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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)

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ADVERTISEMENTS

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EDITORIAL

The beginning of 1979 brought an interesting discovery to the Society. Mr. Fred Hall found in the Local Studies Dept. at Derby Library, a register of Births (not baptisms) for Ripley 1753-1805. These were recorded by a dissenting minister Judah Jagger and contains many names from surrounding villages, including Denby, Heage Codnor, Loscoe, Lea, Ashover, and Swanwick. A note accompanying the register reveals it has twice been sold, once in 1846 for the sum of 4 shillings and again in 1881 for 10 shillings! It has now found a safe home, although, ideally, shouldn't it be at the Record Office Matlock, where other registers are kept? Photocopies of the register will shortly be available in our Society Library.

Recently, our Secretary was handed the register of Banns of Marriage 1852-1887 belonging to Pentrich Parish Church. This was rescued several years ago from a dust bin and had been in private hands ever since. The register has now been returned to the church by our Secretary with a strong recommendation that it be placed into the care of the Record Office. The present vicar was delighted to receive it back, but said that the church had very adequate provisions for the keeping of registers. Before the register was returned to the church it was transcribed by Mrs Joan Smedley, providing another valuable addition to our Society Library.

How many more registers are there in private hands and how many have been destroyed? The fate which would surely have befallen the Pentrich Banns Register if it had not been noticed amongst the rubbish. Under the Parochial and Records Measure which has now become law, those parishes which have not already deposited their records at the Record Office will be required in due course, to do so. At the moment, exceptions are made where stringent provisions are made in respect of the storage of these documents.

At the December meeting, the question of Auditor was discussed and no objection to the appointment of a Society member was raised. I should like to thank Mr. Peter Whitlam for offering his services as Auditor, which the meeting gratefully accepted. Many thanks go to Anna Crill of California and Mrs G. Wheatcroft of Solihull who have both sent many page manuscripts about their family history to the Society. Many thanks also to those who have sent in articles for "Branch News", some already published and others yet to appear.

W.E.W.

A FUTURE NEW MEMBER? Congratulations to Daphne and Peter Whitlam who have added a new twig to their family tree: Tristan, born Feb. 5th brother for Damian.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- APRIL 27th - A.G.M. also exhibition of Genealogical material and a chance to chat.
 MAY 25th - The Rev. F.Ross, vicar of Snelston, Clifton and Norbury will tell us about his hobby of collecting humorous monumental inscriptions.
 JUNE 29th - Mr. D.Fowkes will talk to us about The Development of Ironville.

MEETINGS REPORT

Mr. J. Wright and Mr. R. Hull, both members of Heanor Local History Society, came along to the November meeting to show their slides of "Heanor Ancient and Modern". Particular emphasis was on transport in the by-gone era, reflecting the interest and research into this subject by a group of members of their society. Very useful background material for members with ancestors from this area!

The December meeting took the form of a members' evening, when members exhibited any items of interest from their own researches. The "eats" were rather special on this post-Christmas occasion and to round off the evening a genealogical quiz devised by the Secretary was much enjoyed by all.

The January meeting had to be cancelled, due to the snow, and it is hoped that Mr. E. Mellor who should have spoken to us on "Heraldry in Inn Signs" may be included in our future programme.

In February, Mr. Ernest Paulson of Darley Dale spoke on his investigations into the Darley family of Wistow and Buttercrambe, whose ancestry can be traced back to the days before the Norman Conquest.

(J. Smedley)

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1979

We thank those members who have already renewed their membership. May we remind those who have not yet sent in their subscription for 1979 that this was due on 1st January. People who have not renewed their membership by 1st June will not receive the next issue of "Branch News". Renewals to be sent to Mr. F. Hall, address on page 1.

NEW MEMBERS LIST

We welcome the following new members to the Society.

113. Mrs. I. Coulson Johnstone, 29 Greenwood Drive, Magalia, California, 95954. who is tracing BORROW and Jos. COULSON, late 17th cent. Lavinia SYKES late 18th cent. all of the ASHBOURNE area.
114. Mrs. T. Reeder, 412 Hartley St., West Covina, California, 91790. who is interested in the name FARNSWORTH of DERBY.
115. Mrs. M.V. Hubbard, 41 Crownfield Rd., Ashford, Kent. TN 23 2ED who is interested in KIRBY and HAYNES of DRAKELOWE.
116. Mrs. M. Greatorex, Southend Ave., Newark, Notts. who is interested in GREATOREX of DERBYS., and TEMPEST and SMITH also of DERBYS. early 18th cent.
117. Mr. T. Marriot Moore, 8 Fownhope Ave. Sale, Cheshire, M33 4RD who is interested in MOORE of RIPLEY and PENTRICH.
118. Mr. Holroyd, 265 Cloverdale Rd., Rochester, New York, 17616 who is interested in WARD of MELBOURNE and PACKINGTON, also HULSE, WINFIELD and CALLADINE of MELBOURNE, late 18th cent.
119. MRS. Y.E. Coate, 21 Acanthus Rd., Willetton, 6155 West Australia. who is interested in SMITH and BLUNT of DERBY 1800, COATE of TAUNTON and STATHE, SOMERSET 1780, also JONES of ABERYSTWITH.
120. Mr. S. Matthews, 12 Ascot Drive, Redhill, Nottingham. who is interested in MATTHEWS and STREET of HORSLEY 1891 and of ILKESTON 1904.
121. Mrs. A. Neale, 31 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, Warks. B49 5LH who is tracing John NEALE of ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH, 1807, and William LEES of AUSTREY, WARKS. 1796.
122. Mr. R.W. Price, P.O. Box 11094 Salt Lake City, Utah. 84147. who is interested in WINTERS or WINTERTON of SPONDON and BREADSALL, 18th cent.
123. Mr. D. Smedley, 141 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Derbys. who is interested in SMEDLEY of STAPLEFORD NOTTS. c1840, HANSON or HENSON of GREASLEY NOTTS. c1817, NORTH of FOSTON LINGS. mid 1800's, KING of ALLINGTON, LINGS. mid 1800's, CUPITT of KIRKBY NOTTS. early 1800, TISSINGTON of DARLEY DALE DERBYS. c1750, CLAYTON of DARLEY DALE DERBYS. c1750, BARTON of WESTWOOD NOTTS. c1850.

