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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 have recently informed the committee that I shall not be seeking re-election as chairman of the Society at the A.G.M. although I am willing to continue as a committee member and as Editor of "Branch News". I have been a member of the Society since its inauguration and have been chairman for the past six years. During this time membership has grown from a nucleus of twelve, to a figure in excess of 500 including many overseas members, and an average of 60 people attend the monthly meetings. I now feel that it is time for someone with new ideas to take on the role of chairman.

I would again like to thank everyone who has contributed articles for the magazine, many of which have encouraged interesting correspondence. We hear of several successful contacts being made through "Branch News". A letter received from Elizabeth Perkins (no. 626) tells of swift response to her request for help. The day after she received her copy of the December "Branch News" she had a letter giving help with her EDGE family of Normanton and also putting her in touch with another member who could help with the Spondon area. The article telling of the Allsop reunion in Australia (Dec. issue, p.15) also brought correspondence from Mr. R. Slack (no. 642) with details from census returns and a will, regarding the family which Rowland Allsop left behind in Brassington when he was transported to Australia for sheep stealing in 1837.

The article "Just a bundle of old cards" (Dec. issue p.10) shows how much can be learned from them. Whilst browsing through some old postcards for sale on a Flea Market stall, I came across a postcard of the church at Osmaston near Ashbourne, where several generations of my Allsop family lived and are buried in a row in the churchyard. Turning the card over, I was amazed to see the names of my gr.gr. grandparents and several other family names jotted down. The card had been posted in 1905 and the sender was pointing out the row of Allsop gravestones which were shown on the front of the card, by the church door. The jottings were obviously in a later hand. The surname of the sender, who I recognised as my gr.grandfather's niece had also been added. She had sent the card to her Aunt, my gr.grandfather's sister. When I came back to reality, I told the stall holder of my find and looking at the postcard which I held in my hand, he said that the people mentioned were his family too! The postcard, which had been sent to his grandmother had been found amongst her belongings when she had died. The card is of course now amongst my treasured records of the family and through it, I have found many more members of the family. It goes to show how much family history can be gleaned from old postcards. I shudder to think that I could have missed it that day if I hadn't stopped to browse!

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS: As our Annual General Meeting would fall on April 1st which will be Good Friday it has been decided to hold this meeting on the last Friday in March. The meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. and we hope that as many people as possible will attend. All present committee members are willing to stand for re-election. There will be a display of genealogical material. Please bring along photographs and documents etc to exhibit.

A.G.M. Friday MARCH 25th.

No Meeting on APRIL 1st. Good Friday.

May 6th - Mr. Adrian Henstock, Notts. County Archivist - Ancestors On The Move.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: <sup>187</sup> Mr. A. Douglas, Random Lodge, Chadwick Nick Lane, Fritchley, Derbys DE5 2HL  
 331. Mrs M.A. Pratten, 2 St. Torney Court, North Hill, Nr. Launceston, Cornwall.  
 355. Mr. F. Gilbert, 4 Oakbrook Rd. Sheffield. S11 7EA.  
 484. Miss S. Harrison, 68 Somersby Ave. Walton, Chesterfield, Derbys.  
 560. Mrs. C. Thompson, 4 Faringdon Rd. Luton, Beds. LU4 OEB.

We welcome the following members who have joined the Society by 31st January 1983.

607. Mrs. Ethel PARTON, 40 King St. Heathcote, N.S.W. Australia 2233. Searching NASH of REPTON 1790; POLLETT 1790 also of REPTON; COTTON 1730; KING 1729 both of REPTON; TITTERTON of LONGFORD 1822; HAND of SHIRLEY 1846.
608. R.S. BOOTHMAN, 75 Ferosa St. Drumoyne, N.S.W. Australia 2047. (see next page)
609. Mrs. E. THOMAS, 74 Sterry St. Pawtucket, R.I. 0280. U.S.A. (see next page)
636. Mrs. Elsie MALT, 13 Freeland Close, Toton, Nottingham. Searching ABBOTT (Fredk, George Henry) of HOXTON, SHOREDITCH, LONDON 1847; ABBOTT (Arthur William) of PECKHAM, CAMBER LONDON 1881; WHYLD (George) of PINXTON 1817; WHYLD (George) of GREENHILL LANE, RIDDINGS 18 also ELLIOTT (Eliza) wife of George WHYLD, poss. of WESTWOOD or LEABROOKS 1862.
637. Miss B.R. CHISHOLM, 20 Briarwood Way, Littleover, Derby DE3 7TA. Searching BULL of MARSTON-ON-DOVE app. 1867; TAYLOR of DERBY 1877.
638. Mr. D. STATHAM, 27 Belper Rd. Holbrook Moor, Derbys. Searching STATHAM of DUFFIELD 183
639. Mrs. Hilda OLLERTON, 14 Aldersgate Rd. Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 7PJ. Searching BIRLEY (William) of BAKEWELL 1866 who marr. Hannah formerly HODGKINSON. Dau. Alice was born at BAKEWELL 7.2.1866.
640. Mr. Ian P. WATSON, 36 Marina Rd. Droylsden, Manchester M35 7DR. Searching WATSON of MICKLEOVER 1732; WHELDON of St. Alkmund, DERBY 1832; HOULT of NORMANTON 1817; KENDRICK of All Saints' DERBY 1789; ROOME of All Saints' DERBY 1789; SMITH of St. Alkmund, DERBY 1739.
641. Mr. Gordon H. ROBINSON, 19 Redinnick Terrace, Penzance Cornwall, TR18 4HR. Searching ROBINSON of GLOSSOP 1825; EASTWOOD of CHESTERFIELD (HASLAND) 1832; WHITAKER of FRITCHLEY, & BELPER 1848; JOHNSON of ASHBOURNE 1841; PRINCE of CHESTERFIELD (HASLAND) 1806.
642. Mr. Ronald SLACK, 26 Glenthorne Close, Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching SLACK of BRASSINGTON 1700.
643. Mr. F.V. SNAPE, 79 Grange Rd. Olton, Solihull, West Midlands B91 1BZ. Searching FURN of BUXTON (FAIRFIELD) c.1807; LAUNT of CHESTERFIELD 1807; NALL of BUXTON 1862.
644. Mr. Brian A. TRUMAN, 19 Godley Rd. Byfleet, Surrey. Searching TRUMAN of ALFRETON 1800-1816; BARRETT of HAMPSHIRE and of LONDON 1850; COX of HAMPSHIRE, HAYLING 1841; SHORE of DEVISES, LAVINGTON 1850; THORLING of LONDON 1850.
645. Mrs. D.A. DAFFORNE, 4 Briar Close, Yapton, Arundel, W. Sussex BN18 0EP. Searching EYRE (Charles William) of MATLOCK c.1900; also Leslie William EYRE.
646. Mr. & Mrs. A.E. WELDON, 59 Bright St. Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 8NH. Searching WELDON/WEL
647. of GT. SHELFORD, Cambs. 1561.
648. Miss Mary ANTHONY, Deepdene, Amacre Drive, Hooe, Plymouth PL9 9RJ Devon. Searching ANTHONY of RIPLEY and SWANWICK 1871; HOLLOWAY of KIRKBY and MANSFIELD 1890's.
649. Mr. Martin F. JACKSON, "Hollington House", 74 Woodfield Rd. Dursley, Glos. GL11 6HF. Searching JACKSON of ALVASTON 1774; BULL of CUBLEY 1607; TIPPER of CHURCH BROUGHTON HOLLOWAY of LONGFORD 1720.
660. Mr. Robert CARR-GREGG, 13 Godfries Close, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 0LQ. Searching GREGG and all variants of ILKESTON (previously of Cheshire) c.1600.
661. Mr. HORAN, 39 Leyland St. Derby DE1 3PP. Searching HORAN of CASTLEREA, EIRE 1917; DEWSBURY of ALTRINCHAM, Ches. 1926; STANFIELD 1884 and COLLINS 1861-both SALFORD,
662. Mr. Roy CRESSWELL, 20 Eckington Rd. Beighton, Sheffield S19 6EQ. Searching CRESSWELL DENBY 1796.
663. Mr. Ian BROWNSON, 6 Barton Close, Spondon, Derby DE2 7EX. Searching BROWNSON of DE
664. Mr. Michael J. MURPHY, 4 Wansfell Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5NS. Searching HOPKIN MORLEY and EAST PECKHAM, KENT 1860; MURPHY of EIRE, ENNISCORTHY co. WEXFORD 1900; HUNT of MORLEY and WEST HALLAM 1790; BARTRAM of ABBOTT'S BROMLEY area Staffs. 1880; KING of MORLEY 1860; PICK of NOTTINGHAM c.1880; HOLBROOK of DERBY 1900; SMITH (coal) CHRIST CHURCH par. DERBY 1890; GARRATT of MICKLEOVER 1790; WILKINS of DERBY; LOW RADBOURNE 1810; JACKSON of MACKWORTH 1780; RADFORD of MICKLEOVER (link not established)



709. Mr. R. HADFIELD, 42 Temple Drive, Nuthall, Nottingham NG16 1BE. Searching HADFIELD of PEAK FOREST and CHAPEL-en-le-FRITH 1803.
710. Mr. A.M.C. OLDHAM, 9 Jedburgh Close, Sinfin, Derby DE2 3DU. Searching COOP and BOOTH of SOUTH WINGFIELD 1783; BANSALL and WHITE of ASHOVER 1788/1796; STEEPLES and BURTON of CARSINGTON and BELPER/HEAGE Ind. 1800; SMITH of BELPER and SOUTH WINGFIELD 1805/6; HALL and WHITE of CRICH and ALFRETON 1825; CARLIN and FOSTER of ALFRETON 1834; JACKSON and WESTON of DENBY 1835; HOLMES of BRAMPTON 1879; BALL of RIPLEY 1883.
711. Mr. Robin H. PIDCOCK, 27 Frome St. London N1. Searching PIDCOCK of ASHBOURNE 17/18 cent. Also Gilbert PIDCOCK(1743-1810) manager of PIDCOCK MENAGERIE, Strand, London, information required. Had relatives in WIRKSWORTH and BUXTON to whom he left legacies.
712. Mrs. A.R. JEFFERSON, Stenson Fields Farmhouse, Stenson Rd. Derby DE3 7LP. Searching - HICKLIN of BURTON-on-TRENT pre. 1850; DRAKEFIELD of HEMINGTON, Leics. pre. 1714; MUGLESTON of CASTLE DONINGTON, Leics. pre 1820; WRIGHT of MELBOURNE pre. 1837; SHEFFIELD of CASTLE DONINGTON, Leics. pre 1820; MANSFIELD of ROLLESTON-on-DOVE, Staffs. pre. 1761; OLIVER of ROLLESTON-on-DOVE pre.1761; KILBOURNE of SEATON, RUTLAND pre. 1842.
680. Mrs. Sandra KIRBY, 7 Malbaru Ave. Ingle Farm, South Aust. Australia 5098. Searching CLARE (Elizabeth) of CHESTERFIELD 1911; NORMAN (Eric) of ECKINGTON 1907.
681. Mr. & Mrs. A.K. & M. MEADOWS, 18 Chapman St. Braddon A.C.T. Canberra, Australia 2607.
682. Searching WRIGHT of TITHBY/CROPWELL BUTLER c.1550; BENNETT of MARKEATON 1750; STENSON 1725; BAKER of St. Werburgh's, DERBY 1825.
683. Mr. P. EVERS, 4213 Glenmuir Ave. Los Angeles, California 90065 U.S.A. Searching TRUSSELL of Kedleston.
684. Mr. E.C. CRIPPS, Trading Post House, Bruce Highway, Yandina 4561 Queensland, Australia.
685. Mrs. R. HOLCOMB, 365 Mistletoe Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330 U.S.A. Searching SHEPHERD (Wm.) of MELBOURNE 1847; CHATFIELD (Ann).
686. Mr. R.W. LOCK, 807 South 134th St. Tacoma, Washington 98444 U.S.A. Searching BUTLER of SHUTTLEWOOD/BOLSOVER 1897; STREET of BELPER 1795; SHELTON of BONSALL 1766; WIGLEY of WIRKSWORTH 1714; HOPKINS of SHUTTLEWOOD/BOLSOVER 1800?; SIMS/SYMS of DUFFIELD 1715.
608. Mr. R.S. BOOTHMAN, 75 Formosa St. Drummoyne, N.S.W. 2047 Australia. Searching HALL(William) DERBYSHIRE 1823-1857; EDWARDS (Mary Ann) of West BROMWICH, Staffs. 1824-1857; BOOTHMAN(William) of BURY, Lancs. 1819; NUTTALL(Peggy) of BURY, Lancs. 1819; BOOTHMAN (John Nuttall) of EDENFIELD, Lancs. 1825; REYNOLDS (James) of ORMSKIRK, Lancs. 1807-1859.
609. Mr. Edward THOMAS, 74 Sterry St. Pawtucket, RI 02860 U.S.A. Searching HALL of HOPE 1700; MORTON of HOPE 1700; MAWDSLEY; GOODWIN.
207. We welcome Mr. Wayne E. WILD who has taken over the membership of the Society from his cousin, Mrs. Frayne L. McATEE and retains her membership no. Mr. WILD is also researching WILD(Samuel) 1755; SMITH(Robert) 1676; SMITH (Francis) 1719 founder of Melbourne Baptist Church. Also seeking the parents of Thomas HEMSLEY and those of James HOLLINGWORTH, 1700's

CORRECTION: Mrs. D. Sellors, memb. no. 520 is reseaching Caroline LOMAS who married ? SMITH and lived at TADDINGTON and TUNSTEAD, not Lunstead as stated in 'Help Wanted' (Sept 1982). Mrs. Sellors' address is 48 Rebecca St. Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia 4825.

#### HELP WANTED

- MARRIOTT MOORE Jane, nee TAYLOR. Married John MARRIOTT MOORE at N. WINGFIELD 27.8.1849. Her father was a miller of CLAY CROSS. Husband was a stonemason of PENTRICH. One child known, named John Henry Marriott Moore. Want place and date of death between 1850 and 1867. Also any other children. Mr. T. Marriott-Moore, 8 Fownhope Ave. Sale M33 4RD (Memb no. 117)
- MEAKIN Any info. on William & Mary MEAKIN (nee WHEATCROFT) both born 1819. They had SIDERFIN two children, Charles Wheatcroft & Annie Jemima, born REPTON. (Annie married ADAMS Thomas SIDERFIN 1877. Any info. John Thomas BIDDLESTONE born 1829, died 1908. William & Mary ADAMS(neePICK). Mrs. L. Gurmin, 19 Hillview Caravan Park, Locking Rd. Weston-super-Mare, Avon. BS22 8PW. (Memb. no. 272).
- TATLOW Any info. regarding date & place of birth/bapt. of Ann TATLOW c.1735. Also her PITMAN marr. to----? PITMAN c.1755. Also date & birthplaces of sons Timothy Tatlow PITMAN b. c.1756 (later surgeon in Derby). and Joseph Walter PITMAN b. c. 1758,

- (later a painter in Derby) d. 1836 in Derby. Mr. & Mrs. B.H. WOODALL, 29 Lodge Rd. Pelsall, Leicestershire. (members no. 371 & 372).

BARNESLEY Information regarding whereabouts of Joshua and Jane BARNESLEY c.1881, and their children George, Harriet and Charlotte Jane. Also birth of Joshua BARNESLEY son of Joshua and Jane c.1855, Belper area. Mrs. D.M. Townend, 62 Smithywood Lane, Dadworth, Leicestershire. S75 3NJ. (memb. no. 471).

SELLERS Christopher b. 1858, d. Jan 9. 1933 of BUXTON, wife Elizabeth, surname needed. Children - twins Sydney Herbert & Arthur b. June 16. 1891, and two sister (unknown). WOOD William WOOD of CHELMORTON (Jan. 4. 1880- May 12. 1945) marr. Marion Alice MYCOCK of TADDINGTON (June 14. 1886-Feb. 26. 1966). Any info. on MYCOCKS or WOOD. Children - Walter William, Hilda May, Charles, Doris, Alice, Stanley, John Henry. Mrs. D. Sellers, 48 Rebecca St. Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia 4825. (Memb no. 520).

WARD Mrs. Ruth Ward Verteiko, 4340 Banning St. San Diego, California, U.S.A. has just discovered that her Derbyshire 2nd great-grandparents were Henry WARD (B4 June 1775; d. 13 June 1850) and Elizabeth(?) WARD (b.c.1788; d. 11 Feb. 1835). Children were: WARD, John, Henry Jr., Mary Ann, William, Jabez, David (Mrs. Verteiko's gr-grandfather), and Jonathan. Would like to correspond with descendants of any of these. FINDERN/DERBY area. (mem. no. 522).

BALL I am seeking the parents of John BALL, marr. Catherine WHITE at ASHOVER on 26 Feb. 1759 when he was described as being of North Wingfield. Mr. H. Ball, 30 Cheltenham Avenue, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 4LN. (memb, no. 534).

WOOD Information wanted on George WOOD gent. of BUXTON 1879. Father of Mary Elizabeth WOOD b. 1856 (not in Buxton, place unknown). Mrs. C. Unsworth, 105 Clarendon Rd. Hazel Grove, Cheshire. (memb. no. 631). All postage refunded.

STRETTON Can anyone supply me with information on an area, and cottages, called GROTTOROW, NEWHALL, nr. SWADLINCOTE. I am also seeking a photograph of these cottages I can loan to reproduce. I understand the cottages were demolished around 1960. I have checked all obvious channels for photographs, but alas no luck. Mr. T.I. Stretton, 1a George St. Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. Tel: Mansfield 752799. (memb. no. 632).

GREGG(E) Mr. R. Carr-Gregg, of Larkfield, 13 Godfries Close, Tewin, Welwyn, Herts AL6 0LQ STARKEY(IE) is researching the family of Gregg(e) who once lived at Bradley Hall nr. Warrington and later settled in Ilkeston. Any information on these Greggs of Ilkeston is needed. At one time there were mural brasses to Francis and Robert Gregg in Ilkeston church. Is there anyone who would be prepared to search the Ilkeston registers of the 17cent? (memb. no. 660)

HADFIELD Any info. concerning the following: John HADFIELD marr Peggy HARTLE at PEAK FOREST Sept. 1st 1803; John HADFIELD marr. Ellen JACKSON at CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH 11th Dec. 1826; John HADFIELD who died at RIDGE CLOSE (PEAK FOREST) 30th Jan. 1830; John HADFIELD - 26.2.1830 - 8.1895 (CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH) who lived at RIDGE CLOSE and who was known as John HARTLE. Mr. R. HADFIELD, "Penbidyl", Temple Drive, Nuthall, Notts. NG16 1BE. (memb. no. 709).

REDFARN Mr. L.D. REDFARN, 15 Warwick Rd. Thorpe Bay, Essex SS1 3BN, would be pleased to hear from anyone researching the name REDFARN and would welcome any references to the name found in Derbyshire records. In particular he is interested in learning more about Samuel REDFARN and his antecedents/descendants who married in STANTON DALE in 1799.

#### SECRETARY'S NOTES

HOUSE GROUPS: The Chesterfield Group had its first successful meeting, thank you Dennis and Julie Jagger for starting this. A report of this meeting will be found elsewhere in this issue. At the time of writing, both a Derby and a Sheffield group are due to start. This is a good way for members to get together and possibly help each other - not everyone can get to Cressy Fields for the monthly meetings.

I would like to see a group started in Great Hucklow area. I have one interested member - there must be more. Please contact me if you are interested in any house group.

BADGES: Why not wear a name badge at the next meeting - you may be searching the name which someone else has on their badge.

OTHER SOCIETY MEMBERS: While our aim is to please everyone, it is not possible to do research for those who do not belong to our Society. Our willing band of helpers are usually stretched to the limit helping our own members. If you are interested in Derbyshire, why not join us, our subscriptions are not high.

## THE EARLY EDEN FAMILY OF BREASTON

Contributed by Sandra Smith. (Memb. no. 125).

On 24th July 1605, Katherine, daughter of Thomas FARRER, 'curate' of Wilne, was baptised in St. Chad's church, Wilne. This Katherine was to marry William EDEN, a 'mayson', of Breaston and become the executrix of his will when he died in 1665. His original will, deposited in the Joint Record Office at Lichfield, would have been proved in the Court of the Peculiar of Sawley, which met in the church under the Commissary and Official of the Prebendary of Sawley.

Katherine and William had seven children, six boys and a girl. Gervis was the eldest, being baptised eleven months after their marriage and predeceased his father by six years, followed by Edward (1627), William (1628), Jonathan (1630), Henry (1635) and Priscilla (1638). William (1628) is of interest as his daughter Mary married Richard PLACKETT in 1695 and so founded the large Breaston family of PLACKETT. Henry did not survive childhood, dying in January 1636, a mere four months after his birth.

William's will mentions a son Thomas, but no record of his baptism can be traced in St. Chad's registers. It seems that he had left the village and his whereabouts were unknown. As he had left money in his father's safekeeping, William, sorrowing for his lost son, left instructions in his will for his money to be paid to him, with interest, 'if it please God he ever come to breason agine'.

William was of humble means as he left his children only, 'twelve pence a peece', and his grandchildren amounts ranging from 10s to 50s; his son William receiving, 'all my horse flesh'. The inventory 'taken and praysed' on 22nd December 1665 by Robert CARTER and Charles JERRAM, valued William's goods at £23.

The EDENS were a self sufficient family. Corn and hay in the barn was worth £5 and corn, 'sowne in the feeld', £1. In the chamber over, 'the house', or living room, which would be reached by an outside ladder, lay a cheese press and chest worth £1, whilst butter and meat were to be found in the milkhouse. Butter, milk and cheese would be provided by, '4 bease and 2 calves'; these, the most expensive item on the inventory were worth £7. Two 'pigges', worth 10s, would provide bacon and ham for the family. To help farm this small-holding were a cart, '1 plow', 1 harrow and 'horse geares'.

The dwelling was probably only one up and one down, with an attached milkhouse. In the 'house', which was the main room and the centre of all domestic activity, (eating, sleeping and cooking), were 2 beds, 1 press and '1 ould cofer', all worth £2 and included the only fireplace, for which Katherine paid hearth tax in 1670.

Cooking utensils were down to a bare minimum, being only 1 brass pan and 1 brass pot. There was only one table in the dwelling and food would be eaten from pewter dishes.

Unfortunately there is no record of either William's baptism or burial in the Wilne registers, so we do not know how old he was when he died, but Katherine lived to the ripe old age of 89 (no mean feat in those disease ridden days), dying in 1694.

(See EDEN family tree on facing page.)

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THAT OLD FAMILY BIBLE : Noted from a family bible in EASTON-on-the-HILL, Northants. village museum.

GEORGE HUTTON OXFORD 1838.

George Thomas HUTTON born at GATE BURTON, Leics. 30 Jan. 1808 and Caroline HOLDEN born at LOCKO PARK, Derbys. 12 Jul. 1819 were married at St. George's Church, LONDON, 17 Jul. 1839 and had issue.

George Holden	born 17 April 1840	died 29 Jan. 1845
Julia Caroline	" 17 July 1841	
Catherine Mary	" 27 Sept. 1843	
George Holden	" 1 Aug. 1845	
Harriet Frances	" 15 Oct. 1848	
William Holden	" 20 May 1850 or 60.	

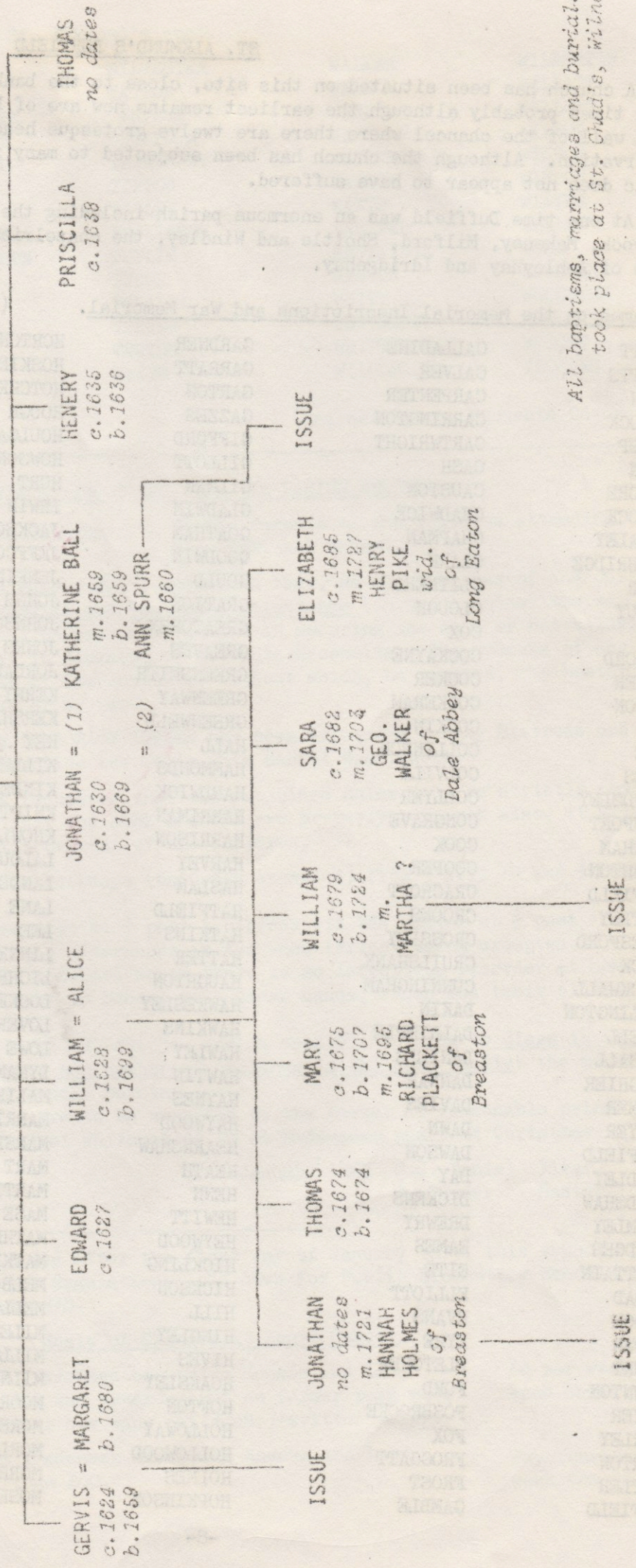
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EARLY EDENS OF BREASTON

WILLIAM = CATHERINE FARNER  
 c.1605  
 b.1694

m.1623



All baptisms, marriages and burials took place at St. Chad's, Wille.

ST. ALKMUND'S DUFFIELD

A church has been situated on this site, close to the banks of the River Derwent, since Saxon times probably although the earliest remains now are of Norman origin, notably in the North wall of the chancel where there are twelve grotesque heads in an excellent state of preservation. Although the church has been subjected to many floods over the centuries, the fabric does not appear to have suffered.

At one time Duffield was an enormous parish including the townships of Hazelwood, Holbrook, Makeney, Milford, Shottle and Windley, the chapelries of Turnditch and Belper, and parts of Ashleyhay and Idridgehay.

Surnames on the Memorial Inscriptions and War Memorial.

(1596 - 1979)

ABBOTT	CALLADINE	GARDNER	HORTON	MURRAY
ADSETTS	CALVER	GARRATT	HOSKINS	MYLL
ALLEN	CARPENTER	GARTON	HOTCHKISS	MYNORS
ALLCOCK	CARRINGTON	GAZZES	HOUGH	MYRING
ALLSOP	CARTWRIGHT	GIFFORD	HOULGATE	NEWHAM
ALTON	CASH	GILLOTT	HOWSON	NEWTON
ASHMORE	CAUSTON	GILMAN	HURT	NODEN
BADROCK	CHADWICK	GLADWIN	IRWIN	OGDEN
BAGGALEY	CHAPMAN	GOATHAM	JACKSON	OLDERSHAW
BAINBRIDGE	CLARK	GOODWIN	JEFFCOCK	ORME
BAKER	CLITHERO	GOULD	JENKIN	OSBISTON
BALGUY	CLOUGH	GRATION	JOHNS	OSBORNE
BALL	COX	GREATOREX	JOHNSON	PARKER
BAMFORD	COCKAYNE	GREAVES	JONES	PARKINSON
BARBER	COCKER	GREENSMITH	JORDAN	PARSONS
BARTON	COCKERAM	GREENWAY	KERRY	PAYNE
BASS	COCKIN	GREENWELL	KERSHAW	PEACH
BATE	COLLINSON	HALL	KEY	PEARCE
BATES	COLVILE	HAMMONDS	KILLER	PEAT
BEARDSLEY	COLLYER	HARDWICK	KINDER	PETERS
BEAUFORT	CONGRAVE	HARRIMAN	KNIFTON	PHILLIPS
BEETHAM	COOK	HARRISON	KNOWLES	PITMAN
BEIGHTON	COOPER	HARVEY	LALOUEL	POLE
BELFIELD	CRACROFT	HASLAM	LANDER	POLLARD
BENTLEY	CROOKS	HATFIELD	LANE	PORTER
BERESFORD	CROSSLEY	HATKINS	LEE	POTTS
BLACK	CRUILSHANK	HATTER	LINNETT	POWELL
BLACKWALL	CUNNINGHAM	HAUGHTON	LICHFIELD	PYNDAR
BOLLINGTON	DAKIN	HAWKESLEY	LOCKER	RADFORD
BONELL	DALRYMPLE	HAWKINS	LOVEROCK	READER
BONSALL	DANIELS	HAWLEY	LOWE	RENWICK
BOUGHIER	DANNAH	HAWTIN	LYNAM	REYNOLDS
BOWMER	DAVIES	HAYNES	MALIN	RICE
BOWYER	DAWN	HAYWOOD	MARRIOTT	RICHARDSON
BOYFIELD	DAWSON	HEARNSHAW	MARSDEN	RIDE
BRADLEY	DAY	HEATH	MART	RIDGE
BRADSHAW	DICKENS	HENN	MARTIN	RIGGOTT
BRAMLEY	DREWRY	HEWITT	MASE	ROBINSON
BRIDGES	EAMES	HEYWOOD	MATHER	ROCH
BRITTAIN	EITE	HICKLING	MATKIN	RODGERS
BROAD	ELLIOTT	HICKSON	MELBOURNE	ROTTEN
BROOM	EVANS	HILL	MELLOR	ROWLSTON
BROWN	EYRE	HINGLEY	MILES	ROWBOTHAM
BRUNT	FLETCHER	HIVES	MILLS	RUFFELL
BRUNTON	FORD	HOAKSLEY	MILNES	SADLER
BRYER	FOSBROOKE	HOFTON	MOORE	ST. JOHN
BURLEY	FOX	HOLLOWAY	MORETON	SANDAMOT
BURTON	FROGGATT	HOLLOWOOD	MORLEY	SANDERS
BUTLER	FROST	HOLMES	MORRELL	SANDOM
BYFIELD	GAMBLE	HOPKINSON	MOSELEY	SANDYS

Memorial Inscriptions of St. Alkmund's cont.

SAXTON	SPENCE	SYLVESTER	WALKER	WILDSMITH
SEAL	SPENCER	TAYLOR	WALTON	WILLATT
SEWELL	SPENDLOVE	TEMPEST	WARD	WILLOTT
SHARPE	STANESBY	THOMPSON	WASS	WILMOT
SHELDON	STANFORD	THORNBURY	WATERFIELD	WINROW
SIMPSON	STATHAM	TIPTON	WATSON	WINSON
SIMS	STEER	TITLEY	WATTS	WINTER
SLATER	STEPHENS	TOMLINSON	WEBSTER	WOLLEY
SMEDLEY	STEPHENSON	TOPLIS	WESTNIDGE	WOOD
SMIELS	STORER	TUDOR	WESTON	WOODWARD
SMITH	STONE	TUNALLY	WHITE	WOODWISS
SNEAP	STREET	TURNER	WHITELEY	WOOLLATT
SOMERSET	STUBBS	TURTON	WHITTINGHAM	WRIGHT
SOWTER	SUTTON	WAITE	WILCOCKSON	YEOMANS

(Heather Eaton, Projects Co-ordinator)

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

Schooldays in the village of Hope. - To the Parents of the Children attending Hope National School.

It is earnestly and respectfully solicited that, as the progress of the children depends on a Punctual, Regular and Continued Attendance (in the original the words underlined are in italics) parents will assist in securing the same by not allowing them to be absent, except in sickness or absolute necessity. The success of any school is attained by regularity of its Scholars, without which, be assured, the Master's arduous work is of little or no use.

It may be mentioned that MISS TURNER has been appointed Sewing Mistress and it is hoped that Parents will provide the Girls with useful Needlework.

In conclusion it is requested that the subjoined Rules will be strictly observed: and if Parents will see that the HOME LESSONS are properly prepared also, it will add further to the general improvement of the children.

1. The School is opened on Weekdays (Saturday excepted) from 9 till 12 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1 till 4 o'clock.
2. On Sunday the children meet at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 2 o'clock (in the winter at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 1.)
3. Needlework is taught on 4 afternoons in the week (Friday being excepted.)
4. No child must be sent to School where there is an Infectious Disorder at home.
5. The children must be sent to School with clean hands, faces and their clothes neatly mended.
6. The School Fees are to be 6d, 4d, 3d and 2d weekly according to Class in School, Circumstances of Parents and number of children in the same family; the money PAID IN ADVANCE every Monday Morning.
7. Books, Slates, Pencils are to be supplied by the Master at reasonable prices.
8. The Holidays are 1 week at Whitsuntide, 3 at Midsummer and 2 at Christmas.

January 1865 C.J. Daniel Vicar.  
G. Turner Master.

Later on at Hope. - On and after the first day of January 1871, this school will be conducted according to the Regulations laid down for Public Elementary Schools by the Elementary Education Act 1870.

Scale of Charges at Above School.

Children of Farmers and Tradesmen occupying Houses and Land of a rateable value of £50 and upwards. (But no farmer pays more than  $\frac{1}{6}$  per week no matter how many children.)-written later.

6d per week for each child.

Children of Farmers and Tradesmen occupying Houses and Land of less rateable value than £50.

Pay fourpence per week for each child.

Schooldays in the village of Hope cont. School Fees.

Children of Farm labourers  
(and all children under 6 yrs. of age) - written later.

Pay twopence per  
week for each child.

Children of all other persons.  
(i.e. Artisans, Mechanics) - written later.

Pay 3d.

All Children pay  $\frac{1}{2}$ d each week as "Fire Money" during the Winter months.

By order of the Trustees.  
Hope December 17th 1870.

(contributed by Mary Johnson)

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From the Hayfield Registers: Joseph BUCKLEY, aged 21, son of Joseph, who was killed by the bursting of one of the pieces of the Volunteers when firing on the 4th of June 1807, being the King's birthday. It was supposed that the piece had 6 cartridges in it when it went off with a dreadful explosion.

Also from Hayfield: Buried. Widow BROCKLEHURST aged 80 who had been indefatigably industrious for many years as a midwife and had been uncommonly successful. 27 Oct. 1807.

(contributed by Maude Stumbles)

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A Useful Note: What Every Searcher Should Know. In 1751 the Vicar of Rampton, Notts. left us this reminder in his register:

N.B. By Act of Parliament ye Year 1752 and all subsequent ones begins on Jan<sup>y</sup> ye 1<sup>st</sup>.

(contributed by Barry Burley)

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NORTH AND EAST CHESHIRE MARRIAGE INDEX.

Parishes covered: June 1982.

ALDERLEY	1629 - 1837	MARPLE *	1656 - 1754
ASTON BY SUTTON	1701 - 1760	MARTON *	1563 - 1754
AUDLEM	1754 - 1837	NORTHENDEN	1754 - 1837
BARTHOMLEY	1563 - 1837	POTT SHRIGLEY *	1685 - 1751
BOSLEY *	1729 - 1750	POYNTON *	1723 - 1753
CAPESTHORNE *	1722 - 1747	PRESTBURY	1560 - 1789
CHEADLE	1722 - 1808	SIDDINGTON *	1722 - 1754
CHELFORD *	1674 - 1752	STOCKPORT	1584 - 1627
DISLEY *	1651 - 1738		1754 - 1764
DUKINFIELD	1677 - 1713	(Indexed by males only)	1799 - 1837
GAWSWORTH	1557 - 1837	SWETTENHAM	1570 - 1837
GOOSTREY	1754 - 1812	TAXAL	1611 - 1837
LYMM	1568 - 1812	WILMSLOW	1692 - 1740
MACCLESFIELD ST. MICHAEL *	1574 - 1754		
	Nov. 1835 - 1837		

\* Chapelries of Prestbury.

Also entries concerning Cheshire people from some 70% of the DERBYSHIRE, SHROPSHIRE and STAFFORDSHIRE parishes which border on Cheshire (covering the period 1754 - 1837).

Also a separate index of Marriage Licences 1606 - 1719 (as published by the Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society): includes all Marriage Licences where one or both parties came from north or east Cheshire but is indexed by Males only.

(Pauline Litton, North Cheshire F.H.S.)

An awful lot of Chapel en le Frith and Glossop people were married at Macclesfield, Prestbury, Taxal, Stockport and in the chapelries of Prestbury without saying where they came from. Derbyshire known strays are in the Derbyshire Family History Society Strays Index. Please write to Mrs. M. Stumbles for information from these parishes. (address on cover).

MY DERBYSHIRE GREAT

Contributed by W. Rhodes Marriott. (Memb. no. 140)

My Great Grandfather, Rhodes Marriott, was born in Stone Edge, Ashover in 1825. His father was coachman to Joseph Levick of Endcliffe. Unfortunately his mother died soon after he was born, a fact he regretted all his life, and she was buried in the village church grounds.

"Ashover, be thy name for ever green,  
Encircled round by many a breezy hill  
From which the ancient village church is seen  
Down in the sheltered vale, so calm and still."

Young Rhodes thoroughly enjoyed his youth in Ashover. In later years he re-visited his boyhood haunts and writes of boyish glee, of quiet fields and lonely highways, of squirrels springing from bough to bough in the lofty trees where he was wont to roam. I think he would be 11 years old before he was sent to school in Coal Aston. His "schooling" lasted just one and a half years.

"My time at school was very short  
Just eighteen months will show it,  
That's not enough, you'll p'raps retort,  
To make a boy a poet."

Nevertheless, in spite of a very short stay at school, he became very knowledgeable about all kinds of things especially the arts. He must have read every book he could lay his hands on. When he died in his late eighties he left a fat volume of "poems" which give us a comprehensive insight into Victorian life.

At 13 Rhodes was apprenticed to John Booker, a cordwainer in Coal Aston, so his stay there was longer than anticipated.

"Five years in this village I've wandered below  
And I feel quite attached to the spot  
What can be the reason, I really don't know  
But to leave it, with grief my full heart does o'erflow  
And by me it will ne'er be forgot."

He came to love Coal Aston but he hated his apprenticeship. His Indenture, 'made the 30th day of April in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith and in the year of our Lord 1839...' 'the said John Booker his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns shall and will teach and instruct the said Apprentice or cause him to be taught, learned, and instructed in the Trade or Business of Cordwainer... The said Master doth, until the said Apprentice shall attain the age of 15 years find and provide to and for him the said Apprentice good wholesome and sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging shoes and apron and all the necessaries requisite and proper for him the said Apprentice except such wearing apparel as is hereinafter covenanted to be provided for him the said Apprentice by the said father'.

The term was to be for 7 years 6 months....'during all which term the said Apprentice shall and will serve his said Master faithfully, keep his secrets, observe his affairs and interests, account honestly for all Money, Goods and Effects committed to his charge..... and in every respect conduct himself as an industrious and trustworthy Apprentice.

"My Master was strict and severe  
His wife - she was gentle and kind;  
Her memory I fondly revere  
And her image I keep in my mind.  
How oft she has taken my part  
When little commotions arose;  
She healed up the wounds in my heart,  
And my gratitude now I disclose."

Death was always closer to the Victorians than it is to us. Rhodes was one of eight children. Of these, three died in infancy, Mary died at the age of 10, Richard died aged 20 of Brain Fever, Elinda from Consumption when she was 19. His son George died of Rheumatic Fever when he was 14 and his daughter Pattie died when she was 22. It is no

coincidence that many of the poems were headed "In Memory of..." or reflected on life and its meaning.

When he had finished his apprenticeship Rhodes moved to Manchester and opened his shoe shop in one of the suburbs. He liked his trade as a cobbler no more than he liked his apprenticeship and all the time yearned for his boyhood haunts in Ashover and Coal Aston. But he kept his sense of humour.

"I take all in and, if I can,  
Improve their "understanding"  
Tho' Jew or Greek or Mussulman  
I do so "notwithstanding".  
I "heel" the sick and cure the wounds  
If not too deeply seated;  
I'm glad when all my weekly rounds  
Are skilfully completed.  
And when each day my task is o'er  
'Tis then I court the "Muses"  
Sometimes a little, sometimes more  
Just as my fancy chooses."

At the age of 25 Great Grandfather married a French girl called "Marie" from St. Quentin in the district of Aisne, France. Where or how they met, the writings leave no clue, which, to me, is rather strange. Marie was the daughter of Désirée Ducaisne... now there's a name with which to conjure... Désirée Ducaisne. To think that I am the Great Great Grandson-in-law of Désirée Ducaisne... Wow.

My Grandfather, having a French mother, was brought up to be bi-lingual in French and English. The French connection has proved beneficial to members of our family as several of us have found it reasonably easy to pass our French exams. We have Marie's birth certificate ... "née le vingt trois du mois de mai, 1827, à six heures du matin." We also have the passport issued to "la citoyenne Marie" when she was 22... rather flimsy, frail and faded now, but three words stand out undiminished by time... "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité." We can just about read "nous, Marie de la ville de Saint Quentin Invitons les Autorités civiles et militaires à laisser passer..."

Great Grandfather wrote sonnets to Spring, sonnets to Summer, a sonnet on the death of a young lady, and a long "poem" on the trip he made with his wife to Paris in 1880 when he was 55 years old. As well as the usual sights... Napoleon's marble tomb, the Champs Elysées, Montmartre, up to the top of the Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, Versailles, sailing on the Seine, the Luxor Obelisk, they visited such places as the Père Lachaise cemetery especially to view the graves of Chopin, Rossini, de Musset, Beranger and the "Gothic Canopy" commemorating Abelard & Heloise. Of course they had to visit St. Quentin.

"Some eighty miles from Paris stands  
The town of famed St. Quentin  
An ancient well remembered place  
Where some few days we spent in."

At Dieppe they went aboard the Packet boat for Newhaven and reflected on the other passengers as they arrived, wondering how they would look half an hour after leaving harbour.

In later life Great Grandfather Rhodes returned to Ashover and Coal Aston on a nostalgic visit.

"Yes, then life had a charm which only those  
Brought up in nature's wilds can ever know  
Who love the scented hawthorn and the rose  
That on hedges in wil beauty grow.  
And still though sixty years have passed away  
Scarce aught seems changed, the woods and rocks are there  
The quiet fields and flowers just as gay  
And birds as blithely sing your hearts to cheer."

Rhodes discussed what he considered to be the wonders of his age - Steam trains, gas light and Rontgen Rays (X-Rays). He wrote about the Pre-Raphaelite paintings at the Royal Jubilee Exhibition in Manchester which closed in 1887. He wrote poems on Litigation, Free-Trade, Electioneering, Samson, Christmas, nightmares and friendly advice. Not bad really, for someone who had only 1½ years in school. I wish that some of my other ancestors had left just a quarter of the documentation of my Derbyshire Great.

CENSUS RETURNS 1841.

ASHBOURNE WORKHOUSE:

William CLARK	55 yrs.	Governor of the Workhouse *
Mary Ann CLARK	50 yrs..	Matron of the Workhouse *
Mary Ann KEIGHTLY	3 yrs.	
Elizabeth BAINBRIGGE	70 yrs.	Pauper - Seamstress
William ROASE	80 yrs.	" - Shoemaker
Robert BONNELL	80 yrs.	" - Frame Work Knitter *
John HARVEY	85 yrs.	" - Bricklayer
William MARSHALL	85 yrs.	" - Butcher
Joseph SCONRID	70 yrs.	" - School Master
Isaac WIBBERLEY	75 yrs.	" - Hair Dresser *
Samuel HOLLINS	65 yrs.	" - Wool Comber
William WASHINGTON	80 yrs.	" - Harness Maker
Maria SWINDELL	50 yrs.	" - Charwoman
Mary BROWN	65 yrs.	" - Charwoman
Martha AULT	45 yrs.	" - Charwoman
Hannah WILLIAMSON	45 yrs.	" - Washerwoman
Edward TURNER	7 yrs.	"
John HARRISON	15 yrs.	"
Elizabeth WARING	11 yrs.	"
Harriett WARING	7 yrs.	"
John BRADBURY	12 yrs.	"
Hannah HAMBLETON	35 yrs.	" - Charwoman
William HAMBLETON	13 yrs.	"
Martha HAMBLETON	11 yrs.	"
Ann HAMBLETON	4 yrs.	"
Harriett HAMBLETON	4 yrs.	"
Mary GALLIMORE	55 yrs.	"

All the above born in the County of Derby, except those marked thus \*

BRASSINGTON HOUSE of INDUSTRY:

William TORR	65 yrs.	Governor.
Mary TORR	65 yrs.	Matron
William TOMLINSON	40 yrs.	Ag. Labourer - Inmate
Sarah TOMLINSON	40 yrs.	" *
Mary TOMLINSON	11 yrs.	"
Sarah TOMLINSON	9 yrs.	"
William TOMLINSON	7 yrs.	"
Harriet TOMLINSON	5 yrs.	"
Ann Tomlinson	3 yrs.	"
Catherine TOMLINSON	1 yr.	"
Robert SPENCER	25 yrs.	Ag. Lab.
Mary SWINDELL	30 yrs.	Silk Spinner - *
George MORLEY	75 yrs.	Ag. Lab.
Elizabeth BAINBRIDGE	20 yrs.	"
William BAINBRIDGE	2 yrs.	"
John BAINBRIDGE	10 weeks	"
Ann GILBERT	60 yrs.	"

All the above born in the County of Derby, except those marked thus \*

(Contributed by Jane Brownson, mem. no. 599)

Found in a Christmas cracker: The sap is a sign of vigour in all trees except the family tree.

(contributed by Mary Johnson)

### HOUSE MEETING AT BRAMPTON.

Our first House Meeting was held on the 21st January. Five people attended and a phone call from another said she was very interested in joining us but unfortunately she could not make it this time. Those who attended were - Dennis (549) and Julie (556) Jagger; R and E Batteson (530); J.T. Clatworthy; R and M Norton (509/510).

We discussed how we all became interested in researching our family trees and we all agreed that it has become a fascinating, if not addictive hobby. As we have only been researching for a year, it was very interesting to find out where other people do their research, such as suggesting Reference Libraries which we had not even thought of. Stories were told of the trips to different areas where the research led and of how and where interesting information was found, unfortunately not everyone has such good luck each time. We found that on many occasions, generations lived in one area, then probably through work, they were forced to move to a new area. Of course it is always made much easier if families do stay in one area, if they moved frequently it becomes quite a problem for us 'Rooters' to follow them around, especially before the census returns.

We had a fine show of photographs from Mr. Batteson, an interesting little portrait belonging to Mr. Clatworthy and Mr. Norton gave us a good idea of how we should present our family history files and books. He also showed us how to draw neat pedigree charts and family trees, so enabling the search on census and mormon films easier to sort out. Unfortunately Dennis has his in rather a mess with information scribbled all over the pages. He has now come to a stand still with his 'rooting' at the moment, so we shall concentrate on my family history research. I have still to 'interview' relatives, but hopefully, by the next Family History Meeting, I shall have something scribbled down.

We hope to hold meetings at our house, 71 Storrs Rd. Brampton, Chesterfield each month, between full meetings at Cressy Fields, so if anyone in the area is interested they will be more than welcome. Our phone number is - 569169.

I hope other people will be starting them in their areas, as they are very enjoyable and interesting. We found that many of our ancestors had lived only streets away from each other. Could our Gr. gr. grandfathers have been the best of pals?

Yours Rootingly, Julie and Dennis Jagger.

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### JANUARY MEETING

Approximately 50 members attended the first meeting of 1983 - thank you to those members who brought along refreshments to make this a more social occasion. We heard how to record family history in a different style when Dennis Jagger sang to us in Folk style "Proud to be a Jagger". Can any other society boast their own singing postman?

Pauline.

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### NEVER GIVE UP

After three tries at St. Catherine's for a marriage, I was convinced that I had the right JOHN MARPLES but could not find the corresponding number for BETSY BAYLISS. Playing a hunch, I found it indexed under BAQLISS - it seems that even St. Catherine's has name variations.

Malcolm Marples.

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### COVER PICTURE: BREADSALL ALL SAINTS.

The church in Breadsall is of ancient foundation, first being mentioned in an endowment charter of the Abbey of Burton dated 1002, and then again in the Domesday survey of 1086.

It has undergone alterations at various times in its history, the most recent one being in 1914 when a fire occurred. Although Derby's new petrol-driven fire engine turned out for its maiden trip, the fire had been burning for about two hours before an adequate water supply was secured and the interior of the church was completely destroyed. The bells fell to the floor of the tower and the pine roof of the chancel and nave, and the new oak roof of the north aisle fell in. The total cost of rebuilding and refitting was estimated to be over £11,000. At this time the churchplate and registers were fortunately in the rectory.

The registers date from 1573 and have recently been deposited in the County Record Office Matlock: baptisms to 1930, marriages to 1964 and burials to 1883. There is also an index covering the years 1573-1873, compiled by Rev. Hugh Stowell, Rector of Breadsall from 1865-1886. The Old Hall on the other side of the road is a building of ancient origin and parts of the undercroft are thought to be Saxon. Parts of it now form the village hall, although from time to time it has been beer house, private house, and post office among other things.



CENSUS CO-ORDINATORS MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM, 22 JANUARY 1983.

On Saturday 22nd January I was fortunate enough with Martin Jackson, to represent our society at the meeting of Census Co-ordinators held in the Midland Institute at Birmingham. I was fortunate, as when I walked in I knew no one (my other half had not arrived) but soon I was chatting to other co-ordinators in the friendly informal atmosphere.

After coffee, the 'joint chair' was taken by Colin Chapman and Jeremy Gibson who stimulated a lively and constructive discussion.

Methods of both transcription and indexing used by the societies represented varied widely, and it was felt that some methods were better than others, much depended on the resources available, these mainly being time, money and man-power. A national method was therefore not considered practical and flexibility necessary. It was felt, however, that where possible a transcript was desirable. While the availability of this might mean that some people would not consult the original returns themselves which is always advisable, it would mean that distant and overseas members would be able to glean information which they would otherwise have great difficulty in obtaining.

Eleven societies, including our own have now taken up the offer extended by the Church of Latter Day Saints for loan of the microfilms relevant to their county. Mr. Gibson said that films of Oxfordshire were spread over many parts of the county with their members who were participating in the transcription scheme, and this was giving much pleasure and satisfaction, a point I heartily endorse judging by the response from our own members.

Some discussion arose on the merits of putting all census material onto computer. It was apparent that few people appreciated all the possibilities of such a system, through lack of familiarity with such technicalities. It would seem that the climate is not yet ready for such an advance. Admittedly, the computer system is still paper based, and it was at this point that the Birmingham & Midland Society explained how their material had been put onto microfiche - certainly a system that is becoming more widely used and also relatively cheap, but without the possibilities which the computer has of producing instant information of varied natures which would be of use to the Family & Local Historian alike. From the chatter at the lunch table about this method though, it would seem that many societies are interested in its possibilities, especially as microcomputers are now becoming a standard piece of equipment in many homes.

Two points which were raised, and which everyone present assented to were the commitment to work on the 1851 census first and that all transcriptions must be checked by a person other than the transcriber. It would appear that most societies have trouble in this area of work, volunteers for this being few in number.

Heather Eaton.

TRANSCRIPTION & INDEXING OF 1851 CENSUS

My thanks again to all those who have been working so hard during the long winter evenings on this project. It is through your efforts that another thirty villages have been completed and much indexing done also.

Many films are out on loan to members, but some are still available. If members are interested in any of these places listed below I shall be delighted to hear from them. Several members have successfully converted 35mm slide viewers to read the films and so are able to work in their own homes.

Doveridge & area.

Pleasley & area.

Clowne & area.

Glossop & area.

Sandiacre & area.

Hayfield & area.

Littleover & area.

Matlock & area.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon .....

Heather Eaton.

NEWS FOR SEARCHING: Following the note regarding genetics in the Dec. issue of "Branch News" Mr. J. Dunn, memb. no. 142 tells us that his grandmother, (his father's mother) had a singular malformation of both her little fingers. She said she had inherited them from her father. (1852-1886). Although she bore ten children, eight of whom attained adulthood, none of them had the finger deformation, nor did her many grandchildren. However, Mr. Dunn's son inherited the identical deformation in the little finger of his left hand.

GENE CONNECTION? Mr. Raymond GASKIN asks if anyone knows of a family legend that says the GASKINS came over from France. Any information to Pauline Marples, address on cover.

POSTER: Thank you to those of you who have had our new poster displayed. We are already getting enquiries because of this.

CALLIGRAPHY SERVICES: David Eames, 48 Highfield Rd. Clipstone, Nr. Mansfield, Notts. NG21 9ES.  
Tel. 0623 - 644110. It is David who designed the poster mentioned above.

Genealogical Research undertaken in Derby/Notts. No enquiry too large or too small.  
Reasonable fees. Contact: Mr. P.E. Jones, 12 Dukes Close, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 5UR

### IS LONDON TOO FAR AWAY?

Don't worry - I can search the Births Marriages or Deaths Indexes  
And locate the information you require.  
I can also order and send any certificate. My fees are:

Information Search (e.g. 'One Name Studies') £2.00 per 15 mins.  
Search up to 5 years, obtain and send Certificate £7.50.

Although not obligatory, advance payment would be much appreciated.  
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