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I HAVE BEEN THINKING BACK to when I first started family history research, it was called Genealogy then, but at the time it sounded a bit too "professional" and as I was just starting on the road to research, I tended to think that I was one of those odd ones out in the field of research. No matter who I spoke to or where I went I never met anyone who shared my interest in the APPLEBY family. The Appleby Research Organisation has changed all that, not only for me but for many others, and for that I am truly grateful.

We are now into our second year, and our DATAFILE of Birth/Christenings and Marriages is growing so fast that I believe that we shall soon have to obtain a new program to enable us to handle all the information we are receiving. At the time of writing we have a backlog of some 700+ entries waiting for input to the File. Thank you to all those who have contributed Data on the Appleby family, especially copy Certificates.

Peter Talbot-Ashby.

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SEARCH AND FIND.

Members are at liberty to ask for a search through the Datafile for lost relatives. We have two separate Computer files. One is for Births or Christenings, and you can ask for a named child, or a list of children of a named Father/Mother. Alternatively we can search in a particular Parish or Town for all Births in a given period. At the present time we have the whole World on one file. The second Computer file is for Marriages, and again we can search for a named individual, or all marriages in a given Parish or Town during a given period.

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MONUMENTAL BRASSES IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

From the book with the above title by Mill Stephenson, and published in 1926 we have extracted the following data:

YORK St Saviour. The following inscriptions formerly in this Church were in the Private Chapel of LARTINGTON HALL.

(1) Thos. Apelby 1623 aged 79. Mar. Dorothy (dau of Christ. Smithson) 1591, also their sons Christ. aged 25 and Brian aged 28. The surviving sons Ambrose and Francis pos. in 1624.

(2) Francis youngest son of Thos. & Dorothy Apelby, 1647, aged 58, mar. Mary sister of Sir Wm. Ingilby of Ripley, Knt. and bart.

(3) Ambrose Apelby (1649)

(4) Francis Apelby 1664 aged 42 mar. Margt. Salvin of Croxdale, worn.

(There wre no other entries for Appleby recorded in the book.)

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DEATH OF MAJOR GENERAL DAVID STANLEY APPLEBY.

The death of Major General David Stanley Appleby C.B., M.C., T.D., was recorded as 4th October 1989. We offer our condolences to the family.

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ROLL OF HONOUR - COLCHESTER.

Just inside the main doors of Colchester Town Hall in Essex is an impressive Roll of Honour of the men of Colchester who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. The following are of interest:

C. GEORGE APPLEBY  
CLAUDE W. APPLEBY  
REGINALD A. APPLEBY  
STANLEY APPLEBY  
T. APPLEBY  
WALTER C. APPLEBY.

(No other details are recorded, but if you have additional information, we would be glad to hear from you.)

There is also a smaller Roll of Honour for the men who fell in the Second World War 1939-1945. No Appleby names are recorded.

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COUSINS FOUND THROUGH OUR HELPLINE.

I was delighted to receive a letter from Joyce Moore a few days ago in which she says: "You may like to know that I have been in touch with an American lady who advertised in the A.R.O magazine 'Helpline'. Much to her delight and mine, I was able to help her with her enquiry and we also found we are related - something like fifth cousins I think. You can imagine the pleasure I felt to find a distant relative in California. I reckon I've had my £5 worth for this year already. Keep up the good work."

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ESSEX TELEGRAPH - 13th APRIL 1915

In the Essex Telegraph of the 13th April 1915 are recorded Local Men who are serving in the Navy and Army. The following names are of interest:

G. Appleby - 8th Essex Regiment.  
S. H. Appleby - 5th Warwicks.  
J. Appleby - 2nd Essex Regiment.  
G. Appleby - 5th Essex Regiment. (No other details are recorded.)

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ESSEX COUNTY STANDARD 24th February 1917.

"Private Claude William Appleby of the Essex Regiment was killed in Action in France on the 14th January. He is the Son of Mr & Mrs W. Appleby of Brick House Cottage, Maldon. Before joining the army he was employed at Hoffman's Works in Chelmsford. He was attached to the Herts Regiment. Deceased who was aged 20 was educated at Canterbury Road School, Colchester"

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SURNAMES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

From a book under the above title by Henry Harrison, published in 1912 we find the following, which is of interest:

APPLEBEE/APPLEBY. Scandinavian belonging to Appleby. The Orchard or The Apple tree or dwelling. (o.n. eple appletree + by - r.)  
The Derbyshire Appleby occurs in the Will of Wulfrie Earl of Mercia (A.D.1002) in the Anglicised form AEPPEBY.

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#### FAMILY NAMES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

"The APPLEBY'S of Derbyshire who have their home in the Ashbourn district take their name from a Parish on the Leicestershire border"  
Extract from book by Henry Brougham Guppy M.B. published in 1890.

From the same book we find a listing of the proportion of the population of APPLEBY'S per 10,000 in 1890. For every 10,000 people in Derbyshire, there were eleven with the name Appleby. Durham had 8; Essex 9; Northumberland 30 and Yorkshire (North and East Ridings) 10. Other counties had in insignificant number and were not listed.

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#### AN UNUSUAL OCCURENCE.

I have been looking at the family of my Great Grand-parents, Nathaniel Appleby and Rosina May. They were married at Langenhoe in Essex in 1861 and had ten children.

Three of the daughters, Ada, Amy and Maud married three brothers, John, Albert and James Talbot. But that is not all, as one other daughter and two of her brothers, Mabel, Arthur and Wilfred married two brothers and their sister, Harry, Eliza and Florrie Ponder. There is also the suggestion that David Appleby another brother also married a Ponder sister, Nellie, but I do not have verification of this. Has anyone else come across such an unusual occurrence? Peter Talbot-Ashby

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#### DICTIONARY OF BRITISH SURNAMES.

Published in 1976 and compiled by P. H. Reaney this book held the following criptic entry for APPLEBY/APPLEBE/APPLEBEE/APPLEBEY/APPELBE and APPELBEE:

Vlf de Appelbi 1163 P.,

Hugh de Apelby 1204 plea before the King or his Justices 1198-1212 (Yorkshire);

Thomas Appelby 1366 Assizes Rolls London from Appleby (Leic. Lincs; Westmorland. (London Rec Soc 1. 1965.)

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#### WHO WAS WHO.

Brig. Gen Edward Benjamin Appelbe 2nd Son of Edward A. Appelbe of Kildarra House, Bandon, Co. Cork. born 29 December 1855. Married 1st 1885 Annie Margaret (d.1905) dau. of David Napier of Murchiston Natal. 2nd 1907 Helen Florence Mabel dau. of Brig. Surgeon Thomas Wright. Address: 3 Clifton Road, Folkestone. Died 2nd August 1935.

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#### WHO WAS WHO.

Sir Alfred APPLEBY born 1866 married 1897 May Crandon dau. of Edward Grams of The Elms, Norwich. Head of the firm of Appleby & Lisle, Solicitors. retired 1951. H.M. Coroner for the City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne 1906-1951. Died 12 February 1952

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#### ACQUISITIONS.

WE are always interested in acquiring new material since any document, however small, may add to our knowledge of the Appleby family history. Where appropriate items may be received as gifts or on long-term loans. Donations of photocopies of original documents, or photographs, diaries, certificates, maps, deeds in fact any document of historical interest would be welcome.

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SAMUEL APPLEBY - THE ORRIS WEAVER

The first question I asked when I saw the marriage certificate of my Gt Gt grandfather SAMUEL APPLEBY was "What on earth is an Orris Weaver?" This was how he described his own Occupation and also that of his father JOHN APPLEBY, on his marriage in 1841.

I started with the dictionary which offered two definitions. The first was "a plant of the genus Iris" which didn't seem very likely. The second entry was more promising. Orris, it said,, was the name given to lace of various patterns in gold and silver, and embroidery made of gold lace.

A further search found a complete description of SAMUEL APPLEBY's occupation in a book called "The London Tradesman". This is a David & Charles reprint of a book originally published in 1747. Although this was nearly a hundred years earlier than the time I was looking for it seems unlikely that the craft had changed much. The book contains a whole chapter on the gold and silver laceman with a section devoted to the orrice weaver. He was " an ingenious tradesman" who designed his own patterns and then wove them on a loom, using the same kind of looms as those used by damask or silk weavers.

Part of the description gave me an unexpected glimpse of my ancestors. The orrice weaver must not, it said, be of a weakly constitution because the weight they were obliged to move with the treadles required a greater degree of strength than for weavers of coarser materials. Furthermore, a dry cold hand was necessary because the gold and silver thread was easily tranished and the weaver was obliged to pay for anything ruined in this way.

SAMUEL APPLEBY later stopped using the term "orris weaver" and described himself as a silk trimmings manufacturer, as did several of his relatives. One, however, his cousin, THOMAS APPLEBY of Bethnal Green, said he was a lacemaker in the 1841 census - presumably a related craft.

Submitted by Joyce Moore.

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