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FROM THE EDITOR

As most of you will gather from the front cover, this issue marks a special landmark in our Society magazine. This is the 100th issue to be published and I feel extremely privileged to be the Editor at this time. It is a job I especially enjoy and while I don't intend to be here for the 200th issue, I hope to see many more come off the press before I give up the ghost. Hopefully there will be something of interest for most of you and I was especially surprised when I read Alan and Gill Hiley's contribution. They have taken a quick canter around our last 100 issues and added some world events for good measure and it is a bit of a shock to realise just how long ago some events took place. Signs of old age so they tell me.

As a lot of you will know I am a sucker for old newspapers. I go in the library looking for something specific and three hours later I'm still sitting there. Hence the titbits that appear in the magazine. Recently I found an advert that raised a chuckle. Mr Bew, surgeon dentist of Ashborne, guarantees to render teeth which have become unsightly perfectly white and beautiful and to replace decayed stumps with superior quality animal teeth '*exactly resembling nature*'. Which animal, I am now wondering, has teeth to resemble a human beings?

Finally thank you everyone who has contributed over the last 100 issues, I enjoy reading everything sent to me and even feel a bit of envy when I read all these stories of interesting ancestors. When I finally get round to doing a bit more of my own family tree, perhaps I will uncover a skeleton or two as well. Hopefully a criminal or two, much more interesting than a rich goody goody don't you think?

See you in issue 101.

Helen



*We welcome new members
who have joined the society
by 10th January 2002*

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 Mr Pitcock died in September; a member since 1984, had been involved in a PITOCK One Name Study

1191 - Mr J. F. Wright, 35 Charlbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6UX
 Mr Wright had been a member of the Society since 1985 and had his roots in Derbyshire

2766 - Mr I. E. Dickens, 26 Broadacres, Hatfield, Herts. AL10 9LD
 Mr Dickens, who died in July, was a member of the Society since 1990
 and had spent 35 years researching the Family Tree

4042 - Mr J. R. Webster, 29 Highfield Road, Kilburn, Belper, Derbys, DE56 0LT
 Mr Webster held a joint membership with his sister,
 Mrs. M. Rowley,
 19 West Hill, Codnor, Derbys. DE5 9RX
 who will continue the same

4957 - Mr A. Bill, 5 Ruskin Road, Derby
 Mr Bill died in June last year;
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NAME	PARISH	CTY DATES	No.	NAME	PARISH	CTY DATES	No.
ABBOT	Wirksworth	1680-1780	5512	BOULD	Longford	19c	5850
ADAM	Audle Barr	Sct <1855	1522	BOW(E)RING	Edensor	1500-2000	5804
AINSWORTH	Over Darwen	Lan <1830	1522	BOW(E)RING	Beeley	1500-2000	5804
ALLWRIGHT	Quarndon	<1800	5810	BRADWALL	Hope	<1784	5818
ANSTEE	Blackwell	1905	5829	BRAME	Derby	<1879	5841
ANSTEE	Doncaster	1905	5829	BRAMLEY	Shirland	17c	5834
ANTILL	Spondon	1800>	4658	BRAMMALL	No parish given	Yks 1700-1800	5793
ARLISS	No parish given	Yks Any	5826	BRAMWELL	Tideswell	<1816	5818
ARLISS	No parish given	Lin Any	5826	BREARLEY	No parish given	<1881	5814
ASBURY	Walton on Trent	1700>	5810	BRICKELLS	Shirebrook	Ntt No dates given	5127
ASHMORE	Tibshelf	1780-1890	5796	BROUGH	Heanor	1800-1900	5869
ASHMORE	Tibshelf	1750-1900	5796	BROWN	No parish given	Yks 1790-1810	5793
ATKINS	No parish given	Ken 1800>	5844	BROWN	Weston on Trent	1700s	5803
AULT	Derby	18c & 19c	5817	BROWN	Castle Donington	Lei 1800-1850	5803
AUSTIN	Sturston	<1891	5805	BUCKLEY	Derby	<1880	5863
BAINBRIDGE	Hoveringham	Ntt 19c	5817	BUCKLEY	Codnor	1800-1850	5869
BAINBRIDGE	Flintham	Ntt 19c	5817	BUCKLEY	Mapperley	1800-1850	5869
BALMER	Houghton le Spring	Dur 17c	5832	BUCKLEY	Derby	<1987	5780
BALWIN	Derby	<1881	5801	BULL	Willington	1878-1910	5794
BAMFORTH	Sutton on Trent	1841	5829	BULLARS	Shirebrook	Ntt No dates given	5127
BAMFORTH	Ossington	1850	5829	BULLARS	Eckington	No dates given	5127
BANKS	Derby	1800-1900	5791	BULLOCK	Swanwick	c1804-1875	4397
BARKER	Derby	<1881	5801	BUXTON	New Radford	Ntt 1830-1890	5855
BARKER	Denby	<1881	5801	CADMAN	Dronfield	c1673-1752	4397
BARNES	Fritchley	1700>	5858	CARRINGTON	Manchester	Lan 1920s	5866
BARNES	Crich	1700>	5858	CARTLEDGE	Derby	19c	5850
BARNES	South Wingfield	1700>	5858	CARTWRIGHT	Ault Hucknall	<1800	5836
BEARD	Soho	Mdx 1830>	5844	CARTWRIGHT	Grantham	Lin 1700-1900	5846
BEARDER	Worksop	Ntt 1800-1840	5840	CASTLE	Holmfirth	Yks 18c & 19c	5873
BEDFORD	Any	Harn <1800	4733	CASTLE	Hull	Yks 19c	5873
BEECROFT	Sutton in Ashfield	Ntt 18c & 19c	5817	CASTLE	Boston	Lin 19c	5873
BEECROFT	Sheffield	Yks 19c & 20c	5817	CASTLE	Leicester	Lei 19c & 20c	5873
BELFITT	Any	Any	5854	CHAPMAN	Hope	<1759	5818
BELLAMY	Derby	1851>	5861	CHAPMAN	Tideswell	<1759	5818
BELLAMY	Ramsey	Hun 1851>	5861	CHARLTON	Brassington	1690-1820	5838
BENNETT	Tideswell	<1790	5818	CHATTERTON	Glossop	<1830	5843
BENNETT	Adlington	Chs <1830	1522	CHRISTIAN	Gosport	Han 1800	5226
BERESFORD	Brampton	1600>	5858	CLARKE	Grantham	Lin 1800>	5813
BERESFORD	Ashover	1600>	5858	COCKAYNE	No parish given	<1900	5814
BERESFORD	Crich	1600>	5858	COCKAYNE	Bulwell	Ntt 1795>	5834
BERESFORD	Bestwood	Ntt 1800>	5858	COCKAYNE	Ilkeston	<1944	5847
BERESFORD	Basford	Ntt 1800>	5858	COCKING	Bulwell	Ntt 1795>	5834
BERRESFORD	Chesterfield	18c & 19c	5823	COLEBOURNE	No parish given	<1910	5814
BETTERIDGE	Hartshorne	1750>	5831	COLEBOURNE	No parish given	Sct <1910	5814
BETTERIDGE	Woodville,	1750>	5831	COLLYER	Melbourne	1800	5864
BETTERIDGE	Church Greasley	1750>	5831	COLMER	Derby	18c & 19c	5822
BETTERIDGE	Swadincote	1750>	5831	COOMBS	Temple Combe	Som 1910	5866
BETTERIDGE	Burton on Trent	Sts 1750>	5831	COPE	Ockbrook	1850-1935	5819
BIGGS	Chesterfield	1890-1894	5811	COPE	Riddings	1850-1935	5819
BINGHAM	South Wingfield	<1785	5836	CORDON	Ilkeston	1700>	5865
BINGHAM	Dronfield	1800s	5856	CORDON	Nottingham	Ntt 1800>	5865
BINGHAM	Cowley	1800s	5856	COX	Alfreton	1870>	4658
BIRCH	Snelston	1830-1900	5830	COXON	Ellington	No dates given	5842
BIRCUMSHAW	Ilkeston	1800s	5839	COXON	Burton on Trent	Sts No dates given	5842
BIRCUMSHAW	Heanor	1800s	5839	CREMIN	Buttevant	Cor 1800-1900	5791
BIRD	No parish given	Chs No dates given	5799	CROSBY	Worleston	Chs 19c	5860
BIRD	No parish given	Sts No dates given	5799	CUND(E)Y	Chesterfield	1792>	5861
BLOUNT	Belper	No dates given	5868	CUTTS	Tupton	1800>	5851
BONELL	Longdon	Sts 1500-1800	5875	CUTTS	Ashover	1700>	5858
BONELL	Farewell	Sts 1500-1800	5875	CUTTS-BOOTH	Eckington	<1900	5787
BONELL	Colton	Sts 1500-1800	5875	CUTTS-BOOTH	Nottingham	Ntt 1900>	5787
BOOT	No parish given	Ntt <1898	5814	CUTTS-BOOTH	Eckington	<1900	5878
BOOTH	Eckington	<1800	5787	CUTTS-BOOTH	Nottingham	Ntt 1900>	5878
BOOTH	Eckington	<1800	5878	DAFFEY	No parish given	Mdx 1830>	5844
BOTTOM	Eckington	No dates given	5127	DALBY	Any	1800>	4658
BOULD	Derby	19c	5850	DALY	Derby	1850	5793

DAVIS	Cleveland	Nyk	1850	5793	GREAVES	Barlborough	No dates given	5800	
DAWES	Crich		<1805	5836	GREGSON	Derby	Any	5833	
DAWES	Alfreton		<1805	5836	GRIMSDITCH	Wakefield	Yks	1889-1894	5811
DAY	Cossall	Ntt	1885	5859	HADFIELD	Any		1860-1880	5724
DEWSNAP	Glossop		Any	5824	HADFIELD	Any		1860-1880	5724
DEXTER	Edmondthorpe	Lei	1800	5803	HAGUES	No parish given	Ntt	Any	5807
DICKINSON	Great Hale	Lin	1800	5812	HALL	Eckington		No dates given	5127
DICKINSON	Clay Cross		1800	5812	HALL	Barlborough		No dates given	5127
DICKINSON	Pilsley		1800	5812	HANSON	Derby		1700-1940	5846
DICKINSON	Heckington	Lin	1800	5812	HANSON	Manchester	Lan	1700-1940	5846
DOWMAN	Ockbrook		<1730	4658	HARDY	No parish given		1880s	5832
DRABBLE	Dronfield		c1670-1730	4397	HARLOW	Derby		18c & 19c	5817
DRIVER	Swinderby	Lin	1800s	5874	HARRISON	No parish given	Yks	<1882	5801
DRIVER	South Normanton		1800s	5874	HART	Melton Mowbray	Lei	1930>	5813
DUNN	No parish given	Dev	1860	5844	HART	Folkstone	Ken	1800s	5813
DUNN	No parish given	Som	1860	5844	HARTLE	Derby		1800>	5810
DYCHE	Somersall Herbert		1850>	5833	HARTLE	Peak Forest		1800>	5810
E(H)ATON	Bonsall		1600-1800	5795	HARTLE	Bonsall		1800>	5810
E(H)ATON	Snitterton		1600-1800	5795	HARWOOD	Over Darwen	Lan	<1840	1522
E(H)ATON	Eyam		1600-1800	5795	HARWOOD	Manchester	Lan	<1850	1522
E(H)ATON	Stoney Middleton		1600-1800	5795	HAWKINS	Heage		<1800	4733
E(H)ATON	Matlock		1600-1800	5795	HAYNES	Darley		1723-1761	4397
EASTLEY	No parish given	Dev	<1837	5801	HEALD	Hope		<1745	5818
EDWARDS	Not known		Not known	5855	HEATHCOTE	Over Haddon		1800-1920	5815
ELEY	Winster		<1851	5836	HEAVENS	Blockley	Gls	1750-1800	5803
ELLIOTT	Chard	Som	1790s	5832	HEGINBOTHAM	Litton		1700>	5828
ELLIOTT	Melbourne		1800	5864	HEGINBOTHAM	Tideswell		1700>	5828
EMBLETON	London	Lnd	<1864	5801	HEGINBOTHAM	Great Hucklow		1700>	5828
FAKE	No parish given	Lnd	1890	5844	HERRING	Lowdham	Ntt	<1800	5787
FARNSWORTH	Derby		<1880	5863	HERRING	Lowdham	Ntt	<1800	5878
FAULKNER	Derby		1835	5830	HEWETT	Chichester	Ssx	1805	5844
FEER	Leicester	Lei	18c - 20c	5873	HIBBERD	North Wingfield		<1752	4397
FLETCHER	Willenhall	Sts	1889-1891	5811	HIBBERT	Shirland		1830>	5851
FLETCHER	Wirksworth		mid 19c	5850	HIBBERT	No parish given		No dates given	5867
FLETCHER	Darley		mid 19c	5850	HIBBERT	Belper		1808-1882	4397
FLINT	Tideswell		1700>	5828	HIDES	Eckington		No dates given	5127
FODEN	Denby		1890s	5832	HIGGINBOTHAM	Litton		1700>	5828
FORD	Derby		<1881	5801	HIGGINBOTHAM	Tideswell		1700>	5828
FORD	Chapel en le Frith		<1850	1522	HIGGINBOTHAM	Great Hucklow		1700>	5828
FOULDS	No parish given	Lei	18c - 20c	5873	HIGTON	Wirksworth		<1750	5512
FOULDS	Peterborough	Cam	18c - 20c	5873	HIGTON	Cromford		<1750	5512
FRANCIS	Nottingham	Ntt	1850s	5874	HILSDON	No parish given	Ken	Any	5813
FRANCIS	No parish given	Sts	1850s	5874	HOBSON	No parish given	Chs	1850s	5850
FURNESS	Tibshelf		1890>	5853	HOBSON	Derby		1850s	5850
GADSBY	Breedon		<1900	5814	HOLLAND	Belper		1800s	5874
GAINS	Cleveland	Nyk	1750-1800	5793	HOLLIS	Elford		<1860	1522
GARDNER	Tow Law	Dur	1800-1900	5869	HOPCROFT	Long Crendon	Bkm	<1800	5787
GARNER	Alvaston		<1900	5814	HOPCROFT	Long Crendon	Bkm	<1800	5878
GARNER	Burton on Trent	Sts	No dates given	5842	HOPCROFT	Snelston		1840-1910	5830
GARNER	Eilington		No dates given	5842	HORSLEY	Denby		<19c	5808
GARRARD	Matlock		1928-1934	5871	HORSLEY	Horsley		<19c	5808
GELL	Wirksworth		1600-1820	5512	HORSLEY	Any		<19c	5808
GILMAN	No parish given		Any	5845	HORSLEY	Heanor		1800s	5839
GLAZEBROOK(E)	Hoveringham	Ntt	19c	5817	HORTON	Shiftnal	Sal	<1830	1522
GLOSSOP	Chesterfield		1730	5834	HORTON	Manchester	Lan	<1855	1522
GODHARD	No parish given	Yks	Any	5826	HOUNSON	Chichester	Ssx	1805	5844
GODHARD	No parish given		Any	5826	HOWARD	Alverstoke		1800	5226
GOO(U)LD	No parish given	Ntt	No dates given	5127	HUCKERBY	Bulwell	Ntt	No dates given	5127
GOO(U)LD	No parish given	Som	No dates given	5127	HUDSON	Ashbourne		<1880	5863
GORDON	Codnor		1750-1850	5869	HULMES	Glossop		Any	5824
GORDON	No parish given	Sct	1750-1850	5869	HYCOCK	Flagg		<1830	5836
GORDON	No parish given	Sts	1750-1850	5869	IVENS	Moreton Pickney	Nth	1790s	5832
GOTHARD	Lowdham	Ntt	1790s	5832	JOHNSON	Ilkeston		1803>	4397
GOULD	No parish given	Chs	Any	5845	JOHNSON	Gosport	Han	1800	5226
GOULD	Monyash		Any	5862	KAY	Derby		c1840	5810
GOULD	Hartington		Any	5862	KAY	Turton	Lan	<1840	5810
GOULD	Glossop		Any	5862	KELSALL	Any		1860-1880	5724
GRATTON	Bonsall		1800>	5810	KELSALL	Any		1860-1880	5724
GRATTON	Wirksworth		<1810	5836	KENYON	No parish given	Yks	Any	5826
GRAY	Worksop	Ntt	1800-1830	5840	KENYON	No parish given		Any	5826
GRAY	Retford	Ntt	1800-1830	5840	KERRY	Ockbrook		<1760	4658
GREATOREX	No parish given		<1861	5814	KERSHAW	Litchurch		19c	5823
GREATOREX	Wirksworth		1850s	5850	KERSHAW	Duffield		17c-19c	5823
GREATOREX	Derby		1850s	5850	KINCH	Long Buckby	Nth	1750s	5832

KIRKHAM	North Wingfield		1800>	5851	MOWBRAY	Ashover		1700-1810	5821
KNIVERTON	Chesterfield		<1725	4397	MOWBRAY	Chesterfield		1700-1810	5821
KNOTT	No parish given	Yks	Any	5826	MOXON	Eckington		No dates given	5127
KNOTT	No parish given	Lin	Any	5826	MURDOCK	Stanton by Dale		1800-1900	5512
KNOTT	Ashton	Lan	<1860	1522	MURFIN	Brailsford		No dates given	5868
LAGER	Melbourne		c1830>	5810	MURRAY	Any		1860-1880	5724
LAGER	Ashby de la Zouch	Lei	<1830	5810	MURRAY	Liverpool	Lan	<1840	1522
LAMBERT	Derby		1800-1900	5791	MURRAY	Any		1860-1880	5724
LANGSDALE HILL	Nottingham	Ntt	1850	5787	NEEDHAM	Tideswell		<1816	5818
LANGSDALE HILL	Nottingham	Ntt	<1850	5878	NEWTON	Derby		18c & 19c	5822
LARGE	Coton in the Elms		1700>	5810	NUTBROWN	No parish given	Yks	<1700	5826
LARGE	No parish given		Any	5845	NUTBROWN	No parish given	Ess	<1700	5826
LAYTON	Wicken		No dates given	5631	O'BRIEN	Liverpool	Lan	1890s	5832
LAYTON	Eckington		No dates given	5631	OLIVER	Any		1700>	5828
LEES	Rugely	Sta	1800-1820	5803	OLLERENSHAW	Buxton		c1800>	5816
LIMB	Ilkeston		17c-19c	5823	OLLERENSHAW	Hyde	Chs	18c-19c	5823
LIMB	Staveley		19c	5823	ORRINGE	Alfreton		1730>	5851
LINGARD	Eckington		19c	5802	OTTY	Liverpool	Lan	1750-1800	5803
LOMAS	Tideswell		1700-1800	5828	PAGE	Liverpool	Lan	<1850	1522
LOMAS	Chapel en le Frith		<1845	1522	PARKINSON	Doncaster	Yks	17c-19c	5823
LONGDEN	Unstone		1889-1894	5811	PEARSON	Wirksworth		1700-1800	5846
LOWCOCK	Doncaster	Yks	17c-19c	5823	PEDLEY	Ilkeston		1883	5859
LUDLAM	South Wingfield		Any	5512	PHILLIPS	Derby		mid 19c	5850
LUNN	Eckington		<1800	5787	PHILLIPS	Darley		mid 19c	5850
LUNN	Eckington		<1800	5878	PIERCE	London	Lnd	1912	5866
MALKIN	Repton		1900s	5825	PILKINGTON	Darley		<1776	4397
MALKIN	Gresley		1900s	5825	PLUMMER	Oakthorpe		Any	5807
MARKHAM	No parish given	War	No dates given	5842	POLLARD	Hayfield		1850>	5837
MARKHAM	No parish given	Bkm	No dates given	5842	POUNTAIN	Derby		Any	4658
MARRIOT	Frichley		1700>	5858	POYSER	Duffield		1500-1800	5875
MARRIOT	Crich		1700>	5858	POYSER	Mugginton		1500-1800	5875
MARRIOT	South Wingfield		1700>	5858	POYSER	Ellastone	Sta	1500-1800	5875
MARSH	Scarcliffe		1770-1800	5840	PRICE	Trysull	Sta	1800-1820	5803
MARSHALL	Sparrowpit		<1875	1522	PRICE	Shirebrook	Ntt	No dates given	5127
MARSHALL	Willington		<1870	1522	PRIME	Alton		1850>	5833
MARSHLAND	Disley	Chs	<1820	1522	PRIME	Cubley		1850>	5833
MART	No parish given		<1910	5814	RABY	Ashford		No dates given	5842
MART	No parish given	Sct	<1910	5814	RABY	Burton on Trent	Sta	No dates given	5842
MARTIN	South Wingfield		<1785	5836	RADFORD	Shirland		17c & 18c	5834
MARTIN	No parish given	Ken	1800	5844	READMAN	Cleveland	Nyk	1800-1850	5793
MARTIN	Ockbrook		<1800	4658	REDFERN	No parish given		Any	5845
MASSEY	No parish given		Any	5845	REEVE	Nottingham		1850s	5874
MASSEY	No parish given	Sta	Any	5845	RHODES	No parish given		No dates given	5867
MAYCOCK	Flagg		<1830	5836	RIELY	No parish given	Lnd	1820	5844
McBRIDGE	Old Park, Belfast	Irl	<1840	1522	RILEY	Heanor		1700-1800	5851
McINTYRE	Derby		1800>	5810	ROBERTS	Repton		1800-1900	5791
McKNIGHT	Any	Irl	<1860	1522	ROBERTS	Llandeinolien	Cae	1850s	5832
McKNIGHT	Manchester	Lan	<1900	1522	ROBINSON	Ferryhill	Dur	1750-1850	5793
McKNIGHT	Liverpool	Lan	<1860	1522	ROBINSON	Tideswell		1700-1800	5828
McQUESTION	Old Park, Belfast	Irl	<1850	1522	ROBINSON	Wormhill		1700>	5828
McQUESTION	Manchester	Lan	<1845	1522	ROE	Alfreton		<1828	5836
McQUESTION	St. George in the East	Mdx	<1850	1522	ROE	No parish given		Any	5845
MEAKIN	Burton on Trent	Sta	No dates given	5842	ROE	Smalley		18c	5852
MEAKIN	No parish given		No dates given	5842	ROE	Derby		18c	5852
MELBOURNE	Belper		18c & 19c	5871	ROOSE	Winster		<1851	5836
MELLOR	Chapel en le Frith		<1875	1522	ROSE	Weston on Trent		1750-1800	5803
MERRIN	Nottingham	Ntt	c1816	5832	ROULSTON(E)	Stanton by Bridge		<1670	5792
MIDDLETON	Melbourne		1800	5864	ROWLAND	Youlgreave		1700-1826	5821
MILLINGTON	Kilburn area		1860-1880	5793	ROWLAND	Bakewell		1700-1826	5821
MILLINGTON	Denby area		1860-1880	5793	ROWLAND	Belper		1700-1826	5821
MILLINGTON	Wolverhampton	Sta	1800	5803	ROWLAND	Heage		1700-1826	5821
MILLINGTON	Belper		Any	5833	ROYLES	Tideswell		<1820	5818
MILLINGTON	Darley Abbey		Any	5833	ROYLES	Great Hucklow		<1820	5818
MILLWARD	Warslow area	Sta	No dates given	5800	RUSSELL	Menston	Yks	1700-1800s	5832
MILLWARD	Allestree		1780-1850	5855	SALISBURY	No parish given		Any	5845
MILNES	Eckington		No dates given	5127	SANDERS	Ilkeston		1800s	5839
MINSKIP	Doncaster area	Yks	1750-1840	5793	SANDERS	Belper		1800s	5839
MOON	Ilkeston		<1944	5847	SANDERS	Holbrook		18c & 19c	5873
MOORE	Ilkeston		1908	5839	SANDERS	Boston	Lin	19c	5873
MOORE	Calverton	Ntt	1800s	5839	SANDERS	Leicester	Lei	19c & 20c	5873
MORRIS	Chesterfield		1866	5798	SANDERS	No parish given	Ken	19c & 20c	5873
MORRIS	Oldham	Lan	1850s	5874	SCHOFIELD	Ashton	Lan	<1850	1522
MOSS	No parish given	Sta	No dates given	5799	SCOTHERN	Lambley	Ntt	1800	5812
MOSS	No parish given		No dates given	5799	SCOTHERN	Wooly Moor		1800	5812

SCOTHERN	Clay Cross		1800	5812	TIMMONS	Shirebrook	Ntt	No dates given	5127
SCOTT	Sheffield	Yks	17c-19c	5823	TINSLEY	Cleveland	Nyk	1750-1800	5793
SCOTT	Any	Yks	17c-19c	5823	TIVEY	Melbourne		<1820	5864
SCOTT	Rolliston		1800>	5831	TRAVEY	No parish given	Lnd	1850	5844
SCOTT	Coton in the Elms		1800>	5831	TRUEMAN	Belper		19c	5860
SCOTT	Walton on Trent		1800>	5831	TRUEMAN	Milford		19c	5860
SEARSON	Codnor		1800-1850	5869	TURTON	Ripley		1750-1820	5852
SEARSON	Loscoe		1800-1850	5869	TURTON	Smalley		1750-1820	5852
SHACKLOCK	Blackwall		1876	5829	TWEMLOW	Buxton		c1800>	5816
SHACKLOCK	Erewash		1876	5829	TWIGGE	Turnditch		1863-1874	5835
SHACKLOCK	Spondon		1876	5829	TWIGGE	Mappleton		1810-1863	5835
SHELDON	Ashford in the Water		1800	5226	TWIGGE	Grindon		1740-1790	5835
SHELDON	Cressbrook		1800	5226	UFTON	Allestree		1770-1830	5855
SHIRT	Chapel en le Frith		1500>	5816	UFTON	Ockbrook		<1800	4658
SHIRT	Buxton		1500>	5816	UFTON	Wiine		<1800	4658
SHOOTER	Tibshelf		1750-1900	5796	UPTON	Derby		1881	5817
SIDDALL	Manchester	Lan	<1900	1522	UPTON	East Bridgford	Ntt	19c	5817
SIDDALL	Warrington	Chs	<1850	1522	UPTON	Orston	Ntt	19c	5817
SIDDLE	Warrington	Chs	<1850	1522	VARDY	Blackwell		1700-1840	5872
SIDDLE	Manchester	Lan	<1900	1522	VARDY	South Normanton		1700-1840	5872
SIDEBOTHAM	Disley	Chs	<1870	1522	VARDY	Alfreton		1730>	5872
SIDEBOTHAM	Pott Shrigley	Chs	<1870	1522	VARDY	Tibshelf area		1730>	5872
SIDEBOTTOM	Glossop		Any	5862	VARDY	Sutton in Ashfield	Ntt	No dates given	5872
SKELTON	No parish given	Ntt	1800s	5856	VARDY	Huthwaite	Ntt	No dates given	5872
SLACK	Rotherham	Yks	18c-19c	5823	VARDY	Selston	Ntt	No dates given	5872
SMEDLEY	Derby		1800-1900	5791	VARDY	Shire Oaks	Ntt	No dates given	5872
SMEDLEY	Nottingham	Ntt	<1860	5801	VARE	Adlington	Chs	<1900	1522
SMEDLEY	Repton		1700>	5865	VERNON	Chesterfield		1730-1734	5834
SMEDLEY	Burton on Trent	Sts	1700>	5865	VERNON	Ashbourne		Any	5845
SMEDLEY	Ockbrook		<1790	4658	VERNON	Brailsford		Any	5845
SMITH	Stretton on Fosse	War	1750-1800	5803	VOWDEN	No parish given	Dev	<1837	5801
SMITH	Matlock		1770>	5851	WADSWORTH	Ashton	Lan	<1900	1522
SMITH	Crich		1770>	5851	WADSWORTH	Macclesfield	Chs	<1820	1522
SMYTHE	Sunderland		<1917	5814	WALKER	Cressbrook		<1900	5848
SMYTHE	No parish given	lri	<1917	5814	WALKER	Belper		1800s	5874
SOMMERFIELD	Manchester	Lan	<1860	1522	WALKER	Duffield		1800s	5874
SOMMERFIELD	Manchester	Lan	<1860	1522	WALKLATE	Derby		c1809	5810
SOWTER	Morton		c1793	4397	WALLACE	Sheffield	Yks	18c-19c	5823
SOWTER	Ashover		c1793	4397	WALLIS	Codnor Park		1881	5829
SPENCER	Derby		<1881	5801	WALPOLE	No parish given	Lin	1800s	5856
SPENCER	Nottingham	Ntt	<1881	5801	WALPOLE	No parish given	Cam	1800s	5856
STAINER	Belper		19c	5860	WALPOLE	No parish given	Nfk	1800s	5856
STAINER	Milford		19c	5860	WARD	Burbage, Hartington		<1800	5226
STANNARD	Norwich	Nfk	<1818	5863	WARHURST	Peak Forest		1700-1800	5828
STENDALL	Pinxton		1700-1850	5512	WARHURST	Wormhill		1700-1800	5828
STEVENS	Ockbrook		1840>	4658	WARHURST	Tideswell		1700-1800	5828
STEVENSON	Chesterfield		1820>	5861	WASHINGTON	Salford	Lan	1920s	5866
STONE	Belper		19c	5860	WATTS	Spondon		1790-1860	5855
STONE	Milford		19c	5860	WEBSTER	Derby		<1837	5810
STORER	North of county		1880s	5874	WEBSTER	Worksop	Ntt	<1850	5787
STRAW	Ilkeston		1800	5812	WEBSTER	Worksop	Ntt	<1850	5878
STRELLEY	Fritchley		1700>	5858	WEIGHTMAN	Somercotes		No dates given	5631
STRELLEY	Crich		1700>	5858	WEIGHTMAN	Annesley	Ntt	1816	5631
STRELLEY	South Wingfield		1700>	5858	WELBOURN	Derby		1890>	5855
STRINGFELLOW	North Wingfield		1702	5834	WELBOURNE	Syston	Lin	<1890	5855
STRINGFELLOW	Chesterfield		1731-1754	5834	WELLINGS	No parish given	Chs	Any	5845
STRONG	Any		1700-1820	5838	WESTMORELAND	Nottingham	Ntt	<1900	5801
SUMPTER	No parish given	Cor	1838	5844	WESTON	Dale		<1850	4658
SURGUY	Any	Any	Any	5807	WHARMBY	Glossop		Any	5824
TALLANT	North Wingfield		c1737	4397	WHEELHOUSE	Eckington		No dates given	5800
TAYLOR	Derby		c1835	5817	WHITE	Otley	Yks	1800	5832
TAYLOR	Alfreton		<1841	5836	WHITEHEAD	Orston	Ntt	<1841	5817
TAYLOR	Calverton	Ntt	<1850	5787	WHYLEY	Grantham	Lin	1800>	5813
TAYLOR	South Wingfield		1700-1850	5512	WIDDOWSON	Beighton		<1900	5818
TAYLOR	South Normanton		1800-1900	5512	WIDDOWSON	Eckington		<1900	5818
TAYLOR	Calverton	Ntt	<1850	5878	WILD	Glossop		<1830	5843
THEOBOLD	Draycott		1840s	5850	WILLIS	Derby		<1902	5801
THEOBOLD	Derby		1840s	5850	WILSON	Wirksworth		1600-1850	5512
THOM(P)SON	Manchester	Lan	<1880	1522	WINTERBOTTOM	Bugsworth		<1840	1522
THOMPSON	Butterton area	Sts	No dates given	5800	WOLSTENHOLME	Dronfield		<1820	5818
THOMPSON	Leamington	War	No dates given	5842	WOLSTENHOLME	Holmesfield		<1820	5818
THOMPSON	Burton on Trent	Sts	No dates given	5842	WOOD	Glossop		1850>	5824
THOMPSON	New Holland	Lin	19c	5873	WOOD	Little Chester		1800-1890	5855
THURMAN	Chesterfield		Any	5807	WOOD	Mackworth		1800-1890	5855

WOODWARD	Lowdham	Ntt	1790s	5832	WYATT	Shirebrook	Ntt	No dates given	5127
WORKER	Chesterfield		1867	5798	WYE	No parish given	Lei	<1861	5814
WRAGG	Litchurch		<1880	5863	YARWOOD	Manchester	Lan	<1860	1522
WRIGHT	Not known		Not known	5855	YARWOOD	Appleton	Chs	<1840	1522
WRIGHT	Duffield		<1800	5863					

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??? HELP WANTED ???

Please send your requests direct to the Editor, quoting your membership number

WALLIS

Information required relating to the marriage of Robert Wallis to Susannah, circa 1810. Robert was from Stapleford in Nottinghamshire, although christened at Sandiacre in 1784. A family tale tells of Robert deserting at Waterloo in 1815 and the only offspring that have been located so far are daughters Ellen (1810) and Maria (1812). Maria married at Duffield in 1829. Robert was a Town Crier later in life, so it is assumed that he moved to Derbyshire and lived under an assumed name. Any leads would be appreciated.

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BENNETT/MARSHALL

Joseph Bennett and Mary Ward, both of Adlington, Cheshire, married 9 Jul 1773 at Prestbury, Cheshire. I know of 3 children, Hannah (1794), Ann (1795) and James (1797), but am unable to find anything else on this couple. In 1861 Hannah was living with married sister Ann Sidebotham at Pott Shrigley, Cheshire and classed as blind. Ann married John Sidebotham, but I am unable to find this marriage. They had 6 children, Thomas (1818), Elizabeth (1822), Martha (1825), James (1831), Joseph (1833) and John (1836). James married Fanny Allen of Pott Shrigley in 1825 and they had 7 children, Elizabeth (1826), George (1829), Mary (1831), Frances (1834), Joseph (1836), James (1839) and Hannah (1844).

George Marshall was born about 1783 in Linton, Dbs. His wife, Frances Spencer, was born about 1784 in Barrow and they married in 1806 at Barrow, having 6 children, Elizabeth (1808), Ann (1809), Charles (1811), Mary (1814), George (1820) and Frances (1827). On the 1841 census Frances was living in Findern with 2 of her 6 children, plus a grandson William Marshall aged 1. There is no sign of husband George. On the 1851 census George and Frances were living at Willington with their married daughter Mary and William Marshall, grandson aged 11. George died in 1855, Frances in 1863, both buried at Willington.

William Marshall was born 1840 in Findern, the illegitimate son of Elizabeth Marshall and married Louisa Hollis in 1859 at Eggington. They had 9 known children, Joseph (1860), Ann (1863), Mary (1867), Elizabeth (1868), George (1869), Lizzie (1871) and Charles (1874). On the 1871 census the family was living in Willington, but moved into the Buxton area as Louisa (1875) was born in Peak Forest. She died as did her mother a year later in childbirth. On the 1881 Buxton census William is a manager at the stone quarries and a preacher at the Primitive Methodist Church at Fairfield, he has a new wife Martha born in Willington and 3 children Elizabeth (9), Charles (7) and Louisa (4). In 1891 William is a foreman farmer

living at Wormhill with his wife, children and a niece Beatrice Keeling, age 8, born Willington. Any information on any of the above families would be most appreciated.

*Mrs R.M. Sidebotham, Flat 8, 14 Cote Green Lane,
Marple Bridge, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 5DZ (Mem. 1522)
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BROOKES

In 1941 there was living in Nottingham a French Canadian lorry driver named Francis Antonio Brookes. I believe he was in the army. He had an affair with a young woman called Anne Hind. There was a baby girl born to them in the Nottingham City Hospital. Antonio Brookes was already married and disappeared from the scene. The baby, Judith Anne Brookes, was taken by her grandmother and brought up at Wellow, her birthday 17 May 1941. I married her. She never knew her father, but after the war he had an off licence in the Sandiacre/Stapleford area. We had three daughters. Judith died three years ago, but my daughters always wonder about their grandfather. Has anyone heard of Francis Antonio Brookes?

*Mr B.J. White, 69 Poplar St, New Ollerton,
Nr Newark, Notts NG22 9PY (Mem. 4259)*

BERKIN/STORER

Seeking information on Hannah (or Harriet) Berkin baptised 23 Mar 1772, daughter of Joseph Berkin and Mary Mitchell. Hannah was possibly born in Eastwood and married William Limb in 1789.

Also Elizabeth Storer, who married John Gratton in 1809, witness at the wedding German Storer (brother?) of Bolehill, Wirksworth, son of Thomas Storer and Ellen da German Buxton. Thomas' parents were possibly William and Dorothy Storer of Bolehill.

Can anyone help with the above please?

*Miss S. Martin, 16 Stewart St, Riddings,
Derbyshire DE55 4EH (Mem. 1219)*

NORMANTON VILLA

I am trying to locate the whereabouts of a dwelling called 'Normanton Villa', which was in existence in 1857. This house presumably would have been situated in Normanton or Derby. Can anyone help?

*Audrey Longton, 144 Swarkestone Rd, Chellaston,
Derby DE73 1UD (Mem. 2074)*

TAYLOR

Please please please has anyone come across the name Alfred John or John Alfred Taylor, birth around 1840 maybe in the Derbyshire area, or any census listing between 1851-1871 for this name. Also any descendants from his son Roger Charles Taylor, born 1875 in Yorkshire. Have been hoping for a breakthrough with the above for the last thirty years. Luckily was able to find the family on the 1881 census

index giving Mickleover as place of birth for Alfred John Taylor, but alas no luck so far. Can anyone help find this elusive great grandfather?

*Mrs Beryl Cheeseman, 33 Beacon Hill,
Dormansland, Surrey RH7 6RQ (Mem. 5777)*

DOCKSEY

I have been researching my Barker family line, which resided in the small village of Grainsby, Lincolnshire (about midway between Louth and Grimsby) from the late 1600s to the mid 1900s. My gt gt Grandfather was a 9 year old scholar at the village school on the 1861 census. His school mistress and her sister (?), who lived at the rectory in Grainsby are strays. The 1861 census indicates the following:-

*Woodthorpe Johnson, Hd, Unm, 47, Rector, born Binbrook, Lincs
Margaret Docksey, Serv, Unm, 30, Housekpr, Darley Dale, Dbys
Ann Docksey, Serv, Unm, 19, School mistress, Darley Dale, Dbys
Charles Vickers, Serv, Unm, 15, Servant, Hallington, Lincs*

If anyone has lost Ann and Margaret Docksey I would be interested to hear from them. I am particularly interested about their background and how they came to be living in Grainsby, which even today is a tiny village comprising a few houses and a church.

*Andy Parker, 47 Glenluce Drive, Farringdon Park,
Preston, Lancs PR1 5TD (Mem. 5399)*

HOOLEY

My gt grandfather, Henry Hooley, died in Creswell on 8 Nov 1941 aged 87. His second wife, Sarah Hooley (formerly Shaw), died in 1930 and is buried at Warsop, Notts.

Has anyone seen any burial records for Henry Hooley, as I would like to find his final resting place. He lived at Swanwick from 1880 to 1910.

*Mrs Joan Cattley, 110C Burns St, Cambridge,
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LYSON'S DERBYSHIRE

I have in my possession an old book of Derbyshire called Lyson's Derbyshire, published in 1817. It gives the old names of the parishes and a lot of Derby families from 1066. If anyone would like me to look up any names for them, please write to me. There are also plates of Coats of Arms and the stained glass windows of Repton in colour, which I will photocopy if anyone is interested.

*Miss L. Hartley, Le Nid Cottage, Highland's Lane,
St Saviour, Jersey JE2 7LH (Mem. 5124)*

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

As all of you are aware an appeal was put into your December magazine asking for contributions to purchase the 1901 Census. As the magazine had already been printed a flyer was all we had time for.

Some time ago the PRO decided that the 1901 Census would be on line only. Libraries would be allowed to purchase the local Census, but if your families lived out of your own county it was the Internet or nothing. The Federation of Family History Societies put a lot of pressure onto the PRO and it was decided in late November that Family History Societies would be allowed to purchase copies of the 1901 Census.

Delighted as we are by this news we all know by now the difficulties being experienced by the online access. Your Family History Society is meeting the cost for the 1901 Derbyshire Census as we feel it is something that is a must for the family historian, but we also think we should try to cater for those of our members without Internet access, many of whom have no desire to go into a library or use a computer, but have ancestors in various parts of the country.

The 1901 Derbyshire Census is ordered and should be in Bridge Chapel House by the end of March. What we will do with your donations is to buy as much of the 1901 Census as possible for the rest of the country. At the time of writing contributions are coming in but more are needed. For those who visit Bridge Chapel House, a donation in the box each time you visit would be greatly appreciated, for those who feel able to send a cheque by post, please make them payable to D.F.H.S. and post them to Bridge Chapel House (address in front of magazine). Mark envelopes 1901 Census.

Once the 1901 Census fiche arrives we will set up a booking system for fiche readers. Obviously it is going to be very popular and we will have to make a small charge to use it. The money collected will be used to purchase more of the Census. From April onwards you will need to ring Bridge Chapel House (01332 363876) DURING OPENING HOURS ONLY to book a fiche reader.

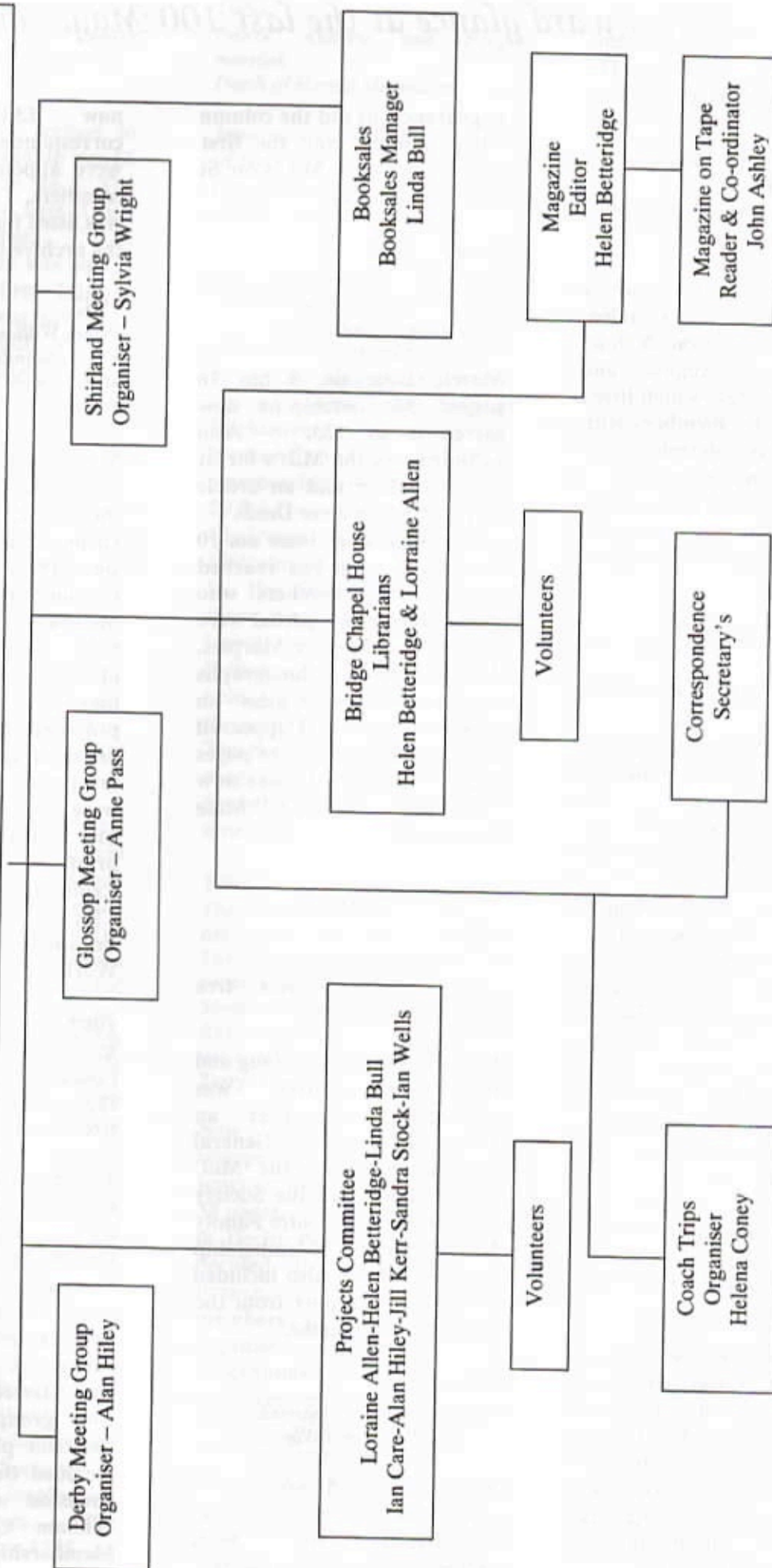
Our thanks go to everyone who has already contributed and for all the encouragement we have been given to go ahead and purchase as much of the 1901 Census as we can. We appreciate your support. So

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YOUR SOCIETY'S FAMILY TREE

CHIEF OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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OUR SOCIETY CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS, NOR ITS MEMBERS

A backward glance at the last 100 Magazines

1970's

1976

James Callaghan becomes UK Prime Minister.

Concorde makes first commercial flight.

The Mid-Derbyshire Family History Society was founded. The first issue of Branch News appeared in August and contained 8 pages which listed the 24 founder members with their research interests. The Society became a member of the Federation of FHS. Also included in the magazine was a part list of M.I.'s for Pentrich.

1977

US space shuttle makes first test flight

Elvis Presley found dead aged 42

June 1977 the second issue of the magazine was published and ran to 9 pages. The membership increased to 39, also included was a listing of Derbyshire strays and a list of rectors for All Saints, Sudbury. November 1977, issue no. 3 appeared and ran to 18 pages. The Chairman and Editor was Winifred Waterall and yearly subscriptions were £1.50. Membership had risen to 56 and the column 'Help Wanted' made its first appearance.

1978

The first test tube baby was born in Manchester.

Christopher Reeve starred in Superman.

March, issue no. 4 with 11 pages gave a full list of all members which now totals 69 and a full listing of M.I.'s for Dalbury. The June issue no. 5 ran to 11 pages and gave a full list of committee members. Subs were raised to £2. Adverts made their first

appearance, as did the column 'Help Offered' and the first meeting report. M.I.'s for St Lawrence, Heanor.

1979

Margaret Thatcher elected first woman P.M. in the U.K.

Actor John Wayne dies.

March, issue no. 8 has 16 pages. Membership has now increased to 123. Also included was the M.I.'s for St James Codnor and an article on the 'Old Bolsover Deeds' In the September issue no. 10 the membership has reached 157. Two members who joined during this period were Pauline & Malcolm Marples. The first photographs appeared to accompany an article. Issue no. 11 appeared in December and was 16 pages long. Membership was now 177 and included Mike Bagworth.

1980's

1980

Wreck of 'Titanic' found.

Robert Runcie becomes Arch Bishop of Canterbury.

Issue 12 was 16 pages long and the front cover was redesigned. After an Extraordinary General Meeting in January the 'Mid' was dropped and the Society became the Derbyshire Family History Society. Membership was now 212. Also included was the first report from the Project Co-ordinator.

1981

Charles and Diana married.

John McEnroe won Wimbledon.

Membership had now reached above 500, 23 churches and churchyards had been recorded, subscriptions were

now £3.00 and nine correspondence secretaries were appointed to help new members. Library contents was listed for the first time and the archive continued to grow.

1982

Prince William born.

The Falklands War.

Mary Rose was raised off Southsea.

Mary Johnson, Fred Hall and Joan Smedley stepped down at the AGM; they had all held various committee positions since 1976. Pauline Marples became Secretary at the AGM. Membership had increased to 635. Also included was a list of Societies whom we exchange magazines with. An idea was proposed for House Groups for those members who could not get to meetings. There were also high hopes of the first Census Index coming into print. Articles included Explosion at Park House Pit, Clay Cross and Henry Brentnall 'Abundant in Good Works'

1983

Neil Kinnock elected leader of Labour Party.

£2.6 million in gold stolen from Heathrow airport.

The magazine has 16 pages for each issue and is now printed by the Narborough Congregational Church at Leicester. Winifred Waterall steps down as Chairman to concentrate on magazine editorship. A house group was started at Chesterfield with groups at Derby and Sheffield planned. Articles included the Eden Family of Breaston and the Diary of William Copeland Astbury. Membership has reached 862.

1984

Torvill & Dean win Ice Dance Medal at the Winter Olympics.
Actor James Mason died.

Subscriptions were raised to £4; Family membership was £6 and overseas was £6. The Society held its first Open Day at Chesterfield. The Census Index book was now in print and the first Library Contents book was produced and went on sale at 45p. Society delegates attend conference in London 'Computers in Genealogy' The PRO at Kew was closed due to defective air conditioning. Membership has now reached 1050. 'The Importance of Wills' and "IGI chart and how to use it" were two of the articles in this years magazines

1985

Live Aid raised 70 million dollars.
Coal Miners end strike after 1 year.

The first meeting of the new Chesterfield branch was held with 38 members attending. M.I.'s on microfiche made their first appearance on the bookstall. An advert appeared for a new publication called 'Family Tree Magazine' Society delegates attended the Federation Conference in Essex. A huge increase in 'Help Wanted' and 'Help Offered' column was seen. A drawing of the Moravian Settlement accompanied the article Ockbrook in the mid 1920's. There was also an article about George Smith clockmaker of Derby. New publications included the GRD for 1985, the Hearth Tax and the first McLaughlin guides. The Society attended a conference at Kelham Hall Lincoln with the Societies of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. The membership was now 1295.

1986

Prince Andrew and Fergie married.
Death of Harold Macmillan.

June saw the 10th anniversary of the Society with a one-day conference held at Alfreton Hall and a bumper issue of the magazine consisting of 38 pages. The venue for meetings had now moved to Alfreton Hall and the Chesterfield branch obtained its own meeting room. A house group is now being held at Mickleover. Subscriptions increased to £5 for single membership, £7 for Joint and £8 for Overseas. The current Chairman resigns and Malcolm Marples takes over. In the December magazine there was the first coloured insert for the publications listing. Two open days were held, the first at Bakewell and the second at Burton on Trent. The Society now exchanges its magazine with 32 other Societies. Membership was now 1597.

1987

The Herald of Free Enterprise capsized at Zeebrugge.
The Kings Cross fire killing 30 people occurred.
Storms battered the south of England during October, with winds of 100 miles per hour.
Terry Waite kidnapped in Beirut.

New members and their interests occupy 5 pages in the journal, which now consists of 38 pages. Following a meeting in Derby during April it was decided to start a Derby branch. Five volunteer members came forward to organise a meeting room and programme of speakers. 28 members attended the first meeting where Malcolm & Pauline Marples gave a talk on Recording Family History. At the AGM Chairman, Malcolm reported another progressive year with an increase in book

sales and more of our own material coming into print. The Balance Sheet for 1986 showed a profit of £587.20. The Society's new logo was unveiled; this had been produced from a competition run in the journal. The Society treasurer stepped down and was replaced by Mike Bagworth. Articles in the journals included 'Tis a wise man who knows his own father' and 'Life at Hardwick Inn' Membership numbers were allocated up to 1893.

1988

Australia celebrates its bicentenary.
Eddie the Eagle takes part in Winter Olympics.
Salman Rushdie wrote the Satanic Verses.

During March the Derby branch held its first Open Day at St Helen's House, which was a huge success. The Derby branch now has its own Bookstall. Following the death of Bill Edwards who started 'Computer Corner' in the magazine, Jack Garlick and Keith Gotheridge stepped in to continue this feature. Owing to administration problems the Committee took the reluctant step of suspending the Chesterfield branch meetings. An appeal was put out for fresh volunteers to continue to run the branch. Several members disrupted an Alfreton meeting to complain about the Society and its committee, none of these people volunteered to help. At the AGM the balance sheet for 1987 showed a profit of £1,277.63. A discussion was held as to whether Alfreton should become a branch of the Society, following a heated exchange the proposal was rejected. The Society purchased its first computer. Membership numbers were allocated up to 2123.

1989

*Riots in Tiananmen Square.
Margaret Thatcher celebrates 10
years as Prime Minister.
Kegworth Air Disaster during
January.*

The Society held 2 Open Days at Melbourne and Ripley. The 'Big News' of 1989 is that the Society obtained its own Library Room at Alfreton. This will house the ever-expanding library and archives. Margaret Brooksbank and Joy Chantry worked extremely hard to obtain the room and will be on duty as Librarians when the room opens in June. Pauline & Winifred meet the new County Archivist, Dr Margaret O'Sullivan. At the AGM Chairman Malcolm reported a difficult year but on a lighter note more volunteers had come forward. Sue Murfin took on the post of Parish Register Co-ordinator and Janice Hargreaves stepped in to carry on as Wills Co-ordinator. Maud Stumbles, a founder member retired from the Committee at the age of 80. September saw the 50th issue of the journal and it has increased to 44 pages. Membership numbers are allocated up to 2472.

1990's

*During the 1990's the following
events took place: -*

*John Major became Prime
Minister.*

*John McCarthy, Brian Keenan
and Terry Waite released.*

*Charles and Diana separated and
subsequently divorced.*

*Bill Clinton elected as US
president.*

*John Smith dies and Tony Blair is
elected leader of Labour party.*

50th anniversary of VE day.

Labour wins UK General Election.

Dolly the sheep is cloned.

Diana killed in Paris car crash.

The 1990's saw great changes and a huge growth within the Society. Unfortunately a small

number of the Committee and some members felt that they could no longer work within the constitution and the guidelines of the Society and consequently left, a number of posts had to be filled very quickly and volunteers came forward to fill those posts. Maureen and John Newton took over as joint editors of the journal, virtually at a minutes notice with Iris and Janet Salt taking over as Librarians. After several years of carrying out the duties of Chairman and Secretary, Malcolm and Pauline Marples stepped down to concentrate on other things, Ken Miller was elected as Chairman and Sue Murfin as Secretary. Several members in Glossop felt that there was sufficient interest to start a meeting group in that area and following an Open Day where the Chief Officers met with local members, enough volunteers came forward and the third DFHS meeting group was born. After the changes on the Committee it was quickly evident that the room at Alfreton was now too small, over the next eighteen months the Committee looked at several venues for new headquarters. In late 1995 we were alerted to the fact that Bridge Chapel House in Derby was to become vacant and after negotiations with the Trustees, a lot of Committee meetings and sleepless nights we became the new tenants of BCH in January 1996. In April 1996 we officially opened the doors to our new Research Centre and Library, which opened one day per week. With the move to Derby Iris and Janet found it very hard to continue as Librarians and Helen Betteridge and Lorraine Allen ably filled their posts. Throughout the 90's the Society continued to grow attending many conferences and fairs, organising open

days, at Derby, Glossop and Shirland. The Glossop Group has forged links in Tame side and Manchester. Book sales have continued to grow, these are a very important source of revenue and all profits are used to publish fresh material. Microfiche, disk and CD Rom are now taking over from books, for several years the book sales have been under the control of Linda Bull and the increase in the pages of the publications list shows its growth through the years. The magazine continues under the editorship of Helen Betteridge and is now as it always been, the flagship of our Society. The many projects started in the early years continue and new projects are coming along all the time. With the coming of the "Net" some fears have been expressed regarding those who want "instant" family history and also feel that all material should be on the "net, for free" should this happen most Family History Societies would become extinct overnight. The present Committee use the net for our advantage and feel that we shall be around for a long time yet.

2000 +

*Celebrations around the world for
the year 2000.*

Society membership is currently 2500 and increases each year. Bridge Chapel House is now open three days per week with the ever-increasing library and archives being extensively used by a large number of visitors. All meeting groups have a full and varied programme. The Society has its own web site. The Committee are confident about the future of the Society and looking forward to the next 100 issues of the magazine.

AND FINALLY

We have enjoyed browsing the first 99 issues of the Society magazine and it provides an excellent snapshot of how the society has grown. These back issues are bound and are available at Bridge Chapel House for your perusal. We have tried to pick out those items which we feel were of interest and any omissions or errors are purely our fault.

Gill and Alan Hiley
Membership No 1774,

We joined the Society in June 1987

(and wonder how the Society will look in 2026 and hopefully we will not be asked to review the next 100 issues)

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

I've read recently that if applying for more than one certificate from a Register Office it is advisable to make out individual cheques for each one. This way if a certificate cannot be found it is easier to return a cheque to the applicant.

There will be many Derbyshire people who moved into Manchester to find work, so it may be of interest to know that the Manchester Register Office's new address is at Heron House, 47 Lloyd Street, Manchester M25 5LE.

I also heard a discussion on the radio as to whether or not Census forms should have been filled in early. As one enumerator said 'babies are born, guests arrive and

people die'. I started wondering if any of our members have found examples of this in their family research?

ANN PASS

(As most of you probably know we are in the midst of transcribing and indexing the 1861 census and on one of the Derby films two examples of the above were found. Next to one entry was 'died during the night' - presumably the body was still in the house, so strictly present he was still present. Another entry was of a newborn baby 'two hours old' and that would not have been found if the census form had been filled out early. I'm sure these are not isolated examples - Ed.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2002

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday April 19th 2002 at the Community Hall, Shirland, Nr Alfreton, commencing at 7.30pm prompt. I would ask all member to be in their seats by 7.25pm. The AGM will be followed by the guest speaker Maureen Newton with 'A Backward Glance at Everyday Things'.

The Annual General Meeting for 2003 will be held during April at the Bradbury Community Centre, Market Street, Glossop.

Alan Hiley - Chairman



DERBY MEETING GROUP

October 2001

Victorian Derby – A Slide Show – Harry Butterton

Harry began his talk by explaining that Derby was very much a Victorian town. In 1831 the population was 23,000, by the end of Victoria's reign in 1901 it was over 100,000 and Derby had gone from a market town to a manufacturing centre by the early 1840s. Until 1850 the only road crossing the Derwent was St Mary's Bridge then Exeter Bridge was built. The first Victorian building to appear was St Mary's Church in 1838, paid for by Earl of Shrewsbury, then a year later the railway came to Derby with the station completed in 1840. Naturally enough that transformed the whole town and there was a huge influx of people.

Also in 1840 Joseph Strutt gave 11 acres to the town and the Arboretum was built – the first public park in the world. Unfortunately until 1882 it was only free admission on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Entertainment included the visits of Strauss – who promptly caught a cold – and Lizst, who performed at the Mechanics Institute, while on a more macabre note 50,000 attended a public hanging outside Vernon Jail in the 1840s.

Another unwanted record was the great flood of 1848, commemorated by a plaque still seen in the Wardwick today. Unfortunately housing was appalling and the death rate escalated, leaving no room in churchyards for all the bodies, hence the building in 1848 of Uttoxeter Road Cemetery – unfortunately most burials there were of the town worthies. Nottingham Road Cemetery for the 'hoi polloi' arrived in 1855.

Other slides shown included the Guildhall, built in 1842 to replace the building which burnt down in 1841, St Alkmund's Church, built in 1846 with a big spire so as to block out the Catholic Church and the Market Hall, a typical Victorian combination of engineering and architecture. This was built in the 1860s and opened with a huge performance of the Messiah.

Many slides had members of the audience shaking their heads as they realised just how many of Derby's graceful old buildings had vanished in the name of progress.

November 2001

Life and Times of Charles Dickens – Margaret Hargreaves

Dickens lived from 1812-1870 and his life spanned such events as Stevenson's Rocket and the Great Exhibition. Margaret explained how Dickens had a hard life and many of his experiences found their way into his books. Dickens father, John Dickens, had been a servant and son Charles was born to him and wife Elizabeth in Portsmouth in 1812. John always lived above his income and in debt, but Charles' happiest times were from 5-10 yrs old when he lived in Chatham and had a nursemaid, Mary Weller – a name he was to pick out later. He used to watch the prisoners shuffling along in chains, a memory he again used in the novel Great Expectations.

John Dickens moved to Camden Town leaving Charles behind to finish his education and then to follow them on. By this time John was in a debtors prison and Charles got a job in a blacking factory which he hated. The whole family then lived in the prison with John, which seems very strange to us today but was quite common then.

When Charles grandmother died and left them £450 John was able to leave prison and Charles then worked as an officeboy in a solicitor's office, learning shorthand, then at 18 copied what MPs said in the House, word for word. He always wanted to be an actor, but suffered from sore throats.

In 1833 he had a job on the Morning Chronicle at 5gns a week, covering political meetings. He wrote his first sketch under the penname of 'Boz' and was paid 2/6d. He also fell in love with three sisters, Katherine, Mary and Georgina, daughters of his boss George Hogarth. He eventually married Katherine and had 10 children. After leaving the paper he set up as a writer but his books didn't sell too well until he wrote David Copperfield, more or less an autobiography. As he became more popular he split with his wife and traveled to America at the age of 55 where he earned £10,000 from his reading. In 1868 Charles retired to England and although he recovered from an accident when his train came off the rails, he finally had a stroke and died. His fame was assured when he was buried in Westminster Abbey.

December 2001

Social Evening, Quizzes and a Few Laughs

Great hilarity was assured by the return of two people with their collection of bits and bobs, which the audience had to guess the use of. A cruise has been the prize on offer for anyone who could get the lot, but as might be expected nobody came anywhere near. Wide and varied were the guesses, and as the evening wore on, wilder and wilder. Such things as a manicure set masquerading as a scent bottle and a pair of silver hands that apparently held your skirt up had everyone scratching their heads.

Ian Care then pinned some photographs up on the wall, which were of Derby buildings taken from unusual angles, proving that we most certainly don't use our eyes when walking round the city. Plenty of surprises there. Plenty of food, drink and good company made this our usual happy evening to end the year on a good note.

HELEN BETTERIDGE

GLOSSOP MEETING GROUP

October 2001

Merchant Navy Records – Michael Watts

Anyone researching Merchant Navy ancestors could easily end up getting sidetracked by some of the entries in ships logs, such as the tale of the man who was desperate to get away from his ship, on any pretext, but was stopped by the consul.

However the main sources for the records include the Registration of Merchant Seamen 1835-57 in the Board of Trade Papers, Crew Lists from 1835 and Certificates for Masters, Mates and Engineers from 1845. There is also the Lloyd Captains Register 1869-1948 and the Shipping Returns and Registers of Shipping, which cover the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Records can be found at the Public Record Office in London, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich and the Guildhall Library in London. The Memorial University of Newfoundland, St Johns, Canada, also has a good collection of records. For the 20th century you could try the Registry of Shipping and Seamen in Cardiff.

What can you find out? An man's age, address, physical description, including notable features such as scars, the name of the ships he sailed on, where they went to and when.

During Michael Watts interesting talk we followed the footsteps of his ancestor, James Watts, who spent a lot of his career sailing to and from Quebec on different ships, gaining experience and rank.

November 2001

Melandra – Michael Brown

Michael, from Fauvel Road, gave an enthusiastic talk on the local Roman Fort, known as Melandra Castle, which has interested him since childhood.

The site is 'protected' and numerous archaeological digs have taken place, with artifacts being dispersed (some to Buxton), but the soil has always been replaced to prevent vandalism.

The oblong outline of the fort and middle headquarters, together with its larger outside settlement have all been plotted, about 3 ½ acres overall. Roman forts always used the same basic design so it was easy for men to find their way round in each location. There would have been six barrack blocks, each holding up to eighty men.

Michael told us of the day in 1973 when, on idly examining a new rabbit burrow, he found a tile. Further examination and digging uncovered a six foot rounded wall – it was part of the bath house. This would have been like a sauna, going from cool, to warm, to hot. Oil would be used instead of soap.

The original wooden fort was replaced in stone with high outer walls and corner towers, and four double arched gateways. Long gone now, but some stone can still be seen in nearby buildings.

December 2001

Social Evening

A lively group of members gathered at Bradbury Community House for a social evening. First there was a competition to see who could draw up the best family tree, using information supplied from a genealogical workbook; the winner was Mr Norman Higginbotham from Hadfield. Halfway through the evening Mrs Diane Morten and Mrs Eileen Angus served refreshments, which included mince pies provided by Bill Vernon from Chinley.

Then came an intriguing quiz on Derbyshire and the Peak District, compiled by group organiser Mrs Ann Pass. The winner was Mr Keith Holford from Chinley.

Both winners were presented with interesting booklets published by the Derbyshire Record Office.

ANN PASS

SHIRLAND MEETING GROUP

October 2001

Caves and Lead Mining – Paul Chandler

Paul is an active member of a caving team and has traveled all over the country and abroad, in pursuit of his hobby. He is also associated with the Peak District Mining Museum at Matlock Bath.

Paul began his talk by showing slides of caves and potholes that he has been involved with. The Peak Cavern at Castleton was shown, being the largest in the UK and recently renamed The Devil's Cave. There are many caves at Lathkill Dale, Derbyshire, where Paul's father was involved in a rescue in 1959. Pictures of extremely narrow entrances and exits from potholes, gushing underground waterfalls and streams and men immersed in water, but emerging still smiling for the camera. A cave at Bonsall Moor has early evidence of exploration, where a date of 1742 can be found smoked into the rocks. Yorkshire has the largest number of caves in Britain, with Alum Pot and Gaping Gill Hole perhaps the most popular.

One of the caves in Wales had fifteen different entrances with a varied selection of stalactites and stalagmites. New caves within caves are still being found, especially when quarrying. Paul's father was also a keen potholer and when Paul visited a cave in County Clare, Ireland, in 1991 he was able to see his father's name etched into the rocks and the date 1949.

Lead mining was one of the most important industries in the Peak from Roman times and helped to develop the fortunes of major landowners, in particular the Dukes of Devonshire and Rutland. The most complete remains of a mine are the Magpie Mine near Bakewell, which was working almost continuously for two centuries. Water still drains from the mine workings through a man-made passage or sough and flows out into the River Wye one and three quarter miles away.

The Great Masson Cavern at Matlock Bath follows the line of the Great Rake, a seam of lead which cuts across the Derwent Valley, exiting higher up the hillside.

The Mining Museum at Matlock Bath is owned by Peak District Mines Historical Society and is devoted to the history of lead mining in the Peak.

A Barmote Court was held at Wirksworth twice a year to deal with lawbreakers and settle disputes and claims.

Evidence of old lead mines is scattered all over the Peak limestone plateaux, with many hollows and shafts still visible. There was a major capping exercise about twenty years ago to seal over the shafts. Other sights of lead mining caves are at Mam Tor, Foolow, Stanton-in-the-Peak and Dovedale, where the shaft is unusually inclined.

Paul gave a well constructed talk aided by slides, which gave the audience an insight into the perils of caving and potholing.

November 2001

People and Places in Parliamentary Papers – Maureen Newton

In the middle of the 19th century the Industrial Revolution was well underway. Factories and coalmines were beginning to attract people from the land, but the public was getting alarmed at the long hours, dangerous working conditions, and women and children doing backbreaking work. A Royal Commission appointed Commissioners and they were dispatched to examine conditions in the factories and coalmines, to take evidence and report their findings back to Parliament. They took down every word that was spoken at the interviews with factory and mine owners, teachers, Poor Law officials, Police, and men, women and children who worked in the factories and mines. Their Reports provide a unique insight into social conditions in the 19th century. These reports can be found at the Matlock Local Studies Library and Angel Row, Nottingham.

Photocopies were shown to the audience and one of the first examples was of children in a matchmaking factory, aged 8/9 yrs old, working 12 hours a day, who ate only 2 slices of bread all day, had no shoes or washing facilities and ill health due to breathing in the fumes. A cutlery factory was shown interviewing named employees on their conditions. The average age expectancy was 33 years, mainly due to a lung complaint caused by the dust.

Maureen then went on to discuss the textile and mining industries. Names of framework knitters were listed, who worked in factories in the Sutton-in-Ashfield and Hucknall-under-Huthwaite areas. Sir Richard Arkwright was consulted about working conditions in his mills.

Reports were shown of the dreadful conditions that women and children endured working down a coalmine, the youngest being a 3 year old holding a candle for his father at the coalface. Lists of deaths can be found in the reports, naming the deceased and the cause of death. A good proportion fell down the shaft. These reports also show landlords of public houses in London, crew names of HMS Howe and other workers from agriculture and railways.

An interesting insight into the working conditions of our ancestors in the Victorian age.

December 2001

Favourite Ancestors – Members Evening

Maureen Newton started the evening off and set the scene for Christmas by showing the ingredients of a Christmas Pudding created by the King's Chef, Mr Cedard in 1920s using ingredients from the British Empire. Two adverts for Christmas presents for women caused much laughter, 1928 – "Electrolux – the Clean cleaner that gives her pleasure for her leisure"; 1930 – "When he asks you what do you want for Christmas say – The Triple Grate". Mens fascination for buying the women in their life underwear for Christmas was represented by a 1920s advert for pure silk lingerie from Dorothy Perkins and for the children in 1924, 'Hamleys have it'. Maureen concluded by showing two small toys, an elephant and a bear, that have decorated her Christmas trees since childhood.

Sylvia Wright followed with a ghostly tale related to her by a friend. Brian's grandmother was a Romany princess and when his father died Brian heard the sound of distant

drums that got louder and louder until his father expired, then died away. Oddly, his mother never heard a thing and apparently it is customary to play drums at the funerals of Romany royalty and the drummers had come to take him to join his ancestors. It is only blood relatives that hear these drums so Brian expects his two daughters will have the 'pleasure' of this experience at his demise. Sylvia then went on to tell the tale of Mary Roe her 4x gt grandmother, who married William Bower at Wingerworth in 1794. This was a story of fortune and misfortune of both the Roe and Bower families and has been printed in a previous issue of our magazine, written by Fawn Morgan of Utah, USA.

Margaret Hargreaves spoke next about her 4x gt grandfather, Thomas Slater, who lived in the early 1700s at Shottle, Derbyshire and was a local preacher who based himself on the teachings of John Wesley. His son, William, was a landowner who dealt in real estate and sold land to Jedediah Strutt for a new mill. William's son Samuel became Strutt's apprentice and decided to go to America. In 1792 he built the first successful spinning frame, based on his knowledge of machines in England. He became known as 'The Founder of the American Industrial Revolution'.

Kathleen Cowpe's family had lived at Dunsil, Teversal, Notts for about 300 years. In her younger days her parents often talked about Great Uncle Sam and Kathleen explained how she had traced his different addresses and was surprised to find his daughter Annie born quite near to Kathleen's own home.

Len Careless' father was born in Bedford, one of thirteen children, only three of which lived to be adults and ten died under five years of age. Len was eight when his father was killed by a railway engine and when he started doing family history on his retirement in 1983, all his Careless family that he knew about had long since died, now he has a family tree big enough to paper his staircase and relations all over the world. He advised people to follow up any little bits of information they receive.

John Radford concluded the storytelling by reading the following tales from an old book. In 1762 a framework knitter asked his wife to cook veal for his dinner no later than 12 noon. He eventually came home at 4p.m. with a beefsteak, demanding to eat this first. After eating the beef he then started on the veal, but died soon after. His wife had poisoned the veal dripping, presumably annoyed with him for being late. John's second story was of Kitty Hudson, who was employed to gather up pins and needles that had been dropped in church. She carried them in her mouth and obviously swallowed them. As time went by Kitty had pains throughout her body as the pins and needles started to penetrate her flesh. She had many disfiguring operations, without anaesthetic, to remove these foreign bodies, all duly described in the book. After all this she managed to marry and have 19 children.

The evening ended with the customary fuddle and raffle, which was generously supplied by the members.

GORDON LACEY

SECRETARY'S POSTBAG

CERTIFICATES. I have received from Lesley Goodwin, of 'Silver Birches', 81 Horse Street, Chipping Sodbury, Bristol BS37 6DE, five certificates and two parish register photocopies, which are duplicates or do not belong to Lesley's family. The certificates are:-

Marriage St Werburgh's Church, 19th May 1846, John Kirkman to Jane Thompson, both of Sadler Gate.

Death 14th September 1911, Henry Nott Knight, age 61

Death 4th August 1840, Ann Knight, age 54.

Marriage 24th September 1921, George Brocklehurst to Elizabeth Ann Brocklehurst, both of Sheldon.

Birth 3rd April 1860, Sarah Ann Wood to John Wood & Ann (formerly Wright) of Walnut Tree Lane, Nottingham.

The photocopies are:-

Marriage St Alkmund's Church, Derby, 12th December 1825, William Ford to Agnes Gladstone.

Marriage Pentrich, 23rd October 1832, William Watson to Jane Robinson.

If you think any of these can be related to you, I would be pleased to forward the relevant certificates to you in the S.A.E. provided.

MRS JOAN BALLHATCHET of 22 Tilstone Avenue, Eton Wick, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 6NF, has written to me offering twelve copies of the Society's magazine from March 1991 to December 1993, to any member for the cost of postage. Anyone interested in these copies should contact Mrs Ballhatchet at the above address or by e-mail Jballhatchet@aol.com

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS. The Society, after a comprehensive refurbishment programme has modernised their library. The Society, which is 90 years old, and its library of 105,000 titles makes it the largest genealogical library outside the USA. The library is within 15 minutes walking distance of the Family Records Centre. There is a well stocked bookshop and four floors of records and arrangements for the disabled, including a lift to all floors. The library is open to non-members on payment of an entrance fee. For further details regarding full membership, opening times etc., please contact the Membership Secretary at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, off Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA, tel 020 7553 3291, or e-mail members.pr1@socgen2.demon.co.uk

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE. The PRO have again organised a series of events throughout the year, including Family History Summer School in July. Conferences on the 'Birth of Red Tape' on March 16 2002 and 'Taxes and Taxpayers in England C.1200-1700'. This latter conference includes demonstrations of the E179 Tax Records database at the PRO. For further information contact the Interpretation Team, Public Record Office, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9

3DU, tel. 020 8392 5202/5323, e-mail events@pro.gov.uk website www.pro.gov.uk/events

FORTHCOMING FAIRS

LINCOLNSHIRE F.H.S. are holding a one-day conference at the Bracebridge Heath Village Hall, near Lincoln on March 16th 10am to 4pm, entitled 'HAVE YOU LOOKED AT...?' (All about sources). Further information may be obtained from Mrs E.B. Robson, 135 Balderton Gate, Newark, Notts, NG24 1RY.

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND F.H.S. will be holding an EAST MIDLANDS HISTORY FAIR on the 12th May 2002. It will be held at the City Rooms in the centre of Leicester, on the corner of Hotel Street (where the Leicester Market is held). Further details may be obtained from Miss D. Merryweather, 11 Faldo Close, Rushey Mead, Leicester, LE4 7TS.

OXFORDSHIRE RECORD OFFICE will be holding the first 'Family Tree Day' on Saturday 8 June 2002. Hosted by the staff in conjunction with the Oxfordshire F.H.S. the day will have numerous attractions including computer demonstrations, extensive bookstalls, search services and newly computerised birth brief index, plus the opportunity for family historians to consult records with an expert at their elbow. The event will start at 10am-4pm, admission is free and all visitors are welcome. Those using the searchroom will be required to hold a CARN readers ticket. Further information can be obtained from www.ofhs.org.uk and those with specific queries can contact Paul Gaskell by e-mail on publicity@ofhs.org.uk

A LOCAL HISTORY WEEK will be held in association with BBC HISTORY MAGAZINE in May. On May 4th & 5th the S.O.G. will hold a Family History Fair at the Royal Horticultural Society Exhibition Centre, Westminster, and on the 11th May there will be a conference 'A Celebration of Local History' at The Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London. Further details may be obtained from the Historical Association direct on 0207 735 3901, or e-mail enquiry@history.org.uk or website www.history.org.uk and click on the Local History Week logo.

Whilst I wish to bring to the attention of members information I receive through the post, which I believe could be of interest and assistance to their researches, I must stress that including an organisation or event in my 'postbag' does not imply any recommendation or otherwise, by either myself or the Society. Any remuneration involved is a matter of negotiation between the researcher and the organisation or person, and the Society can in no way be involved.

G.G. WELLS (Hon. Secretary)



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RESEARCH CENTRE
AND LIBRARY**

NEW ACQUISITIONS AS AT 10TH JANUARY 2002

- Ref A: Baptisms: Elton 1813-1838
Stapenhill 1771-1800
Marriages: Bonsall 1813-1837
Boyleston 1813-1837
Calke 1813-1837
Carsington 1813-1837
Elton 1786-1789
Elton 1813-1837
Burials: Elton 1822-1839
- Ref B: Derby: Uttoxeter New Road Cemetery M.I.s—Supplement (Section H)
Mellor: Methodist Chapel M.I.s
Stanley Common All Saints M.I.s
Obituary for R.W.P. Cockerton 1904-1980
- Ref C: 1841 Census: Chapel en le Frith (District 11—Combs Edge)
Eyam
Great Hucklow
Hayfield, including Phoside, Great Hamlet, Kinder and Workhouse
Hognaston
Kirk Langley with Meynall Langley
Ludworth
1851 Census: Berwickshire
1871 Census: Stoke (Derbyshire)
- Ref D: Allestree: History of St Edmunds Church
Alvaston: History of St Michael's Church
Belper: History of St John's Chapel
Birchover: A Record of the Inhabitants and its Various Organisations at January 1936
Breaston: History of
Darley Abbey: History of St Matthew's Church
Derby: History of All Saint's Church
Assembly Rooms and Guildhall
The Derby Victorians—Dickensian Diary 1837-90
The Church of St Alkmund
History of St Andrew's Church
History of St Mary's on the Bridge Chapel
History of St Barnabus' Church
Derby Workhouse 1834-44
Derby Cathedral—The Cavendish Vaults
History of St Thomas the Apostle Church
History of St Michael's Church
History of St John the Evangelist Church
History of Holy Trinity Church
Derby Association for the Blind Minute Book

- Ref D: Dethick, Lea & Holloway—Various Publications donated by Local History Group
 Duffield History of St Alkmund's Church
 Eckington Manor Court Rolls
 Gt Longstone Church Restoration History
 Hasland John Brocksop, Yeoman—Ironmaster of Hasland
 Littleover Tales my Mother Told Me by Joyce Barker
 Newton Solney Bladon Castle and Its Builders
 Ockbrook A French Parson at Ockbrook—Stephen Grongnet 1694-1733
 Repton Repton Arch and the Tythe Barn
 South Darley A Derbyshire Parish at War 1914-1919
 Sudbury History of
 Peak District Pastor Moritz's Peakland Jaunt
 People Lady Curzon of Kedleston
 John Merton Bestall 1921-73 (A Memoir)
 Gilbert Talbot (7th Earl of Shrewsbury)
 Thomas Bateman (Barrow Opener)
 Thomas Secker
 Lady Margaret Beaufort (Countess of Richmond)
 Lord Curzon and the Souls
 Capt Percy Shillitoe (Chief Constable of Chesterfield 1923-25)
 Law Trespassers and Debtors' Derby at the end of the 16th Century
 Trade & Occ Derbyshire Apothecaries Tokens and their Issuers
- Ref E: Cumberland Hadrians Wall
 Devon Sidmouth—History of St Giles and St Nicholas Parish Church
 Lancashire Oldham—The Formative Years
 Lincolnshire The Peacock Family—Collectors and Recorders of Lincolnshire Dialect
 Edward Pawlet of Grantham—a Provincial Bookseller
 The Diary of the Revd John Robinson
 The Tennyson d'Eyncourt Nicknames
 Grantham Apothecaries
 Butterwick Poll Tax and Tax Payers of 1377-80
 Lady Franklin's Journal of a visit to Lincolnshire 9-16 June 1835
 The Smith-Kelham-Langdale's—County Attorneys
 Notts Record Series Vol. 136—Nottingham Watch and Ward Lists 1812-16
 Sanderson's Map—20 Miles round Mansfield 1835, donated P & M Marples
 Surrey/Sussex Family Histories and Pedigrees—S.A. Raymond
 Parish Registers, M.I.s and Wills—S.A. Raymond
 Occupations—S.A. Raymond
 Yorkshire Apprenticeships and Freedoms—Cutlers Company of Sheffield
 Ireland Irish Family History on the Web—A Directory—S.A. Raymond
- Ref F: Family Trees Archer (by Kevin Archer); Cavendish; Hardwick; Litchfield (donated by Janet Dickinson); Revell on Carnfield;
- Ref G: Research Aids Using Libraries and Workshops for Family Histories—S.A. Raymond
 Archives Post Office Heritage Information
 Military Commonwealth War Graves 1914-18 (Part) and 1939-45 (Part)

The library is proving extremely popular in the New Year, with plenty of visitors. Work is also going well with plenty of registers now being transcribed—the next step is to put the information on to the new, very big computer. The end result should be a research tool of enormous value. Work for the Matlock Record Office is also going well with the transcribed and indexed copies available both here and at Matlock.

We are delighted that the local Library has had a clear out of some of its stock and kindly presented us with some original books of the Commonwealth War Graves volumes. Not a full set by any means, but well worth a look if you think you have a relative who died during the war and has a grave either here or abroad. Several surprises have already surfaced from this source.

HELEN and LORRAINE

NOTTINGHAM ROAD CEMETERY RECORDS

includes Uttoxeter New Road, Chellaston, Mickleover, Normanton and Spondon

Reg. Charity No. 51762

The Society now holds these records from 1855 onwards and will search them for you at a cost of £2 per five years. Please send in the form below (PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED) together with a cheque/PO made payable to Derbyshire F.H.S. and an S.A.E. Remember some of these records are not indexed and a search could take some time, so please be patient.

NAME OF DECEASED.....

CEMETERY TO BE SEARCHED OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

ANY OTHER INFORMATION (There are 31 reels of film containing hundreds of thousands of names and any other information which can help identify the right person would be helpful, e.g. spouse or parents if a young child, occupation, guide to the sort of age we are looking for)

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS PLUS MEM. NO. (Double the cost for non-members).....

COURIER/SEARCH SERVICE

Certificates will be ordered from the Family Records Centre several times a year - at a cost of £8.50 per certificate, including a three year search. Please send in the form below with a cheque/PO made out to the Derbyshire F.H.S. plus a foolscap S.A.E.

EVENT REQUESTED (TICK): BIRTH..... MARRIAGE..... DEATH.....

SURNAME.....FORENAME(S).....

FOR MARRIAGE, NAME OF OTHER PARTY IF KNOWN.....

DISTRICT/AREA..... MAIN DATE (3 YR SEARCH)
OR REFERENCE IF ALREADY KNOWN

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.....

.....MEM. NO.....

The Society has the birth, marriage and death indexes for 1837-1920 and will carry out a search for £2 per name, per event, per 3 year search. Matching references will then be supplied. Fill in the above form and send a cheque/PO for the appropriate amount, made payable to Derbyshire F.H.S. plus an S.A.E. PHOTOCOPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ACCEPTABLE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SPOIL THE MAGAZINE.

N.B. THE FICHE CONTAIN ONLY THE INDEXES, NOT THE ACTUAL REGISTERS AND THEREFORE THE SOCIETY CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION GIVEN OR CERTIFICATES OBTAINED NOT BEING FOR THE PERSON EXPECTED.

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LATEST NEWS FROM DERBY LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

1901 CENSUS

Like many of you, we at Derby Local Studies Library have been looking forward to the release of the 1901 census. After the anticipation and preparations the Derbyshire census was available to customers when we opened on January 2nd, with a number of people keen to get started as soon as possible. As with the previous census we have the entire county, plus some border villages, on microfilm. You can book a film reader on 01332 255393.

A new feature this time is the extended street index. We have always compiled an index to Derby streets, but this time the PRO has supplied us with indexes for Belper, Chesterfield, Derby and Shardlow registration districts. Our colleagues in Matlock are compiling the usual village and town index.

If you wish to use the census via the Internet but do not have your own computer, you can use one here or at any other Derby City Library. As you will probably be aware it may be worth waiting a little while before trying to access it! You can, of course, use any other

website as well or instead. The cost is £1.50 per half hour.

CD-ROM

A new service at Derby Local Studies Library is our CD-Rom collection. The 1881 census (England and Wales), Soldiers Died in the Great War, Soldier Died in World War II and The National Burial Index are all now available. They are free to use, with a small charge for printouts.

GRO OVERSEAS INDEX

In addition to the England and Wales index of births, marriages and deaths, we now have overseas indexes available too. This covers British soldiers, diplomats, travellers and their families who were born, got married or died abroad. There is even an index for those born whilst in the air.

If you would like further information about the above or our other resources, please call in or give us a ring and we will be pleased to talk to you.

MY PLEA FOR THE NEW YEAR

by

Jean Shannon (Mem. 5235)

It seems that Christmas has retained one of its traditions after all. Just when most people, except children of course, grumble that it's 'not what it used to be'. By tradition I mean the one where most of us eat more food on Christmas Day than we do at any other time mainly because it is placed in front of us. The longer we look at it the more inviting it gets, sitting there beckoning as if to say 'Go on, just try one more piece' and most of us DO. The next step is taken without even being aware of it. Slipping into oblivion just when the television programme you intended to watch is not even a quarter way through.

This leads me to the point that you, as members, have to keep reading articles contributed by me, in OUR magazine, AGAIN and AGAIN. Helen's plea for input in the December issue obviously fell on deaf ears. I know there has been much excitement experienced by the members who were committed to organising the annual 'Family Sit Down Dinner', plus many other 'chores' that go with it. Then there are those of us who can manipulate (DRIVE) a computer and have been just sitting there waiting for the first stroke of midnight on the 31st of December – BUT WHILE YOU WERE WAITING YOU COULD HAVE JUST TYPED A FEW LINES TO FILL UP THE MAGAZINE PAGES.

There are those who dare not even sit at 'that contraption' as some call it, never mind drive it, and who quite rightly explain that sometimes the slower, more thorough (or boring, if that is what it does for you) very often reveals much more in depth information. For those of you who prefer this method Helen will accept hand written contributions, so PLEASE CONTRIBUTE.

If you are fed-up with reading my contributions, ('Aw not her again!'), push me to the back of the queue please and see what interesting little titbits you can come up with yourselves. On the other hand, I still have a few more by-lines in my box

(Before some of you rush to write me letters of complaint, I have to thank all those of you who HAVE very kindly listened to my pleas and sent me some wonderful articles and titbits – actually too many to use for March. But Jean is right, I am sure there are many more interesting stories out there and I don't want to fill the magazine with my own articles either, although sometimes I have no choice as it takes quite a bit to fill up a 48 page magazine every 3 months. It is YOUR magazine and I am sure you will enjoy the experience of seeing yourself in print. So go on, have a go – Ed.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From David R. Orme

The discussion on the Edward Gresy report rang an immediate bell with me for one simple reason. My grandfather, William Orme, was born 27 July 1849 in Court 1, Bridge Street, one of the infamous courts mentioned in the 1848 Gresy Report.

My great grandfather, Joseph Orme, was a Belper nailer who sought a better life in Derby after some decline of nailing in Belper. This brought him and his wife to Bridge Street, and very likely to the nailing factory of Thomas Derby Robinson in Bridge Street.

I knew about the water quality in the courts because I had read Dr Richardson's book 'Citizen's Derby'. So it was not too surprising that Joseph and Eliza lost six sons in infancy, though whether the first two, born in Belper, actually reached Derby remains unknown. Certainly they didn't reach the 1841 census. One day I may have the death certificates of perhaps 4 or 5 of my lost great uncles. The first two were born prior to the great divide (1837).

So William survived in Court 1, with a solitary sister Charlotte. He must have developed an immune system second to none because he grew up, married a Welsh girl, and lived to a healthy 76 in Franchise Street.

Perhaps the 1860s sorted out Derby's water problem, with the building of the Breadsall Reservoirs, and ended the horrors of the courts. But before that time it seemed preferable to be poor in the country than poor in the town. So my family research indicates.

*Pen-y-Bont, Talwrn, Llangefni,
Anglesey LL77 7TD (Mem. 5371)*

From Revd. John E. Palin

I was interested to read the Editor's piece on Noah Bullock and his Derwent 'Ark' (March 2001) and William Hutton's humorous account of this affair in the Coffee Break article (Dec 2001).

The first time I heard about the Derby Noah's Ark was at school in the early 60s. At Rykneld School we had an excellent history teacher, Mr Theo. Kay, who gave lessons on the town's history based on a book 'Citizens Derby', itself derived from Hutton's work. I also remember Mr Kay pointing out that Degge St. named in honour of Simon Degge was to be found off Green Lane. Degge saved Bullock from his fate by giving him time to destroy his coin counterfeiting equipment along with the 'ark'. This was doubtless a way of telling Noah that the 'powers that be' knew of his crime, and that unless swift action was taken the rope of John Crosland, Derby's hated hangman, awaited! Sir Simon Degge was the town's Recorder, known for his humanity and wisdom.

Hutton perhaps embellished the story. Maxwell Craven (cf. Derby, An Illustrated History) finds no evidence that Bullock had three sons, Shem, Ham and Japhet, in the year of the 'ark' 1676. There was a son, Japhet, born five years later. St Peter's parish registers

show that Noah Bullock married Anna Clarke in 1667. They had eight children, but only three were born before 1676, Samuel, Anne and Rebecca. Later came Japhet, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary and Elizabeth. Noah Bullock died in 1687 and his wife Anna (daughter of Isaac Clarke) in 1703. Benjamin (born 1682) had a son Robert, who became a wealthy skinner, marrying three times before his death in 1786.

Craven also argues that the 'ark' is unlikely to have been moored 'alongside St Mary's Bridge' for this would have been in St Alkmund's parish. A more likely location was on the Morledge side of the River Derwent not far from where the 'Noah's Ark' pub was later established, in St Peter's Parish. This hostelry would seem to have been built after Hutton's account of 1791.

Why did Degge bother to warn Bullock? Noah was born in 1644 the son of William Bullock who could have been descended from a cadet branch of the Bullocks who lived at Darley Hall 1574-1682.

What conclusions can we draw? It seems that we can thank William Hutton for an amusing story, which has become part of Derby folklore. The truth was that Bullock managed to end his days as part of the respected classes, his sordid crime overshadowed by his good connections!

From Joan Baker

One of the entries in 'Curiouser and Curiouser' was Melbourn Brazely Jeerom. My paternal grandmother's first cousin was Melbourn Brazeley Jarram - there can't be two men living in the area about the same time with such unusual Christian names. I offer this possible explanation for the names in my family. His paternal grandmother was an Earp of Melbourne and his father's maternal grandmother was a Braseley of Diseworth.

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...and along the same lines

From David Milnes (Mem. 252)

A name which caught my eye in 'Curiouser and Curiouser' was Diocletian Saunders, who was a distant relative. The first name seems to have originated when Thomas and Mary Newton of Brackenfield baptised their youngest son Dioclesian in 1762. Their previous son was baptised Abedneggs (another name to conjure with), but earlier sons had conventional names. Their youngest daughter, Phoebe, was my 4x great grandmother.

Phoebe Newton married George Milnes of Brackenfield in 1788. One of the daughters of this marriage, Elizabeth Milnes, married William Saunders in 1820. They had a son Dioclesian and it is he who is quoted in your article. He was buried at Brackenfield on 31 March 1899 and is reported to have 'choked to

death at a meal being taken at The Plough Inn on Wakes Wednesday'. His brother, John Saunders, had a son baptised Diocletian and he too met an unfortunate end. At the age of 19 on 15 September 1886 he accidentally shot himself while climbing over a stile with a gun.

One of the sons of George Milnes and Phoebe was also named Diocletian and he, as far as I know, died of natural causes at the age of 77 plus. I am grateful that subsequent generations chose not to perpetuate the name.

23 Bessels Way, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 2QQ

(I believe Diocletian was an early bishop, but it certainly wouldn't be my choice - Ed.)

From Brian V. Thomas

My hobby is researching the First World War and I am planning to visit the cemeteries and memorials in France and Belgium in June 2002. During the last 12 years I have located and supplied photographs of many graves, memorials, etc. on behalf of families in the UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

I charge a small fee which helps to cover the cost of supplying two 7" x 5" colour photographs (one close-up and one general view) and, when available, information about the cemetery.

If you would like more information, please send your details to me and include a stamped addressed envelope.

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MAP REVIEW

Sanderson's Map 20 Miles Round Mansfield 1835

Maps are an important tool for both family and local historians, and if your ancestors came from an area within twenty miles around Mansfield, this well detailed map could give you a new insight into the area where they lived.

Originally a large circular map it has recently been reprinted in two parts, in book form, and a copy has been placed in the Society Reference Library. It is an extremely well detailed map, which to use words taken from an advert in the Derbyshire Courier of the 27th June 1835, comprises nearly the whole of Nottinghamshire, a great portion of Derbyshire, with parts of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire and Leicestershire.

If you can't get into Bridge Chapel House to have a look at this informative source, then it is on sale at libraries at £8.99 for the set.

Pauline Marples

THE PEGGE BIBLE

by

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My grandfather purchased his father's bible and my gt. Grandmother was Sarah Woodroff (his mother). I am still researching the Pegge line, but am unable to trace the marriage of a Thomas and Sara pre 1701. However I live in hope.

Perhaps the following will be of interest to members.

Inside Front Cover

'Arthur James Pegge. Bought this Bible at my Father's sale at Dove Bank, Uttoxeter, Dec 9th 1881 for the sum of two shilling and six pence.

Tutbury - James Woodroff - His book, Tutbury 1812

John Woodruffe Departed this life Dec 27th 1838 in the 72nd year of his age.

Fly Leaf

Sarah Woodruff Born Jan 6th 1838

John Woodruff Born March 5th 1840

James Woodruff Born September 20th 1850

John Woodruff Departed this Life August 19th 1859
in the 20th year of his age

James Woodruff Died at Cubley November 20th 1866
aged 16 years

Brother John Woodruff Departed this life
December 31st 1849 in the 52nd year of his age

Brother Thomas Woodruff Departed this life ? July
1859 in the ? year of his age

Jane Woodruff died November 6th 1862 aged 46 years

James Woodruff died July 7th 1863 aged 60 years

Sarah Pegge born Jan 6 1838, died at Cubley
March 13 1877 aged 39 years'

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Due to printing and postage costs, it has been decided to issue a Membership Card once only to each member, this will last for the duration of your membership.

Existing members will find a card inside this magazine. New members will receive one as they join. Your membership number is printed on the top right hand corner of the address label and should be written on the front of your card. If you really can't remember your number or have thrown your wrapping away, write to us and we will do our best to help.

Should you leave the Society and rejoin later on then you should be allocated the same number.

THE HOUSEKEEPER IN THE STRUTT HOUSEHOLD, BELPER

by

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For the past two years, I have researched domestic servants in the homes of the aristocracy and industrialists (Midland counties). Many interesting facts have come to light, particularly on servant migration, hierarchy and wages. As a consequence, I now have a large database of servant names taken from the 1871-91 census for 84 houses in the Midland sample, and further databases of servants from other areas of the country and for different census dates.

Bridge Hill House at Belper is one of the houses included in my research. It was erected in 1793 at a cost of £6,000 for George Benson Strutt (1761-1841), and was the county seat for the family until it was demolished in 1931. Other family occupants include John Strutt (1793-1858), George Henry Strutt (1826-1895) and George Herbert Strutt (1853-1928).

In the archive for the Strutt family of Belper is a memo written by Mrs Strutt on duties, expectations etc. of the Housekeeper. Written on a sheet of paper (and included in an account book), it prompts such questions as 'Can she have control over the Cook?'; 'Can she see that the washing is well done?'; 'The Housekeeper I considered as Mistress of the House and all servants are under her.' (D3772/E32/94)

Also included in the same reference were service histories of individual servants. The following provides a service history for Ann Higginbotham:

'Ann Higginbotham age abt 45 came to me as Housekeeper on Aug 5th 1863. Wages to be 45£ the same as she had at Mr Morewood's, Alfreton Hall, with whom she lived 3 ½ years, till Mr Morewood's death when the establishment was broken up and Mrs M went abroad. I saw WM's character of Mrs H at Mrs Swifts and it seemed a very good one in all respects. I showed Mrs Higginbotham my rules and I like her notions and sense. Her friends live at Burton on Trent. Her father was a clerk at the Peel's works and she seems to have lived a good deal in their families.'

In the wage books the Coachman was listed as receiving £1 a week in 1896 and Sam Green as receiving 15s a week in 1898 (no occupation is given for him). In 1907 the Head Gardener was Mr G Howie, and in 1902 Florence Sousloff Calder (b1876) became the Strutt's Governess.

The census for 1871, 1881 and 1891 show a total of 44 servants employed at Bridge Hill House, averaging to

14 servants. Thirty-four percent of the servants were recorded as born within a ten mile radius of the house, whilst 29.5% were born between 10 and 50 miles distance and the remainder travelled over 50 miles from their place of birth to seek employment.

Interestingly, an **Elizabeth Seal** was a married servant, born in Smalley, age 37 and a Lady's Maid on the 1871 census, but I have not found a connection to our Seal family.

Reference:

Census – RG10/3582, RG11/3412 and RG12/2743
D3772/E32/94 – Strutt Archives at Derbyshire Record Office, Matlock
Jewell, Rod *Memory Lane – Belper, Ambergate and Districts*

Memo about Servants written by Mrs Strutt

Housekeeper

Supposing a housekeeper to have been lady's Maid and Housekeeper and not Cook and Housekeeper

Can she have control over the Cook?

Who is to do the preserves?

Order Meat? Groceries etc

Care of groceries

If the Cook was absent or ill could shea very simple plain dinner?

Can she see that the washing is well done?

Care of my linen and all linen

To see all doors locked at night

No perquisites or presents of any kind allowed

Church morning or afternoon not night

My part of the house locked up when I am from home – not shown to any one without my leave

Cook

Housemaid

Helper – should the helper be laundrymaid?

Wash once a fortnight

Visitors, I had rather she had 20 visitors with my knowledge than one without

Visiting as statement for visitors

Things broken or lost to be mentioned at time. I am much vexed to have it said, the cat did it or it was done a long time ago

I will not allow tradesmen to make presents, or give Xmas boxes to my servants, I will neither keep servants who receive presents from tradesmen or deal with tradesmen who give them.

The Housekeeper I consider as Mistress of the house and all the servants are under her.

I very much dislike the parlour things such as knives, forks, cutlery etc etc to be used in the kitchen or servants Hall, each in its proper place

I like the food of the servants to be good or of proper quantity but I hate Waste

As I have been master over the inhabitants of Milford for many years, I dislike my servants having intimate friends in the village.

I wish the Housekeeper to be very particular in observing my rules when I am from home

A FAMILY SAGA

by

P. Madeley (Mem. 5770)

Following Mrs Shannon's second article on Alderman Madeley's ancestry (Issue 99) and her further reflections on his public achievements, in order to conclude this family saga and to let the Alderman 'rest in peace', I would like to submit his obituary, read in Derby Local Studies Library some years ago.

DEATH OF MR ALDERMAN MADELEY

'We regret to have to record the death of Mr Alderman Madeley, which took place at his residence, in Wilmot-street, Derby, at a quarter to six on Friday morning. The deceased was taken ill about a fortnight ago, and was confined to the house for about a week, but on the Monday before his death feeling a little better he ventured out of doors. This, however, was the last occasion when he quitted the house alive, for he gradually became worse. He was attended by Mr J.W. Baker, of Derby, and Mr Philip Mason, of Burton-on-Trent, but inflammation of the right lung and pleurisy set in, and he died at the time above mentioned, in the 68th year of his age.

The late Mr Madeley was one of the oldest members of the Derby Corporation. He entered the Council Chamber on the 9th of November 1841, as a representative for Friargate Ward, for which he continued to sit as a councillor until the 17th of April 1856, when he was elected alderman in the place of the late Mr Wm. Evans. He filled the office of Mayor in 1853-4. The deceased alderman was assiduous in the discharge of his public duties, and was a regular attender at the meeting of the Council, and of the various committees to which he was attached, and his familiar face and well known voice will long be missed by his colleagues. The committee in whose work he took most active interest was the Sewerage and Construction Committee of the Local Board of Health, of which he was chairman, and whose proceedings he was generally considered to lead, with the understood object of conducing to the welfare of the town. To mention the works he has been instrumental in promoting would be to enumerate a long category of

alterations, all of which he no doubt regarded as improvements. It is sufficient to mention the more recent alterations in which he took a leading part, viz, the widening and reforming of Iron Gate and the removal of the Rotten Row buildings.

The deceased alderman, in religion, was a Swedenborgian, and took an active part in everything connected with his place of worship in Babington-lane. His funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon at the Old Cemetery, the Rev. J. Hyde of Manchester, and the Rev. J. Preslaud of London (both formerly of Derby), having conducted the service. The blinds of many houses in Wilmot-street were drawn whilst the funeral was taking place, and several tradesmen in the principal streets of the town showed their respect for the deceased by partially closing their places of business.

Amongst those who attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased were - Mr Hobson, Mr Renals, Mr Alderman Roe, Mr Dusautoy, Mr Bower, Mr Chadfield, Mr G. Thompson, Mr J. Jones, Mrs Pike, Mr Bemrose, Rev. F.J. Lyall, and Mrs Moss. Mr Madeley succeeded Mr John Hicklin as distributor of stamps in Derby, the appointment having been given as a reward for political services to the Radicals, but we understand that in accordance with the custom on the decease of a holder of this office, the duties will be transferred to the Inland Revenue Department in the town.'

April 19th 1872

Not a bad record when all is said and done!

RESTORATION JELLY

An infallible recipe for an old woman or a sick turkey!! A cow Heal well cleaned and put into an Earthen Jar with 2 quarts of new milk, two ounces of isinglass and two ounces of Hartshorn Shavings. Put the jar into a Brick Oven, just after the Bread has been drawn out, and let it remain until half consumed. When cold skin off the fat; take a coffee cup full the last thing at night, and the first in the morning, milk warm. Regular pursuance for six weeks is absolutely necessary to render this Restorative thoroughly efficacious; therefore should an old woman or sick Turkey be in the habit of visiting from house to house, they must make a point of taking a supply with them. Perfect convalescence will be the certain result.

A Family Recipe Book of 1820

(Why only women and turkeys I wonder? And as to a turkey visiting house to house, no doubt dressed up in a dress and bonnet like Jemima Puddleduck, well words fail me, and that doesn't happen often - Ed)

NEW ARCHIVES

Tracking down ancestors in the 18th century – before the census and civil registration – can be difficult and new archives in Derbyshire Record Office can help if you have forebears in the Chesterfield area. The Foljambe charity distributed money to those in need in Walton, Brampton, Wingerworth, Calow, Hasland and nearby districts. In 1772 a list was drawn up of those said to be eligible for support from the charity. Not only names, but also occupations and family size were noted, and distribution lists survive for years from the 1760s to the 1780s. Widows feature largely in the lists, and confirmation of their status can be of help in defining the date of the death of the husband.

Registers of baptisms, marriages and burials continue to be received regularly into the Office. As well as those from Church of England parishes, nonconformist churches continue to add to series already held. Dronfield Free Church archives are amongst new records, for instance. Jehovah's Witnesses are the most recent denomination to be represented in our collections with marriage registers from Kingdom Hall in Derby. However, the most assiduous record keepers and depositors remain Methodist churches throughout the county. Their strong involvement in Sunday School education means that registers and other archives often contain a great deal of information about young people, usually but not exclusively church members. Further archives have come from Bolsover and Staveley circuit.

Microfilms and microfiche of original records continue to be added to our holdings. Amongst recent series are microfilms of the Hearth Tax returns for Derbyshire in the 17th century from the Public Record Office originals and copies of burial records from the 20th century from Draycott and Breaston.

An unusual recent accession was that of records of a midwife working in the Newhall area of Derbyshire in the early 20th century. Her case registers were preserved by her grandson who has presented them to the Record Office. Primarily of interest for historians of infant welfare before and during World War 1, they do contain names and addresses of use to the family history researcher with ancestors in that part of world between 1907 and 1917.

ARCHIVES ALIVE EVENTS

A number of events are planned to mark Local History Week in May. Amongst these will be a special workshop on *Understanding Manuscript Maps* which will be of interest to both family and community historians. This will give a chance for 'hands on' work on some representative examples of the hundreds of manuscript maps from the 16th to 20th centuries.

The contribution of women writers to Derbyshire's literary heritage will be the subject of another special presentation in May. Two authors in particular will be considered: Monica Peveril Turnbull who died in a fire early in the 20th century and Marjorie Blount of Belper, an early broadcaster. Archives of both these ladies are to be found in the Record Office and they shed light on how local writers developed their interests.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

In 1950 a young mining student, Tony Brewis, spent six weeks' work placement at Cadley Hill and Brethby collieries near Swadlincote in South Derbyshire. His report, illustrated with his own drawings of pit layouts, has been published by the Record Office to commemorate the county's coal mining heritage. As well as a description of how the pits were worked, Tony Brewis has contributed anecdotes about the characters he encountered, some of whom remained unconvinced by the working practices that followed on nationalisation of the coal industry in 1947. Although official records survive in large numbers, personal accounts like this are relatively rare. With the disappearance of the industry and the transformation of the landscape, *Cadley Hill and Brethby Collieries, Summer 1960* has become an important part of the historical record. The booklet is available from Derbyshire Record Office, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG (cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council) for £3.50p inclusive of postage.

If you want to find out quickly about new archives in the Record Office, you can buy a copy of *Archives 2001*, a new publication which summarises all the records made available in the Office during the year 2001. It costs £1.75p inclusive of postage from the address above.

The Record Office's series of beginners' guides to archive sources continues to be popular because of the amount of information for a low price (£1.20p inclusive of postage). There are forty titles including *Taxation records for the family and local historian*, for instance. For further details and a full publications list, email: recordoffice@derbyshire.gov.uk or write to the Record Office at the address above.

Derbyshire Family Archives, the booklet which summarises series of family papers to be found in the Record Office, has been updated and reissued. You can use the publication to check which archives may be relevant to your family history research and see whether pedigrees or sale catalogues for properties may survive. It is an index to the detailed catalogues of archives available in the Search Room. The new edition costs £1.75p inclusive of postage.

DERBYSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES NETWORK

Over 80 groups are currently members of Derbyshire Local History Societies Network, co-ordinated by the Record Office. Members receive calendars of local history events, information about new publications and projects, and priority booking for special events. The Network is open to both new and long-established groups. For further information, please contact Margaret O'Sullivan at Derbyshire Record Office.

ARE YOU NEW TO DERBYSHIRE R.O.?

If you are planning a visit to Derbyshire Record Office and have never been here before, remember that we hold regular drop in introductory sessions. In these we explain how to find the documents you want, how to order them from the strong rooms and how to obtain photocopies. The sessions last 30 minutes and can save newcomers a great deal of time, especially if they have limited experience of using original documents. Dates of forthcoming sessions are given on the Record Office's events programme, free of charge on request.

Alternatively, if you belong to a local group, you can arrange to borrow the Record Office video on its services. This includes sections on archive survey and fieldwork, and on archive conservation, as well as on facilities for the public.

In addition, the Record Office issues a free leaflet of *Information for Users* with details of opening hours, registration procedures, location map, summary details of main collections, etc. Finally, if once you are in the Search Room, you cannot remember procedures, there are free leaflets on display on *How to Order Your Documents*.

FAMILY HISTORY SEARCH SERVICE

Derbyshire Record Office's *Family History Search Service*, established for many years, has been reviewed again, using information from feedback questionnaires from customers. We hope that users of the service in 2002 will continue to find it good value, especially those whose time is limited or who cannot fit in a trip to Matlock. For a half-hourly fee, archive sources in the Record Office will be checked for you and a report by an archivist sent with the results. The fee includes copies of entries from microfilmed sources and a leaflet describing the service is available on request, together with search order forms.

A2A PROJECT

The first phase of the Record Office's project to provide electronic access to some of its most important and extensive archive collections has just ended. Over 3,500 pages of archive catalogue descriptions have been converted to electronic form as part of a regional project called *East Midlands Manuscripts and Archives* with partners from Nottinghamshire,

Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, and Northamptonshire. Searching these very large catalogues will be much easier via the Internet and so family historians can pursue their researches much more effectively and efficiently. The next phase of the project, which is co-ordinated by the Public Record Office, is to start in the late summer.

FAMILY HISTORY SURGERIES

The demand for one-to-one advice sessions for both beginners and more experienced family historians continues to be extremely high. We are delighted with the popularity of these surgeries which have now helped many hundreds of people to develop their skills in family history. Sessions cost £4 per person for a 20-minute session with a qualified archivist and include an information pack as well as advice notes. Surgeries are held every month, but advance booking is essential. For details of dates and availability, please contact the Record Office by writing to us at our postal address: County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG or email: record.office@derbyshire.gov.uk.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The title of Dickens' famous novel epitomises one of the strongest family traditions over the centuries, that of enormous wealth from distant or long-lost relatives. Tracing beneficiaries under wills is still a considerable business, and in solicitors' collections in Derbyshire Record Office you can often find evidence of such claims in the past which contain a tremendous amount of genealogical information.

One example relates to the estate of Alfred Goduis Neale who died in 1867. It took over thirty years to find all his descendants and pass on the money and property they had inherited. One, Augustus Neale, had emigrated to America in 1853 and wrote in 1893 from rural Connecticut where he had settled with his own family. Another letter came from Geelong in Australia from a man called James Gadsden who claimed that his father had been David Adenoram Neale, convicted and transported to the colonies. The father changed his name on release and became a policeman and prison warden! Unfortunately, James could not prove his story and so did not end his own days a wealthy man.

The Neale family were Baptists, hence the biblical flavour of some of their names – one daughter was called Zillah, for instance. What might otherwise be dry as dust solicitors' records contain a wealth of family history information. The moral is always check even what might seem very unlikely sources- as in the case of the Neale family, they may contain a detailed and verified family tree which could solve many problems for the genealogical researcher.

Margaret O'Sullivan
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AN EVANS MARRIAGE

by

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The following report appeared in a newspaper and it is interesting to see how weddings were reported in those days. I am sure that some of the many families listed have descendants still in Derbyshire and it could be of interest to them.

MARRIAGE OF MISS S.A. EVANS

It is many years since a wedding at Tideswell was anticipated with more interest and pleasure than was that which took place on Wednesday morning. By her courtesy and kindness the bride – Miss Sarah Ann Evans, daughter of our old and respected townsman, Mr Roger Evans, known far and wide as the genial landlord of the George Hotel – had endeared herself to all classes, whilst the bridegroom, Mr Herbert Spencer Yeomans, son of Mr William Yeomans, auctioneer and valuer, Holloway House, Cromford, was a member of a family no less respected in another portion of the county. To a casual visitor to Tideswell it was at once apparent on Wednesday that an event of unusual occurrence was taking place, for the town wore a busier aspect than it has done for many a long day, and this despite weather of the worst description that could possibly attend so happy a function as a wedding. Rain and mist did not deter a large congregation assembling at the Parish Church long before the hour appointed for the wedding to take place, 10.45 a.m., whilst scores of well-wishers thronged the narrow path leading from the residence of the bride through the churchyard to the principal entrance to the fine old church. Whilst the much interested assemblage were patiently waiting and whiling away the time Miss Howe, organist, played a selection of choice music on the organ. The bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, Mr Jno. Sims, of Whatstandwell, was the first to arrive, and a few minutes later the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, entered the church. She was attired in a lovely dress of ivory duchesse satin, trimmed with rich lace, wreath of orange blossom and tulle veil, and carried a magnificent shower bouquet of exotics, and wore a diamond ring, the presents of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Evans and Miss Fanny Evans (cousins of the bride) and they wore pink brocaded satin dresses, black velvet picture hats, and carried shower bouquets of pink carnations. The bridegroom's gifts to them were also pearl and gold rings. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, Canon Andrew, who was assisted by the Rev. C.M. Lambrick, curate of Tideswell. During the ceremony every point of vantage was occupied in the body and gallery of the church. Amongst the relatives and friends of bride and bridegroom present, in addition to those already named, were: Mr and Mrs Yeomans, Mrs and Mrs T. Evans, Mrs Gilbert, Mr and Mrs

Aulton, Mr Pym, Mr Sims, Miss Lizzie Sims, Miss Maggie Sims, Mr and Mrs B.E. Dakin, Mr and Mrs T. Bramwell, Mr Hodgkinson, Mr Bower, Mr W. Taylor, Mr T. Taylor, Mr T. Dakin, Mr and Mrs Smith, Mr G. Taylor, Mr T. Taylor, Mr W.H. Ashton, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr and Mrs R. Evans, Miss Pym, Mr Timothy Taylor, Mrs Roobottom, Mr and Mrs J.H. Field, Mr and Mrs R. Evans, Mr R. Evans, jun., Mr and Mrs J.H. Furness, Miss Ashton, Mr and Mrs Hiton, Mrs Price, Mr W. Smith, etc.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Howe, organist, and the happy couple left the church with the best wishes of everybody assembled.

At the residence of the bride's father, a sumptuous wedding breakfast was laid, and was attended by about fifty persons, including Mr and Mrs Spencer Yeomans.

Later in the day the newly-wedded pair left for Millers Dale, *en route* for London and the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride went away in a pink and green shot dress, black velvet hat trimmed with feathers, and fur-lined cloak. The Parish Church bells rang out merry peals during the day.

The following is a list of the presents:-

Bridegroom to Bride, diamond and sapphire ring.
Bride to Bridegroom, gold Albert chain.
Bride's Father, cheque.
Bridegroom's Father, handsome walnut piano.
Bridegroom's Mother, silver tea and coffee service.
Mr and Mrs Thos. Evans, Matlock, satin eider down quilt.
Miss Evans, Matlock, dinner service.
Mr and Mrs B.E. Dakin, Millers Dale, silver egg stand.
Mr and Mrs Bramwell, Litton, silver fish carvers.
The Misses Bramwell, case silver salts.
Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mansfield, oak and silver case of spirit decanters.
Mr Wm. Taylor, Mansfield, case silver fish eaters.
Mr and Mrs T. Taylor, Tansley, oak coalbox and inkstand.
Misses Taylor, Tansley, silver-mounted biscuit barrel.
Mr and Mrs Geo. Taylor, Tansley, copper tea kettle.
Mrs Taylor and family, Hill Top Farm, tea service.
Mr Wm. Ashton, silver butter dish.
Mr and Mrs J.H. Furness, case silver teaspoons.
Mr and Mrs Richard Evans, Heaton Moor, copper and iron standard lamp.
Mrs Roobottom, Wirksworth, toilet service.
Mr and Mrs Jos. Hodgkinson, Matlock, pair handsome Watteau vases.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Smith, Ambergate, silver salver.
 Mr and Mrs John Taylor, Matlock, green marble clock.
 Rev. and Mrs Price, Oldham, brass and copper gong.
 Dr. Hall, fancy clock.
 Mr and Mrs Hiton, Bolton, ivory and silver kniferests.
 Mr E.W. Lees, Great Rocks, pair glass and silver salts.
 Miss Bradbury, silver-mounted bread platter and knife.
 Mr and Mrs W. Dakin, Blackwell, ivory and silver paper knife.
 Dr. T.H. Parke, pair large photos, Tideswell Church, in oak frames.
 Mrs Parke, scissors.
 Miss Otley, Sheffield, silver toast-rack.
 Mr and Mrs Cooke, Newcastle-on-Tyne, silver bread fork.
 Mr and Mrs Field, silver butter cooler.
 Mrs Godber, cut-glass smelling bottle.
 Miss Else, Matlock, china plant pot.
 Mr Scorer, Matlock, hall dinner gong.
 Miss Drabble, needlework cushion.
 Miss Andrew, Russian leather writing case.
 Miss H. Brierley, Litton, brass card tray.
 Miss M.E. Fletcher, Mansfield, leather writing case.
 Miss Furness, plaque.
 Mrs Bower, silver butter knife.
 Misses Howe, fancy brass card tray.
 Mrs Gilbert, sideboard cloth.
 Mrs Summers, chair cushion.
 Miss P. Furniss, antimacassars.
 Miss Dunn, Matlock, fancy mat.
 Mr and Mrs L. Sellors, glass cake stand.
 Mr and Mrs B. Gregory, Tansley, cheese dish and tobacco pouch.
 Mr H. Gregory, butter dish.
 Mrs Sellers, water bottle.
 Mrs Cartledge, water bottle.
 Mrs B. Payne, china cream jug and sugar basin.
 Mrs J. Mosley, pair vases.
 Mr and Mrs E. Stanley-Aulton, Spondon, spirit decanters and cigar box in oak frame.
 Mrs Robinson, Tansley, silver mounted biscuit barrel.
 Mr and Mrs T. Sayles, Holloway, silver dinner cruet.
 Mr and Mrs T. Else, silver jam dish.
 Mr James Pym, Belper, walnut coal cabinet.
 Mr and Mrs W. Else, set carvers.
 Mr and Mrs J. Hawkins, set carvers.
 Mr and Mrs Farlem, silver mounted bread knife.
 Mr and Mrs H. Lowe, Lea, handsome inkstand.
 Mr and Mrs German Amatt, silver sugar basin, sifter and inkstand.
 Mr and Mrs J. Prince, Crich, copper kettle.
 Mrs Hulland, d'oyleys.
 Mr and Mrs Batty, silver jam dish.
 Mr J.J. Wildgoose, Matlock, silver bread fork.
 Mr and Mrs J. Watts, case silver salt.
 Mr J. and Miss Sims, Whatstandwell, travelling rug.
 Mrs Sims, silver bread fork.
 Mr A. Radford, Holloway, pair waiters.
 Mr A. Sims, silk muffler.

Miss Revell, silk muffler.
 Mrs Wheeldon, two pairs socks.
 Mr Jas. Stoppard, cheese dish.
 Mr and Mrs J. Slack, Lea, bronze figures.
 The Misses Slack, muffin dish.
 Mr and Mrs J. Sellers, claret jug and cheese dish.
 Mr and Mrs Wm. Pearson, bedroom timepiece.
 Mrs W. Buxton, kitchen table.
 Mrs Buxton, handsome oak chair in plush.
 Mr F. Webster, Alfreton, skin rug.
 Mr S. Butler, copper kettle.

*Taken from a Tideswell newspaper of
 23 November 1895*

If anyone has an interest in the above article or any of the families concerned please write to me, I may be able to help.

DERBY ASSIZES

Mr William Bateman, a substantial Farmer of Mugginton, in this county, was convicted of an Assault on the person of the Rev. Edward Wilmot. Samuel Cooper, a servant of the Defendant, after the conviction of his Master, pleaded guilty to an indictment for a similar offence, for which Mr Bateman was fined 10s. and Cooper 5s. It appeared in evidence that the Prosecutor, with his brother Sir Robert Wilmot, Bart. and several other Gentlemen, were hunting over a fallow field of the Defendant Bateman's, in the month of February last, when they were met by the Defendants, who accosted them with the most abusive and opprobrious language, and afterwards committed an assault on the Prosecutor. The Learned Judge in passing the sentence of the Court observed that there was too much reason to apprehend the offence was premeditated, and it was not even pretended, that the Gentlemen were doing the least possible injury, but that the Defendant Bateman had suffered a morose temper, to interrupt them in their amusements, and to carry him to very unwarrantable lengths; that conduct so gross and improper, must be discountenanced, and that the Defendant Bateman had since his conviction thought proper to apologise for, and acknowledge his offence, that his humiliation came too late, and that he should have shown an earlier contrition.

From the Derby Mercury of 8 Aug 1805

Congratulations to all those who got the quiz right in the December issue and helped raise some funds for the Census. The correct entries were put into a hat and the winner was **Mrs Vivienne Fairburn**, who will receive a prize for her efforts.

SKELETONS IN THE CUPBOARD

By

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I was warned when I started to look into our family history that I would most likely find out things that were not very complementary and this I have found to be true. Most of the men were agricultural workers and gardeners, with the occasional coachman and tinsmith, a soldier, etc. and the women were dairymaids, servants and charwomen, but sure enough I have found a case of murder and illegitimacy.

Charlotte Botham was the illegitimate daughter of Mary Botham, my great grandfather's (John Botham) sister, and she was charged with the murder of her infant child at Alstonefield. It was reported in the Derby Mercury of 16 May 1860 and reads as follows:-

SHOCKING CASE OF CHILD MURDER

"Our readers will be shocked to learn that another painful case of child murder has been discovered in this county, by Superintendent Corbishley of Ashbourne. The narrative of events connected with this dreadful case will be best understood from the following evidence, given before W. Whitstone, Jun., Esq., on Tuesday last, in the schoolroom at Tissington, where the gentleman held

THE INQUEST

The first witness called, after the jury had viewed the body, was Lydia Kirkham, who said - I am in the service of Mr Roper, of Alstonefield, in the county of Stafford. I know Charlotte Botham, she was also in the same service up to Monday the 23rd day of April last.

I had lived in the service I think three months with her, I had never any conversation with her as to her state, I had not the least suspicion that she was in the family way.

We slept in the same room and same bed. We both went to bed together about ten o'clock on Monday night, the 23rd April last. On going to bed she said she had a bad headache. This was all she complained of. The room door was not locked, it was shut. I awoke about three o'clock the next morning, Charlotte Botham was in bed; she was awake, I looked at the door and found that it was open, I had not been out myself, Charlotte Botham and myself were the only persons sleeping in that room. I asked if she was poorly, she said 'I have a bad pain in my bowels'. She was sitting up in bed and did not seem well, that was the reason of my asking her the question, I then went to sleep again.

She woke me at five o'clock, and asked me to get up and make the fire, I did so and she said she would come down directly.

I did not perceive anything the matter before going downstairs. Before I went down, Charlotte said 'There are some stains of blood on the kitchen table,

and I was to wash them out before the master came down'.

On getting down into the kitchen I found on the table some spots of blood, about a dozen, and also some on the floor - not many drops on the floor. This was the front kitchen, I washed these spots out.

In about two hours after this I went upstairs and on the way I saw a spot of blood, Charlotte came down the stairs directly after me, she appeared very ill. She went and opened the doors and shutters and got Mr Roper's breakfast ready. She looked very ill and I told her to go and lie down. She went to bed shortly afterwards.

On my going upstairs I found her on the bed. Before this I had not examined the stairs. After Charlotte had got up I went to make to bed and discovered something that was not there the day before. There was blood on sheets and bed and a few spots on the floor.

After this I saw Charlotte and said to her 'Do you know what you have been doing' She said 'Yes, I was very ill'. She still continued poorly and said she would lie down till Mrs Roper came down. I did not see any bundle of any kind.

Mrs Roper came down in about half an hour afterwards. She asked me where Charlotte was and I said she was gone to lie down as she was not very well. She asked me what was amiss with her and I said I did not know. Charlotte then came down; Mrs Roper asked her what was amiss with her, she said 'I have a bad pain in my head and bowels'. She went to lie down again and she was there an hour and a half. I did not then take any more notice of her, and Mrs Hayward came in. She was told by Mrs Roper to go and see what was the matter with Charlotte, I also went upstairs after Mrs Hayward and found her dressing Charlotte. I came down again.

I took the bucket downstairs and emptied the contents which were discoloured, but did not take notice what it was.

Charlotte came down stairs and gave me the key to her box and told me to take care of her things. After this she went away with Mr and Mrs Hayward. She had a band box and a small brown wooden box, I did not see her wrap anything up. I did not find any knife or sharp instrument about.

I was quite well myself during the night of the 23rd of April last. There are no other female servants except myself and Charlotte. I gave the box to Joseph Hayward at the back door when he was in the cart, I do not know that Charlotte had any knife. I have not missed any belonging to my master. There were knives about and they are usually kept in the kitchen. This morning police officer Watson came to my master's and on searching Charlotte's box he found

the dress and shoes now produced which are Charlotte's property. Samuel Austin was on my master's premises and in company of Charlotte Botham for about half an hour on Monday night the 23rd of April and left just before we went to bed.

He was in the boothouse with Charlotte. I did not perceive any difference in her appearance after she left Austin and when she went to bed. She did not look worse than usual, but the following morning she looked worse and seemed very ill.

Mrs Haywood was the next witness and after saying that she occasionally works at Mr Roper's, she said that she was Charlotte Botham on the 24th of April lying on the bed, when she said she was unwell and had pains in her head and bowels.

At Mrs Roper's desire witness accompanied Botham to her home at Tissington, but on the way no conversation relating to her illness or the cause of it took place. She saw Botham lock a dark coloured box which she took with her.

After returning from Tissington witness examined Botham's bedroom and found marks of blood and other discolorations in it.

About a fortnight before the 24th of April witness asked Botham if she had heard the reports of her being in the family way, and Botham replied that it was a story, but on arriving at Tissington witness noticed a stain of blood on her shawl.

Joseph Haywood, husband to the last witness and in the employ of Mr Roper, was called to prove that he accompanied Botham to Tissington in the cart, and handed to her sister the box alluded to by the last witness.

Mr Superintendent Corbishley was next examined, and we append his evidence in extenso, he said:-

I am Superintendent of Police of the Ashbourne division, in the County of Derby. In the afternoon of Monday the 7th inst. in consequence of a communication I received from the police officer stationed at Tissington, in this county, I went over to that place, and went to the house of Mrs Mary Botham, and there found Charlotte Botham sitting in the house, she appeared very delicate as if unwell. I asked her what her first name was, she said Charlotte. I then said 'You have been living at Mr Roper's of Alstonefield.' She said 'Yes I have'. I said 'I suppose you have heard the report that is circulating about you'. She replied 'Why, what report?' I said 'that you have been delivered of a child'. She made answer 'I believe I have had a miscarriage a fortnight tomorrow since'. I then asked what became of it, she said 'what there was of it Mrs Haywood, the labourer's wife, put it away'.

Alstonefield is about four miles from Tissington. I asked Charlotte Botham when she came home. She said 'on the morning that it happened, and Mrs

Haywood and her husband brought me home in the light cart.'

I then went away and the following morning, Tuesday the 8th inst. I went over to Alstonefield for the purpose of searching for the child and making inquiries. Not succeeding in finding the child, from further information which I there obtained, I again returned to Tissington and went again to the house of Mrs Botham, and again found Charlotte Botham sitting in the house. I said 'Charlotte, what boxes did you bring with you from Alstonefield?'; She said 'Two'. I then said 'Where are they?'. She said 'Up stairs'. I then said 'You will be kind enough to go upstairs with me, for I must look into them'. She proceeded to go up the stairs and after stepping three of them, she turned around and said 'Before you go any further, I must see your authority'.

She then came back again into the house place, apparently greatly excited. I said 'Charlotte, do not put yourself about, I must do my duty and look into the boxes'.

I heard footsteps upstairs and then went up saying to Charlotte, 'Come you had better be present and follow me up'. She did so.

I then asked her to produce to me the boxes she brought with her from Alstonefield. She took up a bonnet box, which she opened and it contained a bonnet. I said, 'This is not it, I want the dark coloured one you borrowed from Mrs Roper'.

On going upstairs I found a female in the bedroom, one of the family. This female stooped down, put her hand under the bedstead, and pulled out a dark coloured box, saying 'This is the one'. I took hold of the box lid and found it was locked. I said to Charlotte, 'Have you the key of this?' She put her hand towards her dress and produced a key with which she unlocked the box, opened it and took out a small bundle, which she placed upon the bed and turned the bedclothes over it.

I then turned the clothes back and said 'What is this?' She replied 'I have nothing to do with that'. I unfolded the bundle and discovered the dead body of a child, and it was wrapped up in a flannel petticoat and a linen apron. I said to her 'Whose baby is this?' She said 'It is mine'. I then placed the child in the box again, locked it up, and took possession of the key, and also the box and contents. We then went down into the house place, and after waiting a short time on the arrival of constable Watson, I left him in charge of Charlotte Botham.

I took the box and contents away with me to the police station and in a short time returned to Botham's house.

I then asked Charlotte Botham whether she would remain at her mother's house in charge of the officer, or whether she would go to the station. She said 'I will go to the constable's house and stop there'.

We then went to Watson's house, and on arriving there I opened the box, took out the bundle and

examined the body of the child when I discovered that it was a female child apparently fully grown. I also discovered a deep wound across the front part of the throat. The child did not appear to have been washed. I then replaced the body in the box and returned to Charlotte Botham and said to her 'You are now charged with murdering your child by cutting it's throat'. She made no reply.

I asked her if she had any baby linen. She said 'No I have not'. I have produced the body of the child to the coroner and jury, as well as the box.

Police Constable Watson proved that he had seized a box belonging to Charlotte Botham, and produced a dress and a pair of boots, bearing stains of blood, which he found therein.

The Post Mortem

Mr R.D. Goodwin, surgeon of Ashbourne, made a post mortem examination of a body of a female child delivered to him on the morning of the 10th by Mr Corbishley. He discovered a large wound nearly dividing the head from the body and severing all the large vessels, which must have been done by some sharp instrument, during life. The lungs were partially inflated, the heart was empty, and all the organs presented a bloodless appearance. Mr Goodwin fully described the post mortem appearance, from which he concluded that the child had been born alive, that it lived a short time after its birth, and that the wound on the throat was the cause of death. Mr William Toogood, who assisted Mr Goodwin in the examination, was also called, and full concurred in all that Mr Goodwin had said.

This being the whole of the evidence, the learned coroner then summed up, and the jury returned a verdict of 'Wilful murder against Charlotte Botham', who was then committed on the coroner's warrant to take her trial at the next assizes for the county of Stafford.

The Magisterial Examination

The prisoner, Charlotte Botham, was charged with the wilful murder of her infant child, before the Magistrates at Ashbourne, on Saturday last. Sir W. Fitzherbert Bart. And P.B. Hunt, Esq. were on the bench.

Notwithstanding the verdict of the coroner's jury, Mr Welch, on the part of the prisoner, called for a hearing of the case before the Bench, so that the case might be entered into with more minuteness, and all the evidence brought forward.

In accordance with this appeal, the prisoner, Charlotte Botham, who had been detained in Ashbourne Lockup, was brought forward. Owing to the state of her health she was allowed a seat.

The witnesses, whose evidence we have given in our report of the inquest, were all examined and repeated their former testimony. Most of them were cross examined by Mr Welch, but nothing material was elicited. The following additional evidence was also taken:-

Police-constable Amos Marshall, of the Staffordshire force stationed at Wetton, proved having searched the premises of Mr Roper on Thursday, the 10th of May. He found a large clasp knife on a ledge above the sink in the back kitchen. He examined it with a glass, and found marks of blood on it. The knife, which seemed like a razor blade fixed in a clasp handle, was produced and examined with a strong magnifying glass by the Bench. Mr Welch also examined it and as the stains appeared in spots and not streaks, he suggested that they were merely common rust, and not blood.

Samuel Austin was called and said 'I am a servant with Mr Wild, of Coldeaton. I was at Alstonefield on Monday night, but I can't speak as to the day of the month – the night before she (meaning the prisoner) left, I was there from half to three-quarters of an hour, perhaps, it was nine or ten o'clock. I was with Charlotte Botham in the boot-house, and talked with her. I had been following her, I knew she was in the family way'.

The Bench – 'What did you speak of?'

Witness – 'That is between ourselves. I went straight from her, I had no conversation with her on the subject of the child as I did not expect that her confinement would take place so soon.

I had spoken to her on it, and had agreed to keep the child. As we were both young, I said it was better to keep one than any more. I do not remember having invited her to leave her place'.

This Witness, who was under the influence of intoxicating drink, did not appear to feel the serious nature of his situation and that of the wretched girl who sat weeping beside him whilst he gave his evidence in a flippant and careless manner.

Lydia Kirkham was re-called at the request of Mr Welch, who cross-examined her. She said the knife is a common scullery knife used for peeling potatoes, and was in constant use up to Thursday last, May the 10th. This concluded the evidence and the Bench asked the prisoner if she had anything to say before hearing their decision. She replied 'Nothing'.

Mr Le Hunt then said – It was a most painful duty they had to perform, but from the evidence they were bound to commit her to Stafford, to await trial at the next Assizes.

An attempt at a demonstration of popular feeling was made, but was immediately suppressed. Excitement outside the court was intense. A dense crowd of

women blocked the stairs and passages of the court, even climbing into the window-sills to obtain a view of the prisoner as she passed to the omnibus which was to convey her to the 'Lock-up'. The street leading to St John's Hall was also packed to such a degree that it was at the danger of life or limb that the omnibus approached the door. At half-past four the prisoner was conducted by a policeman to the 'bus, which immediately drove off to the lock-up, where she was to stay till Monday, when she would be conducted to Stafford. Mr Welch, her solicitor, was authorised by the Bench to visit her."

Enquiry of the William Salt library brought the information that Charlotte Botham was tried before Mr Justice Hill on 24th July 1860 and found guilty 'of the concealment' and sentenced to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in the House of Correction, Stafford, for 12 calendar months.

Comments

Charlotte was born in 1837 at Tissington and brought up by her unmarried mother, Mary Botham, a charwoman. In the 1841 census she was 4 yrs old and living with her grandfather Thomas Botham (68), her mother Mary, two elder sisters (twins, Frances and Harriet aged 15) and a brother Simon (12). All were illegitimate. By 1851 it was the same family set up with the addition of Frederick (4), the illegitimate son of Frances. Charlotte was then 14 yrs old and a 'scholar', in spite of her age.

According to the IGI Charlotte was not christened until 1859 when she was 22. Why? Also why didn't she want a child by Samuel Austin, a rogue and drunkard? She must have been desperate to give birth in the middle of the night in a house full of people without anyone hearing anything and then to cut the baby's throat and hide the body, while carrying on as if nothing had happened. Perhaps she had hoped for better things for herself, hoping to break away from her own upbringing. By having a child it would be the end of her employment and status.

It must have been a nightmare journey for her that morning being driven home a distance of about three miles over a rough track to her mother's house and imagine the consternation her arrival back home would have caused.

Why didn't she hide the body? Did she think she had got away with it or was she too ill to do anything? No mention is made of any medical attention and although the paper said how ill she looked, at no time was it mentioned that any medical assistance had been given.

So what happened to Charlotte in the end? Did she survive her sentence and if so where did she go and what did she do? There is no burial record for her at

Tissington and I doubt whether she would have gone back to Alstonfield. Did she marry? Did she die in prison or soon afterwards? I would very much like to know, but I fear it will remain a mystery.

EPIPHANY SESSIONS, DERBY

On Saturday last, the 7th instant, the Sessions for this Borough was held, by the Recorder, the Hon. Mr Justice BALGUY, the Mayor, and other Magistrates.

In his charge to the Grand Inquest, the Learned Recorder observed that he was happy in stating there was nothing of an extraordinary nature to come before the Court, and but one case of felony. It was, therefore, unnecessary for him to detain the Gentlemen of the Grand Jury with any observations.

THOMAS GRANGE was indicted for secreting two notes of the value of £2, the property of his master, Mr John Harrison, engineer. The prisoner pleaded guilty. It appeared from the testimony of the prosecutor that the prisoner had until this unhappy occurrence borne an excellent character. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

THE KING on the part of *Joseph Smith* against *John Miller* alias *Mellor*, for assault. It appeared that the prisoner in a drunken frolic had, on the evening of New Years day, most wantonly knocked down the plaintiff, who was the servant of Lord Vernon, and who was in waiting for his Lordship at the door of the Concert Rooms. The defendant pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three months imprisonment and fined sureties for two years.

HENRY HOLMES was charged with an assault on Mr C.L. Barber, and also for an assault on Octavius Oakley. He entered into sureties with his father to appear in Court at the next Borough Sessions.

WILLIAM CLARKE was charged with an assault on William Martin a constable. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and fined sureties for six months.

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A LETTER HOME (PART II)

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"Quebec is beautifully situated on the St Lawrence and is a very picturesque town. We saw the heights of Abraham from the boat, but had not time to get into the town after seeing after our baggage and sorting out our train. Mostly French people live at Quebec, but all speak English pretty well. We bade adieu to the good old 'Manitoba' about 9 o'clock, began to think of our railway journey and awarded Dorothy the biscuit as being the best sailor of our party. So seizing our respective bundles the children trudged bravely along, like true Britons, before us towards the station which adjoins the pier. There are no porters or officials at any of the stations in Canada to assist passengers with their luggage, consequently everybody must do their own portering. After having our baggage passed by the Custom Authorities, who took not the slightest notice of what we had, but gave us our passes, we found our train and were soon seated therein. The trains are all corridor fashion in this country, and the carriages exactly as we had anticipated them. Not divided into compartments, as in England, but open from end to end, with a gangway down the centre. The seats hold two adults and 4 passengers sit facing each other. For sleeping purposes the seats draw out and two people can sleep thereon, while above the said two seats there is an arrangement to pull down on which the other two passengers may sleep or luggage may be placed. Then on each train there is a 'cooking car', where hot or cold water may be obtained and any cooking done on stoves for the purpose. We had a spirit lamp and tin kettle with us so filled the latter with water and put it on the lamp in our carriage to boil. We had sufficient food, tea and condensed milk with us to last us 2 or 3 days. We also had 3 enamelled cups and saucers and a few other little necessaries. From Quebec to Montreal is 170 miles and we were soon on our way thither, arriving about 9 o'clock at night. Then we had to change into a transcontinental express to Vancouver a distance of 2904 miles. We were going with the express to Winnipeg 1422 miles and then further west later on.

At 10 o'clock we were on the road again. From what we could see of Montreal at night time, which was lighted with electricity, it looks a very busy place, with very handsome buildings of all descriptions. We four not being very big were able to sleep on the seats when placed in position. We had sufficient rugs to make us fairly comfortable beds and the children and Clara, quite tired out by now, were soon fast asleep. We passed through Ottawa at 1.10am (Sunday morning). Being dark we could not see much of the Canadian capital, but it looked a similar place to Montreal. The children woke up about 5 o'clock and while they were

having a wash and brush up in the lavatory for the purpose, I folded up the rugs and prepared breakfast. At 9 o'clock we reached a place called 'North Bay', 360 miles from Montreal, stopped there about half an hour (it being an important junction) then on again to Sudbury, 440 miles from Montreal. It was now Sunday mid-day. On again to White River which we reached at 10.50. 744 miles on the road, about ½ way now and we were in bed again. At 7 o'clock on Monday morning we had breakfasted and cleaned up when we reached 'Port Arthur' a most important and busy place on Lake Superior. Shipping is done from there with boats as large as ocean going crafts with St Marie, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo and other United States towns. After a stop of 20 minutes we started again, now 992 miles westward and on to Ignace (1144 miles), which we reached at 11.30 am. A stop of 2½ minutes and then on to Venora, 4.30 pm, 1289 miles from Montreal.

Venora was one of the nicest places we had seen on the journey. Beautifully built in the midst of pine, spruce, bam and lard trees on the side of the 'Lake of the Woods', it was a place to admire indeed. It was here we saw the first native American Indians in full war paint in their canoes on the lake, holding a kind of fair. We were quite interested in the place and its surroundings for the 10 minutes we were there. Dorothy said if Uncle Tom had been with us with his 'photo engine' he could have made some nice pictures. So indeed he could and at a good many other places too. On again, this time to Winnipeg, which we reached at 9.30 Monday night, 1422 miles from Montreal from which place, up to Venora, very little cultivation of the land was to be seen, nothing but everlasting forest of trees, maple, poplar, ash, birch, pine, larch and goodness knows what. Very little life too was apparent, human or animal, wild or tame, on account of the wood density, save in the vicinity of towns or villages. The railway track ran for many miles alongside the Ottawa river and several large lakes, including Superior, at which places and oft the scenery was grand. It was almost a relief though after passing Venora, to run out the trees, on to the prairie, over which you could see miles without sight of tree or bush. I would rather live where there is plenty of timber though, than on the treeless prairie.

At Winnipeg, with the exception of what we wanted, we pushed out luggage in the cloakroom and went into the town lodging hunting. We stayed at a temperance hotel called the 'Don', run by English people, and we were all glad to get a good sleep in a good bed again. Next day, Tuesday, we busied ourselves at the

Government Offices (Head Quarters in Canada) and in looking about the town. We saw Fairchilds place – a very fine building indeed – of business and showrooms where Mr Hurst had been or was employed, but Clara did not like to make enquiries about him. We saw his name and private address in a directory at the Government Offices, but decided not to bother him. Next day (Wednesday) we made up our minds to continue our journey west to Red Deer, so made a start about 10 o'clock. Reached Brandon (1555 miles from Montreal) at 3 o'clock, Indian Head (1737 miles) 9 pm, then we made our beds on the seats again for the night. Arrived Moose jaw 11.45 and Swift Current 4am (Thursday morning 1932 miles from Montreal), Maple Creek 6.30 (where we had breakfast), Medicine Hat 91m, Calgary 3.25pm. We now had to change trains, having come from Winnipeg to Calgary on a trans-continental express, which continued the main line journey on to Vancouver 642 miles further west of Calgary, which is 2262 miles west of Montreal. From Calgary to Red Deer (95 miles) we started at 4.30, got to our journeys end at 9 o'clock. We were lucky enough to soon find lodgings for the night and all four of us were soon fast asleep.

Next morning, Friday, after visiting the Government Land Offices, I looked for work and got it up at a far where we stayed all winter and up to last month (8th May). As to our doings, our ups and downs, since we arrived at Red Deer, you have I believe, Tom, been informed by Clara at different times. So now I will close my letter by just giving you opinion of the country, its possibilities and the prospects it holds for emigrants or settlers of my class. First of all let me say it required a lot of pluck and confidence on Clara's part especially, to come so many miles into a strange and very sparsely settled country like this, with two children, and very little 'ready' to make a living and home once more, amongst strangers. It was a severe trial for her to take on more especially as she was far from being either strong or well. Then again she never had to do any 'roughing' in her life before, and scarcely knew what that meant. Moreover the fact of tearing herself from those left near and dear to her on this planet, was quite sufficient to cause a physically stronger woman than she to think twice what she was about to do, everything considered. But, Tom, the Gods truth was we had had more than our share of rough usage meted out to us latterly in the old country from one and another and there did not seem anything left for us to do but to try our luck in another land. We thought the matter over well and long before finally deciding, and when once our minds were made up we weren't long in making the move. We came to the very spot we had selected out in England and I suppose time alone will tell whether we acted wisely or not. However, here we are, and come what may, we will endeavour, as we always have done – well Clara has in any case – to do the best possible, and shoulder to

shoulder while life lasts, not for our own ends and happiness alone, but for the two little girls committed to our charge to rear, provide for and guard while we may. So let it be, Tom.

In a log cabin in the wild west of Canada, 5168 miles from ones native land, within sight of the Rocky mountains and a few hundred miles from the Pacific Coast life is found to be worth living, providing a man is blessed with good health and well endowed with the virtue industry. Both are necessary and essential to success in this as in other countries, but Canada undoubtedly holds out greater possibilities to the emigrant and industrious settler than most countries. When they gave the dominion a name they should have spelt it as it is, but omitted the D and made N the final letter. Such a land – Canaan – was once declared as flowing with milk and honey, and in a good many respects Canada is worthy of a similar report. To step out of the door without crushing beneath ones foot some plant or shrub that in due season would bear fruit for the table is almost an impossibility. Such beautiful wild fruit as strawberries, currants, gooseberrys, raspberrys, blueberrys, cranberrys and others, grow everywhere and in abundance. Then in feather and fur, big and little game abound everywhere. A richer soil for the production of grain could not be found, while for grazing purposes the native grasses of the western pastures are pronounced unsurpassed. Forests of timber suitable for putting dwellings and buildings up with, for fencing and for fuel, extend for thousands of miles and cover millions of acres. In the banks of nearly all the big rivers in Alberta is found good household coal, which may be had for the gathering, while in the beds of the same rivers gold awaits the man who cares to seek and find it. Nutritious fish abounds in all lakes, rivers and creeks, the climate is considered second to none and the weather seems always arranged to suit everybody. The Government of Canada is prepared to give, free, to every settler over 18 years of age, 160 acres of land, many, if not all such slices containing most of, if not the lot of above named natural endowments and necessities of human and animal life. You therefore see, Tom, what a fellow's prospects are here providing he is capable of and willing to work. The disadvantages are summer frosts, occasionally and destructive storms sometimes, but these things are met with even in the old country and the best thing to do on the land is to go in for mixed farming and with ordinary luck one cannot go far wrong. As soon as my brother-in-law comes out, and we are expecting him shortly now with his wife and child, we shall trot off into the country, west of Red Deer, possibly to sort out and fix on our 160 acre plots respectively. Clara, with my sister and children, will remain in town until we have got suitable accommodation for them on the homestead, when, I suppose, if Clara's health permits it we shall all move

out into our claims. But of our intentions in that and other respects you will hear more later on.

I must now say goodbye, Tom, with best wishes to yourself, Maud and Florry.

Believe me,
Your affectionate Brother-in-law,
Jack.

Please remember me to old Freddie, Albert and Gus, should you be seeing them soon, I must really write to each of them."

THE WILMOT ALMSHOUSES

Bridge Gate was an interesting thoroughfare, which led from King Street to Mansfield Road and was described as 'one of the best business streets in old Derby'. It had a charitable aspect, however, namely the Wilmot Almshouses, formerly called Black Almshouses, which derived their name from the colour of the dress worn by their inmates.

Robert Wilmot the elder, of Chaddesden, by will dated July 1638 gave to his son Edward Wilmot, and his heirs, all the tithes of corn, grain and hay arising within the limits of the manor of Derby, and appointed that his said son and heirs should, out of the rents and profits thereof, pay the several sums of 12d weekly, from his decease, to 10 poor people, viz. six poor men and four poor women, of good and honest life, by him already placed in 10 little houses situate in Bridge Gate, Derby, which houses he had long since built. He appointed that every Christmas a black gown faced with red, of the like cloth and manner as the poor people then in the said houses used to wear, or otherwise 10s to every one of them to buy such gowns; and to give to such poor men at the end of every two years a red cap of about 2s a-piece. Also provide yearly at Christmas, 30 yards of linen cloth, at 12d the yard, to be distributed amongst the said 10 poor people, to make them shirts and smocks; and should also provide a dinner yearly at Christmas, for the said poor, or otherwise allow every of them 8d for the same.



The original almshouses replaced by new buildings in 1814

The original dwellings were taken down, and a new range of buildings erected in their stead, for the accommodation of eight poor persons, four men and four women, in 1814, at an expense of more than £250, by Sir Robert Wilmot Bart. Of Chaddesden. Sadly they in their turn were demolished in 1934. By an award, bearing date 25th March 1729, under the hands and seals of two of the commissioners of charitable uses, appointed under the great seal, dated 16th February 1727, it appeared that some irregularities in the appointments to these almshouses had taken place, but which afterwards rectified. It also appeared that Robert Wilmot of Osmaston paid £13 yearly to the Derby almshouses, yet he was not allowed to inspect them, but was order by this award that he should be allowed to inspect the payments, that he might be satisfied the money he paid was not misapplied. Each of the ten almspeople receives 6d a week from Sir Robert Wilmot of Osmaston, making £13, the annual sum mentioned in the above award of 1729.

The commissioners of 1827, applied to the agent of Sir Robert Wilmot of Osmaston, but say 'We have not been able to ascertain the existence of any document showing in respect of what particular lands this payment is made'. The exact proportion of men and women specified by the founder has not been preserved, for at this investigation they consisted of four men and six women. There is a garden behind the almshouses, containing about one rood divided amongst the alms people.

PICTURE DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE

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MISS SMITH'S SCHOOL IN BRIDGE STREET

by

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In the 1870s and 1880s Miss Sophia Smith, assisted by two younger sisters, Lucy and Elizabeth, ran a school at No. 48 (renumbered as No. 20 in about 1900) Bridge Street, just off Friar Gate, Derby. It occupied one of a pair of three-storey Georgian houses opening directly onto the pavement and was situated on the corner of Agard St., from where there was a side entrance leading into a small back garden. The school is known to have been attended by the present writer's mother and her older sisters and brother (the Horsleys) as well as by his father's second cousins (the Strettons and the Hansons) and others who later became family friends (the Thornton sisters).

Miss Isabel Thornton recorded some of her early memories of Miss Smith's school during a taped interview in 1978, a year before her death at the age of 98. She recalled that she and other small children sat on stools on either side of the fireplace of the downstairs room learning their ABC. The older pupils were taught upstairs. She clearly remembered those of the Horsley children who were at the school in her time, as well as the Strettons (*"it must have been a school half full of Strettons!"*). She could also remember the Smith sisters *"quite well because I thought they were so clever.....it was a very good school and they had been well educated."* *"Miss Sophie"* used to wear her hair in a net (*"I never saw anyone with her hair in a net except Miss Sophie"*). *"Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth) was very delicate; she'd always got a bad cold - I never saw Miss Lizzie without a shawl wrapped round her."* *"Miss Lucy"* the third sister, was apparently less memorable! In addition there was a fourth sister, *"the wife of a bank manager"*, who came to give music lessons. The Smith family were said to have come from Kedleston, where the father, now deceased, had been *"some official man at the Kedleston estates"*.

THE SMITH FAMILY

At the Kedleston census of 1841 Joseph Smith was returned as a 'park keeper', presumably employed by the Curzons of Kedleston Hall. (This may well have been a more responsible post than the description implies.) He died at the age of 54 and was buried at Kedleston in early January 1850. The census of 1851, taken 15 months later, shows that his widow, Sarah, described as an 'annuitant', was aged 40 and that there were seven children. Their ages ranged from 16 (Sophia) to nine months (Elizabeth, evidently a posthumous child). There were three other daughters, Georgiana, Annie and Lucy, and two sons, Edward and Arthur.

By 1855 (Kelly) Sarah Smith was listed as a farmer at nearby Quarndon. Like most farms in the village it was probably owned by the Curzons, her late husband's presumed employer. At the census of 1861 she was shown as a 'farmer of 30 acres employing one labourer'. Neither of the two sons was present, it may be noted. At the census of 1871 she was still living in Quarndon but as a 'retired farmer'. Two of the daughters were now engaged in teaching, one (Annie) being described as a 'governess' and the other (Lucy) as a 'schoolmistress'. Sophia did not appear to have any occupation and Elizabeth was not present (nor Georgiana).

Some time in the early 1870s Mrs Smith, now in her sixties, moved into Derby, together with three of her daughters, headed by Sophia, the eldest, apparently with the idea of opening a school. It is not clear what educational credentials they possessed. Sophia would possibly have completed her education soon after her father's death, but Annie was then only four, Lucy only two and Elizabeth had not yet been born. One wonders what level of education could have been afforded for these younger daughters by their widowed mother sufficient for them to take up teaching.

There was no pre-existing school at No. 48 Bridge St. The house had been occupied at the census of 1861 by Samuel Foster, 'higgler in chief for Derby Jail'. He was still there in 1871, now aged 79 and more modestly describing himself just as 'coal higgler'. He must have left (or died) not long afterwards as 'Mrs Smith' was listed as the occupier in 1876 (Kelly). The 1881 census shows that the head of the household was Mrs Sarah Smith, a widow aged 70, who still described herself as a 'retired farmer'. Also present were the three daughters: - Sophia, aged 46, Lucy, aged 33, and Elizabeth, aged 30. Each was described as a 'private schoolmistress'. There was also a resident maidservant.

THE SCHOOL

The names of all pupils who attended for some period, however short, between January 1885 and July 1888 are recorded in a collection of the school's printed single sheet reports, which were retained by the Thornton sisters and are now held by their niece, Miss E.M. Spalton (by whose courtesy the following analysis has been made). The reports show that the school year was split into two unequal parts - September to Christmas and late January to the end of July. The school was essentially a girls' school that also admitted small boys, some of whom apparently stayed to the age of about 8 or 9. A total of 80 pupils were recorded during the three and a half years covered

Report for Half-year ending December 23rd, 1885.

ENGLISH. Higher Division.

No.	Marks.	No.	Marks.	No.	Marks.
1 Nellie Hampshire (<i>Prize</i>) ...	422	5 Eveline Goodwin ...	330	9 Ellen Stretton ...	271
2 Florence Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	420	6 Agnes Horsley ...	329	10 Jane Stretton ...	265
3 Alice Williamson (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	397	7 Daisy Fletcher ...	307	11 Helen R. Goodey (absent 5 wks.)	195
4 Emma Brailsford ...	342	8 Eliza Kidger ...	274	12 Ethel Butterworth ...	154

ENGLISH. Lower Division.

1 Kate Brailsford (<i>Prize</i>) ...	527	5 May Hanson ...	455	9 Mary Spalton ...	397
2 Florence Taylor (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	502	6 Maude Allin ...	431	10 Crammond Richardson ...	319
3 Eleanor Eagers (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	495	7 Edith Davies ...	417	11 Edith Williamson (absent 9 weeks)	
4 Alice Taylor ...	468	8 Annie Barfield ...	400		

FRENCH.

1 Florence Stretton (<i>Prize</i>) ...	244	5 Daisy Fletcher ...	211	9 Emma Brailsford ...	171
2 Alice Williamson (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	230	6 Eva Goodwin ...	207	10 Helen R. Goodey (absent 5 wks.)	141
3 Eliza Kidger (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	217	7 Nellie Hampshire ...	202	11 Ethel Butterworth ...	136
4 Agnes Horsley ...	216	8 Annie Barfield ...	172	12 Edith Davies ...	121

DEPARTMENT AND ATTENDANCE. Higher Division.

1 Alice Williamson (<i>Prize</i>) ...	412	5 Mary Butterworth ...	401	9 Ethel Butterworth ...	339
2 Agnes Horsley (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	409	6 Eliza Kidger ...	399	10 Helen R. Goodey (absent 5 wks.)	277
3 Ellen Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	407	7 Daisy Fletcher ...	398		
4 Jane Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	406	8 Emma Brailsford ...	393		

DEPARTMENT AND ATTENDANCE. Lower Division.

1 Nellie Eagers (<i>Prize</i>) ...	425	5 Mary Spalton ...	401	9 Edith Davies ...	337
2 Kate Brailsford (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	424	6 Annie Barfield ...	396	10 Crammond Richardson ...	289
3 Florence Taylor (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	412	7 Maude Allin ...	375		
4 May Hanson ...	411	8 Alice Taylor ...	358		

MUSIC.

1 Agnes Horsley (<i>Prize</i>) ...	208	4 Alice Williamson ...	181	7 Helen R. Goodey (absent 5 wks.)	112
2 Eliza Kidger (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	206	5 Edith Davies ...	161		
3 Florence Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	194	6 Nellie Horne ...	132		

CUTTING OUT, PLACING, AND NEEDLEWORK. Higher Division.

1 Nellie Stretton (<i>Prize</i>) ...	171	4 Emma Brailsford (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	157	7 Alice Williamson ...	140
2 Agnes Horsley (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	163	5 Daisy Fletcher ...	146	8 Mary Butterworth ...	124
3 Jane Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	161	6 Eliza Kidger ...	144	9 Ethel Butterworth ...	112

NEEDLEWORK. Lower Division.

1 Eleanor Eagers (<i>Prize</i>)	4 Florence Taylor	7 Kate Brailsford
2 Edith Davies (<i>Certificate</i>)	5 Annie Barfield	8 Maude Allin
3 Alice Taylor (<i>Certificate</i>)	6 Mary Spalton	9 May Hanson

CONDUCT AND NEEDLEWORK. Boarders.

1 Florence Stretton (<i>Prize</i>) ...	208	2 Eveline Goodwin (<i>Certificate</i>)	190	3 Nellie Hampshire ...	176
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STUDY. Lower Room.

1 Constance Horsley (<i>Prize</i>) ...	223	7 George Allin ...	150	13 Walter Stretton (10 weeks) ...	82
2 Stanley Copestake (<i>Certificate</i>)	214	8 Nellie Horne (12 weeks) ...	119	14 Dora Williamson ...	75
3 Kate Hanson (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	205	9 Agnes Brassington ...	108	15 Ethel Horsley (½ day) ...	70
4 Ada Stretton ...	179	10 Tom Williamson ...	91	16 Minnie Gilbert (½ day) ...	68
5 George Horsley ...	171	11 Emily Horne (12 weeks) ...	90	17 Alfred Goodey (½ day 7 weeks)	40
6 A. E. Stretton ...	156	12 Gertrude Stretton (10 weeks)	89	18 Percy Butterworth (6 weeks)	16

CONDUCT, Lower Room.

1 Stanley Copestake (<i>Prize</i>) ...	133	7 Nellie Horne (12 weeks) ...	95	13 Dora Williamson ...	73
2 Constance Horsley (<i>Certificate</i>)	130	8 Emily Horne (12 weeks) ...	92	14 Ethel Horsley (½ day) ...	68
3 Ada Stretton (<i>Certificate</i>) ...	116	9 George Horsley ...	86	15 George Allin ...	64
4 Alice E. Stretton ...	113	10 Gertrude Stretton (10 weeks)	85	16 Minnie Gilbert (½ day) ...	60
5 Kate Hanson ...	107	11 Tom Williamson ...	78	17 Percy Butterworth (6 weeks)	49
6 Agnes Brassington ...	98	12 Walter Stretton (10 weeks) ...	76	18 Alfred Goodey (½ day 7 weeks)	44

by the reports, of whom 17 were boys. Of these 80 pupils, 59 had at least one older or younger sibling at the school.

The sample report shown here, for the 'half year' ending 23rd December 1885, shows that there were then 23 senior girls in attendance and 18 smaller children, of whom 7 were boys. The older girls (aged about 10 to about 14?) were split into a Higher and Lower Division (presumably based on age), both being taught upstairs and possibly in one room. The smaller children were taught in a Lower Room downstairs. All the older pupils received marks for English, which may well have included such subjects as Geography, History and Scripture. French, Music and Needlework were marked separately. Only in the report for July 1885 were there any marks recorded for Arithmetic. Additionally all the pupils were marked for either 'Deportment and Attendance' (upstairs) or 'conduct' (downstairs). Although the house consisted of three storeys and extended back into Agard St it must surely have been rather congested. Two or possibly three rooms were required for teaching purposes and, in addition, accommodation would have been needed for Mrs Smith, her three daughters, three boarders and a maidservant.

SOME OF THE PUPILS

Many of the pupils probably came from what we might call 'lower middle-class' families living in the nearby Friar Gate/Ashbourne Rd area of Derby. Some of them are known to have remained in this part of the town, at least for a time, or returned to it later in life, as is shown by the following examples.

The father of the five Horsley children had been a cab proprietor and also one of Derby's early horse-bus operators. The family had lived next to his premises in York St, near Friar Gate, prior to his accidental death in January 1880, when his dog cart, drawn by a bolting horse, overturned in Cheapside. His widow and children continued to reside in the same locality and were living in Larges Street in the mid 1880s. Constance, one of the four daughters, remained in this part of the town after her marriage in 1900 to Joseph Dickinson Junior, who had followed in his father's footsteps as a builder. Joseph Senior's residence was at No. 50 Ashbourne Road. Following the death of his father in 1907 Joseph Junior succeeded to the business. It is interesting to note that he was the contractor for the building of Derby's first purpose-built cinema, the Midland Electric Theatre, in Babington Lane 1910. Sadly in 1916 he died suddenly from a stroke in his builder's yard while preparing his stock for sale prior to joining the Army. Constance and Joseph had been born on precisely the same day, 18th March 1876. Their fathers, who knew each other well, had drunk toasts to the two babies at the Royal Hotel, jokingly expressing the wish that they might marry in due

course. The story was related in the Derby Daily Telegraph of 8th March 1924, as a sequel to a piece recalling the tragic death of Constance's father over 40 years previously.

The nine Stretton children were the sons and daughters of two brothers, Frank and Henry, who came from a farming family at Cropper (or Cropo), an outlying scattered hamlet within Sutton on the Hill parish. In the 1870s Frank, in partnership with Henry and a younger brother, Benjamin, had taken over the Manchester brewery on Ashbourne Road, situated near the corner of Surrey Street. They expanded the brewery (demolished some years ago) and built maltings at the corner of Surrey Street and Manchester Street. These were being converted for residential use in November 2001 after being redundant for a long time. John Hanson, whose two daughters also attended Miss Smith's school, had married the brothers' cousin, Harriet Hannah Stretton. He had given up farming at Castle Donington in order to be employed by the brewery as a traveller.

In the early 1900s Frank Stretton set up his son, Frank Junior, as a 'corn factor' at No. 10 Ashbourne Road, near the corner of Brick Street. The business was taken over after a short time by Frank Junior's assistant, Charles Spalton, whose sister, Mary, had been at Miss Smith's. He had married Susan Thornton and they lived for many years at No. 52 Ashbourne Rd. The Spalton family continued to operate as corn merchants and suppliers of feeding stuffs at No. 10 until a few years ago; the business premises at the rear were being demolished in November 2001. The Thorntons, like the Horsleys, were brought up by a widowed mother. Their father had left a good position in the gas industry in Derby in order to work on his own account as a hay merchant, the family initially living next door to Miss Smith's school at No. 47, before moving round the corner into Agard Street. Following the failure of his business he succeeded in obtaining a post in the gas industry again, at Hendon, where he died during an influenza epidemic in December 1893. Mrs Thornton and her children then returned to Derby and lived at No. 67 Ashbourne Road. Isabel, another of the daughters, worked as a governess for some years before training as a nurse at St Thomas' Hospital, London. During the First World War she served as a Nursing Sister at various naval establishments, and after periods of private nursing she eventually returned to the family home on Ashbourne Road. She died in a Derby home for the elderly in 1979 at the age of 98. Ella, the other Thornton sister at Miss Smith's, ran her own small drapery and haberdashery shop in Friar Gate for a number of years until 1939.

Another of the pupils was Alfred Goodey and also his older sister Helen. He was a well known local figure who is chiefly remembered for the gift of his large

collection of pictures of old Derby to the Museum and Art Gallery in 1936. Some of these had been personally commissioned (it is understood that he had 'private means'). He was also active in the Derby branch of the British Empire Shakespearean Society, taking part in productions and also providing a rehearsal room at his home at No. 40 Ashbourne Road. In reporting on the contents of his will the Derby Evening Telegraph of 27th February 1946 described him as a "patron of the arts, philanthropist, Shakespearean actor and colourful personality". He made bequests to a variety of good causes, one being for the extension of the Art Gallery and Museum, to which he also bequeathed his pictures by Joseph Wright. He left instructions that his ashes were to be scattered on Thorpe Cloud (Dovedale).

Although not coming from Derby, but from nearby Quarndon, another personality worthy of mention was Ellen (Nellie) Hampshire. Born in 1870 she was a boarder at Miss Smith's school until the age of 15. Her family not only ran the 'Joiners Arms' at Quarndon but, quite appropriately, were also joiners and undertakers, as well as builders and painters and decorators. During the First World War she became a highly successful corn-trade traveller, deputising for a soldier brother. She was also a skilled amateur photographer (using the beer cellar as her dark room) and she wrote a 'History of Quarndon' for the local Women's Institute in 1931. She thus became in time the acknowledge repository of knowledge about old Quarndon. A short account of her life was given in the Derby Evening Telegraph in 1967 and 1970 and again on 18th July 1972 on the occasion of her death in a Derby nursing home at the age of 102. Readers may well come across other names that they are researching in the consolidated list for the years covered by the reports. Among other local names of interest are Copestake (grocers, Friar Gate) and Williamson (butchers, Friar Gate).

CLOSURE

By the time of the 1891 census the school had evidently closed down. The sole occupant of No. 48 was Sarah Shaw, a 37 year old nurse. Her presence was no doubt connected with the conversion of the

premises into the newly founded 'Derbyshire Hospital for Women'. The three Miss Smiths, now joined by Georgiana, also unmarried, were recorded at No. 222 Burton Road, each being described as 'living on own means'. It is not clear what caused the school to close. Mrs Smith had died in 1890 but this may not have been the reason. 'Miss Sophie' would have been only 55 years old and the other sisters were much younger. Perhaps the cause was the downward trend in the number of pupils, which was becoming apparent by the late 1880s. The July 1888 report showed that there were only 17 pupils upstairs and 11 downstairs. The decline may have been due to competition from other private schools for 'young ladies'. Mrs Goudie's Middle Class School for Girls (Irvine House) in Wilson Street was now gaining a high reputation and there was also the Old Abbey school run by the Misses Cole, not far away in St Helen's Street. The Higher Grade Board School for Girls in Gerard Street, of which Mrs Goudie had been the first Headmistress, was also perhaps becoming a competitor.

At some time during, or shortly after, the First World War, the Women's Hospital absorbed its 'twin' next door, by now renumbered No. 18 instead of 47. However the combined premises were vacated in 1928 in favour of a bigger and more suitable hospital building in nearby Larges Street. The pair of houses were then taken over by the Church Army as a Welfare Hostel for Men. In the early 1990s they were renovated as Grade II listed buildings and integrated with a complex of newly built flats to the rear, by the English Churches Housing Group, under the collective name of Kenneth House. The total accommodation consists of 36 flats for single persons.

Surviving school attendance records can thus be a useful source of information in the study of family history and the history of local education. In fact it would be good if a checklist and brief description of all known schools in Derby and district in the 19th century could be compiled, particularly the often less well documented private schools. The changing use of redundant school premises is also worthy of study in its own right.

Right: *The Misses Smith and their pupils, probably taken in 1883. Some can be identified:- Nellie Hampshire, back row 6th from right; Susan Thornton, three down from her in straw hat; Helen Goodey, back row 3rd from left. (Photo courtesy of Miss E.M. Spalton)*



Pupils attending Miss Smith's school at some time between January 1885 and July 1888

Allin, George	Goodey, Alfred	Smith, Willie
Maude	Helen	Spalton, Mary
Nellie	Goodwin, Evelina/Eva	Stretton, Alice E. [Father
Bailey, Alice	Matilda	Ellen/Elsie Frank]
Elizabeth/Lizzie	Hampshire, Nellie	Frank
Barfield, Annie	Hanson, Kate	Gertrude
Bond, Ada	May/Marion	Stretton, Ada [Father
Brailsford, Emma	Henson, Lillie	Ellen/Nellie Henry]
Kate	Horne, Henry	Florence
Brassington, Agnes	Ellen/Nellie	Jane
Butterworth, Ethel	Emily	Walter
Mary	Walter	Taylor, Alice
Percy	Horsley, Ada	Florence
Byard, Grace	Agnes	Thornton, Ella
Corckeram, Lizzie	Constance	Isabel
Colebourne, Annie	Frances Ethel	Susan
Copestake, Fred	George	Travis, Alice
Stanley	Judge, Georgina	Phoebe
Davies, Alice	Kidger, Eliza	Thomas W.
Edith	Mallender, May	Wade, Emily
May	Willie	Williamson, Alice
Eagers, Eleanor/Nellie	Morley, Samuel	Dora
Fletcher, Daisy	Radford, Drusilla	Edith
Ford, Dorothy	Rebecca	Ethel
Gilbert, Minnie	Richardson, Crammond	Pollie
Nellie	Robins, Arthur	Tom
	Slater, Mary E.	Yates, Jessie

SHIRLAND MEETINGS

The Executive Committee decided that the AGM this year would be held at Shirland on Friday 19th April. This is your chance to elect the committee for the coming year and to meet the committee members, ask questions, air your views on the society and to tell us if we are getting it right or where you think we could do better. It's your society and we want the best for you.

We would be grateful of your help either on the committee or as volunteers for the various projects that your society undertakes. The business of the AGM does not usually take very long and it will be followed with a talk by Maureen Newton entitled 'A Backward Glance at Everyday Things'. This is a trip down memory lane through a look at those simple things we have all used and thought little of. Maureen is one of our most popular and accomplished speakers and you are guaranteed a laugh or two. Shirland Village Hall is located on the A61 between Alfreton and Chesterfield

and has a large free car park. A map is available on our web site.

It is more than likely than everyone will have an Ag. Lab. or a farmer somewhere in their family tree, so Bruce Townsend's talk 'Farming and the Agricultural Labourer' will be of interest to all. This will be on Friday May 17th. If you, like me, have found Ag. Labs galore, then Bruce's talk may make you view them in a different light.

It's a welcome return to Margaret Hargreaves on June 21st, when she tells us about 'The Life and Times of Queen Victoria'. As we all know, the Victorian Age saw many changes in Britain and the Empire with rapid industrial expansion and social reform. Margaret will highlight some of the memorable times.

SYLVIA WRIGHT

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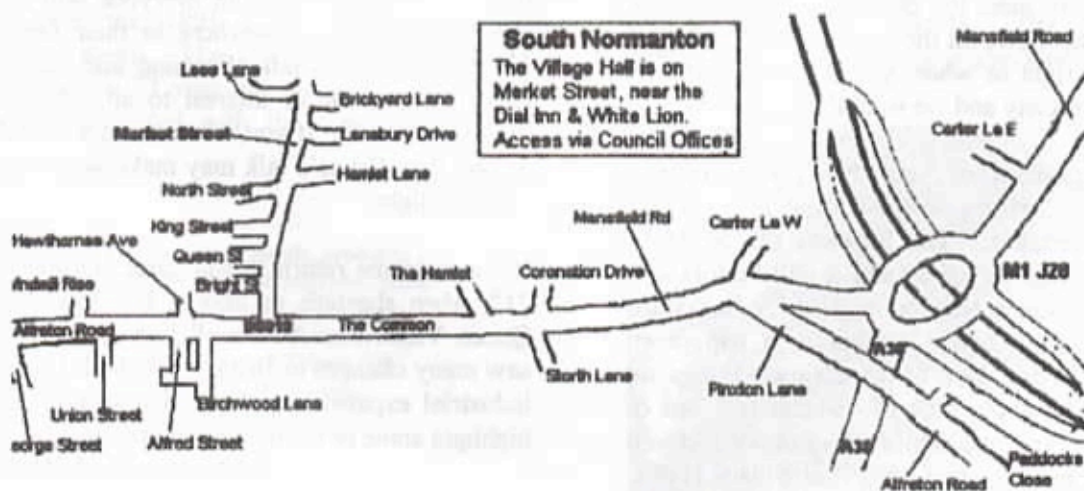
SOUTH NORMANTON



South Normanton Village Hall is the venue for the third of "Our Heritage" open days hosted by the Shirland Meeting Group. This will be held on Saturday, 11th May 2002, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Village Hall and Community Centre is spacious and well equipped with easy access and facilities for the disabled and plenty of parking space. As the village lies very close to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire border, there will be displays presented by groups from the Ashfield area as well as the Derbyshire side. (See poster in this edition for more details).

South Normanton is a large industrial village and contrasts sharply with rural Ashover, where our open day in 2001 was held, but it is typical of many Derbyshire villages that saw the transition from agriculture to industry with the coming of deep mine collieries. In it's hay day the village was encircled by working collieries, all of which are now closed. Mining in "bell" and "gin" pits was carried out in the area from as early as the 13th century, supplying the local communities with coal. In the 19th century the industries of mining and agriculture interacted. Hemp, grown on local farms, was used to make pit ropes and timber from the Carnfield Estate was used for pit props. The census returns for this period show families with a mix of agricultural workers and miners in them. Corn milling had taken place in South Normanton since Elizabethan times and the post mill on Woodhouse Lane, owned by the Wass family throughout the 19th century, existed until 1981 when it was pulled down. There is an excellent article about South Normanton in issue 86, September 1998, and a report on an illustrated talk by Dennis Deneley in the June 2001, issue 97, of the magazine, which gives an in depth look at the history of the village. Also "The History of South Normanton" by John Spencer can be consulted at Bridge Chapel house and, "A Village of Considerable Extent" by Pamela Sharpe, can be found in local libraries.

The map below shows the location of the hall. Take the B6019 slip road at Junction 28. Details on the web site www.dfhs.org.uk or contact Sylvia Wright, s.wright13@ntlworld.com. We look forward to seeing you there and hope you find the day enjoyable and interesting.



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DERBY: ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, DARLEY LANE. Wednesday meetings at 7.30 pm

Mar 13 th	Here is the News 1939-1945 Old Newspapers	Alan Clayton
April 10 th	The Derby Co-Operative Society	John Dilkes
May 8 th	The Poor Law and its People	Gill Briscoe
June 12 th	Goods & Chattels - Probate Records	Peter Hammond
Jul 10 th	Grave Tales and Memorials - M.L.s	Graham Sutherland
Aug 14 th	Victorian Children at Work	Jill Tanner
Sep 11 th	A Life Less Ordinary (18 th & 19 th Century Domestic Life)	Myra Challand
Oct 9 th	Poor Mens Magic (South Derbyshire Slides)	Graham Nutt
Nov 13 th	Local Implications of WWI	Pauline Marples
Dec 11 th	Social Evening and Quizzes	

GLOSSOP: BRADBURY COMMUNITY HOUSE, MARKET ST. Friday meetings at 7.30 pm

Mar 1 st	Stained Glass Making	Sheila Moore
Apr 5 th	The Origins of Heraldry	Dr Trevor Brighton
May 3 rd	New Mills and The New Walkway	Jim Brown
June 7 th	The Making of Manchester Jewry	Bill Williams
Jul 5 th	House Detective	Lynne Walker
Aug 2 nd	Legends of Longdendale	David Frith
Sep 6 th	Belle Vue	Jill Cronin
Oct 4 th	Scottish Family History Research	Dan Muir
Nov 1 st	Manchester Crematorium and its Records	John Marsden
Dec 6 th	Victorian Christmases in Manchester	Chris Makepeace

SHIRLAND: COMMUNITY HALL Friday meetings at 7.30 pm

Mar 15 th	Derbyshire Disasters	John Hughes
Apr 19 th	A.G.M. followed by A Backward Glance at Everyday Things	Maureen Newton
May 11 th	'Our Heritage' Open Day at South Normanton Village Hall	
May 17 th	Farming and the Agricultural Labourer	Bruce Townsend
June 21 st	The Life and Times of Queen Victoria	Margaret Hargreaves
Jul 19 th	The History of Ordnance Survey	Keith Holford
Aug 16 th	Framework Knitters	Jack Smirfitt
Sep 20 th	James Flanagan - The Story of a Remarkable Career	Peter Hammond
Oct 18 th	Life and Times around 100 Years Ago	Alan Clayton
Nov 15 th	The Story of Pinxton Porcelain	Norman Taylor
Dec 13 th	The Customs of Christmas	Joan Ward

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