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FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for all the articles that have arrived in the last couple of months, much more than could be fitted into this quarter's magazine. Please be patient, I intend using all of them so they will appear eventually, and I am certainly not complaining – keep them coming.

A plea from several of our members who have spent precious hours helping those who have advertised and have sent off various bits of information. A thank you would be most appreciated – even if the information was not quite what you wanted. As my grandmother used to say, 'manners cost nowt'.

Another plea from our M.I. co-ordinator. Unless more volunteers turn up and give a helping hand Hope could be the last churchyard done by our Society, which would be a great pity and means that much information will be lost. Even if you can only offer an hour or two it would be a help and believe me, we have some great fun – including a pub meal at dinnertime. Please give it a try – once you get into the swing of things it is not difficult and the 'old timers' will always give you plenty of assistance. Many family historians of the future will thank you for your efforts.

Finally a small story to enliven your lives. Going through the Twyford and Barrow marriages, I found a note by the vicar to the effect that there was one family in the village who had four sons, but only one hat between them, so that only one could go out of the house at any one time. One of these sons actually became Mayor of London – obviously he had the use of the hat on that occasion. What is really intriguing us at the moment is just what did mother do on a Sunday; we have visions of her running backwards and forwards with the hat between her house and the church so that all four sons could attend properly attired. What a wonderful thought!

Anyway that is all for this time. See you next time and good hunting!

Helen

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ALLARY	No parish given		1881>	2702	CALLADINE	Heanor		1750-1900	5306
ALLDRED	Horsley		<1841	5315	CANTRILL	Brimington		19c	5296
ALLDRED	Duffield		<1841	5315	CARTER	Aldercar		Any	5279
ALLDRED	Little Eaton		<1841	5315	CARTER	Nottingham	Ntt	Any	5279
ALLEN	Buxton		<1915	5288	CHAMBERS	Pilsley		1740-1860	5225
ALLEN	Winster		1800>	5313	CHARLESWORTH	Ticknall		1820s>	5293
ALLEN	Ironville		1800>	5313	CHARLESWORTH	Repton		1820s>	5293
ALLEN	Arnold	Ntt	1800-1861	1236	CHEERS	Chester	Chs	<1875	5360
ALLSOP	Derby		1800>	5353	CHEERS	Handbridge	Chs	<1875	5360
ALVEY	Bakewell		1700-1800s	5275	CHELL	Duffield		1790-1840	5340
ANDERSON	Chester	Chs	<1875	5360	CHELL	Belper		18c	5340
ANNABLE	Belper		1700-1850	5363	CHENEY	No parish given	Nfk	1819	5283
ANNABLE	Greasley	Ntt	1850-1915	5363	CHILTERN	West Bromwich	War	<1900	5315
ANNABLE	Forest Town	Ntt	1916-1940	5363	CHORLTON	Gorton	Lan	1840-1920s	1236
ANTILL	Sutton	Ntt	<1871	5314	CLARE	Altringham	Lan	No dates given	5297
ARCHER	Elmton		1700-1900	5292	CLARE	Manchester	Lan	No dates given	5297
ARCHER	Mosborough		1700-1900	5292	CLARE	Derby		No dates given	5297
ASHMORE	Brimington		18c-20c	5336	CLAY	Wirksworth		No dates given	5284
ASHMORE	Bakewell		<1900	4446	CLEE	Pentrich		Any	5279
ASHTON	Glossop		no dates given	5355	CLIFF	Leeds	Yks	1800>	5317
AUGER	Any		1791-2000	3883	CLIFT	No parish given	Mdx	<1880	5299
BAILEY	Breadsall		Any	5316	CLOWES	Kingsley	Sts	1750>	5333
BAINES	Ripley		1800-1900	5352	COE	West Ham	Lnd	1800-1900	5317
BALL	Pinxton		<1876	5314	COFFMAN	Stoney Middleton		1851	5278
BANNISTER	Church Broughton		1600>	5342	COFFMAN	Alfreton		1851	5278
BANNISTER	Hanbury	Sts	1600>	5342	COLEYSHAW	No parish given		c1800	767
BARBER	Smalley		18c & 19c	5316	COLEYSHAW	No parish given	Ntt	c1800	767
BARKER	Eyam		1797-1918	5348	COLLINGS	No parish given	?	c1850	5348
BARLETT	Stonebroom		<1881	5294	COOLING	Long Eaton		1890-1950	5339
BARLOW	Derby		1850-1880	5328	COOPER	Belper		1700-1900s	767
BARTON	Eyam		<1788	5288	COOPER	Milford		1700-1900s	767
BARTON	Norton		<1813	5288	COOPER	Hazelwood		1700-1900s	767
BATE	Walsall	Sts	c1870	5344	COOTE	Great Burstead	Ess	c1800	5348
BATE	Bloxwich	Sts	c1870	5344	CORAN	Brixham	Dev	c1800	5348
BATEMAN	Winster		1800>	5287	CORDON	Derby		No dates given	5297
BAUGH	Teversal	Ntt	1860	5287	COTTON	Derby		c1800	5277
BEE	Nottingham	Ntt	Any	5323	COTTON	Derby		1800-1900	5328
BENNETT	Ardwick	Lan	<1900	5319	COX	Clifton Campville	Sts	1683-1711	5324
BERESFORD	No parish given		1800>	5285	CRESSWELL	Denby		1700-1900	5310
BERESFORD	Ashby de la Zouch	Lei	1800>	5285	CRITCHLEY	No parish given		<1885	5346
BILLINGTON	Little Budworth	Chs	Any	5325	CROFT	Hadley		c1860	5344
BILLINGTON	Crewe	Chs	Any	5325	CROSSLEY	Ilkeston		1820>	2311
BIRKS	No parish given		Any	5362	CROSSLEY	Manchester	Lan	1820>	2311
BONNER	Benson	Oxf	1800	5287	CUNNINGHAM	Derby		1800-1900	5328
BOTHAM	Wirksworth		18c & 19c	5322	CUNNINGHAM	Bungay	Sfk	1600-1800	5328
BOTT	No parish given	Sts	<1940	5320	CURZON	Crich		1826-1900	5330
BOTT	No parish given		<1940	5320	CURZON	Ripley		1826-1900	5330
BOWER	Brampton		1750-1830	5225	CURZON	Wirksworth		1826-1900	5330
BRATBY	Heage		1825-1881	5291	CURZON	Kedleston		1826-1900	5330
BREWIN	No parish given		No dates given	5341	CUTTS	Nottingham	Ntt	<1880	5350
BRIDGETT	Shirland		<1800	4446	CUTTS	Derby		<1937	5350
BRIDGETT	Alfreton		<1800	4446	DAVISON	Wickmere	Nfk	Any	5325
BROOKES	Ancoats	Lan	c1860	5319	DAWES	South Normanton		1750-1850	5336
BROOKS	Manchester	Lan	1887-1918	5291	DEAN	Alvaston		<1850	5311
BROWN	Dery		19c	5314	DEAN	Somercotes		<1850	5311
BROWN	Crich		<1817	1236	DEGLEY	Airewas	Sts	1730	5324
BURT	Any		Any	5343	DIMBERLINE	Barnby Dun	Yks	1800-1900	5349
BURT	Any	Con	Any	5343	DIMBERLINE	Chesterfield		1800-1900	5349
BUTLER	Skipton area	Wyk	<1850	5312	DIMBERLINE	Fishiake	Yks	1800-1900	5349
BUTLER	Altrincham	Chs	1850>	5313	DIMMOCK	Burton on Trent	Sts	1820s>	5293
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BUXTON	Heanor		1750-1900	5306	DOXEY	Sheffield area	Yks	1850>	5347
BUXTON	Alfreton		<1860	5319	DOXEY	Australia		1850>	5347
BYARD	Wirksworth		1810-1964	5307	DREW	No parish given	Lim	Any	5320

DRINKWATER	Mansfield	Ntt	<1900	5350	GREATBATCH	Nottingham	Ntt	<1900s	5314
DRUMMOND	Alton	Sts	<1840	5351	GREATBATCH	Birmingham	War	<1900s	5314
DUMANS	Sunderland		18c	5340	GREEN	Duffield		<1830	5360
DUROW	No parish given	Ham	1760-1840	5356	GREENWOOD	Belper		1860-1975	5277
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EDWARDS	Etwall area		1750>	5333	GUTTERIDGE	No parish given		<1856	5346
EDWARDS	Barrow on Trent		1880>	5333	HAFFENDEN	No parish given	Ssx	1800	5287
ELEY	Denby		18c & 19c	5316	HAFFENDEN	No parish given	Lnd	1800	5287
ELLIS	No parish given		1888>	5291	HAGUE	South Normanton		1700-1750	5225
ELSE	No parish given		1750>	5285	HALLAM	Shirland		1870-1880	5363
ELSE	No parish given	Ntt	1750>	5285	HALLAM	North Wingfield		1890-1905	5363
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FAIR(E)	No parish given		<1879	5346	HARDY	No parish given		Any	5318
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FELL	No parish given	Wes	<1800	5289	HARDY	South Normanton		1770-1840	5225
FIDLER	No parish given		1700-1800	5321	HARGREAVE	No parish given		Any	5318
FIELDING	Haslingden	Lan	1600>	5342	HARPUR	Derby		1878	5309
FINNEY	Hilton		1877-1910	5200	HARRISON	Mansfield	Ntt	<1880	5314
FINNEY	Etwall		1772>	5217	HARRISON	Church Broughton		1750-1850	5225
FINNEY	Ashford		<1670	5217	HARRISON	Foston		1750-1850	5225
FINNEY	Earl Sterndale		1750>	5217	HARRISON	Ashbourne		1810-1845	5225
FIRTH	Sheffield	Yks	18c	5317	HARRISON	Shirley		1845-1900	5225
FISHER	Horlsey Woodhouse		1830s	5302	HASLAM	Stoney Houghton		1750-1950	2447
FISHER	Brampton		1750-1800	5225	HAWKINS	Heage		Any	5279
FITZSIMONS	Derby		1854-1900	5225	HAWKINS	Nottingham	Ntt	Any	5279
FLETCHER	No parish given		<1860	5299	HAWKINS	Sutton in Ashfield	Ntt	Any	5279
FORWARD	Staveley		<1881	5303	HAYWOOD	Blackwell		1880-1920	5225
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FOSTER	Lullington		c1682	5324	HENDERSON	No parish given		1800-1842	5320
FOSTER	No parish given		1800>	4943	HENDERSON	No parish given	Lei	1800-1842	5320
FOSTER	No parish given	Ntt	1800>	4943	HIBBERD	Clowne		No dates given	5284
FOX	Eyam		c1800	5348	HICKE(I)N	North Wingfield		Any	5323
GARNER	No parish given	Chs	<1850	5316	HICKE(I)N	Clay Cross		Any	5323
GARRATT	Stone	Sts	1791-2000	3883	HIGGINBOTTOM	Glossop		1750>	2311
GARRATT	Burslem	Sts	1791-2000	3883	HIGGINBOTTOM	Hayfield		1750>	2311
GARTON	No parish given		No dates given	5341	HIGTON	Smalley		17c & 18c	5316
GASCOIGN	Eyam		<1836	5288	HILL	No parish given	Ntt	1930	5309
GASCOIGN	Norton		<1836	5288	HILL	No parish given		1931	5309
GAZELEY	No parish given		<1890	5299	HOBSON	Leyland	Lan	1866>	5217
GAZELEY	No parish given	Lnd	<1890	5299	HODSON	South Normanton		1750-1850	5336
GERRARD	Hulland		1800-1850	5359	HOGAN	No parish given	Cla	Any	5319
GIBSON	Maston on Dove		1720-1850	5225	HOLLEMOULD	South Normanton		Any	5155
GILMAN	Longford		1600>	5342	HOLLINGWORTH	Ashover		No dates given	5284
GLEDHILL	No parish given		1818-1950	5305	HOPSON	No parish given	Sts	<1900	5315
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GOODALL	Pinxton		<1820	5314	HOSKIN	Brampton		No dates given	5284
GOODALL	Selston	Ntt	<1820	5314	HOULTBY-TODD	Warsop	Ntt	Any	5329
GOODARE	"Canal people"	Yks	<1850	5289	HOWARD	Hayfield		1880>	5348
GOODE	Belper		1860>	5277	HOWARD	New Mills		1880>	5348
GOULD	Morley		18c	5316	HUBBARD	Burton on Trent	Sts	1820s>	5293
GRAHL	Any	Any	Any	5325	HUMPSTON	Muggington		18c	5340
GRAINGER	Guisborough	Nyk	No dates given	5298	HUNT	Scarcliffe		1700-1900	5310
GRAY	Newark	Ntt	Any	5329	HYDE	Middleton	Lan	1810>	2311
GREATBATCH	Sheffield	Yks	<1900s	5314	IGO	No parish given		<1860	5346
GREATBATCH	Derby		<1900s	5314	IGO	No parish given	Ntt	<1860	5346

INGER	Heanor		Any	5302	MELLORS	Shirland		19c	5296
INGHAM	Haslingden	Lan	1600>	5342	MILLER	Halesworth	Sfk	18c	5340
JELLEY	Ashby de la Zouch	Lei	1750>	5285	MILLINGTON	Biggin		1700-1900s	767
JEPSON	South Normanton		1650-1730	5225	MILLINGTON	Kirk Ireton		1700-1900s	767
JOHNSON	Chesterfield		1833	5296	MILLINGTON	Ireton Wood		1700-1900s	767
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JONES	Derby		<1900	5334	MILLS	Radford	Ntt	<1894	5360
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KAUFMAN	Stoney Middleton		1851	5278	MORLEY	No parish given		<1875	5299
KAUFMAN	Alfreton		1851	5278	MORRIS	Blackwell		1875-1920	5225
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KEELING	Derby		1800-1900	5328	MOSLEY	Creswell		1900>	5310
KEETON	North Wingfield		1600-1800	5225	MOSS	No parish given		1750>	5326
KEETON	Alfreton		1815-1850	5225	MOSS	Airewas	Sts	1800>	5326
KENNING	North Wingfield		Any	5323	MOUSLEY	Clifton Campville	Sts	1683	5324
KENNING	Clay Cross		Any	5323	MULDOON	Derby		1870-1890	5225
KENYON	Staveley		1700-1900	5310	NADIN	Hartington		1750-1850	5336
KIERAN	No parish given	Irl	<1900	5325	NASH	Ripley		1800-1900	5349
KIERAN	Liverpool	Lan	<1901	5325	NASH	Chesterfield		1800-1900	5349
KING	Matlock		1740-1850	5225	NAYLOR	Chapel en le Frith		1850s-1919	5275
KIRKBY	Tamworth	Sts	1655	5324	NEEDHAM	Brampton		1750-1850	5225
LACKINGTON	Derby		No dates given	5297	NEEDHAM	Dronfield		1830-1880	5225
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LADDS	No parish given		Any	5318	NOBLE	Duffield		1800	5353
LANCASHIRE	Derby		1799	5353	NUTTALL	Rusholme		c1860	5319
LAVERSUCH	Any	Any	Any	5325	OAKS	Derby		1850>	5351
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LEE	Pleasley		Any	5329	PALMER	Heanor		1750-1900	5306
LEE	Pinxton		1600-1890	5225	PARKER	Eastwood	Ntt	1900-2000	5363
LEWRY	Milton	Ken	1800-1875	5317	PARKIN	No parish given		<1890	5299
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LONGBOTTOM	Nottingham	Ntt	1800-1900	5328	PEARSON	Hope		No dates given	5304
LONGBOTTOM	Farnon	Ntt	1800-1900	5328	PEPPER	Whittington		1870>	5363
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LOVERDIGE	Chesterfield		<1900	4446	PERRY	Shirland		No dates given	5284
LOWE	Long Eaton		1890-1950	5339	PETERS	Mansfield Woodhouse	Ntt	Any	5329
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MARRIOT	Warsop	Ntt	Any	5329	RANDLE	Foleshill	War	18c & 19c	5302
MARRIOT	North Wingfield		1750-1850	5225	REDFERN	Derby		1800	5353
MARSH	South Moulton	Dev	1861	5287	REID	No parish given		1881>	2702
MARSH	London	Lnd	1862	5287	RICHARDS	Alfreton		1735-1765	2447
MARSHALL	Derby		1900-1990s	5280	RICHARDS	likeston		1700-1850	2447
MASSEY	Ripley area		1850>	5327	RICHARDS	Pallerton		1900-1960	2447
MAURI	London		19c	5340	RICHARDS	Stoney Houghton		1934-1960	2447
MAURI	Italy		19c	5340	RICHARDS	Shirland		1700-1760	2447
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McGREGOR	Bakewell		1800-1900	5357	RICHARDS	Brinsley	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447
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MELLOR	Belper		1780	5353	RICHARDS	Greasley	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447
MELLOR	Pinxton		1750-1850	5225	RICHARDS	Kimberley	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447

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RICHARDS	Stapleford	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447	THOMPSON	Hognaston		1791-2000	3883
RICHARDS	Strelley	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447	THOMPSON	Mugginton		1791-2000	5329
RICHARDS	Radford	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447	TIDESWELL	Skegby	Ntt	Any	5327
RICHARDS	Trowell	Ntt	18c & 19c	2447	TODD	Ripley area		1840-1920	5329
RICHARDSON	Derby		1880s-1921	5280	TODD	Warsop	Ntt	Any	5346
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SALT	Bury	Lan	<1800s	5312	WALKER	Cannock	Sts	<1900	5298
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SANDERS	Belper		1800	5353	WALLIS	Ashbourne		No dates given	2702
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SEAL	Duffield		<1841	5315	WARD	Duffield		18c	5323
SEAL	Little Eaton		<1841	5315	WARDLEY	Barlow		Any	5323
SELLORS	Alfreton		<1860	5319	WARDLEY	Elmton		Any	5323
SH(E)ILTON	Church Gresley		1681-1752	5324	WARDLEY	Whitwell		Any	5336
SHARPE	Heanor area		Any	5302	WASS	Tibshelf		18c-19c	5336
SHAW	Ripley		1800-1820	5359	WASS	North Wingfield		1850>	5295
SHAW	Holbrook		1810-1850	5359	WATSON	Lullington		Any	5295
SHAW	Horsley		1850-1880	5359	WATSON	Little Eaton		Any	5287
SHAW	Kilburn		1850-1880	5359	WEBSTER	Winstar		1800>	5315
SHELDON	Holbrook		1800-1850	5359	WEBSTER	Ilkeston		<1841	5327
SHINFIELD	Alfreton		1800	5278	WESTON	Codnor area		1841-1903	5323
SIMS	Holbrook		1810-1964	5307	WHARMBY	North Wingfield		Any	5323
SLANEY	Bolsover		1700-1800	5310	WHARMBY	Pilsley		Any	5363
SMITH	Heage		1823-1881	5291	WHARMBY	North Wingfield		1890-1916	2311
SMITH	Heanor		1750-1900	5306	WHEATLEY	Duffield		1690>	2311
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SPENCER	Sheffield area	Yks	1850>	5347	WHELDON	Derby		1845-1891	5307
SPRAY	Ashover		No dates given	5297	WHITE	Heage		1810-1964	5309
SPRAY	Derby		No dates given	5297	WILKINSON	Derby		<1903	5310
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STANLEY	Clay Cross		1850>	5336	WILSON	Eiland	Yks	1870	5360
STE(V)PHENSON	Youlgreave		18c-19c	5336	WINDLEY	Duffield		<1811	5328
STEAD	Sheffield	Yks	<1789	5314	WINTER	Any	Any	1800-1900	5304
STEELE	Wybunbury	Chs	<1900	5325	WINTERBOTTOM	Glossop		No dates given	5300
STENTON	Brampton		No dates given	5284	WOODROOFE	Hope		1500-1870	5296
STRAKER	Leeds	Yks	1800>	5317	WOODWARD	Sculcoates	Yks	1817	5316
STRAW	Pinxton		<1883	5314	WOODWARD	Smalley		17c & 18c	5302
STREET	Duffield		18c	5340	WOOLLAND	Smalley area		18c & 19c	5296
STRETTON	Hilton		c1807	5200	WRAGG	Walkley		1914	5310
STRINGFELLOW	Skegby	Ntt	Any	5329	WRAGG	Dronfield		1700-1850	5347
STUBBINGS	Any		<1900	5217	WRAGG	Middleton		Any	5347
STUBBS	No parish given	Chs	<1850	5348	WRAGG	Sheffield area	Yks	1850>	5302
SWALE	No parish given	Yks	c1800	5338	WRIGHT	Smalley area		18c & 19c	5358
SWEETING	New Whittington		No dates given	5324	YEOMANS	Duffield		19c	5358
TAYLOR	Lullington		1642-1800	2872	YEOMANS	Belper		19c	5326
TAYLOR	Riddings		<1850	5318	YOUNG	Derby		1800>	

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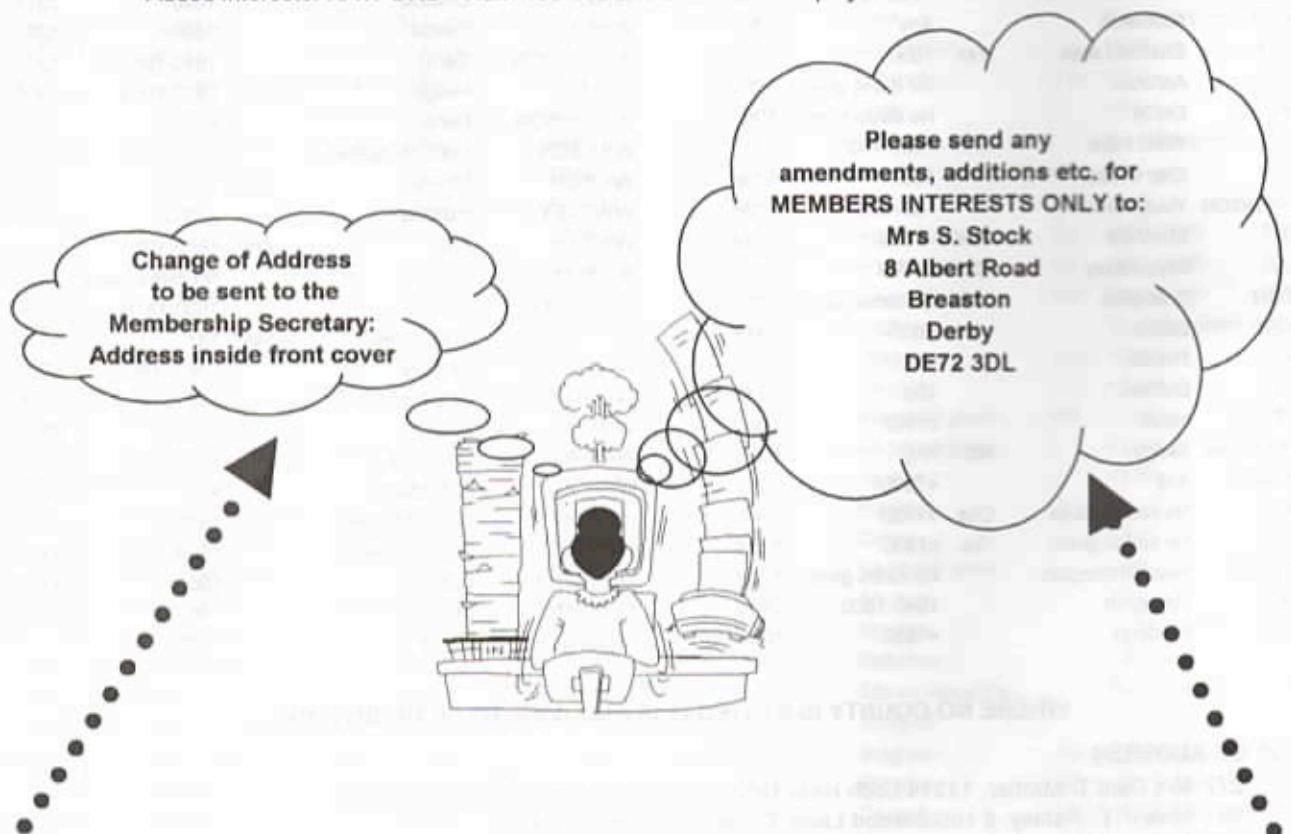
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HART

I have been researching the Hart family of Stanley and have a family tree stretching from a baptism in 1726 to a death in 1995. One curious thing I have noticed is that during the period 1800 to 1850 the family used the name Hartshorn interchangeably with Hart, although they were not consistent in this. For instance the same family appears as Hart on the 1851 census but as Hartshorn in 1841. Also one couple baptized some of their children with one surname and some with the other. There was even a baby, registered and baptized as Selina Hart, who died when only a few weeks old and was buried as Selina Hartshorn! The Stanley PRs have no Hartshorns before 1811, very few Harts between 1811 and 1850, and about equal numbers of each after 1850. If anyone can enlighten me as to the reason for this I would be very interested to know.

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HOPKINSON

John Hopkinson of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, born about 1781. When/where was he born? Who were his parents? I have found no baptism. His first wife was Ellen who died in 1818, mother of George (born 1808, my great grandfather), Joseph (1814) and Rebecca (1818, died 6 months old). He married Esther Goodwin on 12 Sep 1818 in Chesterfield and had further children, William (1819), Charles (1820), Rebecca (1822), Anne (1824), Esther (1827) – all at Walton – Sarah (1829), Eliza (1831) – at Newbold – and Richard (1835) – Little Brampton. From the census he also appeared to have two further sons Thomas and Albert. John was buried on 2 June 1850 age 74 at Holy Trinity Church in Chesterfield.

I have a copy of a death certificate for John Hopkinson, labourer, age 69, 31 May 1850 at West Pool Place, Chesterfield, but no further details to help prove it to be my John. Can anyone fill any missing gaps for me?

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ALLEN, HIND

Tracing my great great grandfather, Samuel Allen, born Shottle 1823, died Duffield 1910, plus virtually all his living descendants, was very easy. I know for certain that his father was Samuel Allen, labourer, and that he probably died between 1833 and 1837. I strongly suspect that this Samuel's widow is the 45 year old Elizabeth Allen living at Shottlegate with some of her children on the 1841 census. There seem to have been at least two Allen families in the Shottle

area at this time who, confusingly, share a common set of Christian names. Indeed, by the 1850s at least four Samuel Allens lived in the area, two of whom married at Hazelwood church in consecutive years. I strongly suspect that these were parallel lines of the same family.

I have concluded that the only way I can get back any further with any certainty is by trying to map as many of the Allens in the Duffield/Belper area around 1780-1840 as I can and wonder whether any members have any information on any Allens in this area which they might be prepared to share.

Another of my great great grandfathers was Samuel Hind, born Bradley 1817, died Bradley 1888, son of John Hind who was born at Yeldersley around 1768. Both Samuel and John were agricultural labourers. Samuel's sons, Thomas and Daniel, were engine fitters and Thomas, who was living in Derby in 1881, had a large family. I know that there were a substantial number of Hinds living in Bradley in the first part of the 19th century and there are recent Hind burials in Bradley churchyard. Sadly I have been completely unable to trace any living Hinds with the same Bradley connection, though I am sure they exist. Can anyone help with information about the family, either in the early 19th century or now?

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SHOOTER

Are any members researching the following family of Notts/Derbys. My great grandfather was Abraham Shooter, born 1859 in Clay Cross, the son of Timothy and Harriett (formerly Marriott). Abraham married Emma Catherine Hatton in 1882 in Hasland. Timothy was born in 1825 and married Harriett in 1849 in Mansfield. Timothy's parents were James, born about 1791, and Sarah (formerly Martin). They married in Selston in 1814. James was the son of William Shooter born about 1764.

I am also seeking information regarding Thomas Stone, born about 1763, possibly in Elton, Derbys, and his marriage to Ann (possibly Wallis). Thomas died in Beeley in 1839 and Ann died in 1849, also in Beeley.

If anyone is researching any of the above, I would love to hear from you.

*Paulette Cater, Laverock Cottage, Flappit Springs,
Keighley, BD21 5PY (Mem. 4722)*

BARTHOLAMEW

Looking for information on Robert Bartholamew (my mother's uncle) and his family. They moved away from Worksop, Notts, to Glossop and owned a fish

and chip shop about the late 1920s which may have been in the Alfreton area. Robert's father, Frank Bartholamew, originated from Whitwell, Derbys.

Mrs M. Mantaj, 'Moya Doma', 29 School Road, Langold, Worksop, Notts S81 5PX (Mem. 5077)

BAMFORD

Job Bamford married Mary Harrison at Duffield on 24 July 1812, they lived at Cow-Ways, Shottle, and had daughters Martha and Ruth baptised at Greenbank, Turnditch, 6 February 1823, and Mary baptised at Smalley 24 July 1831. What were they doing in Smalley and were they related to James and Elizabeth Bamford who christened daughters Elizabeth and Jane on 22 August 1830 at Smalley? Job was born about 1786, possibly in Shottle or Wirksworth. He was an agricultural labourer, but I have been unable to find any information about his birth or parents. George Bamford (Job's grandson), my gt.gt.granddad was also an agricultural labourer and born at Shottle, the illegitimate son of Ruth Bamford. Any information would be gratefully received.

Kim Cox, Pas-Carin, 31 Birchwood Avenue, Littleover, Derby DE23 7QA (Mem. 4769)

HOLBROOK

A few years ago I came across a small book, probably in the Belper library, about the village of Holbrook. I photocopied a few pages of particular interest, but omitted to make a note of the title and author. Can anyone help me or know of any plans to republish this fascinating little publication?

Nigel Sitwell, Lakeside House, Quarry Lane, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 2NY (Mem. 2176)

MONK

My husband's great grandfather, Thomas Monk, was a canal boatman. On the 1881 census of Stockton, Warwickshire, his age is recorded as 75 and his place of birth as Tickenhall, Derbys. I can find no trace of a baptism for him in the Ticknall area around the early 1800s. A Daniel Monk and his wife, Elizabeth, were living in Ticknall at this time. I believe they were Baptists as the births of two daughters in the 1790s were recorded in the Melbourne Baptist Register. Has anyone any ideas please?

Moraig Monk, 20 Cedar Drive, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7EZ (Mem. 3595)

SERVANTS

I am currently researching, as part of an MPhil Thesis, servants of urban and rural houses in the Midland counties (Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire) using the 1861-1891 census as my main source of information.

I am looking for information on servants between the census years, to try and ascertain length of service

and migration patterns. If you have a relative who was a servant between 1860-1900 in a large house in the Midlands I would be pleased to hear from you. The database of servants compiled as a result of this research together with servants from National Trust houses and information gathered from other sources, will form a searchable database at a later date.

Christine Seal, 3 Vallenders Road, Bredon, Tewkesbury, GL20 7HL (Mem. 4889)

E-mail:

EAVES

Many thanks to those of you who responded to my plea for information re the Eaves database. Unfortunately, due to circumstances unforeseen at the time, my e-mail address has changed and I would be grateful if those of you who failed to get through would try again, using the correct e-mail:

Sorry for the inconvenience.

James Drew, 31 Ribblesdale Drive, Grimsargh, Preston, Lancs PR2 5RJ

WORRALL

My 4x great grandfather, Joseph Worrall, was born at Beeley in 1729. He married Rhoda Rhodes of Winster at Peak Forest in 1753 and they had a son, Thomas, baptised at Winster in 1756. By 1782 Joseph is working as a blacksmith in the Gregory Lead Mine at Ashover and remains there until he dies in 1799. Joseph and Rhoda had 4 further children, Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Charles (my 3x great grandfather). I cannot trace their baptisms. They may well have been born before Joseph moved to Ashover. Charles Worrall married Rachel Staley at Winster in 1790. Like his father, he was a blacksmith and I have found records for him in the Gregory Mine Reckoning Book and the land tax records for Ashover. But from 1806 Rachel is shown as a widow in the land tax records. There is no record of Charles' burial in Ashover. Has anyone come across the baptisms of Charles and his sisters, or his burial?

David Worrall, 4 Westbourne Close, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 3LG (Mem. 1165)

DUROW

I seek the origins of my unusual family name Durow. The earliest records found show Durows in only three locations.

- 1) Prerow in Pommern, Germany, when Ilse Durow married Hans Gerow in 1765;
- 2) Alverstoke, Hampshire, when Joseph Durow married Elizabeth Gardner in 1799, neither baptism nor burial for Joseph has been found;
- 3) Ilkeston, Derbyshire, when Hannah Durow, parents Joseph and Hannah, was baptized in 1803.

Are these three groups connected, did the Durows originate in Germany and if so, how did they come to England. Any information to aid a long and unsuccessful search would be warmly welcomed.

David Durow, 7 Piercefield Avenue, Crossway Green, Chepstow, Monmouthshire NP16 5JB (Mem. 5356)



Does anyone recognize this gentleman? The photograph was amongst others which came into my possession when an elderly aunt died and like many photographs, has no detail on the back. He may not even be a member of my family tree, but his face, smile and clothing are so full of character that I would like to know who he is.

My aunt's name was Lydia Rope (nee Barlow). Other surnames which may be connected to him are Johnson, Walker and Willcox.

Linda Cheshire, 10 Poplar Nook, Allestree, Derby DE22 2DW (Mem. 4003)

PASS IT ON

Would anyone like a bible with the inscription "Rev. John Black from John McEwen Esq., Glrulora, 15th December 1885". Also 'Poppy' presented to Margaret Nicholson, 1883, Ridgeway Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School.

Dorothy Tilley, The Poplars, Hardwick Wood, Wingerwoth, Nr Chesterfield S42 6RH

Liversage Charity The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Peter's have relieved nearly 200 of the most needy parishioners with the following quantities of flannel, calico &c. – Flannel 405 yards, calico 1,320 yards, blankets 37 pairs, coats 13 tons, gowns and other clothing 17. Great pains have been taken this year to ascertain which were really the most necessitous cases, as in consequence of the depressed state of the trade of the town, the number of applicants for relief was much greater than usual.

Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal Dec 28, 1860

£50 REWARD

WHEREAS

William Parsons,
A Police Serjeant, and
Isaac Hickton,
A Police Constable,

Lately in the *K Division* of the Metropolitan Police, stand charged with Conspiracy and Perjury at the Inquest held at Dagenham, in the County of Essex, upon the body of GEORGE CLARK, a Police Constable, who was Murdered on the 29th June, 1846.

Her Majesty's Government

Will give the above REWARD, to any Person who shall give such Information as will lead to the Apprehension of these Men, or a proportion of it for the Apprehension of either of them.

Description of Parsons

Aged 30 Years, Height 5 feet 7½ inches, Fresh Complexion, small Grey Eyes, Sandy Hair and Whiskers, much freckled, walks upright, and is well proportioned, by Trade a Miller, Born in Saint Peter's, Norwich.

Description of Hickton

Aged 33 Years, Height 5 feet 9½ inches, Fair Complexion, Grey Eyes, light brown Hair, small Sandy Whiskers, round Shouldered, draws his Mouth on one side when talking, especially when excited, by Trade a Currier, and was employed at a Tanner's at Hales Owen, near Birmingham, about 3 Months since, Born in Saint Warbus, Derby.

Information to be given at the Police Office, Great Scotland Yard, to the Police Station, K Division, Arbour Square, Stepney, or any of the Police Stations.

Taken from a wanted poster of 1846 displayed in the Metropolitan Police Museum. Does anyone have any connection with Derby born Hickton?



DERBY MEETING GROUP

April 2000

South Derbyshire Potteries – Pat Paling & David Ash

From the middle 1700's South Derbyshire boasted many potteries, pioneers such as Mr Leadham, W Bourne, Mr Edwards, Henry Wileman and Thomas Goodwin Green built up an industry that as an employer came second only to the mines. Some potteries rose very quickly and disappeared just as suddenly, Thompson's lasted from 1818 until 1856. Other names appeared and are in evidence until the present day. Mason and Poole potteries made a lot of barge ware for the thriving canal boat trade, as did the potteries at Rawdon and Moira. Sharpe's also produced sanitary ware. Pat and David both avid collectors took us through and explained many examples of local ware. Thomas Goodwin Green born in 1826 at Boston, Lincolnshire was the son of a wharf owner. He emigrated to Australia to seek his fortune but came back in 1862 to marry and while on honeymoon met Henry Wileman who sold him the pottery at Church Gresley. T.G. Green died in 1902 but not before he had seen the pottery grow into a successful business, collectors all over the world now seek after the 'Cornish Ware' blue and white-hooped design.

Henry Tooth born in London became a theatrical designer and painter, he moved on to design houses and churches. In 1883 he moved to Woodville and founded Bretby Art Pottery. Bretby Art soon established itself as a leader in design winning awards at exhibitions throughout Europe, after Henry's death the business was inherited by his son who did not have the same success and production ceased. In 1933 Mr F Parker took over the business and again Bretby became successful. His two sons followed him and Bretby flourished from the 1950's until the mid 1990's. The factory fell into disrepair and to the horror of local historians was demolished in April 2000. A way of life and all records have been swept away. Fortunately David Ash is compiling a history of Bretby Art Pottery and its employees. Some members bought along examples of local ware and all enjoyed a lively evening.

GILL HILEY [Bretby Art Pottery employee 1962-67]

MAY 2000

Nonconformity & Dissent - Simon Pawley

Many of us come across non-conformists and dissenters in our researches. I suspect that a lot of us know little about either. In the 16 and 1700's most people were either Cof E or Catholic, the latter kept a low profile as they were regarded as political allies of Europe. Families began to dabble with non-conformity, there were two major points of disagreement with the C of E. The first point was the Churches hierarchical system from the bishop downwards. Dissenters believed that they should appoint their own ministers. The second point was child baptism, they believed that no one should be baptised until adulthood and were able to understand the significance of baptism. All non-conformist groups were fractious. Independents became Congregationalists or Baptists. In the 1600's Charles II bought back the Bishops who in turn elected the

ministers, this was felt too radical and many vicars and ministers left their churches taking the congregation with them, many Chapels opened. Into the 1800's there was a civilised relationship between Church and Chapel but baptism was still a major sticking point. The vicar at Brassingbourne in Cambridgeshire refused to bury two teenage girls who were not baptised, their bodies were kept at relation's houses for two years. Following this, legislation forced vicars to bury parishioners of whatever persuasion they were. Chapels drew crowds from many villages and our ancestors may have walked miles to hear a particular sermon. If our researches show that ancestors had children but there are no baptism records for those children it is very likely that the family turned to a Chapel, perhaps some miles away from the home parish where the event would be recorded. Simon strongly advised us to look at non-conformist records, in a wider area than the parish where the family resided. In spite of assurances from elderly relatives that "we never mixed with that Chapel lot", families very often did. Quakers were a very separate group, badly persecuted in the 16 and 1700's. Quakers kept incredible records including the sufferings books written at meetings. Quakers eventually became accepted and differ from other groups by writing their own marriage vows to suit each couple. The Quaker card index is kept at the Friends Meeting House in London. All non-conformists had to be able to read their bibles so the spread of literacy showed throughout the groups. Non-Conformist records are held at the Public Record Office at Kew or at the County Record Office in your county on microfilm. Simon gave a fascinating talk, where I suspect we all learnt something and a lively question and answer session followed. The message that came across was, cast your net far and wide you may have non-conformists where you do not suspect it.

ALAN HILEY

JUNE 2000

Sir John Gell and the Civil War in Derbyshire - John Hughes

Sir John Gell the High Sheriff of Derbyshire lived at Hopton Hall and his duties included collecting taxes for the King. In 1642 the King demanded that the ship tax be levied on all counties of England not just those counties which bordered the sea, this tax was extremely unpopular with all strata's of society. Sir John assessed each area of Derbyshire and decided that the High Peak should raise £500, Scarsdale £450, Derby £175 and Elvaston £24. Those who refused to pay had their cattle confiscated, this tax was quickly abolished. In August 1642 King Charles raised a standard at Nottingham, the Derbyshire Militia went to support the King. 10,000 men were expected, 1,000 men rallied to the call. The King took his army to Shrewsbury and on the way borrowed £300 from Derby town Council. John Gell decided to throw in his lot with the Parliamentarians and was ordered to Hull to gather arms and then to Sheffield to quell a riot. The rioters in Sheffield took his arms from him and sent him on his way. A number of the big landowners supported both sides to be on the safe side. Roving bands from both sides would wander from village to village demanding food and shelter, if none was

forthcoming the village would be ransacked and very often burnt to the ground. Probably the following week a band would arrive from the opposite side. Many battles or skirmishes would be short lived with no clear winner on either side. Both sides made extravagant claims to hold complete counties, John Gell claimed to hold all of Derbyshire. 600 men attacked Earl Stanhope at Bretby Castle, he had only 60 men and promptly fled to Lichfield. John Gell asked the Earl's wife to pay every one of his men thirteen shillings and four pence or have her castle ransacked, she chose to be ransacked, everything was taken.

In 1643 Gell added the title of Governor of Derby to his title of Governor of Derbyshire. He attacked Lichfield Cathedral and their Commander Lord Brook was killed, his body was carried around for a long time as bargaining power. Towns and villages were taken and retaken by both sides. A large battle was fought at Newark, the Royalists routed the Parliamentarians, Prince Rupert charged right through the middle with his cavalry and kept on going until he was a speck in the distance. This tactic proved to be successful on several occasions. The Queen went to France and pawned the crown jewels for arms, she arrived back in England in the north east and immediately set out for Oxford. She was attacked on the way losing many men and guns, but surviving. Gell returned to Derbyshire fighting more local battles at Egginton and Ashby. At Wilne Ferry near Shardlow Gell ordered that the hay carts standing by the river should be set alight, the drifting smoke killed many troops, including some of Gell's. After more major battles at Marston Moor and Naseby, Gell was accused of not obeying orders and was put in the Tower of London for life. In 1649 Charles was beheaded and the new MP for Derby a Mr Allestree paid a fine of £7000 to set Gell free. He lived the rest of life in London dying in 1671 aged 78. His tomb is in the parish church at Wirksworth.

ALAN HILEY

Gill and myself have written the Derby meeting reports now for the last seven years, that's a lot of words. We hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as we have enjoyed writing them. I know that we may not have been as technical and precise as some would have wished but we have tried to give a general feel of each talk, especially to those members who for whatever reason cannot attend meetings.

Increased commitments within the Society have dictated that we now have to lay down our scribe's pen and make way for someone else to write the reports.

Gill & Alan Hiley

SHIRLAND MEETING GROUP

APRIL 2000

My Cousin Dame Laura Knight – Margaret Hargreaves

Mrs Hargreaves began her talk by explaining that her family name was Mason, and after delving into her family history she found that Dame Laura Knight was her third cousin twice removed. Further evidence was found when reading Dame Laura's autobiography, describing her many visits to Mason's farm, Mrs Hargreaves' old family home. Laura was born at Long Eaton on 4 August 1877 and was the youngest of three girls. Charlotte, her mother, took the girls to live with Grandma Bates in Nottingham, who owned a lace factory.

As her family was very poor, Charlotte took a job at a girls' school teaching art. Laura seemed interested in drawing and was, therefore, encouraged by her mother, to attend her teaching classes. In 1893 Laura was offered a place at a boarding school at Avignon in France by Grandma Bates' sister, Aunt West, who lived near Paris. After a time Laura returned to England, to find that her sister Nellie had died and the lace factory was bankrupt.

Laura enrolled at Nottingham School of Art and soon became friendly with Harold Knight, who was the star pupil. They eventually married at East Leake and decided to live at Staithes, north Yorks, where they formed the Staithes Group of Artists. 'Sylvia' was one of Laura's earlier works and was recently valued at £8000.

After World War I the couple decided to live in London, where Laura took an interest in London theatres and painted many dressing room scenes, especially at Drury Lane.

In 1927 Laura became a member of the Royal Academy of Arts, and in 1929 became Dame Laura Knight, presented by the Prince of Wales. She also travelled to America, where she became interested in circus life and painted many portraits of the entertainers.

In 1939 the War Office asked Laura to help with the war effort by portraying the troops fighting the war. In 1946 she attended the Nuremberg War Trials, painting many court scenes. In 1960 Harold, her husband, died, followed by Laura ten years later, aged 93 years.

Throughout the talk Mrs Hargreaves displayed many examples of Dame Laura's paintings and was obviously very proud of being related, even though they never met.

MAY 2000

Look Before you Post – Malcolm Marples

The post, in a form we would recognise, has been in use since the time of Charles II, but only the wealthy; i.e. nobleman, were allowed to use it. Initially all mail went through London, the distance being measured to London and back out again to calculate charges. Rowland Hill (1795-1879), who was Treasurer at the time, instigated the first postal service for general public use in 1837 and he also introduced the penny post in 1840. Under this system, if more than 100 letters per week were delivered to the town they could be delivered to the houses, otherwise mail had to be collected from post offices. Before letterboxes were introduced, letters were collected by the Bellman (so called because he rang a bell to signify his presence), or handed in at the Post Office. Anthony Trollop, the writer, held the full time occupation of Surveyor for the Post Office. He negotiated contracts with other countries and also recommended the use of roadside post boxes.

The first post boxes were produced in Belgium, in the 1850s, by a foundry that was used to making cannons, hence they were shaped like cannons. There were traditionally three main types of post box, but recently new variations have appeared. The pillar-box was introduced in this country in 1852, followed five years later by wall boxes, which were mainly used in villages, then lamp boxes which appeared in 1896. These were brought into use at the request of residents living in affluent Crescents so that they didn't have to walk far after writing a late letter on a dark winter evening. Lamp boxes were based on the American style post-boxes and are still used extensively in suburbs, villages and hamlets. During W.W.II, boxes were

painted white at the bottom and with a special yellow paint on the top that would change to orange in the event of a gas attack. Around thirty foundries made letter boxes, but notable locally they were made by The Meadow Foundry and Maud's, both of Mansfield and the foundry at Handyside, Derby.

Malcolm illustrated his talk with a fascinating collection of slides taken all over Great Britain. The boxes were of all shapes and sizes, various colours, some made of wood or fibreglass as well as the usual metal ones. Some letterboxes are situated in unusual locations and some have been adapted in a variety of ways in an attempt to keep out rainwater. The Royal ciphers displayed on them are not replaced when the Monarch changes, hence the large amount of Victorian boxes still in use throughout the country. The exception to this is in Scotland where the Royal Crown replaced the cipher of Queen Elizabeth II. The Scots objected strongly to the Royal cipher because, to them, the Queen was Elizabeth the First of Scotland.

Next time you pop a letter in a post-box, give it another look and see if you can spot the cipher, a bit filed out to widen the slot, a modified cover to keep rain out or holes in the bottom to let the water out. Does it have an acorn on the top or spikes, like the one in Cambridge to stop swans nesting on it, or is it painted green, like the ones in Clumber Park and Hardwick village, to avoid being an eyesore in a picturesque area? There's more to the humble post box than at first meets the eye!

SYLVIA WRIGHT

JUNE 2000

A Century of Change – Lila Broadhurst

Speaking from Windsor Castle on 1 January 1900, Queen Victoria said, "The New Year is full of anxiety". She was 81 years old and her fears for the new century were due to the second Boer War being fought in South Africa. But the 20th century was to see many more wars, with ever more sophisticated weapons being developed: from rifles and cannon at the beginning of the century, through tanks, submarines and great battleships, jet planes, chemical and biological warfare to atom bombs and nuclear missiles.

The 20th century has advanced more rapidly than any other time in the history of mankind. Communications saw the development of airmail postal services, telegraphy and telephones, radio, television and satellite receivers, the fax machine, e-mail and the World Wide Web. Transport has progressed from "Shanks Pony" and the bicycle and, for the better off in those early years, the horse, motor cars, steam trains and airships. Now luxury liners, jumbo jets, helicopters, diesel and electric trains and motor cars, that were once only affordable by wealthy and professional people, are now commonplace amongst all walks of life. Gas piper to our homes for heating and cooking, electricity for our lighting and to run all those domestic appliances that we can't possibly manage without, and water from our own taps that we take so much for granted were, at the start of the 20th century, the luxuries of the rich. Most folks still used candles and oil lamps to light their homes. Water had to be fetched from a well (at the cost of a halfpenny or a penny a bucket!) or fetch it from a standpipe that served several streets, or from a hand pump in the yard. Water for personal hygiene and domestic use was heated in the boiler of the iron range, fuelled by coal, that also provided heating

and cooking facilities, while water for washing clothes was boiled in a copper in the scullery. In towns and cities community washhouses were used. Now solar power, wind turbines and water are the energy sources of the future as fossil fuels decline and more environmentally friendly alternatives are sought. On the lighter side of life, Lila took us through a cavalcade of fashion, movie stars and music, and interspersed her talk with recorded recollections of local people. Memories of the war years, make do and mend clothes, pegged rugs and a verbal tour of her grandmother's house stirred many memories amongst the audience. Kids games, the Whit Walks and Hardwick Wakes (fair) and seaside holidays after the beaches were opened up to the public again after the war brought back more happy memories. Black and white televisions in the 50's, G-plan furniture, flower power and the first manned moon landing in the swinging sixties. The affluent 70s gave way to the boom and bust years of the 80s and 90s with mass redundancies, strikes and many homes repossessed. Computers and mobile phones are now commonplace, but, sadly, crime, violence and drug addiction have increased dramatically. We ended the evening by agreeing that we wanted to retain all those things that make life easier, but we would like to revive the neighbourliness and community spirit of days gone by.

SYLVIA WRIGHT

GLOSSOP MEETING GROUP

APRIL 2000

R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team – Peter McGowan

Mr Peter McGowan spent his National Service in the Royal Air Force and became involved with mountain rescues.

At first it was rather unorganised, but eventually each person received £600/£700 worth of necessary equipment and training became intense, both winter and summer and off the tourist routes, because that is where people end up when lost.

Practice is vital to safety and duty of care is emphasised. Catching the leader is a difficult operation, but essential because even the best climbers can get into difficulty. Some of the slides he showed had perpendicular rock formations with people climbing them like flies. Eventually there were five teams and the helicopters from RAF Valley were also used.

He told us of a couple lost on Ben Nevis, where it can get down to between minus 20 and minus 30 degrees. They were caught in a blizzard and spent the night in the hut on the top. Disorientated, the woman wandered off course next day and fell off the summit.

We were shown pictures from his travels around the world – Uganda in 1961/2, Mount Kenya, the Matterhorn, where he got frostbite in two fingers, New Zealand in 1972, the Himalayas in 1974 and 1990. Here the risk factor is that one in eight will not return – on one occasion they lost several Sherpas. One slide showed the snow in an unusual formation and another a peak in Western Nepal which is now kept as a shrine and no-one is allowed to climb it.

Peter is now a ranger for the Peak National Park and North West Water and loves the peaks and dales of Derbyshire. 'God's own country' he called it; but he is also involved with a charity which provides accompanied holidays and pilgrimages for handicapped and sick persons. The Across

Trust has especially converted coaches called jumbalances, both singles and doubles (called alligators) to make this possible.

To raise the £250 needed for a new jumbalance, Peter has organised a 3000 mile relay walk across the roof of Britain from Lands End to Cape Wrath. This started on 30 January and will finish on 29 August. He told us how other organisations were co-operating with events along the way.

By coincidence there was a special weekend in our area with events on the Longdendale trail on Saturday, a sponsored abseil down the Glossop fire station tower on Sunday with members from RAF Stafford providing equipment and expertise, and our talk was on the Monday. Peter's fee went to the charity.

ANN PASS

MAY 2000

Games and Pastimes – Maureen Newton

We were pleased to welcome Maureen and her husband, John, to give us some timely reminders of childhood memories. Because not much has been written about games and pastimes Maureen stressed the importance of passing on our heritage in the way of games and rhymes so that today's children do not miss out on simple pleasures because of the computer age we live in.

Games played with family, neighbours and friends encourage sociability among children, a good help in later life. We were reminded how, in earlier times, children as young as 3 could be apprenticed to a sweep, 5 year olds were working in 1796 and 8 year olds were expected to fend for themselves in the early 18th century. A child aged 7 years could work in the pits starting at 6am and arriving home at 9pm. Meals would be bread and milk at home, potatoes, bacon and water for dinner, then supper of bread and milk again. A terrible life!

How much more fun we had playing board games and cards, collecting things, having homemade toys to play with and comics and books to read. At school and home we played with ropes, balls, marbles, chased each other, chanted rhymes, pretended to be cowboys and Indians and generally had lots of enjoyment in the open air.

All these and many more we were reminded of and urged to pass on to present youngsters, though some of the antics and mischief admitted to might be best left in our past.

ANN PASS

JUNE 2000

Tithe Maps – Bill Johnson

Local historian and artist Bill Johnson's talk on tithe maps was illustrated with local maps for the areas of Arnfield, Mottram, Hattersley, Hollingworth and Tintwistle.

The original tithe maps and apportionments, dating from the 1830s and 1840s, are at the Matlock Record Office, but Mr Johnson has carefully copied them, filled in the field names, the landowners and tenants' names, and whether the land was used as arable, meadow or pasture. These attractive displays of historic information are edged with colourful pictures of everyday life of the time, ably showing Bill's artistic talent.

He explained how fields often got their names from their nature, e.g. Fieldhead, Pinfold, Stonecroft and Roughfield, while others took their names from a previous occupant, e.g. Swallows Wood was named after Jim Swallow.

These maps can be used to help family historians pinpoint where their ancestors lived, and reference to the census can

trace other family members at that address. The census also traces social history such as the influx of men and their families into an area when local railways and reservoirs were built, and the type of work they carried out.

After the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act rent charges based on the price of corn were collected instead of crops or stock. Although tithes were abolished in 1936 tithe barns can still be seen, though some of these have been converted into houses, like a local one which belonged to the Abbots of Basinwerke.

Apparently tithes are still collected by the Mormon Church to fund its work – including the I.G.I.

ANN PASS

SHIRLAND MEETINGS – 4TH QUARTER

At our meeting on 20 October Ian Care, our Computer Correspondent, will introduce us to the use of computers and their increasing popularity with family historians. A look at some family tree programmes and the use of the Internet will be discussed as well as information available on discs.

Julie Biddlecome, Curator of the Erewash Museum, will tell us about the work of the museum service, at our meeting on 17 November. The talk will be illustrated with a slide show.

It is a welcome return to Margaret Hargreaves on 8 December, for the final talk of this first year of the 21st century. We shall be taking a nostalgic walk down Memory Lane with Margaret as she recalls 'Memories of Christmas Past'. There will be our usual Christmas raffle, buffet and social evening following the talk.

SYLVIA WRIGHT

THE SOCIETY'S WEB SITE

As some members know already, there has been a major change to the Society's Internet presence lately in that we now have our very 'Domain Name'. This is, perhaps, the biggest change since I started to maintain the Society's Internet pages. I was amazed to realise, when I started to put together this note, that it is over two and a half years ago since I started the job. If we believe what we read about Internet years being so much shorter than real ones it probably means I'll be due to collect my pension soon.

I suppose it's fairly typical of the speed at which the information super-highway moves that we should change the address of the web site just after it has been published in the journal for the first time. The reason for doing so is that a number of people seemed to be having trouble getting into the site because the old address was so long. That address referred to a specific page in what is actually my own web space.

I'm aware that the old address has been published in a number of printed volumes and the last thing I would want is for readers of those publications to be mis-directed. Thanks to the way the Internet works, however, it isn't a problem. I've replaced the old 'home page' with a page that will automatically re-direct surfers – and paddlers too for that matter – to the new address after a few seconds. The re-direction page will be maintained for at least a year.

Whoops, nearly forgot, the new address is www.dths.org.uk - I hope you like what you see there.

Graham J. Hadfield (Mem. 4038)
E-mail: gj.hadfield@ukonline.co.uk

Derby Meeting March 8th 2000 Because My Grandmother Said

My visit to the Derby Group in March was as usual a very happy occasion. With a good audience and a nice atmosphere what is there left for the speaker to do but relax and enjoy telling everyone about some of the fun and frustration of her research. Of course knowing her husband Malcolm, is in complete control of the slide projector and all she has to do 'is talk', does help the situation!

My story began in 1979 when a television programme showed how Gordon Honeycomb traced his family history and gave us the insight in how to start on the ancestor trail. Shortly afterwards a visit to my grandmother Gertrude Barton (nee Burton) who lived in Vincent Street Derby revealed the most intriguing information. In her sideboard my Gran had a bundle of certificates that all related to a family called RICE. On the back of each certificate was a Chancery Court Case stamp and reference to Ann Cockayne's Settlement'. Gran gave me these saying "A Sea Captain ran off with a will, or we would have owned shops in Derby!". Well true or false, it was evident that there was a mystery to be uncovered, and with a surname of Marples we just had to get on the trail.

Over twenty years later I revealed how that trail lead two very inexperienced family historians to visit record offices, libraries and church yards. Also how it encouraged us to join the Mid-Derbyshire Family History Society as the DFHS was then known. Our membership numbers are 153 & 154 and over the years contact has been made with various people both in the UK, and overseas who have linked into the 'Ann Cockayne Mystery'. Nobody really knew of the mystery or who Ann Cockayne was, and despite all these contacts and the vast amount of growing documentation it was many years before we discovered whom the lady really was.

Information that came via Harold Rice in America finally revealed Ann was born in 1818, the daughter of Joseph MOULT and Elizabeth WADE. Her aunt Elizabeth MOULT married Edward RICE, hence the Rice connection. Ann Moulton was married first to William COCKAYNE (1842) and second to Joseph BERRISFORD (1877). She did not have any children but at some period in her life she inherited something that caused her to make a settlement prior to her second marriage and resulted in a chancery court

case which began in 1905 after the death of Joseph Berrisford. Ann had died in 1885.

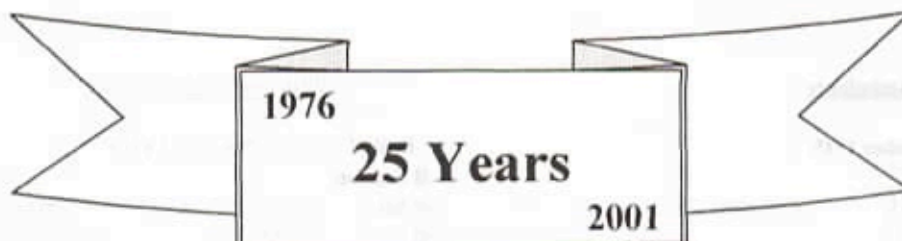
Chancery papers are at the Public Record Office where various affidavits were eventually discovered, (after a lot of hard graft, I might add). All of these just added to the intrigue of what my grandmother had first said about the sea captain. They contain evidence of baptisms, marriages and deaths, divorce, and transportation. Many, many names have been revealed and an enormous family tree has grown in all directions. Space in this report does not allow me to go into detail and may of you will no doubt be surprised that the root cause of this mystery, and how it ends has yet to be discovered. Patience really is the name of the game! At some time in the future I hope to write a more detailed version of this research and reveal to you all many of the names, date and places involved in this fascinating mystery.

Pauline Marples

PS At the start of the meeting I was delighted to discover family friends who I had not met for some years were there, they had come because the Derby meeting was advertised in the Derby Papers and they recognised my name. Uncle Bill Gray, as I called him, and my father once belonged to the same cycle club in Derby. Uncle Bill now in his late 80s still cycles and he was able to tell me that my mother's brother who I had lost contact with was also still cycling and living in Derby. Bill came to the meeting with his daughter Sandra and it really made the evening very special.

There is however, a sad note to add to this latter story. On Easter Saturday, Bill had an accident while taking part in a 10 mile cycle race on the A1 near Grantham. He died on the 6th May and a funeral service was held several days later at St Marks Church, Chaddesden, Derby. Sadly I could not be there but from Sandra, (Bill's daughter,) I learnt that more than 200 people, family, friends, cyclists and old soldiers were at the church to pay their last respects to this wonderful 86 year old. He was a member of the Burma Star Association, having fought with the Sherwood Foresters during the Second World War, and been held prisoner of war by the Japanese. Bill had always been an enthusiastic cyclist; he had entered his first race in 1927 and as Sandra said 'Cycling was his life except for when he was seriously ill or fighting in the war'.

Just think if I hadn't agreed to speak to the Derby Meeting, and they hadn't advertised it in the local paper I would not have met Uncle Bill and Sandra again - some things are meant to happen! Pauline



The Derbyshire Family History Society
in conjunction with the

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Cordially invite you to an

Open Day

on

Saturday April 21st 2001

at the

Landau Forte College, Derby

to celebrate the

25th anniversary of the DFHS

More details in the December issue

R.A.M.C. – 99TH Field Ambulance

The following list of names may be of interest to members researching their ancestors who served in the First World War. The lists are copied from the war diary of my great uncle **William James Spiers** 1875-1958. He was employed as a carpenter and cabinetmaker by Cadbury's at their factory at Bourneville, Birmingham.

Because the Cadbury family were Quakers they would not permit their employees to fight the enemy, William being keen on first aid and a member of the Red Cross joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and saw action in France, Greece and Serbia.

Apart from his war diary I have an autograph book which contains many wonderful pen and ink drawings, presumably some of them done under enemy fire. One of these drawings is reproduced with the article. The Church at Oissy in France, drawn by G Smith in 1917, his home address of 158, Port Tennant Road, St Thomas, Swansea is clear to see in the bottom left hand corner. It would be interesting to know if this property still stands today.

In 1924 William married Mary Ann Middleton from Albert Village south Derbyshire. They lived all their married life in Bourneville but retained many links with south Derbyshire, William dying at Linton, south Derbyshire in 1958. If any members have knowledge of an RAMC museum I would be pleased to know as the diary and autograph book may be donated to such an establishment.

Gill Hiley No 1774

99th Field Ambulance

Roll of		12th November 1915	
A Section			
Sgt Maj	FREWIN H.J.C.	Evacuated Sick	
Sgt	ANDERSON J		
Sgt	MORANS E	Evacuated Sick	
Sgt	PREECE L	Evacuated Sick	
Cpl	DYELL T.H.		
Cpl	SMITH G		
Cpl	SMITH A.J.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	AMOS E V		
Pte	BRAUSGROVE W.G.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BERKELEY W.G.		
Pte	BENNETT H.J.		
Pte	BRANN J		
Pte	BETTS C.T.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	CHENEY C.S.G.		
Pte	COLDICOTT J.G.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	CHIPP E.C.	Evacuated Sick Killed with 19th F.A.	
Pte	COOK H.J.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	COOK H		
Pte	DRAPER J.L.		
Pte	DAINTY F	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	DYMOND R.F.		
Pte	EVENSON J.E.		
Pte	FRAMPTON S.R.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	FORD W.J.		
Pte	FIELDER R.F.		
Pte	FRANKLIN R.S.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	GUPPY T.W.		
Pte	GARDNER R.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	GOUGH F		
Pte	GOSS T	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	GROSVENOR A	Evacuated Shell Shock	
Pte	HENS A	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	HUTCHINGS J.M.		
Pte	HUTCHINGS T.A.		
Pte	HICKS S.J.		
Pte	IRONS T		
Pte	JOHNSON A.H.		
Pte	MADDOX H.L.		
Pte	NIXON W		
Pte	PARSONS W.J.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	POWIS E	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	PARKER L		
Pte	PHIPPS G.E.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	PITCHFORD H		
Pte	POCOCK J.H.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	PRICE S.R.		
Pte	PINNIGER F		
Pte	ROBERTS A		
Pte	ROBERTS W	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	RICHARD T.J.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	RYLAND E	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	STREET F.G.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	SHAW F.A.	Died of Sickness	
Pte	SATCHELL A.C.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	STEVENS A	Died of Wounds	
Pte	VOWDEN W.E.	Died of Sickness	
Pte	WOOD E.L.		
Pte	WARR J.N.		
Pte	WEAVER A.E.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	THORNHILL W.E.	Died of Sickness	

99th Field Ambulance

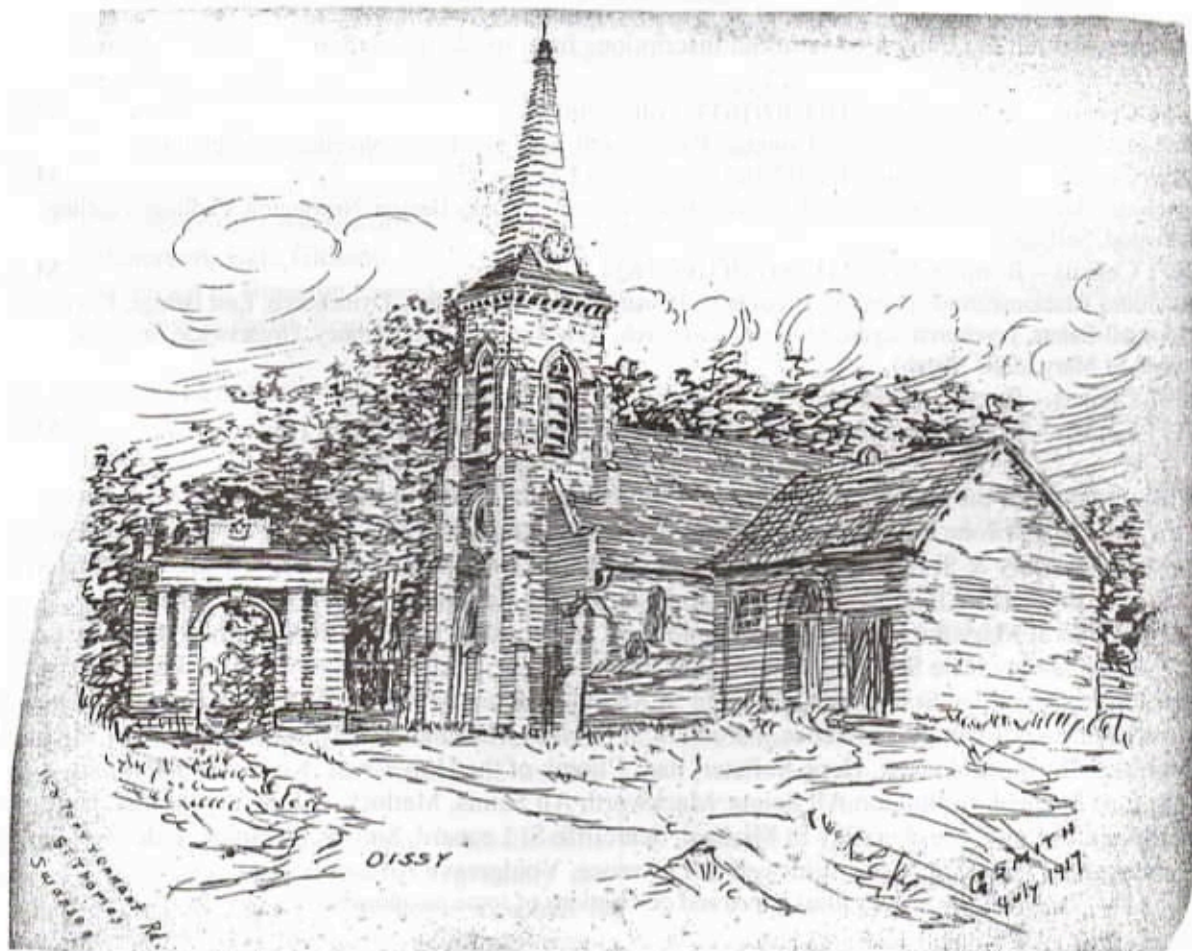
Roll of		12th November 1915	
B Section			
Qtr Sgt	MOASE F.C.B.	Killed in Action	
Sgt	FARR B.R.	Evacuated Sick	
Sgt	HEATH A.L.	Evacuated Sick	
Sgt	JONES R.A.		
Sgt	GILLIES I		
Cpl	NUTTER F		
Cpl	TOSLDEVINE I.J.	Evacuated Wounded	
Cpl	PICK A.J.M.		
Pte	ARCHER A		
Pte	BALMOND H.E.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BAKER F	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BROWNING D.E.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BLAKEMORE I.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BONHAM W.W.		
Pte	BARRETT B.J.	Killed in Action	
Pte	CRADDOCK H.B.		
Pte	EAMES C.W.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	LEWIS W		
Pte	HALL H.I.		
Pte	GARMSTON A.E.		
Pte	MOORE W.H.M.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	DICKEN P	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	DARBY P		
Pte	DISCOMBE S		
Pte	FORD A.W.	Killed in Action	
Pte	HARVEY C.W.		
Pte	HORSWILL F.W.	Died of Wounds	
Pte	HODGE F	Died of Wounds	
Pte	HARRIS F.J.		
Pte	HASLEY C.E.I.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	HUGHES P.W.		
Pte	JEFFERIES J	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	KIND A.W.		
Pte	KENT S.M.		
Pte	LEWIS L	Prisoner of War	
Pte	LINES F.W.		
Pte	MAHER E	Killed in Action	
Pte	PERVILL D.V.	Died of Sickness	
Pte	POINTER H	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	POULTER A.H.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	PAGNE H.L.		
Pte	SOUTHCOTT H	Transferred	
Pte	THORNE P	Killed in Action	
Pte	TAYLOR H.J.		
Pte	WAND F	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	WILLIAMS I	Died of Wounds	
Pte	WILLIAMS F.H.		
Pte	BUCKLEY A.J.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	BARBOUR F.J.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	HENDERSON A.V.		
Pte	LEDBURY H.L.		
Pte	MARCH A.G.	Commission in R.F.A.	
Pte	MORLEY G.H.		
Pte	SPEARINGS H.S.G.		
Pte	STEVENS E.J.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	STUCKLEY A.J.	Evacuated Wounded	
Pte	WILLIS E.H.	Evacuated Sick	
Pte	WHITEHOUSE W.J.	Evacuated Wounded	

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Roll of 12th November 1915

C Section

S/Sgt	MARTIN A.E.		Pte	MARSHALL R.J.	
Sgt	BURNARD F.C.		Pte	MORRIS J	Evacuated Wounded
Sgt	CAMPBELL J.H.		Pte	MURRIN E.E.	Evacuated Sick
Sgt	HAM E.M.		Pte	NELDER J.R.	Evacuated Sick
Sgt	HOLDER W.I.	Evacuated Sick	Pte	NEWPORT E	Evacuated Sick
Cpl	ARNOTT G.F.	Transferred R.O.D.	Pte	OARSMAN A.E.	Evacuated Sick
Cpl	DAVIES J.M.		Pte	PHILLIMORE C	
Cpl	HARRISON P.E.		Pte	PATTINSON A	
Pte	ALDER M.J.		Pte	PIERCE P.J.	
Pte	BOLT A.E.	Evacuated Sick	Pte	PRATT T.H.	Evacuated Sick
Pte	BONE G	Evacuated Sick	Pte	RALPHES B.V.	Evacuated Sick
Pte	BUTTON H	Evacuated Wounded	Pte	RICHARDSON J	Evacuated Wounded
Pte	BOOKER S.I.	Evacuated Sick	Pte	ROBERTS T	
Pte	BARKER F		Pte	ROUSELL A.L.G.	
Pte	BOWDEN A.E.		Pte	ROWLETT F.A.	
Pte	BROWN H		Pte	SOUTHCOMBE S.J.	
Pte	COOK J		Pte	SOUTHAM S.C.	Transferred to R.A.F.
Pte	CHAPMAN W.J.	Evacuated Sick	Pte	SHOULAR R	Evacuated Wounded
Pte	COUZENS W		Pte	SPIERS W.J.	
Pte	CARD S.H.	Evacuated Wounded	Pte	STAUDLEY D	
Pte	FLORENCE L.G.		Pte	TILBURNY H	Evacuated Sick
Pte	GRAY P.W.		Pte	SMITH W	Killed in Action
Pte	HACKETT A		Pte	SIMPSON A.E.	Evacuated Sick
Pte	HUNT R	Evacuated Wounded	Pte	WATSON W.R.	Died of Wounds
Pte	HAWKINS R	Died of Sickness	Pte	WOLLISON W.T.	Evacuated Wounded
Pte	HIBBARD J	Evacuated Sick	Pte	WILSON T.A.	Evacuated Sick
Pte	HIGGS J.W.		Pte	WAIGHT W.H.	Evacuated Wounded
Pte	KING A.E.		Pte	WOOD E.J	
Pte	LODGE V.C.C.	Under age Returned Home	Pte	WOODHOUSE J.T.	Evacuated Sick
Pte	LEE B.E.		Pte	ZOULTON L	Evacuated Sick
Pte	LUCAS E.T.	Evacuated Sick			



ONE OF THE DRAWINGS FROM THE DIARY. THE CHURCH AT OLSSY, DRAWN BY G. SMITH, JULY 1917. HOME ADDRESS IS IN THE BOTTOM LEFT HAND CORNER.



BRIDGE CHAPEL HOUSE

RESEARCH CENTRE NEWS

Many thanks to all those who responded to our plea for volunteers. We had a wonderful response so please be patient, we will be getting back to you. Projects in the pipeline include putting various records on database, transcribing and indexing the 1861 census and, hopefully, putting the whole of the contents of the

library onto one big database – that is a project we have had in mind for a long time, but it is also one that will take a lot of doing bearing in mind the enormous amount of books and transcriptions on our shelves.

LORRAINE AND HELEN

NEW ACQUISITIONS AS AT 10 JULY 2000

- Ref A:** Aston on Trent – Marriages 1813-37
 Brassington - General register 1716-1720; Baptisms 1765-1810
 Chellaston – Baptisms 1570-1910; Burials 1571-1910
 Darley Abbey – Marriages 1667-1813
 Darley Dale - Baptisms 1564-1837; Marriages 1541-1867; Burials 1539-1904; C.D.
 Eckington – General register 1664-1726;
 Elmton – Burials 1673-1810; Burials 1813-1868
 Ironville – Burials 1852-1869
 South Darley – Burials 1846-1918
 Spondon St Werburgh – Marriages 1654-1812; Marriages 1897-1915
 Haxey (Lincolnshire) – St Nicholas marriages 1572-1812
 South Muskham with Carlton (Nottinghamshire) – Parish register 1659-1812
- Ref B:** Staveley St John the Baptist – Memorial Inscriptions from inside the church
- Ref C:** 1851 Census – Eltham (Kent) HO107/1633, Folios 290-431 M.F.
 (Includes Acrise, Eltham, Elmstead, Lyminge, Paddleworth, Stelling Minnis, Stowting, Swingfield)
 1851 Census – Hythe (Kent) HO107/1633, Folios 432-622 M.F.
 (Includes Arpinge, Court at Street, Elvington, Hythe, Lymone, Monks Horton, Newington, Pedlinge Postling, Saltwood, Sellinge)
 1851 Census – Romney Marsh (Kent) HO107/1634 M.F.
 (Includes Blackmanstone, Brenzett, Brookland, Broomall (part), Burmarsh, Dymchurch, East Bridge, Fairfield, Hope-all-Saints, Ivychurch, Lydd, Midley, Newchurch, New Romney, Orgarswick, Snargate, Snaive, St Mary in the Marsh)
 1891 Census – Bury (Lancashire) M.F.
 1851 Census – Loughborough (Leicestershire) HO107/2985 – donated Paul Howe M.F.
- Ref D:** A brief history of the following churches in Derbyshire: - Alfreton St Martin, Ashover All Saints, Ault Hucknall St John the Baptist, Bakewell All Saints, Barlborough St James, Barlow St Lawrence, Bolsover St Mary & St Lawrence, Bradbourne All Saints, Brampton St Peter & St Paul, Brassington St James, Breadsall All Saints, Buxton St Anne & St John the Baptist, Carsington St Margaret, Chaddesden St Mary the Virgin, Chapel en le Frith St Thomas a Becket, Crich St Mary, Dalbury Lees All Saints, Darley Dale St Helen, Denby St Mary the Virgin, Derby St Luke, Derby St Peter, Derby St Werburgh, Doveridge St Cuthbert, Duffield St Alkmund, Edensor St Peter, Elvaston St Bartholomew, Etwall St Helen, Eyam St Lawrence, Foremark St Saviour, Hartington St Giles, Hathergate St Michael, Hognaston St Bartholomew, Hope St Peter, Ilam Church of the Holy Cross, Kedleston All Saints, Longford St Chad, Lullington All Saints, Mackworth All Saints, Matlock St John the Baptist, North Wingfield St Lawrence, Pleasley St Michael, Scarcliffe St Leonard, Smisby St James, Tideswell St John The Baptist, Tutbury St Mary, Whitwell St Lawrence, Youghreave All Saints.
 (The above include various illustrations and descriptions of some monuments)

A brief history of the following villages:- Alderwasley, Ambergate, Ashbourne, Ashford in the Water, Ashover, Aston on Trent, Bakewell, Barlborough, Barlow, Baslow, Beeley, Belper, Bonsall, Biggin, Birchover, Bradwell, Brailsford, Brassington, Breaston, Bretby, Burbage, Buxworth, Lower Hartshay, Tissington (Again, includes lots of illustrations)

Bugsworth – Except the Lord, Build the House by Rose Hannah Swindells (Plenty of Names)

Buxton – The Coal Mines of Buxton by A.F. Roberts & J.R. Leach

Buxton Mines – Thomas Wyld's Accounts 1790

Dove Holes – The story of Dove Holes Village by Jenny Nicholson

Eckington – The Court Rolls Vol 4, 1633-1694

Eyam – A Brief History of Eyam Plague

Heage/Nether Heage – Newspaper Articles

Hope – An Account of the Church and Parish of Hope by William Smith Porter

Horsley Woodhouse – Suit Roll 1783

List of Inhabitants of 1783

Littleover – Littleover and its church by A.B. Scott

Morley – Natural History Environment 1990-2000

Newton Solney – Newton Solney Remembered 1900-2000

Stanley – The Story of Stanley by Sidney T. Lee, donated by Ian Wells

Wilne – Peculiar Wills 1651-1850

Peak District – Englands Gretna Green, the Peak District of Derbyshire

C.D.

Ref D: Biographies – Derbeian's Diary by Don I. Wells

Maps – Old Street Map of Belper

Old Derby, donated by Alan Hiley

Ref E: Nottinghamshire – Laccelle's and Hagar's Directory of Nottinghamshire 1848

M.F.

White's Directory of Nottinghamshire 1844

M.F.

N.F.H.S. Records Series Vol 131 – Miscellany No. 17

Wright's Directory 1888

C.D.

Suffolk – The Airman of St John's – Roll of Honour, Beck Row, Mildenall

Warwickshire – Nuneaton & North Warwickshire F.H.S. Members Interests, Jan 2000

Middlesex – Places of Worship in Inner London

Yorkshire – The Borthwick Institute of Historical Research

Ref F: Family Trees and Histories:- Astle (compiled by Sandra Smith/David Hooley), Allsop (donated D.E. Allsop), Beighton, Bennett, Browns of Wilne and Draycott, Castledine (compiled by Sandra Smith/David Hooley), Chandos Pole, Charlesworth (donated Ruth Burkholder), Coke, Curzon of Kedleston, Every, Eyre, Fitzherbert, Gell, Glossop, Sampson, Strutt and Osborne (donated John Sampson), Shore, Sitwell, Stevenson of Breaston (compiled Sandra Smith/David Hooley), Tatler of Breaston, Watson (taken from Brassington Parish Register)

Ref G: Marriage Contracts:- Thomas Grundy and Ann Swinson

Joseph Grundy and Lucy Holland

Military – The Wartime News, November 1999

Passenger List of the Titanic

Religion – The Journal of the Friends Historical Society, donated by D.E. Allsopp

M.I. RECORDINGS

The last two visits for this season are at Hope churchyard on the 23rd Sept and 28th Oct. Anybody willing to help just turn up at the church and we will find you plenty to do.

Volunteers are now in very short supply with the same half dozen turning up every time. Regretfully the recording programme may have to come to a halt if more people don't come forward. Please consider helping – even if it is only for a couple of hours.

COMPETITION

The answer to our last competition was **Bridge Chapel House** and most people got it right. Names were put into the hat and the first drawn was Miss C. Croutes, who wins either a certificate from the Family Records Centre or a book from our bookstall.

It has been decided to hold just one competition a year from now on and the next one will be in the December issue. Give it a try. You get some fun and the proceeds help your library to grow.

NOTTINGHAM ROAD CEMETERY RECORDS

includes Uttoxeter New Road, Chellaston, Mickleover, Normanton and Spondon

Reg. Charity No. 51762

The Society now holds these records from 1855 onwards and will search them for you at a cost of £2 per five years. Please send in the form below (PHOTOCOPIES ACCEPTED) together with a cheque/PO made payable to Derbyshire F.H.S. and an S.A.E. Remember some of these records are not indexed and a search could take some time, so please be patient.

NAME OF DECEASED.....

CEMETERY TO BE SEARCHED OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

ANY OTHER INFORMATION (There are 31 reels of film containing hundreds of thousands of names and any other information which can help identify the right person would be helpful, e.g. spouse or parents if a young child, occupation, guide to the sort of age we are looking for)

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS PLUS MEM. NO. (Double the cost for non-members).....

COURIER/SEARCH SERVICE

Certificates will be ordered from the Family Records Centre several times a year - at a cost of £8.50 per certificate, including a three year search. Please send in the form below with a cheque/PO made out to the Derbyshire F.H.S. plus a foolscap S.A.E.

EVENT REQUESTED (TICK): BIRTH..... MARRIAGE..... DEATH.....

SURNAME.....FORENAME(S).....

FOR MARRIAGE, NAME OF OTHER PARTY IF KNOWN.....

DISTRICT/AREA..... MAIN DATE (3 YR SEARCH)
OR REFERENCE IF ALREADY KNOWN

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.....

.....MEM. NO.....

The Society has the birth, marriage and death indexes for 1837-1900 and will carry out a search for £1 per name, per event, per 3 year search. Matching references will then be supplied. Fill in the above form and send a cheque/PO for the appropriate amount, made payable to Derbyshire F.H.S. plus an S.A.E. PHOTOCOPIES OF THIS FORM ARE ACCEPTABLE IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SPOIL THE MAGAZINE.

N.B. THE FICHE CONTAIN ONLY THE INDEXES, NOT THE ACTUAL REGISTERS AND THEREFORE THE SOCIETY CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION GIVEN OR CERTIFICATES OBTAINED NOT BEING FOR THE PERSON EXPECTED.

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SAMUEL WASS – AN AMERICAN PIONEER

By

Keith Brown, Tudor Cottage, West Side, North Littleton, Evesham, Worcs WR11 5QP (Mem. 4970)

While reading the article 'Letters from America' written by Alan Bradwell in the June issue of the DFHS magazine, I noticed the reference to a letter to Mr Samuel Wass from son Samuel of Augusta, Ohio, published in 1819 in Belper. This discovery was a somewhat unexpected surprise. I have been laboriously piecing together the Wass family (my grandmother's maiden name) for some time. Progress had been slow because for some time I had been searching in Nottinghamshire (my grandmother lived in Sutton in Ashfield) until a chance piece of information from 91 year old great uncle Alfred Wass directed me to Belper. Again laborious searching of census records and the IGI until a couple of marriage certificates led back to a Samuel Wass who married Elizabeth Ludlam in South Wingfield on 4th July 1785 (American Independence Day – what a coincidence). So why did his son Samuel Jr. end up in America? None of the rest of the family moved away from the area and Samuel Jr's brother, John Wass, born in 1786 in South Wingfield, was an ordinary nail maker in Belper.

Perhaps the clue lies with Elizabeth Ludlam. In 1733 William Ludlam married Mary Fashion in South Wingfield. One of their sons, William, married Ann Shimwell in 1758 while another, Thomas, married Elizabeth Shimwell in 1762. Thomas and Elizabeth were the parents of Elizabeth Ludlam who married Samuel Wass Snr. William and Ann were the parents of Isaac Ludlam who was one of the unfortunate ringleaders of the ill-fated Pentrich revolution who was hung and beheaded in November 1817. Many men were forced to join the revolution on the night of June 9th 1817. It is highly likely that young Samuel would have joined the uprising if his mother's cousin was one of the ringleaders. According to accounts, many defected into the night, drunk, wet and demoralised, while the rest clashed with a detachment of the Kings Hussars around dawn near Eastwood. While Isaac Ludlam and others were arrested, several more fled the scene.

On 2nd November 1817, Samuel Jr's son (also called Samuel) was christened in Belper. Not long afterwards Samuel Jr., his wife Phoebe (Ward) and their two young children emigrated to America. Their letter written home from August, Ohio, in November 1818 describes travelling for 25 days by wagon through the vast woods of America. He tries to persuade his family to leave their land of misery and want for a land of liberty and plenty. His wife was a school teacher for 40 dollars per quarter and they had settled on a half mile square of land. Later they moved to Monroeville, Indiana. They had seven more children in America.

Samuel lived to be 87 and his wife lived to be 93. Both are buried in Monroeville. Their youngest son, Wesley Irvin Blackburn Wass, died in 1915, aged about 78.

It is fascinating when you consider that Samuel and Phoebe would have lived through Andrew Jackson being elected President in 1829, the Battle of the Alamo in 1836, the opening of the Oregon Trail in 1842, Texas joining the Union in 1845, the California gold rush in 1848, the American Civil War in 1860-65, the assassination of President Lincoln in 1865 and the battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. All this from one sentence in the magazine!

OUR HERITAGE OPEN DAY AT SHIRLAND

We were blessed with glorious summer weather for our Heritage day on 13th May, one of the few nice days we have had up to writing this in June. The day was very well attended and great interest was shown in the displays. Old friends met and new ones were made as the day turned out to be a very sociable occasion. All the representatives from the various groups discussed their interests and were able to provide information sought by the visitors. The raffle went well, as did the food and drink, while the bookstall did a roaring trade. Several new members joined the society and we welcome them to our meetings. The occasion was most enjoyable and following the success of this and the one at Glossop in January, we hope to do more open days in the future.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who did the displays, the raffle, my helpers with the food and drinks, and last, but not least, to all the visitors without whom the day would not have been the success that it was.

SYLVIA WRIGHT

A MAN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Whilst J. Hodgkinson was milking in the yard of Mr Twigge, of Spend Lane, on the 20th inst. during a thunderstorm, he was affected by a stroke of lightning. The shock he describes as a sensation as though quicksilver had run through his frame and vibrated in every nerve. He has since this stroke been incapacitated from labour, but will suffer no permanent injury.

Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal, 29 June 1860

DERBYSHIRE CHARACTERS - PERCY FLETCHER

by John Williamson

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IT IS SURPRISING how an old familiar tune heard on the radio can instantly recall a long-forgotten moment from the past, it might be a musical reminder of the



Percy Fletcher taken during his period with Her Majesty's Theatre, London

first World War, a Guards band in St James's Park, or a college ball when you danced to the song "Can this be love?". Most likely these lifting melodies came from the pen of one of this country's foremost light music composers - a Derby man, born 100 years ago in December - the late Percy Fletcher.

A garden party at Buckingham Palace would be incomplete without the sound of his most famous waltz "Bal Masque" (so beloved by the Queen Mother) and the splendour of a military parade is always enhanced by his march "Spirit of Pageantry". Moreover, his name will be associated forever with Her Majesty's theatre, London, where, for 5 years, he conducted the orchestra in one of the longest runs in theatrical history - *Chu Chin Chow*".

Percy Fletcher was born in Friar Gate, Derby, in 1879, and spent his boyhood at 36 Curzon Street, where his father, Alfred Fletcher, was for 30 years, organist and choir-master at Victoria Street Congregational Church.

The Family was well-known in the town as confectioners, with shops in St. James's Street and the Market Place. Fletcher's "Celebrated Swiss Buns" had a reputation second to none, and vied with "Bakewell Tarts" and "Ashbourne Gingerbreads" in a trilogy of Derbyshire delicacies. Although he had a strong liking for the sugar-coated buns and the shops of his Uncle John, Percy Fletcher had only one real taste in life, and that was music.

At first it was his ambition to become a concert violinist and for a long period he travelled to London each week taking private lessons from Emile Sauret. One day his tutor found a piece of manuscript in Percy's violin case and after examining it he exclaimed: "That lad's a genius!". His father was consulted and strongly recommended that the boy should devote his time to composing. Sound advice!

About 1900 he drifted away from Derby and rented a small flat in Queen's Club Gardens, London, where he began his musical career. The path of a professional musician is never easy, but Percy Fletcher already had contacts with the music publishers who recognized

him as a first-rate composer and arranger so he was immediately overwhelmed with work.

At a concert by the grenadier Guards Band, in 1909, he won both first and third prizes for his compositions "Rustic Scenes" and the march "Spirit of Pageantry". He wrote extensively for the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, including the march "Crown of Chivalry". In 1911, at a Festival in the Crystal Palace given before Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, he was again awarded first prize for his choral work "For Empire and for King". Thereafter he was commissioned to write for choir festivals all over England and was noted for his contribution to church music.

It was, however, in the field of "light music" that Percy Fletcher exploited his gifts to the full. Such Melodies as "Vanity Fair", "Sylvan Scenes", "Woodland Pictures", "Fo'castle Frolics", "Bal Masque", "Song of Hope" and "Pearl o' Mine" - to name a few - are in the standard repertoires of every light orchestra.

He excelled, too, in music with a distinctive Continental atmosphere: his "Parisian Sketches", *Demoiselle Chic*, "Mam'selle Mannequin", *Serenade d'Extas*. "The Dansant" and "Café Chantant" were played by orchestras all over Europe during a period covering two world wars.

In 1910 he was appointed Musical Director of Her Majesty's Theatre London a post he held for 20 years, working first with Sir Herbert Beerholm-Tree and later, Oscar Asche. The Great War was dragging into its second year when Oscar Asche brought a 'Musical Play of the East' to Her Majesty's. It was called "*Chu Chin Chow*", with music by the late Frederic Norton.

Percy Fletcher was quick to realise that with tunes like "Any Time's Kissing Time", "The Cobbler's Song" and "The Robber's March", this could become the biggest success in wartime London. With a touch of genius - and brilliant orchestration he completely transformed the music, creating an Oriental illusion that has never been surpassed. In addition, he wielded the conductor's baton for 2,238 consecutive performances. A record! In the cataclysm of 1914-18, it was the show to which war-weary troops on leave in London came to laugh and forget, to dream of pretty girls and haunting melodies before returning to darkness and despair in the trenches. Frederick Norton (whose family hailed from Buxton) often remarked that he "owed undying gratitude" to this Derby man, who brought him undreamed of fame.

In the years which followed the war Fletcher wrote more than 50 song hits for the romantic musical shows; these included "Cairo" which toured Australia in 1923 and "The Good Old Days" at Her Majesty's in 1925.

But this prolific composer had now found a new and rapidly growing outlet for his talents—the wireless. A glance through old *Radio Times* gives some idea of his versatile character. Within the space of one week he had no fewer than 14 broadcast items, with a further 25 "special arrangements" to his credit. Every type of musical combination, from the BBC Theatre Orchestra to the Band of the Royal Air Force, featured his work. In 1935 the Midland Light Orchestra gave an hour-long concert of his most popular pieces. The BBC has now lost count of the times his music has "gone over the air" for this spans the whole era of radio, from Savoy Hill to the present day. Sadly, all documents relating to Percy Fletcher's broadcasting activities were destroyed during the air-raids in London.

Although he was only 19 when he wrote his best-known waltz "Bal Masque", this still remains a constant broadcast reminder of this Derby-born composer, whose gift for light music was unequalled in his time.

Percy Eastman Fletcher died in 1932 aged 53, at Virginia Water, Surrey, and his ashes are scattered beneath the trees near his home. When the ephemeral drone of "groups, guitars and long-haired lollipops" has faded into oblivion, the gay romantic melodies of Percy Fletcher will be with us still.



PERMISSION TO PUBLISH the above article, in full, has been granted by the editor of 'Derbyshire Life and Countryside' and its author, John Williamson. Mr Williamson also loaned a photographic negative of Percy to enable a photo to be included.

The 1881 census for St. Werburgh district of Derby shows Alfred W. Fletcher aged 25, professor of music and pianoforte tuner, Elizabeth his wife aged 32, and baby Percy E. aged 1, lived at 36 Curzon Street.

'Surfing the net' produced numerous references to Percy Fletcher notably, two articles written by Mr Philip Scowercroft of Doncaster; one in his book 'British Light Music: A Personal gallery of 20th Century Composers', the second in 'Journal Into Melody' May 2000 issue. Mr Scowercroft kindly sent me copies which have now been lodged in the Society's Library.

It seems that Fletcher changed the face of brass band repertoires. Before 1913, when he wrote 'Labour and Love' for the Crystal Palace National Championship, bands had relied on arrangements of classical music. The success of Percy's new and exciting composition brought about changes as other composers began writing expressly for brass bands. His contribution is mentioned on "Web" sites dealing with brass band music. I even found his name on a Swiss site and am grateful to Dr. Steven Davies, a friend, who translated it from the Swiss German!

Fletcher's music has not been assigned to obscurity; it is being played today. Indeed, in 1998 as part of a Classic Music Concert, the East London Orchestra played his march, 'Spirit of Pageantry' in Selbourne Primary School, South Africa. That same year 'An Epic Symphony' was played during the Oargauer Kantonal Musikfest in Möhlin. Earlier this year, as part of the Royal Northern College of Music's, Festival of Brass, 'Labour and Love' was played by Fodens Courtois Band with the Black Dyke Band playing 'An Epic Symphony'. Nearer home, Mickelover Methodist Church choir sang Fletcher's 'Passion of Christ' on Passion Sunday (9th April). His most famous waltz 'Bal Masque' can be found on a 'Hyperion' CD-British Light Classics 2.

Look in your piles of music and vinyl records for you may come across some of Percy Fletcher's pieces. Unfortunately, a check through our stack of music and records drew a blank.



Sandra Stock
Member No. 125

BELPER

RIFLE CORPS (13th Derbyshire) The following promotions and appointments have been recently made:-

- Corporal **William Neaum** to be serjeant
- Private **William Dolman** to be corporal
- Private **Joseph Pym** to be corporal

Derbyshire Advertiser & Journal August 24, 1860

SECRETARY'S POSTBAG

BATES, HODGSON & PICKFORD. David Bates holds biographical information on the Bates family of Buxton from mid-18th to the end of the 19th centuries. This family includes the founder of the 'Buxton Advertiser' and the proprietors of the 'Old Hall Hotel'. He also holds similar information on related families including Hodgson of Buxton Hall Hotel and Ashbourne, Cumming of Matlock and Buxton, and Pickford, the carrier family of King Sterndale. David would be happy to share any of this information with genuine researchers in exchange for any relevant information they may be able to give him. David may be contacted at 40 Hackwood Park, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1AY.

e-mail: d-bates@ukonline.co.uk

DARLEY DALE PARISH REGISTERS. When visiting the very enjoyable Family History Fair at Shirland I was given a C.D. containing an index of the Darley Dale St Helen's Church Registers by Ivor Neal, for the Society's Library. This comprehensive index of baptisms 1564-1837, burials 1539-1904 and marriages 1541-1867 has been compiled by Ivor, ably assisted by his wife Val. For details please contact Val Neal, 50 Main Street, Middleton, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 4LU, or e-mail: Valerie@actaeon.freemove.co.uk

NATIONAL STONE CENTRE. Mr Ian Thomas of the National Stone Centre is compiling a history of mining and quarrying in Derbyshire and would like to hear from anyone with ancestors who were involved in the industry. Perhaps they had to move away when the mining declined. Ian would like to hear their stories. He can be reached at the National Stone Centre, Porter Lane, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS.

HISTORY CHANNEL. I have received a letter from Claire Simpson who is interested in contacting descendants of famous and/or infamous people for a possible documentary series for the History Channel. If, in your researches, you have discovered such an ancestor, Claire would be pleased to hear from you and can be contacted at Real Life Productions Ltd., Anstey House, 40 Hanover Square, Leeds LS3 1BQ, Tel. 0113 234 7271, or e-mail: clairegriff@yahoo.com

GLASSMAKERS & ALLIED TRADES INDEX 1600-1900. Brian J. Hardyman informs me that glassmakers were very mobile, hence the need for this index which includes glass-blowers, cutters, engravers, stained glass artists and any person working in a glass manufactory. Brian would be pleased to receive any details of your own glass ancestors to add to the index and will extract data for an S.A.E. or 2 I.R.C.s. Brian can be contacted at 6 Beeforth Close, New Earswick, York, YO32 4DF.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY. Entry forms are now available for inclusion in the 2001 edition of the Directory. Inquiries and application forms may be obtained from Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, 2 Stella Grove, Tollerton, Nottingham NG12 4EY.

FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS & CONFERENCES

FROM TIME TO TIME. From the 8th July to 21st January 2001, the Derby Industrial Museum are presenting various displays, all with the theme of time. The Derbyshire Family History Society have been asked to contribute in an 'Investigate Your Family Tree' display and a workshop as part of a 'Family Learning Week-end' on Saturday 7th October 2000. Please come along and pass on your expertise to help others start that journey up their family tree.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY are holding a Millennium Family History Day on Saturday 28th October 2000, at the School and College for the Deaf. There will be three speakers, Lizzie Jones 'I am England', the life of Queen Elizabeth 1st in full costume; Marjorie Dunn, 'Families Afloat'; and Ian Dewhirst M.B.E., 'Crime in Victorian Yorkshire'. Full details may be obtained from Mrs J. Staniforth, Hon Sec., Marton House, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster DN2 5SN. E-mail: TonyJuneS@aol.com

'FROM THE CUP OF LOVE'. The Federation of Family History Societies are hosting a three day Conference at the Leicester University, Oadby, from the 20th to the 22nd April 2001. The theme of the Conference are the happenings that our ancestors deliberately kept hidden, even from their nearest and dearest, which resulted from their love for one another. Much is recorded, much is not. So what did our ancestors get up to - and what can we discover about them, once they had drunk from the 'Cup of Love'. For further details please contact Mrs Y.J. Bunting, F.F.H.S. Conference, Firgrove, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 5LL.

Whilst I wish to bring to the attention of members, information I receive through the post which I believe could be of interest and assistance to their researches, I must stress that including an organisation or event in my 'postbag' does not imply any recommendation or otherwise by either myself, or the Society. Any remuneration involved is a matter of negotiation between the researcher and the organisation or person, and the Society can in no way be involved.

G.G. WELLS, (Hon Secretary).

DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2000

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the society's Annual General Meeting. In our hobby or calling of genealogy we are very used to dealing with the eighteen and nineteen hundreds, so I suspect if you are like me after four months you are still not used to writing or saying 2000. What of the last twelve months? the society has moved forward on virtually every front, another increase in membership, which as of today stands at 2131, which is a five percent increase over last year. This is especially pleasing to our officers, committee members and volunteers. Another increase in book and fiche sales with now the added attraction of the 1891 Derbyshire census name index on disc. More visitors to Bridge Chapel House, the meeting groups report good attendance at each meeting, with all groups now having a hard core of members each month. An increase on the demands of the postal research service has meant more work for the Tuesday volunteers at BCH and on several occasions they have had to meet on other days at the house to clear a huge backlog of enquiries. This service brings in valuable revenue which is being used towards the purchase of more of the Registrar Generals index.

Thanks to equipment, which has been donated to BCH, we can now offer a much improved document copying service. You will have noticed an increase of pages in the magazine, this is largely due to the fact that we now have a far larger publications list. When visiting history fairs and conferences around the country we appear to have one of the most comprehensive bookstalls in attendance.

Over the last few months we have received comments / criticisms that the Society headquarters should not be located in Derby, but more in the centre of the County. I can only reiterate what has been said before. In the search for bigger premises during the mid 1990's the Committee had to look at affordable premises and where did we have the most volunteers willing to carry out the work required to run such premises. After following numerous leads in various parts of the county we settled on BCH. Future Committee's may decide to move the HQ to another part of the county. Should that happen, I hope that members realise that there needs to be a hard core of volunteers in that area who are prepared to open the premises on a regular basis and to continue the tremendous amount of work now carried out at BCH. Wanting the HQ in a different part of Derbyshire is one thing, having sufficient volunteers to operate it is another.

In the autumn of 1999 the Committee applied to the Millennium Festival Awards for All. This scheme is to benefit smaller groups and their members. We applied for the maximum grant of £5000, this was to purchase new equipment for each meeting group, new reception furniture for BCH and the remainder to be spent on the purchase of more records and indexes. After a lengthy wait we were

turned down with no explanation and no right of appeal. Speaking to other local groups we found some who have experienced a similar situation, perhaps it should be called 'awards for no-one', it was very disappointing.

In the summer of 1999 the trustees of Bridge Chapel House appointed a new architect to look after the fabric and maintenance of the building. After meetings between the architect and ourselves, a schedule of work has now been drawn up to carry out remedial work to the interior of the house. This work will start very soon and in light of the safety of our volunteers and visitors the committee has taken the decision to close the house for a period of three weeks while the work is carried out. This may cause some inconvenience and may disrupt the postal research services, but I am sure that you will appreciate why the decisions have been taken.

You will probably have noticed by now that Derek our Treasurer is not seeking re-election this year. Suffering from an eyesight problem Derek has manfully soldiered on in his post, aided and abetted by Graham who has carried out the role of senior clerk. On Tuesday's the coffee shop at BCH has sometimes resembled scenes from a Christmas Carol. I would like to thank Graham for helping Derek over the past few months. On behalf of the Committee and all members I would like to say a very big thankyou to Derek for guiding us along during the past seven years, especially when we have felt like running away with ourselves and spending money. On the other side of the coin [pause and wait for laughter] there have been times when Derek has actually urged us to spend some money. Regretfully Derek has now decided it is time to step down. Earlier I used the term 'soldiering on' I use this with reference to Derek's liking of things military and the battle of Rourke's Drift in particular. 'Zulu' is a video that he has watched a couple of times but now he will have a little more time to watch it again. Thankyou Derek.

Last but by no means least, I would like to thank everyone who has worked for the society in whatever capacity over the last year, we are expanding, our members do expect more from us. Without our volunteers the Society would not function. Early indications from the returned questionnaire in the March magazine show that members are willing to help out, even from a distance. We shall follow that up in due course. Over the next year I look forward to the society growing even more. Thankyou.

Alan Hiley

SHOCKING DEATH AT SCARCLIFFE

By

Sylvia Wright (Mem. 2553)

"On Monday evening last, a shocking accident occurred in the Parish of Scarccliffe, whereby Mr Charles Hinton, Pipe Manufacturer of Mansfield, unfortunately lost his life. It appears that the deceased was driving along Losk Lane leading from Bolsover to Stoney Houghton about seven o'clock, and when near a sharp curve in the road, the cart ran into the hedge and turned completely over. About twelve o'clock one of the Derbyshire Constabulary saw the overturned cart, and the hands of the deceased who was buried beneath the cart. A dog belonging to the deceased was beside the cart and would not allow him to approach. He summoned assistance and the faithful animal had to be beaten until it was insensible before the cart could be raised. When the deceased was removed he was quite dead. The horse was grazing near the spot. The body of the man was removed to the Vanish Inn, Glapwell.

At the inquest, Elizabeth Hinton, wife of John Hinton, Pipemaker, Westgate, Mansfield, said that the body was that of her son Charles Hinton, Pipemaker, who

resided at Wood Street, Mansfield. The deceased died on Monday the 24th inst., and was 36 years of age that day.

Sergeant Cholerton said from police enquiries he had made, he found that the deceased had been to Staveley and Marsden Moor to sell pipes, and left there quite sober. Deceased did not call at Bolsover on coming home."

Mansfield Reporter, Friday 28th January 1876

Charles Hinton was the third son of John Hinton, also a pipe maker (originally of Newport, Isle of Wight). John had pipe-making kilns at Sheffield and Liverpool before setting up a kiln at Pipe Mill Court, Leeming Street, Mansfield, where Charles was born in 1841. Charles continued the pipemaking tradition of the Hinton family from 1851 to 1876. His wife, Sarah, continued to make pipes after Charles' death until 1882.

AGM, continued from previous page.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1999 was a year of good, solid and steady progress after the eventful previous years. Bridge Chapel House, which was seen as a step into the unknown at the time, has gone from strength to strength with attendances rising. Indeed the membership of the Society exceeded over 2000 members for the first time, so someone, somewhere in the Society, must be doing something right.

The bookstall was taken to York, Leicester, Buxton and Lincoln. The Committee and Linda are aware that members would perhaps like the Society to attend more Conferences and Family History Fairs and fly the flag in towns nearer to their homes, but with these events increasing year by year it is not possible and unfair to put extra burden on Linda.

Two useful projects came to a successful conclusion during the year, and thanks must go to Stephen Orchard and Geoff Mather for the completion of the index for the 1851 census returns and to Iris and Janet for the 1891 census index, not forgetting all those helpers who beavered away in the background. A start has now been made on the 1861 returns.

The summer weather was kinder last year, which enabled the memorial inscriptions at the large Hartington churchyard to be completed along with Stanley Common and those remaining uncompleted from 1998. The Hartington church required three visits, which gave us three chances to sample that Derbyshire delicacy "Hartington Blue Stilton Cheese". Our friends at Glossop made good progress at Top Chapel, Charlesworth. The recording is nearing completion, and it will be a big job well done.

1999 saw the start of a closer co-operation with the Derbyshire Record Office. Dr Margaret O'Sullivan met with Alan and myself to discuss plans for the transcription and indexing of parish registers. Negotiations are still proceeding and hopefully this will lead to welcome additions to the Library and the possibility of the indexing of other documents held at the Record Office.

Last year Alan appealed for someone to spend a few hours keeping the garden tidy at Bridge Chapel House. I am sure you will have noticed the improvement today. Our thanks for this must go to John and Hilary Smedley, two tireless workers at Bridge Chapel, who I am sure will join with Alan and myself for appealing for more volunteers to give a few hours assistance. As I mentioned earlier the attendances at Bridge Chapel are increasing, as are the postal enquiries, and one way of perhaps spreading the load is to extend the opening times, but without extra help this is impossible.

Finally I thank all my colleagues on the Executive Committee for their help during the year, with special thanks to Derek whom I will still expect to see at Bridge Chapel, and that trusty band of helpers who turn up and help Helen and Lorraine on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and all those unsung helpers who help in the background typing, recording, washing the dishes at the meetings, etc. Many thanks. Thank you for attending today and I hope to meet you all at Shirland on the 13th May and, of course, at Repton on August the 5th.

G.G. WELLS

TREASURERS REPORT

Thank you Mr Chairman, Good Afternoon Ladies & Gentlemen.

This will be the seventh time that I have reported to you. Lucky seven has cast its spell again, as I have to report that the Society has had a good year from a financial point of view. The bottom line is that income has exceeded expenditure by £3,504.00

I would like to draw your attention to a few items:-

On the Income side, the increase in membership is reflected by the increase in subscriptions.

Again, from my point of view there is a satisfactory increase in the reclamation of Income Tax through Deeds of Covenant, something I have bored the pants off you over the years, and I will refer to these later.

I would point out the big increase in the sale of publications – up by £1,700.00 to about £14,000.00. A lot of effort being put in by our booksellers. Some of the increase will stem from the publications of Census Data and reflects a lot of effort by volunteers in its preparation.

As has been mentioned by previous speakers the hard working volunteers replying to the search requests can take the reflected glory of the increase in Search Fees – up by a third to £1,300.00

Turning now to expenditure, there appears to be a big increase in the cost of the journal but in fact 1998 costs were low due to a reimbursement being made by the printers for poor quality printing. The 1999 cost was about back on course but this year costs will increase.

More of the Registrar Generals Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths have been purchased by donations from members and matched from the Society's reserves. Indexes are now up to 1885.

Furniture items include a cabinet to hold the expanding library of microfiche. Some tables and chairs were purchased for the Coffee Shop, some of the expenditure being met by the Derby Meeting Group from their raffle fund, which also provided some photographs of Old Derby now displayed in Bridge Chapel House.

There is no expenditure on Data Protection shown in 1999 because the licence is valid for three years.

The expenditure on Bridge Chapel House is mainly the running costs of the building rent, heat, light and so on but 1999 also included about £800.00 for redecorating and reorganisation of the top floor where the use of rooms were changed. Notification has been received that the rent will increase from the beginning of 2000 and currently negotiations are taking place.

Some publicity items such as plastic bags and pens with the Society's name and logo are being used to enhance the

image of the Society and enough have been purchased for a little while for use in areas such as the bookstall, and will be used at Repton 2000.

I have allowed for depreciation on all furniture and equipment including computer and microfiche viewers.

This then provides for an overall excess of income over expenditure of £3,504.39 – a satisfactory conclusion to the year, if not the century.

The effect on the Accumulated Fund is shown at the bottom of the page and after allowing for items purchased from the reserves and the items which are 'ring fenced' for specific purposes the fund is increased by £5,269.92 to £40,340.34

Over the page is the Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1999 showing the changes in the values of our Fixed Assets – computers, microfiche views/printers and furniture. There was also an increase in the Society's deposit with the interest earning Charities Official Investment Fund.

I mentioned earlier that I would return to the topic of Deeds of Covenant. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has introduced a new policy for 'Getting Britain Giving'. All our Deeds of Covenant will in future be incorporated under a Gift Aid scheme. The good news is that tax reclaiming by our Society will continue – that is good because of the amount we raised in 1999 – over £1,150.00

Beginning in the year 2000 over a period of four years our existing deeds will need to be replaced by Gift Aid Declarations. All Declarations will have neither a minimum period and no termination date but will run as long as members want them to, or as long as members remain taxpayers. It is intended to contact members as and when their deeds need to be replaced. So if you have a Deed do nothing until you hear from the Society.

If, however, you have not executed a Deed the new Gift Aid Declaration can be for you. It enables the Society to increase your subscription without it costing you a penny extra. It is extremely simple to originate and can run as long as you want.

Mr Chairman, I would be pleased to answer any questions or comments that members have, provided that they are not probing or embarrassing.

Derek Meigh

DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT TO 31st DECEMBER 1999

	1999	1998
	£	£
INCOME		
Subscriptions	20,558.51	19,267.76
Income Tax recovered on Deeds of Covenant	1,151.44	1,021.38
Donations	269.85	424.91
Sale of Publications	13,948.60	12,203.21
Meetings, Open Days, Etc.	1,038.63	1,117.24
Refreshments	249.08	327.13
Interest on Investments	966.64	1,034.30
Search Fees	1,302.16	1,086.87
Members Contributions to Registrar Generals Index	762.14	627.61
Contributions from Courier Service	186.00	224.00
Video Loan	0.00	1.00
Commision on sales from Xmas Catalouge	90.00	80.00
Closing stock of Publications	16,595.22	13,868.30
	£57,118.27	£51,283.71
EXPENDITURE		
Speakers Fees	795.00	474.00
Publications for Resale	8,301.34	9,680.89
Stationary, Postage, Etc.	1,881.15	2,290.66
Meetings, Open Days, Etc.	679.27	1,001.81
Journal	12,101.38	10,427.64
Reference Library - Registrar Gen. Index	1,692.00	1,381.80
- Cemetary Records	83.54	598.18
- Other	922.34	387.07
Room Hire	891.00	2,367.05
Projects	108.66	916.75
Affiliation & Insurance to F.F.H.S.	1,102.83	219.19
Furniture & Equipment - Computers	586.20	1,037.69
- M/Film Convertor	0.00	855.43
- Furniture	1,694.45	542.85
Bank Charges	2,280.65	145.62
Data Protection Licence	0.00	1,543.90
Auditors Fees	0.00	4.69
Bridge Chapel House	150.00	75.00
Publicity	6,889.28	140.00
Depreciation	400.06	4,756.72
Opening Book Stock	1,467.08	1,015.78
	13,868.30	13,224.60
	53,613.88	49,176.37
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	3,504.39	2,107.34
	£57,118.27	£51,283.71
ACCUMULATED FUND BROUGHT FORWARD		
	35,074.42	31,601.76
INCREASED BY:-		
Excess Income over Expenditure for Year	3,504.39	2,107.34
PURCHASES FROM RESERVE:-		
Computers	586.20	855.43
Furniture	1,694.45	542.85
Registrar Generals Index	846.00	690.90
Cemetary Records	83.54	326.00
	6,714.58	4,522.52
REDUCED BY:-		
Members Contributions to Registrar Gens Index	-762.14	-627.61
Cont from Courier Service to Reference Library	-186.00	-224.00
Raffle Funds - Derby Meeting Group	-253.32	-160.25
- Glossop Meeting Group	-42.20	0.00
- Shirland Meeting Group	-205.00	-38.00
	-1,448.66	-1,049.86
ACCUMULATED FUND CARRIED FORWARD	£40,340.34	£35,074.42

DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number 517162

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 1999

	1999 £	1998 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture	900.00	50.00
Microfiche/Film Readers/Printer	750.00	1,000.00
Computers	<u>2,800.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	4,450.00	4,050.00
CURRENT ASSETS		
Publications for Resale	16,595.22	13,868.30
Sundry Debtors:-		
Payments in Advance	146.00	160.00
Other	<u>329.91</u>	<u>180.97</u>
	475.91	340.97
Official Investment Fund	21,618.89	18,157.73
Cash at Bank:-		
Giro Current	187.73	5,154.80
TSB Current	5,839.25	898.51
TSB Deposit	<u>150.77</u>	<u>149.29</u>
	6,177.75	6,202.60
Cash Floats in hands of Officers	210.00	210.00
	<u>£49,527.77</u>	<u>£42,829.60</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accumulated Fund	40,340.34	35,074.42
Sundry Creditors:-		
Subs rec'd in Advance	7,347.00	6,910.39
Other	<u>1,298.35</u>	<u>408.26</u>
	8,645.35	7,318.65
Members Contributions to Registrar Generals Index	154.42	238.28
Contributions to Reference Library	102.46	0.00
Raffle Funds - Derby Meeting	0.00	160.25
- Glossop Meeting	42.20	
- Shirlamund Meeting	<u>243.00</u>	<u>38.00</u>
	542.08	38.00
	<u>£49,527.77</u>	<u>£42,829.60</u>

D. T. Meigh

D. T. MEIGH,
HONORARY TREASURER.

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

I have examined the foregoing accounts, which are in accordance with the books maintained by the Society.
In my opinion, the financial statement gives a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as of 31st December 1999.

S. J. Wells

S. J. WELLS,
Certified Accountant, 82a, Vestry Road, Oakwood, Derby.

VERDICT OF "ACCIDENTAL DEATH"

By

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The following was transcribed from a microfilm copy, at the Derby Local Studies Library, of The Derby Daily Telegraph, Wednesday, September 10, 1924, and relates to the death of my uncle Edward Boulter. Photocopies of the original articles are in my possession.

KILLED AT PLAY COLLAPSE OF A WALL ON DERBY CHILDREN ONE DEATH; TWO INJURED.

By the collapse of an old wall in Burghley-street, Derby, on Tuesday night, a boy was killed and two others seriously injured. Old building material had been stored against the wall from a site in the Market Place, where shops are being demolished, and its weight is presumed to have caused the collapse with such disastrous consequences.

Edward Boulter, aged nine, of Darley-lane, was buried under the debris and killed outright, while his two companions, Walter Wood and Jackie Moore, who also lived in Darley-lane, were badly injured.

Upon the admission of the two injured boys to the Infirmary it was found necessary to operate upon them, and their parents were summoned.

The collapse of the wall was an extensive one, the roadway being strewn with tons of bricks. Other boys were playing in the vicinity at the time, and after the accident a pool of blood was discernable in the roadway. The wall was a double brick structure, capable of withstanding a heavy strain. There were numerous visitors to the scene this (Wednesday) morning, the fallen brickwork having been left encroaching on the roadway to the extent of a yard or more.

Buried in the Fall

The police report was to the following effect: - Shortly after eight p.m. last night the police received information that an accident had occurred in Burghley-street. Police-constables Goodman and Henman went there and found that a wall adjoining the Beaconsfield Club had fallen down, burying three children. Edward Boulter, 7, Darley-lane, Walter Wood (11), 14, Darley-lane, and John Moore (7), 9, Darley-lane. They had received terrible injuries to the head and limbs. They were being attended to when the officers arrived by Ernest Johnson, 161 Brook-street,

and Horace Simpson, 39, Bridge-street, who had been employed as watchman at the Market Place corner operations. The ambulance arrived and the boys were conveyed to the Infirmary. First-aid was rendered by Fireman Moss and Police-constable Goodman en route, but the boy Boulter was dead on arrival. His companions, who were suffering from extensive injuries were attended to by Dr. Robinson and detained.

The parents were informed of what had happened to the lads. Other children named William Bates (11), 18, Grove-place, and Frederick Clarke (16), 17, Darley-lane, went to the Infirmary and supplied the names and addresses of the injured boys.

Another of the party playing on the wall when the collapse occurred was Arthur Curd, of Darley-lane.

Eye-witness Calls Ambulance

The police report added that a young lady, niece of Mr. Robert Hudson J.P., of Peet-street, was standing near the Beaconsfield Club and was an eye-witness of the accident. She telephoned for assistance and for the ambulance.

"Teddie" Boulter, the dead boy, was the son of James Boulter, a fletcher at Messrs. Handyside's. He attended St. Mary's school and was a bright youngster, well liked in the neighbourhood. He was one of a family of five children. Both Moore and Wood received grievous injuries, and on inquiry at the Infirmary this (Wednesday) morning it was stated their condition had undergone no change. "Jackie" was a school companion of Boulter, but Wood attended Orchard-street.

The inquest on Boulter will be formally opened tomorrow, and the proceedings adjourned to give time for the whole of the evidence to be prepared.

Derby Telegraph, Thursday, September 11, 1924.

COLLAPSED WALL DERBY INQUEST OPENED ON BOY VICTIM CORONER'S WARNING

Having the assistance of a jury Mr. Coroner Moore opened an inquiry at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary today (Thursday) into the circumstances under which Edward Boulter, aged 9, of 7, Darley-lane, met his death. It will be remembered that he was one of three

boys who were buried by the fall of a wall in Burghley-street on Tuesday night.

Mr. J. R. Pinder was present on behalf of the parents.

Explaining to the jury the reason why he wanted their assistance, the coroner said they would have no difficulty in arriving at the cause-of-death. The real question they would have to consider was whether any person had, to any degree, been responsible for the death of the child. He warned them to take no notice of anything they might hear outside, but to apply themselves to the evidence at the inquiry, and to come to a decision on that alone.

Mrs. Mary Ann Boulter, wife of James Boulter said her son had normal eyesight and hearing, and at 6 p.m. on Tuesday he went out to play. She knew nothing more of him till she heard that there had been an accident and on going to the Infirmary, found he was dead.

Dr. Robinson, house surgeon at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, said deceased was admitted about 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday. Death had taken place before witness made a superficial examination, which disclosed a scalp wound over the left ear, abrasions on the left side of the face, and compound fracture of the nose. At the order of the Coroner he made a post-mortem examination and found a fracture of the right side of the skull extending to the base, which was also fractured. The brain appeared to be undamaged, but there was a fracture of the leg, slight bruising on the lungs, and rupture of the spleen. Death was due to concussion and shock arising from the combined effects of the injuries described. The fracture of the skull was severe, and would have been sufficient to cause death.

The Coroner adjourned the inquest till 4.30 p.m. on Monday.

On inquiry at the Infirmary this (Thursday) morning it was stated that the boys, Moore and Wood, were still very ill, and their condition had undergone no change.

The Derby Telegraph, Tuesday, September 16, 1924.

**"SOMEONE TO BLAME"
JURY'S FINDING IN DERBY WALL INQUIRY
FATAL GAME OF "COWBOYS"**

That there was negligence - but not of such degree as to make it culpable - and that someone was to blame

was the opinion of the jury with which the Coroner (Mr. Bendle W. Moore) sat in the Guildhall, Derby, on Monday evening to inquire into the collapse of a wall in Burghley-street, by which a boy named Edward Boulter, aged 9, of 7, Darley-lane, was instantly killed and two other boys seriously injured. Mr. J. R. Pinder, represented the relatives of the deceased. Mr. H. M. Clifford watched the proceedings on behalf of the two injured boys, and Mr. L. E. Simpson appeared for Messrs. Barlow and Taylor, Ltd., whose sincere sympathy with the parents of the deceased he expressed at the outset of the inquiry.

The evidence showed that the bricks which had been placed behind the wall in Burghley-street came from the premises (owned by Messrs. Barlow and Taylor, Ltd.) in the Market-place, which are in the course of demolition prior to re-building, and the main question was whether these bricks had or had not been properly stacked.

A playmate of the deceased was the first witness called. This boy, William Bates, of 18, Grove-place, said on Tuesday, about eight o'clock in the evening, a number of boys, including himself, were playing at "cow boys" in Burghley-street. The game consisted of running after and catching each other. He neither got on nor over the wall, but Arthur Kird did; they were trying to catch Arthur. He saw Arthur lying on the bricks the other side of the wall, and close to it, and then ran about a yard on the bricks to get to the top of the wall, which he did.

What happened

The Coroner: Then what happened?

Witness: The bricks started rolling down.

The Coroner: Yes, and what then? - I shouted to Arthur to get down, and he was doing so when the wall fell. Edward Boulter was standing against the wall, and a large portion fell on him.

In answer to Mr. Simpson, witness said no one spoke to them when they were beginning to play.

Arthur Kird said he got on the wall against the Beaconsfield Club. There were nicks in the wall, and he climbed up. He walked along the bricks about a yard and lay down. The bricks did not move at all. He had been lying down two minutes when the other boys saw him and called out; that was part of the game. He walked along the bricks, and had got about half-way up when Billy Bates shouted that the bricks were moving. He got down just as it fell, but was hurt and taken to the Children's Hospital. That was the first time he had been on the bricks.

Replying to Mr. Pinder, witness said the bricks were as high as the wall and quite close to the top of it. When he lay down he was level with wall, and the boys could see him from the street.

Arthur Ernest Withey, licensee of Full-street, said children were in the habit of playing about the wall, and he had on occasions cleared them away, but they returned. When he heard a crash and saw the wall had fallen he got some of his customers and immediately went to the assistance of the children. The wall was apparently an old one.

A juror: Do you think it safe for the bricks to be chucked there in the manner they were against a nine-inch wall that was "rocky"?

Witness replied that the bricks might not have been up against the wall for all he knew.

The Coroner: If they had been thrown up against the wall it would have been a dangerous thing? - Yes. If they had been stacked it could not have happened.

Mr. Pinder elicited from witness that before the bricks were put there it was an open piece of ground.

Not Stacked at Safe Angle

Mr. William Swindell, architect and surveyor, who had made an inspection of the place with the coroner, said the wall, an old nine-inch one, was five feet eight inches high. He found the wall from the Beaconsfield Club to a small doorway had practically all been pushed down; the distance was thirty feet eight inches.

The Coroner: In your opinion, prior to the wall being pushed down, had the bricks been stacked at a proper angle or not? - They had not been stacked at a safe angle.

Could you see where the bricks were up against the doorway? - Yes, nearly up to the top.

What about the bricks remaining there? - I think they had been dangerously stacked. They lean against the wall and put a great strain on it.

Have you observed the stacking of the bricks inside the yard? - They are simply roughly thrown together without any method.

Witness went on to say that a boy running on the bricks would probably set them on the move. He had noticed marks on the wall as if caused by the hub of a motor-car or van, but he did not think that would affect the wall.

Questioned by Mr. Simpson as to what would constitute a safe angle, witness said if bricks simply thrown together he should say forty-five degrees. He considered boys running on the bricks would be sufficient to bring about the accident. He thought the wall was liable to fall down at any moment.

Ernest Browning, of 119, Weston-street, clerk of the works for the demolition of the buildings in the Market Place, where the bricks came from, at once admitted his responsibility; he gave orders to the workmen, and they carried them out. He was responsible for the manner in which the bricks were stacked.

Thereupon the Coroner cautioned the witness that need not answer any question that might incriminate him.

Answering questions readily and fully witness said the stacking of the bricks commenced about seven weeks ago, the yard being leased by Messrs. Barlow and Taylor. He told the men to keep the bricks twelve inches away from the foot of the wall and to build inwards - away from the wall. They kept tipping bricks until they were about 2 ft. 6in. in height and covered a biggish piece of ground, and then put planks along. As was natural, occasionally bricks ran down into the cavity between the wall and the stacking. About five weeks ago Mr. Sale, the architect, noticed the bricks had piled up to the wall and in some cases touched, and gave instructions for them to clear the wall. That was done, and it was not the only time it was done. The lean from the top of the wall would be 2ft. 6in. His practical experience was that that was quite safe. The highest point of the bricks would be 9ft. or 9ft. 6in; not 12 ft.

Watchman's Two Duties

The Coroner: You know there is a tendency, even when stacking, for bricks to keep running down? - That you cannot avoid; they will trickle away.

And it is not possible that they have been gradually trickling down into the cavity and closed it up? - Such a thing might happen, but we paid fairly good attention to it. They had been away from the old wall for pretty nearly a month. Three weeks ago he had been up between the wall and the bricks, and he did not notice any shifting. He did not consider it dangerous to stack the quantity of bricks in that yard.

The Coroner pointed out that the yard was close to a road which was being used continuously by people and for heavy traffic.

Witness said the bricks could not have come down unless interfered with. He knew children were in the habit of playing there, because the watchman told him of the bother he had had. The watchman had both the yard and the Market Place premises to look after, going from one to the other.

Mr. Simpson: So far as you know, there was no direct pressure on the wall? - That is so.

Replying to Mr. Pinder, witness said he could not give any idea as to the weight of the bricks. Harry D. Cawood, of 198, Almond-street, said he saw the whole thing - the collapse and the place before the accident. He believed he was the only witness of the tragedy. When he was going to the Beaconsfield Club at seven minutes to eight he saw the boys. One boy was sitting on the wall and another astride of it. He said to the boys, "Don't get into mischief, and don't make a noise outside." There was to be a meeting in the club. At five minutes past eight he went outside the club and the wall crashed.

Recalled, the clerk of works said there had never been any complaint as to the safety of the bricks.

The Jury and Negligence

Summing up, the Coroner said the jury would have no difficulty in satisfying themselves of the cause of death, for the doctor told them when the inquest was opened that it was due to shock and concussion following fracture of the skull. The only point for them was whether anyone was responsible for the accident. He did not think it would be possible for the jury to say that any person was guilty of such gross and culpable negligence as would entitle them to bring in a verdict to that effect, but at the same time they would consider carefully whether there was, or was not, negligence of another character. It appeared to be a most lamentable thing that the little boy should have lost his life when had greater precautions been taken he might have been alive to-day.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death", and added that they found the bricks had never been stacked at all, but chucked against the wall haphazard; that had reasonable precautions been taken this trouble would not have occurred, and that there had been negligence on the part of somebody - someone was to blame.

The Coroner fully concurred with the rider, and said it must have been obvious to anybody who saw the place after the accident that that care which ought to have been observed had not been observed in stacking bricks close up to a public highway. He did not think there had been any gross negligence, for hundreds

must have passed that way and had never drawn attention to the bricks. He also expressed the opinion that the remaining bricks were improperly stacked, and he hoped those concerned would take immediate steps to make them entirely safe.

No.7 Darley Lane, where the Boulter family were living at the time of the accident was one of a row of small cottages on the bank, Darley Bank, where St Mary's Church Hall is situated, the current monthly meeting venue for the Society. Four other children of James & Mary Ann survived to a full life, James jnr., Ida, Alfred and my mother Edith Irene Boulter. All are now deceased.

ASSAULT

"Whereas I, James Cope Marriott, of Ticknall, in this county, did on Monday night last, assault Joseph Armytage, of the same place, Victualler, in his own house in a violent and unjustifiable manner, for which offence he has very properly commenced a prosecution against me, but upon my making this public acknowledgment at my own expense of my misconduct, and upon my agreeing to pay the sum of Two Guineas into the hands of the Overseer of Ticknall for the use of the Poor of that Parish, he hath consented to withdraw such prosecution.- I hereby express my contrition for the misbehaviour I have been guilty of, and my thanks to him for his lenity towards me.

(Signed) James Cope Marriott
In the presence of William Lowe, 4th April 1807"

Derby Mercury, 9 April 1807

MARRIAGES AND CERTIFICATES IN ENGLAND AND WALES

By Barbara Dixon

This useful book has been prepared to try and help family historians not only find, but make the most of the information provided by marriage certificates. It looks at the history of marriage registration, how to obtain copies of post 1837 certificates and then takes a close look on understanding the information given. A very helpful book, not only for beginners but also the experienced family historian who thinks they know it all. Some of the legal loopholes might just surprise someone - it did me!

Copies are available from Mrs Linda Bull (address and price details in the centre pages).

DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE NEWS

NEW ARCHIVES

Regular readers of this magazine will know that the Record Office acquires new archives on an almost daily basis. Many of these are the result of proactive survey and fieldwork, identifying archives at risk of loss or destruction and ensuring their safekeeping for historical research by arranging for their transfer to the Record Office in New Street, Matlock.

School records have been especially numerous amongst recent accessions. Family historians find these of great value in documenting the life and times of their ancestors. Sometimes it comes as a surprise to researchers that there are closure periods on these records. In accordance with national guidelines, the contents of school log books are not open to public inspection for fifty years so that 1950 is the latest entry you can consult this year. Similarly, admission registers, often the most requested source for tracing past family members, are closed for thirty years. Other school series, including prize day programmes, school magazines, play, concert and fete programmes, are normally open to inspection whatever their date, and these can often be more informative about the school careers of individuals. If you are very lucky you may find exercise books of one of your ancestors, either in the school's own records or in privately deposited papers. A recent example included the maths exercises of a pupil in Eckington in 1868. Beautifully written, they show how detailed teaching of this subject was for even young children.

Derbyshire schools which have recently transferred records include ones in South Darley, Mickley, Biggin by Hartington, William Rhodes Infant and Junior Schools, Chesterfield and several schools in Derby, including Kedleston Road Girls School, St Chad's Temporary School and its successor St James Road School, and Clarence Road School.

Family papers continue to be a fruitful source of information for researchers. Recent acquisitions include papers of the Crompton family, who lived at Flower Lillies, Windley, and of the Greaves family of Youlgreave who had interests in leadmines in the Dales, especially in the neighbourhood of Beeley, from the 16th century onwards. By contrast, pubs in Chesterfield, including 'Byron's Head' in Saltergate, feature largely in a family settlement of the Parkers of Brampton in 1879. Two fascinating personal memoranda books, unfortunately seriously damaged by overhanding, relate to Horsley and Horsley Woodhouse from the 1830s and 1890s. Kept by a member of the Needham family, they include numerous notes of births, marriages and deaths, as well as details of local events such as a prize fight at the

Cross o'Hands in 1851 and a death at Mapperley coal pit in January 1875. These contemporary records, as well as their intrinsic interest, show very vividly what was considered important and noteworthy in the years before the ready availability of mass media such as cheap newspapers.

Perhaps the most unusual new gift to the archives came all the way from British Columbia in Canada. The son of a lady, who served as a nurse in Derbyshire Royal Infirmary when it was a military hospital in World War I, kept his mother's souvenir album in which her soldier patients recorded how they came to be wounded and how they were repatriated to England. Illustrated with photographs, poems and sketches, the album complements the very extensive series already held in the Record Office of the hospital's official records. It is a touching and informative reminder of personal suffering and courage during the 'Great War', but it also has its lighter moments. One patient, undergoing treatment for an ankle broken playing football, was taken into the hospital grounds in a wheelchair but fell out, only to break the same ankle again, this time in the supposedly safe surroundings of central Derby!

Baptisms and marriage registers newly received feature records for Marlpool Congregational Chapel from 1912 and for St Augustine's church, Chesterfield, from 1906. Society and club records can be very diverse. Interesting new series include those of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes for Buxton and the Peak from 1906. This friendly society was originally established to meet the social needs of commercial travellers, often away from their home bases for long periods. Conversely the Derby County Club, whose records survive from 1914, catered for male members of well established local families from throughout the county.

Information about new acquisitions is given in the monthly *News Updates* published by the Record Office. Copies are available free to visitors.

RECORD OFFICE OPEN DAY

The Record office will be holding another of its popular *Open Days* on Saturday 9 September. As well as a chance to see displays of archives and to find out more about the work of the archive conservation department, there will be a special lecture on the *Local Heritage Initiatives* programme. This lottery-funded programme will run for ten years and so you have plenty of time to prepare your application. The presentation will be by Cathrin Cassarchis of the National Council on Archives, who has extensive experience of advising on bids for funding. The lecture is free, but advance booking is advisable because space

is limited. Booking forms are available on request to the Record Office.

INTRODUCTIONS TO THE SEARCH ROOM

The programme of regular introductory sessions for new users is continuing throughout the year. These take place each month and include information on finding aids, catalogues, document ordering procedures and reprographic services. There is no need to book – you can just come on any session that is convenient to you. Details are given on the Record Office's events programme or you can telephone 01629 580000 ext. 35202 to find out the next dates.

RECORD OFFICE VIDEO

What if you can't come to one of our *Open Days* or to an *Introduction to the Search Room*? For community groups who want to find out more about what the archive service does, there is a 35 minute video available free on loan from the Record Office. It shows how a beginner can access material in the public Search Room, but also covers the survey and fieldwork activities we undertake, archive conservation, information about our publications and guides and shows what typical Derbyshire documents from the 13th to the 20th century look like. Reservation forms for the video are available from the Record Office.

FAMILY HISTORY SURGERIES

The one to one advice sessions, equally useful to experienced as well as to novice family historians, are another popular feature of the Record Office's services. The sessions include an information pack and on the spot written guidance from a professional archivist. You can take these details away with you to help you progress in your enquiries. The course fee is £3 per person and places must be booked in advance. For further information about dates and availability of sessions to the end of the year, either telephone or write to the Record Office, or pick up one of our events programmes from the Record Office or your local public library.

THIMBLE HALL

The small size of a thimble led to it being used descriptively of things unrelated to sewing. For example, the Parliamentary Army in the Civil War in the 17th century were called the 'Thimble and Bodkin Army', supposedly because of the small size of the contributions made to the cause by Roundheads, by contrast with the generosity shown by Royalist supporters. In a different context, the term '*thimble hall*' is used locally to refer jokingly to a tiny cottage. There are examples of the use of the nickname in several parts of the county and one such is in Youlgreave. Title deeds going back to 1756 for this property have recently been transferred to the Record Office and so you can now discover how and when the term 'Thimble Hall' came to be used for it.

MILLENNIUM PROJECTS

The Record Office takes in archival material up to the present day and so many Millennium groups are ensuring the long term safekeeping of the outcome of their projects – publications, photographs, programmes, etc. – by depositing them in the Record Office. In due course these will be a revealing and informative snapshot of social and community history in the year 2000. The progress of some of these projects will be described in talks in the '*Thousand years of History*' programme in November and December. For further information on the services the Record Office can provide for the archives of Millennium year, please contact the County Archivist.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF ARCHIVE USERS

If you used the Record Office in October last year, you may have been asked to fill out a survey form as part of the National Survey of Users of British Archives. We have now received the national and local results and it is gratifying that Derbyshire Record Office scored well above the national average for respondents rating the service provided as 'excellent' (61.1% compared to the national average of 44.2%). The archive service is far from complacent though. We are well aware of the pressure on our resources from increasing numbers of visitors and the need to improve facilities. We hope to use the results of the survey to plan our responses to our users' needs and priorities. Watch this space!

The survey is to be repeated in February 2001, but in an amended and, we hope, shorter form. Meanwhile our sincere thanks to all those who participated last time around.

ARCHON

Making people aware of the richness of the city and county's documentary heritage is an important facet of the Record Office's work. Consequently, as well as the catalogues of archives available for reference in the Search Room, copies are placed on the *Archon* website so that information is available electronically to local, national and international enquirers. *Archon* is the National Register of Archives' website at 222.hmc.gov.uk/nra/nra2.htm If you have access to the Internet you can save much preliminary research time by checking this website, particularly if you are interested in family or estate papers.

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WEDDING PRESENT LIST

Frederick George White and Constance Johnson on 29 July 1923, Pilsley Church

By

Colin White, 26 Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5LU

Fred White of Morton (22) was a teacher at Whittington Moor, and Connie (20) was still at home at 5 Bridge Street, Pilsley. They met at Clay Cross Secondary School, where Fred obtained his teaching certificate. He was a friend of Connie's brother Eric. These are the presents received on their marriage.

Ashtray	Grace M. Johnson	Connie's little sister
Letter rack	Frank Johnson	Connie's brother
Oak clock	Eric Johnson, Blanche Wilde	Connie's brother and fiancée
Inkstand	Ernest Johnson	Connie's brother
Pair of sheets	William A. Johnson	Connie's father, Pilsley baker and confectioner
Trinket set	Alice E. Johnson	Connie's mother, shopkeeper, Bridge Street
Biscuit barrel	Mr and Mrs Isaac Dawes	Best man's parents, barber, Station Road
4 breakfast cups	Mrs Mellor	
Candlestick	Mrs Wallis	Paper shop by Commercial Hotel, Pilsley
2 candlesticks	Mrs Woodall	Farmer – IBSA
2 candlesticks	Mrs Savage	Edie Reeve, daughter of Harry Reeve
Bonbon dish/Duchess set	Mrs Hayes	Neighbour
Glass jug	Miss Ethel Mason	Connie's school friend, head Park House Girls' IBSA
Five shillings	Mrs Jarvis	
Jam dish	Mrs J. Cutts	
Jam dish – China	Mr Gowen	
Jam dish – cut glass	Harry Warne	Friend of Eric Johnson
Alarm Clock	Miss Dorothy Massey	Teacher, Station Road School
Desk	Henry White	Fred's father, goods guard, Westhouses
Teapot and cosy	James White	Fred's brother, teacher, Staffa Street, Tibshelf
Chest	Henry White	Fred's father
Tablecloth	Ernest Calvert	Morton Road
6 teaspoons/sugar tongs	Mrs F. Webb	
Ten shillings	Aunt Emily Martin	Fred's aunt in Cossington, Somerset
Table centre	Miss Shephard and staff	Park House School
Tray cloth – embroidered	Miss R. Buxton	
Rose bowl	Miss S. Ashmore	
Rose bowl	Miss I. Wootton	Shop by Primitive Chapel
Quilt	Aunt Annie Gill	Connie's aunt, Seanor Farm
Jardiniere	Mrs J. Hayes	Shoe shop
6 dessert spoons & forks	Mrs H. Reeve	Factory by Johnson's shop
3 tablespoons	Uncle William & Annie Alvey	Connie's uncle, engine driver, LMS, Sheffield
Pair china plates	Uncle George & Madge Alvey	Connie's uncle and aunt, Chilwell
Pair pillow cases	Beatie Alford	Fred's cousin, Cossington, Somerset
Set of jugs	Miss A. Hunt	James White's sister-in-law, Stonebroom
Cruet – glass	Mrs J. Butler	Connie's neighbour at the shop
Cruet – china	Alfred Dawes	Fred White's friend and best man
Salad bowl	Miss Winnie Dawes & Fred Shardlow	Alfred's sister and fiancé
Decanter – cut glass	Mrs Ruth Saunders	Daughter of George Bower, Green Lane
Cakestand	Mrs J. Wiser	Neighbour
6 stainless knives	Miss A. Warne	

Connie's parents were William Alvey Johnson of Timber Lane Farm, and his cousin, Alice Emma Alvey of Little Eaton, who married in 1896 at King Street Methodist chapel in Derby. All his brothers and sisters had died of tuberculosis. He became a winding-engine man at Pilsley pit but left to set up a shop and bakehouse in Bridge Street, Pilsley, next door to Reeve and Kenning, coachbuilders. Ernest and Frank Johnson worked there. Eric and Grace became teachers. Connie tried it at Park House, but preferred to produce a class of her own, first at 4 Park House Road, and then at Seanor House, the last house in Lower Pilsley. William was a preacher in the Mansfield Circuit for many years, and you can see his name on Pilsley Methodist Chapel. For a time he was attracted to Jehovah's

Witnesses, then known as the International Bible Students' Association (IBSA), but went back to the Methodists. He and Alice and two of their children lie in the neglected Wesleyan graveyard opposite Pilsley School.

Fred's parents were Henry White, a farm labourer at Cannington in Somerset, who escaped to become a guard on the Midland in 1887, and Mary Peddy of Huntspill. Of their children, Charlie went down Morton pit, Tom went to the Cop in Alfreton, Jack was killed on the Somme, and Fred and Jim became teachers. Both became heads, Jim at Alfreton Road, Tibshelf, and Fred at Hillocks in Sutton.

LOOKING FOR THE UMBRELLA MAN

By

Audrey Henderson, 4 Bonsall Rd., West Derby, Liverpool 12, L12 8QH (Mem.4559)

How did it all begin? Quite simply I was curious about a story my mother had mentioned about an inheritance she had received in 1922. Seventy years after she first told me I found that the 'money' had been shares in a steel company. I knew she had inherited finances from her grandmother (Elizabeth Jeffery) out of the estate of Samuel Fox (of Paragon Umbrella frame fame) of Deepcar, Stocksbridge, Sheffield.

That was all I had to go on, so one day my husband rang directory enquiries for the phone number of Hoyland-Fox Frames, Sheffield and a very helpful lady called Mrs Joan Wilkinson gave us all the help she could. She sent me a profile of Samuel Fox, then put us in touch with Sheffield Library who sent me an obituary and newscutting.

'Samuel Fox inventor of the steel umbrella frame and incorporated the patented 'Paragon rib'. Samuel Fox established his works at Stocksbridge, near Sheffield in 1842. At the time, the nearest settlement was the hamlet of Deepcar. The township of Stocksbridge sprang from the Fox umbrella works by the bridge over the River Don.'

In 1995 an article appeared in the Telegraph about Samuel Fox by Mr Alan Brierley which got me thinking, because all my mum had told me was that the money came from the Fox family. I sent for a copy of Samuel Fox's will and also that of his son, William Henry, each 25 pages long with plenty of names which meant nothing to me at the time.

Another Sunday morning I read an article in the letter column of the Telegraph from a man who was defending the 'Fox' umbrella called 'Paragon' and wondered if he had anything to do with the family. Out came the wills again but I couldn't see his name. As luck would have it, however, I noticed Joshua George Jeffrey (nephew of Sam's born 1852). My grandfather was Joshua Griffiths, son of Henry and Elizabeth Jeffery (born 1831), parents Joshua and Ann Jeffrey nee Fox, who was Samuel's sister and the daughter of William and Mary, nee Palfreyman, of Hope. Ann and Joshua had 15 children.

How my great grandmother Elizabeth came to meet my great grandfather in Birkenhead, marry in St Peters Church, Liverpool in 1851, have eight children christened between 1851 and 1866 at the same church – crossing the River Mersey each time – leaves me amazed. Their second child, Joshua Griffiths, born in 1855, was my maternal grandfather. So from wondering where my mum inherited her windfall, I found another branch of my family from Bradwell, Derbyshire.

The irony of this saga is that in the summer of 1996 we went to meet two friends called Ron and Iris who live in Spain and had come to England for a look around. We met them in Buxton and next day went for a trip in the Derbyshire Dales where we passed a place called 'Hope'. Little did I know at this time that my 3x great grandmother, Mary Palfreyman, had been born there so many years before and we just passed by.

The end of my story is that my mother proceeded to spend her fortune by going to America for 6 months with her two boys, to see her sister Josie and her nephew Billy Pye. She then came back to Liverpool and bought an icemaking business (having seen one in America) which didn't last too long. The ice had to be made by a generator going 24 hours a day, the neighbours complained about the racket and the business collapsed.

If anyone reading this story thinks they are related to me in any way I would love to hear from you.

MARRIAGE AT CONISBURGH, YORKS

27 Dec 1819 William Hutton of Eckington, Derbyshire and Ann Shaw of this parish, spinster.

Found by Mrs Barbara Moore, 15c St John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LR (Mem. 1964)

THE MORMON CHOIR

By

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I suppose that everybody connected with genealogy knows about 'The Church of Latter Day Saints' or, as we know them, the 'Mormons' and their great help to family historians with their IGI or to give it its proper title the "International Genealogical Index". This index of parish records has helped thousands of people when they start out with this great hobby of ours, which is researching your family's history. And now they have the 1881 census on CD-Rom and all the thousands of records they have on microfiche and film, also the excellent free libraries to see all these records. But the Mormons didn't do all this costly research just to help us find our family tree, it is part of their religion to find their forebears so that they can then baptise them after their deaths into their faith and seal them into family units for eternity.

But in Salt Lake City in Utah, USA, which is the main headquarters of the 'Latter Day Saints' they also formed one of the great choirs of the world. The Mormon Choir has travelled all over the world giving concerts and has made countless records and tapes of their music and broadcasts regularly on the American TB and radio network. Imagine my surprise a few years ago, when visiting Salt Lake City to visit a 4th cousin that my wife Brenda had found on her tree, that somebody with my surname had written a hymn in their hymn book years ago.

I decided on my return home to try and research this person and was amazed to find that he had not only written one of the Mormons favourite hymns, but he was actually the person who had started this famous choir in the 1860s.

His name was George Edward Percy Careless and he was born in Clerkenwell in London on 24 September 1839. He was later apprenticed to a shoemaker, but from a very early age his main love was music. Fortunately the foreman at the shoe factory where he worked after he had finished his apprenticeship was also a great music lover and a collector of violins. Under his tutelage George Edward soon learnt to play the violin and also proved to have a good singing voice. He also became a member of the 'Church of Latter Day Saints'. The foreman offered to lend him the money to pay his fees at the Royal Academy of Music and then for George to repay him from his professional earnings. George studied violin, piano and conducting, and musical theory. Then he became a member of the Crystal Palace orchestra.

He was also a very active member of the Mormon Church and one of the elders encouraged him to emigrate to America where the Mormons had trekked

across the country in their covered wagons to settle near to the great salt lake in the state of Utah. This was a desolate place and their leader, Brigham Young, had chosen it because it was so desolate they were unlikely to be persecuted there. They eventually called it Salt Lake City.

George sailed for America and his ship, the 'Hudson', docked in New York on 19 July 1864. On the way over George had formed a choir from his fellow Mormon passengers and the captain of the ship was so pleased at their singing that he asked George for the words of one of his tunes so that he would be able to sing it with his family when he returned home. George immediately sat down and wrote him a tune, which he called 'Hudson' after the ship which had brought him and the other Mormons safely across the Atlantic to America. Later, in Salt Lake City, George wrote a hymn and set it to the same tune as he had given to the captain of the 'Hudson' and today it is still one of the Mormons' favourite hymns.

George Edward Percy Careless, the young musician from London, didn't stay long in New York and set off with his fellow immigrants to walk all the way to the state of Utah, pulling his belongings on a handcart. Within a month of arriving in Salt Lake City George had started to teach music to earn his living. His first class had 24 pupils and the rate of pay was a hundred pounds of flour per series of lessons. These classes drew the attention of Brigham Young, the President of the Mormon Church, and when he finally met George he said to him "Brother George, I want you to form a choir and orchestra".

George started with a volunteer orchestra of 16 men, but they had hardly any experience so George hired 7 musicians and paid them and then fired the others which caused a dispute and had to be settled by Brigham Young. George was a good organiser and soon he had collected together 40 persons for his first rehearsal of the choir. When Brigham Young died in 1877 George assembled a choir of 220 voices to perform the funeral hymn, which he had composed. George resigned after 11 years as director of the choir but resumed his musical career and directed the Philharmonic Orchestra. When he conducted the orchestra in the first performance of Handel's Messiah with the choir he was the only person in the entire production who had heard the work before.

Today the Mormon Tabernacle choir, over one hundred years since it was first formed by George Edward Percy Careless, is one of the great choirs and has

played all over the world, broadcasting every week all over America.

I have now bought the birth certificate of George Edward Percy Careless and I am trying to research more about his family as some of the people on my tree also originate from Clerkenwell. Before I did this research my wife and I were taken into the Tabernacle

in Salt Lake City where they do all their rehearsing and broadcasting, but of course I didn't know anything about George then.

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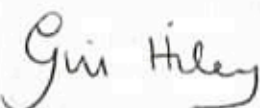
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A MERRY FAMILY AT ASHE HALL

By

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My great grandparents on my mother's side are buried together in the churchyard of All Saints, Breadsall. Also mentioned is one of their sons, Walter Edward Merry, who was killed in World War I but who is actually buried in France. Nothing really unusual there you may say – perhaps not, but this is where I go, “Yes but.....”

My great grandparents, George Merry (born 1850 Eynsham, Oxfordshire) and his wife Ann Day (born 1856 Hinton Waldrist, Berkshire), had lived around Eynsham until shortly after their marriage in May 1878. George's ancestors can be traced back in Eynsham, and its surrounding villages, as far back as 1615. I'm still in the process of investigating Ann Day and her family, but found in Hinton Waldrist (now stated as being in Oxfordshire and only a stone's throw from Eynsham), an old house known as “the Days house”, dating back to the 17th century. In an adjacent hamlet, Duxford, is “The Tall House”, which also belonged to the Day family and where Ann and Emma's three other siblings were born.

Their younger sister, Kate (born 1858 Duxford) becomes a star in her own right. Kate at one point owned the Fox pub at Juniper Hill – better known to many as the ‘Wagon and Horses’ in Flora Thompson's ‘Lark Rise to Candleford’. The Fox is now a private house but the owners gave me a private viewing shortly before the original bar became their lounge, but all that is another story.

Great grandpa George, before his marriage and on the 1871 census, can be found as a gardener at Eynsham Hall, North Leigh, Oxfordshire. In my glee at finding George at the Hall I completely forgot to note the name of the family at ‘the big house’. Perhaps someone else may know, if so I'd be pleased to hear from them.

So, following George and Ann's marriage, why did they go to Derbyshire, leaving so many relatives behind in Oxfordshire? Well I suppose if he was a good gardener he may have been ‘passed on’ as it were, by one family to another – namely Lord Cecil and Lady Augusta Fane at ‘Ashe Hall’, near Etwall.

I recently spent a weekend at Derby and found what remains of Ashe purely by accident, whilst taking a look at Etwall.

George and Annie's first child, Evelina, was born at Sutton-on-the-Hill in December 1878 followed by my grandmother, Alice Maud, born at Ashe in April 1880. Next came George Frederick in July 1882, Walter

Edward in November 1885, Florence Daisy in August 1888 and Emma Lillian in July 1892, all born at Ashe. But did Ashe mean Ashe or did it mean Ashe Hall? The birth certificates do not identify any specific location.

I know that at one point my grandmother, Alice Maud, became Lady Augusta's personal maid. I believe it is because of this situation that my grandfather, Thomas Bertram Goodacre, met Alice. Like so many aristocratic families the Fane's had a place near Melton Mowbray for the hunting season and my great grandfather, Henry Goodacre, and his brother John, tailored very fine clothes for the aristocracy. My grandfather, having being taught by his father and uncle, made all the riding habits at their premises in Melton Mowbray and it is an educated guess that Thomas met Alice whilst visiting Lord and Lady Fane for their next set of riding habits.

The resulting marriage took place at St Michael's, Sutton-on-the-Hill, on 27 July 1905 and the reception was given by Lady Fane at Ashe Hall, the photographs being taken in the grounds of the Hall. Recreating the scene, we drove down the hill and found Ashe Hall approximately 2 miles away. Having become a RAF hospital in World War II and a school until the 1980s, it is now a Buddhist Study Centre. They were really helpful and showed us around the house before leaving us to browse in the gardens. In the grounds was an old cottage, which was contemporary with the main house. Could George and Annie, with their growing family, have lived there?

Lord and Lady Fane divorced in 1905 and with Alice's marriage in the same year she would have left her employment, but would her father remain as Head Gardener?

In 1915 Annie died. Her address at the time of her death was given as Hilltop, Breadsall, Derbyshire. In my ignorance I thought “Hilltop” was the name of a house. How wrong can you be? The first stop in Breadsall was All Saints Church to find George and Annie's grave. Not only did we find their grave but we met a Mr Don Henderson who, to my astonishment, mentioned all the other Merry family graves. Sure enough there were about another 10 named graves and Don also had copies of the parish records back to 1500!

The Merry family were farmers and Hilltop, an area of Breadsall, a farm. Most of the fields are now houses, but a farm still exists, retaining a fabulous view. George left Hilltop shortly after Annie's death to live with his married daughter

FLORENCE DAISH
MERRY

WALTER
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JOHN STANSBY OF CLEMENT'S INN, MIDDLESEX

By

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That my immediate Stanesby forebears were Londoners is quite certain. That their forebears were from Derby is equally certain. It is also generally accepted by the family and, indeed, a professional genealogist, that the Derby Stan(e)sby forebears were from Morley and Heanor, although one link has never been definitely confirmed. Nevertheless this is where we feel our roots to be.

As a One-Namer, I collect everything that comes my way and a copy of a 1680 will for John Stansby of Clement's Inn was gathered into my net, by way of the Public Record Office in London, without any great hope that it would prove to be significant. How wrong could I be? His will showed him to be a 'Gente', living in chambers, and his bequests and mementoes were many and widespread, including places such as London, Leicester, Hampshire, Staffordshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Among the many people and places named, which were of interest to me and may well be of interest to others researching in Derbyshire and thereabouts, are the following.

'In primis I give to the Overseers of the poore and highways of Heanor Langly and Milhay five pounds one moyety thereof to be given amongst the poore of their Liberty and the other moyety to be employed in repairs of the causeway and highways about Langley Mill bridge which I caused lately to be built'

'I give to my worthy friend William Sacheverell Esq. a ring of twenty shillings value'

'To my Cozen Anne Pegg of Bredsall a ring of ten shillings value and I forgive her the five pounds I lent her in the yeare one thousand six hundred sixty five and all the interest'

'To my Cosson Sarah Richardson late Sarah Morlidge a ring of ten shillings'

'To my old friends Elizabeth Linney and Ellen Colclough the daughters of Willian' Piggen of Langly each of them a ring of ten shillings a peece'

'To honest Parson ?Hewett of Eastwood a ring of ten shillings'

'To Mr Math Smith of Denby and his wife each of them a ring of tenne shillings a peece'

'To my Cossen Thomas Stansby at Kingsley in Staffordshire five pounds'

'I give to my other friends John Ellis and Edward James of Morley each of them a ring of tenn shillings value'

'...all the rest of my goods undisposed of I give to my Cossen John Stansby of Morly Lime and to his sonne John Stansby whome I have putt apprentice to Mr Tympson in ?Holborne whome I doe hereby make joint executors of this my last Will and Testament'

Probate of the will was granted in London on 2 October 1680, to John Stansby senior and John Stansby junior, presumably on the application of the latter who was in London.

As John Stansby senior is my putative seven times great grandfather, all the foregoing was of immense interest to me, although the exact link between him and John Stansby of Clement's Inn, who must surely have been originally from Derbyshire, is not yet known. Sarah Richardson/Morledge is part of 'our' family, but although Thomas Stansby of Staffordshire is known, and appears to have had seven children, all baptised in Kingsley, as were his seven grandchildren, this link also has yet to be made.

How much John Stansby received from his Clement's Inn cousin is not known but, when he died in 1690, he also left a will, a copy of which I obtained from Lichfield. In it he left one shilling to his son John (possibly still in London) and various items and use of premises to other children, although practically all his realisable capital seems to have been left to another son, Thomas, who was just finishing an apprenticeship, also in London. This son became a maker of musical instruments as did his own son, also Thomas. Much has been written about them in musical publications, where they have been referred to as 'Stanesby, Major and Minor'.

John Stansby of Morley, who was shown in his will and inventory to be a Yeoman and 'Almesman', seems to have left assets of £8 17s 6d, from which debts of £6 6s 1d needed to be deducted, including £4 for one year's rent to his landlord, £1 to Mr Harpur for joyse (?feeding) of two beasts, 13s owing to Thomas Richardson of Morley, and 13s to Philip Greensmith of Derby. The difference would have provided the forty shillings left to his son Thomas, with a little over. The witnesses to his will were Thomas Riley, Samuel Hibbert and Henry Hibbert and the inventory was prepared by Nicholas Brentnall and Joseph Porter.

When I have had Stan(e)sby articles published in the past, I have had some extremely helpful and friendly feedback from members of the Derbyshire Family History Society and I am hoping that this may be the case again. Can anyone advise where seventeenth century information about the bridge at Langley Mill might be obtained? Is this the Langley Mill where there was a pottery which eventually combined with Denby? I should love to hear from anyone who recognises any of the names in either of the wills.

Derbysbire

by F. Rickells

Japanese Prisoner of War Camp, Saigon, French Indo-China

August 1942

*Derbysbire, fair Derbysbire, the county of my birth,
Set in England's pleasant land, the grandest place on earth.*

Your mountains and your valleys cool

Where rivers in the noontide sun

Sparkle like a jewel.

To the southward Leicestersbire's low meadow lands do lie,

The River Trent's silver line is seen as she goes by.

She cannot wait, she longs to see

Your mountains and your rocky crags

On her way to the sea.

To the east you gaze upon, Sherwood's forest green,

Where Robin Hood's merry men once lived a life serene.

A robber band, whose actions bold

Made them a friend unto the poor

By stealing rich men's gold.

Your stately and ancestral homes, gems in days of old,

They stand today, though ruined some, a sight still to behold.

Fair Haddon Hall near Bakewell town

Where Dorothy Vernon lived and loved

A lady of renown.

The pit heads and the quarries that dot the countryside,

Though rich in mineral wealth your beauty they can't hide.

They blend with nature, where they be

In village, woodland, brackened moor,

A perfect harmony.

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DERBY: ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, DARLEY LANE. Wednesday meetings at 7.30 pm

Sep 13 th	Churchyard Research	Margaret Hargreaves
Oct 11th	A Backward Glance at Everyday Things	Maureen Newton
Nov 8th	Tracing Your Family Tree - Back to Basics	Dorothy Hartley
Dec 13th	Christmas Quizzes & Fun	

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Sep 1st	Windmills in the Family	Tony Sant
Oct 6th	Strines Villages, Printworks & People	Geoff & Rosemary Taylor
Nov 3rd	The Development of Chatsworth	Jim Brown
Dec 1st	We Shall Remember Them - Sources for World War I Soldiers	John Marsden

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Sep 15th	History of the Adelphi Ironworks	Neil Bridgewater
Oct 20th	Computers and Family History	Ian Care
Nov 17th	The Museum Service	Julie Biddlecombe
Dec 8th	Memories of Christmas Past	Margaret Hargreaves

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