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The above appointments were made at the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd September 1991 and will take immediate effect. Your attention is drawn to the change of Membership Secretary and all membership renewals should be sent or given to him to avoid any administrative problems. All other correspondence or contact with the Society should be made through the Secretary.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES.

After what seemed to be a very long wait, the 1891 census finally arrived. I have written an article on this elsewhere in the newsletter which I hope will clarify any questions you may have. As you will see the area covered by the census is comprehensive.

I hope you will be able to make use of the census and that you will find that "missing family".

Support at our meetings has been very good over the past year. You will already have received a copy of next years programme with details of the speakers. May I draw your attention to the earlier start to cater for those who need help and guidance. We will, as usual, do what we can to assist.

I look forward to a further year of steady growth and development. Remember we can do nothing without the help and support of you, the members. Come forward and offer your help. In whatever capacity you can help, your committee will be pleased to hear from you.

Now a change of hat. As Editor may I again ask you to submit articles for the newsletters. They do not have to be long. They do not have to be scholarly. All I ask that you share your experiences and family information.

Malcolm.

SECRETARY'S REFLECTIONS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

As we enter our fourth year as a Society, I can look back with great satisfaction on what we have achieved in that time and look forward further progressions.

During my time in office I have helped to compile the list of War Memorials in the area, with the help of other members of the Society; at the last count there were 133, and copies of these have been sent to the Imperial War Museum in London.

The work on the Name Index has gone ahead, from its inception to the present time, it now has, with the filing complete a total of 78,000 names; I will continue to work on this as suitable records come to hand.

I have been approached by Philip Riden of the Derbyshire Record Society to complete the Wingerworth Bishop's Transcripts to 1837, at present they go from 1645 to 1812. This has been done with the view of a joint publication with ourselves and the Record Society, at some future date.

Within our Society we are hoping to bring out our first publications, the Eckington Poor Rate 1826 will be one of these together with the previously mentioned Bishop's Transcripts. They will only be issued as they presently stand up to 1812, if produced by the Society alone. Several other items are still in the pipeline.

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PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

The Public Record Office is to publish a new book "Army Records for the Family Historian" at a purchase price of £4.75. This guide covers the period from the time of Elizabeth I to the Suez Crisis of 1956.

Also at the P.R.O. a new, revised edition of "Making use of the Census" has been published at a purchase price of £4.75.

Both the above books can be ordered through our librarian.

Gloucestershire F.H.S.

The Gloucestershire Family History Society are to publish a directory of Gloucestershire Family Surnames being researched. To qualify, a surname must have been associated with the pre-1974 County. No other county will be included.

If you have connections in this county please contact:-

Douglas Raybould, Chairman.,
Barnet Cottage,
Vention Lane,
Lower Lydbrook,
Gloucestershire. GL17 9RL.

- asking for a form. The last date for submission of entries is October 1st 1992.

HELP WANTED.

BRIDDON - Mary Briddon married David Sharratt on March 22nd 1819
Samuel Briddon married Elizabeth Pinch on
March 8th.1812.

Both marriages took place at Old Brampton. There were three families of Briddons in Old Brampton and others in Walton at the time of the two marriages.

Does anyone know who the parents of Mary and Samuel were - they may not be the same family.

If you can help please contact;- Mrs.Olive Wakefield,
6 Elmstead Road, Chelford, Macclesfield. SK11 9BS.

(mem.no.145)

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ECKINGTON - Eileen Dorr, 8 Church Street, Bingham,Notts.NG13 8AL
(mem.no.95), is wanting to buy old pictures and postcards of her ancestral "home"?

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FORRYMAN - Does anyone know of a Annie Forryman, born in 1883 at Kirby Muxloe, Leicester..... She lived at the "Beeches", New Whittington, 1925-1929. If so please write to Mike Forryman, 21 Blakesley Road, The Meadows, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 3WD. contd
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HELP WANTED continued..

GRAINGER, Richard - thought to have been born in Clay Cross about 1863/1864. also

HANCOCK, Sarah ---- thought to have been born in Hasland about 1862/1863.

Research shows there were several families of these names in Clay Cross and Hasland in the 1871 Census but no entries for either of the two above persons. They are known to have married and had children, being my Gt.Grandparents.

If anyone has or comes across any information on these two lost relatives will they please contact;-

John R.Grainger, North View, Galphay, Ripon,
North Yorkshire, HG4 3NJ. (mem.no.56)

THE YARDS. Chesterfield Town Centre.

If you look at a pre-1920 map of Chesterfield and in particular look at the Southern side of Low Pavement, you will notice many yards leading down towards the River Hipper.

It is thought that the land upon which these yards were built defines the boundaries of the mediaeval plots behind the properties on Low Pavement. They were private plots of land, having no right of public access. Where access did exist then the yard became a lane, as in the case of Wheeldon Lane leading from the Market area towards Boythorpe.

A Survey was made of Chesterfield in 1858 by Ward and Burman. From their report we would have seen the following yards from West to East;-

White Horse Inn Yard.
Bird in Hand Yard.
Froggatts Yard.
Bank Yard.
Peacock Yard.
Robinsons Yard. (at the bottom of Peacocks Yard)
Princes Court.
Wheeldon Lane.
Wilcocksons Yard.
Castle Yard.
Browns Yard.
Wordsworth Yard.
Daniels Yard.
Greaves Yard.
Three Tuns Yard.
Slacks Yard.
Theatre Yard.
and Falcon Yard

For a history of this area I would refer you to an article in the Derbyshire Times of December 25th 1964. page 16. contd...

THE YARDS continued..

These yards had a multitude of small houses built of local brick dating from the late 17th century to about 1800, a period of about 120 years.

By the early 1900's most had degenerated into slums. It is said that the Police did not patrol the area, other than in pairs; fights and brawls being a regular occurrence.

An examination of the 1891 Census shows most properties in the Yards had either 3 or 4 rooms, some had only 2. Family units were not large but numbers were increased where relatives lived together. There are significant numbers of lodgers and boarders in some houses one in particular in Castle Yard.

A random check on five yards is shown below:-

<u>NAME OF YARD</u>	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>No. of families.</u>	<u>No. of persons.</u>	<u>Boarders & lodgers.</u>	<u>Origin local-other</u>	
BROWNS	34	40	194	44	93	101
CASTLE	16	20	95	25	53	42
includes a)	10 people living in 3 rooms in one house which includes a family of five lodging there,					
b)	a four roomed house containing man, wife and their five year old grand daughter together with 11 male lodgers.					
THEATRE	3	3	15	none	5	10
includes	the eight members of the Everest family who ran the Everests Restaurant - later Bodens fish and chips - and now the Barnsley Building Society.					
WILCOCKSONS	5	5	25	none	19	6
WORDSWORTHS	14	16	64	22	30	34

N.B. The people counted in the local origins came from a 6 mile radius of Chesterfield.

The Yards were named after people in the cases of Brown, Greaves Robinson, Froggatt, Wilcockson, Slack and Wheeldon.

Theatre Yard as the name implies contained the Theatre, which probably dates back to 1486 when a reference to "Le Hall of Stage" was made.

The other yards are named after refreshment houses, otherwise known as Inns and Public houses.

The Yards were severed with the building of New Beetwell Street, the Railway Station on West Bars and the building of the Portland Hotel removed the two most westerly yards.

The development of The Pavement precinct struck the death knell. Fortunately, the frontages of Low Pavement were preserved and as you walk along and study these, you will see some of the entrances still exist their name plates still retained; more diligent study can place the others that were lost. M.P.

CAPTAIN CLAY'S or 8th. BATTALION COMPANY, SCARSDALE MILITIA 1809.

Since about 900 A.D., local men, able bodied and between the ages of 16 and 60 were liable for military service for local defence and occasionally further afield. The Muster Roll of the above Company, Scarsdale Militia 1809 is listed below. The original is located in the Chesterfield Local Studies Library and we acknowledge their permission to reproduce the document.

I have not checked, but it is normal to find these Muster Rolls entered in the Quarter Sessions Records.

Capt. W. Clay. Lieut. S. Smith. Lieut. Beeley (Beeby).
Ensign.....*

Sgts. Moore.	Corpls. Lee.	Drumrs. Slack.
Cutts.	Short.	Folds.
Dawson.	Warren.	
Hopkinson.	Marples.	
.....	Childs.	
Jno. Allwood.	Josh. Hopkin.	Jno. Parker.
Jno. Bennett Jnr.	Wm. Hudson.	Josh. Roberts.
Jno. Barlow.	Saml. Hutchinson.	Jno. Rodgers.
Jno. Broad.	Jno. Hunt.	Saml. Redfurn.
Jas. Barlow.	Wm. Harcott.	Wm. Rodgers Snr
Josh. Beresford.	Jno. Hallam.	Wm. Rodgers Jnr
Jno. Bennett Snr.	Saml. Jackson.	Frans Shacklock.
Thos. Beresford.	Jno. Jenkins.	Godfy Shacklock.
Wm. Bartholomew.	Josh. Jenkins.	Jno. Slaney.
Jno. Cutts.	Godfy Jarvis.	Jas. Slaney.
Richd Cook.	Jno. Jarvis.	Frans Shaw.
Edw. Cocking.	Wm. Jarvis.	Wm. Siddall.
Wm. Cestearne.	Sampn Johnson	Geo. Shaw.
Geo. Crokes.	Wm. Lievesley Snr.	Geo. Turton.
Wm. Cowp.	Wm. Lievesley Jnr.	Saml. Twigg.
Mathw. Cutts.	Wm. Michell.	Wm. Taylor.
Wm. Coe.	Geo. Machant.	Thos. Unwin.
Josh. Drable.	Jno. Michell.	Josh. Wilson.
Thos. Dean.	Jno. Middleton.	Jno. Wild.
Geo. Drable.	Geo. Middleton.	Jas. Whitaker.
Thos. Fidler.	Wm. Marson.	Thos. Wingfield.
Jno. Fisher.	Jno. Moore.	Thos. Wood.
Chls. Franklin.	Jno. Mellors.	Wm. Wheelhouse.
Jno. Girdham.	Geo. Marriott.	Thos. Walker.
Jno. Glossop.	Jas. Marshall.	Chls. Watts.
Geo. Gascoigne.	Robt. Newton.	Thos. Yeomans.
Simn. Goodwin.	Josh. Neal.	
Wm. Goodwin.	Jno. Oakes.	

	Total	Captains.	Subaltorns.	Sarjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Privates
Effective.	1	2	4	5	2	82	
Wanting to complete.	-	1	1	-	-	16	
Total Establishment	1	3	5	5	2	98	

CENSUS 1891 Continued..

2771	4D	ditto	Ford. Ridgeway. Holbrook. Moorhole. Bramley. Eale Hill. Troway.
2772	5	Dronfield.	Barlow. Barlow Common. Coal Aston. Dronfield. Stabley. Stubbley? Cowley. Dronfield Woodhouse. Holmesfield. Cartledge. Horsley Gate. Millthorpe. Unstone. Apperknowle.

A street index has been prepared which covers the immediate area around Chesterfield:-

Chesterfield, Calow, Brampton, Brimington, Hasland, (including Grassmoor), Newbold and Dunston, Tapton, Walton and Whittington.
Please remember that what was a district in 1891 will not be the same today. Brampton for instance includes today's terms, Brampton, Old Brampton, Wigley, Wadshelf, Pratt Hall, Cutthorpe, Chander Hill, Brookside and Holymoorside.

I shall be pleased to carry out a search in any of the places listed on the Registration Districts under a specific street reference for out of town members. Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope and details of address and family names.

May I also mention that a donation to help offset the cost of the Census purchase would be appreciated.

At the moment Chesterfield Local studies do not have this census. The nearest library source is at Matlock. If you make the journey there it costs either petrol or bus fare!

Malcolm.

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