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EDITORIAL

This first issue of "Branch News" for 1980 announces our new title. At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 11th January 1980 it was formally decided to drop the Mid from our title and to formally become the Derbyshire Family History Society. The committee wishes to thank members for their support over this matter and for the words of encouragement received. This issue also carries our new cover designed by our member Mr. P. Cowlshaw of Blackawton, S. Devon. The committee sends very grateful thanks to Mr. Cowlshaw for his interest and co-operation.

I feel sorry to announce the resignation of our two most recent members of the committee. Mr. P. Whitlam feels that he cannot continue as Membership Secretary owing to pressure of work, but still retains the position as one of our two Auditors. I thank Peter for all the work he has done for the Society during his term of office. Mrs. S. Whitehead feels she cannot continue as projects co-ordinator, owing to taking on a full-time job, family commitments and moving house. I thank Sue for the work she has done in organising the indexing of the Heanor B.T's (baptisms and burials 1798-1812) and the Pentrich Banns book. These two projects have now been completed. Mrs. J. Smedley has offered to carry on as Projects Organiser for the time being, and the indexing of the transcriptions of the Ironville registers has begun. I would like to mention here how grateful the committee is to all those distant members who are indexing for us. Well done!

We are pleased to hear that our member Mrs. Irene Johnstone and her husband will be visiting Derbyshire in May, from California. Arrangements are being made for them to meet our Treasurer Mr. Fred Hall who will "show them the ropes", We hope they will enjoy their visit.

W.E.W.

MEETINGS' REPORT.

December's meeting took the form of a "Members' Evening" when we learn from each other and have a chance to browse through the library and read the magazines of other Societies. Mary set us puzzling our brains over a Derbyshire place-names quiz which she had devised. The committee provided special refreshments for this after Christmas rendez-vous and a piece of Silver Wedding Cake was enjoyed by members. This was to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of our chairman Winifred and her husband Don. Many Congratulations!

In January Mr. Robin Podd of Ripley showed us some slides of Interesting churches and churchyards and their epitaphs from his impressive collection. This meeting was very well attended and very much enjoyed.

On the following Friday, 1st Feb. again a goodly crowd met at the Butterley Headquarters of the Derbyshire Police at the invitation of Inspector D. Bamforth who has been twice to speak to the Society. He has recently set up a museum in the old Butterley Hall of Police Antiquities and we viewed uniforms past and present, truncheons,

photographs, offensive weapons, forged coins, murder weapons (some with blood still on!) and numerous other items. I think we were quite relieved not to see the Butterley Hall Ghost and perhaps more relieved not to find "grandpa" in the police file of baddies. (at least at a quick peep!)

The usual last Friday of the month February meeting was another Member's Evening. We had hoped to index the 1851 Census for Ironville, but everyone seemed so busy chatting, reading, and everyone helping each other that we felt the indexing should wait until a future meeting.

(Joan Smedley)

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#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- April 25th - Annual General Meeting, exhibition and workshop (indexing of the 1851 census of Ironville.)  
May 30th - The Rev. Norman, rector of Ashover will speak to us. (subject to be announced)  
June 27th - Mr. Button of Bakewell will tell us about his family connections with the Maundy Ceremony.

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#### 1980 SUBSCRIPTIONS

We thank all members who have renewed their membership for 1980 and wish you all a very happy and successful year. May we remind those who have not yet renewed that the subscription for 1980 was due on 1st January. Please send your remittance to Mr. F. Hall, address on page 1. All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the Derbyshire Family History Society. Thank you.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members who have joined us since the last issue.

178. Mr. K.F. BOWLER, 16, Havod Park, Mold, Clwyd, Wales CH7 1QN searching BOWLER of HEAGE, DUFFIELD, BELPER, STH. WINGFIELD, ASHBOURNE, ILKESTON, BRIDGEGATE, MUGGINTON, RAVENSDALE PARK, 19-20th cent.
179. Mrs. H. SIBTHORPE, RR1 Wyebridge, Ontario, Canada, LOK 2E0. searching WARDLE of BUXTON and EARL STERNDALE 1830, POTTS of MARPLE CHURCH, CHESHIRE. 1884.
180. Mr. C.H. DUNCAN, c/o Box 89 Mukinbudin, 6479 West Australia. searching - ASHMORE (Hannah servant dau. of Robert, labourer) of DERBY 1820-1850. GAUNT (Joseph, cabinet maker) of DERBY (son of Joseph, gardener.) 1830-1850. These two were married at St. Peter's church Derby on 17th Aug. 1845. Also interested in the name THOMPSON in relation to ASHMORE. Eliz. GAUNT married John COCKAYNE at St. Alkmunds Derby on 17th July 1787.
181. Mrs. M.E. LEWIS, 41, Tennyson Rd., Harpenden, Herts. searching ALLEN of WIRKSWORTH 1680. MASKREY of WIRKSWORTH.
182. Mr. D. ROBINSON, Primrose Croft, Far Lane, Barlow, Sheffield S18 5SE. searching ROBINSON of MUGGINTON 1677. DICKEN of GLAPWELL 1841. HUNT of SOUTHWELL, NOTTS. 1840 HAMPSTON of KEDLESTON 1794.
183. Mrs. A. ROBINSON, as above.
184. Mr. H. LAW, 14, Tiffany St., W. Guelph, Ontario, Canada. searching Francis LAW born in Peterborough, NORTHANTS 1800? Rebecca ALLEN born PINCHBECK, LINCS. 1797. The above married at SPALDING on 28th Dec. 1825. Francis died 29th Oct. 1882 at Ripley, Derbys. Rebecca died 187? at SPALDING.
185. Mr. K. JACKSON, 201, Buryfield Rd., Solihull, West Midlands. searching JACKSON of SHOTTLE, DUFFIELD 1795, CAULDWELL of ALDERWASLEY, WIRKSWORTH, 1820. KNOWLES of CRICH, 1860. JACKSON of BELPER, DUFFIELD, 1823. BROWN of DENBY 1824. PARKER of BELPER, 1857.
186. Mrs. V. JACKSON, as above. Mrs. JACKSON'S maiden name was JACKSON!

