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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to a packed September issue! It has been a real difficulty fitting everything in this time and it seems that both the Society and the magazine go from strength to strength. Since Bridge Chapel House has opened, interest in the Society has grown and we are seeing new faces all the time. So a message to all you new members. Don't be scared to put pen to paper, write in and share your experiences or problems, nothing pleases your editor more than having a full box of articles to choose from.

I must also offer an apology to all those who have written to me following a help wanted I placed last time. I have had several personal problems which have taken a lot of time and trouble to sort out, but I haven't forgotten my correspondence so I will thank all those now who have taken the trouble to contact me and there will be a letter on its way as soon as possible.

By the time you read this the summer will be nearly at an end. No doubt there will be plenty of M.I.s in the pipeline ready for transcribing and placing in the library, but we are still looking for acquisitions to boost our shelves, especially any parish registers. So anyone who has perhaps transcribed a register or acquired a copy, please think about placing one in our library, it helps everyone in the long run.

See you soon and good hunting!!

Helen

We welcome new members who have joined the Society by 10th July 1996

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NAME	PARISH	CTY	DATES	NO.	NAME	PARISH	CTY	DATES	NO.
ABROOK	Liverpool	Lan	1800>	4134	BOOCOOCK	Halifax	Yks	1800>	4162
ACTON	Lichfield	Sts	1820-1829	0566	BOOTH	Derby		No dates given	4146
ADKIN	Long Whatton	Lei	Any dates	4182	BOTT	Belper		No dates given	3567
ADKIN	Shepshed	Lei	Any dates	4182	BOTT	Derby		No dates given	3567
AKERS	Brize Norton	Oxf	<1770	3903	BOTT	Milford		No dates given	3567
ALLEN	Liverpool	Lan	1750	4134	BOTT	Preston		No dates given	3567
ALLSOP	Derby		<1880	4129	BOWLER	Heage		<1885	4147
ANDREWS	Leicester	Lei	1750-1996	4174	BOWN	Ashover		<1830	4161
ANNABLE	Horsley		1840-1800	4133	BOWN	Hognaston		<1750	4129
ANTHONY	Pinxton		1880s	4147	BRADLEY	Alton		1925>	4128
ASH(E)	Chesterfield		1589-1644	4167	BRADSHAW	Edensor		1800>	4134
ATKINSON	Derby		19c	4159	BRADSHAW	Stoney Middleton		1800>	4134
AUSTIN	Wigan	Lan	No dates given	4117	BRAILSFORD	Alton		No dates given	4117
AUTY	Dewsbury	Yks	1700-1900	4155	BRAILSFORD	Ashover		No dates given	4117
BACON	Carsington		All dates	4116	BRAILSFORD	Chesterfield		No dates given	4117
BAKER	Norbury		<1870	4129	BRANNAN	Derby		<1876	4169
BAKER	Roston		<1870	4129	BREFFIT	Alfreton		All dates	4150
BALL	Belper		<1809	4172	BROOKES	Derby		No dates given	4143
BANBURY	Oxford	Oxf	<1830	3903	BROUGH	Ault Hucknall	Ntt	1779	0566
BANKS	Bethnal Green	Lnd	19c	4178	BRUNT	Alstonefield	Sts	<1860	4109
BANNER	Birmingham	War	1821-1877	4155	BRUNT	Flash	Sts	<1860	4109
BARKBY	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	Lei	1850	0566	BRUNT	Longnor	Sts	<1860	4109
BARKBY	Worthington	Lei	1850	0566	BRUNT	Macclesfield	Chs	<1860	4109
BASE	Great Yarmouth	Nfk	1898>	4127	BRUNT	No parish given	Lan	1860>	4109
BATEMAN	Middleton		1778>	1222	BRUNT	No parish given	Dby	<1860	4109
BATEMAN	Wirksworth		1778>	1222	BRYAN	Ticknall		<1755	3903
BEARD	Boylestone		early 18c	4107	BRYON	Repton		1700-1900	4160
BEARD	Breadsall		mid 18c	4107	BULLOCK	Alfreton		1800	4124
BEARD	Chapel-en-le-Frith		<1800s	4180	BULLOCK	Riddings		1800	4124
BEARD	Kirk Ireton		early 18c	4107	BULLOCK	Somercotes		1800	4124
BEEBEY	Lilton		<1777	4180	BURDEKIN	Hathersage		Any dates	2657
BEER	Heanor		c1750	1411	BURDEKIN	Ludworth		Any dates	2657
BEER	Leeds	Yks	1840-1850	1411	BURDEKIN	Mellor		Any dates	2657
BEER	No parish given		1600-1900	4131	BURNHAM	Alfreton		<1930	4142
BEER	No parish given	Ntt	1600-1900	4131	BURNHAM	Pye Bridge		<1930	4142
BEER	Shipley		1700s	1411	BURNHAM	Pye Hill		<1930	4142
BEER	Trusley		c1800	1411	BURNHAM	South Normanton		<1930	4142
BELGROVE	No parish given	Sry	1800>	4136	BURNHAM	Swanwick		<1930	4142
BELGROVE	No parish given	Mdx	1800>	4136	BURR	Chesterfield		No dates given	4117
BENNCAN	Derby		<1890	4169	BURR	Morton		<1845	4117
BENNET	Bolsover		1792-1880	4140	BUXTON	Barlborough		1830-1950	4115
BENNETT	Burton on Trent	Sts	<1892	4175	CAFFERY	Nottingham		1800s	4155
BENTLEY	Eastwood	Ntt	No dates given	4143	CALDWELL	Long Eaton		1870-1930	4183
BENTLEY	Greasley	Ntt	No dates given	4143	CALDWELL	Nottingham	Ntt	1870-1930	4183
BENTLEY	No parish given	Yks	No dates given	4155	CALDWELL	Sandiacre		1870-1930	4183
BERESFORD	Ashover		1680-1780	0503	CALLADINE	Alfreton		<1850	4142
BERRESFORD	Chesterfield		1868-69	4121	CALLADINE	South Wingfield		<1850	4142
BIRLEY	No parish given		1600-1900	4131	CAMPION	Hasland		1945-1958	4128
BIRLEY	No parish given	Ntt	1600-1900	4131	CAMPION	Kettering	Nth	1886>	4128
BLACKSHAW	Derby		All dates	4132	CAMPION	Wellingborough	Nth	1886>	4128
BLAKE	Chedbrugh	Slk	1818	0566	CAMPSALL	Any parish	All	All dates	4108
BLAKSLEY	any parish		<1900	3597	CAMPSALL	No parish given	Yks	All dates	4108
BLAZEY	Derby		1888	4138	CAMPSALL	No parish given	Lin	All dates	4108
BLINKARN	Tupton		1800-1900	4141	CARLIN	No parish given		19c	4153
BOCKING	Hope		<1700	4161	CARR	Hartington		1650-1850	4148
BOFFIE	Any parish		1700>	4155	CHAPLIN	Dereham	Nfk	1889	4145
BONSALL	Blackwell		1815	4139	CHAPMAN	Stoney Middleton		<1800	4161
CHARLEWORTH	Hartington		1700-1800	4148	FROGGATT	New Mills area		Any dates	4178
CHEETHAM	Derby		1840>	4170	FROST	Derby		<1900	4169

CHEETHAM	Repton		1840>	4170	FROST	Heage		Any dates	4166
CHEETHAM	Swarkestone		1840>	4170	FULLER	Chatteris	Cam	<1890	4142
CLARK	Oxford	Oxf	<1835	3903	FULLER	Over	Cam	<1890	4142
CLARKE	Birstall	Lei	1840-1880	4144	FULLER	Somersham	Hun	<1890	4142
CLARKE	Codnor		1850-1880	4144	FULLER	Stamford	Lin	<1890	4142
CLARKE	Ilkeston		1891>	3597	FULLWOOD	No parish given		1600-1900	4131
CLARKE	Walton on the Wolds	Lei	<1850	4144	FULLWOOD	No parish given	Ntt	1600-1900	4131
CLAY	Chesterfield		1596-1691	4167	GADSBY	Ilkeston		1890-1963	4173
CLEY	Chesterfield		1596-1691	4167	GARTSIDE	Saddleworth	Yks	1798	4134
CLIFFORD	Derby		1850-1900	4183	GASCOYNE	Aston-on-Trent		1670s	1091
COATES	Derby		1848>	4170	GASKIN	Aston-on-Trent		1670s	1091
COATES	Swarkestone		1848>	4170	GEAVES	East Ham	Ess	Any dates	4178
COCKAYNE	Long Eaton		c1800	4130	GIBLIN	Sheffield	Yks	<1880	3597
COCKAYNE	No parish given		19c	4153	GILHAM	Great Yarmouth	Nfk	1898>	4127
COCKER	Stoney Middleton		<1830	4161	GODHARD	Froggat Edge		1815	4148
COLDWELL	Bethnal Green	Lnd	19c	4178	GODLEY	any parish		<1800	3597
CONWAY	Derby		No dates given	4146	GOLDRING	Almer	Dor	18c & 19c	4159
COOPER	Brampton		1800-1900	4140	GOODRICH	Buxton		1876-1881	4140
COOPER	Chatteris	Cam	<1890	4142	GOODWIN	Alfreton		<1845	4142
COOPER	Over	Cam	<1890	4142	GOODWIN	Hartington		1650-1850	4148
COOPER	Somersham	Hun	<1890	4142	GOODWIN	Selston		<1845	4142
COOPER	Stamford	Lin	<1890	4142	GOUGH	Brownhills	Sts	1817	0566
CORBETT	No parish given		1750-1930	4183	GOUGH	Rugeley	Sts	1817	0566
CORBETT	No parish given	Gls	1750-1930	4183	GRAHAM	Ormesby	Clv	All dates	4150
CORBIDGE	Hathersage		<1800	4161	GRATTON	Alton		No dates given	4117
CORDON	Long Eaton		c1800	4130	GRATTON	Ashover		No dates given	4117
CORNER	Leicester		1840>	4151	GRATTON	Chesterfield		No dates given	4117
COWLISHAW	North Wingfield		Any dates	4178	GRATTON	Wingfield		No dates given	4117
CRESSWELL	Clay Cross		1850-1900	4115	GREENSMITH	Wirksworth		1640-1700	4107
CROOKS	Melbourne		1800-1900	4148	GREGORY	Wirksworth		1772>	1222
CROSS	London	Lnd	1898	0566	HADDOCK	Derby		1875-1930	4112
CROSSLAND	Glossop		1750>	4149	HALL	Chesterfield		1868-69	4121
CURTIS	Rotherham	Yks	1800>	4134	HALL	Tideswell		1750>	4180
CUTT	North Wingfield		c1700	4163	HALL	Wirksworth		1723>	1222
DAKIN	Mickleover		1775-1890	4138	HALLAM	Attenborough	Ntt	All dates	4132
DALBY	Any parish	Ntt	1700>	4160	HALLAM	Clawson	Ntt	<1900	4132
DALBY	Any parish	Lei	1600>	4160	HALLAM	Melton Mowbray	Lei	<1900	4132
DALBY	Repton		1850>	4160	HALLAWS	No parish given		1800s	4179
DALTON	Tattenhall	Sts	1815	1411	HANSON	Ticknall		18c & 19c	4137
DAVIES	Llanymynech	Sal	<1846	4158	HARLOWE	Mickleover		1771-1810	4138
DAVIES	Oswestry	Sal	<1846	4158	HARPER	Derby		1700-1900	4114
DAVIS	Ilkeston		<1900	4152	HARPER	Derby		1900	4168
DMITREVSKY		Russia	1600>	4114	HARPER	Norton Lindsey	War	1850>	4114
DOWMAN	Mickleover		1799-1881	4138	HARPER	Wirksworth		1700-1900	4114
DOWNES	Chesterfield		1720-1800	4140	HARRISON	Alfreton		1898>	4127
EARP	Melbourne		17c>	4137	HARRISON	Derby		<1900	4169
EBRALL	No parish given	Ess	18c	4159	HARRISON	Kirk Ireton		<1760	4129
ECCLESHARE	Derby		All dates	4111	HARRISON	Leabrooks		1898>	4127
EDGE	Longham	Nfk	1878	4145	HARRISON	Pentrich		1898>	4127
ELLIS	Glossop		1800>	4149	HARRISON	South Wingfield		1898>	4127
ELMS	Pottisbury	Nth	<1900	4158	HARRISON	Chapel-en-le-Frith		<1800	4180
ELMS	Sheffield	Yks	<1900	4158	HARTLE	Ilkeston		<1900	4152
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EYRE	Sutton on the Hill		No dates given	4117	HEYDON	Darley		1680-1720	0503
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FARANT	Derby		No dates given	4146	HIGGINBOTTOM	Chesterfield		1868-69	4121
FISHER	Eastwood	Ntt	No dates given	4143	HILL	Tideswell		1770>	4180
FISHER	Langley Mill		No dates given	4143	HINDLEY	Leigh	Lan	1750-1856	4174
FLINT	Kirkby-in-Ashfield	Ntt	Any dates	2657	HO(U)LBROOK	Stockley Park	Sts	1760-1900	4112
FLINT	Selston	Ntt	Any dates	2657	HO(U)LBROOK	Tutbury	Sts	1760-1900	4112
FOWLER	Tutbury	Sts	1827-1880	4112	HOBSON	Hathersage		>1780	4136
FOX	Burton on Trent	Sts	All dates	4150	HODGKINSON	Breedon	Lei	1830>	4108
FRANCIS	Uxbridge	Mdx	1900	0566	HODGKINSON	Ecclesall	Yks	1800>	4136
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FRETWELL	Ashover		1680-1750	0503	HODGKINSON	Osmaston		<1830	4108
FRITH	Eyam		<1830s	4161	HODGKINSON	Sheffield	Yks	1800>	4136
HODGKINSON	Whitwick	Lei	1830>	4108	LOVE	Any parish		1830>	4155
HOLBROOK	Spondon		1820>	4112	MACKINDER	Nottingham	Ntt	1750-1900	4183
HOLBROOK	Streeton		No dates given	3567	MANN	Farmworth	Lan	<1900	4126

HOLGATE	Wirksworth		All dates	4116	MANN	Heanor		<1900	4126
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HOLLOWAY	Epperstone	Ntt	Any dates	2657	MARPLES	Repton		1700-1900	4160
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HOOD	Quarndon		1913>	4112	MARSHALL	Matlock		1824>	1222
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HUNT	Horsley		1840-1800	4133	MASKEREY	Wirksworth		1700-1900	4114
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KEELING	Sutton in Ashfield	Ntt	1840>	4144	MOORCROFT	Church Broughton		1850-1900	4183
KEELING	Worksop	Ntt	1780-1840	4144	MOORE	Belper		<1861	4172
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KINDER	Kirk Ireton		<1810	4129	MORRIS	Tatley	Hef	<1770	3903
KINDER	Wingerworth		1890-1907	4128	MOULDS	Somerby	Lin	<1840	3903
KINDER	Wirksworth		<1810	4129	NEAL	Louth	Lin	1888>	4112
KING	Barton-under-Needwood	Sts	1874-1970	4112	NEAL(E)	Derby		1854-1930	4112
KNIGHT	Almer	Dor	18c & 19c	4159	NEAL(E)	Sculcoates	Lin	1854-1930	4112
KNIGHT	Derby		19c	4159	NEAL(E)	Wotton	Lin	1854-1930	4112
KYNASTON	Whittington	Sal	<1900	4158	NEVILL	Staveley		1740-85	4107
LAKIN	Any parish		1800>	4155	NEWSTEAD	Blyth	Ntt	<1850	3597
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LANGTON	Belper		<1875	4142	OAKTON	Etwall		18c & 19c	4137
LANGTON	Riddings		<1875	4142	OAKTON	Swadlincote		18c & 19c	4137
LANGTON	Selston		<1875	4142	PARKER	Horsley		c1700	4163
LAUNDER	Belper		<1856	4172	PEACH	Ticknall		1700-1996	4174
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LEADBEA(Y)TER	Ilkeston		1650	4139	PIGGOT	No parish given	NYk	All dates	4150
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LEAR	No parish given	Wis	No dates given	4146	PORTER	Derby		1890-1950	4122
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LEWIS	Skegby	Ntt	1920>	4144	POYZER	Wirksworth		1700-1900	4114
LEWIS	Wistanstow	Sal	<1840	4144	PRATT	Derby		1900>	4182
LINNEY	Derby		<1899	4169	PRATT	London		<1900	4182
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LOCKWOOD	Sheffield	Yks	1850>	4136	PRESLAND	East Ham	Ess	Any dates	4178
LOMAS	Hope		<1760s	4161	PURDY	Any parish		<1900	4177
LOMAS	Matlock		1786>	1222	PURDY	Any parish	Ntt	<1900	4177
QUY(E)	East Ham	Ess	18c & 19c	4178	TEMPEMAN	Rawcliffe	Yks	<1900	4158
RADFORD	Mickleover		1723-1947	4138	THORNHILL	Etwall		1750-1996	4138
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REYNOLDS	Ilkeston		1900-1996	4173	TORKINGTON	No parish given		Any dates	4178
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SEARLS	Eckington		1750-1800	4148	WALTON	Tideswell		1700s	4180
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SELB(E)Y	Horsley		c1700	4163	WARD	Oldham		No dates given	4155
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SHAW	Church Broughton		<1825	4129	WARDLE	Ticknall		<1785	3903
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SHOTTON	Lichfield	Sts	1776-1870	4112	WHATLEY	Donhead St. Andrew	Wil	18c & 19c	4159
SHOTTON	Shareshill	Sts	1776-1870	4112	WHITEHEAD	Glossop		1800>	4149
SHOTTON	Walton on Trent		1800>	4112	WHITEHURST	Derby		1846>	4151
SHREEVE	Ticknall		<1750	3903	WIGNALL	Liverpool	Lan	1780	4134
SHREEVE(S)	Hartshorne		18c & 19c	4137	WILDGOOSE	Darley		1680-1810	0503
SHREEVE(S)	Newhall		18c & 19c	4137	WILDGOOSE	Matlock		1680-1810	0503
SHREEVE(S)	Swadincote		18c & 19c	4137	WILKINS	Sheffield	Yks	1800>	4134
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SPETCH	Ault Hucknall		1880s	4147	WILSON	Hathersage		<1800	4161
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SPRINGTHORPE	Ashby-de-la-Zouch	Lei	1850	0566	WINFIELD	Ilkeston		1935-1945	4173
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STUBBS	Liverpool	Lan	1800>	4134	WOOD	Glossop		1800>	4149
STURGESS	Derby		No dates given	4143	WOOD	Saddleworth	Yks	1798	4134
SWAIN	Long Eaton		<1900	4132	WOODALL	Manchester	Lan	No dates given	4155
SWAINE	Alfreton		Any dates	2657	WOODCOCK	Any parish	Lei	1800>	4160
SWEETING	Taunton	Som	1700>	4114	WOODHEAD	Hackenthorpe		1800-1900	4148
SWINTON	Somerby	Lin	<1805	3903	WRAGG	Derby		1880-1912	4181
TALLANT	North Wingfield		c1700	4163	WRIGHT	Hathersage		1800-1900	4140
TATAM	No parish given		<1833	4129	YEOMANS	Allestree		1800-1900	4183
TAYLOR	Winwick	Lan	1775-1996	4174	YEOMANS	Derby		1800-1900	4183
TEMPEMAN	Acomb	Yks	<1900	4158	YEOMANS	Ireton Wood		1700-50	4107
TEMPEMAN	Doncaster	Yks	<1900	4158	YOXALL	Ashton under Lyme	Lan	No dates given	4155

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A BIT OF PEDIGREE DOGGEREL

**I haven't found an ancestor for years -
 I sit before the IGI in tears -
 I found my long-lost broolly,
 And a cuz for Great-Aunt Polly.
 But I haven't found an ancestor for years.**

I'd left the broolly in the Family History Centre.

*Pauline Neale, Member No. 2897
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Please send all requests directly to the Editor, quoting membership number

GREAVES

My grandfather served in the First World War, firstly with the Sherwood Foresters (service no. 3/7128) and then with the South Lancs Regiment (service no. 205136). I have written to the Ministry of Defence and had some research done for me at the PRO, but there are still discrepancies in the information given. He is deemed to have been discharged on 23 October 1914 although we know he served in Salonika and we have a Christmas postcard from the Salonika army posted 3 March 1917. He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, but not the 1915 Star.

We have a berthing card for the SS Megantic, showing rooms, lifeboat no. etc. Does anyone know anything about this ship or where it would be sailing to? How can I find out? Also the number along with his name is shown as 2720 Pte E.V. Greaves. Is this yet another service no. as it also appears on a postcard sent by his sister to 4 Troop B Squadron, Derbyshire Yeomanry at Longmoor, Cambs? This was forwarded on to Frensham Hill Hospital, Farnham, Surrey. This was July 1916. He suffered from Malaria. Could he have been recovering? Does anyone know anything about this hospital and whether any records may still exist?

Any help would be most appreciated and any costs reimbursed. *Lesley Hicken, 19 Lilybank Close, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3EH (Mem. No. 2869)*

COCKAYNE

JOHN COCKAYNE was born 1830 and died 2 December 1890 and married Emma Johnson (1829-1912). He was a son of another John Cockayne, a labourer. A member of this family and direct ancestor to myself, emigrated to America (we think to Pennsylvania) circa 1850 or perhaps earlier and was, we believe, in partnership with a John Rigby. We are led to believe that apparently he had something to do with mining. I would like to know exactly which member of the Cockayne family this was. Any information gratefully received. *Mrs Jane Hendry, 39 Moorlands Close, Brockenhurst, Hants SO42 7QS*

OFFIL(L)ER

HENRY OFFILLER (1) married Hannah Pegg on 5 December 1791 at Etwall, witnesses Samuel Hichinbotham and Joseph Millington. Henry and Hannah plus some of their offspring appear in the 1811 and 1821 Tales of Inhabitants of Mickelover under the name Offaley.

In the 1821 Table of Inhabitants of Mickelover HENRY OFFELA (2) is living as an inmate in the house of Ann Eley. On 17 May 1841 Henry, as Offeler, aged 40, married Elizabeth Baker, age 30, at the Mickelover Parish Church and they also appear in the 1841 Census of Mickelover. Their only child, another Henry, was born in the first quarter of 1842. I have a copy of a death certificate for a Henry Offiler, date of death 11 June 1842, aged 40, with a Mary Collier in attendance.

I believe that Henry (2) was the son of Henry (1) since in 1841/2 he appeared to be aged between 40 and his birth would coincide with the early years of the marriage of Henry and Hannah. Also in 1821 both Henrys were the only Off...s living in the Mickelover/Littleover area and it was usual for the first born son to be named after his father.

Can anyone help me to discover the forebears of Henry (1) and to confirm that Henry (2) was his son. If anyone can assist in my search I will let them have a list of variations on the name - there are too many to print here - and there is a reward for anyone who can produce the evidence I seek. *Frederic Offler, "Ar Dachaidh", 3 King David Drive, Inverbervie, Montrose, DD10 0SW (Mem. No. 3936)*

HA(D)(T)FIELD, JOHNSON, PRIESTLY, RENCORNE, SIDDALL

I am trying to sort out my Hadfield/Hatfield line and would very much appreciate help with the families of three wives, all marriages in Chesterfield. GODFREY HADFIELD to Dorothy JOHNSON in 1781, GODFREY HADFIELD to Sarah or Mary PRIESTLY in 1732 and GODFREY HATFIELD to Anna RENCORNE of Brimington in 1702. Godfrey and Dorothy later moved to Staveley where their daughter Sarah married James SIDDALL. There is some doubt about the PRIESTLY marriage. The register entry gives Godfrey to Mary; there are no children baptized of Godfrey and Mary, but there are children of Godfrey and Sarah which would fit. Nothing relevant is to be found on the IGI in Derbyshire. *Mrs E.M. Beech, 14 Westcroft Crescent, Westfield, Sheffield S19 5EG (Mem. No. 1613)*

MARRIOTT, BROWNSON, GILBERT, WILSON

Has anyone any information regarding the parents, date and place of baptism of EMMA MARRIOTT born 1821/2, JAMES BROWNSON born 1785 and ELLEN GILBERT/THOMAS WILSON who were married at Newton Solney on 28th November 1798. Postage refunded with IRC. *Mrs Shirley Gray, P.O. Box 2052, Halfway House-Gauteng, R. South Africa 1685 (Mem. No. 1989)*

MORLEY

WILLIAM PARKIN MORLEY and twin brother JOHN PATERSON MORLEY were born 3 Mar 1821 at Stafford and christened at the Independent Chapel, Stoke on Trent, the sons of Samson Morley and Mary Ann Black. They then established a large silk manufacturing mill in the Derbyshire area and I would like contact or any details from descendants of this family.

William Parkin migrated to Australia with his family in 1871 after marrying Sofia Cholerton in 1849 and there are many descendants of this family living in Queensland, Australia eager for any information I can find. *Valerie Waldby, 9 Devona Street, Aspley 4034, Australia (Mem. No. 4110)*

WILLIAMS

I am trying to find out more about RICHARD WILLIAMS. He was born in Flint, the elder brother of my grandfather, Francis Bennett Williams, the sons of Richard Taylor Williams and his wife Jane. A woodwork and P.E. instructor at the Herbert Strutt School, he retired in 1935 possibly to Liverpool. He was married with two daughters who also became teachers. I would be grateful for any information about this man and his family. *Robert B. Williams, 7209 Aulds Road, Lantzville B.C., VOR2H0 Canada (Mem. No. 4135)*

WALTERS

NATHAN WALTERS was baptised 18 June 1751 at Pentrich but his wife is unknown, has anyone come across a marriage, possibly Nonconformist Chapel. He was sixty years old when his son WILLIAM WALTERS was born in 1811, also at Pentrich. William married firstly in 1837 Elizabeth Wagstaff of South Wingfield who died in 1844 and secondly Mary Ann Law in 1857 at Sheffield. William and Elizabeth had 3 daughters, Hannah (1838), Mary (1841) and Elizabeth. The two elder girls went to Sheffield with William, but I am trying to find out more about Elizabeth. Was she born at South Wingfield on 15 March 1843? Did she stay behind at South Wingfield and later marry a man called Cresswell? Did she live on a farm in the South Wingfield or Wessington area? If so I would like to make contact with her descendants. Also does anyone know where Elizabeth Walters, her mother, is buried? *Rev. Peter Walters, Newcombes End, Elkstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 9PD (Mem. No. 3942)*

ALBERT GARDENER & SON

Does anyone know if a photograph is available of my grandfather's shoe repair and retail shop in Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent. I would love to get a picture or see a book on old Stapenhill. It was situated on the corner of Holly Street and Main Street and the name was Albert Gardener & Son. They were very well known in the area and I believe this shop is now a Pizza takeaway.

My grandparents moved from Northampton to Burton in 1907, originally to a shop in Ferry Street, moving to the Main Street shop shortly after. Albert had this shop until he died in 1936 and then my grandmother and her son (Stanley, my uncle) carried on until after the second world war. By this time they too had moved house and lived at 21 Stanton Road. Any pictures or information as to where I could find one would be much appreciated. *Mrs Iris Wagstaff, 30 Linnet Drive, Barton Seagrave, Kettering, Northants NN15 6SA (Mem. No. 3593)*

SMITH

The marriage entry of my great great grandfather ELIJAH SMITH to SARAH WOOD at Church Gresley on 11 December 1849 gives his father as George Smith (deceased). Elijah, according to the 1851 census, was born in Donisthorpe 1824/25, but there is no record of him in Donisthorpe. Has anyone knowledge of an Elijah Smith born in Donisthorpe or an adjoining parish, or of father George Smith for 1824/25? *Brian W. Smith, 23 West Leake Road, Kingston-on-Soar, Notts NG11 0DN (Mem. No. 1091)*

SHERWIN, BENNETT

WILLIAM SHERWIN of Ockbrook, Derbyshire, baptised 22 May 1763 at Ockbrook, died 29 March 1822 in Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia, was my great-great-grandfather. He was the son of William Sherwin and Mary Harrison who married at St Alkmunds, Derby on 27 April 1762. William married ANN BENNETT, baptised 13 March 1766 at All Saints, Derby, died 20 January 1840. She was the daughter of William Bennett of Brailsford and Ann Noble, who married at St Peter's, Derby on 10 October 1754.

William and Ann married on 8 February 1784 at Kirk Langley. They had a son, John Noble Sherwin, baptised 3 September 1786 at All Saints, Derby, who died in Sydney, Australia in 1793.

William Sherwin enlisted in the New South Corps of the British Army on 29 December 1789. He, Ann and John arrived in Sydney on the ship "Pitt" on 14 February 1792. Ann later left Sergeant Sherwin to live with Major Joseph Foveaux, whom she eventually married at All Saints, Derby in 1814. William Sherwin was discharged from the New South Wales Corps in 1801 and remained in Australia. He and Mary Duggan, daughter of another soldier, had a family of ten children, one of whom became the first Australian born doctor and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and another a Member of the Parliament of Victoria, Australia.

I would appreciate any help about William Sherwin, his family and background, and Sherwin descendants. *William Ronald Sherwin, 16 Ethel Street, Malvern, Victoria, Australia, 3144 (Mem. No. 3971)*

LOCKER, MARSTON

WILLIAM LOCKER married ELIZABETH MARSTON on 20 July 1826 at Sawley. Both were buried at Long Eaton St Lawrence, William on 2nd September 1861 aged 67 years and Elizabeth on 29th August 1882 aged 79 years. Parents and siblings for both of them sought. For most of his life William was a boatman on the canals/rivers around Long Eaton. Thomas and Ann Locker were also boatmen, but no link as yet found. Thought to originate from Marston upon Dove or Weston on Trent. Can anyone help or has anyone any information on canal families in late 17th/early 19th centuries? *Sharon Dunwoodie, 14 Hill Brow Close, Allerton, Bradford BD15 7LP (Mem. No. 4064)*

WARD, COOKE, STRAW, DAKEN, SPENCER

My 3x great grandfather, WHITEHALL WARD, was born about 1761 and died in the Almshouses at Etwall in February 1850. He was a Freeman of Derby. Does anyone know about this family, especially who his parents were? Also what does being a freeman entail?

My great grandfather, ALFRED R. COOKE, was one of the founders of the "Church Times" and was baptised in Nottingham, but his parents lived at Dale Abbey. His grandfather, John Cooke, was baptised in Scarcliffe on 4 October 1744 and his father married HANNAH SPENCER at Ault Hucknall on 29th September 1741. I have been unable to find out anything more, can anyone help?

My 7x great grandfather WILLIAM STRAW was born about 1697, married Dorothy ? and produced Elizabeth Straw, who married GEORGE DAKEN in Ilkeston on the 21 November 1718. Their daughter Elizabeth married Robert Gregory in Spondon 1 June 1740. I would be grateful for information on the early years of the above families and is anyone else descended from them in the DFHS? *Catherine Koppa, Jakarlantie 8 B 10, 00940 Helsinki, Finland (Mem. No. 4026)*

COCKER, FRITH

JOHN COCKER, a miner, married PHEBE FRITH on 6th October 1851 at Stoney Middleton. On the marriage certificate both fathers are named as William Cocker and George Frith, both labourers. John Cocker and his seven brothers/sisters were baptised at Stoney Middleton, the parents being the aforementioned William and Mary (nee Chapman) who were married in 1812, also at Stoney Middleton.

A baptism has been found on the IGI for William but the register is missing at the Derbyshire Record Office, could the entry have come from the Bishops Transcripts? A family are mentioned in the Bradfield Poor Law Records that fit all the details, showing a removal order from Stoney Middleton to Bradfield in Yorkshire but my Cockers do not appear in the Bradfield register. Is this the same family?

Phebe Frith was baptised at Eyam, her parents being George and Mary. Their marriage is not in the same register, has anyone come across them? Is any member researching this family or does anyone have some suggestions on where to look next? *Mark Townsend, 3 Fulmere Crescent, Parson Cross, Sheffield S5 9NN (Mem. No. 4161)*

BULL

My 3x great grandfather, SAMUEL BULL, married Elizabeth Mosedale on 23 June 1822 at Tutbury, Staffs. Their son William was baptised 8 September 1822 at St Michael's, Sutton on the Hill. After William's baptism there is no trace of Samuel and Elizabeth so where did they go? It is thought William lived with his grandparents, Charles and Elizabeth Bull, at "Common Piece Farm", Sutton on the Hill, until he came to Sandon sometime in the 1840's. Any help much appreciated. *Barbara Carthew, 19 Albert Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3QB (Mem. No. 3047)*

KNIGHT, WHATLEY

I am seeking information on the descendants of ROBERT KNIGHT, born 1815 at Almer, Dorset, and ELIZABETH WHATLEY, born 1816 at Danhead St Andrew, Wiltshire. They had children born in London in the 1840's and 1850's. Son Robert Goldring Knight, husband of Isabella, died 1894 at Derby. Associated family names are Atkinson, Winter, Hayden and Mitchell. *Mrs C. Avery, P.O. Box 1858, (28 Murphy Cres.), Traralgon, Victoria, Australis 3844 (Mem. No. 4159)*

CUTTS, BUTLER

I am attempting a complete family history of the Butler/Cutts families and their introduction to and involvement in the lace trade in the last century. The families were united by the marriage of JOHN CUTTS and MARY BUTLER at Radford on 3rd June 1827. Both these family names were prolific in the early part of last century and I have begun to build both names into their respective family groupings, not easy when successive generations tended to name their offspring with common christian names. Fortunately the 19th century custom of giving their offspring a second christian name from female ancestors has helped enormously in pinpointing some of the families. The main activities during the middle of the last century were in the area bounded by Radford Boulevard, Gregory Boulevard, Mansfield Road, Shakespeare Street, Derby Road, Ilkeston Road (Blooms Grove) and St Peter's Street areas of Radford and also at Billborough and Wollaton. It is known that there were both Cutts and Butlers in France when Nottingham lacemakers moved to France c.1816 and I am at present looking at this area of research to try and get proof of family connections. I would be most interested to hear from any researchers who have interests in these names together with any related families. *Mrs Mavis Johnson, Kamardon, North Street, Norton St. Philip, Nr. Bath BA3 6LE (Mem. No. 3365)*

DELL FARM

I am trying to trace the history of our home "Dell Farm". It was owned by the Rev. Richard Burrow Turbutt, Rector of Morton, Derbyshire, who lived from 1770-1841. I am interested in his ancestors with a view to finding out how he acquired the property. *Mrs M. Anthony, Dell Farm, Wessington, Derbyshire DE55 6DU (Mem. No. 4147)*

TOON

DANIEL TOON was born Scotland, Derbyshire about 1786, this being a small hamlet near Calke Abbey. He had eight children by two wives. His first wife was Elizabeth Sturges, born 1784 in Netherseal, died 1825. She had Joseph (1807, Stretton le en Field), Henry (1811, Stretton le en Field), William (1816, Netherseal) and my ancestor Daniel (1809, Willesley). Daniel died in 1846 in Breaston, aged 37, of TB after 17 years service in the 15th Foot Regiment, leaving a widow and six children. Four of the children were born in military barracks in Canada, Mary (1836 Montreal), Sarah (1834 Quebec City), Hannah (1838, London Ontario) and Daniel (1841, Toronto). She also had my ancestor William (1842, Leeds) and Elizabeth (1844, Derby). This family has been found in the 1851 census at Derby, all working in the mills - even 7 year old Elizabeth.

Daniel Toon of Scotland, also had 4 children by his second wife Mary Ancox whom he married 20th March 1826 at Church Gresley. Children were Mary (1820, Church Gresley), Hannah (1822?, Ashby), Isaac (1826, Church Gresley, married Rebecca Pointon) and Thomas (1828, Church Gresley, married Frances Holmes). In the Derbyshire Record office there is reference to a removal order for Daniel and his family, who were moved back to their parish of birth, Willesley, from Linton. But it looks like Daniel moved back to Linton as he is mentioned in the 1841 and 1851 census for Linton and he died there in 1865. I am interested in contacting anyone who is a Toon from Derbyshire. *Mark Toon, 916 16st High River, Alberta, Canada, T1V1L8 (Mem. No. 4082) - email tooner@cadvison.com*

SHARDLOW

GEORGE SHARDLOW, the son of Stephen and Elizabeth, was baptised in Crich Parish Church on 26 May 1816 and would have been only 4 years of age when his mother died in 1820. George married Maria Godber, also at Crich, on the 29 January 1849 and the marriage record shows that both resided in Wessington village. Both he and Stephen were framework knitters. We believe that George's father, Stephen, was still alive at the time of the marriage as he is not shown as "deceased" on the marriage record. George himself was buried in Crich on 24 October 1871 at the age of 55 years.

Was Stephen alive in 1849 or thereafter and what happened to Maria? Did they all live together or die in Wessington? It would be surprising if Stephen had not married again after 1820, having been left with a small son. Any help whatsoever would be most appreciated. *Beryl and Les Shardlow, 10 Farnway, Darley Abbey, Derby (Mem. No. 3913)*

BURDEKIN, JOHNSON

I am trying to find the marriage of MARY BURDEKIN and THOMAS JOHNSON somewhere between 1868-1881 possibly in Cheshire. Mary was born in Mellor, daughter of John and Elizabeth Burdekin, and was married twice, first to Joseph Horsefield on 9 October 1865 at Glossop, Hayfield. Both were living in Mellor at the time and had one daughter, Mary. I assume Joseph died young as she later married Thomas Johnson and had two more children, Cecilia and Elizabeth. All I know about Thomas is that he was born in Stockport. They later moved to Brampton, Chesterfield where, on the 1881 Brampton census, it states that Cecilia was born in Mellor and Elizabeth in Brampton. The Stockport Registrar can find no trace of a Thomas Johnson/Mary Burdekin marriage and nor reference of a Cecilia being born in Mellor. So where did Thomas and Mary marry and where was Cecilia Johnson born (around 1877)? Can anyone unravel this mystery?

I would also appreciate any help with information about people from Mellor and surrounding areas who emigrated to America after 1850 as Thomas Johnson had a brother (name unknown) who went to Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. All postage costs reimbursed.

If anyone is willing to look at the Mellor marriage register for any Burdekin marriages I will gladly do research elsewhere in Derbyshire. *Maureen Byard, 56 Birchwood Lane, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 3DA (Mem. No. 2657)*

FROM MELBOURNE PARISH REGISTERS

5 Nov 1770: George Tivey buried. George Tivey was kill'd by a Fall in ye Belfry, being taken up by ye rope as he was ringing. He Languish'd about 30 hours after ye accident. N.B. He was in Liquor.

3 April 1768: Thos. Clark got his death (suppos'd by excessive drinking) at Derby, during ye Elections.

A BIT MORE PEDIGREE DOGGEREL

**Hickory, dickory, ding,
The parson dropped the ring.
The ring it got dented
The groom was affronted
And the bride said a Very Bad Thing.**

**Whereupon the young couple left to get married in a
different church, but WHICH ONE?**

*Pauline Neale, Member No. 2897
65 Todman Street, Brooklyn, Wellington 6002, NEW ZEALAND*

MEETING REPORTS



SHIRLAND GROUP

APRIL 1996

PARISH GOVERNMENT AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS - KATHLEEN BATTYE

This is a fascinating subject for the family historian and Mrs Battye's lecture, enhanced with many examples of the records found in the various parish chests of Derbyshire, kept her audience begging for more.

THOMAS CROMWELL ordered in 1538 that all parish records should be kept in a "SURE COFFER", this being a wooden box with at least four locks which became known as the PARISH CHEST. For safety the parish officials each had a key so that no individual could open the box alone. Mrs Battye pointed out that the DRONFIELD chest had a section at one end for the records for the GRAMMAR SCHOOL. The chests contained documents of the Churchwardens, the Constable, the Overseer of the Highway, the account books and parish registers. These documents can now be found in the PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE under "Parish Deposits".

The Parish dates from 9/10th centuries and was a form of ecclesiastical government. BAKEWELL covers an area of 18 miles, consists of 22 townships and has 9 parochial chapelries and HOPE is the largest parish in England. A Township was the administrative division of a parish, a liberty was a separate division with a parish which had its own rights and privileges and the Manor was a secular administration. The village officials were unpaid and appointed by their fellow villagers to serve for one year. It was necessary for them to be able to read and write to some degree which meant that some people never had to do their duty, also it was possible to deputize another person who would be paid to do so. It is noticeable that some people's names occur in the records frequently, usually because they were good at the job. However it was time consuming and thankless work. People appointed to parish government had their own living to make besides carrying out their parochial duties. They had to raise a rate of taxation to enable them to maintain the church, pay for the sacraments etc., issue parish relief to the poor and maintain the highways. The CHURCHWARDENS had to allocate pews, be responsible for getting people into church and for christenings, arranging burials of vagrants and foundlings and deal with vermin in the church and grounds. They had to interview wouldbe settlers and issue settlement certificates or removal orders as necessary and were responsible for putting the able bodied poor to work.

Besides apprehending felons, the PARISH CONSTABLE was responsible for raising the hue and cry, watch and ward, the stocks and pillory, inspecting alehouses, suppressing gaming, ensuring there was no drunkenness, apprehending vagrants and gypsies, care for the parish bull and boar and collect stray animals. The OVERSEER OF THE HIGHWAY was an unqualified man who basically had to go round the roads looking for holes and commandeering men to break stones and fill them in.

Mrs Battye related to us a fascinating and in depth history of parish government and the people who had to carry out these duties. These records are full of factual information and can reveal family histories for several generations. Not only do they help us trace our families but they also give us a good background knowledge of our ancestor's way of life.

MAY 1996

THE A-Z OF POSTCARDS - ALAN BOWER

Alan began his talk by telling us of his appearances on television and radio and that he had published seven books about Derbyshire, illustrated with postcards. We realised how he had become so fascinated with this subject as he revealed the history, types and the many uses postcards had been put to since they were first invented in AUSTRIA in 1869.

Postcards were introduced in Britain the following year, 1870, with the sceptics announcing that they would never catch on as the postmen would be able to read the messages on the cards. They were proved wrong and postcards became an overnight success. The postage was printed on the card and was set at half the cost of letter rate. Because they were cheap to send, businesses of every imaginable kind soon began to send out their own cards advertising their particular wares or trade. The CO-OP sent out reminders to members to collect their dividend and at the same time advertised their products in the hope that the money paid out in "divi" would be spent at the Co-op. Most of Alan's cards of this type were produced between 1903 and the FIRST WORLD WAR. Everything and anything was advertised, from funeral directors and best bitter, tea and coffee to rheumatic cream and nit cream.

In 1874 BRITISH cards with pictures on were introduced, the first picture postcard being of the pier at SCARBOROUGH. The side with the picture on was the reverse of the card, the front was where the name and address written. In 1902 the first picture postcards were printed with a line down the middle, separating the name/address from the message section. These came in three types, hand coloured, sepia and photographic. Photograph paper came in postcard size and the place where the stamp would be positioned was printed with "K LTD" being the mark for KODAK. Prior to the SECOND WORLD WAR many postcards used as greeting cards bore a swastika, which was the most used symbol in Britain for good luck.

Alan then passed around examples of some of his 3000 postcard collection. There were cards with sand and seeds on, hair, stamps, a mirror, a record, feathers, a kaleidoscope, a thermometer, a squeaker, holograms, cards made from aluminium, embossed copper, shaped wood, kangaroo skin, leather, Japanese cards - hand painted, lacquered wood and marquetry, English embroidered cards and religious cards from all over the world. Alan showed us how he had used postcards in his family history, from the time his grandparents kept the WHITE BEAR public house at Shirland, of the villages, schools, churches and places his family had lived. He had built a village from cut out models of buildings on postcards and finally he showed us a Chesterfield salt glaze teapot that his grandmother had won at the Royal Agricultural show at Derby for her best butter entry.

JUNE 1996

STUBBING COURT, WINGERWORTH - DAVID EDWARDS

David Edwards kindly stepped in at short notice to give us an admirable talk on his extremely well researched study of STUBBING COURT and began by showing us a map of WINGERWORTH, the location of house and lands which spilled over into ASHOVER and explained that 'stubbing' meant a place of cleared woodland. There is evidence of a dwelling on the site as early as the 13th century in a document which refers to one JOHN DEL STUBBING.

A lengthy and informative will and inventory of JOHN HOLLAND of Stubbing who died in 1674, states that he bought the house and land from GODFREY OUTRAM. The valuation of his goods etc. was £1902-8s, a considerable sum at that time. The Holland family had made its money from merchanting iron. The house at Stubbing had nine rooms, so it was quite a substantial property, but Court had not yet been added to its name. The Holland family were non-conformists. John Holland and his wife Ann had a son GEORGE who married Mary Elam by who he had a son, William. However George died in 1703 leaving the property to William who survived his father by only two years. William had only one daughter, MARINA, who married HENRY GLADWIN, son of Thomas Gladwin who built TUPTON HALL SCHOOL, and it was this marriage that brought Stubbing Court into the Gladwin family. Sadly Marina died at only 23 years after the birth of her daughter Ann in 1727. Henry's second wife was MARY DAKYNE of Ashover and it was their son, HENRY, who inherited the property and much improved the house, grounds and ponds. He became the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE's page, received his Colours as an ensign in the army from the Duke and eventually went to America. In 1755 he was involved in an ambush, during which he was injured and promoted to Captain as a result of his actions. He was instrumental in the taking of FORT PONTCHARTRAIN (later named Detroit) in 1760 and the British used it as a base during the American Civil War. He learnt to fight the Indians in Indian style and went to Canada to fight. His monument in Wingerworth church relates his exploits in Canada and his skirmishes with the Indians there. PONTIAC, the North American Indian Chief, united many tribes against the British and from 1763-64 the Union he formed against the British became known as Pontiac's Conspiracy and a bitter struggle took place. However, Henry Gladwin had advance warning of Pontiac's plans and foiled the plot, being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He sailed for England after 10 years and never returned to Canada. He retired on half pay from the Army and settled at STUBBING HOUSE where he embarked on improving the estate, adding new rooms and a new frontage to the house. In 1770 Henry wished to acquire more land in Ashover and Wingerworth, but it took an ACT OF PARLIAMENT and much wheeling and dealing before he finally took possession of it in 1777. He did not marry until he was 42, when he married FRANCES BERRIDGE, daughter of John Berridge of BARKSTONE, LINCS. They had 12 children but not all of them survived. Henry died in 1791 and CHARLES DAKYNE GLADWIN inherited the property.

Charles left Stubbing Court and went to live at BELMONT after which the house had a variety of tenants, including JAMES ABERCROMBY, a Scot who was an M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons and also Steward to the 6th Duke of Devonshire. In 1841 the census shows that THOMAS GILL, a farmer, occupied Stubbing, but by 1845 BENJAMIN and SOPHIA HAWES were living there. Sophia was the sister of ISAMBARD KINGDOM BRUNEL. They were followed by JONATHAN THOMPSON, Receiver General of the Eight Northern Counties and then by 1851 THOMAS HUMPHREY PEDLEY, a racing stable owner whose horse, Cossak, won the Derby in 1847. He married MARY GULLEY, daughter of John Gulley the prize fighter and the 1861 census shows that they had 7 servants at Stubbing. The Pedleys left for Eastbourne in 1870 and were followed by CHARLES SEELEY, M.P. for Mansfield and owner of coal mines in Nottinghamshire. HAROLD SOAMES and his brother Frederick, a brewer, came to live at Stubbing Court. Harold married CATHERINE MARY HILL and they had one son and two daughters, of which one became LADY BADEN-POWELL. Between 1889 and 1953 there were several more occupants of the Court until JOHN ADLINGTON, a builder, purchased it. The Adlington family still own STUBBING COURT and it remains today the most impressive house in Wingerworth.

David Edwards treated us to a most in depth insight into Stubbing Court and its occupants. He has some lists of names relating to Wingerworth inhabitants which he will search for members. Please contact Sylvia Wright on 01623 514619 for details.

SYLVIA WRIGHT (Mem. No. 2553)

GLOSSOP GROUP

APRIL 1996

MEDAL COLLECTING AND GENEALOGY - IAN ROWBOTHAM

Mr Rowbotham started his talk telling us that medals have been around for a very long time. The first recorded medals were at the time when the SPANISH ARMADA attempted to invade ENGLAND but it was when the English fought the Scots at DUNBAR in 1650 that medals were awarded to the ranks. These were of poor quality and only some of those awarded to the OFFICERS survived. The first real medals awarded to the ranks was at WATERLOO although this did not happen until 34 years later. These were machine made but did not record the individual's name so therefore there is no real link with genealogy. There are some World War 2 medals such as the EL ALAMEIN and TOBRUK campaigns on which the names of soldiers were not recorded.

Amongst the many medals in his possession were some which were struck to commemorate local events such as the medal struck to mark the opening of HYDE TOWN HALL by the then Mayor EDWARD HIBBERT Esq. on June 27th 1885. Other notable events included QUEEN VICTORIA's DIAMOND JUBILEE, the storming of POTABELLO in 1737 and the CRIMEAN WAR when the first D.C.M. was issued.

Mr Rowbotham showed us a medal which was awarded to a Sergeant WILLIAM BEECHING of the 23rd Light Dragoons, 1st Brigade of Guards, in 1815 for gallantry in the BATTLE of TALAMERA where he was taken prisoner by the French. Papers obtained gave details of his service of 13 yrs and 215 days until he was discharged on the 4 November 1816 with tuberculosis. Sergeant BEECHING finally got his medal in 1848 - better late than never.

Over the years, many thousands of medals were issued without individual names which he again stressed were of no real use to family historians but there are some which are inscribed and which are collectable. He then told us of the numerous records that are available including an index containing over 120,000 names which has been compiled by a Mr JIM BECKETT which is a valuable source of information. PENSION RECORDS are also useful if your ancestor was in the BRITISH ARMED FORCES in the 19th century. The PRO is the place to contact for information.

MAY 1996

DERBYSHIRE WELL DRESSINGS - ANN GOULD

No-one really knows the origins of the WELL DRESSINGS. The ROMANS and CELTS worshipped the Pagan Gods of Water and the first known records came from TISSINGTON which escaped the BLACK DEATH and put it down to having clean water from their five wells so they dressed their wells with foliage as a thanksgiving for having clean water.

Why only in Derbyshire? Maybe it is because the limestone is very porous and the water drains away so quickly that even rivers have been known to disappear.

The dressing of the wells with foliage was originally a PAGAN custom but when CHRISTIANITY came to the area, it was frowned upon as a pagan ritual so the people named their wells after Christian saints.

The first time a well was dressed in BUXTON was as a token of thanks to the 6th Duke of Devonshire after he had arranged for water to be piped into the area, this was on 24th June 1840. The best known well in Buxton is ST. ANNS, this well wasn't dressed until a few years later and pictures of the time show the people enjoying their FESTIVAL with great enthusiasm. At this time the WELL DRESSINGS in BUXTON were funded by house to house collections with the publican paying the most because they had the most to gain.

Later the well dressings were much criticized, being described in the local press as 'dismal'. Many calls were made for them to be discontinued, but due to the input of a gentleman who had been a dresser of the wells for many years, it survived. However, in 1911 the custom lapsed. In 1925 the FESTIVAL was revived by the then BUXTON town council as a tourist attraction, adding a carnival to the festivities. Subsequently the council put the festival out to tender for the princely sum of £50-100. They employed people from the local villages of TISSINGTON, YOULGREAVE and WIRKSWORTH to come in with their own boards to dress the BUXTON WELLS. This worked for a while then in the 30's there was more criticism and the pictures were vandalised. The wells weren't dressed during the war but they were blessed each year. After the war a team of BUXTON dressers was established then in 1956 a local couple took charge and dressed the wells until 1985. They had produced some very beautiful designs.

In 1986 Buxton Council decided they could no longer fund the festival so a group of people headed by an experienced dresser got together to decide what to do. They approached local industries for sponsorship and they were very generous. Then they appealed in the local paper for helpers and that is when Ann and Christine got involved. It was very hard work and they had much to learn, but they were all learning together. That year was a very successful one, but they are still learning.

The BUXTON WELL DRESSINGS take place at the beginning of July so it is from the new year that the planning has to begin to co-ordinate everything including:- choosing the design in which they now involve the local schools, from which there could be up to 70 designs submitted; colour co-ordination; the flowers which will be needed; finally preparing the boards which are shallow trays about 1" deep covered in rows of nails which helps to hold the clay which is collected locally. When the deadline looms it is intensive work and takes about 50 people from Sunday to Tuesday, when the boards have to be ready and erected ready for Wednesday afternoon when the BLESSING takes place. The boards then stay up for one week after which the dismantling begins and the boards stored away for another year.

JUNE 1996

DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE - DR. MARGARET O'SULLIVAN

Dr O'Sullivan started by telling a true story. A few weeks ago, an elderly gentleman went into the RECORD OFFICE and told them that his brother had just died and among his effects he had found a long series of Family History notes that his brother had put together over many years. He knew that it would have been his brother's wish that they should be preserved. On looking through them DR O'SULLIVAN could not find any sources referred to that would prove their authenticity. However, when mounting a display of documents, she came across the records which proved that his research was correct. This story makes the point about the purpose of Record Offices.

The County Record Office in MATLOCK is not just for Derbyshire but is also the DIOCESAN RECORD OFFICE for the DIOCESE of DERBY and in her job as ARCHIVIST it is her responsibility to look after the archives. Archives are information and evidence produced over the years by organisations, businesses and families. Registers, therefore, are records contemporary with the time in which they were happening. The Record Office is authorised by the LORD CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE and the MASTER OF THE ROLLS for the collection of records applicable to the county, although Matlock also holds some countrywide records. It is inspected on a yearly basis.

Dr O'Sullivan summarised the documents and sources which are available for family history researchers that are held and of the starter packs available for newcomers to family history, also the open days and lectures which are held throughout the year. She explained the archivist also spends a lot of time visiting churches and other places where records are held in situ to make sure

that they are being kept under suitable conditions for their preservation. When records come into the record office they are in very poor condition, perhaps through being kept in damp atmosphere and it is her job to assess whether they can be retrieved and sometimes that can be very time consuming. Problems can also be caused by the acidity of modern paper and although it can be de-acidified up to a point it is still not completely stable. Sellotape should also be avoided and it is better to have a document in several pieces than to use it. Social structure over the years also came into the picture, bringing a few questions from members and a lively end to the evening.

Iris Brown (Mem. No. 1662)

DERBY GROUP

APRIL 1996

TRACING SCOTTISH ANCESTORS - BILL BUCHANAN

Our scheduled speaker this evening (RUTH PECHEY and the BABINGTON PLOT) was unfortunately taken ill 48 hours before the night, gallantly BILL BUCHANAN stepped in at the 11th hour and agreed to talk about his researches north of the border. Prior to 1989 Bill knew little about his ancestors, he had heard talk of two cousins and an uncle, to date he finds he now has eighty one (81) cousins. A visit to his mother's cousin sparked his interest in family history, on display was a framed version of the family tree with numerous names but no dates. Bill, like the rest of us, has taped family tales, spent many hours in record offices and now has 22 files full of information, colour coded for different branches of the family. The main R.O 's in Scotland are at NEW REGISTER HOUSE in EDINBURGH and the Record Offices in GLASGOW and DUNBARTON. The Buchanans originated from the area around LOCH LOMOND, CUMBERNAULD and KILOMORANACK. It was found that prior to 1823 WILLS were administered by the Church, divided into 6 COMMISARIATS for the whole of Scotland. Several wills came into Bill's possession, his 5x grandfather's from 1665, his 3x grandfather who died in 1780 leaving a 13 page will admitting illegitimate children, and his gr.gr.grandfather's will which showed his eldest daughter marrying and producing 5 sons. Two went to live in CHILE, one of whom went into banking and the other went into the GUANO (Bird Dung) business. He died in 1910 and left £180,000 in his will. 1855 VALUATION WILLS showed the parish name, the tenants, their property and how much rent they paid. The KIRK SESSION MINUTES (Church Council Minutes in England) are deposited at the Register House. In the establishment are three circles, the Centre is marriages, Inner is for deaths and the Outer is births and census. All records are computerised and there is a link between Record House and the R.O. in GLASGOW which cuts down tremendously on travelling time. (English Record Offices please note). Bill went on to show us documents and photos of his family which rounded off an interesting evening.

Gill Hiley

MAY 1996

LOOKING AT FAMILY HISTORY RECORDS - MAUREEN NEWTON

All family historians at one time or another rely on documentation to further us in the quest for our ancestors. We all find out eventually about CENSUS RETURNS, PARISH RECORDS, BIRTH, MARRIAGE and DEATH CERTIFICATES. After looking at these basic but important sources many of us are left feeling, where do we go from here? MAUREEN NEWTON one of our Society members gave us a tour through some of the records that she has come across and hoped that it would whet our appetites to seek some of them out and hopefully help us. MAUREEN and her husband JOHN first became interested in Family History after acquiring some old photo albums after the death of John's father, there were no names in the album and it became frustrating not knowing who was who (a feeling we all share).

METHODIST BAPTISM REGISTER. This particular example showed Maureen's mother, some mothers took their offspring back to their own parish for the baptism, which could be many miles away, so it's well worth checking the registers in mother's parish as well. SCHOOL ADMISSION RECORDS. This gives us the date in and out, parents' name and address, and the last school attended. ABSENT VOTERS LIST (NOTTS 1918) shows soldiers away on service with service no. and regiment. SCHOOL LOG BOOK (WHITTINGTON MOOR). Attendance was made compulsory in 1880 up to the age of 10, this log showed the tests pupils had to do and how they had performed. INDENTURES. This example showed us one ENOS FURNESS' trademark, a capital J on its side, being purchased for £1-0-0 on the 9th August 1904 by the CUTLERS CO. ELECTORAL REGISTER (STOCKSBRIDGE). Anyone with property over the value of £10 was allowed to vote, this list showed the NAMES of voters, their ADDRESSES and the DESCRIPTION of the land. One man who owned land in both STOCKSBRIDGE and WINDERMERE, CUMBERLAND was officially allowed to vote twice in a General Election! Men were given the vote in 1884 and women in 1918. COAL MINES REGULATION ACT. This example was for EASTWOOD, NOTTS 1873 it shows lists of people who were employed in the mines. Maureen also showed PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS 1840 for MAREHAY COLLIERY (near RIPLEY, DERBYS). A numbered list of mine employees, No 277 was JOSEPH ROPER aged 7 who opened and closed the winding door. REGISTER of ALE HOUSE KEEPERS 1827, the first register was in 1552, in 1779 the first BREWSTER SESSION was held. You need to know the HUNDRED or WAPENTAKE (District) to find the Ale House and Keeper.

Maureen took us through yet more records, including:- SETTLEMENT ACT, LANDTAXES (which are on microfiche or film in most CRO's) WILLS and INVENTORIES, GENERAL BAPTIST CHAPEL records, CENSUS and Birth, Marriage and Death certificates. Closing a very interesting evening Maureen hoped that she had stimulated our members to go and search for some of these different records.

Alan Hiley

JUNE 1996

PICKFORDS HOUSE - THE MAKING OF A MUSEUM - SUE CHRISTIAN

PICKFORDS HOUSE MUSEUM in FRIARGATE, DERBY has been one of the major successes for Derby Museums over the last few years, but it was not always so. The house was the first biggest GEORGIAN house in Friargate and was built by JOSEPH PICKFORD between 1768 and 1770. Joseph hailed from a village near WARWICK. His first job in Derbyshire was to design and build LONGFORD HALL, he married MARY and they had a son ROBERT ADAM PICKFORD. Robert was the clerk of the works in the construction of Derby ASSEMBLY ROOMS, the facade of which is now at the CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM.

Robert had two sons THOMAS and JOSEPH. Thomas died in 1812, Joseph remained a bachelor and was confirmed woman hater, he died in 1844. During WORLD WAR 2 a Dr BARLOW SCHOFIELD lived in the house and left in 1953. A company of Architects had offices at the house until 1982, during these years many alterations were made to the house, not always for the better. The house was put onto the market in 1982 for £80,000 and purchased by Derby City Council. After many ideas had been bandied about Sue and her colleagues were told "give us a museum and make it work". They were given 6 months to do just that. Many off duty hours were devoted to cleaning, scrubbing and painting. Most of the staff were employed at other sites within the City. Since the opening each room has been sympathetically restored to what it would have been in the late 18th century. The museum has many theme days, school and family parties are encouraged to join in with a hands on approach to washing, baking, cooking and general life in an 18th century town house.

SUE went on to show us slides of the museum today. If you have never visited this unusual and interesting museum, then a visit cannot be too highly recommended. The house, its displays and gardens will have something for everyone. Thanks again to Sue Christian for showing us how this museum was 'made'.

Gill Hiley

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

DEEDS OF COVENANT

Elsewhere in this magazine I have had to acquaint you with the unwelcome news of an increase in the subscription levels for 1997. This is the type of increase that comes hard - out of your pocket! But there is a way of increasing your subscription still further without your giving the Society any more of your hard earned cash. No! - the Treasurer has not had a mental aberration. Do you pay United Kingdom income tax? If you do, please read on, if not then thank you for reading so far but as this is only applicable to UK tax payers you can skip the rest of the article.

If you do pay UK income tax have you entered into a Deed of Covenant for your subscriptions to the Society? If you have, thank you very much there is no need for you to do anything further. The Deed you have entered into will run initially for four years, but will continue after that until you terminate it in writing. If you have not, then please consider entering into a deed in favour of the Society. Your only commitment is to be a member for four years. It will not cost you any more than the normal level of your subscription. That subscription is paid out of taxed income and it is the income tax you have already paid to the Inland Revenue on the amount of your subscription that can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue by the Society. So, if you pay Home Membership of £9 the Society can reclaim the income tax you have paid of £3, thereby

getting an additional income of one third of your subscription. I emphasise that you do not pay any more by way of subscription, you do not pay any more by way of taxation, the Society only reclaims from the Inland Revenue some of the income tax you have already paid.

As you can see there is tremendous scope for supplementing the amount raised through subscriptions by up to one third.

When you come to renew your membership this year please bear this article in mind if it is applicable to you. Consider covenanting your subscription. If you do decide to do so, sign the Deed of Covenant Form, have it witnessed and please date it a few days before you make your subscription payment. The Deed of Covenant form will be included with your December magazine, along with the subscription renewal form. During 1997 I will send you a simple Income Tax form to sign, then return it to me and I will look after everything else.

Once again, let me urge all those members who are eligible to covenant their subscriptions.

DEREK MEIGH

SECRETARY'S POSTBAG

BRASS WORKERS. If your ancestors were Brass Workers, Ms. Pat Santaana would like to hear from you. Ms. Santaana is compiling an Index of Brass Workers and anyone who had contact with the Brass Trade, and has so far collected over 2000 entries. If you can help Ms. Santaana, whose family interests in the Brass Industry are mainly in Staffordshire, or, feel that she could possibly help you, Ms. Santaana can be contacted at 29 Gilda Court, Watford Way, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2QN.

STEAD/STEED. A One Name Study Group has been formed for the STEAD/STEED, and all its variant names, world wide. Although the Study only came into existence in March this year, it has already 6000 entries in the databases, mostly in the U. K. The Study publishes a quarterly newsletter, and all information is gratefully received. For further information, and enquiries, with a SAE/2IRC, please contact Mrs. S. A. Mason, 46 Field Avenue, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1TR.

WESTMACOTT. Mr. John Westmacott is doing a One Name Study of his family name and its variants, WESTMANCOTT, WESTMANCOAT, and WESTMUCKETT. Can anyone help? John would be pleased to hear from anyone with information regarding this family name, with especial interest in a RICHARD WESTMACOTT who married ANN BRACEGIRDLE at Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1771. Mr. Westmacott can be contacted at 48 Marsh Avenue, Long Meadow, Worcester, WR4 0HJ.

SPONDON. In a letter from Mrs. Joan van Schaik, of the Kent F. H. S., she informs me of her intention to donate to the Spondon Local History Society a book "Ingredere at Profician", Spondon House School - The History of a Village School in the County of Derbyshire, by E. J. Kennedy, and an account of Spondon village life in the 1880's written by her uncle. Mrs van Schaik's grandfather, Mr. DAVID GEORGE DOUGLAS was the headmaster of the Spondon National School 1867 - 1906, and her father's first wife was a MINNIE LATHER/LAYTHER, daughter of ELIZABETH COXON, and she would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in these names. The Spondon Local History Society can be contacted through Mr. S. Lusted, 67 Chesterton Road, Spondon, Derby, DE21 7EN, and Mrs. van Schaik can be contacted at 14 William Road, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9DZ.

CORNWALL FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. The Society has now published its latest Directory of Members' Interests. It includes the following names with Derbyshire connections - BRIERLEY & Var. All Dby., BROTHERHOOD Swarkestone, DORE All Dby., FOY Baslow, FROST Matlock, GASCOIGNE Wingerworth, GASKIN Wingerworth, GLOVER Hartshorne, HARRISON Ashbourne, HEMMINGRAY Duffield, KIRKHAM All Dby., ROBINSON Tideswell, SMITH Derby, WALKER Whittington, WALKER Derby. Copies of the Directory can be obtained from The Publications Department, Cornwall Family History Society, 5 Victoria Square, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 2RS.

CORNWALL FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY. The Cornwall Family History Society are combining their A. G. M. as part of a Weekend Conference during the weekend 1-3 November 1996. The event is to be held at the Hotel Riviera, Newquay, Cornwall. There will be a series of interesting talks, with an opportunity to browse the various stands and access their computer databases of names. All this with traditional Cornish entertainment and hospitality. Full details can be obtained from David Holman, 3 Harbour Court, North Parade, Portscatho, Truro, Cornwall, TR2 5HH.

THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDIC AND GENEALOGICAL STUDIES. The Institute are again holding a series of seminars and residential courses during the year. The Subjects and dates are as follows, PALAEOGRAPHY, 22nd June 1996, HERALDRY, 14th September 1996, THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY, 9th October 1996, BEGINNERS RESIDENTIAL COURSE, 22nd - 26th July 1996, and OCCUPATIONS, 15th - 17th November 1996. Fuller details of these courses may be obtained from the Institute at 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA.

RESIDENTIAL ADULT EDUCATION COLLEGE. HOW TO DRAW UP A FAMILY TREE. This Course to be held on November 15th to 17th 1996 with STELLA COLWELL, is designed to help you to practise and perfect the skills of assembling and interpreting accurately what you have discovered about your ancestors, and drafting a family tree. You will be shown what to include, its arrangement and how the resulting pedigree chart can be used. What could be a more unusual Christmas present than a family tree?. For further information please contact the college at The Old Rectory, Fittleworth, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1HU, Tel. 01798 865306.

G. G. WELLS, Hon. Secretary.

1891 CENSUS

As promised here is an update on the progress of the indexing of the 1891 census index for Derbyshire. Of the 299 separate fiche (which make up 91 sets), 210 have been worked on. Six sets have been put on computer, corrected and indexed. These are piece nos. RG12/2195 (Uttoxeter, 366 3 Sudbury); RG12/2197 (Burton-on-Trent, 367 2 Repton); RG12/2198 (Burton-on-Trent, 367 3A Gresley); RG12/2754 (Ashbourne, 438 4 Calton); RG12/2756 (Ashbourne, 438 6 Brassington); and RG12/2773 (Bakewell, 440 1A Bakewell). A further seven sets are printed, awaiting checking and correcting, and an additional twelve sets are waiting to be printed. If anyone with a micro-fiche reader is willing to help with the checking, please contact us!!!!

Iris and Janet Salt



NOTES FROM THE BRIDGE

BRIDGE CHAPEL HOUSE

It is now just over two months since Bridge Chapel was officially opened and word is spreading about our Library and Research Centre. Each week sees numerous visitors keen to get to grips with their research, many of them on a Tuesday stay all day. Librarian Iris Salt has held a further training night with a small number of volunteers learning how to operate, properly, the library procedures and what's contained on the many shelves (myself included). It is now anticipated that the trained volunteers will go on to train more volunteers, as more trainees become available we can open more frequently. Future opening times would be tailored to when volunteers are available. Saturday June 29th and Saturday July 27th saw open days at Derby Cathedral and Bridge Chapel, the Committee saw this as a golden opportunity and opened BCH for both days, it was a resounding success with many visitors coming to look round at our archives and bookshop, many went away vowing to return saying that they had no idea such a place existed. A publicity drive in the Autumn is on the agenda. Society projects continue to be worked on at the house, with the 1891 census name index and the inputting onto computer of the Memorial Inscriptions. From SEPTEMBER the Derby meetings will be transferred to BCH with the talks being held in the Chapel itself.

Could you spare a few hours a month to come and help? The volunteers rota with dates is available on the ground floor, you can choose which time you would like to help out, I am sure that once you have been and helped you will want to come again, many of our present volunteers find satisfaction in answering queries, helping other visitors or making a cuppa, putting something back into the Society. As a reminder the opening times are:-Every TUESDAY 10am - 4pm, every THURSDAY 7pm - 9pm, and the FIRST SATURDAY in each month 10am - 4pm

SEE YOU AT THE 'BRIDGE'

Alan Hiley

Derbyshire Villages Breaston

BREASTON, variously known as Braydeston, Braidstune, Bradeston, Breydiston or Breston, lies almost midway between Nottingham and Derby. From a population of 379 in 1801 it had risen to 4,502 by 1991.

The site of Breaston has been occupied for more than a thousand years. During construction work in the village a middle bronze-age dagger was found and excavations have revealed a small early farmstead with possibly three huts within a ditched enclosure. At the time of the Domesday survey, land in Breaston was held by Gilbert of Ghent, Henry Ferrars, Geoffrey of Aselin and Roger of Buseli. The value of this land, in common with others, was considerably lower than prior 1066. A large parcel of land called Breaston Cowpasture was enclosed mid-eighteenth century.

This predominately agricultural community turned to industry and the railway for employment by the nineteenth century. In his 'History of the Machine-Wrought Hosiery & Lace Manufacturers' William Felkin states that in 1844, fifty of the 6,447 Stocking Frames found in Derbyshire were at Breaston. Many local families were working in the lace trade and its ancillaries during 1861. Transport was enhanced by the proximity of the Derby Canal, (opened 1795) in the north of the village, where a basin, wharf and the Navigation Inn provided necessary facilities. With the coming of the railway, canal trade declined. Both the canal and basin are filled in although the inn still remains. Plans are afoot to reopen the canal in the near future and are expected to be completed within the next decade. The railway line between Nottingham and Derby was opened in 1839 with the first train being hauled by the engine "Sunbeam". Leaving Nottingham at 12.30 pm it reached Breaston at *two and a half minutes to one* where it took on water.

Originally a chapel of ease to Sawley the church, dedicated to St. Michael, dominates the centre of the village. Built in the early thirteenth century the building was extended in the fourteenth when a south aisle was added. A stone face, known as "The Breaston Boy", projecting from the bottom of an aisle arch, dates from this time, as does the 'unique' symbols

surrounding the outside of a south facing doorway (Now blocked up). These symbols are said to be signs of the zodiac and are now much eroded. St. Michael's did not escape the ubiquitous Victorian Restoration for a West Gallery, new pews and pulpit were added in 1839. Faculties for further alterations were granted in 1871, 1896 & 1899.

Together with Risley, Wilne and Long Eaton, Breaston was, ecclesiastically, within the peculiar of Sawley (know as the Golden Prebend because it was so rich) and under the jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield. The court of the peculiar was held in All Saints, Sawley. Many will probates were granted from

here and are noted in a 'Peculiar Wills Book' at Lichfield Record Office. The sacrament of Baptism was held in St. Chad's, Wilne as were the Occasional Offices of Marriage and Burial. An endowment by Elizabeth Gray of Risley and an augmentation from Queen Anne's Bounty enabled the status of St. Michael's to be raised to that of church. In 1719 it was united with Risley. An entry in Wilne parish register records: *NB Breaston was united to Risley & made one Cure Michs 1719 which time no Christnings or Weddings or burials from Risley or Breaston are to be registered in this book. Such burials or Weddings wch thence come to Wilne only excepted.*



St. Michael's Breaston

This was an error as there was no churchyard at Breaston until 1824 and burials continued to take place at Wilne. The first to take place in the newly consecrated churchyard, was that of Matilda Stevenson, aged 10 months.

By 1897 Breaston had become a parish in its own right and Rev. C. M. Lambrick was appointed first Rector. In 1961 Breaston once more became part of a United Benefice, this time with Wilne with Draycott.

At the Quarter Sessions of 1692, in accordance with The Toleration Act of 1689, the dwelling of Henry Case was licensed and registered as a Dissenting Meeting House. John Wesley, in his journal, tells of talking to Mr Simpson at Breaston on 28th January, 1744. *the oddest, honestest enthusiast, surely that ever was upon earth.* It was not until 1803, however, that the New Connexion

Methodists built a chapel in the village. This building was enlarged in 1815 and superseded by the present one in 1876. In 1983 it underwent further alterations. The Primitive Methodist building, erected in 1852, now comprises part of a club.

During 1846 Breaston obtained its own fire engine which was paid for by villagers' subscriptions. A meeting of the subscribers was held on 2nd February of that year. With great alacrity Mr Chappell, who had been sent to Tilley & Co. in London, reported four days later that the engine had been ordered and delivery was to be within three weeks; the cost being £90 1s 4d. Once safely ensconced in its hut behind the church the engine and workers was lovingly lubricated. The Breaston Fire Engine Book, covering a period of twelve years, records entries for both oil and ale. It seems that the Fire Engine only attended one fire which had been extinguished before its arrival!

Opposite the church is an open area, now a car park, which was once the village green where the annual 'Wakes' were held. The National School Log Book attests to the fact that attendance was usually low on these days as it was also at harvest time. Modern education is provided by Firfield Primary School after which pupils are required to travel to Long Eaton, Sandiacre or Spondon following the demise of Western Mere comprehensive school a few years ago.

A Charity Board within the church gives details for that of 'Charleton and Jerram'. In 1711 John Charleton bequeathed £100 for the purchase of lands, the profits from which were to be distributed to the poor of Breaston on Christmas Day. Four years later Mary Jerram gave money for the same purpose. Land was bought in East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire and this charity is still in operation today.

Today the village is bounded to the east by the M1 motorway, with the busy A52 at its northern edge. South lies the rivers Derwent and Trent, and just over the Leicestershire border, Castle Donington Race Track and East Midlands Airport. The centre of Breaston is now a conservation area. At the north of 'the Green' is a large field called Duffield Close, a small portion of which has been turned into a Butterfly Garden; an illustrated board gives details of plants and butterflies found in the area. Mention of this land has been found in copy deeds from 1711 when it was known as *Distinguished or Duffield Close*. Close by is a memorial garden, dedicated in 1975 to the fallen of the two world wars. Two years later, to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, an aptly named Jubilee garden was created. A Parish Council Centenary garden is a recent innovation. The organisation 'Green Breaston Group' has many plans in progress to enhance the village.

COUNTY HALL, DERBY, FRIDAY, July 6
[Before Dr. Peace and Major Mosley]

A lad named Henry Smith was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Breaston, and was fined 5s and costs.

Derbyshire Advertiser and Journal, July 13, 1860

In 1358 at 'Braydeston'

A certain boy of the age of one day, not baptized, was scalded by an earthen pan full of boiling milk, which a certain sheep upset over him, whence, after being baptized he died.

*Trueman, Edwin & Marston, R. Westland:
The History of Ilkeston*

James Turner of Breason buried July 19, 1797 He hanged himself almost dead the Sunday before
Buried November 5, 1767 John Newton of Breason he was nocked all to peecs ye fride be fore over
a ganst ye folle houses in Chaddson feeld

Thomas Gambel of Breason bured January ye 31 1762 at Ockbrook Methedos Meting House

Wilne Parish Registers

Sandra Stock: Member No.125

NEWS FROM THE NORTH



TRANSPORT RECORDS IN THE GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

The archives in the custody of the Great Manchester County Record Office reflect the nature of the region's past, which has always been at the forefront of technological innovation and invention. One important sphere of economic activity is that of transportation. Manchester was host to the first railway station in the world. The first canal to connect an inland port to the sea opened 101 years ago. More recently Manchester has pioneered the return of trams to the city centres of the United Kingdom. GMCRO holds the archives of some canal and railway companies. Road transport is also represented in many archives available for consultation by the public.

Great Manchester County Record Office is open 1-5 on Mondays and 9-5 every other day of the week in addition to the second and fourth Saturday of the month. For further information phone 0161-832 5284 or fax 0161-839 3808.

John Moulton (Mem. No. 3497)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The April 1994 edition of the FAMILY TREE magazine made reference to the IGI of 1992 stating that it only contains extracted names whose LDS Temple work is complete. This applies only to the 1992 version so if you have the opportunity, check out your surname interests on both the 1988 and the 1992 editions.

Kath Tarbatt (Mem. No. 3781)

GLOSSOP LIBRARY

The reference section of Glossop Library holds a copy of the DIRECTORY of LOCAL STUDIES in NW ENGLAND this is a Bibliography of North West England published in 1993.

The directory's main aim is to provide information about the main collections of historical material relating to the North West held in major public local studies collections, archives, academic libraries, museums and art galleries.

NB The North West is defined as the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire plus the Isle of Man before the Local Government change of 1974.

Kath Tarbatt (Mem. No. 3781)

JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY

While browsing the indexes at John Rylands Library, Deansgate I came across the following snippets.

Derbyshire Parish Register, Marriages edited by W.P.W. Phillimore and others, ref R5093.

Hathersage, a transcript of the registers of the baptisms, marriages, burials 1627-1700, Ref R39431.

Mickleover 1607-1812, Littleover 1680-1812, transcribed by L. Simpson, Parish Register Society, Ref. R6392.

Peak Forest Chapel Marriage Register, Ref. R103944.

Repton St Wystans Church 1578-1670, Ref. R33525

Croxall Parish, Ref. R28898

The History of Melbourne, Derbyshire. Biographical notices of the COKE, MELBOURNE and HARDING families, 2nd edition Briggs (J.J.), Ref. R110306.

John Moulton (Mem. No. 3497)

EVEN MORE PEDIGREE DOGGEREL

**Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
Where did you christ'n that child?
In church or in chantry?
In parlour or pantry?
Did you bother to christ'n that child?**

**Poetic licence: I think that in my case
"Mary" will turn out to be "Elizabeth".**

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CHAIRMANS REPORT

I have great pleasure in presenting my third report as Chairman of the Society. In the last twelve months we have experienced an extremely busy and productive year. Also it has been a time of great change, which has come to fruition in the Society's Twentieth year. I refer of course to our splendid new Research Centre and Library which has been officially opened today.

The fact that Bridge Chapel House was to be vacated first came to our notice in early 1995. The Committee immediately made enquiries as to the possibility of our leasing part of the building. The reaction was very favourable, the comment made was ' Bridge Chapel House and your Society go together like eggs and bacon '. As time went on and discussions became more fruitful we realised that we could in fact lease the whole of the building, idea's were forthcoming and the prospect suddenly became very exciting. BCH as it has become known amongst us, officially became ours on the 9th of February this year, this was a little later than we had first envisaged. Since then volunteers and Committee members have worked hard to bring it to the condition you have seen today.

The Trustees of BCH are ever mindful that work needs to be done on both the inside and outside of the building to preserve and protect it. A company of architects based in Derby who specialise in the restoration and upkeep of old buildings, are working on several schemes to improve the appearance and services of BCH. Currently we are seeing a programme of window restoration taking place. Because of its age, BCH may qualify for grants to carry out some of the work required, so this will be beneficial to our Society as well. The Committee anticipate that as time goes on the Research Centre will be able to open on a more frequent basis, this of course depends upon volunteer members who are willing to open the Centre each day, each week, each month. We already have a volunteer list of local members, but extra help is always required and welcome. The recognised format of Open Days around the County will now cease. The Archive has become too large to transport it to different places (ask the people who packed and moved it to Derby from the old Library at Alfreton). When members visit the Centre in the future, all of the Society's archive will be under one roof. The Executive Committee after many meetings and some sleepless nights are convinced that we have taken the right step, the letters and comments received show that we have the backing of many of our members.

This of course is not the only event in the Society's calendar, all other projects continue to forge ahead. Brian Greaves our Parish Register co-ordinator has started to place these records onto computer, and again is always glad of extra help with the many facets of his PR project. If you feel you can offer help please contact Brian. You will hear more of the other projects in the Secretary's report.

In October last year the Census Co-ordinator Malcolm Marples had to relinquish his post owing to pressures of work. Malcolm has held numerous positions within the Society over a number of years and I would like to pass on the thanks of the Executive Committee for all of his efforts and hard work in that time.

The Society magazine continues to be ably produced by Helen, and we feel that it goes from strength to strength, many of our members feel the same, this is reflected in the many letters and kind comments that are received during the year. The variation and content is well liked, there have been several discussions in committee as to whether we should alter the size to A5, as we are only one of three Societies in the UK with the A4 format, we feel that it should stay as it is. Helen now has her own room at BCH, and I can see her wearing a green peaked eyeshade shouting "Hold the front page". Thankyou Helen and keep up the stirring work.

Our Three meeting groups at Derby, Glossop and Shirland have had another year of busy programmes, last year some of our overseas members holidaying in the UK came along to meetings and put faces to names. We are always pleased to see these members and indeed any of our members. There is still a misconception that a member can only belong to a particular group, members belong to the Society and are entitled to attend any of the meetings at any venue, and of course come along to BCH at any of the opening times.

In August this year we shall host the Four Counties Conference at Pears School Repton. as you will know the Theme is the Good Old Days, every day life in the 19th Century. If you have not booked yet I would strongly advise you to do so, the conference is limited to 250 delegates. We are hoping that this time we shall see more of our local members attending, after all Repton is only 8 miles down the road and we can promise a good day

As is customary in my reports it is now time for me to express appreciation to those who have contributed to the Society over the last year. It is not practical to name all of those who have contributed as invariably someone will be overlooked. To those members who have recorded, researched, typed, checked, slipped, computed and carried out any other task, I would like to pass on the grateful thanks of the Committee. To my colleagues on the Executive, some of whom have given up many, many hours for the Society, I give my grateful thanks. Finally in transforming Bridge Chapel House into what it is today I would say to all of our team who have cleaned, scrubbed, painted, emulsioned, tiled, fitted lights and shelves, laid carpets, moved furniture, installed computers, packed and unpacked boxes, filled shelves, made gallons of tea and coffee and washed the pots, an enormous thankyou. I said a few moments ago that it was not practical to name all of those who have helped, but I must mention the following people who have literally given up every weekend and a lot of spare time in between since early February. Iris and Janet Salt, Dave and Linda Bull, Graham, Ian and Margaret Wells, Peter and Kath Mason, Derek Meigh, Jack Hartley and my wife Gill. Without these people BCH would probably not be open today. Thankyou also to everybody who has helped today.

I said in my report last year that I would not stand again as Chairman. In light of all of the events over the past few months and the work to come in the future at BCH, the Executive feel that the Society needs a stable Committee. The members are fortunate that we have a number of extremely dedicated and hard working people who currently make up the Executive Committee, the workload increases by the year, it has been decided therefore that myself, the other Chief Officers and the rest of the Executive with one exception will stand for re-election in their present posts.

Thankyou

Alan Hiley Member No 1774

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The finding, negotiating and acquiring the new Library premises last year was undoubtedly the highlight of the year overshadowing all other activities, but other activities did continue. The Society attended the S. O. G. Fair for the two days at London, and the North-West Group of F. H. S. Fair at Stockport. The returns and feed back, in comparison to work and effort put into the London Fair were disappointing. Although it must be said the Fair did have competition from the 50th V. E. Day Celebrations taking place at the same time, and the glorious weather wasn't exactly conducive to indoor events. The Executive Committee whilst wishing to thank all members who gave their time to man the stall, have decided that the Society will not be attending the 1996 Fair. The Stockport Fair was more successful, and the Society will be attending again on the 28th September 1996. Again many thanks to the members who assisted on the bookstall.

The M. I's. recording carried on with visits to Boulton St. Mary's, Walton-on-Trent St. Lawrence, Sudbury All Saints, Rosliston St. Mary's, Parwich St. Peter and Mickleover All Saints, and the following were completed and placed in the Library, Cauldwell, Great Longstone, Melbourne Cemetery, Wirksworth and Whitworth. The Uttoxeter Road, Derby, Cemetery, commenced as a private project by two members has been placed in the Library, but it must be pointed out the manuscript has not been proof read. Fourteen sets of fiche of Memorial Inscriptions were published during the year, To improve the Library's indexes and service to distant members, and to make use of the computer equipment now at the Society's disposal, last year saw the commencement of a project to transfer the index slips, all 250,000 of them, with dates, onto disc. So far the initials "E", "P" and "R", together with Ashbourne St. Oswalds and Clay Cross Cemetery have been completed, and work is in progress on initials "A", "B", "C", "F" and "G".

Volume 6.2. Gresley and Burton (Derbyshire parts only) of the 1851 Census were published, with Vols 1.1 and 5.1. being reproduced on fiche, but, as you have already heard, the project received a setback last year with Malcolm Marples having to relinquish the position of co-ordinator. This setback does remind members of the debt of gratitude we owe to all the volunteers who carry out work on our behalf on top of their personal and family commitments. Work on the 1891 Census Name Index has started. The Derbyshire

section consists of a total of 299 fiche. 127 have been transcribed, 63 are on the computer, with 35 being worked on. More volunteers are needed for this project, preferably anyone with, or access to a computer capable of carrying "Works for Windows Version 3", or if you have access to a micro-fiche viewer, help is required in proof reading and checking. Anyone interested in helping should contact Iris or Janet.

During the year, saw the publication on fiche of the South Wingfield Parish Registers. The Tansley Holy Trinity Marriage Register 1900-1991, and the Darley Marriage Tax List to 1696 were transcribed, and placed in the Library. Work is also progressing on the Lloyd-Simpson Registers.

Family Historians are always looking for names and 1995 saw the publication of "Derbyshire Names in Miscellaneous Lists", compiled by Sandra and Michael Stock, This being the first volume with more to follow. Another publication was Vol. 6 of "Library Contents". This comprehensive listing was compiled by our Librarian Mrs. Iris Salt, with help from Janet, Eileen Beech and Dorothy Burton. Every member should have a copy to take full advantage of our records. If you have not already got your copy, may I suggest you visit the Bookshop before leaving today to purchase your copy along with plenty of other books. It may be exhausting for Linda, but it will keep the Treasurer happy.

Finally I would like to join with Alan in thanking everyone who assisted in the cleaning and refurbishing Bridge Chapel House, but I must include another name to those already mentioned by the Chairman. That is the Chairman himself. Alan has been a tower of strength to us all during these last three months. Negotiating with the Trustees, encouraging us when it appeared all our work was being undone with the arrival of the "window men". Perhaps Alan felt as we did, but a well timed "corney" joke usually lifted our gloom, and built up a wonderful team spirit. A true leader !. Thank you Alan.

It has been a long time in finding and I hope, now you have seen the building, you agree that the choice when the opportunity arose was well worth the wait. I hope it will remain our "home" for a long time to come, and members will see it as a place to come to not only for research, but to spend a few hours assisting in the transcribing, filing, answering the queries from our distant members, or just to enjoy the ambience of a historical part of Derby. The success, or failure, of Bridge Chapel House is entirely in the hands of you, the members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to tell you that the Society has had another good year from a financial point of view even though the Excess of Income over Expenditure is down to £3241.98, a reduction on 1994.

Total income, excluding book stocks, is about £26,400. The number of members has remained steady and this is reflected in the Subscription Income. Despite this, however, consideration must be given to subscriptions for 1997 by the incoming Executive Committee. The number of members with Deeds of Covenant has risen to 324, but I would like to see this figure rise much higher.

The news of the move to Bridge Chapel House did bring in some cash donations amounting to £259 and this was in addition to other items kindly donated by members.

Total Expenditure, excluding book stocks, amounted to about £229.00.

The highest expenditure item relates to the journal which is the lifeblood of the Society. Unfortunately costs of paper, print and postage have risen over the last year and are expected to rise even further this year and next year. Quotations from alternate printing firms are actively being sought. The total expenditure in publications for resale has reduced, reflecting the slightly lower book sales, but a wide range is maintained and there is provision in the reserves for the Society's publications when required. Meetings and conferences are not always self financing, but in fact they can, and do, bring in new members and generate book sales.

Additional items of expenditure this year relate to the Planning Application for change of use of Bridge Chapel House, together with purchase of furniture but these items could be offset by the donations to the Bridge Chapel House Fund.

The excess of income over expenditure for the year is £3241.98.

If you turn to the Balance Sheet you will see that the assets of the Society are mainly held either as Cash at Bank or deposited with the Charities Official Investment Fund. Even allowing for creditors, it is quite a healthy balance sheet.

Whilst I am addressing so many of you, I would like to return to the item of Deeds of Covenant. I would strongly urge all those of you who pay U.K. income tax to seriously consider executing a Deed of Covenant in favour of the Society. It does not cost you any more on top of your subscription payment but the Society can claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax you have already paid on the amount of your subscription. It is a very useful way for the Society to raise additional revenue. Next time you pay your subscription, think about a Deed of Covenant.

If you already have a deed with the Society there is no need to do anything further. Although they are initially for a period of four years they can, and do, run on from that time until you specifically stop them.

DEREK MEIGH

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1995

INCOME	1995		1994	
Subscriptions	15,486.96		15,417.93	
Income Tax recovered on Deeds of Covenant	880.07		835.49	
Interest on Investments	868.60		668.31	
Sale of Publications	7,080.91		7,222.14	
Sale of Sweatshirts	261.24		—	
Donations	244.36		218.55	
Meetings, Open Days, Conferences Etc.	1,312.53		1,662.70	
Donations to Bridge Chapel House Fund	259.00		—	
Closing stock of books	10,704.00	37,097.67	10,973.00	36,998.12
EXPENDITURE				
Opening stock of books	10,973.00		8,091.19	
Journal	10,101.64		9,314.15	
Reference Library	705.88		389.89	
Stationary, Postage & Telephones	1,418.10		1,419.84	
Speakers	433.50		440.75	
Travelling Expenses	—		33.20	
Room Hire	1,993.90		1,556.75	
Projects	321.39		141.95	
Subscriptions & Insurance to F.F.H.S.	830.25		685.00	
Purchase of Publications for Resale	4,655.54		5,827.86	
Meetings, Open Days, Conferences, Fairs.	1,548.01		1,459.67	
Computer Upgrade	—		58.00	
Bank Charges	—		5.00	
Accountants Fee	110.00		100.00	
Bridge Chapel House - Planning App.	168.60		—	
- Furniture	250.00		—	
Data Protection Registration	75.00		—	
Purchase of Sweatshirts	270.88	33,855.69	—	29,523.25
EXCESS INCOME FOR THE YEAR	3,241.98		£7,474.87	
Add Accumulated Fund Brought Forward	29,054.24		21,579.37	
	<u>£32,296.22</u>		<u>£29,054.24</u>	

DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

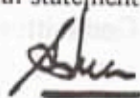
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 1995

ASSETS	1995	1994	1994
Furniture	50.00		50.00
Microfiche Viewers	150.00		150.00
Computer Equipment	<u>1,665.00</u>	1,865.00	<u>1,665.00</u> 1,865.00
Publications for Resale		10,704.00	10,973.00
Payments in Advance		72.90	7.40
Cash Deposited with Charities			
Official Investment Fund		14,857.64	13,989.77
CASH AT BANK			
Giro Current	10,700.43		6,219.30
TSB Current	531.92		263.38
TSB Deposit	<u>147.09</u>	11,379.44	<u>146.36</u> 6,629.04
Cash floats in hands of Officers		210.00	210.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>£39,088.98</u></u>	<u><u>£33,674.21</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY :			
ACCUMULATED FUND		32,296.22	29,054.24
SUNDRY CREDITORS			
Subs paid in advance	5,237.69		4,519.97
Ordinary	<u>1,555.07</u>	6,792.76	<u>100.00</u> 4,619.97
		<u><u>£39,088.98</u></u>	<u><u>£33,674.21</u></u>


 HONORARY TREASURER

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have examined the foregoing accounts, which are in accordance with the books maintained by the Society. In my opinion, the financial statement gives a true and fair view of the Society's affairs as of 31st December 1995.



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

**DERBYSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: Landau Forte College, Derby

13th April 1996

1] Apologies: ANN PASS, ROSEMARY HAWLEY, HAZEL FOSTER, DOROTHY GRIFFITH, JO BOFFERY, ROSE HAWLEY & KEN MILLER

2] Minutes of the last A.G.M.: The minutes of the preceding A.G.M. were read out and were accepted as a true record of proceedings in 1995 by the members.

Acceptance was proposed by : Margaret Morgan, and Seconded by Brian Greaves, voted on and accepted by the members present.

3] Matters arising from the previous minutes: There were no questions on the previous minutes.

4] Chairman's Annual Report : Alan Hiley gave the Chairman's report.

Comments : Pauline Marples said that she would like to congratulate the Exec. Committee and all those members who had helped to create the new Society Library, it was a dream come true, and she realised how much hard work had gone into making it possible.

5] Secretary's Annual Report : Graham Wells gave the Secretary's report.

There were no comments appertaining to the Secretary's report.

6] Treasurer's Annual Report : Derek Meigh gave the Treasurer's report.

Comments : Dr. Newton commented that last year £58 had been spent on computer upgrades, but this year nothing had been spent, after seeing at first hand how antiquated our Society computers were, he suggested that £500 per year be put aside to ensure that we take advantage of the latest advances in information technology. The Treasurer said that he had been thinking along similar lines, and would be reviewing the computer situation at the earliest opportunity.

A member asked why the Society's assets had not increased since last years figures, since it was clear that some purchase of furniture etc. had taken place to fit out the Library. The Treasurer said that next years balance sheet would reflect this, as the purchases occurred after the 31st December. The acceptance of the Treasurer's report was proposed by Dorothy Hartley, and seconded by Gill Kerr. Voted on and accepted by the members present.

7] Election of Society Officers

The following members were accepted unopposed for the coming year by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

Chairman: Alan Hiley, **Vice-Chairman**: Iris Salt, **Secretary**: Graham Wells,
Membership Secretary: Lorna Spare, **Treasurer**: Derek Meigh.

8] Election of the Executive Committee

The following members were accepted unopposed for the Executive Committee by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

Janet Salt, Helen Betteridge, Ian Care, Stephen Orchard, Dave Bull, Marion Kenny, Sue Webster, Eileen Beech., Iris Brown & John Moul.

9] The Constitution requires that all meeting group sub-committees be approved by the members at each A.G.M., and the Chairman asked the meeting to give it's approval for the following members.

- a) Derby group : Alan Hiley, Gill Hiley, Linda Bull, Dave Bull.
- b) Shirland group : Sylvia Wright, Maureen Newton & Janet Salt.
- c) Glossop group : Ann Pass, Iris Brown, Peter Beeley, Kath Tarbatt,
John Moulton, John Rhodes.

All three sub-committees were accepted unopposed by a show of hands, there being no objections from the members present.

10] Appointment of Accountant

The Treasurer explained that since last year, the laws relating to Auditing of accounts had changed, but that being a charity it was acceptable for us to employ not an Qualified Auditor but an Accountant to check over the Society's books. This was considerably cheaper, and the same company, who last year audited the books had agreed this year that they would carry out the checks, the Treasurer therefore proposed that the Accountant for 1996 should again be Mr Wells (*no relation to the Secretary*) this was seconded by Gill Kerr, and was accepted by a show of hands of the members present.

11] Any other business

There was no further business, and so the Chairman closed the meeting.

The minutes Secretary wishes to apologise if anyone's name is misspelled

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1997

Subscriptions were increased with effect from January 1993 and I am afraid that increasing costs have caught up with us.

As I indicated in my report to the 1996 Annual General Meeting the main increases in costs relate to the quarterly magazine. World prices of paper have risen considerably and so, too, has the cost of postage. Both increases have been reflected in our journal costs that have risen an additional 12% since 1992, the year of the last increased subscription announcement.

Consequently the Executive Committee have set the following rates of subscription to take effect for the year 1997:-

Home Membership	£9.00
Home Family Membership	£11.00
European Membership	£10.00
Overseas Membership	£13.00

Renewal and covenant forms will be sent out with the December magazine to every member, including those who pay by standing order. During October/November those members who pay by this method will receive a standing order amendment form for completion and I ask that they be forwarded to their bank promptly so that the correct payment is made on 1st January 1997.

If an overseas member finds it impossible to obtain a postal/money order or a sterling cheque from their bank or other international agency, then the Society can accept cheques drawn on members personal accounts in their local currency and also bank notes, provided that the equivalent of £5 sterling is added to the amount to cover bank conversion charges. Finally, for those who can - UK income tax payers only - please consider, if you have not already done so, setting up a Deed of Covenant with your subscription. Information about this is contained elsewhere in this magazine.

Derek Meigh (Hon. Treasurer)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Written by Eleanor Brindley Mayo in January 1956, aged 82 years

Eleanor (nee Brindley) Mayo was the second daughter of Annie Brindley and sister to my Great grandmother, Mary Ellen Riley (nee Bestwick). The following was received from one of my relatives in America. Margaret Allsop, 27 The Green Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1ED (Mem. No. 1605)

We old folks have lots to be thankful for. I for one am glad I lived in this past pioneer age. I often think now of what a brave person my Mother was to come to America alone with five children - four of her own; Annie the oldest, 11 years, then me Eleanor, Tom and Lucy the youngest. Also Mary Pemberton, a young girl from Dr. Barnardo's home in Manchester who was helping Mother in the home and shop.

My father passed away when I was six years old. He was a cabinet maker and did some wonderful wood carving. A chest he made is now in the "Alton Towers Muscum". (Also a large unusual illustrated bible he donated.) He died of what they said was a brain fever. I was too young to remember much about it.

Mother had to do something to make a living. We were living in a fairly large house in the village of Denstone, Staffordshire, England and were about a quarter of a mile from St. Chads College, so she opened a student's shop much on the order of the student union stores that most universities have. She sold all sorts of student requirements, food and soft drinks etc.

She saw it was going to be uphill work to make a living for the family as it was almost impossible for a woman to get anything to do in England at that time. So, when my uncle who lived in Nipissing, Ontario, Canada wrote and asked her to come out and keep house for him, she decided to do so. Uncle Ralph was then homesteading 160 acres. He warned her not to bring more than enough money to cover her expenses as there was so much thieving on the ships at that time and as we were going second class immigration, that meant we took our own bedding and food and were given bunks to sleep in.

I shall never forget that voyage though I have forgotten the name of the ship. We really had a jolly time as we met so many friendly people. Our most intimate friends were a widower and his daughter and son. We sort of went around together to the concerts, dances etc.

We sailed up the St. Lawrence River to Quebec where we had three hours to wander around. I shall always remember the gorgeous Aurora Borealis as we ran through a lot of ice as we entered the Quebec harbor. I had heard of the Northern Lights but had not imagined anything so gorgeous. I can't describe much of Quebec,

being only nine years old - I did not pay as much attention as I should have. You had to climb many steps I remember to get up to the city.

We went on to Montreal where we said good-bye to all the friends we had made and took the immigration train to Gravenhurst, Ontario. I wonder if any of you know what an immigration train is. You carried your own bedding and food and there were bunks to sleep on and a stove to heat things on. We got to Gravenhurst toward noon and found we had three hours to wait for our boat. Mother bought some things for our lunch and we were sitting there eating when a woman came up and asked where we were going and where we had come from. She was Mrs Flint. She said she and her husband were alone - they had no children so wouldn't Mother let her have Annie until we were well settled. She said she was a pianist and would treat Annie like one of her own, giving her piano, singing and elocution lessons, so we left her there. She was fortunate as she lived there a number of years.

The boat came and took us across Rosseau Lake to Rosseau where we took the stage to Nipissing, Ontario. The government roads in those days were mostly corduroy - logs laid side by side irregularly. We were jolted and bruised!

When we got to the hotel in Nipissing, Ontario, it was the kind that in those days had the Post Office and several other depots as well as a grocery store. When Mother asked for uncle's mail, the postmaster said "Bestwick has been gone for three months and has never let me know where he is so I could forward his mail". While she was standing there stunned and wondering what to do, a man spoke up and said "I am Bestwick's neighbor, I go right by his place - I could take you there". Everything is just as it was when Bestwick lived in it, so Mother got a few groceries and we children piled in on top of our bundles. As we drove along he said he had to leave in a day or so for the lumber camp to be gone all winter. If she would take care of his cow and chickens she could have all the milk and eggs. If she could make butter the store would take all she made and she could exchange it for the groceries she needed. She said she would as it might be a long time before her money came from England.

We were all kept busy on the homestead. The shack had been built in a field where many wild strawberries grew. Mother canned all kind of blueberries and made wild strawberry jam for which she got a good price at the store. We children did all the picking. I remember one day Mary came tearing into the shed hanging onto the cow's tail. Mother said, "Why Mary what's wrong?", though she could hardly talk for laughing. Mary looked so funny! Mary answered "You would have done the same". Just as she had gotten the cow turned toward home, a bear had come out of the woods and scared the cow. She had the presence of mind to grab its tail and run.

The first day we went after blueberries the children from below us came barefooted so I thought I would go barefoot too. I managed to fill my pail, but could hardly get home with my sore feet. I never had any desire to go barefooted again!

After we had been there for sometime, a woman came and asked Mother if I could go and keep the baby for her while she helped her husband with the tomatoe crop. They had two and one half acres in tomatoes. So Mother packed some clothes for me in a bag. I took care of the baby and got lunch at noon and washed the dinner dishes at night. I was not yet ten years old. After I had been there almost a month she said I had better take my clothes home to be washed so they drove me home. After she had left, I asked Mother how she was getting on. She burst into tears and said her money had not come yet. The cow had gone dry and the hens were not laying. She was out of flour and sugar. She shook out my clothes and in them was two dollars and a half. She got a ride with a neighbor and got some needed things. I helped all summer with the tomatoes. Other people asked for me and some wanted to adopt me.

Then I went home in order to go to school. I had to walk three and a half miles and would see a bear once in a while. Just Tom and I went - Lucy was too young. It sure was scary the first few days even though we were not alone as there were other children also going to school.

I had not been going to school long when the Crown land agent asked if I could go to his home so he and his wife could work in the Salvation Army there. I took care of their baby evenings and washed the supper dishes. They had two boys of school age. They were very nice to me.

I couldn't go to school long as the teacher was an old man and he was so low voiced I could not hear him. As

long as I was in the shouting classes I could manage. So I only went through the fourth grade.

After Mother had been on the homestead for several months, Mr Campbell the auditor for the lumber company came and asked her if she would come and cook for the men. She asked for a day to think it over. When he came back the next day she told him she would, but she had never been around a bunch of men. She would have to be respected. He said he was sure she would be, and he would give her a flunky so she would not have to do any of the dirty work. She also told him she could not cut up the huge quarters of meat so he said he would have one man take care of that. Also, he said he would give Lucy (she was six years old) six dollars a month to run Mother's errands.

So Mother left Tom with some farmer where he was to work for his board and room and go to school. I can't remember where Mary was, but think she was with some family like I was, earning her board and room and some wages.

Mother was so disgusted when she found out they were milking five or six cows and the men had never been given milk to drink or anything made with milk and eggs that she made all sorts of puddings and pies and huge batches of bread. They could not do enough for her! When Mr Campbell came at the end of the month he was so amazed at all she had done and how she had kept the expenses down that he told her that from then on if anyone stopped for dinner, she was to charge them fifty cents and keep the money for herself. When it came time to close the camp, Mr Campbell asked her "would she go to his fiance's home for six weeks and do all the catering for the wedding and other activities?" - which she did. From then on Mother's business was 'catering'.

She was in Powasson for awhile. I was with her there. Then she went to Peterborough and let me go to some lady there. I was not there long as Mother moved to Napanee where she bought a dairy. She must have gotten her money from England sometime before this. She had, I think, eight or ten cows.

Tom and Lucy took the milk around to customers in those quart cans they used in those days. They were rather heavy if you had to carry several of them. It was hard work and Tom would play hookey once in a while. Lucy and Tom were going to school. I can't remember how far Tom went; Lucy graduated from the grades and went on to Napanee Collegiate Institute, which was High School and two years of college. She graduated in business administration, stenography and secretarial work. Mary also came to Napanee and got work in a

restaurant where she met a man and was married. I don't remember his name. Mother kept track of Mary for years.

I stayed with a Mrs George in Napanee taking care of her baby evenings, as she worked in the church. I did the dinner dishes at night. I was apprenticed to a dressmaker and worked down town in the shop. You had to be there a year before you were given a chart to cut by. I stayed a little over a year and was paid a dollar a week for the overtime. Then I decided to go out by the day at forty cents a day. You should have seen the botch I made of the first blouse I cut by the chart! I then had to go back for a few more lessons. I went home now that I was earning. Finally I earned up to a dollar a day and began to help at home.

Annie also came to Napanee to visit us, and while there the drama instructor at the college found out about her elocution and singing ability and had her take part in many of their plays. Mrs Flint's brother, Albert McDonald, wanted to marry Annie. They were married in Gravenhurst. He was a stationery engineer and they went to live in Duluth and were there for some years.

I had plenty of sewing to do till I came down with an ulcerated stomach from sitting bent over. Mother was getting ready to go back for a visit to England and as I had been very sick for about six months some of the ladies suggested she take me with her - that the voyage might help me. So she did.

We landed in Liverpool where she took me to the clinic that had taken care of my ears when I was four and a half. I had then had lumps as big as a hen's egg behind my ears. They told Mother to take me home and give me a glass of stout three times a day and Bland's pills and to bring me back in six weeks. I was much better in a few weeks. We stayed six months in England.

I can't remember what Mother did after we got back to Napanee. She had left Lucy with someone as she was to keep on with her college. I followed Annie to Duluth and found plenty of sewing. I stayed with Annie until Mother and Lucy came out. Lucy got work right away so we got an apartment and shared expenses. Annie and Ab moved several places and finally went to Bonita Montana where they ran a restaurant for the miners and lumberjacks. They had nine children and lost one named June.

Mother also moved to Bonita and bought a little house there. She took care of several women as a midwife. It was almost impossible to get a doctor to come as Missoula was twenty-five miles away. I remember one doctor came but he would not walk across the

footbridge over the raging stream, so Mother went over alone and brought the baby into the world and stayed until the mother could care for it herself.

I could tell you other stories of Mother's bravery. I shall always be grateful to her for impressing on us so many of the old sayings such as 'waste not, want not' and to be truthful and honest.

She always used such good language and made us learn good manners. She said that courtesy and good manners would show you had been trained right.

I went to visit Mother in Bonita in 1904. At that time I decided to go back to Duluth, pack my belongings and move to Missoula and start a business there. I went into Miss Burk's establishment which was in the First National Bank building. When she married I bought her shop. I was there for several years, and met W.A. Mayo and married him in November 1907. He was then the City Engineer. It was the year of the flood that took away the only bridge across the river. He was such a busy man all that year. He rebuilt that bridge and used the old span to build the one on Van Buren Street.

We had three daughters, Annie Bess, Dorothy and Gladys.

A TRIP TO MATLOCK

I noted at Birmingham Archives the following description of a trip to Matlock:-

"In 1846 I took my first railway journey by a trip to Matlock. We left the Train at Ambergate and were conveyed in Boats on the Canal to Matlock where we had a most beautiful day and were delighted with the lovely scenery of that romantic place. As soon as we got into the Boats to return a fearful storm of thunder and lightning broke over us and as the Boats were uncovered we were all wet through before we got to Ambergate. We did not arrive in Birmingham till after Midnight but fortunately did not suffer for our wetting."

Ref MS 1427. Reminiscences of G.W. Leonard born 1830. Written about 1890, with additions after 1900.

Joan Measham, Tor Cottage, 81 Cavendish Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3HD (Mem. No. 359)

WAS YOUR ANCESTOR A "GANGER"?

My ancestor, Samuel Hancock (1791-1869), was baptised at Chesterfield but about 1811 moved to Pinxton where he remained for the rest of his life. His occupation was described as "Ganger" by his grandson John George Hancock (1857-1940) in Phillimore's County Pedigrees Volume 1 (Nottinghamshire)¹ I guessed that this meant that he worked on a "Gangline", whatever that was, when I saw this term mentioned by Frank Smith in his "A Complete History of Pinxton"²

I advertised for a proper explanation in "Help Wanted" in DFHS issue 75 (December 1995), but replies kindly sent by fellow members of the Society could only offer suggestions. However, I have now discovered two books which between them provide what must be the meaning of the term. The books are:-

Bertram Baxter, *"Stone Blocks and Iron Rails"*³

P.J.G. Ransom, *"The Archaeology of the Transport Revolution 1750-1850"*⁴

The most likely explanation seems to be as follows:-

By the end of the eighteenth century, coal traffic was rapidly increasing and the problem of transporting a heavy and dusty material from pit-head to canal-wharf urgently needed solution. This was at first provided by the introduction of wagons running on iron rails - the so-called "wagonways". The first tracks were "edge-rails" on which a "train" or "gang" of two or three wagons was drawn by one or two horses, in the charge of one man. This was a "gang-line" and the man in charge was the "ganger".

A typical example was the "Little Eaton Gangway" which ran between Little Eaton, four miles north of Derby northwards to Denby. Near Pinxton there were the "Pinxton Upper Line" which was one and a quarter miles long from Pinxton Upper Colliery to Pinxton Wharf and was opened about 1817. "Pinxton South" was the same length and was opened as early as 1807 but with wooden rails. There must have been several of these short lines, providing ample work for "gangers". These gang-lines would be partially superseded when the "Mansfield and Pinxton Railway" was opened for traffic in 1819.

Samuel Hancock's abode was at "Sleets" (later "Sleights") or at "Wharf" from 1816 until his death in 1869. In census returns and elsewhere he was described as "Labourer" in various forms but it seems most probable that his early occupation as "ganger" was as described above.

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Dr John Hancock Davis, "Pepperyeat Fold", Far Sawrey, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0LH (Mem. No. 1205)

MEMORIAL CARDS

A number of these cards have been found by Peter Wright who thinks quite a number of them do not relate to his own family research. He has typed out all the details and a copy has been placed in the library. Most seem to be from the Chesterfield, Temple Normanton, Crich, North Wingfield areas. Peter will happily loan the cards to any interested parties so if your name is on the list please contact him direct at 257 Chesterfield Road, Temple Normanton, Chesterfield S42 5DE.

SHIRLAND MEETINGS - 4TH QUARTER

We shall be holding one of our popular workshop evenings on October 18th, which is a chance for our members to help the society with some more of those worthwhile projects that enable our library users and librarians to locate information more easily. It is also an occasion for a social get together, coffee and a chat, so please do come along and help us to make this a very productive and enjoyable evening.

The Mary Rose is the subject of our lecture on November 15th, given by Mr F.E. Chettle of the Mary Rose Trust. This promises to be a most interesting evening as the historic story of the ship and her treasures unfolds. Although the euphoria of actually raising the ship has died down, the work of the Trust goes on, as does the conservation of the wreck and its contents.

It's a welcome return for Ron Cousins of the Museum of Lincolnshire Life on December 13th for another of his very popular quizzes, this time with a Christmassy theme and a few of those peculiar mystery objects from his box of bits and pieces that no one seems able to put a name to or know what they were used for. Members who have been to one of Ron's entertaining shows before will know it will be a laugh a minute. As this is our last meeting before Christmas it will also be a social evening with coffee and nibbles.

SYLVIA WRIGHT

VISIT OF A COLONIAL COUSIN

Those of you who know my saga of the Russian Coachman may like to know of further developments in the story which started on Monday, May 13th, 1996, a date which will be forever fixed in my memory, and as so often, with the 'phone ringing

Me Hello, hello (buzzing and crackling and whistling noises)
Operator Hold the line please (more strange noises and then) Caller Hello, is that Eileen ?
Me Yes (puzzled since I didn't recognize the voice) Caller Do you know who this is?
Me I'm sorry I have no idea (but he seemed to know me) Caller It's Dave Wisternoff
Me Dave !!! - from New Zealand !!! - you're never calling me from New Zealand ?

Dave No, I'm in Birmingham at my sister's, I've come to Britain for three weeks, when can we meet ?
Now this is a man with whom I have exchanged many dozens of letters over some fifteen years - on Wisternoff research, our own families and a wide variety of other topics, and spoken to once before in all those years, so you can imagine how I felt. His plan was to contact Mr. Peter Day, the Chatsworth Archivist, arrange a meet, stay overnight in the area and do the Spinkhill, Nether Handley, Whittington tour the following day with me acting as guide, this to be "sometime next week" depending on Chatsworth.

By this time I was pacing up and down, almost overcome with excitement, and with all sorts of things going through my mind. (I was in the middle of having my sitting room decorated, would it be finished and would I get the new curtains made ? Thank goodness the Snooker has finished and the cat has recovered - he had been ill almost unto death two weeks earlier and I thought I was going to lose him. There was a theatre visit Monday evening and I would be shopping on Tuesday morning, going out in the afternoon to give a talk about the Coachman and visiting my sister all day on Wednesday.) Yes, I told him, that would be perfectly all right I haven't much on just now. (Well, what would you have said?) Good, he would ring me again when he had spoken to Mr. Day and let me know the arrangements. I collapsed.

I did all those things and the next call was early on Thursday morning. (I had been *incommunicado* for two days). Very sorry it was such short notice, but could we go to Chatsworth tomorrow (Friday) Mr. Day had said, meaning that Dave would come to me on the Saturday. I looked in dismay around my sitting room - the decorating was almost finished but not quite, nothing was in its place, the curtains were only half made, the upholstery and carpets hadn't been cleaned..... Fine said I, no problem. The appointment at the Archives was for 2 pm, we arranged to have lunch in The Stables (where else?) and I gave him instructions on how to reach Chatsworth. We would meet outside the shop at 12.30. I had photographs of him, but he had none of me so I had to describe myself - dark hair going grey, glasses, three stone overweight and a stick seat. I wonder what he made of that. !! Further collapse, coffee with a restorative tot and a much needed cigarette.

A short time later my son arrived, sniffed, what are you doing, Mother, drinking at this time of day ? I explained and thank goodness his reply was Don't worry, we'll come down and move the furniture and Shirley (my daughter in law) will come and help you clean up. The rest of Thursday was devoted to washing ornaments, polishing furniture, vaccing, cleaning windows etc. etc. The curtains never did get finished.

Come Friday morning, and what to wear, will it be cold, will it rain - it is an English spring after all, it might even snow - but all was resolved and I got to Chatsworth by about 12.20, sat by the shop in the Car Park and waited with a photograph in my hand scrutinizing everyone who went past. 12.30 came and went, 12.40, 12.45 so I walked over to the Car Park attendant to ask if a gentleman from New Zealand had been making any enquiries. No, no-one had been. There isn't another shop is there, said I. Oh yes, said he, there is one in the Stable Yard, so I walked up to the Stables and finally we got together. He had been there since about 12.15, wondering what had happened to me. If it is ever possible to get anything wrong, you can trust me to do it.

After all the letters we felt that we already knew each other very well, so there was no ice to break and soon we were rabbiting away about his children, my grandchildren, all twigs of the Wisternoff tree, my Coachman talk, some other information I had got (more about this later), had lunch and I explained how the Stables used to be before the alterations to make the Restaurant.

We met Mr. Day who produced the diaries and yet another letter, this one written by Sarah, the Coachman's wife (appended) complaining that his beer allowance had been withdrawn! I had seen some of these diaries before but this time we were looking for specific dates, although we didn't find anything pertinent. I did discover that at the time Petre left Chatsworth (June 1843) the Duke was in London, so they would not take leave of each other. Two entries for September 1828 and 1829 were of interest. The Duke was at Doncaster for the Leger meeting, and the entry was "..... **Petre's** horse won again". Was our coachman also a jockey, although on the pictures he does look a bit too big for flat racing? I rang the Sheffield Reference Library on Saturday morning to be told that the owner of the winning horse was a Mr. E. Petre, sadly, nothing to do with our Coachman. On enquiring about the site of the farm at Nether Handley I was now told

by Mr. Day that I could probably get this information from the Estate Manager and after looking at some of the other information which I had, Mr. Day produced yet another set of account books with lists of wages, and payments made to pensioners. As usually happens this was five minutes before closing time, so I must go back to look at these, but we were taken through to see the Landseer picture. I have seen this several times, but it was first time for Dave and so quite a thrilling moment.

Our next stop was the church at Hassop where the children were baptized, and by great good fortune the door was open so we could go inside, inspect the font and light a candle in memory. All this time of course Dave's camera had been clicking away and he trusted me to take pictures of him sitting in the Chatsworth Archive Library and at Hassop church. After much more nattering and comparing notes it was time for him to go and find his hotel in Bakewell, and for me to go home and write the letter to the Estate Manager.

Next morning, Dave rang again to say that he was going round looking at bookshops, I gave him directions how to find my flat and he arrived about 2.30. We went in my car to Spinkhill to see the tombstones (the church unfortunately was locked and I could find no-one to let us in); to Nether Handley to see where the farm might have been; to view Parkgate Farm on the outskirts of Whittington where a sibling of one of my husband's ancestors had been born; to Whittington itself where his 2 gr grandparent's house was still to be seen, and then to Clowne church where Sarah nee NEWTON was baptized and her parents were married. By 1841 she is herself married and living at Chatsworth and her parents are dead so I have no record of where in the village they might have lived. The MI's for Clowne have not been recorded and we spent a long time looking for stones for NEWTON/BUTCHER/COUPE but found nothing relevant. Much more film had been used, more pictures taken of Dave by tombstones, in front of churches, even by the signpost to Nether Handley, and I do hope they all turn out well or he will curse me, even though I warned him that I was a very poor photographer.

Then to dinner at one of my favourite local hostelrys, back to my place for coffee and a final natter, and about 8.30 it was a sad farewell and he was setting off back to Birmingham. None of what we saw or did was new to me, but what a joy it was to meet someone after such a long time, to share his excitement and undoubted pleasure at seeing it all for the first (and perhaps only) time, to discuss and argue and compare notes on a mutually interesting family - I shall never forget it.

The other information is that I was contacted about some weeks ago by yet another Wisternoff descendant, this time of the family of William, the Coachman's eldest son and my husband's forbear. (Dave descends from Michaeli, the youngest son). He gave me the address in Mablethorpe of the lady who has the gold buttons, (I have written to ask if I might see them), and also two references to Wisternough's near Newcastle around the turn of the century. I had been told some time ago that William had left the local area and gone "somewhere up Newcastle way" so I think they must be of his family. These leads I have still to follow up, so there will be further updates in due course. But why oh why, can I find no trace of Petre and Sarah's marriage?

This is Sarah's letter to the Duke and I think in her own writing

70.30

My Lord Duke

I am taking the Libertey in writing to your Grace to say that Mr Ridgway [*the Duke's Steward*] as left word the Russian Coachman is not to have aney more Beer allowed him which he as had ever since he come to England that is 6 years last june the Contract made at St Petersburg by the Directions of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire express that your Grace would allow and cause to be given a sufficient quantity of table Beer that give me reason to think it was not your Graces Orders it should be taken off I hope your Grace will not be angry with me for taking the Libertey of writing to you on this Ocation I hope your Grace will grant my request and say that Peter may have his Beer forward it hurt his feelings verrey much when he sent down and was denied of it not knowing that he was not to have aney

Sarah Wisternerey

Chatsworth
Sunday Evening
Nove(mbe)r 17th 1833

I would not like to think that Petre was denied his beer because he had been over-indulging. Surely at this time ale or small beer was still the standard beverage, tea or coffee being far too expensive for the common man and the water largely unfit to drink.

Mrs. Eileen M. Beech, 14, Westcroft Crescent, Westfield. Sheffield, S19 5EG Mem. No. 1613

Spreading the word (or look to the future as well as the past when researching)

I have recently joined the Web Surfers, that group of people who scan the worlds computer systems to search for news or interests, software and thousands of other ideas.

In the March 96 issue of the DFHS Journal Ian Care told us that G. Tacey would like to hear from anyone via the E-Mail. I contacted Gerry and in turn he told me of about 15 other people who had done the same and so I contacted all those people, unfortunately some addresses failed but I did get replies from about 5 people. It's surprising how easy it all is, at the press of a button you are in contact with people all around the world, all sharing a common interest in Family History.

For instance did you know that there is a Derbyshire Surname Interest List being compiled by Marilyn Shaw-Guisset at guissem@umoncton.ca. Marilyn will send you a copy of the list by e-mail. They are also transcribing the 19th century boat passengers lists from the UK to Canada.

You could find the answer to that problem ancestor in tomorrow's technology and not in yesterdays micro film! We as researchers should use all available technology to help ourselves and fellow members, with research and this is just one form.

The Society is trying to move with the times and the technology by starting to create a data base of the Derbyshire Parish Registers (we have already started with the M.I.'s) and my plan is gradually move away from the slips we have in the library, to a computer database where we can search for ancestors of members who live around the world and cannot easily do research, and supply printed lists of register entries (not the whole register). This will take some time to set up as we will need hardware as well as software. At the moment I am using dbase and converting data from other sources into it, as well as typing the data straight in.

So can you help, we would like help on a number of fronts a) Does anyone have experience of setting up this sort of system, b) Is there a software package available that is better than dbase (I've grown up with it over the last ten years and I am quite attached to it) c) Have you got any registers (full or part) from Derbyshire on floppy disc and if so would you like to donate a copy to the Society, in whatever form it is.

If you came to the AGM you will have seen the computers we have and so you will realise that we do need to upgrade our hardware. **DO YOU HAVE AN 'OLD' 386/486 YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE?**

Brian Greaves, Parish Register Co-ordinator (Mem. No. 1093) E-mail B.Greaves@btinternet.com

FROM PARISH RECORDS - MORLEY, DERBYSHIRE

21 February 1803 - Marriage of Thomas Beardall of Heanor and Mary Wall.

"This wedding is an extraordinary one. She lay in last Friday month of a child of another man. Beardall had once courted her and when he heard she was lying-in he came over and renewed his courtship and persuaded her to marry him as soon as the banns had been published. The man she had the child by is married to another woman. His name is Sellers."

Yvonne Raven, 10 Sunningdale Drive, Tollerton, Nottingham NG12 4ES (Mem. No. 1112)

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS - For anyone who has ancestors who may have travelled abroad there are records kept at the Public Record Office in Kew starting from 1794, Ref No. FO 610, a total of 14 volumes in all. There is also a Names Index, Ref. No. FO 61, from 1851-62 and a Register of Correspondence, Ref. No. FO 613, from 1868-93. Many thanks to Mrs Olive Fergusson of Stockport for this information.

DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE NEWS

A new programme of events for the public is planned at Derbyshire Record Office for the autumn and winter, building on the success of the *Archives Alive* series held this Spring and Summer. In September there will be special training sessions on *Understanding Early Handwriting*. These will be followed by workshops on *Latin for Local and Family Historians* in October and *How to Interpret Dates, Numerals and Money* in November. *Lesser Known Archives* will be the subject of a lecture in December, complemented by a talk on *Lesser Known Archives for Local and Community Historians* in January 1997. *Sources for the History of the County* will be explored in a special event in February and the programme will conclude with workshops on *Manuscript Maps and Plans* in March.

The subjects are those identified by users through questionnaires and user surveys as being of most potential interest to beginners and experienced researchers alike. People will be able to attend either individual sessions or the whole series and will also be able to use the facilities in the Record Office Search Room on the same days.

Because most people undertaking family or local history research in Derbyshire Record Office are doing so out of personal interest, they visit the Office regularly to put their enquiries. Workshop sessions provide an opportunity to acquire and develop skills which then enable research time to be used more effectively.

Derbyshire Record Office was the first record office in the country to introduce regular series of lunchtime talks. Since then the Office has developed its outreach programme to focus on skills development in respect of local archives. This is complemented by the Record Office's publications programme including its *Archives First* series of beginners' guides, now thirty in total, and its *Family History Starter Pack* described by BBC Radio 4 as 'very good value for money'.

There is also another special meeting for *Derbyshire Local History Society Network* members on Saturday 28 September 1996. For further information please contact the County Archivist at the address below.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Derbyshire Record Office staff have continued to visit Church of England parishes throughout the county in the course of their surveys under the *Parochial Registers and Records Measure*. One consequence of this work is that several parishes have added to registers held here because we are the Record Office for

Diocese of Derby. These include, for example, Shardlow and Elvaston. This phase of visits continues until the late autumn at which time the Record Office's finding aids to archives will be updated to include newly deposited Anglican registers of baptisms, marriages and burials.

Early this summer, the Department of National Heritage announced that archives of the Gell family of Hopton had been accepted in lieu of inheritance tax and, in accordance with the family's wishes, placed in Derbyshire Record Office for safekeeping and research by members of the public. Derbyshire Record Office is the only place in the county which meets the standards required for archives accepted for the nation in this way. There are thousands of individual documents in the series, but groups which will be of particular interest to family historians are the 13th, 14th and 15th century deeds relating to lands in Wirksworth, Carsington, Hopton, Bonsall and neighbouring areas. Many local names such as Fern appear in these deeds and their early date means that they are very useful for tracing ancestors in these localities in the period before the start of parish registers in the mid sixteenth century. Researchers interested in heraldry and coats of arms will also find a great deal to consult in the Gell papers which also include, for example, William Gell's *Stemmata Gelliana* on his family connections, 1830, and Bevil Skelton's illuminated *Catalogue of the Dukes, Marquesses and Earls, since the Conquest until 1671*. Much public attention was focused on another aspect of the collection - the Princess of Wales's letters about her divorce. This was Princess Caroline, wife of George, Prince of Wales (the Prince Regent) and she was writing in 1814 and 1815.

Amongst other series of documents recently transferred to the Record Office are two sets of diaries. Nowadays Filofaxes and appointment books have largely superseded personal diaries, but, where they survive, they can provide fascinating insights into local social conditions. The Revd. Edmond Estcourt, Rector of Eckington in the mid nineteenth century, kept detailed journals in which he recorded events of note in the parish as well as information about his pastoral work. He commented in 1860, for example, on the recovery after several months, of child miners killed in the disaster at 'Mr Sparrow's pit'. The second group of diaries covers a long period - 1909-1951 - and are also relevant to the history of coal mining in Derbyshire because they were kept by the manager employed by the Manners Colliery Co. in Ilkeston, Mr Durrance. Entries are a mixture of operational and personal details

but they are very full and cover a time of great changes in this formerly important industry in the county.

If you want to know more about recent additions to collections in the Record Office, one way of finding out is to buy the annual summary of newly acquired material. *Archives 1995* covers archives made available to the public last year and costs £1.15 by post from the Record Office or 90p to personal callers.

If you know of Derbyshire archives which are at risk of loss or destruction, perhaps through a house clearance or closure of business, the Record Office is always interested to learn of these. Archives rescued recently include early banking records found in an attic in Chapel-en-le-Frith, pottery business archives and documents relating to a local wire mill, both saved during factory demolition, and archives of a family engineering business in East Derbyshire gathered together by the owner's daughter when the premises were sold. The economic recession and changes in technology have led to dramatic changes in the pattern of local commerce and industry and it is particularly important for the completeness of the historical record that local businesses of all sizes and types are documented through archival evidence. Derbyshire Record Office has its own transport and can usually make arrangements for collection of archives. Similarly, if the quantity is large, sorting and packing of documents is undertaken by Record Office staff. What is important is that unique documentary evidence is not inadvertently lost or destroyed and the Record Office is happy to intervene to prevent this happening. A telephone call to the Duty Archivist (01629 580000 ext. 35207) is the way to let us know.

RECORD OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

A revised list of Record Office publications including the *Family History Starter Pack* and the *Archives First* series of beginners guides is available free on request. Likewise details of the Record Office's *Family History Search Service* can be obtained either by post, by fax or by personal callers at the Record Office in New St., Matlock. If you do not know where the Record Office is, please ask for our leaflet *Information for Users* which includes a location map and details of opening hours, etc.

GROUP VISITS TO THE RECORD OFFICE

If you belong to a group which would like to know more about the Record Office and its holdings, you can arrange for a visit, daytime or evening, for a small fee. As well as an introduction to the Office by one of the archivists, there are displays of documents relevant to the group's interests and opportunities to ask for advice about research interests. Advance booking is essential

because group visits are popular. For further details, please write to the County Archivist, at the address below.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Derbyshire Record Office will be closed on 25, 26 and 27 December 1996 and 1 January 1997. Advance booking is recommended if you intend to visit the Record Office on 30 or 31 December 1996.

For further information, booking forms, publication lists etc., please contact Margaret O'Sullivan, County Archivist, Derbyshire Record Office, postal address: County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG. Telephone: 01629 580000 ext. 35201/35202. Fax: 01629 57611.

Payment for publications etc. can be made by cash, cheque (payable to Derbyshire County Council) or VISA credit card.

FROM THE FEDERATION

Will members please note that forms for BIG R 1997 should be returned to Carol McLee by 1 November 1996 at the latest and preferably earlier. Many people 'hang-on' so that they can submit their up to date interests but if too many contributors do this the resultant sea of paper may well delay the completion of the project. In 1993 10,000 forms were received in October....

Please also read the instructions. Expressing an interest in any reference to a surname in a specified county is understandable and acceptable, interest in every Brown or Green in the British Isles at any date is both unreasonable and unfair.

Members should also submit their interests only once. If they belong to several Family History Societies they will have received several forms - please do not submit the same names several times over. If a second form with additional names to be included is submitted, please make it clear that a form in this name has already been sent in.

For any member who is joining the Family Tree magazine tour of Salt Lake City in October, the Federation is holding an Open Day on 19th October in the Family History Library at Salt Lake City. It is all very informal and there is no charge. A long shot for the majority, but a chance to meet several well known names of the family history world if any of you happen to be in Salt Lake City at the time.

THE MISSING TWIG (or The Saga of My Family Tree)

If one studies any Family Tree,
They'll see missing links in the chain.
Somewhere amongst the branches
There's a twig without a name.

Now there's a young lady on my family tree
Whose parents are shrouded in mist.
I've searched through numerous parishes,
But they just don't seem to exist.
This girl's name was Elizabeth Hall,
And I know where and when she was married.
The Census told me her place of birth,
And I even know where she's buried.
A fairly common name was Hall,
Of which Belper had its fair share,
Of children baptised at Duffield church
But Elizabeth's name wasn't there.
Did her parents avoid the baptism
Or did they just move away?
Is her name written in another register
Another place, another year, another day?
They could have moved to Nottingham,
For she was married there.
But I've had no luck in the registers,
I just can't find her anywhere.

I may have just a very vague clue,
For of two daughters she was the mother,

The eldest girl was called Mary Ann
And just plain Ann was the other.
Her husband's family had no Ann's,
So the name meant something to her.
Perhaps her mother or favourite sister,
There must be an answer somewhere.

In 1782 before Civil Registration
At the time of Elizabeth's birth,
The only proof of parentage,
The register in the Parish Church.

Her daughter, Ann, was a Catholic
With Irish blood in her veins.
Could one of her mother's parents
Be also of the same strain?
Who handed down her religion,
From one or both parents passed on?
The one who might have known the answer,
Her son, my Grandad, long since gone.

So that question remains unanswered,
That twig bare of leaves must remain
Unless fate lends a helping hand
To find Elizabeth's parents names.

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CROMFORD SUICIDE

On the parapet of 15th century Cromford Bridge is a crude inscription:

THE LEAP OF MR B H MARE JUNE 1697

According to The Cromford Guide "this commemorates a feat of horsemanship, when Mr Benjamin Haywood's mare took fright and jumped over the parapet, miraculously bearing her rider to safety."

A search of the B.T.s reveals 28 entries with these initials. Eliminating those of the wrong gender, or too young, or who died before 1697, only one person remains: Bernard HEYWOOD. He married Ann Thompson in 1674 and they had 9 children before 1697. The first 8 were girls, 6 of whom died in childhood. The 9th was their first son, named Benjamin. Unfortunately Benjamin died after 1 week in 1696. No more children are recorded. Ann was probably in her late 40's and the household atmosphere was probably unhappy with 7 deaths of children. If Bernard was set on producing a son, a run of eight daughters would not have cheered him up. Then when his first son dies at the age of 1 week, Bernard may have felt suicidal. Perhaps there is another explanation for the mare jumping off Cromford Bridge, nearly 300 years ago.

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Postal Searches

Although we have always tried to answer members queries in the past, our previous Reference Library at Alfreton was not ideally suited to the task, and when the Society moved into our new headquarters at Bridge Chapel House, in Derby the Executive Committee felt that it could at last offer a better enquiry service to our members. Most of the queries we get have been for similar types of information, but often the information required has to be sifted out of letters which run into several pages, so we have tried to simplify the task for our volunteers, hence the form overleaf. We believe that if you use this format, then it will help us to give you an answer much quicker. The other major policy change is that we have now decided to make a nominal charge for the research, as is done in many other F.H.Societies. This will be a valuable source of income which we hope will allow us to eventually make the Library self - sufficient, and enable us to purchase more indexes to assist our members.

Please use the form provided, if you do not wish to damage your magazine, you may photocopy it. All queries **MUST** be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, at least large enough to take a folded A4 sheet.

An essential tool for anyone considering using our postal search facilities, or coming along to do their own research, is the **Library Contents Book**. This gives information about exactly what we have at Bridge Chapel house, and, for instance, will let you see exactly which parishes we hold transcripts for, in addition, it lists the numerous books, charts, family trees & Memorial Inscriptions, etc. that we have available for your use. It can be obtained from the Bookshop at the Library, or from Mrs.L.Bull, 17, Penrhyn Avenue, Littleover, Derby. DE23 6LB, at a cost of £2.60 in the UK. £2.75 O/Seas surface mail, and £3.40 O/Seas Airmail. (includes postage)

ABOUT THE INDEXES

Baptisms, Burials & Marriages.

We have a surname index for some, but not all parishes in Derbyshire, so the Surname is the most important information you must give us. This is referenced to transcripts which are held at the Society Library, which are listed in Parish order and therefore, if the Parish of interest is also known, this can help eliminate incorrect people from the enquiry. Always include the approximate dates if you can, since this also cuts down the searching time.

Memorial Inscriptions

Again, our M.I.Index is based on a Surname Index. If your ancestor is found we will give you the full transcription of the headstone or memorial, and these often contain much valuable biographical information. Please add Parish of burial if known.

IGI

We can search the IGI for your surname but if there are more than 20 occurrences, we will write down those first 20 and send them to you, and inform you how many more there are. If you want those too, you will be asked to pay a further £1 for up to 20 records listed.

Census

We can search the 1851 & 1891 Census for Derbyshire for you, and the 1881 census for the whole of England and Wales, If we find the person you require, we will send you all the details of the household, so that you will be able to establish if the person is the one you seek.

All research is carried out in good faith, and whilst we will make every effort to provide you with accurate information, the Society cannot be held responsible for any mistakes made in transcription. Sometimes we may not find any information for you, in which case since the search has been carried out, the fee will not be re-funded, but if we have no records for the Parish you require searching, we will return the fee to you.

Remember, some professional researchers are now charging up to £80 per hour !.

D.F.H.S. POSTAL SEARCH REQUEST FORM

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Write in the names that you wish us to search for, and the approximate dates, if known, then tick the index you wish us to search, Tick only ONE index per line please, if you want more than one index searching, then put the same name etc. on the next line, and tick the next index that you want to be searched. For every 5 lines that you fill in, it will cost you £1, so for example, if you fill in 7 names, it would cost you £2 If you are not a member, then the cost is DOUBLE that shown on the form, so please use your membership number, or you may not get all the information that you have requested. **DON'T FORGET THE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE!**

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RESEARCH CENTRE NEWS

We have had a very busy three months at the research centre, and many members have taken advantage of the new facilities. Our thanks go out to the volunteers who have already given their services to assist with the manning of the centre, and carrying out many of the routine jobs involved in the efficient running of the library. New volunteers are always welcome to assist with this work and if anyone would like to offer help even for a couple of hours a month, we would like to hear from you.

New acquisitions received over the past three months include the following:-

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- A Brassington Baptisms 1765-1810.
- B Whitfield, Glossop Memorial Inscriptions.
- B Woodville War Memorial
- B Woodville Primitive Methodist Chapel War Memorial.
- C 1851 Census - Derbyshire, Belper. Name Index. Vol 5:3.
- C Seward and Related Families. Donated by George C Seward.
- D6 A History of Derby and District Affiliated Free Churches. Abstract by Stephen Orchard.
- D11 Historical, Archaeological, Local Studies Societies in Great Britain. Compiled by Malcolm Pinhorn.
- D13 Derbyshire Miscellany. Spring 1996. This contains a table of people who paid rent in the Derby Borough Rentals 1729.
- D13 Alstonefield Land Tax Assessment. 1908-9. Donated by Margaret Allsopp. Member No. 1605.
- E2 Horse-nail Makers Union Society General Rules 1822.
- E2 Borrowwash Mills on the Derwent. Donated by Marion Johnson.
- E4 Non-conformist Register List in the Derbyshire Record Office.
- E10 Minutes of the Chesterfield Canal Company 1771-80. Edited by Christine Richardson.
- F1 Lancashire. Genealogical Bibliography. Stuart Raymond.
- F3 Parish Churches of Britain. Richard Foster. Donated by John Swan.
- F6 A History of Markeaton and Mackworth. Don Farnsworth.
- G Leicestershire and Rutland Families. 1996.
- H2 Nottinghamshire. Radford St Peter's Church. Rate Books. Record Series Vol. 102.
- H2 Nottinghamshire. Across the Ocean Wide. Record Series Vol. 103.
And index of persons sentenced to transportation in Nottinghamshire 1784-1867.
- H2 Nottinghamshire. Boat Owners and Boat Builders. Record Series Vol. 104.
- H2 Nottinghamshire. Miscellany No. 4. Record Series Vol. 105.
- H4 Internet for Genealogy. David Hawgood.
- H4 Genealogy on the Macintosh. David Tippey.
- H4 Local Newspapers in Derbyshire Libraries. Donated by John Smedley.
- H8 Basic Facts About Using Marriage Records for Family Historians. Pauline Litton.
- I Surnames of Wales. John and Sheila Rowlands.
- J "Left Hand, Right Hand". Autobiography of Osbert Sitwell. Donated by John Swan.
- L Genealogical Research Directory. 1996.
- MF 1881 Census Index. Middlesex.
- MF 1891 Census - Cheshire. Stockport Registration District. Surname and Location Index.
- MF Nottinghamshire. Radford, St Peter's Baptisms. Surname Index. 1822-1900.
- MF Nottinghamshire. Nottingham Union Workhouse. 1858-1860.

Iris and Janet Salt.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

DERBY: BRIDGE CHAPEL HOUSE, SOWTER ROAD, DERBY. Wednesday meetings at 7.30 pm

Sep 11th	The Sitwells of Renishaw Hall	Howard Usher
Oct 9th	Workshop Evening	
Nov 13th	Coaldust Cabaret - early entertainment in South Derbyshire	Peter White
Dec 11th	Christmas Social Evening	

GLOSSOP: BRADBURY COMMUNITY HOUSE, MARKET ST. Friday meetings at 7.30 pm

Sep 6th	Computers & Family History - Love them or Hate them	Ian Care
Oct 4th	Problems in Research	Joan Measham
Nov 1st	Gold Panning	Rex Bingham
Dec 6th	Film, Slides and Mince Pies	

SHIRLAND: COMMUNITY HALL Friday meetings at 7.30 pm

Sep 20th	Blackouts and Bloomers	Mrs Elinor Fomison
Oct 18th	Workshop Evening - projects and a social get-together	
Nov 15th	The Mary Rose	Mr F.E. Chettle
Dec 13th	A Christmas Theme Country Quiz	Mr Ron Cousins

DERBY MEETING GROUP

Please note that as from September 1996 the Derby meetings will be held in St Mary's Chapel at Bridge Chapel House and NOT the Polish Centre. Meetings will be held at the normal time with the bookshop and refreshments available as usual.

Any articles for possible inclusion in ISSUE NO. 79 to be with the Editor by 10th October 1996

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