

# 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 varied forms of spelling, Researchers, Family Historians and others with an interest in the name "Appleby"

The membership fee is just £5 per year paid 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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### FROM WARWICKSHIRE to AUSTRALIA IN 1839

Peter Applebee is a 4th generation Australian. His ancestors migrated to South Australia as free settlers, arriving in Adelaide on the "*Duchess of Northumberland*" on the 19th November 1839, having sailed from London, England on the 6th August.

He has tracked his Great-great Grandfather, Joseph Applebee on the IGI and he was christened at Snitterfield, Warwickshire on the 27 June 1823. His parents were John and Ann Applebee (nee Gould) and they were married in the nearby village church at Clifford Chambers on the 24 July 1820.

Ann later married Daniel Hall on the 12th November 1829, with whom she later migrated to Australia with her son Joseph Applebee.

Peter asks the following question. What happened to John Applebee, did he die, or did he take off?

Peter has several photographs, including one of his g-g-grandfather Joseph taken when he was in his thirties.

At about the same time that Peter wrote to us from Australia, we also received a letter from Georgiana Hemming from Michigan, USA who is also descended from the Applebee family of Snitterton. We are trying to establish a family link. Small world!!

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### FROM CAMBRIDGE to AUSTRALIA in 1854

Pamela Ingham from Victoria, Australia is researching her husbands family, who are descended from John and Elizabeth Rebecca Appleby (nee Eversden) from the County of Cambridge, England. They arrived in Melbourne on the 30th December 1854, having left Southampton on the 9th October. John was aged 24 and Rebecca aged 21. His occupation is given as Sawyer. They had two children with them on the ship "*Tudor*", Susan aged 3 and Elizabeth aged 1.

Five other children were born to John and Elizabeth Rebecca Appleby after they arrived in Australia. The family lived in Brunswick, Victoria.

Also travelling on the same ship were William Appleby (26) and his wife Charlotte (28), also from Cambridge. His occupation was also Sawyer, so they may have been brothers.

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### RELATIVE PROGRESS

For my mother-in-law's eighty-fifth birthday. 30 members of our family went out for Sunday lunch. In the confusion of seating us, the waitress asked my mother-in-law if she was part of the group.

"Part of it?" she echoed. "I'm responsible for it!"

George Martin.

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### AN IMPORTANT FIND.

Peter and Colleen Appleby from Essex, England, wrote to me a little while ago to say that their Uncle, Reginald Gordon Appleby had died, at the age of 96. Peter and the Secretary of the ARO, (Peter Talbot-Ashby) have a common ancestor Nathaniel Appleby.

A few days ago we heard again from Peter to say that while clearing out his Uncles effects an interesting Photograph came to light. Probably more useful family history material is lost or destroyed following a family death, so congratulations to Peter and Colleen for watching out for family documents.

The photograph is of his Uncle's parents, Wilfred James Appleby and Florence Annie Ponder, holding baby Reginald. . The photograph, probable taken at the time of his christening at Peldon, Essex on the 7th April 1899 was taken by G. Stringer of 7 Chapel Street, Colchester. A chapter about the photographer G. Stringer appears in the book "The Magic Boxes" by David and John Appleby.

This book is available from our member, John Appleby, through the ARO.

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### ABSOLAM APPLEBY

In the July 1995 issue of *The Apple Tree* we carried an entry submitted by Stuart Tamblin from criminal records at the Public Record Office, about Absolam Appleby who was tried at the April 1817 sessions in Somerset for larceny and sentenced to three months imprisonment. (Ref. HO27/14)

We have received a letter from one of our members, (name withheld to protect the innocent!) saying that she is 99.9% certain that this is her G-G-Grandfather.

She has checked at Taunton Record Office, "Calendar of Prisoners for Easter Sessions to be held at City of Wells Monday 14 April 1817.

Chairman: John Acland Esq.

Prisoners for trial from Shepton Mallet.

No 28: Absolam Appleby aged 20 along with John Jacobs aged 24. Committed by the Honourable S. Knollis, charged on the oath of James Sparks and James Creed, on suspicion of having stolen a quantity of potatoes, the property of the said James Sparks. Dated February 20".

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### ABSOLAM APPLEBY - AGAIN

On the 15th January 1996 we received a letter from a lady in Derby, England, to say that she is trying to find information about Mary Ann Appleby who married Thomas Hawkins on 15 November 1841 at St Cuthberts Church, Wells, Somerset. Her father's name is given as Absolam Appleby!! We shall put her in touch with Absolam's Great-Great Granddaughter, and let her explain about his criminal record!!!. Seriously, I wonder just how many potatoes they stole, three months is a heavy sentence by today's standards, for the theft of probably no more than a sack of potatoes worth just a few pence in 1817.

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### ESSEX PEDIGREE PROJECT.

We reported in our previous issue that the ARO has begun a project to collect Essex Appleby pedigrees, and to date we have been very successful, and considerable progress has been made.

With the completion of the 1881 census index project, we now have available the indexed census for the County of Essex, which is now being added to, and updated the ARO Essex pedigrees. If any member has details of any Essex Appleby pedigrees, we would most certainly be pleased to receive a copy.

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### 1881 CENSUS PROJECT

As mentioned above, the 1881 Census Project has now been completed. There are still a few Counties, where we are waiting for publication of the results. The last County to be issued will be Lancashire which is expected to be released in July 1996.

The total population covered by the index of England, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands is over 30 million persons.

Anthony J Camp, Director of the Society of Genealogists commented, "The indexes have revolutionised genealogical research in England, Wales and Scotland and provides beginners with a place to start when they most need it. The indexes stand between the limits of present day oral tradition and the beginning of the last century to provide a bridge to the early records of civil registration, which remain closed to the public and expensive to access. The Genealogical world will never be the same again!"

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## TRUDY APPLEBY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

When Trudy Appleby heard of the birth of quintuplets at the Leeds General Infirmary in West Yorkshire, she was impressed to call the hospital. Though four months pregnant herself she wondered if there was anything she could do to help.

A neonatal specialist mentioned to Mrs Appleby that they needed two pulse oximeters, machines that take blood measurements and measures other vital signs.

Mrs Appleby set a goal to raise money for the equipment. With help from her friends at her Church she began organising several fund raising events. There was a swimming gala, a canoe race and other activities. The culminating event was the Charity Gala Day held in Roundhay Park in Leeds.

The Gala lasted all day and several special guests attended, including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds, members of Parliament, members of the Infirmary staff and several well known sports personalities. There were contest, a fun-run, entertainment and other booths. More than half the money needed for the monitoring equipment was raised during the activity.

"This experience really did teach me that one person who is prepared to stand up, and take action can make a difference. I am so grateful that what I have done will be able to bless future babies in the Leeds area" says Trudy.

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## ARE YOU ON THE INTERNET?

We would be interested to know if any member has access to the Information Highway, known as 'The Internet'. We recently received a letter from a man in California, USA who advises us that there is a lot of family history material available, including pedigrees and data which can be downloaded to his computer. If any member has information about this facility, we shall be pleased to hear from you.

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## FROM ESSEX to CALIFORNIA.

Don E. Appleby from the USA writes to say that his g-g-grandfather was from Essex.

His son was Harry John Appleby born 16 April 1855 in Layer de la Haye, Essex, and died

23 October 1835 at Brightlingsea, Essex. He was married to Lucy Lee, born 26 March 1865.

He continues: "My grandfather was Harry Appleby, born 21 April 1885 at Ardleigh, Essex and died 6 May 1965 in Long Beach, California. On 28 October 1911 in Montreal, Canada he married Amy Agnes Groves, born 12 May 1887 at Windsor, Berkshire, England. I have a certified copy of the birth certificate of Harry Appleby, also the marriage certificate of Harry and Amy. It indicates that (Harry) John Appleby was of Thorington, Essex, England.

Harry Appleby put himself apprentice in the art of Carpentry to Edwin Blyth of 32 Waterside, Brightlingsea, county of Essex, builder and contractor. Harry Appleby's father Harry John Appleby of 48 Victoria Place, Brightlingsea, Essex, Shoemaker was a party to the Indenture.

Harry Appleby became a naturalised U.S. citizen on 12 December 1934 in the Court of Orange County, California."

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## 1891 CENSUS RETURNS

David Cotton continues to send us extracts from the 1891 census for Great Britain, for which we are most grateful.

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## THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

For those of us who are researching our ancestry, and who isn't, we cannot emphasise too much the importance of The Last Will and Testament.

Joseph Applebee was the son of John and Ann Applebee (nee Gould), and was christened at Snitterfield, Warwickshire, England on the 27 June 1823. He emigrated at the age of six to Australia.

Here is an extract from the Will of Joseph Applebee who died in 1896 in the Province of South Australia.

"This is the last will and testament of me Joseph Applebee of Port Gawler Farmer I give devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto John Rundle of Bowden Fareman and my son William John Applebee of Bowden Fareman upon trust to permit and allow my wife Sarah Applebee to have the use and possession thereof without impeachment and to receive the rents issues and profits arising therefrom so long as she shall live and remain my widow And on her death or second marriage upon trust as to my farm at Port Gawler

and all my personal estate for my son Joseph Applebee subject to the payment by him to my Trustees for the benefit of the children of my said son William John Applebee who shall attain the age of twenty-one years -- equally of the sum of Five hundred pounds such sum to be paid within five years of my son Joseph's coming into possession of the said farm with interest during such five years at the rate of six pounds per centum per annum payable annually And upon trust lots 463 and 507 and the northern twenty six feet of lot 459 Bowden with the cottage thereon for my step daughter Evelina Daniels wife of William Vaughan Daniels of Balaklava -- farmer for her life and upon her death upon trust as she shall by her last Will direct and failing such direction or so far as the same shall extend upon trust for all her children equally And upon trust as to lots 460, 461, 462 and the southern seventy nine feet of lot 459 Bowden with the cottage thereon for my daughter Mary Ann Daniels wife of Robert Bird Daniels of Dublin Farmer for her life and on her death upon trust as she shall by her last will direct and failing such direction or so far as the same shall extend upon trust for all her children equally And upon trust as to my two double allotments of land situated at the corner of Gibson and Fifth Streets at Bowden aforesaid and fronting Gibson Street aforesaid upon trust for my said son William John Applebee absolutely And upon trust as to all the remainder of my real estate for all the children of my said son William John Applebee who shall attain the age of twenty one years equally I appoint the said John Rundle and William John Applebee executors of this my will."

*submitted by Peter G. Applebee*

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#### GEORGE APPLEBY from STAINDROP

George Appleby married Mary Walton on 8 May 1799 in Staindrop, Durham, they had at least two children, ANN ELIZABETH (b. 8 Aug. 1801) who married Christopher Richmond on 15 Nov. 1830; and GEORGE APPLEBY who was baptised at Staindrop on 18 Apr. 1803. Any further information, please to Mrs A. Snelling, c/o ARO, Box AA78.

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#### WHERE IS KENNETH WAGNON?

It was in 1982 that I received a letter from Mary Trace in Canada, advising me that Kenneth Wagon from California, USA was researching

the ancestry of his mother Alice Beatrice Appleby, who is descended from Benjamin Appleby (b.1815) at Dedham, Essex and Elizabeth Arthy (b.1820) at Ardleigh, Essex. Since we have been so successful in gathering Essex records together to form pedigrees, we now have some additional information for Kenneth, but do not know his address. If any member can help with this, please write to the ARO.

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#### APPLEBY / COCKLE

A letter from Mrs Goldstraw in Scotland tells us that "I am researching my family of COCKLE from Northampton. On his marriage certificate in 1863 ARTHUR ALFRED COCKLE gave his fathers name as JOHN APPLEBY COCKLE. John Cockle was a schoolmaster in the National school in 1851. Do you know of any connection between Appleby and Cockle?"

Unfortunately we have no record of such a connection, but perhaps you do. Let us know if you can help.

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#### APPLEBY / CLEMENCE

An even more obscure request from Jean Gauvin from Quebec, Canada for the marriage in England of James Appleby or Applebee to Ann Clemence or Clemens. Unfortunately he gives no dates, but we put the request in the newsletter, as a long shot. It may trigger the memory of one of our members.

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#### 1891 UK CENSUS RETURNS

Once again we have to extend our thanks to David Cotton in Australia, for another batch of families extracted from the UK census of 1891

It looks as though he is going through the entire 1891 records, for which we are most grateful.

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#### A FINAL WORD!

We are most anxious to obtain any newspaper cuttings, modern or otherwise which contain references to the name Appleby. with, where possible the name of the publication and the date. The more data that we have the greater will be our resources which will enable you to expand your research. We are, of course most grateful to those of you who regularly contribute to the newsletter and our records. We could not continue without your support.

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