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## THE APPLE ORCHARD

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## Commonwealth War Graves.

Private D G Appleby, Australian Pioneers Died 10 May 1918.

Sapper D S Appleby (46) 299658 Royal Engineers 23 November 1918.

Second Lieutenant E Appleby (23) Royal Field Artillery died 28 October 1916.

Private E. Appleby 23207 Norfolk Regiment died 19 June 1918

Private E. Appleby (36) 204206 Norfolk Regiment died 2 November 1917.

Second Lieutenant E A Appleby (18) Royal Air Force died 24 June 1918.

Private E F Appleby (22) 19215 Grenadier Guards died 12 April 1916

Private E L Appleby (25) 229712 London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers. Died 5 April 1918

Private F G Appleby 14701 Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery. Died 12 October 1917.

Ordinary Seaman F M Appleby (25) J. 31246 (PO) Royal Navy died 22 December 1917

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## St Giles Church, Willenhall.

We are pleased have a copy of a transcript from the Baptismal register of St Giles Church, Willenhall, Staffordshire, of Appleby entries from **Ann Appleby**, daughter of **William Appleby** on 13 April 1662 through to **Sarah Appleby** daughter of **John and Elizabeth Appleby** baptised on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1828.

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## Appleby's in Scotland.

Although the name Appleby is very popular in Northern England, it is very rare over the border in Scotland. We were therefore very pleased to hear from member, Malcolm Tyrer in Western Australia who found the following entries in the Register for Cupar, Fife, Scotland for the period 29 January 1820 to 10 December 1854.

Marriage: 13<sup>th</sup> April 1849 **Appleby Peter** labourer and **Ellen Paterson** both of this parish.

Death: 15<sup>th</sup> February 1849 **Appleby Fanny** daughter of Thos. Labourer and Isob'l McGrady, aged 3 of Scarlet Fever.

Death: 26<sup>th</sup> November 1849 **Appleby Peter**, labourer aged 70 of apoplexy.

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goods and groceries. Dan who was wilder and more adventurous than his brother, decided to sell his share of the Company to Tom and Captain Blair in December 1868, and eloped with his girlfriend cousin, Margaret Alice (Allie) Montague on May 25, 1869. Dan and Allie settled in Quincy, Illinois, where he had a clothing store and a wholesale shoe business in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas. Back in Mount Union, Captain Blair left the Company and Tom became partner with Mr. Etnier in the fall of 1870. Tom also served as postmaster of Mount Union from 1869 to 1885.

Though Mattie and Tom had known each other growing up, they did not seriously begin courtship until 1866. On Christmas 1867 Tom and Mattie McNeal made a promise to each other to marry, evidenced by Mattie's comment a year later, "this evening is the anniversary of our, what shall I term it- engagement" (25 December 1868). Tom officially asked Mattie's father for his permission to Mattie in a letter dated October 11, 1869. In the later part of 1869, Mattie became ill with some sort of inflammation and infection of her face and neck, delaying the wedding. Finally on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1870 Tom and Mattie got married.

Six years after their wedding, in a letter to her sister Kate, Mattie complained that "I have a boil on my leg, not on my leg either, but that is as near as I can come to telling where it is" and feared that it might be "scrofula" (tuberculosis of the lymph nodes). Possibly as a result of this, Mattie died on October 28 1876. Kate who had not yet married, commenced to look after Mattie and Toms children,, a son John Chalmers, and a daughter, Mary Katherine. ARO/Doc/728



## Apple Bite by John S. Appleby FRHistS

### APPLEBEE's IN PRINT.

#### Title

APPLEBEE's ORIGINAL. weekly journal with fresh advices, foreign and domestic. Saturday July 16, 1720. No issues numbered.

#### Published:

London. Printed by John Applebee, a little below Bridewell Bridge in Black-Fryers, 1720

#### Details:

V.:ill; 35 cm

#### Location

Shelfmark

British Library

Burney

#### Notes

Ceased with 24 December 1737 (?) NCBEL

Caption title engraved within elaborate engraved head-piece. Imprint from Colophon. Some issues dated by Ladyday. Two column entries. Pagination continuous. Includes news from Europe, London gossip, England's mortality figures, advertisements for booksellers with small illustration.

The Burney collection has issues to 31 December 1720. Woodbridge, Conn., has 35mm reel (early English newspapers, Unit 5 reel 231. ARO/Doc/729

## The Lord of the Rings Trilogy.

Noel Appleby is one of the many New Zealand actors who have played a small part in Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*. He plays Everard Proudfoot in *The Fellowship of the Ring*.

Some of Noel's most noteworthy roles in the past include Ernie the vampire in *My grandfather is a Vampire* (1991) and Ulf, one of the heroes in *The Navigator: A mediaeval Odyssey* (1988) who attempts to avoid contracting the Black Death by tunnelling from England to New Zealand.

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## Appleby's Super Coach Holidays.

A well known name in Lincolnshire for many years, operating from their base in Conisholme near Louth is Appleby's Coaches. They have 14 air conditioned Royal Class touring coaches with their cool green and cream livery, which are a familiar sight all over the UK and Europe. Appleby's Coach Holidays is part of the Bowen Group.

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## Levett Appleby of Gt. Coggeshall.

Extract from will, made on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1884 of Levett Appleby.

Beneficiaries: Mary his wife; Mary his daughter (now the wife of ??? Pigott; son Robert. Son Levett and wife Mary Executors. Proved 1<sup>st</sup> August 1884.

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## Wills.

In England and Wales, wills usually name members of the immediate family and may have other useful details such as places of residence and personal possessions. Wills were proved by Church Courts until the Court of Probate was set up in 1858. In Scotland wills, or testaments were handled by commissary courts until 1824 when sheriffs courts took over in all areas except Edinburgh. In Ireland, most wills were lost when the Public Record Office in Dublin was destroyed in 1922, though copies and indexes survive.

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## Postscript.

After the death of Mattie McNeal Appleby on October 28 1876, her sister Catherine Campbell McNeal (Kate) (b. August 21, 1846) commenced looking after the widower Tom Appleby and his Son John Chalmers Appleby and a daughter Mary Katherine Appleby. On May 14 1878 Tom and Kate were married. They had children James Donald, Martha Priscilla, Robert Charles, Janet Lucille, and Nellie Ross. Kate died after an illness on April 13, 1902. Tom lived almost another 30 years, dying on July 12, 1930.

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