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Chairmans bit

Writing this on a reasonably sunny day, October 1st, it seems totally illogical to realise that by the time you are reading this journal it will be Christmas. September's journal had to be shortened to bring back the publication dates to the agreed quarterly format. At short notice, namely the AGM, Carol Morris offered to prepare the magazine to print stage. This Carol did at very efficient speed. At the committee meeting following the AGM it was fully agreed that Carol be co-opted to the committee as magazine co-ordinator. Computers are my main source of confusion, so I am happy to edit the mag. on my trusty typewriter. No doubt my education will be widened one day to take in these newfangled electronic devices. My only regret is that the typewriter does not always spell correctly, perhaps it is me?

May I give some advance warning. in four months (April) it will be our OPEN DAY. Can you prepare some item for exhibit and show? Can you help on the day? Please let the committee know so that we can plan the available space to the best advantage.

All that remains is for me to say: Have a very peaceful and pleasant Christmas.

Malcolm

Why is your family not where it should be ?

I was recently looking at the 1861 census for Chesterfield trying to find one of the missing persons in our families. Whilst quietly making my way between Saltergate and Newbold Road I encountered The County Police Lockup in Marsden Street. My family was not found to be in that night but I did wonder at the chances we would have of finding a "prisoner" if we did not know the family member had criminal tendencies.

Joseph Oldham was the Superintendent of Constabulary living there with his wife Harriet and their eight children aged between 13 and 1

The family was outnumbered by twelve prisoners, 11 men and 1 woman, as follows:

Joseph Lunn	marr	29	Coal Miner	Derbys.Woodinbox?
Samuel Binch	unmarr	25	Coal Miner	Notts Mansfield
Thomas White	marr	25.	Coal Miner	Derbys Nth Wingfield
Thomas Kelly	marr	50	Pedlar	Ireland
William Nicholls	unmarr	42	Labourer	Derbys Brampton
Thomas Russell	unmarr	31.	Labourer	York.Huddersfield
Willian Hancock	marr	61	Stone Mason	Derbys Hasland
Samuel Goodlad	unmarr	40	Coal Miner	Derbys Hasland
Charles Richardson	unmarr	20	Soldier	1st B.Gren Guards
Beds Pollon?				
Charles Bicknell	marr	31	Coal Miner	Warwick Lowe?
James Hayes	unmarr	28.	Coal Miner	Derbys Walton
Mary A Hart	wid	63	Laundress	Northampton

Why were they there-how long were they there for? Presumably Charles Richardson would be awaiting a military escort. Unless someone wishes to examine the local court records we shall never know. We cannot re-write history so if one of the above is yours accept a bit of spice in the family tree,see if there is a report in the local paper of his crime

If you want to look further canal boats are recorded together with crews. Occupants of workhouses, schools,barracks, (local militia) were all listed in the returns. As we all know, if someone is apparently missing, try any possible place. From the return of the "lockup" some have a long search on their hands

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Additions to our Library

Practice makes perfect, a Geneological workbook.

Using newspapers and periodicals, by Colin R Chapman

Land and Window Tax Assessments, by Gibson, Medlycott and Mills

Wills, Probate and Death Duty Records, by Jane Cox

Reading old Title Deeds, by Julian Cornwall
My Ancestors were English Presbyterians/Unitarians, by Alan Ruston
Buckinghamshire, genealogical Bibliography by Stuart Raymond

Do you use our Library? Do you know what books we have that may help in your research ? Any of our stock can be borrowed by you for home reading. Please contact the society Librarian, Dorothy Clark

Library Notes

Members are reminded that we exchange magazines with a number of other societies and these are available from the Librarian at the monthly meetings on a loan basis. Magazines available are from :-

Aberdeen and N.E. Scotland

Barnsley

Birmingham and Midland

British Columbia

Cleveland

Derbyshire

Devon

Eastbourne and District

East Surrey

Isle of Axholme, Lincs

Kent

Lancashire

Leicester and Rutland

Lincolnshire

Liverpool and S W Lancs

London and N Middlesex

Mansfield and District

Norfolk and Norwich

Rolls-Royce

Sheffield and District

Shropshire

South Cheshire

Suffolk

Sussex

West Surrey

Wharfedale, Yorks

City of York and District

Yorkshire

Dorothy Clark

An Index of Strays

Eileen Crook and Ken Turner of 60 Leafield Road, Hunts Cross, Liverpool, L25 0PZ, have compiled an index of all Roman Catholic 'Stray' marriages found in the Liverpool Record Office. They are now working on the Church of England records. I am informed that the criteria for both these indexes are 'strays' unusual names, unusual addresses and foreign names. Also listed are Soldiers, Militiamen, Midshipmen etc from the early 1700's to 1837 whether strays or not. The index consists of 32000 marriages to date, as at 17th July 1993, and is on going, entries being added at a rate of 700 per month. If you require further details send a S.A.E. to the address above. I have to add that I do not know if any search or other fees are payable

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Another Possibility ?

I was searching the Teletext Index on TV, Channel 4 recently and noted that on page 681 was listed LONG LOST, on 682 was listed FAMILY TREE and on 683 OLD PALS. I read all 25 pages of FAMILY TREE and was impressed by the service. Do have a look. The address to submit queries to is FAMILY TREE, Teletext Ltd., P.O Box 297 London SW6 1XT

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Maps

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA publishes two maps showing the registration districts which existed in England and Wales for the periods 1837-1851 and 1852-1946.

Each map is £3.00+£1.50 p&p. These districts were based on the Poor Law Unions created in 1834 and form the basic administrative units for the civil registration from 1837, and the census from 1841. Each district is shown on the maps along with their allocated reference numbers used in the indexes to Civil Registration in St. Catherine's House

The Institute also publishes a series of county maps for England, Wales, and Scotland showing parishes which existed within a county before 1832. These maps cost £3.00+£1.00 p&p. Each map shows the year from which the registers survive for each parish church and chapelry and the jurisdiction in which the parishes were located for ecclesiastical or probate purposes. It should be noted that there are two maps for Lincolnshire and four for Yorkshire

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Public Records Office

The PRO has advised that work on the new building at Kew is well under way and because of the need for access to the site and space for the builders to operate the formerly extensive parking has had to be severely reduced.

Researchers who would normally travel by car are advised to use public transport as there is only limited alternative parking in the area.

If you are disabled a telephone call to the Security Officer, Mr Newman, on 081-876-3444 in advance of a visit will ensure their assistance.

This situation will apply until the building is finished by about the end of 1995

Help wanted

METTAM Robert born 1724 Chesterfield, d 15th May 1796 Chesterfield, married

GREAVES Rosamund. Any information on both these and their parents please.

James F Shaffer, 1 Ranger Court, Henderson, Nevada, 89014-1570 U.S.A
Member no 235

EARLY George Arthur, b Cheltenham 1824, married 1846, lived at the Mechanic's Institute, Chesterfield. Traced on census returns 1841/1891.

1851 Schoolmaster Spa Lane 1861 Schoolmaster Eyre Street

1871 Schoolmaster/Head master Hollis Lane School

1881 Headmaster Hipper Street Board School

1887 retired. Connected with Soresby Street Congregational Church, Chesterfield Baptist Church, became Deacon of Brewery Street Baptist Chapel. Does anyone know of photographs of George A Early of the schools and chapels he was connected with ?

Further details of G A or his family also sought. Please contact Mrs J Wann
30 Laburnum Grove, Richmond, North Yorkshire DL10 5AR

Mrs Jill Statton OAM (member 164) 199 Seacombe Road, South Brighton, South Australia 5048

I am researching for publication, the Family History of Johann Ferdinand EY and wonder whether anyone has knowledge of this family.

Ferdinand (1814-1874) was a Mining Captain in South Australia, having arrived from Clausthal, Hanover, Germany with his family in 1849 aboard the "George Washington",

Other connected families are : SEEGER, VOLLPRECHT, KAESTNER and KARREFOHR .

Any details concerning the EY family in Clausthal; the origin of the surname; and the same for the other associated names, would be greatly appreciated. all postage will be refunded.

Miss A I Joule 35A Main Road Renishaw, Sheffield S31 9UX member no 146
Joule/ JOUL /JOWLE /JOW-etc

William Joule was a saddler in Chesterfield when he died in 1669. There have been Joules at Youlgreave, Manchester and Chapel en le Frith since that date. I am trying to find a connection between all these families and would appreciate any information anyone can provide.

Have you a request for information, general or specific, that we can print in the Newsletter?

If so please send to me (the service is free to members) Please quote your full name, address and membership no.

The service can be extended to non-members but £1.00 per enquiry should be included with each request .

Malcolm Ed.

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Help offered

FOULDS. Mr S Foulds, memb 77, has a considerable collection of FOULDS information. So much that a one name study is being completed. There are many variant spellings of the surname . Chesterfield, Tupton, North Wingfield, Dronfield and Sheffield are but some of the places the family can be traced to. If you have any information about the family or would like information from the collection please contact at; 90 Southfields Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9nd enclosing a S.A.E.

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Coming events

May 7th and 8th 1994, Society of Genealogists Family History Fair, Royal Horticultural Society New Halland Conference Centre, Westminster. Tickets

available from the S.O.G. £3.50 in advance or £4.00 on the day

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New Members, Welcome to the Society

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Mrs N Sargeson, 56 Green Farm Close, Loundsley Green, Chesterfield S40 4UQ

CANTRILL, Henry and Mary Ann, Chatsworth Road, Brampton
At one time (c 1890/1900) kept the Barrell Inn. They had 6 children.

Any information please.

230 and 231. Mr and Mrs J Dyer, 18 Market Street, Eckington, Derbyshire, S31 9EH

BALDWIN John Edward, Godstone, SRY b 1860
BRENNAN David Patrick, Bruncklanan DON IRL b 1939
BRENNAN David Bruncklanan m

DYER Walter Harry, Camberwell, SRY b 1900
GROOMBRIDGE Sarah Elizabeth, Sevenoaks SRY b

1860 SAY William Napoleon Lewisham SRY m 1900

232 Mrs J Wann 30 Laburnam Grove, Richmond, North Yorks DL10 5AR

BIBBY any Yks

DAY Emma and Isaac Samuel, Chesterfield, DBY 1850-1870

EARLY any anywhere

EARLY any Chesterfield, DBY 1840-1900+

EARLY Arthur William, anywhere b 1847

JUSTICE any anywhere

WESTWOOD any Gornaly, Dudley, W Midlands

WRIGHT James and Ellen Chesterfield, DBY 1850+

233 Mr Thomas R Holmes Snr., Rogene Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21209 U.S.A.

HOLMES Thomas m Elizabeth HALL Chesterfield, DBY pre 1830

234 Mrs B.A.L. Webber, Hilltop, Chester Street, St Asaph, Clwyd, N Wales LL177 ORE

ATKINS Elizabeth, Chesterfield, DBY. m 29 April 1753

GRATTON Joseph, Barlow, DBY b 4 May 1755

GRATTON George, Barlow DBY d 19 May 1799

GRATTON John, Barlow DBY b 22 Nov 1799

JACKMAN James Sheffield YKS 1871& 1881census

PARKER Thomas Dronfield DBY bpt 26 Aug 1731

PARKER Martha Dronfield DBY bpt 2 Aug 1767
SMITH Mary Rotherham YKS m 20 Jan 1822

235 Mr James F Shaffer, 1 Ranger Court, Henderson, Nevada, 89014-1570
U.S.A.

BARKER Samuel Chesterfield DBY bpt 1749, earlier family also
BARSBY Elizabeth any Leicestershire
METTAM Robert Chesterfield areas DBY 1579 known as date of
baptism
METTAM Robert any, any dates North Derbyshire
PRATER George Wiltshire c 1516
RICE Edmund Hertford c 1594
RUDKIN John Leicestershire c 1653
WALKER Sarah Yorkshire b 1824
WILLIS George anywhere poss Yorkshire c 1602
WOOD William Derbyshire c 1582

236 Mrs S.E. Leachman, 145 Winsover Road, Spalding, Linc PE11 1HE
BARRAND Boston Lincs any particularly William Henry b 16.8.1884
BENNETT Boston Lincs Annie May b. 9.5.1893
COWLISHAW Crich Dby Elizabeth b. 1872?
HOLMES Ibstock Lei Simon marr 10.5 1857 to
Sandlant Ashby de la Zouch Lei marr
HOLMES Clay Cross Dby any particularly John b. 10.7.1867
MATHERS Sutton in Ashfield Ntt Albert b 14.1.1880
SANDLANT Ashby de la Zouch any

Change Of Address

Member No 205 Miss P A Shirt 25 Church Street Hampton, Middlesex TW12
2EB

Member No 12 Mrs G A Onza 66 Brockwell Lane Chesterfield S40 4EE

Research Material

As work on the Member's Interest Booklet is now completed I thought that for the benefit of newer members I would list ensuing information. Any of us cannot help collecting copies of papers and records whilst we are constructing our Family Trees. Not only do we gather entries from church records but we sometimes encounter documents which put more flesh on the bones. Below is a list of some of our "family" source material. All are indexed and included in the Society's name index. Many of the originals can be seen in Chesterfield Local Studies Library.

NEWBOLD and DUNSTON: A survey of the Lordship of Newbold dated 1561

Highway surveyors accounts 1771-1838., many names if inhabitants either working on the highways or supplying goods.

Vestry meeting minutes 1817-1870., names of those attending meetings together with officers appointed for positions within the township.

ECKINGTON: Listings of owners and occupiers of land and property in Eckington Township which includes Eckington, Renishaw, Mosboro' Troway and Ridgeway. Dated 1826 The original of this document is in Doncaster Archives Dept.

WINGERWORTH: Bishops' Transcripts 1664-1812 Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. Originals at Lichfield Joint Record Office.

CHESTERFIELD: Wills and Inventories, approx 1540-1700. List of Testators, place, date of wills, and inventories. Indexed by surname, also index by place and occupation, originals on Local Studies and Lichfield Record Office.

BRAMPTON: Terrier and Tithe Hay Roll, 1698. List of inhabitants and money each paid in lieu of Tithe Hay,

Inclosures 1825 Listing of owners and occupiers of land and farms.

Tithe Book 1820. List of persons with fields showing acreage of wheat, oats, peas and barley, together with tithe payable. Originals in Local Studies.

Brampton includes the modern area covering Wadshelf, Wigley, Eastmoor, Holymoorside, Old Brampton, Brampton, Cutthorpe.

STRETTON TOWNSHIP: A nameroll of everymans land in Lordship of Stretton 1655

Survey 1656

Assessment 1705

Sale of property in Manor of Stretton 1708

Agreement of purchasers of property in Manor of Stretton 1708/9

List of purchase money and interest 1709

Purchasers list 1710

List of monies paid for purchase of cottages 1710/15

Notice of cottagers meeting 1721

Court Leet & Great Court Baron 1724

Indenture Lease Coal Delph, Clay Cross Common

1724 List of persons within the manor of Stretton circa 1740

Listing of Clay Lane quarter 1740/50

Poor Assessment 1781

Land Tax assessment list 1790

Land Tax 1792

List Royalty share 1800

Highway repair assessment 1806

All in Local Studies

WHITTINGTON: Parish registers, Baptisms 1650-1812, Marriages 1687-1752, burials 1679-1812. Records are incomplete as the registers were

damaged in a fire. Also in Local Studies. WAR MEMORIALS: The Society listing is still being worked on. About 160 are listed so far from Chesterfield and North Derbyshire ,

NORTH WINGFIELD: Parish registers 1575-1612 approx

If any member has family origins in these areas I am willing to examine the index to each document and forward a copy of that name entry. Requests can be either handed to me at meetings or if you are out of town, sent by post. The request should be in writing and accompanied by a S.A.E. May I suggest a donation is enclosed for the Society for the information, which could involve photo-copying. If this is the case I will agree the cost with you before going ahead. Maureen Pearce, Research Co-Ordinator, 10 Burgess Close, Hasland, Chesterfield, S41 ONP.

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More Research Material

Our membership secretary has been extracting information from many sources for many years and has prepared the attached listing which will be of interest to our members. Please remember a S.A.E if you contact him.

St Thomas', Brampton

Baptisms 1832-1944
Marriages 1832-1972
Burials 1832-1974 (incomplete)

In addition the entries from Parish Magazines from 1985 to the present is listed ,

St Mary & All Saints, Chesterfield

Baptisms 1761-1934 Incomplete 12153 events
Marriages 1761-1940 Incomplete 1851 events
Burials 1761-1801 Incomplete 4073 events

Christ Church, Stonegravels

Marriages 1914-1953
Burials 1883-1909

St Lawrence, North Wingfield

Marriages 1658-1811 1051 events

Holy Trinity, Chesterfield

Marriages 1854-1915 incomplete 129 events

St Johns Newbold

Marriages 1861-1882 incomplete 44 events

Mount Zion Methodist Brampton

Marriages 1902-1970 25 events

Holywell Cross Methodist Chesterfield

Marriages 1900-1919 Incomplete 168 events

Derbyshire Times

Marriages 1880-1894 incomplete 1456 events

Deaths 1880-1892 incomplete 11500 events

Union Workhouse, Chesterfield

Census, staff & inmates 1841&1891

Union Industrial Schools 1891

Chesterfield Grammar School Pupils 1841-1847

Raymond Batteson

Member no 32

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A YORKSHIRE PIT LASS

According to the census records for 1851 onwards, my Great,Great,Great Grandfather, John Wroe, lived at Caphouse, a hamlet near Thornhill-by-Dewsbury and worked as a colliery banksman. From the census I knew he had eleven children and his address was given as "The Cabins" so when I saw the advertisement for the Yorkshire Mining Museum at Caphouse Colliery I decided to pay a visit hoping they had records so far back. I rang the Curator but alas the records no longer existed. However, she invited me along to see her, promising to look out anything that might be of interest to me.

I was disappointed about the records but at least it was going to be interesting to see where this ancestor of mine had worked and I would be able to take a trip down the mine. What a surprise I had. The Curator showed me a study-pack of Caphouse Colliery, much of it on the history of the Wroe family. There was the family tree going back to John Wroe born in 1805, copies of the census returns, a photograph of "The Cabins," a very small one-storey stone house where he brought up his large family and a photograph of his fourth child Patience.

At the age of nine, Patience worked as a "hurrier" pulling the empty tubs to the coal face and pushing the full ones back to the pit bottom. This of course was in the days prior to the safety-lamp and her only source of light was a candle fixed to the tub. One unfortunate day, whilst pushing the tub her head came in contact with the candle setting fire to her hair. Poor Patience was badly burned and no longer able to work underground. The colliery owner, Sir John Lister Lister Kaye gave her a job as a domestic

servant at his home, Denby Grange. (Was this a form of compensation?) She remained there until her marriage in 1857. It is interesting to note that this accident occurred in 1844, two years after the Act was passed making it illegal for women and children to work underground!

The photograph shows Patience as an old lady wearing what appears to be a large smoking cap, presumably to cover her scars and is the only known photograph of anyone who had been a Yorkshire Pit Lass. She also bears a strong resemblance to several members of the Wroe family whose photographs are in my possession.

Included in the study-pack was a photograph of my Grandmother Christiana Wroe, but the name given is Esther Garner-nee Earnshaw, a name included in my research of the Wroe family. It would appear that this was a case of mistaken identity and the Curator having accepted my provenance agreed that this would be amended in the reprint. My visit to Caphouse was most rewarding. I didn't get any further back in my search for ancestors but the family history was more than I had ever hoped to find.

Elsie E Green

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A Problem Resolved

There was a story in my family which said that my grandfather's mother's mother was the illegitimate daughter of a French prisoner of War stationed in Chesterfield.

My 2x great grandmother was Mary Frith and I found out that she was quite legitimate. I then began to think about the other side of the family. My 2x great grandfather was John Hibbert. I had found his baptism on May 21st 1809, being the son of Elizabeth, no father's name being given. Could this be the illegitimate son of this P.O.W ?

I noticed that one of the speakers at C&DFHS was Mrs Stubbs, speaking about the French Prisoners of War in Chesterfield. These were the prisoners taken during the Napoleonic Wars and billeted at Cutthorpe.

Trains and taxis took me from Doncaster to Chesterfield, much to the distress of my family who thought I was mad travelling alone, at night.

The journey proved worth the effort. Mrs Stubbs had lists of marriages and banns between the POW's and local girls. Details of the capture of the POW's ranks, ships and discharge dates were also on view.

On the former list was the name of Elizabeth Hibbert. The solution I had been looking for and the confirmation of the family legend.

From the lists I got this information. On the 4th June 1809 the banns were called for the first time between Aemable Bigot of St.Valery sur

Somme to Elizabeth Hibbert. Aemable Bigot was captured on June 18th 1803 in the West Indies. He was a mate on the boat Paix. He was paroled in Chesterfield and discharged on June 5th 1809, the day after the banns were read. The marriage never took place. Aemable returned to France as fast as possible leaving behind a heavily pregnant Elizabeth. The banns were withdrawn. It goes to show that there is some truth in family tales. They may become slightly distorted with the passing of time and the interpretation of the oral handing down the generations.

I thoroughly enjoyed my trip to Chesterfield, arriving home safely,

Brenda O'Hara, Doncaster, Member 97

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Subscriptions

Have you renewed your membership?

This was due on Oct 1st 1993.

Subscription Rates remain the same ;

£ 6.00 single, £ 9.00, joint £ 10.00 overseas.

If you wish to renew, please return your Membership card & S.A.E to me, Ray Batteson, for endorsement together with the appropriate subscription. If you have already renewed please ignore this notice - and accept our thanks.

Ray Batteson Membership secretary