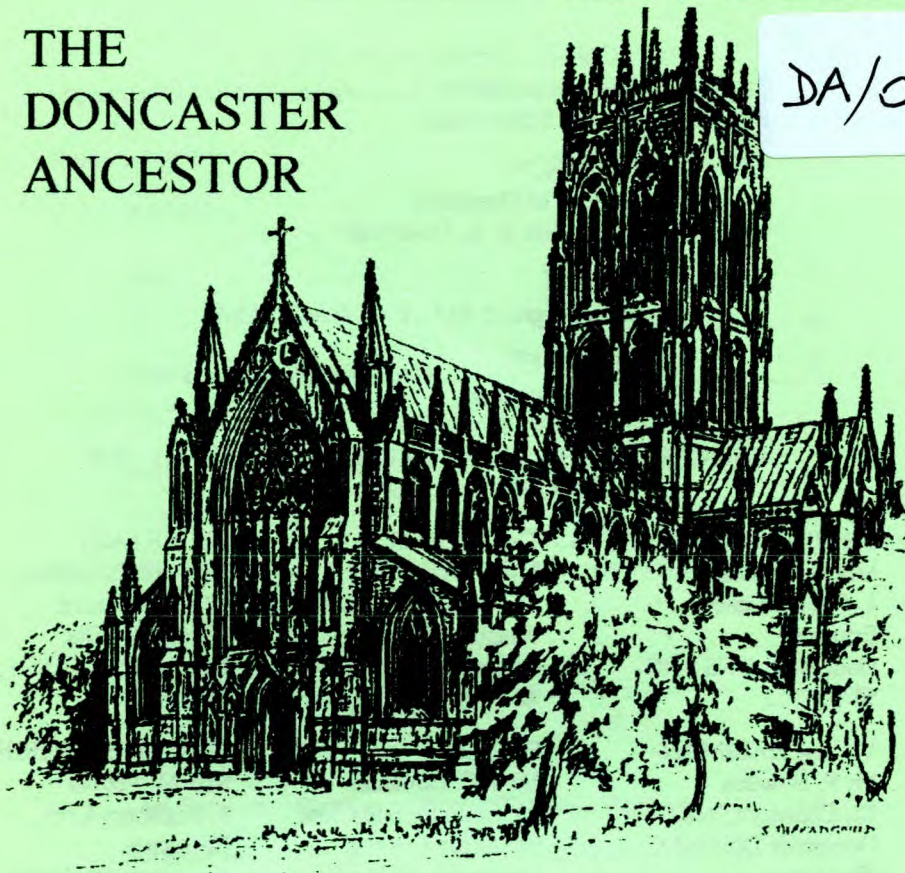


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## Editorial No 51

Welcome to the Spring edition of the 'Doncaster Ancestor'.

At our A.G.M. there were changes to the Committee. Current post holders, together with useful Society contacts are shown on the cover of the journal. Also included are the highlights from our Chairman's A.G.M. address.

Dave Broughton has volunteered to be our 'Strays Co-ordinator'. We hope to include 'strays' in the journal, in future.

Gwen Jennings and Ray Boote have joined the Editorial team and are jointly responsible for the preparation of this edition.

Renée Ounsley, Linda Peabody and Dr Brian Barber have written articles and we continue our series on the 'History of the Doncaster F.H.S.'

Membership stood at over 500 as at 31st December 1997. This is the highest it has ever reached.

Stan Threadgould continues his walks around our local churchyards and historical buildings. Today he visits Christ Church\* Doncaster.

Now I must apologise to two members where their Members' Interests identification numbers were transposed, thus creating confusion. These have been corrected inside today's edition. Apologies once again for all concerned.

Finally advance notice that the Editorial team will produce a *special souvenir edition* of the 'Doncaster Ancestor' in Edition No 61 (Volume 11 Number 1 September 2000).

This edition will not only help to commemorate the MILLENNIUM but also mark the 21st Anniversary of the month Derek Palgrave and the Reverend Tim Macquiban used National Archive week to establish our F.H.S.

Terry Bowman  
Editor

### **\*Christ Church Doncaster**

By 1827 the parish church of St George no longer could accommodate the growing population of Doncaster, so in that year an Act was passed to erect a new church. Work began that year and Christ Church was completed in 1829. The chancel was enlarged in the 1850s and the spire was redesigned earlier this century. The first baptism took place in 1846, burial in 1847 and marriages began in 1848.

# DONCASTER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

## DONCASTER PROGRAMME 1998

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Jan 15th	Sheffield Family History Centre	Wilfred Blount
Feb 19th	A.G.M. and a Short Talk	Gwen Jennings
Mar 19th	Quaker Sources for Family History	Norma Neil
Apr 16th	Workshop and Resources Evening	
May 21st	Fact, Fiction and a Foundling	Pauline Litton
Jun 18th	Kith & Kin: The Importance of the Godparents	George Redmond
Jul 6th	The Parish Chest	Maureen Hambrecht
Aug	No Meeting	
Sep 17th	Workshop and Resources Evening	
Oct 15th	Family History in Focus	Eric Houlder
Oct 31st	Family History Day at Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf	
Nov 19th	Looking for a Black Sheep	Lynda Hotchkiss
December	Xmas Social	Venue to be announced

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month  
(except August)  
at the Central Library, Waterdale, Doncaster  
(Reference Section)  
commencing at 7.00 unless otherwise stated

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 1998 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

It is with great pleasure, that I am able to report, that 1997 was a year of excellent progress by the Society. I have no doubt at all, that we have met, and indeed surpassed the requirements of our Constitution. Membership as at 31st December 1997 stood at over 500, which is the highest ever.

We have held ten meetings over the past year, with some excellent speakers. Every one of those meetings were very well attended by our members, with an average of 60 at each meeting. Next years programme has already been very efficiently arranged for us, by Margaret Frost, and this promises to be another year of very interesting meetings. The programmes for both the Snaith Branch and Doncaster, were published in the Winter edition of our magazine 'The Doncaster Ancestor'.

1997 saw two more trips to London with the first taking place in April and due to requests from several members, a further trip was arranged for September. Both of these trips were fully booked as is the one for this year, which has yet again been arranged for us by Mr Philip Pleace. Thank you Phil.

The venue of our Annual Day School on November 8th was moved to the 'Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf'. This proved to be a very popular decision, as it was our most successful yet, with 140 people attending. Several letters and phone calls of congratulations and thanks were received in the days following - all of which were appreciated by the members who had worked so hard to make it a success.

On the projects and publications side of things - volumes 43 to 50 of the 1851 census index, were completed and published in the first six months of 1997 - mainly by Paul Morgan and his helpers. This has resulted in it being another busy year indeed for Margaret Pepper who receives and processes all of the orders for our publications. Six hundred and forty three volumes of the 1851 census and two hundred and twenty seven sets of microfiched M.I.s were sent out by post. Our branch at Snaith, has also been busy, with the publication of the M.I.s for all three of Carlton Juxta Snaith burial grounds. Even though there are only a few of them, all members have worked very hard and with great enthusiasm.

During the summer, the bookstall, and our publications, were taken by volunteers to events at Stockport, Grassington, New Earswick, York and the Isle of Axholme. An exhibition was carefully prepared and manned by Wyn Bulmer and was held right here, in the Doncaster Library in October. In addition to being our Membership Secretary, Ray Boote has continued to work on the 1891 census on his database and has now completed a large proportion of our area.

## WHAT A COINCIDENCE !

As I was busy dishing up the evening meal for the family I received a telephone call from a member of the Snaith Heritage Society.

He requested my help for a lady who had called on him asking about ancestors by the name of **Rogers, Newman and Shutwell**. When he told me the names, I immediately recognised them as those which I had looked up for a lady about two years ago.

I told him that I had given her all the information that I had collected. A few moments later, the lady spoke to me and I realised it was not the person I had already done work for originally. This lady was Australian. I told her I had quite a bit of information and that I would contact her later in the evening when I had collated it all. She informed me she was staying at the Plough Inn which is where one of her ancestors was the licensee.

In the meantime, I rang Mrs Thompson - the lady who had just contacted me who lived in Taunton Somerset, explaining the situation and asking if she agreed that the Australian lady be given her address. She agreed and also rang the Plough Inn to speak to her.

During the evening, I gave the Australian lady the details she required and told her that a book on Snaith was available from the post office in Snaith. She had already purchased one and I explained to her that on the cover was a picture of the Plough Inn and also, just across the road was shown the butcher's shop where another of her ancestors had lived. She thanked me and told me she was setting off the next day for Edinburgh and had arranged to meet her new-found relative in Taunton on her return.

They had also discovered a Canadian connection between them.

Next morning, whilst shopping in Snaith, I noticed a man and woman peering over the wall into the churchyard. I decided it could be the Australian couple, I went across and said "Excuse me, are you Australian by any chance?" They looked most surprised and said "Yes, but how did you know?" I held out my hand and said "I'm Renée". "I'm Sheila" said she. Now it was my turn to look surprised. Funny, I thought, I'm sure she said she was Mary last night. I decided however I must be mistaken.

I proceeded to point out a grave of Shutwell in the churchyard, adding that I had been unable to find any Rogers. They said they were only interested in Rogers, but I suggested they look at Shutwell in case they found the connection later. They agreed and I pointed out several places of interest such as the old prisons, the clog sole factory (now a brewery) Cowick Hall etc. etc. and asked when they were setting off for Edinburgh. They looked decidedly vacant saying "We are going to Whitley Bay". "Oh you changed your mind" said I. "No" said they. But last night you said "-----" I began. Seeing two blank faces I

said "Didn't you stay at the Plough last night?" "No we stayed in Sheffield with the Rogers. We've just arrived to look for any clues and then we're off to Whitley Bay".

We all had a good laugh when I explained the situation. We could not believe the coincidence - All after the same people.

To crown everything, as I passed the post office I noticed the book on Snaith now had a different cover, so I ended up copying my book cover and sending the copy to Australia.

Next time I see someone peeping over the church wall I shall not play the Samaritan, but pass by on the other side.

Renèe Ounsley - Snaith

### **Snaith Poor Law Assessment**

A document dated 1823 in the Doncaster Archives is headed 'An Assessment for the Relief of the Poor of Snaith.' Paupers were either 'cared for' in the workhouse, or were given 'out-relief' in their homes. This had to be paid for, and every one who owned a house or land was assessed, and a rate of payment was set each year. We cannot use these documents to add to our family tree, but we can find out more about the people already found there.

Quite a few people, such as JOHN BEAN & JOHN SIDDALL were assessed for a house at £1 10s, and paid 1/6d Poor Rate. This was probably a small cottage. The highest assessments were for Wm. HANKS - £233 15s 11d and 'Yarburgh Esq' - £222 5s 11d. The rest of the 112 names were somewhere between. Could they have been your ancestors?

C.M. Hambrecht

*A transcription of the above document can be obtained by sending an SAE to:-  
Miss C.M. Hambrecht, 30 Hawke Road, Wheatley, Doncaster DN2 4DT*

#### **PLACE-NAMES**

#### **Snaith**

'Sneith' from the Viking language: thought to mean

'Piece of land cut off'

Found as 'Esneid' in the Domesday Book.

## **DONCASTER ARCHIVES AND FAMILY HISTORY**

### **Looking Back Over the First Quarter Century, 1973-1998**

In the autumn of this year Doncaster Archives celebrates its twenty-fifth birthday. In 1973 the council appointed its first professional archivist, anticipating the reorganisation of local government which was to happen in the following year. He was Mr R.B. Steward, originally a native of Doncaster. He held the post until 1977, doing much of the essential spade-work which setting up a service from scratch involves. After more than a decade working in Northumberland, Bob is now the archivist to the Scottish Highlands Council.

More readers of the *Doncaster Ancestor* may remember his successor, Mr, now Rev. Tim Alexander Macquiban. His name appears in every edition of the *Ancestor*, listed as the Society's only Life Member. His great contribution was the appointment of Doncaster Archives as the Diocesan Record Office for the Archdeaconry of Doncaster in 1979. In consequence, the department became eligible to take into safekeeping the archives from some seven-dozen Anglican small parish churches in an area which extends from Tickhill in the south to Hook in the north and from Hatfield in the east to Wentworth in the west. So next year we shall be celebrating a second anniversary, twenty years of Doncaster Archives as a diocesan record office.

By the time Tim left Doncaster in 1984, he had completed the mammoth task of surveying, taking in and cataloguing the great majority of the historic records of the parishes in the Doncaster Archdeaconry. He was also responsible for another great innovation, the use of a group of people in a STEP, or special temporary employment programme, to transcribe and index the registers as they came into the department.

Unfortunately, the STEP scheme lapsed before all the work it could have done was completed. Fortunately, there have been a number of dedicated individuals who have volunteered to continue the work of indexing and transcription. The department is very grateful indeed for all their hard work. Several transcribers of parish registers have been following the guidelines produced by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society and their work has consequently been accepted for publication by the YAS in its Yorkshire parish register series, which is bought by libraries all over the world. The parish register for Owston was published in 1993, Wadworth is the subject of the volume for 1997, and both Arksey and Tickhill are in line for publication early in the new century.

The continuing enthusiasm of our parish register indexers means that there are now only five ancient parishes whose registers are not completely indexed up to the early nineteenth century. However, there is still much valuable work to be

done in this direction: we are always keen to welcome new volunteers! One group, the New Beginnings Group, have devoted their attention not to parish registers, but to indexing the registers of deaths kept by the Doncaster borough Medical Officer of Health from 1875.

In all, Doncaster Archives now holds the records of eighty-five parishes. This includes all the pre-nineteenth century parishes, with two exceptions. The records of Thorne remain in the parish church, and those of Bolton-upon-Dearne remain at Sheffield Archives, where they were deposited many years ago. However, the department holds transcripts of most of the registers of both parishes.

Taking the written heritage of the Doncaster area into safekeeping is a continuing task. On average, one deposit a week comes through our doors in King Edward Road, and some of the deposits are very large indeed. Looking ahead for a moment, the spring of 1998 will see us giving a permanent home to the archives of the Battie-Wrightson family of Cusworth, comprising well over a hundred boxes of deeds, correspondence, plans, accounts, and estate papers dating from the twelfth to the twentieth century.

Parish records continue to come to us in substantial quantities. Some new arrivals are 'new' parishes. After years of hesitation, Darfield, a large parish with registers beginning in 1628, decided to deposit its parish records early in 1994. There has also been a small stream of recently-created parishes taking advantage of our service. Amongst these are Denaby Main, dating from the 1890s, and Thorne, Moorends, which developed from mission church to parish alongside the new colliery from the early years of this century. Its archives include the material relating to the history of the community carefully collected by the vicar.

Parishes which have previously brought in records for preservation continue to add to their original deposit. Sometimes, these are newly-discovered records. One of the very best discoveries of recent years was a substantial quantity of eighteenth century poor relief records at Rawcliffe, following the arrival of a new incumbent. Then again, with the passage of time, records which it was once necessary for the parish to retain cease to be needed.

The 'active' life of some records can be very long indeed. Because so much of the Doncaster area remains rural and sparsely populated - not the image of South Yorkshire which many from outside the area will have - registers sometimes remain in use for considerable periods. So, in recent years, we have received marriage registers from Hooton Pagnell and from Airmyn, both of which had remained in use for some one hundred and fifty years since they were newly provided in 1837. So despite nearly two decades of work, the range of

parish records, in terms of both type and age, continues to be very great. Record offices everywhere have recurring problems of accommodation, as the quantity of records in archive departments continues to expand all the while. Doncaster Archives has moved a number of times over the last quarter of a century, and it was not until 1983 that it found a site in King Edward Road, Balby which, with two larger former school buildings, was large enough to cater for its needs for the present and foreseeable future.

Because we are out of the town centre, some people think we are hidden away. Yet the number of our readers goes up year after year and has grown by thirty percent since 1990 alone. We now have an average of over 11 readers a day. Since our reading room has space for only 12 readers, and a lot less if someone wants to use a large document or map, we now ask readers to tell us if they intend to come, so that we can be sure to have a seat for them when they arrive.

But we hope that we are making family historians as welcome as they would wish. And, indeed, that we are encouraging new ones. For those who want to know about how to start out, we have now published a Family History Starter Pack. You can find it at your local library, price £1.50. Buy now while stocks last.

Brian Barber, Doncaster Archives

### **Found in Doncaster Health Authority Registers**

JAMES GRANT - date of death 11 September 1910 aged 41.

In the column "cause of death" was an entry as follows:-

*'Dislocation of Neck & Pneumonia resulting from an accidental fall after being ejected from licensed premises.'*

Upon further investigation from the newspaper and inquest report, I found that he had been thrown out of the 'Leopard Inn' for being drunk & disorderly. The jury decided that the landlord had acted lawfully. However not every one agreed. A letter was sent to Winston Churchill from the National Amalgamated Union of Labour, requesting his help in reopening the inquest. Reason: several members of the jury were licensed victuallers, so would naturally be sympathetic towards the landlord in this case.

Unfortunately I did not have time to see if the inquest was ever reopened.

Gwen Jennings

**A FAVOURITE INSCRIPTION**  
(found whilst on holiday in Canada)



**A Faithful Servant**

The following inscription comes from Bawtry churchyard -

“Sacred to the memory of John Young who after a short affliction exchanged this mortal state on the 16th day of October 1821 in the 60th year of his age and in the 40th year of servitude to the Dowager Lady Galway. He was a valuable servant and it is due to his memory to record that he ever exhibited punctuality fidelity and integrity in discharging the duties incumbent on his station”

However, it was his nephew, and *not* the Lady Galway, who erected the stone.

## DEATH by PLAGUE

Most people have heard of the Great Plague which devastated London in 1665, and the "Plague village" of Eyam in Derbyshire has each year thousands of visitors, who gaze in awe at the number of 'plague burials' in the Parish Register. However, the Registers of our own district can tell a similar story, as that plague was not an isolated incident, serious outbreaks having recurred throughout the centuries.

The earliest of these local references is in the Cantley register, where 12 persons died in August and September 1551, compared with only nine during the remaining ten months. A note states - "Thes died upon the greate sweate wich was then in England"

A more serious epidemic occurred in 1582 - 3, probably brought to the area by a William Monkton of Thirsk, who, according to the Arksey register, "died of the plague on the Queen's highway in Amersall". The plague spread throughout the parish until the end of the following year, carrying off 51 of its inhabitants - a sizeable portion of the population. It rapidly reached Doncaster, and continued there from September 1582 to December 1583, during which time it killed 747 people. Their burial entries are prefixed with a 'P', - some pages in the register containing few unmarked entries. Other surrounding villages also suffered - Wadworth, for example, lost 27 people to the plague in three months, Cantley losing 36 in the same period. We do not know where these people were buried, as this was before tombstones were used, but we do know that, in later outbreaks, victims were buried in a common grave or "plague pit"

Further epidemics, plagues, outbreaks of cholera, etc. continued to plague Britain until well into the nineteenth century, until public health and sanitation acts improved the living conditions of the people.

So we read about the plagues, and they seem merely an episode in history. But, remember, your ancestors were either killed by them, or had to live through them, and witness, and perhaps experience within their own families, the misery and suffering that they caused !

C. M. Hambrecht

Details from "Parish Gleanings" by Leslie Smith,

Published by DDFHS and available from:-

Mrs M. Pepper, Postal Secretary (See inside front cover) price £3.25 (inc. P&P)

## LOST BAPTISM, MARRIAGE or BURIAL??

We all have these gaps in our family trees - we believe we have looked everywhere, considered every possibility. The lost baptism; was he/she a foundling? Did the marriage ever take place? Was he/she drowned and the body never recovered and so there was no burial? So many options.

There is one other place you might like to try, that many of us have not thought of - **Quaker Records**.

The Archives at King Edward Road, Balby, have on film some Quaker records ref. DZMZ45/1. The originals are held at the Public Record Office ref. RG6/152. These consist of the monthly meetings held at Balby, Woodhouse, Sheffield, Thorne, Fishlake and Rawcliffe. The records for Balby are:- *Births 1646 - 1837, Marriages 1655 - 1794, Burials 1660 - 1837*. The other monthly meetings have records for a similar time span.

The earliest marriage entry I found in the Balby Meeting for this area was:-

*'Alexander Samson of East Retford Nottinghamshire and Mary Aldham daughter of Thomas Aldham of Warmsworth deceased by and with the consent of Friends and Relations took each other in marriage ye 25th day of ye second Month 1665'*

A little more information is given here, than in the parish registers. By 1697 even more.

*'John Clarke son of Joseph Clark of Rawmarsh in ye county of York and Emme Beaumont daughter of George Beaumont of Fenwick in ye said County with ye Approbation of Friends and consent of Relations took each other in Marriage in a public Assembly of Ye Lords People assembled in ye house of Richard Cook in Sykehouse upon ye 16th day of ye 9th month 1697'*

Note that the fathers name of both parties is now given and the name of the person in who's house the marriage took place. Valuable information especially for the 17th and 18th century.

However the best is yet to come - by the 1780s the entries for marriage were witnessed by around 40 people plus up to 24 relations. From the relatives listed, nice little family groups can be formed.

*'James Brady of Thorne in the County of York Carpenter son of Thomas Brady of the same place Yeoman deceased and Martha his wife surviving and Sarah Johnson daughter of Godfrey Johnson of Hickleton in the said County Yeoman deceased and Mary his wife surviving.*

*Having declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage before several meetings of the people called Quakers in the County of York aforesaid the Proceedings of the said James Brady and Sarah Johnson after due enquiry and deliberate Consideration thereof were allowed by the said Meetings they appearing clear of all others and having consent of their parents and relations concerned. Now these are to certify all whom it may concern that for the*

*accomplishing of their said Marriage this 8th Day of the Seventh Month called July in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Five they the said James Brady and Sarah Johnson appeared at publick Assembly of the aforesaid People and Others in their Meeting House in Thorne in the aforesaid County of York and he the said James Brady taking the said Sarah Johnson by the hand did openly and solemnly declare as followeth "Friends in the fear of the Lord and before this Assembly, I take this my friend Sarah Johnson to be my wife promising through Divine Assistance to be unto her Loving and faithfull husband until it shall please the Lord by Death to separate us" or words to that effect. Sarah Johnson taking James Brady by the hand did openly and solemnly declare as followeth . . . . ' Sarah then made a similar response. The couple sign their names.*

Also recorded are the names of 33 friends and 16 relations.

Note that in the Quaker religion women were not asked to honour and obey. Did their menfolk regard women in higher esteem than their contemporaries?

A lot of the births are in book form, while others appear as certificates, one such is:-

*'On the Twenty Fourth Day of the Twelfth month called December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Three was born at Doncaster in the Parish of Doncaster aforesaid in the County of York unto **Richard Cockin Breeches Maker and Deborah** his wife a daughter who was named Deborah. We who were present at the said birth have subscribed our names as witness thereof.*

*Frans. Caley Jnr., Ruth Smith, Martha Smith.*

*A true copy Timothy Clark Register at Balby Monthly Meeting.*

Some of these certificates have notations on them, 'The parents not in Unity' 'The mother not in Society with us' (I wonder who won the argument as to which church they attended)

The burials are again in book form but there are also certificates.

*To Henry Cooper - Grave Maker*

*The Twenty Second Day of the 6th Month 1790, Make a grave on or before next Fifth Day in Friends burying Ground at Warmsworth and therein lie the body of **Ann Clark**, wife of Timothy Clark of Doncaster in the County of York Grocer aged about thirty and Eight Years who died on the Twentieth Day of the Sixth Month called June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety.*

*signed William Smith*

*The body above mentioned was buried the Twenty fourth Day of the Sixth Month called June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety.*

*Witness Henry Cooper Grave Maker*

*A true copy Timothy Clark Register to Balby Monthly Meeting.*

**Linda Peabody** 22 Horsehills Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3NG

## Surnames taken from Quaker Records.

ALDHAM, ARNOLD, ASHTON, ATKINSON, BACKHOUSE, BAILEY, BAILIFF, BALDERSTONE, BARNELY, BARTON, BATLEY, BEAUMONT, BELL, BENT, BETTABY, BIGLEY, BINNS, BLADWORTH, BOOTHBY, BOWLAND, BOX, BRADFORD, BRADY, BROADBENT, BROADHEAD, BROADLEY, BROOK, BROUGHTON, BROWN, BULLIVANT, BUNTINE, BURDON, BURGESS, BURNLEY, BURR, BURTON, BUTTERY, CARBUTT, CASSON, CHAYTOR, CHESHIRE, CHESMAN, CLARK, COCKSHOTT, COLLIER, COOK/E, COOPER, COPELAND, CORNWELL, CRABTREE, CRAW SAY, CROOKS, CUTFORTH, CUTTS, DARBY, DAVIS, DAIVSON, DAWNEY, DEARMAN, DECOW, DENT, DICKINSON, DOUBLEDAY, ECROYD, EL DIN, ELLIS, ELLISON, ENGLISH, FARR, FINGLAH, FISH, FISHER, FOSTER, FOWLER, FRANKLAND, FRIER, FRINKLEY, GHEST, GILDERDALE, GODFREY, GOODAIRE, GOODWIN, GREAVES, GREEN, HAGUE, HALIFAX, HARLAND, HASLEHURST, HATFIELD, HAWKESWORTH, HEMBROUGH, HICK, HIGGINS, HILL, HOBSON, HOLLINGS, HOWBURN, HOWSON, HUITSON, HURST, JACKSON, JESSOP, JOHNSON, KAY, KELLAM, KNOLS, LAMBERT, LANGLEY, LAW, LAWRENCE, LEE, MAPPLEBECK, MARSHALL, MARTINDALE, MAULAM, MEXBER, MIDDLEBROOK, MIDFORD, MORLE, MOULSON, MUSGRAVE, PACEY, PARKER, PARKIN, PARNELL, PARRAT, PAYNE, PEARSON, PEASE, PENBERTON, PERKIN, PETTY, PEYES, PRIEST, PRIESTLEY, PRIESTMAN, RAMSCALL, RANBY, READ, RHODES, RICHARDSON, ROBSON, ROBUCK, SAMSON, SANDERSON, SEATON, SENIOR, SHILLITO, SHORE, SMITH, SOPWITH, SPOWOLD, SPENCER, STACY, STANNILAND, SUTTON, SWINDEN, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, THORPE, TOOTEL, TOPCLIFF, TRICKET, WADE, WALKER, WARD, WATKINSON, WATSON, WATT, WEST, WESTERDALE, WHITESIDE, WILLIAMS, WILLIAMSON, WILSON, WINN/WYNN, WOMERSLEY, WOODHOUSE and WRIGHT.

If any of these names are yours, have a look at the Quaker records; you could find the entry that you have missing.



## STRAYS

A stray is a recorded event in which a person is described in a record, as being from a place outside the area in which they normally lived.

The most frequent types of strays are marriage and census records. But poor law records, death and burial records, monumental inscriptions and baptisms are all useful sources in which to find strays.

### **Found in Parish Records and M.L.s of St Giles Church Pontefract**

*(entries are of this parish unless stated)*

#### **Marriages**

27 Sep 1790 by Banns THOMAS WATSON of Snaith - MARGARET VAUX  
witnessed by:- Thos. Roebuck & Elizabeth Watson

28 Nov 1791 by Banns GEORGE HOPKINSON of Campsall - ANN CLARKE (X)  
witnessed by:- James Moody & Thos. Hopkinson

22 Jul 1793 by Banns ANDREW BATTY of Arksey - CATHERINE GAGGS  
witnessed by:- John Brown & Mark Beavers

14 Jun 1796 by Lic. DAVID JUSTICE of Snaith - ANN BARFF  
witnessed by:- John Ash & George Pease

4 Dec 1800 by Lic. THOMAS FARAM of Fishlake - SUSANNAH WALKER (X)  
witnessed by:- John Brice & Eliza Brice

7 Apr 1801 by Banns WILLIAM STEPHENSON of Snaith - ELIZABETH HUDSON  
witnessed by George Cullingworth, Mary Morris & Eliza Askam

9 Aug 1801 by Banns RICHARD EXLEY of Snaith - LUCY GREEN  
witnessed by Joseph Bowman & George Exley

8 Jun 1802 by Licence ANDREW GILL of Barnburgh - HANNAH BROWN (X)  
witnessed by Joseph Robertshaw & John Loadsman

20 Jun 1803 by Banns GEORGE HALL of Fishlake - ELIZABETH BLACKBURN  
witnessed by Saml. Marshall & Ann Linton

5 Jul 1803 by Licence WILLIAM AUCLAND of Doncaster- MARY TATTERSELL  
witnessed by Mary Buckle & John Daniel

3 Jan 1804 by Licence CHARLES BAILEY of Doncaster - MARTHA MELLAR (X)  
witnessed by George Attley & Sarah Hunt

24 July 1804 by Banns GEORGE CARR (X) of Snaith - ANN LINTON  
witnessed by John Carr & James Johnson

30 Sep 1804 by Lic. JOHN HIGGINS of Campsall - HANNAH MORLEY  
witnessed by John Morley & Thos. Moore

15 Jan 1805 by Lic. JOSEPH ROBERTS jr. of Campsall - SARAH TAYLOR  
witnessed by Sarah Haywood, Eliza Hudson & James Roberts

11 May 1805 by Lic. JOHN BRAMHAM of Pontefract - ANN LODGE (X)  
of Snaith  
witnessed by Saml. Marshall & Thos. Moore

23 Dec 1806 by Lic. GEORGE WATSON of Hatfield - PATIENCE DEALTRY  
witnessed by Catherine Standidge, James Dealtry sr., Ann Dealtry & Rob't  
Standidge Jr.

1 Nov 1808 by Banns JOSEPH THORP of Snaith - ELIZABETH PILKINGTON (X)  
witnessed by Ann Taylor & Mary Marshall

7 Nov 1808 by Banns FRANCIS DENTON otp - MARY WHITEHEAD (X) of Darfield  
witnessed by Thos. Fryer & Catherine Black

19 Sep 1809 by Lic. STEPHEN TRAVIS of Doncaster - ELIZABETH HARE (X)  
witnessed by Mary Brown & Henry Brown

28 Apr 1812 by Banns JAMES PICKMAN of Thorne - ELIZABETH BOX  
witnessed by John Pickman & David Wright

7 Sep 1812 by Lic. WILLIAM HORNCastle of Doncaster - ANN MILTHORP  
witnessed by Benjamin Milthorp & Mary Milthorp

28 Dec 1812 by Banns RICHARD WOOD (X) of Snaith - MARY BRIGGS  
witnessed by Joseph Wood & Willm. Manser

10 Oct 1814 by Lic. THOMAS BRAMLEY of Snaith - MARIA MILNER\*  
witnessed by Mary Hart & John Cropland

3 Feb 1817 by Lic. CHRISTOPHER CARR of Campsall - LOUISA LAZENBY FOX  
witnessed by Mary Purslove & Edwd. Trueman

*If you find any 'strays' belonging to the area covered by DDFHS, would you kindly send them to our new Strays Co Ordinator - Dave Broughton (See back page for address).*

Dave is gradually building up a database of 'strays' and hopefully this will be available for our members later in the year.

A national strays index is also manned by the Federation of Family History Societies. This is not open to individual enquiries, but collections have been published on microfiche. These are available from the Federation for £6 sterling +50p toward U.K. postage and packing and £1 overseas.

A copy is also available in the Miscellaneous Microfiche Library, which is available on loan to members. Contact:- Geoff Letten (See back cover)

*\*Signed MILLER*

## **The History of the Doncaster F.H.S. Part VI 1985 - 1986**

Our story continues:-

1985

The A.G.M. saw very little change to our Officials.

I took over as Editor (the third post holder) and Dr Brian Barber replaced Tim Macquiban on the Committee with Peter Bowden taking over from Stan Threadgould.

Our Annual Exhibition was held in October 1985 at the Central Library, Waterdale, the theme was 'House and Home Activities.'

We were finally approved as a Registered Charity with effect from 12th March 1985 and our official membership number is 516226.

The number of 1851 Census Index booklets had really taken off, by June, Volumes 1 to 11 had been published.

Joan Grundy had typed 2,000 names on the M.I. master index (only 18,000 to go)

Later in the year, the mammoth Doncaster 1851 Census Index comprising 12,047 names and 18 enumeration districts was published in three volumes.

Joan Grundy who had typed all the Doncaster Ancestors from 1980 - 1985 handed over to Margaret Bloor who commenced typing with Volume 3 number 1 in 1986. We also said goodbye to the Ven. Ian Harland the Archdeacon of Doncaster. He was replaced by the Ven. Desmond Carnelley who kindly accepted our offer to be Vice Patron.

On 2nd November 1985 our Open Day was held once again at the Museum and Art Gallery. The theme was 'House & Home'.

Speakers were:-

J.D.A. Widdowson on History & Tradition

D.J.H. Michelmore on Life in a Medieval House

George Redmonds on Property Records

Alison V. Morrish on Victorian Kitchens & Bathrooms

1986

At our AGM Margaret Bloor and Dot Skelley joined the Committee and Marjorie Robson stood down leaving the total number on the Committee at 15.

As usual a programme of nine lectures plus a social evening in December was arranged. We also held our Annual Exhibition in the Central Library, Waterdale between 20th to 31st October 1986. This year the theme was 'The Parish Chest'.

Our Open Day was held on 8th November 1986 at the Museum & Art Gallery

Speakers Were:-

Elizabeth Simpson on Pauper Records

Dr Malcolm Smith on Surnames & Social Structure

Dr Colin Rogers on Tithes & Documents

Eileen Simpson on Unusual Unexpected Items in the Parish Chest.

We had by now published No 20 Hatfield in the 1851 Census Index series.

Joan Grundy wrote the M.I.s are almost finished.

Walter & Margaret Pepper handed over the Bockstall due to Walter's failing health.

In addition to our programmes Peter Bowden had arranged for 18 members to tour the Mansion House on 17th July 1986.

Membership reached the 200 mark, many of whom were busy working on indexes and transcribing or checking the various Census, M.I.s or Settlement indexes.

Linda Peabody had almost completed the Marriage Index for the Archdeaconry of Doncaster from 1754 - 1837.

Sonja Leetham offered to do short searches for members at the Warwickshire County Record Office close, then, to her home in Snitterfield, Stratford - on - Avon\*

So ended a hectic two years.

In Part V - - - - Derek & Pam Palgrave appear on Channel 4 T.V. Due to the redevelopment of the Central Library our exhibition moves to Cusworth Hall. The £1 note is replaced by a coin, and major changes take place in the Society. Part V 1987-1988 will appear in the Summer edition of the Doncaster Ancestor, i.e. Volume 9 issue number 4.

Terry Bowman

\*Sonja has since moved and lives on 'The Broads' down in Norfolk.

### Aunt Eva

My Aunt Eva (Eva Sherburn, neè Jagger) is almost 102 years old. On her 100th\* birthday she received a telegram from 'the Queen' and also one from the Secretary of State.

How old will she be when 'The Queen' sends her next, and subsequent annual telegrams?

Editor

\*19th July 1996

## **YORKSHIRE CONSORTIUM of FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES**

Quarter Sessions Records were the theme for the London Group's meeting on 29th November.

Future Programme for 1998:

7 March	"Tykes who stayed put: Distinctive Yorkshire Surnames"	David Hey
13 June	"Using Marriage Records"	Pauline Litton
19 September	"Emily of the Short Petticoat"	Anne Batchelor
28 November	"Remote Research"	Audrey Collins

The above meetings will be held on Saturday mornings at the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1.

Members of all Yorkshire FHSs are welcome to attend.

For further details contact the Secretary:

Mrs E Craig 104a Roman Road Basingstoke RG23 8HD.

(An S.A.E. appreciated)

## **YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

**York Racecourse (Knavesmire Stand)**

**Saturday 27th June 1998**

**10.00 am to 4.30 p.m.**

Free coach & car parking. Cafeteria facilities. Admission £1.50

Further details from:- Mr A. Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, REDCAR, Cleveland, TS10 4ND Tel: 01642 486615

## **THE INSTITUTE of HERALDIC and GENEALOGICAL STUDIES Courses for 1998**

The Professional Approach	9 May
Wills and Probate	20 Jun
Beginning Your Family History (residential)	20-24 Jul
Kent Sources	12 Sep
Census Returns for Family Historians	10 Oct
Nonconformity (residential)	13-15 Nov

For full details of all courses, please contact:-

The Registrar, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA Tel: 01227 768664

## RECENT BOOKS OF INTEREST

### **Maritime Sources in the Library of the Society of Genealogists.**

This is the latest addition to the valuable set of 'Library sources', number 10 of the series.

32 pages in paperback, ISBN 1 85951 069 8

Price £2.50 + postage UK 50p, Overseas surface £1, Airmail £2.

### **Vicar-General Marriage Licences Surname Index**

1726-50 is in two volumes covering A-J and K-Z.

Price each £21.00 + postage Inland £3 Overseas surface £5.00

### **Using the Library of the Society of Genealogists**

A revised 1997 edition is now available.

Price 70p, plus 50p postage.

### **London Apprentices**

Glass-Sellers 1664-1812 and Woolmens 1665-1828

Price £4.20 + £1 postage.

Broderers 1679-1713, 1762-1800, Combmakers 1744-50, Fanmakers 1775-1805, Framework Knitters 1727-30, Fruiterers 1750-1815, Gardeners 1764-1850, Horners 1731-1800. Price £4.50 + £1 postage.

Glaziers 1694-1800 Price £4.20 + £1 postage

Gunmakers 1656-1800 Price £4.60 + £1 postage

Needlemakers 1664-1801, Pinmakers 1691-1723 Price £5.20 + £1 postage.

All of the books listed above are published by and are available from:-

Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA

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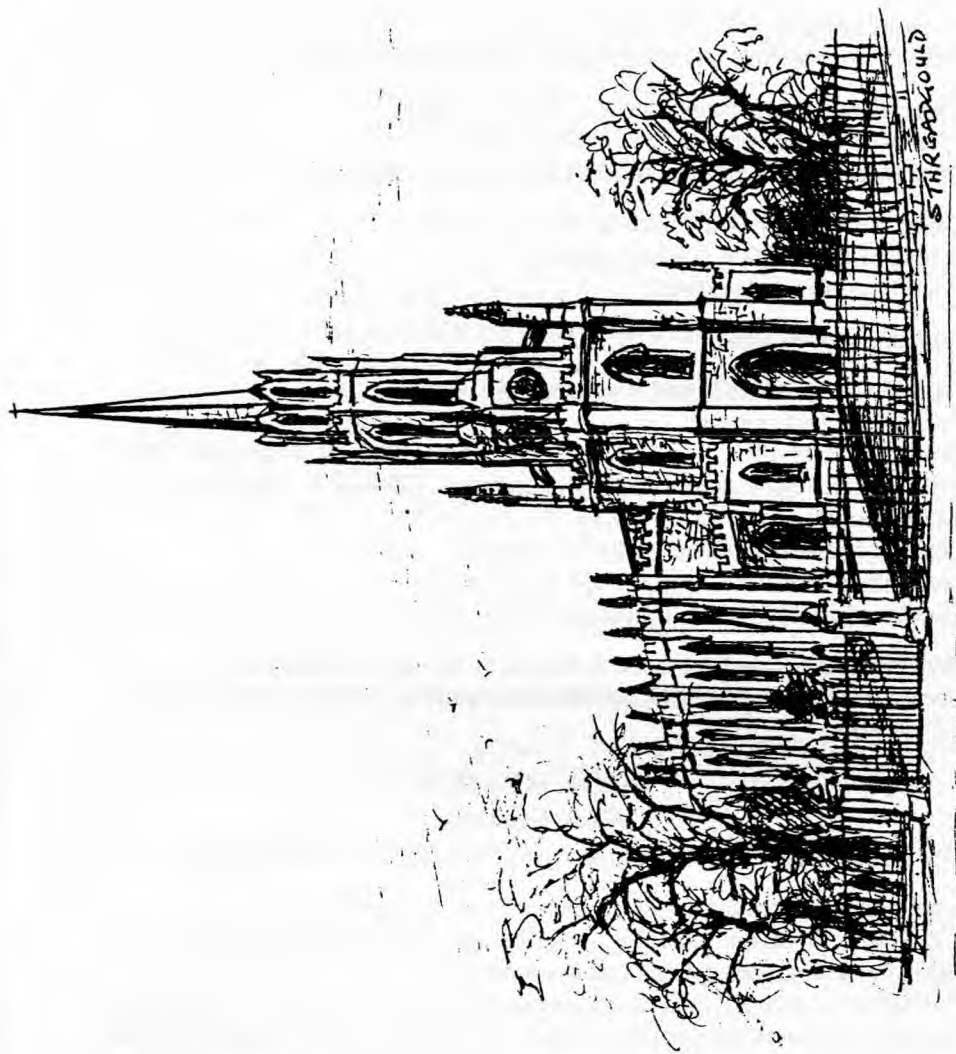
### **IGI on Computer**

The International Genealogical Index on CD-ROM. By David Hawgood.

This book describes the use of the International Genealogical Index on CD-ROM. It covers searching, printing and copying records, and ways of using the downloaded data on home computers.

It describes use for IGI analysis of genealogy packages, conversion utilities, and mapping programs, with many examples. Appendices give examples of all IGI event types and features, description of GEDCOM formats, and detail of the way source descriptions are included in GEDCOM 5.5 as used in PAF 3.0.

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