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EDITORIAL

Grateful thanks go to Mr. A. Knight who has printed in booklet form for the Society, the Pentrich and Dalbury Monumental Inscriptions which were recorded by some of our members. The booklets are now available in the Society Library.

Many thanks also to Mrs. H. Eaton who has placed into our care, the lists of out parish baptisms and marriages she has taken from the registers of BRAMPTON near CHESTERFIELD. These range from 1658 to 1826.

A keen member of our Society who has been 'bitten' by the M. I. Bug has recorded the monumental inscriptions at St. Lawrence's church HEANOR. The inscriptions of gravestones in the churdyard appear in this issue. Inscriptions of memorials inside the church and the names from the War Memorial of those who gave their lives during the 1914 - 1918 war will be included in the next issue of "Branch News".

W. E. W.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

During the two years that the society has been in existance, it has been noticeable that costs have increases. Unfortunately, we have not escaped these increases.

We have been very fortunate in the past in that "Branch News" has been produced almost for nothing. However, this cannot continue and we must budget ahead for expected costs.

In addition, as our membership increases, we are becoming less a local society and more a society with members all over the country and all round the worls (particularly the United States and Canada). This means that we are becoming more and more involved in correspondence with distant members, with the increase in postal costs that this involves

To enable us to cover the increased costs and to enable us to stay in balance by the end of the year - our most difficult period, before annual subscriptions are paid - the committee felt that there was no alternative but to increase the annual subscription rate and this was agreed by the members present at the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 28th April, 1978.

The new rates are:Ordinary membership

Joint membership

Reduced rate (students and senior citizens) £1.50

Overseas membership (no reduction for students or senior citizens)

E3.00

P.J. MIDDLEHURST

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- JULY Outing to Oakes Park near Sheffield, the Bagshaw family home. (date to be arranged)
- AUGUST Proposed outing to Melbourne if a sufficient number of people are interested. (date to be arranged)
- SEPTEMBER 29th /e velcome the return visit of Mr. Packe of the Mormon Church.

RECORDING OF MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS: These are well under way at Ironville and South Wingfield, a start has also been made at Codnor. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

MEETINGS REPORT

MARCH - Members and visitors were entertained by Mr. R. Storer of Selston, Notts. who presented an M.C.B. Film on the development of coal-mining through nine centuries, from the early days of picking coal from the beaches to present day highly mechanised methods of mining. Very useful background material for those of us with miners in our family tree!

APRIL - Mr. C. Daniel who has established a small museum in his native village of Eyam, Derbyshire, spoke to us on the Bubonic Plague which raged in this village in the 1660's. Slides of the various burial grounds of the plague victims were shown and views of the yearly commemoration ceremonies which take place.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - This year the A.G.M. followed Mr. Daniel's talk on Eyam Plague. Unfortunately it was not too well attended. In the chair was Mrs. Winifred Waterall who had taken this position during the year. She, along with other committee members were re-elected but one vacancy remains to be filled. Mrs. Waterall had enjoyed her year of office and thanked the committee for their support. The treasurer spoke of the increase in membership during the year, and also the need to increase the annual subscription rates. The secretary spoke of our plans for the coming year and reported on the 'adopt a distant member' scheme which was helping to lighten her load with correspondence.

J. Smedley

HELP OFFERED - Mrs. Barbara Kent of 8 Pedmore Court Rd. STOURBRIDGE, West Midlands. DY8 2PH is helping to compile the Derbyshire Marriage Index and offers information concerning the WAGSTAFF (E) family, especially in the GLOSSOP area, to anyone researching that name.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

I have discovered there is more than one way of "getting hooked" I seem to have become hooked on Conferences! The accepted image of Conferences is of either lectures, argumentative and even quarrelsome discussions with participants either falling asleep or anxiously watching the time and waiting to go home.

Not so genealogical conferences. It is here that the essential friendliness of family historians becomes apparent. Lectures are fascinating, informative, lively and often hilariously funny. (almost every lecture goes "overtime" and at two conferences we had to be hustled off with the words "We have only booked the room till 1 o'clock!")

Having once experienced this at the International Congress in London I just had to go to Manchester where the experience was repeated and the pleasure increased by the friendly hospitality of a member and her children.

As for Hampshire - that was a great disappointment, but only because at the last minute I was not able to go and as my maternal ancestors originated from there you can maybe begin to guess my disappointment.

However, Bristol made up for this as there was the added bonus of having children there, and what could be more appropriate for a a Family History Conference. A wonderful programme was organised for them including a number of visits and a brass-rubbing session. They were so happy to show us their work when we met for refreshments. It would be invidious to sort out superlatives for my charming host and hostess so suffice it to say that it was altogether the most delightful conference I have so far attended.

Finally, can't I persuade some of you -nordinary members to join me at Cambridge in September, or some later conference?
These happy get togethers are not just for secretaries, you know

M.E. Johnson

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR ANCESTORS?

(Extract from Victorian History of Derbyshire)

In 1155 Robert de Dun transferred all his rights as patron of Osmaston (by Derby) church to the Abbott of Darley, the Abbot paying one mark yearly to the Mother Church of St. Peter.

"A mark if its subjection to St. Perer's was the very curious condition attached to its privilege of sepulture, single persons only, being allowed to be buried in its churchyard, the bodies of householders and married persons being carried for interment to the Mother Church" This custom prevailed until the problem of the Black Death put an end to the practice.

M.E. Johnson

SNIPPET

SCENE: A FRENCH CHURCHYARD

lst man - (weeping copiously while leaning on a headstone) "Oh why did you leave this world? (sob sob) You left this world too soon".

2nd man - (with sympathy and surprise, having read the inscription recording the death of a man 20 yrs. earlier) "Oh, are you still mourning his death? Jas it your father or your brother?" lst man - (still sobbing) "No, he was my wife's first husband."

Addresses of Methodist Sources for Family History: Mid-Derbys.

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The Superintendent Minister, (Rev. F. Parker in 1977) 4 Cressy Road, Alfreton, Derbyshire. DE5 7BR

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County Record Offices, County Offices, Matlock. DE4 3AG

National Methodist Archives

Moved from City Road, London in 1977 to:-

The John Rylands Library, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester. M13 9PP

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The British Library

Department of Printed Books, Great Russell Street, London. WClB 3DG

Drew University, U.S.A.

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The Libratian (Dr. K. Rowe in 1977)
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Register and supplements of circuit plans.

The Secretary, 26, Roe Cross Green, Mottram, Hyde, Cheshire, SK44 GLP

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CHURCHYARD WHIT.

Here lies the mother of children seven, Four on earth and three in heaven. The three in heaven preferring rather, To go with mother than stay with father.

(from Rev. C. Bellerby Surrey.)

In Southwell Churchyard

To Adams The Carrier

John Adams lies here of the parish of Southwell, A carrier who carried his can to his mouth well. He carried it much and he carried it fast, He could carry no more - so was carried at last, For the liquer being too much for one. He could carry off - so he's now carrion.

In Edwalton Churchyard

Rebecca Freeland, 1741

She drank good ale, good punch, good wine, and lived to the age of 99.

In St. Wilfred's Churchyard Muskham Notts.

Here lieth the corpse of John Smith meate for worms to feed therewith 1583 new graveyard was consecrated in the intended

In Bunny Churchyard Notts.

(On Sir Thomas Parkin, a famous wrestler)

At length he falls - the long contest is o'er and time has thrown Yet boast not time, thy victory, for he At last shall rise again and conquer thee.

BARK, Ann, daughter of George and Bismaketer e. 20th March 1707

Acrostic Inscription on a monument to Anthonie Bradshaw of Makeney and his 2 wives and 20 children.

He erected the monument in 1600 and did not die until 1614, 3 more children having been born in the interim.

After a recital of his achievement comes the acrostic:

As God dyd give this man

No small charge as you see

To train them he began

Here each in there degree

Oft wishing then such grace

No future course to take

Injurious to there race

Els end of lief to make

Bless them oh Lord with peace

Resist there adverse fates,

Always them well increase

Defendyng them from bates

Such lyvelihode to them gyve

Here whylest on earth they bee

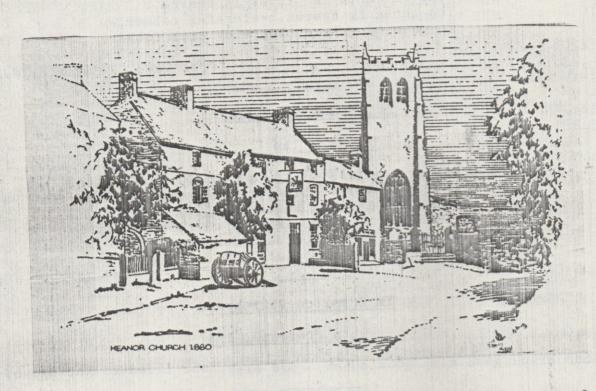
As they may love and lyve

We pray O God, quoth He.

(contributed by M. E. Johnson)

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCHYARD HEANOR



Almost all these gravestones have been removed from their original position owing to the widening of the road. This has been done twice, the last time being in 1912.

Anew graveyard was consecrated in January 1858. It is intended that the inscriptions there will be recorded at a later date.

ALDRED, John, of Codnor. d. 6th October, 1748, aged 82 years. ALLEN, Betsey, wife of John, daughter of Thomas and Ann MARSHALL, d. 4th September, 1815, aged 42 years.

ALLIN, Ann, wife of Thomas, d. 9th Marc, 1837, aged 37 years.

ALLIN, Mary, wife of Thomas, d. 19th October 1803, aged 48 years. ALLIN, Thomas, inscription prepared for his death on Mary's stone, but

never finished. BARK, Ann, daughter of George and Elizabeth, d. 29th March 1796. BARK, George, son of Goerge and Elizabeth, d. 29th April 1797. Both in

their infancy. BODEN, James, d. 4th July 1854, aged 77 years.

BODEN, Thomas, son of James and Catherine, d. 30th July 1848, aged 30

BODEN, Thomas, son of Joseph and Elizabeth, d. 11th August 1730, aged

BOOTH, Alley, daughter of Robert and Alice, d. 8th April 1799, aged 8 years. (on same stone as William and Mary)

BOOTH, Mary, wife of William, d. 31st October 1776, aged 51 years. BOOTH, Robert, d. 17th December 1801, aged 46 years, "A Loving Husband

And Father" BOOTH, William, d. 3rd December, 1767, aged 43 years.

BRENTNALL, Sarah, daughter of Richard and Rachael HANKS, d. 11th February 1825, aged 24 years. (on same stone as Richard and William HANKS) BROUGH, Ann, wife of George, d. 30th January 1843, aged 85 years. (stone mason W. Tunnicliff ILKESTON)

BROUGH, Elizabeth, wife of William, died 29th April, 1816. (no age given) BROUGH, Goenge, of GODKIN HOUSE, d. 16th October, 1829, aged 71 years. BROUGH, William, d. 17th January, 1814, aged 79 years. On same stone as Elizabeth.

BROUGH, William d. March, 1815. (no exact date given) aged 51 years. (on same stone as William and Elizabeth) BRYAN, Sarah, wife of William, d. 27th March 1789, aged 64 years. BURGOINE, Elizabeth, d. 25th December, 1738. (broken) CLAY, Grace, of SHIPLEY, wife of Samuel, d. 15th August, 1757, aged 53 years. CLAY, Samuel, son of Thomas and Elizabeth, of SHIPLEY, d. 26th August, 1715, aged 20 years. COLCLOUGH, Ann, daughter of Samuel and Mary, d. 26th November, 1810, aged 23 years. On same stone as Mary. COLCLOUGH, Britannia, only daughter of Richard and Mary, REDFEARN, d. 18th November, 1790, aged 22 years. "She Left Issue One Daughter" COLCLOUGH, Mary, wife of the late Samuel, d. 13th April, 1808, aged 44 years. COLCLOUGH, Samuel, son of Samuel and Mary, d. 5th June, 1813, aged 21 years. (on same stone as Ann and Mary) ELEY, John, d. 19th September, 1777, aged 45 years. (wife Mary married Joseph SWAIN) ELEY, John, grandson of John and Mary, d. 23rd August 1806, aged 17 years. (on same stone as John d. 1777) ELEY, Robbe of DENBY, d. 17th February, 1776, aged 90 years. (see STRELLEY Lucy) FLETCHER, William, d. 26th September 1709, aged 35 years. Also 5 children of William who died in their infancy, no names or dates given, nor is their mother's name. FLINT, Annie, wife of Samuel, d. 31st March, 1821, aged 36 years. (stone mason: Wilson of SELSTON) FLINT, Samuel, d. 2nd February, 1852, aged 72 years. (on same stone as Annie) GILLOTT, Edward, d. 26th March, 1798, aged 38 years. GILLOTT, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward and Mary, d. 12th December, 1775, aged 7 years. GLEN, Jane, daughter of Eleazar and Sarah of LINCOLN, d. 27th July, 1816, (no age given) (stone mason: G. Braddow) GREGORY, Henry, of GODKIN HOUSE. Veterinary Surgeon, d. 13th April, 1834, aged 35 years. HANKS, Harriot, daughter of Richard and Rachael, d. 1st March, 1807, aged 4 years. HANKS, Joseph, infant son of Richard and Rachael. (on same stone as Rachael, no other information given) HANK, Mary, wife of John, d. 15th April, 1792, age illegible. HANK, Mary, daughter of John and Mary, also a son of John and Mary, all other information worn away. HANKS, Rachael, wife of Richard, d. 7th November, 1814, aged 39 years "leaving a son, daughter and husband." HANKS, Richard, infant son of Richard and Rachael. (on same stone as Rachael, no other information given) HANKS, Richard, d. 12th February, 1848, aged 70 years. HANKS, Richard, d. 28th July, 1793, aged 70 years. HANKS, Sarah, wife of Richard, died 13th April, 1835, aged 78 years. (on same stone as Richard, d. 1793) HANKS, William, son of Richard and Rachael. (on same stone as Richard d. 1848) The rest buried. HICKLING, Elizabeth, wife of John, d. 24th December, 1821, aged 70 years HICKLING, John, of Codnor, d. 24th September, 1812, aged 68 years. HICKLING, Samuel, son of John and Elizabeth, d. 18th September, 1831, aged 61 years. (all 3 HICKLINGS are on one stone) HICKINBOTHAM, Mary wife of William of CODNOR CASTLE, daughter of Jacob BOTHAM of ASTON ON TRENT, d. 6th January 1795, aged 76 years. HICKINBOTHAM, William of CODNOR CASTLE, d. 30th September, 1800, aged 86 years. HICKINGBOTHAN, John, son of Thomas and Mary, d. 22nd November, 1814, aged 2 years, 6 months. HICKINGBOTHAM, Thomas, of BRUNSLEY, (BRINSLEY) d. June 24th 1812, aged 29 years. (on same stone as John, son of Thomas and Mary) (stone mason: Booth and Johnson)

HIGGIT, John, son of Henry and Catherine, d. 19th February, 1823, aged HOGG, Abigail, late of LOSCOE, d. 5th 1831, aged 75 years. HOGG, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Mary, d. 17th April, 1845, aged HOGG, John of SHIPLEY, son of Abigail, d. 29th March 1851, aged 72 years. HOULDGATE, Sarah of CODNOR, d. 25th December, 17--? (aged ?) (half buried) HOWET, Sarah, wife of William of Heanor, d. 27th February, 1789, aged HOWITT, Elizabeth, daughter of William and Mary, d. 12th April, 1778, aged 10 years. HOXLEY, Mary, (the rest worn away) HUFFTON, Hannah, daughter of Edward and Sarah, d. 22nd September, 1786 aged 17 years. (stone mason: Braddow West Hallam) HUFTON, Edward, d. 23rd October, 1803, aged 65 years. HUFTON, Sarah, wife of Edward, d. 4th April, 1807, aged 72 years. (stone mason: Waller of NOTTINGHAM) JACKSON, Ann daughter of James and ----ah ? (very worn and broken) d. ?7th December, 1803, aged 6 years 7 months. KIRKIAND, Daniel, d. 6th February, 1823, aged 57 years. KIRKLAND, Lucy, wife of Daniel, d. 6th December, 1556, aged 88 years. LAWTON, John, son of the late Jonas and Ann of NEWARK, d. 9th January 1845, aged 35 years. (on the same tomb as Daniel and Lucy KIRKLAND) H.M. Very old stone, nothing else shown. MARSHALL, Ann, wife of Thomas, d. 19th February, 1810, aged 58 years. MARSHALL, Thomas, d. 19th December, 1813, aged 72 years. NAYLER, Alice, d. 29th November, 1805, aged 53 years. (on same stone as NAYLOR, John, d. 29th May 1806, aged 55 years. (stone mason: S. Shenton OLD -- ? John, (may be OLDROYD) 1777, (very badly worn) See OULDROYD OSBORN, Edward, son-in-law of Thomas and Elizabeth GILLOTT, d. 29th June, 1806, aged 48 years, (stone mason: Bradlow OSBORN, Elizabeth wife of Edward, d. 29th January 1801, aged 36 years. OULDR- ? (OULDROYD ?) Thomas, (Broken in half)
PEARSON, Elizabeth wife of John, d. ? November ? (Broken in half) (on same stone as John) PEARSON, John, d. 21st 1781, aged 60 years. POUNDALL, Margaret wife of Samuel. "She ceased to breathe ?September, 1810" aged 67 years. "released from a teresome and painful life in the hope of blissful immortality." RAMSAY, Elizabeth wife of Peter, d. 14th July, 1793, aged 46 years. RAMSEY, Peter, d. June 1815, aged 71 years. (on same stone as Elizabeth) ROSCOE, Harriet, wife of Thomas Seddon Roscoe, daughter of Benjamin STRELLEY ESQ. OF OAKERTHORPE, d. 15th November, 1843, aged 33 years. ROSCOE, Harriet Hannah daughter of Thomas and Harriet, d. 18th January, 1844, aged 3 months. (on same stone as Harriet) ROWARTH, Elizabeth wife of Goerge, d. 20th June, 1817, aged 66 years. SALISBURY, Grace wife of Benjamin, d.24th ovember, 1702, aged 40 years. (her first husband was Thomas PORTER) SHORTHOSE, Robert, d. 9th December, 1806, aged 38 years. (stone mason: SHORTHOSE, Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth d. 5th January, 1800 SMITH, William, son of Martha, d. 31st January, 1818, aged 2 years. (both names on same stone) STARBUCK, John of CODNOR, d. 22nd March, 1770, aged 79 years. STEILAND, Elizabeth (STERLAND) wife of John of CODNOR, d. 24th January, STERLAND, Abigail, wife of Samuel, d. 23rd December, 1777, aged 64 years. STERLAND, Samuel, d. 25th 1790, aged 89 years. (stone mason: Lanc. and STRELLEY, Lucy of OAKERTHORPE, daughter of William STRETTON, Grand-daughter of Robee ELY. d. ? March 1771. (no age given) (see ROSCOE)

SWAIN, Fanny Burgin, wife of Richard, d. 26th (broken) 1793, aged 22 years. SWAIN, Mary, wife of Joseph, d. 3rd February, 1808, aged 77 years. (buried with her first husband, John ELY) TAYLOR, Johm, son of Philip and Sarah, d. 28th October, 1738, aged 34 or 24 years. TAYLOR, Philip, son of Philip and Sarah of CODNOR, d. October, 1758, aged 26 years. THORPE, George, d. 20th January, 1791, aged 5 years. (on same stone as John) THORPE, John, son of Martha of SHIPLEY, d. 5th August 1790, aged 4 years THORPE, Johnathon, d. 17th May# 1804, aged 77 years. THORPE, Martha, wife of Johnathon, d. 11th July, 1820, aged 68 years. (stone mason: Braddow WEST HALLAM)
TOMLINSON, Ann, daughter of John, d. 2nd January, 1716, aged 1 year 7 months. TURNER, Sarah, daughter of William and Ann, d. 24th September, 1818, aged 16 years. WADEON/WATSON ? Thomas, d. 5th April, 1759, aged 56 years. "Afflictions for a long time I bore, Thy ficians were in vain, Till GOD did please to give me ease, And rid me of my pain." WALL, James, husband of Martha, d. 15th October, 1320, aged 78 years. WALL, Martha, d. 12th October, 1793, aged 71 years. WETTON, John, d. 17th January, 1752, aged 61 years. WHARTON, George, d. 24th January, 1854, aged 74 years. WHARTON, Jane, wife of Goerge, d. 13th May, 1843, aged 66 years. WHITE, Ann, wife of George, d. 12th October 1852, aged 69 years. WHITE, George, d. 29th May, 1823, aged 38 years. WHITE, Mary, daughter of George and Ann, d. 5th March, 1857, aged 50 years. WILSON, Ann, wife of John of LANGLEY, d. 27th June, 176?, aged 87 years. WOOD, Charles of CODNOR. Son of John and Hannah, aged 4 years. (no date given) WOOD, Hannah, wife of John of CODNOR. (The rest buried) WOOD, John of CODNOR, d. 10th June, 1769, aged 69 years. WOODHEAD, Elizabeth, wife of John, d. 26th May, 1852, aged 49 years. WOOLLEY, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth, d. 24th May, 1794 aged 16 years. (on same stone as John)
WOOLLEY, John, d. 15th March, 1796, aged 56 years. (stone mason: Braddow of WEST HALLAM) WOOLLEY, Joseph, d. 31st March, 1771, aged 77 years. WRIGHT, Hannah, daughter of Jane of LOSCOE. Born 22nd February, 1825 d. 12th November, 1842, aged 24 years.

THE "NEW LOOK" IN THE LOCAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Those who have recently visited the Local Studies Department in Derby Central Library will know of the great improvement there. Entrance to the dept. is no longer hidden from view behind the desk in the Reference Library. No longer do we have to slip behind the desk, creep along the narrow corridor, mount the steps and apprehensively knock on the door.

The room is now much larger, the partition which separated the Local Srudies Dept. from the Children's Library has been removed, the latter being transferred elsewhere in the building. There is now more space in which to work or to browse. Entrance is now gained through large double doors, situated straight ahead when you turn to your left as you enter the building by the main entrance on the Wardwick, the last door on your right if you enter from the Strand.