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DIARY OF MEETINGS

May 12	At BAKEWELL. Members should meet outside Rutland Arms Hotel at 4.7 pm.
June 2	At TISSINGTON. Members should arrive in Tissington at 3 o'clock.
July 7	At BRETBY. Members should meet at Repton Cross at 2.35 pm.
Nov. 24	In DERBY at 3 o'clock. Meeting place to be given later. There will be a talk on "The Early Textile Industry of the Derwent Valley" by Mr. Owen Ashmore, M.A., followed by the General Meeting of the Section at the end of its first year. Tea will be available.

It will be much appreciated if members travelling to meetings by car will let the Section Secretary know of available space they can put at the disposal of others.

SECTION NEWS

Since the Section was formed there has been a steady influx of members and at the end of April there were 63 full members and 7 libraries subscribing to the bulletin.

There has been a gratifying response to our appeal for articles and it has been quite a difficult task to condense the material appearing in this issue, while some has had to be held over. We are, nevertheless still most anxious to receive notes of any length and on any relevant subject. As the next issue will be appearing early in September and there will be the diversion of the annual holidays it is sincerely hoped that members will send in their contributions by the end of June.

Members have sent much material on Derwent so that it has been possible to expand the somewhat scanty notes by Glover into a more comprehensive account. This is fuller than will be possible with other places, but it is felt to be justified as a farewell to Derwent Woodlands. The next place to be dealt with is Dethick, and information of any kind will be welcomed. If material is not original please quote references for the benefit of those who may wish to make a more detailed study.

At the present rate it would take many years to reproduce Glover's Third Volume and it is intended therefore to increase the number of pages in the Glover supplement wherever possible.

At the General Meeting in November Mr. Ashmore, of the University of Manchester, has promised to give a talk on the Textile Industry of the Derwent Valley.

Miss D. Barrington has most kindly presented to the Section a two years' subscription to "Amateur Historian". The first number, February-March 1956, will be forwarded to members sending in their names to the Section Secretary. The Report of the Standing Conference for Local History can also be circulated on request.

Members may be interested in a course on Local History, which has been arranged by the University of Sheffield's Extra Mural Department. A note on this appears later.

Section News cont'd

In future issues Mr. J.M. Bestall and Miss Nellie Kirkham have promised to write on Enclosures and Lead Mining respectively and we hope to have a talk by Miss Kirkham at Chesterfield in March 1957.

Mr. J.P. Lamb, the Sheffield City Librarian, has let us have details of his Library's resources and his note will appear in September. Mr. Edgar Osbourne has supplied notes on the Derbyshire Archives which will continue through several issues.

THE CHESTERFIELD MEETING

The second meeting of the Section was held in Chesterfield on Saturday, March 24th, with Mr. Bestall in the Chair. The meeting was well attended and members heard a most instructive and very entertaining talk by Mr. Francis Fisher on Family Records.

Mr. Fisher dealt with the value of Family Records to the local historian and to the student of allied subjects such as industrial history. He gave suggestions where such records might be found and expressed his opinion that these collections were more numerous than was generally supposed. His account of the condition of some accumulations of records suggested that a boiler suit was a pre-requisite for the searcher. Warning his listeners that in the main, deeds of title relating to the purchase of land comprise the bulk of any collection and that the examination of these could be tedious to a degree, Mr. Fisher showed what information could be obtained from apparently uninteresting material, and how some of his own searches had resulted in finds of value. The calligraphy of most documents was not as difficult as generally supposed, some of the most formidable examples occurring in the Victorian era. He gave a helpful classification of the type of deeds usually encountered, and described the amusing legal technicalities behind some of them.

Regarding miscellaneous papers, Mr. Fisher said that letters were relatively rare and were often surprisingly devoid of interest. Some of the more interesting material noted whilst calendaring for the National Register of Archives in Derbyshire was touched on, with amusing extracts from records relating to Duffield and Bakewell. Mr. Fisher showed one or two papers of comparatively recent date which bore out his point that the searcher must have a wide interest in the material with which he was dealing.

The talk was greatly appreciated and inspired an animated discussion. Keen disappointment was expressed that Derbyshire lagged behind so many other counties in not having appointed a County Archivist. Students of Derbyshire history would be greatly helped if the documents that had been deposited in the care of the County Offices could be made more easily accessible to them.

PACK HORSE BRIDGES IN DERBYSHIRE

The ancient Pack Horse bridge at Derwent was dismantled when the village was submerged but there are others of great interest still standing in the County. Some have been widened and are not obvious but Mr.S.Mehew, the County Surveyor, has most kindly provided the detailed list below of the existing Pack Horse bridges as known to his office :-

Name	Location	Map Ref.	Span(s)	Width between parapets
Bradford Pack Horse	Youlgreave-Harthill Bridle Road	215641	12'0"	3'9"
Alport Pack Horse	Alport Village- Harthill Footpath (River Lathkill)	222645	11'6" 2'6"	2'6"
Coalpit	Coalpit Lane, Youlgreave (River Lathkill)	215652	6'0" 15'0" 6'0"	4'10"
Hopping Pack Horse	Hollinsclough- Booth Bridle Road, Hartington Upper Quarter Parish (River Dove)	063669	12'3"	4'0"
Wash Gate Pack Horse	Booth-Washgate Hartington Upper Quarter Parish (River Dove)	053675	21'0"	4'6"
Holme *	Bakewell (River Wye)	216690	10'9" 14'0" 14'6" 13'6" 10'6"	4'0"

Pack Horse Bridges in Derbyshire, cont'd

Name	Location	Map Ref.	Span(s)	Width between parapets
Goyts Pack Horse	Goytsbridge Road, Upper Quarter Parish, Hartington, (Wildmoorstone Brook)	014749	12'0"	4'0"
Youngate	Upper Booth, Edale (River Noe)	088862	10'3"	2'3"
Old Roman or Bowden	Off Kinder Road *Hayfield (River Kinder)	050870	20'0"	-
Randall Carr	Chapel-en-le-Frith to Macclesfield Road at Horwich End-(Randall Carr Brook)	013806	19'6"	-

* No parapets left now. 5'0" overall width

∅ Has since been widened on both sides. The original bridge which was 6' overall width can only be seen from underneath.

All the bridges are masonry arches of one or more spans, usually roughly constructed of the local stone. I have no information as to their ages.

S. Mehew
County Surveyor

FOOTPATHS IN DUFFIELD PARISH

A Footpath Committee was formed in 1951 to make a Survey of all the public paths in the Parish of Duffield. This Committee consisted of the members of the Parish Council, who co-opted six others known to be interested and who were regular walkers on one or other of the said Pathways.

The Committee divided itself into parties of three or four and each party became responsible for walking and reporting on a section of the Parish.

Footpaths in Duffield
Parish, cont'd

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This was done in the summer-time and as a result a thorough report was sent to the Derbyshire County Council.

This survey was repeated in 1955 by practically the same people, each again taking a different section and it is hoped to continue this practice every year in order to preserve these public footpaths from closure, obstruction, etc.

Around and in Duffield there are some lovely walks by footpaths, and most of these were found, on that first survey, to be still in existence, although in some instances stiles needed repairing, and here and there paths had been diverted. When the latter happens the owners are cautioned to notify the County Council.

One ancient footpath runs from Mill Green through Hawley's Mill and on to Wirksworth Road. The owners of the Mill wish to make extensions, and at first it seemed that some of this path would disappear. Through the efforts of the Footpath Committee, however, it has now been agreed to divert the path some little distance, so that there will still be the right of way as before.

Another Footpath, hardly used at all these days is one from near the Duffield Bridge, over the Derwent, by the side of the drive to Duffield Bank House (now belonging to Rolls-Royce) straight on through the stables and through the fields, until you come to "Save Penny Lane" at Makeney, where it joins the now existing Makeney Road. This is supposed to be an old Roman road and was one of the paths we have found obstructed by barbed wire. I remember very well hearing, when I was a child, how Mr. Richard Waite and Mr. Tom Wake used to walk this path at least once a year to keep it open, as they felt it was so historically valuable.

Some of the Footpaths on Duffield Bank also seem to be little used now, which is a pity, as these are beautiful walks, leading to Coxbench and Holbrook, over the hill by Farley's Wood, and they seem to be in danger of being lost through lack of use.

The Chevin paths all seemed in order and where they joined with Hazlewood arrangements were made with that Parish Council over at least one path, for clearance, etc.

Some of the paths have quaint names. There is Goose Pasture, a path leading from the top of King Street to Holloway Road: the Twitchel, running from the Almhouses on Derby Road to a field leading to Broadway, and so on.

Footpaths in Duffield
Parish, cont'd

So all the footpaths were walked, and it was felt that a good job of work was done, and is still being done, to save these paths.

(signed) Marion Rose

It would be interesting to know of any work done to preserve old footpaths in other parts of the County. Such footpaths often lead to the site of the old corn-mill and remain long after this has disappeared.

EARLY COTTON SPINNING AT BELPER

Long before Richard Arkwright had started his career the process of cotton spinning by rollers was first tried at Sutton Coldfield, about six miles from Birmingham. In 1700, in a small building, the first thread of cotton was spun, by the means which Arkwright afterwards perfected, and from which our vast cotton trade has sprung.

In 1741 the invention had made further progress and some yarn was spun by engines turned by two asses walking round an axis in a large warehouse, near the well, in the Upper Priory at Birmingham. The foregoing is interesting, in view of the claims made in various quarters that the first cotton mill in England was built at Nottingham, and the suggestion that there was an earlier cotton mill at Belper, long before Strutt built his mills there. The first time this early Belper mill was brought to notice appeared to have been in 1878 at a lecture given by Canon Hey, then the vicar of St. Peter's Church, Belper, to the Belper Philosophical Society. This old mill, was built early in the eighteenth century, when the small quantity of raw cotton brought into the country was carried on the backs of pack horses, via the Nottingham Road, Belper. The machinery was worked by two horses walking round and round in deep cellars and every few hours when the horses got tired fresh ones were substituted. This mill appears to have started about 1730 and closed down when Strutt's opened their large Mills at Belper about 1776, as Joseph Robinson, the owner of this early mill was afterwards employed by Strutt.

F.T. Harrison

THE RAWLINS MANUSCRIPT

The manuscript, "Critical examination and survey of the parish churches and chapels in the county of Derby", compiled during the years 1820-1840 by the Rev. R. Randall Rawlins, sometime Perpetual Curate of Kneeton, Nottinghamshire, forms three well-bound volumes beautifully written and illustrated with full-page sketches of church exteriors. This is the work to which Cox was granted access by Rawlin's niece when he was preparing his "Churches of Derbyshire" in 1876, and of which the whereabouts from then remained unknown until it was offered for sale to the Borough Library by one of the author's descendants, in 1949. A special value of the manuscript lies in the fact that for the larger number of churches it gives details of architecture and furnishings which no longer existed at the date of Cox's work, having been swept away with the renovations which followed the Evangelical "boom" of 1830-40. Moreover, the sketches - poor though they may be in the finer points of perspective - represent in many cases the only known record of the appearance of the churches a century ago.

E. Bletcher (Borough Librarian)

THE BIRTH OF AN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the end of the World War I Mr. T. N. Harrison, purchased in Bakewell, a large medieval building which had been divided into five cottages; the largest of these was vacant and was occupied by him on his retirement.

The property had always been vaguely associated with the church. Tradition had it that there was an underground passage to the Church from this property and it had in the past been alluded to as "The old Priest House", "The old Monk's House" or the "Old Vicarage". No great interest was shown in the property, however, until 1931 when certain excavations took place by order of the local Council. An old Saxon Font was dug up and for a short time local interest was revived. This, however, died down. The owner subsequently died, and the whole of the property was then occupied by tenants.

At the beginning of 1953 two of the cottages became vacant, the local Council having accommodated the tenants in Council houses. Demolition Notices were then served on the landlord, and in spite of representations the local Council refused to withdraw these.

The Birth of an Historical
Society, cont'd

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Particulars of the local Council's objections appeared in the local press and as I had considerable interest in this property from the historic architectural angle I not only replied to their criticism through the press, but made personal representations to the Council. On the 1st of February 1954 the local Council advertised for tenders to demolish the houses. Local activities then really got busy, and I received numerous sympathetic enquiries encouraging me to leave no stone unturned to save the property. The Press contributed in no small way, and various people wrote letters supporting my cause.

Eventually in July 1954 we managed to obtain a Preservation Order from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government scheduling the Building as being of special architectural and historic interest.

In October 1954, with the co-operation of Mr. Geo. Butler, I called together all those who had shown interest, and the result was the birth of the "Bakewell and District Historical Society". Subsequently the owner of the property gave it to the Society in the hope that it would be turned into a local folk museum in memory of his late father. Interest in the Society is steadily growing, and at the end of 1955 there were thirty four paid up members.

We have received a most interesting report on the property from Mr. Alan Reed, the chief architect for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, confirming the medieval period construction of the house.

Incidentally, I received an anonymous letter enclosing a poem by "Patience Strong" and we have adopted this as the motto for our society. The poem signifies the need to preserve houses "that are beautiful and old, over which the storms of many centuries have rolled".

J. Marchant Brooks
Chairman of the Bakewell and District
Historical Society

THE LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION OF THE
CHESTERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

This collection (now containing over 6,000 volumes and several thousand manuscripts, etc.) has been acquired over a number of years by purchase and gift. The "libraries" collected by two local historians - William JACQUES and Thomas METCALFE - were acquired in 1931 and 1952 respectively.

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The Local History
Collection of the
Chesterfield Public
Library, cont'd

Special gifts include the BARNES Collection of Manuscripts (dealing with mining and farming in the Chesterfield district in the 18th and early 19th century); the TWIGG Collection of Manuscripts (dealing with Ashover and leadmining in that area). An important item in the Metcalfe Collection is the two-volume account books of the Arkwright Cotton Mill at Sutton Scarsdale (1786-1811).

The Collection includes practically all the printed material concerning Derbyshire and an extensive collection of documents, maps, illustrations, etc. relating to the Borough of Chesterfield. Included in the latter is a transcription of the Chesterfield Parish Church Registers from 1558-1600.

The Library possesses a fine collection of DERBYSHIRE MAPS from Saxton (1577) to the early 19th century.

The STEPHENSON Collection contains over 600 items—books, pamphlets, illustrations, lantern slides, etc. illustrating the life and work of George Stephenson and early railway history (up to 1850).

A complete author and subject catalogue of the Local History Collection is available in the Reference Library, where the books may be consulted on application. However, a special feature of this collection is that most of the standard works on the County have been duplicated and copies are available for home reading (this includes complete sets of the Journal of the D.A.N.H.S., articles in which are indexed under author and subject).

G.R.Micklewright
Borough Librarian

FURTHER NOTES ON THE DERBYSHIRE COLLECTION
OF THE DERBY BOROUGH LIBRARIES

There is a good card index to the local collections in Derby Central Library, the nucleus of which was formed by the Bemrose Library. There is, however, no clear indication that Derby has a large collection of deeds, including many listed by Jeayes in his "Derbyshire Charters". The bulk has been well calendared on slips, contained in three boxes, arranged under names of places. As a deed may refer to land in a number of parishes, all places in the vicinity should be consulted. It may be noted that many are of comparatively recent date, and contain details not always associated with such documents.

Further Notes on the
Derbyshire Collection of the
Derby Borough Libraries, cont'd

There are, for instance, agreements dealing with business partnerships in commerce which could be invaluable to a student of industrial history.

These deeds also have a number of abstracts of wills of Derbyshire people and of Chancery suits, often resolving a genealogical conundrum. Besides this series there is another file of deeds more recently acquired by the Library. These have been calendared and indexed on cards.

In various collections there are abstracts of many Derbyshire wills. These have been indexed by one of our members, and the secretary will be able to consult the list if any particular name is being sought.

Francis Fisher.

THE BARLBOROUGH HALL DOCUMENTS

In the first issue of the Bulletin Mr. Edgar Osborne referred to the "large and important accumulations of papers" in Derbyshire which in recent years have been calendared under the National Register of Archives scheme inaugurated in 1945. A recent project under this scheme was the listing of the large collection of papers at Barlborough Hall, the home of the Rodes family from 1584 to the early years of the present century. The Hall now houses the Preparatory Department of the Roman Catholic school at Spinkhill, and much gratitude is due to the Rector for granting permission for the collection to be listed and to the former Second Master, the Rev. J. Sargeant, for the courtesy with which he provided every facility for access.

Many of the documents relate to counties other than Derbyshire, and of these no details will be given here, though members of this section who live on the Nottinghamshire border may be interested to know that a large and important section of them relates to the Worksop area.

Of the Derbyshire documents the greater part consists of deeds, ranging from the 13th to the 19th century; the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries are unusually well represented. The majority naturally relate to Barlborough itself, and from them anyone who should undertake to compile a history of the village could derive a mass of information on such matters as the descent of the manor, local families, the working of the open-field system, ancient field names, the spread of enclosure and the beginnings of industry in the area.

The Barlborough Hall
Documents, cont'd

Many relate to the adjacent parish of Elmton and there is some material for Whitwell, Clowne, Eckington, Killamarsh and Staveley. A deed of an interesting and unusual kind is one recording the grant by Francis Rodes to the parish of Staveley in 1584 of a sum of £40, to form the foundation of a parish stock to be used "for the benefit of the town and parish of Staveley": loans from it might be made to persons living in the parish, "especially the poorer sort, artificers and followers of some trade".

Deeds, however, do not form the whole of the collection; the following are a few of the other items:-

- Wills of the Rodes family, 16th to 19th Centuries
- Sheriff's Account-Roll for Derbyshire, 1594
- Court-Rolls of the Manor of Elmton, mainly 1651 to 1678.

Elmton Enclosure Award, 1850
17th Century legal papers giving details of mining in the area.

Coal-mining papers of the 18th and 19th Centuries relating mainly to Cottam colliery in Barlborough.

A book containing, amongst other valuable items, a complete list of the inhabitants of Barlborough in 1790, with their occupations, and the quantity and value of each person's property in 1800.

Estate accounts, 1722-1729.

It is impossible, however, to give an adequate account of the contents of so large a collection in the space at my disposal, and any members who would like further details should consult the calendar. Copies of this have been deposited at Barlborough Hall itself, Derby County Library and Nottingham University Library; I also have a copy in my own possession. Nearly all documents earlier than 1600 have been calendared in full, and for ordinary purposes of local history need not be consulted in the original. Of papers later than 1600 only the briefest guide to the contents is given.

R.H. Oakley.

THE DERBYSHIRE ARCHIVES

The Derbyshire Archive Committee has made its main task the examination and recording of documents in private hands and those in the possession of Parish Councils. In this and succeeding issues there will be given a brief outline of the contents of collections which have been calendared. The Derby County Library has copies of all these calendars.

Glapwell - Deeds and Charters relating to Glapwell

In 1951 about 700 documents mainly relating to Glapwell were put up for public auction at Sothebys, and all the lots were purchased by the County Library. Through the kind co-operation of Mr. Ellis Flack a preliminary list of the earlier documents, 256 in number, was made by the archive assistant at Nottingham University Library, and we are most grateful for this valuable assistance.

These early charters form a very interesting collection, in surprising number for one village for such an early date. The collection contains one magnificent conveyance between Darley Abbey and fifteen villagers of Glapwell, of which both parts survive, one with the Abbey seal, the other with twelve out of fifteen villagers' seals. The Beauchief Abbey group of documents is of equal importance. There are other interesting documents, e.g. (1) an agreement between John of Orby and Richard de Somerville dividing their woodland at Blackwell, and (2) an agreement made at Portsmouth 1206, sealed with the seal of the Constable of Chester as one of the parties had no seal. Great interest has been shown in this collection by students of mediaeval history. It is well worthy of notice in this report that Professor R.R. Darlington, Principal of Birkbeck College, London University, has undertaken to edit in full all the Glapwell deeds from 1203 to 1411.

Trusley Hall - Mrs. R. Coke-Steel

At Trusley Hall the later documents and papers have been calendared. The medieval deeds, however, hold the greater prospect of value, and these the Public Record Office had undertaken to examine before we began the calendar of later documents. Largely, the later documents comprise a collection of deeds of bargain and sale, leases, rentals and estate papers of value to the student of field-names, and genealogies of local families.

Trusley Hall
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Notes and Queries
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There are also papers relating to the foundation of the Pinxton Pottery and of coal mining in the Pinxton area.

The presence of many 17th and 18th century deeds, touching on coal leases, is due to the Coke family's holding of Pinxton manor from about 1567. Nineteenth century diaries form a very interesting feature of this collection. There are many closely written diaries which would undoubtedly repay careful study-they range with occasional gaps between the year 1820-1887. Of particular interest to United States and Canadian students would no doubt be the diaries with sketches of fine artistic quality compiled during a journey in the United States of America and Canada in 1832. There are 19th century diaries of service members of the family who served in India, Canada, South Africa, Egypt and at sea. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the later Cokes were quite expert diarists, whose energies might provide a wealth of information for some future historian.

Edgar Osborne

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NOTES AND QUERIES

Queries and short informative notes will be greatly appreciated. Members having information regarding any item appearing below are invited to submit it to the Section Secretary for forwarding.

NQ.11 - JOHANNES CONRADVS MOLANUS

Molanus, a Dutchman and born about 1599, was agent to the syndicate draining Hatfield Chase in the early days of Charles I. Later, he resided at Wirksworth and was actively engaged in lead mining. He rendered distinguished service in the Civil War under Sir John Gell. There are numerous references to him in the V.C.H., Glover, the memoirs of Col. Hutchinson etc. A Mrs. Molanus, possibly his widow, was living in Worksworth in 1672.

Any further information regarding him will be appreciated.

F.N.Fisher.

Notes and Queries
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NQ.12 - ERASMUS DARWIN "Terrebello eduxit aquam. Anno MDCCLXXXIII. Erasmus Darwin. Phil.Trans V.75 - Labitus et Labetur".

This inscription was on an iron plate formerly fixed to a garden wall of the house in Full Street, Derby, where Dr. Erasmus Darwin lived for 20 years, 1781-1801.

It commemorated the sinking of an artesian well below the level of an existing well long disused on account of foulness.

Has any reader knowledge of the present whereabouts of this interesting tablet? The house, it will be remembered, was demolished some years ago.

F.N.Fisher.

NQ.13 - BRADBOURNE MILL

The information supplied by Mr.L.R.Hayhurst regarding Bradbourne mill (NQ.10) is of much interest. The Architectural Section of the Society is making a record of these local antiquities and any further information on this mill, or any others, will be appreciated and duly passed on to the member who is making a special study of this subject.

F.N.Fisher
Hon.Secretary -
Architectural Section

NQ.14 - GLOVER'S HISTORY

In our introduction to the Notes on Glover in No. 1, we mentioned that Vol.II Part 1 was published in 1833. Several members have queried if this should be 1829, which is the date on the title page of Vol. I. There is reason to believe that the first volume was not actually issued until 1831 through publishing difficulties. The first section of the volume dealing with parish history was issued in 1833.

Francis Fisher

NQ.15 - EARLY HISTORY OF DERBYSHIRE JEWRY

Existence of Jews in Derby in Mediaeval England is shown by the calling of URSELL of DERBY to the making of a "certain starr" in 1277. During the 18th century, Jewish pedlars were known to "Roam the countryside". Their existence in Chesterfield is known as early as 1753, when Myas Jacob, Jeweller, advertised from the Angel Inn.

Records of Jews in Derby are extremely scanty, until John Davis, an optician, took up permanent residence in 1844/5.

Information is sought that will throw some light on the activities of Frederick and Alfred Davis, two Jewish brothers - partners in the "Phoenix Foundry and Engineering Works", Colyear Street, in the 19th century. Frederick was born in Cheltenham in 1843. He was a well-known archaeologist and wrote the "History of Silchester" in 1898 and also "Place Names in Derbyshire" (DAJ-Vol.2). Alfred was the engineer. They were descended from Saul Wahl, the "Oneday King" of Poland in the 17th century. Any other news of Jews in Derbyshire will be welcomed.

Samuel Simpson.

NQ.16 - JOSEPH THORNHILL OF WARDLOW

Information is sought regarding ancestors of a clerical branch of the Thornhill family, particularly a Joseph Thornhill, believed to have been of Wardlow and born 1745 and who died about 1828. He married Mary Stockdale.

Robert Thornhill.

NQ.17 - PLAGUE AT EYAM.

I have recently acquired the original letter 1666 from the Rev. Mompesson to his patron describing the Plague of Eyam. After being lost all these years it will soon be in the church archives following rejuvenation by the British Museum.

Edwin Walker.

Notes and Queries,
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NQ.18 - DERBYSHIRE COUNTY MAPS

On consulting "The Maps of Hertfordshire" by Sir G.H. Fordham many years ago, I set about compiling a similar brochure on the printed maps of our county. I have a card index of them from 1577 to about 1890, having checked them at the British Museum and by Chubb.

Charles Handford.

NQ.19 - DERBYSHIRE COUNTY MAPS

Miss A.B. Smedley writes that she has in her possession three maps that members may study or borrow at any time. They are John Speed 1614, Robert Morden 1695, Emanuel Bowen, 1760.

DERBYSHIRE HISTORY

A weekend Course will be held on 22nd to 24th June 1956 at the Derbyshire Conference House, Buxton. The Course is intended to further the study of Derbyshire History through lectures illustrating modern work in various aspects of this subject and indicating some of the documentary sources of Local History.

Applications should be sent before the 19th of May to:-

The Director of Extra-mural studies (University of Sheffield), St. John's,
Crookes Valley Road, SHEFFIELD 10.

The fee for the Course, including accommodation and meals, is £2-10-0d; for the Course only, 10/-

BOOK NEWS

In this issue is given a brief account of some periodicals which deal wholly or in part with local history.

"THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE" has been published since 1931, until recently as a quarterly, and now as a two-monthly publication. Illustrated articles on the history, topography and architecture of Derbyshire have always featured prominently in its pages, and members of the Archaeological Society are among its contributors. Mr. J. W. Allen's recent series of articles on "Riddles of Derbyshire History", and his current series dealing mainly with some of the smaller old houses of the county, have been of particular interest to local historians. Among the articles which will be published in the near future is one on the historical landscape of the Peak District, by Mr. J. M. Bestall.

A card index to the main contents of the magazine since its first publication is maintained at the County Library, St. Mary's Gate, Derby. Copies of some back numbers may be bought from the publisher, and sets are also available for perusal or loan in the County and other Libraries.

The Editor, Mr. Keith Mantell, is glad to consider articles about Derbyshire history for possible publication, but intending contributors are asked to bear the needs of the magazine in mind: articles of too specialised an interest cannot be accepted.

"The Derbyshire Countryside" is available from newsagents at 1/6d a copy, or by an annual postal subscription of 11/- from the publisher. The publishing and editorial offices are at St. Michael's Church House, Queen Street, Derby.

"THE AMATEUR HISTORIAN" was started in 1952 by Mr. Terrick Fitz Hugh, himself an amateur historian, who is still the proprietor of the magazine, although the editorship was taken over in May 1955 by Mr. Lionel Munby, a lecturer on Local History in the Cambridge University Board of Extra Mural Studies. The magazine contains articles on subjects relevant to Local History as well as book reviews and has space allocated to Queries. This is, at present, a bimonthly magazine costing 1/6d per copy but will, after June, appear quarterly in an enlarged form at 12/- per annum, post free. It is intended for non-professional historians and contributions are welcomed by the Editor, "Pestells", West Wickham, Cambridge.

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