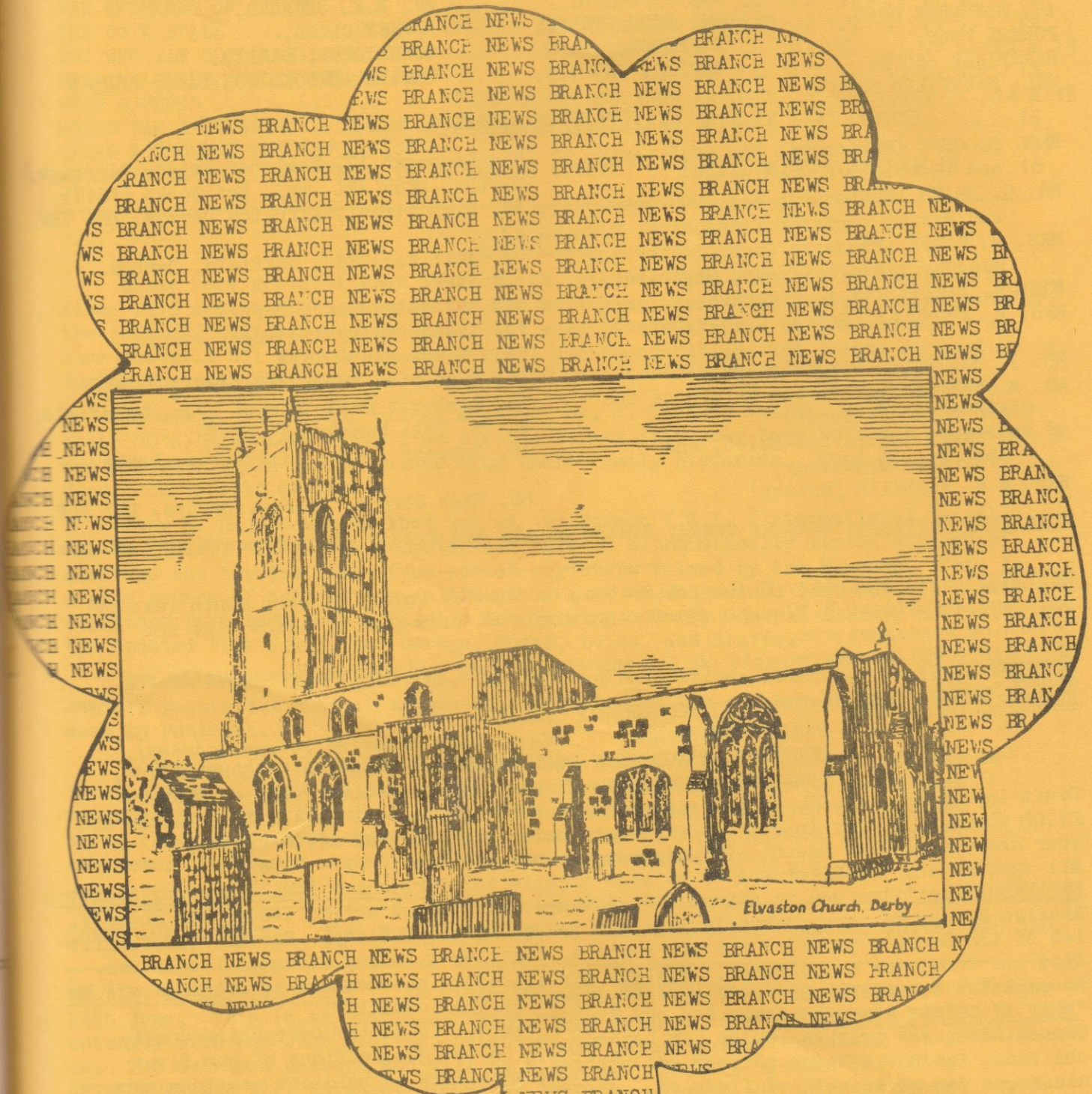


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"WHAT IS CRESSY FIELDS?" several members have asked. It is the Derbyshire County Council Home for Disabled People, where, thanks to the good offices of our first chairman, Ken Davis, himself disabled, we have been able to hold our meetings ever since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

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EDITORIAL

I was very grateful when Garry Smith, who has been a member of the Society since 1978 and on the committee for the past year, agreed to accept nomination for the post of chairman, and was delighted when he was elected at the A.G.M. I am sure you will all give Garry the support and co-operation that I have enjoyed during the past six years.

Recently, two of our oldest members, Mr. C. Goodwin and Mr. R. Hoad, both in their 80's, have been ill. I am pleased to say that they have both now recovered and are once again busily researching their family histories. Good Health and Good Luck to both of you!

Many of us are making good use of the Mormon I.G.I. (International Genealogical Index). This is a computerised file of alphabetically listed entries of marriage and baptism taken from parish registers filmed by the Mormons. This is a good source of information, although it must be understood that not all parish registers have been made available for filming. Derby Central Library now holds the updated 1981 I.G.I. for Derbys, Notts, Leics. and Staffs.

Alison Englefield, memb. no. 545, who has been transcribing the Pentrich 1851 census, points out that if anyone is interested in the surname WALTERS, there are many in Pentrich.

I should like to thank all the members who have contributed in any way to "Branch News". Your letters and articles are of great interest, but please remember that they cannot all be published immediately as space is limited. I thank those members who have written to me since I relinquished the post of chairman. Your good wishes are very much appreciated.

W.E.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS : 324. Mr. D. HALLAM, 6, Coniston Road, Beeston, Notts. NG9 3AD.

MEETING FRIDAY 24th JUNE : An extra MEMBERS' EVENING has been arranged for Friday 24th June. This is to enable overseas members who had arranged their visits to coincide with our June meeting, before we changed our dates, to come along and meet us. Two overseas members who will be attending the meeting are Mrs. Betty GRISSINGER and Mrs. Margaret BARGER of America. We shall be pleased to see anyone who is visiting the area at the time. The evening will take the form of a normal Members' Evening with Magazines and Reference Library available.

There will be no meetings during July and August. We will resume on 2nd Sept. with a Members' Evening.

COVER PICTURE : Elvaston, along with the hamlets of Ambaston and Thurlston lies 5 miles from Derby in a pleasant rural countryside. The church of St. Bartholomew, mentioned in Domesday Book, contains work of the 13th and 14th centuries, but was much altered in the 15th century when the tower was erected. The church contains

memorials to the Stanhope family who became Earls of Harrington and lived in Elvaston Castle, close to the church. The earliest memorial is that of Sir John Stanhope 1610. The tomb of his son John who sat in Charles Stuart's first Parliament and died in 1638 is said to have been damaged by Sir John Gell when the Roundheads plundered the castle.

Elvaston Castle is now open to the public as a Natural History Museum and the grounds form a Country Park. The grounds are famous for their groves of trees, gardens, lake and rockeries.

We welcome the following new members who have joined the Society by 22nd April 1983.

650. Mr. L.H. TOFT, 4, Groveside Crescent, Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8NT. Searching TOFT of YOULGREAVE 1772; HOWARD of GLOSSOP and MOTTRAM 1793 and 1764; THORP of HOPE 1815; PICKFORD of GLOSSOP 1785 and of MELLOR 1754.
651. Mrs. M.M. BOWLER, 13, Salcombe Drive, Redhill, Nottingham NG5 8JF. Searching - BINGHAM of TIBSHELF 1726; WASS and BOWER of SOUTH NORMANTON 1772; BREALEY and PEACH of STAPENHILL 1780; ADWICK and HEAP of STAPENHILL; GRANDY also of STAPENHILL; WETTON of NETHER or OVER SEAL 1807.
652. Mrs. Angela COPE, 17, Stoneleigh Way, Swanwick, Derbys. DE55 1DL. Searching - ENGLAND of LEABROOKS/RIDDINGS 1873; WHITTLE of NOTTINGHAM 1846.
653. Mrs. Angela HULLIER, 10, Merry Down, High Wycombe, Bucks. Searching - WHYSALL (Abraham) of BELPER, bur. at PENTRICH 1754-1829; Thomas of RIPLEY and JOHN of MAREHAY, brothers of Abraham; WHYSALL William 1777-1865 and Maria 1780-1854 both bur. at PENTRICH.
654. Mr. F.T. FRETWELL, 'Majen', Old Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 7QJ.
655. Mrs. Patricia RIX, 270, Turkey Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 5HY. Searching - DAVIS of WARDLOW and LITTON 1862; BRUNT of BUXTON 1868; HIBBERT of BUXTON c. 1850.
656. Mr. W.D. THOMPSON, 96, St. Laurence Avenue, Brundall, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 5QN. Searching TITLOW of NEWBOLD cum DUNSTON 1879.
657. Mrs. Reneé COOKE, 17, Ashfern Drive, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 3JD. Searching - GOSS/GOSSE/GORSE of MACKWORTH (Gorse Cottage) believed to be connected with "Goss" china; JOHNSON of NORBURY 1844; RATCLIFFE.
658. Mr. R.J. MORLEY, 144, Borrowash Road, Spondon, Derby DE2 7QE. Searching - MORLEY of ILKESTON 1885; SMITH of FENNY BENTLEY and poss. TISSINGTON 1823; DAWSON of SANDIACRE 1865; COCKAYNE of SANDIACRE 1866; TRAVERS also of SANDIACRE 1900.
659. Mrs. A. ADKINS, 35, Lyndhurst Road, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8QR. Searching - FELL (Herbert) of PLEASLEY 1909; FELL (Albert) of 31, Belvedere Street, Mansfield poss. 1920; Rosanna VARLEY wife of Albert Fell.
687. Mr. Alan ROYAL, 12, Dorset Road, Heathcote, N.S.W. 2233 Australia. Searching - ADAMS pre. 1820.
689. Mr. Fred G. WARDELL, 101, Christie St. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6G 3B1. Searching - WARDIE (Joshua) of FOUGH FARM and LEECOTE FARM, HARTINGTON UPPER QUARTER 1803; BESTWICK (Alice) of FLASH, ALSTONFIELD, Staffs.; ELFORD (Charles) of VERNHAM, Hants. 1823; ELFORD (Mary Ann) NEW HINKSEY, Berks. and of OXFORD 1848; EDGE (Elizabeth) of EARL STERNDALE 1829; CLEWS (Sarah) of EARL STERNDALE 1810; BUCKINGHAM (Priscilla) of ENSHAM, Oxon. 1822.
713. Mrs. E.J. LYNCH, 23, Onslow Road, Mickleover, Derbys. DE3 5JH. Searching - GRATIDGE of WIRKSWORTH area early 1800's; MARTIN of HAZELWOOD and ALDERWASLEY; BLACKWALL 1800's.
714. Mr. Stanley R. WHITEHOUSE, 4, Old Orchard, Barrowby, Grantham, Lincs. Searching - OLDFIELD (Robert) Lamp manufacturer of ATHERSTONE, Warks. 1853.

715. Mr. Alan BAKER, 10, Lee Farm Close, Chellaston, Derby DE7 1QE. Searching - BAKER of BREADSALL MOOR 1897; STOCKS of UPPER HARTSHAY 1749; COOPE of WHITWHICK, LEICS. 1871; WILKINSON of KENDAL, CUMBRIA, WESTMORLAND 1868; BOULTER of PIXHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE; TUBEY of WYCHBOLE, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE 1850.
716. Mr. B.H. POGSON, 17, Oaks Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire. Searching - ROBINSON probably of TIDESWELL.
717. Mr. R.T. RADFORD, 4, Walnut Crescent, Malvern, Worcestershire. Searching - RADFORD of TISSINGTON 1810.
718. Mr. Keith A. REEDMAN, 107, Curzon Street, Long Eaton, Notts. Searching - HOWITT of SAWLEY 17th century. Has transcript of Sawley and Long Eaton par. Registers, also indexes of Long Eaton census.
719. Miss M. Campbell WILSON, 161, Duffield Road, Derby DE3 1AH.
720. Mrs. D. Joan BAKER, 25, Lancaster Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. Searching - SAVAGE of TWYFORD, BARROW ON TRENT, 1700-1791; SMITHARD of REPTON 1741-1906; SYLVESTER of HARTSHORNE 1696-1785; WILDER of REPTON 1686-1823; WHEATCROFT of REPTON and WIRKSWORTH 1793-1890; WHITWORTH of REPTON 1745-1805; HUTHWAIT of NOTTINGHAM to TWYFORD c. 1600-1846, also of FINDERN; ADKIN of DISEWORTH c. 1685-1790's; BRAMLEY of SHEPSHED to STANTON-BY-BRIDGE 1609-1905; BRASEBY of DISEWORTH 1750's; CHESTER of BELTON and SHEPSHED 1673-1811; FARROW of LOUGHBOROUGH c. 1680-1744; HILL of HUGGLESCOTE c. 1770-1868; JARROM of DISEWORTH to STANTON-BY-BRIDGE 1658-1889; JONES of BELTON c. 1690-1828; LESTER of SHEPSHED 1720-1781; SKIRMER of BELTON 1571-1847; WALKER of LOUGHBOROUGH and SHEPSHED c. 1730-1820; DAINTY of BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD to REPTON c. 1770-1896; WILKINS of DRAYTON BASSETT to HUGGLESCOTE c. 1790-1868.
721. Mr. John NEEDHAM, 85, Dalestorth Road, Skegby, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 3AG. Searching - NEEDHAM of BAKEWELL and CLAYCROSS 1840-50; BACON of CLAYCROSS 1837.
722. Miss L.S. EXTON, 51, Spurgeon Street, Colchester, Essex C01 2NS. Searching - CROSSLEY of GRESLEY (COTON) 1839; EXTON of TUTBURY (LOUNT ANSLOW) 1875; WHITTON of GRESLEY (LINTON) 1878; FEWKES of GRESLEY (LINTON) 1900.
723. Mr. John PLATT, 25, Dovetree Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. LU7 8UP. Searching - PLATT of GLOSSOP 1800-1820; BRINDLEY of CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH c. 1800; WATTS of CASTLETON 1800-20; EYRE of CASTLETON 1785.
724. Mrs. L. DYKE, 1, Draycote Water, Kites Hardwick, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 8AB. Searching - WAGSTAFFE (George, Matthew, Hannah, Mary) of WINCLE, PRESTBURY 1860; BUXTON (Sarah, Rachel, Polly) of SUTTON also BOSLEY CLOUD and SPENCER BRIDGE 1868; DAWSON of WINCLE, PRESTBURY; DAKIN (Mary Ann) of SUTTON.
725. Mrs. Lucy ROWLAND, 6, Linbery Close, Oakerthorpe, Derbys. DE5 7NF. Searching - METCALF(E) (Thomas) of ELSHAM, Lincs. 1741; HIBBERD/HIBBARD/HYBIRD of Styrrup, Harworth, N. Notts. 1620; KITCHEN/KITCHIN/KYCHEN of BOLSOVER (seeking marr. 1658); BOURNE of NORTON LE MOORS, Staffs. c. 1700; HARGREAVES of NORTON LE MOORS, c. 1720; BROADBENT (Isaac) of OWSTON, Lincs. c. 1760.
726. Mr and Mrs. B. HARRISON.
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728. Mr. G. AUSTIN, 38, Willow Crescent, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 2LJ.
729. Mr. C.N. WALKER, 59, Chatsworth Drive, Southlands, Mansfield, Notts. Searching - GLADWIN of BOLSOVER, UNSTONE, CHESTERFIELD 1833-1851; HEWKIN/HUKIN of CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD 1790-1810; TODD of CHESTERFIELD 1765; HODGKINSON of TIBSHELF c. 1745; WARD of DRONFIELD 1809.
730. Wilmer O. LANKFORD, 939, Avila Rd. Harrisburg, PA. 17109 U.S.A. Searching - LANKFORD (John) transported to Maryland in 1676/7. Probably from Cubley, Derbyshire.

731. Mr. R.A. WADSWORTH, 733, Middleton St. Victoria B.C. Canada V9A 2E1. Searching - WADSWORTH, ASHTON, SUGDEN and SKELTON. Jacob ASHTON mar. Harriett WADSWORTH at WINSTER 1739; William Deakin WADSWORTH mar. Mary SUGDEN at CHESTERFIELD; Frederick William WADSWORTH mar. Frances SKELTON of CHESTERFIELD and WINGFIELD; John FOSKIN mar. Hannah MCSELY of BRAMPTON, CHESTERFIELD 1880.
732. Mr. William H. WILCOXEN, 83, Thornton Road, Needham, MA. 02192 U.S.A. Searching - TAYLOR of WINGFIELD 1810; WILCOCKSON of ALFRETON 1836.
733. Mrs. Thelma DYE, 333, 7th St. Idaho Falls, Idaho, U.S.A. 83401. Searching - ALLSEBROOK of SELSTON, BAGTHORPE 1800; THORPE of RIDDINGS, TIBSHELF, ALFRETON and CODNOR 1300; WOOD of DENBY, SELSTON and BAGTHORPE, Notts. 1750; TAYLOR of NEWLANDS, GOLDEN VALLEY, IRONVILLE and of CRICH 1820.
734. Mr. Stephen FRANCIS, 63, Atto St. Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada. J1M 2A2. Searching - BRITLAND of WIRKSWORTH 1782; FOX; HIGTON of WIRKSWORTH 1780.
735. Mr. George SMITH, 19, High St. Seaholme, Victoria, Australia 3018. Searching - ANTILE or ANTILL (John and Mary) of St. Alkmund, DERBY 1841 census; FLOWER (John) of Sacheveral St. DERBY 1854, George and Mary FLOWER of the same.
736. Mrs. Olive A. Johnstone, Ste. 307 - 6055 Vine St. Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6M 4A3. Searching - MORLIDGE/MORLEDGE espec. birth of Samuel 1760's.
737. Mrs. M. SMITH, P.O. Box 252, Dickson, Canberra, Australia 2602. Searching - SHERWOOD of St. Michael's and St. Alkmund's DERBY 1802 and 1811.
738. Mrs. J.E. BELLATTI, R.R.1, Jacksonville, IL 62650 U.S.A. Searching - ROADS/RODES (John) of HIPLEY (Born c. 1640) was a Quaker in 1670, went to America. Married Elizabeth JESSOP? Sons John and Adam. Was known as John ROADS of WINEGREAVES, believed to be descended from Judge Francis RODES who built Barlborough Hall in 1584. (Should WINEGREAVES read WAINGROVES? Editor)
740. Mrs. M. Chapman, 'Woodridge', 11, Hulme Hall Ave., Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.
741. Mrs. Jean PAGE, 107, The Hollow, Littleover, Derby DE3 7BS. Searching - HOUFTON (Charles) of MANSFIELD 1820's; PLOWRIGHT of CHESTERFIELD 1820's (Phebe).
742. Mrs. C. FRISBY, 19, Turner Road, Long Eaton, Notts. NG10 3GP. Searching - DICKEN of DARLEY DALE 1795.
743. Mr. Robert J. SEAL, 142, Farleigh Road, Backwell, Bristol BS19 3PN. Searching - SEAL of LITTLE EATON (St. Paul's, was a chapelry of St. Alkmund's until 1862) 1814.
744. Mr. Philip and Mrs. Jane JAMES, 12, White Street, Derby DE3 1HA. Searching -
745. LOWE of DERBY 1899; BASELEY of COALVILLE, Leics. 1905; HINDS of DERBY 1901; BURLEY of NOTTINGHAM and poss. of DARLINGTON, 1894.
746. Miss V.J. BERESFORD, 12, Ferndale Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 9AX. Searching - BERESFORD (George) of MAYFIELD and ASHBOURNE c. 1747.
747. Mr. George W. OAKTON, 237, Alwold Road, Birmingham B29 5JA. Searching - OAKTON of SWADLINCOTE 1965.
748. Mrs. Marilyn E. CLARKE, 7, Silverhill Road, Sheffield S11 9JG. Searching - AYRES (George) of St. Phillip's, SHEFFIELD 1870; HICKLING (Mary) of DUFFIELD.
749. Mrs. H.N. GOODALL, 417, Bolton Road, Ewood, Blackburn, Lancs. BB2 4HY. Searching - GOODALL (Joseph) of MIDDLETON by WIRKSWORTH 1815; COOPER (Henry) of BLACKBURN, Lancs. 1791.
750. Mr. C.P. BULL, 7, Benner Lane, West End, Woking, Surrey. GU24 9JQ. Searching - BULL of SUTTON-ON-THE-HILL c. 1781.

751. Mrs. Dorothy HAMMOND, 119, Gibbins Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6PW. Searching - BARBER (Robert) of EASTWOOD, Notts. 1851, poss. born at BELPER 1797; Emma BARBER, sister of Robert, of EASTWOOD 1861, born NORTHAMPTON 1813/14
752. Miss A.M. WILSON, 31, Coppin Square, Sheffield, Yorks. S5 9AU. Searching - WILSON John 1771-1859, Arthur 1862-1893, George 1834-1839, Robert 1801-1879 all of HOPE.
753. Miss Joyce M. SMITH, 71, Barkers Lane, Bedford MK41 9ST. Searching - SMITH (Thos. and Mary) St. Alkmund's, Derby 1744, SMITH (Benjamin) and BLENKHORN (Ann) of QUARNDON, Derby 1822; RICHARDS (George) of RATCLIFFE-ON-TRENT 1839; WRIGHT (Lavinia Ann) of SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, Notts. 1839; ALVEY (Thomas) of SOUTH NORMANTON 1843; BOWER (Elizabeth) of SKEGBY, Notts. 1840; SAMPSON (Hellen) of TIBSHELF 1857.
754. Mr. Kenneth LANE, 73, Grove Lane, Harborne, Birmingham 17 OQT. Searching - LANE of Cotteridge, Birmingham 1914.
755. Mr. D.E. JENKINS, 20, Highthorn Road, Huntington, Yorks. YO3 9HE. Searching - SHERWIN of LAMBETH and WESTHAM 1876 (Harry James or James Henry, father Joseph) originated in the Sth. Yorkshire or Notts/Derbyshire area. Occupations - Architect/Iron worker/Comm. Agent.
756. Mrs. Janice SHAW, 38, Chetwynd Road, Edmond, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 8HL. Searching - BATES (Mary Lydia) of HARTSHAY 1893; ALLEN (George) 1918, educated at Matlock Grammar School, died in Birmingham.
757. Mr. A.B. CUBLEY, Scorefields, Hinderton Road, Neston, South Wirral L64 9PN. Searching - CUBLEY (William) mar. at DENBY 1754), CUBLEY (Samuel Horsley) bur. NEWARK 1850, age 65.
758. Mr. J. McHENRY, 63, Mill Road, Newthorpe, Notts. Searching - McHenry of CODNOR and LOSCOE BROWN also of CODNOR and LOSCOE, both in the 1800's.

AMENDMENT

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665. Mr. and Mrs. M.J.SIMS, 16, Edinburgh Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys.
666. Searching - SIMS of LOUTH, Lincs. pre. 1800; HARVEY of COVENTRY, WARKS. pre. 1816.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Two groups of members have recently visited the County Record Office at Matlock. The visits proved very interesting and worthwhile. Miss Louise Rose told us of the many items housed there which can be of value to those people searching their family histories. As well as Parish Registers, which most people use in their research, there are Hospital Records, Land Tax Records, Records of Overseer's of the Poor, Church Wardens Accounts, Vestry Minutes and Many other records including a large number of 'Landed' Family papers. Have you thought of looking at all these? A display of documents and registers gave us a good idea of the type of information there is available to help with our research. In the words of one of our newest members, "I enjoyed the visit immensely and found it very interesting especially the many different sources of information available to genealogists, some records of which I never knew existed".

We thank Miss Sinar for allowing these visits and a special thank you goes to Miss Rose who gave us her time on both occasions.

Please remember that when intending to visit the Search Room during the day, do telephone first as space is limited.

HOUSE GROUPS: Have you joined a House Group? The members who have are already gaining from these by sharing experiences, offering each other advice or setting themselves a project. 'Has anyone found Ken Davis's Grandmother yet?'

FAMILY HISTORY AND COMPUTERS: This is the age of the Computer and we don't plan to let the grass grow under our feet. Enthusiasts will meet at our house at the end of April. The initial aim is to see what we are all doing and to discuss what can be done. (What ever was our house like before the days of family history and computers?)

If you are interested in any future visits, house groups, or computers then contact me, (address on front cover) for details, please enclose S.A.E.

Thank You to Winifred: For the past six years our Society has had at its helm Winifred Waterall as Chairman. As one of its founder members she has helped the Society to grow and spread its branches from the Mid-Derbyshire F.H.S. to the Derbyshire Family History Society and gain members from far and wide. The chairman's job is certainly not an easy one and we, the members, have much to say 'Thank You' to Winifred for.

I am pleased to say that Winifred is to continue editing our magazine 'Branch News' and to serve on the society committee.

A Tribute: At the March A.G.M. a proposal was passed that the Society shall have two Honorary Vice Presidents. The Society felt that this was a good way to pay tribute to two of our founder members who retired from the committee last year, and so I say to Mary Johnson and Fred Hall we are proud to have you as Honorary Vice Presidents of our Society.

Tragedy and trauma are always worse if in any way you have a personal involvement. During the recent horrific films of the fires and then the floods in Australia, my thoughts were with our Australian members, hoping that they were all safe from this. Should we really complain about our English weather?

Pauline

MEETINGS REPORT

February: Derek Palgrave gave us an interesting talk illustrated by slides on the many ways of recording family history. I wonder how many of us went home intending to re-organise (or even deciding to attempt to organise our files, notes, and endless bits of paper we gather). How much better and interesting it all looks when neatly presented, illustrated with photographs, and with a nice piece of calligraphy to add the final touch.

March: Once again it was a full house to hear Mr. D. Marcombe speaking on wills. There is much to be learned from a will, you gain knowledge of the person who made it and often of the people who stand to gain. It seems that often a little encouragement was given by those who stood to gain from a will.

Pauline

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Though not very well attended (people have a fear of being commandeered onto the committee) was an interesting evening. Garry Smith took over from Winifred as the new chairman and from then on proceeded to organise the meeting. Winifred was enthusiastically thanked for her past years as chairman and I am sure she retired to her seat in the audience thankfully! (we do feel we are on show at the front) and was able to enjoy an A.G.M.

The most pleasing part of the evening was when we made Mary and Fred Honorary Vice Presidents. I have since had a post card from Fred, signed V.I.P.

Pauline

Financial Statement - Year Ending 31st Dec. 1982.

Total receipts from membership dues, book sales, donations etc. £1845 - 68	Bank balance at 31st Dec. 1982. Current Account £703 - 48 Deposit Account £344 - 09
Less total expenses including postage, stationery, duplicating, affiliation fees, donations, and producing Branch News. £1154 - 11	<u>£1047 - 57</u>
Credit balance for year £691 - 57	Cash in hand 37 - 51
Add bank balance and cash in hand at 31st Dec. 1981 £393 - 51	<u>£1085 - 08</u>
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HELP WANTED

- DUNN** Information needed about the DUNNS who presumably came from SLIGO in IRELAND. Stephen Dunn probably came over as a young man and married a Chesterfield girl called GEORGINA BARNET in 1876. Stephen's brothers, Michael and Jack also came over and their sister Margaret, who was a nun. Stephen was a black-smith, as was his father John Dunn. Mrs. J. Jagger, 71, Storrs Road, Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 3QA. Memb. no. 556.
- KELLY** Help Please - does anyone know of a marriage between JOHN LAWRENCE KELLY and EMMA KEELING, sometime during or before 1894. Their daughter MARY ANN KELLY was born 23.9.1894 when Emma was living at 100, Graham Street, Derby. Christine Ward, 58, Clarkes Lane, Chilwell, Notts. NG9 5BL. Memb. no. 634.
- MATTHEWS** Seeking birthplace/date of ANNIE MELINA MATTHEWS, c. 1874, poss. REPTON. Dau. of DAVID RHINE(RIND) MATTHEWS, (Jeweller) and ELEANOR HANSON (schoolmistress). Their place and date of marriage sought, poss. REPTON. Annie Melina lived with her aunts Anne and Bessie in Buxton at a house called 'ABERGELE'. Does this still exist? All postage refunded. Mrs. Y. Armstrong, 2, Grasmere Gardens, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE34 ODZ. Memb. no. 338.
- RO(W)E** Information is needed as to the marriage of a THOMAS RO(W)E and MARY, poss. MARY YARWOOD c. 1830. They had three children that I know of. MARY ANN c. 1831 (St. Werburgh) JAMES c. 1834 (St. Peter's) and JANE c. 1836 (St. Peter's). Thomas Ro(w)e was a Silk Weaver. I have reason to believe that he was born in St. Werburgh's area of Derby c. 1800. Any help on this also appreciated. Alison Englefield, 34, Florence Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5HR. Memb. no. 545.
- DAVIS** Information sought on this family having some connection with the GREENHALGH or AULT family. JAMES DAVIES (born SHIPLEY WOOD and bapt. at HEANOR 18th Feb. 1782) and his wife MARY (born c. 1795 at Southwell, Notts.). In 1851 Census at Swadlincote he was listed as a Miner and a Greenwich Pensioner. Miss B. Greenhalgh, 39, Plessey Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7DT. Memb. no. 595.
- ELEY** Information required concerning the birth and death of BENJAMIN ELEY, who married ANN WALTHALL on July 25th, 1825 at HORSLEY. Ann was re-married before 1841 to WILLIAM LILLEY. Lived at CODNOR in 1841 and died at ROSCOE in 1885. R.W. Hummel, 20, Stonebridge Road, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxon. Memb. no. 379.

- DENHAM I would appreciate any information relating to ROBERT DENHAM, marr. c. 1730
GOODWIN at MATLOCK; READ DENHAM bapt. 30th Nov. 1730 at MATLOCK; HUMPHREY GOODWIN
BURROWS bapt. c. 1770 CHESTERFIELD area, was church warden of HEATH church?;
JOSEPH BURROWS (Merchant) marr. HANNAH ---? c. 1855 at CHESTERFIELD;
WALTER HORNCastle BURROWS, son of the above, who became Doctor of Medicine
and practised in Greater London; ANNE MARIA GOODWIN lived for many years
with family of JOSIAH CLAUGHTON in HASLAND HOUSE c. 1885; MARTHA GOODWIN
wife of WILLIAM GOODWIN, mining engineer and coalmaster. Would like to
find out where Martha and ANNE MARIA were educated. Both were companions
of the Claughton sisters in Hasland House. Mr. E. Cripps, Trading Post
House, Bruce Highway, Yandina, 4561, Queensland, Australia. Memb. no. 684.
- MELLORS Any info. regarding children and wife (ANNIE or ROSE) died c. 1966. Last
(John) known address 45, Alexandra Road, Brampton, Chesterfield. He is known to
have driven the first motor tram in that town. Children's poss. names -
WILFRED, ALBERT, CHARLIE, and TOM. Miss J. Mellors, 14, Butterly Row,
Ripley, Derbys. DE3 5QZ. Tel. Ripley 444467. All postage refunded.
Memb. no. 565.
- BULL Would welcome information about JOHN HENRY BULL, born at REPTON on Oct. 10th
HILL 1862, and date and place of marr. before 1762, of RICHARD BULL of REPTON
and ANNE ---? Also info. on DAVID HILL who marr. SARAH ---? by 1752, and
from lived at HILTON, parish of MARSTON on DOVE. Mrs. D.J. Baker,
25, Lancaster Road, Newcastle, Staffs. Memb. no. 720.
- BROOME Help needed to find the bapt. of JOHN BROOME, aged 30 in 1855. According to
HOLMES 1881 census he was born in LEA, poss. JOHN EVANS BROOME son of HANNAH of
PYNIGAR RIPLEY 1832. Proof needed. Also needed the bapt. of ELIZABETH HOLMES dau.
BRIERLEY of JOSEPH HOLMES, (sawyer) of HIGHAM, SHIRLAND 1833/4. Any info. on the
Derbys/Notts. PYNIGARS. Proof needed that SARAH BRIERLY bapt. 1783 at
WIRKSWORTH is the dau. of WILLIAM and MARY (nee GLOSSOP) who married in
1766 at WIRKSWORTH. Also that WILLIAM is the WILLIAM B. bapt. 1746 son of
THOS. and MAR. at LITTLEOVER. Miss N. Cunningham, Kildare, Faygate, Horsham,
West Sussex RH12 4SJ. Memb. no. 439.
- CUBLEY Information is needed on the CUBLEY family of DERBYS and the MIDLANDS.
Particularly SAMUEL HORSLEY CUBLEY born c. 1785. Will do any reciprocal
work at CHESTER. Mr. A.B. CUBLEY, Scorefields, Hinderton Road, Neston,
South Wirral L64 9PN. Memb. no. 757.
- EARP Has anyone information on EARP of MELBOURNE 18th cent. WALKER of MICKLEOVER
WALKER 18th cent. DAVID HILL (d. 1793) and his wife SARAH (d. 1812) who were in
HILL MARSTON on DOVE parish, probably HILTON, from the early 1750's. Mrs. D.J.
Baker, 25, Lancaster Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. ST5 1DS.
Memb. no. 720.
- BRADLEY Information needed on descendants of the three sons of JOSEPH BRADLEY and
LUCY M. WOODS of ASHBOURNE. EDWIN born 1876, JOHN born 1882, JOSEPH born
1884 all at ASHBOURNE. Mr. A.S. Bradley, 49, Abingdon Road, Dorchester-
on-Thames, Oxon. OXG 8LA. Memb. no. 66.
- Mr. Bradley is also a vintage cycle enthusiast, see advert, back page.
- PEGG Has anyone any information on the following: WILLIAM HENRY PEGG born c.
SALT 1852. He was a Police Constable in 1879 in RIDDINGS. He marr. HANNAH
SALT and their first child, ALICE HARRIET was born 3rd Dec. 1879 in
RIDDINGS. Mrs. J. Clark, "Tishomingo", St. Giles Ave., Scartho, Grimsby,
Lincs. DN33 2HD. Memb. no. 572.
- SPENCER Researching SPENCER of MICKLEOVER, also HERBERT SPENCER, Philosopher of
DERBY 1820-1903. Any information gratefully received. Dr. R.S. Thornhill,
142, Chester Road, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4AW. Memb. no. 630.

MORLIDGE Any info. please on MORLIDGE/MORLEDGE anywhere, esp. birth of SAMUEL MORLEDGE MORLIDGE, 1760's and marr. to MARY ---? before 1789. Will gladly share considerable info. on family in London 1750 to date, U.S.A., Canada 1900 to date. Have all IGI entries (1981), many census etc. Mrs. O. Johnstone, Ste. 307 - 6055 Vine St. Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6M 4A3. Memb. no. 736.

ROADS Trying to determine parentage of JOHN ROADS/RODES, date and place of birth
 RODES and maiden name of wife ELIZABETH (believed to be JESSOP) ELIZABETH RODES
 JESSOP was said to be of EASTWOOD, Notts. Marr. cert. of ELIZABETH RODES, dau. of JOHN and ELIZABETH dated 1692, entry from reg. of marr. of Society of Friends, CHESTERFIELD. Mrs. J.E. Bellatti, R.R.1, Jacksonville, IL 62650 U.S.A.

SHARP My paternal grandfather, WILLIAM PERRY SHARP, was born in Derbyshire in 1838. He had written Derbyshire on his marr. cert. in Wheeling, W.Va. (then Va.). His parents were POWELL SHARP and SARAH BAINBRIDGE. I have written to the London records for a birth-certificate without success, and I have searched the Derbyshire vital statistics films in Salt Lake City. This is not a recent interest - all my life I have thought and wondered about my people. I wonder if I could ask members to keep glancing at lists of SHARP names when they look at lists for their own and perhaps someone can tell me where to look for WILLIAM PERRY SHARP. I would be happy to reimburse them to find my grandfather's records. His family were Protestants. Anna Crill, 1702 Alvarado St. Oceanside, Ca. 92054 U.S.A. Memb. no. 74.

ADAMS Information needed on ADAMS, esp. JOHN ADAMS, born c. 1796, son of GEORGE. Sentenced to transportation at Derby Assizes 1820. Birthplace - ROLESWORTH? Does anyone know of this place? Mr. A. Royal, 12, Dorset Rd., Heathcote, N.S.W. 2233 Australia. Memb. no. 687.

I am interested in the following names from the late 18th to early 19th centuries. BRANDRITH and RADFORD of ASHBOURNE; RILEY of HULLAND; WINSON of MAYFIELD, Staffs. MILLS of WESSINGTON; and BUXTON of LEA nr. MATLOCK. I would also be delighted to hear of any information about the WIBBERLEYS (whatever part of the county) and the HARRISONS of MONEYASH, 19th cent. Revd. A. Wibberley, Crowell Cottage, 30, Glanville Road, Tavistock, Devon. PL19 OED. Memb. no. 588.

An Explanation of the Volume Numbering of the Census Name
Index Booklets

As you know by now the first booklet in this series to be published is the Duffield Sub Registration District of the Belper Registration area. As work is progressing it becomes clear that some sub-districts in other registration areas may well be ready for publication before the whole of the Belper registration is complete.

In order that the end product may have a logical sequence of volume numbers it has been decided to list the 17 registration areas associated with Derbyshire in alphabetical order, to number these 1 - 17 and the sub-districts within these as parts 1,2,3 etc. depending on the number of sub-districts within each registration area.

Hence, the Duffield Sub-District of Belper will be Volume 5, Part 1 while the Brailsford Sub-District of Ashbourne will be Volume 1, Part 1 and the Sudbury Sub-District of Uttoxeter will be Volume 16, Part 2.

The complete list of Registration Districts with numbers of sub-districts is as follows.

1. Ashbourne	6 Sub Districts	5. Belper	6 Sub Districts
2. Ashby-de-la-Zouch (Leics.)	4 " "	6. Burton-on-Trent (Staffs.)	4 " "
3. Bakewell	3 " "	7. Chapel-en-le-Frith	2 " "
4. Basford (Notts)	2 " "	8. Chesterfield	5 " "

9. Derby	2 Sub Districts	13. Rotherham (Yorks)	1 Sub Districts
10. Ecclesall Bierlow (Yorks.)	1 Sub District	14. Shardlow	4 " "
11. Hayfield	2 " "	15. Tamworth (Staffs)	1 " "
12. Mansfield (Notts)	2 Sub Districts	16. Uttoxeter (Staffs)	2 " "
		17. Worksop (Notts)	1 " "

From this list it will be seen that no less than 9 of the Registration District names are not in our county, a thought to bear in mind when searching at St. Catherine's House for ancestors living in border areas. Don't forget though that this only applies to the 1851 census; changes have occurred since then.

The only trouble with this numbering system is that we may be swamped with enquiries for volumes other than those we have completed so do keep a close check on events. As each new one appears we will also list earlier volumes. Hopefully, in this way we may avoid the problem.

Heather Eaton, Projects Co-ordinator

THE REDFERNS OF CRICH

Contributed by Roger Skilton, mem. no. 440.

My grandfather, Roger Charles Redfern, was born in Mexborough, Yorkshire in 1871. He settled at Woodford Bridge in Essex as a young man, naming his house "Mexborough Villa", and everybody in the family assumed that he came from a Yorkshire family. He possessed two notable heirlooms, the first is a salt-glazed loving-cup inscribed "Jacob Redfern and his wife Mary, July the 15th 1754" and the second, a book entitled "A new and easy introduction to universal Geography" by Richard Turner, 1802 edition, containing the inscriptions "JOHN REDFERN 1803" and in pencil "James Redfern given to me by my father John Redfern" and "James R went to Loughborough House School".

The following account of the family history of the Redferns is the result of my researches over the past five years, since I discovered from the 1871 census return for Mexborough that James Redfern, my great-grandfather, was born at Wheatcroft in Derbyshire.

In 1749 the 27 year old Jacob Redfern of Wirksworth married Mary Walker, also of Wirksworth, by licence at St. Michael's church, Derby. Mary, the daughter of Jacob Walker and Mary Guy, was baptised at Wirksworth in 1729, her parents having married there in 1722. Jacob and Mary Redfern settled at Wheatcroft in the parish of Crich and started a family in 1750.

Crich parish records reveal James (born in 1750) Lydia (1752) John (1754) Mary (1757) Jacob (1759) and another James (1772) after the death of the first James in 1770. Jacob's will reveals further detail: that Lydia's married name was Milnes and that she had two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary; that Jacob and Mary never married; and that there was another son William, who baptism is not recorded in the Crich records. But because of the death of the parish clerk there were no entries in the register between 13th March 1763 and 15th September of the following year 1764. In his father's will, William receives twenty pounds and release from all his debts, and William's son John receives from his grandfather, ten pounds to be paid at the age of twenty-one.

Jacob and his wife Mary are buried at Crich, having died in 1803 and 1812 respectively, and they are commemorated by a brass plaque on the wall of the church behind the lectern. Jacob the son and his sister Mary are also commemorated on a neighbouring plaque, while the slate tombstone of John and his wife Elizabeth was still standing in the churchyard in 1978.

William, son of Jacob Redfern, married by licence in 1785 at Tibshelf parish church, to Ann Milward of that parish. The licence gives his profession as farmer and his age as 21 or over. In 1786 they had a son John, who was born and baptised at Tibshelf.

The surviving records of William are few. He evidently did not leave a will, but his brother Jacob did. Jacob made his nephew John, "son of my brother William" his sole executor, and reveals the existence of another William "son of my brother

William". Jacob leaves his property at Plaistow to his sister Mary who was living with him, and directs that on her death it pass to his brother William, and on his death, to William the son. Legacies are payable to his nieces Elizabeth and Mary, daughters of Lydia, now referred to as Towndrow, not Milnes. Jacob died in 1836, and the 1841 census reveals Mary Redfern, age given as 80 living at Plaistow Hall, along with John Redfern aged 55 and a number of servants. Mary died in 1847 and the property presumably passed to John, there being no further trace of his brother in the records.

John's life from this point becomes shrouded in a certain amount of mystery. He evidently married rather late in life a widow, Elizabeth Brown, nee Oates. By her he had Jacob (born late in 1840) and James (born 25th March 1843). In the 1851 census he is shown living at Brackenfield, and is described as a "freehold farmer employing one ag. lab.". With him were his wife, sons Jacob and James, and Hannah and George Brown, who were described as servants and who in fact are Elizabeth's children by her first husband. Also present is Mary Victoria Redfern aged 12, "Farmer's daughter".

Elizabeth Redfern, formerly Brown, nee Oates, was born in 1803 at Codnor, daughter of Samuel Oates and his wife Mary nee Godber, who were married in 1791 at Heanor. Crich parish registers reveal the birth of her children George in 1827 and Hannah in 1830, to "William and Elizabeth Brown of Wheatcroft, shoemaker". After William Brown's death Elizabeth evidently married John Redfern. But not before giving birth on 7th February 1838 at Wheatcroft to Mary Victoria Redfern Brown who, according to the birth certificate, was illegitimate. Since the birth certificate does not name the father, one can only guess. But the fact that she was given the Christian name Redfern, the fact that the name Brown is omitted in the 1851 census return and the fact that John Redfern leaves her his estates at Brackenfield in his will (despite the fact that he refers to her as "my wife's daughter") all point strongly in one direction!

John Redfern was 56 when his son James was born, and he died when James was only eight, on January 3rd 1852. He is buried in Crich, his slate tombstone now forming part of the church path. He provided well for his family. James received an education at Loughborough House School, if the pencil inscription in the old geography book is to be believed, and that school, at Lambeth, Surrey, was a school for "young noblemen and gentlemen" according to Richard Turner, in his dedication note in the geography book.

Sadly, however, James did not benefit from his gentleman's education. By the time of the 1871 census he was a beer house keeper living in Sparrow Barracks, Old Mexborough, with a wife and five children. The sixth child, my grandfather, was born later that year. He falsely gave his age as 34 when in fact he was only 28. His wife, Mary Ellen was born at Clay Cross in 1843, daughter of Robert Barber, a carpenter, born at Heage, and his wife Jane nee Sparkes. Mary Ellen had an elder sister Eliza and a younger one Sarah Anne. But her mother must have died young, because by 1851 Robert Barber had married again, his new wife being Emma, from Ashover.

Returning to James's family at Sparrow Barracks, his offspring were Arthur W. (born at Rothur, Yorks. aged 10) Herbert Edward Jacob (Brackenfield, 8) Bertha J. (6) Minnie E. (4) Robert John (2) all born at High Melton, Yorks. And to follow were Roger Charles (28th Oct. 1871) and Walter a year or two later.

Perhaps as a result of being overburdened with family responsibilities, James failed to notify the registrar of the birth of his son within the statutory period of one month, with the result that my grandfather was registered as being born on 28th November, one month late. Also, his mother wanted him to be named James, indeed, he was always known as "Jim" in the family. But on his way to the registry, his father decided to name him Roger Charles, after the Tichborne claimant, whose lawsuit was very much in the news at that time.

James Redfern did not live to a great age. He died when Roger was about ten and is said to be buried at Bradfield. Mary Ellen Redfern is said to have kept a sweet shop in Derby where she died about 1909.

There my family connection with Derbyshire ends. Roger Redfern married a woman from Somerset, and they had children of who five survived to adulthood, the youngest being my mother.

Mr. Skilton says that he does not regard his task as finished - he has written down what he knows to date. He is particularly anxious to trace the origin of the first Jacob Redfern, born about 1722.

The Book Stall: Land Tax Assessments c. 1690-c. 1950, by Jeremy Gibson and Nennis Mills. (published by the Federation of Family History Societies - 1983) The L.T.A.s are useful to the family historian as they give names of owners and occupiers of property with the amount of tax levied and in some cases an indication of the trade followed by the occupier. This book gives advice on the interpretation of the information, shows for which areas/years records survive and where they are to be found; (usually County Record Offices) £1.00 plus postage.

Discovering Churchyards - Mark Child (Shire Publications). Contains details of items to be found in churchyards. Apart from the headstones and tombs more familiar to the family historian, has information on crosses, old yews and churchyards with fine views; (Derbyshire examples at Eyam, Darley Dale and Woodhead, respectively) £1.25 plus postage.

Postage for the above items - U.K. (2nd class) 25p to be added. Overseas (surface) add 60p. Purchases by post must be made to: Mr. F.M. Pratt, 16, Derwent Avenue, Allestree, Derby. DE3 2DQ. Cheques to be made payable to the Derbyshire Family History Society.

CENSUS INDEXES and INDEXING: edited by Jeremy Gibson and Colin Chapman and published by The Federation of Family History Societies. This new edition has four extra pages, two of which contain new articles on transcription and indexing methods. The list of indexes and index projects has been completely updated and now extends to six pages.

Though a completely new addition, the price remains at £1.00 plus 20p postage.

BUT WHO WAS DR. WILLIAMS?

Contributed by M.R. Kilton Memb. no. 200.

Before 1837 there was no central registration of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales and records of these events were kept by parish clergy of the Established church and their clerks, with varying degrees of diligence.

From 1695 there had been a legal obligation on parents to give notice of births to the vicar of the parish and these sometimes appear in parish registers separately from the list of baptisms, sometimes mixed in with them.

Because non-conformist burying grounds were so few and far between, many burials of dissenters took place in parish church yards with such notes in the register as "hurled into the ground being an Anabaptist", or "a dissenter, interred without burial service".

It had been possible to contract a common law marriage in a non-conformist meeting house before Hardwick's Marriage Act of 1753 by making a declaration before witnesses, but this Act, in attempting to solve the problem of clandestine marriages, also prevented everyone except Quakers and Jews, from marrying anywhere except in the parish church. The Act therefore made it even more difficult for non-conformists to have their registers recognised officially, for although some ministers and meetings had kept their own records there had been no compulsion on them to do so.

In 1742 in an attempt to bring some order and decency into the situation as far as births and/or baptisms went, a central registry for the births of children of Baptists, Congregationalists or Independents and Presbyterians was set up at Dr. Williams' Library at "Red Cross Street near Cripplegate" in London. It is some-

times thought, mistakenly, that this registry was used only by non-conformists in London, but a random dip into the records show that registrations came from Westmoreland to the Isle of Wight, from Glamorgan to Norwich, from Antwerp, Gibraltar, Madeira and "the City of Naples in the Kingdom of Italy" where Frances Parthenope Nightingale was born on April 19th 1819.

Sometimes the births of all the children in one family were recorded and sent in (and therefore got registered and filed) together, so that a birth occurring in 1780 might not be registered until 1820. But this arrangement can show a family's travels, when, for instance, six "natural" children were born to one father in five different places during the years the family was moving from Warwickshire into London. The name of the mother and of her parents are almost always recorded, and actual places of birth are sometimes given, although such addresses as Scotland Yard or Batchelors Hall make the modern reader blink.

Alphabetical indexes and the register books (class RG 4) with duplicates of the certificates of registration (RG 5) are all in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane and can be consulted by anyone with a reader's ticket, time to study the intricacies of the classification system and willingness to undertake what might be a lengthy search, because the chronological arrangement is according to date of registration and not date of birth. There are several thousand certificates covering the ninety-seven years between 1742 and 1837, every one of them of vital importance to somebody at the time of registration and many might be of great interest today.

BOLSOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

ALLAM	HARDWICK	MASON	SHAW	
BLANT	HINDE	MELLORS	STRAW	
CARRINGTON	HOPKINSON	PRIESTLEY	TINSLEY	Earliest 1882.
COLLEDGE	HUNT	REYNOLDS	THOMAS	Latest 1979.
DAYKIN	KNAPMAN	ROBINSON	UTRIDGE	
DEAN	MACHIN	SEDGWICK	WARDLEY	
FULWOOD	MARPLES	SMITH	WILD	

Information on the above surnames recorded from gravestones in the chapel burial ground is now in the Society's Index. For this information please write to Mrs. Heather Eaton, Projects Co-ordinator, address on front cover of the magazine.

HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE MILES

Contributed by Joan Smedley, Memb. no. 34.

Three years ago, Lee Smedley of Tecumseh, Nebraska, U.S.A. joined the society. It was in the days before we had correspondence secretaries, but, as we shared the same surname, I was promptly told by the then general secretary that "You can write to this one". This I did and have continued to try to help Lee ever since in his quest to find his great grandfather, CHRISTOPHER SMEDLEY, who was born in Britain on December 30th 1738, entered the British Navy at the age of 13 or 15, raised to command a British Man o'War and lost a leg in a naval battle. After leaving the navy, he commanded a ship engaged in 'blackbirding' and later went to America and became a U.S. citizen.

Other information on Christopher was that he married a HANNAH MILLER in Philadelphia on September 11th 1795. They had six children, 3 boys and 3 girls. His eldest son, THOMAS, preceded him in death and his second son WILLIAM (Lee's grandfather) inherited his estate. Christopher died on the 28th June 1850 at the age of 111 years, 5 months and 28 days.

Despite contact with the P.R.O. concerning Christopher's naval record, and looking at films concerning Derbyshire Families at the LDS Library in Omaha, Lee had no idea where Christopher had been born. He had chosen to search Derbyshire first, knowing that it had a fair concentration of Smedleys. Next to be searched were the neighbouring counties of Notts., Leics., and Lancs. After looking at the

Mormon I.G.I. for these counties, I had gained no leads.

Lee had made no progress on the other side of the Atlantic, so I decided to search the whole country on the I.G.I., county by county. I plodded through and near to the end, Warwickshire to be exact, I found an entry for a CHRISTOPHER SMEDLEY born on the correct date at Coventry. Delighted, I did a print-out and sent it on its way to Lee.

After some time, I received the following reply.

"I took your suggestion and visited the Mormon branch library, where an assistant found the film number that I should check on at Salt Lake. (I knew at that time I planned to attend a LDS Genealogy Seminar at Provo, Utah.) Ruth and I did attend in August, a 3 day affair, 6 and a half hours per day. I enjoyed the seminar and learned very quickly how little I knew about genealogical research. But then these people are really 'pros'. Many in the classes were 'Saints' (probably 85-90%), but it was very interesting. After the Seminar, we drove up to Salt Lake (40+ miles) and I spent 2½ days there, of which 1½ were in the library. It really is something, over 1 million microfilms. One could spend weeks in the place.

To try to shorten the story, I found out on micro-card (the one that Omaha Library gave me from your print-out), that the party who provided the info. was from Lewiston, Idaho, and a 3 GG son of Christopher, and the info. had as source 'a family bible'. I finally reached this man by telephone, after we returned home, and he referred to a man living in Lincoln, Nebraska, only 50 miles distant. Although I haven't met him yet, I have received a copy of a letter written by my father's oldest sister, stating that her grandfather Christopher was born in Coventry, England, and considerably more info. This letter and other stuff, including an obit. of Christopher's death (that I have been searching for for years), was found in a relative's (of the man in Lincoln) trunk, in an old barn some 30 miles east of here! Another relative of the Lincoln man, now in California, has the originals, very little else regarding his parents was found except that his parents died when he was very young and that he went to live with an older sister, ELISA, whose married name was probably Rogers and that they were quite wealthy.

Where in England did they live? I also learned that Chris. entered the navy at the age of 14, (no info. on older brothers) fought with Cornwallis and was captured, apparently at Yorktown, by the French, who of course won the battle of Yorktown, that he was a prisoner in a French dungeon for four years, survived and returned to England and his sister, until he came to America. He was in the navy for over 40 years.

By doing some computations one can estimate that the time between his return to England and his marriage in Philadelphia was only about 2 or 3 years or less. This raises more than one question on what we thought previously, were confirmed dates.

But I stop this genealogizing (did I coin a new word?) or you will be really bored. But thought you would be interested to know what happened from the Mormon print-out you sent. Any how, I'm both enlightened and confused and just not sure what the next step should be. However, it has been interesting and fun. And again my sincere thanks to you."

It seems that Lee's next step should be back to the P.R.O. for information on ships departing for America after 1785. He wonders if he could possibly have commanded a slave ship out of England, Christopher that is, but that will be the next chapter in the saga.

HELP OFFERED

If anyone needs assistance in the Plymouth area I will be pleased to try to help. I am not an expert by any means but would be able to look up anything in the Record Office, or Census returns, etc. Mary Anthony, Deepdene, Amacre Drive, Hooe, Plymouth, PL9 9RJ.

I am a member of the Institute of Cornwall and I am prepared to do research on Cornwall, and parts of Devon records for any member (winter only) in exchange for

assistance on my researches of Derbyshire records.
Gordon Robinson, 19, Redinnick Terrace, Penzance, Cornwall.

FERRY : I have names of this family from an old family Bible, dated 1788. The places mentioned are CRANBOURNE and ROCKBOURNE which are both in HAMPSHIRE. Anyone researching the name may have a copy of the list with pleasure if they send a S.A.E.
Mrs. M.E. Totterdell, 46, Hillside, Horsham, Sussex, RH12 1NG.

The Mormon IGI for U.S.A., listed under the state name, may give you information on your own families. Some Derbyshire names that have intermarried with mine in Ohio include MORLIDGE, WESTON, MOORE and PETERSON. I am willing to give help to members with connections in Canada, especially in the western provinces.
Mrs. O. Johnstone, Ste. 307 - 6055 Vine Street, Vancouver, P.C. Canada V6M 4A3.

HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS

BRAMPTON : On Monday 28th March we held our second house meeting at which nine people were present, including a visitor from Scotland who kindly dropped in whilst researching in this area. He was Mr. Turner, memb. no. 625. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Clatworthy, Mr. R. Batteson, Mr. R. Norton, Sue Harrison and Mrs. B. Wickens, who is not a member, but is interested in starting a Family Tree, and wondering how and where to begin researching, so I hope we have helped her to start a new-found hobby. Incidentally she is the person who does write-ups for the Brampton area in the Derbyshire Times and we have a mention this week.

One or two of us had become 'stuck' in our researching and were looking for inspiration from other members to suggest other libraries and record offices to try.

In general, we think the meetings are becoming more interesting as we realise how enjoyable and addictive 'rooting' can be, especially ourselves, as we have only been doing our 'trees' for just over a year. We still need to know of the many reference libraries etc. to visit and ways to overcome the problems of research before the civil registration period.

Hopefully other areas will feel as enthusiastic as we are and will start holding house meetings between the Cressy Fields meetings.

Yours 'Rootingly', Julie and Dennis Jagger.

DERBY : The Derby House Group started on 8th February at 148, Allestree Lane, Allestree. Five members attended, four were unable to come because of prior engagements. We first discussed what we wanted the group to do and then decided that it would be as well to meet monthly during the winter and spring, meetings to be held at a different house each time and in the evening. A general discussion followed on how and why members had become interested in family history and Mrs. Heather Eaton was able to solve some of the problems and point members in the right direction again.

On 7th March, Mr. and Mrs. Firmin of Vicarage Avenue, Derby were our host and hostess. Seven members attended this meeting, and Mrs. Firmin gave a most interesting talk on her method of Documenting and Recording her family history and was also able to tell us about the Mormon Church Microfilms in detail.

The third meeting was on 11th April, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Swan, of St. Andrews View, Chaddesden. Of the six members present, two, Mrs. Page and Mr. Morley, were new to the group. Both Mr. Swan and Mr. Morley have accumulated a lot of material which they kindly showed to the rest of us, as well as entertaining us with descriptions of their experiences.

We hope to meet in May at Mrs. Eaton's home in Duffield to see some of the Reference material available to members.

Dorothy E. Griffiths.

"WORLD WAR I ARMY ANCESTRY"

Norman Holding, author of the above book is now working on the second volume. One of the items he wishes to cover is the existence and whereabouts of lists of men who served in W.W.I. He is Not interested in those killed, as these records are still available nationally. He is interested in lists of the wounded, or in some cases, all who served. These are valuable sources and their whereabouts is required. Typical examples are:- Town and Village Rolls of Honour. School Rolls of Honour. Firms Rolls of Honour. Village Histories with lists. Parish Magazines with lists. Sports Club Lists.

A typical list might be that found in "Exwich during the Great War 1914-18" by Mr. Rousham (the village school master) which lists 70 men out of the 400 population of the village who served in the forces. Likely whereabouts of these books are the local C.R.O. (already covered), local libraries, village "historians" the vicar, Local History Societies etc. Mr. Holding has already contacted all Military Museums and most County Record Offices. He is not interested in the following sources which are well documented and obtainable.

Not Required:- Printed Regimental and Unit Histories. Official Lists of those killed, published by HMSO ("Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-18").
The volumes of the 14 Volume Series of "The National Roll of the Great War 1914-18" - National Publishing Company.

Please forward details to Norman Holding, 101, Manor Road, Caddington, Luton, Beds. LU1 4EF, giving a description of the book, or document - title, author or compiler, publisher and whereabouts of the book, approx. number of pages of the list (not the whole book) and the locality or group from which the men came.

HEADS OF FAMILIES IN LEA AND DETHICK 1841 Census.

George DUNN	35	Ann RADFORD	60	John LOWE	45
Sarah HENSTOCK	70	Charles ELSE	30	Thomas ALLISON	70
Mary BAGNALL	70	Elizabeth TRAVIS *	45	William ANDREW	78
Joseph GRIFFIN	76	William HAYES *	49	Hannah PEARSON	60
William GREGORY	45	John GOODALL	68	John WATHEY	77
Martha WARDE	38	Martha LOCKWOOD	70	Joseph HARVEY	45
Sarah HANBY	80	John LEE	40	Hannah BUNTING	30
Matthew MORRILL	18	Thomas GOODALL	30	John GOODWIN	34
John COWLEY	74	John GOODALL	40	Rowland BUXTON	50
Thomas GOODALL	60	Joseph WASS	35	John ARMSTRONG	45
John LOWE	41	Adam WALKER	80	Sarah FLINT	35
James PLATTS	63	Abel RILEY	35	Henry LEE	70
William FLINT	70	Anthony BODEN	35	John NEWTON	50
Joseph WOOLLEY	47	Samuel BARBER	55	Henry BLACKWELL	45
John WILDGOOSE	40	Elizabeth COTERILL	70	John PEACH	25
William WORTHY	35	Lydia ALSOP	55	John GOODALL	25
Samuel COWLEY	60	Mary ALSOP	76	George BUTTERLEY	50
Mary WASS	60	John HAYNES	45	Aaron STOPPARD	52
Dorothy RIDLEY	75	Thomas LEE	55	Thomas GOODALL	35
George BERRISFORD	35	William GOODALL	20	George HOLMES	35
William ELSE	60	John GOODALL	65	Philip CLOWES	40
Henry BRADSHAW *	15	William WILSON	20	John WOOLEY	55
Samuel SMITH	75	William WOOLEY	50	Ellen BRITLAND	55
Joseph ALSOP	30	Charles BROOME	70		

All born in Derbysnire except where indicated by an asterisk.

Contributed by Miss Nicky Cunningham who will search the 1851/41 census of Lea and Dethick, if S.A.E. is sent.

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of your love and tenderness
sealed up until your friends are dead.

Fill their lives with sweetness
speak approving cheering words while
their ears can hear them and while
their hearts can be thrilled and
made happier by them. * * * * *

The kind of things you mean
to say when they are gone, say
before they go. * * * * *

The flowers you mean to send
for their coffins, send to brighten
their homes before they leave them.
Let us learn to anoint our friends
beforehand for their burial. * * *

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Mr. M. COOPER, 48, Croxted Road, West Dulwich, London SE21 8NP.

PENNY FARTHING WANTED: Mr. A.S. Bradley our vintage cycle enthusiast member is looking for one of the above cycles. His address: 49, Abingdon Road, Dorchester on Thames, Oxon OX9 8LA.

ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY FROM MALCOLM MARPLES

Parish Register Transcriptions

1a Repton 1578-1670, Bap/Marr/Bur. 1b Heanor 1571-1833 Marr. connected with
Davis family.

Monumental Inscriptions

1d Derby, St. James the Greater. 1d Little Longstone, Independent Chapel.
1d Muggington, All Saints. 1d Normanton, St. Giles.

Census Returns

1e Allestree 1851 1e Denby 1851 1e Duffield 10b/c 1851
1e Hollington 1861/81 1e Kilbourne 1851 1e Hazlewood (with Duffield)
1e Muggington 1851 1e Turnditch 1851 1e Milford (with Duffield)
1e Weston Underwood 1851 1e Windley 1851

INDEX of NAMES in 'Hanged for a Sheep' (in Section 5c) Donated by Mrs. Benny,
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Members' Interests

2a Cambridgeshire FHS, Sup. no. 4, Nov. 1982. Sup. no. 5, Feb. 1983.
2a Gen. Society of Tasmania, Sept. 1982.
2d Diary of George Mushet by R.M. Healey. 2d STRETTON - Family names extracted from
Parish Registers. - Donated by Terry Stretton, Memb. no. 632.
2d BOOTHS in History by John Nicholls Booth. Donated by the Author.

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3d Cambridgeshire FHS Index to Vol. 2. Sept. 1982.
3d Talbotania, Index to Vol. 1 and 2, 1980. Donated by Mr. J.A. Dallison,
Memb. no. 436.
4a Chesterfield Library Index to Census holdings on Microfilm.
4a How to trace your Ancestors in Derbyshire by Philip Riden.
5a Ticknall Village - Guide Book.
5b A Textile Community in the Industrial Revolution by E.G. Power.
5c Hanged for a Sheep - Crime in bygone Derbyshire by E.G. Power.
7 Canadian Help wanted Queries Summer 1982. (Donated by Mr. Fidler).
7 KLAN Genealogical Research Catalogue April 1982.
10 Glossary of Household, Farming and Trade Terms from Probate Inventories, by
Rosemary Millward (2nd Edition).

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES: The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology Family
History Committee are holding a one day conference which will, they hope, have a wide
appeal to all family historians. Non-members of Family History Societies are also
welcome to attend.

Venue - Harlaxton College, Grantham. Date - Saturday 18th June, 1983. Details from:
Mrs. B. Webster, 25, Fen Road, Heighington, Lincoln, LN4 1JL.

The SUSSEX FAMILY HISTORY GROUP is hosting the 10th Anniversary History Conference,
being held at Brighton, University of Sussex, 2-4 Sept. 1983. Details from: SFHG
Conference Office, 63, Keymer Crescent, Goring by Sea, West Sussex, BN12 4LD. Please
remember that ANYONE can attend Federation Conferences, it is not for committee members
only.

Articles for possible inclusion in "Branch News" No. 26 to be with the Editor by 15 July.