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LONDON & SOUTH	St. Stephens' Church Hall, 48 Emperors Gate, Kensington, London SW7 4HJ Five meetings a year on Saturdays at 2.00pm (see Branch Programmes)
PENDLE & BURNLEY	Colne Library, Colne BB8 0AP Third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
PRESTON	Kingsfold Methodist Church, Padway, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
ROCHDALE	St. Andrew's U.R. Church, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
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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BRANCH PROGRAMMES

Please note – at the time of going to press we are not aware of the date meetings are expected to resume. LFHHS website will advise when we know.

MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS 2021

**Contact: Marian Crossley
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for more information.**

As we are unable to meet at our local branch the Society has decided that it will offer a monthly programme of Zoom talks for members to access.

We are still looking at the details but hope to start in January 2021. Keep your eyes open for an e-mail giving the full information, as we look forward to meeting up with you in 2021.

Please note that we are, of course, looking for 'willing volunteers' to give the talks.

This invitation is open to all members, worldwide.

Training, advice and support will of course be given.

If you have a suitable 'talk' but do not feel you could deliver the talk yourself, send your contribution, in

writing, to Marian who will arrange for it to be read out on your behalf.

RESULTS OF SOCIETY VIRTUAL AGM 5 SEPTEMBER 2020

From Sheila Court, Chairwoman

Our first virtual AGM has now taken place and the results are as follows:-

- The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 8 June 2019 were accepted.
- There were no matters arising.
- The results of the Election of Officers were as follows –
President Stephen John Ward – **Elected**
Chairman Sheila Court – **Elected**
Secretary – **Vacancy**
Treasurer Ian White – **Elected**
Membership Secretary Susan Elizabeth Foster – **Elected**
Editor Hazel Johnson – **Elected**
Independent Examiner – **Vacancy**
- No nominations for the two vacancies were received from the voters. The two remaining vacancies will be re-advertised and reviewed by the Executive Committee at their next meeting.
- The election of the Branch Representatives was :
Blackburn & Darwen – Tony Foster
Bury – Stephen J. Ward
Chorley – Marian Crossley
Fylde – Olive Thexton
Heraldry – Stephen Benson
Hyndburn – Eileen Bullock

Irish Ancestry – Marian Crossley
Lancaster & Morecambe – Sheila Court
London & South – Stephen Benson
Pendle & Burnley – Martin Holtby
Preston – Stewart McLoughlin
Rochdale – Paula Matthews
Rossendale – John Dalton

- There were no resolutions put forward by members, branches or the Executive Committee.
- The accounts were accepted.
- **Date of the next meeting will be Saturday 15 May 2021.**

This concluded the business of the Annual General Meeting.

The Open Forum produced only two responses and these are being discussed and the outcome will be advised in the next journal.

The meeting was quorate but only just – out of 1155 members only 25 members voted and to be quorate we needed 23.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and myself I would like to thank all those who took the trouble to take part.

Next year we hope to be returning to our usual format of a One Day Conference concluding with the AGM and the date has been set for Saturday 15 May 2021. Please put this date in your diary and we hope you will join us then.

It looks as though holding face-to-face meetings will not be possible for the remainder of the year and we will be looking to extend virtual meetings. These have already been trialled by our Chorley and London branches and now we need to consider how the concept can be rolled out to our other branches.

Keep safe.

Sheila Court,
Chairwoman, Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2021 AND GIFT AID

The pull out Membership Renewal form for 2021 and the Gift Aid forms contain one or two minor alterations from the previous edition.

Please note that the options regarding journals have been removed. Members who prefer an electronic version are requested to download same from the website. This will save time for Officers dealing with distribution.

Do you claim Gift Aid? Any members paying UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax are invited to complete the Gift Aid form if they have not already done so, and allow the Society to reclaim the tax on membership subscriptions.

ELECTION OF IAN WHITE AS LFHHS TREASURER FROM 5 SEPTEMBER 2020

Following the Society AGM Ian White has now taken over as Society Treasurer.

Please note that any payments, expense claims or invoices should now be sent with immediate effect to:

Ian White
LFHHS Treasurer
23 School Fold
Hesketh Bank
WEST LANCS
PR4 6RE

Or by e-mail to: treasurer@lfhhs.org.uk

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

I cannot believe that we are back to square one with the COVID 19 virus.

During lockdown I managed loads of gardening especially while the weather was hot. Eventually my Pedigree Chart is almost ready to send in, and I have been able to move a little forward with my research. I even found time to have a thorough look at our Society website.

Next job now that the Lancashire Archives have re-opened, is to check through their holdings on line, then I can book in to check some records they have. My readers ticket has lapsed so I will have to renew that first.

What have members achieved over the last 6 months? Why not share your information with us all?

Did anyone complete an article they are willing to see published in our journal?

Take a look near the front of the journal for initial details of our intention to provide talks by Zoom.

Take care and stay safe everyone. Hopefully we will be able to have family join us at Christmas, but if not we will have to make the most of skype or zoom family meetings.

MEMBERS' ARTICLES

LFHHS SHIPS CREW LIST SEARCH

Taken from Society Website

The names included on Ships Crew Lists held at Lancashire Archives.

In 2017-18 members of LFHHS worked with Lancashire Archives, Friends of Lancashire Archives and other volunteers to transcribe and index all the names and some other details of the seamen listed on Crew Lists for ships registered at the ports of Fleetwood, Lancaster and Preston between the years of 1863 and 1913 and for fishing vessels registered at Fleetwood from 1884 to 1914.

The records include details of the ships (registered port number, name and owner), crew roles, name, surname, age or date of birth, place of birth, year of the crew list they appeared on and some miscellaneous information.

Other information is held on the crew lists such as previous ship, food allowances, ships regulations for the voyage, rate of pay, who this is paid to – normally the individual, his wife or mother, share of the catch etc but this has not been transcribed and would need to be obtained by a visit to the Archives to look at the original documentation.

The documents are held in XX series –

Those prefixed SS1 are records of ocean going vessels.

SS2/1 are predominately fishing vessels engaged in the fishing trade from Fleetwood. These would cover the English Channel, Bay of Biscay, Western Approaches, Irish Sea, Hebrides, Minches and North Atlantic including Icelandic fishing grounds.

SS2/2 are smaller fishing boats which were required to keep less record details as they were only engaged in local coastal fishing.

Thanks are due to the Family History Federation who made a grant enabling the work to be supported by an archivist and thanks also to Lancashire Archives for permission to make all this information available on our website.

Wildcards

The search routine is capable of supporting searches including wildcards (and substrings) such as "*" or "?" so searching for 'Cap*' will display instances of "Capstan", "Cape" or "Capital" for instance and search for "Cap?" would similarly display "Cape".

Names With Apostrophes

If the name you are looking for has an apostrophe e.g. O'Toole, O'Rourke etc the system does not recognise them so just put OToole or Orourke without either an apostrophe or a space.

SLAIDBURN ARCHIVES

By Margaret Farrant

A friend, Pamela, asked if I would like to accompany her on a visit to Slaidburn Archives as she had arranged an appointment. I jumped at the chance.

It is housed in a very old building. After observing the correct procedures, Pamela was directed to a table where documents that she wanted were laid out. I was surprised as to the amount of information stored there as I browsed at several parish registers.

One lady even managed to find a relative that I had been searching for, ever so grateful for her invaluable help. There are photos of people who lived in the village, and some kind people have even left their family trees so others can cross reference, the two ladies have even worked out where places on the BMD are, that do not exist today.

Up until the 1970s Slaidburn was actually in West Yorkshire and with boundary changes is now in Lancashire.

You can contact them at www.enquiries@slaidburnarchive.org or telephone 01200 446161. Opening times are Wednesday and Friday 11.00am to 3.00pm.

I would suggest if you go to mask and gloves then documents do not go into quarantine and a donation would be greatly appreciated as it is a voluntary organisation.

On a visit enjoy the stunning countryside, absolutely magnificent.

HENRIETTA MONA REID: FROM THE ISLE OF MAN TO UTAH

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It was probably a cold day in the Isle of Man (IOM) on 11th February 1846 when the fifth and last child of John and Mary Ann Reid¹ was born in the town of Ramsey, where she was baptised Henrietta Mona on 29th March.² My mother (who was

Henrietta's grandniece) told me that Henrietta's second Christian name of "Mona" was taken from the place-name Mona in the IOM.³ Henrietta had two older brothers still alive – 6 year old Edward and 2 year old Alfred Edwin – although a sister Emily and a brother William Henry had apparently died in infancy.⁴

The family has not yet been located in the 1851 census, but her parents and two older siblings were living in College Street in Ramsey (Maughold parish) IOM in 1841.⁵ They probably moved to Lancashire in the early 1850s,⁶ possibly because Lancashire was the first destination for Irishmen like John Reid who migrated to England during the 19th century. Another reason may have been that John had almost certainly been stationed with his regiment in Lancashire in 1836,⁷ and there was further link with Lancashire in that his mother-in-law had been born in the county.⁸ However, it is highly unlikely that Henrietta knew much if anything about any Lancashire cousins, and because Mary Ann was illiterate (as presumably her mother Margaret also was) there would have been no correspondence between the families anyway.

By the time of the 1861 census only three members of this Reid family were living together at Pot Green, Tottington Lower End, Bury. Henrietta Mona's father was described as a 63 year old Chelsea Pensioner, her mother was 56 years old and with no paid occupation recorded, and Henrietta herself was a 15 year old bonnet maker.⁹ Her brother Edward had become the station master at Rose Grove (about 13 miles away near Habergham Eaves), had married in 1854 and died in 1855 aged 24,¹⁰ whilst her other brother 18 year old Alfred Edwin – an engineer – was one of two men boarding with a Mary Baron and family in Accrington (which was about 10 miles away).¹¹ Four years later Henrietta's mother died, and was buried in Holcombe's Emmanuel churchyard.¹² This left 19 year old Henrietta and her ageing father John living alone in Tottington, and although there would probably have been some contact with her brother Alfred Edwin until he enlisted in the Royal

Marines in September 1862,¹³ I have located no record of Henrietta's social life as a teenager.

Enter the Schofield family

However, one of the families which also lived in Tottington Lower End in 1861 were Thomas Schofield, his wife Betty (née Robertshaw) with their then four children (Elizabeth Ann, Lorenzo, Thomas Bernard and Willford), and Thomas's widowed mother Hannah,¹⁴ Thomas had been born in Woodhouses, a small settlement near the boundary with Failsworth which is on the road from Oldham to Manchester, but just within the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne.¹⁵ He was the younger brother of Robert (who also lived in Tottington in 1861) and the older brother of John. These three boys were the children of Jonathan and Hannah Schofield, and by 1841 the family of five had moved from Woodhouses and were all living in Owler Barrow, Elton (near Bury) where Jonathan, Robert and Thomas were employed by a calico printing mill.¹⁶

Thomas Schofield and Betty Robertshaw had married on 7th July 1849 in the nearby Emmanuel Church of England (C of E) chapel at Holcombe, their respective fathers being given as Jonathan Schofield and James Robertshaw.¹⁷ Jonathan the calico printer was a Lancastrian and had been living in Elton, whilst James (a cooper from across the Pennines who was born in Todmorden and married in Heptonstall) had migrated to Tottington as near neighbour of the Schofields by 1841,¹⁸ by way of Tonge Bridge near Bacup.¹⁹ Whether Thomas Schofield had been friendly with the Robertshaws for some time is uncertain, but he was certainly friendly with Betty because their first child Elizabeth Ann was born on 29th December 1849,²⁰ nearly six months after their marriage. During the next few years Thomas and Betty had seven more children in Lower Tottington:²¹ Ephraam, Lorenzo, John Thomas, Thomas Bernard, Willford, Betsy Ellen, and Leonard. All of the births were registered by their mother who lacked the skill of writing her name, which contributed to incorrect spellings of her maiden name recorded on some of the certificates and consequently in the GRO indexes.²² There is a family story

that Betty Robertshaw had been “an attendant to Queen Victoria”, which can be questioned because of her lack of literacy and social status. The recollection of Betty’s granddaughter Laura Campbell Linn that Betty in America was “quite a reader of poetry” may suggest learning to read later in life, but calls into question where and how – given her life-style (unless Betsy Ellen was meant).²³

Latter-day Saints

It is uncertain exactly when the Schofield family converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (commonly called Mormons²⁴ because of their unique acceptance of the *Book of Mormon* in addition to *The Bible*). Although Thomas and Betty had married in the C of E, Emmanuel chapel in nearby Holcombe,²⁵ no baptisms of their children in England have yet been found.²⁶ It may possibly have been that they were baptised as infants either in another church or Non-Conformist chapel where the records have not yet been located, but in this case it was much more likely that they were not baptised because they were already a Mormon family. Supporting the latter is the birth of their third child Lorenzo (registered in January 1853), presumably named after the LDS missionary Lorenzo Snow who had been chosen to present specially bound copies of the *Book of Mormon* to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1841. Similarly, in 1858 their sixth child was named “Willford” on his birth certificate, presumably after LDS missionary Wilford [*sic*] Woodruff.²⁷ (One red herring has resulted in some family trees on Ancestry.com wrongly attributing to this Schofield family the 1853 C of E baptism and 1854 burial in the Holcombe chapel of a Betsy, daughter of another Thomas and Betty Schofield who lived in nearby Ramsbottom – despite the possibility of a sister to Lorenzo being born only three months after his own).

Several LDS missionaries had been active in Lancashire in the 1830s and 1840s, and indeed they had organised a “tea party” in the Town Hall of Stalybridge (which is near Ashton-under-Lyne) on 1st January 1847 – although this was after Thomas Schofield had moved to Bury. The event, which was to be

attended by three Mormon Apostles as well as an unnamed "great personage" from America, was seen by one newspaper as unlikely to attract "the working classes" of the district. Later emigration of Lancastrians proved the newspaper to have been wrong in its forecast, however.²⁸

In fact it could be argued that the LDS timing was just right for the downtrodden Lancashire workers, for whom the August 1819 Peterloo Massacre was still a raw memory. Seven Mormon missionaries from the USA had landed in Liverpool in July 1837, and although the first converts were soon made in Lancashire, the missionaries were also active throughout the whole United Kingdom. As early as June 1840 the first official emigrant boat left Liverpool for New York, and between that date and 1900 about 52,000 converts from Europe had migrated to the United States.²⁹ Thomas Lorenzo Schofield is included with his wives and children from both marriages in the Ancestry.com database of LDS members between 1830 and 1848 – that is, the year before Thomas's first marriage – but primary documentation has not been located in the UK.³⁰

The 1840s in the UK were years of civil discontent as exemplified by the widespread Chartist movement for political reform. However, the Chartist petition to Parliament following the April 1848 national mass meeting on Kensington Common was rejected by the Government, which feared a European-style revolution. This left a lessening of hope in an immediate better future for the working classes. Of course there was no one factor for the feeling of discontent in the industrial townships of Lancashire, but in addition to the capitalist economics of the Industrial Revolution relative poverty could also be exacerbated by large families ("the rich get richer and the poor get – children"³¹). By the mid-19th century the high child mortality rate was beginning to lessen, and the increasing survivals meant that there were more mouths to feed until smaller families became the norm in the 20th century. In the case of Thomas and Betty Schofield only two of their eight children born in Lancashire had died in infancy,³² so that the prospects of emigration may have promised higher rewards and

a different lifestyle in this world, as well as the important religious factors promises for the next. However, the Schofield family did not migrate to America for nearly three decades after the arrival of the missionaries – possibly in part encouraged by the early 1860s “Cotton Famine” in Lancashire which was due to the blockade by the United States of raw cotton exports from the Confederate States during the American Civil War, as well as the cessation in buying cotton from the southern states because it relied on slave labour.

Henrietta Mona sails for America

Three years after her mother died, and four years before the death of her father in Bury,³³ Henrietta Mona Reid migrated in 1868 with the neighbouring Schofield family as part of the Lancashire Mormons’ exodus to America. Thomas and Betty Schofield and their six surviving children sailed from Liverpool 20th June 1868 on the packet sailing ship “Emerald Isle”,³⁴ which departed from Liverpool and called for water at Queenstown (now Cobh, County Cork, Ireland) before arriving in New York on 11th August. It was stated to have carried 876 Scandinavian and English Mormon passengers.³⁵ The passenger list for the ships arrival includes “Harriette [*sic*] Reid 21 spinster”, her entry following that for Thomas and Betty Schofield and family – but with an Elizabeth Grimshaw and Sarah her child named in between.

After quarantine they disembarked at Castle Garden on the 14th August and were taken by steamer to a warehouse; three days later they travelled by rail via Niagra, Detroit and Chicago to Council Bluffs, arriving on the 21st August. The following day they crossed the Missouri River by steamboat, and then continued on the Union Pacific Railroad to Benton. After camping on the Platte River six miles away, the English group left on the 31st August and travelled by mule teams to Salt Lake City. For the final leg of their journey they joined the large party of Mormons under the captaincy of E. T. Mumford, which set out on 1st September 1868 on the journey across the country to Utah. It was reported that no Indians had been seen on the way, and that “the nights were cold, but large fires and

extra clothing warded off its effects". Henrietta Mona Reid was listed as Henrietta Read.³⁶

Henrietta Mona's life in America

Marriage and beyond

A year later, Henrietta Mona became the second and bigamous wife of Thomas Schofield on the 4th October 1869;³⁷ plural marriages had been authorised by the LDS Church in 1847 following a revelation to Joseph Smith (who had translated into English the *Book of Mormon* which had been published in 1830). These were permitted by the Church for its members in the USA until the Church President Wilford Woodruff issued his "Manifesto" in 1890, in which he advocated abiding by the USA civil law of monogamy. This led to the end of the practice of plural marriage in the Church.³⁸ However, men who had married more than one woman were always subject to civil law, amongst whom was Thomas Schofield at a later date.³⁹ The first U.S. Federal Census after their marriage was in 1870, and showed 42 year old Thomas as a farmer and 21 year old Henrietta "keeping house" in Centreville, Davis County, Utah. A few pages later is 43 year old [sic] Thomas recorded as a farmer and 45 year old Bettie "keeping house" with their seven children – the latest being 4 year old Ellen who was born in Utah.⁴⁰

A few years later the combined family appears to have moved to Beaver County, Utah, where on 2nd May 1877 Thomas legally declared his intention to become an American Citizen.⁴¹ The 1880 census records that farmer Thomas and his wife Betty were living with three of their UK born children and his 71 year old mother Hannah in Beaver City, whilst Henrietta was living "next door" with her four Utah born children.⁴² Eventually the civil law caught up with Thomas; he and four others were each sentenced on 25th September 1886 to six months imprisonment "for unlawful cohabitation", plus one month each in place of the unpaid fines. They were discharged from custody on 30th May 1887.⁴³ Short visits by Thomas with Henrietta were then cautiously allowed, but not further marital

cohabitation – leaving her officially supporting her children by her own efforts.

In 1889 Henrietta took out American citizenship.⁴⁴ Unfortunately only a small part of the 1890 census survived the 1921 fire in Washington, and nothing from Utah exists. However, it appears that the combined family continued to be based in Beaver (although of course the children set up their own families as they grew older), for Thomas died there on 27th March 1898 and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery.⁴⁵ Could it have been about this time that Henrietta began to have thoughts of returning to England? The change of status and marital support for Henrietta prompted a move to Precinct 6, Uintah county, Utah, where the 1900 census recorded her as a married [sic] 50 year old with three of her children: 24 year old Willard (described as “Head”) who was farming, 18 year old John (a day labourer and boarder), and 14 year old Frank (also farming).⁴⁶

I have not yet located Henrietta in the 1910 US census, but that of 1920 shows her (named Mona H. Schofield) as a 65 year old widow, whose occupation was a school janitor. Described as “Head”, she was living in her own house in Chambers Street in Manila, Daggett County in Utah. Also listed as “Head” was her 33 year old youngest son Frank (who was a farm labourer) with his own wife and a stepson.⁴⁷ Whoever gave Henrietta’s age to the enumerator Andrew Stewart in January 1920 understated it by nine years. Ten years later she was recorded as an 80 year old widow of no occupation, but still living in Manila. Next door was her grand-daughter Lila May (eldest child of her son Willard) who had married farmer Edward Boren.⁴⁸

Henrietta’s death – and later English memories about her
Henrietta died “of senility” (which usually meant old age) on the 29th July 1932 and was buried two days later,⁴⁹ after a life of adventure and hardship. The informant for her death certificate was her youngest son Frank, who (or the Registrar?) made seven errors or omissions: (1) her name was recorded

as Mona Henretta instead of Henrietta Mona (though she was known as Mona in her later life, and "Henrietta" also appears in a number of other documents); (2) her year of birth was given as 1850 instead of 1846; (3) consequently, her age was given as 82 instead of 86; (4) her birthplace was given as Lancaster instead of the Isle of Man; (5) her father's birthplace was given as England instead of Ireland; (6) her mother's birthplace was given as England instead of Australia; and (7) her mother's maiden name was "unknown". Death certificates are notorious for errors! However, it is interesting that an eighth possible error was that her father's surname was given as "Reed" (which does happen to be the spelling recorded at his baptism, and that of Henrietta herself at her baptism), whereas "Reid" was the usual spelling in English records and was also given to two of her children in America.

She was reported to have had eight children fathered by Thomas Schofield – named as Alfred Calvin, Mona Louise, Henrietta, Willard, Robert Thomas, John Reid, Frederick Reid and Frank Jonathan – which seems to be accepted by her descendants in the USA.⁵⁰ On the other hand, the 1900 census stated that she had by then been married for 31 years and was the mother of ten children, of whom only four were still alive.⁵¹ Was this an error, or did it include two unidentified stillbirths for example?

In England my own family had a small black-bound copy of *The Book of Mormon* on our bookshelves when I was a schoolboy in Rugby after leaving Lancashire, and I was first drawn to it because the translator was called Joseph Smith – the same name as my other grandfather – and initially I thought (until I delved further) that perhaps it was why the book was on our shelves. I well remember reading large chunks of it when I was about 14 years old during WW2 (about twelve years after my great-grandaunt Henrietta had died) – and feeling that the language was somewhat reminiscent of that of the biblical Book of Isaiah. I did not mention the book to my parents at the time, and never asked how or when or why the book was acquired (and retained, seemingly unread) by my staunchly C of E

mother. Later, I assumed that it had passed to her after my grandparents' deaths – but again it suggests that there had been some earlier family contact between America and England. On the other hand, there was no hint of personal contact with Henrietta or her Schofield descendants when my mother's sister Lizzie and family had migrated to New Jersey in 1921, or when my parents were married in the USA in 1925. The Schofields were lost to us as were several other American relatives, although some American relations did visit us in England over the years.

Other than official documents already noted, there appears to be no surviving family papers such as correspondence – although Henrietta claimed to have been able to read, write (and speak) English.⁵² However, we do have a hint of a contact with her UK relatives. My mother told me that her father Edward Reid (Henrietta Mona was his aunt, and he would have been about 12 years old when she sailed for America) had once been approached by a relative to help a Mona Reid to return to England from the USA where she was a Mormon and wanted to leave, but he declined because then he had his own large family to look after. Would this have been some time after her husband Thomas died in 1898? Without proof, the intermediate relative may have been her brother Alfred Edwin Reid, then living in Bury or Ramsbottom, as the mutual naming of children suggests a degree of continuing closeness and possible correspondence between him and Henrietta.⁵³ Her brother Alfred died in Ramsbottom in October 1914, which would terminate any correspondence. In the 1980s my mother also told me that when she was about 20 years old (which would have been about 1921) an old lady relative had fallen out with "people, possibly a son" in America and had returned to England, where she stayed for a few days at the Reid family home in Canal Street, Castleton.⁵⁴ I have yet to identify that person or family branch, if a true memory.

Today in America there are many descendants of Henrietta Mona Schofield née Reid, who through her can claim Australian, English, Irish and Manx connections – as well as Lancastrian

ancestry from Henrietta's grandmother Margaret Southern, and through Thomas Schofield himself.⁵⁵

REFERENCES AND NOTES

(GRO = General Register Office; TNA = The National Archives, London)

¹ See article "Sgt John Reid: the long road from Ireland to Lancashire", in *Lancashire*, vol. 41, No.1, February 2019, pp.5-15. His surname was usually spelt "Reed" in military and some civil records, but "Reid" in Lancashire Records.

² IOM Registry of Deeds, Official Copy. Parish Register of Ramsey. "Henrietta Mona daughter of John Reed and Mary Ann Reed alias Parks. 29th [March AD 1846]" (The register gives all maiden names as "alias".)

³ Glen Mona is a small settlement some three miles south of Ramsey. In 1972 I tape recorded a conversation with my mother, during which she mentioned a Mona Reid from the Isle of Man. I made handwritten notes during later family talks.

⁴ Edward (born India 22nd November 1830); Emily (born India 12th June 1833, death unknown); William Henry (born IOM 1841, died 1842); Alfred Edwin (born IOM 10th September 1844).

⁵ TNA: HO107/1464/8, fo.19, p.5, lines 1-4. Henrietta's mother was incorrectly given as born in Ireland instead of Australia, and her brother Edward incorrectly as born in Ireland instead of India.

⁶ According to the army Pension Returns, her father was being paid his pension by the authorities in the Preston area (which included the IOM), and the Manchester, Halifax and Bolton pension districts between June 1849 and September 1857 (TNA: WO22). This suggests that the first move from the Isle of Man was to the Manchester area.

⁷ Between March and September 1836, the HQ and two companies of the 48th Regiment were stationed in Bolton, with detachments in Blackburn, Wigan, Haydock Lodge (near Newton-le-Willows) and Rochdale. During late July and early August 1837, detachments were sent to Eccles, Middleton, Cheadle, Didsbury and Prestwich. (Russell Gurney, *History of the Northamptonshire Regiment*, p.367 notes 8-9).

⁸ Mary Ann's mother was Margaret Southern who had been born in Abram near Wigan; she was convicted at Lancaster Quarter Sessions in 1803 of theft, and sentenced to seven years transportation to New South Wales, Australia where she died 24th March 1859 near Sydney.

⁹ TNA: RG9/2837, fo.109, p.23, schedule 104.

¹⁰ See article "Eliza Roberts: three times unlucky?", in *Lancashire* vol. 41, No.2, May 2019, pp. 15-16. Had Edward Reid lived longer, we may have had more family memories handed down.

¹¹ Living at 42 Barton Street, Old Accrington (TNA: RG9/3062, fo.137, p.35, schedule 156).

¹² Death 12th September 1865: GRO, September 1865 quarter, Bury 8c. 231, burial 15th September 1865: Emmanuel Church Holcombe Parish Register, 1846-1869, page 250, entry 1994, Grave: 1366. She was described as Mary Reid of Booth Wood Stile Old Road, age 59 years.

¹³ TNA: ADM 157/243/22 (military records).

¹⁴ TNA: RG9/2838, fo.126a, p.13, schedule 70.

¹⁵ "Baptism: 11th February 1827 St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. / Thomas Schofield – [child] of Jonathan Schofield and Hannah / Abode: Woodhouses / Occupation: Printer / Baptised by: J. Handforth / Register: Baptisms 1825-1827, Page 180, Entry 1439 /

Source: Original Register" (Lancashire OnLine Parish Clerk Project). His was one of nineteen baptisms there on that day.

16 TNA: HO107/538/17, fo.32, p.13, lines 12-16.

17 GRO: September 1849 quarter, Bury 21. 243. Thomas's second given name "Lorenzo" was either assumed or given at his LDS baptism later in life. Betty signed the marriage register with her mark, indicating that she could not write it.

18 TNA: HO/107/540/9, fo. 43, p.6, line 6.

19 Birth of youngest child Susannah Robertshaw (GRO: June 1838 quarter, Haslingden 21. 445).

20 GRO: March 1850 quarter, Bury 21, 362; her mother's maiden name was incorrectly spelt as "Robinshaw" on Elizabeth's birth certificate and in the GRO index (see also note 22).

21 Several recorded as born in Brook House (or Brook House Cottages), Tottington.

22 Ephraam (as spelt on the birth certificate) 9th July 1851 (GRO: September 1851 quarter, Bury 21, 388); Lorenzo 3rd January 1853 (GRO: March 1853 quarter, Bury 8c 321), "mother formerly Robshaw"; John Thomas 18th July 1854 (GRO: September 1854 quarter, Bury 8c 314) "mother formerly Robshaw"; Thomas Bernard 26th March 1856 (GRO: June 1856 quarter, Bury 8c 361), "mother formerly Robshaw"; Willford (as spelt on his birth certificate, but otherwise "Wilford" was used) 12th October 1858 (GRO: December 1858 quarter, Bury 8c 314); Betsy Ellen 20th November 1862 (GRO: December 1862 quarter, Bury 8c 341), "mother formerly Robshaw"; and Leonard 15th September 1864 (GRO: December 1864 quarter, Bury 8c 339). See also note 20.

23 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/103183>. Also, Kerry Ross Boren, "The Agony of a Mormon Polygamist", in *Old*

West (Summer 1972, pp.8 & 10). Boren's mention of Betty Robertshaw working for Queen Victoria who later visited her both at home and in the factory, may be a family legend but has not been substantiated by British documentation. She is not included in the list of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting, or in the Royal Household Staff Records and I have found no visit of the Queen to a Manchester Mill about this time. For the Queen to visit a mill girl (even if Betty really had worked for her in some position) is incredible. Boren's interesting but largely unsourced article is based around given facts, and enlivened by some creative conversations.

24 The word "Mormon" is used in this article because it was historically commonly used during the 19th century (and later). The modern usage is to refer to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

25 GRO: September 1849 quarter, Bury 21. 243. It would not have been uncommon for non-Catholic Dissenters to be married in a Church of England ceremony where another authorised denominational chapel was not conveniently located, because marriage was a legal contract according to British civil law as well as Canon law. Neither baptism nor burial rites were required by civil law, although civil registration of births and deaths were also compulsory.

26 I have been unable to use archives of the Church of Latter-day Saints in the UK and USA.

27 *History of the Church in the British Isles.*
(<https://www.mormonnewsroom.org.uk/article/history-of-the-mormon-church-in-the-british-isles>).

28 *Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser*, 30th December 1846, p.7, col.2. The newspaper commented: "We imagine the Mormons will find that the day has gone by for imposing upon the working classes in this locality."

29 *History of the Church in the British Isles.* op.cit.

³⁰ The Ancestry.com online database was sourced from Susan Black's compilation *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848* (Utah: Brigham Young University, 1989), but so far I have seen no original evidence to confirm a date for Henrietta's membership (see note 26).

³¹ F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*, ch.5.

³² Ephraim (as spelt on the death certificate) died of Bronchitis 16th October 1851 (GRO: December 1851 quarter, Bury 21, 271); John Thomas died 5th December 1855 of "disease of the Lungs 10 months" (GRO: December 1855 quarter, Bury 8c 220).

³³ John Reid's death – GRO: June 1872 quarter, Bury 8c 305. This was at the home of his daughter-in-law Eliza Reid née Roberts, where he had gone to live when left alone in his old age. For Mary Ann's death see note 12.

³⁴ Seven children were listed in the shipping register: Ann 19, Elizabeth 18, Lorenzo 15, Thomas 11, Willford 7, Betsey 4, and Leonard 2 (source: 1868 Arrival New York; microfilm M237, roll 299, list 867). However, Ann and Elizabeth appear to be the same person, i.e. Elizabeth Ann Schofield, born in December 1849.

³⁵ Kerry Ross Boren, op.cit., pp.6-11 & 40-48). The register "1868 Arrival New York; microfilm M237, roll 299, list 867" states 14th August – presumably disembarkation after quarantine.

³⁶ Boren, op.cit., p.10., also *Deseret Evening News*, 19th September 1868, p.3; and *Deseret News* [weekly], 23rd September 1868, p.257.

³⁷ Given as 4th October 1869 in Centerville, Davis County, Utah, (source: Boren, op.cit., p.10).

38 For plural marriages, see: Plural marriages and families in early Utah: (<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/topics/plural-marriage-and-families-in-early-utah?lang=eng>).

39 Boren, op.cit., pp.41-47 (see also note 43).

40 Family name spelt Scofield (U.S. 1870 Census: Centreville, Davis, Utah Territory, Roll M593 1610, p.230B, FHL film 553109, pp.230b and 232a).

41 Second District Court Declarations of Intentions Record Books, 1874-1895, series 85174.

42 8 year old Mona, 6 year old Henrietta, 4 year old Willard and 2 year old Robert (U.S. 1880 Census, Beaver City, Roll 1335, p.4a). They appear to be listed as separate households.

43 Boren, op.cit., p.47, citing the *Deseret News* of 30th May 1887.

44 U.S. 1920 Census, Manila, Daggett, Utah, roll Y625_1862, p.1A.

45 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/103183>.

46 Family name spelt as Scofield. (U.S. 1900 census, Precinct 6, Uintah, FHL film 1241687).

47 U.S. 1920 Census, Manila, Daggett, Utah, roll Y625_1862, p.1A.

48 U.S. 1930 Census, Manila, p.1A, FHL film 234219.

49 Utah State Archives, Death Registers, file 1932002720. Death certificate: 3200542, U.S. Utah State Board of Health File No. 3.

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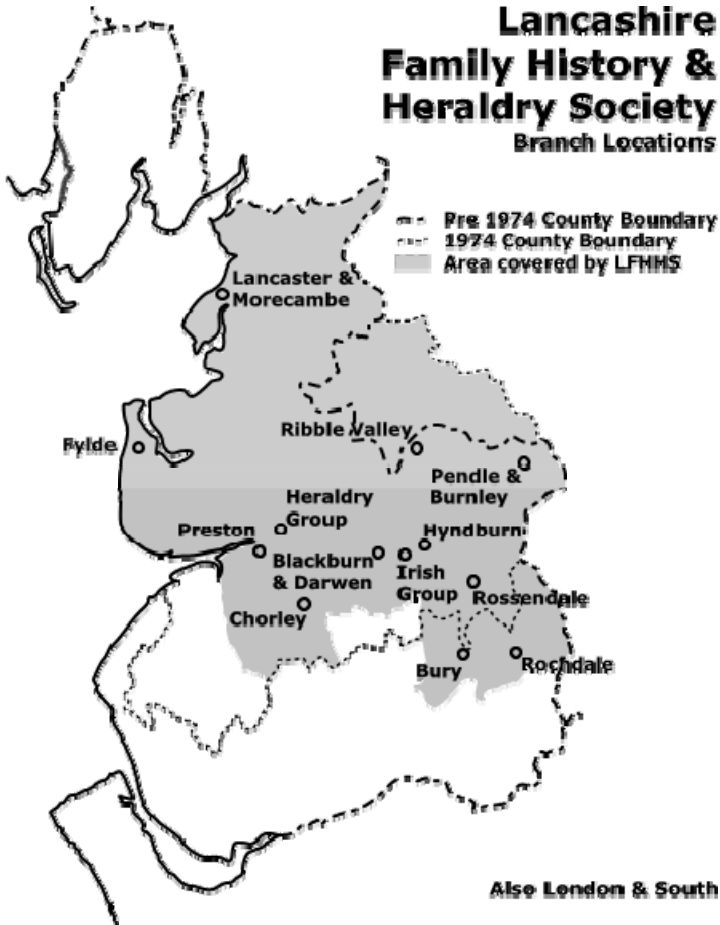
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⁵⁰ The Ancestry.com online database sourced from Susan Black's compilation (see note 30).

⁵¹ U.S. 1900 Census, Precinct 6, Uintah (Utah), district 150, FHL film 1241687.

⁵² E.g. see the U.S. 1900 Census (note 51).

⁵³ Her first son was named Alfred Calvin in 1871, and Alfred Edwin Reid named his first child Henrietta Mona Reid in 1876. Sadly both died young – Alfred aged one, and Henrietta aged six.

⁵⁴ Canal Street has since been renamed Hillcrest Road (see also note 3).

⁵⁵ Given that Henrietta moved from the IOM to Lancashire with her family when about five years old, it is likely that her accent (and dialect) was more Lancastrian than Manx as claimed by Boren, op.cit. ("brusque Manx accent" p.11, & "deep Manx brogue" p.48).

DEATHS NOTIFIED

William John (Bill) Taylor – Darwen
Vice President

James Lancaster – Bury – Vice President

Peter H Sheppard – Woodplumpton

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

WILLIAM JOHN (BILL) TAYLOR



Bill passed away peacefully in hospital on 28 August 2020 aged 82.

Bill was a vice-president of our Society and a former chairman, vice-president and an active member of the Publication Committee. For many years he was one of the proof-readers for our journal and made certain that the apostrophe "s" was always correctly used.

Born in Liverpool Bill attended the university in his home town. He moved to Darwen in 1959 to teach geography at the local Grammar School. In 1972, after four years at Hayward Grammar School, Bolton, he became head of geography at Turton High School and took charge of the sixth form. He retired as deputy head there in 1995. Many of his former students will remember him as an excellent teacher and someone who did not tolerate anyone messing around in his lessons.

Many of us will have known Bill through his interest in family history. It is possible that he developed this interest as a young lad when he was taken by his mother on frequent visits to Liverpool Cathedral to see the Roll of Honour. The pages were

turned each day and it was hoped that he would see a relative's name – something he never achieved. This early adventure in family history would feature in one of his many talks. His talks were always well researched and well delivered and as such were well received. He gave regular talks throughout East Lancashire, donating his fees to Derian House Children's Hospice. He was always a great help for anyone researching their family history and he ran a number of courses in the local area. Many of our present members were encouraged to join the Society through Bill's efforts.

Apart from his genealogical interests Bill was active in other areas. He was a former chairman of the Blackburn and East Lancashire Friendship Centre and of Darwen Probus Club. He was a keen walker and in his younger days played a lot of cricket and tennis.

Everyone liked Bill. He was excellent company and always had a smile on his face. As a stalwart of the Society he will be missed not just as a speaker but for his knowledge, especially of Lancashire families.

He leaves a widow, Pam, and two sons, Andrew and Iain, from his first wife.

By Tony Foster

PETER HAMILTON SHEPPARD



Peter passed away peacefully on 25 July 2020 aged 92 years.

Peter and his wife Jean had been members of Preston branch since 1992. They had both contributed to the recording of the M.I.'s at St. Anne's Church, Woodplumpton, north of Preston, and Peter had written about the history and architecture of the Church. He had also written historical articles for local newspapers including that of the Woodplumpton Corn Mill and of Brickmaking in The Fylde.

Born in the Midlands, after university he was an engineer by profession, rising to be Chief Engineer at Goss's printing machine manufacturers in Preston. He has been described as one of life's true gentlemen, exemplary and meticulous in his attention to technical detail, and once again, one of those who will be truly missed.

By Stewart McLoughlin

JAMES ARTHUR (JIM) LANCASTER
1935 - 2020



Sadly Jim passed away, peacefully, on 8 September 2020.

'What a lovely gentleman'; 'He was ever so helpful'; 'He knew so much'

Born in Preston, attending school at St. Joseph's, Skeffington Road, then winning a place at the prestigious Preston Catholic College. From there he went to UMIST studying Applied Chemistry, obtaining his BA in 1956 and an MA in 1958. Going into teaching at St. Francis Xavier's College, Liverpool, then returning to his alma mater, the Preston Catholic College. Marrying his wife Cath, in 1959, he later took employment as a Bio Chemist at the Bolton Royal Infirmary remaining there for nearly forty years. For much of this time they resided in Bury raising 6 children. Having retired he was immediately re-employed by the Hospital Trust for an additional two years to oversee the rolling out of a new computer system.

You would be hard pressed to find a genealogical and local history society, or forum, in the North West of England that Jim Lancaster wasn't involved with, over the past few decades he must have helped thousands of people with their research.

He was an active committee member for many years of the Catholic Family History Society and was always their "go to" expert on matters Catholic for members as well as members of LFHHS. He contributed to many forums including Lancsgen, the LFHHS forum and other and was always willing to pass on information about new information sources. The registers of the roman catholic churches in Bury were transcribed and indexed in the early 2000s and in the 12 months preceding his death, he had transcribed at least 4 difficult handwritten registers of Military records from the 1800s to a condition where they could be made into pdf files.

But it was not just Catholic family history on which he had accumulated knowledge, but also on a wide range of Church of England, Non-conformist, Jewish and other religious tied in with the local history of greater Manchester and the wider area.

He was an active member of the Bury branch of LFHHS and a branch representative on the executive committee where he constantly sought for means by which additional benefits could be provided for the ordinary membership and a better service

provided for members not resident near branches or living overseas. He was also a volunteer at Salford Catholic Diocesan Archives.

Even with all that, he found time for service as a Bury Borough Councillor, a School Governor at St. Joseph's Primary School, Bury and St. Gabriel's High, Bury as well as other hobbies including stamp collecting, potholing and hiking.

A lovely and well respected individual who will be sorely missed by many.

By John Grundy and Lawrence R. Gregory MA

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LEVENS IN THE SHADOW OF THE GREAT WAR

By Levens Local History Group

This is a book compiled by a thoroughly active and enthusiastic group of individuals of the Levens Local History Group living within the Parish of Levens and beyond who contributed time, knowledge and expertise, shared family experiences and loaned their personal memorabilia ensuring the success of a highly popular local exhibition and ultimately a book relating to the Great War and how it affected this enchanting part of Cumberland.

Shortly after the declaration of war on 4 August 1914, and again on 28 August, Lord Kitchener, the Secretary of State for War appealed for men to enlist, and in September it was announced in the Westmorland Gazette that twenty-three Levens men were 'already serving or about to serve'. Seventeen names are on the War Memorial and two others are known to be commemorated on memorials elsewhere. After the war the Westmorland Gazette reported on the Armistice Celebrations in Levens and commented that 'for its size Levens had been hard hit' suffering more than its fair share of grief though it is impossible to estimate whether the casualty rate was typical. Levens with nineteen fatalities represents 5½% of the village males, significantly higher than the national average.

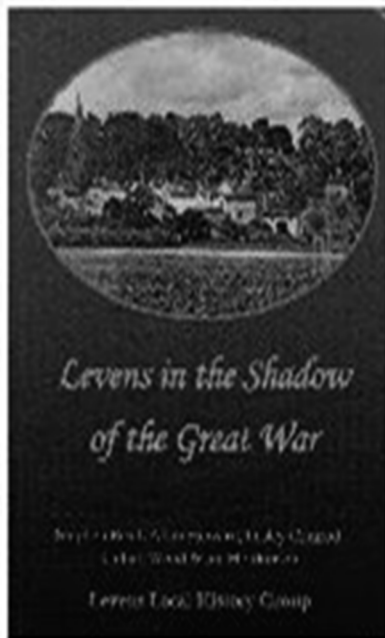
Lady Theodosia (Dosia) Bagot of Levens Hall took a Church Army hospital to France and established a Hospital of Friendship in Belgium, she was an obvious testament to the ability of well-connected women in establishing unofficial hospitals in the front initially to meet the flow of wounded following the German invasion of Belgium. There is a series of personal accounts of the Levens community and how they played a full part in the nation's endeavours, reflections of those at home, biographies of the fallen, the men who survived, the ladies of Levens and the Women's Institute. There is a comprehensive account of Lady Bagot's career of establishing the Hospital of Friendship in Belgium following her experience

in the Boer War 1899 to 1902 and in Serbia in 1913, holding the rank of Lady (later Dame) of Grace of the order of St. John of Jerusalem. She was a member of the General Consultative Council Committee, the Emigration Committee, Honorary Secretary of the Lads Ladder, the Helpers' Guild and Hospital and carried out Church Army duties as one of the 'Lady Visitors' for the Youths' Labour Home in Notting Hill, London.

I have spent hours indulging myself with this book and would recommend it to members.

Copies are available from www.levenshistory@btinternet.com at a guide price of £3.50 to UK addresses or £5.00 for overseas members. Contact the Group for payment and collection details.

I am grateful to Prof Hodkinson and LLHG for this review copy of the book.



Reviewed by Ian White, Member 10495

TRACING YOUR DOCKER ANCESTORS

by Dr Alex Ombler

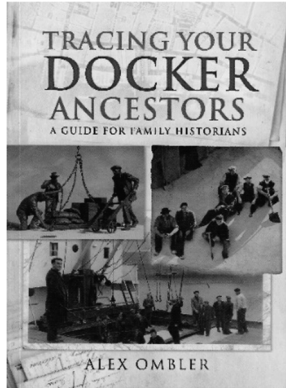
Alex Ombler's handbook is the first practical guide to workers in the British docks featuring a series of concise informative chapters in which the history of British Ports, research methods and materials, through which discovery of the lives and experiences of those who worked in them. Many of us have ancestors who were dock labourers, over 125,000 were employed in 1921 and the organisational history was extremely complex. As a result, the social and family lives of dockers and their communities is difficult to research and this book brings clarity to an interesting facet of British life.

The history of docks and ports is enshrined in the development of trade unionism, the experience of two world wars and ultimately the decline in recent times with the surge of modern technology and equipment. Millions of tons of seaborne cargo were handled annually, foodstuffs, raw materials such as timber, cotton, wool, and metals were imported and handled by the dockers and export manufactured materials and coal sold overseas bringing wealth to the nation.

Despite being an essential cog in Britain's port transport system, the dockers remain a somewhat unknown group of people, entry into dock work, which largely took place behind the dock wall, was virtually impossible for outsiders, their working practices, organization and culture were shrouded in mystery and often exploited by the media who regularly scapegoated the dockers and their industrial action for the economic ills of the day. Today there is little evidence of the landscape of the age, development of industry and housing now front the scene of past docksides. The book establishes a firm foundation of basic information, followed by which explorations of different aspects of dock life between 1840 and 1960 are examined as are the communities outside of work, and there is a chapter dealing with the technological developments in cargo handling. This is an interesting book citing many research opportunities and discovery potential, well-illustrated and

indexed, it is surely a gift to coastal community historians of both local and family enquirers.

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Lancashire: Garston 113.12: and part of Aigburth 1891 is also colour printed and covers Grassendale Park and Cressington Park, areas close by the docks. This map concludes the recent project of ten maps of Liverpool City Region and Warrington.

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LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES LATEST NEWS

Jacquie Crosby, Archives Service Manager is pleased to advise that researchers were welcomed back from Tuesday 6 October 2020.

As you may imagine we have had to put in place a number of new procedures to ensure that you will be able to use the archives safely, and to

protect staff so all visits will be by appointment only and all documents, microfilms and books will have to be ordered in advance.

Details are now on the website: Coronavirus: Libraries, archives and museums – Lancashire County Council, and bookings are now open.

We hope to see you soon.

JOHN HEAP – ROSSENDALE PIONEER

From Margaret Heap, Member 5826

Thank you very much for printing my article in the August 2020 issue of Lancashire.

Before I had even received my copy I had an e-mail from Peter Shakeshaft, the author of the book about the history of St. Anne's, saying how interesting he had found my information.

I have also been contacted by Phil Stringer of Lytham to say that he thought that it would be a valuable addition to *The Antiquarian*, the journal of the Lytham Heritage Group, and asking me if I would consider allowing them to publish it also. I have been in touch with Phil, and said that I had no objections, and I felt quite honoured that they wanted to do so. However, I have pointed out that the editor of *The Antiquarian*, David Forshaw, needs to contact you, as editor of *Lancashire*, to gain your permission as well.

I thought that I would just put everyone in the picture. Will see if John Heap triggers any more interest.

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

On 16 July the Virtual meeting included a talk by Ron Chapman about his Thornton family called the search for "Grandad, You Big Fibber".

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On 17 September the Virtual meeting included a talk by Megan Roberts about her horse thief ancestor who was transported on a ship called the Mangles.

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Our next branch meeting will be an online meeting on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm

The speaker will be Mike Coyle with a talk entitled War Memorials.

Each month we have had an online quiz for the branch. See our virtual branch to see what we have planned for the next few months.

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Into November with no chance of meeting up with each other. We should wish each other a Happy Christmas and make the best of it when it comes. The celebrations may not be the same, but the sentiment is still there. It is a time for celebration, but, sadly, not for those who have lost a family friend or relative to Covid. This virus has no discrimination of where and when to strike, or how bad the effects will be, but every one of us is now aware of having to take precautions. We will welcome the New Year with the same spirit as usual. Hope the money does not run out for the production of the next census!

We are discussing Zoom meetings as other branches and Societies have, and maybe we will give this a go.

If anyone would like to contact me with a query or a story, a wall broken down or a brilliant find, it would be good to share these and the how and why ...

Online websites are adding more and more information to help us trace ancestors. I have found out masses of information. I hope others have been able to do the same and take advantage of the fact of having to 'stay put'.

There are a lot of Fylde facts and other information on my computer and I am willing to help anyone with Fylde enquiries. The Fylde website has a list of the books and CDs, so at a push, I could take a look at anything listed. I am also still adding information to the website and the facebook page, in order to help.

Don't forget that you can add your surname interests to the members only page on the Society website. Have you updated yours? Here, too, is an opportunity to add your details to the Pedigree records. We are not sleeping, just taking a short break!

If you have a query – just Google and look for a village to see what you can find. If you look on facebook, search for the area of your research, there are always a good number of photographs on the photos page. Just click on the Photos button and scroll through.

HERALDRY GROUP

We normally have a speaker from our own members, low key with any questions answered and finishing about 9.00pm. Help or guidance is available at all our meetings.

HYNDBURN

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There isn't much to report from Hyndburn. All meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice except for the Branch Newsletter which Muriel is continuing to forward to everyone on her list. Just let one of us know if you would like to add your address to be included.

We hope that you will all be able to enjoy some kind of Christmas celebrations this year and that we will be able to see our families and friends. Let us also hope that 2021 will see life beginning to return to some kind of "normal".

Hyndburn branch has recently received a box of religious books, photographs and other items of memorabilia which belonged to a family who lived in Oswaldtwistle in the first half of last century.

The surnames involved were Barnes and Smalley and the family were involved with Immanuel Church. Items dating from WWI are in the collection. The family moved to the Manchester area and their only daughter married an Austin Ashworth (also an only child) and they had no children of their own.

The young couple both served in the armed forces during the war, she being a WREN and he was in the Army. One photograph is entitled "Squad 599 RM Depot, Exton 1943" and other photos were taken abroad, one being listed as Messina.

All the known family we know of have now died leaving all these items which we would love to be able to hand over to any relatives that may still be alive. If anyone has any information

to help in this search. Please contact us at Hyndburn branch.
Stay safe and hope that we will all be able to meet again soon.
Committee and members of Hyndburn Branch

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It is rather barren at the moment. There are no meetings and even the Heritage centre is closed for the time being.

Once the 'lockdown' is removed, I will try my best to get everything up and running again.

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Hello again everyone. Trust you are still keeping well in these troubled times. Unfortunately the news is not good, in that we have had to close the branch meetings due to the Covid 19 virus, like everyone else. Lancashire has recently been placed in the highest 'Tier 3' category, which places any prospect of re-opening in the near future as unlikely. We have already closed any meetings up to the end of 2020 and the Committee will have to look again at next year's already planned programme early in the New Year, and take it from there. A message will be placed on the Society's 'Forum' page on the web-site and our electronic media on Facebook "Preston Branch Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society" when we get any news.

One good thing so far is that the Lancashire Archives have re-opened, with limited access, so you should check their web-site for the latest rules before making a journey. The new 'Archive Card' is now in operation and you should register on the web-site, with an uploaded photo, taking two approved forms of I.D. on your first visit, before you will be given access to the Archives. You also have to pre-book a timed slot for your intended visit before going. It is quite simple to do. You will also not be allowed access to the building over the lunch period as sanitation will be taking place during the two visiting sessions. Having tried it out, it works quite well.

One piece of sad news is the death in August of Peter Sheppard, of Woodplumpton, a long time member of the branch. Please see his obituary elsewhere in the journal. Our condolences to his wife Jean and the family.

Don't forget, if you are stuck with anything in your research, give the 'help team' a call and we will see if we can be of any assistance.

The monthly branch newsletter will be available on our branch page of the web-site from 28th October.

Many thanks, look after yourself and we'll see you again in the New Year.

Chorley and London branches have been placing their meetings on the internet via a 'Zoom' system. Keep a look out on the 'forum' for details of how to take part. Good reports have been received from those many members from around the world who have never been able to attend a branch meeting, but can now get tuned in. The Society Executive Committee have also been using this medium to transact business and are looking how it can be extended further to other branches and scenarios.

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Following on from our meeting in March, when we looked at old family photographs, our deputy Chairman, Leo Turner, organised a zoom meeting last month. He had scanned the photos during our meeting, so was showing the results of what he had managed to do with photoshopping the images. Some were very faded, but he got a much improved image showing more detail than could be seen on the original. Others had a poor contrast, which he was also able to deal with. Damage on the original was cleaned up on screen with the "cloning" tool, resulting in a much more attractive print.

Not all of our branch members have access to the internet, but

those who managed to “tune in” agreed it went well. All we need now is some more ideas to take advantage of the format.

Submitted by John Dalton

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FEBRUARY MAGAZINE IS : 6 DECEMBER 2020
THANK YOU**

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Abbreviations:

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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