

THE APPLE TREE

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The Appleby Research Organisation

continues to flourish, as we now celebrate our tenth anniversary.

There are three main reasons why the ARO is so successful:

- 1) We respond to the needs of our members, and researchers worldwide, and
- 2) The ARO is in the forefront of Internet technology and host our own Web site. For this we are thankful to Pete Applebee in Australia, who designed and maintains the site. Through the ARO Web site you can reach other Web pages set up by Appleby Family Researchers and other resource sites.
- 3) Our members, in return respond to the needs of the ARO by sending copies of their Appleby Family research for including in our records. Thanks to your support, as a member, our database of Appleby records is probably the largest in the World - and is still growing!

To maintain our position as a vibrant and effective resource during the 21st Century we must continue to grow, remember, the more people who join the ARO the greater will be our effectiveness in supporting family researchers. If your membership is now due, please return the enclosed paper with your subscription.

Don't give up!

You may have searched everything today, but next year the records you need may become available.

Membership details.

Membership of the Appleby Research Organisation is open to all members of the Appleby family, in any of the many different forms of spelling, also researchers, family historians and in fact any organisation or person with an interest in the name "Appleby"

The Annual subscription, is due now, and is just £6.00 paid by cheque drawn on a British Bank and made payable to "The Appleby Research Organisation"

Our Website:

www.geocities.com/Heartland/Woods/2434.

You can Email the ARO at:

appleby@one-name.org

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Lord William Appleby.

According to family members my great grandfather, **Lord William (Harry) Applebee/Appleby** left England during the mid 1800's for South Africa. He changed his name to William Harry Smith after liaison with a lady, who he was not allowed to marry - and left with her to marry in South Africa. Many of my elder family members who knew my grandfather insist this to be true.

I would appreciate it to find my true roots and bloodline. Apparently Lord Appleby settled around a place called Willowmore in South Africa.

Errol Smith AQ188

John Francis Appleby.

I would like to share with you what seems to me to be a real miracle. Yesterday afternoon I was going through my papers relating to my great-grandfather, John Francis Appleby, and I ran across a typed-out obituary that I am certain I have never seen before yesterday. It was an original and typed on a sheet of paper that had never been folded. I know that if I had seen it before that I would remember doing so because of the very critical information it contained. Isn't that something?

Anyway, the very first line states that Jane Wishart was born near Scarborough, Yorkshire, England May 17th 1813, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs R. Blake, at Mellette, South Dakota, February 11, 1895, aged 81 years, 9 months and 24 days. Miss Wishart lived in England until she was 21 years old, then she boarded a sailing vessel bound for America. Miss Wishart located in the state of New York, where she became acquainted with **James G APPLEBY**, to whom she was married August 1, 1835. They remained in New York state until

1844, when they removed to Wisconsin, Walworth County. In 1846 Mr. James Appleby died leaving her a widow with six children. She then married Marshall Newall in 1846 and in 1881 she, with her son Arthur and two daughters (Eliza and Alice) came to Dakota and each took a claim, three miles SE of Mellette. They lived on the homestead until two years ago when she broke up housekeeping and went to live with her younger daughter, Alice, now Mrs. R. Blake. Her health has been failing for some time, she lived to a good old age and the "silver cord" was easily broken. She was the mother of 11 children"

The obituary goes on to list her survivors, but the main thing here seems to me to be that I know her date of birth and her birthplace, and that James Appleby was already here, certainly before Jane arrived. I will check the 1840 census from New York and see if I can find more about James G. Appleby.

Ken Appleby, San Diego, USA.



Mary A. Appleby

We had a phone call from member Mr R.W. Golding about the item in the last issue of THE APPLE TREE , under the heading of "Mary A. Appleby"

It seems that John Appleby, (the husband of Mary A. Appleby) of Woodford in Essex was the brother of Mr. Goldings great-grandfather, Samuel Appleby.

Both brothers were at one time "Orris Weavers" and we are indebted to Joyce Moore for the following:

“I found a complete description of the work of an orris weaver in a book called “The London Tradesman” originally published in 1747. The book contains a whole chapter on the Gold and Silver lacemaker with a section devoted to the Orris Weaver. He was “an ingenious tradesman” who designed his own patterns and then wove them on a loom. Dry cold hands were necessary because the gold and silver thread was easily tarnished and the weaver was obliged to pay for anything ruined in this way.”

As for John Appleby of Woodford, it seems that

in later life he gave up the trade and became an Innkeeper.



Richland County, Wisconsin.

Extract from "A History of Crawford & Richland County, Wisconsin" published by the Union Publishing Co. Springfield, Ill. 1884. *"There is probably nothing of more interest in this history, to the general public, than the history of the bar, past and present. In this chapter, as far as possible, are given sketches of every attorney who has practised in Richland County."*

PRESENT COUNTY OFFICIALS (1884)

James Appleby, the present county surveyor, and pioneer settler of the town of Eagle, was born in County Durham, England, November 27, 1828. At an unusual early age he was sent to the common school, which he attended until eleven years of age. He was then sent to Kirby Academy. When thirteen years old, he, in company with his parents, emigrated from Yorkshire, England, to America, coming directly to the territory of Wisconsin, and locating in that part of Iowa county now known as La Fayette county. His father made a claim on a tract of mineral land, at that time held in reserve by the Government. As soon as the land came into the market he purchased it. He erected a house nearly on the site, where a few years before the first lead furnace in that part of La Fayette county was built. Here, James Appleby, at the very early age of fourteen engaged in teaching as private tutor for the family of James Murphy Esq., teaching for him two years, and again engaged for Capt. Matthew Williams during one winter, in the same capacity --- in the intervening time attending the district schools in his neighborhood. He was married in 1846 to Susanna C Palmer, she was born in Shelby Co. Ky. He went to Jo Daviess Co., Ill., and engaged as clerk in a general store, remaining there until spring of 1849, when he came to Richland county and settled in what now is known as the town of Eagle. He made his home in that town until 1863, when he removed to Richwood,

purchasing land on sections 4 and 5, town 8, range 2 west. He erected a good frame house on section 4, and still makes that his home. Mr. Appleby has been county surveyor for seventeen years. His first official survey was made in 1850, for the town of Richwood. It was for a road, and commenced in the middle of Commerce street, village of Monongahela, and extended north past Rodolf's mill and terminated at the quarter section corner stake, between sections 25 and 26 of town 9, range 1 west. He has been superintendent of schools for the town of Eagle, one year, and assessor for the town of Richwood, two years. Mr. Appleby is a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, being granted license, by his quarterly conference to preach, being quarterly conference secretary for several years, was recommended to their annual conference, accepted, and given license by Bishop Glossbrenner, of Virginia, to preach, passed the several examinations required and ordained as an elder in said church. He has filled the office of secretary of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. He has been appointed to and filled the most important committees of his conference, and was elected a delegate to the last general conference of his Church, of which privilege, however, he did not avail himself. Notwithstanding his many and arduous duties and labors, he can always find time to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. It would almost seem unnecessary to add that Mr. Appleby is a strong temperance man. Mr. & Mrs. Appleby have nine children --- Mary S., J. Marshall, Martha E., Arthur W., Laura I., Emma F., Luther L., Annie V. and Lilia F. Mr. Appleby is well known in all parts of the county, and enjoys, to the fullest extent, the respect and confidence of the people. ARO/Doc/395

Coggeshall, Essex.

Extract from the Quaker Monthly Meeting at Coggeshall, 26 March 1745:

Eliz Appleby wife of Levitt Appleby of Coggeshall departed this life 24 March 1745 and was buried 26 March 1745 in Coggeshall burying ground

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BRITISH PROBATE RECORDS BEFORE 1858

Prior to the Court of Probate Act of 1857, probate records for England and Wales were handled by a variety of mostly local ecclesiastical probate courts.

Generally the probate court of jurisdiction was determined by the diocese in which the deceased lived. However, if the property in question lay within the bounds of multiple jurisdictions the Will would be handled by the Prerogative Court of York (for the six northern counties in England) or the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which handled cases for the remainder and overseas property. Thrown into this mix was an assortment of "peculiars" - parishes with the right to handle probate matters within their own borders.

The Wills and Administrations (often abbreviated as "admons") are indexed by jurisdiction using calendars. This is a peculiar form of index that lists surnames together by initial letter and by year, so that all the A's (Anders, Appleby, Archer etc.) for a single year are listed together. This makes finding a Will easier than reading an entire set of registers page by page, but not quite as useful as using a purely alphabetic index.

Resource: England Probate Records see: www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/Probate.html

John D. Stone.AQ/190

George Appleby b. 1869.

George Appleby was born in 1869 in Marylebone, England, the second son of Alfred Appleby house painter and upholsters porter and his wife Cecilia (nee Swain)

Alfred and his brother took the name Appleby when their mother, Caroline Applegate married Henry Appleby, coachsmith, St Pancras, London. The question remains, was Henry Appleby the father of George?

George was believed to have gone to South Africa, where Alfred worked as a mining engineer, both before and after his marriage.

George Appleby visited his elder brother, Alfred Thomas Appleby in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia

in the 1890's as evidenced by a photograph taken by Bartlett Bros. of Bendigo, who are known to have been in business at that time.

Alfred was married in Melbourne, Victoria in August 1899 but his brother, George was not a witness, this may mean that he had already left Australia.

Florence Appleby the younger sister of Alfred and George died in Westminster, London in 1936. Her Will of 1932 does not mention her brothers. Alfred had died in 1926 and perhaps it might be inferred that George also predeceased Florence.

George Appleby was my Great-Uncle, his descendants, if any, would be my only "Apppleby" relatives, other than my brothers, one of whom has two sons. I'm keen to know.

Ann Hazelwood, Australia. ARO/AE10

HOW TO GET BEYOND A DEAD END!

The first in a series of helpful hints.

I have done family history research for over thirty years, and the following hint may be helpful:

Be creative with spelling.

Spelling was not standardised in most of the world until the 20th Century. Don't assume that someone is not your relative because he does not spell the surname the way you do. Say the name aloud. If it sounds roughly like your surname, it may be your name. A friend was looking for Great Uncle Alvin Luce. He found him in a census as Alvin Lewis!

If you have a useful tip to help others with their research, please let us know, so that we can include it in this feature.

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I just found out the maiden name of a gr (several times) grandmother was Appleby. She was born in N.Y. USA as was her husband and it has taken me 30+ years to find her. Today I was cruising the Web and found your ARO site and after about 20 minutes of reading others lineages, imagine my surprise to find not my ancestor, but perhaps a brother whose travels matches my .....grandmothers's exactly!

*Ann Mabile, New York. AQ/194*