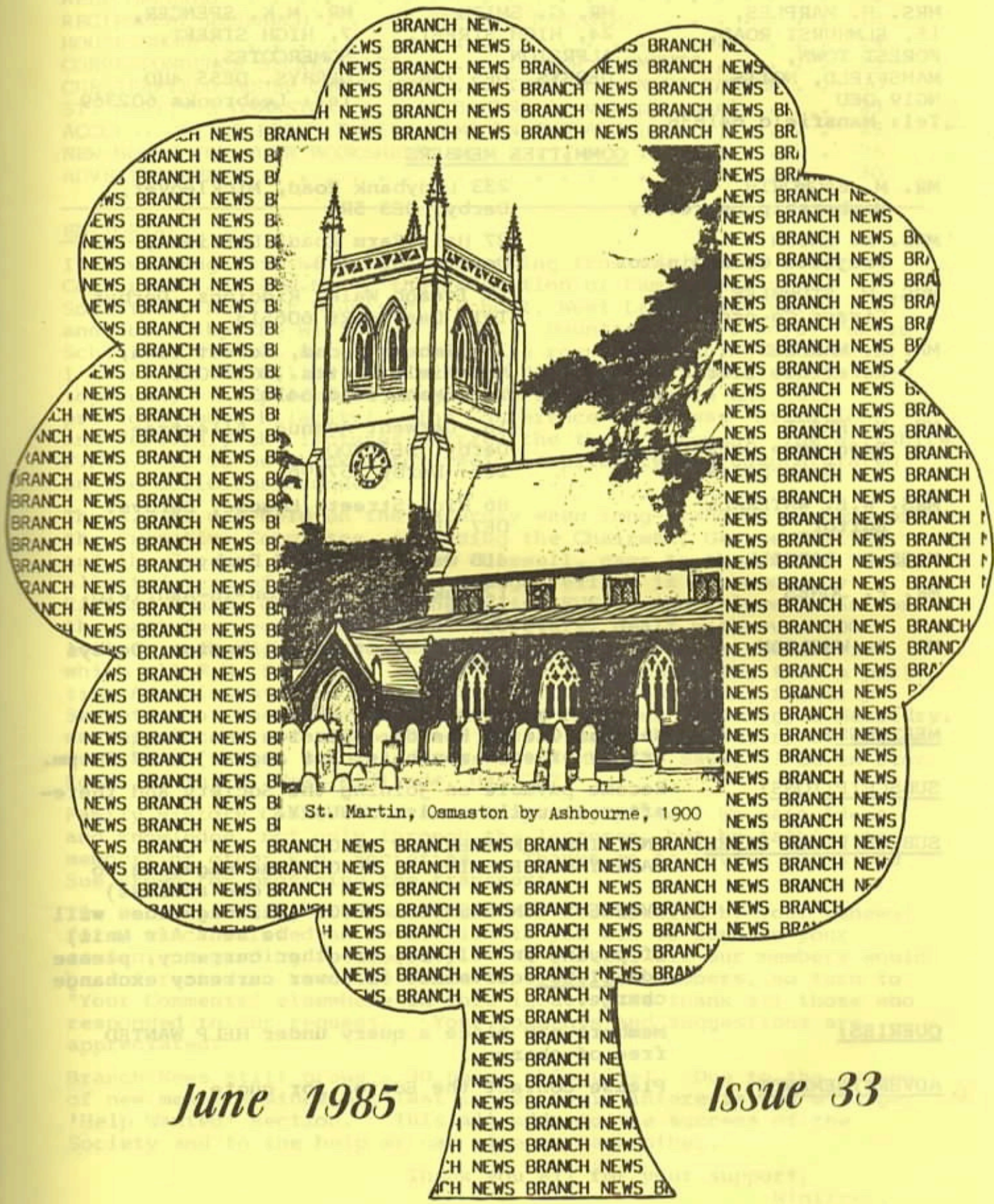


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EDITORIAL

I am writing this soon after returning from the Family History Conference and A.G.M. of the Federation of Family History Societies, held at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Wilts., and hosted by the Wiltshire F.H.S. Dauntsey's is a Boys' Public School and it was necessary to share rooms containing bunk beds. I shared with Pauline, who bravely "volunteered" to sleep in the top bunk; the procedure of getting up and down/in and out, providing much hilarity! The Conference theme was 'Migration' and certainly the lectures carried the theme through. The Wiltshire F.H.S. are to be thanked for their hospitality and congratulated on the delicious Banquet.

The A.G.M. was held on the Saturday when long-standing members of the Executive Committee, including the Chairman, George Pelling and the General Secretary, Ann Chiswell, came to the end of their allotted term of six years. George Pelling is succeeded by Richard Moore, Chairman of the Wilts. FHS. Ann Chiswell has for the past four years as General Secretary, dealt with over 100 letters each week! It was accepted, after a postal ballot in which all F.H. Societies were invited to participate, that a part-time Administrator be appointed. Mrs. Pauline Saul, formerly Secretary of the Birmingham & Midland Soc. for Genealogy & Heraldry, was appointed. Correspondence to the General Secretary of the Federation should now be addressed to: Mrs. P. Saul, 31 Seven Star Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 2BZ.

Family History Conferences are always enjoyable. We gain ideas and knowledge, not only through the lectures, but by talking to members of other F.H. Societies. Thanks go to Sheila Leeds and Sue Brown for providing the transport.

The December issue of Branch News was accompanied by your renewal form, which carried an invitation to you all to send in your comments regarding the Society. We thought all our members would be interested to read the comments of fellow members, so turn to "Your Comments" elsewhere in this issue. We thank all those who responded to our request. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Branch News still grows - 30 pages this time! Due to the volume of new members since our last issue, their interests and a larger 'Help Wanted' section. This all adds to the success of the Society and to the help we can give to each other.

Thank you all for your support,
Winifred.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

7th June - Members' Evening

5th July - Mrs. J. Hampartumium, The Lichfield Diocesan Record Office (with particular reference to the family historian)

No meeting during August

6th Sept. - Dr. Rogers, Tracing modern day missing persons.

We welcome the following new members who have joined us by 19th April 1985.

1106. Mr. & Mrs. G.D. & E.M. ALLEN, 66 Broomfield Ave., Hasland, Chesterfield. S41 0ND. Searching - ALLEN of Clay Cross 1786; HAWLEY of Clay Cross 1889; TURNER of Derbyshire; FROGGATT of Clay Cross.
1107. Mrs. K. WELLS, 15 Park Rd., Old Tupton, Chesterfield S42 6ER. Searching - HISCOX (formerly KING) of Frome, Somerset 1887.
1108. Mrs. E. GOODALL, 742 Derby Rd. Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6LZ.
1109. Mr. & Mrs. B.O. & M.I. BODEN, 3 Garden Ave. New Houghton, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 8TM. Searching - BODEN of Matlock and Tansley 1770.
1110. Mrs. J.A. PYE, 6 Staines Close, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5RL. Searching - AGER of Handsworth, Birmingham 1923; YOUNG of the same; PYE of Bridgnorth/Market Drayton, Shropshire, 1890.
1111. Mr. J.G. REANEY, "Cranleigh", 15a Carroll Close, Branksome, Poole, Dorset BH12 1PL. Searching - REANEY of Eckington 1820; MIRPHIN of the same; BERRESFORD of Sheffield 1850.
1112. Mrs. Y. RAVEN, 10 Sunnindale Drive, Tollerton, Notts. NG124ES. Searching - HOGG of Crich 1774; ASHFORTH 1774; DANNAH of Pentrich 1794; BOWLER 1794; PEPPER of Quadring, Lincs. 1829; SCRIMSHAW of Nottingham 1776; RAVEN of Oadby, Leics. 1690; HANNAHFORD of Totnes, Devon 1841.
1113. Mr. F. BALLINGTON, 25 Longclough Drive, Glossop, Derbys. SK13 8HN. Searching - BALLIDON/BALLINGDON of Trusley 1658; BALLINGTON of St. Werburgh 1582, All Saints 1561, St. Peters 1701, St. Alkmund 1796, all Derby, also of Duffield 1627 and of Matlock 1702.
1114. Miss L.M.A. ROSE, 4 Devonshire Terrace, Brunswood Rd. Matlock Bach, Derbys. Searching - ROSE of Sawley 1820's; ALTON of Ripley 1860's.
1115. Mr. D. GRIFFITHS, 107 Beatty Ave. Roath Park, Cardiff, Sth Glamorgan CF2 5QS. Searching - REDGATE of Derbyshire, particularly S.E. of county 1600.
1116. Mrs. E.A. HASLAM, 21 The Green, Allestree, Derby. Searching - HASLAM of Duffield 1690; SEAL of Holbrook & Horsley 1720; WILSON of Holbrook & Coxbench 1720.
1117. Mrs. D. BENT, 4301 South 4755 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84120 U.S.A. Searching - KIRBY of Shirebrook, Derbys & Blizworth, Northants 1820; WATERMAN & TANSLEY of Shirebrook, Derbys. & Blizworth, Northants 1860; DAVIS of Blizworth, Northants 1800; SMITH of Shirebrook, Derbys. & Worksop, Notts. 1870, also of Rosedale, N. Yorks. 1870; ALLISON of Shirebrook, Derbys. & Worksop, Notts. 1905.

1118. Mrs. M.J. TURTON, 12 The Pingle, Spondon, Derbys.
Searching - BANNISTER of Derby 1809; BRIGGS of Heage 1890;
RANDELL of Burntwood, Cannock, Staffs 1800; BERRISFORD of
Weston 1809; BORRINGTON of Derby 1867.
1119. Mr. P. SNIFFEN 541 Leawood, Toms River, New Jersey, 08753
U.S.A. Searching - KNIVETON/KNIFTON, DORNEY, MORTON, NEWLAND,
WHITING, BRATTON, all British Isles 1600's.
1120. Mrs. G. MURRAY, 95 Sandholme Drive, Burley-in-Wharfedale,
Nr. Ilkley, LS29 7RG. Searching - BALL of Heanor 1812;
BARKER of Eckington 1817; BRYAN of Sandiacre 1792; CHISSELL
of Heanor 1842; CRAGG of Quarndon 1797; HEWITT of Sandiacre
1797; RADFORD of Alfreton 1823; THORPE of Derwentdale 1818;
WALL of Darley Dale 1787; WRIGHT of South Wingfield 1823.
1121. Mr. H.B. BROWNE, 1 Moorlands, Wilderness Rd. Chislehurst,
Kent BR7 5HB. Searching - Buxton of Chelmorton, 1454,
Bakewell 1680 and of Gt. Longstone 1668; DENMAN of Stoney
Middleton 1693.
1122. Miss D. TIMMERMAN, 1346 Dry Brook Court, Derby, Kansas 67037
U.S.A. Searching - WALKER of Derbys. & Staffs. 1812; also of
Ilkeston 1841; HAYES of Ilkeston 1812; WINFIELD of Stapleford,
Notts. & Ilkeston (m. Bapt. Chapel).
1123. Miss G.L. SAPPINGTON, P.O.Box 91, Berea, Ohio 44017, U.S.A.
Searching - SAPERTON and variants of Derbyshire (emm. to
U.S.A. in 1695).
1124. Mrs. A. BALDWIN, 105 Fitzgerald St. Geraldton, Western
Australia 6530. Searching - SIMS of Riddings 1821 and of
Brierley Hill 1863; BALL of Congleton, Chesh. c.1835;
BRADDOCK of Congleton, Chesh. 1830; COLSTON of St. Pancras
1813; BUTLER of Tullagherin, Kilkenny, Ire. c.1848; FITZPATRICK
of Kilkenny, Ire. 1819; REID of Westmeath, Ire. c.1810.
1125. Mr. K.C. ANNABLE, Winchester, Ontario, RR1 Canada KOC 2KO.
Searching - ANNABLE of Kirk Ireton 1588; HEAPY of Asley Hay
1755; CLARK of Mansfield Woodhouse and of Greasley, Notts.
1730; COCKRAM of Wirksworth 1660; ANNABELL of Sawley and of
Long Eaton 1700; FORD of Ashbourne 1800.
1126. Mrs. J.P. WARREN, 18 Somerby Rd. Thurnby, Leics. LE7 PR.
Searching - OUTRAM & ROSE of Eyam, Froggatt & Curbar 1839;
HOLYOAK of Leicester 1818; MARSTON of Nuneaton, Warwicks.
1870; DEACON of Fleckney, Leics. 1800.
1127. Mr. & Mrs. T. & V. BAIMBRIDGE, 3 Somerton Rd. North Aston,
Oxfordshire. Searching - BAIMBRIDGE and variants of Hulland
Ward, nr. Ashbourne 1832; HEATHCOTE of Hognaston 1771.
1128. Mrs. H.M. WADDINGHAM, 45 Fairlawn Drive, East Grinstead,
Sussex RH19 1NR. Searching - TURTON of Derbys. and of
Collingham & Horstowe, Lincs; NEEDHAM of Derbys. and of
Cheshire 1102; DEAN and SHARP of Matlock.
1129. Mrs. J. BAILEY, 9 Thames Cresc. Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 8EY.
Searching - MELLOR(S) of Church Gresley 1841; HARVEY of the
same; BRITTAN of Tamworth, Staffs. 1850; PATRICK of the same.
1130. Mr. R. SOARE, 50 Lagoon Lane, Northfield, Ill. 60093, U.S.A.
Searching - SOARE of Derbyshire.
1131. Mrs. M. FINLEY, 263 Woodlea Cresc. Oshawa, Ontario, Canada
L1J 3J2. Searching - BAGSHAW of Longnor or Quarnford, Staffs.
border. Birthplace Flash 1783.

1132. Mr. N. STORER, Rievaulx Cottage, Lake Lane, Barnham, Bognor Regis, W. Sussex PO22 OAJ. Searching - STORER of Wirksworth 1826 (Manager of Cromford Canal 1866, Later Railway Director. Son-in-law of Wm. JESSOP) poss. link with William JESSOP, Canal Engineer).
1133. Mr. W.L. EDWARDS, 36 Bloomfield Way, Coton Green, Tamworth, Staffs. B79 8LS. Searching - EDWARDS of Belper 1821; ALLEN of Belper 1806; WATHAL of Horsley 1807; SLATER of Shirland 1806; WATSON of Cromford 1771; HASLAM of Milford c. 1815; SUTTON of Milford 1836; SALT of Ripley 1852; HAWKSLEY of Belper 1816.
1134. Mrs. N. WAIN, 8 Curzon Lane, Alvaston, Derby. DE2 8PS. Searching - JONES of Youlgreave 1881; DRAYTON of Grimsby, Louth, Lincs. 1900.
1135. Mrs. B. PECK, 216 Madison St., Montgomery, Illinois 60538, U.S.A. Searching - MOSLEY of Derbyshire 1802, poss. Chesterfield area; RICHARDSON of Fadmoor, Yorks. c.1795.
1136. Mrs. C. SHEFFIELD, 4658 Lincoln St., Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Searching - SIDEBOTTOM of Charlesworth 1802; COOPER of Charlesworth 1809; Hyde of Stratton, Wilts. 1808; COOK of Northleach, Glos. 1832; NEWTON of Chapel-en-le-Frith late 1800's.
1137. Mrs. J. HORNER, 17 Sandfield Drive, Lostock, Bolton, Lancs. BL6 4DU. Searching - CRESSWELL of Loscoe, 1823; HOLMES of Bagthorpe and Selston, Notts. 1823; WEBSTER of Ilkeston c. 1773; POLLARD of Ilkeston c. 1815.
1138. Mrs. M. OSTERGAARD, 1003 Tulip Lane, Ellisville, Missouri, U.S.A. 63011. Searching - REDGATE of Derby 1799; HILTON of Sheffield, Yorks. 1806; WHITEHEAD of Sheffield, Yorks. 1835; BRAMMER of Derby 1799.
1139. Mrs. A. BOGDANOVIC, 113 Okehampton Rd. St. Thomas, Exeter, S. Devon, EX4 1EP. Searching - MOSLEY of Tideswell 1819; HOLME of the same; KIDD of Staffs. 1829. Three Mosley sons were evacuated from Eyam to Tideswell at the time of the Plague. Also researching rumours of links with Mosley Baroncy!
1140. Mr. R. KERSHAW, Topcliffe, Chapel Lane, Legbourne, Louth. Lincs. LN11 8LW. Searching - MOORE, SPENCER, HALL of Middleton by Worksworth 1662; NICHOLS of St. Mary's Nottingham 1723; SCHOFIELD of Kirkheaton, West Riding Yorks. 1730; KERSHAW of Oldham (St. Mary) Lancs. 1798; HODGSON of Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland; HOGGARTH of Castle Sowerby, Torpenhow, Cumberland 1790.
1141. Mr. J. HADFIELD GARLICK, 202 Hadfield Rd. Hyde, Cheshire SK14 8EP. Searching - GARLICK of Glossop 1774; HADFIELD of Glossop 1766; WILD of Hartington 1839; WHITTLE of Chorley, Lancs. 1827; BLADES of Askrigg/Aysgarth, Yorks. 1814.
1142. Mrs. D. MARSDEN, "Burnside", Low Bradfield, Sheffield, S. Yorks. S6 6LB. Searching - MARSDEN of Whittington 1845; SHELDON of Derbyshire 1795; DALE(S) of Belton and Isle of Axholme, Lincs. 1730; GREAVES of Norton 1800; BARSTOW of Norton 1800; FISHER of Blyth, Notts. 1840; WOOLLEY of Liverpool, Lancs. 1840; CLIFF of Sheffield, Yorks. 1820; CLARKE of Ashton, Northants 1780.
1143. Mrs. M. FELS, 230 Springfield Rd. Chelmsford, Essex. CM2 6BP. Searching - BURTON of Derbyshire 1810.

1144. Mrs. B. WICKENS, 72 Vincent Cresc. Brampton, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - BONSALL of Stonegravels, Chesterfield 1850's; SMITH of Stonegravels, Chesterfield 1830 (Hatter); BONSALL of Heage pre. 1850; FLEAR of Washingborough, nr. Lincoln 1800's.
1145. Mrs. G. DICK, 20 Devonshire Drive, Leabrooks, Derbys.DE55 1LS. Searching - NAYLOR of South Normanton 1833; WILSON of South Normanton 1850.
1146. Mr. & Mrs. A. EATON, Newlands, Halloughton, Southwell, Nottss. NG25 OQP. Searching - EATON of Wirksworth 1694;
1147. Mrs. S. PENNELL, 26 Clesbourne Rd. Cheltenham, Glos. Searching - MEAKIN of Derby; TAYLOR of Allestree; PREECE of Derby, Glos. and poss. Hereford; PEACH of Derbyshire; SAINT of Derbyshire; GRIFFIN of Glos; ALLEN of Glos.
1148. Mr. P. GIBSON, 12 Glebe Close, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9RL. Searching - GIBSON of Tideswell 1756.
1149. Mr. C.D.N. STATHAM, Rose Cottage, Rhencullen, Kirk Michael, Isle of Man. Searching - STATHAM/STATHUM of Derbyshire 1874.
1150. Mrs. D. Robson, 5 St. Mary's Walk, Off Tollergate, Scarborough, N. Yorks. YO11 1RN. Searching - TOPHAM of Chesterfield 1762; YOUNG of Matlock 1823; RIBBON of London 1814; GAUNT of Belper 1797; McMASTER of Stranraer, Scotland 1869; GIBSON of Stranraer and Dalbeattie, Scotland 1840; RIDING/RIDER of Leeds, Wortley and Woodhouse, Yorks. 1801; WILSON of Leeds, Wortley, Kirkstall, Yorks. 1868; DOBSON of Thornhill and Bradford, Yorks. 1898.
1151. Mrs. E. HALL, 3 Scotts Way, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.NG17 9DM. Searching - MARTIN of Macclesfield, Ches. 1850, also of Dublin, Ireland 1840; RICHARDSON of Knutsford, Chesh. 1860.
1152. Mr. D. WALKLATE, 11 Woodland Ave. Borrowash, Derby. Searching - WALKLATE of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. 1632, of Alstonfield, Staffs. 1480, of Trentham, Staffs. 1583, of Wolstanton, Staffs. 1627 and of Derby 1723; CUSTANCE of Luton, Beds. 1888; JANES of Luton, Beds. 1886.
1153. Mr. R. BOON, 56 Sunnyhill Ave. Sunnyhill, Derby DE3 7JQ. Searching - BOON/BOONE/BONE of Stanmer, E. Sussex 1795.
1154. Mr. J. JONES, 9 Manor Rd. Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex RM6 4LL.
1155. Mr. G. WHITEOAK, 30 Eastfield Place, Sutton in Craven, Keighley, W. Yorks. BD20 7EX. Searching - TRUEMAN of Kimberley, Notts. C.1800; LANE of Worksop, Notts. C.1810; MORRIS of Bingham, Notts. C.1815; GODFREY of Worksop, Notts. C.1810; CHAPMAN of Duckmanton, Derbys. C.1815; HALL of Worksop, Notts. c.1815; FINLAY of Northumberland, Meldon C.1837; POGMORE of Barlborough, C.1795; WHITEOAK of Carleton, nr. Skipton, W. Yorks 1742; JACKSON of Wadsworth, W.Yorks. 1827; HARGREAVES of Kildwick, W.Yorks. c.1780; STEPHENSON of Kildwick, W.Yorks. c.1780; NELSON of Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland 1811; WATSON of Kildwick, W.Yorks. 1738; COCKSHOT of Kildwick, W.Yorks. 1808; HODGSON of Preston Patrick, Westmorland 1823; RUSHTON 1787; THOMPSON 1774; ROBINSON 1808; CATLEY 1801; WHITAKER 1803; BRACEWELL 1776; HIRD 1787; OGDEN 1738, all of Kildwick, W.Yorks.
1156. Mrs. J.D.A. SIMPSON, 17 Standhill Ave. Carlton, Nottingham, NG14 1LG. Searching - WARD of Baslow at any time; WARD of Ringwood, Hants. 1790's; RAINBOW of Arlingham, Gos. at any time; ORFORD of London at any time; KNIGHT of Gunthorpe, Notts. 1826.

1157. Mr. K.J. PEARSON, M.B.E., Pound Piece, Fulbrook, Burford, Oxford, OX8 4BL. Searching - PEARSON of Old Brampton, nr. Chesterfield pre.1870; CHILDE of Hasland pre.1860; SPENCER of Aldwark pre.1800; HENSTOCK of Via Gellia, nr.Bonsall, pre.1860.
1158. LEICESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES & INFORMATION SERVICE, Standing Order Dept. 1st Floor, James Tower, Navigation St. Leics. LE1 3TZ.
1159. Mrs. L. WALKER, 12 St. Mary's Drive, Armthorpe, Doncaster, S. Yorks. DN3 3DP. Searching - NEALE of Brimington and Riddings.
1160. Mr. A.E. BENNETT, 48 Acresgate Court, Liverpool, Merseyside, L25 4LF. Searching - BENNETT of Chapel-en-le-Frith 1759; SHALLCROSS of the same 1712; SWINDELLS also of the same 1764; LIMGARD of Glossop 1691; SWANN of Chapel-en-le-Frith 1736; DERWENT/DARWENT of the same 1733; HAUGHTON of Marple, Ches.1805.
1161. Mrs. P. FORD, 4 Grange Park Road, Chapel-en-le-Frith, via Stockport, Chesh.SK12 6LJ. Searching - WAIN(E) of Grindleford and Ringinglow nr. Hathersage 1936.
1162. Mr. F. GARRETT, 99 Talmalge Hall Dr. Conroe, Texas 77302, U.S.A. Searching - GARRETT/GARRATT of Barrow 1650. Looking for Barrow Garretts past and present.
1163. Mrs. A. BUSH, 3 Darley Close, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 3DY. Searching - LOMAS and BULLOCK of Eckington 1759.
1164. Miss B. GREAVES, Severels, Runcton Lane, Chichester, Sussex, PO20 6PS. Searching - WORRALL, HODGEKINSON, BUXTON, MARPLES of Hathersage, Froggatt, Bakewell and Wirksworth all c.1800.
1165. Mr. D. WORRALL, 16 Stafford Close, Reservoir Rd. London N14 4BD. Searching - WORRALL of Ashover pre.1791.
1166. Mr. G.H. HOLLIS, "Ashlea", Millway, Sutton Saint Nicholas, Hereford HR1 3BQ. Searching - HOLLIS of Marston upon Dove 1807.
1167. Mrs. D. CROCKER, Omega, 10 North St. Nazeing, Waltham Abbey, Essex. EN9 2NL. Searching - ORCHARD of Long Eaton 1757; STEERS of Long Eaton 1826; OLDHAM of Derby 1855; HERRING of Alfreton 1858; PEACH of Rutland 1720.
1168. Miss A. HOWITT, 10 Hill Rd. Springthorpe, Gainsborough, Lincs. DN21 5QB. Searching - HOWITT of Heanor 1848; GRAY of Wickenby, Lincs. 1870.
1169. Mr. D.R. ROUGHTON, 37 Connaught Court, Alfreton, Derbys. DE5 7EJ. Searching - ROUGHTON of Derby & Leics.1731; WILBRAHAM of Derbys/Staffs/Chesh. 1199.
1170. Mr. E. WALKLATE, 121 Derby Rd. Aston-on-Trent, Derbys.DE7 2AE. Searching - WALKLATE of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.1632, of Alstonefield, Staffs. 1480, of Trentham, Staffs. 1583, of Wolstanton, Staffs. 1627 and of Derby 1723; CUSTANCE of Luton Beds.1888; JANES of Luton, Beds. 1886.
1171. Mr. & Mrs. O. & B.M. PEAT, Moorside Court, Ravensmoor Close, Moor Lane, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9XA. Searching - PEAT of Notts. & Derbys. REAVILL of Notts; HICKMAN of Gainsborough, Lincs; BEER(E) of Tywardreath, Cornwall.
1172. Mr. S. WALKLATE, 92 Oregon Way, Chaddesden, Derby. Interests the same as 1170.

1173. Mr. J. WILSON, Kilverleigh, Cheriton Bishop, Nr, Exeter, EX6 6JE. Searching - BRIMLOW/BRIMELOW of Derbys. pre.1835.
1174. Mrs. B. LUSBY, Laurel House, 87 Fieldside, Thorne, Nr. Doncaster, S.Yorks. DN8 4AA. Searching - SIDDALL of Hartington, Staveley, Chesterfield and of Stb. Yorks. 1891; TOWNSEND of Hartington, Staveley and Chesterfield 1891.
1175. Mrs. B. LEWIS, 10 Church Meade, Huthwaite, Notts. NG17 2RN. Searching - DOOLEY of Skegby, Notts. 1884.
1176. Mrs. M. DALE, 42 Grange Ave. Cheadle Holme, Cheadle, Staffs. SK8 5JP. Searching - CLARKE of Ripley 1813.
1177. Mrs. S.D. HUSBANDS, 32 Teesdale Rd. Sherwood, Nottingham, NG5 1DB. Searching - BURGIN/BURGOYNE and all variants of Codnor 1691.
1178. Mrs. A.B. GROOME, 5 Woodstock Close, Allestree, Derby DE3 2LP. Searching - BARLOW of St. Werburgh, Derby 1841; COWLISHAW of Aston-on-Trent 1815; GROOME of Mountnessing and Shenfield, Essex 1822; HARLOW of Mickleover 1805; HARVEY of Uppergreen, Langley, Essex 1865; HODGKINSON of Flagg and Chelmorton 1807; PLAYER of Littlebury, Essex 1865; WEBB of Ipswich, Suffolk, c. 1850; WHITE of Leeds, Yorks. c.1855.
1179. Mr. & Mrs. A. & S. BLOODWORTH, 79 Hands Rd. Heanor, Derbys. DE7 7HB. Searching - LITCHFIELD of Heage and Belper 1825; COX of Heage and Belper 1870; THACKER 1804 and HALL 1762 both of Heage and Belper; OAKLEY of Heage and Belper 1800; BLOODWORTH of Cossall 1904; CARRIER of Kirk Hallam 1850; OXLEY and WATKINSON of Heanor 1883; PARKIN of Heanor 1863; SLATER of Heanor 1829; TAYLOR of Ible 1770.
1180. Mrs. G. CASSIDY, 10 Marlowe Court, Claxton St., Derby. Searching - COULSON of Derby 1877; MOTTRAM, BANKS and McGEE of Derby 1841; RAWSON of Derby c.1907; SELLARS of Derby.

N.B. Where no County is given, it may be assumed to be Derbyshire.

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS

- 764/5. Mr. & Mrs. D. BALDWIN, 77 Margaret Ave. Sandiacre, Notts. Searching - BALDWIN of Willington 1752; GEORGE of Boddington, Glos. 1540; RILEY of Whittington, Staffs. 1830; BROWN of Coleby, Lincs. 1700; BEAN of BOOTHBY, Lincs. 1798; RICHARDSON of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. 1865.
1054. Miss O. GREAVES, A-1 the Meadow, Clifton, N.J., U.S.A. 07012. Searching - GREAVES of Marple, Chesh. 1824; TURNER of Disley, Ches. 1830; KINDER of Furnace Vale, nr. Chapel-en-le-Frith 1830; GUY of Liverpool, Lancs. & poss. Derbyshire 1830.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 56 Mrs. V. JACKSON, 49 Conholt Road, Andover, Hants. SP10 2HS.
1014. Mrs. P.J. PAILLIN, 14 Potter St., Melbourne, Derby DE7 1DW.
1079. Mrs. K. HIGGINS, 28 Bracken Rd. Leigh, Lancs. WN7 4XA.
1081. Mr. R. STREET, 3 Edwards Rd. Christchurch, Dorset BH23 3EJ.

CORRECTION Please note that the following address should read:-

838. Mr. G. MATHER, 18 Ravenswood Ave., Crowthorne, Berks RG11 6AY. Not as stated under Additional Interests, Branch News No. 32.

Help Wanted

GOODWIN
HILL
DENHAM
BOWN

Seeking the bapt, of HUMPHREY GOODWIN c. 1769 in Derbyshire. He married in Nov. 1792 to ELIZABETH HILL at Heath where he died in 1843. Any info. concerning the GOODWIN family of Heath would be greatly appreciated. Info. needed on READ DENHAM who was pabt. at Matlock in Nov. 1730. His parents were ROBERT DENHAM and poss. GRACE BOWN. He lived for many years in Ashover, marrying twice. First to ELIZABETH ALLEN in 1759. Second to MARTHA HAY in 1775. He had a large family inc. a son READ. The family lived later in the Chesterfield district (Calow and Heath) but Read senior died in Ashover in 1823 aged 93 years. Mr. L. Cripps, 3 Park Street, Woombye, Queensland, Australia 4559 (Memb.no. 76).

WRIGHT

Info. needed on children or gr. children of THOMAS and SARAH WRIGHT of Wingerworth. Thomas died Nov 9, 1887 aged 54 years and Sarah died 14 Nov. 1887 aged 53 years. ALL postage refunded. Mrs. R. Kolk, 2809 Guthrie, Des Moines, Iowa 50317 U.S.A. (Memb. no. 361)

COCKAYNE
DOBBS
CLARKE
HARTSHORNE

Info. needed (1) JOSEPH COCKAYNE (1832-1902) of Duke St. Ilkeston, Derbys. (colliery banksman) marr. HARRIET THROOP in 1861. Had children RUTH (1862); MARTHA (1864); JOSEPH (1866); GEORGE (1868). (2) WILLIAM COCKAYNE bn. 1819 acc. to 1851 census when he was 32 yrs. Framework Knitter. Wife Mary aged 26 years. Children MARINA (1845); ISAAC (1847); MARTHA (1949); ELIZABETH (1851). (?? brother of JOSEPH). (3) WILLIAM COCKAYNE bn. 1819 acc. to 1881 census, when he was 62 yrs. Silkweaver, of Duke St. Ilkeston. Wife Mary aged 56 yrs. Children HARRIET (1857); SARAH (1859); HENRY (1865); HANNAH (1868). (4) JOSEPH COCKAYNE bn. c.1785/8 died 1867 aged 82 yrs. He was born at Derby, marr. RUTH MUSSON 26/12/1807 and lived in Duke St. Ilkeston. Glovehand. Children ELIZABETH bn. 1807 m. JACOB BEARDSLEY 1826; HARRIET bn. 1810 m. WILLIAM STEVENSON 1826; MARTHA bn. 1811 m. JOSEPH BEARDSLEY 1832 (Joseph died 1836); (5) WILLIAM COCKAYNE (1794-1819). Lived at Cotmanhay, m. MARY CHAMBERS Sept. 1813 - wtns. JOS. COCKAYNE. Poss. father of WILLIAM, the silkweaver and nephew to JOSEPH the glovehand. Info. also sought on DOBBS of Stanley, JOHN and THOMAS 1830's; CLARKE HENRY and ANN of Stanley 1790-1800; HARTSHORN/HART of Dale Abbey 1809. Mrs. M. Edwards, 7 Dukesway, Upton-by-Chester, Chester CH2 1RF. (Memb. no. 705).

HALLSWORTH
LICENSE

DAVID HALLSWORTH resided c. 1879 in Derby, wife ANNE MARIE LICENSE, had 11 children, inc. SAMUEL b. 1879, ELIZABETH, RUTH, DAVID and MARK. Seeking birth/marriage dates, parents siblings of both DAVID and wife ANNE. Also wish to correspond with current descendents. Willing to exchange information. Mrs. Lorraine Weyrauch, 11585 S.W. Greenburg Rd. Tigard, Oregon 97223 USA. (Memb. no. 1062).

RODES

Info, needed on GEORGE RODES d. Dec. 27 1665, bur. at Barlborough, Derbys. Was son of Sir JOHN RODES and 3rd wife FRANCES, dau. of MARMADUKE CONSTABLE. Was grandson of Judge FRANCIS RODES who built Barlborough Hall. Did GEORGE have a wife and/or children? Was there a son JOHN, later of Ripley or a son GEORGE Jr. of Pentrich? John became a Quaker. Mrs. J. Bellatti, R.R.1 Jacksonville, Ill. U.S.A. (Memb. no. 738).

SMITH

Does anyone know if there is a Monumental Inscription in the churchyard or plaque in the church at Little Eaton to Mr. THOMAS SMITH and wife ANNE. If not at Little Eaton, may poss. be Derby St. Alkmund. Mrs. K. Zimoch, 67 Hertha Road, Innaloo, W.A. 6018 Australia. (Memb. no, 455).

BULLOCK
LOMAS

Searching for the bapt. dates of MARY BULLOCK c. 1727 and THOMAS LOMAS poss. a little earlier. They were marr. at Eckington in 1759. Mrs. A. Bush, 3 Darley Close, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey KT15 3DY. (Memb.no. 1163).

FOX
MIDDLETON

Crompton, Bampton, Riley, Levi, Williamson, Collier, Jennison, Chadwick, Oldham. Does anyone know a connection between the name LOWE and MIDDLETON in the 1800's. MIDDLETON family of Furness Vale, Chapel-en-le-Frith area. Also any other person searching MIDDLETON in this area would like to contact. Names of MIDDLETON males not yet charted fully, LEWIS LOWE, GEORGE NORMAN, JOHN PETER, LEAH LOWE, RACHEL LOWE, ANGELO (very interested to find where he is) born 1880 at Furness Vale son of WILLIAM and MARY, nee COLLIER. The above names cover part of a 2 generation family. WILLIAM and HANNAH, nee LOMAS of Bradshaw and GEORGE and RACHEL, nee WILLIAMSON of Yeardsley Hall, between the dates 1915 - 1900. Help wanted with bapt. of RICHARD MIDDLETON 1713. From 1740 onwards when he was marr. I know how many times he blew his nose, but cannot find his birthplace. Have searched outwards from Chinley Chapel with no luck, also into other counties which border. He never seems to be mentioned in wills of others, unless of course someone out there knows better. Glad to hear from anyone searching the names MIDDLETON, FOX and KYRKE. Also need to locate marr. of his son RICHARD c.1775 at ANN? born and buried at Chinley, Little Bowden area. He worked on Chapel Church up to his death in 1806 as a glazier. Mrs. R. Clarke, 19 Arden St. New Mills, Stockport, Cheshire SK12 4NS. (Memb. no. 821).

WOOD

Baptism needed for GEORGE WOOD bn. c.1757. He marr. MARTHA KNOWLES of Stockport at Matlock on 14 Dec.1779, when he stated he was an Innkeeper. Mrs. C. Unsworth, Spurs Lodge, Sagars Rd. Styal, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4HE. (Memb. no. 631).

TOMS/THOMS
REGAN
HARVEY
HENSHAW

Would appreciate any info. on the name TOMS with variations, also REGAN (John). Searching for info. on SAMUEL HARVEY c. 1830. Would like to contact anyone who knows of JOHN HENSHAW bn. c.1810, was a farmer in Derbyshire and a Presbyterian. He was convicted at Derby Assizes in 1838 for sheep stealing and sentenced to Australia for 10 yrs. He may have left a wife and child in England and also a brother. He had a wife in Australia and four children. There are now over 100 descendents in Australia. Also searching for info. on the name EAGEN with variations. MARGARET bn.

EAGEN/EGAN
FAREL
BELL
WHITE
McBRIERTY
McGRATH
JACKMAN

1835 in County Clare, Catholic. Lived in New Market on Fergus, Ireland. Left Liverpool on the "Matoaka" in 1855, as a free settler. Had a brother JAMES. Info. also sought on MITCHAEAL FAREL bn. 1833 in Ireland. DAVID BELL: ANN WHITE; WILLIAM BLYTH; CHRISTIANA CAMPBELL. FELIX McBRIERTY bn. 1836 in County Tyrone, Ireland. JEREMIAH McGRATH bn. 1858 and THOMAS JACKMAN. Mrs. J. Martin, 13 Yorston St. Warners Bay, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia 2282. (Memb. no. 801).

PRINCESS
of TECK

Info. needed on the Wedding (1900's) of a Derbys. woman who marr. a Polish Prince and became the "Princess of Teck". I am interested in tracing a newspaper article about RICHARD HOGG (F.W.K.) making hose for the lady. Mrs. Y. Raven, 10 Sunnindale Drive, Tollerton, Notts.NG12 4ES. (Memb. no. 1112).

JACKSON

Info. needed on HENRY JOSEPH JACKSON bn. c.1816 in Lincs. He marr. SUSANNAH WILSON in 1843 in Sutton St. Mary, Lincs. They moved to Australia in 1853. Henry's parents were William Jackson and Susann Leach, marr. in Gedney Parish, 16 May 1815. I am unable to locate a bapt. for Henry and would be very grateful if anyone can help me. Mrs. S. Gerry, 13 Westray Ave. Banora Point, N.S.W. Australia 2486. (Memb.no. 1078).

STATHAM

Searching for the bapt. of ABERNATHAN DAFFIN STATHAM. He was marr. to SARAH ROBINSON, who was bn. 1823 and d. 1896. ABERNATHAN d. in 1874. Have reason to believe that the family lived chiefly in the Matlock area. Mr. C.D.N. Statham, Rose Cottage, Rhencullen, Kirk Michael, I.O.M. (Memb.no.1149).

SAPURTON

I have found a reference to a JOHN SAPURTON of Derbys. in the De Banco Rolls and would like more info. on the De Banco Rolls and the year of the reference to John Sapurton. Miss G.L. Sappington, P.O.Box 91, Berea, Ohio, 44017, U.S.A. (Memb. no. 1123).

SIMS
BALL

Searching for the birth record of ROBERT SIMS bn.c.1821 at Riddings. I am unable to find him on the 1841 census. I do have his marriage cert. at Brierley Hill on 13.4.1863. to Ellen Ball of Congleton, Chesh. Assistance from anyone will be greatly appreciated. Mrs. A. Baldwin, 105 Fitzgerald St. Geraldton, Western Australia 6530. (Memb.no. 1124).

BAGNALD
HURD

I do wish I could find more contacts and "cousins" especially very distant, to find a connection to MARY BAGNALD, wife of WILLIAM HURD of Ashbourne who bore 10 children and lived 1770-1838. I do enjoy receiving the magazine, also any notes and letters from members and friends. In a way, it's like coming home and I experience the ambience of where my forefathers walked, the moors, the villages and of St. Oswald's church in Ashbourne. Mrs. Claire (Jackson) Kemp, 1909 Conejo Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 U.S.A. (Memb. no. 811).

PEACH
DEVONPORT

My grandfather GEORGE PEACH was bn. in Tansley in 1840, but I do not know whether he had any brothers and sisters. My grandmother EMMA DEVONPORT was bn. in Starkholmes and had a sister Eliza, d. c.1918. A brother HENRY bn. 1842 used to write poems or hymns and paint a little. He was a cripple and used to sit on a trolley in Matlock and hopefully collect coppers, (no Social Services then!) I am housebound so cannot go seeking family history myself. Can anyone help? Miss G. Martin, 4 Post Office Row, Garstang Rd. St. Michaels, Preston, Lancs. PR3 0TE. (Memb. no.1008).

BETTERIDGE
NADIN
LUDGATE
CARTWRIGHT
RICHARDS

Info. sought on the following and any ancestors/descendants. JOHN BETTERIDGE (butcher) & MARY STANDLEY of HARTSHORNE, marr. 28th June 1832 at St. Werburgh. GEORGE NADIN (joiner) & MARY HUDSON of REPTON & WOODVILLE, marr. 27th May 1836 at St. Werburgh. THOMAS LUDGATE (cooper) & SARAH ANN CARTWRIGHT of BURTON, marr. 27th May 1865 at St. Werburgh. JOHN CARTWRIGHT (railway foreman) & SARAH SMEDLEY of HARTSHORN(?) marr. 20th April

1818 at St. Werburgh. WILLIAM JOHN RICHARDS (blacksmith) & MARY ANN HILL, marr. c.1855 at St. Martin, Birmingham. Mr. W.H.F. Richards, 88, Wilbury Rd. Letchworth, Herts. SG6 4JJ. (Memb.no. 1090).

SHIRLEY

Searching for any info. on WILLIAM and ELIZABETH SHIRLEY and family. They had 7 children that I know of all bap. at Dalbury Lees, Derbys. HANNAH 1813; JOHN 1816; CHARLES and REBECCA 1822; SARAH 1824; PHILLIP 1827; ROSETTA 1832. WILLIAM and ELIZABETH still lived there in 1841, but in 1851 William lived at the Alms Houses, Etwall, with his daughter Rosetta. He was then a pensioner and a widower. Their son John marr. UNA REYNOLDS in 1839 and they lived at 53 Freehold St. Derby in 1861. Mrs. G. Purssell, 58 Latimer St. Holland Pk. Brisbane 4121, Queensland, Australia. (Memb.no. 521).

PLANT
EMMERSON

Still searching for birth of ELIZABETH PLANT c.1875-80 poss. at Burbage. Also birth of FRANCIS EMMERSON c. 1870 and the marr. of these two c.1895. FRANCIS EMMERSON was known to have died c.1904 at the age of 33 or 35. He was a cabinet maker. Mrs. J. White, 62 Parkstone Ave., Poole, Dorset. BH14 9LS. (Memb. no.889).

BEAUMONT

Any info. about descendants of JOHN EDWARD JOSEPH BEAUMONT bn. Penn St. Wolverhampton, March 1851, son of Edward and Caroline (nee CONTENCIN) gratefully received by D.J. Cox, 417 Burton Rd. Derby DE3 6AN.

RAVENSDALE
PARK/
PALACE

Can anyone give me details about the Park and royally-visited "seat" of the Middle Ages? I would be grateful for any references to printed or manuscript material. I am researching 'RAVENSDALE' family history as a One-Name study, and, having found De Ravensdale in 1292 in North Staffs., I am wondering if this Park is where my ancestors came from. Any reference to any RAVENSDALE people would also, of course, be gratefully received and postage refunded. Mrs. K.M. Benny, 19 Mary Vale, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1SW. (Memb.no. 628).

ELLIOTT
YEOMANS

Info. needed on the families of ELLIOTT of Pinxton and Alfreton. Also YEOMANS of Brimington. Mr. R.E. Elliott, 65 Louth Rd. Horncastle, Lincs. LN9 5ED.

PRATT

Knowing the wide readership of the journal, I wonder if any readers can fill in any gaps about my gr. grandfather? The details are as follows:-

DROWNED AT MONTREAL: In early June 1883 the Beaver Line S/S Lake Huran sailed from Liverpool and after a stop in Quebec arrived in Montreal on 18 June 1883. A letter to the Montreal Gazette testifies to the "abundance of good wholesome food and water, the cleanliness and ventilations of our berths, and the considerable attention shown to us by the stewards..." among whom was my gr. grandfather, Charles William PRATT. Christened in Warwickshire in 1832, he was going to see J (JOSEPH?) S(SUTTON?) PRATT, most probably his son. While the Montreal Gazette and Morning Star are not totally accurate about the relationship with J.S. Pratt, they do agree with what happened. "At 6 pm... it seems that...C.W.Pratt...conceived the idea of taking a bath, and after divesting himself of his clothing, without a moment's hesitation sprang from the deck of his vessel, which was lying at Commissioners Wharf in Montreal, into the icy waters beneath. The sailors, who watched his movements, were horrified to see that he did not rise above the surface, as there is a strong current at this point, it is feared he was dragged down the stream."

The body was found and identified by J.S. Pratt of Yorkville, Ontario. The deceased had left a letter on board addressed to J. Pratt, Linsing, Toronto. A Toronto Globe reference mentions that J. Pratt lived in St. Pauls Ward.

It seems fairly certain that there are Pratt descendants in Canada but where? If anyone there - or in England - has a mystery ancestor who drowned in the icy St. Lawrence River and is buried at the Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal, please let me know! I am happy to exchange information. Mr. Jeremy Sutton-Pratt, The Old Bakehouse, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3AZ. (Mem. no. 397).

POLL BOOKS
TAX RECORDS

Is there any book/leaflet which tells of where to find research material in Derbyshire e.g. Poll Books, Parish Chest material, Tax records etc. That is, other than birth, marriage and death records. When one is "Stuck" on a particular branch of one's tree pre.1837, it is difficult to know what to do next. Derbyshire Record Office have, due to lack of staffing, become increasingly unwilling to supply information, (even copies of known records). As I have to do most of my Derbyshire research by post, I would like to know some of these things. Mrs. Margaret Hartley, 110 Hurst Rd. Twyford, Berks. RG10 OAN. (Memb. no.1029). (The above records are at the County Record Office, Matlock. Perhaps someone can offer to do reciprocal research for Mrs. Hartley. See Mrs. Hartley's "Help Offered" in the Dec. 1984 issue of Branch News. The Society of Genealogists have a certain amount of this material relating to Derbyshire).

ACCOMMODATION
MATLOCK

My wife and I are semi-disabled. We would like to visit Matlock, but have searched for suitable accommodation in vain. Local Tourist Offices etc cannot help. We require accommodation for semi-disabled husband and wife, family history enthusiasts, to visit C.R.O. Car - hills no problem but need Bed, Breakfast and Evening meal. Ground floor room, or lift, also access for afternoon rest. Mr. S. Reeds, 8 Seagrave Drive, Oadby, Leics. LEZ 5GH. (Memb.no.763).

Help Offered

DORSET

Mrs. Joan White, 62 Parkstone Ave. Poole, Dorset, BH14 9LS (Memb.no. 889) offers to do research for members at the Dorset County Record Office in return for train fare which is £3 day return.

WOOD

Mrs. Cath. Unsworth, Spurs Lodge, Sagars Rd. Styal, Wilmslow, Chesh. SK9 4HE (Memb.no. 631) has purchased a copy of the Derbys. I.G.I. printout for the name WOOD. If any member of the Society would like her to search it for them she will do so in return for a S.A.E.

SPONDON
HOLBROOK
KIRK
LANGLEY

Mrs. Kathleen Zimoch, 67 Hertha Rd. Innaloo, W.A.6018 Australia (Memb.no. 455) offers to search the micro-films which they have available for Monumental Inscriptions from St. Werburghs, Spondon; St. Michaels, Holbrook and St. Michaels, Kirk Langley. Please enclose equivalent English stamps for return postage.

PEGGE

During the last couple of years I have collected a lot of PEGGE family history. It may be of use to some of the members. I have not had time to collate it all yet, but anyone is welcome to see it. Mrs. Jean Bailey, 5 Cross Side, Clifton, nr. Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2GJ. (Memb.no.573).

Reciprocal Research

REPTON
AVON

In exchange for research work in Repton, Derbys., I will do research in the area of Avon (part of Somerset before boundary changes) in a radius of 10-15 miles of Weston-super-Mare. Mrs. L.G. Gurmin, 19 Hillview Caravan Park, Locking Rd. Weston-super-Mare, Avon BS22 8PW. (Memb. no.272).

DEVON

Looking for reciprocal arrangement for research in Derbyshire with someone who wants research in Devon. Mr. J. Wilson, Kilverleigh, Cheriton Bishop, Nr. Exeter EX6 6JE. (Memb. no.1173).

LUCOP

I am embarking on a One-Name Study, and will answer members queries if a S.A.E. is sent. I should be pleased to hear of any mention of the name LUCOP in Derbyshire. It is mainly from East Yorkshire. Mrs. J. Morley, 1 Hillbrow Close, Wood Street Village, Guildford, Surrey GU3 3DF. (Memb. no.376).

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE PAST: We have had a very good year. Membership increased; sales increased. We produced more publications and now have Monumental Inscriptions on microfiche for sale. Meetings are well attended and we have had a good variety of speakers. We continue to exchange magazines with many other societies, and our reference library is still expanding with more people taking advantage of this.

Project work has progressed well, thanks to many willing helpers and a good summer helped with the recording of many churchyards. Derbyshire 'Strays' are gradually being rounded up (even in Australia) and Mrs. Stumbles is kept busy indexing these.

A great source of help to distant members are the Correspondence Secretaries and Area Helpers.

The Chesterfield House Group has continued through the past year, thanks firstly to Dennis and Julie Jagger, and now to Ray Batteson. A revived interest is now springing up - see their report elsewhere in this issue. We have good liaison with other societies and we send a delegate to the half-yearly Conferences of the Federation of Family History Societies.

Thanks were given to everyone, committee members and those who have helped throughout the year.

THE FUTURE: We are looking at ways in which to help Beginners and Newcomers to the society. We have plans for more publications and exhibitions. A special 10th Anniversary Event is being planned for 1986.

The proposal for adopting a new constitution, with the idea of becoming a registered charity was put to the meeting and the topic of House Groups and Branches was discussed.

The Officials of the committee were elected as you will see on the inside front cover. Mike and Maralyn Bagworth are to take over as Membership Secretaries. We give special thanks to Dorothy Gent who has worked very hard over the last few years in her role as Membership Secretary. Dorothy is soon to increase the membership of her own family.

Pauline

House Groups

A revived interest is being shown in both starting and attending House Groups.

What are they? - a small get-together of members in someone's house. Why? - because not everyone can attend the main meeting at Cressey Fields, and this is a way to meet others and discuss family history and ways of research.

Would you like to attend a House Group? Would you like to hold one? Send a S.A.E. to me for more information.

What do YOU want from a House Group? How can WE, the committee, help? I did put this question to everyone at the A.G.M. I am now asking YOU, the rest of our members. Letters to me please. I will not reply individually, but the committee will discuss your comments and this will help future decisions.

BRANCHES: From little acorns, mighty oak trees grow. As our Society expands and the House Groups outgrow the limited space in private houses, we will need to form Branches of our Society; we surmise one in Chesterfield and one in Derby, with Alfreton remaining the Principal Meeting. Your comments are welcome. We shall need offers of help to run these meetings, as your committee is not made of elastic and we do not have a member called Someone Else.

Changes ! ! ? ?

PLEASE CHECK: When writing to anyone, check that the person is still doing the same job, i.e. Correspondence Secretaries and Membership Secretary. If anyone is unsure, or has a complaint, please write to me (The Hon.Sec.) who can filter it out and try to help.

Pauline

Have You Looked?

HAVE YOU LOOKED for your missing Ancestor in any of our publications? Census Index Books and Strays Book etc. Is anyone searching the same name as yourself? Purchase the New Members' Interests Book (we hope to include details with this magazine). Winifred and I have found, on checking this, that so many people are searching the same name in the same area. You could all be helping each other to expand your Family History.

Correspondence Secretaries

PLEASE DO CHECK as there have been some changes, i.e. if your own surname begins with 'P' then you should write to Steve Burley, or if your surname begins with 'W' write to Mike Sims.

A C

Mike Bagworth, 233 Ladybank Rd. Mickleover, Derbys. DE3 5RR.

B

Fred Hall, 188 Nottingham Rd. Alfreton, Derbys.

D E F L

Winifred Waterall, 86 High St. Loscoe, Derbys. DE7 7LF.

G R

Maude Stumbles, 13 Iveagh Walk, Riddings, Derbys.

H K

Kath Marvill, 87 Derby Rd. Chellaston, Derbys. *

M N

Philip Jones, 12 Dukes Way, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 5LQ.

I J O P Q U V X

Steve Burley, 10 Coppice Drive, Eastwood, Notts.

W T Y Z

Mike Simms, 16 Edinburgh Way, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6SQ.

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John Hill, 30 High St., Linton, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

AREA HELPERS:

* Kath Marvill will check the census etc. in Derby Library, in return for travelling expenses. We also have members who will help on the same basis in Chesterfield and in Eastwood (Notts./Derbys. border). Names and addresses from me (Pauline).

Your Comments!

ARTICLES/CONTENTS

In Branch News could you consider a section for beginners. When I first started I would have welcomed explanations of many terms that I now take as normal, e.g. Strays, Marriage Index. Or, perhaps, a section on items such as 1851 census - where to find it, what it includes etc. (We are working on a 'Beginners' Pack', Ed.)

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I am most appreciative of all the hard work and unselfish effort of those who run the Society and who compile the magazine, which I always read avidly from cover to cover as soon as it comes through my letter box. One suggestion I have to make is that each magazine issue contains an article which focuses on a particular Derbyshire town or village. It could be done alphabetically, say Alferton, then Ashbourne, then Ashford etc. Members could be invited to submit contributions in the form of short articles containing specialised knowledge of the town/village in question and, if they had traced ancestors who lived there, submit their family trees or a list of the surnames which appeared in their family tree and in family wills etc. Such features in the magazine would help bring together members with special interest in a particular place, and a pooling of knowledge from which all could benefit. (A good point, but it would be rather difficult to keep it purely alphabetical. How about it members, please can we have your contributions? Ed.)

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I would like to suggest that perhaps we might sometimes have an article on some of the old families and how they originated. I expect there are a number of members like me who have been able to trace their families with some of the old county families and would find an occasional article written by a member who lives in the county of great help and value. Members who live in the county often have sources of local information which is not available to us who do not. (Again, can we have your contributions? Ed.)

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I enjoy the journal very much and I especially like to read copies of old letters, which show life and times here and abroad in the old days.

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I think the Society is very well organised and helpful towards enquiries. I particularly enjoy the articles containing "local knowledge" as I live out of the area.

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I am sure it would help and encourage new and inexperienced members to regularly print a page of the journal explaining facilities available to non-visiting correspondence members. The information generally given assumes knowledge that new inexperienced members do not have. The bare title of publications for sale does not, in my opinion, encourage purchases to be made. Thanks for the opportunity of expressing the above. It is NOT meant to be critical, but constructive. Best wishes to all officers, helpers and members. (We hope that the 'Beginners Pack' which we are to send out to all new members and the Publications Leaflets which we intend to print from time to time, will take care of this. Correspondence Secretaries are available to answer queries too. Thank you for these comments. Ed.)

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I would be interested to see in Branch News, an article on recommended methods of presenting a complete family history study in a permanent form, once it has been decided that it is unlikely to be possible to add any further details. I have found it difficult to strike the right compromise between detail and compactness, and would welcome ideas on the subject. I have also in mind the desire to be able to have a finished product which is good enough to present to other members of the family who are interested, and sturdy enough to have a long life. If it were also possible to comment on commercially available stationery items (e.g. as

advertised by "Leisureprint" in Branch News) this would be of added interest. (We would welcome ideas from other members on this subject. Some methods are not satisfactory for others and there is no hard and fast rule as to how a family history should be published - it is a personal objective. So, can we have your comments and ideas please. Ed.)

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I particularly find the meeting reports very interesting and useful, even if I have attended the meeting. Reading a comprehensive report afterwards refreshes my memory and the notes are there for future reference. So please extend my thanks to all concerned.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you to all the volunteers, for all the work you do for us all.

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I very much enjoy receiving Branch News each quarter and wish I lived nearer so that I could attend some of the meetings.

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Due to work and other personal commitments, I have virtually had to abandon my own personal interests in family history for the time being. Early retirement is some way off yet! Along with other distant members it is obviously difficult to take much of an active part in the Society. My only comment is that the Society appears to be very competently run, and I would hope that in the not too distant future I can contribute a little more than my annual membership fee.

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Thank you to all committee members for working so hard to produce such good and varied articles in an excellent magazine. I always look forward to receiving it and wish I could attend meetings. I did enjoy the Derby Exhibition in May 1984.

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PRINTING and PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the various committee members of this Society, for the hours and hours of voluntary work they must put in to make everything run so smoothly. In particular, I'm sure I must speak for many of the older members in saying how much I appreciate the clarity of the printing in Branch News - I am a member of several Societies and yours is "Tops" in this respect.

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Just a minor comment re. Branch News. Do you think it would be better to keep capital letters for names only? When scanning through lists, the personal names would be more easily differentiated from the place names - which would stand out by virtue of their capital first letter. (Point taken and acted upon in this issue. Ed.)

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GENERAL COMMENTS

We greatly appreciate the work put in by all the officers of the Society and also the Branch News which we read with interest.

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Very much appreciate the Society and especially the magazine and the personal contacts which it makes possible. I regret I live too far away to attend meetings.

This is quite the most friendly and the most helpful Family History Society I have ever belonged to.

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I find the magazine very interesting and helpful and I realise how much hard work is put in "behind the scenes". Thank you.

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We always look forward to Branch News and appreciate the work put in by the officers and committee of the Society. Our heartfelt thanks also to those who make the various publications possible.

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HELP GIVEN AND RECEIVED

It was through joining the Society and the publication of my name in the magazine that I made a most valuable contact. This has supplied me with much information on my family in the 18th & 19th century, which I would not have found myself other than after a long search. Thank you.

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I have thoroughly enjoyed this Society and have received priceless information from members, Fred Hall, Mal Tedds, Anne Burnham and just lately Keith Mathers. The arrival of Branch News always is welcome and of great interest to me. Keep up the good work. I particularly enjoyed "A Derbyshire Postbag" in the Dec. issue. We have the same type of postal service - more expensive and extremely inefficient.

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I think the Society does a great job. I always look forward to my magazine, it has helped me to trace my family tree a lot. Carry on the good work.

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The people I have contacted have tried to help, especially Mr. Hall when I first joined and lately Martyn Pratt, but I am still at "the sticking Point" of 1774 where I was when I joined, despite the friendly attempts to help.

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Over the past years I have written to several members of D.F.H.S. for help. This has invariably been forthcoming. Most welcome. Only hope I shall be able to attend some meeting or other, if only to put faces to names! Thanks to all.

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I feel great pleasure in enclosing these few lines to express my thanks for all the help that has been given to me since I joined the Society last May. I have had no success in my search up to now, unfortunately, but it is no fault of any of the Society's 'helpers'. I have nothing but praise for the 'team' and even a member from London who wrote to me after seeing my name in the 'Help Wanted' list. Of course I wrote back thanking him and in return I got a second letter giving further information, but unfortunately not what I needed. At the moment it is stalemate, but whether I find what I want or not, I feel great pleasure in being a member of the D.F.H.S. and I look forward to reading the interesting magazines. May I wish you and all the other voluntary helpers of the Society a Happy, Prosperous and Successful 1985.

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Thank you for any help received, especially from Mrs. Marvell. Although stuck on the Tuxfords and Poples I hope eventually something will turn up.

I am in complete agreement with Valerie Beck of California who cancelled her membership in the Dec. issue. I recently sent what I thought would be valuable information to a newly joined member from Chesterfield area. I wasn't expecting any thanks but an acknowledgment would have been appreciated.

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As a distant member of the Society I have had a great deal of help from members near 'Home base'. I also appreciate the work put in by officers of the Society and try to repay this by working for my home Society, Bristol & Avon F.H.S.

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It has been fun to finally find a second cousin on the Chatfield side of the family and we found each other through the Derbyshire Family History Society.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Although I haven't progressed any further with my Derbyshire ancestors, during the past year as a member, I must congratulate you on a very interesting journal. I really look forward to receiving it. I hope this next year will prove more fruitful in my research.

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Keep up the good work. Who knows, maybe one of my ancestors will turn up in one of your interesting items.

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I was rather disappointed in the last mag. comparing it with..... (This member does not give any reasons for this comment, which we assume refers to the Dec. 1984 issue.)

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Many thanks to the Society's officials and committee, who give their time and energy to make the Society so successful. I thoroughly enjoy reading the journal - plenty of reading after a first quick look to see if anyone is searching for the same families as I am!

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Thank you. Excellent - keep it up, please.

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Branch News continues to be of great interest, perhaps some 'Missing Links' will be resolved one day! Hope to spend rather more time on family history this coming year (don't know whether I shall get to the Midlands before June/July). Hope to maintain contact with you all by correspondence.

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We enjoyed the exhibition at Chesterfield. When is there to be another?

Letter from Mrs. Maggie Hartley. (Memb. no.1029).

I was sorry to see in the December issue of the magazine of the ex-member who couldn't get replies. Could you please pass on the message that since December, I have dealt with 6 requests, including 2 from America and have received replies and thanks - all within a month!

House Group Reports

The Chesterfield House Group has had two meetings since the report in the last 'Branch News'. At the first meeting the main discussion was "where and how to seek new areas of investigation when one seems to arrive at a dead end". The second meeting also proved successful. A guest was most impressed and went away determined to start his family history research. His father was born in Port of Spain, West Indies! He gleaned quite a few tips as to how and where to begin. The Chesterfield House Group meetings are held at 17 Orchards Way, Walton Rd. Chesterfield, Derbys.

Ray Batteson.

A TYPICAL MINING FAMILY? by Janet Hurst (Memb. no.77)

In recent months the haunts of my childhood have been in the news due to the coal dispute. There cannot be many members of the Society with origins in N.E. Derbyshire who do not number at least one coal miner amongst their ancestors. In the recent strike we heard a great deal about the stability of the mining communities, but I wonder how settled these places were in the past? My own experiences in tracing the movements of just one mining forebear tend to show otherwise, and it would be interesting to learn if other family historians have had similar problems.

My maternal great grandfather was William Harris, who was a miner at Bolsover Colliery, lived in the Model Village, and died aged 49 in the late 1890's. His eldest daughter, my grandmother, Eliza was 62 when she died in 1938, and family legend had it that she was born at Clay Cross and moved from there to Bolsover at the age of only 6 weeks. A search in the indexes at St. Catherine's House readily produced her birth certificate which showed she was born in Danesmoor Road, Clay Cross on 26th October 1876. Her parents were William Harris, miner, and Emmer, formerly Harrison. So far, so good. Next I turned to the 1881 census returns for Bolsover, fully expecting the Harris family to be there. I was disappointed - there was no trace of them, nor were they living in Clay Cross at that date. In the 1871 census for the latter place was a single man William Harris, aged 24, coal miner, born at Pailton, Warwicks. Was this person my great grandfather?

At about this time the bundle of old postcards surfaced, which I have written about in a previous issue of Branch News. These cards were collected by my grandmother in the early 1900's and some of them were sent to and from an 'Uncle Harris' at addresses in Barnacle and Arley near Coventry. These proved there was a family link with Warwicks, as Eliza went to visit her relatives there in 1905, according to the messages on the cards.

Turning to the Victoria County History of Warwicks I was able to determine that Barnacle was a hamlet of the village of Bulkington, and both this place and Arley were in a coal-mining area. Pailton was also nearby, a hamlet in the parish of Monk's Kirby. At the first opportunity I went to Warwick Record Office and there in the 1881 census for Bulkington, living in the hamlet of Barnacle, was the Harris family - William and Emma, a son of Emma's from a previous marriage, Tom Lake, Eliza aged 4, and a brother James 2, and sister Sarah, 1, who were both born in Barnacle. William's birthplace was Pailton, confirming him as the young man living at Clay Cross in 1871. His occupation was miner, as was that of other members of the Harris family living in the same road.

With the help of kind friends I was able to trace the Harris family via the usual documentary sources back into the early 18th century. They lived in the area already mentioned, in the villages of Anstey, Bulkington and Monk's Kirby, and their genealogy is of little interest to family historians with roots in Derbyshire. What is fascinating is their occupation in the mid 19th century and earlier, which was silk ribbon weaving. This was a cottage industry in the villages around Coventry, with the men working the looms and the women and children winding the silk. Increasing mechanisation and the setting up of factories for ribbon manufacture led to great distress amongst the hand weavers, and this became so severe that they petitioned parliament. A committee was appointed to consider these petitions and their reports were published in the 1820's. Despite this decline ribbon weaving at home continued for a number of years, and many members of the Harris family, including William's grandparents, were engaged in this trade in the 1851 census. An exception was Frederick Harris, William's father, who was an agricultural labourer at that time. However, he prospered, as by the time of the 1881 census he was the farmer of 83 acres at Barnacle. All the other members of the Harris family had become coal miners, and ribbon weaving had become an occupation for women-folk only. Presumably it provided a useful supplement to income, but could no longer produce enough money to keep a family on.

Thus here we have a clear reason for the complete change in a family's occupation over a period of a couple of decades. No doubt William Harris went to Clay Cross to find work as a miner, then when further pits opened up in Warwickshire he returned to his home area. I do not know when or why he removed to Bolsover, at a guess it was when the colliery opened there around 1890. It would be interesting to learn how many other miners moved from coalfield to coalfield at this time, and how common such migrations were. Did they move because they had an adventurous spirit, or was it from dire necessity?

A genealogical problem with William Harris still remains. I cannot find a marriage in the St. Catherine's indexes between him and an Emma Harrison or Lake in the mid 1870's. It seemed very likely that this event occurred at Clay Cross as Emma's first son Tom Lake was born there in 1874 according to the census, but it did not take place in the parish church. After checking the St. Catherine's indexes several times, in desperation I obtained the birth certificate of Tom Lake, to see if this yielded any clues. This document showed that the boy was the son of Thomas, miner, and Emmer formerly WARREN! Since then I have had no chance to check if there was a Harris/Warren marriage in the Registrar General's indexes, so if anyone comes across such an event I would be delighted to hear of it.

Emma was not a Derbyshire girl either, she was born at Stanford, Leics. according to the census, which is on the border with Warwicks. Why did she go to Clay Cross, and what is the significance of her numerous surnames? How many times did she marry (if at all!) and to whom? After William Harris died she married yet again, to a Mr. Knowles, but died herself in 1903, so there is no-one living today who knew her. I have not yet tried to pursue her ancestry, in view of the problems with her surname.

The children of William and Emma dispersed from Bolsover, possibly echoing their parents' adventurous spirit, and my grandmother Eliza was the only one who stayed in the town. She went into service and married her employer's son (my grandfather Harry Cousin), had five children, was plagued with illness all her life and died in her sixties just before World War II. She did tour Europe with her employers though. The eldest boy, Tom Lake, only strayed as far as Mansfield, Emma and Alfred Harris both married and went to live in the London area whilst Sarah moved to Eckington after her marriage. Son George went in the Grenadier Guards and eventually settled back in Bolsover with his Liverpool wife. The remaining son Fred emigrated to Canada. Certainly none of the sons followed their father down the pit, nor did they work in the textile trade. Present day descendants of William and Emma are to be found all over the world, one is a wealthy farmer in Australia, another a university professor in the States. The rest of us muddle along in a wide variety of occupations, mostly unaware that their ancestral roots lie in the ribbon weaving community of Warwickshire, rather than the mining districts of Derbyshire.

ADDENDUM

Writing this article aroused my interest in the migration of coal miners, and the only relevant source material I had at home to work on was a copy of the 1871 census returns for Bolsover. These are hardly representative as the colliery did not open until many years later, but there were other mines in the immediate area where Bolsover men worked. By looking at their birthplaces I was able to get some very rough idea of migration patterns.

The total population of Bolsover in 1871 was 1,819; this included the hamlets of Stanfree, Woodhouse, Shuttlewood and Whaley. Of this total only 188 males declared coal miner or miner's labourer as their occupation. A rough count of other occupations showed 130 engaged in the trades and as shopkeepers etc., 172 working in agriculture (farmers and farm labourers), 39 labourers, 25 masons and 8 professional men (doctors, clergy etc.) Thus miners made up about a quarter of the total male working population. Their birthplaces are shown in the following table:

BIRTHPLACE	NO. OF MINERS	%
Bolsover	67	56.5
Ntt	21	18.0
Dby *	19	16.0
Lei	2	1.7
Sts	2	1.7
War	2	1.7
Yks	2	1.7
Bdf	1	0.9
Lin	1	0.9
Sfk	1	0.9
TOTALS	118	100.0

* other than Bolsover.

Quite clearly most Bolsover miners were born in the town, or came from the surrounding villages. A significant number migrated from the adjacent county of Notts (Bolsover is only a few miles from the border) and these men seemed to come from a variety of places, not just the mining areas. The number of migrants from other coalfields was tiny, but those men from Leics. Staff. Warwicks &

Yorkshire were there, and it would be interesting to study the census in 1891 after Bolsover pit opened and see how the numbers compare. It is odd there were so few men from Yorkshire, as that county border is no further off from the town than with Notts. but this may be due to some factor of which I am unaware. I cannot account for the presence of the three miners from Ipswich, Bedford and Lincoln, presumably they moved to Derbyshire to find work during the agricultural depression in the wholly rural Eastern counties.

In 1871 Bolsover economy was still firmly based on farming, and in the 1855 Kelly's Directory it states that the population of 1,512 (in 1851) is 'wholly dependent on agriculture', so industrialisation had only begun in the last 20 years. A hundred years ago Bolsover was just turning into a mining community. What will be the main occupation a hundred years hence?

ST. MARTIN'S OSMASTON, nr. ASHBOURNE (Cover Picture)

The village of Osmaston, lying 2½ miles south of Ashbourne, was formerly a chapelry of Brailsford. The church, dating from the 15th century and which replaced one of a much earlier date, was itself demolished and replaced by the present church, in 1845. The registers which date from 1606 are deposited at the County Record Office, Matlock. These have been microfilmed, along with other parish records.

This picturesque village lying just off the main Derby to Ashbourne road, consists mainly of a single village street, lined by a few houses and thatched cottages surrounded by a number of farm-homesteads dotted over the landscape.

A little distant from the village, within its own extensive parkland and overlooking a large lake, stood the now demolished Osmaston Manor. The manor was built in the mid 1800's by Francis Wright, who also provided money for the building of the present church and for the village school. Francis Wright provided work on his estate for the people of the village, in fact, many of the cottages were built by him to house his employees. Even today, the village is privately owned by the Walker-Okeover family, who are descended from the Walker family of Liverpool who purchased the estate in the late 1800's.

Francis Wright was the son of John Wright, one of the founders of the well-known Butterley Iron Works, near Ripley. Many employees of the Osmaston Estate moved to the Ripley area during the late 1800's to be employed at the Iron Works and in the coal mines which were sunk in the area by John Wright and his associates.

Overleaf is a list of surnames from the inscriptions recorded from gravestones in the churchyard of St. Martin's and from the memorials within the church.

Full details are available from Heather Eaton, address inside front cover.

Memorial Inscriptions - List of Surnames

ADAMS	ECKERSLEY	MARSDEN	SIMS
ADCOCK	EVANS	MASSEY	SKINNER
ALLEN	FIELDING	MAY	SMITH
ALLSOP	FITZ-HERBERT	MELLOR	STANNING
BAGSHAW	FLETCHER	MELVILLE	STUBBS
BAKER	FORD	MILLWARD	STYLES
BARDNEY	FOX	MOON	SWINDELL
BARLOW	FRANCIS	MORLEY	TAIT
BARNES	FROST	MOSS	TATLOW
BATEMAN	GADSBY	MUNDAY	TAYLOR
BECK	GARGEY	MURFIN	THOMAS
BEEBY	GERMAN	NAYLOR	THORP
BEESTON	GETHIN	NICHOLSON	TITTERTON
BELL	GOODALL	NORMANSHAW	TORR
BERESFORD	GORDON	NUNN	TRIVETT
BESTWICK	GREEN	OAKDEN	TURNER
BINGHAM	GRIME	OFFLEY	WAGSTAFFE
BOOTH	HAIG	OKEOVER	WALKER
BOULTON	HALL	OULSNAM	WALL
BOWLER	HALSWORTH	PAGE	WALLIS
BREBNER	HALLSWORTH	PARKIN	WARD
BROOKS	HAMBLETON	PATRICKSON	WARNER
BROWN	HAMMERSLEY	PEET	WARRINGTON
BROWNSON	HARRISON	PELLY	WATKINSON
BUCKLEY	HAWKSLEY	PITT	WEBSTER
BUNTING	HELLABY	PLANT	WHELDON
BURNETT	HILL	PLUMPTREE	WHINFIELD
CAIGER	HODGKINSON	PRESTON	WHITE
CARTER	HOLMES	PRINCE	WIBBERLEY
CAYZER	HOUSLEY	PRITCHARD	WIGLEY
CHARLESWORTH	HURD	PROSSER	WIGRAM
CLASSIC	HURDD	REDDINGTON	WILLDER
CLIFFORD	HURT	REDFERN	WILLIAMSON
CLOWS	JACKSON	RICE	WILLIS
COLLINS	JEFFERSON	ROBINSON	WOLLEY
COOKSON	JEFFREY	ROUTLEDGE	WRIGHT
COX	JOHNSON	SALT	WYMER
COXON	JONES	SANDERSON	YATES
CURTIS	KIRKLAND	SAW	YOUNG
DAVIS	KNOWLES	SCHOLEFIELD	
DAWSON	LEAF	SELLERS	
DENNY	LEWIS	SHAW	
DERRICK	LOYTON	SHORTHOSE	
DOXEY	LYONS	SHROSBERY	

DR. WILLIAM'S LIBRARY

Elinor Kapp writes to say that she was somewhat overwhelmed by the number of requests for help she received over her offer to look up information in Dr. William's Library at the P.R.O. She has answered every letter and now her time there is at an end. She says that the research is not at all easy in this collection of nonconformist registers (see article by Miss Ruth Killon, Branch News no. 25, June 1983). They are indexed by chapels, so it is essential to know the exact location. The system is complicated to get the correct volume, often covering only a few years, and of course the entries are in random order, necessitating going right through the book.

ACCOUNT OF THE BROWN FAMILY HOME IN ENGLAND

A letter written by Miss Mary Brown to her nephew. (Continued from Branch News no. 32).

On the other side of the farm and close to Crich was the Stand, a hill undermined for the limestone to be burned in the kilns, then carted away to the farms. Also lead ore was found in the mines nearby.

A little further west about Matlock was found the various beautiful spars caused by action of mineral waters. There are petrifying well and a museum of beautiful objects from nature, sided by man's artistic handiwork.

Crich village is one long street. You should enter from the side towards Cromford. If you enter from the side towards Belper you will be confused by my directions.

Better make friends with the Crich Vicar or Curate of our Parish. They will help you with the names and localities.

If you visit Hollins Farm before going through Crich, go to one corner of the Churchyard where you will see the headstone for my mother's father, John Hunt. He died perhaps about 1825. Perhaps there is the name of my mother's sister Margaret Ramsbottom Hunt, who died in 1834 or 1833.

The venerable Mr. Cornthwaite was Vicar in my young days, as he had been when my mother was young and a visitor in his wife's home. Sometimes my mother called, and his house and contents, including housekeeper, were a curiosity to me. In the parlour was a great old bookcase, almost black. On the top were laid newspapers, probably weeklys, spread out large. Succeeding years separated by sheets of brown paper. As a boy he went to London with one half crown fastened in his cap lining. He studied there and was then ordained by the Bishop of London. He was eccentric, but kind to his parishoners. He disappointed his distant relatives by leaving his money to a housekeeper in Derby who nursed him in his last days.

Do not enter Hellins ground by the door in the rather high wall near to the pear tree, but go along the open yard to the Hec Door, and then the house door is near a large window. The Hellins farm house had been modernized perhaps ten years before, when my Aunt, Miss Alice Brown, occupied the farm. On the garden walls are still a few stone balls, the size of a man's hat, which had been on the house years before. On one side of the wall of the old back kitchen is a stone frame for the back of the clock. In that old kitchen are the boilers where my mother brewed ale and beer from malt and hops for daily beverage for man servants. The ale was kept under lock and key - one pint per day for each man and in the harvest time more beer ad libitum. Only strong men could take the ale. Women never had it. I hope you will drink water from the never failing water taps in the kitchen.

There is a stone paved space between the kitchen and the house door, called the Hec Yard. Look at the stone floors in the house. Also look at the stone benches in the pantry, where hams and sides of bacon were laid to salt, then hung overhead in the house to dry. House place was the name of the family room for cooking and eating and resting.

In the front were two parlours; one had stone floors, which were very old and had to be laid with carpets.

The front door, upper half glass. A bank of grass with a few grey stone steps, and a bush of *Laurustinus* on each side, with beautiful little flowers all over it at Christmas. Be sure to look at these bushes. Near the house on each side of the garden is an old Yew tree with the lower branches out so as to look quite round, and the upper part left natural shape. Two square grass plots, gravel walks, strawberries, gooseberries, currants, raspberries and vegetables. Lower down, apples and one tree of wild cherries. On one side was a damson tree, near it was a small well, dry in summer days.

Some day I can tell a story about that well. In or near a cherry tree a cuckoo had nested and sent her notes around for our enjoyment. On west end of house is a pear tree on a wall reaching up to the roof. Plum trees nailed to that wall. There was a fence of boxwood, cut square, and two great bushes of that wood cut square.

On east side of the old kitchen is a space we called the cabbage garden and there was an immense, grand sycamore tree. It could be seen in one direction five or six miles. Mother and I have often watched the great branches drooping in strong winds as though they would break, and then they would slowly rise again. It was splendid. When we moved away, Mr. Isaac Spendlove took the farm and he disliked having all the ground under that tree made useless for vegetables, so talked of cutting it down. Our last year in England was passed in Fritchley, (two miles from Hollins), and a friend of ours, Miss Hall, wrote to Mr. Nightingale, asking him to forbid the destruction. Mr. Nightingale answered that sycamore was not timber and he could not prevent cutting it down. My mother and I mourned, and I am sure everyone who knew that tree would disapprove. Years afterwards we heard that Mr. Spendlove had left the farm with his two sons. I have no doubt that his deceased wife had suffered from the cold blast at the house place door which that grand tree would have prevented. I think that he had probably lost money on the farm as my father had done.

To be continued.



FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF

COMPUTERS FOR FAMILY HISTORY: An Introduction. This book provides an introduction to the use of microcomputers for filing, organising, sorting, searching and presenting information from family records. It is written to explain the subject to people with no previous knowledge of computers. For the more experienced, it includes details of methods that have been used and found successful. It shows how to use

database, word processing and genealogy packages to organise family records, without having to learn computer programming. Obtained through booksellers or direct from the publishers, Hawgood Computing Ltd. 26 Cloister Rd. Acton, London W3 ODE at £2.30 post free. Overseas £2.50 or U.S. \$5.00

SOMERSET HOUSE WILLS FROM 1858: Information in indexes and wills. Administrations. Intestacy. The Married Women's Property Act. How to make an abstract of a Will. Local Probate Registries.

*See page 28. (McLaughlin Guides)

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY: The 1985 edition, edited by K.A. Johnson and M.R. Sainty contains 704 pages with over 80,000 entries from contributors. Names and addresses of 5,250 contributors in 25 countries. It contains details of genealogical societies worldwide, lists conferences and tours for 1985-88 and includes an article by Friedrich Wollmershäuser entitled "When you write to Germany". An entry form for the 1986 edition is included with this magazine.

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Unpublished Personal Name Indexes in Record Offices & Libraries (32 pp. £1.00 + 20p p&p, 75p airmail o'seas). A natural companion to Marriage, Census and Other Indexes. Should bring to the attention of family historians the existence of many indexes to records which they did not realise existed. News of other such indexes will be much appreciated. (J.S.W. Gibson, Harts Cottage, Church Hanborough, Oxford OX7 2AB).

The Hearth Tax, Other Later Stuart Tax Lists and the Association Oath Rolls: (60pp. £1.50 + 25p p&p, £1.10 airmail o'seas). A guide which will for the first time, make it easy to find just what exists in the Public Record Office and locally. It has involved the examination of well over a thousand documents in the P.R.O. so that a brief description of condition, legibility and approx. number of names contained may be given, together with actual calendar dates where possible. The lists of Association Oath Rolls first published in the Genealogists' Magazine are shown under each county and Scottish and Irish tax lists of the period are included.

A Third Edition of Record Offices: Where to Find Them: Has revised maps of London (showing the new location of the Society of Genealogists), Worcester (with the new County Record Office) and Edinburgh (with the G.R.O.). There are two new maps, of Barrow-in-Furness and Grimsby. The price remains £1.00 + 20p p&p, 75p airmail o'seas.

The above Guides are available from our Sales Officer. See front cover.

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FAMILY HISTORY ANNUAL: General Editor: Michael J. Burchall. A new annual volume devoted to family history studies to be published for the first time in Sept./Oct.1985. An ideal Christmas present, containing articles by experts in genealogy and covering a wide range of records and methodology. Approx. 200 pp. Illustrations. (price £6.00 inc. postage. Introductory offer: £5.00 if ordered by 30th June 1985). Orders and payments to: Family History Annual, 3/33 Sussex Square, Brighton BN2 5AB, Sussex.

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THE McLAUGHLIN GUIDES: now available in new editions, pub. by the Federation.

ST. CATHERINE'S HOUSE: The General Register Office. How to find and obtain certificates of birth, marriage and death. Dealing with problems and 'missing' entries. Local Register Offices. British abroad. With map and diagrams of layout of St.Catherine's.

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- * The above Guides are obtainable from Mrs. N. Porter, The Federation of Family History Societies, 17 Foxlea Rd. Hailey Green, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 1DX, or direct from the author, Eve McLaughlin, Varneys, Rudds Lane, Haddenham, nr. Aylesbury, Bucks. (Price 75p + 25p p&p, 75P airmail o'seas).
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Distant Members

One or two members (and they are in the minority) have asked about reduced rates for distant members, as they feel that they do not get all the benefits of members attending meetings. I ask you, where do you create a border to constitute a distant member? We have members travelling from Barnsley, Sheffield and Burton-on-Trent to attend our meetings and yet others who live in Derby or even nearer cannot get to meetings for various reasons. On average, only 10% of members attend the main meeting and they are expected to search the Reference Library for themselves, others can gain help through Correspondence Secretaries and through the Reference Librarian. The Reference Library has been taken to exhibitions to be of benefit to distant members. We do try, in many ways, to make the benefits available to you all. You do have the opportunities of House Groups (have you read the article on this?). I am sure that even our Overseas members who live in the same vicinity can hold a "get together".

Pauline.

OBITUARY: We were sorry to hear of the death, after a long illness, of the husband of Mrs. Dorothy Sellors of Queensland, Australia. Dorothy is one of our hardworking overseas members. We send our deepfelt sympathy to her.

THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE: The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology Family History Committee is hosting this conference in conjunction with the Family History Societies of Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. The venue - Carriage Court, Kelham Hall, nr. Newark on Saturday 22nd June 1985. Booking Forms from Mrs. B. Webster, 25 Fen Rd. Heighington, Lincoln LN4 1JL. Tel: Lincoln 790369 between 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm.

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the FEDERATION of FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES: Loughborough University 4th-6th April 1986. Hosted by Leicestershire Family History Society. Theme: The Family and the Local Community. For full details please send S.A.E. to Conference Organiser, 25 Homecroft Drive, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics. LE6 5WG.

FAMILY HISTORY CLASSES: We are interested to hear of anyone teaching Family History in Derbyshire during the Autumn Term 1985. We would like to make these classes known to our members. (Please send details to me. Ed.)

TRAPS FOR THE UNWARY contributed by Richard Hoad. (Memb.no.106)

The Title of "Mistress", abbreviated to "Mr'is" and later "Mrs." was also a sign of status. Frequent entries in Marriage Registers and Marriage Licences use this, although the bride had not been previously married:-

"HAWSTEAD, SUFFOLK, 1710, Sir Dudley CULLUM, Bart. Widower, and Mrs. Anne WICKS, single woman, both of this parish were married 12 June."

And also for children:-

HACKINGTON, KENT, 1658. Mrs. Estha GODFREY ye onely childe of Sir Thomas GODFREY, Kt. aged a yeare and three quarters, was buried Jan. 3rd.

In the 18th century it was sometimes applied to elderly and unmarried spinsters, and not of high status:-

KENTISH GAZETTE 1777, "On Monday last died in an advanced age, Mrs. PARKER, a maiden lady, at Dover."

A woman, past middle age, who lived alone, had independant means, or maintained hereself by her own efforts, would be called "widow":- Ann SOANE of Rogate, Sussex was buried as "widow" on 19 July 1808, but letters of administration for her estate, Chichester, 8 Aug. 1808 state she is a spinster.

A WINTER'S TALE. (NIGHT SHIFT?)

Entry in Saddleworth Par. Reg. (Printed by Y.A.S.)

Note:- On Tuesday sen'night was married at the Parochial Chapel of Saddleworth Abraham Brooks, a widower of about 30 years to Mary Bradley, widow of near 70; but as the Bride was a little in Debt, the Bridegroom obliged her to be married in her Shift, and the weather being very severe, threw her into such a violent fit of shaking as induced the compassionate minister to cover her with his coat whilst the marriage was solemnised.

(Marriage - 3 Feb. 1774) From Prescote Journal.

L. Rowlands (Memb. No.725)

"A NIP IN THE AIR"

On 23rd November 1775 was married at Saddleworth, Yorks, Samuel CRABB PINCHIN & Betty OGDEN (sp.) of Broadhead.

L. Rowlands (Memb. No. 725)

MISSING PERSONS?

From the Baptism register of Becket Street Methodist Chapel, Derby, approximate date 1909/10:-

Entries 240 & 241 are left blank with the following note:-

"Two persons came on a Tuesday evening and both left early. Cannot trace. A.H.R."

M. Bagworth. (Memb.no.166).

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