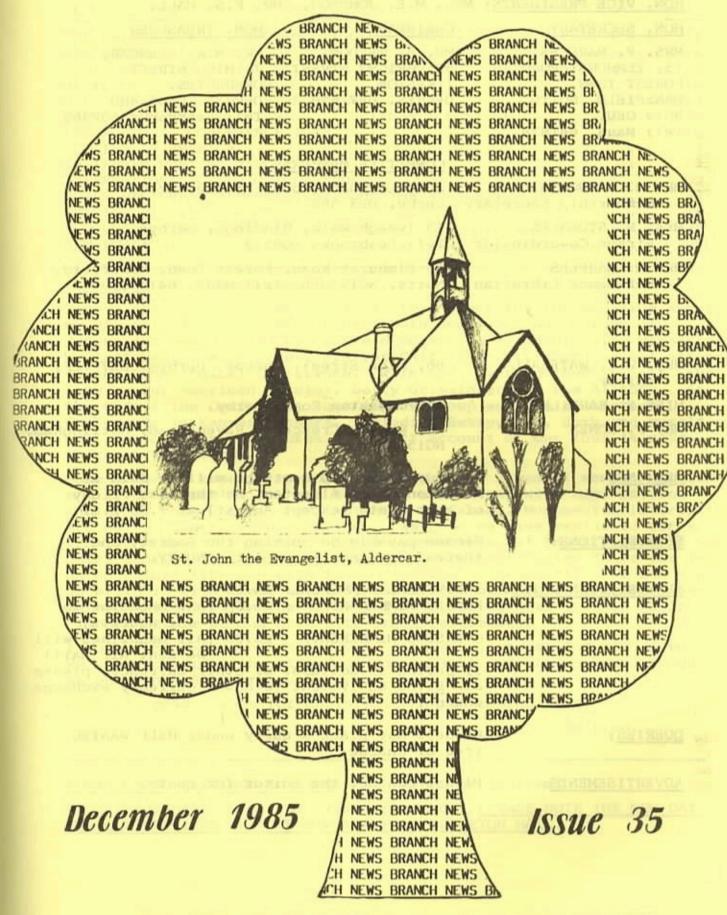
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Merry Christmas

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EDITORIAL

Several of you have asked me to write a piece for the magazine about my visit to America. My daughter Ruth and I joined a group of Federation members, led by chairman Roger Moore and his wife Marjorie. We left Heathrow on August 3rd for Salt Lake City where we all attended the Genealogical Conference. Ruth and I were joined in Salt Lake City by our American cousins, Betty Grissinger and Pam Allsopp. At the end of the Conference some of the group went on to another Conference in Kansas; others, including Betty, Pam, Ruth and myself, went on to other adventures. A short account of our tour is elsewhere in this issue.

Some members, especially those overseas, have asked if we can publish a list of abbreviations and terms we use, along with explanations and cross references. For instance, in Canada, Monumental Inscriptions are called Cemetery Inscriptions. We hope we have explained terms such as Members' Interests, Strays and Monumental Inscriptions in our Sales Leaflet sent to you all earlier this year called "Have you lost an Ancestor" (the one with the policeman on the front). We ask you to write in with these queries, especially our overseas members who perhaps will tell us the terms they use, as we need to know their 'lingo' before we can help with cross references.

I hope 1985 has been a happy year with some success for all of you. We look forward to hearing from you in 1986 and seeing many of you at our Tenth Anniversary Conference on 10th May.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the coming year,

Winifred.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS in 1986: (See separate leaflet)

We already have a full programme planned. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATES FOR OUR MEETINGS and OUR NEW VENUE at ALFRETON HALL.

We welcome the following members who have joined the Society by 18th October 1985.

- 1233. Mr. Frederick W. HIGTON, 18 King George's Rd. Bishopsworth, Bristol BS13 8LP. Searching - HIGTON and BROWN of Derbys. esp. Matlock, late 19th to early 20th cent.
- 1234. Mrs. Jane M.D. HADDOCK, The Rookery, 174 Park Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 8EH. Searching - WHEELDON of Ilkeston 1815 (Lace maker); BARBER of Basford area 1852.
- 1235. Mrs. Marjorie BOS, 18 Kensington Drive, Spalding, Lincs. PEll 2UU. Searching - GILTHORPE of Pilsley and Newbold 1841; SIDDALL of Aperknowle 1838.
- 1236. Mrs. Dorothy PROSSER, 37 King Ecgbert Rd. Dore, Sheffield, S17 3QR. Searching WRIGHT 1858, MELLOR 1850, MILLETT 1800, MADDOCKS 1850, all of Macclesfield Cheshire; CHORLTON of Gorton, Lancs. 1881; LEE of Woodhead c. 1842; ALLEN of Arnold/Bulwell, Notts. 1800; BROWN of Crich 1817; TAYLOR of Belper c. 1823.
- 1237. Mrs. Vera SMITH, 15 Grange St. Alfreton, Derbys. DE5 7JA.
 Searching LEAKE of Alfreton 1857; WHITE of Alfreton 1823;
 GILLARD of St. Pancras, London 1876; STONE of St. Pancras,
 London 1882; KING of Cork, Ireland 1847.
- 1238. Mrs. Dorothy EVANS, 5745 Pat Bay Hwy, Victoria, B.C. Canada V8Y 1T4. Searching HOWE of Hope 1763; PALFREYMAN of Hope 1788; DAKIN of Bradwell and Wormhill 1815; SLACK poss. Tideswell and Liverpool 1886.
- 1239. Mrs. Jean ASHDOWN, 42 Lexington Gardens, Tuxford, Newark, Notts. NG22 OLK. Searching MARTIN of Clay Cross; ASHDOWN of Kent; DUDLEY of Staffs. all 1800's.
- 1240. Mr. John MORTEYNE ELLIS, 10 Pexhill Drive, Broken Cross, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3LP. Searching MORTAIN and all variants of Eyam, Hope, Hathersage, Risley and Kirk Hallam 12th-17th cent.; DODDS/DODS of Brassington and Sheffield, Yorks. 18th and 19th cent.
- 1241. Mr. Bryan HUDSON, 10 School Close, Marske-by-Sea, Cleveland TS11 7AS. Searching ROBERTS of Ripley 1861. Presumed to be connected with the Butterley Iron Works and lived at Cromford Rd. Ripley.
- 1242. Mrs. Beryl LANGTON, 53 Grange St. Alfreton, Derbys. DE5 7JA Searching - LANGTON 1870, POOLE 1853, both of Riddings; WESTON of Hackney, London 1850; ALLCOCK of New Barlborough 1859; HAWKINS of Heage 1841.
- 1243. Mr. & Mrs. Rolland R. HICKLING, Box 185, Edmeston, New York U.S.A. 13335. Searching HICKLING of Derbyshire 1778; WILKINS of Chesterfield 1778; IVES 1607 (place unknown).
- 1244. Mrs. Mary E. HUDSON, 3 The Croft, Kegworth, Nr. Derby DE7 2EG. Searching - STORER and HILL of Derbys. 1875; PRESTON 1871; HUDSON, BROOKS all of Derbys. CROSS of Liverpool.
- 1245. Mrs. Ada J. POTTER, 20193 E. Highway 26, Linden, California U.S.A. 95236.
- 1246. Mr. Bernard J. WIMBUSH, 21 Longmeadow Rd. Alfreton, Derby or P.O.Box 157, Dhahran Int. Airport, Saudi Arabia. Searching-WIMBUSH of Whaley Thorns, Langwith 1898; BOYES of Seaton Carew, Durham 1906.

- 1247. Mr. Arthur G. BRENCHLEY, 99 Fearnhead Lane, Fearnhead, Warrington, WA2 OBH. Searching - HEWETT and EDMED of Derbyshire 1860.
- 1248. Mr. Frank SHAW, 69 Park Rd. Bingley, West Yorks. BD16 4BP. Searching - SHAW and MURFIN of Norton, 1855.
- 1249. Mr. A.L. MOORE, 4 Richmond Place, 23 Giles St. Kingston, A.C.T. Australia 2604. Searching WEBSTER of Derbys. 1772 and of Leics. 1785; ORME of Staffs. 1805.
- 1250. Mrs. Elizabeth M. WHITEHEAD, 29 Gainsford Crescent, Hitchin Herts. Searching HOPKINSON of Handley, Heath and Afreton 1833; ELLIOT of Handley and Clay Cross 1841; WILSON of Clay Cross 1838; MATTHEWS of Alfreton 1871 and of Bulwell, Notts. 1843; LING of Mansfield, Notts. 1852.
- 1251. Mrs. Dorothy NASH, 344 Wyld's Lane, Worcester WR5 1EF.
 Searching SHORT 1803 and FORREST c. 1750 both of Chesterfield;
 PEARSON of Whittington, Chesterfield 1811; SHORT of Sutton-in-Ashfield 1779.
- 1252. Miss Pamela KING, 69 Hill Crest, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE 25 9AF. Searching FENTON of Ockbrook 1796 WHITE of Chesterfield 1778, Hayfield 1780, Hope 1828, Beeley 1730, Sawley 1743, Chatsworth Estate c. 1829 and of Hathersge 1797; ARCHER of Repton 1755; BOWKER of Dronfield 1774; CANTRELL of Repton 1789; POTTER of Derby 1815.
- 1253. Mr. & Mrs. John M. and Ursula M. KING, 7 Brettingham Ave., Cringleford, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 6XG. Searching - TOLLEY 1868 and PEACH 1878, both of Derby.
- 1254. Mr. John H. CRITCH, 11 Whylands Cres. Worthing, W. Sussex, BN13 3HQ. Searching CRITCH of Derbys/Notts. border, early 18th cent.
- 1255. Mrs. Maureen M. McNAMARA, 20 Haines St. Curtin, Canberra, A.C.T. Australia 2605. Searching DYSON and HORNCASTLE of Chesterfield 1828; KING of Brentwood, Essex 1854; RUSKIN of Essex 1854.
- 1256. Mr. Keith NAYLOR, 33 Durnford St. Nottingham NG7 7EQ. Searching HANCOCK of North Derbyshire 1784.
- 1257. Mrs. Gloria G. McLEOD, 106 Gordon Ave., Hamilton, N.S.W., Australia 2303. Searching GREGORY of Earl Sterndale 1700; TITTERTON of Grindon, Staffs. 1700; HOROBIN of Hartington 1600; MOUNTFORT(D) of Derbys. 1500; BRAMWELL of Hartington 1800.
- 1258. Mrs. Gwendoline M. RICHARDSON, 7 Moorfield Court, Stapleford, Notts. NG9 8LA. Searching - BREALEY of Newhall pre. 1703 and of Swadlincote 1890; HALL of Swadlincote 1836; CLARKE of Swadlincote 1876.
- 1259. Mrs. Carole BROWN, 96 Hollins Lane, Marple Bridge, Stockport SK6 5DA. Searching FIDLER of Salford, Macclesfield and Buxton 1811; RATCLIFFE of Salford, Manchester 1790; JENNINGS of Manchester and Sandbach, Ches. 1840; SIMPSON of Buxton 1801; MYCOCK of Buxton c. 1800; BRADSHAW of Manchester, London and Somerset c. 1850; SNOWDON-MOORE of Manchester c. 1874; BROOMHEAD of Manchester and Buxton c. 1800.

- 1260. Mrs. Diane B.M. TURNER, "Greystones", The Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 1GJ. Searching TAYLORS of South Normanton 1892; TAGG of Wessington 1864; WHELDON/WELDON of Mansfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 1834; WELDING of Mansfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 1805; STENDALL of Mansfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 1862; ALLEN of Pinxton 1903.
- 1261. Mrs. Margaret J. DEMPSEY, 4 Hall Drive, Caton, Lancaster, LA2 9QE. Searching TOWNSEND of Tideswell 1790's and of Stapleford, Notts. 1812; DEAN of Huncoat, Lancs. 1760's; WARING of North Meols, Lancs. 1783; KERSHAW of Hoole, Lancs. 1764; HINDLE of Church, Lancs. c.1800.
- 1262. Mrs. Sheila M. PECK, 48 High St. Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset, BH16 6BH. Searching - HIGTON of Matlock Bath.
- 1263. Mr. Alan E. WAKEFIELD, 14 Park Close, Shirland, Derbys. DE5 6AZ. Searching WAKEFIELD of Derbyshire 1821.
- 1264. Mr. & Mrs. Gwendoline and George W. GRIFFIN, 9 Swanwick Rd. Leabrooks, Derbys. DE55 1LJ. Searching ROBINSON of Retford, Notts. 1893; SHAWCROFT of Alfreton 1891; GRIFFIN 1885 and CLARKE 1888 both of Clay Cross.
- 1265. Mrs. Margaret E. MOAKES, 5 Mansfield Rd. Skegby, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 3EE. Searching MOAKES of South Normanton 1823.
- 1266. Mrs. Sarah E. JACKSON, 4 Ashfield Close, Sheffield S12 2QU. Searching - CHILDS of Hasland 1758; WILBURNE of Chesterfield 1760.
- 1267. Mrs. Irene BIRKS, 16 Parkhall Close, Parkhall Rd. Walsall, West Midlands, WS5 3HQ. Searching BIRKS/BERKS of Pye Bridge 1871 and of South Normanton 1861; ASTLEY of Harborne, Birmingham 1856; WYMAN of Peterborough, Northants 1868.
- 1268. Mrs. Laura R. HALLAM, 3 Stone Hills, Kegworth, Derbys. DE7 2TD. Searching - HITHERLEY, SCOTT PEACOCK, CRAMP, GIBBONS, WAKERLEY/ WAKELEY all of Leics. and Notts. 1800's; GIBBONS of Derbys and Notts. 1800's.
- 1269. Mrs. Diane V., POWELL, 27A, Borough St. Kegworth, Derbys. Searching - POWELL of Leics.Derbys. & Notts. 1800; WINFINDALE of Notts. & Lancs. (Stockport) 1700-1800; SPIBY of Wakefield, Yorks. 1700-1800; SHAW of Manchester, Lancs. 1700-1800; JACHACZ of Lodz, Poland 1880; BATTERSBY of Stockport and Manchester, Lancs. 1750.
- 1270. Miss Edith M. BINCH, 7 The Croft, Kegworth, Derbys.DE7 2EG. Searching - BINCH of Top End, Calverton, Notts. 1881; HUDSON of Ilkeston 1883; MARTIN of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. 1910; HARDY of Sutton Bonington, Leics. 1910; HULL of Derby 1911.
- 1271. Mrs. Paula WOOD, 23 Heafield Drive, Kegworth, Derbys. DE7 2GG. Searching - FOX 1880 and OLDHAM 1890 both of Bulwell, Notts.
- 1272. Mrs. KATHARINE I. MANN, 30 Norman Court, Whatton Rd. Kegworth, Derbys. DE7 2FE. Searching - HEWITT of Leics; COOK of Kings Lynn, Norfolk 1870's.

- Mr. Kenneth J. FORDUAM, 141, Forest Rd. Loughborough, Leics.
 LE11 3HS. Searching FORDHAM of Bethnal Green, London,
 1868; ANTILL of Loughborough 1866; BAILEY and BAGGOTT of
 Birmingham 1866.
 Mrs. Margaret E. BEALL, 90 Side Ley, Kegworth, Derbys. DE7 2FJ.
 Searching BEALL of Leics. & Notts. 1800; CAPPS and COOK of
 Suffolk 1900; JOBSON of Leics. & Notts. 1900.
 Mr. Jerry D. WELLS, 2554 Green Street, Salt Lake City, Utah
 84106, U.S.A. Searching WELLS of Dronfield 1670;
 HATTERSLEY, HOBSON, KERSHAW, LONGDON and MIDDLETON all of
 Sheffield, Yorks. 1700's.
 - 1276. Mr. Tom POOL, "By-the-Way", Green Lane, Islington, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9RB. Searching POOLE(E) 1831, LEGG 1836, and STUBBS 1799, all of Derby.
 - 1277. Miss Helen CARTER, 6 Harcourt Rd. Erdington, Birmingham, West Midlands, B23 5NU. Searching BROOKES/BROOKS of Cromford 1872.
 - 1278. Mr. Jack KRAMER, 30 Hart Lane, Hartlepool, Cleveland TS26 8NN.
 Searching PLATT/S of Matlock & Normanton, of Uttoxeter &
 Cheadle, Staffs; KINDER of Matlock & Normanton, of Uttoxeter
 & Cheadle, Staffs; NORMINGTON of Normanton, all any dates.
 - 1279. Mr. Charles CRAPPER, 4 Spencer St. Mansfield, Notts. NG18 5LR. Searching VALLANCE of Pinxton & South Wingfield 1700; SMITH of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, early 18th cent; CRAPPER of Bradfield and poss. Thorpe, Yorks, or Bradwell c.1809.
 - 1280. Rev. Christopher N. WRIGHT, 12 Mossborough Rd. Rainford, St. Helen's, Merseyside. Searching - WRIGHT of Chesterfield/ Duckmanton 1841.
 - 1281. Mrs. Marjorie McTACHLAN, 75 Carlton Parade, Punchbowl, New South Wales, Australia 2196. Searching HAWKINS of Derbys; DAVIS/DAVIES of Leics; COWLING of Richmond, Yorks. 1700; CHAMBERS of Cowlinge, Suffolk 1700; HOY of Great Bradley 1700; ROGERS of Dorset; WALES of Gravesend, Kent; WEBBER of Canterbury, Kent.
 - 1282. Mr. Brian L. JERVIS, 13 Welham Drive, Moorgate, Rotherham, S. Yorks. S60 2BN. Searching JERVIS of Mastin Moor, Saveley c. 1855; NEALL-STURMAN of Northampton c.1850; HUDSON of Whiston, Rotherham, Yorks. c.1863; CHARLTON of Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorks. c.1771; GAUNT of Scholes, Yorks. c.1881; Woodhouse, Carlton, Barns ley, Yorks. c.1914; ROGERS of Mold, Clwyd, N.Wales c.1900.
 - 1283. Mr. George S. WINSON, 11 Bicester Ave., Stenson Fields, Sinfin, Derby, DE2 3AX. Searching - WINSON of Duffield 1795.
 - 1284. Mrs. Irene BLACKBURN, 11 Blackdene, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 8TL.
 - 1285. Mr. Christopher J. BURROWS, 8 Tamar Drive, East Oakley, Nr. Basingstoke, Hants. RG23 7DN. Searching BURROWS and WILCOCK/WILCOX of Ilkeston 1794; STIRZAKER of Heysham, Lancs. 1836; FOXCROFT of Wennington, Lancs. 1782; NUTT and HUTCHINSON of Whitwick, Leics. 1814; PARKER of Derby 1837; SOUTHWELL of Uppingham, Rutland 1831; ARTRICK of Reading, Berks. 1820.

- 1286. Mrs. Leila E. GODFREY, 7 Laurel Rd. Barnes, London SW13 OEE.
 Searching NADIN of Sheffield, Yorks. 1830; GODFREY of
 Walesbar, Sheffield, Yorks. 1857; WAKEFIELD of South Kyme,
 Lincs, 1867 and of Harthill, Sheffield, Yorks; GODFREY of
 Harthill, Sheffield, Yorks; REVELL/REVILL of Harthill,
 Sheffield, Yorks 1871 and of Lincs; NADIN of Derbys.
- 1287. Mr. Peter G. SHENTON, 106 Elm Rd. Earley, Réading, Berks. RG6 2TD. Searching - SHENTON of Derbys. 1883.
- 1288. Mr. Robert L. LEWIS, 3808 N. 57 Ave., Phoenix, Arizona, USA. 85031. Searching - SLACK of Belper and Ripley 1859, also of Ashover & Chesterfield 1841; THORPE of Belper, Riddings and Alfreton 1865.
- 1289. Mr. & Mrs. David and Lynda BOSTON, 25 Yokecliffe Ave., Wirksworth, Derbys. Searching MIDDLETON of Portsmouth, Hants. 1841 and of Yalley, Hunts. 1700; CULPIN of Caster Cambs, Peterborough and of Woodnewton, Northamts. 1726; BOSTON 1860 and LACEY 1871 of the Sheffield, Yorks. area; OATES of Sheffield, Yorks. 1890 and poss. Eckington; BATEMAN of Nottingham 1880; RIGDEN (various) 1900.
- 1290. Dr. Dennis E. LEVER, 45 Starmead Drive, Wokingham, Berks. RG11 2JA. Searching - HOPKINSON of Grassmore/Hasland/ Wingfield 1820.
- 1291. Mrs. Helen D. VANDER HAVE, 174 High St. North Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia 4701. Searching ROWLAND of Ashbourne, 1796; GARNER of Prescot, Lancs 1750; HOUGHTON of Sutton, Lancs. 1799; FORD of Prescot, Lancs, 1780; WARD of Selsey, Sussex 1745; KING of Hunston, Sussex 1745; SLATER of West Chiltington, Sussex 1700; BOXALL of East Dean, Sussex 1770; HERVEY of Sturminster Newton, Dorset 1750.
- 1292. Mr. Julian WEBSTER, Oakgates, 53 Copperkins Lane, Amersham, Bucks. HP6 5RA. Searching - Webster of Eckington 1852; FARNSWORTH of Newthorpe, Notts. 1864.
- 1293. Mrs. Joan E. OCKENDEN, 4 Seven Acres Rd. Preston, Weymouth, Dorset DT3 6DG. Searching - CHOLERTON 1830; MORLEY 1800, PARKIN 1820, PARKIN-MORLEY 1820, PATTERSON-MORLEY 1820, COATES 1820, BLACK 1820, all of St. Peter's, Derby; OCKENDEN 1800 and GRICE 1830 both of Westminster, London; KIRKWOOD and O'CALLAGHAN both of Callan, Kilkenny, Ireland; MORLEY of Derby and N. Ireland.
- 1294. Mr. Barry REDFERN, 15 Broadstone Grove, Chapel House Estate Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1AP. Searching - REDFERN of Eckington and area (all varients)
- 1295. Mrs. Valerie GARNER, 64 The Green, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 OLN. Searching HINCHLEY of Chesterfield 1872; WOODWARD of Brampton 1871; BARBER of Calow 1882; PALMER poss. of Gunthorpe, Lincs. 1885.
- OBITUARY: We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. A.E. Eaton which occurred unexpectedley on 29th March 1985. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family. His membership (no. 1146) will be carried on by his brother, Mr. D.S. Eaton, 97 Dove Park, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 4EE.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS

- 56. Mrs. V. JACKSON, 49 Conholt Rd. Andover, Hants. SP10 2HS. Searching HOLLING of Leeds/Cawthorne, Yorks. 1800; LOCKWOOD of Leeds, Yorks. 1750; KAY & FISH of Cawthorne, Yorks. 1800; PLUMMER of Sutton on Trent, Notts. 1750; BROUGHTON of Westborough, Lincs. 1790; WELLBOURNE of North Hykeham, Lincs. 1760; GODBER of Tibshelf, 1700; TAYLOR of Tibshelf 1780; HOPKINSON of North Wingfield, 1790; DAYKIN of Marehay 1790; NUTT of Tamworth, Staffs. 1800; BRADLEY of Lea 1800; ROOSE of Cromford 1800; WARD & GENT of South Normanton 1790; ALLCOCK of Selston, Notts. 1750; CHARLESWORTH & BIRDS of Youlgreave 1800; FREEMAN of Market Warsop, Notts. 1790; ALLIN of Hasland 1837; CLARKE of Blackwell 1800; STOCKS of Tibshelf 1800.
- 1038. Miss Julie WILSON, Basement Flat, 96 Evesham Rd. Cheltenham, Glos. Searching COLLINGE of Manchester; RUTTER of Birmingham & Manchester; COOK,
- 1183. Mrs. Agnes BACON, 208, Broadwell Rd. R.R.1. Ganges, B.C. Canada VOS 1EO. Searching BACON of N.E. Derbys. 1765; ALLIN/ALLEN/ALLAN of Notts. 1765; PILLEY (any).
- 1189. Mrs. M.L. CLARKE, 65 Steam Mill Lane, Ripley, Derbys.DE5 3JR. Searching STATON of Holbrook (any).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 362/3. Mr. & Mrs. I.E. ARGYLE, Rose Cottage, Newland Common, Droitwich, Worcs. WR9 7JE.
 - 651. Mrs. M. BOWLER, The Pantiles, Mill Rd. Elston, Nr. Newark, Notts. NG23 5NR.
 - 819. Mrs. S.J. BAGGALEY, 1 Salisbury, Cedar Park, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9S 4X9.
 - 945. Mr. T. GIBBONS, 27 Thornway, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, SK7 2AF.
- 1038. Miss J. WILSON, Basement Flat, 96 Evesham Rd. Cheltenham, Glos.
- 1098. Mr. & Mrs. S. PRESBURY, 64 Dupont Gardens, Glenfield, Leicester.
- 1163. Mrs. A.BUSH, 8 Row Hill, Addiston, Weybridge, Surrey, ICT15 1DL.
- 1226. Dr. W. TAYLOR, 41 Wingrove Rd. Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9PB.

Baby Boy

We are pleased to tell you all that Emily Gent has a new baby brother. The proud parents are Dorothy and Christopher. Baby WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER made his appearance on the Gent family tree on 15th Oct. 1985. Dorothy is our former Membership Secretary and just two weeks after the event she was as usual helping at our Society meeting.

Entry in the burials register of Chinley Independant Chapel. The gentleman in question was one Nicholas Goddard who died 1749. The note reads: "He was forgot to be put in his proper place". One has visions of the poor chap ending up on the roof or other unlikely place, when in fact he was just not buried in the family plot.

(Contributed by Rowena Clarke, Memb.no.821)

Help Wanted

ANNABLE HEAPY DUFFIELD Info. sought on any descendants of THOMAS ANNABLE and HANNAH HEAPY of Kirk Ireton, marr. 1774 at Duffield. Son GEORGE b. 1789 is in the 1851 census of Duffield, Old Hall, Makeney - any family? WILLIAM b. 1826 also in 1851 census for Makeney, may be Had dau. ELIZABETH & SARAH - any info. on this family

descendant. Had dau. ELIZABETH & SARAH - any info. on this family please. Also info. sought on descendants of HENRY FORD, b.1831 of Ashbourne, son of Henry whose first wife was MARTHA ANNABLE and whose second wife was her sister MARY - both daus. of THOMAS ANNABLE of Kirk Ireton. Mr. K.C. ANNABLE, Winchester, Ontario, RR1 Canada KOC 2KO. (Memb. no. 1125).

GOUGH

Trying to locate the whereabouts of the GOUGH family who, at a period 1890-1910, lived in Draycott, I believe Station Rd. and might have owned an Ironmongery shop (pure speculation). SYDNEY GOUGH b.1881; THOMAS JOHN GOUGH b. 1835. Mr. R. STRALEY, 7 Tanners Close, Mill Lane, Brockworth, Glos. (Memb.no. 1201).

SEARCHING for info. on CHRISTOPHER STAPLETON between 1930 & 1956. He moved to Guernsey late 30's to early 40's. He was an army pensioner of the Royal Garrison Artillery and was stationed in Guernsey in the first World War. Had two sons, one born in Alderney, the other in Castle Cornet. Christopher is buried in an unmarked grave in St. Saviours church-yard. He died in the Town Hospital on March 2nd 1956 and the hospital was given as his usual abode. A search of the electoral rolls etc. at the Griffe in Guernsey has not revealed any clues. Mrs. S. STAPLETON, 111 Wood Lane, Harborne, Birmingham B17 9AY. (Memb.no. 1031).

REDFERN

A brief attack on the resources of Chesterfield
Library produced many references to Redfern (in
various forms) in Derbyshire history at regular intervals throughout
the county, back to the early 15th cent. The surname appears to be
well established as a Derbys. name. I would appreciate details of
any early references to the name and comments on its origins.
Mr. B. REDFERN, 15 Broadstone Grove, Chapel House Estate, Newcastle
upon Tyne, NE5 1AP. (Memb.no. 1294).

Mr. Maxwell CRAVEN is collecting copies of pedigrees of people who have managed to prove a descent from a VISITATION/ About 250 are covered Derbyshire Visitation family. PEDIGREES by those of 1569, 1611, 1634 and 1662 and so far he has recorded almost 10% with descendants living in the male line, mainly families who still grace the Nation's Peerage and surviving landed families. The object is to trace lines surviving from less celebrated ones, or more remote cadets of the latter. Should any reader have succeeded in proving such a descent and is prepared to let Mr. Craven have a copy (he will pay modest reprographic costs) he will be very pleased. They will be lodged at Derby Museum, wher he works, in case anyone else wants to consult them. Mr. Craven's address is:- 19 Carlton Rd. Derby, DE3 6HB.

LONGBOTTOM in 1871 or 1881 census returns for Derby or Derbys, I shall be very pleased to hear from them. Postage refunded. Mrs. J. WEATHERALL, 8 Bellamy Close, Southmoor, Abingdon, Oxon. OX13 5AB. (Memb.no. 992).

Info. needed on WILLIAM HOWE (1837-1916) of Bradwell.

He marr. ELIZABETH SLACK at Tideswell c. 1868. He
was the son of CHARLES & SARAH (nee DAKIN) of Hope.

Charles was a stonemason and churchwarden of Dove Holes, Hope and
died in 1880 at Wormhill nr. Buxton. A sister Elizabeth marr.

Robert MOSELEY of Millers Dale. Charles Howe was the son of John &
Ann (nee PALFREYMAN) of Hope. Mrs. E. EVANS, 5745 Pat Bay Hwy,
Victoria, B.C. Canada V8Y 1T4. (Memb.no. 1238).

Info. needed on ROBERT HEWETT bn. 1830 and was at sometime a headmaster in Derby. He marr. CORDELIA EDMED who d. 8th April 1866 aged 32. Mr. A.BRENCHLEY 99 Fearnhead Lane, Fearnhead, Warrington WA2 OBH. (Memb.no. 1247).

Info. on family background of EMILY HORTON wanted.

She marr. Wm. DALLISON on 9 Aug. 1868 in St. Werburgh's; address at the time of marr. given as Victoria St.

Derby. Family tradition holds she was raised by an uncle, a Derby innkeeper. Poss. bn. in Birmingham. Died in Burton-on-Trent on 6 Aug. 1908. Please contact Mr. R. DALLISON, 117 Epworth Circle, Fredericton, N.B. Canada E3A 2M7. (Memb.no. 966).

Searching for info. on JOHN FARRINGTON, bn. Woodstock,

Oxon. c.1812. Marr. Mrs. ELIZABETH FISHER (nee
COTTERELL, bn.c.1818 in Broadway, Worcs.) at

Broadway on Sept.24 1838. Migrated to Australia c.1855 and lived
in St. Kilda, Victoria. John d. in 1902 and Eliz. in 1882.

Mrs. J. FARRINGTON, 'Lornadoone', South Rd. Warragul, Victoria,
Australia 3820. (Memb.no.1228).

Searching for info. on JAMES TOLLEY bn.c.1868.

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Marr. DOROTHY LEYLAND who died 13.11.01. He then marr.

LILIAN MAUD PEACH on 26.7.03. Mr. & Mrs. J. KING,

7 Brettingham Ave., Cringleford, Norwich, Norfolk,

(Memb.no. 1253).

My gr. grandfather, ALEXANDER TOWNSEND was the son of

JAMES and ELLEN who were both bn. in Stapleford, Notts. TOWNSEND James' father was also Alexander (sometimes written HODSON ALLAX, ALLEN, ELLEN, ALLEX) who had been bn. in Tideswell c.1791. He marr. JUDITH SHEPHERD in Stapleford in 1812, became a farmer and prob. died there. Through members of Notts.FHS I have traced the beginnings of my Notts. connections, but need help with Derbys. ones. I believe WILLIAM TOWNSEND of Tideswell and his wife SARAH MIDDLETON had a son c.1791 or 2 appear to have been called Allen and may well be Alexander. Does anyone recognise these two and know what became of this son? I would also be interested in the MIDDLETON connection. BENJAMIN HODSON was a boatman who marr. a Stapleford girl, ELEANOR WALLIS, in 1813 and settled there. He was said to have come from South Wingfield in Derbys. Is there anyone researching HODSON who can identify this man and give further details? Mrs. M. DEMPSEY, 4 Hall Drive, Caton, Lancaster LA2 9QE. (Mem. no.1261).

DALE

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THOMAS DALE 1769/70; ROBERT DALE 1774; THURSTON DALE

1782. Mr. P. DALE, 35 Smyrna St. Radcliffe, Lancs.

M26 OBN. (Memb.no. 1066).

Info. needed on WILLIAM HALL who emigrated to
Australia in the early 1900's from Stanton Hill,
Notts. Mrs. B. LEWIS, 10 Churchmeade, Huthwaite,
Notts. NG17 2RN. (Memb.no. 1175).

Info. needed on the marr. of JOHN STATON to HARRIET STATON STATON of Milford, (were they related before marr?) 1878-1883 in Belper/Milford/Holbrook area. Or info. on the deaths of the above 1896-1910 at Belper. Harriet had an illeg. child, Thomas, 12 March 1881. Bapt.ll April 1883 at St. Peter's, Belper, while she was living at Parkside, Belper with John Staton, but he was not registered as the father. Also known to be living at Kiln Lane, Belper during 1881 cencus. In 1871, Harriet was a servant aged 15 living at High Pavement, Belper - home of Joseph Haynes, Grocer. Her's and John's other children, Emily (1886); Louise(1894) (my grandmother); John Edward, known as Harry (1896). Cher known addresses Cow Hill, Belper and Bullsmoor, Belper. Harriet is said to have died young and the children were put in Belper Union Workhouse, from where they were sent to new homes; my grandmother, Louisa, to a Mrs. Radford at Bull Bridge. Of John Staton I know almost nothing except on bapt. entries for his children he was a Miner/Collier. Mrs. M. CLARKE, 65 Steam Mill Lane, Ripley, Derbys. DE5 3JR. (Memb.no. 1189)

STREET

Searching for bapt/birth of ROBERT STREET AND ANN STREET who mar. 15.1.1838 in Astbury, Ches. whilst they were living in Congleton, Ches. - they appeared on the 1851 census living in Hartington Upper Quarter,

when they gave their birth places as the same, but they do not appear in Hartington bapt. registers. Also looking for bapt/birth/marr. of CHRISTOPHER TURNER who produced at least 4 children between 1855 and 1864 in the Chesterfield area with SARAH ANN NIX (presumably they marr. but no trace in GRO). Christopher Turner gave his age as 33 in the 1852 census which would give a birth date of approx. 1828 - gave Walton as place of birth, but no trace found in Chesterfield/Walton/Walton on Trent bapt. registers. Any info. appreciated. Mr. R. STREET, 3 Edward Rd. Christchurch, Dorset BH23 3EJ (Memb.1081)

BAIMBRIDGE HEATHCOTE Info. needed on THOMAS BAIMBRIDGE and his family of Smiths Hall Farm, Hulland Ward. He marr. MARY ANNE HEATHCOTE of Hognaston at Wirksworth in 1832. They had 5 daughters and 4 sons, Hannah, Harriet, Thomas, Robert,

Samuel, Benjamin, Mary Anne, Lydia and Agnes. There was a son John by a first marr. Hannah marr. Abel RILEY and lived in Ireton. Harriet and Thomas both moved to Gloucester and marr. there. I would like to know what happened to the other three boys. The family disappeared from Smiths Hall Farm after the 1851 census. Any info. would be appreciated. Mrs. V. BAIMBRIDGE, 3 Somerton Road, North Aston, Oxfordshire. (Memb.no. 1127).

MURFIN/ SHAW JOSEPH WILLIAM MURFIN SHAW, my grandfather, was bn. c.1860 near Four Lane Ends, Norton, which was then in Derbys. In early manhood he was a blacksmith, having smithies first at Woodseats, then at Norton. Later he

smithies first at Woodseats, then at Norton. Later he worked for Sir Nathaniel and Lady Creswick at Norton Green. He was eventually appointed sexton at St. Chad's church at Norton, where he continued for more than forty years in the service of the vicar, the Rev. G.W. HALL. His five sons, Bertram, Arthur, William, Stanley (my father) and Walter were all in Norton church choir together and won, in 1906, the world championship for five treble singers. There was also a daughter Ethel Mary, who was the last of this family to die. I would be greatful for any help in tracing Joseph's father and his mother, presumably a Miss Murfin. Mr. F. SHAW, 69 Park Rd. Bingley, BD16 4BP. (Mem.no. 1248).

DEWIS MOAKES bn. South Normanton, in 1823/4 marr. MOAKES ELIZABETH from Mansfield and moved to Somercotes. Any info. appreciated, eg. parents, brothers, sisters, wife's maiden name. Mrs. M. MOAKES, 5 Mansfield Rd. Skegby, Suttonin-Ashfield, Notts. Tel. Mans. 556067. (Memb.no. 1265)

GREGORY HARDY ALLCOCK

Info needed on THOMAS GREGORY, bp. 1 Jan. 1783, Eyam in Eyam Dale, Derbys. Father, JOSHUA GREGORY, mother ELIZABETH (HARDY). Where did Thomas marry, if at all? Was it in Manchester or Derbys? Where did he die? Thomas of Eyam had a sister, PAMELA AMELIA, who married a ROBERT TAYLOR in Manchester in 1801. Now my Thomas GREGORY marr. MARY ALLCOCK (of Middlewich, Ches.) in Manchester Cathedral, 26 June 1808. I need to prove that the two Thomas Gregorys are one and the same. I know from old family letters that my Thomas died sometime before the 1851 census, and that Joshua Gregory of Eyam left no will. HELP! Postage will be refunded. Mrs. J. GREGORY, 32 Ledbury St., Aspley 4034, Queensland,

HAWKINS ALKINS

Australia. (Memb.no. 1220).

DAVID HAWKINS/ALKINS was convicted at Derby (no native place given) on 14 Jan. 1800 and sentenced to 7 years transportation. Convict Indent gives no other info. A search of the Derby Quarter Sessions at the Matlock Record Office has revealed nothing. Nor has a search The family story is that David was tried for inciting a in London. riot, but have no proof. I have been told that this would not have been a civil trial, but treason. Any help gratefully appreciated. Mrs. M. McLOCHLAN, 75 Carlton Parade, Punchbowl, N.S.W. 2196, Australia (Memb.no. 1281).

Information wanted on Makeney Old Hall, Duffield, BLOOD and any Derbyshire descendants of EDMOND BLOOD who died there in 1588. (Info. already known about Tamworth and Birmingham descendants). Mr. P. JONES, 40 Regina Cres., Ravenshead, Notts. NG15 9AE. (Memb.no. 616).

Info. needed on NATHANIEL WARD bp 1798 and HANNAH WARD GENT, both of South Normanton. Marr. 11.8.1822 in South Normanton. I know of 3 children, Samuel bp. GENT 29.1.1823, Thomas Gent bp. 20.9.1825 and Mary bp. Need details of parents, other siblings etc. They were not in South Normanton at the time of the 1841 census. Where were

they? Mrs. V. JACKSON, 49 Conholt Rd. Andover, Hants. SP10 2HS. (Memb. no.56).

Wanted, marr. of Thomas BUXTON, b.1747, son of DANIEL BUXTON of Wolfdale and subsequently Buxtonbrow, BUXTON nr. Meerbrook, and PHOEBE (maiden name not known). Thomas and Phoebe farmed at High Forest Farm, nr. Swythamley, Leekfrith, Staffs. They had four children, Mary marr. to a LOMAS, Samuel, Sarah marr. to a STUBBS and Thomas, my gr.gr.grandfather. Mrs. J.W. PEAT, 36 Deepwood Cres. Don Mills, Ontario, Canada M3C 1N8. (Memb.no. 603).

Does anyone know where I can find a copy of "The Descendants of John Bosworth from Edward I", BOSWORTH privately printed by W.G.D. Fletcher in 1883? be a section of a larger publication. It is not in the British Library. Miss G. JOHNSON, 199 Victoria Ave., Borrowash, Derby. (Memb.no. 516).

Are any members or readers aware of any evidences tending to show a probability or a possibility that the 16th century Mortins (Mortens, Mortons) living in the vicinities of Eyam, Foolow, Hope and Hathersage, and Mapperley in the parish of Kirk Hallam, descended from the mediaeval knightly Morteynes of Eyam and Risley, co.Derby, and Woolaton and Cossal, co.Notts. etc. other than the following evidences unearthed by me to date: 1) A Rental of Hathersage dated 25 July 1476, (Crutchley Mss.234 in the John Rylands University Library of Manchester. 2) Jeayes' Derbyshire Charters, Nos.1634 and 281. 3) Feudal Aids, Vol. I. Bedford-Devon, p.307. 4) Calendar of Fine Rolls, Vol. 18, 1445-1452, p.35. Mr. J. ELLIS, 10 Pexhill Drive, Broken Cross, Macclesfield, Ches. SK10 3LP. (Memb.no.1240).

Any info. on Sampson Slater bap.30 March 1825 at Kirk Ireton. Parents - Benjamin Slater of Duffield and Alice Street - married at Allestree 31 March 1823.

Samuel appears to be the only other member of this family. He married Alice Rowley of Mickleover. Children: Clara bap.9 Jan.1850, marr. Jim Dakin, lived at Alvaston, Derby (are there any descendants) Ellen - bap. May 1852 at Morley - was domestic servant d. Oct 27th 1929 - where did she work? Arthur - bap. May 1865 d. June 1932, Albert - bap. 25 Aug. 1864 d.? where did they work? Charlotte - bap. 1 Sept.1859 marr. James Sadler and lived at Eccleshall, Staffs. in 1931, John and Joseph emigrated to America, William lived at Breadsall, Ernest Rowley lived at Derby. Would be grateful for any information. Miss Dorothy M. SLATER, ## 3-30 Spence Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4S 4H4. (Memb.no. 600).

CRAVEN Info. needed on CRAVENS of Colne and Todmorden, Yorks.

John of Colne marr. there 1771; John son of Hiram,
mason/builder of High Thorn Ho. nr. York, 1864. The
antecedents of the first and the posterity of the second are of
interest. Also info. needed on Jonas CRAVEN who purchased Mellor
Hall 1890. Mr. M. CRAVEN, 19 Carlton Rd. Derby DE3 6HB. (Memb.no, 478).

RECIPROCAL RESEARCH

I will do modest amounts of research in Lancashire

LANCASHIRE (excluding Greater Manchester and Merseyside) in
exchange for similar help in tracing ancestors in the
Tideswell and/or South Wingfield areas of Derbyshire in the 18th
century. Willing to discuss any proposition for mutual help.
Mrs. Margaret DEMPSEY, 4 Hall Drive, Caton, Lancaster LA2 9QE.
(Memb.no. 1261).

Have you an Ancestor who disappeared abroad?

A list of Englishmen who died along with James Bowie and David Crocket at the ALAMO in 1836.

Daniel BOURNE Marcus L. SEWELL Stephen DENNISON
George BROWN James E. STEWART James C. GWYNNE
James R. DIMPKINS William BLAZEBY Richard STARR
Anthony HOLFE Thomas WATERS

I also have the rest of the names including the Irish, Scottish and Welsh who died for the Texas cause. I wonder if any member has a list of names for the "CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE"?
Mr. David CLAY, 30 Mill St. Mansfield, Notts. NG18 2PQ. (Memb.no.949).

Help Offered

DORE TOTLEY Mrs. E.M. Furey, 58 Stumperlowe Crescent Rd., Sheffield, S10 3PR has baptisms for Dore and Totley 1670-1745 and is willing to search them for members. Please send S.A.E.

KELLY'S DIRECTORY Mr. P.E. Jones, 40 Regina Cresc. Ravenshead, Notts. NG15 9AE has recently acquired a copy of Kelly's Directory of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Rutland for 1900, which he is willing to

search in return for S.A.E.

GOUGH

I am researching the GOUGH family of Wilts. and would be pleased to assist any Derbys. members whose Goughs have strayed. My particular area is around

Wotton Bassett. Mr. R. STRALEY, 7 Tanners Close, Mill Lane, Brockworth, Glos. GL3 4QN.

OLD FAMILIES OF DERBYSHIRE

Mr. Maxwell Craven, 19 Carlton Rd., Derby DE3 6HB writes in response to the comment in "Branch News" no. 33 from a member who suggests articles on old families of Derbyshire and how they originated. This is a subject upon which Mr. Craven has spent many hours of toil, partly for Vols. I & II of the "DERBYSHIRE COUNTRY HOUSE" and partly for "A Derbyshire Armory" which is going to be published. If members would like information from his comprehensive notes on landowning families (the emphasis is on origins) they are welcome to contact Mr. Craven. Please note that the emphasis is on the specific, rather than the general.

BRANCHES LAUNCHED.

Kegworth

The first Wednesday in September saw the start of the Kegworth 'Twig'. Eighteen people attended with member Mrs. Edna Marshall hosting the evening. Malcolm and Pauline took along a selection of items from the Reference Section of our Library and also provided a book stall.

Pauline gave a brief talk on how we saw the Branch running and suggested ideas for future meetings. Members were present from Derbys/Notts and Leics. FHS as the Kegworth 'Twig' is a joint venture.

The second meeting, held on 2nd October, brought three new faces, all members of the D.F.H.S., one from Melbourne and two from Chilwell, also one guest. Christine Ward of Chilwell, who already has experience of 'House Groups' has consented to help us.

Sheila Leeds and Eileen De-Ville from the Nottingham FHS joined us at this meeting and brought along plenty of their literature and gave an interesting talk on where to go for information, times of opening of the various offices etc. They told us that they approve of the joint venture and that we would be allowed to purchase their publications at members' prices. We hope someone from the Leicester FHS will be able to come along to our November meeting.

Quite a few members are already corresponding with other members through "Branch News". It is nice to know that they can spare a little time to help others. Janet Hurst has been a great help to two of our members who needed information from the Cambridge census records.

The next meeting of the Kegworth 'Twig' will be on 6th November at 7.30 pm. at Norman Court, Kegworth. Enquiries to Mrs. E. Marshall, 31, Norman Court.

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Chesterfield

The inaugural meeting of the Chesterfield Branch held on 27th Sept. was attended by 38 people. Pauline gave a brief talk on the birth and growth of the Society, the advent of House Groups and the need now for Branches. Everyone present agreed there was a need for a Branch in the Chesterfield area. Two members, Mike Sims and Maureen Pearce, offered to help with the organising and running of the Branch.

A very lively discussion followed which showed that our members have a keen interest. A room was offered; the date was set - our Chesterfield Branch was launched.

The second meeting was held on 16th October at the home of a member and was attended by 20 people. It is envisaged that the room used will be too small as time goes on, so a new meeting place is being organised for January.

An evening visit to Chesterfield Library is arranged for December, when members will be shown what facilities there are for research.

The Branch is planning to meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Enquiries to Mr. Mike Sims, 16 Edinburgh Rd. Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6SQ. (Tel. Chesterfield 76803).



MOANS SECTION!

Some of you are forgetting to include reply postage when writing to your Correspondence Secretary. One has been very much 'out of pocket' lately - it's not on! Play the game, those whom this concerns. In future such letters will not receive a reply.

Some people forget to say 'Thank you' when a lot of work has been done for them by another 'willing horse'. Whether it be a little or a lot, to say 'Thank you' only costs a stamp. It is very disappointing to wait expectantly for a 'Thank you' which never arrives.

A small number of members are still suggesting that they should have reduced subscriptions and yet in the same breath, thank us for all we do, often naming a particular committee member or correspondence secretary who has gone out of their way to help them. Does it occur to you that committee members and correspondence secretaries are often too busy helping others to find time to do their own research? (We are the local members!)

Your committee members all pay full subscriptions and they put in many hours of work. It costs them to attend committee meetings and to go to other venues. We very rarely have time to search through

the items we are storing and working on for our own interests. Our lives and our families revolve around the Society. Our homes are storage places for Society Indexes, Project work and books etc. etc. We load up our cars and take much of this material to meetings and Saturday events. We give hours of our SPARE(!) time because we enjoy helping YOU the members of our Society.

We do give a good service. Replies sometimes take a while, but we do have families of our own who need to be given a little priority now and then. So, please, those of you who are still complaining, just think a little; if we were to charge for our services and were to pass on all the expenditure to you - your subscriptions would rocket.

We apologise for our moans. BUT we do say a BIG THANK YOU to those who do write to say 'Thank you'. It means such a lot and makes what we do all the more worthwhile. Please keep the letters coming.

Pauline.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

The year 1985 has been one of progress for the Society. We hope the success will continue in 1986, the year of our 10th Anniversary. See enclosed leaflet for details of a special One-Day Conference. Places will be limited, so please do book early.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you to Garry Smith for his past services to the Society. Garry has relinquished his position as chairman, due to home and work commitments. Thank you to Albert Weldon who has now donned the chairman's cap and aims to keep the Society on its toes.

SATURDAY MEETINGS: During the year it has been good to say 'Hello' and to chat with many of you at our Saturday and Branch meetings, and if you will forgive me for mentioning names, we have been able to greet overseas members Laurie Thomson from Australia and Mr. & Mrs. Stokes from Canada. Iam glad that you found time on your vacation to come and meet us all.

THANK YOU to all of you who have helped and are still helping with Society Projects in any way and to those who are helping each other, we send a BIG THANK YOU. This is the spirit which adds to the success of our Society.

A Merry Christmas and Happy Hunting in 1986,

Pauline.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

To be asked to take on the chairmanship of the Society in mid-term came as an even greater surprise than Garry's resignation. As the Committee's vote was unanimous I now have the task of justifying their confidence. In addition to the normal duties of a chairman I want to look at ways of having more, or indeed all, members feel that belonging to the Society means rather more than reading the Magazine and, if living close enough, attending monthly meetings.

As a start Iam personally providing the prize money for a competition to be launched in association with the 10th Anniversary event in May.

Details elsewhere in this issue. Secondly, our members evenings are to have themes. These are already announced so that those of you who can come can plan ahead. If you want display space ask for it in advance. Thirdly, if you have any ideas (of course you have!) for future events, talks or feature articles for the Magazine (you don't have to write them) do write to me wherever you are, or, if you can, come and talk to me at any of our meetings. All letters will be acknowledged.

Finally may I join the Committee in wishing you and yours a Happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year and success with your searches in 1986.

REFERENCE SECTION:

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in material for the Reference Section. Some people forget to give their names when sending in material. Please let us know who you are, so that we can thank you.

Malcolm Marples

THE ESSEX F.H.S. CONFERENCE 1985

The opening of the Conference was a delightful change and was the start of what proved to be a very rewarding weekend.

'Costume Cavalcade' provided an insight into the CHEFFIELD family tree, the members of which could have belonged to any of us. We saw them in the costume of their time and heard a little of the history of that era. We saw the 'Punk Kids' of today; their 'Rocking Rolling' parents; grandparents who were married in the age of ration books and clothing coupons. As the years and characters rolled back, we saw a division in this family tree and followed one line back to Gr.gr.gr.gr.mother Mary Turner whose father was unknown to her mother, having had the misfortune(!) to become involved with a Drover who did not wish to become involved in marriage. This poor girl was moved around from place to place (this was in the days of Removal Orders and Settlement Certificates) and she died giving birth to her bastard daughter.

The other line of this family tree was a little more affluent with a Vicar, a J.P. and Mayor, a Church Commissioner, leading back to Alice Creffield in the year 1515. More affluent and notable this family may have been, but some were of questionable character, whilst others were unlucky enough to have lived in the time of the Plague.

The make-up of the last character and the costumes of all were really superb and the whole production gave us plenty to think about in relation to our own ancestors.

Throughout the weekend we heard lectures on the life and times of people in the Harwich and Whitby east coast ports. Although both seafaring places, but due to geographical location the life styles of both occupants and sailors were very different. The moral of this is that we, as family historians, must look very closely at the social and local history of the areas of our ancestors if we want to trace them all.

Dr. Emmison told us of the life and times of our Elizabethan ancestors, whilst Mr. V. Gray echoed the earlier theme with 'Why won't they just sit still'. It was very interesting to hear Nick Vine Hall, Director of the Society of Australian Genealogists, tell us of the many ways of marketing Family History. This was quite an

eye opener. He said that products should be fun, so I made sure that he took back a copy of our 'Have you lost a Derbyshire ancestor' leaflet. It was good to have a brief chat with Nick and his wife Tricia and to learn more of their Society and to tell him about ours.

Space doesn't allow a full report on the Federation meeting held at the Conference, but the Executive Committee continue to work on our behalf. You will find a report from them in the 'Federation News & Digest'. (See our publication list).

Pauline

COUSINS IN AMERICA

In the mid 1800's when Thomas Allsop and his brother Joseph were living in the tiny village of Osmaston, near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, little did they think that in August 1985 descendants of Joseph would be travelling to America and taking with them silver spoons used by Thomas and bearing his initials, to hand to his gr.grand-daughter, Betty Grissinger. This has actually happened, and yet, eleven years ago Betty and I knew nothing at all of the existance of each other! Ruth and I carried those spoons, a Tutbury crystal bowl and other treasures handed to us by family members to help replace those lost by Betty in a terrible fire. I do wish all who had donated these treasures could have seen Betty's face when she entered her room and saw them where we had been able to place them before her arrival! It was Christmas in August in that hotel room in Salt Lake City.

The Conference we had travelled so far to attend was organised by the Utah Genealogical Association who had offered members of the Federation of Family History Societies a charter flight and hospitality with their members. Lectures, held in the massive Salt Palace are too numerous to mention here. The theme was mainly on American Genealogy, but there was a good number of lectures on British records. There were several lectures dealing with computers and also on writing and publishing a Family History. Tours were organised to such places as the ski resorts of Snowbird and Alta and the famous Kennecott Copper Mine. One highlight of the Conference week was a special concert given by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. There were sub-seminars and luncheon meetings of various groups. Ruth and I were delighted to be able to attend the A.G.M. and luncheon of the International Society for British Genealogy & Family History. Any spare moments were spent in the fantastic Genealogical Library using the many records available there, including the very latest edition of the I.G.I. It was here in the library that I was interviewed for the T.V. programme covering the Conference and saw myself on the screen later that day.

We were very happy to meet again Frank Smith, my third cousin. He and his wife Mollie invited us to lunch in the restaurant at the library and then entertained us to dinner at their home in South Jordan after which they took us on a tour of Park City, one of the oldest towns in the area. The evening concluded with a breathtaking view of the lights of Salt Lake City at night, from high above the glittering valley. A sight to be remembered. Frank is a genealogist, author and lecturer; he in fact gave a lecture at the conference. He and Mollie are wonderful people and I am so happy to know them. If it had not been for family history I would not have done.

At the end of the Conference, the four of us left Salt Lake City basking in a temperature of 98° for the cooler climes of Yellowstone National Park. We flew northwards to Jackson where we picked up our hired car and drove up to the Yellowstone Lake area. Here we had booked cabins for five nights. The time at Yellowstone was spent driving around the Park, seeing the wild life, buffalo, moose, elk and deer. The bears had been moved to the higher ground, but we did see a mother with three cubs, albeit in the distance. We toured the geysers including Old Faithful, the hot springs and the mud pots and marvelled at their antics and their colours. We drove high into the mountains and walked amongst snow covered trees! Yellowstone certainly holds a variety of attractions.

From Yellowstone we retraced our way back to Jackson Hole where we had booked cabins for four nights. Here we spent a more leisurely time enjoying the views of the Grand Teton range of mountains which rise from the floor of Jackson Hole. We took a boat trip across Jenney Lake to the very foot of the Tetons and hiked up Cascade Canyon. A wagon and horses took us to a breakfast cookout deep in the forest. We declined the horseback ride! We went on a float trip down the Snake River where we saw osprey and eagle, and stopped for a lunch cookout by the side of the river. An evening cruise took us to Elk Island and a dinner cookout. Here the centre-piece of the dining area was a canoe, layered with ice and used as a salad bar. Talks given by Park Rangers beside the campfire were part of the evening entertainment.

On the morning of 19th August we left Jackson Hole very early to drive to the small airport to get the plane for Salt Lake City where we flew over to Florida to stay with Betty for our last few days in the States. The plane took off and hopped over the mountains to make a stop at Idaho Falls; we then carried on to Salt Lake City. We changed at Chicago where we left Pam to await a flight to take her home to Bay City, Michigan. When we arrived in Florida, Betty's husband, Bill, was waiting to drive us to their home in Naples. Betty took us a tour of the South West of Florida, visiting Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary where we saw alligators living in the wild. visited the islands of Sanibel, Captiva and Marco. A trip to Fort Myers took us to Edison's winter home where we toured his laboratory and the museum there. We went fishing in the Everglades and who should catch the largest fish, a 15 pound Snook? Me, the novice! We didn't have the pleasure of eating it as the season was still Our final inland flight was over the short distance closed for Snook. between Naples and Miami and this was in a tiny eight passenger plane from which we had a good view of the Everglades as we passed over. Very different from the big Jumbo which we were on our way to catch for home.

What has some of this trip to do with Family History you might say. My answer is 'quite a lot'. If Betty had not found me through her research, then this story would not have been told.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this trip such a success. Thank you to Betty and Bill, to Pam for joining us and making up a great four-some and of course to my daughter Ruth for saving up her pennies to accompany me. Thank you to Richard Moore, chairman of the Federation of Family History Societies for his part in the organisation of the trip to Salt Lake City and to George Jordan the organiser in Salt Lake City, to Frank and Mollie Smith, to David Gardner for his kind thoughtfulness and to Paul Smart and his staff at the Genealogical Library. Lest but not least, I would like to thank my husband, Don, who is not really interested in Family History but suffers it; who has no desire to visit America, but has allowed me to go twice.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT

Dr. Colin Rogers, Ph.D. of Manchester Polytechnic opened the Autumn session in fine style with his talk on

TRACING MODERN DAY MISSING PERSONS

In defining a missing person he said that "missing" was nothing to do with the missing person and everything to do with the person missing the missing person. The act of going missing is very often deliberate and anyone successfully tracing a missing person runs the risk of provoking a hostile reaction e.g. a punch on the nose.

About 130,000 persons are reported as missing to the police every year, of these about 3,000 in Derbyshire, and it is probable that as many again don't get reported at all. If persons wanted by the police are included, then there are about a quarter of a million missing persons on file. Most of them do turn up again; about half are traced by the police and the rest privately. Police casework in this field is enormous and greatly underrated.

Dr. Rogers went on to say that the best known way of attempting to trace "lost contact" persons is to use the service run by the Salvation Army. For a fee of £5 they will try to trace adult close relatives only, and they deal with 5000 requests per year.

As compared with previous generations people living today are by far the most documented, so much so that the question arises as to what and how much of this material could and should be saved for future historians and genealogists.

An interesting modern development in putting people on record is the use of coded personal numbers as a primary means of identification rather than names. This began with the Identity Card numbers issued to all people who were alive at the start of or born during World War 2 and, from 1946, continued by the N.H.S. Dr. Rogers quoted other examples and forecast that eventually all major records would be codified in this way, making names redundant.

Turning his attention to the records which might be used by someone attempting to trace a lost contact or missing person, he said few of these are open to public access, and particular parts of some them are subject to the notorious Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. In addition to civil and ecclesiastical registration and probate records he referred to Electoral Registers and Telephone Directories, and said that neither of these sources are entirely reliable, the latter because of the 60,000 people per year who go "ex-directory", and the former because of wrong entries and omissions. Most omissions arise because people deliberately and illegally don't declare themselves. In recent years these Registers have been computerised, with the ability to sort entries alphabetically. Whilst it is a simple matter to buy copies from Public Libraries of sheets showing who lives on a particular street it is by no means easy to persuade a Librarian to provide alphabetical lists.

Lists of shareholders in businesses can be had from Companies House in London, but many holdings are in the names of agents acting for individuals. Most central Government records are closed to the public, except for bona fide enquiries by or on behalf of close relatives. Dr.Rogers displayed his extensive knowledge of these records — too many and complex to give details here, but of particular interest is the letter-forwarding service operated by the D.H.S.S. (The writer has used this service — see separate article). Dr. Rogers concluded by giving information on how these records

are cross-linked such that Government departments and the police can access each others data, and as might be expected, the Inland Revenue make more enquiries than anybody else.

Dr. Rogers book DEAD OR ALIVE - TRACING MISSING PERSONS IN ENGLAND & WALES is to be published by Manchester University Press in 1986.

He has also published THE FAMILY TREE DETECTIVE M.U.P. 1983, new edition due December 1985.

Albert Weldon

AN EMOTIONAL RETURN BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Lance Tantum of Bristol (Memb.no.100) had for over 30 years been trying to return to East Germany, to the home of his grandmother the Countess Klara von Poelzig, a daughter of one of the Dukes of Coburg who lived in a castle in Thuringa. He was last there in 1936 when he went with his mother.

Lance has produced a small booklet "The Ames Family and the Divorce that shocked Bristol" which tells of the Victorial scandal that ended with his grandmother being divorced because it was claimed she had been unfaithful to her husband, George Acland Ames of Cote House, Westbury-on-Trym, now St. Monica's Home. Her children, Lance's mother was one of them, were taken from her and she was banished back to Germany where she died of a broken heart at the age of 44.

With the help of a local newspaper, Lance was able to join a party of 40 readers who were taken on a visit behind the Iron Curtain to Dresden, Leipzig, East Berlin and Weimar. When the party got to Weimar, 40 miles from Poelzig, Lance met a woman doctor whose mother, now aged 87, was one of those who welcomed him and his mother when they were last there. The doctor took him to Poelzig in time for special celebrations to mark 800 years' history of the village.

The sadness came when he discovered that not only had the castle been demolished, but also the mausoleum which had housed the body of his grandmother and several members of the nobility. When he asked where the bodies were buried, he was told they were under a wall, with nothing to show their existence except for a very roughly-done coat-of-arms. Lance is determined to return there to get some sort of memorial built.

THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX (I.G.I.)

The following map shows the counties and the percentage of their pre-1813 records which should be found on the International Genealogical Index (1985).

This index is explained in "Where to find the International Genealogical Index" by J. Gibson. (see page 29).

An article on the index will also be found in "Branch News" no. 30.



THE PERCENTAGES REFER TO COPIES AVAILABLE AT THE GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY OF PRE-1813 PARISH REGISTERS, BISHOPS' TRANSCRIPTS, PARISH TRANSCRIPTS, AND PARISH PRINTOUTS CONTAINING AT LEAST CHRISTENINGS FOR NO LESS THAN A 50-YEAR TIME PERIOD, AS OF FEB 1985.

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COVER PICTURE - ALDERCAR, ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST

The hamlet of Aldercar lies on the banks of the River Erewash which forms the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire border. Alongside the river is the Cromford Canal which joins the Erewash Canal in the "basin" at nearby Langley Mill.

The church of St. John the Evangelist, a 'chapel of ease' of the parish of Langley Mill, was erected in 1868; the church of St. Andrew, Langley Mill, not being built until 1912. The 'village' of Langley Mill lying between Heanor and Eastwood is well known for its industries which have included for many years hosiery and iron, Smith's Flour Mill is here and the famous Lovatt's Pottery which closed in recent years.*

Aldercar lies a little distant from this 'hub' of industry, its inhabitants working mainly in the aforesaid industries, the coal mines which also dominated the area and, of course, there may be 'visiting' families from the canals.

The majority of gravestones in the churchyard were removed from their original positions some years ago and are placed around the edges of the churchyard. A small cemetery was opened when the churchyard became full. This cemetery which lies across the road from the church has also been cleared of many stones during the past year, the ground being badly affected by mining subsidence. Burials now take place at the Marlpool/Heanor cemetery. The ground at St. Andrew's, Langley Mill, is not consecrated for burial.

The registers of St. John's, Aldercar are deposited at the County Record Office, Matlock. Before 1868 entries concerning people of this area will be found in the Heanor registers which are also deposited at the County Record Office.

SURNAMES from the Memorial Inscriptions in the churchyard and cemetery of Aldercar.

DAVIS ABBOTT DAYBELL ABREY ALLCOCK DENNIS DERBYSHIRE ALLIN AMATT DODSON ANDREWS DONSON ANGELL DORN ANNABLE DRABBLE DREWITT ASH DROMGOLE ASHBY ASTLE DUFTY DYKES ATKINSON BAILEY EARNSHAW BALL ELSE BARNES ELSON BARTLAM EYRE BASELEY FARRELL FLETCHER BATEMAN BEDNALL FLINT FLOYD BELL FOSTER BESTWICK FOX BLAGG GARNER BLYTHE GASCOYNE BONEHAM GELLATLY BOSLEY GRAINGER BOWES

GRAVES

BOWLER

LORD LORMA LOVEGROVE MALTBY MARLOW MARRIOTT MARSH MARSON MARTIN MASON MATTHEWS MAXWELL MAYES MAYHEW McCARTNEY MEAKIN MERRILL MICKLEWRIGHT MICHELL MOSELEY MOUSLEY MUGGLETON NEAL (E) NEWTON NICHOLSON NOON

SMITH SPERRY STANLEY STATON STORER STRICKLAND SULLIVAN TEAGLE TEATHER THOMAS THOMPSON THORNHILL THORPE TILFORTH TODD TOWLE TOWSON TRAVERS TRUEBLOOD TURNER TURTON VERNON WADE WAINMAN WARD WARREN WATERS

NORRIS

BRADLEY GRAY ORRELL WATKINSON BRAILSFORD GREEN PACEY WATSON BREWIN GREGORY PAINTER WEBSTER BRICKNELL HALL PAPWORTH WESTON BRINDLEY HALLAM PARKIN WHARTON BROWN HARBOTTLE PARKINSON WHITEHOUSE BUCKLEY HARDY PATCHETT WHITEMAN BULL HARRISON PEARCE WHITTAKER BULLIMAN HARTLEY PERKINS WHIGHTMAN BULLOCK HAWKINS PHILLIPS WICKLEN BURROWS HAXBY PIPER WILCOCKSON BURTON HENSHAW POLLARD WILES/WYLES BUTLER HENSTOCK POTTS WILKINS BUTTERY HILL POUNDALL WILLIAMS-JONES CANLIN HINSLEY POYSER WILLIAMSON CARLIN HITT POXON WILSON CARRINGTON HOLBROOK PULFORD WINFIELD CAVE HOPKINSON QUANTRILL WOODHOUSE CHARITY HORSLEY RADFORD WOODWARD CHIVERS HOUGHTON RAYNOR WORTHINGTON CLARK(E) BUBBALL RENSHAW WRIGHT COCKERILL HULL ROBINSON WYATT COLLEDGE HUNT ROCKLEY WYLES CONWAY HURT ROLLINGS WYNN COOKE HUTCHBY ROSE YEOMANS COPE HUTCHINS ROWLAND COPESTAKE HUTSBY SADLER CRESSWELL **JACKSON** SALTHOUSE CRICH JARVIS SCOTT Monumentalists CRIPPS **JEEVES** SEATON CRIPWELL JOHNSON SEVERN BROWN CROSS JOWITT SHELSWELL GARRATT CROWDER JOYCE SISSON HOLBROOK CUMMINGS KNOWLES SLACK PERRY DAKIN LEAVESLEY SLANEY WILMOT DALTON LEIVERS SLATER DARRINGTON LONGDON SMALLEY

For full inscriptions contact Winifred Waterall (M.I.Co-ordinator).

UNBAPTISED QUAKERS (Note found in the back of Clay Cross Register)

1698 May 6 Susan, dau.of George and Elizabeth WRIGHT

1700 Nov.1 George, son of " " "

1701 Apr.1 George, son of George and Elizabeth TURPIN of PILSLEY

1702 Apr. 4 Hannah, dau. of Thos. and Hannah LYNAM, born PILSLEY

1702 Sep. 17 Margret, dau. of Nicholas and Hannah TURNER of TUPTON

1703 Nov. 17 William, sonof George and Elizabeth TURPIN of PILSLEY

1704 Nov. 17 Hannah, dau. of George and Elizabeth ASHBY of TUPTON

1705 Sep.21 Catherine, dau.of Nicholas and Hannah TURNER of TUPTON

1705 Jan. 29 Daniel, son of George and Elizabeth TURPIN of PILSLEY

1706 Jun. 2 John, son of John and Sarah OLDHAM of MORWOOD

Baptised by a Presbyterian parson of Alfreton. (Moorland)

(Contributed by M. Stumbles)

CLOSURE OF DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE, MATLOCK: Please note that this office was closed at the end of September to allow outstores to be moved. It is not expected to be open again until after Christmas.

TRACING MISSING PERSONS THROUGH THE DHSS. Contributed by Albert Weldon

My experience of using this service mentioned by Dr. Rogers in his September talk may be of interest to members with a similar problem. I had lost contact with two of my brothers who lived in Greater London. They changed addresses fairly frequently and wrote rarely. I had tried neighbours, Local Authority Housing officers, hospitals, and had an appeal broadcast by Capital Radio all to no avail. In 1983 I came across mention of the DHSS letter forwarding service in a book- REGISTERS & RECORDS by TREVOR M ALDRIDGE, published by Oyez Press in 1976. Although written by a solicitor for solicitors, it is a very useful source book for genealogists. For the letterforwarding service the address is- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SECURITY SPECIAL SECTION A RECORDS B, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE98 1YU. The Dept. has an address for virtually everyone over the age of fifteen but will not divulge it except for certain litigation cases. It will forward letters intended for lost-contact persons if enough information about the person is given. This should include where possible full name, date of birth, name of spouse if any, known addresses and National Insurance No. This is the one that was originally the identity card no. and takes the form ABCD/123/1. The letter to be forwarded must be sealed and have the lost-contact person's name on it. The letter will be forwarded by ordinary mail with a covering letter from the Dept. The person sending the letter will be notified that it has been sent and will also be told if it is returned to the Dept. by the Post office or the addressee. There is no guarantee that the missing person will make contact.

If the person is dead, the Dept. will inform the enquirer of the date and place the death was registered, and will return unopened the letter that was to be forwarded. This happened with both of my brothers. When I recovered from the shock I got copies of the death certificates, and from Yellow pages, wrote to various Funeral Directors. The right ones sent particulars of where the burials took place and who arranged matters, in both cases their local Dept. of Social Services. I was able to contact the individuals concerned to find the circumstances of the deaths. Throughout all of these enquiries everyone contacted was helpful courteous and sympathetic. Because no relatives had been traced my brothers' personal effects, nett of funeral expenses, were sent to the Treasury Solicitor's Office. These were released to me on satisfactory proof of identity.

As I understand it, the Treasury Solicitor, on behalf of the Crown, receives the personal effects of all persons who die intestate and without known kin. He sells all the articles at auction and holds the monies realised to await future claims, if any. The address is Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS.

GRAVESTONE WIT: From Witchingham, Norfolk.

THOMAS ALLEYN and his Two Wives, ob.1650: Death here advantage hath of life I spye, One husband with two wives at once may lye.

(Contributed by Brian Key, Mem.no.70)

ACCOUNT OF THE BROWN FAMILY HOME IN ENGLAND (continued)

Mr. Peter Nightingale's estate was entailed upon the male heir.
Mr. William Edward Shore, his great-nephew, took the name Nightingale
when succeeding to the estate. He had two daughters, but no sons,
and when his sister, Miss Mary Shore, became Mrs. Smith, it was
believed her son would become the legal heir. Mr. William Shore
Nightingale built the Lea-Hurst house, so perhaps that house did
not belong to the old estate. I have heard that the Smith family
were residing their. I wish you could learn something about them.
I think the Curate of Crich Church could tell you, and the present
tenant on the Hollins Farm would know.

Over the entrance to the chancel is a painting of the English Coat of Arms. On one side the Commandments, which I studied when waiting for the sermon to end! The vaults under the chancel contain remains of long ago. If names could be read I believe the ancestors of the present Viceroy of India would be found - Lord Curzon of Kedleston Hall.

When you are in Fritchley, look at the high ground at the back of Mr. Wightman's bobbin mills. Woods on the edge for a background, but not a stone there once stood the mansion of Sir Ralph Fritchville. That property he had three heiresses twice, and Lord Scarsdale and Major Leacroft were heirs. They were living in our days. It was a curious kind of property. My grandfather Hunt's land and my father's land, and many other acres round about, had to pay a very, very small rent yearly to those two estates. The land might pass to other owners, and no word from the ancient families, only that very small amount of rent paid. I remember Aunt Bessie Hunt taking me with her five miles (walking) to pay that small amount of rent. I believe the reception for tenants was in a sort of hotel. While Aunt was in the office, I was left in the grounds, and looking at grand old trees.

Heage Chapel stood alone on a road part way towards Belper. Rev. Cawthorne who baptized all of us but John, came from his Belper chapel to preach on Sundays, and all Fritchley people walked there to him. He also walked every week to Fritchley, held meetings in Mr. Bowmer's house opposite to aunt's, and passed the night in aunt's house.

Next house was Joseph Bowmer. He had a baker business. His daughters were my sister Alice's school mates. One summer they all walked to Belper, five miles, every day but in winter Alice boarded with Miss Lomas, her teacher. Ann Bowmer married Smith, of Crich, and went to Australia. Alice Bowmer married Fletcher, residing near Fritchley. When Sister Alice passed away we sent a Canfield paper to inform those in Fritchley.

A son, Joseph, was brother Henry's schoolmate at Mr. Roome's school at Sutton, Nottinghamshire. My brother John was two years in Mr. Roome's school; Richard was, I think, one year, and Henry perhaps about one year, or till we left for America. It was expected that John would be a druggist, but that plan was changed, and he was a farmer.

Wood End is the name of a private house near Cromford. It was my Aunt Swettenham's home. Mr. Swettenham was attorney and solicitor. He attended to Mr. Nightingale's law matters. Try to walk there from Crich. Pass round hill called Crich Stand. Then nearly in front of Mr. Jarvis Spendlove's farm house. His daughter was a little girl in Miss Saxton's school when I was rather a big girl. Continuing on that road called, I think, Leoisure, (I may spell it wrong). It has a high hill on the right hand where once a viper sprang towards a man on horseback.

On the left is lower ground, and the home of Florence Nightingale. It is named Lea Hurst. Once Aunt Bessie took me when she wished to see Mrs. Nightingale on some Bible Society business. Mrs. Nightingale was not at home. We rested awhile in the housekeeper's sitting room, only disappointed. When I was a very little girl, a delicate lady, Miss Evans, Aunt to Florence Nightingale's father, resided at Lea Hall, the family hall, with her good companion friend, Miss Hall.

My aunt Swettenham and aunt Miss Alice Brown were visitors. One day aunt Swettenham sent to Hollins for me, unknown to aunt Alice. I arrived there early in the morning before the aunts were dressed. Probably I remained a few days. There was a fine garden, a pond with wild ducks, a fanciful bridge. Few years afterwards Miss Evans and Miss Hall moved to a house called Cromford Bridge. It was very near Wood End, and the two families were sociable. I can remember visiting there with Aunt and her step-daughters. They were young ladies when I was quite a little girl.

Some years later Aunt Swettenham sent invitation for John, and I think Henry too (probably Richard was at school), to meet boys from Rock-House for a day's rambling about, so John was companion with grandchildren of Richard Arkwright of Willersley Castle, whose ancestor invented machinery for cotton spinning, while earning his living as a barber. Aunt Swettenham passed away about four years before we left Hollins, but sometimes Aunt Marshall and I were visitors at Cromford Bridge, and my mother and Alice at another time for a few days one summer. Alice was there a good many days. Miss Hall was kind to us when we were arranging to leave England, and she found in Matlock a sort of express carriage which took us all the way from Fritchley to Manchester. The word "Matlock" on our wagon caused surprises in Manchester.

Then walking, and a little before reaching Wood End, you will see on your right hand, a pretty small house and grounds. It is called Lea Bridge - Mr. Alsopp's residence. There is an old story that once there was an old man living near by who was called "Indian Nebob". He dressed in the style he had used in the East Indies. He liked Mr. Alsopp's company, and so left his property to that family instead of to my uncle Marshall's relatives, who were his legal heirs.

Wood End House had a pretty green lawn, with gravel walk around, shrubbery, then a public road, then the river Derwent and meadows, then the Rock-House home of Mr. Peter Arkwright; and the rooks were cawing in the trees on rock whose bare front was near the entrance to Cromford village.

A bridge over the Derwent is near the entrance to the grounds of Willersley Castle, home of Mr. Richard Arkwright. A chapel is in the pretty grounds near the river. I remember sitting there with Aunt Swettenham and her three step-daughters with their father. There were curtains around the pews to keep each family more private.

Dining-room at Wood End has the inner part of mantlepiece all pure black marble, and the drawing room whole mantlepiece almost quite white I think they both came from Matlock. In the Art Museum in Central Park, New York, I saw spars marked "Matlock". Matlock Bath is on the side of a hill and the highest part of the hill is called the Heights of Abram. Higher up the Derwent receives the little river Dove, where "The Angler", Isaak Walton, fished and dreamed.

After Aunt Swettenham passed away, her family moved to Wirksworth, a town perhaps two miles away. Mr. Milner resides at Wood End. I think you can take a picture of the front with ground. I wish you could just walk once on that gravel walk around the lawn. My sleeping room led to the window over the front door. I have lain in bed crying, thinking that John and Richard had been whipped in Mr. Walker's school in Crich. If you try to take that walk, do not enter the grounds by the gate in the shrubbery, but follow the carriage drive to the hall door, and send a card as a relative of the late Mrs. James Swettenham, asking permission. At any rate I hope you will take a picture, perhaps from the meadows.

I have searched through old papers, but so far, I can only give the date of Aunt Swettenham's death by my own school bill at Ilkeston, dated June 19th 1829. The school was about eleven miles from Crich. Aunt Bessie Hunt and my sister Alice came in the light wagon, with brother John driving. We stopped in Fritchley at Aunt Bessie's house, and when Aunt Margaret spoke some words which showed that Aunt Swettenham was not living, I turned to the window - looked at the beautiful garden and could not speak. Aunt Margaret had not heard of mother's order that I should not be told in school. Then we rode forward to Hollins, two miles. I could not cry. When seeing mother, the tears came. Her first words were, "Poor child - it is a poor home-coming for you". My mother loved Aunt as though she had been her own sister. I am glad I sent Aunt Swettenham's portrait to Maurice. I feel as if it is safe now.

Aunt Swettenham was buried in Wirkworth, I believe in the early part of June 1829. Could you obtain official record of her death? If not I must try by the process required here - writing to some officer in London, with about one dollar for each name I wish for. I would like to have Grandfather John Hunt and Aunt Margaret Ramsbottom Hunt. They both died in Fritchley. Crich Church must have record. Grandfather passed away about 1824 or 1825, and Aunt Margaret about 1834 or possibly 1833.

Aunt and Uncle Marshall are buried in Crich Churchyard too, but it was after we left, and I think probably they have no headstone.

Aunt Walker was my father's sister, Sarah, and lived in Coventry, Warwickshire. Uncle Walker (I have never seen him) had a silver and watch manufactory. He was blind for many years. He had a son, Charles and a daughter, Sarah, Mrs. Bank's family were intimate friends. There business was making ribbons, a great work in Coventry. I did see Aunt Walker once at Hollins. I was told she was handsome when young, and I thought cousin Sarah's young round face was pretty. Cousin Sarah became the second wife to Mr, Nuttall, his first wife had been her dear friend, but cousin found he was not a good husband, and when her boy was very young she left him. Cousin Charles Walker married, I do not know if he had children, his wife had a millinery.

Alice was Aunt Marshall's especial pet. Richard was often at Fritchley in his boyhood days.

To be continued.

Discovered whilst looking for my family Kyrke in the Norton registers and the entry reads...

(Contributed by Rowena Clarke, Memb.no. 821)

^{&#}x27;Kyrke, Captain. 10th Feb.1580'. All aboard for the Starship 'Enterprise'??.

NOTES ON CRESSBROOK AND LITTON MILLS, DERBYSHIRE

(Contributed by Patricia Rix. Memb.no. 655)

There are two mills on the River Wye, Cressbrook Mill and Litton Mill, both situated about 12 miles from Litton village.. Both mills used child labour many from workhouses and some obtained (by what means is a mystery) from Spain during the Peninsular War (Fernando is still a family name in the district). The children at Cressbrook were treated somewhat better than those at Litton; there is evidence of the owner, William Newton, taking children into his own home during a smallpox epidemic. On the other hand, after the villagers of Litton got a petition presented to their M.P. protesting at the inhuman conditions, Newton wrote to Lord Scarsdale who was owner and Lord of the Manor offering to pay a year's rent if he would dispossess all who had signed. There is evidence in local parish records of many children dying and the burials were at three different parishes to reduce the effect they had on public opinion. Some people think Blincoe's memoirs exaggerated, possibly they are, but the old people of Litton and Tideswell who remembered the apprentice children, were under no delusion about their treatment. My own grandmother worked with them and the old lady who lived next door could remember playing in the streets of London and said most of the girls 7, 8 & 9 years old had to stand on boxes to reach the looms.

(Patricia's Gr.Grandfather was an overlooker at Litton Mill, hence her interest).

A NEW INDEX at the S.O.G.

"I know I have seen an article on this subject but I can't remember which journal I was looking at". All of us must have said this to ourselves on coming upon a new name or locality or occupation etc. in our searches.

It may interest readers to learn that the Society of Genealogists has a new Index we can look at of some 6,600 articles which have appeared in journals of the many local Family History Societies (about 80 including our own) which are now flourishing all over the country.

The Federation of these Societies has been publishing in that time a Digest of many of the articles and it is these digests which have been pasted on to cards in the Library of the Society of Genealogists and filed in subject order - family names, localities etc.

Not all Family History Societies yet contribute to the Federation News & Digest (published twice a year) but at least there are 6,600 chances that in the new Index we can locate the article we have in mind and find one of those clues we all need in our researches. Of course the Index is added to as each new issue appears, so the chances increase by about 1,000 a year.

Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London ECIM 7BA.

IT HAS BEEN SAID!

"We are all omnibuses in which our ancestors ride and every now and then one of them sticks his head out and embarrasses us". Oliver weadell Holmes.

"People will not look forward to posterity who never look back to their ancestors". Edmund Burke.

(Contributed by Mary Johnson. Memb.no. 9).

HOW TO LOCATE AND USE MANORIAL RECORDS by Patrick Palgrave-Moore. Describes briefly the manorial system, its records, where they are located and how they may be used in genealogical research. Even the most 'humble' ancester may have owned a piece of land and could be located in these records. Illustrated by entries from the Manorial Records.

LATIN WORD-LIST compiled by Elizabeth Simpson. This booklet is strictly in the form of lists of Latin words and their meanings most likely to be of use to the Family Historian.

For prices see New Publications List.

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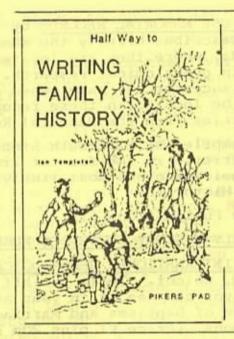
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