

# THE APPLE TREE

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## The Appleby Research Organisation Newsletter.

Membership of the Appleby Research Organisation is open to all members of the Appleby family, in all its different forms of spelling, researchers, family historians and others with an interest in the Appleby family.

The membership fee is just £5 per year by cheque drawn on a British Bank and made payable to The Appleby Research Organisation. Overseas members may pay by sending \$15 in clean U.S.; Canadian or Australian dollar bills.

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### ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE.

We understand that the lease on St Catherine's House runs out in 1999 and the owners, The BBC Pension Fund have sold it to a German investment corporation. Rumour has it that the building will be gutted and a large office block erected in its place. So, where does this leave the records of Birth, Marriage and Death at St. Catherine's, and our access to these vital records? We await information on this matter.

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### THE 1891 CENSUS

We always welcome extracts from the Census returns, and again we extend our grateful thanks to David Cotton in Australia, who has sent us more extracts from the UK census for 1891, which included a lost family from the Colchester area who had moved to West Ham in Essex; these are related to your Secretary, Peter Talbot-Ashby. Also David sent details of another family, The Reverend George H Appleby and Jane Webber Appleby his wife and family, who were

being searched for by Mrs Jeannette Merritt from Cornwall

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### CONVICTED AT AGE SIX.

"My grandmother was always known as Bertha, but my research has shown that "Bertha" was in fact Mary Catherine Appleby, daughter of George Appleby and Bridget Walsh. At the time of his marriage to Bridget Walsh in November 1869 at St Colmans Cathedral, Cobh, Co. Cork Ireland, George Appleby was a Merchant Sailor. His father, also George Appleby, but at the time of the marriage deceased was a tailor. There was also a brother to Mary Catherine, James born in 1873.

I was more than a little intrigued as to how my grandmother had her name changed from Mary Catherine to Bertha. I got in contact with my sister who, as a child, had lived with my grandmother to see if she could recall any reference to the change. My sister wrote to the Convent where my grandmother had been as a child. The Convent revealed the startling information that my grandmother had been convicted in March 1877 at the age of six for begging and had been sentenced to attend an Industrial School for ten years. The records show that she was not illegitimate.

So many questions remain unanswered, what happened to my grandmothers parents and her brother. The search continues....."

*Austin M. Myall*

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### WHITE WALTHAM PARISH

Mrs Margaret Ridge has kindly sent us extracts from the Parish Records of White Waltham in Berkshire, which contain details of the family of Anth. and Cath. Appleby and their family during the mid-1700's.

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### "APPLEBY SEARCHLINE"

In the past we have published a separate listing of members requests for additional information on their individual lines of research, and

indeed it has been most successful. Several of our members have now been put in touch with others who are researching the same line. New members will continue to receive copies of the latest edition of Searchline, but in future we will include your requests for help in the newsletter.

If you have a request for help please send it to the ARO and we will print it in the next edition.

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#### EMIGRANT FROM ENGLAND

We recently received a letter from Helen Miller in Australia. She says: "One of my ancestors was Ruth Appleby. The first we know of Ruth was when she arrived in Hobart, Tasmania on 26 April 1832 on the Barque "Persian". She died on 19 September 1859 (age 56) so she was born cir 1803. On the death register her place of birth is noted as "England". Ruth was married to Luke Martin in England before she arrived, and travelled with her first son, Henry Martin and sister -in-Law? (Ann Martin). No record of Luke's arrival has been found. We have been unable to find any records containing information about where in England the Martin/Appleby family came from" Helen also sent a full listing of the descendants of Ruth Appleby.

We have searched the ARO data-records, and found only one Ruth Appleby, born at West Lydford, Somerset 21 May 1802, the daughter of Thomas Appleby and Ann (Crutch). This might be the missing Ruth, but without some other corroborating evidence we have advised Helen that it would be unwise to make assumptions at this stage. Can any member offer any help to Helen Miller? Ref: Box ARO/AE39

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#### MOTHER CAME FROM ICELAND!

The Icelandic naming system is unusual, in that there are no family surnames. Children's names are a possessive form of the fathers' first name. For example, Jon Stefansson's son and daughter Leifur and Helga, would be called Leifur Jonsson and Helga Jonsdottir! When Helga marries she will be called Mrs. Jonsdottir, rather than by her husband's name.

Despite this apparent confusion, Icelanders have little trouble tracing their ancestry to the early Norse settlers.

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#### MORE ARMY RECORDS

We are grateful to Ian Hook of the Chelmsford Museums Service, who has kindly sent us some further Army records of Appleby's from Essex, including:

Pte W. Appleby from Clacton of the Essex Yeomanry. A report in a Clacton newspaper dated 17 May 1917 indicated that he had been wounded.

Rfn. William Valentine Appleby of the Queens Westminster Rifles, died of war wounds 20 September 1917. He was the son of Frederick Appleby of 57 Brooke Road, Stoke Newington and husband of the late Eliza Appleby.

There is also Alfred Appleby from Tye Green, Great Horkesley, Essex whose name is on the Great Eastern Railway Roll of Service dated October 1914. He served in the 2nd Bn. York & Lancs Regiment (locomotive dept.) Another entry for Alfred Appleby is on the absent voters list of Colchester Autumn 1919, so it looks as though he made it through the War.

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#### LONDON POST OFFICE GUIDE

Ian Hook also sent a photocopy of the Appleby's listed in the London Post Office Guide for 1846.

We list below these entries:

Appelbee Samuel, Baker, 271 Bermondsey St.  
 Appelbee Wm. sen Baker, 13 Gt Chapel Street,  
 Westminster.  
 Appleby Chas. Grocer & cheesemongr. 1  
 Conduit St. Paddington.  
 Appleby Charles Robt. tailor, 17 St John St.  
 Clerkenwell.  
 Appleby Jas. cheesemongr. 16 Freeschool St.  
 Horselydown  
 Appleby James, dining rooms, New Cross Rd.  
 Deptford.  
 Appleby James, heraldic engravr. 3 Lowr King  
 St. Old Kent Road.  
 Appleby John. working cutler, 48 Banner St. St.  
 Luke's  
 Appleby Samuel, solicitor, 6 Harpur St. Red  
 Lion Square.  
 Appleby Thos. Cheesemongr. 5 Princess St.  
 Edware Road.  
 Appleby Thomas Wm. tobacconist. 13 Bethnal  
 Green Road.

If any member recognises any of these persons as members of their family, please let us know.

## MEDIEVAL RECORDS

It was great to receive a letter recently from our old friend Donald B. Appleby, who now lives in Cincinnati, USA. He tells me that while using the computer search facilities at his local library he found that he could also search the two local University libraries from the same machine. When he did this he was thrilled to find that the University of Cincinnati has an extensive history collection including *Calendar Rolls of Close and Patent Rolls* from the Public Records Office in London.

He started with the *Close Rolls* of Edward I, and below are some extracts with APPLEBY references. Needless to say these are exciting finds for which we are most grateful to Donald.

### CALENDAR OF CLOSE ROLLS OF EDWARD I (1272 - 1279)

1277, June 8 - *Windsor* Simon TOPPING of Coleby, imprisoned at APPELBY for the death of Simon de APPELBY, wherein he is charged, has letters to the sheriff of Cumberland to bail him.

1279, Mar 12 - *Woodstock* Matthew son of William de APPELBY, imprisoned at Leicester for the death of Hemericu de SHELE, whereof he is appealed, has letters to the sheriff of Leicester to bail him.

#### 1279 - 1288

1286, April 16 - *Langley* - Peter de APPLEBY, imprisoned at York for the death of Robert de PYKERING, whereof he is appealed, has letters to the sheriff of York to bail him.

1288, April 10 - *Westminster* - To the sheriff of Warwick. Order to cause Roger de SOMERVILL, imprisoned at Warwick for the death of Michael THOMASKNAVE, slain at Engelby, Co. Derby, to be delivered from prison, as the King learns by inquisition taken by the sheriff of Derby that Roger slew Michael in self defence and not by felony or malice aforethought, and Roger has found the king Engelard de CURZUN, William de GREGORI of Tykenhale, Henry de BAREWE, William de APPELBY, William de BILDESTON, Robert de ENGELBY, Roger de GYLOT, Robert de la WARD of Smythesby, Walter de WYLEFORD, and Henry DAVY of Stanton Co. Derby who have mainperned to have him before the justices at the first assize in Co. Derby if anyone wish to speak against him.

### CALENDAR OF PATENT ROLLS OF EDWARD I 1281 - 1292

1287, May 15 - *Westminster* - Letters from Richard KNUT, going to Scotland, nominating Ralph de APPELBY and William de BOLTEBY his attorneys in England until Christmas.

1291, August 30 - *Grantham* - Signification to the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield of the royal assent to the election of Catherine de APPELBY, nun of Pollesworth, to be abbess.

1292, December 11 - *Stepney* - [Commission of oyer and terminer] to Gilbert de THORNTON and Peter CAMPANIA, on complaint of John de REDMAN the younger, Robert de REDWELL and Reginald le CLERK of Geynesburgh that Thomas, prior of Thorneholme, Nicholas de APPELBY, canon of that house, and John de REDMAN the elder, carried their goods at Appelby and North Kelsey, Co. Lincoln.

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## WILLS AT SOMERSET HOUSE

We are indebted to Margaret Ridge who extracted the following information from The Calendar of Wills at Somerset House. We hope that there may be something of interest to at least one of our members.

1910 Mary APPLEBY of 26 Conniston St. Liverpool (Wife of John APPLEBY) died 26 Dec. 1910 Proved Liverpool 12 Jan. by John Calvert APPLEBY - restaurant proprietor.

1914 William Robert APPLEBY of Manchester House, Ollerton parish of Newark, Notts. Died 9 Feb. 1914.

1917 John Henry APPLEBY 2 Cromer Road, Nottingham died 30 Aug. 1917. Proved LONDON 5 Oct. to Rebecca Elizabeth APPLEBY - widow.

1925 Mary Elizabeth APPLEBY of 42 Jubilee Road - widow died 24 Nov. 1925 - Probate WAKEFIELD 10 Dec. to Frederick Ralph APPLEBY - solicitors clerk and Leslie Winefred APPLEBY - carpenter.

1938 Minnie Alice APPLEBY of 2 Richard Street, Newtown, East Retford, Notts. widow. died 4 Jan 1938. Probate Nottingham 25 Mar. to Minnie Ada Baldock APPLEBY spinster.

1938 Joseph APPLEBY of 400 Cavendish Road, Carlton, Notts. died 20 Oct. 1937 at Upton, Notts. Administration Nottingham 25 Jan. 1938 to John APPLEBY civil servant.

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## 1881 CENSUS OF MONMOUTH & GLAMORGANSHIRE

We are pleased to report that the index of the 1881 census for both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire have now been received, and extracts taken of all the Appleby family members. It never fails to be of interest to see the movement of families around the Country, and in particular the family of Henry and Catherine Appleby.

Henry Appleby was born in Sunderland Co. Durham in 1837. His wife Caroline, a year older than him was born in Mile End, Middlesex. (It would be interesting to know how these two met!) In 1881 they were living in Briton Ferry, Glamorgan (which incidentally is only about 10 miles from the Swansea Valley). He worked on the railway.



They had eight living children in 1881, Kate born in Cornwall; Charles born in Sheffield; five other children born in Newport, Monmouthshire and the youngest Madeline aged 1 who was born in Neath, Glamorgan which is the next town to Briton Ferry.

The point to remember, for those of us researching our ancestry, is that without the assistance of Census Returns and particularly the Indexes, we would have great difficulty in putting together a reliable family group sheet for some of our ancestors, especially those who travelled the length and breadth of the land, as did Henry and Caroline Appleby.

We also found several Appleby's from Somerset, who had migrated to Glamorganshire.

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#### ELECTORAL ROLL - 1874

A recent visit to the PRO in Chancery Lane, by Margaret Ridge, enabled her to copy the following extracts from the 1874 Tuxford, Nottinghamshire Electoral Roll:

Frederick W. Appleby - Place of abode, Bramley Nr. Leeds. Nature of qualification - Freehold land at Priorycroft, Notts.

William Crowther Appleby - Place of abode, Balby, Nr. Doncaster - Qualification - Freehold land "Pridecroft" Notts.

#### 1874 ELECTORAL ROLL

##### EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

Frederic Appleby - place of abode, East Retford. Freehold House - Market Place - John Kippax.

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#### APPLEBY OF EGMANTON, NOTTS.

Once again Margaret Ridge has found some very interesting documents lodged with the Society of Genealogists, including a pedigree of the Applebys of Egmanton which was prepared and dated 1884. The members of this family claimed and used the Arms of Appleby of Appleby in Leicestershire, but one cannot see how that right can be proven. Norwell, Notts. seems to be the most likely place for the immediate ancestry of Samuel Appleby I, since a Joseph Appleby and Elizabeth Sykes were married there 31 Mar. 1706.

Samuel Appleby I of Egmanton married Ann ----? said to have been born at Egmanton. His will as a Farmer dated 14 Dec. 1776 was proved at York 10 May 1777. Issue as far as is known:

Samuel Appleby II of whom more hereafter.

Joseph Appleby buried as a child Oct 1753

Elizabeth Appleby married Robert Maples at Egmanton 27 Mar. 1787.

Mary Appleby married John Hemsall (or Hemseed) there 25 Jun. 1770

Ann Appleby married Joseph Wild of Woodborough at Egmanton 9 Apr. 1776

SAMUEL APPLEBY II born at Egmanton, married there (1) 23 Dec. 1777 Mary Sudbury buried there about 1788, and (2) 24 Nov. 1791 to Elizabeth Gale. by these wives he had issue as under:-

Samuel Appleby III born 17 Oct 1778 and a daughter who died in childhood by his first wife. Joseph Appleby married Elizabeth, dau. of William Wild of Tuxford leaving issue, William, Joseph. Elizabeth who died, and Sarah Francis, wife of ----- Weaver.

Ann Appleby married at Laxton 5 Jul 1814 William Green of Newstead Abbey and had issue Jemima who married ---- Turvey of Retford.

(Elizabeth, widow of Samuel Appleby III remarried at Egmanton 6 Jun. 1807 Robert Weatherhill of Laxton, and had issue Robert and Elizabeth who married Jacob Jacobson and was later of Liverpool)

Samuel Appleby II was buried at Egmanton 26 Mar. 1802.

SAMUEL APPLEBY III born at Egmanton 17 Oct. 1778 married 18 Apr. 1805 Mary Calvert dau of William Calvert of Darlton. He was a yeoman farmer at Egmanton. Died 2 Aug. 1822, MI at Egmanton Church. Issue:-

Samuel Appleby IV of Doncaster, born 1 Jun 1806 at Egmanton and baptised there. Eldest son. He was a horticulturist at Balby and a member of the Linnean Society. A good player on the violin, in later life he became blind. Married 25 Dec 1825 Mary Ann dau. of William Law Crowther of Doncaster, born 18 Sep 1810 and died 26 Mar 1878. He died at Balby 20 Jun 1868. (Copy of his Will lodged with the Appleby Research Organisation) He had issue:-

Mary Ann Appleby born at Doncaster 19 Jul 1830, married 14 Aug. 1855 Thomas Loxley, solicitor and had issue:-

John Wakefield Loxley born 29 Jul 1856

Francis Edwin Loxley born 17 Aug. 1858

(understood to be a parson in Co. York)

Fanny Amelia Loxley, born 26 Dec. 1859

Charles Herbert Loxley born 16 Sep 1861

(Understood to be a chemist in London, and probable compiler of this genealogy)

Ada Mary Loxley b. 26 Dec 1865 and resident of Doncaster with her sister annon 1927.

Sarah APPLEBY b. at Doncaster 11 Mar 1832, married 25 Dec. 1854 to William Middleton, draper of Worksop, Notts. She d. 23 Sep. 1857 and was buried in Worksop Churchyard with a dau. Sarah who was b. in 1856 and died 21 Apr 1858.

Samuel APPLEBY V - b. 2 Mar. 1834. He ran away to sea and was never more heard of.....

Other children were Anne Elizabeth Calvert Appleby; Elizabeth Emma Appleby; Florence Appleby; Frederick William Appleby and William Crowther Appleby.

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