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### MEETING VENUES

<b>BLACKBURN &amp; DARWEN</b>	Ewood Park Working Mens' Club, 318 Bolton Road, Blackburn BB2 4HY First Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>BURY</b>	Blackburne Hall, Church House, The Wylde, Bury BL9 0LA Second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>CHORLEY</b>	Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall), Cunliffe Street, Chorley PR7 2BE Third Thursday of the month doors open at 7.00 pm.
<b>FYLDE</b>	St. Martin's Church, Fleetwood Road South, Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7NL Second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>HERALDRY GROUP</b>	LFHHS Resource Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington BB5 3LU First Monday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>HYNDBURN</b>	Accrington & District Blind Society, 32 Bank Street, Accrington BB5 1HP Second Thursday of the month – 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm
<b>IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP</b>	2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU Saturday Workshops 1 pm – 4.30 pm as per Branch Programme.
<b>LANCASTER &amp; MORECAMBE</b>	Morecambe Heritage, Unit 29 Arndale Centre, Morecambe LA4 5DH Third Friday of the month – 12.00 noon – 2.00pm Drop-in sessions first Friday of the month 11.00am – 3.00pm
<b>LONDON &amp; SOUTH</b>	St. Stephens' Church Hall, 48 Emperors Gate, Kensington, London SW7 4HJ Five meetings a year on Saturdays at 2.00pm (see Branch Programmes)
<b>PENDLE &amp; BURNLEY</b>	Colne Library, Colne BB8 0AP Third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>PRESTON</b>	Kingsfold Methodist Church, Padway, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>ROCHDALE</b>	St. Andrew's U.R. Church, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
<b>ROSSENDALE</b>	Longholme Methodist Church (opp. Bus Stn) Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7NU First Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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# **STATEMENT BY THE LFHHS TRUSTEES ON THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) OUTBREAK**

Statement of the LFHHS Trustees made on Monday 16th March 2020.

The Society's Trustees have considered the risks presented to our members, and the general public with which they engage, by the imminent escalation of the spread of Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Most of our members belong to the most vulnerable and high-risk group among the population.

Latest forecasts predict the peak will come during April, the Easter holiday period and afterwards, where the Society has a number of events scheduled, including the Conference and AGM.

Accordingly, the Trustees have decided on the following precautionary measures to safeguard our members and volunteers as well as the general public with which they engage in the UK:

## **Research Centres**

The Society Research Centres at Chorley and Oswaldtwistle and at the branches will be closed from Wednesday 18th March 2020 until further notice.

## **Help Desk**

Preston Branch Help Desks in Lancashire Archives will not be open in April and May because of Bank Holidays and a

decision on whether the June and subsequent openings will take place will be given in due course.

## **Cancellation of Meetings**

The Trustees have decided, again **as a precautionary measure**, that all Society meetings will be cancelled or suspended from 18th March 2020 until further notice. The Society Annual General Meeting set to take place on 30th May will be postponed until further notice.

## **Bookshop**

Please note that Bookshop orders may be delayed if volunteers are not available to carry them out. Please be patient.

## **Membership**

Registration of new members and some renewals may be delayed longer than normal. Please be patient.

The Trustees have taken these **precautionary steps** solely in the interests of members, their close families and others considered to belong to the category exposed to high risk of infection. It is hoped that normal working can be resumed when health risks diminish before too long. Please consult the Society website for Facebook page for progress reports as the outbreak unfolds.

Sheila Court, Chairman

On behalf of The Trustees of Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society.

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## BRANCH PROGRAMMES

**Please note – although Branch Programmes are listed as usual, 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.**

### 2020

- 7 May Blackburn & Darwen – Where Did That Come From?  
Part 2 – Linda Sawley
- 13 May Fylde – Learn all about Genuki the free family  
History website – Phil Stringer
- 14 May Hyndburn – Workshop at Accrington Reference Library
- 20 May Pendle & Burnley – Afternoon Out Visit to  
Woodend Mining Museum
- 27 May Preston – A Lady who helped to shape Preston –  
Patricia Harrison
- 27 May Rochdale – Milnrow's Two Rivers, Pompeii and Irene –  
Brennan Nield
- 4 Jun Blackburn & Darwen – Life of a Non-Conformist  
Minister 250 years ago – Tony Foster
- 10 Jun Fylde – Quakers – A Lancashire movement with  
Worldwide reach – Alistair Thomas
- 11 Jun Hyndburn – The Love Life of John of Gaunt –  
Dr. G. Kemp
- 17 Jun Pendle & Burnley – The Brontes of Haworth –  
Denise Adlard
- 24 Jun Preston – Out visit – to be arranged
- 24 Jun Rochdale – Research Evening
- 2 Jul Blackburn & Darwen – Indentures – Sandra Law
- 8 Jul Fylde – How to trace your Irish ancestors – Bring  
Your research – Brenda Hustler
- 9 Jul Hyndburn – Betsy the Scullery Maid – Joanne Halliwell
- 15 Jul Pendle & Burnley – To be advised
- 29 Jul Preston – Who's a Pretty Boy Then – Using old  
Newspapers in your research – Peter Bamford

- 29 Jul Rochdale – Out Visit – Littleborough History & Heritage Centre, Platform 2, Littleborough Railway Station
- 6 Aug Blackburn & Darwen – To be confirmed
- 8 Aug London and South at 2.00pm
- 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 Hyndburn – Workshop at Accrington Reference Library
- 16 Sep Pendle & Burnley – Cromwell’s Northern Journey – Nick Burton
- 30 Sep Preston – Tracing my Grandfather – a life of secrets, drama, disappearance and discovery –Dr. Alan Crosby
- 30 Sep Rochdale – Heirloom Evening
- 1 Oct Heraldry Study Day, Salford 10.00-16.30
- 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 – Edith Rigby – Judith Beeston
- 28 Oct Rochdale – History of Education in 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century – Edgar Holroyd-Doveton
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> Century England
- 25 Nov Preston – Quiz and Jacobs Join
- 25 Nov Rochdale – Christmas Party

2 Dec Pendle & Burnley – Childhood Memories –  
Diane Holding  
9 Dec Fylde – Quiz and Jacobs Join  
10 Dec Hyndburn – Christmas Special  
30 Dec Preston – No meeting.

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## **MEMBERS' ARTICLES**

### **LOOK UNDER THE LEAVES AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL FIND**

By Frank Sharp, Scottish Borders

One of the unforeseen advantages of inspecting primary sources of information is that insights into customs, practices or culture are discovered which otherwise would be overlooked. Such a discovery was made when visiting the Lancashire Records Office in an attempt to discover the death and burial of a great grandfather whose demise had not been found through the normal online databases. In searching through various microfilms of Roman Catholic family burials in the mid and late 19<sup>th</sup> century, I came across regular entries describing the internment of limbs, hands and feet that had presumably been removed following an amputation resulting from an accident or untreatable carcinoma. I found it odd that apparently the ceremony associated with such a burial was formally recorded in the municipal records together with the date and location of the internment. This practice therefore triggered further enquiry.

My conclusion was that in Christian theology it was once widely believed that on Judgement Day the body had to be whole and preferably buried with the feet to the east so that the person would arise facing God. For much of the British population it was not until the 20<sup>th</sup> century that this link between the body and resurrection was finally broken when cremation was made legal in 1902. However, despite this option being legally



permissible, practicing Christians continued to opt for the tradition of burial. The validity of this theology was brought into practical public conflict by the Great War because there were hundreds of thousands of soldiers whose bodies or limbs were never found. It was not considered acceptable that these individuals be permanently considered beyond redemption and hence excluded from the Final Judgement. This is reflected in the Roman Catholic Nicene Creed which originally recited "*I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting*". Modern practice has changed this to: "*I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the world to come*".

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## **CEMETERY SYMBOLS – HANDSHAKE**

From Hyndburn Newsletter.

The origin of the handshake dates back to the 4th or 5th century in Greece. It signified a token of peace, as the hand was extended without weapons.

The shaking up and down may even have been a means of verifying that there was not a dagger or knife up the other person's sleeve.

In ancient Rome, handshakes were a symbol of loyalty and friendship. Clasped hands were even stamped on Roman coins.

Handshakes also denote that a person's word is their bond, a giving of a sacred trust.

In the case of gravestone symbolism, handshakes can mean a final farewell or eternal bond between the living and the dead. Clasped hands were sometimes meant to portray the link between a married couple. Other times a handshake indicated God reaching out for the deceased to bring them into his presence.

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## **LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES OPEN DAY**

A letter from Jacquie Crosby  
Archives Service Manager

I just want to thank you for supporting our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary open day. From our point of view, it was a wonderful occasion, bringing in people who had never been here before. Some people travelled a distance – Wales and Sheffield for example, and many more came from the Manchester area and north and south of the county and beyond. There were at least 46 people helping on stalls plus archive staff and we counted in 160 visitors – so that gives us an excellent total of more than 200. People I spoke to all seemed to be having an enjoyable time and we'll analyse what feedback there is in due course.

I hope that you and your colleagues (I don't have everyone's email address so please pass on my thanks) also had a good day and I am very grateful to you for giving your time. I think a Sunday event worked well, but I'd be grateful for feedback from you and the organisations you represent.

For the Friends of Lancashire Archives, it was a very worthwhile day. Café Archive made over £200 and so did the bookstall. That money will be used by the FLA to enhance and support the delivery of archive services over the next few years. With all good wishes, Jacquie.

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LFHHS had a very good day with lots of enquiries and £59 in sales. Stephen Ward, John Dalton, Stewart McLoughlin, Joan Clayton, Jennifer Benson, Mike Coyle, Olive Thexton, Ron Chapman and another lady whose name I did not get (Mrs Hadfield?) from Chorley attended from our Society. My apologies if I have overlooked anyone.  
Steve Benson

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## **FROM LANCASHIRE TO JAPAN AND BEYOND (And how LFHHS helped to piece the story together)**

By Alison Ferry

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Queensland. Australia

Living in Australia it is sometimes difficult to research certain aspects of an ancestor's life, now with the internet it has become somewhat easier but not without challenges. I joined the LFHHS first in 1988 when I began my genealogical research following the death of my father. His family were all from Lancashire, but he left as a young man during the war when he was posted to India with the Army, and subsequently went to Hong Kong to help rebuild the colony following the Japanese occupation. He would talk about his family sometimes but to me they were strangers so far away. Years later, through LFHHS and avidly reading the magazine, I had contact with several members including one who turned out to be my father's cousin. We exchanged emails, compared research and exchanged photos of the family and eventually met up on a trip to the UK in 2007. We are still in touch regularly and this would not have happened had it not been for the Society.

Over one hundred years ago my grandfather, Andrew Threlfall, left his home in Wirral and travelled across Europe and Russia to start a new career in Japan. He was working as Chief Clerk with a large British firm, Lever Bros. and they were opening a new branch in the Far East.

My grandmother, Gertrude Fowler, sailed out to Kobe a year later and the day after her arrival, on 20th August 1914, they were married by the British Consul in Kobe. I wanted to know more about this adventurous couple – about their life in Japan and their travels in that country before they returned to Europe and a subsequent posting to Italy. I have childhood memories of them but as we lived in Hong when I was growing up, we didn't have a very close relationship. However, somewhere in

the recess of my mind, are stories they told of Japan, village houses, tatami mats and shoji screens and dancing geishas.

Thanks to the LFHHS and the internet, my journey has turned up some wonderful discoveries. Old photos have conjured up an exotic world where the pace of life was gentle and slower. Closing my eyes, I can transport myself back to that era and hear the sounds and smell the spices and scents of the orient. I can visualise stone lanterns, plum and cherry trees and happy festivals at cherry blossom time. I can picture foreigners wearing pith helmets and white suits and see that the transport was by rickshaw or small buses. Japanese women walking with tine steps in wooden platform clogs and wearing beautiful kimonos would be watching the foreigners with some curiosity. The Bund, running along the port, with beautiful views of the bay would be busy with junks, sampans and small Japanese craft loading and unloading goods from tall ships anchored further out. Today that view is obstructed by tall buildings and elevated roadways. The foreign concession was where the foreigners lived in western style houses with colonnades and verandas typical of the colonial period anywhere in the Far East.

On a recent visit to Japan during the World Cup Rugby tournament, we stayed in Kobe and I was able to relieve a little of my grandparents' life. I found where they lived in Kitano, the foreign settlement, visited the British Club and went to the site of the Lever Bros Soap Factory near Osaka. All this was, in part, ultimately possible because of the help I had from LFHHS.

Andrew Threlfall was born in Preston on 4th June, 1889 to John and Mary (Ashcroft) Threlfall. He was the eldest of six children and in 1900 his father died of bronchial pneumonia leaving Mary a widow with her eldest son only 11 years old.

Andrew completed his education and by the time he was 17, in 1906, he was working for James Starkie & Sons, in Ashton-on-Ribble on the outskirts of Preston. The company were manufacturers of wireworks manufacturing woven wire for

windows, screens, wire baskets and machinery guards. Here he would have learned the basics of business and, with some experience as a Clerk, he joined the large soap manufacturing company of Lever Brothers in Port Sunlight on 25th July 1910.

I joined the LFHHS e-mail discussion group on Yahoo several years ago and wanting to know more about Lever Brothers and Port Sunlight as well as why my grandmother travelled alone to Japan to be married at a time when young women were not known to travel overseas solo, I decided to ask the Members Group if anyone had any ideas or knew anything about the company, employment records and so on. This question generated an immediate response and a lively discussion followed.

One member suggested that perhaps the company arranged the contract in Japan with little time to organise travel arrangements and personal effects and there may not have been time to arrange a marriage before leaving. Faced with the prospect of waiting several years for the return of her fiancé or travelling to Japan, Gertrude took the latter option. I found the passenger list for her journey which detailed all the other passengers, their ages and occupations. That alone was fascinating and conjured up many more questions!

Another member suggested I get hold of William Lever's biography 'Lord Leverhulme' written by his son and published in 1927. In it there is a reference to a visit made to Japan in 1913, the year my grandfather was transferred, and this was obviously the start of the Japanese division of the company.

There was also a suggestion that I get in touch with the Company Archivist. A breakthrough came when another member who worked for Lever Brothers at Port Sunlight prior to his retirement remembered there was a building where the Unilever archives were held. Better still, he had a friend who still worked there, and he contacted him and passed on my original message. After several communications I was overjoyed as the Archives Assistant had found both a Personnel

Staff Card and a Co-Partnership Trust for my grandfather. These duly arrived and are very detailed.

I learned that after joining Lever Brothers in 1910, Andrew travelled to Japan on 27th January 1913 and remained there until 7th October 1915. The staff card lists his salary and increases and all his overtime payments. The Co-Partnership Trust gives the date he was admitted as a Co-Partner which was in Milan in 1916. It also gives the date of his departure from the company which was in 1933 after years in Italy.

As the Archive is primarily a British Archive, there are no records relating to the Japanese and Italian operations my grandfather was part of. However, the enclosures sent by the Archivist included information sheets on the Co-Partnership Trust scheme, a booklet on the history of Lever Brothers and pamphlets on researching family history.

Another member suggested I look at [www.portsunlight.org.uk](http://www.portsunlight.org.uk) which has extensive information on the history of the company as well as photographs. As a result, I planned a visit the following year whilst we were in UK. What an amazing place! We spent a day wandering around the village, visiting the museum and gallery and walking around the houses as well as visiting the building my grandfather worked in, where the desks remain the same and an old clock dominates the room. It was as if time had stood still.

Finally, after years of research into the Lancastrian side of the family, I published a book last Christmas for close family. This covers my research to date going back to 1757, the lives of different members of the family and detailing the origins of the surname and Nordic connections following DNA analysis. My research continues and I would like to thank the LFHHS for all the help I have received and hopefully will continue to receive in the years to come.

# FROM LANCASHIRE TO THE FAR EAST

## THE THRELFALLS

THE STORY OF ANDREW JAMES CLIFTON THRELFALL  
HIS FATHER AND ANCESTORS



Researched and written by  
Alison Ferry (Threlfall)



The wedding in 1914



Andrew Threlfall

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## **LFHHS PEDIGREE DATABASE INFORMATION**

(updated 2020)

By submitting your information, you are indicating your willingness for your pedigree to be entered into a computer database where it will be compared with the pedigrees of other members.

**PLEASE NOTE that apart from your initial, surname and membership number (necessary to be able to identify the pedigree for contact purposes), personal identity details will not be published on the pedigree database, 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.
- 8 If you store your family history on a computer, you can:
  - 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:**

**David Bretherton, 33 Towersey Drive, Thame, OX9 3NR**  
or by e-mail to: **pedigrees@lfhhs.org.uk**

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**MY MUM'S FAVOURITE GRANDFATHER  
WILLIAM ROBERT DAVIES (1860 – 1935)**

By Patricia Gatcliffe (11042)  
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I can remember as a child when we lived in Weaverham, Cheshire, getting the bus into Northwich and the long walk to the Church of St. Helens. My mum would let me and my sister have a run around whilst she went to put fresh flowers on the grave of her favourite grandfather. Of course, her mum is buried there too, but grandmas name isn't on the grave stone. Mum always told us that she had some very happy memories of holding her grandfather's hand walking down the street to

buy some toffees. I can't ever remember her mentioning her other grandfather, Theophilus Smith.

I know William Robert, my great grandfather, is buried in the Churchyard of St. Helens Church in Northwich, Cheshire. He is buried with his two wives and his daughter.

His first wife, Jane Wilding, was born in Leftwich and baptised on 10th December 1865. Now here is a strange fact I've just come across, her mother Ann (Winstanley) was buried on the same day! Anyway, Jane and William were married on 22nd April 1889 at St. Helens Church.

They had one daughter, Mabel, my grandmother, born 1892. Jane died 14th November 1911. Her age on the gravestone is 43(?). Now I'm quite sure she would have been about 46 years old. Well that's another puzzle that needs solving.

William's second wife, Mary Jane Carter, was born in Northwich and baptised on 25th December 1870. Mary and William tied the nuptial knot on 24th May 1914 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Station Road, Northwich. Mary Jane died 2nd December 1936, aged 66.

William died 7th September 1935, aged 75.

Now here's my problem; on his marriage certificate to Jane there is no mention of William's father! So, I did some searching and on his second marriage certificate to Mary Jane, there was a John Davies mentioned as his father. That has confused me. Who is John? Is he William's father or could he be a relative? Was William born out of wedlock?

I do know that on the 1901 and 1911 census returns, William is listed as being born about 1860 and his place of birth is stated as Manchester.

Another fact I know is that William was in the Salvation Army. When my mum passed away in 1981, her second husband kept

a lot of her old photographs. He only gave me and my sister a few old papers and photographs. I don't recall what happened to the rest.

So, dear readers, I have hit the proverbial brick wall. I know my grandmother, William and Jane's daughter married my grandfather, Thomas Smith on 11th April 1914 in Northwich. Funny that, just about 6 weeks before Mary and her dad, William got married!

I have a photograph of William if anyone would like a copy.

Sorry, I digress, but can anyone help me with this family tree enigma?

Here's a puzzle for all you great researchers. On the 1911 census my great grandmother Emma Gatcliffe, is listed as a Maughwoman (??). I have searched and searched, but has anyone got a clue to what that means? Emma was a widow by then, my great grandfather John Gatcliffe died in 1903.

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## **BRITISH SOLDIERS AT THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS**

By Tom Eccles (7659)

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My article is based on some research that I have conducted in trying to learn the details of British soldiers who fought in the Battle of New Orleans which took place on 8 January 1815. I tried to learn if any such soldiers came from Lancashire.

I have the permission of the Department of the Archives of the Ursuline Religious Order in New Orleans to use the quotes from their archives. The Archivist Mary Lee Harris has reviewed and approved the article.

It has been great fun to do this research, since New Orleans is my hometown and that I have ancestors who came from Lancashire.

At the start, let me say that the results in this research based on USA sources, thus far, show that although names of the top British officers are known, show no names of the many other British soldiers and sailors who served during that campaign and concluding battle.

However, I learned some interesting facts about some of the British soldiers, see below.

I started this research since I was born and reared in New Orleans and that on my father's side, I have British ancestry in the Fylde, Lancashire. My British grandfather William Eccles immigrated to the USA in 1881 many decades after the famous battle.

As a side note, one of my direct ancestors, Thomas Eccles was a British soldier enlisting in 1810, who fought in the Pyrenees versus the French (1813-1814) and fought and was severely wounded at the Battle of Waterloo (June 1815) in the 32nd Regiment of Foot. His wound caused him to leave the British Army and return to the Fylde. He subsequently married and lived in Little Plumpton. He had no part in the Battle of New Orleans.

So, could I learn the names of any British Soldiers involved in this New Orleans campaign and concluding battle? Specifically, were there any such British Soldiers who came from Lancashire?

For historical perspective, the vast Louisiana territory of 530,000,000 acres was sold by Napoleon and the French to the young USA in a transaction which took place in Paris on 20 December 1803. This territory has become what is now all or part of 14 of the 50 USA states.

During the War of 1812, (ironically after a peace treaty had been signed in Ghent, Belgium between Great Britain and the USA on 24 December 1814), a huge British force attempted to capture the large port city of New Orleans, strategically located on the Mississippi River. This campaign took place in December 1814 and January 1815. The pivotal battle took place near New Orleans at the Chalmette Plantation on 8 January 1815, before news of the peace treaty reached the USA.

The British forces numbered approximately 8,000 very experienced soldiers and sailors. The USA forces numbered approximately 5,700, consisting of some federal soldiers, combined with local militia, fighters from Tennessee and Kentucky, local Native Americans, and even a few pirates.

The USA military leader defending New Orleans was Andrew Jackson of Tennessee. The decisive USA victory at the concluding battle, later propelled Jackson into wide popularity and ultimately supported his election as the 7th President of the USA from 1829 to 1837.

Jackson and his forces fought a defensive battle behind a formidable redoubt along a canal stretching from the Mississippi River to an impenetrable swamp area. Both forces had considerable cannon power.

Now what did I learn about the British soldiers who fought at that battle?

1. There were 386 dead, 1,521 wounded, and 552 missing or captured.
2. The British Commander was Sir Edward Pakenham, brother-in-law of the Duke of Wellington. Pakenham was killed in action at the battle, and his body was returned in a cask of rum and buried at a family vault in Ireland.
3. The many dead British soldiers were buried in unmarked graves on the battlefield. Those graves are still unmarked today in what has become the Chalmette

National Battlefield and Park. I found no record of their names in the USA.

4. Some of the wounded British soldiers (along with wounded USA soldiers) were cared for by a group of Catholic Nuns (Ursuline Order) who had a convent and small hospital in the city proper. These nuns had originally come over from France to teach young women during the French era of Louisiana.

I contacted the Archives of this religious order in New Orleans and learned that they had no records on the names of the treated injured British soldiers.

But, there is historical evidence of their care for the injured, as taken from the annals of the Ursulines, as follows:

“After the battle, many of the sick and wounded soldiers were cared for at the convent. The school for the day pupils was transformed into a hospital of more than fifty beds, and for the next three months the Ursulines became nurses again, caring for both American and British soldiers. In view of the services rendered to the American forces at this time, the Louisiana State Legislature passed an Act, January 28, 1818, exempting the Ursulines of New Orleans from appearing in court thereafter. When their testimony would be essential for any case, it would be taken at the Convent of the Ursulines.”

(Private Archives of the Ursuline Convent)

“The tender care of these skilful and charitable nurses was so highly appreciated by their patients, that British veterans were seen to weep like children when obliged to leave with their officers; while the Kentuckians and Tennesseans no less grateful than brave, were for many years accustomed to send large baskets filled with bacon, fruit, etc., as tokens of gratitude to their Ursuline Mothers, and especially to Sr. Ste. Angèle Johnston,



whose devotedness to the sick and wounded entitled her to particular mention.”

(Mother Mary Teresa Wolfe, Ursulines in New Orleans, 1925)

In conclusion, I have learned the names of the various British units that fought during this campaign. For example, one of the units was the 4th (King's Own) Regiment of Foot (Lancaster). It is interesting to note that this Lancaster unit subsequently returned to England in May 1815, and then embarked to Flanders to participate in the Battle of Waterloo. I am hopeful that there are unit details on the many soldiers and sailors who served at the Battle of New Orleans to be learned at the UK National Archives in Kew, a future project.

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## **DEMOLISHING A BRICK WALL 2**

By Rex Watson

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Many years ago, I identified the marriage of my 3 x great grandparents William Holding/Holden and Mary Wiggins, at Bury St. Mary, in 1803, both of Bury parish. The parentage of William has ever since proved problematic, and so did that of Mary for some time. The name Wiggins/Wiggans, etc is mainly found further west (towards Wigan of course!), and seems perhaps in earlier times to be focussed around Croston.

No baptism or birth for Mary seems to be found in any church or chapel within the extensive parish of Bury. Prior to establishing her death, the only age record I had was from the 1841 census, namely 65, meaning of course 65-69. This led me to think that the most likely baptism was at Tarleton (formerly a chapelry of Croston) in 1775, parents John and Alice. John Wiggins married Alice Croasdale at Croston in 1772, Mary seemingly the first child. The next three children were baptised at Tarleton in 1777, 1780 and 1785. However, the last of these, Sally, did not reach her first birthday, being buried later in 1785 at Holcombe, the residence being Carr, near

Ramsbottom. Here of course we are in Bury parish, the link that I was looking for.

All this led on to much interesting work back on Wiggins, Croasdale, and other names, including Cornish (more of these later). There the matter lay for some time, until with some difficulty I pinned down Mary Holding's death and burial in 1844. She was buried at Bury St. Mary, and both the burial record and death certificate give age 63! (The informant for the certificate was son John; husband William had died earlier. A son or daughter might not have a good knowledge of age). Now this ties in with a baptism in 1782 to parents Nicholas and Mary, at Brindle. Further investigation of this couple revealed a marriage at Leyland in 1776 (Mary Holben), with five children including Mary, 1778 to 1786 at Brindle (of Withnell). There is then a puzzling gap (which allows doubt about whether more than one couple might be involved), with children at Blackburn in 1794, Bury 1797, and Holcombe 1800 and 1801. Again, a link into Bury parish. Nicholas and Mary seemed to have later moved yet again, being buried respectively at Bolton, in 1824 and 1832. There is however a considerable doubt about whether Mary survived into adulthood. There is a burial at Brindle in 1786, residence the Poor House. No indication is given as to whether this Mary was a child, and indeed this is the case for all burial entries around this time. (How often do we remember to check for child burials!)

I had then two competing sets of possible parents for Mary Wiggins. There are a couple of factors in favour of John and Alice. Firstly, William and Mary Holding did not use the name Nicholas. Secondly, they did use Alice, and other admittedly common names that John and Alice used. One factor though is rather against a baptism for Mary as early as 1775. Her last child was baptised in 1825, when she would be around 50. On balance I felt that the more likely parents were John and Alice, mainly because of the 1786 burial at Brindle.

Now the family historian's newest friend is DNA. I took the Ancestry test a couple of years ago. Searching my extensive

list of matches, I found many Croadale's, at 5th to 8th cousin level. My conventional researches into this line had taken me back to Waddington near Clitheroe, as early as 1681. Most of the DNA matches were in or near Waddington, or for Thomas Croasdale (or his children) in Pennsylvania, and known to have emigrated from the Waddington area at the time of Penn, about 1682. My Croasdale's would be very likely to be related. There is also a little support from Cornish DNA matches.

Taken all together, I am happy that Mary's parents were John and Alice. **WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Three morals here, I think. Firstly, do always check for child burials. Secondly, when you locate a possible baptism or birth some way off where you expected it, follow the parents through to see if they moved nearer. Thirdly, use DNA evidence (carefully!)

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## **RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR**

Thank you so much to the members and readers who answered my plea in the November journal. The articles and queries received are much appreciated, and I hope that they will inspire others to forward something. If those with 'brick wall' queries do get results, please let us know the outcome.

What a peculiar time we are going through at this moment. At the time of going to press most of us are in self isolation, acting as a carer for a friend or relative who is on the high-risk list, fortunate enough to be still working or ill at home or in hospital.

All society meetings and activities have had to be put on hold until such time that it is safe, and we are allowed out and about again.

Facebook is more popular than usual right now. I can watch my niece schooling her two small sons each morning (after

exercises) before they are allowed playtime in the afternoon. They live within five minutes' walk from mum and nana, so with the help of a mobile phone they can be filmed waving to each other from the front garden and through the window. So many of us are not that lucky though, and there is nothing we can do about it.

What have members decided to do with themselves during this time? When the weather is fine it is good to get out into the garden, or go for a walk as gentle exercise.

Are your members' interest lists up to date? How many of us have yet to complete our Pedigree form? That is a must on my list. David Bretherton, our Pedigree Database Co-ordinator has kindly simplified the instructions for completing the form which can be downloaded from our website, and also given us all more space to write our information down.

Recommended by our Education Liaison, Mike Coyle, are the MOOC courses, some of which are free, single subjects, to keep you occupied. The link is also going on the members' forum and on LFHHS Online.

<https://www.mooc-list.com/tags/family-history>

If you try any of the courses why not drop me a line, or e-mail, and let our members know what you think of them.

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## **DEATHS NOTIFIED**

**William Blackburn** – Poole, Dorset

**Jean Gidley** – Pleckgate, Blackburn

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

## BOOK REVIEWS ETC

### **TRACING YOUR SLIGO ANCESTORS**

By James G. Ryan

Available from Flyleaf Press

Sligo is settled between Mayo and Leitrim in the North West of Ireland, its population of over 180,000 in the 1840s reduced dramatically after the Great Famine through death and emigration to North America and elsewhere. It has grown over recent decades and is now over 65,000. Sligo families are a mixture of native Gaelic families including: Scanlon, (O')Healey, Brennan, Gallagher, (O')Hart, McDermot and Gilmartin. The main 'gentry' families are Cooper, Crofton, Gore, Nicholson, Ormsby, Parke and Phibbs. This book sets out the records available for Sligo, where they can be accessed, and how they can be used to best effort in tracing Sligo family histories.

Sligo is a maritime county in the province of Connacht, bordered on the west by the Atlantic, on the north by Leitrim and on the east by Roscommon and Mayo. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the capital Sligo was the principal emigration port during the mass exodus that occurred from the north-west of Ireland.

Tracing an ancestor, most of us researchers will admit requires a Plan, because we find the processes are confusing and generates many diversions and more frequently the proverbial brick walls. There is no magic formula but to work from established procedures gathering detail to ultimately reveal accurate records is what this fine book is all about, James Ryan infers.

The book is one of a series of guides covering other Irish

counties: Clare, Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Leitrim, Limerick, Mayo, Tipperary and Westmeath, all available from Ancestor Network, published by Flyleaf Press – Email [books@flyleaf.ie](mailto:books@flyleaf.ie) – Website [www.ancestornetwork.ie](http://www.ancestornetwork.ie). Tracing Your Sligo Ancestors is a welcome addition to Irish family and local history resources for students wishing to delve into Sligo and Irish historical and chequered past. Priced sensibly at Euro €14.00 (£10.00) and can be purchased from LFHHS Shop.

My Ryan is also the author of *Irish Church Records*, a definitive guide to using Church records and *Sources for Irish Family History*, a list of books and articles on Irish families, both available from Ancestry Network.

Reviewed by Ian White,  
Member No. 10495

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## **WEARING THE GREEN**

Wearing the Green, by historian Elisabeth Edwards, tells the story of Irishmen James and Thomas Dalton and their father James Senior, a rags to riches tale of crime, transportation, famine, emigration and success in their adoptive country, Australia.

James Dalton Senior was convicted of his role in the abduction of a widow in County Limerick. When he was transported to New South Wales in 1835, his young children were left to fend for themselves. His sons later joined him in Australia and made great successes of their lives in Orange and Sydney, building up a huge wholesale and retail empire.

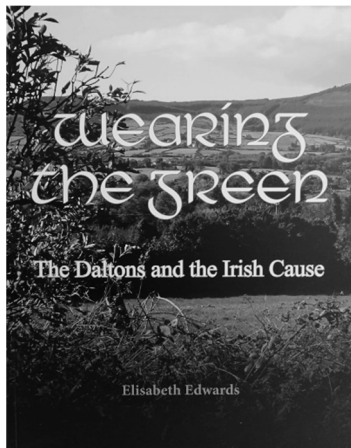
The Daltons maintained their strong Catholic faith throughout their lives and gave generously to the Catholic Church.

Through family ties with Irish politician brothers John and Willie Redmond, they worked tirelessly for Irish land rights and Home Rule.

Beautifully illustrated, the book is available from Orange Historical Society for A\$60.

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Reviewed by John Dalton



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**HERALDRY STUDY DAY  
THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2020  
10.00am – 4.30pm**

Hemsley House  
Masonic Hall,  
The Crescent,  
Salford  
M5 4PE

4 Speakers  
Hot buffet lunch  
Price £20

Further details will be available on our website.

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**BRANCH NEWS**

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## **CHORLEY**

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Our January meeting was about Brick Walls by Anne Lowe.

Anne showed a short presentation reminding us to talk to others to get help with brick walls; not to accept other people's research; go back to the basic information you are sure of; look for alternate sources such as wills and land records; look for variant surnames; where you have a number of possible records, group them by family links, parishes etc to see if you can identify the right ones.

Anne then presented a number of brick wall situations sent to her by the group for their ideas and comments and a lively discussion was held with the group offering information and ideas.

In February we focused on Death Certificates and the Principle of the Three-Legged Stool. Our very own Steve Williams took us through the information on a death certificate. How many times have you heard it said, "The death certificate is of no value to the family historian"? a statement Steve proceeded to demolish.

On any modern certificate there are certain facts that are indisputable because they have been completed by the Registrar from information on the doctor's note, this includes the date of death, the place and cause of death and doctor's name, the date of the certificate and the Registrar's name. The accuracy of the rest of the information will depend on how well the deceased was known to the informant, so it is useful to look at their name and relationship to the deceased. If the informant is not a close family member they may not know the deceased's full name or their correct date of birth. Not everyone is known by the first name on their birth certificate or they may

indeed have used a different name. Queries can also arise over the occupation of the deceased; it was so easy in the “olden” days to give a woman’s occupation as wife/widow/daughter of ... Also, the informant may not be known to the family historian and this may open up new avenues of research. If the information on the certificate does not make immediate sense then you should use the components as “signposts” to further research.

If you invested your £7 and obtained an online certificate you may still not be convinced you have the correct person. If you use Steve’s principle of the three-legged stool, which is always stable, and find three facts that match who you are looking for you will not go far wrong.

First the name, you may have been expecting the deceased’s “Sunday” name but the certificate may show a diminutive or a middle name and the surname could be corrupted especially if it is of foreign origin. If the date of birth does not tie in with other information maybe the deceased was economical with the truth on their wedding certificate and the little white lie was perpetuated. Does the location match the last known area where you could pinpoint your subject? Before the creation of the NHS most people died in their own bed, nowadays they may die miles from home due to an accident or because specialist medical attention is not located near to home. Look at the occupation, again does this match what you already know? What about the cause of death? Maybe an inherited condition or a cause linked with certain occupations.

An interesting fact is that the only place a woman is recorded under her married name is on her death certificate. If she is recorded as widow/wife does the spouse’s name match what you already know?

Steve provided a lot of food for thought; you will never look at a death certificate in future without thinking of his signposts and his three-legged stool. You never know, you might even crack your brick wall and find routes to more research forward.

Have a look at our Virtual Branch at:  
<http://www.lfhhschorleybranch.com/lfhhs-chorley-virtual-branch.html>

Submitted by Wendy Pratt

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### **FYLDE**

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I am writing this, surrounded by silence. It feels very strange, no trams running along the Promenade, very few cars on the roads and few people about. The seagulls and birds all seem to have gone into self-isolation. Who knows when it will end?

Yesterday, I mentioned to my family about the future and how they will have stories to tell regarding this period in our history. We look forward to when we can all meet up again, and then we will remember the missing people. Everyone has learned something of how to cope and manage our lives, how strange that your own family have to wash their hands on entering your home. "Stay over there" is the password.

Our last meeting in March was our branch AGM, the committee was voted to continue and everyone accepted the fact that we carry on as before. We will work without the vacancies being filled, but as there is almost nothing to be done, the weeks will fly by. We also welcomed another new member to our clan. There were a number of apologies given due to illness, by the weekend a decision not to continue meeting was made. We all look forward to meeting up whenever we are free from this house arrest.

We began the year by discussing Christmases past, everyone gave some recollection from childhood or bygone days. It is always interesting to hear how other families celebrate Christmas and other family events. In February we held a

research evening; not everyone is actively researching their family history, so much has been completed, but we like to share any finds and any new information that is out there.

We are continuing to add further information to the branch website. We try to add useful lists of dates etc all in order to help others with their research. The list of branch books and CD holdings is included, for when we are back to being able to lend these out to our members.

The Facebook page continues to attract new people. Janice posts lots of links and other useful websites while I continue to add any snippets that I find in my stock of goodness knows what information collected throughout the years. I have completed the lists of hamlets and places in the Fylde area and this is included on the Society branch page as well as our branch website. I have extracted names from LPRS volumes for places that may appear in a will or certificate or other old documents.

Please contact me through the above e-mail address if you have any queries regarding your Fylde ancestry.

Keep well and stay safe

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **HYNDBURN**

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

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Harold Hoggarth paid a return visit at our February meeting and gave us a nostalgic talk about a day in the life of grandma. What a difference to the life now of the many grandmas' present, but alarming how much we could remember from our own childhood. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We were fortunate to just manage to hold our AGM in March, just days before all events were cancelled. We also had a fascinating talk from Joseph O'Neill about Victorian Lodging Houses which was very informative and enlightening.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing this we have no idea when we will be able to hold our next meeting.

In the meantime, Muriel intends to send out brief newsletters to those of you on her list, to keep you up to date.

If you do not already receive our newsletters, if you let her know and you can be added to the list.

Our planned out visit to the Stanhill Methodist Chapel will hopefully be able to go ahead some time later in the year.

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## **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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### **LANCASTER & MORECAMBE**

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Our AGM on Friday, 17 January 2020, was well attended and we were pleased to welcome some new members. Our chairman gave a review of our previous year and we discussed plans going forward, including our timetable for meetings, the possibility of running some short tuition sessions to help our new members and any topics which might be helpful to include at our branch sessions which would be informative to all levels of genealogists.

We were glad to hear that our arrangement with our friends at Morecambe Heritage Centre is secure for another 12 months and our venue for all activities will continue to be at the above address.

During 2020, therefore, we had planned that members of our branch would be on hand on the first and third Friday each month between 11.00am and 3.00pm. In addition to our branch library, we normally provide access to Ancestry and free website information and always try to answer questions and provide advice to progress any research. At our branch members' meetings, which take place on the third Friday each month from 12.00am for approximately an hour, there is also time before and after for help sessions.

At our February meeting, Avis Keen gave an informal talk on the value of 'Phillimore's' (The Phillimore Atlas & Index of Parish Registers, editor, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Cecil R. Humphrey-Smith) and

also of old maps. In addition to those in Phillimore's, she made particular reference to the excellent Alan Godfrey publications ([www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk](http://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk)) which also include a history and sometimes directory entries for the area or conurbation covered. We finished by looking at the National Library of Scotland old maps site ([maps.nls.uk](http://maps.nls.uk)). This is an excellent site and members seemed impressed with the amazing level of historical detail which can be found for some areas.

At our March branch meeting, we were due to look at some interesting old family documents that are beyond the usual BMD certificates. However, as we all know, plans for virtually everything we do in everyday life began to be shelved from mid March onwards.

At a time when we had succeeded in recruiting six new members interested in attending our branch, it is sad not to be able to welcome and help them as we would normally do. All meetings, in common with the society's policy, have been cancelled until further notice.

If, by mid Summer, there is some relaxation of restrictions and there is a prospect that we may be able to resume our activities, please telephone 07462 148067 for more information.

In the meantime, all at Lancaster & Morecambe branch offer our sincerest wishes to everyone to come through the challenges of the next several months safe and well. At least we are all fortunate enough to have a fantastic hobby to help us through.

Submitted by Avis Keen

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## **LONDON & SOUTH**

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### **New Meeting Location:**

Saint Stephen's Church Hall,  
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Meetings on Saturdays at 2.00pm  
January, March, May, July, September and December

**Directions:** It is a 5 minute walk from Gloucester Road tube station which is on the Circle, District and Piccadilly Lines.

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.

Although we would have hoped to hold meetings on Saturday 2 May, 2020, 8 August, 2020 and 3 December 2020, unfortunately in the current unhealthy climate some of these meetings may now not take place.

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

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### **PENDLE & BURNLEY**

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At the January meeting Keith Richardson came to speak about William P. Hartley. Keith is a retired Methodist minister who trained at Hartley Victoria College in Manchester where he became interested in its benefactor, the philanthropic jam-maker William P. Hartley. Born in Colne in 1846, it was said William Hartley started to make his own jam after having been let down by the regular supplier to his grocery business. His jam making flourished and by 1912 Hartley's was the largest jam manufacturer in the world. Hartley was also a devout Primitive Methodist who applied his Christian principles to his business. By the time he died in 1922 he'd given away a third of his income for religious and philanthropic purposes. It made me think we could do with more business people with such values.

Rodney Brackstone last came to talk to us in 2013 about DNA and Genealogy. He made a return visit in February to update us on the developments in the intervening years. He is an enthusiastic advocate of DNA testing for family historians. His message was as more people take the test the next generation will benefit.

At the beginning of March the advance of Coronavirus began to concern us, so we took the decision to cancel the March meeting to protect those among us who are particularly vulnerable. Our programme of talks has been suspended for

the foreseeable future and we are now self-isolating and in a state of limbo. May we wish everybody a safe return to normality. Please take care.

Submitted by Sylvia Marshall

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### **PRESTON**

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Not a lot to put together this month. January and February meetings went off very well as expected. Two excellent presentations from Dr. Andrew Lewis on 'Medicines Old and New' and George Bagshaw on the 'History of the Royal Mail and the Secret Language of Postcards.'

Branch volunteers attended the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lancashire Archives with a family history help desk. One visitor, who had already done considerable research work herself, was amazed to see that through her illegitimate grandfather born in Preston, she was related to one of the most prominent families in Northumberland. Much follow-up work on this one which will be truly fascinating.

And then it all went pear-shaped. Like everyone else the Branch has been closed down until further notice due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. If you have any family history questions, try posting on The Forum or the other Society electronic media. If your query is Preston specific, you can contact me on the address above.

Our monthly Branch newsletter will only be published on our Branch page of the Society's web-site, until further notice. Looks like this state of affairs will have mega repercussions on everyone and everything for a long time to come. Unparalleled restrictions on the country at large. Look after yourselves and

everyone around you.

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The New Year started off with a fabulous talk 'My Valiant Victorians' which was given to us at our January meeting by Mr Michael Kirke. Michael entertained us all with stories of his Victorian ancestors, what an interesting and adventurous family they were, travelling all over the world to seek their fortunes. We heard about their travels to New Zealand, India and Europe and how, many of these pioneers became wealthy, well known and loved. We hope Michael will visit us again so we can hear more about his fascinating family.

Members were able to share information and help one another with their family history problems at our research evening in February. As usual the branch library was available during the evening along with the fiche reader and CD collections. We hope you found the evening useful.

You should all by now have received this years' programme of meetings for Rochdale. Once again Lynne has done an excellent job putting together a varied selection of talks. Our out visit in July this year will be to Littleborough History and Heritage Centre at Littleborough Railway Station, Platform 2. Please come along if you can, full details will be announced later.

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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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KEELEY LAN Cleveleys 1900-1920  
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BOTTOMLEY WRY Ripponden pre 1850  
CARLYON LAN c.Burnley 1880-1950  
DUGDALE LAN pre 1650  
DYSON LAN Colne 1780-1840  
HARTLEY LAN Roughlee pre 1870  
HODGSON WES Kirby Lonsdale pre 1880  
LUM WRY Elland pre 1830  
POLLARD LAN c.Burnley pre 1800  
ROBINSON LAN Newchurch PRE 1860  
SUTCLIFFE LAN Colne pre 1870  
SUTCLIFFE LAN Barrowford pre 1940  
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PARR LAN Blackpool 1896-1925  
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MARSDEN	LAN	Heapey (weaver)	1730-1840

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ODDIE	LAN	Rochdale (clogger)	1800-1850

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COLLIER	LAN	Rochdale (tailors)	1628-1850
SCHOLFIELD	LAN	Rochdale (carpenters)	1675-pres

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BRIERLY	LAN	c.Warrington	pre 1900
DAVIES	CHS	c.Northwich (insurance)	pre 1900
GRATLIF(F)E	LAN	c.Grappenhall	18C-19C
INGHAM	LAN	c.Grappenhall	18C-19C
MORGAN	CHS	Northwich	c.1900

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ATKINSON	LAN	Scotsforth	1624-1679
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No areas or dates advised yet

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KELTY LAN Oldham All

TAYLOR LAN Leyland All

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STANWORTH LAN c.Burnley pre 1800

STANWORTH LAN c.Blackburn with Darwen pre 1500

STANWORTH LAN c.Rochdale pre 1900

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HAWORTH LAN Crawshawbooth 1650+

HAWORTH YKS Bottomley, Todmorden 1700+

HAWORTH/  
HOWARTH

YKS Soyland, Ripponden 1730+

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EARNSHAW LAN Rochdale, Todmorden 1700+

DEARDEN LAN Rochdale 1800+

HARDMAN LAN Droylesden 1700+

HUNT DEV Sandford 1700+

KERSHAW LAN Rochdale 1700+



LAWN	LAN	Rochdale	all
LAWN		Kirkby Overblow	all
LAWN	YKS		all
LAWN	CUM	Keswick	all
LINFOOT	YKS	Harewood	1700+
LOMAX	LAN	Rochdale	all
MOORE	LAN	Rochdale	all
MOORE	CHS	Great Budworth, Tabley	all
MOORE	FLN	Worthenbury	all
SCHOLES	LAN	Rochdale	1800+
WALTON	LAN	Rochdale	1700+
WAKEFIELD	LIN	Maltby	1800+
WAKEFIELD	NTS	Marnham	1800+
WILDE	LAN	Droylesden	1800+

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