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MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at : CRESSY FIELDS, CRESSY RD., ALFRETON. (except during July and August when visits will be arranged.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions become payable on joining the Society and thereafter annually on January 1st. New members joining after October 1st. in any year will not be required to renew on January 1st. following.

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MEMBERSHIP entitles you to attend all meetings, visits and activities of the Society. Receive a copy of each magazine issued by the Society. Use all the facilities of the Society provided for its members, together with any external facilities the Committee may arrange. Members may introduce non-members to meetings and be accompanied by friends on any visits organised by the Committee.

INCREASED COST OF "BRANCH NEWS" Owing to the increased cost of producing "Branch News" we regret that we must increase the cost of each copy to 40p to non-members. Back numbers must also be sold at the new price as they are having to be reproduced.

"Branch News" has almost doubled in size since the first issue and up till now we have managed to keep at the same low price. Current issues are of course still free to members.

"Branch News" by post 50p.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Members may advertise in "Branch News" free of charge. Non-members for 1p per word.

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EDITORIAL

As all our members now know, it has been proposed that we should drop the Mid from our title and in future be known as the Derbyshire Family History Society.

When the Society was first formed we left scope for other societies to be set up to cover the rest of Derbyshire. No such societies have yet been formed and we have found ourselves covering the rest of the county in any case. The Sheffield and North Cheshire Societies do provide cover for North Derbyshire, but have no objection to our proposed change of name. Voting slips have been sent to all members and the change of name will be formally proposed at an Extraordinary Meeting on 11th Jan. 1980.

I should like to thank all those members who are helping with our projects, special thanks also to those people who are not actually members of our Society but are helping with the projects. A very big 'thank you' goes to all the distant members who are having indexing work sent to them by post and are returning the completed slips so promptly.

The recording of the M.Is at Ironville has now been completed and the transcribing of the registers is drawing to its close. More local members are needed to help with the recording of M.Is. We appeal to you to come forward with offers of help with this project. Please contact the committee first to find out which churchyards have been recorded and where work is in progress. A list will be available shortly. Your own local churchyard could be the place to start.

Best wishes for the New Year,

W.E.W.

MEETINGS REPORT

Friday Sept. 7th was the first meeting of the Season - an extra - as we normally only meet on the last Friday of the month. Its purpose was to "round - up" members after the mid-summer break, to remind them of our exhibition in Alfreton Library and to have a chance for discussion on our research and problems and a general chat.

On Friday Sept. 28th those committee members who were able to be present entertained Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson to tea at Cressy Fields. We were also pleased to welcome our member from Birmingham, Mr. Robert Allkin. Elizabeth was the first speaker the Society had to inaugurate its first year's activities. Three years on, her subject was "Suffer little children" when she spoke of the employment of young children in the days of our ancestors, and the appalling conditions they had to endure. At this meeting also present were members Mr. and Mrs. C. Bourton from Kent and several new members "enticed" by our month long exhibition in Alfreton Library. This exhibition about our activities, our family trees, and any items of genealogical interest, was the Society's contribution to the Derbyshire Festival. Between tea and the meeting, we were able to take Elizabeth Simpson along to the library to see our work.

The October meeting was a Members' Evening when lively discussions took place,

ideas and discoveries exchanged. We were particularly pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. Moore of Doncaster, who have recently joined the Society. We were also pleased that Mr. Barry Burley of Sheffield was able to join us again.

At the November meeting, Mrs. Yoemans gave a fascinating talk on Bess of Hardwick and her granddaughter Arbelle Stuart. The pedigree of the Cavendish and Stuart family was explained and showed how close Arabella, as she is now often called, was to becoming a Derbyshire-born Queen of England.

(J. Smedley)

CONFERENCE AND FEDERATION A.G.M. to be held at Bedford College of Higher Education. This is being organised by the Bedfordshire Family History Society and booking forms with further information can be obtained from Mrs. D. Clark, Kynance Cottage, Keysoe Row West, Keysoe, Beds. DATE: 28th March - 1st April 1980.

1980 SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we remind members that the subscription for 1980 will be due on 1st. Jan. 1980. Will you please send your renewal to our treasurer, Mr. F. Hall, address on page 1. We thank all of you who have already renewed your membership for 1980.

NEW MEMBERS

The following members have joined the Society since the last list was published. We extend a warm welcome to them all.

158. Mrs. H. Westcott, Hollyhill, Sharon Close, Long Ditton, Surrey. Searching - SITDOWN and CRESWELL of HORSLEY, Derbys. 1792-1824. WOOLEY of KILBURN and HORSLEY, Derbys. 1861.
159. Mr. H.R. Henly, 91, Carden Ave., Brighton, Sussex BN1 8NF. Searching - JEP(H)SON (clockmaker) of MELBOURNE, DERBY and NOTTINGHAM. George Andrews of Derby married Eliz. DUESBURY.
160. Mr. R.J. Langens, P.O. Box 246, Charter Towers, Queensland, 4820 Australia. Searching - TURNER (Rebecca Needham, son William) of GT. LONGSTONE, Derbys. 1856
161. Mrs. B. Belfield Machann, 4832, W. Lambert Rd., Route 1. Box L, Sedalia, Colorado 80135 U.S.A. Searching - BELFIELD of SPONDON, Derbys. MACKARSIE of CRICH, Derbys. and of LONDON. STEVENS of OCKBROOK, Derbys. CARTER of YORKS and of NORFOLK, BAILEY of NORFOLK, WEBSTER of YORKS. also HAGUE of YORKS.
162. Mr. R. Murray, 3/5 Moodie St., Cammeray, 2062 Sidney, Australia. Searching - MORLEY (Samuel) of Derbys. 19th cent. TARRANT (Charles) Gloucs. 1828, WHITE, (Mary Ann) of Worcester 1823.
163. Mr. M.J.T. Tedds, 1, Fairham Court, The Downs, Wilford, Nottingham, NG11 7EN. Searching - MAY of ALPRETON, Derbys. 1825, JEPSON of GOLDEN VALLEY, Derbys. 1818 LOWE (Samuel), ROPER, PRESTON, all of WIRKSWORTH, Derbys. 1816. HOROBIN, LAKIN, WRIGHT, all of Derby early 19th cent. OAKLAND, COOPER and STRINGFELLOW of Notts.
164. Mr. A. Moore, 43, Central Boulevard, Doncaster, Yorks. DN2 5PD
165. Mrs. M. Moore, as above. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are both searching - MOORE and BONNINGTON of BREADSALL, Derbys. 1802. GREGORY of BONSALL, Derbys. 1875. BAILEY of (St. Alkmunds) Derby 1848.
166. Mr. M. Bagworth, 233 Ladybank Rd., Mickleover, Derby DE3 5RR
167. Mrs. M.E.A. Bagworth, as above. Mr. and Mrs. Bagworth are both searching - SMITH, TEMPEST, SOWTER, BUXTON and HAMPSHIRE all of QUARNDON, Derbys. also of KEDLESTON, 18th and early 19th cent. GREATORIX of MORTON 1781. HARPHAM, AUSTIN, WADE, MITCHELSON, RICHARDS all of Derbys. 19th cent.
168. Miss H. Simpson, 74, Roberts St., Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 3HZ. Searching SIMPSON of CHELMORTON 1849, WORTHINGTON of DERBYSHIRE or of CHESHIRE. BOOTHROYD of DERBYSHIRE or of LANCs.
169. Mrs. A. Burnham, 30, Springfield Crescent, Somercotes, Derbys. DE5 4LH Searching - BURNHAM of BIRCHWOOD, SOMERCOTES, Derbys. 1860.

170. Mrs. S. Davies, 27, The Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3DF. Searching - HIGGINS of ASHBY-de-la-ZOUCH, Leics. 1788, also of MELBOURNE, Derbys. 1803, HULSE also of MELBOURNE, 1839.
171. Mr. P.T. Cowlishaw, The Cider House, Lower Abbotsleigh, Blackawton, Nr. Totnes, S. Devon, TQ9 7AF. Searching - COWLISHAW (George) of CRICH, c.1860. HOUGHTON (James Henry - Blacksmith) of MIDDLETON, Derbys. c. 1860.
172. Mr. V.F. Flood, 140, West Park Drive, W. Leeds 8, L58 2 DA. Searching - CHAMBERS of SPONDON, Derbys. 1777, FLOOD of DEVON 1764, TUCKETT of EXETER 1823.
173. Shirley Williams, 411, Buryfield Rd., Solihull, West Midlands B91 2DQ. Searching - TATLOW (Harry William) of IRONVILLE, Derbys. 1879, LINEHAM of NEWARK, Notts. 1855, SIMS (Wood) of OCKBROOK 1830.
174. Mrs. C.M. Turner, 102, St. Annes Rd., South Shore, Blackpool, FY4 2BA. Searching ALCOCK of KIRK LANGLEY (marriage 1734) YATES of BRAILSFORD, TANNER of ASHBOURNE c. 1875, COLLEDGE of CHESTERFIELD (marriage 1888) all Derbys.
175. Mr. A. Palfreyman, 23, Hambledon View, Read, Burnley 13 B12 7PO Lancs. Searching PALFREYMAN of YOULGREAVE, Derbys. 1760-1815.
176. Mr. D. Winster, 41, Ainsdale Drive, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, Lancs. PR2 1TV. Searching - WINSTER, CHARNLEY, PARKER, BATTERSBY.
177. Mrs. V. Gilbert Harrison, Route 3 Russellville, Arkansas, U.S.A. 782 801 Searching - GILBERT (Henry) of Locko, Spondon, Derbys.

This list is complete to 30th Nov. 1979.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS AND AMENDMENTS.

44. Mr. M.L. Spencer, Flat 3, 88, Hopewell Rd., Matlock, Derbys. - HENSTOCK of ASHOVER, BONSALE and CHESTERFIELD. LEES of HARTINGTON, WATTS of ELTON, WEBSTER of PARWICH and ELTON, SPENCER of BONSALE and GRANGE MILL, ASHBOURNE, OVER HADDON, BAKEWELL and GRIFFE GRANGE. MASSEY, LOXLEY, and SHELDON of BONSALE. GOODWIN of HEATHCOTE, nr. HARTINGTON. HOUGHTON of WIRKSWORTH, STONE of WINSTER and ELTON.
56. Mrs. V. Jackson, 4, Conholt Rd., Andover, Hants. - BOOTH of GEDLING, Notts 1750. BOWSKILL of PLEASLEY 1700, BRADLEY of CROMFORD 1800, CHARLESWORTH of YOULGREAVE, 1800, CLARKE of SELSTON 1830, DAYKIN of WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts. 1800, FREEMAN of MARKET WARSOP, Notts. 1780. FISH of CAWTHORNE, Yorks. 1800, GENT of SELSTON, Notts. 1780, GODBER of SHIRLAND 1700, GREAVES of PLEASLEY 1700, HOLLING of CAWTHORNE, Yorks, 1800. HOPKINSON of ASHOVER 1800, NUTT of WESTON-upon-TRENT, Staffs. 1800, PLUMMER of CADDINGTON, Notts. 1899, TAYLOR of SHIRLAND 1770 WARD of PLEASLEY 1745.
68. Mrs. R. Short, 105, Wiltshire Boulevard, Biloxi, Miss, 39531 U.S.A. PALMER (Sarah) ENGLAND (James) of STAVELEY, Derbys. c. 1820
156. Miss E. FLAHERTY, 25, Breach Rd., Marlpool, Heanor, Derbys. - FLAHERTY 1885 of IRISHMORE, EIRE. JOYCE also of IRISHMORE, EIRE, 1928, THORNHILL of SHIPLEY, Derbys. 1904, BELL of ILKESTON, Derbys. 1901, COCKRAM of COTMANHAY, Derbys.
158. Mrs. H. Westcott, Hollyhill, Sharon Close, Long Ditton, Surrey, - MORGAN 1896, ALSOP, CRESWELL, SITDOWN, and WOOLLEY all of the DENBY, HORSLEY and KILBURN area.
159. Mr. R. Henly, 91, Carden Ave. Brighton, Sussex, BN1 8NF. - HENLY of CHIPPENHAM, LONDON and BREMHILL, WILTS. 1838, SELF of GREAT SOMERFORD, WILTS. 1840, COLE of CHIPPENHAM, 1842, DOLMAN of CALNE, Wilts. 1852, STANDING of STEYNING, Sussex 1840. SIMPSON of LONDON, 1838.
161. Mrs. B. Belfield Machann, 4832 W. Lambert Rd., Route 1 Box L, Sedalia, Colorado, 80135, U.S.A. - BELFIELD of SPONDON, Derbys. 1748, STEVENS of OCKBROOK, Derbys. 1800, LARTER of NORFOLK and KINGSTONE-upon-HULL, 1893, HAGUE of SCULCOTES, Yorks. 1869, CUSTER of NORRISTOWN, Penna. 1910. MACKARSIE of LONDON 1816, TAYLOR of HEANOR, Derbys. 1808, COLEMAN and BROWN of LONDON 1817.

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METHODIST RECORDS

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ARCHIVES

- Baker, F. Methodist archives. (Amateur Historian. Vol. 3. No. 4. Summer 1957)
- Shaw, T. Genealogy in Methodist repositories. (Genealogist's Magazine. Vol. 2. No. 5. March 1952)
- Smith, J. Archives & Methodism. (Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society. May. 1971.)
- *Swift, W. How to write a local history of Methodism. 1964.
- Welch, E. The early Methodists and their records. (Journal of the Society of Archivists. Vol. 4. No. 3. 1971)

GENERAL BOOKS

- Wesley, John. Journal. Standard edition; edited by Nehemiah Curnock. 8 vols. 1909-16.
- Hall Circuits and ministers, 1865-1912. With supp. 1913-1923.
- Hill An alphabetical arrangement of all the Wesleyan Methodist ministers and preachers on trial. (Many editions)
- *Steel, D.J. National index of parish registers. Vol. 2. Sources for nonconformist genealogy and family history. 1973. £4.50.

NEWSPAPERS

- The Watchman. 1835-1863
- Methodist Recorder, 1861 to date
- Methodist Times, 1885-1937
- The Primitive Methodist Leader, 1869-1932
- The Free Methodist, 1886-1907
- The United Methodist, 1908-1931

MAGAZINES

- The Arminian Magazine, 1778-1797
- Methodist Magazine, 1798-1821
- Wesleyan Methodist Magazine, 1822-1913
- Magazine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1914-26
- Primitive Methodist Magazine, 1818-1932
- Bible Christian Magazine, 1822-1907
- Methodist New Connexion Magazine, 1798-1907
- Wesleyan Protestant Methodist Magazine, 1829-1834
- Wesleyan Methodist Association Magazine, 1838-1856
- United Methodist Free Churches Magazine, 1857-1907
- United Methodist Magazine, 1907-1932

* The books mentioned above by Swift and Steel are especially useful. Swift is obtainable from Mr. Alfred A. Taberer, Bankhead, Broxton, Chester for 30p., plus postage and is well worth it. Both books are slightly out of date in that they give the address of the Methodist Archives Centre as City Rd. The new address now is,

The Methodist Archives Centre, John Rylands' University Library of Manchester, Oxford Rd., Manchester, M13 9PP

Letters should be addressed to Mr. D.W. Riley. It should be emphasised that the Archives Centre will not answer genealogical problems through the post.

All the newspaper files mentioned above should be obtainable there, likewise the magazine files and minutes of the various conferences.

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CONFERENCE MINUTES

All the various groups mentioned on the previous page held their own annual conferences and minutes were printed in annual volumes, which also include biographies of ministers, recently deceased, and prominent laymen, and women. Hill's 'Alphabetical arrangement' contains a list of all deceased ministers with their date of death, so a check of the relevant minutes for that year or the year preceding should reveal the biography. This only applies for Wesleyan ministers. For Bible Christian, United Methodist Free, or Methodist New Connexion ministers, a check should be made of Beckerlegge, O.A. United Methodist Ministers & their circuits (1968) For Primitive Methodists, the index compiled by William Leary on similar lines is available in typescript at the Methodist Research Centre.

PREACHING PLANS

Information can be obtained from preaching plans, which were issued by all groups, usually quarterly. Many plans of the smaller groups, e.g. Wesleyan Methodist Association, New Connexion, are very rare. Information with regard to plans may be obtained from the secretary of the Cirplanological Society, Mr. E.A. Rose, 26, Roe Cross Green, Mottram, Hyde, Cheshire. The largest collection of circuit plans is at the Methodist Archives Centre, see previous page.

REGISTERS

Many Methodist registers were surrendered in the 19th century and are now in the Public Record Office in London, though many were not. Those that survive should be in the hands of the circuit safe, in the main church of the circuit, though as there has been so much change in the circuit boundaries they may well be found in local record offices.

The archivist for the Nottingham and Derby Methodist District is Mr. M. Unwin, 25, Covedale Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.

DERBYSHIRE STRAYS

Sent in by the Hampshire Genealogy Society.

From the Parish of St. Mary le Bow London.

Marriage 14th Jan. 1830 John THORNLEY Jr. batchelor of GLOSSOP Derbys. and Elizabeth COCKLE spinster of St. Mary le Bow London.

From the Parish of Allhallows Honey Lane, London.

Marriage 1st. Jan. 1624 Anthony SMITH and Mary WALKER both of MICKLEOVER, Derbys. Mary was the dau. of Robert WALKER of the same.

From the Parish Registers of Holy Trinity Bulcote Notts. Parish of Burton Joyce with Bulcote.

Henry ROBINSON late of YEAVLEY Derbys. Died 20th Nov. 1909 aged 75.

From the combined Parishes of St. Mary le Bow, Allhallows Honey Lane, St. Pancras Soper lane, London.

Marriage 30th Nov. 1746 Samuel CHATFIELD and Henrietta SIMONDS both of ASHBOURNE.

From the Parish of Standlake Oxfordshire.

Marriage 16th Jan. 1779 by licence, Daniel WOODWARD of BAKEWELL, Derbys. and Elizabeth BARNES.

From the Parish of St. Peters of Old North Hayling, Hampshire.

Burial Annie Jane LANCASTER formerly of DERBY.
Born 13th Feb. 1879 Died 7th Jan. 1970

NAMES CONNECTED WITH THE PEDIGREE OF OUR MEMBER MR. A.S. BRADLEY OF
49, ABINGDON RD., DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES OXON. (The 2nd column are all BRADLEYS.)

CAREY Arthur Basil	Eva	m. 24. 8.1901	Ashbourne
CHADDOCK Thomas	Elizabeth	no dates	Reading
CHAMBERS Hannah	Thomas Lowe	m. 11.12.1804	----
COOPER James	Emma	m. 1860	----
DAVENPORT Mary	----	----	Ashbourne
DUXBURY Col. F.J.	Amy	m. 1895	----
ECCLES Caroline Louiza	William Gibson	m. no dates	----
ECCLES Sarah	Thomas	m. no dates	Rockferry
ECCLES Eliza	Rev. Joseph	m. no dates	Eccles
GIBBS Anna	Ralph	m. 1862	----
GIBBS Frances	Ralph	m. 1847	----
GIBSON Jane	John Grosvenor	m. 1794	Warrington
GIBSON William	----	----	Liverpool
GROSVENOR Ann	Joseph	m. 19. 5.1773	Market Drayton
HAMILTON Andrew	Ann	m. ----	----
HARRIS Emma	Charles	m. 1834	Birmingham
HINE Priscilla	Joseph	m. 2. 8.1830	Nottingham
HOLLINGSWORTH Roger	Louisa	d. 30.10.1884	----
HUDSON James	Eliza	m. no dates	----
KEELING Mary Ann	David	m. no dates	Ashbourne
LEECE Florence	----	----	Liverpool
LISTER Mary Louisa	----	----	Ashbourne
LOMAS Elizabeth	Samuel	m. no dates	Reading
LOWE Mary	Joseph	m. 29.12.1778	Derby
METZGER Marie	----	----	----
MITCHELL Eliza	----	----	Reading
PRICE Curzon	----	----	Barns
RAINY Emily	Ralph	m. 11. 2.1845	----
ROBINSON Eliza	Edwin	m. 3.10.1852	Reading
ROBINSON Thomas Moss	Honorina	m. 28. 3.1867	Nottingham
ROOKE Frederick Henry	Jane	b. 4. 5.1842	Reading
ROOKE Thomas James	Mary Ann	m. 24. 6.1854	----
SMITH Ellinor	Ralph	m. 22.16.1688	Leek
SMITH James	Ann	d. 13. 4.1815	Uttoxeter
STAFFORTH Elizabeth	Samuel	d. 7. 8.1734	----
STOKES Augusta	----	----	Reading
SWAIN Joseph	Mary	m. no dates	----
SYLVESTER Edwin	Mary Louisa	m. 10.10.1872	----
TATESON Ethel	----	----	Harlow
TENNANT Mary	Edwin	m. 1838	----
TENNANT Thomas	Frances	m. 1834	Birmingham
TURNOCK Elizabeth	John	d. 20.12.1751	Stafford
WITTON Hannah	----	----	Worcester
WOODS Lucy Margaret	Joseph	m. 5. 9.1872	Reading

Mr. Bradley will supply details to anyone who is interested in the above names.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE REGISTERS OF ALSTONFIELD, STAFFS.

Contributed by Sandra Tomkinson.

MARRIAGE: 1805 Nov. 17th. Wm. BILLENGE widr. and Hannah WHEELDON, at ALSTONFIELD, Staffs. Wm. BILLENGE aged 85, to Miss Hannah WHEELDON aged 15. The happy couple on that morning walked fifteen miles in three hours and half.

"A very strong and fiery Meteor in form like a sword appeared North-west by West in December 1680 and continued about 6 weeks, after which ensued a tedious and long Drought which began April the 10th 1681, and continued till June 20th the same year, Which (as thewisest thought) procurred many pestilentous diseases as agues, strong ffeavours, smallpox,cum multis aliis, of which many died in ye country, chifely in great cities and towns corporate.

THE LEGEND OF ALFRED NEWTON SPENCER.

By Elizabeth A. Grissinger of Ohio, U.S.A.

When I was a small child I was fascinated by a story often told me by my grandmother, Elizabeth (Spencer) Allsopp. It concerned her brother, Alfred Newton Spencer. As I recall, Grandmother said that her brother had gone into the town of Derby, England, to have lunch with a friend. In the middle of lunch, Alfred excused himself, left the restaurant, and was never seen again. Alfred had no children, and thus, vast sums of money were tied up in the English courts waiting for someone to prove Alfred dead so that the money might be distributed to the families of Alfred's sisters.

The story changed slightly over the years. There was a rumour that Alfred had been seen in Canada. And, my Aunt told me, I remembered the story wrong.... Alfred had made an appointment for lunch with a friend at the Bull Hotel in Derby, and had never kept the appointment.

When, in my adult life, genealogy became my pursuit, I hoped I might find some clues to just what did happen to Alfred. Success came through the use of many civil registration records, parish records and the assistance of genealogists with legal backgrounds. But, most important, was meeting with one of Alfred Newton Spencer's grandchildren, Mrs. Marjorie Edmands, of Mickleover, Derbyshire, England. This was arranged by a newly-discovered Allsopp relative. Now, most of the mystery surrounding this legend has been solved.

Alfred Newton Spencer was born October 29, 1859 at the Spout Farm, Ashley hay, near Wirksworth, Derbyshire. He was the only son of William and Mary Ann (Gough) Spencer. Alfred had three sisters, Elizabeth, four years his senior, Emily, three years his junior, and Ethel, nearly sixteen years younger. His father, William, was a dairy farmer and land owner of excellent reputation in the Midlands, winning the "Finest Farm in the Area" award in 1855.

After leaving Spout Farm, the family resided at Offcote House near Ashbourne, eventually moving to Kirk Langley, near Derby. Alfred was a sensitive person, more inclined to the arts and sketching than to farming. Being an only son, he was somewhat of a mother's favourite, and his lack of enthusiasm for farming was not severely criticized.

In about 1883 Alfred Newton married Catherine Ann Osborne, (Kate), whose brother, Thomas Osborne, became the husband of Alfred's sister, Emily. The Osbornes were local people, Kate was born at the Snapes Farm, Kirk Langley, May 10 1860. Alfred and Kate moved in with Alfred's parents at Buck Hazels Farm in Kirk Langley. There in her "in-laws" home, Kate bore four children, Alfred Edward, b. 1882; Nelly, b. 1886; Sidney, b. 1890; and Everard, b. 1892. Evidently, during this period, some antagonism existed between Kate and her mother-in-law, and she nagged. Alfred to give up the sketch pad, settle down to farming, and find them a home of their own.

Meanwhile, Thomas Osborne and his wife, Emily (Spencer) Osborne, had given up farming to run "The Summer House" at Gospel End, Sedgley. They then made a decision to move to Canada, and while preparing for this move, lived at Lutterworth, Leicestershire.

After the death of his father, (1891), and after the birth of his fourth child, the living situation at Buck Hazels Farm became more tense. Thus, on July 3, 1893, following another argument with Kate over the housing situation, Alfred walked out, saying, "Alright, Kate, I'll find us another place." This was the last that Kate or the children ever saw of Alfred, Kate retold this tale each July 3 from then on.

Some weeks later, Alfred appeared at his sister's home in Lutterworth. He said that he was looking for a place to live, and was trying to decide what to do. He left them shortly thereafter.

When Alfred failed to return, Kate's plight grew more serious. She packed up the children and left Buck Hazels Farm, moving back to her sister Mary Lockett's home, The Snapes Farm, where she stayed for a short time. Then Kate moved on to The Burrows in Brailsford, where she was able to rent a small cottage. Here she took in sewing and other types of work to enable her to keep her family together.

Kate's life had other tribulations. She raised her four children, and then, because of early death in 1917 of her oldest son's wife, Kate raised three grandchildren, Florence Marjorie (now Mrs. John Edmunds) who was born about 1913, and Barbara (Mrs. Wilfred Foster of Derby) and Alfred Arthur, who died in 1971.

What about the rumoured "fortune" waiting to be distributed? This fortune came from the estate of George Gough, Alfred's grandfather, who died in 1874. George Gough directed in his will, a copy of which is in my possession, that after certain specific bequests to his children, the bulk of his estate should go to his wife, and at the time of her decease, (1879), it should be divided equally among his children. However, should his son, William Gough, who had gone to New Zealand, not return within five years to claim his inheritance, that share should be divided between the three remaining children. This would be in 1884. I do not understand why grandchildren would figure in this distribution, as Alfred's mother was still alive in 1884. However, the distribution papers definitely state that this was "The amount received from The Trustees of George Gough deceased representing the Capital monies and accumulated income due to the Estate of Alfred Newton Spencer deceased." In light of this I felt that Alfred's sisters should have figured in similar bequests, which I later found to be the case. I look back now on the remarks made when I first heard of this legend, and I assume that my grandmother, not realising that Alfred did have descendants, was concerned over the distribution of that share marked for Alfred.

Alfred's children matured and realising he would never return, were anxious to settle their father's affairs. A son of Thomas and Emily Osborne had an unusual experience during the World War I years in Canada. He was approached by a military officer who asked him many questions about his relatives in Derbyshire. Finally the young man said, "Sir, you seem to know my family, but I don't know who you are." "That doesn't matter, does it?" said the officer, and walked away. The young man returned home and said, "Mother, I think I have seen Uncle Alfred." This story, of course, had been reported back to Alfred's family.

In the late 1930's, Alfred's son, Everard, started the legal wheels rolling to rule on the outcome of Alfred's estate. In 1938 the Probate Court of Kirk Langley declared Alfred dead, giving due and proper notice, in the legal columns of the papers.

Everard Spencer passed away in 1939. Distribution of the estate was made in 1941 by the law firm of Cottrell & Son, two-fifth share to Mrs. C.A. Spencer, and one-fifth share each to Alfred Edward Spencer, Sidney Spencer, and Mrs. Nellie (Spencer) Clarke. This "Fabulous Fortune" was quite modest....a total of £789.

In later years, Kate told her children and grandchildren that she believed Alfred had died at the Chicago Fair. (World's Fair in Chicago in 1933). Why Kate believed this, whether she had some real information, I do not know.

Poor Kate did not live long after the final settlement of this heartbreaking affair. She passed away January 3, 1944 at the age of 84, at Nunsfield Cottage, Long Lane, and is buried in the Long Lane Church Yard near Dalbury, Derbyshire.

Alfred Edward died in 1954, Sidney in 1966, but Mrs. Nellie Clarke, daughter of Alfred and Kate is still living, and resides in Escondido, California.

Other tales surround this sad story, but I feel they are the typical tales of human frailties and need not be mentioned. I have enjoyed meeting one of Alfred's descendants, and finding that Alfred and Kate have many living grandchildren...my second cousins. I hope to become acquainted with more of them. The fun of sleuthing, exploring, and meeting wonderful people has been worth far more than £700!

Snippet of wisdom from "The Saturday Book" No. 5 - 1945 - by Leonard Russell.

Men are frequently like tea. The real strength and goodness is not properly drawn out till they have been for a short time in hot water.

(contributed by Mary Johnson)

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BOYLESTONE.

Recorded by Sandra Tomkinson.

"Here came a company of Cromwell's men in the night, dismounting from their horses and silently surrounding the church that stands so high above the sunken lane. They waited for the peep of dawn to call upon the enemy to surrender. Indoors were 200 Cavaliers sheltering for the night on their way to the relief of Windfield Manor. They had set no watch outside the church and so were caught in a trap of their own setting. One by one they came through the priest's doorway and were taken and stripped of their arms. Men, colours and all without the loss of one man on either side."

An avenue of stately limes has grown along the way the soldiers must have trod, bringing us to the church whose tower with odd peaked roof is barely a century old. It is snow white indoors save for the grey walls of the chancel and the nave arcade. Its oldest stones are in the 13th Century buttresses of the chancel, the rest of the church having been made new in the 14th Century, perhaps by Walter de Waldeshef who was chief butler to the King, and Governor of the Castle and Honour of the Peak; but the east window is a century later, and some are new, as in the chancel arch. The font is 600 years old. There is still the priest's doorway through which the Cavaliers walked out to meet their captors: and there are still oak tie beams and bosses in the roof.

The last supper is finely carved above the alter, with a background of little squares of diaper work, about 120 of them no two quite alike.

(Taken from "Kings England".)

Memorial inscriptions in the churchyard. The first few are very old and almost illegible.

T.F.C. M.C. 1872

William TUNSTALL, died Aug. 11th 176? age ?

William STRONGITHARME, died Jan. ye 11th ---- (Legend has it that this stone was used for sharpening arrows. As a bow is inscribed on this stone, the man was probably an archer.)

Mary STRONG eth arm, died March 11th Year ----, age ---

Philip STRONG the arm, died March 24th 1728 aged 75 yrs.

Thom BLOOD, died -- day of Oct. 1728

Eliza Ann, also Edward OAKDEN, died ---- ---- 1882

Mary M ----- wife.

Thomas POUNTAIN, died Nov. ? Year ----

Annie FINNEMORE, died Jan. 6th 1948 aged 56 yrs. also George FINNEMORE, died Feb. 7th 1954 aged 71 yrs.

Ann REDFERN, Late of ----- died at Boylestone May 2nd 1882 aged 88 yrs.

William RADFORD, died Sept. ye 2th 1750 aged 71 yrs.

Edward SAINT, died Oct. 30th 1877 aged 60 yrs.

William MORLEY, died Oct. 1st 1860 aged 63 yrs.

Henry PERCIVAL, died 13th April 1956 aged 79 yrs.

George OAKDEN, Brook Farm, Boylestone, died May 26th 1894 aged 49 yrs.

Albert KIRKMAN, of Boylestone, died June 16th 1938 aged 64 yrs.

also Alice KIRKMAN, wife of Albert KIRKMAN, died July 21st 1939 aged 59 yrs.

Robert PIKE, died April 13th 1922 aged 76 yrs.

also Sarah FAULKNER PIKE, wife of Robert PIKE, died April 7th 1931 aged 82 yrs.

Annie E. BRANDON, died Jan. 9th 1956 aged 39 yrs.

Joseph William BERESFORD, died Sept 5th 1922 aged 63 yrs.

also Louisa BERESFORD, died Nov. 17th 1924 aged 69 yrs.

James BILLENGE, died 11th Oct. 18 -- aged ?

Ada Elizabeth MILLWARD, wife of James MILLWARD, died May 16th 1937 aged 62 yrs.

also James MILLWARD, husband of Ada Elizabeth Millward, died 18th April 1956

aged 82 years

Mary GRAND, died March 1st 1938 aged 79 years.

also Walter William GRAND, died Jan. 5th 1942 aged 85 years.

John BAKEWELL, son of William and Elizabeth BAKEWELL late of WEST BROUGHTON, died Aug. 27th 1871 aged 34 yrs.

William STONE, Parish Clerk, died 6th Jan. 1778 aged 70 yrs.
 Emma Louisa JOHNSON, died March 4th 1949 aged 79 yrs.
 also Charles JOHNSON, died June 24th 1954 aged 82 yrs.
 Samuel MORLEY, died Jan. 27th 1953 aged 78 yrs.
 Nellie MORLEY, died Oct. 11th 1973 aged 81 yrs.
 Edwin BAILEY, died Oct. 22nd 1948 aged 70 yrs.
 also Lucy Caroline BAILEY, died Oct. 23rd 1957 aged 80 yrs.
 James HENSHAL CHADWICK, died March 1st 1955 aged 74 yrs. also
 Ada CHADWICK, died Feb. 10th 1947 aged 65 yrs.
 Arthur George WEST, died July 17th 1945 aged 66 yrs.
 also Margaretta WEST, died April 21st 1953 aged 72 yrs.
 Sarah NASH, relict of the late John NASH, died May 13th 1912 aged 90 yrs.
 Ernest Charles FRADLEY, son of Frederick and Edith FRADLEY of NEW BARN FARM, SMALLEY
 died 19th June 1940 aged 16 yrs.
 William HARRISON, late of SAPPERTON, died March 22nd 1836 aged 76 yrs.
 also Elizabeth HARRISON, aged 86 yrs.
 John TUNSTALL, died 7th Jan. 1821 aged 76 yrs.
 also Mary TUNSTALL, wife of John TUNSTALL, died -- Jan. 1800 aged 57 yrs.
 also Jane TUNSTALL, died Jan. 5th 1850 aged 73 yrs.
 Eld MILWARD, late of SUTTON-on-the-HILL, died June 9th 1860 aged 65 yrs.
 William GOODALL, died Dec. 22nd 1848 aged 43 yrs.
 Robert WHITING, died Oct. 7th 1825 aged 52 yrs.
 John MORLEY, infant son of William and Ellen MORLEY, died Feb. 25th 1853 aged 3 yrs.
 Also William MORLEY, infant son of William and Ellen MORLEY, died Feb. 19th 1853
 aged 16 mths.
 Jane PRESBURY, wife of John PRESBURY, died May 31st 1833 aged 51 yrs.
 John HOPKINS, late of COTON WOOD, died March 30th 1872 aged ?
 Benjamin WARRINGTON, died Oct. 23rd 1857 aged 93 yrs.
 John GILMAN of BOYLESTONE, died Sept 14th 1880 aged 66 yrs.
 Sarah GILMAN, wife of the late John GILMAN of BOYLESTONE, died Jan. 31st 1890 aged 75 yrs
 Mary GILMAN, dau. of John and Sarah GILMAN, died Feb. 3rd 1850 aged 7 yrs.
 Hannah LOCKER, wife of John LOCKER, died 25th Oct. 1813 aged 20 yrs.
 Sarah STYLES, wife of Robert STYLES, died 21st Sept. 1813 aged 36 yrs.
 Sarah Ann STYLES, dau of Sarah and Robert STYLES, died 2nd June 1814 aged 9 mths.
 John LOCKER, son of George and Mary LOCKER, died April 21st 1840 aged 21 yrs.
 also George LOCKER, son of George and Mary LOCKER, died Aug. 3rd 1840 aged 7 yrs.
 Margaret Elizabeth FYSON, wife of Rev. N.I.H. FYSON, Rector of this parish, died
 Dec. 8th 1907 aged 46 yrs.
 Robert WHITING, son of Joseph and Sarah WHITING, died Jan. 19th 1805 aged 23 yrs.
 Elias ROBIN, died Dec. 5th 1775 aged 48 yrs.
 Joseph WHITING, late of YOUNS near this village, who died at PRESTWOOD, died Feb. 10th
 1820 aged 72 yrs.
 also Sarah WHITING, second wife of Joseph WHITING, died Jan. 11th 1829 aged
 78 yrs.
 Sarah WHITING, wife of Joseph WHITING, died Feb. 4th 1794 aged 41 yrs.
 also Eliz and Sophia WHITING, daus. of Sarah and Joseph WHITING.
 Thomas GREAVE, died 16th Oct. 1799 aged ?
 Thomas HARPER, died 10th Aug. ---- aged 46 yrs.
 also Martha HARPER, wife of Thomas HARPER, died Jan. 1820 aged 62 yrs.
 Mary MILWARD, relict of the late Eld MILWARD of HATTON, died Feb. 16th 1874.
 Percy BAILEY, died Oct. 17th 1963 aged 55 yrs.
 also Lily BAILEY, died Nov. 28th 1951 aged 39 yrs.
 Maria BARKER, widow, dau. of William and Elizabeth HARRISON of SAPPERTON, died
 Dec. 30th 1889 aged 94 yrs. also
 William BARKER, son of Maria BARKER, died Nov. 3rd 1905 aged 76 yrs.
 Laura TOMLINSON, dau. of Charles and Ann TOMLINSON of BOYLESTONE, died Feb. 3rd
 1898 aged 23 yrs.
 Edwin POVEY, of BOYLESTONE late of COTON WOOD, died June 14th 1904 in his 70th yr.
 also Mary Elizabeth POVEY, wife of Edwin POVEY, died Jan. 6th 1940 aged 96 yrs.
 Percival Ambrose POVEY of BOYLESTONE, died Jan. 3rd 1930 aged 14 mths.
 Caroline SALISBURY POVEY, wife of Charles POVEY, late of COTON WOOD, died 28th Aug.
 1930 aged 60 yrs.
 also Charles POVEY, died Sept. 1st 1934 aged 73 yrs.

Stephen James POVEY, died Oct. 22nd 1942 aged 43 yrs.
 William TUNSTALL of this parish, died Feb. 2nd 1880. Born June 2nd 1820.
 40 years Lay preacher of the Primitive Meth. Connexion.
 James MORLEY of BOYLESTONE, died Dec. 1902 aged 81 yrs. (Dec. 6th)
 also Hannah MORLEY, wife of James MORLEY, died Sept. 14th 1887 aged 70 yrs.
 also John C. MORLEY, son of James and Hannah MORLEY, died Jan. 30th 1914
 aged 59 yrs.
 also T.J. MORLEY of HATTON. Methodist Lay Preacher, died Oct. 15th 1939 in his
 80th year.
 also Lucy MORLEY, wife of T.J. MORLEY of HATTON, died July 31st 1933 in her
 84th year.

Joseph LESTER, died Oct. 13th 1870 aged 78 yrs.
 also Hannah LESTER, died May 27th 1871 aged 47 yrs.
 also Annie LESTER, dau. of Joseph and Hannah LESTER, died ---- 1877
 aged 10 yrs.
 also A.A.L. 1877

William CHAWNER, son of William and Sarah CHAWNER of LEES HALL, died March 24th 1858
 aged 83 yrs.

Ethel Isobel HILL FYSON, died March 14th 1933 aged 62 yrs.
 also Percy Robert FYSON, died March 19th 1946 aged 80 yrs.
 also Frederica Maria FYSON, sister of Ethel Isobel FYSON, died Sept. 24th 1945
 aged 66 yrs.

Frances DOCKSEY, dau. of Thomas and Ann DOCKSEY of this village, died Oct 31st 1858
 aged 13 yrs.
 also Mary Emma DOCKSEY, dau. of Thomas and Ann DOCKSEY, died Feb. 15th 1857
 aged 5 mths.

Ann ADAMS, wife of George ADAMS, died Nov. 30th 1857 aged 70 yrs. also
 George ADAMS, husband of ANN ADAMS, died Feb. 8th 1868 aged 82 yrs.
 Francis HARRISON of BOYLESTONE, died March 14th 1887 aged 81 yrs. also
 Anna HARRISON, wife of Francis HARRISON, died Jan. 4th 1870 aged 55 yrs.
 Mary ADAMS, wife of George ADAMS of BOYLESTONE, died July 15th 1877 aged 51 yrs.
 also John ADAMS, infant son of Mary and George ADAMS, died Feb. 26th 1860.
 also Frederick ADAMS, 2nd Life Guards, son of Mary and George ADAMS, died at
 Cairo after the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, Sept. 17th 1882 aged 21 yrs.

Thomas LOCKER, son of George and Mary LOCKER, died May 30th 1841 aged 27 yrs.
 William TUNSTALL POVEY, infant son of Charles and Caroline POVEY of COTON WOOD,
 died Feb. 3rd 1898 aged 9 mths.
 also Annie Mabel POVEY, dau. of Charles and Caroline POVEY, died June 14th 1905
 aged 10 mths

Charles POVEY, husband of Alice Norah POVEY, died 26th APRIL 1952 aged 59 years.
 Mary LOCKER, wife of George LOCKER, died Oct. 10th ---- aged 49 yrs.
 Sarah CHAWNER, dau. of William and Sarah CHAWNER of LEES HALL, died Oct. 13th 1838
 aged 56 yrs.
 also
 Rachel ORME, dau. of Thomas and Rachel ORME, died July 24th 1844 aged 90 yrs.
 Catherine GOODALL, died Nov. 27th 1813 aged 76 yrs.
 also Elizabeth WARRINGTON, wife of Benjamin WARRINGTON, died Jan. 29th 1837
 aged 68 yrs.

Herbert HARRISON, died 30th Jan. 1901 aged 79 yrs.
 also Hannah HARRISON, wife of Herbert HARRISON, died June 16th 1893 aged 71 yrs.
 also Harriet Anne HARRISON, dau. of Herbert and Hannah HARRISON, died June 18th
 1893 aged 38 yrs.

Mary Ann LEASON, dau. of Joseph and Ann LEASON, died Jan. 22nd 1838 aged 8 yrs.
 George LOCKER, died Feb. 8th 1854 aged 63 yrs.
 also Elizabeth LAND, sister to George LOCKER, died Feb. 12th 1855 aged 72 yrs.
 Mary Ann WARRINGTON, died March 10th 1882 aged 75 yrs.
 Cecilia GELL, youngest dau. of the late Rev. Thomas GELL M.A. died at TUTBURY
 13th Nov. 1874 aged 65 yrs.

John LOCKER, died March 4th 1822 aged 73 yrs.
 also Catherine LOCKER, wife of John LOCKER, died Dec. 24th 1833 aged 79 yrs.
 Martha GELL, sixth dau. of Rev. Thomas GELL M.A. died 17th Aug. 1872
 Ernest CLARKE, youngest son of the late William and Mary CLARKE, died Jan. 4th 1922
 aged 35 yrs.

John HOPKINS, of this parish, died Aug. 20th 1912 aged 83 yrs.
 also Annie HOPKINS, wife of John HOPKINS, died April 16th 1916 aged 81 yrs.

William CLARKE of HARE HILL, died Nov. 27th 1909 aged 67 yrs.

also Mary CLARKE, died May 1st 1917 aged 76 yrs.

Thomas MOSELEY, son of John and Sarah MOSELEY of this parish, died Jan. 24th 1855
aged 11mths.

Ann MAULBOURNE, died March 29th 1872 aged 77 yrs.

A.M. 1872

Dorothy LEASON, widow of the late Samuel LEASON of this parish, died Feb. 5th 1920
aged 84 yrs.

Arthur BALL of BOYLESTONE, died June 16th 1933 aged 69 yrs.

Arthur LAWLEY of BOYLESTONE, died Nov. 27th 1910 aged 63 yrs.

Catherine Patience BALL, wife of Arthur BALL, died May 6th 1924 aged 65 yrs.

Laura WEEKES, wife of N. WEEKES, died at FOSTON Oct 12th 1866

Joseph BYFIELD, died March 8th 1873 aged 57 yrs.

also John Joseph BYFIELD, son of Joseph and Alice BYFIELD, died May 26th 1854
aged 6 yrs.

also William BYFIELD, son of Joseph and Alice BYFIELD, died Aug. 8th 1854
aged 3 yrs.

Thomas WALKER of BOYLESTONE, died July 4th 1919 aged 67 yrs. also

Sarah WALKER, wife of Thomas WALKER, died Feb. 4th 1937 aged 85 yrs.

Frances Elizabeth BAILEY, died Feb. 3rd 1943 aged 41 yrs.

also Arthur BAILEY, died June 9th 1973

This completes the memorial inscriptions in the churchyard at BOYLESTONE.
The Inscriptions inside the church will be included in the next issue of "Branch News"

PLYMOUTH CONFERENCE Sept 1979.

Following my half yearly "custom" I travelled to Plymouth to attend the Federation Conference. It was a long way to go but both Mrs. Stumbles and I were able to "kill 2 birds with one stone" and while I stayed with relatives in Hants in order to visit Winchester Record Office, Mrs. Stumbles took the opportunity to look at records in Plymouth for her personal researches.

The College of St. Mark and St. John was an excellent venue for the Conference but was very difficult of access for those without their own transport, so much so that, while others attended the banquet, vegetarian Mary and colleague Mrs. Stumbles sat in their room eating ginger biscuits and tomatoes and sorting marriage index cards presented by Judy Warren. Such are the trials and tribulations of the vegetarian genealogist!

The programme of lectures for the week-end was most interesting and varied. Mrs. Rowe prepared an informative and practical talk on Records in Devon before Parish Records but unfortunately her talk was marred by the recalcitrant behaviour of the slide projector. However we were able to learn a lot about the muniments of the landed gentry, "the things by which you guarded your title etc", and about the importance of the manor and court rolls available at the Devon Record Office.

Professor Norman Pounds then spoke on the value of demography to the family historian and stressed the importance of the various Muster Rolls, Hearth taxes and Poll taxes. We even learned that all but the poor and the clergy in 1377 paid 1 groat in tax to the King.

In the afternoon our own Colin Chapman assured us by slides and persuasion that "Heraldry CAN be understood" and after such a fine lecture everyone should agree that it is certainly true.

This was followed by a lively question and answer session when all the lecturers were bombarded with questions and answers but the time was all too short, as always, to get in all the answers required.

The Council meeting on Sunday opened on a very sad note when we stood for a minute's silence for Lord Mountbatten, formerly President of the Society of Genealogists, and many members must have been remembering his exhibits which were included in Heffer's exhibition at Cambridge.

There followed detailed reports by members of the committee. The Chairman stressed that the function of the Federation was, not to control but to serve

member societies and to make friendly contact with organisations who might help in improving facilities for research. John Rayment appealed for all those who have completed any projects to send in the details for inclusion in an up-to-date catalogue.

It was agreed that we should honour Elizabeth Simpson, who has made such a great contribution to the success of both the Federation and individual Societies, by founding an award in her name for the magazine judged to have made the most significant contribution to the "cause" of Family History.

M.E. Johnson.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Magazines have been received from the following societies.

Bedfordshire F.H.S. Berkshire F.H.S. Birmingham and Midland Soc. for Gen. & Her. Bristol & Avon F.H.S. Buckingham F.H.S. Cambridgeshire F.H.S. Channel Islands F.H.S. F.H.S. of Cheshire. North Cheshire F.H.S. Cumbria F.H.S. Devon F.H.S. East London F.H.S. East Surrey F.H.S. East Yorkshire F.H.S. (newsletter) Essex F.H.S. + handbook. Gloucestershire F.H.S. Hampshire Genealogical Society. Hertfordshire F.H.S. North West Kent F.H.S. Lancashire F.H.S. Leicestershire Family History Circle. Lincolnshire F.H.S. Liverpool F.H.S. Manchester and Lancashire F.H.S. West Middlesex F.H.S. North Middlesex F.H.S. Northamptonshire F.H.S. Norfolk and Norwich Genealogical Society. Northumberland and Durham F.H.S. Nottinghamshire F.H.S. Oxfordshire F.H.S. Sheffield and District F.H.S. Suffolk Genealogy Society. West Surrey F.H.S. Sussex F.H. Group + index to mags. Windsor and Slough F.H.S. South Wales F.H.S. Yorkshire Arch. Family History Section.

From abroad:- Australian Institute Of Genealogical Studies.

British Columbia. West Central Missouri 10th anniversary issue 1 and 2.

Rhodesia Her. and Gen. Soc. Genealogical Club of America (Genealogical Digest)

U.S.A. Genealogical Magazine.

One Name Societies.

Filby, Higginbottom, Marfleet, Palgrave, Rose, Tyrrell, Walcot, Martin.

Other publications:- Bristol and Avon Directory of Members' Interests.

Cheshire Directory of Members' Interests 1977. Federation News and Digest.

Federation Census Returns (A Directory To Local Holdings) O.P.C.S. Spotlight leaflets 1 -7. Marriage Indexes (Walcot and Gibson)

Other Books

A History of South Normanton (John Spencer)

Gentleman's Magazine (Bound Copy) presented by Mr. J.G. Shenton

Archdeacon Butler's Visitation To Derbyshire In 1824 by Rev M. Austin

Chapel -en-le-Frith marriage registers (transcriptions by Phillimore) presented by
Mr. J.A. Dunn.

The Origin Of Heanor Street Names.

Two Centuries Of Transport in the Heanor area. (Both by the Heanor and District
Local History Society)

THE BOOK STALL

Directory of Members' Interests. March 1979 - 40p (including postage 50p)

Memorial Inscriptions of All Saints' Dalbury - 40p (including postage 50p)

Memorial Inscriptions of St. Lawrence's church Heanor - 40p (including postage 50p)

Extra Pedigree Charts for members' own use - 3p each (postage to be added)

1851 Census of the Borough of Derby :- This has been indexed, and the complete index can be seen at Derby Central Library. (Local Studies dept.)

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS AND AMENDMENTS continued from page 4.

153. Mr. M. Marples, 15, Elmhurst Rd., Forest Town, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 0EV.
MARPLES of SHEFFIELD 1869, ADAMS of ROTHERHAM 1886, WESTNIDGE of GREASBROUGH,
ROTHERHAM 1889.
154. Mrs. P. Marples, address as above. - RICE of DUFFIELD 1810, HANDLEY of LITTLEOVER,
and WHISTON, ROTHERHAM, 1910. BARTON of DERBY 1855, BURTON 1892.

HELP WANTED

66. Mr. A.S. Bradley of 49, Abingdon Rd., Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxon, is very interested in the ancestry of a Thomas LOWE - perhaps descending from the Thomas LOWE of DENBY or ALDERWASLEY. Found one of the M.I's in Melbourne of use - a Penelope Orme, wife of Charles Lowe. (Orme is a very old Denby name. Ed.)
115. Mrs. M.V. Hubbard, 41, Crownfield Rd., Ashford, Kent, writes, Mary Haynes a domestic servant at Drakelow in 1884, had a son by the name of John William Haynes Kirby. (She was unmarried, but presumably had permission to use the father's name)
Mrs. Hubbard was brought up to use the name Haynes, but her father was registered with all four at Sandford St., St. Chads, Lichfield, in 1884. Mary Haynes should be mentioned either in the staff list of the Greasleys of Drakelow, or in the poll-tax list. Also, was a Kirby of Melbourne employed at Drakelow and did he later marry Mary Haynes who it is thought had 2 more sons - possible names Tom or Jack? Mrs. Hubbard's father knew he had 2 brothers, but lost touch during the First World War.
147. Mr. S.D. Mellor, 67, Caer Wenallt, Cardiff, writes, George Mellor was married and buried in Ashover, but there is no trace of his birth there. It is known that he was born in about 1755. Any information which would enable his place of birth to be identified would be appreciated.

(D. Whitlam, interests co-ordinator)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

61. Mr. R.M. Hayes, 1338, Ethel St., Kelowna, B.C., Canada, U1Y 2X2.
126. Mr. G.W. Gibson, 1.A. North House, Kingsgate Bay Road, Kingsgate, Broadstairs, Kent.

Avoid the high postal application fees and let me search the indexes for and/or order these documents in person. + St. CATHERINE'S HOUSE - Births, marriages, deaths.
+ SOMERSET HOUSE - Wills and administrations.

RESEARCH also undertaken at the + PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE - Census returns. PROMPT, ATTENTIVE and ECONOMICAL service assured.

J.B. LE BOUTILLIER, 13, The Redlands, Court Downs Rd., Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2LQ.

Mr. Brian PIERCY, 32, Ravensdale Ave., North Finchley, London N12 9HT is researching all these names (with variants) and would be glad to learn of their occurrence anywhere. All letters answered. PIERCY, PERCY, SIBARY, HEMMONS, ELLIOT, AGLIN.
Mr. Piercy is the Genealogical Co-ordinator for the ELLIOT CLAN SOCIETY which exists not only for Scots but also for ALL ELLIOTS. He will be glad to exchange information with all people interested in the name.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- January 11th - Extraordinary meeting to decide change of title.
January 25th - Mr. R. Podd will talk to us about interesting churches and churchyards.
February 29th - Members' Evening.
March 28th - Member Mr. R. Thornton of Lincoln will give us a talk entitled "The Kerrys of Smalley and allied families". Over 1,500 descendants of Kerry's earliest-known ancestor have been traced and these include many families in the Smalley - Kilburn area.

NOTICE : LICHFIELD RECORD OFFICE now hold microfische and reader for DERBYS. SALOP STAFFS and WARWICKS. It is bookable for half day sessions.