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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.

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

ADVERTISEMENTS: Members and non-members may place an advertisement in "Branch News" at the rate of 50p per line (85 characters per line). Frame 50p extra.

COMING MEETINGS: 25th June - Mr. D. Fowkes, on Enclosure and tithe awards.
There will be no meetings during July and August. Meetings resume on 24 Sept.- Members' Evening
Articles for possible inclusion in "Branch News" No. 22 to be with the Editor by 31st July.

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EDITORIAL

The A.G.M. saw the resignation of the following stalwart committee members:- Mary Johnson, Fred Hall, Joan Smedley and George Milnes. As most of you know, it was through Mary's perseverance that the Society was formed. Fred has been a committee member willing to take on any responsibility. Projects have been ably supervised by Joan, and George has given his general support over the years. We are extremely grateful to these members and can only express our thanks to them and hope that they will long continue to attend our monthly meetings.

We are pleased to welcome distant members to our meetings, some travelling long distances and attending regularly, others from even further afield have joined us when visiting the area. It is also a pleasure to call on members when in their area. I recently called upon Sandra Tomkinson and Mr. R. Chawner who live in the tiny village of Boylstone, and although I had met Sandra at our meetings, and wondered how she was able to negotiate those narrow twisting roads at night to come, I had not met Mr. Chawner, and it was indeed a pleasure to talk to him in his garden and to put faces to names. This is what family history is all about, meeting members and exchanging information and ideas. We are always happy when we hear of contacts being made, but we are disappointed when we hear occasionally that letters have not been answered, even when S.A.E.s have been sent. In some cases a member has been happy to send information to another member without being asked, hoping to help that member, and not even an acknowledgement has been received. Please answer letters, someone is waiting patiently for a reply. Courtesy pays.

W.E.W.

PROJECTS NOTICE: A new projects co-ordinator has taken over since the A.G.M. so naturally needs time to familiarise herself with the material involved. We would be most grateful if members would curb their enthusiasm patiently until she feels able to allow more transcription, slipping etc. to continue.

COVER PICTURE: St. Chad's, Wilne. Isolated from the centre of population, the parish church of Wilne with Draycott stands near the banks of the River Derwent. It was the flooding of the river that finally drove the villagers of Wilne away to seek the drier, higher ground of Draycott. However the flood water has never entered the church. Today all that is left of the village are two cottages and Wilne Mills, once a cotton mill, which is now a firework factory. There was a church here on the site before the Norman Conquest and the present church is the third on the site and is mainly 13th and 14th century. The most notable items of interest are the Saxon font and the Willoughby chapel. The chapel contains the tomb of John Willoughby and his family of Risley Hall. In 1817 the church was badly damaged by fire but a full restoration was carried out in 1923.

The registers date from 1540 and until 1719 recorded the baptisms, marriages and burials from Risley and Breaston until these villages were made separate cure. Burials from Breaston continued at Wilne until the consecration of the churchyard there in 1824.

Today services are held in St. Chad's during the summer and on festivals; at other times at St. Mary's Draycott, a former Methodist chapel converted to Anglican use. Wilne has two claims to fame (1) it being the home of the Earl of Shrewsbury's steward, Nicholas Williamson, who was imprisoned in the Tower of London for a succession conspiracy in 1595. and (2) the reputed ghost of Marcus Astle has been seen walking along Wilne lane from the church to the mill. He went to the church, played a hymn on the organ, walked across to the mill and there hung himself from a beam.

(Many thanks to Sandra Smith for this interesting account and the cover picture.)

NEW MEMBERS LIST.

A warm welcome to the following members who joined the Society by 30th March 1982.

456. Mrs. Jean SORENSEN, Star Route, Garden Valley, Idaho 83622 U.S.A. Searching - BUTLER of BELPER 1816; BRIDGES of BELPER 1844; JACKSON of CHESTERFIELD 1745, DRABBLE of CHESTERFIELD 1757; WHIELDON of CHESTERFIELD 1714-15; ASHE of CHESTERFIELD LEADBEATER c.1573 and HANCOCK c.1500, both of CHESTERFIELD. c.1600.
457. Miss Helen DOWDESWELL, 65 Fletcher Ave., Valley Stream, New York 11580, Searching - DOWDESWELL of BRAILSFORD 1828.
458. Mr. Ian J. HARRISON, 27 Finch St., Beechworth, Victoria, 3747 Australia. Searching- HARRISON (Samuel) & ROBINSON (Ann) of GLOSSOP 1790; HARRISON (Edward) & BENNETT (Mary) of ASTON UNDER LYNE, Lancs. 1819, both born CHARLESWORTH nr. GLOSSOP; HARRISON (James) & WILKINSIN (Ann) of GLOSSOP 1848, went to Melbourne, Aust. on "Tasman" in June 1848.
459. Mrs. Shirley JAMES, 62 Moejebing St., Bayswater, 6053, Western Australia.
503. Mr. Christopher A. SMITH, 61 Church Rd., Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE3 1VE. Searching ALSOP of DARLEY DALE c.1720; ASTON of ASHOVER c.1660; BARKER of ASHOVER 1694; BERRISFORD of ASHOVER 1751; BOWN of TANSLEY c.1780 & of MATLOCK c.1739; BURNETT of DARLEY DALE 1757; CARDOR of DARLEY DALE c.1790; CARLINE of MATLOCK 1774; CLAYTON of DARLEY DALE 1757; DAVIES of MATLOCK 1805; FANTOM of DARLEY DALE 1789; HASLAM of ASHOVER c.1715; HILL of DARLEY DALE 1741; HOLE of ASHOVER 1776; HOLMES of YOULGREAVE c.1740/50, of DARLEY DALE c.1770 & of STANTON LEES 1693; HOPKINSON of ASHOVER c.1680; HOYDON of DARLEY DALE c.1713; KIRK of ASHOVER c.1715; MARRIOT of ASHOVER 1749; PEARSON of DARLEY DALE 1748; PIDCOCK of DARLEY DALE c.1655; POTTER of DARLEY DALE 1789 & of MATLOCK c.1670; REDFEARN of MATLOCK c.1790; ROOSE of MATLOCK c.1730; SELLORS of CRICH c.1820; SMEDLEY of ASHOVER 1671; SMITH of MATLOCK 1708; STEVENSON of DARLEY DALE 1825; TOPLISS of DARLEY DALE 1713 & poss. formerly of WIRKSWORTH; TURNER of DARLEY DALE 1688 & of BRACKENFIELD/BUTTERLEY 1870; WAGSTAFF of DARLEY DALE 1825; WALKER of MATLOCK c.1670; WALL of DARLEY DALE 1798; WILDGOOSE of DARLEY DALE 1660; WOODHOUSE of MATLOCK 1746.
504. Mr. John S. HIGTON, 39 Derwent St., Draycott, Derbys. Searching HIGTON of WIRKSWORTH 1603.
505. Mr. C.P. SHINER, The Old House, Etwall, Derby.
506. Mrs. M.E. WARD, Hunters Lodge, Eaves Knoll, New Mills, SK12 4QD. Interested in all aspects of Local History. Working on census returns for HOPE, BRADWELL & CASTLETON. Interested in the names HOLLINGWORTH & EDWARDS although has not made specific search.
507. Mr. B.H. GARNER, 26 Greenacres Drive, Uttoxeter, Staffs. Searching HORSLEY of HORSLEY & of DENBY; CARTWRIGHT of BELPER; COPESTAKE of ASHBOURNE & of MARSTON MONTGOMERY.
508. Mr. John D. MOULT, L.Ch. Tollerton Grange, 33 St. Anthony's Ave., Eastbourne, East-Sussex, BN23 6LN. Searching MOULT of CHAPEL EN LE FRITH.
509. Mr. & Mrs. Ray NORTON, 11 Heathfield Ave., Ashgate, Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 4AJ.
510. Searching - VOCE of STAVELEY 1880; FULLER of OLD WHITTINGTON 1883; NORTON of OLD WHITTINGTON 1881; SHORT of SANDIACRE 1882; NEALE of OLD WHITTINGTON 1882; BEMBRIDGE of OLD WHITTINGTON 1882.
511. Miss H.M. PRITCHETT, 49 Hammonds Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3AH. Searching - MYCROFT of SOUTH NORMANTON 1710; BULLEN of PINXTON 1760.
512. Mr. & Mrs. Graham & Elizabeth SMITH, 7 Crescent Gardens, Eastcote, Ruslip, Middlesex, HA4 8SZ. Searching - SMITH of HATHERSAGE & ROLLESTON 1819-1871; MORTON of EYAM 1826-1882; MELLORS of RIPLEY 1795-1871; BARTON, GROOME, not definitely Derbys.
514. Mr. A.J. HODGKINSON, 52 Kelso Close, Worth, Crawley, Sussex. RH10 4XH. Searching - HODGKINSON of SUTTON-cum-DUCKMANTON, CLAYCROSS, HEATH, EYAM and BOLSOVER c.1730. ALLAKER of SOUTHMINSTER ESSEX c.1760. Would be interested in hearing about any ALLAKERS.
515. Mr. & Mrs. A.G. FOSTER, 52 Westgreen Ave., Allenton, Derby DE2 9AQ. Searching-
516. FOSTER of SWARKESTONE, Derbys. 1702; APPLEBY of MARSTON MONTGOMERY 1722; HARRISON of ROSTON, Derbys. 1817; SMITH of ELLASTONE, Staffs. 1838.
517. Mr. Julian GREGORY, 5 West Way, Broadstone, Dorset. Searching GREGORY of BASLOW 1752.

518. Miss Gwen JOHNSON, 199 Victoria Ave., Borrowash, Derbys. Searching - JOHNSON(Thomas) of CASTLE DONINGTON & WHITE (Ann) of BREEDON 1776; WILLIAMS (William) born TONGE 1802, wife Ann; FAUKES/FOUKS/FOWKES (Thomas) & HICKLING (Eliz.) of CASTLE DONINGTON 1766; BUTLER (Hannah) of WILNE 1811; HUTSBY (Thomas) of NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary's, wife Ann 1780; BULL (James) of ASTON ON TRENT & POWERS (Catherine) of APPLEBY 1802-5. CURZON of CRICH 1850.
519. Mr. John HANSTOCK, 429 Hastilar Road South, Sheffield. S13 8LD.
520. Mrs. Dorothy L. SELLORS, 48 Rebecca St. Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia. 4825. Searching - SELLORS of HARPUR HILL, CHELMORTON, BUXTON, EARL STERNDALE 1893 ? WOOD of HARPUR HILL, BUXTON, FLAGG ? 1912; LOMAS of LEEK, Staffs. also of REAPSMOOR, 1885; SMITH & GREEN by marr. with LOMAS, of DOVE HOLES, CHAPEL en le FRITH, & HIGHER BIBBINGTON; LUPTON of CHAPEL en le FRITH; HEATHCOTE & SWEETMORE of HARPUR HILL, BUXTON, EARL STERNDALE, BURBAGE early 1900's.
521. Mrs. Gloria PURSSELL, 58 Latimer St., Holland Park, 4121, Queensland, Australia. Searching - SHIRLEY of ETWALL.
522. Mrs. Ruth Ward VERTEIKO, 4340 Banning St., San Diego, California, U.S.A. Searching - WARD (David) of FINDERN, b. 1823.
523. Mr. Tom G. ATKIN, 445 Witney Ave., So. Saskatoon, Sask. S7M 3K6 Canada. Searching - ATKIN(S) (Arthur William) Derby 1865; WOOD(S) (Julia) Derby 1865; CARPENTIER of LIVERPOOL.
530. Mr. Raymond BATTESON, 17 Orchards Way, Walton Rd., Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 3DA. Searching - BATTISON (Matthew) of NTH WINGFIELD or TIBSHELF 1690; BATTISON (PENISTONUS) & Anna MARRIOT of TIBSHELF 1668; BARKER (William & Frances) pre. 1793; GREEN (John) of STAVELEY, WOODTHORPE c.1775; FRYOR (Ellen) of MORTON c.1790; GREEN (Ursula) of TANSLEY 1800-1.
531. Mrs. MARY A. YEOMANS, 9 Derwent Ave., Borrowash, Derbys. DE7 3HZ. Searching - FELLOWS of NORTH WINGFIELD, 1882.
532. Mr. E.J. WHEATLEY, 6 Rushcliffe Ave., Chaddesden, Derbys. DE2 6NW. Searching - WHEATLEY (Edward) & TYRREL (Hannah) 1800-1805, Derbys or Notts.; EDGE of NORMANTON by Derby 1649.
533. Mr. C.C. LOVELL, 19 Longstone Rise, Belper, Derbys. DE5 1ED. Searching - LOVELL of GODMANCHESTER, Hunts. 1813; FARLEY of DERBY; FEARFIELD & BARNES also of DERBY.
534. Mr. Harry BALL, 30 Cheltenham Ave., Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 4LN. Searching - HALL (William) of ELMTON 1780; COUP (Mary) of BOLSOVER 1758; BALL (John) of MORTON or STH. NORMANTON 1759; WHITE (Catherine) of ASHOVER & MUGGINTON 1739.
535. Mrs. Jill MARTIN, 43 Harcourt Rd., Redland, Bristol BS6 7RF. Searching - BURGOYNE BURGIN with variants of ALFRETON 1816; MACHIN of PENTRICH 1813; HENCHCLIFF of All Saints, DERBY 1819; CARRINGTON of CHESTERFIELD 1791; SWAIN of S. NORMANTON 1744; WHARTON of NORTH WINGFIELD 1759.
536. Mr. J.M. DILLON, 57 Lee Park Ave., Gateacre, Liverpool 25. Searching - UPTON of DUFFIELD area 1820's.
537. Mrs. Ann WATERS, 2 Dawson Rd., Long Lane, Cheadle. Searching - BLANKSBY of EDENSOR 1765.
538. Mrs. B. STAFFORD, 8 Beaumaris Crescent, Shepshed, Leics. Searching - BAILEY/BAYLEY 1746, HURST 1748, SHEPHERD 1763, ADDAMS c.1700, all of HARTSHORNE.
539. Mrs. M. WEBSTER, 8 Blenheim Rd., Firwood, Manchester M16 OHS. Searching - ROOSE of MATLOCK c.1800; WHAWELL of HEAGE 1786; BARBER of CASTLETON 1754.
540. Mrs. P. MARTIN, 58A, Denison St., Beeston, Notts. NG9 1AX. Searching - SISSON of ILKESTON.
541. Mr. & Mrs. John & Joyce BAND, 10 Woodlands Walk, Skipton, N. Yorks. BD23 1TZ. Searching
542. BAND (James & Ann) son JAMES b. 1799 at St. Alkmunds, DERBY, (prob. also All Saints.)
543. Mr. Edward CALL, 1 Auckland Wynd, Shildon, co. Durham. Searching - CALL (Thomas) poss. of IRONVILLE 1851-1858?; SANT (George) of RIPLEY 1795; BROWN (Maria Elizabeth).
544. Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Alison ENGLEFIELD, 34 Florence Rd., West Bridgford, Notts. NG2 5HR.
545. Searching ROE of St. Peters, DERBY 1876; ENGLEFIELD of MORTIMER, nr. READING 1824; OSBALDESTON of St. John, PRESTON 1767; DUFF of KIRRIEMUIR, FORFAR, SCOTLAND 1850's

544. cont.
545. JONES ? of FINSBURY, LONDON 1850's; CROSS of TOPSHAM, DEVON, 1790's.; LEATHAM of the DUDLEY area 1848; DELIHAY or DELAHAY.
546. Mr. William A. STRAW, 'Swithland' 5 Fairfax Gardens, Menston, Ilkley. W. Yorks. LS29. Searching - STRAW of COTMANHAY, ILKESTON; CURTIS, LACEY, and BAKER, all of ILKESTON, esp. COTMANAY; CHAMBERLAIN (Frederick Joseph c.1825) of BLETCHINGDON, Oxon & WORKSOP, Notts.; BENYON of WIRKSWORTH and WEM, Salop c.1832; CORK of CHESTERTON, Staffs.c.1832.
547. Mr. Kenneth Alan POTTER, 84 Worksop Rd., South Anston, Sheffield S31 7ET. Searching - POTTER (William) of Ripley & Chesterfield 1876; POTTER (Samuel) of Ripley; BUTLER (James) of CHESTERFIELD 1876.
548. Mr. F.G. PEACH, 8 West Rd., Spondon, Derbys. Searching - PEACH of EDLASTON & DARLEY MOOR nr. SNELSTON 1843.
549. Mr. Dennis JAGGER, 71 Storrs Rd., Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 3QA. Searching - JAGGER of CHESTERFIELD 1803.
550. Mrs. Dorothy NEWTON, 9 St. Christopher's Ave., Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 9DL. Searching - KINDER of GLOSSOP 1808; BRITTON of BELPER 1824.
551. Mrs. Audrey SLATER, 31 Swarthmore Rd., Birmingham B29 4NQ. Searching - SIDEBOTHAM or SIDEBOTTOM of CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH 1831; SMITH of BARLBOROUGH 1885; ROWBOTHAM of COLLYHURST, MANCHESTER 1866; BAKENDALE of COLLYHURST, MANCHESTER 1869.
552. Mrs. K. PORTER, Heath Post Office, Chesterfield, Derbys. S44 5SN. Searching - WILSON of RUGELEY 1812; ELCE of CRICH 1841.
553. Mrs. N.W. EVAMY, Rose Cottage, Foxfields, West Chiltonington, Pulborough, West Sussex. Searching - KERRY (Thomas) son of RICHARD & PHOEBE ? of White House Farm, SMALLEY 1781.
554. Mrs. A.M. BAILEY, 7 Sherwood Crescent, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Searching - ROBINSON of DUFFIELD 1908 (Boot & Shoemaker)
555. Mrs. Erika CARROLL, 38 Breck Rd., Poulton Le Fylde, Nr. Blackpool, FY6 7AQ. Searching - RAINS of WIRKSWORTH 1791.
556. Mrs. D. JAGGER, (as no. 549)
557. Mrs. D.D. SMITH, 58 Queen St., Waingroves, Ripley, Derbys. Searching - LUDLAM of RIPLEY 1861.
558. Miss G. BRIGGS (as above)
559. Mr. Christopher ELLIOTT, 17 Harewood Rd., Allestree, Derbys. DE3 2JP. Searching - ELLIOTT of SWANWICK & ALFRETON 1815.
560. Mrs. C.A.T. THOMPSON, N.B. Colber, High Line Yachting (Northolt)Ltd., Rowdell Rd., Northolt, Middx. UB5 6AG. Searching - BARKER of BABBINGTON, Notts. 1886; HOLT of ILKESTON 1846; STIRLAND/STERLAND of ILKESTON?; STEVENSON of ILKESTON 19th cent.; TRUMAN of ILKESTON 19th cent.
561. Mrs. Linda JAMESON, 15 Windsor Close, Tamworth, Staffs. Searching - BOSTOCK of ILKESTON 1838; KNIGHTON of ILKESTON 1841; WELSCH of SHARDLOW 1881; STRAW; CLAY.
562. Mr. Nigel W. EADIE, 4 White Gates, Codnor, Derbyshire. Searching - EADIE of ILKESTON TENNANT possibly of ILKESTON.
563. Mr. Brian MELLORS, Mrs. Elsie MELLORS & Miss Jennifer MELLORS. (Family Members)
564. 14, Butterley Row, Ripley Derbys. Searching - MELLORS of CHESTERFIELD; STEVENSON
565. of ILKESTON.

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10. Mr. A. KNIGHT, 11 Thomson Drive, Codnor, Derbys. DE5 9RU.
- 252/253. Mr. & Mrs. D. MILNES, 'The Old House', Thorpe, Nr. Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 2AW.
255. Mr. D. BRYCE, c/o 3 Darcy Rd., Cheam, Sutton, Surry, SM3 8NH.
296. Mr. J.H.C. MILNES, 'Walnut Tree Cottage', Melbury Osmond, Dorchester, Dorset. DT2 0LL.
310. Mr. P.J. WHEELDON, 40 Samuel St., Temple 2044 New South Wales, Australia.
450. Miss L. THURGOOD, 84 Runnymede Rd., 703 Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7M 129.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS.

139. Mr. Adrian E. TODKILL, 44 Elms Rd., Wokingham, Berks. RG11 2AA. is now searching - BROWN of CROMFORD 1810; AUSTIN of CROMFORD 1810; MARPLE & HOLLINGWORTH of BONSALE 1760; BRADLEY of MATLOCK 1770.

INTERESTS cont.

473. Mr. P.G. BREEN, 211 Alma Ave., Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6BJ. Searching - HANDBURY of ASHOVER 1703; SLINN of ASHOVER c.1790-1830.

HELP WANTED

APPLEYARD Does anyone have any information about ELLEN CROFTS, born 1855 at HOLMESFIELD. Her married name was APPLEYARD and she then lived in SHEFFIELD. She had a sister ELIZABETH who married and lived at CLOWNE. Mrs. N.E. Reaney, 25, Greaves Lane, Stannington, Sheffield, S6 6BB. Memb. No. 195.

GRATION Information is needed about ELIZABETH GRATION of HEAGE or CRICH in 1851. Died in 1870 aged 92 at Crich. Maiden name BRADLEY. She married twice, first to JOSEPH BLACKHAM and then to BENJAMIN GRATION in 1836. A dau. of her first marriage was EMMA born c.1825. A later generation of BLACKHAMS lived at THURSLOW BOOTH in CRICH CHASE or CRICH CARR. Was this where ELIZABETH lived in 1851? Dr. G. Whittingham, 128 Grand Drive, Raynes Park, London SW20 9DZ. Mem.no.311.

MESSAM I am searching for the marriage of WILLIAM MESSAM of REPTON to SUSANNA -----? c.1661. I also need the baptisms of their sons GILBERT (c.1672) and WILLIAM. Their other children are in the Repton register. I believe there may have been, at this date, a family connection with UTOXETER. Does anyone know the location or history of a field called QUARTER LEASORS (in 1734) at EGGINGTON? Mrs. J. Measham, Tor Cottage, 81 Cavendish Rd., Matlock, Derbys. Memb. no. 359.

HORNE Information is needed on WILLIAM T. HORNE, bapt. 1835 in Derbys. Went to Australia, information on shipping record needed. Mrs. W. Wilson, 38 Superior Ave., Seven Hills, New South Wales 2147, Australia. Memb. no. 412.

FELLOWS Information is needed on the family of FELLOWS who moved from PELSALL, Staffs to NORTH WINGFIELD c.1882. Later (1900) moved to Allenton Bywaters, Castleford, Stanley, Bottamboat. Also the family of RICHARDSON of Stanley, Bottamboat, Wakefield, Yorks. Allenton Bywaters. Mrs. M.A. Yeomans, 9 Derwent Ave., Borrowash, Derbys. DE7 3HZ. Memb. no. 531.

SWAIN Has anyone come across either of the following in their census searches? DOROTHY SWAIN 19/20 yrs. old in 1841, 29/30 yrs. old in 1851. MARY SWAIN 18 yrs old in 1861. Both born at PILSLEY, NORTH WINGFIELD. Could possibly have been "in service" somewhere in the CHESTERFIELD/NORTH WINGFIELD areas. Mrs. J. Martin, 43 Harcourt Rd., Redland, Bristol BS6 7RF. Memb. no. 535.

PHILLIPS Information is needed on the PHILLIPS family of WARSLOW, Staffs. WILLIAM FRANCIS married MARY FROST in 1829 at ALSTONFIELD. Children were poss. JOHN & JANE. 2nd marriage to ELIZABETH JANE MORELAND dau. of ALEXANDER MORELAND & CATHERINE ORR of SCOTLAND, at CHESTERFIELD. This family left LONDON on 26th August 1874 and arrived in WELLINGTON on 30th Nov. 1874. Mrs. D. Young, P.O. BOX 102, Shannon NI, New Zealand.

THROUGH THE LETTER BOX.

THE BERESFORD FAMILY SOCIETY: Mr. P.L. Beresford, Memb. no. 244, writes:

You may be interested to know that a Beresford Family Society has been formed. Our initial gathering took place in September 1980 and now we have a membership of over 120. We have strong connections with Derbyshire and Staffordshire. In Alstonfield, Staffs. register there are over 600 references, and that in a small place. We meet regularly at Fenny Bentley every spring, Fenny Bentley having strong connections. Thomas Beresford who fought at Agincourt lived there and it is from him that many of the present day Beresfords claim descent.

Several books have been printed privately on the family history. I act as one of the joint librarian and research officers, and would be very happy to correspond with members of Beresford connections. We are currently building up an index of names both alphabetically and by parish. Is there anyone who would possibly search for any Beresford references on my behalf, I would be glad of any assistance.

Letter from Mrs. Kathy Stokes, Memb. no. 407:

I am the membership chairman of the Manitoba Gen. Soc. - we have about 300 members in Canada and the U.S. but none from England. We are a young society, begun in 1976 and we have only just started on cemetery transcriptions (or M.I.s) I will keep my eyes open for

"Strays" - there are many settlers here. Our oldest known tombstone in Manitoba is from 1817 so you can see we do not have as long a history as you do in England. In the few cemeteries which we have done so far, I have noticed quite a difference between British inscriptions and those from French - Canadian, Belgian and Ukrainian inscriptions - all of which are common in this province. The latter more frequently mention the maiden names of wives and birthplaces in the "Old Country". Ukrainian tombstones often have a photo of the deceased sealed into the stone and covered with a transparent material so that one can see what the deceased looked like.

The Hudson's Bay Company Archives are stored here in Winnipeg - they go back to 1670. Although many of their traders were from the Orkneys, there were some English men in the country who worked for H.B.C. I would be glad to look up these records for any of your members who might have H.B.C. ancestors.

Letter from Mr. James Wragg, memb. no. 245.

Members may be interested to read that I have recently finished work on an exhaustive study of the family name WRAGG as mentioned in the parish registers of WIRKSWORTH. Using all entries mentioning the surname down to 1845, I have created a word-model which distinguishes and relates nearly a hundred WRAGG families which lived in this former lead mining centre towards the time of its greatest prosperity. The names of other families most frequently mentioned are:-

ALLSOPP	BUCKLEY	GODBEHERE	POTTER	SPENCER
ANDREWS	BUNTING	GRATTON	POYSER	STAFFORD
BAMFORD	DOXEY	GREENHOUGH	ROOSE	STORER
BODEN	ELLIOTT	HALL	SHELDON	STUBBS
BROOKS	FROST	HOLMES	SLACK	THOMPSON
BROWN	GELL	MATHER	SMITH	WESTON

A copy of this 73-page dissertation is being lodged in the Bodleian Library.

MEETINGS REPORT

February was an open meeting where once again members made full use of the library and reference sections.

March - Unfortunately Mr. Ron Storer could not be with us due to urgent commitments connected with his work, a colleague of Mr. Storer's, a Mr. George Batey, MBE, a mining instructor with the N.C.B. stepped in and saved the day (evening). The film "Nine Centuries of Coal", showed us the hardships our forebears had to undergo and of how coal mining industry has progressed. How one shudders at the thought of a six year old being sent down a coal mine or young girls and women crawling along with baskets of coal on their backs. But our ancestors survived and progressed as was seen in the shorter film of Lound Hall (Retford) where sixteen year olds are now given training before working down the mines. We thank Mr. Batey for giving us a look into this Historic Industry, the Roots of which Lie Deep in the Past. Our thanks also go to Heather Eaton, our M.I. co-ordinator, who had earlier in the day taken part in a broadcast on Radio Derby. Heather brought along the recording, giving many of us who were at work the opportunity to hear her talk.

April, A.G.M. - This was an A.G.M. with a difference, first we had a good attendance for an A.G.M. approximately 40 people. Secondly we had four members of the committee retiring, namely, Mary, Fred, Joan and George, all four have had a long term of office and have contributed greatly to the growth of the Society and deserve the opportunity to spend time doing their own research. Many thanks to all of you, and we look forward to seeing you all on the last Friday of each month.

The Meeting - Our Chairman gave thanks to everyone who had helped in any way over the past year. Both she and the Secretary (read in Mary's absence) reported on expansion and progress of our Society. Membership has grown, attendance at meetings has increased and we need a larger room. We now have over 3000 strays collected from various sources and hope soon to publish a booklet. Projects in all fields have continued to flourish and the library sections have expanded with exchange of magazines with other Societies and additions to the reference section.

Thanks were given to the Auditors Mr. D. Smedley and Mr. I. Manifold.

The Treasurer's Report of our financial situation follows and shows that we still have a friend in the Bank Manager.

Financial Statement - Year Ending 31st Dec. 1981.

Total receipts from membership dues, books sales, donations etc.	£1219 . 43
Less total expenses including postage, stationery, duplicating, affiliation fees, donations and producing Branch News.	£1080 . 80
Credit balance for year	138 . 63
Add bank balance and cash in hand at 31st Dec. 1980.	254 . 88
Credit Balance	393 . 51

Bank Balance at 31st Dec. 1981.

Current Account	£12 . 47
Deposit Account	£300
	£312 . 47
Cash in hand	81 . 04
	£393 . 51

Hon. Treasurer.

The new committee officials were elected as follows:-

Chairman - Mrs. W. Waterall

Secretary - Mrs. P. Marples

Treasurer - Mr. M. Spencer.

Committee - Mr. I. Manifold, Mrs. D. Gent, Mrs. M. Stumbles, Mrs. A. Burnham,
Mr. M. Marples, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. M. Pratt, Miss E. Bardill, Mrs. H. Eaton.

Everyone was invited to look at the display of old documents and photographs which had been brought along by members. Those present were very pleased to hear the thanks given by Mr. L. Russell for the hospitality and friendliness he finds at our meetings.

Pauline Marples.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE SECRETARY.

It is interesting to read in the very first minutes relating to the formation of the then "Mid Derbyshire F.H.S." that a Mrs. M. Johnson was elected to the committee, but indicated her intention to serve only on a temporary basis. Interesting, because that first meeting was in April 1976 and Mary's temporary position has seen the Society through its first six years. We owe much to Mary, for, as one of the roots she has helped in many ways to push out the branches and make the Derbyshire Family History Society what it is today.

One of the first people my husband and I met at the Society's meeting was Fred Hall, and we felt at home. Fred has helped the Society with many things, but as Membership Secretary, I'm sure he was best. It doesn't matter where you meet Fred, he will have a membership form, and some advice. I know that many overseas members are indebted to him for help they have been given. Like Mary, Fred has done a great deal to help our Society grow from its foundations.

Pauline Marples.

CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT BRAMPTON NETHER MOOR. Mark Gamble, a member of the Leicestershire F.H.S. has sent interesting information regarding an indenture which contains the following details; 'Conveyance of land from MARY BRIDDON to HENRY BRIDDON.' This relates to land on Brampton Nether Moor. Surnames mentioned are BRIDDON, SMITH, READ, LANFTON, KNOWLES, PEARSON and SLACK. The information is now in the reference library, anyone interested please ask Malcolm.

LIST OF SURNAMES FROM AMBERGATE/TOADMOOR 1881 CENSUS: ADAMS, ALLEN, ASHTON, BAKER, BEAL, BEIGHTON, BERNEY, BLACKHAM, BRADLEY, BRIGGS, BROWN, BINNS, CAULDWELL, CLARKE, COLE, COOPER, COWLISHAW, ELLIOTT, FIELDING, FISHER, FLETCHER, FLINT, FORD, FOX, FROST, GLOSSOP, GODDARD, GRUNDY, HALL, HAWKINS, HAYNES, HILL, KEY, LUCAS, MACHIN, MANSELL, NAYLOR, POYSER, RUTHERFORD, SHORE, SIMS, SPENCER, STEEPLES, STOPARD, TRUEMAN, TAYLOR, de VALADERES, WAIN, WAIN, WATSON, WHITEHEAD, WRIGHT, WINSON, WILLS, WOOD, WORRELL, WRIGHT.

Dr. G. Whittingham, 12 Grand Drive, Raynes Park, London SW20 9DZ. Memb. no. 311, will be pleased to answer any queries regarding the above census.

INDEXING: I thought you might like to know of one of our members who has recently done a vast amount of indexing, especially parish registers of a certain village on which the Society has concentrated. She has started signing her cheques "IRONVILLE BEN----" (instead of IRENE BEN----) and dating them 1882.

Joan Smedley.

HENRY BRENTNALL "Abundant in good works"

Born 1798

Married 1829

Died 1866, aged 68 yrs.

"Eastwood was deserted: the doors of the houses were fastened, windows were barred and most of the villagers were hiding in the High Park Woods. For the last few days there had been ugly rumours and word had spread that rebels were marching on Nottingham from Pentrich in Derbyshire. They must pass through Eastwood and as they were reported to be demanding weapons and forcing able-bodied men to fall in with them, the people of Eastwood had prudently made themselves scarce. Just one man waited at the roadside to see the rebels pass, and as he stood with ears alert for every sound, he would turn his eyes now and again in the direction of Langley Bridge, the village where they would cross from Derbyshire to Nottinghamshire.

Why was this man of nineteen standing there? Why hadn't he fled to safety with the others? He hardly knew himself. He came of a family that had farmed on the Shipley Estate generation after generation, men independent views and independent ways. His father, and his grandfather before him, had done the unheard-of thing, once the harvest was in, of taking a holiday each year, walking to London and back just for the fun of it. The old squire so trusted his father that year after year he asked him to carry "m'lady's" jewels to London in his pockets because they would be safer with him than in the squire's own coach. If his father had no fear of footpads that infested the roads, why should he fear working men, whatever their grievances, as they marched by in broad daylight? Still, rebellion was an ugly word. His grandfather had had vivid memories of the '45 when Prince Charlie's rebels had come as far as Derby and even his father, as a boy, had seen some of their heads rotting on spikes on London Bridge. What would be the fate of the men who were coming now?

He listened more intently; yes, there was a murmur of voices and the sound of feet on the road. He watched as they breasted the hill; some carried muskets, some pikes, others only had sticks. There was no order, no discipline as they marched, they were little more than a rabble. On they came, the man striding ahead of the others would be the one they called the Nottingham Captain. Surley he recognised the face of the man just behind him, wasn't it Ludlam, the local preacher? Times were hard he knew, but there was no remedy for Christians this way. They were near him now. The leaders did not give him so much as a glance. A few, who were shouting threats and oaths, called to him to join them. They looked as if they had been drinking to keep their courage up, but the majority just plodded on. So they straggled by. There had been less than expected. Then, looking back the way they had come, he knew the reason; there were little groups here and there who had dropped out on some pretext or other and were now making their way homewards. They knew already that their hope of support from other parts was disappointed. Soon they were gone too. The village street was quiet again. Watching these men, Henry Brentnall had been profoundly moved. He might be a youth in years but he had a man's heart. What of those who hadn't turned back? What chance would they have against the military who were waiting for them? They would be scattered and then rounded up for trial. The leaders would be hanged and many another could expect to be transported. True enough there were agitators like the Nottingham Captain, but for the most part they were honest working men, driven to desperate ways by poverty and hunger. Many, he knew, were framework knitters, working all the hours of daylight and lucky if they earned six shillings in a week and, even then, shoddy goods instead of money; and the price of a four pound loaf was 9d, and a pound of sugar cost 1/1d. There was anger in his heart at a government that would do nothing to help the poor, whose policy was to crush them down and down until they turned to violence in sheer desperation. It was unbelievable that only two years ago these same men had gone wild with joy at the news that "Eoney" had been finally defeated at Waterloo. He remembered vividly the stage coach, bedecked with ribbons, drawing up at the King of Prussia Inn at Heanor with the glorious news. What a night that had been, what hopes there had been victory, peace, happier times ahead. The months had passed and all that had happened was that distress had grown - unemployment, falling wages, rising prices - small wonder that men who saw their children ill-clothed and hungry should turn to desperate means.

It was as he thought of the poverty and distress that had led to this rebellion that an idea that had been in his mind for some time hardened into a resolve. They must have a school in Heanor for the poor - better still, a chapel and a school. He himself walked each Sunday to the Independent Chapel at Ilkeston. Joshua Shaw, the minister there, would gladly help to establish a new cause. He knew of a room that was available at Milnhay, perhaps they might begin regular preaching there and open a Sunday School. Yes, and he

could take extra classes on week-nights too. It would be a school where the poor might learn to read and write, something that was urgently needed, for their ignorance made them easy prey for the bad employer and the plausible agitator alike. If they could read too, they would be able to read the Bible for themselves and to know that God really did care for them, every one.

Young as he was, it was Henry Brentnall, the Colliery Book-keeper who did as much as anyone to begin the school and establish the little band of worshippers that began to gather in that year (1817) in the room at Milnhay. Later they moved to what they afterwards described as an "upper room" in Heanor itself, belonging to another man whose interest had been aroused, Benjamin Hardy, a draper. Soon they began to look around for a site for a permanent building. But at first they had no success, for though the vicar was badly neglecting his duties at the parish church, none of the landowners were willing to sell land for the building of a dissenting chapel. At last they were offered part of a field in the little hamlet of Marlpool, about a mile away, and, grateful for anything, they accepted this and began to build what should be both chapel and school. The building began in the spring of 1821 and was completed in time for the official opening on January 1st 1822. It was not thought wise to transfer the school to the new premises until better weather in April, but when they did transfer it, they were soon crowded out and had to extend the premises in the same year. This saddled the little congregation with a debt for many years to come, a debt that Henry Brentnall covered in part from his own pocket, though he was never a wealthy man.

For well over forty years, he gave himself to the work of the chapel and school, and the ability which might have gone into establishing a great business was used instead in the service of the people of an obscure mining village. Responsibility for church and school alike fell on his broad shoulders; registers and minute books were scrupulously kept and all church business was properly registered. He implanted his personality upon the cause to a remarkable extent and lived out his Christian faith as guide and friend of one of the most despised sections of the community. Year in, year out, he was present at the services of worship and its business meetings, and taught faithfully at his school. For most of his life, his home was two or three miles away which entailed a good deal of walking and meant that on a Sunday he would come with his lunch packed in his pocket to stay the day, only returning home after the close of the evening service. For years he never had a hot Sunday dinner. Then on weekdays, two or three evenings each week, he would be there with a team of helpers teaching reading, writing and arithmetic to over a hundred lads mainly drawn from the pits.

In everything he undertook, he was thorough. When the system of National Registration of Births and Deaths was started in 1837, all existing dissenting registers were required to be deposited at Somerset House. The Marlpool Baptismal Register was to be sent along with the others, but before the time came to send it in, Henry Brentnall discovered that a number of parents were worried because their children, not having been baptised, would not be recorded. He knew that to some of these families it was a matter of great concern; they would be enormously helped if they could feel that their children's names were also going to be sent to the Government in London; they would feel that they mattered. He thought about it for a while and decided to compile an appendix to the baptismal register of the names of any other children whose parents wanted them included. It was quite a considerable undertaking. Eventually eighty-five names were entered in this appendix with full particulars, or at least as full as he could obtain, for some families dated the birth of their children in unusual ways as may be seen from this entry:

"Ann, daughter of Samuel Clay and Catherine..... was born in the spring of 1821,
the day the first stone of this Chapel was laid..... the mother gave this date.
(signed) Henry Brentnall."

Queen Victoria's coronation on June 26th 1838 was a great day for the school, with a tea party and visit to the grounds of the local squire. They were still talking about it the following week when news came of the sudden death of Thomas Roscoe, who for nine years had been Minister of their church and another little cause at Moor Green. The little churches were faced with the problem of the Minister's widow and children, some of whom were still young. It was Henry Brentnall who took the lead, helping in many a quiet way and raising a fund of over £200 to provide for the years ahead. When this money had been gathered, a large sum for those days, he arranged an investment which he personally guaranteed to ensure Mrs. Roscoe of an income for the rest of her life.

In trouble of any kind, people naturally turned to Henry Brentnall and his wife (a girl he had fallen in love with at first sight and later married) for they never turned any away. Accidents in the pit were all too common, but there came the day when there was a serious explosion involving many miners. Then their house was ransacked for blankets to wrap the

burnt man in, nothing was spared. Many died that day and of those who recovered many were scarred for life, but nothing the Brentnalls could do had been left undone.

Henry Brentnall had a heart soon touched by suffering and he was not ashamed to weep at the misfortunes of others, yet he was no weakling or sentimentalist. He kept a careful eye on local affairs and if the local vestry was better managed than some, it was because of men like Henry Brentnall and his friends, John Holmes, the Methodist, and Francis Howitt, the Quaker. A little company, with these at the head, watched that local people were not imposed upon and initiated much-needed reforms. An ardent liberal, Henry Brentnall had no faith in violent measures, and at the time of the Chartist riots was sworn in as a special constable to help keep the peace. He was greatly loved and respected by all the people of the area, so much that on one occasion as he was walking home after his evening school, he was set upon by a footpad, who, when he recognised who he was, apologised and let him go on his way without molesting him further.

Shortly after his sixtieth birthday, his many friends combined to present Henry Brentnall with a silver inkstand as a token of gratitude and esteem. It was a great occasion. First the scholars marched to his house to escort him to the chapel; then there was a tea, a packed meeting with friends from far and near, hundreds of them, packed in like sardines. Many tributes were spoken, but the greatest tribute was the crowd of men who owed their start in life to the school to which he had given so much; what a cheer they gave him when he rose to speak. Looking at that sea of faces, he spoke of the years that were gone, of the old friends who had laboured with him, and of bad times that were now passing into history. He spoke of the joy he had found in living out his Christian faith in this way, and as he thanked them for the visible token of their affection, he said that "the ink from that stand should never be used by him for the purpose of slandering his neighbours, or sowing discord and mischief among his fellow men, but for the glory of his Divine Master." But Henry Brentnall hadn't retired. In the school were four hundred scholars and he continued to teach. He served God and his fellow men to the end and when he died some seven years later, there was grief through all the area. One who knew him well wrote, "I have not seen his equal among all the people I have known; and he was always the same, pursuing his own work and shewing himself the kind, wise and faithful friend, who through life was distinguished for great moral worth, piety and benevolence." Hundreds mourned the loss of a dearly loved personal friend. A public subscription was started to raise a memorial to him and within a few weeks over £100 had been subscribed. On the monument appear these words:

"In memory of Henry Brentnall, who, after he had served his own generation, by the will of God fell asleep in Jesus. He being dead, yet speaketh."

He stands out amongst his fellows because, at a time when so many despised the frame knitter or the collier, Henry Brentnall cared for them; cared so much that he centred his life on helping them and educating them, that they might stand on their own feet as men. He restored their self respect, and he did all this and so much more gladly because, above all else, he loved God."

(Source unknown)

(Contributed by Joan Smedley who also compiled the 'Family Tree' of Henry Brentnall, on facing page.)

Inscriptions on the massive memorial standing in Marlpool cemetery to the Brentnall family is now inscribed on all four sides as follows:-

(On the east side) In memory of Henry Brentnall, late of Dunstead House, Heanor, who after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep in Jesus, March 6th 1866 aged 68 years.

(West side) Also, in memory of Mary Marshall, widow of Henry Brentnall, who fell asleep December 27th 1891 aged 85 years. Also Henry Martyn, son of Henry and Mary Brentnall, who died February 27th 1892 aged 59 years.

(North side) Also in memory of Mary Anne, elder daughter of Henry and Mary Brentnall and wife of Andrew Cleland. Born September 9th 1835, died December 21st 1902. Interred at Kirkcudbright, Scotland. Also Sarah Hannah, younger daughter of Henry and Mary Brentnall and widow of James Chambers of Brookhill, Overthorpe Eastwood who departed this life on August 18th 1944 in her 105th year and was interred at Eastwood.

(South side) This monument has been raised by some of the numerous admirers of his character and works, to perpetuate the memory and recommend the imitation of his many virtues. A patriot, philanthropist and Christian, he devoted himself nearly fifty years with self denying energy and undeviating perseverance to the improvement and education of the young. He being dead yet speaketh.

BRENTNALLS OF THE HEANOR AREA

at St. Alkmund, Derby
 ISAAC m.1726 ANNE LORD
 BRENTNALL

SAMUEL m. CATHARINE?
 BRENTNALL c.1729
 of Shipley

BENJAMIN (1)m. 18. 1. 1760
 BRENTNALL at Heanor
 1736 - 1818

SARAH
 BRENTNALL

of Stanley (a Sojourner in this parish)

(2)m. 4. 7. 1784
 at Heanor

'Widder' RUTH BROWN d. 1818

PAUL BRENTNALL GEORGE BRENTNALL RUTH BENJAMIN REBEKAH SARAH BRENTNALL
 1760 - June 21st 1822 b. 1762 BRENTNALL b. 1768 BRENTNALL b. 1773 b. 1776
 m. 2. 7. 1788
 at Heanor HANNAH DAWSON
 of Alleston, (family Seat)

GEORGE ALICE PAUL SARAH HENRY WILLIAM HANNAH REBECCA EDWARD JOHN MARTHA
 b.1788 b.1790 b.1792 b.1794 b. 29. 10. 1797 b. 1798 b.1800 b.1803 b.1806 b.1808 b.1811
 d. 6. 3. 1866 m. 22. 9. 1829 (by licence)
 aged 68 MARY MARSHALL b. 1806
 of Dunstead House, d. 27. 12. 1891
 Heanor aged 85 years

HENRY MARTYN ALFRED WOLLSTAN HANNAH MARY ANNE ANDREW SARAH HANNAH JAMES
 BRENTNALL BRENTNALL BRENTNALL CLELAND BRENTNALL CHAMBERS
 b. c. 1832 b. 1834 b. 9. 9. 1835 b, 1839
 d. 27. 2. 1892 d. 1924 d. 21. 12. 1902 d. 18. 8. 1944
 aged 59 years of Cocker House, in her 105th year
 Eastwood, Notts.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BABINGTON HOSPITAL BELPER.

By D. Potter.

In common with a number of similar institutions throughout the country, Babington Hospital has its origins in the carrying out of the requirements of the Poor Law Acts following a Royal Commission in 1832. Because of change in industry and farming and trade fluctuations in the country at that time, vast social problems existed and the Poor Relief being administered placed an impossibly heavy burden on existing workhouses.

In consequence of the report of the Royal Commission, 32 parishes in the area around Belper were instructed to form a Union based on the town. The Belper Board of Guardians first met in the Lion Inn, Bridge Street, in May 1837. A new "workhouse" was an urgent priority, the three small existing ones being inadequate for the pauper population of the 32 parishes.

Some of the sick poor were vividly described by a medical officer of the time in a report to the Board, including one man "...aged 78, (who) has lain upon a squab in a stockinger's room for the last four months - he was supposed to have had a paralytic stroke, but his case has turned out to be a fracture of the neck of the thigh bone". The Doctor went on to point out that he regarded the provision of such a hospital would be "...not only.... an act of humanity....but also a matter of economy and saving to the Union".

By 1837, two medical officers had been appointed to the Belper Union, and after many delays the building of the workhouse designed by Sir Giles Scott was nearing completion in 1840, on a 2½-acre site on "Babington Meadow", adjoining what was then the Derby turnpike road. The land, purchased from George Benson Strutt, had cost £750, and the cost of the workhouse building in local Derbyshire stone was £8,700.

The first inmates of the workhouse helped to perform tasks in the house, so that it was as far as possible self-sufficient, and the weekly provisions bill at that time was approximately £17 for 158 inmates.

Boy paupers were taught tailoring and shoemaking, and a schoolmaster and mistress were employed at £25 and £15 per annum for the general education of children in the workhouse. All inmates admitted appeared to have enjoyed a sufficient, if regulated and austere standard of living, but there remained always the condition that "only the necessities of life but nothing more" were offered, and "that though no man who was really in want would hesitate to comply with (the restrictions), yet he would submit to them no longer than he could help; rather would he do his utmost to find work...than accept parish pay". Nevertheless it is probable that conditions in the workhouse compared favourably with those in which many people outside were living at the time.

In 1889 the Hospital building was erected to cater for the needs of the sick poor.

The "Tramp Wards" of the hospital contained gridded cells where stones were broken to usable size by casual wayfarers in return for a night's lodging. Although unused for many years, these relics were not finally demolished until 1954, and the grilles were donated to Derby Museum.

Conditions appear to have remained more or less unchanged at Babington until 1930, when an extensive scheme of modernisation - lasting until 1941 - was undertaken by Derbyshire County Council.

During the Second World War, the hospital formed part of the Emergency Medical Services Scheme and was upgraded to the status of a 1A Hospital and used principally for continued treatment of post-operative cases from Derby Hospitals, and also for some serv patients.

In 1948, when the National Health Service came into being, the Ministry of Health designated the premises a "Hospital", and control passed from Derbyshire County Council Derby No.2 Hospital Management Committee, whose official headquarters were based at Babington, and the Welfare Section continued to cater for 122 "Part III" Welfare residents the hospital then having 155 geriatric and 15 maternity patient beds.

Over the years since 1948, further upgrading and provision of improved facilities has been carried out, and the bed complement reduced to help achieve two of the main aims of all medical, nursing and administrative staff - the rehabilitation and progressive care of the geriatric patient.

(Many thanks to Mr. Potter who has given permission for us to print the above article from a leaflet published by the Hospital.) -12- See next p

Babington Hospital cont. Mr. Potter also gives the following information.

First Meeting Saturday 6th May, 1837, at The Lion Inn, Belper.

Present: Mr. Stevens, Chairman for first Meeting only.

William Evans, George Henson Strutt, Jobidiah Strutt, William Mundy,
Francis Hurt, John Radford, Lorenzo Hall, Dr. Peach and H.G. Goodwin.

Plus: 43 elected Guardians from 32 Parishes.

Officers elected: Chairman of the Board of Guardians, William Evans.

Vice Chairman, Robert Cresswell of Idridgehay.

Clerk to the Board of Guardians, Mr. J. Pym at a salary of £100 per year.

1837. Relieving Officers appointed to cover two districts for administrative purposes:-

Mr. Raynor of Smalley, Relieving Officer for Belper District.

Mr. Walton of Wirksworth, Relieving Officer for Wirksworth district.

Salary of each Officer £100 per year.

The Derbyshire Banking Company were appointed Treasurers.

Mr. Swanwick of Derby was appointed Auditor at a salary of £25 per year.

The Bank had to find "two sureties in a Bond of £1,000 for the due and faithful performance of their duties".

On June 3rd, 1837 Mr. Walton and Mr. Raynor presented 91 requests for relief.

Cost to Union £14.18.3 cash and 19 stones, 2lbs of bread.

One week later 10th June there were 200 applications.

Examples of sick poor asking for relief:-

1837. Henry Garton, Kilbourne, age 94. Diseased prostate gland which renders it necessary to draw urine twice a day and he lives in a miserable room just large enough to contain a bed and a chair - window half glazed - door scarcely keeping out the cold. His grand-daughter, Mary Riley, has a diseased knee joint and is worse off - she lies on a chaff bed - on the floor in a sort of loft above the old man's room. approachable only by a ladder - the window broken - no fireplace.

The Medical Officers were often accused of not providing proper attention:-

Dr. Evans was accused of not providing leaches when he had prescribed them.

He also had to explain to the Board the death of Lydia Wigley - who it was said, had died of starvation - he said she died from inflammation of the bowels. No relief was allowed when she had applied for it.

Interest in Babington Hospital was aroused by its mention in Ken Burdekin's article in "Branch News" n.20,p.8.

MARRIAGES AT MANCHESTER COLLEGIATE CHURCH (now the CATHEDRAL).

Members who cannot trace marriages which they think should have taken place in CHESHIRE, LANCASHIRE or DERBYSHIRE would be well advised to check whether the event did in fact take place at MANCHESTER Collegiate Church. This has always been a popular place for marriages as well as being from 1754-1837 the Parish Church of Manchester, covering an area which stretched from DIDSBUY and HEATON NORRIS in the south to BLACKLEY in the north and from DENTON in the east to Salford and STRETFORD in the west, and by the early C19 several thousand marriages a year were celebrated in the church. A number of members have recently expressed surprise at finding 'missing' marriages here, some of them taking place at least 50 miles from where the couple resided both before and after the marriage.

Searching the Parish Registers (on microfilm in Manchester Library) would obviously be a mammoth task but fortunately most of the marriages have been indexed (some periods for males only): those to 1804 are indexed and available in either the OWEN MSS or BOYD'S Marriage Index, LANCASHIRE Section; from 1813-1875 both males and females are included in the 1978 edition of the Mormon CFI and the period 1805-1837 is covered by a card index belonging to the Manchester & Lancashire FHS. There appears to be some doubt as to whether the CFI includes all the marriages for this period - if any members come across marriages which they know took place at the Collegiate Church between 1813 and 1875 and which are definitely not in the microfiche I should be interested to hear from them.

(From the North Cheshire F.H.S. journal Aug. 1980)

Mrs. Pauline Litton, 34 Bromley Rd. Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 2DP, kindly sent the above article after receiving several enquiries from people with Derbyshire ancestors particularly in the Chapel en le Frith/Glossop area, and to date all marriages have been found in Manchester Cathedral.

DERBYSHIRE BIGAMY TRIALS IN 1840

By Roger Flindall.

My interest in genealogy developed gradually during the many years I have been researching the history of Derbyshire lead mining. While indexing references to the mining areas in the newspapers for the year 1840 available at Derby Central Library Local Studies Department, I noticed accounts of 2 cases of bigamy at the 1840 Derbyshire Summer Assizes which might interest members of the Derbyshire Family History Society.

The first case received little coverage in the newspapers, it merely being stated that SARAH HARRISON was sentenced to 2 month's hard labour for bigamously marrying LEVI WRIGHT on 25 March 1839 when her first husband, FRANCIS HARRISON, was still alive.

The other trial was more thoroughly reported and indicates the complexities which may ensnare the unwary genealogist. The defendant, JOHN BACON, alias JOHN JACKSON, was given the seemingly harsh punishment for bigamy of 7 years' transportation. His first marriage was to SARAH PARKIN at NORTH WINGFIELD on 20 April 1829 and JOHN BACON was later bigamously married at CHURCH GRESLEY on 16 May 1837 to HARRIET BIDDOW or BADGER, alias CROCKSALL, of DRAKELOW, who was an orphan and had been brought up by a family called CROCKSALL. The Derby Reporter states that BACON had more recently been living with a third woman. A glance at the Mormon Computer Index shows that HARRIET BADGER was baptised on 3 June 1804 at WALTON-upon-TRENT as HARRIET BADGER or BAKEWELL, daughter of CHARLES BAKEWELL and ANN BADGER, thus giving her 3 alternative maiden surnames and 2 married surnames.

Sources: Derbyshire Chronicle, 1840 Aug. 8 p2 c6.

Derby & Chesterfield Reporter, 1840 Aug. 6 p3 cl-2.

Derby Mercury (less detailed than the above).

A FATAL MATTER OF ARITHMETIC.

In the Sheldon register is the following entry: "6th January, 1753. The man about 14 years of age. Marrd; - CORNELIAS WHITE and ELLEN DALE. The woman 70... of Sheldon."

T.F. Thiselton-Dyer records an account of this wedding which appeared in the Derby Mercury of January, 1753: - "Last Saturday, at the chapel of Sheldon, in the High Peak of Derbyshire, were solemnized the nuptials of a widow, gentlewoman, of that place, of about eighty years of age, to a young lad - by the consent of his parents - of about 14. As she was rendered incapable of walking by a complication of disorders, she was carried in her chair from her house to the chapel, about a hundred yards distant, attended by numerous concourse of people, where the ceremony was performed with becoming seriousness and devotion, after which she was reconducted in the same manner, the musick playing, by her orders, the Duke of Rutland's Hornpipe before her; to which (as she was disabled from dancing) she beat time with her hands on her petticoats till she got home, and then called for her crutches, commanded her husband to dance, and shuffled herself as well as she could - the day being spent with the ringing of the bell and other demonstrations of joy, and the populace - mostly miners - being soundly drenched with showers of excellent liquor, etc., that were plentifully poured upon them. The new-married couple, to consummate their marriage, were at length put to bed, to the side of which that well-polished and civilised company were admitted; the stocking was thrown, the posset drank, and the whole concluded with all the decorum, decency and order imaginable."

It appears that the bride did not live long after her marriage as another January issue for 1753 stated: - "We are informed that last Sunday died at Sheldon, near Bakewell, the old gentlewoman who was married the 6th instant to a young lad, aged about fourteen. Her corpse was brought to Bakewell Church on Tuesday last, where she was handsomely interred, and the funeral sermon preached on the occasion to a numerous and crowded audience by the rev. gentleman who had so lately performed the nuptial ceremony."

(Contributed by Mr. M. Tedds)

MASS BAPTISMS IN JUNE 1837.

On June 28th, 269 people were baptised at Heanor in the Parish Church and during the last week of June, 385 people were baptised at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in the neighbouring village of Ilkeston. The fact that 650 people felt the need to be baptised in one week makes one wonder what percentage of the population was not baptised in infancy. It seems likely that large numbers of our ancestors were just not baptised at all and the problems this could cause do not bear thinking about!

See page 9. Ed.

(Contributed by Joan Smedley.)

ISOLATED INTERMENTS.

Contributed by Dorothy Gent.

Notes published in volume 19 of the journal of the Derbyshire Archaeological and Natural History Society in 1897 mention three gravestones which lay in the grounds of Newton Old Hall, between Tibshelf and Blackwell.

The centre stone was inscribed: "Here lie interred the remains of WILLIAM DOWNING, who died at Blackwell, February 27, 1857, aged 77 years. He was the owner of this hall, and it was his expressed wish to be here interred."

The stone on the north side of it had the following: "MARTHA, wife of WILLIAM DOWNING, died at Newton Hall, June 23, 1832, aged 56 years."

The stone on the south side had: "To the memory of ANNE, sister of MARTHA DOWNING, who died at Blackwell, June 23, 1855, aged 84 years."

In 1890 when these notes were taken the hall was in a state of decay and had been converted into a farmhouse and cottages. It had clearly been erected during the reign of James I of local stone and had numerous small mullioned windows.

Anyone coming across, or seeing mention of such interments, please make note of them and send the details to the Society, they will be gladly received by Heather Eaton, our Memorial Inscription Co-ordinator.

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF OSMASTON BY DERBY, ST. JAMES THE LESS.

List of surnames mentioned.

ADAMS	DAKIN	HARPUR	MEAKIN	SANDLAND
ALINE	DALLMAN	HASARD	MEE	SELWYN
ALLESTREE	DAVENPORT	HIGG	MILLER	SEVERNE
ARCHER	DAVIES	HOBSON	MOORE	SHIPTON
RAINBRIGGE	DAWSON	HODGKINSON	MOSELEY	SIMMONS
BAILEY	DEXTER	HOCK	NEAL	SMITH
BAKEWELL	DODD	HOUGH	NEEDHAM	SOAR
BARKER	DRAPER	HOWARD	NICHOLLS	STAPLES
BATES	DUDENEY	HUDSON	ORSON	STONE
BENNETT	DUDLEY	HUMPHREYS	ORTON	TAUNT
BESTWICK	EARDLEY	IRONMONGER	OSMASTON	TAYLOR
BIRD	EASTWOOD	JACKSON	PAGE	TARLTON
BLACKWELL	ELSEY	JARVIS	PARKER	TOWERS
BLIZZARD	EVANS	JEPSON	PEARSON	TUNNICLIFFE
BOND	FEAST	JESSOP	PEAT	TWIGGE
BOWMER	FELKIN	JONES	PHILPOTT	UNDERWOOD
BRAY	FLETCHER	KEELING	PYMM	USSHER
BRENTNALL	FOSTER	KEETLEY	RADFORD	WALTERS
BULL	FROST	LANCASTER	REDFERN	WATERS
BUTLER	GARNER	LEWIS	RICHARDSON	WESTON
CHALLONER	GASKIN	LOCKWOOD	ROBERSON	WHEELDON
CHAMPION	GILBERT	LOW	ROBERTS	WILMOT
CHARNELL	GILMAN	MADDOCKS	ROBINSON	WILMOT-HORTON
CHURCH	GREAVES	MADGEWICK	ROCK	WILSON
CLARK	HACK	MANN	ROSE	WOOLLEY
CLAY	HANCOCK	MARTIN	ROVELL	WRAGG
COLEMAN				

(Latest date 1949)

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF ALL SAINTS, TRUSLEY.

List of surnames mentioned.

BACON	DAVISON	GOODALL-COPESTAKE	SHAW	THORNLEY
BALLIDON	EATON	GOODWIN	SMITH	WALKER
BEER	EYRE	HODGES	STEEL	WARLOW
BROWNSON	FUTZGERALD	HUNT	STRETTON	WEBSTER
BULL	FORD	JOHNSON	TABBERER	WHARTON
CAVENDISH	FOSTER	MASON	TAYLOR	WHITE
COKE	FOX	PEACH	TUNNICLIFFE	WILMOT
COKE-STEEL	FREEMAN	SALT	THAWLEY	WOODWARD
CURZON	GASKIN			

(Heather Eaton, Memorial Inscription
Co-ordinator.)

FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES PUBLICATIONS

Letter from J.S.W. Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB.

May I through your Journal ask readers and users of my published Guides to let me know whenever they come across omissions, mistakes, or information they consider is misleadingly presented. This is particularly the case with microfilm copies of census returns, where there are hundreds of different libraries. It is only by such help that inadequate entries can be corrected or amplified and that I can learn of omitted holdings. A new edition of this Guide, to include acquisitions of the 1881 census. is planned for September 1982. As a 'carrot', I would mention that I usually expect to give a copy of a new edition to anyone who has helped significantly in this way with its preparation! Constructive criticism and suggestions for improvements are always welcome.

I am also glad to receive suggestions of new subjects for guides, and offers of help with these. The most recent to be issued is that on Quarter Sessions Records For Family Historians: A Select List. I hope to publish guides to holdings of Local Newspapers and Land Tax Assessments in the next year.

May I point out that new editions are not just reprints, much though they may resemble earlier editions. There can be significant changes in the location of records, with rationalisation of archive holdings; there are new transcripts, indexes and publications; there can be changes of address or phone number. Often the actual alteration may involve only two or three lines, or even letters or figures, but its import can be considerable! So to ignore a new edition because you have the earlier one can (at the modest prices the Federation charges) be a false economy, depriving yourself of crucial information.

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The above publications are available from J.S.W. Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB or from the Federation, Mrs. Ann Chiswell, 96 Beaumont St., Milehouse, Plymouth, Devon PL2 3AQ.

THE FEDERATION CONFERENCE AND A.G.M. AT LINCOLN 2-4th APRIL 1982.

The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology are to be congratulated on their organisation of the Federation Conference and A.G.M. held at Bishop Grosseteste College. It was a delightful weekend with ideal weather and plenty to occupy the participants, both at the college and in Lincoln itself. Through interesting and sometimes humorous lectures we learned about the county of Lincoln and of its people. We were superbly entertained after the Conference Dinner with Lincolnshire Songs by the Four Naves, one of whom was Mr. Richard Thornton, S.L.H.A. chairman, and humorous readings by Terence Leach.

At the A.G.M. held on Sunday morning, Pauline Litton was elected vice-chairman and editor of the News and Digest, owing to Derek Palgrave's term of office coming to an end. Colin Chapman, chairman, said that he intended to visit all Societies in time, he has already spoken to 14 home and 7 foreign Societies in the past 12 months and has sold £1000 worth of publications in that time. Concerning complaints regarding Record Offices, it was stated that searchers should act correctly and observe all rules, e.g. ball point pens should not be used. The Elizabeth Simpson Award for the best journal was won by the Devon F.H.S. Suggestions were put forward for marking the 10th Anniversary of the Federation.

The next Family History Conference will be at Guildford, Surrey and will span 5 days, 17th-21st September 1982. The venue will be the University of Surrey.

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