

THE APPLE TREE

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Research in British Archives.

There are several archives maintained by the British government that together hold millions of documents that are valuable for family history research.

The larger of those archives - namely the Public Record Office and The Family Record Centre maintain their own excellent websites, each of which provide introductions and tutorials for genealogists.

They can be accessed through:

www.familyrecords.gov.uk

This single website provides links to all the others, of course. But it also includes a very well written tutorial area on some of the basic records used for genealogical research in the British Isles: parish registers, military records, censuses, civil registration, wills and so forth. These tutorials consist of a short overview of each record type, which links to websites containing more complete information.

1901 UK Census Project.

The 1901 census for England and Wales was taken on 31 March 1901. The population at that time was over 32 million. The 1901 census returns will be made available for public consultation on the first working day of January 2002.

They will be available electronically via the Internet from that date.

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"



Chester-le-Street 1891 Census.

One of our members has ploughed his way through the 1891 Census for Chester-le-Street in Co. Durham, extracting Appleby families. The districts covered are Fatfield, West Pelton, Little Ulsworth, Cornsay Village, Edmondsley and Chester-le-Street.

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Picture Postcard Index.

Colin Buck has written to us to say that he has a collection of over 70,000 picture postcards which have been indexed by the name and address of the recipient. Included in this vast number are the following:

Applebee Mr. Frank, 670 Forest Rd. Walthamstow, London. (1921)

Appleby Mrs E G. Furze Hill Lodge, Kingswood, Tadworth.. (1926)

Appleby Mrs. I or J Stanway All Saints, Colchester, Essex (1911)

Appleby Miss M. 2 South Hill Park, Hampstead Heath. (1938).

Appleby Miss M. Stanley St. Grimsby. (1909)

Appleby Miss May, 94 Great Brook St Ashted, B'ham. (1912)

Appleby Miss May, 4 Grove Terr. Vauxhall Grove, Vauxhall (1905)

Appleby Miss, 25 Talbot Sq. Paddington (1907)

Appleby Miss, 4 Headlam Terr. Barnard Castle, Durham. (1907)

Appleby Mr/Mrs, Ivydene Bowden Vale, Manchester (1909)

Appleby Mrs, Little Risslugton* Bowton on Water, Glos. (1919)

Appleby Miss, Smallburn, Long Horsley? (1911)

Appleby Mrs, Westington Mill, Chipping Capmden, Glos. (1913)

If you recognise any of these and would like to purchase something that was once in the hands of your ancestors, they can be obtained for £1.00 each plus a stamped and addressed envelope or an International Reply Coupon.

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S. S. Juliet sails from Harwich.

In the Spring of 1874 the S. S. Juliet sailed from Harwich, Essex bound for Brisbane, Australia, her steerage full of Essex farm workers and their families, travelling free of charge.

Among those were Robert Appleby aged 43 with his wife Sarah aged 49. Also their children Emma aged 9; Annie aged 8 and Aaron aged 3 years..

In a letter dated 1848 from the secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Colonisation he states: "Parishes are beginning to realise that it is cheaper, as well as more beneficial to society to assist a poor family to emigrate at once than to enable them to maintain a miserable existence at home depending on parish relief, or the workhouse. Ratepayers should be aware that the average cost for maintenance of a pauper in the workhouse is £17.19s.3d and the cost of sending an emigrant to Australia is £6.00, by which a saving of £1.19s.3d is made"

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Michael Appleby, Art Collector, sells his paintings

Collecting has always been the ruling passion of **Michael Appleby's** life. For decades he worked for APPLEBY BROTHERS, the London dealership founded by his father and uncle. But throughout that time he was an avid collector, buying oil paintings, watercolours, drawings and military antiques. Now, retired, Mr. Appleby has decided that the time has come to sell some of his collection.

"It's going to break my heart to sell them, but I have at some point got to hand them over to other people who are going to appreciate them" he said. "An awful lot of my life went into acquiring them. I have always loved collecting."

"I have kept 30 watercolours and drawings and my oil paintings, but the trouble was that they were just stacked up. I have now got to a certain age when I want to do a few things - such as travelling, and that cost money"

"I suspect that I was much more successful as a collector than I was as a dealer"

The Daily Telegraph November 27th 2000.

Pennsylvania Applebys

A brief history of the Appleby family, as of August 1955 with emphasis on that branch descended from John and Priscilla Appleby, and compiled in part from a family history written by Thomas A Appleby of Mt. Union, Pa. USA at the first Appleby Reunion held September 13 1928 at the ancestral farm, Pleasant Hill, Dublin Township, Huntingdon Co. Pa..

Although the name Appleby is definitely English, our ancestors are said to have come to America from Ireland. When the original John Appleby, great grandfather of Thomas A Appleby came over the mountains from the east, the country was one vast forest. This John Appleby had two brothers, William and James. For a time, William resided in the vicinity of Newville, Pa. but later moved to Virginia, and still later to Georgia, where his descendants may still be found. James seems to have drifted into Maryland, and his posterity is widely scattered. John our ancestor reared a large family of daughters, with two sons, John and Alexander. John married Mary Moreland and their children were as follows; William, John and Alexander, and Thomas who died while still young. Descendants of William are still to be found in the Tuscarora Valley, while those of Alexander are scattered throughout Pennsylvania, Illinois and Colorado.

John, brother of William and Alexander married Priscilla Montague and from them is descended the family which assembles each year for the Appleby Family Reunion. He was the father of five sons who were as follows: Daniel Curlett Appleby who left no posterity, but is remembered with pride for his brilliant career as a soldier and officer in the Civil War. (see also "Killed by Express Train" Issue No. 38 - Ed.) Thomas A. Appleby who resided for a large portion of his life in Mt. Union, Pa. where he owned and operated a general store and edited a newspaper. His children, three of whom still reside in Mt. Union, are as follows: John, Catherine, J. Donald, Martha Stratford, Robert, Janet Tiffany and Nellie Baldwin. Catherine and Robert are deceased. The Third son was John Scott Appleby

For many years he had charge of the County Home at Shirleysburg, Pa. He was the father of six sons and five daughters, the following of

whom are deceased: Lauretta Allice, Tillie Mary, John Orrian, Jesse Warren, Rollo Roy and Thomas Bruce, the latter having died during the past year. The following survive: James Chalmers of Clear Ridge, Pa.; Harry Cloyd of Rockville, Ill; Ulie Ellice of Altoona, Pa.; Priscilla Belle Colgate of Pine Grove, Pa. and Ana Jane Kurtz of Mechanicsburg, Pa. The forth son was James McGinnis Appleby, who was commonly known as James Y. Appleby. With the exception of two children who died in infancy, his entire family located in Harrisburg, Pa. where the brothers were engaged in the Wholesale Supply business. Their names are as follows: George Montague, deceased; Charles Edwin, James Rosco, Robert Harold, John Winfred, Kenneth Meredith and a sister Helen McLaughlin Arnold. The youngest of the five sons of John and Priscilla Appleby was George Sharrer Appleby, who resided for many years at Ryde, Pa. His children were as follows: Eugene, Faye, Dale and Katherine, all of whom are now deceased. Surviving is Wayne, who resides near McVeytown, Pa. and his sister Blanche Miller of the same place.

"A copy of the above text was given to me in 1988 by Mary Froehlich, a descendant of James McGinnis Appleby"

Ted Smith ARO/Doc/408.

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NORTH BURTON, Yorks.

1861 Census for Front St. North Burton:

Mark Appleby Head mar. 40 farmer of 180 acres employing 2 men and 2 boys, born at North Burton.

Betsy Appleby wife mar. 36 born Scalby.

1861 census for Front Street, North Burton:

James Appleby Head mar. 45 farmer of 110 acres employing 1 man and 2 boys. born North Burton.

Rachael Appleby wife mar. 45 born Gricethorp.

John Appleby son unmar. 15

Jane A. Appleby dau. 12 scholar

Robert B. Appleby son aged 4 scholar

1861 census for Back Street, North Burton:

John Appleby head mar. 51 grocer born North Burton

Harriet Appleby wife mar. 47 born N. Burton.

Rene Bullas ARO/Doc/409

Post War Settlement Petition.

To his Excellency Thomas Carleton Esq. Captain General and Governor in chief of the province of New Brunswick and Territories depending Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same &c. &c. &c.

"The humble petition of ELNATHAN APPLEBY sheweth that your petitioner formerly belonged to his Majesty's Late Queens Rangers, in which he was serjeant from the year 1776 to the time of their being disbanded, and had drew lands as such with said regiment, which lands being so very far up the River St. John he wishes to resign his lands so drawn, and to draw some vacant lot more contiguous to this Town. - Your petitioner having understood that the lots No 8, 9 and 15 on the Great Kennebeckacis above Darlings Island whitmore's survey, still remains vacant does therefore humbly implore His Excellency's goodness to grant him either of said lots, as your petitioner intends making improvements the insueing season -- Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

*Elnathan Appleby 7th March 1785.
ARO/Doc/410*

Abandoned Graves.

I am not an Appleby, but I came across nine graves that have been abandoned not far from where I live. There were three Appleby's.

"Dr. Thomas Morgan Appleby born in Colliton, Co SC May 8th 1829. Died Feb. 14th 1890."

"Mamie Appleby born 1867 Died 1900."

"In loving memory of infant son of F F & M E Appleby. Born December 4th 1885 Died February 27th 1886"

The graves are located in Fruitland, Florida USA approximately one mile east of the St Johns River. On a Florida map the graves would be located about nine miles west of Crescent City.

Janice Morris ARO/Doc/412.

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How to get beyond a Dead End.

Think Phonetically. Many people in early days didn't read and write. How the census taker or the Minister of Religion heard the name, is how it was recorded.

Uniting Applebys of the World.

"Uniting the Applebys of the World is a wonderful service by the ARO to all our families. Hats off to you all for dedicating your time to this worthwhile venture. I am sure that the ARO has already helped hundreds of Applebys grow new roots and re-attach branches to their family trees. Thank you for creating this beautiful orchard"

Amy Appleby.

The ARO can only function with the support of our members, So, thanks also to all our members who have been so supportive over the past ten years. May we continue for many more.

Email Addresses

As more of our member are getting onto the Internet, it would be helpful if those of you who have, could let us know your Email address. Just send us an Email to Appleby@One-Name.org

Hexham, Northumberland.

The following extract is a list of those baptised in the Hexham Primitive Methodist Church on 28 November 1887. All are children of Robert and Annie Appleby from Bounder Hill, he was a tilemaker.

Elizabeth Jane Appleby; Kate Appleby and Robert Appleby.

Blanche Hunter ARO/Doc/414

Hallington, Northumberland.

Extract from 1881 census of Hallington.

James Appleby 35 born Hionswood(?) Stone quarryman.

Rachel Appleby wife 29 born Hallington.

Elizabeth Hannah Appleby 13 born Prudhoe.

Blanche Hunter ARO/Doc/414

London Trade Directory.

We have extracts from London Trade directories from 1740 to 1820 in our library. One for 1813 includes:

Ann Appleby. Glover & Hosier. Westminster.

James Appleby. Cheesemaker. Westminster.

Thomas Appleby. Silk Merchant. Leicester Sq.

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