

#### THE APPLE ORCHARD

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# William Appleby - Protestant Martyr "Burnt at the Stake" Maidstone, Kent, England 18<sup>th</sup> June 1557.

The following seven were arraigned for heresy, Joan Bainbridge of Staplehurst, William Appleby, Petronella his wife, and the wife of John Manning, of Maidstone, B. Allin, and his wife Catherine of Freytenden, and Elizabeth ----? A blind maiden. Allin was put in the stocks at night, and some advised him to compromise a little, and go for the forms sake to Mass, which he did next day, but, just before the sacring, as it is termed, he went into the churchyard, and so reasoned with himself upon the absurdity of transubstantiation. that he staid away, and was soon after brought back again before Sir John Baker, and condemned for heresy. He was burnt with the six others before mentioned at Maidstone, the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1557.

As in the last sacrifice four women did honour to the truth, so in the following auto-de-fe we have the like number of females and males, who suffered June 30 1557 at Canterbury, and were J. Fishcock, F. White, N. Pardue, Barbary Final, widow, Bradbridge's widow, Wilson's wife and Benden's wife.

Of this group we shall more particularly notice Alice Benden, wife of Edward Benden of Staplehurst, Kent. She had been taken up in October 1556, for non-attendance and released upon a strong injunction to mind her conduct. Her husband was a bigoted Catholic, and publicly speaking of his wife's contumacy, she was conveyed to Canterbury castle where knowing when she would be removed to the bishop's prison, she should be almost starved upon

three farthings a day, she endeavoured to prepare herself for this suffering by living upon two-pence halfpenny per day. On January 22 1557, her husband wrote to the bishop, that if his wife's brother Roger Hall, were to be kept from consoling and relieving her, she might turn, on this account. She was moved to a prison called Mondays Hole, her brother saught diligently for her, and at the end of five weeks providentially heard her voice in the dungeon, but could no otherwise relieve her, than by puting some money in a loaf, and sticking it on a long pole. Dreadful must have been the situation of this poor victim., lying on straw, between stone walls, without a change of apparel, or the meanest requisites for cleanliness, during a period of nine weeks!

March 25<sup>th</sup>, she was summoned before the bishop, who, with rewards, offered her liberty if she would go home and be comfortable, but Mrs Bendon had been inured to suffering, and, showing him her contracted limbs and emaciated appearance, refused to swerve from the truth. She was however removed from this black hole to the Westgate, whence, about the end of April, she was taken out and condemned, and then committed to the castle prison until the 19<sup>th</sup> June the day of her burning. At the stake, she gave her handkerchief to one John Banks, as a memorial, and from her waist she drew a white lace, desiring him to give it her Brother, and tell him, it was the last band that had bound her, except the chain, and to her father she returned a shilling he had sent her.

The whole of these martyrs undressed themselves with alacrity, and, being prepared, knelt down and prayed with an earnest and Christian spirit that even the enemies of the Cross were affected. After invocation made together, they were secured to the stake, and, being encompassed with the unsparing flames, they yielded their souls into the hands of the living God.

Submitted by Colin Appleby

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### Cardiff, Australia 21st December 1914

Copy of letter from Walter Appleby to his Sister & Brother-in-Law in England.

Dear Eva & Lance,

Just a few lines before Christmas to wish you all the old old wish, although it seems very strange in this land of hot sun. I cannot believe it is Well dear, I have seen many strange sights and had many strange experiences since I left you at Harry Watson's door in the month of August. I hardly know what to write about or where to start and where to finish. First of all I feel thankful that I have arrived safely in this land and I am in good health and also Seorge & Alfie. I hope you are all and also Harry and family. I have been here a fortnight now, so I am not quite settled yet. The pit has only worked seven days while I have been here. It is idle today again Monday owing to the War, nevertheless I am not downhearted yet. I have been with Tommy Thompson last Saturday night in Newcastle. He is working at a pit about 10 miles from here and he is doing well but Seorge won't here tell of us going he says Cardiff is best yet a bit. Tommy has not had any letters from home he said. He has ten pounds ten shillings from his pay. Now dears this village I am living in is just about like Quarry Heads but no stone houses here all wood and not built together they are all scattered about no streets and no lights it get dark about seven o'clock and all is dead quiet at eight so it is a lively place but I don't mind that if only I can save some money for about twelve months and then I will, come back again for home is the place for comfort and this place for work and money. The houses here would send you crazy they are not like yours no paper on the walls, bare wood and few pictures, about 4 chairs table and sideboard and couch is the lot although we have a nice room. Singer and I are lodging together in a big house right down in front of us about a quarter of a mile away, he is alright except he fell and hurt his ankle last week - he is living with people from Yorkshire. We are living with some Colonials-they have three children - all boys 6, 4 and 2 years they are called Lewis his father came out here fifty years ago from Wales, but

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of course he is dead now. They behave well to us and give us plenty to eat for One Pound a week. It is clean and the woman is a good cook, but they give us lots of meat three times a day some days, it is five pence a pound best steak. Seorge and Alfie are properly settled here I don't think they will come back home again. People think nothing of spending here, they go through pounds, they talk of putting ten pounds on a horse, just like a shilling at home. It is a very Godless land as far as I have seen of it. Pleasure has got its grip. They stop work for ten days at Christmas and they have horse racing nearly every day. I was at Chapel yesterday 10.00 am Sunday School 6.30pm service. The children all got Christmas cards and at night there were about six of us there our Seorge and myself just about sung a solo or duet I mean all the others could not sing. The tunes are the same as at home and it makes me feel funny when they sing them. I have to sing hard or I would choke I think. The pit work here is not too bad six foot high cut coal but it takes a lot of powder to blast it out and when it is down it is very hard if you get too big a piece to put into the tub it takes all your strength to break it, it is like stone instead of coal. I have been working by myself until Alfie came in one day and saw my hands bleeding so he took pity on me.

There is a West Auckland couple next door to us called Iceton Jimmy and his wife, came out last March and she says if she had the money scraped together she will be back again, as she cannot stand the heat they used to live in the Square at St Helens. Tell John I have not seen any Kangaroos yet nor snakes the only thing here is mosquitos and locusts and plenty of ants I am itching from head to foot what with mosquito bites and ants. Oh it's a great Country flowing with milk and honey. It is alright for women - they don't bake bread and washing day is no trouble as they dry quickly and plenty of room to dry them. There is plenty of fruit here Orange and lemons and peaches and apples and grapes and tomatoes all grow in the open. There are no farms here as the land is too sandy and full of pebbles and stones. George has a nice pony and trap or Sulky as it is called here and he takes me for a drive now and again down to lake McQuarie - it is a big

lake about four miles away. There is a sulphide place about two miles away where they separate the gold from the stone and it has killed all the trees with the funes. I have been to Newcastle - it is not much of a place and main street is not so big as Bishop Auckland. Now dears I will close. Is Lance going to the War yet? I hope it will be finished soon. Now with best love and kisses, I remain your loving brother WALTER.

This letter was sent to us by Luke Appleby in Australia who tells us that in 1914 three brothers George Henry, Walter William and Alfred Stanley Appleby along with a friend Thomas Thompson emigrated to Australia. These brothers had all worked in coal pits in Durham, England from a young age and were experienced miners. Walter returned to England but later settled in New Zealand and raised his family. Anyone with information on this family is invited to contact the ARO who will put you in contact with Luke Appleby.

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Arthur Appleby married Esther Haynes in Lambeth South London 24 May 1877.

Their children included Eva Alice baptised 21 May 1879;

Walter William baptised 11 May 1887 Co. Durham;

George Henry baptised either 13 May or 13 June 1889 Co. Durham and

Alfred Stanley baptised 5 September 1890 Co. Durham.

We will include more on this family and their ancestors in a later edition of The APPLE ORCHARD, thanks to Luke Appleby who has kindly sent us a lot of background information on his ancestors. We welcome contributions from our members. Thank you!

#### WWI War Heroes.

- G W Appleby Private 28490 died 3 June 1917 East Yorks. Regt.
- **G W Appleby** Private 66308 11 Apr 1918 (age 19) North'land Fusilliers
- H. Appleby Lance Cpl. 23/591 1 Jul 1916 (age 37) N'land Fus'Irs.
- H. Appleby Pte.34671 25 Apr 1917 Northumberland Fusilliers.
- H. Appleby Pte. 40067 28 Mar 1917 (26) S'th Staffordshire Regt.
- H. Appleby Pte. 29450 9 Oct 1916 S'th Staffs. Regt.
- H. Appleby Pte. 14124 9 Dec 1918 (24) Worcester Regt.
- H. Appleby Pte. 65691 25 Mar 1918 (19) Cheshire Regt.
- H. Appleby Driver T3/025974 30 Dec 1917 Army Service Corps.
- H. Appleby Sgt. 300061 16 Dec 1919 (25) Essex Regt.
- H. Appleby Pte. 428109 3 June 1916 Canadian Infantry
- H. Appleby Pte. 73040 21 Apr 1917 Machine Gun Corps.
- H. Appleby Lance Cpl. 7236 20 Sept 1914 West Yorks Regt.
- H. Appleby Pte 17548 6 Sep. 1918 Royal Welsh Fusilliers
- H G Appleby Petty Officer 174436 30 Oct 1918 (43) Royal Navy
- H J Appleby Sapper 67750 16 Oct 1918 Royal Engineers
- H L Appleby Pte. 749188 10 Sept 1916 (21) Canadian Infantry
- J Appleby Pte. 931411 22 Aug 1917 2nd Canadian Rifles
- J Appleby Pte 70734 6 Nov 1917 Royal Welsh Fusilliers
- J Appleby Pte. 23170 3 Dec 1917 (20) Oxford & Bucks Light Inf.
- J Appleby Pte. 8571 14 Jan 1918 Irish Guards
- J Appleby Pte. 19125 28 May 1918 Durham Light. Infantry

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#### Marriages in Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham

- 24 Jun 1701 Thomas Rain & Ann Appleby
  - 1 December 1705 Thomas Thompson & Frances Appleby
  - 26 November 1709 Edward Carr & Ann Appleby
  - 12 July 1718 George Appleby & Mary Bell
  - 7 November 1730 Robert Ellison & Ann Appleby
  - 25 October 1720 Ralph Thompson & Ann Appleby
  - 22 March 1806 Michael Appleby & Sarah Wilson.

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#### Marriages in Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

- 21 July 1750 George Appleby & Jane Hall
- 17 November 1750 Robert Hunter & Mary Appleby
- 20 May 1753 John Swan & Margaret Appleby
- 25 December 1757 John Appleby & Jane Walton
- 24 December 1760 George Appleby & Margaret Carter
- 20 August 1804 John Appleby (of Portobello) & Hannah Hall
- 22 September 1804 Thomas Appleby & Jane Simpson
- 9 October 1815 William Appleby & Mary Bamborough

If any of these couples are part of your family history, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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## Family History Congress.

Peter Applebee, our Australian representative will be attending the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFHHO) Congress in New Zealand from the 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> January 2009

He is representing the 2012 Adelaide AFFHO Congress Committee, of which he is a member. He is also there as President of the Adelaide Northern Districts Family History Group, which is a member of the AFFHO.

On the Saturday night there is to be held a meeting of the Guild of One-Name Studies, of which the Appleby Research Organisation is a member, and Peter will attend as a representative of the ARO. Peter Walker the chairman of the Guild will be in New Zealand for the congress.

## Thomas Appleby of Stockton-on-Tees

I am researching my G G G Grandfather Thomas Appleby born in Stockton on Tees in 1782. He was a damask weaver. About 1814/15 he became Parish Clerk for St Thomas Church, High Street, Stockton. This was his full time occupation until his death in 1853. He and his wife Margaret of Berwick on Tweed has 3 sons. Thomas b.1814; Michael b. 1815 and William b. 1816 and 3 daughters Emma b.1813; Catherine B.1819 and Ann(ie) b.1812. I have been unable to find his marriage, can anyone help?

Helen Savage ARO/Doc/778