



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Here are some practical ways you could help out ...

Collecting details of **PASSENGER RECORDS** and a **variety of other record sets** that hold Appleby entries to add to the data I have already started to collect. If you subscribe to one of the main Genealogy databases (Ancestry, Find My Past, The Genealogist) you could search through record sets for all APPLEBY/BEE entries and add the details to an Excel spreadsheet to be added to the Resource pages on the website (I can provide the example format you would need to use to ensure your data can easily be added to existing excel sheets).

Adding to specific **BMD SPREADSHEETS**: Any volunteers with access to local records offices who would be prepared to spend some time searching for Appleby entries in **Parish Registers** for areas that are not yet available online, would be most welcome. There are also lots of regions in the UK as well as almost all of Canada and the USA where I have hardly begun to transcribe **CENSUS** records!

Not a lot of people know it, but **Family Search** holds an extensive range of parish register records that have never been indexed. These are completely FREE to search! Some of these cover parishes where we know there were APPLEBYs living but there are no indexed databases online. I can provide the necessary links and a sample spreadsheet to enter the details that can be added to our standard regional spreadsheets – I just need some willing volunteers (who are good at reading old handwriting !) All **Essex parish registers** are also available at the SEAX website, but there is a small subscription charge to access these for a month – We have lots of Appleby lines in Essex, and I have produced a list of which indicates parishes I know they are likely to be found and those which I have already covered (and we have had some volunteers in the past who have checked several registers and sent me their findings). **Kent Archives** also provide free parish registers, though there are fewer parishes where I know we might find Appleby records.

### **FAMILY TREE RECONSTRUCTIONS ... a job for experienced researchers!!**

To undertake this type of work requires an understanding of the importance of checking all the available facts before adding any individual to a tree, so is only something to be undertaken by experienced family history researchers. Sadly, the internet is becoming clogged up with inaccurate trees on public sites like Ancestry ... details from these are copied over and over again by unsuspecting beginners until these details are assumed to be correct (simply because they appear in so many trees!)

I have tried to ensure that every tree that appears on our Appleby website has been properly researched and all details double checked for accuracy. The reason so many of our trees do not go back much beyond 1800 is because unless full parish register entries are available, I can only be certain of the correct family composition by checking them against censuses. And in the UK (where most Appleby lines originate) we only have censuses going back to 1841!

But I would really welcome any such experienced genealogists offering to undertake reconstructions of **NEW AND PARTLY CONSTRUCTED LINES** - perhaps ones that are centred in your own geographical region where you are familiar with the local sources. I am inexperienced in researching American and Canadian records, so would love someone to help with that! I regularly receive requests from people are keen to know more about their Appleby ancestors (who may be interested in taking a yDNA test to represent their line), but who do not possess the skills to undertake the research themselves. Whilst our project would benefit from more yDNA testers, we can only afford to subsidise yDNA tests for males descended from lines that have been researched sufficiently to establish they are NOT part of a line that has already tested.

In particular, there are several lines from **South West England** in the early stages of reconstruction. If there is an experienced family history researcher out there with access to the Gloucestershire, Somerset & Devon parish records who would like to work on them for me I should be eternally grateful.

If anyone has access to a good range of **Australian/NZ local records** I know there are lots of Applebys 'down under'! Most of these non-UK lines that need researching have been triggered by an enquiry from an Appleby descendant.

The most important quality you can offer is enthusiasm - please contact me if you think you can help in any way.

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