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MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at : CRESSY FIELDS, CRESSY RD., ALFRETON. (except during July and August when visits will be arranged.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions become payable on joining the Society and thereafter annually on January 1st. New members joining after October 1st. in any year will not be required to renew on January 1st. following.

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MEMBERSHIP entitles you to attend all meetings, visits and activities of the Society. Receive a copy of each magazine issued by the Society. Use all the facilities of the Society provided for its members, together with any external facilities the Committee may arrange. Members may introduce non-members to meetings and be accompanied by friends on any visits organised by the Committee.

INCREASED COST OF "BRANCH NEWS" Owing to the increased cost of producing "Branch News" we regret that we must increase the cost of each copy to 40p to non-members.

Back numbers must also be sold at the new price as they are having to be reproduced.

"Branch News" has almost doubled in size since the first issue and up till now we have managed to keep at the same low price. Current issues are of course still free to members.

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Members may advertise in "Branch News" free of charge. Non-members for 1p per word.

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EDITORIAL

As all our members now know, it has been proposed that we should drop the Mid from our title and in future be known as the Derbyshire Family History Society.

When the Society was first formed we left scope for other societies to be set up to cover the rest of Derbyshire. No such societies have yet been formed and we have found ourselves covering the rest of the county in any case. The Sheffield and North Cheshire Societies do provide cover for North Derbyshire, but have no objection to our proposed change of name. Voting slips have been sent to all members and the change of name will be formally proposed at an Extraordinary Meeting on 11th Jan. 1980.

I should like to thank all those members who are helping with our projects, special thanks also to those people who are not actually members of our Society but are helping with the projects. A very big 'thank you' goes to all the distant members who are having indexing work sent to them by post and are returning the completed slips so promptly.

The recording of the M.Is at Ironville has now been completed and the transcribing of the registers is drawing to its close. More local members are needed to help with the recording of M.Is. We appeal to you to come forward with offers of help with this project. Please contact the committee first to find out which churchyards have been recorded and where work is in progress. A list will be available shortly. Your own local churchyard could be the place to start.

Best wishes for the New Year,

W.E.W.

MEETINGS REPORT

Friday Sept. 7th was the first meeting of the Season - an extra - as we normally only meet on the last Friday of the month. Its purpose was to "round - up" members after the mid-summer break, to remind them of our exhibition in Alfreton Library and to have a chance for discussion on our research and problems and a general chat.

On Friday Sept. 28th those committee members who were able to be present entertained Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson to tea at Cressy Fields. We were also pleased to welcome our member from Birmingham, Mr. Robert Allkin. Elizabeth was the first speaker the Society had to inaugurate its first year's activities. Three years on, her subject was "Suffer little children" when she spoke of the employment of young children in the days of our ancestors, and the appalling conditions they had to endure. At this meeting also present were members Mr. and Mrs. C. Bourton from Kent and several new members "enticed" by our month long exhibition in Alfreton Library. This exhibition about our activities, our family trees, and any items of genealogical interest, was the Society's contribution to the Derbyshire Festival. Between tea and the meeting, we were able to take Elizabeth Simpson along to the library to see our work.

The October meeting was a Members' Evening when lively discussions took place,

ideas and discoveries exchanged. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore of Doncaster, who have recently joined the Society. We were also pleased that Mr. Barry Burley of Sheffield was able to join us again.

At the November meeting, Mrs. Yoemans gave a fascinating talk on Bess of Hardwick and her granddaughter Arbelle Stuart. The pedigree of the Cavendish and Stuart family was explained and showed how close Arabella, as she is now often called, was to becoming a Derbyshire-born Queen of England.

(J. Smedley)

CONFERENCE AND FEDERATION A.G.M. to be held at Bedford College of Higher Education. This is being organised by the Bedfordshire Family History Society and booking forms with further information can be obtained from Mrs. D. Clark, Kynance Cottage, Keysoe Row West, Keysoe, Beds. DATE: 28th March - 1st April 1980.

1980 SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that the subscription for 1980 will be due on 1st. Jan. 1980. Will you please send your renewal to our treasurer, Mr. F. Hall, address on page 1. We thank all of you who have already renewed your membership for 1980.

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined the Society since the last list was published. We extend a warm welcome to them all.

158. Mrs. H. Westcott, Hollyhill, Sharon Close, Long Ditton, Surrey. Searching - SITDOWN and CRESWELL of HORSLEY, Derbys. 1792-1824. WOOLEY of KILBURN and HORSLEY, Derbys. 1861.
159. Mr. H.R. Henly, 91, Carden Ave., Brighton, Sussex BN1 8NF. Searching - JEP(H)SON (clockmaker) of MELBOURNE, DERBY and NOTTINGHAM. George Andrews of Derby married Eliz. DUESBURY.
160. Mr. R.J. Langens, P.O. Box 246, Charter Towers, Queensland, 4820 Australia. Searching - TURNER (Rebecca Needham, son William) of GT. LONGSTONE, Derbys. 1856
161. Mrs. B. Belfield Machann, 4832, W. Lambert Rd., Route 1. Box L, Sedalia, Colorado 80135 U.S.A. Searching - BELFIELD of SPONDON, Derbys. MACKARSIE of CRICH, Derbys. and of LONDON. STEVENS of OCKBROOK, Derbys. CARTER of YORKS and of NORFOLK, BAILEY of NORFOLK, WEBSTER of YORKS. also HAGUE of YORKS.
162. Mr. R. Murray, 3/5 Moodie St., Cammeray, 2062 Sidney, Australia. Searching - MORLEY (Samuel) of Derbys. 19th cent. TARRANT (Charles) Gloucs. 1828, WHITE, (Mary Ann) of Worcester 1823.
163. Mr. M.J.T. Tedds, 1, Fairham Court, The Downs, Wilford, Nottingham, NG11 7EN. Searching - MAY of ALPRETON, Derbys. 1825, JEPSON of GOLDEN VALLEY, Derbys. 1818 LOWE (Samuel), ROPER, PRESTON, all of WIRKSWORTH, Derbys. 1816. HOROBIN, LAKIN, WRIGHT, all of Derby early 19th cent. OAKLAND, COOPER and STRINGFELLOW of Notts.
164. Mr. A. Moore, 43, Central Boulevard, Doncaster, Yorks. DN2 5PD
165. Mrs. M. Moore, as above. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are both searching - MOORE and BONNINGTON of BREADSALL, Derbys. 1802. GREGORY of BONSALE, Derbys. 1875. BAILEY of (St. Alkmunds) Derby 1848.
166. Mr. M. Bagworth, 233 Ladybank Rd., Mickleover, Derby DE3 5RR
167. Mrs. M.E.A. Bagworth, as above. Mr. and Mrs. Bagworth are both searching - SMITH, TEMPEST, SOWTER, BUXTON and HAMPSHIRE all of QUARNDON, Derbys. also of KEDLESTON, 18th and early 19th cent. GREATORIX of MORTON 1781. HARPHAM, AUSTIN, WADE, MITCHELSON, RICHARDS all of Derbys. 19th cent.
168. Miss H. Simpson, 74, Roberts St., Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 3HZ. Searching SIMPSON of CHELMORTON 1849, WORTHINGTON of DERBYSHIRE or of CHESHIRE. BOOTHROYD of DERBYSHIRE or of LANCs.
169. Mrs. A. Burnham, 30, Springfield Crescent, Somercotes, Derbys. DE5 4LH Searching - BURNHAM of BIRCHWOOD, SOMERCOTES, Derbys. 1860.

