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ROSSENDALE	Longholme Methodist Church (opp.Bus Stn) Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7NU First Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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2020

- 3 Aug Heraldry – Stephen Benson
- 6 Aug Blackburn & Darwen – Links in Stone – Maurice Ffelan
- 8 Aug London and South at 2.00pm
- 8 Aug Irish – Research at 1.00pm
- 12 Aug Fylde – Family History research workshop
- 13 Aug Hyndburn – Midwifery Through the Ages –
Linda Sawley
- 19 Aug Pendle & Burnley – Betsy the Scullery Maid –
Joanne Halliwell
- 26 Aug Preston – Members Own Research and Brick Walls
- 26 Aug Rochdale – Maps, making, meaning or myth –
Jennie Bailey
- 3 Sep Blackburn & Darwen – Astley’s of Stakes –
Christine Parkinson
- 9 Sep Fylde – Further family history research, let us help you
- 10 Sep Bury – Research
- 10 Sep Hyndburn – Workshop at Accrington Reference Library
- 16 Sep Pendle & Burnley – Cromwell’s Northern Journey –
Nick Burton
- 30 Sep Preston – Edith Rigby – Judith Beeston
- 30 Sep Rochdale – Heirloom Evening
- 1 Oct Heraldry Study Day, Salford 10.00-16.30
- 1 Oct Blackburn & Darwen – Roman Catholic history records
In the Blackburn area – Kate Hurst
- 3 Oct London and South at 2.00pm
- 8 Oct Hyndburn – Banging the Drum – Ian McGuinness

- 14 Oct Fylde – The History of Medicine and some

- Pharmaceutical thoughts – Andrew Lewis
- 21 Oct Pendle & Burnley – From Port Sunlight to Rivington –
Malcolm Tranter
- 28 Oct Preston – Tracing my Grandfather – a life of secrets,
drama, disappearance and discovery –Dr. Alan Crosby
- 28 Oct Rochdale – History of Education in 19th and early 20th
Century – Edgar Holroyd-Doveton
- 5 Nov Blackburn & Darwen – Around the world in four years
John East
- 11 Nov Fylde – Another trip down the Evening Gazette
Memory Lane pages
- 12 Nov Hyndburn – A History of the Royal British Legion –
Michael Turner
- 18 Nov Pendle & Burnley – The Woollen and Textile Industry
In 19th Century England
- 25 Nov Preston – Quiz and Jacobs Join
- 25 Nov Rochdale – Christmas Party
- 2 Dec Pendle & Burnley – Childhood Memories –
Diane Holding
- 3 Dec Blackburn & Darwen – Christmas Party – Speaker to
be advised.
- 9 Dec Fylde – Quiz and Jacobs Join
- 10 Dec Hyndburn – Christmas Special
- 30 Dec Preston – No meeting
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neither will those of any of your ancestors who are still living.

Completing your Pedigree Chart

- 1 Please print clearly or type, using capitals for surnames.
- 2 Enter your name, address, membership number, e-mail address and date of compilation in the heading.
- 3 Fill the chart according to the following pattern:

Print your own name *on the line* in space number 1 with your details below.

Print your father's name *on the line* in space number 2 with his details below.

Print your mother's name *on the line* in space number 3 with her details below.

Continue in this fashion, remembering that the male lines are even numbers.

e.g. your grandfather on your father's side is no. 4, and your grandmother on your father's side is no. 5. If your ancestors were married more than once (quite common in the 19th century) show only the spouses from which you are descended.

- 4 Always use a woman's maiden name.
- 5 Dates are important and should preferably be given thus: 25th Dec 1878. Otherwise year only or month and year are OK, approximate dates are also OK, e.g. abt 1856. The database recognises the double dates of the Julian period, e.g. 13 Feb 1729/30. If you only know the year and quarter from the General Register Index, e.g. quarter ending March 1842, this will be entered as Mar 1842.

- 6 Place names are also important, e.g. Poulton le Fylde, Lancs, don't just say "Poulton, Lancs" as there are three Poulton's in Lancashire; the same is true for many other place names; please ensure that the place names are included.
- 7 The first chart will take you back to your great-grandparents. If you have earlier information please use the continuation sheets and enter the first-person number as x reference. Fill in as many additional charts as are needed to complete your pedigree.
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 - 1) Produce a paper pedigree ensuring that your printer does not truncate any of the information and send to the address below. I will endeavour to type it up correctly.
 - 2) Send your pedigree as a GEDCOM file. Most family history software will allow you to export your pedigree in the standard file format, known as GEDCOM, which was developed to allow the interchange of family history data between computers using different software. The LFHHS pedigree database requires only birth, baptism, marriage, death or burial dates and places of your direct ancestors (where these are available) as per the chart layout – other details will be discarded. If you are unsure how to export a pedigree from your family history program contact the Pedigree Database Co-ordinator for advice. If you send a GEDCOM of your *family tree* a pedigree will be extracted for inclusion in the database.
- 9 Once entered into the database your pedigree will be compared with the pedigrees of other members. You will

then be sent details of members researching the same family names in the same area. Sometimes one or other of your family names has not appeared in the index before or has not appeared before in the same area; this is disappointing. However, once your family names are in the database, new members who are researching the same names in the same areas will be sent your details. The intention is for mutual help and research. **If you don't wish to enter into correspondence with other members please indicate this and your details will not be passed on to other members.**

- 10 Unless you request otherwise, your pedigree will be published on the Members Only area of the Society's website, to facilitate searching others with the same name. The names will be referenced with your Membership Number only. Contact with other members researching the same names can only be made through LFHHS. Your pedigree will be withdrawn from the website if your membership is not kept up to date.

However brief your pedigree, do not hesitate to submit a pedigree as you are more likely to benefit from the information that can be made available to you from existing pedigrees in the database.

Forms can be downloaded from the Society website.

Send your completed form to the Pedigree Database Co-ordinator:

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or by e-mail to: **pedigrees@lfhhs.org.uk**

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Little did I expect the COVID 19 virus to be still so evident and destructive at this time. I still have relatives on partial lockdown and unable to go out shopping yet. That means most of my exercise is taken up walking into town shopping for my own household and also for my aunt and cousin.

My garden benefited from the hot weather and my hard work has been rewarded by an abundance of fruit which I am now picking every couple of days. That means extra pie or crumble making and custard or cream to go with them! And there I was thinking my clothes were shrinking!

Hubby and I have become addicted to quiz shows and nature documentaries on the tv during the day. Facebook seems busier now people have the time to converse or take photos while out walking or exercising. The local 'then and now' pictures are popular, and the different family history groups questions and replies from the public make for some interesting reading, without needing to take part unless you want to. The number of people taking up some family history while under lockdown shows, by their questions, how basic their knowledge is by expecting a computer and Ancestry or similar would be enough.

Chorley branch have used Zoom to bring the last two branch talks to their members although it does mean changing the talks/speakers for the time being. Unfortunately, I was not able to join them, but will attempt to be available for the next one.

Please take care everyone and stay safe.

MEMBERS' ARTICLES

JOHN HOLT DICKINSON, RAFVR, DIED 30.08.1940

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The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust is dedicated to aircrew who flew in the Battle of Britain, sited on the White Cliffs of Dover at Capel-le-Ferne, New Dover Road, Folkestone CT18 7JJ on the coast of Kent, known as the 'National Memorial', not to be confused with the Battle of Britain Monument Trust situated on the banks of the Thames Embankment, known as the 'London Monument', though both are somewhat connected, and was initiated by the Battle of Britain Trust and opened by the Queen Mother on 9th July 1993. It is formed of a large propeller-shaped base with the figure of a seated pilot carved by Harry Gray, the Architect, sitting at its centre. The propeller shape has led the monument to be viewed as a hill figure.

Mrs Armstrong says, I am working on a project on behalf of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, to determine the family backgrounds of many of the air crews who took part in the Battle of Britain and whilst being, in the main, successful I have hit a few brick walls. One such wall is the case of John Holt Dickinson, RAFVR, one of The Few, who was a Sergeant Pilot with 253 Squadron (Hawker Hurricane Mark 1 Fighters), he was shot down on 30th August 1940 over Dungeness and is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Egton, (Ulverston) with his father.

She has taken a great interest in her research of the air crews and has made some significant discoveries (e.g. the identity of the youngest known pilot (he was a Hurricane pilot) and the youngest known Spitfire pilot as well as unearthing the ancestry of Michael Duke Doulton, the great, great grandson of John Doulton, the founder of the Royal Doulton Pottery

dynasty; she has made connections with living descendants of several of the air crew members and has found them to be very forthcoming and willing to talk about their ancestors' brave deeds and some have passed on memorabilia to the Trust for display. These are just a few instances of how her research is enabling the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, based at Capelle-Ferne, Kent, to give the public a better insight as to where these young men came from and their very varied backgrounds. They were the sons/grandsons of blacksmiths, agricultural labourers, ministers of the Church, solicitors, doctors, teachers, engineers, and they came from north, south, east, west of the British Isles and one or two from Belgium, Canada, France and Poland.

To date she has completed 195 lives and is eager to make a visit to the Memorial; she has been very grateful to The Trust for their encouragement and has found what she believes to be a truly satisfying hobby with a new challenge almost every day. In her words "I really love doing this to help retain the memories of these brave young men and to keep their spirit alive through the many people who visit the Memorial each year". The website for the Memorial Trust is <https://www.battleofbritainmemorial.org>

I need help as to why a young man who was born in Bolton, Lancashire, went to school in Southport, on the Probate papers his address is given as Redcote, Temple Road, Sale, Cheshire, who died (30.8.1940) over Dungeness and is buried in Egton? His parents lived at No.1 Haig Avenue, Southport, (John attended King George V School) and his father, Norman, died in London and is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Egton.

Below is much of the information I have already gleaned about his family and I would very much appreciate any help given to enlighten me as to why the father and son are both buried so far away from what was the family home in Southport?

1871 Census: West View Villa, Arnside

Francis Crossfield born 1812 in Ulverston (occupation joiner and builder)

Margaret Crossfield born 1817 in Beetham, Westmorland

Thomas born 1853 in Beetham (joiner)

Jane born 1854 in Beetham (assisting in Post Office)

John born 1856 in Beetham

George born 1857 in Beetham

Mary H born 1860 in Beetham

John (grandson) born 1863 in Morecambe, Lancashire

1887 Marriage

John Dickinson married Mary Elizabeth Roberts in Barrow in Furness

1901 Census Raikes Road, Blackpool

John Dickinson born 1863 in Morecambe

Mary Elizabeth (nee Roberts) born 1863 in Barrow in Furness

Norman born 1889 in Bolton, Lancashire

Maggie C born 1892 in China (British Subject)

1911 Census 3 Somerset Road, Bolton

John Dickinson born 1863 in Morecambe, Lancashire

Mary Elizabeth (nee Roberts) born 1863 in Barrow in Furness

Norman born 1889 in Bolton

Maggie Campbell born 1892 in China

1918 Marriage

Norman Dickinson married Mary Holt, Whitley Methodist Church, Wigan, Lancashire

1919 Birth

John H Dickinson born Bolton, Lancashire

1927 Birth

Constance M born Bolton, Lancashire

5 May 1933 Death Certificate of Norman Dickinson, aged 44 years of age, 91 Geraldine Road, Wandsworth, occupation Commercial Clerk.
Where died: 46 Ousefield Road, Balham
Cause of death: Multiple injuries, knocked down by motor car
Coroner's verdict – Accidental P.M.
Certificate received from Edwin Smith, Coroner for the County of London. Inquest held on 9th May 1933, death registered 10 May 1933
Norman Dickinson is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Egton, Grave N.1

EDITOR:

I drew up a rough family tree and found the following:

John Dickinson born 1794 in Beetham (Ulverston)

Married

Ann Walker born 1798 in Warton

In those days it was quite normal for the first child of a marriage to be born/baptised in the mother's parish, and the rest to be born in the father's parish:

I found 6 children:

Richard Dickinson born 1834 in St. Michaels (near Warton)

Mary Ann Dickinson born 1839 in Beetham

John Dickinson born 1843 in Beetham

Eleanor Dickinson born 1844 in Beetham

James Dickinson born 1846 in Beetham

Rebecca A Dickinson born 1849 in Beetham

Richard Dickinson born 1834 St. Michaels worked as Master on vessels up and down the coast, according to the 1861 and 1871 census returns.

Richard Dickinson born 1834 St. Michaels, died 1876 in Wigan

Married 22 January 1861 in West Derby, Liverpool to

Margaret Crossfield born 1844 in Beetham

I found 3 children:

John Dickinson born 1862 in Morecambe
Anne Jane Dickinson born 1868 in Arnside
Margaret E Dickinson born 1872 in Beetham

John Dickinson born 1862 in Morecambe; possibly died in USA
Married 1887 in Barrow in Furness
Mary Elizabeth Roberts born 1863 in Barrow in Furness
I only found 1 child:

Norman Dickinson born 1889 in Bolton, died 5.5.1933 London
Married 1918, Whitley Methodist Church, Wigan to
Mary Holt

I found 2 children:

John Holt Dickinson born 1919 in Bolton died 30.8.1940
Constance M Dickinson born 1927 in Bolton

I consider that when Norman Dickinson died by accident in London, as his son John Holt Dickinson was only 14 years old, and his father John Dickinson seems to have gone to America, together with his mother, John Holt would have turned to his grandparents and great-grandparents siblings for help. Most of the Dickinson and Crossfield families were from the Beetham, Ulverston area where the Egton (St. Mary) Churchyard is situated.

If any members have a copy of records for Egton St. Mary Church I am sure they will be able to offer more information. There may be another headstone or two in addition to the War Grave Headstone you have a photo of.

DEMOLISHING A BRICK WALL
3a,b,c,d (and in praise of Chancery Court documents)

By Rex Watson

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Many readers like me will belong to other Societies, according to where their ancestors lived. So it is that I have membership

also of the Manchester society, covering loosely south Lancashire, the main Lincolnshire society, and the small Wharfedale one.

Defining 'Demolishing a brick wall' for family historians is not easy perhaps. For me one such event occurred a few years ago when I established, to my satisfaction, the name of the inn that my paternal line ancestor John Watson occupied in Colne in 1682 (1). Being enabled, after much time and many dead ends, to take any line back further probably counts too. The source that follows is one which has given me success of this type on four occasions, three in Lincolnshire, one in Wharfedale, though with slight entanglement with Lancashire near Clitheroe! Maybe a full-blooded Lancashire example will be found in due course!

The National Archives catalogue 'Discovery' contains not only the contents of the National Archives, but also many items from other repositories across the country, for example Lancashire Archives and Lincolnshire Archives, and is well worth random searching. A major holding of the National Archives consists of the records of the Court of Chancery. This 'equity' court dealt with disputes usually concerned with property of some sort, often to do with alleged mis-administration of a will. I have thus far used six of these, mainly in Lincolnshire, and as noted above, four have helped to extend a family line: family details are often given in the papers. 'Discovery' has an excellent introduction and Guide to these documents, so I will not try here to give more detail.

I wrote up my first Lincolnshire success in 2017 (2), and aim for another article soon using one of the others. The northern success appeared in 2018(3). In (2) there are mentioned five successive generations of my family, the earliest of which gave me a new name. In (3) I was able to confirm one link I had always suspected, and move back substantially, with the help also of some very detailed Quaker registers.

In conclusion, the Chancery documents are a wonderful source, enabling you, if you are lucky, to find out a great deal about what your ancestors were up to. My examples are all 17th and 18th century, but earlier and later cases may come up. The costs involved are not inconsiderable, but can be worth it.

Have a go on the website, you may find some gems! If you have already, it would be interesting to hear of your use of these documents.

- (1) Where there's a will ... there may well be an inventory; Hole in the wall, Colne. Lancashire, February 2016.
- (2) An early 18th century property dispute in Navenby. Lincolnshire Family History Society, August 2017.
- (3) A Chancery Court case from 1727. Wharfedale Newsletter, March 2018.

LILY WALKER – AN ORPHAN FROM ISLINGTON

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In my possession I have 5 bound volumes of the Girls Own Paper, published in the 1880s, which belonged to my great, great aunt Ann Livesey. I knew from my mother that Aunt Ann was married to Arthur Birtwistle, a postman, that they had an adopted daughter called Lily, and that Aunt Ann and Uncle Arthur retired from Great Harwood to Walton le Dale. In 1929, they both died within days of each other, after returning home from a trip to Canada to see their nephew, Thomas Livesey.

My mother and her sisters always talked fondly of Aunt Ann who appeared to dote on them. The Livesey family were very close. In 1911, they all lived in Beech Street, Great Harwood, my newly married grandparents, Richard and Jane Ellen Livesey, at number 22, my great grandparents, John and Nancy

Livesey, at number 24, and Aunt Ann and Uncle Arthur at number 32.

Ann Livesey, age 28, married Arthur Birtwistle, age 27, at Great Harwood Parish Church in December 1890. The 1911 census records that 20 years of marriage had produced no natural children. But, at some point between 1901 and 1911, Lilian Mary Walker had appeared in the Birtwistle's' lives. She was their adopted daughter, aged 13 in 1911, a schoolgirl born in Islington. She must have brought them so much happiness. But who was Lilian Mary Walker? Was she a child of the London slums? Last year I set out to do some research into her background.

According to Aunt Ann's and Uncle Arthur's probate records, Lily's husband was called Edwin Hitchon. Ancestry soon provided the details of their marriage, which took place in Great Harwood in November 1922. Edwin Hitchon, 21, a painter and decorator from Padiham, married Lilian Mary Walker, 25, a weaver from Beech Street. Crucially, Lilian Mary's father was named in the register. He was George Pickford Walker, a deceased librarian. One of the witnesses at the wedding was also named Walker, Frances Evelyn Walker. Could Lily have birth relatives who were still alive?

There was only one George Pickford Walker. He was born near Ormskirk in 1872. He married Elizabeth Annie Wolfenden in Lancaster in 1892 and he died in Camden in 1908. His daughter Lilian Mary (Lily) was born in Islington in 1897 and baptised in Paddington on 6th April 1898. I found Lily on the 1901 census at Woodlands view, Isleworth, London, a children's home run by Wilhelmina Higgin, a benevolent spinster who had been born in Ormskirk. And with little Lily at the home I discovered her three sisters, Frances, Margery and Gwendoline! Finding the girls' births and baptisms was to become a challenge due to the discrepancies in the spelling of their names in all the different records. (There was another sister, Doris May, who was born in Lancaster in 1893, but she died in 1894). Frances Evelyn Walker was born in Bootle in 1894 and baptised in Liverpool.

Marjorie Walker was born in Islington in 1896 and baptised on the same day as Lily in 1898. Gwendoline Beatrice Walker was born on 12th March 1899 and baptised a month later.

George Pickford Walker worked as a librarian's assistant, and he and Elizabeth Annie were blessed with 4 beautiful daughters, yet within two years of Gwendoline's birth, the family was torn apart. An Elizabeth Annie Walker, aged 29, died in the Hendon registration district in 1900. If this was the record of the death of George's wife, it would explain why the girls were living at Woodlands Villa in 1901. George could not work and also bring up four little girls. His meagre salary would not pay for nursemaids. He even struggled to pay the fees at the children's home, £13 per child per year. Electoral records show how for the next few years he was forced to live alone in a furnished room. Whether the girls stayed at Woodlands Villa until he died in 1908, or whether they were adopted sooner, we may never know, as any records for the home have yet to be found.

There was no legal formalised adoption in this country until the late 1920s. But four Walker sisters were somehow found new homes in Lancashire, the county where their parents were born.

Frances Evelyn lived with her spinster cousins, Margaret Ellen and Elizabeth Dewhurst, at Ephraim Street, Preston. She became a dressmaker, and married William John Shorrocks, a weaver, in 1923. Their two children were both given the name Dewhurst as a middle name. In 1939, the Shorrocks family were still living in Preston, and, living with them were Margaret Ellen and Elizabeth, now aged 82 and 78 respectively, who were obviously much loved.

Marjorie was adopted by Edward Myerscough, a master saddler with a house in Alfred Street, Preston, and Alice Ann, his wife. She married Frederick Wright, a 'reacher in', in Padiham in 1927.

Gwendoline Beatrice was adopted by newsagents and sweetshop owners, Charles and Mary Foster, of Plungington Road, Preston. On the 1939 register, she was still unmarried, residing in Finchley, and working as a telephonist. She was the only Walker sister to move away from Lancashire.

Lilian Mary of course moved from London to Great Harwood to live with Ann and Arthur Birtwistle. Her first child was named George Arthur Hitchon, George after her birth father and Arthur after her adopted father. He was known as Arthur. (Sadly he was killed in 1943 on an RAF training flight, aged just 19). Lily and her sister Marjorie were especially close. They were born a year apart but baptised on the same day. They were frightened toddlers together at the children's home. Then they were separated and sent to live with new families in different Lancashire towns. But nothing could break their family bond. Eventually by the late 1930s, Lily and Marjorie lived by each other in Blackburn Road, Padiham!





(The photographs are of Ann Livesey and Arthur Birtwistle on their wedding day and of a grown-up Lily with Ann and Arthur)

**JOHN HEAP (1840-1905)
A ROSSENDALE PIONEER**

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Blackpool has always been a popular holiday destination. It was the Georgians who introduced the delight of sea-bathing at English resorts, mainly in the south at Brighton and Margate, but also further north at Blackpool and Scarborough. In 1775 Elizabeth Shackleton of Alkincoates Hall, Colne, wrote in her diary "*May 28th 1775 – My son set out from here to Preston .. then to bath (sic) at Blackpool*". And again, "*June 12th 1775 –*

Tom writes from Carlisle on June 9th, gives an entertaining account of expedition from Blackpool where he bathed which did him service."

Down the coast at Lytham which had always relied on its fishing industry for its income, the Clifton family of Lytham Hall had been developing the hamlet during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Here too, the Clifton's had seen the increasing popularity of sea-bathing, and decided that money could be made by attracting visitors.

At the beginning of the 1870s Elijah Hargreaves, a cotton mill manager from Rawtenstall in the Rossendale Valley, was on holiday in Blackpool and realised that the vast expanse of land between Blackpool and Lytham had great potential for development, especially as the railway line between the two places had been completed in 1863. Also, it was thought that a more upmarket resort would attract the better off middle-class visitors from Lancashire, and further afield.

Following negotiations with the Clifton Estate who owned the land, the St. Annes-on-Sea Land and Building Company Limited was formed by Elijah and seven others. The project needed investment, and initially there were problems as other businessmen were reluctant to invest their money in a long-term plan. However, William John Porritt, a wealthy mill owner from Helmshore, did decide that it was worth the gamble, and it is believed that he eventually contributed in the region of £100,000.

But the project also needed tradesmen from the construction industry – the Rossendale Pioneers – and one of them was John Heap, a joiner and builder. John was the eldest brother of my husband's great-grandfather, Servetus (a good Unitarian name!) Heap. According to his birth certificate, John Heap was born at 7.00pm on 28th May 1840 at Newchurch-in-Rossendale, the son of Henry Heap, shoemaker, and Mary Ann, formerly Oldham. On the 1851 census for Newchurch John is aged 10 and a woollen piecer. But by 1861 he is aged 20, and

has become a house joiner. In 1862 he married Margaret Lord, who had been born on 21 June 1842 at Bay Gate, a tiny hamlet between Bolton-by-Bowland and Slaidburn. The daughter of a farmer, she had six sisters and two brothers, and came from a long-standing staunch nonconformist family. In 1861 her occupation was 'cotton weaver'.

By 1871 John and Margaret had four children and were living in Rawtenstall, John still carrying on his occupation as a joiner. Then in 1874 life changed for the Heap family when John, employed by James Roberts, set off for the new town of St. Annes-on-Sea, together with three other builders, James Shepherd, Edward Walmsley and Alfred Smith.

There was no accommodation for their families so Shepherd, Walmsley and Smith went to live at South Shore, Blackpool. John chose to rent a small farm cottage in Headroomgate Road. The four men had been recruited to build the first ladies' school on South Promenade and entered into partnership.

In order to accommodate his family, John built a wooden house in the American style which he named "Pine Cottage". This was the very first rated house in St. Annes, and was situated between Springfield Road and Alexandra Road. By January 1875, two months before the foundation stone of the new town was laid. Pine Cottage was ready for all the family to leave Rawtenstall and begin their new life. There were now six children – Henry William (11); Frank (8); Wilson (6); Sarah Jane (4); Mary Ann (2) and Nancy, born on 27 December 1874. Two more children were later born in St. Annes, Fred in 1878 and John Albert in 1881.

The family and all their goods and furniture travelled to St. Annes by train which stopped alongside Pine Cottage, where the railway furniture van was uncoupled and left for two hours whilst it was unloaded and all its contents carried over the railway fence into the house. The next train from Blackpool picked up the empty van and took it on to Lytham. On arrival, Margaret Heap looked out from her compartment window at

the surrounding sandhills and said to John *"Where have you brought me to? I shall never exist here."* But exist she did during the next 50 years and became one of its happiest residents.

The partnership with Shepherd, Walmsley and Smith lasted less than 2 years, after building Miss Davidson's school on South Promenade, when John withdrew and became a partner with James Eccles at the sawmills in St. Andrew's Road North. This partnership only lasted until 1880 when John set up business on his own. (Two trade directories for John Heap and Sons, Joiners & Builders, say business established in 1875). John had also previously been offered a post as Builders' Manager by Harold Porritt, the son of William John Porritt, St. Annes' main investor, but in view of past partnership experiences he turned down this offer and Porritt appointed another builder, Robert Fleming instead.

The Heap family spent the first 18 months of their time in St. Annes at Pine Cottage, but moved to Church Road as soon as a property was available. They made their final home in St. Andrew's Road South, at the back of which was John's workshop – Pioneer Saw Mills.

The first four buildings in St. Annes, including Alpha House (the first post office) in St. Andrew's Road South were built by John Heap. The stone-fronted houses with their distinctive fancy brick-work gable ends on South Promenade were his work. Other buildings included the West Crescent shops; the villas in Headroomgate Road; St. Annes Road East; St. Andrew's Road South and many others built by John's sons after his death in 1905.

Although John's trade as a joiner and builder, together with his sons, Henry William and Frank, later joined by Wilson and John Albert, kept him busy he was keen to provide the new residents of St. Annes with a place of worship in respect of their nonconformist religion. He and his wife, Margaret, first opened up their home at Pine Cottage, and amongst the congregation

at that time were Maxwell and Tuke, St. Annes' architects, and their wives. Later, stables were built in Back St. Annes Road West and the large room above was converted into a chapel. The minister taking the services came from Lytham or Blackpool, and if he missed the train it was John's responsibility to take the service until he arrived.

But, following a split amongst the congregation, new premises were sought, and in 1884 John Heap, Joseph White and William Walker rented the Assembly Room over a shop on West Crescent at a cost of two shillings and sixpence a week and held Baptist services. However, these premises proved impractical due to the access to the chapel being up three flights of stairs and deterred many from attending. But one person was undeterred – John's eldest son, Henry William, climbed the stairs every Saturday night with a harmonium on his back, played it for the services on the Sunday, and carried it back home at six o'clock on the Monday morning.

By 1884 St. Annes Baptist Church was formally formed, John Heap being appointed one of the deacons; and by late 1885 a plot of land in St. Andrew's Road South, opposite John's home, was acquired for the building of a chapel. The foundation stone was laid on 18 September 1886, John began building and the work was completed within 13 weeks at a cost of approximately £800. Its official opening took place on Christmas Day 1886.

Once the Baptist chapel was fully established John took an active part in its activities. Years earlier he had become one of the founders of the Nonconformist Mission. He was the Superintendent of the Sunday school for a time, teacher of the young men's class, and a great advocate of 'Improvement Societies', and other organisations connected with the thriving church. He also became a Trustee of the St. Annes band which owned its origins to the Baptist Church.

Like the first settlers in St. Annes he was passionate about everything that had for its main objective the advancement of the town, and never lost an opportunity of advocating its

claims. John always took a keen interest in public affairs, being a frequent speaker at ratepayers' meetings. For two terms he was a member of the Local Board, and was an Overseer of the Poor for five or six years – a job with which he would be able to empathise having come from a very humble background.

John Heap died on 30 December 1905, and following a service at the Baptist chapel, his coffin being carried in by his employees, he was buried at St. Annes Parish Church. Amongst the many mourners were members and officials of the Council; Overseers; representatives of the Master Builders' Federation; the Tradesmen's Association; The Rate Payers' Union and the Institute, besides other townspeople. A sure indication of the great esteem in which John Heap had been held in both his private and public life – a true Rossendale Pioneer.

DEATHS NOTIFIED

Miss Sheelagh Procter – Tasmania

Philip Ayrton-Grime – Preston

Margaret Stegeman – Shrewsbury (2661)

Peter Sleigh – Bury & Chalabre, France (5610)

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the above.

Telegraph Obituary 26 June 2020

Philip Ayrton-Grime, who has died on 12 June, 2020 aged 93, was for many years the Queen's personal veterinary surgeon at Windsor.

He was born in Preston, Lancashire, on 20 November 1926 and

from childhood had a great love of animals, keeping bantam hens on a neighbouring farm. From Preston Grammar School he read Veterinary Science at Liverpool University.

In 1950 he was given a five-week temporary position, which became permanent, by Edmond Paterson at the William Street Practice, Windsor, which had a long association with the Royal family, the vet Henry Allnutt having been surgeon to the stables of the Royal Gardens since 1862 and Queen Victoria's veterinary surgeon at Windsor from 1875. Allnutt took in Henry Simpson (later Mayor of Windsor) as a partner and the two practices were merged in 1906.

Hardly had Ayrton-Grime arrived than he found himself the only vet on duty when an emergency call came from Royal Lodge that Princess Elizabeth's horse had a nose bleed. He found himself confronted by the King and Queen, Princess Elizabeth, and the infant Prince Charles in his pram.

He acquitted himself well, and soon became the Queen's personal vet, looking after her corgis and those of the Queen Mother, as well as the dogs of Princess Margaret and later those of Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

The Royal family relied on his discreet professionalism, and when he retired aged 65, he continued to work privately for the Queen for another 10 years.

He was appointed CVO in 1979 "for personal services", and he and his wife were included in many royal celebrations, both national and private, most notably the ball at Buckingham Palace for Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer and their wedding in 1981.

The Queen gave him a corgi called Rufus, a wonderful family pet who lived to be 17.

In 1973 the Practice moved from William Street, which had housed a forge and stables for 28 horses, to its new premises

Notice of Annual General Meeting Saturday 5th September 2020

The Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 5th September 2020. The meeting will be a virtual one with all officials, members and Auditors etc being invited to take part.

All documents will be sent out as an insert to the August 2020 journal "Lancashire" to all members on the Register of Membership as at 1st August 2020. The documents will comprise agenda, minutes of the previous meeting, Chairman's Welcome and Report, Treasurers Report, Accounts for Year Ending 31 December 2019, Report of the Independent Examiner, voting paper

As the meeting is virtual there is no requirement or provision for proxy representation or voting.

There is currently no nomination for the vacancy for Secretary and nominations are invited from members interested in either nominating themselves or another individual to fill the position. In either case the nomination must include a written statement from the member nominated that they are willing to be nominated and to serve in the position.

With the exception of Stephen Benson, who is standing down as Treasurer and for this position a nomination has already been accepted all other officers are willing to serve a further term of office.

Any motions for discussion and voting papers for the Annual General Meeting must be sent to the acting Society Secretary Sharman Walmsley to arrive at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General meeting. These can be sent by email or mail to Sharman Walmsley at lfhhssecretary@gmail.com or by post to Sharman Walmsley 56 Longbrook Avenue, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6XG U.K. If sending by post would overseas members please use Air Mail.

Sheila Court

Chairwoman

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society

All documents relating to the AGM will be available for download, reading and printing from the LFHHS website Home Page www.lfhhs.org.uk . Due to space limitations the full set cannot be included in the journal insert.

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society
Annual General Meeting
5th September 2020
2 Straits Oswaldtwistle, Accrington Lancashire BB5 3LU
Agenda

1. Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 8th June 2019
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Chairman's Address
6. Presentation of the Annual Report for 2019 on behalf of the Executive Committee
7. Presentation of the Accounts for the Year-Ended 31 December 2019
8. Elections to the Executive Committee
 - 8.1 **Nominations received for the Honorary Officers:**

Note: Honorary Officers are appointed for a 3 year term renewable for a further 3 years.
The Executive Committee has submitted the following nominations:

President	Stephen John Ward
Chairman	Sheila Court
Secretary	Vacancy
Treasurer	Ian White
Membership Secretary	Susan Elizabeth Foster
Editor	Hazel Johnson
Independent Examiner	Vacancy

The Editor has served in excess of 6 years and in the absence of any nominations offers herself for re-election under Standing Order 2 - Term of Office.
 - 8.2 Branch Representatives elected at the branch AGMs will be published in the November journal.
9. Any Resolutions put forward by members, branches or the Executive Committee
10. Date of the Next Meeting 15 May 2021

Chairwoman's Report 2019

Welcome to our first virtual AGM meeting which is being held this way because our planned AGM in May had to be cancelled, due to Covid19.

The Executive and Management Team have been working hard on making sure we stay solvent. The majority of those attending are Trustees, which we have to have in place as we are a Charity and subject to the Charities Commission rulings. Attending these meetings in the Winter months can be hit and miss with the weather, fog, snow, sleet and rain. We are all volunteers and this Society would not be able to continue without the volunteers. I salute you all and thank you for your continuing willingness to attend meetings. I have been looking back at previous Chairmen's reports and can see that we have always struggled to have enough volunteers. Our membership has also decreased by about 1000 in ten years.

The branches carry on meeting although suitable premises are sometimes hard to come by. Some are better attended than others, but they are all attended by members who are enthusiastic about the subject of Family History. The branches take it in turn to host the Annual Lunch; it used to be held in the evenings, but we have found that a get together at 1.00pm suits the members better. In 2019 it was the turn of Fylde Branch to host the Annual Lunch. We had a very convivial lunch and talk afterwards.

Thank you for reading this report and may I wish you good hunting for your ancestors and that you stay in good health.

Sheila J Court Ms

Treasurers Report for AGM on Saturday 5th September 2020 for Year Ending 31 December 2019

This will be my last AGM as Treasurer of the Society since May 2006 with the exception of a one year break in 2013 when David Burgess was at the helm. I have enjoyed seeing many changes and improvements over the years. These have included automating credit card transactions (no more manual vouchers and card imprinters!), the shop on the website, the gradual transfer of renewals paid by cheque to online or BACS payments, the move from Fiche to CD and DVD and shortly to electronic downloads of data paid for online and available immediately saving time, effort and postage.

All this has taken place against a background of constant change to other aspects of the society's management and operations such as an increasing awareness of Health & Safety, Protection of the young and other vulnerable members of the Society, Money Laundering, copyright, changes to venues and a greater reliance on the internet to the detriment of individual study and research while the Charity Commission, our Government regulator, has become increasingly intrusive in telling us how the smaller charities should operate and the breadth and depth of its reporting requirements.

Through all of this I have many happy years to look back on in the role of Treasurer for the Society. It has been a great privilege to represent the Society in this way and a very rewarding experience. I hope that my successors continue to find the role fruitful and interesting.

I must now look at our results for the last year ending 31st December 2019. Overall they are disappointing. The small surplus of £3294 income over expenditure in 2018 has become a deficit of £10,246 this year caused by the following - Subscriptions down by £1737, assets costing £3629 purchased to replace obsolete computing equipment, 5 journals paid for in 2019 compared to 3 in 2018, Resource Centre overrun of £662, Recovery of £2035 payments made for Oswaldtwistle Civic Society in 2017 and paid back in 2018 with no similar payment in 2019 and these were offset by increased publication sales, venues and fairs surplus amounting to £10,409.

Mileage Allowance

I have reviewed the mileage allowance the Society pays and which is currently set at 40p per mile. I believe this is still an appropriate level and should continue unchanged for 2020-21.

Membership Subscriptions

In the wake of the pandemic and continuing recession and ongoing partial lockdown preventing face-to-face meetings and other Family History events such as Fairs and Exhibitions and a declining membership I believe that it is prudent to leave the membership subscription rates unchanged for next year.

The accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019 have been examined and approved by the Independent Examiner, and formally approved by the Executive Committee, who are the Society's trustees.

Thank you very much to all the members who were able to make donations to the Society and we are very grateful to those who found this possible.

Thank you too to those of you able to help us claim Gift Aid on your subscriptions and donations. As a society our take up of Gift Aid has fallen compared to other similar organisations. If you are a taxpayer and can support us by claiming for Gift Aid and would like further details please talk to me or email me. It is important to realise that letting the Society claim Gift Aid on your subscriptions and donations will NOT mean that the amount of tax you actually pay will increase. Gift Aid is a refund of Income Tax made by HMRC and is designed to encourage charitable gifts and subscriptions. All that is needed is for you to sign a little form and the Society can then claim a rebate of 25% of your membership subscriptions each year. This will continue until you ask for Gift Aid to be cancelled. You can stop at any time.

I would like to thank all our members, particularly the members of the Management Team, the Executive Committee and Ian White, our Independent Examiner for all their help and support throughout my time in the position and particularly in the past year .

I ask you to approve these accounts.

Stephen Benson

Treasurer

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society 25th July 2020

Lancashire Family History Heraldry Society
Summary of the 2019 Accounts

	2019		2018		2017	
	Society	Branches	Totals	Society	Branches	Total
Income						
Membership Subscriptions incl.Advance Payments	15,629.09		15,629.09	17,361.71		17,361.71
Gift Aid - (2018 and 2019)	4,563.72		4,563.72	4,457.66		4,457.66
Publication Sales	1,753.29	53.00	1,806.29	890.01	82.00	972.01
Donations Received	77.03	2,157.82	2,234.85	341.86	2,289.55	2,631.41
Meetings		1,526.10	1,526.10		860.10	860.10
Raffles		929.01	929.01		866.00	866.00
Refreshments	246.11	233.30			336.39	336.39
Income from Branch Activities		2,162.00	2,162.00	297.18	3,823.75	4,120.93
Income from Society Activities	1,041.70		1,041.70	1,403.42		1,403.42
Resource Centre Income - Oswaldtwistle	32.12					
Resource Centre Income - Chorley						
Cumbria London Branch Contribution	187.50		187.50	187.50		187.50
Training Courses	200.00		200.00			
Interest and Commission Received	117.59	13.16	130.75	132.98	7.85	140.83
FMP Royalties	89.94		89.94			
OCS Reimbursements		0.00	0.00	2,085.00		2,085.00
Room Hire Reimbursed from Society Account		802.50	802.50			
	23,938.09	7,876.89	31,814.98	27,157.32	8,265.64	35,422.96
Expenditure						
Magazine Production	7,298.97		7,298.97	3,840.00		3,840.00
Magazine Distribution Costs	4,293.42		4,293.42	2,642.92		2,642.92
Insurances	948.89		948.89	912.94		912.94
Projects	0.00	767.65	767.65		125.45	125.45
Subscriptions to Affiliated Groups	673.40		673.40	1,793.55		1,793.55
Administration Costs	785.80	126.46	912.26	521.87	67.94	589.81
Raffles		136.00	136.00		105.84	105.84
Refreshments		264.89	264.89		523.78	523.78
Management Meetings	160.00		160.00			
Publication Purchases	209.27		209.27	387.91		387.91
Venues and Meeting Room Hire	3,882.80	750.00	4,632.80	2,798.81	950.00	3,748.81
Fairs and Society Activities	1,582.85		1,582.85			
Postages	269.34		269.34			
Bank Charges	84.00		84.00			
Exhibitions				403.00		403.00
Resource Centre Costs - Oswaldtwistle	5,616.73		5,616.73	5,345.12		5,345.12
Resource Centre Costs - Chorley	2,433.00	1,691.11	4,124.11	2,042.55	1,674.66	3,717.21
Publicity	90.00		90.00	50.00		50.00
Branch Activities		1,297.25	1,297.25		2,481.16	2,481.16
Branch Speakers		2,149.00	2,149.00		2,589.50	2,589.50
Website Development	1,308.00		1,308.00	1,447.50		1,447.50
Assets - Computer Equipment	3,449.00		3,449.00			
Commission	383.10		383.10			
Subs Refunded						
Society Events	480.00	560.00	1,040.00	1,115.29		1,115.29
Irish Reimbursement				320.00		320.00
	33,948.57	8,112.56	42,061.13	23,621.46	8,518.33	32,139.79
Surplus/Deficit	-10,010.38	-235.67	-10,246.05	3,547.06	-252.69	£3,294.37
Represented by:						
Balances B/Fwd Society Account 12578757	6,338.70					
60 Day Account 10136818	41,873.12			3,232.34	13,123.95	
Total Funds at 01 January 2019	48,211.82	12,871.26		41,763.62		
Add back items not yet processed	972.00			44,995.96	13,123.95	
Deduct 2018 Item	-115.00			-320.00		
Add Income	23,938.19	7,876.89		44,675.96		
Deduct Expenditure	-33,948.57	-8,112.56		27,157.32	8,265.64	
Balances at 31 December 2019	£39,058.44	12,635.59		£48,211.82	12,871.26	
Bank Reconciliation Statement						
Closing Balances at 31 December 2019						
Business Account 12578737	10,067.73			6,338.70		
Primary Savings Account 10136818	28,990.71			41,873.12		
Branch Accounts		12,635.59			12,871.26	
	£39,058.44	12,635.59	51,694.03	£48,211.82	12,871.26	£61,083.08
Ian White						
Independent Examiner						
23rd June 2020						



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY & HERALDRY SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2019 Charity no (if any) 513237

Set out on pages

1 - 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 23 JUNE 2020

Name: IAN WHITE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

MCRA Ret.

Voting Paper

Please place a "X" in a box to indicate how you have voted

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2019

(Note that only attendees present at the meeting last year may vote on this item)

For	Against	Abstain

2. Voting for Society Officers

		For	Against	Abstain
President	Stephen John Ward			
Secretary	Vacancy			
Treasurer	Ian White			
Membership Secretary	Susan Elizabeth Foster			
Editor	Hazel Johnson			
Independent Examiner	Vacancy			

If you wish to nominate yourself or anyone else for any vacancy(ies), please write in their name and position nominated for below-

Name	Vacancy Nominated For

Nominations must include agreement from the person nominated that they are willing to serve in the position nominated.

**3. Voting for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report and
Acceptance of the Annual Accounts**

For	Against	Abstain

N.B. This is a secret ballot but please enter your Name and Membership Number below so that the tellers can confirm only one vote is allowed to each member. Only aggregated totals of votes cast will be disclosed.

Name:

Membership No.

Voting papers for the Annual General Meeting must be sent to the acting Society Secretary Sharman Walmsley to arrive by 29th August 2020. These can be sent by email or mail to Sharman Walmsley at lfhhssecretary@gmail.com or by post to Sharman Walmsley 56 Longbrook Avenue, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 6XG U.K. If sending by post would overseas members please use Air Mail.

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in Clewer Hill Road, where it became known as Forest House Veterinary Hospital, with branch surgeries in Ascot and Egham.

Ayrton-Grime was veterinary surgeon to the Royal Windsor Horse Show from 1951 to 2004, sitting on the committee from 1981 until 2004, and to Ascot Racecourse from 1963 to 1996.

The practice also treated the animals at the Reading and Slough Greyhound Stadiums from 1950 to 1965 and Windsor Safari Park from 1973 until it closed in 1994.

He was involved with Bertram Mills Circus, when their animals wintered at Ascot, as well as the animals of Billy Smart's and Chipperfield's circuses.

Ayrton-Grime treats Tommy the leopard!

Ayrton-Grime treated every kind of animal, from elephants to hamsters, and was not unused to people coming to the hospital with tiny injured birds. He performed caesarean operations on lions, and was the first vet to give a dog an artificial hip – a boxer belonging to Hannah Marcow, daughter of Lord Marks. He once had to remove a growth from a python, while the owner held the extended snake firmly at either end.

He had to perform blood tests on elephants travelling to Australia, which involved directing a hairdryer on to their ears to bring up a vein.

When a leopard from the Bertram Mills circus required the removal of a lump on its upper lip, he felt that removing stitches might be a hazard so left the nylon sutures the length of whiskers so that no further sedation would be necessary.

On another occasion a lightly sedated lion was being brought back to the Windsor Safari Park from the Forest Hill Hospital, when the van broke down. There was some danger the lion would awaken. Unsurprisingly, the repair job by the AA was one of the speediest ever undertaken.

Ayrton-Grime was a founder member of the British Veterinary Hospitals Association and of the British Veterinary Zoological Association, rising to be president of both. He and his wife were key supporters of the Windsor Music Festival. He had two quite personal goals – to own a racehorse and a Rolls-Royce. He achieved both!

In 1958 he married Anne Dadley, who survives him with their three daughters and a son.

BOOK REVIEWS ETC

NO RETURN FLIGHT

13 Platoon at Arnhem 1944

By Hans Walburgh Schmidt

This soft back book of over 300 pages tells the story of the search for the 27 men that glided into the Arnhem area on 18 September 1944. Their Horsa Glider, one of hundreds of plywood manufactured crafts, launched them into the cauldron that would be remembered as the Battle of Arnhem. After landing the Glider Pilots and their Air Landing soldiers wished each other good luck and went their separate ways, possibly never to see each other again. More than fifty years later one of the Glider Pilots, Sergeant Morley 'Taffy' Williams met a Dutch journalist on one of his annual visits to the commemorations in the Netherlands. Williams had been haunted all these years by the thought of what happened to his passengers.

Coincidentally to this amazing set of revelations, I would like to introduce you to a magnificent project being conducted by this Society's Independent Examiner/Auditor of Cumbria FHS annual accounts, Mrs Gladys Armstrong BA (Hons) who is

working on behalf of the Battle of Britain Monument Trust, based in Capel-le-Ferne, in Kent, to determine the family backgrounds of many of the air crews who took part in the Battle of Britain and whilst, in the main successful, has obviously hit a few brick walls.

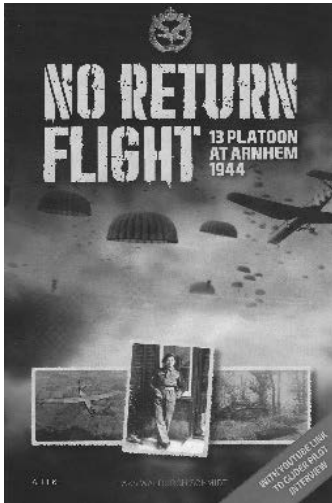
The fate of many of these non-combative Pilots remains unclear, some are well recorded as having spent time in concentration camps but others remain a matter of mystery. Gladys has combined a long life of interest in family history, being the Founder and Chairman of the Rimmer Family History Society as well as having for many years been connected to the North Meols Family History Society of Southport, and the North West Group of Family History Societies. She has taken a great interest in her research of the air crews.

A discovery in 1988 of eight densely typed pages by a British veteran, Morley Williams of the Battle of Arnhem set this research in motion in which he had recorded his personal experiences containing vivid memories of the months after the battle as a German prisoner of war. The author, Hans Walburgh Schmidt, found the notes as a volunteer at the Airborne Museum Hartenstein in Oosterbeek whilst exposing the harsh fate of more than 6,000 British and Polish prisoners taken during that battle. The book contains a kaleidoscope of many moving personal accounts, consequentially resulting in a heart-warming reunion between Williams and some of the passengers. A video made of their actual meeting can be seen through a YouTube link shown in this book, and this has rekindled the search for others of his passengers who are still recorded as missing to this day.

It is unique that an opportunity has arisen for comparison to be made of an actual discovery of historic material and the ongoing search being currently carried out by Mrs Armstrong on behalf of missing aircraft Pilots and Aircrew.

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Reviewed by Ian White, Member 10495

PRESTON MURDERS AND MISDEMEANOURS

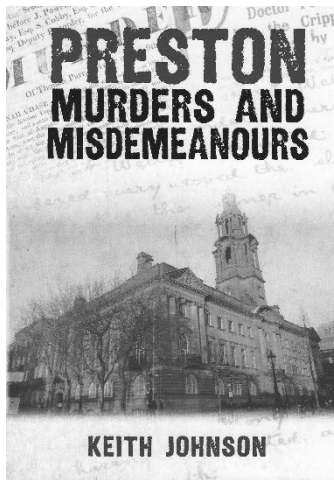
By Keith Johnson

A Preston Chronicle newspaper headline in 1866 'Thievery, Knavery & Harlotry in Preston' described a town struggling with crime and its consequences in the time of horse thieves and highwaymen, when the gloom of the gallows or transportation brought fear to the less fortunate who lived among poverty and pestilence. Some would earn notoriety for their dreadful deeds, while others received pity for their plight.

In this book of a collection of tales from the court archives to chronicle the events that occupied the courts and brought criminals to justice, judges and justices, coroners and court clerks, barristers and briefs all played their part in a time when justice was swift and often delivered harshly with unflinching retribution. The poacher, pickpocket, prostitute and other pilferers were all punished for their crimes, whether petty or

paramount. The murdered, poisoned, mistreated or cheated and the killers, swindlers and fraudsters are all revealed through this exposé of life and the curiosities of past criminology in this Lancashire city.

Written with authority, this thought provoking fully illustrated soft-backed book of almost 100 pages, is published by Amberley – ISBN No. 978 1 4456 9662 1 and reasonably priced at £14.99. It is a revelation for students of family and local history. Its author, Keith Johnson, has contributed numerous articles on local history for the Lancashire Evening Post (now the Lancashire Post) and is a member of the Crime Writers Association and the Lancashire Authors Association and I would recommend to members of this society as a closely recorded mini-history of Preston and its environs.



Reviewed by Ian White, Member 10495

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NEWS FROM FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

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New award recognizes 'selfless dedication' in Irish family history

The Irish Genealogical Research Society has launched a Valued Service Certificate, with the first award going to **Maureen Fitzgibbon and Margaret Purcell**.

The Society says it hopes the new IGRS Valued Service Certificate will help recognise its members' achievement, 'their dedication and their voluntary contributions to the work of the Society and to the wider-world of Irish genealogy'.

These two ladies need no introduction to LFHHS members, especially those in the Irish Group, in addition to the Catholic Society. (see photo on front cover)

We have long hailed their dedication to family history, especially Irish, and their talks to other members are always well attended and much appreciated.

-Editor

NEWS FROM LANCASHIRE INFANTRY MUSEUM

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Newsletter May 2020

Photograph Collection

Even though we are working from home, we are still offering our research service. If you want to find out more about your relative who served with one of 'our' Regiments, the East Lancashire Regiment, South Lancashire Regiment, the Loyal

North Lancashire Regiment, the Lancashire Regiment (P.W.V.) or the Queen's Lancashire Regiment please email us via: enquiries@lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk

We still have access to some of our archival material. We normally charge £30 for this service but we have reduced this to £10 for the foreseeable future.

Regimental Histories and our photograph collection are still available to purchase from our website.

PhD on Fulwood Barracks and the Garrison Town of Preston
It's official! Rosie Beck has been accepted by Salford University, Politics and Contemporary History Department to undertake the above PhD.

In conjunction with the Lancashire Infantry Museum, Rosie will be starting her research at the Museum in September. Welcome to the team Rosie!

Newsletter July 2020

Due to the current situation with the Museum, the Friends of the Lancashire Infantry Museum are unable to offer membership at the moment. However, if you would like to see what joining the group offers, please look on the museum's website www.lancashireinfantrymuseum.org.uk or you may wish to subscribe to receive our Newsletters with links to many articles etc.

HELP WANTED

Bob Dobson has received an e-mail from a Mr. Richard Fare in Australia who is descended from a Lytham and Fylde farming family of that name.

He would like to be in touch with any others descended from this family. Bob has checked our website and no members are researching the family.

If anyone can help please contact me and I will forward his e-mail address.

Bob Dobson E-mail: landypublishing@yahoo.co.uk

HELP REQUESTED FOR TELEVISION SERIES

From Jake Stoodley

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First of all let me apologise for contacting you all out of the blue. I am hoping that you might be able to connect me with members of your community groups regarding a television series we are working on.

The series is looking at the story of the GI babies i.e. the children born to British women and American servicemen based here during the war years through till the 1960s and 1970s. As you may know, there were a large number of US bases throughout the UK, and as a result, it does seem likely that many of these children remained close to the area they were born and settled here.

We are particularly keen to talk to children fathered by African American GIs, as their experience is not one that has been given a huge amount of attention. I know this sounds like a little bit of a needle in a haystack search, but we are convinced that, if we can get the word out, that people may be interested in sharing their experiences with us. I should emphasise that at this stage we are simply looking to talk to people with no commitment to taking part in the final programme is needed at this stage.

Many of these individuals will now be in their mid-70s, although some will be younger. I would really appreciate any advice you could offer about how to get the word out about our search – both through your community group, but also in your wider local area? Are there local forums we could post on, or people running other groups you might be able to recommend? I

understand that the current situation is creating a lot of uncertainty and that some people in the community may not have access to social media and internet, but it would be great if you could pass a message or notice to your group explaining what we are looking for and/or suggest other methods of reaching out to people. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Editor: Stephen Benson has already suggested contacting the Family History Federation, Family Tree and WDYTIA magazines and Preston Black History Group as possible resources, in addition to putting the appeal on our own forum. With a world-wide membership I am sure there will be interest from further afield than Lancashire.

BRANCH NEWS

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Chorley branch has developed a virtual website with lots of helpful tips and information.

In June we tried an online meeting through Zoom. Wendy Platt presented a talk online called 'A Nice Cup of Tea from Assam' about her great grandfather who made machinery for the production of tea.

Samuel Cleland Davidson went to India at age 17 years, but took an interest in everything from tea cultivation to the processes of drying tea and shipping it to the UK. He started an engineering business and employed upwards of 1000 people. He invented the forward bladed centrifugal fan and this was used not only in drying tea but in coal mines, dreadnoughts and over 74 of his fans were installed in the Titanic.

The full talk is available at the online website for LFHHS Chorley Virtual Branch.

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We are still unable to hold meetings and there is no prospect of when we will be able to meet once again. It all feels very strange, however, it has given me time for myself and to be able to work on my family tree and do sorting and tidying, an ill wind. I imagine everyone has found time to add to their own family trees.

I have added various pieces of information to the branch website and facebook page, take a look. One of my projects is continuing. I am compiling information on the early Lancashire Parish Register details that are contained in the first few pages of each volume for the Fylde area. Some books have up to 8 pages, Kirkham is a history book, even a mention of King Malcolm of Scotland. The aim is to make people aware of the exact year date availability of births, marriages and burial records. There are some missing years, possibly an event was not recorded, or a snippet of parchment was lost.

On facebook Janice keeps us aware of useful links, there is so much help available during the lock down. One thing I notice is the amount of death announcements on the Fleetwood past facebook page, rather than a notice in the Gazette. Other towns may also show announcements of this kind and maybe this will continue in the future.

It was disappointing to miss the AGM and Conference. Hopefully, this event will go ahead in 2021. So many other celebrations have been missed. We are aware of how many people have lost family members to the virus plus the lack of being unable to say goodbye properly. On the other hand many acts of kindness and achievements have made some cheerful news.

Over the years I have been given various copies of wills for local deaths. Useful relationship information in each one, a name of a son in law or married name for daughters, extra proof that this is the correct family. Especially helpful as we all have the same problem, repeated names in each generation.

HERALDRY GROUP

The Society has a small active Heraldry Group that meets on the first Monday of each month at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle. If you are interested in Heraldry please contact heraldry@lfhhs.org.uk

We normally have a speaker from our own members, low key and with any questions answered in a clear and understanding way, followed by light refreshments, and finishing about 9.00pm. Help or guidance is available at all our meetings.

HYNDBURN

(covering Accrington, Altham, Church, Clayton le Moors, Gt Harwood, Oswaldtwistle & Rishton)

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Hyndburn branch hold our monthly meetings at the Blind Society premises in Accrington. Obviously they have been closed during the pandemic and as most of their members are elderly and vulnerable it is unlikely to be available for meetings for some time. We have therefore cancelled all our speakers for the remainder of this year and as the Library remains closed, we will not be holding the September workshop.

We will continue to monitor the situation and if things change, we will post details on the website. In the meantime, we are still producing newsletters which can be e-mailed to anyone who supplies an address (via the branch e-mail address) and we will also notify any changes in there.

Stay safe and hopefully we will be able to meet again in the near future.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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With regard to the Irish Group Programme for the year it was decided to host a number of research sessions with an occasional speaker. The Group is small, but we have a great deal of knowledge within it, so feel free to come along to the meetings if you have any queries. Please contact Marian Crossley e-mail (mariancrossley74@gmail.com)

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The bus routes 49 and 74 run along the A4 and there is street parking which is free after 1.30pm

When you leave the tube station walk to the A4 Cromwell Road and cross over to the opposite side. Turn left and, staying on the A4, walk to Grenville Place, the first turn on the right. Don't take the first left into Emperor's Gate but continue walking past 3 houses and take the second turning on the left. You will find St. Stephen's Hall a few hundred yards on the right, immediately after the 'Centre for Health'.

We meet jointly with members of the Cumbria FHS and other NW Group societies.

The London and South of England branch enables exiles who are researching a Lancashire branch of their family tree to meet

and have relevant talks by guest speakers or our group members about 5 or 6 times a year.

Generally, about 25 to 35 people turn up at branch meetings. There is a collection plate for admission, a free drink to lubricate the frank and friendly exchange of information and tips, as well as hearing the news from HQ. The branch holds a full set of Lancashire microfiche and CDs which can be borrowed by members.

Our Society website will be the first notification of the next meeting.

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Well hello again from Central Lockdown Department @ Preston Branch.

As you would gather, not a lot is happening around here. The virus continues to stifle all get togethers of any description and queries from afar seem to have dried up.

Our meetings are suspended until 30th September at the earliest when we then plan to welcome Judith Beeston to provide a presentation on Preston's own suffragette Edith Rigby. This however will obviously depend on the advice from H. M. Government on how far the restrictions have been eased by then.

We will have published our monthly newsletter on the appointed meeting date each month and it will be available on the branch page of the Society web-site at lfhhs.org.uk. Just click on Preston Branch and scroll downwards. We hope you find it entertaining and informative.

Keeping myself busy with research into the Penwortham WW2 casualties is quite time-consuming and will require many hours. A number of stories and questions have already been brought to light, one recently will require a very detailed and questioned piece of investigation which could reveal important information. We'll have to wait and see. If you know of anything relating to these forty-seven young men and one lady, please get in touch.

Our help-desks at the Lancashire Archives on the second Friday of each month are also suspended until it is decided it is safe to re-open.

Well, that's the short and sweet of it from here. Remain careful, remain safe, and remember the operatic analogy, "It ain't over 'till..."

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In some ways, the current hiatus has been quite a nuisance (to put it mildly), but at least it has given me the chance to catch up on some paperwork, so here goes!

Last November branch members Alan Stocks, with technical assistance from his younger son Adam, gave us an illustrated

talk on some of his ancestors: chimney sweeps and steeplejacks of Preston. That started with Alan's great grandfather, a young George Reed, aged 16, fathering a daughter before marrying the mother. This was a bit of a family tradition: his father had done the same. George's wife sadly died after having their eldest daughter, so he remarried, to a widow who already had a son.

The family lived in Fishwick Court, a slum area off Friargate in Preston, then moved to Heatley Street, and later to 240 North Road (which had been the Rose and Crown). George started off as a chimney climbing boy, then became a chimney sweep and later diversified into steeplejacking. He ended up employing a number of men, and two well known buildings they worked on were Preston old town hall and St. Walburge's, which is the 3rd highest steeple in the country. This last item is somewhat ironic, given that the Reed family were staunch Methodists. Fortunately, one of the company ledgers has survived, so some detail of their work can be proved. While climbing very tall buildings looks very dangerous, it didn't do old George any harm, as he lived to 84. One of his sons, also George, had taken on the running of the business early in the 20th century, but when he died in 1945 the firm faded away, as he had been the kingpin, and not trained anyone else to take over.

The December meeting was our usual Christmas 'Do', when we had a quiz followed by potato pie supper (with mince pies, of course).

Heirlooms were the subject in January, and it is always a popular topic. Most people have something which has belonged to an ancestor, and telling the story of it is enjoyable. What members should also think about is writing down those stories; how else will the knowledge be passed down the generations? Relying on our children or grandchildren remembering word of mouth (if we even do that) is very risky. Which reminds me; I must get down to attaching more notes to some of the things I have inherited.

Lavinia Tod gave us a talk in February on the writer Edith Nesbit, probably best remembered as the author of *The Railway Children*, which of course most of us remember from the film. What is not generally known is that when she got married in 1880, to Hubert Bland, she was 7 months pregnant (where have I heard that sort of story before?). Bland turned out to be rather a philanderer, impregnating Edith's best friend Alice Hoatson in 1886. Perhaps genealogy isn't the dry, old subject a lot of folk think it is. Lavinia went on to tell us Edith's surprising life story in some detail.

The last meeting we were able to have, in March, had members showing old family photographs and telling a story behind them. Again, this is something which I believe is worth writing down before those memories are lost forever. When I was teaching Family History at night school (remember those days?). I emphasised the need to put names on the backs of family photos, together with the date and place if known. What I didn't think of at the time was other details which might be relevant. Now is the time to do it; perhaps I had better make a start!

Submitted by John Dalton

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINES FOR THE BRANCH PROGRAMMES AND NEWS FOR THE MAGAZINE ARE:

NOVEMBER :	20	SEPTEMBER
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MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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c.Bury = Bury area
e.20C = early 20th century
m.18C = mid 18th century
c.1650 = about 1650
e.1763 = earliest ancestral link
l.19C = late 19th century

N.B. The 19th Century ran from 1801 to 1900. Unless otherwise specified, all locality names are in the pre- 1974 County of Lancashire. All other references are to pre- 1974 Counties.

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ALLEN	CON	St. Mewan	18C-19C
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CHRISTIE	ANS	Forfar	18C-19C
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COCKROFT	LAN		17C
DEAN	LAN	Whalley	17C-18C
EVANS	PEM	Pembroke, Failand	18C-19C
EXTON	LAN	Whalley	17C-19C
FEARNSIDE	LAN	Whalley	18C
GREENAWAY	WIL	Calne, Chippenham	18C-19C
GRIMSHAW	LAN	Blackburn, Bury, Great Harwood	18C-19C
HARGREAVES	LAN	Clitheroe	18C
HIGGINSON	LAN		18C-19C
HUTCHISON	ANS	Inverairity, Nethy, Forfar	19C-20C
JELLY	SOM	Failand, Bath	19C-20C
MACKINTOSH	INV/ ANS/ NZ	Daviot, Linreoch, Inverness, Forfar	12C-20C
MONCUR	ANS	Kirriemuir	17C-18C
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ODDIE	YKS		18C
REDMAN	LAN	Whalley	17C
SMART	ANS	Lintrathen	17C-18C
STRONGMAN	CON AUS	St. Austell, St. Mewan, St. Day	18C-20C
SUTCLIFFE	LAN	Whalley, Pendleton, Wiswell, Ramsbottom, Tottingham Lower End, Bury, Blackburn	16C-20C

SUTCLIFFE	AUS	Ballarat, Clunes	16C-20C
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LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY & HERALDRY SOCIETY

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