

THE APPLE TREE

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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"

Marjorie Appleby

Tony Appleby is trying to locate his Cousin, Marjorie (or Margery) Appleby who married an American serviceman after WW11 and subsequently went to the USA. He doesn't know her husband's name, but he was known as Lyle or Lyal.

Her father Henry Appleby, who was born on 6th November 1889, went to California some time after Margery and he died in Los Angeles on the 24th December 1963. His death was registered by his wife Annie H. Appleby.

Henry was one of seven children: Henry, Bernard, Leonard, Florrie, Kitty, Clarice & Norman.

Internet searches for Annie have so far proved fruitless and any pointers would be gratefully received.

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Message Board.

The Appleby Research Organisation has a message board on the Internet, where members can include details of their research interests, free of charge.

The Message Board can be accessed through the ARO Website at:

www.geocities.com/Heartland/Woods/2434

Members who do not have access to the Internet may include their entry by sending their message together with a note of their membership number, a self addressed envelope and an International Reply Coupon to our UK address.

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Hidden away in the Public Record Office in Kew, London are the records of the investigation of the murder of William Appleby, Master of the "Moose Shallop" at Hudson Bay on the 18th October 1788. If you are interested, the records are filed under Document details BH 1/771. The record is on microfilm under the Hudson Bay Company Archives. ARO/Doc/465

Dave Appleby from Pennsylvania, USA, has traced his family history back to Hurworth, County Durham, England. Using the Internet to search for family records, and with not a little help from the Appleby Research Organisation and its members, David has accomplished in two years, what it would probably have taken 20 years and many trips back and forth to inspect church records.

In November 2000, David and his wife, Alice, made a trip from the USA to Hurworth. "It was a total success" said David. "I got to know Hurworth, found lots of ancestors in All Saints churchyard, and had the pleasure in meeting two living Applebys"

In addition, an article about his quest appeared in The Evening Gazette newspaper; the Hurworth Web Site put a BIG piece about him on their Webpage (WWW.hitc.co.uk); the local landlord was actively asking patrons for information, and all together it became something of a community project!

As David said when he returned to Pennsylvania "It was a remarkable experience."

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Ancient faces is a visual genealogy website that has thousands of old photos visitors are sharing for free. It can be visited at www.ancientfaces.com and adds a visual element to the lists of names and dates to help complete our genealogical research. There is also a military section just for Military photos that contains hundreds of photos covering multiple wars.

John Abel was born in Columbia Co. N.Y. and came to Erie City, Pennsylvania in 1839 when he was eleven years old. He began his present occupation in the meat market on State Street with his father when he was fifteen, and when twenty-four, established himself in his present business, with which he has since been successfully identified.

He was united in marriage, in Harbor Creek Township in 1861 with **Josephine**, daughter of **Thomas and Sarah Appleby**, pioneers of Erie County. Mr & Mrs Abel have one daughter living - **Nellie Laura**, a literary and classical graduate; and a son and daughter deceased (**John Webb** and **Zillah**), who are buried in the Erie Cemetery. Mr Abel has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for 16 years and a Knight Templar for 13 years. He and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian Church.

Source: P.Bates, *History of Erie County, Pennsylvania* 1884.

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The ARO has a list of 12 Appleby names taken from the records of Oak Hill Cemetery, Goliad, Texas, USA.

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How to get beyond a dead end.

Don't ignore State or Country Census returns. Look for the people who lived nearby. Often close relatives moved from one place to another in groups. The parents of your "End of line" person may be right down the street from them.

Census returns for the British Isles (except Ireland) are available for 1851, 1861 1871, 1881 and 1891. They show street by street the members of each household, their relationship to its head, ages, occupations and birthplace. The 1841 census is also available, but does not show relationships or place of birth.

The 1881 census has been indexed by surname, and is available at many libraries, and is also available to purchase. The ARO has a copy of the 1881 census index, and we shall be happy to make a search for you, upon request with a stamped reply envelope, or 2 IRC's.

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Erie Co. Pennsylvania.

A. J. Culbertson, foreman painter was born 24 Sep. 1832 in Buffalo, New York, USA. He came to Erie with his parents James and Betsy (Huntley) Culbertson in 1841, received his education in Erie Academy and learned his trade, that of painter. He was engaged in mercantile business from 1856 to 1859; went to Colorado in 1861, remaining three years, then to Montana for three years, then commenced work in the E. & P. R. R. shops in Erie. He has been now fifteen years so employed, eleven as foreman. Mr. Culbertson was united in marriage, in 1855, with Laura R. Applebee, daughter of Thomas Applebee, of Harbor Creek Township, this County. In politics, our subject is a Republican. *Source: Samuel P. Bates, History of Erie County, Pennsylvania 1884.*

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Herbert Appleby

We came across a brief entry about a murder in 1952, either of Herbert Appleby or by Herbert Appleby! filed in the Public Record Office at Kew, under reference ASSI 45/125. It contains records of the Justices of Assize, Gaol delivery, Oyer & Teminer and Nisi Prius. ARO/Doc/467

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## 1901 UK Census.

The 1901 census returns will be made available for public consultation on the first working day of January 2002 in the UK and world-wide.

An index that allows the user to access and navigate the data more flexibly and readily than traditional means will be available. Further elements beyond name and place may be searchable and/or shown in the information returned from a search. The images and index will be available over the Internet and also online at institutions including the Family Record Centre in London.

**1891 Pilot.** Another key element of the project is a pilot using the 1891 returns for Norfolk. This should be available over the Internet this Spring. This will give users the opportunity to help the PRO test various parts of the service as part of the pilot.

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United States WW1 Civilian Draft Register.

The US Civilian Draft register for World War One, contains 1,215,381 records and details 141,114 different surnames of all registrants born from 1872 until 1900 from about 15% of US counties. From this list the ARO has extracted all the Appleby entries (a total of 87). ARO/Doc/468

Staffordshire Appleby's

We were delighted to receive a most enthusiastic e-mail message from Kim Appleby in the USA, who has recently begun researching her husbands Appleby ancestors. Her goal is to create a family tree for her 3 year old son (*what a great idea*)

Having joined the ARO we were able to help her get started, with information on Edward Appleby, a locksmith from Willenhall in Staffordshire (b. 1843) and now she tells us that she has actually traced her descendants back to Humphrey Appleby around 1637, but needs to verify her findings.

"Many questions have been answered for me" says Kim "and I have been fortunate that so much research has been handed to me on a silver platter"

This is a great success story, and as Kim says "I am elated". For many of us the research process can be a long but nevertheless an exciting exercise. We wish all our members success in their research. Have you a success story to tell?

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Hunmanby, Yorks.

Included in the list of war memorial (1939-1945) from the village of Hunmanby, Yorkshire (nr. Scarborough) is the name of:

APPLEBY. F. C..... KOLYI

We believe that KOLYI is an abbreviation for "Kings Own Light Yorkshire Infantry" but we stand to be corrected if this is incorrect. Is this hero of the second World War, from your family?

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## Rhode Island Births.

We now have a database of Appleby births in Rhode Island, USA during the period 1870 - 1906. Ask to see a copy.

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## Mystery Writer Dies.

Laurali Rose Appleby was born 5 June 1939 in Saskatoon, Sask. Canada. Daughter of Sidney Appleby & Evelyn Barber. Known as "Bunny" she always wanted to be a writer. Her parents suggested she became a journalist so she could earn a living while she wrote.

She married actor and director John Wright on 6 January 1962 and had two daughters, Katey and Johanna in 1964 and 1966.

She thrived on journalism, but knew she wanted to write fiction full time. Her first novel, "*Neighbours*" was published in 1979 and won the Search for a New Alberta Novelist competition.

Writing under her married name as J. R. Wright she has had success after success as a mystery writer, with an international reputation. Her novels have been published in Britain, Germany, France, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Japan, Spain and Sweden.

In an interview several years ago with *The Vancouver Sun* Ms. Wright said she never intended to get into a life of crime, but it just happened that way.

Her 1995 book *Mother Love* gained her the Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award for best novel and the Canadian Authors' Literary Award for Fiction.

Ms Wright was often compared to British authors Ruth Rendall and P. D. James for her focus on the psychological motivation of her characters.

L. R. Wright died aged 61 in February 2001

*From a newspaper cutting dated 2 March 2001 submitted by Joe Forsyth*

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