

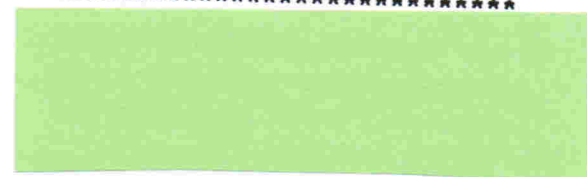
THE APPLE TREE

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The Appleby Research Organisation Newsletter.



Christmas Greetings to all our members and readers of this, our twenty-second newsletter.

Membership is open to all members of the Appleby family in all its varied forms of spelling. We also welcome researchers, family historians and in fact anyone interested in the worldwide Appleby family.

The annual membership is just £5, paid by cheque drawn on a British Bank and payable to: The Appleby Research Organisation.

Overseas members may pay by sending \$15 in U.S., Canadian or Australian Dollars.

RUSSIAN CONVOYS APPLEBY'S ON THE RUSSIAN CONVOYS OF WORLD WAR TWO.

The following are members of the North Russian Convoy Club:

Member 0510 A. J. APPLEBY served on Empire Activity (British), Convoys PQ7B and QP6 - 1942-43

Member 0885 G. S. APPLEBY served on Fort Nakasley, (British) Convoys JW55B and RA56 - 1943-44

Member 2603 John S. APPLEBY F.R.Hist.S., served on H.M.S. Nairana. Convoys JW61 and RA61 - 19944

All were awarded the Russian Convoy Medal, now worn as a Campaign Medal, by H. M. The Queen's permission, and will be entitled to receive the Russian 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal now coming from Moscow.

For further information see "Convoys to Russia, 1941-1945" by Bob Ruegg and Arnold Hague. ISBN 0 905617 66 5. Published in 1992 by The World Ship Society, 28 Natland Road, Kendal, LA9 7LT.

Submitted by ARO member

John S. Appleby. F.R.Hist.S.

HAUGHTON LE SPRING

Thanks to Mrs Elsie Grocott who kindly sent some extracts from the parish records of Haughton le Spring, Durham 1824-1828

SAVED BY THREE PENCE!

Members will remember the item in our previous newsletter (The Apple Tree Issue 21) About Mary Appleby aged 64 who was imprisoned in 1824, for one year for stealing a couple of pewter pots valued at nine-pence.

Touching upon this sentence, I was reading in the book "The New Newgate Calendar" that it was not until 1827 that the law was amended which had formerly decreed that all felonies were to be punishable by death, even down to the stealing of anything above the value of twelve-pence.

On this basis, a year in prison, for Mary was not so harsh after all. It was fortunate for her that the pots were not more valuable!

1891 CENSUS

David Cotton in Australia continues to send extracts from the U.K. 1891 census, for which many thanks, David.

DEAN OF ST PAUL'S

Some years ago while visiting St. Paul's Cathedral in London I saw a stone tablet on one of the walls with a list of the deans of the Cathedral since 1064 - and saw the name of John Appleby date 1364. (I have just looked up my diary and verified this!)

Mrs Miriam Appleby

DAILY EXPRESS CARTOON- IST BARRY APPLEBY DIES.

Barry Appleby the creator of the Gambols, cartoon characters in the Daily Express for over 45 years is dead. He was 87 years old and he was drawing almost to the end.

It was a safe and uncomplicated world that Barry created with his deceptively simple brush strokes. There were no great crisis of passion, no unresolved arguments, just the every day problems of the washing up, money and do it yourself shelving that had a habit of falling down as soon as George Gambol put it up.

Their problems were the every day ones of middle England, and as the readers of *THE DAILY EXPRESS* went about their business they could see themselves mirrored in the human touches that made the Gambols famous, not only in Britain, but in hundreds of newspapers around the world.

It was Barry, himself who was most like George and it was his wife, Dobs, who was the inspiration for Gaye.

For 60 years until her death in 1985 they sat opposite each other, he drawing the strip, she inking it in and sometimes drawing as well.

They first met at a school sports day in Kingston upon Thames, when Doris or Dobs as she was always known was 13 and Barry a year older. They met again a few days later when he fell off his bicycle as he swerved to miss a pedestrian. That pedestrian was Dobs and except for brief periods during the second World War they were together practically every day afterwards.

BORN IN BIRMINGHAM

Born in Birmingham, Barry was educated in Coventry before his family moved to London. He had always been a talented artist but at the age of 18 decided to follow his father into journalism. After selling an article on tuning motorcycle engines to a boy's magazine, he set himself up in an office above a Fleet Street pub.

Dobs joined him as his secretary, but then she too started writing and by the time she was 19 was earning five times more than Barry.

"Of course we could not get married with things like that" Barry recalled. "So I switched to cartoons and soon I was making more than she was. So she switched as well."

They began drawing for monthly magazines, then in pursuit of a weekly cheque they started drawing for *PUNCH*. They married when Dobs was 25 and decided that they would both like to spend six months every year travelling abroad. It was that ambition that led to the creation of the Gambols.

A NEW ROLLS ROYCE

On March 16 1950, the first Gambols cartoon appeared in the *DAILY EXPRESS*. We didn't think

that they would last more than three or four weeks" Barry said. But they did, and fulfilled their ambitions too. Through the worldwide syndication, he was able to treat himself to a brand new Rolls Royce every two years.

An abridgement of the article written by Ross Benson in the Daily Express 12 March 1996. Printed with Permission of the Daily Express.

Forthcoming Marriage

The engagement is announced between Dr. Mark A. Appleby, eldest son of Mr & Mrs Allan Appleby of Ascot, Berkshire, and Lucinda M. Thompson, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Richard Thompson of Knightsbridge, London.

The Times, Monday 16 September 1996.

WESLEYAN MINISTER

The following Obituary is taken from "The Religious Intelligence" dated 1861.

William Appleby: was born in Tunstall, October 5th, 1811. Early in life he was led by his pious mother to the means of grace, where he was often impressed with the necessity of giving his heart to God. But he remained in indecision till he was about sixteen years of age, when it pleased God by a painful bereavement to lead him to serious reflection, and earnest prayer. Deep conviction of sin urged him to flee from the wrath to come: he found peace with God through faith in Christ, and obtained a renewing of the Holy Ghost. Shortly afterwards he was called to preach the Gospel; and being received by Conference, and appointed to a circuit, he gave himself unreservedly to the work of the ministry, and was instrumental in turning many to righteousness.

MINISTRY IN CORNWALL

During fourteen years spent in Cornwall he witnessed very extensive revivals of religion, of which he was to a great extent, the honoured instrument; and to this day his name is cherished by multitudes to whom his message came with power. His preaching was eminently earnest and evangelical, and not infrequently accompanied by overwhelming power from on high. He was a diligently reader, and a faithful pastor. His sympathy with the people of his charge in the time of their affliction was deep; he took a lively interest in the young; and he engaged with such ardour in Prayer-meetings and other kindred duties of his office, that his strength was seriously impaired at an early period. In the year 1859 he became a supernumerary. His public work was finished, and for the conflict upon which he was soon to enter he was found graciously prepared. In his last days he expressed his unwavering

confidence in God, and willingness to depart and be with Christ. He died in the full assurance of faith. November 12th 1860, in the twenty-ninth year of his ministry.

Revd. William Appleby is an ancestor of Jennette Merritt, (ref ARO/AA67) who kindly submitted this item.

Henry Leverett & William Leverett Appleby.

Henry was a master mariner, his daughter Elizabeth Lucy Leverett, married Police Constable Robert Appleby.

Henry was made a master mason on 21 April 18100 in the Artillery Lodge No. 156 at the Plough Inn, Colchester (7 St Botolph's Corner, Colchester) For other details of the Leverett family and the Appleby connections see *THE APPLE TREE* Issue No. Twenty, June 1996.

William Leverett Appleby was the son of Robert Appleby. He went into the General Post Office as a Telegram Boy and retired, aged 60, as superintendent of Telegraphs, in 1919-1920. He died in 1929, aged 68, of bronchial pneumonia. William was the father of Stanley Hewson Appleby.

STANLEY HEWSON APPLEBY was in communication with me in 1961. He was then 71 years of age. He had tried all possible sources to discover the Army career (if any) of Henry Leverett, but without success.

Stanley Hewson Appleby was admitted a Master Mason in 1925. He was a volunteer in World War I.. He left Colchester in 1909, on promotion (for The Fire Office, Colchester, - Essex & Suffolk Insurance Co.) to Birmingham and did not return until his retirement in 1952.

John S. Appleby F.R.Hist. S.

First Families in America

James Appleby:(1709-1790) a Quaker from England, settled near White Plains, New York.

James Appleby:(1751-1837) was a Royalist in the American Revolution.

Stewart Hoffman Appleby: born Asbury Park, New Jersey 17 May 1890, son of

Hon. Theodore Frank Appleby : (1864-1924) mayor of Asbury Park, N.J. for two terms. member of N.J. State board of Education for 8 years; member of 67th and 69th Congress but died before sworn in; married Alice Cropsey Hoffman.

Whilst looking for Huguenot ancestor I found the following in the *Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalisation 1603-1700*.

1624 June 1 **CHRISTOFER APLEBY**, son of Christofer Apleby, born at Bergen op Zoom in the part beyond the seas (Ibid.)

THOMAS APLEBY, son of the above said Christofer Apleby (Ibid.).

It may be of use to somebody.

Thank you for the continuing interesting Newsletter.

Sheila Shayler, Oxford.

HOCKEY STALWART

Mourners from both sides of the Atlantic gathered at Burley village church to pay their respects to Hampshire's oldest resident - and the woman who brought a new dimension to American sport.

Miss Constance Applebee of the Withies, Burley, who died at the age of 107 was responsible for introducing women's hockey to the United States at the turn of the century.

In recognition of her American citizenship, the coffin was draped with the Stars and Stripes.

And in accordance with her wishes, the order of service included the singing of the patriotic hymn "America" - Miss Applebee's favourite anthem.

Among seven Americans making the transatlantic journey for the funeral was Dr. Nancy Sawin, former president of the American Field Hockey Association.

Newspaper cutting dated 1980 submitted by Stephen Fullom.

Longest Freeze.

The longest recorded unremitting freeze ever recorded in the British Isles was one of 40 days at the Great Dun Fell radio station, Appleby, Cumbria, from 23 January to 3 March 1986. *The Guinness Book of Records*.

Ploughing Matches.

The following is taken from an account printed in *The Advocate* in 1910.

"According to old hands the honours rested in this ploughing match at Latrobe, Tasmania, between A. W. Lamprey, the 64 year old veteran, and William Henry

Appleby, while Messrs H. Davis and J Braid, were considered to have off-chances.

Lamprey has a good piece of ground and it would be hard to fault his work - straight, clean cut, excellent finish and almost perfect angle. Appleby's lands were perhaps a trifle "fine" in the crown but the form was good, the finish ideal and the mould furrow brought well out. H. Davis did not hold a very straight furrow, which marred otherwise excellent work. J. Braid made an all round good performance, straight and well packed. The following are the results: W. Lamprey, 97.5 points; W. H. Appleby 95.5 points; H. Davis, 92 points, J Braid 85.5 points."

Submitted by Daisy Chatwin, granddaughter of W. H. Appleby. William Henry Appleby was the son of William Walton Appleby who emigrated to Tasmania in 1842 on "The Corsair" from Somerset, England.

The early life of John Francis Appleby.

In the spring of 1844 John Francis Appleby, at the age of four years was brought to the territory of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His grandfather and grandmother Wishart, his father and mother, and his uncle, James Wishart with his family made up a party that came by canal and lake boats from Oriskany, New York.

Mrs Horace Houghton, a daughter of James Wishart has left a written account of their early days. She writes that his inventive genius could plainly be seen at that early age. If he could have a case knife, a few pins or tacks and some soft pieces of wood, he would be absorbed for hours in serious play. Having succeeded in splitting the soft pine, he would carefully join the pieces with a pin. Then with rapt interest showing on his little four year old face, he would carefully hold the pin in one hand and slowly turn a hand made wheel with the other.

James P. Wishart used to tell the story that a very heavy rain fell one night, and early next morning little John was out damming the streamlets and placing wheels to be turned by the rushing water.

A Vicar in Tennis Shoes!

Wilfred Appleby and Florence Ponder were married at Little Wigborough Church in Essex on Christmas Day 1897. Apparently the vicar suffered with a bunion and wore a tennis shoe with a hole cut in it for his toe. This kept poking out from beneath his robes during the service, and Wilfred could not keep a straight face all through the service!

This amusing tale has been passed down through the generations to their grandson, Peter Appleby, who kindly shared this with us.

The long happy days of play came to an end with the death of his grandfather. We have no record of their life in the village of La Grange, Milwaukee, but we do know how hard the pioneers worked to make homes for their families in the wilderness. However, their plans were doomed to failure, when John's father also died. His mother had to give up their claim to land and work to support her family of two sons and three daughters. Kind friends and neighbours took in the older children into their homes in La Grange. John had such a happy disposition and knack for doing mechanical things with such facility and ease that he was an interesting character. He had the same chance as other farm boys, and in the summer he worked for wages, receiving about \$7 per month. With this he was self-supporting.

While he lived with Caleb Harris he made a sort of velocipede on which he rode to school. At the Bronson home he tried to make a perpetual motion machine. On one of his last visits to La Grange he recalled this fact, and told how he had thrown the apparatus into a ravine following that futile attempt.

But the time came when the big idea was to enter his mind. This is the story as often related by William Greening. Mrs. Appleby had married Marshall Newall, who owned the Henry and John Taylor farms. In the summer of 1855 or 1856 he had a fine crop of wheat ready to cut and George Esterly came to demonstrate his hand raking reaper to the neighbours. The machine worked successfully, and no doubt every farmer wished he could afford to buy one. When

the task was finished and all were gathered round to admire, a boyish voice called out "That machine will never be complete until it binds and rakes off the bundles". The dignified Mr. Esterly turned, gave the fifteen year old John a long look, eye to eye, but spoke not a word. From that time on John Appleby's hands and brain were busy with the task he had set himself of binding the grain by machinery. How many models he must have made and how many hours he must have spent, working on his ideas.

At last, one day in June 1858, as he was hoeing corn in the orchard on the Houghton farm, an idea came to him so forcefully that he dropped the hoe, took out his knife, cut of a piece of an apple bough, and going to the back yard carded "the knotter". It resembled a birds' beak, the bill opens, receives the cord, and ties the knot. The 18 year old must have slept very peacefully that night.

Although he had made a fine beginning there was still much to be done. The knife to cut the cord, the compression and sizing of the bundle, the lifting of the grain to the knotter. All these details still had to be worked out before he could present his dreamed of machine. He continued working in the fields to earn money for his patents. The Civil War interrupted his work. When he returned from the war, his mother and family had moved to Mazomanie, and he made this place his headquarters for some years. In 1874 he formed a partnership and opened a shop in Beloit. It was over this shop that he completed his twine binder. In May 1878 the first twine binder was sold to a farmer in Travis County Texas.

This following piece of information was sent by Daisy Chatwin from Australia.....

"Charles W. Marsh, editor of *Farm Implement News* of Chicago in the 1890's said: "The inventor had been baffled for months to find the solution to the problem of tying the knot. The clue came to him while watching the daughter of a neighbor at play with her Boston terrier pup. The youngster had a skipping rope at which the pup was jumping. Once when the rope fell loosely over the dog's neck and he shook his head and

backed away to free himself, the rope slipped off his nose knotted. Upon such a trivial incident was based the "beak" of the Appleby Knotter, a mechanism which helped to people the Canadian and American wheat lands and dot them with thousands of grain elevators."

Submitted by Kenneth H. Appleby, great grandson of John F. Appleby, who is looking for the ancestors of James Appleby who came from England to America about 1839-40, and married Jane Wishart.

New Address.

Please note that from:
1st February, 1997, the address
of the Appleby Research Organisation
will be as follows:

Searchline.....

When we have moved to our new address in Suffolk we will be sending to all members the latest edition of "Searchline".

This is a listing of the research being undertaken by our members. - If you would like to include a note of what help you need on your research, just write to our Swansea address, before 15th January please.

News of the APPLEBY'S

If you read anything about a member of the Appleby family, why not send us a copy, for inclusion in our Newsletter?

Or, if you or a member of your Appleby family have a story to tell - then send it to the Appleby Research Organisation. We look forward to hearing from you and thank all those who have contributed in the past.