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The Appleby Research Organisation Newsletter.

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CAPTAIN W. APPLEBY

We are grateful to Stuart Tamblin who has advised us that The Official History of the British Legion by Graham Wootton, published by MacDonald & Evans of London 1956; this book includes references to Captain W. APPLEBY on pages 24, 29, 169, 200, 281, 306 and 313.

He was representative of *Comrades of the Great War* at the 1st Joint Conference on Unity held at RUSI, Whitehall, 7 Aug 1920 and subsequently a member of the National Executive Council of the British Legion, 1921-2.

BANKNOTE FORGER!

HO22/12 is the reference to the trial of Edward Appleby in 1816 in Exeter, Devon for hav-

ing forged Banknotes. He was sentenced to transportation for 14 years.

MAYOR OF NEWARK

Mrs Margaret Ridge has kindly sent us extracts from a book, written by Cornelius Brown on the History of Newark, Nottinghamshire, which concerns her ancestor, Doctor Frederick Henry Appleby.

He was born in 1856 and married Elizabeth Ridge Bishop in 1871. In his will dated 19 November 1917 he is described as a Surgeon and Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He served as Mayor of Newark three times, 1899, 1909 and 1910 and lived at Barnbygate House, which was formerly occupied by John Jeremiah Bigsby, M.D., who was born in Nottingham in 1792. Dr. Bigsby was a distinguished physician and geologist and wrote several books on geology and another narrative of his travels in Canada.

Some time previous to the Golden Anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign in 1887, it had been suggested that the best permanent memorial would be the erection of a new School of Art in Newark. £3,500 was donated by the executors of the late Sir William Gilstrap together with a further £1,500 from his three nieces. The Duke of Newcastle had also been approached and had kindly offered to provide the site for the new building.

The celebration of the Jubilee culminated on Sunday 20th June 1887 with a parade from the Town Hall to the Parish Church. Included in the parade was Surgeon-Major Frederick Henry Appleby and 115 Newark Volunteers.

Dr Appleby was elected Mayor in 1899, when the topic of interest to everyone was the War in South Africa. The news of the relief of Ladysmith at the close of February, caused much rejoicing. The relief of Mafeking which was celebrated together with the Queens' birthday on

Thursday 24 May by a thanksgiving service at the Parish Church. This was followed by band concerts in the Market Place and at night a lantern parade.

A Mayoral Fund was set up by for the assistance of the wives and families of the Auxiliary Forces. His Worship the Mayor hit upon the excellent idea of offering for sale a medal in bronze and silver. On the obverse the medal bore the town arms, the date, and "F.H. Appleby, Mayor" and on the reverse the words "Struck in aid of the Mayor's Fund for the families of Newark soldiers who fought in the Transvaal War".

The new School of Science and Art was formally open by the Mayor (F. H. Appleby) on Thursday, 25 October 1900. Situated on the London Road. It was designed by Messrs Mallocks & Grocock of Bedford and included rooms for the science school on the ground floor, and other rooms for life study, freehand drawing and geometry and one for light and shade and model drawing.

Dr. Appleby died in 1918.

APPLEBY/MARTIN CONNECTION

An enquiry from Helen Miller in Australia poses a difficult problem. She is looking for her ancestor RUTH APPLEBY who married Luke Martin - somewhere in England about 1830. They had a son Henry Martin before they emigrated to Hobart Tasmania on the Barque "Persian" arriving on 26 April 1832. Ruth died on 19 September 1859 (aged 56), so she was born circa 1803.

Another enquiry this time from Marjorie Gosling also in Australia, links the names of Appleby/Martin. Henry Martin married Sarah Appleby at Somerton, Somerset on the 13 July 1837. Sarah was baptised 1 March 1812, being the first child of William Appleby and Elizabeth Walton. This family arrived in Van Diemens Land in 1857 via the "Fortune". Could there be a connection between these two families?

1881 CENSUS FIND

Twenty -six year old Joseph Bell, a colonial merchant living in his parents home in Stockport was registered as unmarried but "still hoping".

There may be more of a story here because Mary Jane Johnson, the 23 year old domestic servant in the house was registered as "unmarried but willing". Maybe the 1891 census will reveal the outcome!

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE YOUR

INTERESTS IN "APPLE TREE"

Three of our members have benefited from having their interests printed in the Apple Tree newsletter. Following receipt of a letter from a non-member who saw a copy of the Newsletter and wrote to say that he had "much family history that will tie up with member Gil Raymond"

We were able to put them in touch with each other. Fortunately two other members also tie into the same family from Northumberland, so they too will receive further data.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL.

We are grateful to Margaret Ridge who has sent us details of the Wills of John Appleby of Malton, Yorkshire who died 22 November 1911 and also Mary Appleby (wife of John Appleby) of Liverpool dated January 1911. These have been indexed and carefully filed for future reference.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE REGISTERS

Member, Ken Jackson has been hard at work extracting details of Appleby Baptisms, Marriages and some burials from the Parish Registers of East Retford, East Markham, Ordsall and Babworth, all in the County of Nottinghamshire.

These records go back to 1747, and we are sure that at least one other member, namely Margaret Ridge will be interested to see these extracts.

We really do appreciate the assistance that we receive from you, the members of ARO, by sending any details you find, either modern or ancient about members of the Appleby family.

WILLIAM LINES APPLEBY.

While on a visit to Dovercourt, near Harwich in Essex, I had a half-hour to spare and wandered into the churchyard of All Saints Church.

The graveyard was very overgrown, but a gardener was busy with a petrol driven strimmer, cutting down the grass which in many places obscured the inscriptions on the stones.

The powerful engine of the strimmer disturbed the otherwise quiet of the evening, but I was glad that he was there because he had just exposed the gravestone of William Lines Appleby and his wife Maria Ann. The Stone read as follows:

"William Lines Appleby - born 6 November 1829, died 12 May 1892. and Maria Ann Appleby his wife who died 16 February 1894 aged 65."

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

I know that several of our members are re-searching their Appleby ancestor who came from a place called Queen Camel, and I thought that you would be interested in a note that I read in a Somerset Tourist guide.

"Queen" originates from the manor being granted to Queen Matilda by William the Conqueror. "Camel" derives its name from the nearby River Cam, itself possibly a derivative of "Camelot". The High Street is all blue lias stone and thatched houses. St Barnabas church - reached from a cobbled lane - is magnificent!

I can't wait to visit the village of Queen Camel, can you?

1664 HEARTH TAX

The East Retford Hearth Tax return for 1664 shows the following:

Thomas Appleby 1 Hearth... 2 shillings.

COL. EDWARD B. APPELBE

Co. Edward Benjamin Appelbe, C.B. (1902) late Army Ordnance Dept. ret 1907. Served in Zulu campaign 1879 (medal with clasp) in Boer

War 1881; in Soudan Expd. 1884-5 (medal with two clasps bronze star); in Soudan 1888-9; in S. African War 1899-1902, mentioned in despatches thrice, Queens medal with three clasps, Kings medal with two clasps, promoted Colonel C.B.

Born 29 Dec 1855, 2nd son of the late Edward Alexander Appelbe of Kildarra House, Bandon, Cork, Ireland. Married 1st 1885 Annie Margaret Napier who died 30 Nov 1905, eldest dau of the late David Napier of Murchiston, Natal. Married 2nd on 4 Nov 1907 Helen Florence Mabel Wright, dau of the late Brig. Surg. Thomas Wright AMS.

(Any member with knowledge of this family please contact Brenda Lawrance c/o ARO Box AE42)

PRIVATE G. L. APPLEBY

Stuart Tamblin noticed C/19282 Pte. G L Appleby, Royal Marines in the War Diaries of the 3rd R M Battalion in the Aegean. He was transferred to HM Hospital Ship Rewa on the afternoon of 9 Aug 1917 and returned six days later.

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POST CAPTAIN JOHN APPLEBY

Sharry Reynolds is anxious to trace any one with knowledge of the family of John Appleby and his wife Ellen. They appear on the 1851 census for Littlehampton, Sussex, living at 10 Peach Terrace, and give their birthplaces as Soberton, Hampshire and Leominster, Sussex respectively. John was aged 55 and his wife 46.

HO/107/1651 folio 497 - ARO Ref; AA56.

Sharry Reynolds, has also sent us a recipe for Mrs Appleby's Sponge Pudding. Ellen Appleby began the book in 1825!

"The weight of 2 eggs, in flour, in butter and in pounded sugar, 3 drops of essence of lemon.

Mix together and put in buttered tea cups and baked in a moderately quick oven. Serve with wine sauce, but not in the dish as it spoils

the pudding - if not eaten hot as pudding, they eat very good as cake"

HENRY AND SOPHIA APPLEBY

IN AUSTRALIA.

On the 14th September 1859, Henry (39) and Sophia (41), Joseph Falkington (19), son of Sophia, and Harriett (16) first put their feet on Australian soil after a long journey aboard a little barque of 348 ton called the "Parsee" which sailed from London. The ships captain was John McKellar.

The Appleby's were farmers from the East Riding of Yorkshire around the village of North Burton/Burton Fleming and came to Australia with the promise of a new life and a dream of owning their own land. They brought with them the barest necessities of furniture and probably a few special treasures on board ship. Harriett brought a little bible with this inscription in the front cover: *Presented to Ariet APPLEBY, North Burton, Yorkshire, England, 14th January 1855.*

In Sydney, they bought a covered wagon and horses to take their belongings and a large supply of non-perishable foods, flour, sugar, tea, water etc., to last them six months to a year. They set off in convoy over the Great Dividing Range with a number of others with the same hopes and dreams towards Bathurst in New South Wales.

Henry found ample farm work in the Bathurst district and remained there for several years working for a French gentleman, at a farm called "Blackdown". He saved up his earnings and no doubt Joseph did the same. Between them they gathered enough funds to be able to purchase a block of land from a Mr. Ball of Mt. Lambie which they called "Springfield". On the block was a house and sheds. By this time Joseph was known as Joseph Appleby.

Henry lost no time in establishing a vegetable farm and also planted fruit trees. With gold mining and the gold-rush of that time there was a great demand for fresh vegetables at nearby Sunny Corner and local villages of Meadow Flat, Yetholme etc. Sophia would harness up the horse to the cart selling whatever was in season, as well as butter and eggs going from door to

door and soon the reputation spread and Henry and Sophia Appleby made a comfortable living from their hard work.

Harriett married a local farmer James Pearse on the 6th October 1862, who took up a property called "Astrop" at Meadow Flat, about three miles from Harriett's home at "Springfield". They had a large family of eight children, but sadly Harriett died aged 38 on the 11th April 1882.

Daughter Vylctte aged 15 cared for her brothers and sisters except Susan Harriett who went to live with Sophia and Henry.

Joseph Falkington Appleby married Henrietta Berry on the 8th May 1865 at Bathurst and then built a small house a short distance away from Henry & Sophia's home at "Springfield".

Meanwhile back in Yorkshire, Henry Appleby's half brother John Hunter married Jane Wray who had eight children, among whom were John and James Hunter who came out to Australia in the early 1880's. They both became involved with the gold diggings and James made the trip across the mountains to visit his uncle and aunt Henry and Sophia Appleby in the 1890's, where he met his cousin Susan Harriett Pearse (the daughter of Harriett and James Pearse) who had the most beautiful long thick auburn/red hair.

James continued on his way and over the next ten years travelled from Sydney by boat to Western Australia and beyond civilisation to the north west of this vast country to the Kimberleys working on cattle stations and gold fields and by 1899 was back in Queensland at Cairns. All the while James kept in touch with Sophia and Henry by letter.

By this time Sophia and Henry were unable to continue working the farm and in desperation Susan Harriett wrote to James and asked if something could be done to help. He headed back down to Mt. Lambie and arrived in March 1900.

James Hunter and Susan Harriett Pearse were married on 20th July 1900.

Sophie died 6th July 1901 and Henry transferred ownership of "Springfield" to James and Susan Harriett. Henry lived with them until his death on the 25th January 1909.

Contributed by Leonie White grand-daughter of James and Susan Harriett Hunter.

REPORT FROM STUART TAMBLIN

Another letter from Stuart Tamblin lists more Appleby criminals! reprinted with permission from the Public Records Office.

Absolam Appleby was tried at the April 1817 session on Somerset for larceny and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment (*Ref HO27/14*)

Whilst James Applebee was tried in the July session of the same year, also in Somerset and found not guilty (*Ref HO27/14*)

In Northumberland at the 1817 summer assizes, William Thompson and Thomas Appleby were both tried for Highway robbery and then sentenced to Death. (*Ref HO27/14*).

Charles Appleby was tried at the October session in Berkshire 1805 accused of larceny - and acquitted.

PRO PERSONAL NAMES DATABASE

The following data was extracted from the PRO Personal Names Database by Stuart Tamblin, to whom we are most grateful.

760690 Sergeant G. W. Appleby from Houghton le Spring, a sergeant in the RFA (Army) was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field on the 23 February 1918.

Corporal W. Appleby from Rathdrum, also in the RFA (Army) was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field on the 23 February 1918.

Reference is also made of Major D. Appleby of the 17th Welch regiment (entry dated 18 April 1917) and Matilda Augusta Appleby in an entry dated 10 Oct 1940.

R. N. WAR GRAVES ROLL

Finally, Stuart Tamblin has sent us extracts from the Royal Navy War Graves Roll 1914-1919.

William G. Applebee, born 14 Oct 1901 assigned to HMS Impregnable died 29 October 1918 age 17 buried at Petersfield, Hampshire.

Alfred Starkey Appleby born 8 March 1898 from Sale Cheshire died on board HMS Monmouth 1 November 1914 aged 16. Body not recovered.

Francis Appleby born 23 July 1797 from Scarborough, Yorkshire of the Royal Naval Reserves serving on HM Paddle Minesweeper died 19 October 1918 aged 21, his body was not recovered.

Thomas Appleby from Sunderland born 30 October 1884 of the RNVR died aboard HMS Bayano on the 11 March 1915 aged 30 his body was never recovered.

Finally William Appleby from Durham born 26 July 1881 died at age 36 on the 26 October 1917. He was assigned to the ship or unit Anson Bn, RND.

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BOZEAT, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Joseph Appleby and Ann Johnson sojourns at Grendon in the County of Northumberland and Diocese of Peterborough married 1 May 1735. (*From Bishops Transcript 1707-1812*)

ARRIVAL TIMES

The guide to the New Zealand census form states: "If you cannot recall your exact date of birth, please write the year in which you were born. If this is not known, write your age at your last birthday alongside the question"

THE NEXT EDITION OF

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Members are reminded that all sorts of contributions are required for future editions of *The Apple Tree*, handwritten or typed.

Items about yourself, your family, cuttings from newspapers, extracts from census, parish registers or wills. In fact anything about the Appleby's. Is there a Company or Business in your area, trading under the name of Appleby? Why not let us know, or ask for some of their advertising literature.

Let us know how far you have progressed in your own research, can another member help

with additional information? Just let us know what further information you need. The Appleby Research Organisation is here to help you.

Our data-base of Births/Baptisms and Marriages is growing all the time, please keep us informed of any additional data that you have found since you registered with the ARO.

This is your Newsletter, please assist by adding your contribution. We would like to double the size of the next edition.

