioned are BENJAMIN BARBER, Rev. WM. BAGSHAW, JOHN BENNETT, DAVID TAYLOR, WM. ALLWOOD, MASHALL(sic) THORPE, SARAH MOORE, MARGARET HOWE, SAMUEL KNUTTON, JOSEPH CLAY, WILLIAM GREEN, JOHN EASTWOOD, JOHN CHEETAM, JOSHUA G. JEFFERY, MARY HALL, WM. STEEPLE, CATHERINE BARNESLEY of Aldwark Grange, JOHN BIRLEY, MARTIN MIDDLETON, THOMAS HILL, EDWARD SOMERSET, GEORGE MALTBY, RALPH PENISTONE, WM. MIDGLEY, JOHN WRIGHT, EDWARD OLLERENSHAW, EDWARD HARTLE, JAMES HOYLE, ROBERT WSHMORE(sic), ROBERT MORTON and ELLEN BRADWELL.

G. G. WELLS,
Hon. Secretary.

An inquest was held on Thursday last, at Ticknall, on view of Mary Taft, a child of two years of age, who it appears was unfortunately left alone in her grandmother's house, and her clothes accidentally catching fire, was so much burnt as to cause her instant death. A dreadful warning of the dangerous consequences frequently arising from leaving children exposed to fire.

Derby Mercury December 20, 1798

SWEATSHIRTS

The new DFHS SWEATSHIRTS were advertised in the December Magazine and members are now wearing them. In Blue similar to the Magazine cover with our Society logo in Black. A different supplier has been located and now we can offer them at SEVEN POUNDS - 95p plus VAT and postage making a total of, TEN POUNDS 59p. Many of our Committee are sporting the sweatshirt at Open Days and Meetings. Do not be left out. sizes are , SMALL (CHEST SIZE 40) MEDIUM (44) LARGE (47) XL (50) and XXL (53). These are approximate and for guidance only.

Send all orders to ALAN HILEY (address in front cover of Mag.) and all cheques payable to DFHS.

WILLIAM ROE - 1820 SETTLER

The origin in Derbyshire and life in the Albany district of William Roe, a British 1820 settler to South Africa.

William Roe was baptised on 25 August 1793, in St. Peter's Church, Snelston, Derbyshire. He was the "son of John and Mary Roe". William's actual date of birth remains unknown.

In addition to the parish records, there is an entry in the flyleaf of his family bible, published in 1837, which confirms the baptismal date. The surname Roe is apparently derived from the animal, the Roe deer, a "swift runner".

Snelston or "Snellestune" as it is called in the Domesday Book, lies about three miles south-west of Ashbourne, close to the River Dove. In the flash floods in 1957 and 1972, irreparable damage was caused to records housed in Snelston. The Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. has kindly microfilmed the remaining records. Large, dark, water stains covering page after page of the church records are all too evident, reflecting the lamentable loss of valuable genealogical records.

According to family lore, the original Roe family moved from Ashbourne to Snelston. The earliest records I could find on the I.G.I. was that of the burial of "John Roe of Ashbourn (*sic*), an old man, on the 30th day of June 1737". The parish records unfortunately do not provide sufficient information for me to be able to assemble a tree of the ancestors of William, part of the difficulty being that there are three couples named John and Mary in Derbyshire in that period, one of which might have been the couple we seek. Perusal of the registers reveals that the men of the Roe family were mostly illiterate farm labourers.

I have been unable to trace any known descendants of the Roe family remaining in Snelston. A trend towards marrying spouses from beyond Snelston and migrating to the cities was observed in the marriage registers of last century.

After the Napoleonic Wars and the subsequent unemployment in Britain, approximately 4,000 settlers (a mere fraction of the estimated 10,000 to 90,000 applicants) were sent on assisted passages to South Africa. The all-male emigrant party of 15 to which William belonged, was recruited at Leek in Staffordshire. The group's luggage was carried by canal boat to Gravesend, from where they set sail in the transport ship, "Chapman" on 3 December 1819. The 1819 "Return of Settlers proceeding to the Cape of Good Hope" mis-spells his name as "WILLIAM ROWE, 23 yrs, a Labourer" and records that the required ten pounds deposit had been paid. As was common in the records of the time, his age was merely estimated. His age at death confirms that upon embarking he was about 26 years old.

After a voyage lasting 104 days, "Chapman" sailed into Algoa Bay on Sunday evening, 9 April 1820. It was the first of the Settler ships to arrive. A few days were spent organising the arrivals. They camped in tents on the beach before Boers (farmers) arrived with their wagons and spans of long-horned cattle. The Boers were enlisted to take the settlers to their lonely and dangerous locations.

The journey, according to contemporary diaries, must have been a frightening yet wonderful experience, with the strange howls, growls and coughs to be heard in the African night. The ox wagons passed through veldt and bush of varying density until the small groups reached their destinations. They were unceremoniously off loaded with their luggage in the middle of the veldt and left to fend for themselves. One Boer warned his group as he took farewell, never to move anywhere without guns close at hand. The Settlers were totally unprepared, both culturally and physically, for life in the Cape Colony.

Carlisle's party, to which William Roe belonged, was allocated land on the Blaauwkrantz (blue cliff) River near to Graham's Town (today Grahamstown). They named it Belmont, after the Carlisle home in Staffordshire.

Of William's first fourteen years in the Cape Colony, little is known. Family lore maintains that he did a great deal of travelling during those years, working as a "Carrier" for a wool washing store in Graham's Town. The 1832 Cape Almanac records that among others, Mr J. Carlisle commenced merino sheep husbandry at an early stage. So it seems logical that William might have progressed from being a member of Carlisle's Party and working with merino sheep, to working as a carrier between the farms, the wool washery in Howieson's Poort and the wool press in Graham's Town. (In those days sheep were washed and had to sleep on straw before being shorn, the wool clip ultimately being exported to England.)

After the "Great Trek", an exodus of Boers from the Cape and its British jurisdiction, to lands northward. William was able to purchase a particularly beautiful farm at the source of the Nazaar River, a tributary of the Bushman's River. The original purchase agreement is dated 23 July 1834 and records that William paid 3,000 Rix Dollars for the 1,396 morgen farm, "Roodekrantz". This he promptly named "Birchwood Park" after his long-remembered roots in "Birchwood Park", Snelston. (Of those days I would love to know more.) When William purchased the farm, there was a great deal of game such as springbok, grysbok, oribe and duiker to be found.

William married a dressmaker, Ann Lane (born Pepperell) of London, in the St George's Church, Graham's Town on 25 June 1836. His witnesses were George Belfield, his old friend from shipboard days, and Mary Denham. Ann unfortunately died childless on 19 February 1841.

William's second marriage, at the age of about 49, took place on 4 April 1842 in the same church. His very young bride was Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Raynas. Witnesses were John Weeldon and Margaret Scannels.

Altogether 10 children were born of the marriage, seven sons and three daughters. The last baby, Elizabeth, was born on 1 August 1864 when William was nearly 71 years old. They seemed determined to perpetuate the names William and Henry, because after the first babies given those names died (Henry drowned in a well and two-month old William died in the laager at Sidbury), they named their next two sons by those names.

The offending well was re-opened during a drought in 1945 and found to be in perfect order. It was lined with stone and had the perfectly preserved bamboo pipes which had led, by gravity, fresh water to the kitchen of the tiny stone cottage. The well and cottage are still used by farm labourers.

"Roodekrantz" (red cliff) was named after the red ochre found on it, which was very popular with the Xhosas for cosmetic purposes. William used to dig the clay and barter it inland for cattle. When the "War of the Axe" broke out in 1846, the Roe family moved to the laager (an encirclement of fortified wagons) in the village of Sidbury.

Official documents recording the losses sustained during this war include William's loss of two horses, 19 cattle, 75 sheep and damage to stock, crops and the house. He was awarded 130 pounds of the 147 pounds claimed. His eldest son, John used to tell in later years how they rode back to the farm each weekend to plant potatoes. William used to allow John to ride behind him on the saddled horse.

In 1850, after having purchased more land, William placed an advertisement in the Graham's Town Journal, seeking to employ an "Emigrant (or other) labourer" to work along side of the Undersigned, a respectable farmer, an old settler of 1820". The initial opportunity of monthly engagement was for "both master and servant...to be at liberty (if desirable) to better themselves, without loss of time, temper and property". No more is heard of this.

At Christmas 1850, the Frontier war broke out. This time the family remained on the farm rather than shelter in any of the many laagers. For some years William had been assisted by a Fingo servant named

Gqukumeshi. (Up until 1955 descendants of the same Fingo family remained on the farm.) The Fingoes were refugees from earlier tribal conflict with the AmaXhosa and their lives were thus also endangered. The plan in case of attack was for William armed with his blunderbuss, to guard the ten foot high kraal (bush enclosure) of cattle. Gqukumeshi had tied grass bracelets around the wrists of the children in case he had to run with them to the shelter of an antbear hole in the bank of the river. (The bracelets were to prevent the children's hands from slipping from his grasp).

A cursory attack did once take place. Fortunately William and the cattle were left alone, but a lighted firebrand set fire to the roof of the thatched cottage. The fire was soon extinguished. On another occasion William and his wagon were part of a group on the road between Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown when they were attacked by the Xhosas. All the wagons were burnt and the oxen driven off.

Of William's ten children, only three of the sons had large families of their own, and none of the daughters. My grandfather was the eldest son, John (1842-1932), who never had the opportunity of any schooling in those difficult frontier days. As the surname, Roe, has died out in Snelston, so it is about to do here too. There are only two remaining Roe men of marriageable age left to perpetuate the surname, though his female descendants are numerous.

"Birchwood Park" was subdivided into two and John's great-grandson still owns the upper portion of the farm known as "Lily Valley". It is strange that William's life started and ended on "Birchwood Park". He was baptised in St Peter's, Snelston, and in April 1871, Aged 76 years, was laid to rest in the churchyard of St Peter's, Sidbury. He had come full circle.

References taken from:-

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Derbyshire Life's Article on "Snelston" by Lt Col J.R.G. Stanton, date unknown

Derbyshire Life: "The Village of Snelston" by R. Christian, date unknown

Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. films 0428938

"The Settler Handbook" by M.D. Nash, Chameleon Press, Cape Town, 1987

Cory Library, Grahamstown: MS 14879/2

For further reading:-

"The Settler Handbook" by M.D. Nash, published by Chameleon Press, Box 117, Plumstead, Cape Town (1987) ISBN 0 620 10940 8. This book supplies lists of names and background facts. It is the most concise and up to date publication on the 1820 Settlers.

"When Boys were Men", edited by Guy Butler, published by Oxford University Press. This is a most delightful collection of diary extracts and reminiscences of young people in early South Africa.

Carlisle's Party:-

Documents C.O. 6137 and C.O. 6138 at the Cape Archives depot in Cape Town list the following: (They would have been residents of the Derbyshire-Staffordshire area, and may be of interest).

John Carlisle (aged 22); Samuel Chadwick - farmer's servant (20); William Chadwick - farmer's servant (18); James Chadwick - farmer's servant (18); Samuel Hayes - Woodcutter (34); Sampson Hayes (13); Samuel Hayes (8); Benjamin Bassett - Miller (39); James Bassett (12); George Belfield - Labourer (18); Samuel Wheeldon - Labourer (18); William Rowe (N.B. should have been Roe, aged 26) - Labourer (23); Robert Edge - Labourer (22); Frederick Carlisle - Labourer (no age given); Rupert Corden - J. Carlisle's servant (13).

Mrs M. Coetzee, 16 Lavenham Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town, South Africa 7700 (Mem. No. 3619)

On Wednesday evening last, a barn and shop adjoining the premises of Mr. Sutton, blacksmith of Hilton, in this county, unfortunately and accidentally took fire, and were, notwithstanding every exertion, soon consumed, together with the greatest part of the contents.

DERBY MERCURY April 12, 1798

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEE

DAVE BULL

I was born in Burton - upon - Trent, Staffordshire, in 1946, so my formative years were spent with the smell of yeast, malt and "Marmite" in my nostrils, not to mention the ubiquitous breweries. [For our overseas readers Burton undoubtedly produces the finest beer in the world] [No letters please !] When I left school, at 15, I went to work underground as an apprentice electrician with the then National Coal Board, in the South Derbyshire coalfield, and stayed for seven years, the last three working on the coal face. I spent my spare time during that period potholing, and exploring the multitude of lead mines that honeycomb the Derbyshire peak district, much to the amazement of my fellow miners, whose greatest desire once the shift underground was finished, was to get back to the surface and stay there as long as possible. I suppose my love of rocks, fossils and industrial archaeology dates from this period in my life.

In 1966, I met your Society Booksales officer, my future wife Linda, who originates from Derby, and left the pits to work at Rolls-Royce as an Instrument Mechanic involved in the testing of jet engines, and in 1969 we were married.

I appear to have just about survived the trials and tribulations of bringing up two daughters, and I still work for Rolls Royce, as a Data Acquisition Engineer. I am still fascinated by the same things that gripped me in my younger days, with the addition now of Family History, which I came to as the result of volunteering to become involved in organising the Derby meeting group, so that my wife would have somewhere to go to talk to other family historians, and, whilst trying desperately to trace my own family history, I fear that the demands of working on the Exec.Committee have stopped me from going too far back, but when I finally make that link to the Bull tree which is held in our Society Reference Library.....well that's another story.

NEW MILLS LIBRARY

The New Mills library is situated at Hall Street, New Mills, Via Stockport SK12 4AR. The local studies collection is mostly for reference only and includes books, pamphlets, maps and photographs of the New Mills area. It may be convenient for many of our readers to visit here and the following are some of the main items available.

Census returns 1841 - 91 for the areas around Glossop, Hayfield, Stockport etc.

Coal mining account book for the New Mills and Bugsworth district 1711-57, detailing accounts, receipts and expenses etc.

Hayfield chapelry and parish church registers (certain years).

New Mills Wesleyan Chapel baptisms (certain years).

New Mills Independent Chapel baptisms and burials (certain years).

Glossop Wesleyan Chapel baptisms (certain years).

Maps of North Derbyshire 1880 and 1898.

Derbyshire Directories 1808-1914 and 1915-1977.

Microfilms of northern newspapers (certain years).

The library also holds a complete set of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche. It is advisable to ring and book a reader in advance.

DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE NEWS

OPEN DAY

On Saturday 1 July 1995, there will be another of the Record Office's popular *Open Days*. This time the theme will be *Derbyshire's response to war and peace in the 20th century*. As well as displays of original documents of these aspects of life in the county, from 9am to 1pm visitors will be able to see 'behind the scenes' at the Record Office and share in demonstrations of the specialist materials and techniques necessary for the conservation of archives. Derbyshire Record Office has the only archive conservation workshop in the county and this is an area of work unfamiliar to many people who regularly use records. Without the skills and equipment to safeguard fragile and damaged archives so that they can be used by researchers, very many manuscripts from the past would remain inaccessible. Seeing is believing when you examine archives *before* and *after* conservation!

Please note this date in your diary; free car parking is available at Derbyshire Record Office in New St., Matlock and everyone is welcome.

ARCHIVE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

New additions to Derbyshire Record Office's programme of archive workshops include:

UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF BUILDINGS

Thursday 22 June 10am -12pm or 6pm to 8pm

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN DERBYSHIRE

Wednesday 12 July 10am-12pm or 6pm to 8pm

Each two-hour session is intended to provide practical experience of the skills and techniques required for effective use of original sources. If you are interested in specific topics, these workshops will also serve to introduce you to the wide range of archival material available in Derbyshire Record Office. Numbers of participants are limited so that the maximum individual attention is given. Each session is led by qualified archivists. For a programme, details of fees and booking forms, please contact the Record Office, Education Dept., County Offices, Matlock DE4 3AG. Tel: 01629 580000 ext. 35202 or 35209. Fax: 01629 57611.

'TWILIGHT' SESSIONS FOR TEACHERS

Teachers, particularly at primary level, can attend special sessions at the Record Office to introduce them to local archive sources. The next sessions are on 14 June and 28 June 1995. Further details from the Record Office - address above.

NEW DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

Derbyshire Record Office's collections are always growing. The *Record Office Guide* (Second edition, £10 or £12.50 by post) remains the best starting point for researchers, but experienced users may like to know that a quick reference guide to archives made available in the past year has also been published. The *List of Archives 1994* means that you can see at a glance which series of archives have been added to the Office's holdings recently and it will enable you to keep your information as up to date as practicable. It costs 50p (75p by post).

The *Archives First* series of beginner's guides to archives continues to expand in response to public demand. *AF15* to *AF20* were noted in Issue 72 (March 1995). New titles include:

AF 21 CHANGES FOR THE BETTER? The evolution of Health and Welfare Services to 1960

AF 22 DERBYSHIRE'S 'WONDERS' AND THEIR VISITORS Seeing the sights and travelling for pleasure

AF 23 SPORT, THE ARTS AND SOCIAL LIFE How Derbyshire people enjoyed their leisure in the past

AF 24 VICTORIAN VISION John Smedley and his influence on 19th century Matlock

AF 25 BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE? The growth of industry and trade in Derbyshire's countryside

AF 26 ENGLAND'S GLORY Gardens in Derbyshire's history from the 16th century

Each booklet costs 90p (£1.15 by post), but there are discounts for purchases of six titles or for the full set. For an up-to-date list and order form, please contact Derbyshire Record Office.

Family historians may also like to know that the Record Office's *Nonconformist Register List* is expected to be available this autumn, to complement the *Parish Register List*. Record Office publications are available to personal callers or by mail order from Derbyshire Record Office, Education Dept., County Offices, Matlock DE4 3AG.

WHAT IS A RECORD OFFICE?

To help people coming to Derbyshire Record Office for the first time, in addition to the *Information for Users* leaflet which gives opening hours, etc., there is a free leaflet with the title *What is a Record Office?* As well as explaining why record offices exist and their legal status, it outlines what kinds of archives there are in record offices such as Derbyshire Record Office, why material cannot be borrowed, what services are available, why archives you want may not exist or, if you cannot find them, where else to try looking for them, amongst other aspects. Everybody's research is different and you may encounter a variety of hitches and apparent 'dead ends', but this leaflet is intended to anticipate some of the most common general queries. Please ask the Record Office for a copy on your first visit.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

There will be a series of short lunchtime sessions on practical aspects of research for family and community historians from this Autumn. Please contact the Record Office for a programme.

SOME REMINDERS.....

If you are unable to visit Derbyshire Record Office in person to pursue your research, you can use the *Family History Search Service*. Qualified archivists supervise all searches. For £7.75 for half an hour's research, you receive a search report, photocopies of entries, where appropriate, and information about sources checked.

The first time that you visit Derbyshire Record Office, you will be asked to register or, if appropriate, re-register as a user of the Record Office, CARN tickets or other proof of identity and address will be required. Your registration will last four years and there is no charge.

You can fax order for publications, requests for information or other enquiries to Derbyshire Record Office on 01629 57611 and you can pay by cash, cheque or VISA credit card (Cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Derbyshire Record Office Search Room (for bookings or microform readers, advance orders for documents, etc.) **01629 580000 ext. 7347**

Derbyshire Record Office general enquiries **01629 580000 ext. 35202 or 35209**

A TANGLED WEB

My maternal grandmother was known as Jinny Trivett, although my father's birth certificate shows that her name was actually Jane Elizabeth. I was told that she was born on 31 July 1876 at the Home Farm on the Osmaston Manor Estate, where her father was the Estate Manager. However, the Ashbourne Registrar's Office can find no trace of her birth around this date and I have checked several years at St. Catherine's House without any success.

She died, possibly on 6th September 1965, aged 85 years, and is buried at Ashbourne, but there is no decipherable inscription on the wooden cross which marks her grave. She was a well educated woman and my father remembers her teaching him "The Rubiyat of Omar Khyam". I believe she worked at the Manor for a while before her marriage to George Francis Taylor, probably in the late 1890s. I know nothing about his family although the story is that they came from Cheshire and that they had formerly held an estate near Congleton, but this was lost through Chancery and Wards of Court Laws. George Taylor was a seventh son and served in the Coldstream Guards as a batman for Major Neville. He and Jane lived at 10 Sturston Road in Ashbourne at one point.

Another rumour about Jane is that she was of Russian descent. Her family had been quite wealthy and had a chateau in France, a social requirement of this type of family. Jane was disowned by her family when she married my grandfather and although this may well turn out to be yet another 'Fisherman's Tale', there may be a grain of truth in the dim and distant past.

Another mystery is the Dobson family who, for a while - certainly in 1899 - were living at Shardlow Hall in Derbyshire, as shown by a newspaper record of Albert Dobson's wedding. His father, William, was born in Leeds, moved to Tamworth and became a partner in Fisher & Co., a small paper mill. His wife was Alice Stead, but birth certificates show that Martha Ann Whitwain was the mother of William's first and 6th child, whilst Alice was the mother of the 2nd child. It is uncertain as to the mother of the other children. William and Martha Ann married in 1866 in Leeds, their first son was born in 1867. The second son, Albert George, was born to William and Alice. William and Martha moved to Torquay and Martha died in 1920, but in the church in Torquay there is a carved wooden cross in memory of William and Alice Dobson, installed in the 1920s from their children (note the plural).

The final problem is my maternal grandparents, Emily Alice Keetley (nee Brewer) and Frank Keetley. Emily was born in Greenwich/Sidcup on 8 October 1892. Frank was born in Derby in September 1876 and they were introduced by Emily's brother James when they were home on army leave. They married in 1912 in Derby. Frank Keetley's father, Henry, was a coachman at Osmaston Hall. Frank had a brother, William, and two sisters, Henrietta (Hetty) and Nellie. He apparently came from a well known local footballing family and when he joined the West Kent Regiment, he took part in a lot of their sporting activities. He may have joined the Army under an assumed name, Charlie D....., my mother can't remember the surname, just that it began with 'D'.

I seem to be meeting problems wherever I turn and I would be most grateful for any ideas or suggestions that would help me to take the next step in tracing my ancestors.

Carolyn Wildgoose, 44 Hornbeams Way, Leeds LS14 2HP (Mem. No. 3698)

On Sunday morning last, an excellent and well adapted Sermon was preached at Burton-upon-Trent, by the Rev. Wm. Dawson, A.M. rector of Weston-upon-Trent, in this county,-- from Proverbs, ch. 4. v. 13. *Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life,--* for the benefit of the Eleven Sunday Schools in that parish. The collection after service (including some benefactions afterwards sent in by friends of the institution whose attendance at church was unavoidably prevented), amounted to twenty pounds.

Derby Mercury March 29, 1798

BELPER FAIR

Belper Fair comes once a year
And now my friend, I'll tell you clear,
Horse and cattle, pigs and sheep,
Are sometimes dear, and sometimes cheap.



This year a splendid foal was sold,
The price was thirty pounds we're told,
The owner's name I will not mention,
Perhaps it might cause some contention.



An average show of cattle there came,
And a pretty good trade was done in the same,
But as for pigs, I can't say much about,
I saw none in when I came out.

A tidy lot of sheep as well,
And people there, to buy and sell;
Rams and ewes, and hoggets many,
Were bought and sold, to turn the penny.



The pleasure fair was very throng,
With many people, old and young;
Pockets were picked and money taken,
The thieves shrank off to save their bacon.

John William Archer, aged 13, Muggington School 1879.

The above poem, hitherto unpublished, was written by John William Archer who was my father's first cousin. He lived at Wild Park, Brailsford, Cross-of-Hands, Ednaston Hall Farm, and Ladyhole, Bradley. I can remember him when I visited the latter place as a boy.

Kenneth D. Archer, 22 Cherrywood, Penwortham, Preston, Lancs PR1 0PJ (Mem. No. 2272).

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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The Reusch International cheques have proved very popular and the cheapest method of payment for USA members.

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The Society is unable to offer reduced rates for pensioners.

Lorna Spare
(Membership Secretary)



NOTES FROM THE NORTH OF THE COUNTY



While researching my own family tree I often chance upon information which may be of interest to others, including the following:

New Mills library has gravestone inscriptions of the St. George's Road Methodist Cemetery, New Mills; and graveyard records of St. Mary's Catholic Church, New Mills.

They also have the 1992 I.G.I. for the whole country. For opening times and to book readers, telephone 01663 743603.

Earlier I.G.I.s can be checked at Stalybridge Local Studies Library, where they have the 1978, 1984 and 1988 editions for Derbyshire. Telephone to book a reader on 0161 303 7937.

Glossop Library has an interesting Local Studies Collection, which includes the local census on microfilm and the 1992 I.G.I. for Derbyshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire, plus Leicestershire, Nottingham, Rutland and Staffordshire, all available on microfiche. Telephone 01457 852616.

Details of Borough Byelaws, Borough Abstract of Accounts, Medical Officers' Report, School Reports etc., may be of more interest to local historians, as will the reports of the later census. For example the 1921 census for England and Wales refers to the fact that in that year, for the first time, occupied people were asked for particulars of their place of work. At that time people enumerated in Glossop, but working in another area, included those travelling to Hollingworth, Hyde, Mottram and Stalybridge in Cheshire; Derby in Derbyshire; Manchester and Ashton under Lyne in Lancashire; Penistone in Yorkshire; other parts of England and Wales; and outside England and Wales.

Of more use to family historians are the Derbyshire Directories on fiche - various ones from 1808 to 1977. A few are still available in book form, but are not on the open shelves.

Glossop Library also has a folder listing information which the library formerly held, but which has now been sent to the Derbyshire Record Office at Matlock. This includes oddments about various churches, some Howard papers, Woods Hospital Committee Reports 1887-1963, and Council and Committee minutes from 1866.

Also papers about Glossop, Hadfield and Hollingworth Co-operative Society from 1884-1970, and those concerning Glossop Branch of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. I have seen the latter at Matlock, while attending a workshop program, and spotted a familiar name without realising the person was in the Union.

The records for Littlemoor Church (formerly Independent, later Congregational) which run from 1812 to 1867 have also been transferred.

The Record Office has recently received papers and registers for Mellor Church. There is an early general register, baptisms then go to 1890 and burials to 1909.

The last vicar of St. John's at Charlesworth has deposited the church marriage register going from 1850 to 1987.

Before visiting check with the Record Office on 01629 580000, extension 7347.

While local libraries may seem the obvious place to see copies of old newspapers, Glossop Heritage Centre on Henry Street also has back numbers of the Glossop Chronicle and the High Peak Reporter. A copy dated 1921 includes news of Whaley Bridge, New Mills, Bugsworth, Compstall, Mellor, Bredbury, Romiley, Mottram, Hollingworth, Tintwistle, Hadfield, Hayfield, Furness Vale and Chinley.

Last, but by no means least, the Local Studies Unit at Manchester Central Library has a wide catchment area including the surrounding counties of Cheshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire. For example, an index of registers, compiled by the Manchester and Lancashire F.H.S., includes churches in Glossop, Knutsford, Lancaster, Malpass, Taxal, Tintwistle and Whaley Bridge; and Roman Catholic registers include Bradford - St. Brigid; Garstang - St. Mary and St. Michael; and Liverpool - St. Mary. There are also lots of printed parish registers for other areas in the Social Sciences Department at Manchester Central Library.

While advance booking is necessary for archives, microfilm and microfiche readers are available on a first come first served basis. The number for Local Studies is 0161 234 1979.

Ann Pass (Mem. No. 2288)

THE 1881 CENSUS INDEX - AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS

We were delighted to receive the 1881 census indexes for Derbyshire from the Genealogical Society of Utah,(GSU). It came to us as Malcolm was Co-Ordinator for the project and luckily we have our own micro fiche reader.

The index proved of immediate value and resulted in us making an exciting telephone call to Rotherham. Briefly, Malcolms cousin has been researching his Stevens Family. James Stevens believed to be born in Derby went to work in Rotherham, Yorkshire in the 1880s. His brother Harry went off to America and invented the Hot Dog, at first we took this with a pinch of salt but discovered this to be true. Harry Mosely Stevens died a millionaire and his obituary in the New York Herald Tribune May 4th 1934 gives a wonderful picture of his life in America and his achievements. It stated he was born in London and educated in Derby but no mention his made of his brother. The newspaper gave the impression Harry went to America when he was married aged 21 in 1876, it said his wife Mary was from Doncaster. Despite trying many avenues and searching various indexes we have not been able to find the Births of either Harry or James, or discover them in Derby.

This all changed on receiving the new Derbyshire 1881 Census Index, we looked up James Stevens on the Surname Index, and,

James Bro U Litchurch 17 ---- Henry Stevens Dby Derby 3401 122 37

Looked a possibility. So we turned up the relevant Piece No on the Census Fiche:-

Litchurch 21 Russell St.

Henry STEVENS	Hd	25	Potato Merch+	Mid London
Mary	Wife	22		Doncaster
Anne	Daug	3		Dby Derby
Frank Claud	Son	8m		"
Harrold	Son	2		"
James	Broth	17		"

Not only have we found James in Derby but Harry (Henry) had not yet gone to America and some of his children are born in Derby. Cousin Brian in Rotherham was delighted at this discovery, without this new Index we could have been searching for this information for many years to come. We wrote and told the GSU about this discovery and they reproduced our letter in their April Newsletter. Since then we have unearthed more of our Derbyshire ancestors who were all lost in Derby itself, now easily found because of the new 1881 name index. The Society Library has the index so happy hunting everyone, we hope you are all as successful as we were in searching for Derbyshire Ancestors.

Good Luck - Malcolm & Pauline Marples



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a newly enrolled member of the Society you may well imagine my surprise when I saw in the March magazine (Issue 72), the very name of the family I am researching. In the poetic will of Thomas the Banker, there is mention of several of the town worthies, amongst them James Borebank. Later is mentioned his great grandson John James, born in 1872 and lost on the Titanic. But that's another story. I do wish someone could give me an inkling of that other story, indeed anything to do with the Borebank family and my great grandfather Isaac Borebank, who started his career as a framework knitter and ended up buying half of Little Hallam!

Brian Evans, 70 Mill Lane, Heatley Heath, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 9SQ (Mem. No. 3823)

Whilst searching the old newspapers at Derby Library recently for my Thompson ancestors' obituaries I "accidentally" came across the following article - or was I led?

SHOCKING DEATH

A man named John Whitehouse 70 years of age, has been found dead on the Codnor Park Works, where he was employed by the Butterley Company as a watchman. Although he was missed on Tuesday last his body was not found till Thursday and it is supposed that he fell over a wall was stunned and died from exposure.

(Derby Mercury, 12th March 1887)

John Whitehouse was my 3 x great grandfather and the newspaper snippet elaborates on the Ironville M.I. which I found at Matlock Record Office in 1992. "Oh Lord how sudden was my death, unlooked for came to me. Therefore prepare Thou looker on, for it may fall on Thee".

June Sole, 17 Hyholmes, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8LG (Mem. No. 2035)

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS



JULY 21ST - TOUR OF THE GENERAL CEMETERY, SHEFFIELD

This cemetery is of Victorian foundation and is no longer used. It is of great interest architecturally and historically.

How to get there:-

Come into Sheffield following signs to city centre and then get onto the inner ring road. Turn onto Eccleshall Road (A625 Castleton) at the 'Safeway' roundabout.

From A57 turn right onto inner ring road, then right onto Eccleshall Road.

From A61 (South) turn left onto inner ring road, then left onto Eccleshall Road.

The A625 from Castleton is Eccleshall Road.

Meet at the South entrance at 7.30 p.m. To find this turn into Cemetery Avenue -

1 mile on left from inner ring road down A625

1 mile on right from Hunters Bar roundabout up A625

Please let me know if you are coming as soon as possible on 01246 412122

Jo Ashley

AUGUST 18TH - MEMBERS EVENING

This evening was a great success last year. Len Careless has graciously agreed to entertain us fresh from his triumphant television appearance.

Would you like all prepare a brief outline of your researches on an A4 sheet, and wear a name badge. If we display these we could all benefit and also get to know each other better.

Jo Ashley

GLOSSOP CATHOLICS

I would have liked to have gone to Glossop for Mrs Peggy Davies' talk on the 'Howards of Glossop', but unfortunately a clash of engagements prevented me. I enjoyed the summary of her talk in Issue 72, but the statement that the Howards were responsible for (inter alia) the Catholic Church, caused me to check my notes as my great niece, who investigated my family geneology before me, has noted that my great grandmother's cousin, Francis James Sumner (1807-1883) had paid for the Glossop Catholic Church. in fact she was wrong as although he was a staunch Catholic and generous in his support, including doubling the amount raised by the Catholic community towards the erection of St Mary's School, and had promised to build a Catholic church, his sudden and unexpected death frustrated this promise. He died intestate so that there was no will which might have included a legacy to fulfil his promise.

Our Glossop members may be aware that Francis Sumner acquired Wren Nest Mill from his guardian and uncle, Thomas Ellison, and rapidly expanded the business so that at the time of his death he employed nearly 3000 workpeople. In the absence of a will there was no-one immediately authorised to continue the business and the workforce were laid off until administration of the estate could be granted to his nearest relatives.

Francis Sumner's real estate was valued at about £1m and his personal estate at a further half million, a lot of money in those days. As the law then stood, in the absence of a will, the real estate passed to his heir at law, John Sumner, the son of his eldest uncle. The personal estate was divisible between the descendants of Francis Sumner's many deceased uncles and aunts, but the administrators appear to have had difficulty tracing all these as my branch of the family appear to have been missed out! My great great grandfather, Edward Sumner, had long since moved to Wiltshire and my great grandmother, Mary Agnes Jeffery (nee Sumner) had also predeceased Francis, although I would have expected her issue, including my grandmother, to have inherited some share.

John Sumner survived Francis by only three years and his fortune, including Park Hall, Hayfield, passed to his son, Francis John Sumner, who suffered from poor health and was reported to have been unable to withstand the rigorous High Peak climate so he bought, and moved to, Eathorp Park in Warwickshire, adjacent to the old Fosse Way and turned into a hotel a few years ago.

Brian Shingleton, Wallstones Farm, Spring Hollow, Hazelwood, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 4AW

When looking through the Wirksworth parish register I came upon the following correction to a baptism which took place 51 years earlier and is transcribed as written. It was in a different part of the register and would not have been easy to link with the original entry.

** The Baptism entered William, son of Joshua Slater of Biggin Aug. 5. 1739 should have been William son of William Bonington of Derby, the above Joshua Slater was Grandfather to the said William Bonington & came to the Christening which occasioned the mistake. This Memorandum entered at the request of the said William Bonington & of his mother who knows the Circumstances.*

A Bennet Curate of Wirks.
Oct 4 1790

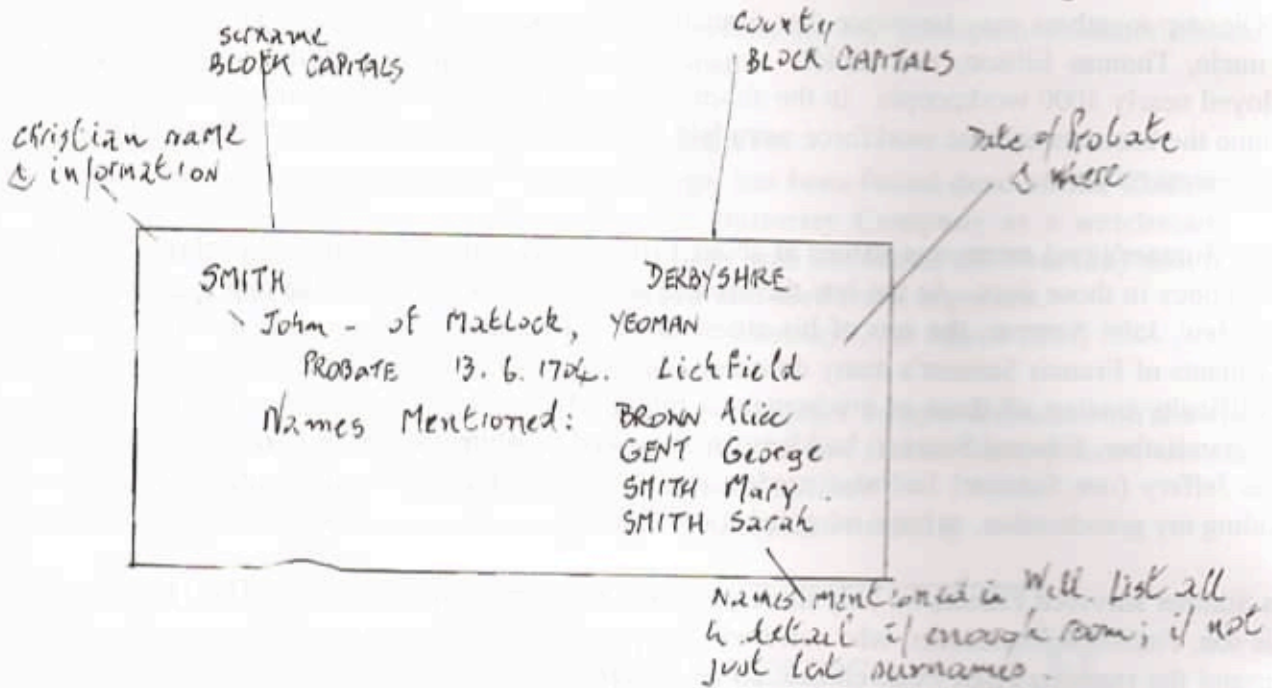
Witness *George Salt* Clark
Lydia Tipler late Bonington
mother of William Bonington

Yvonne Daykin, 31 Ridgewood Drive, Cromford, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 3RJ

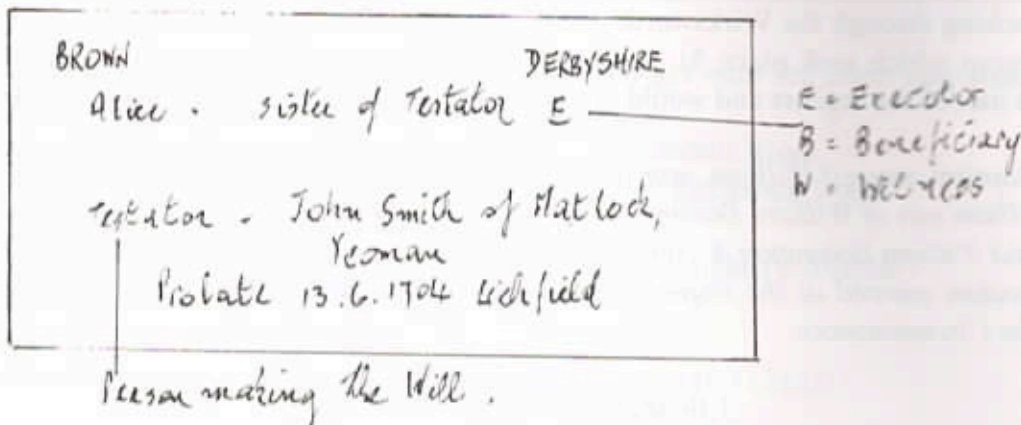
WILLS INDEX

Have you sent in details of all your wills? If you've even just one - send it in so that the Society can build a better and more useful index. Beneficiaries to wills can lead to unknown ancestors as I have found myself, and witnesses were often relatives or near neighbours. Please print the slip wherever possible and on paper. Do write if you think we can help with specific information from the index, S.A.E. enclosed of course.

1. All slips should measure 5" x 3".
2. Complete a slip for the person making the will, i.e. the testator, as in the diagram below.



3. Then make individual slips for each person mentioned in the will. The slip for Alice Brown mentioned will look like this.



4. There should therefore be 5 slips relating to John Smith's will, with your membership number on the back of the slip.

Hugh Riordan,
(Wills Co-Ordinator)

LIFE IN A WARTIME VILLAGE

This year we are celebrating V.E. day, 50 years after World War II, so I thought it would be appropriate to write a few lines on how life carried on in the village of Castleton, Derbyshire, during the war years.

Towards the end of the 1930s war clouds loomed over the country as the German Fuhrer, Adolf Hitler, had his sight set on invading the countries around Germany. In 1938 Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, met Adolf Hitler and after much discussion war was averted, although German troops invaded Czechoslovakia.

The British Government didn't trust Hitler so gradually the British Isles prepared for war. During 1938 a number of Czechoslovakian refugees came to live in the village, most of them billeted at the Y.H.A. at Hollowford, others at a house in the village. Most of them were artisans, some were of Jewish extract and had fled from their country as the Germans were persecuting the Jews. These refugees were friendly, in spite of language problems, and got on well with the villagers. There was Max, the tailor, Big Alfred, an artist, then Franz and Hildegard. They lived at the hostel and whilst there had struck up a relationship, which worried Mrs Rowlands, the warden, so she decided they must get married. A wedding was arranged in Castleton church as Mrs Rowlands didn't want a village scandal on her hands.

1938 passed by. Hitler had invaded Czechoslovakia and was preparing an invasion of Poland. Neville Chamberlain went to visit him again. I remember the day war broke out, on September 3rd 1939. I was working in the gift shop at the Treak Cliff Cavern and trade was slow. Mr Royse, the lessee, asked me to walk to his home in the village and listen to the news on the wireless as Mr Chamberlain was going to make a statement. His voice sounded very grave as he announced "We are at war with Germany". It was hard to believe as I walked back to the cavern, the countryside around looked so peaceful and tranquil in the September sunshine.

The days passed by and various organisations were formed, such as an A.R.P. squad, L.D.V. (Local Defence Volunteers) known as the Look, Duck and Vanish. The name was changed to the Home Guard. Red Cross and St. John Ambulance courses were promoted. Dr Mary Andrews, a great stalwart of the Boy Scout movement, put us through our paces in First Aid, she was an excellent teacher and made situations so realistic, bringing along beetroot juice to daub imaginary injuries and making them look gruesome and realistic. Mrs Page, an ex-nursing sister and wife of the landlord at The Bull's Head, patiently taught us the art of roller bandaging and other nursing procedures. Dr Baillie put our skills to the test to obtain First Aid and Nursing Certificates. Little did I know then that the courses would benefit me in future years when I took up nurse training at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

The village was dark at night as the street lights and all windows were blacked out. Moonlit nights weren't welcomed as this allowed the German aircraft to find their target easier.

The population of Castleton increased as children refugees were brought from Shoeburyness in Essex and Salford in Lancashire. Some of them were billeted at the Y.H.A. Hollowford, others in private houses in the village. A company of soldiers arrived. They livened the place up by having dances in the Peak Pavilion. Mother took in various folks. I remember an army officer and his wife. Each day the officer's batman would come and clean the bath. Then there was Mrs Sachs with her daughters Ursula and Ruth, they were German Jews who had to flee from their country because of Hitler's inhumanity to the Jewish race.

Everybody was provided with a gas mask, a food ration book and clothing coupons. No doubt we fared better than most people. By digging for victory we had fresh vegetables, also a good supply of fresh milk delivered daily by Mrs Eliza Critchlow and other farmers in the area. The milk came straight from the cows; no milk marketing board in those days to restrict sales. Coal cost around £2 8s 4d per ton. Even

though it was wartime the postal service was better. The postmen in their little red vans came out from Sheffield twice a day to deliver and collect the mail. Mail posted one day arrived the next. Mr Teddy Medwell, the village postie, was always reliable. He had a variety of jobs, church sexton, grave digger and greengrocer. His wife Dolly, now in her nineties, would go from door to door collecting orders then deliver them on foot.

As 1939 drew to a close and the perils of war seemed as faraway as ever, I stayed home during the winter months helping mother who had had a baby earlier in the year. During the winter of 1940 there was a very heavy snowfall. We were frozen up for six weeks, which meant carrying water from an aunt's house about 500 yards away. Mum and I did most of the carrying, having a zinc bath between us and, in our free hand, a bucket. One day I slipped on the icy garden path, spilling water everywhere. I was humiliated and burst into a flood of tears when I saw our lodger, Frank Roberts, shaking with laughter at our predicament.

Young men and women from the village were called up to fight for their country, amongst them were my cousins Teddy and Tommy Beverley along with George Potter, who all enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters. Unfortunately Tommy and George were killed in action somewhere in France in 1940.

The young folks who did not enlist in the forces were commissioned to do work to aid the war effort. Earles, the local cement works, had all male workers so, as some of them were called up for military service, female staff had to be employed. I applied and was accepted to work in the time office, checking the employees' clock cards and helping make up the wages. Earles was twenty minutes walk from home. In those days there were very few private vehicles on the road, mainly because people couldn't afford them, and petrol was rationed. On Wednesday nights we worked late, making up the wages. I would have to walk home on the dark, lonely Pindale Road and I was always pleased when I heard footsteps approaching. Usually it would be a workman going on his night shift who would pass a kindly word as he passed by. To walk the same road today, in the same circumstances, I would be afraid and want to hide for fear of being mugged.

Up and down the country big towns and cities were being bombed. Often we heard the German planes flying overhead with their lethal load to bomb Sheffield. Some people said they used Earles' cement works as a landmark on their way to the Yorkshire city.

The nearest Castleton came to the blitz was on 7th May 1941, when in the early hours two landmines were dropped on Treak Cliff Hill, just missing the shop where I had worked several years before. The hill is on the outskirts of the village, so it was a near miss. Fortunately there weren't any human casualties, in spite of the fact that every house shook and a few properties had shattered windows. Next day folks went sightseeing and collecting souvenirs. Somebody gave mum a piece of green parachute silk which I made into a cushion cover.

Another disaster occurred one lunchtime during a bad storm when a bomber with eight or nine Canadian airmen on board came down in a field on the Furlongs. The airmen were all killed. Being wartime everything was hush hush. The men's names weren't divulged, nor whether the aircraft had any bombs on board.

The air-raids in the big cities were getting worse, so mother's youngest sister travelled from her home in London to stay with us.

During this time of turmoil, organisations in the village held whist drives, dances and concerts, proceeds of which were given to aid the war effort. Mrs Sellars, who lived at the Hall, organised a pageant representing the allied nations. The young people in the village dressed in the national dress of the country they represented, mine being Poland. On the day of the pageant we wended our way up Peveril Castle Hill, causing a spectacular blaze of colour as we paraded down in single file and waving the flag of the

country we represented. The procession toured the village before going to the Hall gardens for the crowning of Margaret Wheat as the Rose Queen.

During this time my boyfriend was in the R.A.F. Christmas 1944 we became engaged, planning to marry in June 1945, so it was wonderful to hear on 8 May 1945, V.E. day, that the war was over with Germany. This made our wedding very special as during the war the church bells weren't allowed to ring, only in case of invasion, but on June 2nd 1945 the bells pealed from the steeple for our wedding.

The war left a scar on some village families, as out of the boys who went to war eight were killed in action. As a mark of recognition I would like to send out thoughts, not only to the families of the men but to families everywhere who have had loved ones maimed and killed in such horrific circumstances.

To the memory of

T. Beverley	J. Brickley
G.B. How	G.G. How
G.A. Potter	H. Potter
L.T.J. Smith	W. Smith

Who fell in World War II 1939-1945

Rosamond Pratt, 16 Low Bourne, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0AN (Mem. No. 1864)

THE LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF RESIDENTIAL HISTORIES

In 1994 your Family History Society journal included a leaflet requesting family historians to assist with this research project. Family historians were asked to contact us if they could provide the individual residential life histories of their ancestors. Forms were then sent as requested.

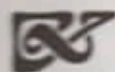
We have been extremely pleased by the response to our request. By the close of 1994 we had sent out approximately 27,000 forms and over 11,500 completed forms had been returned. The majority of these forms contain information of a very high quality. Family historians from all parts of England, Scotland and Wales have provided information for the project.

We are continuing to enter material into the computer, but we can provide some brief preliminary results. Of the first 8,800 individuals analysed, two-thirds were male and the average age at death was just over 69 years. The majority of individuals were married and had children. The reasons given for moving are particularly interesting: of the 30,782 moves for which reasons were given, 41.7% were work-related, 14.9% were undertaken on marriage, 15.4% were connected with housing, whilst 9.5% were for family reasons. The remaining 18.4% reasons included army service, emigration and retirement. The reason given for moving varied depending upon the sex of the person concerned, thus females were less likely to move for work and for army service, but more likely to move on marriage or for family reasons.

There is, of course, much more detailed information in the forms which will be analysed over the coming months and which we hope to publish in family history journals and in a book. Meanwhile we would like to encourage all those who have not yet completed and returned their forms to do this as soon as possible. We hope to achieve our target of including 20,000 individual residential life histories in the project.

The final date for the return of forms is the end of September 1995

*Dr Colin G. Pooley (Senior Lecturer in Geography), Dr Jean Turnbull (Research Assistant),
Department of Geography, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YB.*



THE TENTH FAMILY HISTORY IN WALES COURSE will be held over the week from Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th August 1995 at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. A weekend **SECOND STAGES COURSE** on "Occupations and the records relating to them" will be held from Friday 15th to Tuesday 19th September 1995. These residential courses are accredited by the University and people are welcome to attend them either to gain academic credits or for personal satisfaction. Brochures with full details of the programmes, accommodation and costs are available from The Course Directors (FH), The Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Wales, 10-11 Laura Place, Aberystwyth, Dyfed SY23 2AU (Tel: 01970 622677).

SCRAPBOOKS collected by Mrs Christine Grayson-Toms' family in the past cover Sheffield and District, including one of Sheffield during the 1st World War. Christine is willing to search and copy out (hopefully) any facts for Derbyshire F.H.S. members on receipt of an S.A.E. Please write to Christine at 6 Hall Road, Lavenham, Suffolk CO10 9QU.

IS ANYONE interested in the name SWARBROOKE? The One-Name Group for this surname has produced a newsletter called "Satin and Silk" and further details are available from Mr C.G. Swarbrooke, Flat 3, 96 Marina, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN38 0XA. Please remember your S.A.E.

BERKSHIRE F.H.S. is hosting the Federation's Conference at Reading University, Whiteknights Park, from 8-10 September 1995. The theme is "Victorian Virtues, Vices and Virtuosity" which should appeal to even the newest family historian. There are some interesting speakers on a variety of topics connected with the Victorian Era, including occupations and a very lively talk on the Victorian funeral. Some of the more unusual records in the Berkshire Record Office will be revealed and there is plenty of social activity such as a visit to Windsor, the Record Office or the Museum of Rural Life. On the Saturday there will be a banquet with Victorian music entertainment. Further details and a booking form will be sent upon receipt of an S.A.E., from Joyce Wells, 15 Wellington Close, Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire RG13 2HG.

A BROCKLEHURST REUNION is being held at Buxton, Derbyshire from September 20th to October 1st. Anyone interested, including none Brocklehursts, please contact Frank Brocklehurst, 1 Park Avenue, Markfield, Leics LE67 9WA (Tel. 01530-243370).

THE W.E.A. can arrange for a follow-on course in family history (they have run beginner courses already), providing there is enough interest. It will be held in Glossop in the evening, starting January 1996. Students will need access to Record Offices and Libraries for research necessary to follow the course properly. Because of record office opening hours, this will probably exclude people in full time employment. As this course will need to be advertised in the September leaflet which is sent to the printers in June, it is essential to telephone Ralph Brownell (01457 853701 - evenings) if you are interested.

THE FOUR COUNTIES CONFERENCE this year will be hosted by The Lincolnshire Family History Society and held at The Lincoln Suite, The Lawn, Union Road, Lincoln on Saturday 7th October 1995. The theme will be "A Right Royal Day". Talks will include 'Descended from Queen Victoria' and 'Royal Funerals from the Tudors to the Hanoverians' and there will be several bookstalls as well as an exhibition of the Brownlow Collection, a wealth of genealogical and local history information that has been acquired by the Lincolnshire Archives. Cost will be £5 per person (£11 with buffet lunch). For a booking form please contact our own secretary, Graham Wells, or Mrs E. Robson, 135 Balderton Gate, Newark, Notts, NG24 1RY.

Driving licence

The driving licence is one of the things that may be found in documents left by one of your relatives. Did they pass a test to get the licence? Some of the information on the older licences can help us when searching other records. On recent licences the date of birth is only crudely coded in the DVLC number. On early licences the DVLC number was the same as the identity card number.

The driving licence was introduced in 1903 as part of the Motor Car Act. They were as easy to buy as dog licences, and were used purely for identification purposes.

In 1930 compulsory tests were introduced for disabled drivers. This was followed in 1931 by a law introducing a test, at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioners, for public service vehicle drivers. The Chief Commissioner introduced tests, for drivers of heavy goods vehicles, in 1934. The Road Traffic Act (1934) made the driving test compulsory in Great Britain for anyone buying a licence after 1st April 1934. Firstly, voluntary testing, for motorists, was introduced in March 1935. These tests enabled car drivers to anticipate the compulsory test requirements, which were introduced on 1st June. The first provisional licences were valid for three months and they were required to display 'L' plates. The main reason for the introduction of testing was to reduce the number of road deaths.

Included in the bill introducing the driving test were: the 30mph speed limit for urban areas; and the flashing orange globes at pedestrian crossings.

Testing was suspended on 2nd September 1939 in the run up to the second World War. Testing began again on 1st November 1946 and on 18th February 1947 a one year period started for holders of wartime provisional licences to convert to full licences without having to take a test. Thus there are many motorists on the road today who have never taken a test!

Before 15th July 1957 the licence was over stamped 'passed test', leading to the introduction in September of the three year provisional licence.

Testing was again suspended on 24th November 1956 due to the Suez Crisis and anyone who held a provisional licence for one month during the crisis was allowed to drive unaccompanied. The test examiners were helping to administer petrol rations. Testing resumed on 15th April 1957.

Until 1959, when the first training school opened, examiners had received their training 'on the job'. In 1976 the examiner's training school moved to Cardington and each new examiner was required to receive four weeks training before being let loose on the public

Since its inception in 1935 the fee for the driving licence test has risen from 10 shillings (50p) to £27.50 in 1994. In 1935 there were around 246,000 candidates for the driving test compared with over two million for 1993. In 1934 there were 7,000 people killed on the road, dropping to 6,000 after the introduction of the driving test. Then there were 1,500,000 registered vehicles. In 1993 there were around 4,000 deaths on the road and around 24,000,000 registered vehicles on the road.

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Inspired by an article by Peter Jones, writing in 'Milestones' the journal of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Further information from Derby local studies library and "Basic sources for Family History" by Andrew Todd.

Oops!

CORRECTION

In the March issue of the magazine there is an article "My Wife's Lost her Grandma" (page 41). I must apologise to Colin Coupe as, during the typing, the name LAND inadvertently became LAUD. So if anyone comes across Rosanna (or Rose Hannah) LAND during their searches, that is most probably the lady he and his wife are looking for

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DERBY: POLISH CATHOLIC CENTRE Wednesday meetings at 7.30 p.m.

June 14th	Victorian Cemeteries	Mike Higginbotham
July 12th	A wander through family history research	Joyce Finnemore
Aug 9th	Sad Women of the Crimea	Ken Horton
Sept 13th	Old Castle Donnington	Bruce Townsend
Oct 11th	Workshop Evening - also time for a coffee and a chat	
Nov 8th	Derbyshire Well Dressing	Neville Hoskins
Dec 13th	Social Evening - chance to wind down with a drink, eats and perhaps a fiendish quiz or two	

GLOSSOP: COMMUNITY HOUSE Friday meetings at 7.30 p.m.

June 2nd	Roman Catholic Records & Family History Research	Father David Lannon
July 7th	Chethams Library	Mrs J. Stanton
Aug 4th	'Eccles Cakes'	Evelyn Vigeon
Sept 1st	Pioneer Families from the High Peak to the U.S.A.	Mr G. Timmington
Oct 6th	Local History in New Mills Area	Mr Derek Brumhead
Nov 3rd	Blue John	Mr Peter Harrison
Dec 1st	Christmas Social Evening	

SHIRLAND: COMMUNITY HALL Friday meetings at 7.30 p.m.

June 16th	How to Use the Quarter Sessions to Trace your Ancestors	Michael Cox
July 21st	Tour of Sheffield Cemetery	Guide - Jill Stodbury
Aug 18th	Members Evening	
Sept 15th	History of Clocks	Mr Lewis
Oct 20th	Library Holdings for Family Historians	Mrs E. Shaw
Nov 17th	Workshop Evening	
Dec 15th	Christmas Miscellany - Carols, customs and mince pies	

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