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Caleb W. Haws, headstone, All Saints' church, Darton.

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EDITORIAL

I don't know about you, but for me the spring couldn't be more welcome. This past winter has been hard, and down here in the Forest of Dean we've had more than our share of snow. Although the forest takes on a magical quality when covered in white, it does wear a bit thin after so many months! Still, as I write this the sun is high in the sky and the daffodils are nodding away to their hearts' content, hopefully the snow will be over until next year and we can all get on with being out and about.

I've been reminded in the past few weeks about old friendships and how easy it is to lose contact with old friends. Neither of my parents had siblings, but they did have close friends who became Auntie Kath and Uncle Duncan to my sisters and me. Their children were the closest we had to cousins, and often over the years I've described this family as though they were actually related to us. My (not) cousin Bob and I have always stayed in touch, even through all the moves over the years. But my (not) cousin Liz and I have been less close, no reason for that, just the way life worked out.

Last week Liz phoned me to say that her husband died, aged seventy-six, and that she wanted me to know because we three are now the old generation of our 'not-family'. Liz is seventy, Bob seventy-six, and I'm seventy-two, until two

years ago I hadn't seen Liz for twelve years. I hardly knew her husband, and in reality his death will not make any difference to my life, but it made me realise how important it is to stay close to those who know us well. Liz and Bob, my 'not-cousins' are the only people in the northern hemisphere who have known me all my life, and somehow, that's a bit scary. They are the only people who remember my parents and the life we lived during my childhood.

When the funeral is over and Liz's life adjusts to a new 'normal' I will be expecting her here for a visit. If that doesn't happen I'll be standing on her doorstep hoping to make up for all the lost years of our lives, and maybe we can have a 'not-family' party somewhere between the three of us. It seems such a waste of love and friendship that none of us can afford to walk away from, and I don't intend to let Liz slip out of my life again.

Maggie Bennett
Erant editor

Maggie has very kindly agreed to write the April editorial. If the position of editor is not filled by the time the next journal is in preparation, Maggie might be persuaded to contribute the editorial for the July issue.

Jeff Chambers
Tempus editor

MEMBERS FEEDBACK

Not actually a letter, though I think e-mail has become the preferred method for communicating what we once would have written and sent by snail mail. In the October edition of the Journal I wrote an article on the Lord Wharton bibles and was surprised to hear from our Secretary that she inherited one from her mother. I was even more surprised when this email came through before Christmas but after the deadline for the January edition.

Editor

Dear Editor,

I was interested in the article on Lord Wharton's legacy. I have a handsome, much-used, black leather-bound book whose front cover is inscribed, in gold lettering, the words: -

*By the Will of Philip, Lord Wharton
1695*

Presented 1901

It belonged to my mother, Alice Arrand, whose name is written on the presentation plate inside the book which she received at the age of ten years old. However, this is

not a bible but a book of Common Prayer including the Psalms. The book was published by Oxford University Press but there is no date of publication which may suggest a special printing.

The Presentation plate recalls the death of Lord Wharton and his legacy whose purpose is indicated as 'to be devoted each year to the distribution of bibles and other books.'

My mother received hers through Sunday School in the parish of Silkstone, I would think that attendance at Sunday School would have been a condition of being awarded the books but recipients also had to earn their prizes. My mother said she had to recite psalms, I know there were several designated psalms (I, XV, XXV, XXXVIII, CI, CXIII, and CXLV,) but don't know which or how many the children had to learn and recite or how they were selected.

Sheila Rhodes

Once again I ask members to supply material for Domus Historiae. I will do my best to provide an interesting and informative journal, and perhaps raise a smile or two for the readers. But without your input, however small, it becomes increasingly difficult to sustain the quality I aim to achieve.

Editor

SECRETARY'S AGM REPORT

Another year comes around, all too quickly for many of us, although it brings with it new hope and the prospect of progressing our mutual interest in Family History with more records and indexes being digitised and coming online. I know this comment will be frustrating to those of you who avoid computers and technology but this element has opened up a whole new and exciting avenue to researchers as it continues to evolve.

The BFHS Committee had a **'social' meeting combined with a meal** in early December so the next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 6th 2018 when the visit to Ryedale Folk Museum travel arrangements will be on the **agenda. The AGM and Members' Meeting** will be held on Tuesday February 20th. 7-00pm for 7-30pm with AGM business prefacing a talk by yours truly on the West Yorkshire Archives. Yes, I have been for a further visit so will pass on some of the additional really interesting facts and information I found as well as greater details of their activities programme until July 2018. I think you may find this of real relevance as some of the events planned are certainly innovative and offer new aspects for family history research.

As I mentioned in my last report, I expected this quarter to be a fallow period with Christmas and New Year festivities intervening, so it has proved! I have received no

correspondence of special relevance to BFHS although I have received a useful snippet from Family Search which may be of some use to you.

Family Search – the massive database run by the Church of Latter Day Saints, (Mormon Church,) – has been updating their database and refreshing the search facilities. I know the site, based in Utah USA, is, of its very nature, very America-centric but it can offer a different perspective and has many series of records. I found an (English) great uncle and great grandfather whose details had eluded me for 2 years, on their site! I know we habitually use Ancestry, Find My Past, Genuki, BMD, etc., for UK records, but Family Search has different avenues, it can also confirm or add further evidence to what we already know, it offers another tool for research. In November 2017, for instance, it introduced the facility to **place ancestors' occupations/residences on a map. It's worth a go!**

That brings everything up to date, I think. As I need to send my report for publication, details of February events will have to appear in the next March - May review.

My very best wishes to you.

Margaret E. Williams

CHAIRMAN'S AGM REPORT

Welcome to the Barnsley FHS 2018 A.G.M.

My thanks go to all members who help to setup and clear away equipment at Members evenings throughout the year.

Due to family commitments Pam Danforth and Sue Matthewman have reluctantly, decided to step down from the committee. Maggie Bennett our Journal Editor has also decided to step down from the committee after serving as Sub-Editor for a number of years eventually taking over as Editor in 2016. I would like to thank them for their support and dedication over the years.

Membership

I'm pleased to report that the committee has decided against an increase in Membership fees, which will remain the same for 2018: Single membership £10; Family membership £12; and Overseas membership £13.

As of December 31st the society has 382 members, more membership renewals are arriving every day so we should increase our membership on last year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Website:

www.barnsleyfhs.co.uk

The figures for visitors to the website in 2017 are down when compared with the previous year. Some of this can be accounted for by the introduction, in April, of SLL encryption to the website. This activates the padlock and the https protocol which allows secure connection from the Barnsley FHS website to your browser, with its introduction, the number of visitors from undesirable countries has been drastically reduced.

The 2018 figures will correctly reflect website usage.

In closing I wish to thank the committee who make my life easier, but above all I wish to thank you, the members, who with your continued support make Barnsley FHS what it's today, a thriving society. Thank you one and all.

A. J. Westerman
Chairman

BARNSELY FHS PRESENTATION: 2018

To applause from the audience, an Honorary Lifetime Membership Certificate was, presented on behalf of the members, to Jeff CHAMBERS, by the Chairman, John Westerman. The certificate **acknowledges Jeff's contributions and dedication, over many years, to Barnsley FHS in fulfilling multi-roles of Exchange e-Journals Officer, Publications Officer, Webmaster, and most recently, Tempus editor to Domus Historiae.** Jeff thanked members for their support and generosity.

WEBSITE REPORT FOR AGM

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Website Usage

	<u>Jan-Dec 2017</u>	<u>Jan-Dec 2016</u>
Unique visitors:	4,470	7,029
Number of visits:	10,680	13,600
Pages visited:	19,733	38,766
Visited pages:		
About;	828	1,315
Bookstall;	289	307
Contact Us;	732	885
Diary;	607	927
Exchange e-Journals.	321	404
Home;	677	1,762
Journals;	306	318
Links;	660	1,205
Members Interests;	1,132	1,503
Searches.	669	461

Visit Duration

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Time on website</u>	<u>No. of visits</u>	<u>No. of visits</u>
0 secs. to 5 mins.	10,168	11,097
5 mins. to 15 mins.	261	629
15 mins. to 30 mins.	107	458
30 mins. to 1hour.	108	735
1 hour +	37	681

Browsers and operating systems used to access website:

Firefox	30%	Apple iOS	8%
Google Chrome	40%	Linux	11%
Internet Explorer	13%	Macintosh	8%
Safari	10%	Windows	70%

Webmaster

Barnsley FHS VISIT
RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY JULY 11th 2018



WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US

Leave: **9.15 am.**, from Eldon Street, Age Concern lay-by.

Return: **6.30 pm.**, approx (traffic permitting)

The visit consists of **coach travel** to **Ryedale Folk Museum**, Hutton-le-Hole, North Yorkshire, **entrance** to the Museum, where you can wander for as long as you wish, **discounts** at local cafes and restaurants as well as **free time** in the beautiful village.

There is good disabled access and mobility scooters/wheelchairs can be hired from the Museum, **free of charge**.

The cost is **£15.50** inclusive of coach and entry fee.

Full payment, please, with any booking would be appreciated.

**Please contact Margaret, General Secretary,
for further details at a members' evening, or
by e-mail to:**

secretary@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

AN INTRIGUING TALE



One of my favourite occupations is browsing in second-hand bookshops – you just never know what you might find, for example, the history of Barnsley Brewery which I found in a bookshop in Bath. It had been sent as a gift to **Harvey's, the sherry importers, in Bristol** and bore the stamp of their library.

Another find was “Annals of a Yorkshire House” in two volumes by A. M. W. Stirling.¹ In pristine condition, this is a review copy sent to Denis Gray (with his bookplate in the front). It has no publication date, but the style of the design is elegantly Arts & Crafts, so it was probably published in the early years of the 20th-century, by John Lane, The Bodley Head.

When I lifted Volume 1 off the shelf and looked inside, I discovered it to be a history of the occupants of Cannon Hall, written by a niece of Sir Walter Spencer-Stanhope of Cannon Hall and dedicated to her uncle.

The basis of the book is a journal kept by an earlier Walter Spencer-Stanhope (1749-1821), a collection of family letters and anecdotes related to John Spencer-Stanhope (1787-1873) by Walter, his father, in the early part of the 19th-century and recorded by John in a manuscript. As a family member, the author, Anna Maria Wilhelmina Stirling, had access to all this material and, with allowances for the style, which is quite ponderous to a modern reader, she brought together a fascinating and very personal history of the Spencer-Stanhope family.

I thought that I would share one of the stories from the days of **Walter's uncle, John Spencer (1718-1775)** which fascinated and astounded me.

John Spencer was a keen huntsman and established a pack of hounds at Cannon Hall. Hounds which were unwell, which worried sheep or were simply thought to be

not 'up to scratch' were disposed of by hanging. The book tells the story as follows:

"One unfortunate hound, indeed, underwent the fearful ordeal of being hanged twice over and then cast for dead into a pit, whence he was rescued alive twelve weeks and five days later. Almary, writing to her brother on February 7th, 1775, relates "Mr Green, thinking, as he told you before, that he heard a Dog cry in the Pit, into which they let a Collier & the Huntsman down, & brought out Rover who had liv'd upwards of three Months on Dogs & Cats that had been thrown in there. The Dog is very lean, otherways well enough." The weather at the time was bitterly cold, for she adds - "We have here a very sharp Frost, more severe every night than other, but no Snow." The sequel to this tale is curious, for in a later generation it struck some inquiring mind that the place in which Rover languished, in a field known as Dog-pit Close, must have been the boring for a disused or unexploited coal-pit. Upon examination, a rich vein of coal was there discovered; and to-day in the place of honour among the pictures of bygone Spencers, hangs the portrait of a handsome hound, who, with silken coat and large benevolent eyes, looks out benignly on the family who used him but ill, and to whom he brought an appreciable accession of wealth.

On a milestone in the corner of the picture, the artist has recorded the dog's strange history thus:

ROVER

"A hound, the property of John Spencer Esqre in the year 1753, being very mangy and suspected of madness, he was condemned to the gallows, when on the 15th day of August he was hanged for the space of a quarter of an hour by Thomas Beet, the huntsman. Being let down, and some small symptoms of life appearing, he was tucked up for the space of another quarter of an hour, and then thrown into a coal-pit thirty yards deep from which he was extricated the 13th day of November by Thomas Beet, alive and in perfect health. He was twelve weeks and five days in the coal pit."

I wonder where this picture is now? Does anyone know if it still hangs at Cannon Hall?

Liz Whitehouse

¹ **Stirling, A. W. M., Annals of a Yorkshire House: From the Papers of a Macaroni & his Kindred. London, John Lane - The Bodley Head, (1911).**

**ISBN: 978-1163243701
(Facsimile reprint)**

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A. M. W. STIRLING (1865-1965)



Anna Marie Diana Wilhelmina Pickering, youngest of four daughters of Percival Andrée Pickering, QC., (1810-1876) and Anna Marie Wilhelmina Spencer-Stanhope, (1824-1901) was born 26th August, 1865, Middlesex. Through her mother she was descended from the Spencer-Stanhope's of Yorkshire and the Cokes of Norfolk.

Her sister was Evelyn (née Pickering) de Morgan (1855-1919) and the niece of John Roddam Spencer-Stanhope, (1829-1908) both pre-Raphaelite artists.

She married Charles Goodbarne Stirling, MA. (1866-1948) in 1901, Chelsea. Sadly, their marriage produced no children.

From 1931 the Stirling's London home was Old Battersea House, 30 Vicarage Crescent, Wandsworth, a Grade II listed building housing their large collection of Pre-Raphaelite art across several media which eventually became the De Morgan Foundation for the study of 19th-century Art and Society.

From her earliest years Mrs. Stirling began to write. Her first book, fairy tales for children, appeared in 1881 when she was 16.

Anna was the author of several books dealing with the lives and reminiscences of the British landed gentry of Yorkshire. Over time she became an incessant and inquisitive historian.

She wrote under her own name A. M. D. Wilhelmina Pickering, her married name A. M. W. Stirling, and sometimes used the nom-de-plume (in honour of her father) Percival Pickering. Her literary output of over thirty volumes, spanned over 80 years.

Anna passed away 11th August 1965, at her home, Old Battersea House, fifteen days short of her 100th birthday. Probate: 2nd June 1966; Effects £104,519.

Select publications

Coke of Norfolk and his Friends (1908.)
Annals of a Yorkshire House: From the Papers of a Macaroni and his Kindred. 2 vols. (1911.)
The Letter-Bag of Lady Elizabeth Spencer-Stanhope (1913.)

Jeff Chambers

De Morgan Collection at Cannon Hall Museum.

The Pickerings of Barlby, York and Wetherby, compiled by P. Spencer Umfrville Pickering (1916).

<http://www.demorgan.org.uk>

<http://familysearch.org/>

www.freebmd.org.uk

The Times, 12th August, 1965.

BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

Over the years members have donated BMD certificates to Barnsley FHS to help other members with their research. These certificates are now available by post, or online.

Please look through the listing, and if you wish to purchase a scanned copy of a certificate by post, please contact the search team, Elaine and Kathryn at: search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk e-mail the **Ref.**, **Groom Surname**, your membership number, and your address details. Scanned copies cost £2.00 each plus postage. Payment by cheque.

PDF copies of certificates are also available online from the Barnsley FHS page on the Genfair website: <https://www.genfair.co.uk/supplier.php?sid=2> Simply jot down the **Ref.**, and **Groom Surname**, go to the Genfair site and enter these details, your membership number and contact details. PDF copies cost £3.00 each.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

Ref.	Gr. Surname	Gr. Forename	Br. Surname	Year	Location	Cty
MC001	BADLEY	William Duckitt	WESTON	1850	Holme Hale	NFK
MC002	BEALE	George	HALL	1865	Barnsley	WRY
MC003	BOWDEN	Joseph	WOODCOCK	1869	Penistone	WRY
MC004	BOWERS	Albert	NAYLOR	1920	Manchester	LAN
MC005	BOWERS	Albert	McGIVERON	1930	Liverpool	LAN
MC006	BOYCE	Henry	WOODCOCK	1873	Docking	NFK
MC007	CARR	Thomas	BARRACLOUGH	1838	Silkstone	WRY
MC008	CHARLESWORTH	Joe	FULWOOD	1901	Loversal	WRY
MC009	CHARLESWORTH	Joseph	FLEETWOOD	1863	Worsbrough	WRY
MC010	CLARK	Joseph	CASH	1915	Cambridge	CAM
MC011	CLAUGHTON	Joseph	BROUGHTON	1877	Wharfedale	WRY
MC012	COATES	Alfred Charles	BARLOW	1887	Hulme	LAN
MC013	CRAGG	John	FISHER	1883	Harworth	NTT
MC014	CROSBY	Charles	SLATER	1871	Birstal	WRY
MC015	DEMAINE	William	SEDGWICK	1848	Silkstone	WRY
MC016	DENNIS	William	FORD	1860	Warrington	LAN
MC017	DIGGLE	Frederick	BOWERS	1941	Bradford	WRY
MC018	DRANSFIELD	Harry	DENNIS	1910	Barnsley	WRY

If you have any unwanted certificates that you wish to donate to the society for inclusion on this page in future issues, and on the website, please contact, Elaine, or Kathryn: search@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

ELDER CALEB W. HAWS

Denied his title by the Vicar of Darton All Saints'



Caleb Willman Haws was born in 1838 in Wayne County, Illinois where his family became members of the Mormon Church¹ in 1842 and subsequently joined a wagon train led by Brigham Young to make the trek west to Utah Territory. After a brief stay in the Salt Lake valley, the Haws family moved south to what is now Provo, Utah, where they helped to build the fort which kept the first settlers safe from the local Indian tribes. At age 32 Caleb Haws – by now married and father to a growing young family – was called to serve as a missionary for the Mormon Church in Britain, and was assigned to work in the Barnsley area. But just six months into his mission, in November 1871, he sadly died of smallpox.

The *Millennial Star*² reported his death on Tuesday November 28th of that year:

"The news of the death of Elder C. W. Haws was to us most sudden and unexpected. But a few days previous we had visited him, and found him, to all appearance rapidly progressing towards recovery.

Everything that affection could devise or experience suggest was being done for him and when we left him to return to Liverpool we did so with bright hopes of his speedy recovery.

But it was not to be so. On Sunday 19th inst. he changed for the worse and notwithstanding that he had partaken freely of necessary nourishment he became extremely weak. He continued to sink until a quarter past three the next morning when he, without a struggle, peacefully passed away to his eternal reward."

Elder Haws was buried in the churchyard of All Saints, Darton, as he had been staying with the Lawton family in Barugh Bridge at the time of his death. But another item in the *Millennial Star* in April of the following year shows that there was considerable antagonism to the wording on his gravestone from the local vicar.

"While at the Sheffield conference, eight of the Elders visited the grave of our late fellow labourer Caleb W. Haws, at Darton, a small village in Yorkshire, near Barnsley. We found the following inscription upon his tombstone (which is a very handsome one):

Sacred to the memory
Of
Elder Caleb W. Haws
Missionary from Salt
Lake City
Born Oct. 7, 1838;
Died Nov. 20, 1871
Aged 33 years

"He is not dead but sleepeth"

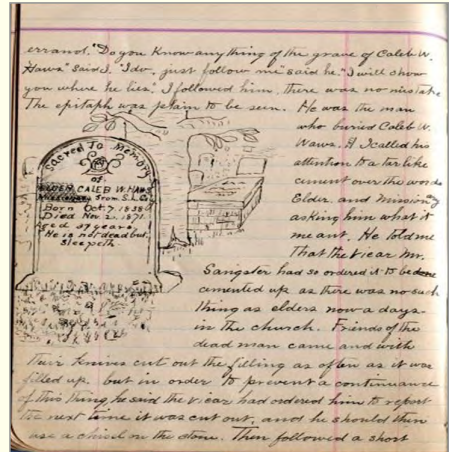
We were grieved to find that the words "Elder" and "Missionary" had been filled with cement and painted over. Upon enquiry we were informed that the minister or rector of the parish had utterly refused to have the stone erected over the grave of our departed brother with those words upon it.

We left the sacred spot with mingled feelings of pity and disdain."

Twenty-five years later a friend of Caleb Haws from Provo, one Joseph Benjamin Walton, was also called to serve as a Mormon missionary in Britain and was also assigned to work in Yorkshire. He took the opportunity to visit Darton and find his friend's grave. An old gentleman encountered in the cemetery turned out to be the

sexton, and Joseph Walton recorded their conversation in his journal:³

Below is the page from J. B. Walton's journal complete with a record of his conversation with the sexton, and the sketch he made of the gravestone. (Courtesy of family search.org)



"Do you know anything of the grave of Caleb W. Haws?" said I. "I do, just follow me," he said. "I will show you where he lies." I followed him, there was no mistake. The epitaph was plain to be seen. He was the man who buried Caleb W. Haws. I called his attention to the tar like cement over the words 'Elder' and 'Missionary' asking him what it meant. He told me that the vicar, Mr Sangster had so ordered it to be cemented up as there was no such thing as elders nowadays in the church. Friends of the dead man came and with their knives cut out the filling as often as it was filled

up, but in order to prevent a continuance of this thing, he said the vicar had ordered him to report the next time it was cut out, and he should then use a chisel on the stone. Then followed a short but pointed address from me, on the organization of Christ's church, which had Elders in it, as well also might he deny the necessity of Apostles. Prophets, Seventies, etc. All these were essential in Christ's church then, why not now? He said yes to every word I uttered. I told him that the grave had been dedicated to the silent sleeper and to God and was therefore holy and none but a god-forsaken heathen

dare desecrate with his unhallowed voice and the hand the spot indicated by the epitaph or erase therefrom the honorary title, which in life he had won. The old sexton stood rooted to the spot as I continued expressing my indignation of the deed – my wonder that a thunderbolt from the hands of the Eternal had not felled the man to earth.... I asked permission to copy the epitaph and make a sketch of my observation which thing was granted. I remained here 3 hours. I secured a little memento – some grass and leaves, and bade a last farewell to the scene."

Caleb Haws' gravestone still stands in Darton churchyard, although the years have effaced any sign of the vicar's objection to the words used in the inscription. He may not have had family in the area to care for his memorial, but he did apparently have faithful 'brothers and sisters in the Gospel' who were willing to stand up for him, even after his death.

¹ Properly 'The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints'

² The Millennial Star – A weekly publication of the Mormon church, produced in Liverpool from 1840 to 1972 and searchable online at:
<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/search/collection/MStar>

³ Online at: <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KWJZ-4K3> under the 'Memories' tab.

Jill Morgan

Now it's your turn. Everyone has a story to tell!

If you've enjoyed reading the articles in this issue, why not write a piece for a future issue of the journal? Please contact the editor:

editor@barnsleyfhs.co.uk

who will offer any assistance, or encouragement you might need.

Remember, every journey starts with the first step.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

Mischievous Miners at Worsbro’:- James BOWLEY, William GREEN, and Albert WOODHALL, miners, living at **Worsbro’ Bridge, were charged with** doing malicious injury to a gate, the property of the Barrow Hematite Colliery Company, by taking it of its hinges on the 11th inst. Bowley and Woodhall pleaded guilty, but Green denied the offence and called two witnesses, who deposed to being with Green, and said he only opened the gate so that they could pass through. Police constable PROCTOR stated that he saw Green lift the gate off its hinges. The Bench ordered defendants to pay the damage, 1s. (5p) each and costs.¹

Barnsley Publican Kicked:- Ben SWIFT, miner, of Heelis Street, was charged at Barnsley, yesterday, with refusing to quit the Dog and Gun Inn, and also with assaulting Bartholomew PLUNKETT, the landlord. The complainant said **“I took him outside, patted him on the back like a good Samaritan to get him home, but he tripped me up and kicked me.”** A fine of 10s., and costs was imposed on each charge, the alternative being a month.²

Long Service Records at a Darton Church:- Mr. F. BUTCHER, aged 80, of “The Villas”, Station Road, Darton, who died on Saturday, was one of the best known men in the Darton district.

For well over 50 years he worked for Messrs. Fountain and Burnley Ltd., at their Darton Colliery. He was under-manager for a long time, retiring some years ago. He held remarkable service records at the Darton Primitive Methodist Church. He was the only living trustee of the first trustees appointed in 1876, when the chapel was erected. He was treasurer for 49½ years, superintendent of the school for over 40 years, Sunday school teacher for 50 years, and joint honorary organist with Mr. W. Robinson for over 40 years. He retired from his church offices in December, 1927.³

Death of the Vicar of Silkstone:- The death of the Rev. J. L. WALTON, vicar of Silkstone, near Barnsley, is announced at the age of 74 years. Deceased has held the living since 1850, which appointment he received from the Archbishop of York. He was previously at Selby. The living, which is valued at £230 per annum, is the gift of the Bishop of Ripon. Deceased leaves a widow and grown up family.⁴

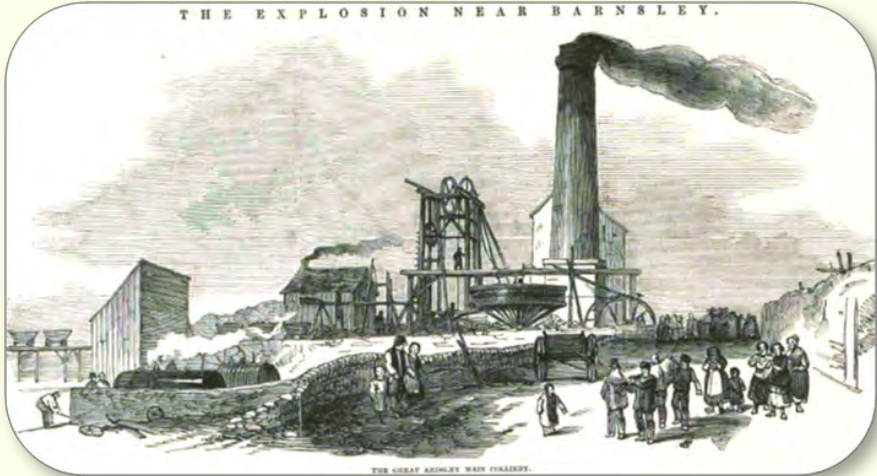
¹ **The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, 24th January 1889.**

² **Sheffield Daily Telegraph, 23rd August 1912.**

³ **Sheffield Independent, 7th March, 1932.**

⁴ **The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, 20th March 1880.**

THE OAKS COLLIERY EXPLOSION 1847



Like many local people with Lancastors as coal miners, I am fascinated by our mining heritage and horrified by the numbers killed or injured in disasters, particularly in the 19th-century.

I do not have any relations who were killed in the notable Barnsley disasters at Huskar Pit, Lund Hill or the Oaks Colliery. However, I appreciate their narrow escape and I am moved by the impressive Memorials, such as the stained glass window in All Saints Church in Silkstone, the glorious sculpture in Ardsley of a winged figure of Athene carrying a wounded warrior and, more recently, Graham Ibbeson's magnificent sculpture of a widow and child with a miner working below for the 150th anniversary of the Oaks disaster of 1866 - thanks to the fundraising efforts of the NUM and People & Mining, who were also behind

the production of an excellent book about the Oaks Colliery and the film *Black Snow*.

When Paul Stebbing, Archivist at Barnsley Council, told me about a recently donated Ledger which contained minutes of the first five years of the **Colliers' Relief Fund** Committee for an earlier explosion at the Oaks in 1847, I offered to transcribe it. As I read the decisions of these Barnsley men of influence who volunteered to perform this role, I felt curious about the widows and children whose lives they had so much power over. My transcription of the Ledger is available to read in Barnsley Archives. My research **into as many of the victims' families** as possible will be published in due course; it is challenging because of the paucity of details available and the limited records from that period.

The Oaks Colliery, also known as Ardsley Main Colliery, was notorious for firedamp, the name used for various inflammable gases such as methane, which would accumulate in pockets in the mine and explode on contact with a naked light. While safety lamps were being developed from the early 1800s, there were problems with the early models, which would have been expensive compared to candles, and their use was not enforced by management.

The explosion at about 3pm on Friday 5 March 1847 was caused by one of the miners working nearby using a candle and it resulted in the deaths of 73 men and boys out of the 95 working underground at the time. Reports in contemporary newspapers provide very vivid, occasionally gruesome, accounts of the explosion and the tragic results of it - the effect on the miners trapped underground, the escape of some survivors, the unpleasant

task of recovering bodies, many 'scarcely identifiable' because of burns, and the impact on the families and local community.

A subscription fund was started immediately and many local dignitaries volunteered to help with collecting money and forming a committee to manage it. A total amount of just over £2,100 was pledged (worth at least £1.5 million in 2016 based on labour value) although only £1,982 14s 9d appears to have been collected. Regrettably the register of victims, who were allocated a number, and records of payments have not survived. I do not yet know why the Ledger ends in 1857 with reference to the disaster at Lund Hill or what happened to the fund.

Jane Ainsworth

Illustration by courtesy of NUM Archives (Barnsley) from an engraving which first appeared in The Illustrated London News, 13th March 1847.



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FRANCES MICKLETHWAIT (1811-1873): A CONUNDRUM

I recently received, from Jane Raistrick, material to update the potted biography of Thomas B. Hutton (*Domus Historiae*, April 2017, Vol. 25. No. 2., pp. 17-18). Whilst reading through the notes an interesting conundrum came to light relating to Thomas' sister-in-law, Frances (née Marriott) Micklethwait's burial.

Frances married William Micklethwait (1825-1894), Farmer, at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Thorpe Arnold, Leicestershire on 4th April 1850.

On the 1851 census William is living at Billingley, where he is farming 100 acres of land. However, on the 1861 census, William, in the intervening years has had a change of career, from farming in Billingley, to tending a different flock, as the incumbent of **St. John's Church, Chapeltown, Sheffield.**

We find William and Frances still in Chapeltown on the 1871 census. The conundrum is, why was Frances Micklethwait buried in the **graveyard at St. Peter's church, Felkirk?**

The riddle begins with the publication of a notice in the 13th September 1873 issue of the *Barnsley Chronicle*, advertising a **vacancy at St Peter's Church, Felkirk**, with the Rev. John Hoyland, resigning the living, and taking an **appointment at St. Paul's Church, Brierley.**

Local Clerical Vacancies: "...The Rev. John Hoyland, who has been vicar of Felkirk for a much longer period, has resigned his living, and will in future take charge of the new district of Brierley, where he has resided for some time. Both vacant livings are in the gift of the Archbishop of York, and each is valued at £300 a year with a vicarage..."¹

The Rev. William Micklethwait applied for the living at **St. Peter's Church, Felkirk.**

Unfortunately, prior to their moving Frances Micklethwait passed away at Chapeltown, vicarage on 12th November 1873, **and was buried at St Peter's Church, Felkirk, 15th November 1873.** Frances was buried at the church where her husband William was due to take up the living. Rev. John Hoyland was the vicar in **charge of Frances' interment.** You might assume that this answers the question posed, but please read on. Another twist is still to be revealed.

Deaths: MICKLETHWAIT - Nov. 12, after a few days' illness, at Chapel-town vicarage, Frances, wife of the Rev. William Micklethwait.²

The Rev. William Micklethwait formally accepted the living at **St. Peter's Church, Felkirk.**

***Ecclesiastical.
Preferments and Appointments.***

"...The Rev. W. Micklethwait, to the Vicarage of Felkirk..."³

Although having read himself in as vicar of St Peter's Church, Felkirk, on the 14th of December 1873, under mounting pressure from parishioners at his former church, St John's, Chapeltown, Rev. William Micklethwait released the following clarifying statement.

***Chapeltown and the
New Vicar of Felkirk:***

"Some short time ago the Rev. W. Micklethwait, vicar of St. John's, Chapeltown, was presented by the Archbishop of York to the living of Felkirk, near Barnsley. Upon its becoming known to his parishioners, a spirit of sincere regret manifested itself at the thought of losing a pastor who had laboured so zealously amongst them for so long a period, and a committee was formed, headed-by the church wardens, for the purpose of presenting to the Reverend gentleman a petition urging him not to leave Chapeltown. The petition was very numerously signed by members of the Reverend gentleman's congregation. Mr. Micklethwait, in the course of his reply, after thanking the parishioners for the kind terms in which they had spoken of himself and his dear wife, said: The powerful appeal which you have made, asking me to reconsider my intention of leaving Chapeltown, has placed me in the most trying position of my life. I have thought

it to be my duty to take into counsel several friends, in whose judgment, I have the highest confidence, as several of them live at a great distance. I have been compelled to delay my answer longer than I intended. The unanimous opinion of my friends is, after weighing all the strong arguments that you have urged upon me, and having considered the matter in all its bearings, the unanimous opinion is, that these arguments do not counterbalance those in favour of Felkirk. You are aware that I have accepted the living of Felkirk, under peculiar circumstances. I consider myself in honour bound to Felkirk. That I shall ever take the deepest interest in Chapeltown, the place where my dear one and myself have spent our strength with such real pleasure, I need scarcely assure you. It will be a sorrowful day to me when I leave, because of the deep regard and affection I have to so very many. Mr. Micklethwait read himself in as vicar at Felkirk on Sunday last."⁴

All appears to be settled by January 17th 1874, at St John's church, Chapeltown, with the appointment of Rev. J. Benson Sedgwick, and with the preferment of the Rev. W. Micklethwait to the vicarage of St. Peter's Church, Felkirk.

Crown Appointment:

*"Mr. Gladstone, on the part of the Crown, has nominated the Rev. J. Benson Sedgwick, M.A., vicar of Copley, near Halifax, to the vicarage of Chapeltown, near Sheffield, vacant by the preferment of the Rev. W. Micklethwait to the vicarage of Felkirk."*⁵

However, the following notice appears in May 1874. Rev. William Micklethwait returned to St John's, Chapeltown, and Rev. William Knight is appointed to the living at St Peter's Church, Felkirk. Rev. Knight stayed at Felkirk until 1879.

**Farewell Tea
to the Rev. W. Knight.**

*"The Rev. W. Knight (late vicar of Oughtibridge), having been presented by his Grace the Archbishop of York to the vicarage of Felkirk, his parishioners at Oughtibridge, where he has been located for twenty-one years, determined that he should not leave them without some substantial token of their regard. Accordingly, a social tea was held in the school room, and was largely attended by all classes of his parishioners, when the Reverend gentleman was presented with a silver salver and a purse of £1800 by his friends and parishioners, and a handsome timepiece from the choir, Sunday school teachers, and scholars."*⁶

To honour the memory of Frances, a stained glass window was purchased for the chancel.

**Memorial Window in
St. John's Church, Chapeltown:**

*"Within the last few days a stained glass window has been put into the chancel of St. John's Church, Chapeltown, to the memory of Mrs. Frances Micklethwait, the late wife of the vicar. The window, which is the work of Messrs. Ward & Hughes, Frith Street, Soho Square, London, has been ordered by the congregation, at a cost of £120, as a tribute of respect to the deceased lady, who was universally esteemed in the parish. The subjects represented on the window are Jesus speaking to Mary in the Garden, and the Angel assembled early at the Sepulchre. "He is not here, he is risen." One of the women at the Sepulchre is a portrait of Mrs. Micklethwait, and the likeness is said to be very striking. The following inscription hangs under the window: "Erected by the congregation to the memory of Frances, late wife of the Rev. W. Micklethwait, first vicar of this parish, and his fellow helper in good works."*⁷

Rev. William Micklethwait never applied for, or took up another appointment. He was vicar at St John's Church, Chapeltown from 1857 until his death in May 1894. He is buried in the churchyard.

So that puzzle is solved. But, why did a farmer become a member of the clergy? I shall leave that puzzle for another time.

Many thanks to Jane Raistrick for providing background material.



- ¹ The Barnsley Chronicle, and Penistone, Mexbro', Wath and Hoyland Journal, Sep. 13th 1873.
- ² The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, Nov. 13th 1873.
- ³ The Oxford Times, Dec. 13th 1873.
- ⁴ The Barnsley Chronicle, and Penistone, Mexbro', Wath and Hoyland Journal, Dec. 20th 1873.
- ⁵ The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, Jan 17th 1874.
- ⁶ The Sheffield and Rotherham Independent, May. 9th 1874.
- ⁷ The Barnsley Chronicle, and Penistone, Mexbro', Wath and Hoyland Journal, Dec. 5th 1874.

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Census returns: 1841-1871.

St Peter's Church, Felkirk, burial register.

Jeff Chambers



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**WHO WILL BE PLEASSED TO
HEAR FROM YOU.**

Forthcoming items in the July Journal:

- More BMD certificates;
- 'Barnsley Chop';
- What the Papers Said;
- Timeline: July to September 1918.

BARNSELY ARCHIVES: ACCESSIONS

Title of Document	Years covered	Accession Number
Admission registers: Darfield Church of England Junior and Infant School and others.	1894-1997	A/3733/E
Admission registers: Higham and Barugh National School.	1874-1910	A/3735/E
Admission registers: Hunningley Primary School.	1985-2012	A/2114/E
Baptism register: Hoylandswaine Methodist Church, minutes and financial records.	1886-1997	A/2/46/N
Day book: John Clarke, farmer, Keresforth Hall, Barnsley.	1829-1844	A/3578/Z
Financial ledgers: Barbers Almshouse Charity, Darton.	1898-1939	A/3729/T
Joseph Thompson Knowles (1854-1893) Wombwell. Personal diary: coal mining in the Wombwell area.	1885-1886	A/3695/F
Ledgers: Barnsley School Board.	1871-1898	A/3534/E
Log books: Darfield Church of England Junior and Infant School and others.	1905-1995	A/3733/E
Log books: Darfield Low Valley Church of England Infant School and others.	1904-1937	A/3734/E
Minutes: Cawthorne Methodist Church, financial records and ephemera.	20th-century	A/3610/N
Minutes/proceedings book: Oaks Colliery Explosion Relief Committee.	1847-1857	A/37/16/G
Minute books: Wombwell School Board.	1900-1917	A/3602/E
Poor rate records: Barnsley Poor Law Union.	1840s-1890s	A/3717/C
Private Joseph Edward Fearn (1889-1916) Papers regarding military service - Yorkshire and Lancaster Regiment (2nd Barnsley Pals)	1910s	A/3682/W
Records: Hoyland Motor Cycle Club.	20th-century	A/3577/G
Staffing ledgers: Barnsley Post Office and financial ledgers.	19th-century 20th-century	A/3596/B

Paul Stebbing

HARRY RAWSON'S DEMOB DIARY: PART IV

The morning before I left for demobilization, the COLONEL wished to have a personal conversation with all those who were booked for home and we were all standing in the road waiting to be called separately into a yard where the COLONEL was standing. Now I want it to be clearly understood that in the past this COLONEL had been most cruel towards us, and I had never heard anyone give him a good name, but he evidently wanted to make amends for his bad behavior, by bidding farewell and wishing us the best of luck, in the hope that it may give us a better impression of his personality than he deserved.

I will give my own version of the conversation he had with me. When I was called into the yard, I stood before him at attention, and he spoke in a very kindly way; quite different to the usual, and he told me to stand at ease because he wanted to have a little friendly talk with me before leaving the battalion. He was very sorry indeed that he was going to lose touch etc. and that the chances that we might never meet again. He had always held the greatest respect for me (Liar) and he was proud to know that he had such good men in his Battalion. He wanted to impress on me particularly that if we should meet at any time in civilian life. I had not to be afraid of approaching him and we would have a drink together, and have a nice chat about our old Army experiences.

If I had been free to speak my mind. I would have told him to go to hell; and perhaps given him a good thrashing, because he had been the cause of a great deal of suffering to me and every other man who had had any dealings with him, and it will prey on my mind as long as I live. Many times have I wished that I might be knocked out by a shell or something through this young brute? He was only about 25 years of age. There is no forgiveness for such men. Of course I had to be deceitful and speak his way or I should have been kept in the Army for some considerable time longer.

I had already told the people we were billeted with that I should have to rise early next morning as we were going away that day, and just to show the respect they had towards the British Soldier, they bought me an indoor game of **"Ludo" to take home as a small present for my boy.** They gave us a good supper and promised to **knock me up at 6 o'clock; and gave me a special invitation to take my wife and son to Germany for holiday at the first opportunity.**

Upon March 9th 1919 about 8 a.m. we left IMMIGRATH for demobilization took train to OPLADEN, then to DUREN. Upon March 10th left DURAN by train and arrived DUNKIRK March 12th and stayed overnight.

March 13th crossed by boat to DOVER arriving home in the evening, demobilized, and feeling thankful that I am spared.

Harry Rawson Full Private

Note:

Despite searching Forces War Records, I have been unable to find Harry Rawson's army service number.

Harold Masters



Our thanks to Harold for taking the time and trouble to transcribe, and submit this valuable diary from the original format.

Editor

ROVER: ON THE TRAIL OF A LOST HOUND

Whilst reading through, and preparing Liz Whitehouse's piece, 'An Intriguing Tale', for publication elsewhere in this issue, I thought it might be appropriate, if available, to show an image of the painting to illustrate the article.

The book did not provide any more details about the painting. However, following a little research I discovered that the artist who captured Rover was one George Fleming.

Armed with these tiny scraps of information I contacted Louise Wright, Technical Clerk, at Cannon Hall, who replied, "*...we have no record of such a painting at Cannon Hall. I have spoken to the Collection and Exhibitions manager and searched our catalogues but, with no luck I'm afraid. The records we hold are focused on the present collection as the museum only opened in 1957. ...I know there were significant changes to the house during the late 18th-century and again in the late*

19th-century not to mention the Hall was almost emptied when it was sold by the family in 1951. It could be that the painting was there the whole time only to be sold in the 50's."

I contacted Gillian Nixon, Barnsley Archives, with the same query, who replied, "*...our archives department confirmed there are possibly documents of interest in the Rover mystery. There doesn't appear to be any helpful records from the house during the 1700's and 1800's - but there are records listed from the 1950's house sale. I did wonder if the painting could be listed there. It's likely many of the original items in the house were intact right up to that particular house sale. ...the best thing to do would be to come in and have a look through the inventories."*

So, for the moment, the whereabouts of the painting of this little dog, remains a mystery, unless you know different?

Tempus Editor

HUSKER 180TH ANNIVERSARY 1st TO 8th JULY 2018

On 4th July 1838 a violent thunderstorm raged, the rain extinguished the Husker pit boiler fire, immobilising the winding engine, so making it impossible to bring workers back to the surface. Forty of the children who were working underground at the time began to make their way out of the pit via an air door. A swollen stream flooded the mine workings resulting in the deaths of twenty-six children who had lived in the nearby villages of Dodworth, Silkstone and Thurgoland.

This year, 2018, marks the 180th anniversary of the disaster. Heritage Silkstone, in conjunction with Silkstone church, Silkstone Primary and Silkstone Common Junior and Infant Schools along with other interested groups will be marking the occasion with a series of events.

We are still in the planning stage, but in the church there will be a display about the lives of the twenty-six children, their legacy, lives of women miners, and village life in early Victorian Silkstone, together with a large floral tribute.

Events will commence 1st and end on 8th July 2018. There will be two memorial services at 3pm on Wednesday 4th July, one will take place close to the small memorial to the children in Knabbs Wood, Silkstone Common, and the other will be held at the Husker memorial, Silkstone churchyard.

On the afternoon of Sunday 8th July, there will be a reception at Silkstone church for descendants of the Husker children followed by a service led by the Bishop of Wakefield.



The Husker Memorial

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Further details will be published on:

www.silkstonereflects.co.uk

Do you have connections to any of the families of the twenty-six children who perished? If so, we would love to hear from you, and about any material you might have relating to the disaster.

You can contact either David or Jane on:

oldtimer11@btinternet.com



**SILKSTONE
ALL SAINTS
& ST JAMES THE GREATER
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Jane Raistrick

NEW MEMBERS

I welcome new members, Julie, Joan, Siân, Heather, Stephen & Anne, and Marisa to Barnsley Family History Society. I hope that you will find your membership useful, productive as well as enjoyable.

Mem. No.

1860 Mrs. Julie **Canavan**

Oldroyd	Darton	WRY	ENG	1866 - 1938
Oldroyd	Thornhill	WRY	ENG	1866 - 1938
Oldroyd	Woolley	WRY	ENG	1866 - 1938
Oldroyd	Worsbrough	WRY	ENG	1866 - 1938

1861 Ms. Joan **Armitage**

Dean	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1860-1938
Dean	Elsecar	WRY	ENG	1796-
Dean	Wombwell	WRY	ENG	1890-1904
Evans	Elsecar	WRY	ENG	1796-
Evans	Hoyland	WRY	ENG	1796-1840
Evans	Scholes	WRY	ENG	1723-1800
Evans	Skiers Hall	WRY	ENG	1803-1846
Evans	Wombwell	WRY	ENG	1885-1909
Hepworth	Ardsley	WRY	ENG	1808-
Hepworth	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1812-1900
Taylor	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1880-1920
Taylor	Hoyland	WRY	ENG	1880-1920

Notes:

Thomas **Dean** came from North Bierley, Bradford.

Taylor family were miners born in Staffordshire.

Some branches of the **Taylor** family moved to Castleford.

1862 Ms. Siân **Hughes**

Senior	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1565-
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Notes:

Jacobi **Senior** b. 1565, Barnsley.

Jacobus **Senior** b. 1590, Barnsley.

1863 Mrs. Heather **Binns**

Mem. No.1864 Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Anne **Wroe**

Crook	Wath	WRY	ENG	1870-1930
Crook	West Melton	WRY	ENG	1870-1930
Fearnley	Pilley	WRY	ENG	1900-1920
Fearnley	Tankersley	WRY	ENG	1900-1920
Wroe	Pilley	WRY	ENG	1890-1930
Wroe	Tankersley	WRY	ENG	1890-1930

Notes:All **Fearnley's** working at Wharnccliffe Silkstone colliery, c. 1914.1865 Ms. Marisa **Pollett**

Conolly	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1820-1860
Irving	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1850-1870
McQuillan	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1820-1860

MEMBERS' INTERESTS: UPDATE**Mem. No.**1432 Mr. Peter **Nicholson**

Nicholson	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1880-1950
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1566 Mr. Robert **Davies**

Bowler	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1840-1950
Dalton	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1830-1950
Gillespie	Barnsley	WRY	ENG	1830-1950
Taylor	Halifax	WRY	ENG	1840-1950

IN MEMORIAM

*The Society offers belated condolences to the families
of Barnsley FHS members:*

MR. LESLIE LORD

Who passed away December 2017.

MR. KENNETH (KEN) HOLMESWho passed away January 31st 2018.

Included with this issue of Domus Historiae is your 2018 Membership card. If your card is missing, please contact the Membership secretary.

Elaine Jackson

TIMELINE APRIL 1st 1918 TO JUNE 30th 1918

- April 1** The Royal Air Force (RAF) is founded with the merging of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The British aviation industry had by this time, become the world leader.
- April 4 Battle of the Avre begins, and ends on the next day.
- April 9 The second German spring offensive (Georgette Offensive) also known as the Battle of the Lys. Forty-six divisions of the German 6th Army attack the British 2nd Army near Ypres. The British are pushed back to within three miles of Ypres, with the Germans retaking the Passchendaele Ridge. With the arrival of British, Australian and French troops, the offensive is halted. The operation was to separate the British and French Armies, and destroy them, is only a partial success. The offensive ends on April 29, with the Germans sustaining heavy casualties.
- April 21 The 'Red Baron' (Manfred von Richthofen 1892-1918) is shot down and killed near Vaux-sur-Somme, by a RAF pilot. **Richthofen was involved in aerial combat with Lt. Wilfrid 'Wop' May (1896-1952) and Capt. Arthur 'Roy' Brown (1893-1944,) it's uncertain which pilot, or even which ground based machine gunner, fired the fatal .303 bullet which took the life of the 'Red Baron.'** His body was initially buried with full military honours by the British at the Bertangles cemetery. In the 1920's his body was moved to the French Fricourt cemetery, in 1925 he was moved, yet again, to the Invalidenfriedhof cemetery, in Berlin. In 1975 his body was finally moved to the Richthofen family plot at Sudfriedhof in Wiesbaden. **The 'Red Baron' is credited with shooting down eighty Allied planes.**
- May 23** Costa Rica declare war on Germany.
- May 27 The third German spring offensive (Blucher-Yorck Offensive) gets underway. Its aim, to tie down the Allies in central France. Forty-one divisions of the German 1st and 7th Armies engage the French 6th Army along a twenty-five mile front. The Germans gain control of the front. With this success the Germans change plans and decide to head to Paris, hoping to draw the Allies into one final battle. The German Armies get to within fifty miles of Paris, but due to continual fighting, exhaustion takes over, and the advance is halted.

- May 28 The village of Cantigny is captured from the Germans by troops of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division. The American Expeditionary Force (AEF) in command of Gen. John Joseph Pershing (1860-1948) is determined to keep control of the American troops. By this time over 650,000 American troops are in France.
- May 29 Battle of Skra-di-Legen. The battle saw the first action undertaken by Greek troops. Three Greek divisions and one French brigade shelled the position before capturing the heavily outnumbered Bulgarians. Over four hundred Allied soldiers were killed with over six hundred Bulgarian dying.
- June 1** Battle of Belleau Wood begins, which involves the U.S. 2nd Infantry Division. The battle ends on June 26. During this battle the Americans sustain heavy losses with 5,000 killed. 10,000 American troops per day are entering France by this time.
- June 6 Ottomans re-enter Tabriz.
- June 9 The Germans 18th Army heads towards Paris (Operation Gneisenau.) The French and Americans mount a counter-attack and the fourth German offensive, Battle of Matz, ends in just four days.
- June 13 Provisional Siberian Government formed at Omsk.
- June 15 The joint Austrian-Hungarian Armies start an offensive along the Piave River in Italy, spurred on by the Germans. They set up a twelve mile front after crossing the river, but because they lack food, horses and supplies, the line cannot be maintain against the attacking Italian Army. The Austro-Hungarian Armies withdraw whilst sustaining 150,000 casualties. The battle ends on June 23. This action triggers desertions from within the Austrian and Hungarian Armies.
- June 15 Ottomans occupy Dilman,, Khov, and Urmia.
- June 30 Battle of Moreuil Wood.

Mid 1918	The 1918 flu pandemic, nicknamed 'Spanish flu,' was an unusually deadly outbreak involving H1N1 influenza virus. During this period soldiers from all sides suffered from the deadly strain. The losses amongst soldiers suffering from flu soon exceeded combat casualties. The first worldwide pandemic lasted for about a year, killing an estimated 20 million persons, then vanished as quickly as it had appeared.
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ON A BLIND DATE AT WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE



Colin and Dorothy (née Hough) Dean

I was very interested to read the report on the members' visit to Wentworth Woodhouse in the January 2018 Barnsley FHS Journal.

The report gives a fascinating account of the current attempts to breathe new life into the house but it also reminded me of the critical part that the house played in my own family history.

My mother and father met each other for the first time at Wentworth House. The occasion was a garden party probably in the mid 1930s. From what I can remember from my mother annual garden parties were held for local people in and around the grounds surrounding the stable buildings.

What makes this even more special is that this was a blind date (long before Cilla Black created her TV series). Mum's friend wanted to go to the garden party to meet her young man but her parents would only allow it if my mother went along as well. The friend's young man would bring along a pal of his for Mum to meet and with whom to enjoy the afternoon.

The rest, as they say, is history and here I am!

My Dad, Colin Dean, was born and lived at Harley and worked down Elsecar pit until he was married at Holy Trinity Church in Wentworth, on 27th June, 1938. Mum, Dorothy Hough, was born and lived at Elsecar. Her mother died in 1932 so Mum kept house, at 120 Church Street for her two brothers who also worked at Elsecar pit.

I assume the garden parties were arranged for the local population at large. The Fitzwilliams owned Elsecar pit, at that time, and so there would have been a large number of people either directly or indirectly associated with Wentworth House.

I trust and hope that this adds a little colour and "romance" to the account of the member's visit.

Finally, a question. We almost always referred to the house as "Wentworth House" and only rarely as "Wentworth Woodhouse". So where did the 'Woodhouse' come from?

Philip Dean

WORSBROUGH HALL

Overlooking the Garden of Yorkshire



Worsbrough Hall, the ancestral seat of the Edmunds family looks out over the Valley of the River Dove, which was once described as the “Garden of this part of Yorkshire”

In 1841 it was the home of William Bennett Martin a descendant of Thomas Edmunds, one time Secretary to Thomas, Earl of Strafford, and Ann Cookson who both died in 1662 and are buried in Worsbrough, and Augusta Marcia Chaloner the only daughter of the Rev. John Chaloner, rector of Newton-Kyme, along with their two children Maria Eliza and Julia Constance. Living with them was Augusta Anne Chaloner, Augusta **Marcia’s mother who was the** youngest daughter of Robert and Lady Elizabeth Sutton.

William was the nephew of Francis Offley Edmunds who died childless and left him all his estates. The wealth and standing of the family in the community can be seen from the number of servants resident at the hall. Henry Cotton, the butler, supervised a cook, two ladies maids, two housemaids, a footman, a groom, a postillion,⁽¹⁾ a gardener and 16-year-old Thomas White, the apprentice gardener.

William Bennett Martin was born in 1796, and is described simply as **‘Engineer’ but was also a Justice of the Peace** and Deputy Lieutenant of Yorkshire. He married Augusta Marcia in 1831 and died in 1847. Augusta died in 1859 and is buried at Newton-Kyme.

Their eldest son Thomas Wentworth Martin assumed the Edmunds surname at birth in 1841. He was at one time an ensign in the 60th Royal Rifles and served in Canada. Whilst out riding with his brother in law, he was thrown from his horse and so badly injured that he died 2 weeks later.

After Thomas's death in 1866 the Martin-Edmunds estates passed to **William Henry, William's second son** who married Emily Frances Tichborne Hibbert a descendant of Bertram Arthur Talbot, 17th Earl of Shrewsbury. Their daughter Cecilia Elizabeth Mary Agnes Martin-Edmunds was born in London in 1871.

Of the other children born to William and Augusta Marcia, Maria Elizabeth married the Hon. Francis Dudley Stuart Wortley, the second son of John, 2nd Baron Wharnccliffe of Wortley, Augusta Charlotte died unmarried in 1854 and is buried at Worsbrough, Amelia Mary Martin married Edward Chivers Bower, a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant for the West Riding of Yorkshire and lived at Wadworth Hall, Julia Constance married Stephen Soames a Barrister at Law and Francis Etheldreda died in the year she was born, 1839, and is buried at Worsbrough.

In 1851 the Bennett-Martins still occupied Worsbrough Hall. Augusta Marcia now a widow at 40 is **described as a 'Landed Proprietor'** and is the head of the household. Their servants, twelve in total, now

include the housekeeper, Sarah Stubbins, a governess, Emillie Gyrick, a ladies-maid, five house servants, a footman, a stable boy/groom and a gardener.

In 1861 George Attenborough, a farmer, had the Hall. He lived there with his second wife Maria, son John and three servants. George had previously occupied Rockley Old Hall for over 10 years farming 150 acres. On the death of his first wife Sarah he married his housekeeper Maria Hitchcock.

John Warrington, Colliery Proprietor lived at the Hall in 1871. His wife Elizabeth, their young son **John Francis aged 3 and John's nephew Vernon**. Thomas Smith, a mining engineer, lived with him. Six servants including nurse Mary Wetherall lived in. The kitchen-maid, Mary Leake was the daughter of Joseph Leake of Birdwell had been deaf and dumb from birth.

Ten years further on the 1881 census shows three separate families living at Worsbrough Hall. Jonathan Piggford a mining engineer from Durham no doubt occupied the main building but William Podmore, the colliery cashier and Seth Jenkinson; a coachman and Wesleyan preacher also had accommodation there.

Including themselves, visitors and servants the total number people dwelling at the hall was 17.

Another mining engineer from Durham lived at the Hall in 1891. **Jonathan Longbotham's extended**



Worsbrough Hall Entrance Gates

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family consisted of his wife, three daughters, two sons, mother in law and three servants. Coachman William E. Jenks, labourer Robert Schofield and their families had accommodation in the yard.

Yet another mining engineer, Ralph Richardson, had the Hall in 1901, which also supplied accommodation for the families of George Mallinson, the colliery foreman and David Johnson, gardener. Apart from the cook, the housemaid, and the nurse, who all lived in at the Hall, the Mallinsons and Johnsons provided a dressmaker and helper, a laundress, a coachman and a general domestic servant, a real family affair.

After serving as colliery offices for some time and then being unoccupied and allowed to fall into decay, the Hall was eventually turned into luxury flats, providing once again, accommodation for several families.

postillion: One who rides the nearside horse of the team to guide the horses drawing a coach.

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