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DISCOVERING YOUR ROOTS.

The lure of the place where your ancestors lived is a strange and intriguing human trait. Some time ago we received a letter from Don Appleby who writes: "My parents came from the States to visit for several weeks during the Autumn and we made another trip to Essex. From the early 19th Century tithe maps I was able to locate the house where my great grandfather lived at Dedham and the houses of his brothers and cousins in Boxted. We even happened upon a cottage named APPLEBY although I don't know it's connection to the family." Have you made that nostalgic and sentimental journey to seek out your roots, if so why not share the experience with other members of the A.R.O?.

ROMEO, ROMEO, WHEREFORE ART THOU?

Old photographs of our ancestors are a valuable source of information about their features but Sheila Baggaley has found some additional information about her great grandmother, MARY APPLEBY (born 1838 at Church Broughton, Derbyshire.) "Mary Appleby was of olive complexion with brown eyes, and it is a family legend that her colouring came from an Italian ancestor who worked as a painter on the murals at Osmaston Hall." Sheila is anxious to establish if this is a fact or fiction and is hoping to trace her family line, but despite much research of estate records and a good deal of Family History success, she has not yet found the elusive Italian Romeo.

MORE NEWS ABOUT APPLEBY MAGNA

Our good friend, Don Appleby has been out and about, and during a visit to the British Library found the following information on Appleby Magna, Leicestershire. In addition to a pedigree of the family discussed below there was a long discussion of the early history of Appleby Magna. " Source: Nichols J., "History and Antiquities of Leicestershire" London, 1804; Vol 3, part 2.

Over Seale (or Upper Seale or Spital Seile)

Consisted of three manors, or small seignories, all of which find of the fee of Ferrers. William de Meisham, son of Robert gave part of one, in frank marriage, with Godehouda his eldest daughter, to William de Appleby, son of Robert de Appleby together with a park, a mill and a wood called Woodlands. This was circa 1250AD. To the abbot of Merevale Meisham afterwards gave "servitium & Homagium Williemi i heredis Williemi de Applebi & heredum Osberti filii Luciani Disert de Parva Seyle" Appleby held these lands under the abbot of Merevale who held them under William, Earl of Derby"

In 1320, "Juratores etiam dicunt, quod non est ad dampnum, & c. si Rex cenedat Henri de Appleby, quod ipse L acras terre cum pertentiss in Parva Sheyle"

Appleby's Manor in Over Seile.

Henry de Appleby, knight son of William, gave divers lands in this manor to the abbey of Merevale.

21 October 1305. Edward I granted to Henry de Appleby and his heirs liberty of free warren in all their demense lands at Spitel Sheile. This grant was witnessed by the Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield; Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln; Thomas, Earl of Lancaster; Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford & Essex; Hugh le Despenser; Robert de Clifford; Robert de le Ward; Edmund de Malo Lacu.

In 16 Edward III (13343) William de Leicester abbot of Miravall, St. Denis made John de Lee attorney to give seisin to Mons. Edmond de Appleby and Lady Joan his wife of a place in Over Seile called Shortheath, and of all the oaks of the said abbey, near Barrat Pool of the said Edmond.

About a century later some of the Appleby's seem to have made this manor their residence. A deed of 22 Henry VI (1447) has listed as a witness Edmond Appleby of Over Sheley.

In 1529, ...Appulby died seised of certain lands and tenements in Over Siele, hold of the manor of Merevale. In 1560, George Appleby, esq. sold the manor to Anthony Forster.

As of 1622 the Appleby coat of arms were still in a window in the south chancel of the church in Over Seile. I don't know if it has survived to this day"

A HUNDRED YEARS OF NORTH ESSEX PHOTOGRAPHS.

A new book which tells in words and pictures the story of the professional photographers of North Essex between 1845 and 1937 has been written and produced by DAVID APPLEBY and his father JOHN APPLEBY of Great Horkesley.

Entitled "The Magic Boxes" the book is sure to prove popular with those interested in the history of photography, and the historic scenes of North Essex. The Magic Boxes is an Essex Record Office publication and is available post free from the Essex Record Office Bookshop, P.O. Box 11, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1LX, price £6.95.

THE STRANGE CASE OF HENRIETTA SOPHIA APPLEBY

Henrietta Sophia Appelbee was the daughter of George Appleby, a merchant, and wife to Alexander Stanesby (m. 1858 St. Georges Hanover Square, London.) who was a most committed dissenting Minister as well as an artist. One of his sons changed his name to Martin Luther Stanesby. Alexander himself was the son of a Derby China painter, John Stanesby, and three of Alexander's brothers were also artists.

Whilst no trace of the birth/baptism of Henrietta can be found, it is strange that we find a Henrietta Sophia Applebee christened on 19 Dec 1824 at St. Martins in the Fields Church, Westminster - BUT with her parents shown as William and Elizabeth Applebee.

AN INTERVIEW WITH HARRY PONDER - June 1975.

My full name is Harry Augustus Ponder, and I was born in February 1882 at Little Wigborough, in Essex. I started work when I was 12 years old at Copt Hall Farm at Little Wigborough, my job was to scare the rooks off the farm. I did this by running about shouting and hollerin'. I married MABEL APPLEBY in 1906 at Peldon, Essex in November, she was always known as Tiny and that is what I always called her. She has been dead now for 20 years. Three of my sisters married Tiny's brothers. There was Eliza who married ARTHUR APPLEBY, they lived at the blacksmiths shop but he was not a blacksmith, it was down near Peldon Green. Florrie married WILFRED APPLEBY and they moved to Frating, Essex. Nellie married Dick, his real name was DAVID but was always known as Dick. They lived at Ipswich. He was a guard on the railway.

Games Farm is where the Appleby's lived. It was a 20 acre farm owned by Felix King. It is much bigger now. Tiny's mother Rosina Appleby died in 1916 and the following year all the farm buildings were burned down. In 1917 I cut my left leg above the knee with a hay knife and nearly lost my leg. Dr. Hall stitched it up and I was laid up for about six weeks. Those hay knives were very sharp and heavy.

I was only two when the earthquake happened in Essex. My sister had taken me to school to get me out of mothers way as it was a Monday and Wash day. Everyone ran out of the school when it happened - and left me behind! I don't remember, of course, but that is what I was told. There was a lot of damage in Peldon and Wigborough. Peldon Church tower was badly affected as was the Peldon Rose public house which lost its roof.

Peter Talbot-Ashby.

EXTRACT OF WILL OF THOMAS APPLEBEE of BOXTED, ESSEX.

...Sick and weak in body..... my wife Elizabeth shall be permitted to live in and use the room called the parlour and shall have access to and from this room in the dwelling called "Hawkins" My son THOMAS when last heard of was a soldier quartered at Hull in Yorkshire; if not living give it all to my son John. Farm stock to be divided between my Wife and son John.
Will made 22 December 1799.....Proved 24th January 1801.

EXTRACT FROM NEWSPAPER CUTTING - JANUARY 1912.

" WE regret to record the death of Mrs Drusilla Appleby, wife of Capt. George Walton Appleby which took place at her residence No. 10 Church Street, Durham, on Thursday, 11th January. The funeral took place at St. Oswald's Church on Monday afternoon. The chief mourners were:- Capt. G. W. Appleby, Mrs Godwin of Winchester (daughter), Mrs Hawkins (daughter), Miss Louisa Appleby (daughter), Miss Violet Appleby (daughter), Miss Eveilyn Appleby (daughter), and Capt. Mathews (brother). The coffin was of unpolished oak with heavy brass furnishings, the breastplate bearing the inscription:

Drusilla Appleby
Died Jan 11th 1912
Aged 62 years."

The newspaper cutting, kindly sent to us by Mrs Diana Pullinger, had a full list of floral tributes and their donors, and goes to illustrate the wealth of information that can be obtained from Newspaper reports such as this. Not only does it give the names of both Husband and Wife and the age of the wife, but several children are listed together with the married names of two daughters. The report also give the maiden name of the deceased (Mathews). If you recognise this family, please let us know, Mrs Pullinger is anxious to make contact.

ST. GILES, WILLENHALL.

Miss D. Appleby has kindly sent us a stray, that she found in the 1881 census for St. Giles, Willenhall. GEORGE APPLEBY, (Bricklayers labourer) married and aged 50 was lodging at 14 Walsall Road, Willenhall, gave his place of birth as Richmond, Surrey.

LANGENHOE, LEXDEN & LAYER DE LA HAYE, ESSEX.

We have just completed an extraction program from the Parish Records of the above named parishes in Essex, from the baptism, burial and marriage registers for all the Appleby's. Meanwhile, Don Appleby has been busy working on the Parish registers of Langham and Boxted also in Essex.

IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICA BEFORE 1750

JAMES APPLEBY (b.2 Oct 1733- died Smithfield R.I. 29 Aug 1813) farmer of Smithfield who marries Esther Sayles c1757. Children: Hannah b.12 Jun 1758; Thomas b.10 Mar 1760; Phebe 30 Sep 1763; Elizabeth 21 Aug 1765; Stephen 21 May 1768; Esther 27 Jul 1770; James 5 May 1773; Charles 10 Mar 1779.

JOHN APPLEBY b. Ireland came to Philadelphia with his wife and brothers William and Alexander. John made his home in Shippensburg and later in Huntingdon Co.

THOMAS APPLEBY made his mark in court documents, may have been born in England. Bergen thinks he may have had a descendant in Joseph Appleby, White Plains, New York (1781) at whose home George Washington rested in that year.

WILLIAM APPLEBY (b.1603) embarked at Gravesend, Kent, England to sail for Va. in the "Speedwell" 28 May 1635.

LATER IMMIGRANTS TO THE USA

JAMES APPLEBY and his wife Jane came from England to the United States shortly before 1840 and settled in New York State, whence they continued their migration in 1845 to Wisconsin. Their son, John Francis Appleby (1840-1917) of New York was a veteran of the American Civil War and an inventor.

1851 CENSUS - WALSALL STAFFORDSHIRE.

We found this little family living at Wood End, Walsall: WILLIAM APPLEBY aged 38 (Tote collector) born in Plymouth, Devon with his wife Sarah (33) who was born in London. They had three sons, William (8) born in Taunton, Somerset, John (6) and Albert (2) both born in Walsall.

ANOTHER STRAY - 1851 CENSUS.

On his own, JAMES APPLEBY born in 1800 at Sheffield, Yorkshire, living in Colchester, Essex

THE LOCKSMITHS OF WILLENHALL

A letter from Marilyn Lacey in Australia, tells of her husband's g-grandmother HARRIET APPLEBY born c1860 at Willenhall, Staffordshire. She was the daughter of Abel Appleby and Mary Tunnecliff. Abel was a Locksmith. Harriet married Edward Hodgkin at Aston Birmingham 17 Oct 1881. They then came to Australia in 1883 bringing with them their son Edward Abel Hodgkin who died on board the ship.

With help from David N. Appleby, who has searched the Census returns for Willenhall, we have been able to send details to Marilyn of Harriets six brothers and sisters, and also some of ABEL APPLEBY's other relations. David write to say that the family were engaged in the trade of Locksmiths, working from home.

UPDATE ISSUE OF THE IGI.

The 1992 edition of the International Genealogical Index has arrived. This new edition contains more than 187 million entries. We are currently checking this new edition for the Appleby's who didn't show up on the last edition (1988). If you have an IBM compatible Computer and want to get involved in a major indexing project for the ARO, please let us know.