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# BRANCH NEWS



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EDITORIAL

This is the Society's first publication. "Branch News" properly belongs to all members, and one of its aims is simply to provide a medium through which members in turn feel they belong to the Society. Within the usual editorial (and Financial) limitations, it is open to the views of any member, at any time. If you have an opinion you would like to express, information or problems you would like to share, or news of any sort which you think may be of general interest - do pass it on, or discuss it with a member of the Committee

Right from the start we have tried to keep our feet firmly on the ground and avoid pretension. We are not a society of experts, although some members do have more genealogical expertise than others. We are all learning more about this fascinating subject all the time. It is clear that the more we are willing to share our research experience with others, through the medium of "Branch News" the more opportunities we shall have to learn from each other

This first edition has been largely compiled by your five Committee members as a joint effort. Our hope is that future issues will increasingly reflect the contributions of the membership as a whole

SOCIETY NEWS

As all members who attended the inaugural meeting on the 2nd April 1976 will know, The Mid-Derbyshire Family History Society owes much to Mr. Frank Payton of the Genealogical Society of the East Midlands. A good deal of interest in Genealogy was developed locally through the 1975/6 series of lectures on the subject, given by Mr. Payton under the auspices of the Workers Education Authority. The formation of our Society was a natural extension of this interest. Again, Mr. Payton helped tremendously in the initial stages of getting the Society off the ground

The lectures were held at the Cressy Fields Centre in Alfreton, which has ideal facilities for any members who happen to be physically handicapped. Mr. Grant, the manager of the Centre, has kindly agreed to the continued use of the premises by the Society for its Discussion and Lecture Meetings

Cressy Fields is situated on the corner, at the junction of Cressy Road and Hall Street, very near to the new bus station in Alfreton.

On the 30th April 1976 the first Discussion Meeting of the Society was held at Cressy Fields. There was a rich display of genealogical material, which created equally rich opportunities for discussion between members. Refreshments were laid on and a raffle held - and it was altogether a very friendly and informal gathering. The exchange of



12. P.J. Middlehurst, Middlehurst of Errell, Lancs 1889  
6 The Chase, Leyland of St. Helens, Lancs 1852  
Kilburn, Derby. DE5.2SL.
13. G.W. Milnes, Milnes of Horninglow, Burton on Trent, Staffs 1874  
11 Wood Street,  
Alfreton. Derby.
- 14 & 15. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parkin,  
36 Welwyn Ave.,  
Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.
16. Mrs. M.A. Patilla, Patilla of Brackenfield 1845  
45 Goose Green Lane, Hunt of Swinderby. Lincs 1858  
Shirland, Derby. Cook of Swinderby, Lincs 1867
17. Miss H.G. Sleight, (or have you read my good remembrance lately)  
5 Bentley Close,  
Alfreton. Derby. DE5.7GA
18. Mrs. O. Sleight,  
5 Bentley Close,  
Alfreton, Derby. DE5.7GA
19. M.K. Spencer, Spencer of Alfreton. 1837  
7 High Street,  
Somercotes. Derby.
20. Mrs. M. Staley,  
9 Porterhouse Road,  
Ripley. Derby.
21. Mrs. M. Stumbles, Pursglove of Hurstmonceaux Sussex 1798  
33 Alfreton Road, Hook of Alfreton and of Pevensy, Sussex 1813  
South Normanton. Derby. DE5.5AP. Leng of Pevensy, Sussex 1790  
Hammond of Newmarket and of Barrow, Suffolk 1819  
Syrett of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk 1817  
Swanton of St. Giles, London 1829  
Daws of St. Giles, London 1829  
Welsh of Westham and of Hailsham, Sussex 1743  
Dennis of Westham, Sussex 1743  
Burns of Freshwater, Isle of Wight 1890
22. Mrs. W. Waterall, Allsop of Ashbourne 1814  
86 High Street, Radford of Denby 1737  
Loscoe. Derbys. DE7.7LF. Soult of Ripley 1846
23. Mrs. V.J. Whiteman, Fletcher of Heanor 1722  
17 Wilmot Drive, Wheeler of Liverpool and of Southport, Lancs.  
Smalley. Derby. Faxley
24. R. Wilkinson, (Memorial tablet in Leicester Cathedral 1809)  
"Glencoe," 32 Flowery Leys Lane, To whom related and by whom loved  
Alfreton, Derby. DE5.7HA A heap of dust alone remains of thee  
The all thou art and all the proud shall be

#### THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

The Mid-Derbyshire Family History Society is now affiliated to the Federation, and our name and address has been added to the official list of member societies. Our existence is also recorded in the Genealogists Magazine. Several enquiries from potential members have been received as a result

As a member society, this will lead to us being placed on the mailing lists of

