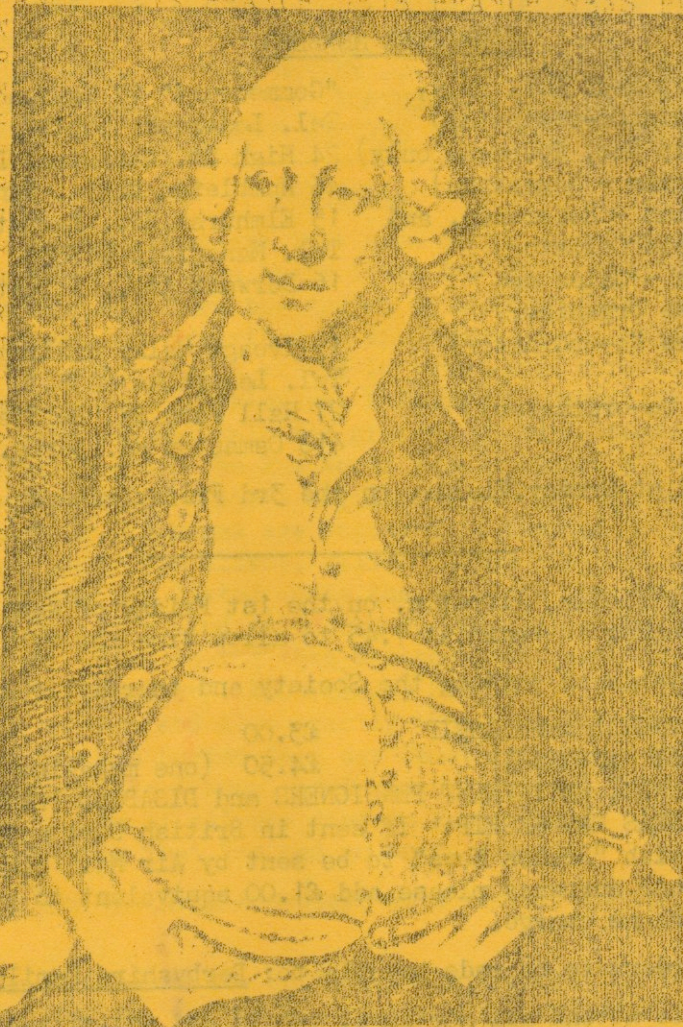


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"WHAT IS CRESSY FIELDS?" several members have asked. It is the Derbyshire County Council Home for Disabled People, where, thanks to the good offices of our first Chairman, Ken Davis, himself disabled, we have been able to hold our meetings ever since the inauguration of the Society.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARIES: It is up to you to contact your Correspondence Secretary if you need any help or advice. They will do their best to help you from the information we have available in our Reference Section. Please remember that they are voluntary helpers and this is as much a hobby to them as it is to you. Do not forget that all important stamped and addressed envelope.

QUERIES: Members may place a query under HELP WANTED free of charge.

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EDITORIAL

"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old". Each November, time is set aside when we especially remember those who gave their lives for their country in time of war. In War Cemeteries abroad, headstones mark the graves of many of these men and women. The names of those who have no known grave are inscribed on large memorials. I advise anyone searching for details of members of the armed forces killed in both World Wars to write to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, 2, Marlow Rd. Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7DX. The Commission was established in 1917 to mark and maintain war graves, to build memorials to those missing and to keep registers, including after the 2nd World War, a record of the Civilian War Dead. After reading an article in another Society's magazine about the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme on which 72,073 names are engraved, I decided to write to the Commission to ask if the name of my gr. uncle Tom Allsop, killed in the 2nd battle of the Somme and who I understood had no known grave, was listed among the names on the memorial. The reply that I received surprised the family. It stated that "Gunner Tom Allsop 95877 "O" Battery, 223rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, died on the 19th October 1917, aged 25, and is buried in Row E, Grave number 3 in Hospital Farm Cemetery, Elverdinge, Belgium". The letter went on to give me his parent's names and home address and also exactly where to find the cemetery should I wish to visit it. The fact that Tom was buried in a War Cemetery was not known by the family still living. The rest of the information I knew, as I have a memorial card and the bronze plaque which was presented to next of kin of all who died in World War I. It is a sad thought that my gr. grandparents died believing that Tom had no known grave.

A book entitled "World War One Army Ancestry" will shortly be available at the Society's Book Stall.

It is most encouraging to hear of the contacts made through the Society. Within a month of "Branch News" being published Mr. C. Goodwin had received a letter from a member in Australia who had read in my Editorial of Mr. Goodwin's interest in the Midland Railway, he too, is tracing the name Goodwin! Don't sit back and wait for someone to contact you first, pluck up the courage to write to that someone who has similar interests in name and place to you, or send in a "Help Wanted".

Finally, I thank all those members and friends who have contributed articles for the magazine and also information for the Reference Library. In particular I should like to thank Miss Helen Cotton (memb no. 301) for her contribution to the Society's library of her booklet on her family history, "The Ancestors and Forebears of Thos. and Nan Cotton of Ballarat, Austr".

All Good Wishes for Christmas & The New Year.  
W.E.W.

**PUBLICITY POSTER:** Our membership is growing - we aim to increase it. You can help us by taking the enclosed poster to be displayed in your local library, Record office, Museum, Education Centre etc. Most of these places are only too willing to display these.  
Many Thanks, Pauline.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:** PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES. THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
December Meeting January 7th 1983 - Members' Social Evening.  
February 4th - Mr D. Palgrave, past Editor of The Federation's Magazine, Family History News & Digest - "Presentation & Publishing of Family History Research"  
March 4th - Mr D. Marcomb - Wills and Inventories.



A welcome to the following members who have joined the Society by Oct. 31st 1982.

592. Mr. Arthur W. CUNDEY, 179 Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes, Derbys. DE55 4HL. Searching - CUNDEY of ASHOVER 1798.
593. Mrs. Alison HODGES, 73 Teddington Park, Teddington, Mdx TW11 8DE. Searching MILNER of DARLEY 1657, YOULGREAVE 1563 and LONGFORD 1561.
594. Mr. J.A. COUPE, 50 Valley Rd., Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire SK7 2NL. Searching COUPE of ELMTON, SCARCLIFFE 1717. Interested in all references to COUPE on the Derbys/Notts. border.
595. Miss B. GREENHALGH, 39 Plessey Terrace, Newcastle, Upon Tyne NE7 7DJ. Searching - GREENHALGH of CHURCH GRESLEY; CLARKE of GREASLEY, Ntt. 1856 and 1749; NEAL(E) of BEDWORTH, Warks 1827; LATHBURY of CHILVERS COTON, Warks. 1828; WILLIAMSON of WILLINGHAM Lincs. 1803; KITSON of OCKLEY, Surrey 1854; HARRISON of BRATTLEBY, Lincs. 1813; WALTERS (later changed to HILL) of PENTRICH c.1860; BOOTH of CLAY CROSS c.1863; LOWE of CLAY CROSS c.1868; WESTON and WILBRAHAM poss. of ALFRETON c. 1860 and 1824.
596. Mr & Mrs. W. AMBROSE, 75 Eton Rd., Burton on Trent, Staffs. Searching AMBROSE (Thomas)
597. of FINDERN son of Thomas & Mary Bull 1841; STRUTTS of OXTON, Ntts. (John son of Henry & Elizabeth) 1718.
598. Mr. J.B. BRENTNALL, 21 Nansen Rd., Gatley, Cheshire SK8 4JL. Searching BRENTNALL of STOCKPORT 1830; CRESSWELL; BADILEY; BOWER.
599. Mrs. J.E. BROWNSON, 6 Barton Close, Spondon, Derby DE2 7EX. Searching BROWNSON of PARWICH 1640.
600. Miss Dorothy M. SLATER, 3-30 Spence Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 4H4 Canada, Searching SLATER (John) of BREADSALL 1854, Joseph, and Charlotte (marr. James SADLER of BREADSALL and ECCLESHALL Staffs. 1931, also Ellen SLATER of BREADSALL, bur 1931; Samuel SLATER, labourer.
601. Mrs. R. A. BARGER, 1302 Southland Ave., Bucyrus, Ohio 44820 U.S.A.
602. Mr. Ross WILLMOT, 26 L'amoreaux Drive, Agincourt, Ontario, Canada, M1W 2L9. Searching WILLMOT (Isaiah, snr.) c.1750, WILLMOT (John & Thomas c.1815) WILLMOT (Isaiah jnr) 1851.
603. J.W. PEAT, 36 Deepwood Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada M3C 1N8. Searching - BUXTON of SUTTON LANE END, Chesh., RUSHTON SPENCER, Staffs., and of St. Paul's church MACCLESFIELD, Chesh. also CHAPEL en le Frith Derbys. All 19th cent.
604. Mr. Richard A. CUCCHIARA, 8 Oakcrest Rd., Saugus, Massachusetts 01906 U.S.A. Searching - WRIGHT pf ASHOVER/CHESTERFIELD; VICKERS of EDENSOR; HILL also of EDENSOR. All 18th cent.
606. Mr. Bernard R. HADFIELD, 10 Aston St., Blenheim, New Zealand. Searching - HADFIELD and HATFIELD of BRIMINGTON/CHESTERFIELD (Thomas, shoemaker and minister) 1695. PECKHAM 1741.
610. Mr & Mrs. J. RATCLIFFE, 56 Moorland Rd., Langho, Blackburn, Lancs. Searching FEATHERSTONE
611. with variants of HARTINGTON 1670.
612. Mr. Brian MILLWARD, 198 Swanshurst Lane, Moseley, Birmingham B13 0AW. Searching MILLWARD of MAPPLETON 1811/2; BARRATT, 1826; MORRIS 1876; CRESSWELL 1830, all of CHAPEL / FRITH.
613. Miss P.J. BULLARS, 40 Nursery Rd., Southgate, London N14. Searching BULLARS with variants of LULLINGTON 1750; SWINDELL of PARWICH 1846; BOTHAM also of PARWICH 1846; RACH/RACK of 1843 of MACKWORTH; PLACE of MANSFIELD 1894; BOTTOM of YOULGREAVE 1865.
614. Mrs. Norah HAMILTON, 88 Manor Rd., Stechford, Birmingham B33 8EQ. Searching ENSELL of CHAPEL en le FRITH 1841.
615. Mr. Joseph Harris SWANN, 4 Lesketh How, Rydal Rd., Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 9BA. Searching SWANN of HARTSHORNE 1595; HARRIS of BREEDON on the HILL, Leics. 1604; MILLS 1831 and HILL 1702 both of TICKNALL.
616. Mr. P.E. JONES, 12 Dukes Close, Sutton in Ashfield, Ntts. NG17 5LQ. Searching BLOOD of HEAGE 1837.
617. Mr. David J. JACKSON, 'Paddocks', Shellbrook, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. Searching - MARBROW of REPTON 1580.
618. Mr. Paul SIMMS, 9 Parker Court, Foredown Rd., Portslade, Brighton, Sussex BN3 2FT.



- Mr. Harry GIBBONS, 10 Gleneagles Close, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2LT. Searching GIBBONS and GIBBENS of PARWICH 1832; MOORE/MOOR of BALLIDON 1785.
- Mrs. Margaret E. TOTTERDELL, 46 Hillside, Horsham, Sussex RH12 1NG. Searching HODGKINSON of HILL TOP, GREASLEY, Notts, (George, 1785); BROWN of LOSCOE (William, pre. 1807).
- Mr & Mrs. J. BALL, Park Manor, Butterton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs. Searching - BALL of ALFRETON, HEANOR & WINGFIELD; CLAY of DARLEY DALE.
- Mrs. Joan KINGSTON, 179 Henley Rd., Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 4NU. Searching WRIGHT of FENNY BENTLEY 1810; THURSTON of BONSALL 1805.
- Mrs. Gertrude WHEELDON, 8 Park Ave., Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. Searching - PINNICK of NORFOLK 1864; BENNER of IIKESTON 1875; SMITH of MELBOURNE 1862; FEARN 1876.
- Mr. Richard H. TURNER, 8 Kenmore Rd., Kilmacolm, Renfrews. PA13 4LU Scotland. Searching - TURNER (Paul) poss. of ASHOVER 1802/3 (no bap entry found in reg.); MARGERISON (Ann) wife of above allegedly born CHESTERFIELD, but no entry found, 1797/8; BARNET(T) of CHESTERFIELD, early 19 cent. WAGSTAFF (Robert) of BRAMPTON/BARLOW 1797, no entry found.
- Mrs. E.M. PERKINS, Briar Banks, Church Lane, Westerfield, Ipswich, IP6 9BE. Searching - PORTER of SPONDON 1820; MALIN of ASHLEY HAY 1820; EDGE of NORMANTON nr. DERBY 1820.
- Mrs. Norma YOUNG, 23 Rydal Rd., Heaton, Bolton, Lancs. Searching WATERHOUSE of HAYFIELD 1749.
- Mrs. Kathleen M. BENNY, 19 Mary Vale, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1SW. Searching RAVENSDALE of CAULDON, Staffs. and of CLIFTON/ASHBOURNE 1747-1801; BYARD of ASHLEY HAY 1840.
- Mrs. Bessie COCKBURN, 8 Waverley Grove, Prenton, Birkenhead, Merseyside, L42 9PU. Searching RAVENSDALE (Thomas) of GRAVESTONES/GRINDON 1716, also of CAULDON; Martha RAVENSDALE marr. John ALLEN (born 1788) lived at MOTTRAM St. ANDREW, Chesh.
- Dr. R.S. THORNHILL, 142 Chester Rd., Greenbank, Northwich, Chesh. CW8 4AW. Searching - SPENCER of MICKLEOVER (Paul, wife Martha) 1720.
- Mrs. C. UNSWORTH, 105 Clarendon Rd., Hazel Grove, Chesh. SK7 4NS. Searching ASHTON of St. Peter's FAIRFIELD, BUXTON ( Stephen Joule ASHTON & Mary nee WOOD, parents of PERCY WOOD ASHTON bn. 1879); Thomas Shaw ASHTON of WHESTON/TIDESWELL 1840; WOOD 1863, Derbys.
- Mr. Terry I. STRETTON, 1A George St., Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts. Searching STRETTON of WALTON upon TRENT 1601, of STRETTON en le FIELD 1759 and of LULLINGTON(COTTON/ELMS 1685).
- Mr. D. BURROWS, 16 Denmark Villas, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3TE. Searching BLACKWELL and BLACKWALL (George) of HOPE/HUCKLOW 1779.
- Mrs. Christine WARD, 58 Clarkes Lane, Chilwell, Notts. NG9 5BL. Searching HALL of QUARNDON 1890's; BAKER of ASHWELL, RUTLAND 1871; MANNING of SWATON, Linc. 1806; GASKIN of WILLINGTON 1796.
- Mrs. G.M. CLIFFORD, 10 Whitemoor Hall, Belper, Derbys. Searching COBBALD of UBBESTON Suff. 1799; COBBOLD of LAYHAM, Suff. 1581; BEAUMONT of MENDHAM, Suff. 1581; CLIFFORD of BRENTFORD, London 1890-1900.

A FUTURE NEW MEMBER?

Congratulations to Gill and Peter Middlehurst who have added a twig to their family tree. Caroline Victoria was born on 12th August 1982.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

76. Mr. L. CRIPPS, now 3 Park St. Woombye, Queensland 4559 Australia.
77. Mrs. Janet HURST, now 3 Sutton Close, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 5NR.
106. Mr. R. HOAD, Lowlands, Eagle Rd., Spalford, Nr. Newark, Notts.
197. Mrs. A. BECK, 4 Whirlow Grove, Sheffield, S11 9NR.
268. Mr. R.A. KIRK, 66 Church Rd., West Kirby, Wirral, Merseyside, L48 ORP.
325. Mrs. B. PLUMMER, 3 Hillbrook Rd., Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire. SK7 2BT.
370. The Rev. T.A. ASHEY, 5 St. Paul's Avenue, Cherry Willingham, Lincoln. LN3 4LU.
376. Mr. L.P. DARWENT, 43 Hope St., Blackburn, BB2 1DY.

NEW MEMBER inadvertently missed from the previous list.

29. Mrs. Eleanor (Hayes) SMITH, 2525 W.Calle, Pueblo, Tucson A.Z. 85745. Searching - HAYES (William) of PINXTON.



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

HOUSE GROUPS: An interest has been shown by a few members in starting House Groups (these are already well established in many other Societies). Some members do not get the opportunity to attend meetings, so belonging to a House Group would enable members to get to know one another.

The Idea is for a few members to meet in one of their homes - how often would depend on your group. The Aim - to discuss family history and to help each other with research, (every family history is different, we can all learn from each other).

Derbyshire is a large county and our aim is to help members near and far, not just those who can get to Alfreton to the main meetings. It is up to you Members, I am willing to try to put groups in touch if you write to me with an S.A.E. Areas with interested members so far are -  
Waingroves, Sutton in Ashfield, Ripley, Allestree, Brampton, Great Hucklow.

As a final point of interest, I have just read in the Devon F.H.S. magazine that one member in Victoria, Australia is trying to contact others with Devon roots to arrange regular meetings.

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Scrapbook: Many thanks to those of you who are still contributing towards the scrapbook. Did you know that WILLIAM TUNNICLIFFE was Ashbourne's last Town Crier? Did you know that in 1322 EMMA CULHAXE died in an accident down the "colepyt" at Morley, Derbyshire? These are just two items of interest in the scrapbook. Don't forget, an item of interest in your local paper may be of value to others. Please send them to me. Pauline.

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REFERENCE: It has been noticed that the transcription of the CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH marriages has pencil marks in it. Would members PLEASE refrain from marking the books in any way. Remember the books are for use by all members at meetings and must be treated with RESPECT.

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LIBRARY CONTENTS: An updated list of Library Contents will shortly be available. Price 30p.  
(Plus 20p postage. 36p overseas.)  
Malcolm Marples.

## HELP OFFERED

I am starting to receive so many offers of help from people that I am asking the editor to start a new section in the magazine. I apologise to anyone who has offered help previously and who may be missed from the list. Pauline.

DERBY, ST PETER'S: Mrs. K. Zimoch offers to search the microfilm in return for postage. Any member researching Derby St. Peter's 1662-1810, write by return please, enclosing postage to Mrs. Kathleen Zimoch, 109, Oswald Street, Innaloo, W.A. 6018. Australia. There may be a delay of up to three months if the film has to come from Salt Lake. U.S.A. This film is from Bishops Transcripts, Christenings, Marriages and Burials. Please state the family you are researching and approx. date of research.  
(If you wish to contact Mrs. Zimoch don't delay as the film will only be on loan for a limited time. Postage details - Australia to England - Air Mail 75<sup>c</sup>, Aerogramme 36<sup>c</sup>.)

DURHAM: Mrs. W.E. Rouse, 40 Salcombe Ave., Jarrow, South Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, NE32 3SY is willing to search her indexes of Durham marriages covering 53 parishes indexed under the male partner, previous to 1837. Specific items please, accompanied by an S.A.E.

GRIMSBY: Mrs J. Clark, "Tishomingo", St. Giles Ave., Scartho, Grimsby, Lincs. DN33 2HD offers to search indexes of Census Returns and Monumental Inscriptions of the Grimsby area.

SUFFOLK: Two members are offering to do research in the Suffolk Record Office for members. They are: Mrs. J. Kingston, 179 Henley Rd., Ipswich, IP1 4NU and Mrs. E. Perkins, Briar Bank Church Lane, Westerfield, Ipswich IP6 9BE.

P.S. All enquiries to HELP OFFERED must be accompanied by an S.A.E. and your Membership No.

## HELP WANTED

AULT Information sought on this family having some connection (at present unknown) with either the GREENHALGH or DAVIS family. Christian names involved are Uncle WILLIAM and Aunt AMY and their daughter DORIS. Thought to have lived in WOODVILLE in the early years of this century. Mrs. B. Greenhalgh, 39 Plessey Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7DJ.

Memb. no. 595.



WANTED cont.

- COCKAYNE** Any information regarding CHARLES COCKAYNE who was present at the death of my gt. gt. Grandmother, DOROTHY COCKAYNE who died aged 77 on 25 Dec. 1860 at  
**EATON**, Sub. Dist. SPONDON, County Derby. Charles was probably a Nephew and I hope through him, to discover the parentage of my gt. gt. Grandfather Charles Cockayne born c.1777. at the time of his marriage in 1801 to Dorothy COLLIS he was described as a Servantman of  
**HEDGINGTON**, Derbys. Mr. M.R. Cockayne Courtois, 37 Innis Rd., Coventry, West Midlands CV5 6AX. Memb. no. 149.
- HALL** I am seeking the birthplace and parents of WILLIAM HALL, born about 1823 in Derbys. also his marriage. William was a coal miner when he married MARY ANN EDWARDS of  
**EDWARDS** STAFFORDSHIRE about 1849. There were two children of the marriage, both born in  
**WEST BROMWICH**, Staffs. William born 1849-50 and Rosanna born 22 Nov. 1855 in Walsall Street, West Bromwich. The family emigrated to Sydney Australia in Oct. 1856.  
Any information on the above to: Mrs. F.S. Hall, 188 Nottingham Rd. Alferton Derbys. DE5 7FP. Memb no, 6.
- HAYWOOD** Mrs. M. Ibberson, 2 Reresby Drive, Whiston, Rotherham, S. Yorks. is seeking someone who is willing to search the BOLSOVER registers 1872-1880 which are still at the church. She is willing to pay expenses or do reciprocal research in S. Yorks. Entries of any HAYWOOD baptisms and marriages are required. Memb. no. 215.
- HODGSON** George HODGSON of WOODTHORPE HALL FARM, North Wingfield, born 1749, died 1837. Not born at North Wingfield. Any information on the HODGSON family of Derbyshire. Mr. W. Clay-Dove, 6 Lammas Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.
- REVILL** Information regarding parents, date and whereabouts of birth of RICHARD REVILL of the parish of SUTTON-cum-DUCKMANTON, married SARAH SPRAY, ELMTON Jan 1804.  
**RUSH** Also of JOHN RUSH born 1736 at SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. married SARAH LEFTLEY at  
**BRUMLEY** SOUTH LOPHAM Dec. 1767.  
Also JOHN BRUMLEY born BICKER(?) Lincs. c.1800 married ANN (?). Mrs. M. Taylor, 39 Levens Drive, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool, FY6 8EZ. Memb. no. 580.
- ROWBOTHOM** Any information on PEGGY ROWBOTHOM and son PHILEMON c.1795 at CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH. Mrs. J. Phillips, 96 Lyndhurst Rd., Ashurst SO4 2AU Hants. Memb. no. 494.
- SHIRLEY** Does anyone have any information about the SHIRLEY family born to WILLIAM and ELIZABETH at DALBURY, Derbys. may have later moved to ETWALL. HANNAH born 1813; JOHN born 19/5/1816 may have married INA TURNER, and been a Military Officer; CHARLES and  
**HEWICKA**(twins) born 1822; SARAH born 1824, married WILLIAM SPOONER of TAMWORTH in 1857; PEGGY born 1827; ROSETTA born 1832, she may have been ROSA a school mistress at ETWALL. Mrs. G. Purssel, 58 Latimer Street, Holland Park 4121, Brisbane, Qld, Australia. Memb. no. 521.
- STATHAM** Mrs. E. Statham, 1925 Watson Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, V8R 3HT. is searching for the names of the parents of THOMAS STATHAM who was married to MARY ALLEN of DRAYCOTT on Dec. 6th 1790, and would also like to hear from any person who is researching the STATHAM name.
- TIMMS** The marriage is needed c. 1780 of WILLIAM TIMMS (TIMM or TIMS) and MARY ? living at STONEYFORD, parish of HEANOR 1785. Possibly non-conformists.  
Mr. M. Timms, Wall Hill Cottage, Acton Bridge, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 3QF. Memb. no. 360.

THE GUILDFORD CONFERENCE.

Winifred our chairman, and I attended the second British Family History Conference held at Guildford in September. It was my first Family History Conference and from that one experience I would encourage you all to try to go to future Conferences. You meet people from many Societies, attend interesting lectures and return home having made new friends.

'Modern records in the P.R.O.', 'Poor Law Records', 'The Life of Agricultural Labourers', are just a few of the lectures we attended. It was very interesting to see and hear how West Surrey F.H.S. are indexing their census returns by computer, (I had to get my notes correct here, the fifth member of our family is a computer)

Council meeting was of interest; here I appreciated the value of being part of the Federation of Family History Societies and what the Federation is trying to do for each of us as individual members. Concern was expressed that old documents were being sold at auctions and then being sent out of the country. They may look good on someones lounge wall, but the genealogical value is lost to us. It seems that an English Parish Register was recently returned to this country from America. We should all keep our eyes open.

Pauline Marples.



### REASONS FOR SEARCHING

Mr. Brian Sowter's point of genetics in Family History (May meeting) was emphasised recently when I met a lady who was interested in starting research because she has what is known as a Nail Patella Syndrome. Her daughter also has this and after reading medical papers on the subject she is keen to trace others.

Another friend has traced back because of a history of 'coeliac' in the family. In my own case I have knowledge of diabetis in the family history, which makes me curious to know of the medical history of others - it all helps to build up the picture.

Do any other members have medical patterns to follow or other unusual reasons for tracing?

Pauline Marples.

### "SELSTON VICTORIANS"

We recently represented the Society at the launching of Selston W.E.A.'s book called "Selston Victorians". Amongst the guests were some of these Victorians and their descendants.

With all due respect to people such as Judge Paul Hughes, Dr. Griffin and Ron Storer, (to name but a few) we will not forget 98 year old Joe Cordy who was determined to have his say in the line of speakers. Mr. Cordy is the oldest of the fourteen Selston Victorians who are mentioned in the 64 page book. It contains a short, but interesting history of the lives and families of these people, some who have Derbyshire connections.

To quote one of the speakers, "It makes us realise the importance of 'tapping' old people's memories before it is too late, and credit is due to the Selston W.E.A. for doing just this and producing a most interesting book".

M & P Marples.

A copy of this book is in the Reference Library.

### NOTES ON MASS BAPTISMS IN JUNE 1837

Following the mention in "Branch News" no. 21 of mass baptisms at Heanor and Ilkeston in June 1837, Pauline Litton sends these interesting notes which she has previously published in the North Cheshire Family Historian, on the dates given.

February 1978. I recently had cause to search the Registers of Brunswick (Methodist) Chapel, Macclesfield. On 28th and 29th June 1837 316 baptisms were performed in this chapel. Those baptised came from a wide area of south and east Cheshire. Dates of birth were also given and most of those baptised were adolescents or adults. These 2 days were Wednesday and Thursday as Civil Registration began on 1st July 1837 (a Saturday). The Macclesfield Courier & Herald of 8th July 1837 comments that the Act for Civil Registration had been widely misunderstood and that there had been a last minute rush to be baptised before 1st July. The number of people baptised in the Parish Church of St Michael, Macclesfield, on the 3 days of June 25th, 28th and 30th 1837 was 550. What happened in one town presumably happened elsewhere so it is obviously worth looking for a 'missing' baptism during the last days of June 1837 even if the birth took place twenty years earlier.

August 1980. Mention has been made on several previous occasions of the large number of baptisms which took place in certain areas in the last days of June 1837. Mr Woodward reports that an exceptional number of baptisms took place at Hinckley, Leicestershire during this same period. However, he points out that at least one entry is a case of 'double baptism' as Mary daughter of George & Mary Woodward was baptised on 30 June 1837 with her date of birth given as 29th August 1832 and there is an identical entry for the same child, except that the date of birth is not given, on 3rd October 1832. If this happened in other cases, possibly because people thought that they needed 'a piece of paper' to prove their birth before 1st July, then it might in part explain the massive numbers baptised in June 1837.

Mention of the mass baptisms at Heanor and Ilkeston were also made in the North Cheshire Family Historian in February 1979.

Pauline also sends the following note: During the last week of June 1837 605 baptisms took place at Sheffield (presumably at the present Cathedral) 125 on 25 June, 208 on 28 June & 272 on 30 June. This information was noted from the Sheffield & District Family History Society's magazine The Flowing Stream.

(Thank you Pauline. Ed.)



NAMES TAKEN FROM 'HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE OF CRICH'.

Contributed by Mary Johnson.

J. ARGILE 1855	Miss Annie HURT	Edward SHORT M.P. 1970
Anthony BABINGTON 1545	Willm JESSOP 1846	Mr J. SIMMS 1877
George BACON 1763	Henry LEE 1804	John SMITH 1907
Family 1800	Rev. Willm. LEE 1589	Joseph STORER 1837
BRITTLE 1835	Arthur LUDLOW 1945	Jedidiah STRUTT 1758
Frederic BERESFORD 1513	Willm. MATHER 1841	Henry SULLEY 1820
CLAYE	Willm. MERCHANT 1798	Mr SUMNER 1883
Richard DAVEY 1370	Thomas MORLEY 1690	Mr TOWE 1876
Joseph DAKIN 1846	Benjamin OUTRAM 1807	? WARD 1835
George DAVIDSON 1907	Mrs Anne PEREY 1850	Henry WAKE 1865
Thomas DAVIDSON 1865	Gersain POLE	Sir Willm. de WAKEBRIDGE
DERBYSHIRE 1865	Margaret POLE	1400
Thomas DODD 1725	Susanah ROYGERS 1870	Benjamin WALKER 1851
Thomas ENGLAND 1730	Joseph ROE 1846	Ellen WALKER 1851
Arthur FANTAN 1876	John SARGENT 1864	Mr. W. WALKER 1846
Wilhelmus FLINT 1704	Mr SCOTT 1833	Edward WATKINS 1865
Miss HAWKES 1885	Mr W. SHAKESPEARE 1860	Sarah WRIGLEY 1846
Mr & Mrs HEYMANS 1969	Thomas SHELMORLINE 1650	Isaac YEOMANS 1798

PARISH RECORDS

TAKEN FROM THE REPTON PARISH RECORDS

Contributed by Joan Measham. (no. 359)

Overseer's Book 15 Feb. 1767 : Gave Jos JOHNSON and Elizabeth ROWBOTHAM and their child to pay for their passage to North America by consent of the neighbours £4.4.0.

(This may help an American member!)

Overseer's Book 27 Oct. 1824 : Paid Jos TUNNECLIFFE to go to Coventry and never to be troublesome any more £15.11.0. (Unfortunately Tunnecliffe continued to be troublesome as the Overseer's sent him £2.0.0. on 3 Dec. 1825 for his rent in Coventry.)

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Probably from the Willington Burial Register : Richard FORD, labourer, drank two bottles of Rum, nearly, and died immediately. (1811)

TAKEN FROM PHILIMORE MARRIAGES Vol. 13. MORLEY.

Contributed by Sandra Smith. (no. 125)

7 Jan. 1784: John STAFFORD of HEANOR and Martha WOOD of SMALLEY widow. N.B. Stafford was a quack doctor, and cured the woman of (illegible) disease upon condition she wd. marry him. He died soon after.

7 Sept. 1789: William HUNT, private soldier of the 2nd Troop of H.Guards and Dorothy SMEDLEY. This woman was for some time kept by the Hon. Mr. Townsend, who if he had lived wd. have been Lord Greenwich. She had many valuable articles when she married, all of which he robbed her off, and then deserted her, but was soon after transported for stealing a watch."

25 Feb. 1803: Thomas BEARDALL of HEANOR and Mary WALL. This wedding is an extraordinary one, she lay in last Friday month of a child of another man. Beardall had once courted her, and when he heard she was lying in, he came over and renewed his courtship and persuaded her to marry him as soon as the Banns cd. be published. The man she had the child by is married to another woman. His name was SELLARS.

LONGEVITY IN DERBYSHIRE FROM A NEWSPAPER CUTTING DATED 1926.

Contributed by Audrey Firmin. (no. 294)

Mr. George Shipton of Sycamore Farm, Hatton, writes to the Daily Mail to quote a record of family longevity that will take some beating. In Derbyshire as a rule when we read of these things, we associate them with the Peak, the bleak villages of which have produced more than their fair crop of centenarians, but Mr. Shipton's example comes from the southern part of the county and is related by him as follows:- The last of a remarkably long-lived family Mr. James WOOD of Bell House Farm, Anslow, nr. Burton-on-Trent, died a few days ago at the age of 90. He was one of a family of eight who were born at Hatton in Derbyshire. Their



names and ages at the time of death were: JOHN 97; THOMAS 88; MARY 90; SAMUEL 83;  
ELLEN 84; REUBEN 77; ANN 96; JAMES 90.

Total - 705 yrs. Average - 88½ yrs.

The WOODS were evidently the sort of people the late Mr. Lytleton Gell had in mind when he wrote so enthusiastically concerning the 'stout yeoman stock of Derbyshire.'

#### WERE YOUR ANCESTORS FAST AND LOOSE IN 1842 ?

While studying Derbyshire newspapers for 1842 at Derby Central Library Local Studies I came across the following items:-  
"A Faithless Wife- Ann, the wife of Mr. John LILLEY, formerly residing at CARLTON, but now at WASHINGTON ? (WESSINGTON?) Derbyshire, lately left her domicile, with a journeyman of Mr. Lilley's named PARR, having first robbed her husband of upwards of £20 in money and goods (From the Derby & Chesterfield Reporter 24 March 1842 p4. c2.) The Mormon Computer Index lists John Lilley as having married Ann BROWN at CRICH on 25 Jan. 1830.

At the Derbyshire Lent Assizes Crown Court on 14 March 1842 there was a bigamy trial and this was given only a paragraph coverage in the newspapers (Derby & Chesterfield Reporter 17 March p4. c2; Derby Mercury 16 March p3. c2). Thomas SMITH, aged 30, was sentenced to 7 years transportation for bigamously marrying Elizabeth HOOLEY of ILKESTON on 9 Oct. 1841. The Derby Mercury tersely recorded that "There were two indictments against the prisoner for bigamy, he having three wives living. He pleaded guilty."

Contributed by Roger Flindall.

#### LOVE IS THE GAME OF THE NAME - From a newspaper cutting.

Contributed by C. Allsop.

What is the extraordinary attraction that so regularly strings together people whose surnames have a strange, usually amusing, connection?

For example, the Dundee Courier and Advertiser has just announced the engagement between Miss WILKINSON and Mr. SWORD. Then there were the weddings recently between a man called BEE and a lady called BIRD and Stanley SING of Johannesburg to Irene SONG. In Surrey Hazel WEALTHY became the wife of John MONEY, and Marie PEPPER, a Portsmouth girl, chose Ed. SALT for her husband.

There was a wintry touch to a wedding in Michigan, U.S.A. when the Rev. SNOW officiated at the marriage of Miss CHEROKEE and Mr. NOEL. About the same time at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Albert FREEZE was marrying Wilma SNOW.

In South Australia, a Mr. SAINT advertised for a wife in the personal column of his local paper - and who should come along but a Miss ANGEL. They married and had a house built by a Mr. HEAVENS.

Barry Burley noted the following in the Sheffield parish register: Marriages.

26 Sept. 1638 William ffisher and Elizabeth Herring.

#### 'A MARRIAGE MYSTERY.

Contributed by W. Hodgkinson

A colleague of mine has discovered amongst the WOOLLEY MSS a family tree of Adam WOOLLEY of Matlock which shows his descent from Edmund HODGKINSON of Ashover and his wife, Ann NIGHTINGALE of Lea Hall. Edmund; himself was born in 1667. His parents, George HODGKINSON of Wormhill and Elizabeth BARKER of Kelstedge were married in 1663. But the tree also shows two other children: Edward born in 1656 and Ann born in 1661, ie before the marriage of their parents. Of course, they could have been illegitimate but this is not supported by the Ashover Register. There could be another explanation. From 1653, marriages in Ashover were carried out before a magistrate (Justice Spateman). The couple could have 're-married' in church at a more opportune time in 1663.

From the STAPLEFORD (Notts) Burial Register: SOPHIA TOULSON of Stapleford, age 14, who wilfully and feloniously and of her malice, died, killed and murdered herself. No funeral service read. Dec.24th 1826. (Contributed by Joan Smedley)



THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF TURNDITCH ALL SAINTS.

List of surnames mentioned.

ABELL	COX	HANCOCK	MARTIN	SHIPLEY
ADAMAN	CROMPTON	HARADINE	MASON	SINCLAIR
ADSETTS	CROOKS	HARDWICK	MASSEY	SMEDLEY
ALLSOP	CURREY	HARRISON	MAW	SMITH
ALLSOPP	CURSHAM*	HARVEY	MAWS	SORBY
ALLTON	DAKIN	HASLAM	MELLOR	SOUTHERALL
ALTON	DALBY	HATFIELD	MILLS	SOWTER
ARKWRIGHT	DARCY	HAWKINS	MILNES	STAINSEY
AULTON	DAVIDSON	HAYNES	MOORE	STANBOROUGH
BAINBRIDGE	DEACON	HEATHCOTE	MORLEY	STATHAM
BAINBRIDGE	DEAN	HEZELTON	MORRIS	STEVENSON-PEACH
BAINBRIDGE	DEAUVILLE	HICKLIN	MOSLEY	STREET
BARBER	DEAVILLE	HICKMAN	MOULDS	STUART
BARKER	DERBYSHIRE	HILL	MURFIN	STUBBS
BARRINGER	DEVONSHIRE	HILTON	NEWCOMBE	SUTTON
BATES	DOWNING	HINCKLEY	NICHOLS	TATMAN
BEARDSLEY	DRUMMOND	HIND	OAKLEY	TAYLOR
BEAUCHAMP	DUROSE	HIUES	OLIVIER	TEMPEST
BEESTON	EARDLEY-SIMPSON	HODGKINSON	OWEN	THOMPSON
BENNETT	EDMONDS	HOLBROOK	PALMER	TOPHAM
BESTWICK	EVANS	HOLMES	PARGITER	TOPLIS
BEWLEY	EYRE	HORROBIN	PARKIN	TOWNSEND
BLANCHON	FARNSWORTH	HUDSON	PATEY	TRAVIS
BODEN	FERGUSON	HUGHES	PEACH	VALENTINE
BOTT	FERRABY	HUMBER	PEARSON	WAIN
BOWLER	FLETCHER	HUNT	PEGGLER (hard to read)	WALKER
BUNTING	FLINT	INGLEFIELD	PERRY	WALKERDINE
BRIDGES	FORD	JEBB	POCOCK	WALLIS
BRINDLEY	FRANKLIN	JODRALL	POLLARD	WALTHALL
BROWN	FRIDZWID	JONES	POTTER	WARBURTON
BROWNLEY	GADSBY	KELSEY	PRONGER	WARD
BRYANT	GARRATT	KENDERDINE	RADFORD	WARNER
BRYER	GARRETT	KEY	RAMSDEN	WARR
BULL	GIBBONS	KEYS	RANDALL	WARREN
CALLADINE	GILMAN	KIMPTON	REDFERN	WASS
CHADWICK	GOFF	LAND	RICHARDSON	WATERFIELD
CHALLENGER	GREATHOLDER	LANDSDOWN	RIDE	WATSON
CHAMBERS	GREATFOREX	LANGFORD	RILEY	WATT
CHAPLIN	GREENSMITH	LANGTON	ROBERTS	WHEATCROFT
CLARK	GREGORY	LEEDHAM	ROBINSON	WHISTON
CLAY	GURRHAM	LEES	RODGERS	WHITTAKER
CLENS	HADFIELD	LIDDON	RUSSELL	WILE
COCKAYNE	HALL	LITCHFIELD	SALT	WILLIAMS
COCKER	HAMBLY	LOMAS	SANDERS	WINSON
COLLIS	HAMLET	MACLOUGHLIN	SHARDLOW	WOOD
COOPER	HAMMERSLEY	MART	SHAW	WOODIWISS
*CURZON				

(Earliest 1843, latest 1980.)

THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF BELPER CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

ADAMS	CAREY	HODGKINSON	NUTTALL	RICHARDSON	TWELLS
ALLDRED	CASH	HOLMES	OAKES	RILEY	WALKER
ARTHUR	CHADWICK	HUNTER	OAKLEY	ROBOTHAM	WARD
AULT	COCKER	JONES	OLDFIELD	SANDOM	WASS
BALL	COOPER	KENT	OTTEWELL	SIMS	WEBSTER
BARNES	DANIELS	KNIGHT	PALMER	SLACK	WHEELER
BERESFORD	FENNELL	LEMON	PARR	STEVENSON	WRAGG
BLACKTON	GARBUTT	LICHFIELD	PATTISON	STORER	Dates
BOAG	GIBSON	LONGDEN	POTTER	STRETTON	c.1810 - c.1898.
BOOTH	GRIFFITH	MACHIN	READ	SWINDELL	
BORNE	HARRISON	MARSON			
BOURNE	HARVEY	MORRIS			
BROWN	HILL	MOORE			

(Heather Eaton, M.I. Co-ordinator)



## JUST A BUNDLE OF OLD CARDS

Contributed by Janet Hurst

Recently I had a stroke of luck of the kind that genealogists hope for but rarely encounter. My mother, whilst searching through a box of books never unpacked since her last house move 25 years ago, found a paper bag containing a bundle of old postcards. On examining the cards turned out to be the contents of my grandmother's postcard album, collected at the turn of the century when the hobby was much in vogue.

There are several hundred cards with a wide variety of views, both continental and British comic pictures, national costumes and assorted novelty items. Many of the cards have not been written on and were obviously collected for their pictorial value only, but a good proportion have been through the post and provide fascinating glimpses into my family's life and times, giving information that I never would have acquired otherwise. A couple of cards even enabled me to further my genealogical researches into a line which had been at a dead end for years.

My grandparents lived at Bolsover and my grandfather, Joseph Harry Cousin, was the son of William Cousin, grocer and druggist of the town. William Cousin had come to Bolsover as a child with his parents, who in the 1851 census returns were living at the castle where Joseph, the father, was coachman. William is not to be found in the 1861 census and I believe he was away serving his apprenticeship, probably in the Worcester area, as in 1863 he married Jane Green of Kempsey, Worcs, at that city. By 1871 he was back at Bolsover and had set up in business. He had two children then, Martha Ellen (Nellie) and Fred. In 1876 my grandfather was born, several other children having died in infancy, and he was followed by brother Frank, the only other child to survive.

William prospered as a grocer (the story goes that he made his fortune by mixing margarine with the butter down in the cellar of his shop!) and began to buy up property in the town, mainly terraced houses and other shops. From the court books of the Duke of Portland's Manor of Bolsover, title deeds and William's will it is possible to work out just what he owned. Directory entries show that he was Chairman of the Gas Company and involved in many other local business ventures. William Cousin seems to typify the Victorian self-made man. He bought a large stone-built house in Bolsover Market Place, Dane Bank House, which had a large garden and tennis courts. The children were all sent away to boarding school. As a tenant of the Duke of Portland, William and his ladies were invited to events at Welbeck Abbey, and attended balls there and other functions.

In 1890 Jane Cousin died, the widowed William retired from the business and handed over the shop to his eldest son, Fred. In the 1890's William began to travel abroad for his holidays and sometime during the decade he engaged a young local girl, Eliza Harris, to be a companion to his daughter Nellie. He took a fancy to the pretty, illiterate daughter of a coalminer from the Model Village and paid for her to be educated. Smart clothes were purchased for her and she was treated as a member of the family. This girl was to become my grandmother. It seems that he did not approve of her friendship with the young Harry, for they did not dare to marry until after William's death in October 1902.

Thus the Cousin family's life is fairly well documented, but I know very little of Eliza Harris. Both her parents were dead when she married, so none of her children knew them. Her grandmother died in 1936 and so all oral tradition of her family was lost many years ago. Apparently her father was a miner who came to Derbyshire from the West Midlands. Her mother was a midwife, maiden name unknown, although it may have been Lake, as Eliza had an older brother called Tom Lake, presumably an illegitimate child or product of a first marriage. Eliza said she was born at Clay Cross in 1876 and moved to Bolsover as a baby, but the fact does not appear in the 1881 census for either place. The name Harris is very common and impossible to check out in the indexes at St. Catherine's House. The postcards, as well as giving information about the Cousin family, provided a lead on the Harrises.

The earliest cards are postmarked 1899. Both were sent to "Miss Harris" by William Cousin from Germany; evidently he was accompanied on the trip by son Frank. Interestingly a card postmarked 12.9.99 in Germany has a second postmark Chesterfield 2 p.m. 13.9.99 - if our holiday cards posted abroad today arrived so quickly! Nearly all the foreign cards in the collection arrived in England one day after being posted.

In 1900, again in September, William was in Norway and sent cards to Lizzie (Eliza) Harry (my grandfather) and Nellie (his daughter). Lizzie had evidently been ill, possibly with the bout of rheumatic fever which was to undermine her health for the rest of her life, for the messages hope that she will soon be better. The card to my grandfather was addressed to Perks Stores, 1 George St., Parade, Birmingham. I presume he was working there at the



as a boy he was apprenticed to a grocer in Loughborough, Leics. to learn the trade. Other than this card we know of no link with Birmingham.

William took his final holiday in July 1901 when he toured central and northern Europe. This was the occasion when he took Lizzie and Harry with him as the text of messages to Nellie and Frank make clear. These messages were just as trite as they are today, being of the 'wish you were here and weather is wet' variety! I know Lizzie greatly appreciated this chance to travel for she often talked of the holiday to her children. Several ornaments and other souvenirs of the trip have survived down to the present and I have some of these oddments.

The cards throw an interesting sidelight on the lives of the lower middle class in Victorian/Edwardian times. Annual holidays abroad were seemingly unremarkable to such people.

The remaining cards date from after 1902 when Harry and Lizzie were married. Most of them were sent by members of the family whilst on holiday. In Edwardian times they were not quite wealthy enough to venture abroad (the business acumen died with William Cousin). Morecombe and Blackpool seem to have been favourite haunts and there are views of the Great Wheel (a horrendous looking contraption) and the tower at the latter, together with a picture of Mrs. Ledgard's boarding house at 8 Adelaide St. complete with aspidistra in every window! The odd visit was made to Ramsgate and the Yorkshire Dales. Cards depicting scenes in London show that trips were sometimes made to the capital city. Of particular interest is a picture of the Indo-China Palace, Franco-British Exhibition 1903 complete with relevant postmark. The message on this historic card is the usual 'having a grand time here'.

In 1903 my grandfather visited E. Anglia, apparently buying livestock, although he did not farm as far as I know, only owning a field to keep his horses in. He did not work at this time, living on an income from rents and shares left to him by his father. It seems incredible that a man could support his wife and family in this way, but my grandfather did not go out to paid work until World War I, when the Edwardian age of affluence ended. Some old accounts show that his income was between 1 and 2 pounds per week.

To return to the cards. Harry visited Bedford in June 1903 and says on the first one that he was going on to Wellingborough for the market. The next day he travelled on to London and stayed there a couple of days before returning home. The weather was 'very hot'. In September he set off again and visited Peterborough, going on to King's Lynn where he attended the theatre and saw 'A Bid for Fortune'. After Lynn he went to several Norfolk towns including E. Derham and Fakenham where there were 'plenty of pigs in market'. I wish I knew the purpose of these business-cum-pleasure trips. It is possible that Harry was dealing in livestock at the time, but as the cards to Lizzie show, he was not travelling alone, and it is more likely that he was accompanying his father's youngest brother Edwin, who did run a small farm at Bolsover. Edwin was born over 20 years after William, so he and Harry were much of an age. It is interesting that Derbyshire small farmers travelled so far afield in search of stock.

In July 1904 Lizzie spent some time at Buxton along with her baby son Roy, taking the waters in a effort to relieve the symptoms of her rheumatoid arthritis. She wrote to her husband nearly every day and there are 10 assorted views of the spa town. The treatment involved 'getting plenty of water' and taking baths at the Crescent Hotel.

Three cards marked 1905 provide some clues to Lizzie's Harris ancestry. The first, postmarked Tamworth July 13 and addressed to Lizzie at Bolsover says, 'Dear Niece, We have looked out for a letter from you to say when you were coming but never had one (Clearly Lizzie was no letter writer for several cards from different friends and relations chide her for failing to reply to earlier correspondence). When shall you come to see us? Your uncle wants to see you and your baby very much. He is always talking of you. From your Aunt and Uncle Harris.' Here at last was proof of a link with the West Midlands. Lizzie soon made her mind up to go to Warwickshire and see her relatives for a card postmarked July 21 is addressed to her at Green Hill Farm, Arley, Coventry. This was from her sister Emma who had moved in to look after Harry. A third card postmarked Nuneaton July 28, addressed to Rose Cottage, Lower Rd., Barnacle, Coventry, simply says 'Will come tomorrow - Uncle'. I presume this is 'Uncle Harris' of the first card. Who Lizzie was staying with at Arley and Barnacle I do not know, perhaps they were cousins. At least these addresses show that members of the Harris family lived in the Coventry area. It is significant, too, that Arley was a coalmining place.

By coincidence I have a friend who lives in Coventry and she very kindly went touring the back lanes of rural Warwickshire, trying to find these addresses. Rose Cottage, Barnacle, no longer masquerades under that name if it still stands, and no Harris lives in Lower Rd. today. We had more luck with the Arley address though and elderly residents remembered that



someone called Harris had lived at Green Hill Farm. A check of trade directories showed that the farmer in the early 1900's was one Joseph Harris. Eureka! a name and address. I am now trying to follow up this lead and will report further progress.

Other cards show that the family links with Worcestershire, forged through Harry's mother who was born there, continued. 'Tot' Horton, who lived at Kempsey, Jane Green's birthplace, wrote regularly from 1904-1913. I do not know if she was a friend or a relative - another line to investigate one day.

Harry's sister Nellie married in 1903 and moved down to Bournemouth with her husband Sam. As she was the eldest child, Nellie had benefitted well under William Cousin's will and she was quite well off. It is said that Sam married her for her money! There is a card showing the pair of them sitting in their motor car registration no. EL 53 outside their smart villa. No-one in Bolsover could better that! Nellie's hat in this picture is a monstrous creation (obviously the latest fashion) and the poor babe in arms is wearing one nearly as big. A particularly interesting card from Nellie is dated 1910 and bears a picture, black-edged, of the late C.S. Rolls, of Rolls-Royce fame. The message on the back says 'Sam saw Rolls killed and helped to pick him up. It was a bad affair!'. I checked, and Rolls was indeed killed in his aeroplane at a flying display in Bournemouth that year. Sam moved to Gaddesby in that county, so there are several local views in the collection.

The other cards in the collection do not throw further light on the family, but some views of Derbyshire which may be of interest to readers. These are included in a bundle of cards sent to my grandmother's maid Winnie Spencer, who seems to have been a Chesterfield girl. Most of them are from a girl called Lucy living at 46 Sheffield Rd., Chesterfield, and the messages show that adolescent girls have not changed much in 80 years, being full of giggly gossip and talk of 'young men'. They make amusing reading. Lucy seems to have worked in a restaurant in Chesterfield and is much envious of Winnie's travels with the Cousin family to such outlandish places as Nottingham! Several cards were portraits of music hall stars, the pin-ups of the day.

These local cards show:

1. The interior of Chesterfield church.
2. Old Brampton church.
3. Packer's Row, Chesterfield (showing Turner's store on the right).
4. A black edged card 'In affectionate memory of the Chesterfield Horse Cars which succumbed to an ELECTRIC SHOCK Dec. 19 1904' with a picture of one of the trams.
5. A picture of Chesterfield Corporation Tram No.9 (dated Dec. 1904)
6. Hathersage -general view.
7. Hardwick Hall.
8. Bolsover Castle, inside the walls, all overgrown.
9. The Major Oak, Sherwood Forest (1904).
10. Nottingham Market Square, full of stalls.
11. Nottingham Castle.
12. Nottingham University.

There are no cards dated later than 1913. In World War I my grandfather went to work on the land, being too old for active service, and the bottom dropped out of his own fortunes. The golden Edwardian era was over. The family fell on hard times after the war, all travelling and annual holidays ceased, the maid departed, and my grandmother, ill a great deal, had little spare time for collecting postcards. How lucky we are today that she enjoyed that leisurely period in her life and passed on a picture of a bygone age by means of a bundle of old postcards.

PS. If anyone has information on the Harris family, or comes across a likely looking household in the 1881 census returns for the Derbyshire coalmining area, I shall be very pleased to hear from them. My address is 3 Sutton Close, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, Leics. LE12 5NR.

#### A NOTE IN THE REGISTER

I found the following on a piece of paper between pages of the marriage register for Tideswell. There was no date but a note on the other side mentioned 1833.

"The practice in Sheffield is never to register children when they are merely baptised but only when they are christened.

I. Hudson, clerk."

M. Stumbles.



## PROJECTS

NEWS: I was overwhelmed by the response to my request for help with transcription and indexing of the 1851 census. It was lovely to hear from so many of you and I look forward now to hearing from others who have not yet found the courage to write.

The films so kindly loaned to us by the Mormons are now available for those members wishing to work on transcription in libraries, offices or on home viewers in their own areas outside Derbyshire. Some have already been loaned out so please do give alternative areas in which you are interested - or be prepared for some delay - if volunteering to work in this way.

Similarly with photocopies, please do give alternatives in case the area of prime interest has already been started by another member. This problem had been overcome in several instances already by people being happy to index the area instead, so they are still able to see the area their ancestors came from.

No less than 24 place names have been added to those areas already transcribed with another 15 in progress. This is tremendous progress - far better than I had dared to hope for, and I am most grateful to all those members who have so willingly given their time and effort, both in transcription and indexing.

Many of you will be pleased to know that the first index book is now ready for the final checking and will very shortly be with the typist. I hope to be able to announce that it will be on sale by the time the next magazine arrives on your doorstep. So - save the pennies - please do support our efforts.

Don't forget - keep writing for work - it's the only way someone may eventually find that elusive ancestor.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS: As I reported in the last magazine, Mr. Stephen Grainger is hooked on transcribing these and has presented two more booklets to the society, both beautifully typed and indexed. These are for Sutton Scarsdale, St Mary's and Ault Hucknall, St John the Baptist. Many thanks for all your help, Mr Grainger.

Our thanks also to Mrs Mary Johnson for the transcription of memorials at the Baptist Chapel, Burton-on-Trent.

The Non-Conformist Chapel at Brassington has now become the village hall, but one memorial remains, and thanks go to Miss Mavis Burton for copying this.

Mr H. Usher, a keen local historian, although not a member of our society, contacted us after seeing an article in the local press. He has transcribed memorials in the United Reformed Church, Melbourne, the Baptist Chapel there, and also found a transcript of those relating to the now closed New Jerusalem Church in the village. Transcribing of the parish churchyard is also nearly complete - dense foliage is hindering progress at the moment! We are indeed indebted to him for his work.

To get away from census indexing I have taken myself on some of the sunny afternoons we had in September to Atlow, St Philip and St James and completed the memorials there.

PARISH REGISTERS: Mrs Sandra Smith who has done so much work in the South East area of Derbyshire has presented the society with another transcript, that of Wilne, St Chad Baptisms 1774-1880. These were transcribed and indexed by Sandra and typed by Lorraine Gurmin, our member in Weston-Super-Mare. Many thanks to both.

Heather Eaton Projects Co-ordinator.

## MEETINGS REPORT

Our new season of meetings began in September with a Members' Evening which again proved very popular with members taking advantage of the time to consult the Reference Library and to discuss their problems with other members.

At the October meeting Mr Maxwell Craven of Derby Museum and who is also a member of our Society spoke on Heraldry. Mr Craven brought the subject alive with his amusing anecdotes. Slides were shown of various coat -of- arms and the humorous signs in heraldry were pointed out, showing there can be more in a family coat -of- arms than meets the untrained eye.

Have you made a note of the new meeting dates. See bottom of page 1.



Contributed by Christopher Charlton, Hon. Secretary Arkwright Society.

During 1982 the 250th anniversary of Sir Richard Arkwright's birth has been commemorated by various organisations in a variety of ways. The Post Office issued special stamps; British Rail named a locomotive; the Science Museum is holding an exhibition; the Arkwright Society in partnership with Lloyds Bank has organised a competition for secondary schools and arrangements are in hand to commission a plaque to be attached to 8, Adam Street, Sir Richard's fine London residence. In Derbyshire the Arkwright Society is holding its special event during the week of December 11th and 12th when it has invited every living member of the Arkwright family to come to Cromford. The aim of the weekend is to show members of the family their heritage but it is also intended that a good deal of family history would be talked about in our evening discussion led by David Hool (on the Saturday). The society has used telephone directories to contact the family and an element of simple genealogical research to discover the more obvious family connections through marriage and has written to more than three hundred addresses. It will be interesting to see how many people actually make the pilgrimage!

The story of Sir Richard's life is well known though there must be some doubt how far reality approaches the rags-to-riches panegyric created by his Victorian admirers. For then he was the Father of the factory and godden and they hung his picture in the boardrooms and offices as an icon. In the story of his success they saw their own hopes for the future; if he could emerge from such poverty and by dint of hard work and determination perfect a series of inventions and complete labour and production system within which they operated surely there must be prospects for anyone with the same grit. His rewards - immense wealth, social status and respect were for the Victorian middle class proof of the social mobility which was within the grasp of anyone who was prepared to make the effort.

Subsequently the Arkwright legend diminished. The views Richard Guest had first expressed in 1823 achieved independent support. They were based on the allegations made at the patent trial of 1785 to the effect that Arkwright had stolen his inventions from Thomas Highs and of Fifty years ago when the bicentenary of Sir Richard's birth was commemorated Guest's views lay on the floor. The newspaper reports of the celebration lectures held in Manchester have an apologetic tone; our hero, though he may have been a thief was nevertheless quite important but all seemed rather half hearted!

Today historians recognise the importance of his industrial achievements and the moves system provided for others to follow both in the British Isles and in continental Europe and the United States far outweighed any argument over parentage of the water frame (in any case the evidence against Sir Richard the inventor in 1785 a generation after he received his patent has a strong suspicion of perjury attached to it).

For the local historians or family historians working in Derbyshire Sir Richard has bequeathed some fascinating problems. His mill at Cromford which he began in 1771 worked at first using local female and child labour from the nearby lead mining villages. By 1776-7 the second mill was built labour had to be imported and houses constructed for the families attracted to the new workforce. It seemed like an economic miracle; in the words of the song composed in Cromford in 1778 for the annual celebration

Ye Hungry and Naked, all hither repair  
No longer in want don't remain in despair  
You'll meet with Employment and each get a share  
At the Cotton Mills now at Cromford  
The famous renown'd Cotton Mills.

Derby Mercury, 25/9/1778.

Cromford grew, particularly between 1790 and 1811 as did the other mill settlements for example, Bakewell, Belper, Darley Abbey and Milford. It is not clear where the families who populated these communities came from but whether from the next parish or outside the county the establishment of the cotton mills in Derbyshire set up ripples of migration which continued certainly well into the nineteenth century. The mill communities appear to have been particularly attractive to families with young children of working age. In the early years this meant from seven years old but by the early nineteenth century the age had risen about nine in most cases. The effect on the domestic economy was revolutionary, women and children for whom there had seldom been regular paid employment could at last earn a wage. The difficulty came when the children grew up. The mills had few jobs for adults particularly male and for many of them further migration was the only way out. Where the families who the new industry came from and where the mill communities sent the young adults whom they could no longer maintain only detailed research will reveal. It seems likely that the







communities with a greater density of industries such as Belper with its nailmaking, hosiery, and printing industry as well as general market town functions were less affected by this imbalance than Milford for example with its total dependence on the mills.

There has been little recent research on Arkwright's life and work published but the Arkwright Society's competition for schools (sponsored by Lloyds Bank) has produced a spin off which may be of general interest to historians of this period in the form of a documents pack "The Richard Arkwright (1732-1792) His life and work" price £1.50 which brings together a collection of documents and photographs most of which have not been available previously. The packs are available from The Arkwright Society, c/o Tawney House, Matlock, Derbyshire.

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### ALLSOP FAMILY REUNION IN AUSTRALIA

Contributed by Lola Preston (mem. no. 287)

On 3rd October 1982 one hundred members of the ALLSOP family in Australia met in Singleton for a family reunion. The story begins in Australia with Rowland Allsop who they understood, was born c.1814 somewhere in Derbyshire. Through help and advice from the Derbyshire F.H.S. the story of Rowland has been pieced together. Rowland's baptism entry was found in the registers of Brassington and also those of his six brothers and sisters, children of Thomas and Hannah Allsop. Thomas and Hannah (nee Holbrook) were married at Wirksworth on 27th Jan. 1796. Rowland married Hannah Slack at Brassington on 31st March 1834 and had children William Henry baptised 1835 and Mary Ann baptised 1836, both at Brassington.

Rowland was known to have arrived in Australia c.1837 but the family had no further details. In England, the Derby Quarter Sessions hold the secret. In Jan. 1837 Rowland Allsop was sentenced to transportation for sheep stealing. His crime was to take four ewes valued at £4 and a lamb worth £1. The Genealogical Society of Victoria supplied a list of convicts on the ship "Lord Lyndoch" on which Rowland sailed to Australia. This gave a full description from the colour of his eyes and complexion, his place of birth, the names of his wife and children, his parents names, to details of the trial. This proved without doubt that the information gleaned from parish records in Derbyshire were correct.

A record of the voyage has been found. Rowland survived a bad outbreak of scurvy which only 89 of the 330 prisoners escaped, the total death toll was 39. Rowland worked his penance and later married? and founded a second family. It is from this family that all those present at the reunion are descended. What became of his wife and family in Brassington, England has yet to be found out.

### BOOK REVIEW

NEW PUBLICATIONS: These including the 'Discovering' series cover a wide selection of books in the fields of genealogy, local history, archaeology and related subjects.

DISCOVERING YOUR FAMILY TREE: by David Iredale - Concisely tells the family historian how and where to obtain information from the obvious wills, census and parish registers, to the less obvious such as school log books and local evidence to parliamentary commissioners.

THE COLLIER: by A.R. Griffin - A short history of coalmining and mining communities including references to local pits, Shirebrook, Brinsley and Clay Cross.

Other Discovering books will be reviewed in future editions of "Branch News". See Book List on back page.

Martyn Pratt, Sales Librarian.

ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY: Mrs. B. Tamlyn has sent "CALLADINE" information. (Mem. 568)

THE OLD BIBLE: - Information on the names CRITCHLOW; BLOOD; GARDANER; LINGARD; CHRICH; PARKIN; BRIDDON; VICKERS. AREAS: WINGERWORTH and ASHOVER; MANSFIELD; SHEFFIELD; OLD BRAMPTON and CLAY CROSS.

Malcolm Marples.

Mrs. B. Tamlyn (Mem. no. 568) has sent the following information.

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