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

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YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS HELP!

In particular, for a

Publicity and Social Media Officer

Social Media is having a massive impact on how we all do things.

Our **Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society** is looking for someone who could help us make better use of Social Media and our Publicity activity.

We have a draft Job Description for the role, but giving the incumbent the opportunity to write their own.

If you think you can help us, please contact our

Secretary, Jayne Dixon

E-mail: secretary@lfhhs.org.uk

**NEWS FOR MEMBERS ELECTING TO
RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL
ELECTRONICALLY**

The Society has been using Mailchimp to send an email alerting members to the publication of the latest quarterly journal.

We have received feedback and understand that these emails may not have been successfully delivered to all members and we apologise to those affected.

As we believe the issue may be due to Mailchimp and the possibility of this method of communication going to spam boxes or otherwise being somehow blocked, we have decided that from now on we will send a conventional email to the address that we hold.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

We do welcome feedback – thank you!

Sue Foster
Membership Secretary
Email: membership@lfhhs.org.uk

BRANCH PROGRAMMES

2023

- 1 Feb Fylde – Lancaster Castle – Dr Colin Penny
- 2 Feb Blackburn & Darwen – No meeting
- 8 Feb Chorley - The History of Prosthetics –
Frances Rafferty
- 11 Feb Irish Grp – Advice and Research 1pm – 4.30pm
- 14 Feb Virtual Before The Welfare State by Zoom
6.30 for 7.00pm start
- 17 Feb (Friday) Preston Branch Help Desk at Lancashire
Archives from 09.30 to 12.00
- 22 Feb Preston – History of ROF Chorley – Lindsey Barrow
- 22 Feb Rochdale – Research Evening
- 1 Mar Fylde – AGM
- 2 Mar Blackburn & Darwen – There’s more to the BMD Certs
than you may think – Bring your certs -
Tony Foster
- 8 Mar Chorley - AGM and The Scuttlers
- 14 Mar Virtual - Origins of Place Names –
Anthony Poulton-Smith
- 17 Mar (Friday) Preston Branch Help Desk at Lancashire
Archives from 09.30 to 12.00
- 29 Mar Preston – Sounds and Voices of the Trenches –
David Butters
- 1 Apr London & South – Zoom Meeting 2 pm –
John Preston Lives On – Keith Simpson
- 5 Apr Fylde - Research and Family History
- 8 Apr Irish – Advice and Research -1pm – 4.30pm
- 11 Apr Virtual - Northerners – A History from the Ice Age
To 21st Century – Brian Groom
- 12 Apr Chorley - Astley Hall Garden History –
Elaine Taylor
- 26 Apr Preston - The Old Tram Road – Nigel Hardacre

- 3 May Fylde - Research and Family History
 9 May Virtual - Family, House & Local History – sources before 1837 – Jackie Depelle
 10 May Chorley - Lancashire Murders and Hangmen – Steve Fielding
 31 May Preston - Who’s a Pretty Boy Then? – Peter Bamford
 7 June Fylde - Another Trip Down Memory Lane Via Gazette, pictures and cuttings
 10 June Irish - Advice and Research 1pm – 4.30pm
 13 June Virtual - Another fascinating talk from Dr Alan Crosby
 14 June Chorley - Railways Around Chorley – Steve Williams
 28 June Preston - The Pedders of Preston – Birth of a banking dynasty? – Peter Smith
 12 July Chorley - Out Visit to be arranged
 26 July Preston - Rufford Old Hall – Margaret Lambert
 12 Aug Irish - Advice and Research 1pm – 4.30pm
 30 Aug Preston - Own Research
 27 Sep Preston - Emigration of Lead Miners from Swaledale to the Burnley area to work in the mills - Phil Batman
 14 Oct Irish - Advice and Research – 1pm – 4.30pm
 25 Oct Preston - My Grandfather – Alan Crosby
 25 Nov London & South – Zoom Meeting 2pm – DNA – Debbie Kennet
 29 Nov Preston - Jacobs Join
 27 Dec Preston - No meeting

SOCIETY VIRTUAL BRANCH TALKS BY ZOOM

Contact: Marian Crossley
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for more information or check our website.

Hopefully you will be able to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm sometime.

We continue with our monthly Zoom Talks and it is a wonderful opportunity for members especially those outside the Lancashire area to join a meeting. Hopefully you will find something interesting in the programme. I'm always open to suggestions for speakers, so if you have come across an interesting speaker (location doesn't matter on zoom) let me know their details.

My contact detail is: mariancrossly74@gmail.com

Please remember that we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm, we open up about 6.40pm. The link for the talks are published on the Forum, and we also try to send an email approximately a week before – if you are not currently receiving the emails let me know.

To make life easier the zoom link will work from March 2023 until February 2024 (inclusive), so no need to miss out on any talk. You can even input it into your Google Calendar, check out the members website for details.

LINK TO SOCIETY TALKS – MARCH 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024

This document will allow you to download the information for the Society talks from March 2023 – February 2024. It can be done via inputting to your 'calendar' so you will always have the links available. Hope this makes it easier for everyone.

Meeting Holder is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LFHHS SOCIETY ZOOM MEETING

Time: Mar 14, 2023 07.00 PM London

Every month on the Second Tuesday, 12 occurrence(s)

Mar 14, 2023 07.00 PM

Apr 11, 2023 07.00 PM

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DATE : SATURDAY 20 MAY

VENUE : RHYDDINGS CHAPEL, OSWALDTWISTLE

Full details and Booking Form will be available on our website when details have been finalised. Details will also go out via the Members Forum.

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If you do not use a computer, please request a booking form to be sent by post.

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MEMBERS' ARTICLES

HELPING HANDS REVISITED

By Fiona Hall

Helping Hands has been going since 2003 and in that time many members have been helped with their family history questions and lookups not only for Lancashire, but for other places in the UK and around the world.

Helping Hands also co-ordinates a Mentoring Service whereby

members exploring a tricky issue can get 1 – 1 assistance from an experienced member for 3 months.

With the amount of data now on the internet '**Helping Hands**' is certainly not as busy as it used to be and the need for a personal search of records in an actual archive or library has grown less. Members now ask questions on the Forum, on mailing lists and on Facebook and get their answers there. Though there is still (or even more?) opportunity to go astray in research; witness the large number of trees online where the so-called facts bear little resemblance to reality and where the owner has 'barked up the wrong tree' due to unfamiliarity with customs and geography.

The Helping Hands service hopefully gives guidance and the correct information using our experience and knowledge to avoid such mistakes and wrong turnings.

Not all records are on the internet – for some we may still have to use the fiche viewer or microfilm reader to get that moment of revelation as we discover that elusive record. Which of us older researchers have not relished that moment – refraining from shouting '**YES**' to the room and then excitedly whispering our discovery to the complete stranger at the next machine, who, of course, totally gets it?

Initial contact is via email, but not all members are on the internet so for them we still offer initial assistance by post or telephone.

I hold a database of members who have offered to help over the years, listing skills and resources held, libraries to be easily visited and willingness to mentor. The mentors will of course, be known to their mentees, but those who assist with lookups can remain anonymous with me as a go-between. Expenses can be claimed – mileage, photocopying, P & P etc. (Our currency for small amounts was books of stamps at one time) I need to revamp the list of helpers and resources – the membership of the society has changed over the years; time,

finances and covid have taken their toll.

So, if you feel you could offer mentoring, or you have a particular skill (e.g., old handwriting or a foreign language), or you live near an archive or library that you could visit, or you hold resources that you could share, then please let me know. You could be anywhere in the world – it doesn't have to be just Lancashire. If you are a local historian in Worcestershire or America then Helping Hands needs you, just as much as we need members who know their way round Lancashire and its records.

If you can help in any way or just want to know more, please contact me at help@lfhhs.org.uk

**MARGARET HOWARTH:
FROM BURY TO CASTLETON BY WAY OF CANADA**

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It was the 6th of January 1873 when a tiny baby girl opened her eyes for the very first time – and cried.¹ She had good reason to cry because her mother Ann (or Annie) Howarth had no husband to support them. Ann appears to have been the servant of Thomas Hardman, a woollen manufacturer living next to St John's Vicarage in Walmersley Road, Bury,² Ann decided to call her new baby "Margaret", and the record of Margaret's baptism in the Holy Trinity Church (Bury, Lancashire) register identified a John Wilkinson as the birth father.³ Who was this John Wilkinson who presumably enjoyed becoming a father, but hadn't got round to marrying the mother? DNA evidence was not available, but other sources suggest that he was the John Wilkinson who was born in 1842 and lived in Kearsley (or Farnworth), where he had become a coal miner. How then did he come to meet Ann Howarth, who had been born and lived in Bury some five miles away? Unfortunately I haven't heard any family stories about their

“romance”, or discovered family letters – but it was a time when many Lancastrians were still illiterate.

Although Margaret apparently never herself used the paternal Wilkinson surname, later in her life she named John Wilkinson as her father and even provided an address.⁴ This suggests that at some stage her mother Ann probably told her who her birth father was and where he lived. Although Ann may possibly have kept in touch with John from a distance, it seems unlikely that this occurred. Why had John not “done the right thing”, and married Margaret’s mother Ann? The short answer appears to be that John had already been married, then widowed, and married his second wife Alice Aldridge nee Hurst who (as noted below) had been living with him for some years. This marriage between John Wilkinson and Alice Aldred occurred just a week before Margaret was born.⁵

John Wilkinson junior

John Wilkinson junior had been born in 1842,⁶ the third child of John Wilkinson senior and Esther nee Taylor, and was baptised in the Church of St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley.⁷ He appears to have lived the rest of his life in Kearsley or Farnworth,⁸ and probably to have married three times.⁹

His second wife was Alice Hurst, widow of a Peter Aldred whom she had married in 1863.¹⁰ By 1871, however, Alice Aldred (nee Hurst) was recorded in the census return of that year as the “Housekeeper” living with John Wilkinson at Lark Hill, Farnworth, and with her three children – 3 year old John T. W. Aldred born in 1867, 2 year old Esther W. Aldred born in 1866, and 3 months old Samuel Aldred born 1870.¹¹ All of these three children appeared to have been fathered by John Wilkinson junior. However, the 1867 birth certificate of John Thomas Wilkinson Aldred gave no father’s name, but included “Wilkinson” as his third forename; the 1868 birth certificate of Esther did name John Wilkinson as her father; whilst the 1870 birth certificate for her third child – Samuel – gives the father

as "John Aldred".¹² This third child's birth certificate appears to be either an error (the mother was illiterate, so could not check the written entry), or an attempt at pseudo-legitimacy by combining the presumed father John Wilkinson's first name with the mother's married surname. Certificates are not always factually authoritative, but depend on what people say or are believed to say!

John Wilkinson and Alice Aldred nee Hurst were finally married on the first day in 1873 (presumably after Peter Aldred had died),¹³ and they had one son, Herbert, who was born later in the year.¹⁴ It was also a time for two of their children (Esther and Herbert) to be baptised in the Church of St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley. John Thomas Wilkinson Aldred had already been baptised, as had Samuel Aldred.¹⁵

However, Alice Wilkinson (late Aldred, nee Hurst) died in Hindley only five years later, and was buried in the churchyard of St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley.¹⁶ With four children to look after, John married Betty Taylor later in the year (the witnesses were the same couple who had witnessed John's marriage with Alice),¹⁷ and in 1881 the family consisted of John and Betty, with the children Esther, John Thomas, Samuel and Herbert Wilkinson. The census of that year records 40 year old John Wilkinson as a coal miner, 54 year old Betty a cotton spinner (operator), 12 year old Esther a cotton doffer, 14 year old John Thomas a coal miner, whilst 10 year old Samuel and 7 year old Herbert attended school.¹⁸

Margaret Howarth adopted by the Holt family

Meanwhile, at some time Ann Howarth gave up her daughter Margaret to be adopted, and the first indication of this was the 1881 census when 8 years old "Maggie" was listed as if she were the oldest child of a Thomas Edward Holt and his wife Mary Ann Holt (nee Taylor), living at 13 Oxford Street, Bury.¹⁹ Her birth surname of Howarth and actual relationship were given in the 1891 census, when the entry indicated that she was adopted and still living with the Holt family at the same

address.²⁰ At the time it was common for children to be looked after by another family in situations where the mother (or widower) was unable to do so; this was a private arrangement and not a legal agreement.²¹ Often there was a pre-existing kinship between the birth parent(s) and the adopting family. In this case Ann Howarth and the Holt family had not only been near neighbours (Ingham Street and Oxford Street crossed each other), but Ann Howarth had been one of the witnesses to the marriage of Thomas Edward Holt and Mary Ann Taylor.²² This does not rule out the possibility of kinship, but this has not been traced.

Margaret becomes Margaret Feast

Two years after the 1891 census was taken, twenty-year-old Margaret Howarth finally left her Holt family home when she married twenty-three-year-old William Feast who lived nearby on Trinity Street. William (1870-1964) had been born in York, and became a boot maker (sometimes referred to as a journeyman shoemaker); over the years he specialised in making surgical boots and shoes for specific customers.²³ His father was the London-born book-binder William Feast senior (1836-1904) who had settled in Bury with his family in later 1870 or early 1871.²⁴ After his wife Elizabeth died in 1900, William senior went to live for a short time with his son William and daughter-in-law Margaret at 13 Benson Street in Bury, before moving to 38 Canal Street (now Hillcrest Road), Castleton where he died in 1904.

Meanwhile, the wedding ceremony took place on the 12th of August 1893 at the Holy Trinity Church where Margaret had been baptised. Her birth father's name was not given on the certificate, but the witnesses were a William Holt (not yet identified) and Caroline Feast who was William's younger sister. All of those mentioned on the certificate were literate.²⁵ A family story is that on Margaret's "wedding day her birth father came to see her, told her who he was and that he wanted to give her money. Margaret's response was to tell him that he

hadn't helped her up to this time and she didn't want his help now".²⁶

William and Margaret in Bury

It is not clear where William and Margaret lived immediately after their wedding service, but two years later their first child Ernest was born in nearby 1 Saleses, Pimhole, and baptised at St Thomas's Church, Bury.²⁷ By the time that their next child Maud was born on 24th April 1900 the family had moved to 13 Benson Street, Bury,²⁸ whilst their third child William (Willie) was born 27th November 1907 at 45 Nuttall Street, Bury,²⁹ where the family was still living in 1914. Some time before 1920, William, Margaret and their family moved further along Nuttall Street to number 49 on the other side.

William Feast in Australia, and return to England

Evelyn Hart (nee Feast), who is granddaughter of William [b.1870], noted that "money was tight and William decided to go to Australia to work in the opal mines. Margaret decided to stay in England"³⁰ because she or her latest baby had health problems. So William sailed alone on his forty-three day journey from London to Brisbane (Queensland), departing from London on the 19th March 1909 on the "SS Ophir".³¹ Very little is known about William's stay in Australia, although his granddaughter "Ev(elyn) talked about [William's] time in the Australian opal mines, where he worked as a clerk in the mine shop, progressing to purchasing opals himself for sale or export".³² Whatever his experiences in Australia were, William stayed for less than a year before he returned home from Brisbane on the "SS Orsova", arriving in London on the 22nd January 1910.³³

At some date the partnership of Feast and Gregory was formed in Bury; presumably this was with Joseph Gregory who was recorded as a bootmaker at 63 Rochdale Road, Bury in Kelly's 1905 directory of Lancashire. In the 1911 census Joseph was given as a 36 year old bootmaker (dealer) living at 93 Rochdale

Road, Bury. At some date William's son Ernest was apprenticed to the firm of Feast and Gregory for seven years. However, at the beginning of the First World War, Ernest (who was 21 years old by then) joined the Royal Engineers as a saddler (harness maker) – probably because of the reliance by the Army on horse transport. He was transferred to the 48th company on 22nd November 1914, but was discharged as not being likely to become an efficient soldier on 16th December 1914.³⁴

Ernest and Doris Feast migrate to Canada

In April 1920 William and Margaret's son Ernest married Doris (Dorothy) Cudworth in the Congregational Chapel in Bury.³⁵ Within weeks they migrated to Canada, sailing on the "SS Megantic"; they left Liverpool on 12th June 1920 for Quebec and Montreal, where they arrived on 20th June.

Ernest and Doris (with their daughter Margaret who was born in Canada) returned to Lancashire for several weeks, sailing from Montreal on the 27th October 1923. They are known to have visited Castleton because their re-entry documentation stated that their last UK address was 65 Princes[s] Street, Castleton. They returned to Canada from Liverpool, leaving on the "SS Montclare" on 14th March 1924 and arrived in St John (New Brunswick) on the 23rd March.

William and Margaret Feast migrate to Canada

Meanwhile, in 1920 William Feast had also migrated to Canada with his wife Margaret and children Maud and Willie on the "SS Victorian", leaving from Liverpool and arriving 21st October 1920. He stated that his nearest relatives were an unnamed "brother and sister 16 Canal Street, Castleton", and gave their son Ernest as local Canadian contact. On the same journey was Ernest Crossley, also from Bury. On arrival they had to fill in their immigration forms, and Margaret stated on her card that her nearest relative was "Father, John Wilkinson 72 Lord Street, Farnworth". The card was actually filled in by her husband, but signed by her.³⁶

The Canadian census taken the following year saw them already established in their new home at 1030 Dundas Street, London (Ontario), where they lived for most of their lives. William and his son Ernest Feast both continued their careers as boot and shoe makers. Maud, their second child born in England, married Ernest Crossley in 1923; they had five children born in Canada.



Photograph of Margaret Feast in Canada

There was a small family reunion in August 1926, when Edward Reid and his wife Elizabeth (who was William Feast's sister) visited relatives in America and Canada, which included a stay in London (Ontario). At least two different photographs exist showing the two families together at this time.



Left to right: William and Margaret Feast with Elizabeth and Edward Reid, London (Ontario) Canada. 1926.

(Courtesy of the Partington family album)

William and Margaret Feast revisit their native Lancashire

William and Margaret caught up with their Lancashire relatives on two visits from Canada to England. The first time was in 1929, when William Feast sailed tourist class to England with his wife Margaret on holiday, from Montreal on the "SS Duchess of York" arriving in Liverpool 13th May 1929. They stated that they would be staying at 47 Melville Street, Castleton.³⁷ Presumably William and Margaret used it as a base from which to visit and even stay with other relatives in the region, but we do not have a record of their stay in Lancashire.

After three months they returned home by way of the USA on the "SS Leviathan", sailing from Southampton on 6th August 1929 to New York destined for Canada. They gave their last address in England as 47 Melville Street, Manchester [i.e., Castleton], and arrived in New York 12th August 1929. From there they returned home to Canada.

William and Margaret Feast's second visit to Lancashire

Twenty years after their first visit, William and Margaret visited Lancashire again – this time travelling by air. Our knowledge of this is largely because of the death of Margaret, who took ill while she and her husband were in England, and died on 7th March 1949 while they were staying at 46 Clovelly Street, Castleton.³⁸ The *Rochdale Observer* says that William and Margaret flew to England for the funeral of his brother Henry.³⁹ They had first stayed with Mrs Maud Brewer in Canal Street [renamed Hillcrest Road] in Castleton,⁴⁰ and on Sunday 6th March William and Margaret moved to stay with their niece (Agnes Greenwood) at 46 Clovelly Street.⁴¹ That evening she fell ill and a doctor was called who ordered complete rest. The following morning she was worse, the doctor was called again,

and Margaret died while he was still there. Her family in Canada was informed, and their son William junior "rushed 500 miles by road to catch an aeroplane from Montreal on Tuesday afternoon and arrived in Manchester on Wednesday night in order that he could be present".⁴²

The streets near St Martin's Church, Castleton, became Feast and Reid country, and Clovelly Street is just across Castleton railway station and Manchester Road. In 1880 William's older sister Elizabeth Feast had married Edward Reid in Bury, where they had eight children. In the mid 1890s the couple moved to Castleton, where the last two of their ten children were born. Child number seven was Eliza Reid who moved with her parents to Castleton, and in 1913 she married James Arthur Partington in St Martin's Church. Arthur died in 1944 and was buried in the Churchyard in a new grave. Eliza Reid was a niece of Margaret's husband William Feast, so the solution was that Margaret should be buried in the Partington grave in which only Arthur Partington had been interred five years previously.

Margaret was laid to rest on the 11th March 1949, just a few kilometres from where she was born.⁴³ My cousin Barbara Hughes nee Partington remembers talking with the younger William Feast [born 1907] on the day that her niece was born on 29th March 1949 – so the two William Feasts (father and son) must have stayed in the Castleton area for a time after the funeral service. Margaret's husband William Feast and their son William returned to Canada by air sometime after the funeral ceremony to spend the rest of their lives there. Margaret's husband died in Canada in 1964, where their descendants still live – but Margaret herself still lies in Castleton.



Photograph of Partington gravestone with Margaret added at the bottom.

ENDNOTES

1.

Birth certificate: GRO, March 1873 quarter, Bury 8C.498, no. 259. Sixth January 1873, 37 Ingham Street, Bury/ Margaret / Girl/ [mother] Ann Howarth/ [informant] + The Mark of Ann Howarth, Mother, 37 Ingham Street, Bury/ [registered] Twenty Seventh January 1873/ Dennis Grundy, Registrar."

2.

The most likely identification appears to be the Ann Howarth in the 1871 census: RG10/3957, fo.59, p.35, schedule 175. (Age 41, domestic servant to Thomas Hardman, Woollen Manufacturer), Russell Villas, Walmersley Road, Bury North (next to St John's Vicarage).

3.

Baptism: Holy Trinity Church, Bury. 1873, p.77, entry 612, 15 February 1873. "Margaret Howarth [child of] John Wilkinson and Annie Howarth; born 6 Jan 1873; Father's abode: Farnworth; Occupation: mechanic; Mother's abode: 73 Ingham Street; Baptised by: F. Wilson, vicar."

4.

See endnote 36.

5.

(See also endnote 9.) St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley. Register of Marriage, 1873, p.20, entry 39, "January 1st 1873, John Wilkinson, 30, Widower, Collier, [lived] Farnworth, [father] John Wilkinson, Carter; [&] Alice Aldred, 29, Widow, [lived] Farnworth, [Father] Daniel Hurst, Collier;

after Banns by me William Henry Taylor, Vicar; between us [signed] John Wilkinson [&] Alice Aldred her X mark; in the Presence of us, Robert Drinnan his X mark [&] Mary Drinnan."

6.

GRO: June 1842 quarter, Bolton 21, 159. This appears to be the "best fit" for the correct father of Margaret. One factor was that John named his first daughter with Alice after his mother.

7.

Register of Baptism, 1842, p.18, entry 142, "July 3, John [son of] John & Esther Wilkinson, [lived] Kearsley, Labourer, [bapt by] J[?]. Sutcliffe, Curate."

8.

Lords Cottages, Kearsley 1851 census (HO107/2206, fo.9,p.10, schedule 34); Cooke's Buildings, Kearsley 1861 census (RG9/2808, fo.118, p.13, schedule 61); 13 Lark Hill, Farnworth 1871 census (RG10/3918, fo.153, p.67, schedule 383); Farnworth (Lancs) 1873 [baptism of his illegitimate daughter Margaret Howarth]; Manchester Rd., Farnworth 1873 [baptism of children Herbert & Esther]; 20 Royley Row, Kearsley 1881 census (RG11/3816, fo.53, p.31, schedule 175).

9.

The 1871 census describes John as married, but no previous marriage has yet been identified. He is described as a widower in his marriage to Alice (see endnote 13).

10.

St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley. Register of Marriage, 1863, p.129, entry 257, "February 7th, Peter Aldred, 20, Bachelor, [trade] Collier, [lived] Farnworth, [father] John Aldred, Collier; [&] Alice Hurst, 19, Spinster, [lived] Farnworth, [father] Daniel Hurst, Collier; ... after Banns by me, W. H. Burns; ... between us [signed] Peter Aldred his X Mark [&] Alice Hurst her X Mark; in the Presence of us, [signed] James Towers his X Mark [&] Mary Aldred her X Mark."

11.

The source is the 1871 census (RG10/3918. Fo.153, pp.67-68, schedule 383) where John Wilkinson (Coal Miner) age 28, Head, is given as living at 13 Lark Hill, Farnworth. Other people living there were: Alice Aldred, age 28 (Housekeeper), and the three children: John T. W. Aldred (scholar), Esther W. Aldred and

Samuel Aldred. Birth certificates and census entries do not necessarily agree on parentage.

12.

John Thomas Wilkinson Aldred: GRO: June 1867 quarter, Bolton 8c 227, "No. 42, [born] Nineteenth April 1867, Top oth Hole, Farnworth, [name] John Thomas Wilkinson/[sex] Boy, [father blank], [mother] Alice Aldred, [informant] X The mark of Alice Aldred, Mother, Top oth Hole, Farnworth, [registered] Twenty third April 1867. [signed] Peter Thornley Registrar."

Esther W. Aldred: GRO: Esther Wilkinson [sic], September 1868 Quarter, Bolton 8c 244. "No. 490, Eighteenth July 1868 31 Lark Hill, Farnworth, Esther, Girl, [father] John Wilkinson, [mother] Alice Wilkinson formerly Hurst, [father's trade] Coal Miner, [informant] X The mark of Alice Wilkinson, Mother, 31 Lark Hill, Farnworth, [registered] Fourteenth August 1868/[signature] Peter Thornley Registrar." This indicates that information about parentage on birth certificates can differ from Census records.

Samuel Aldred: GRO: March 1871 quarter, Bolton 8c 271, "No. 414,/[born] Twentyeighth December 1870, 104 Long Causeway, Farnworth/ Samuel/ [sex] Boy/ [father] John Aldred/ [mother] Alice Aldred formerly Hurst/ [father's trade] Coal Miner/ [informant] X The mark of Alice Aldred, Mother, 104 Long Causeway, Farnworth/ [registered] Twenty seventh February 1871/ [signed] Peter Thornley, Registrar [&] Simpson Cooper, Superintendent Registrar."

13.

St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley, Register of Marriage, 1873, p.20, entry 39, "January 1st 1873/ John Wilkinson/ 30/ Widower/ Collier/ [lived] Farnworth/ [father] John Wilkinson/ [trade] Carter/ [&] Alice Aldred/ 29/ Widow/ [lived] Farnworth/ [Father] Daniel Hurst/ [trade] Collier/ after Banns by me William Henry Taylor, Vicar/ between us [signed] John Wilkinson [&] Alice Aldred her X mark/ in the Presence of us, Robert Drinnan his X mark [&] Mary Drinnan."

14.

GRO, September 1873 quarter, Bolton 8c 257, "406/ Twentyninth June 1873, Entwisle Row, Kearsley, [name] Herbert, Boy, [father] John Wilkinson, [mother] Alice Wilkinson formerly Hurst, [father's trade] Coal miner, [informant] X The mark of Alice Wilkinson, Mother, Entwisle Row Kearsley, [Registered] Twenty fourth July 1873, Peter Thornley, Registrar."

15.

(a) Register of Baptism, 1873, "p.298, entry 2383, Oct 5th, Herbert [son of] John and Alice Wilkinson, [abode] Manchester Road, [father's trade]: Collier; [by] W. H. Taylor";

(b) Register of Baptism, 1873, p.299, entry 2388, "Oct 5th, Esther, [daughter of] John & Alice Wilkinson, Manchester Road, [father's trade] Collier, [by] W. H. Taylor." ["6th Oct." on outer margin of last page of register.]

(c) Register of Baptism, 1867, p.91, entry 727, "May 11th, John Thomas Wilkinson son of (John Wilkinson and) Alice Aldred, [abode] Kearsley, Single Woman, [by] W. H. Taylor".

(d) Register of Baptism, 1871, p.210, entry 1676, "Samuel [son of] Alice Aldred, [of] Farnworth, Widow, [baptised by] W. H. Taylor."

16.

St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley: Register of Burials, 1878, p.9, entry 68, "Alice Wilkinson, [abode] Hindley, [burial] January 31st, [age] 34 years, [by] W. H. Taylor."

17.

St John the Evangelist, Farnworth with Kearsley: Register of Marriage, 1878, p.240, entry 480, "5th August 1878, John Wilkinson, full age, Widower, Collier, [abode] Farnworth, [father] John Wilkinson, Carter, [&] Betty Taylor, full age, Spinster, [abode] Farnworth, [father Robert Taylor, Collier; after banns by me John Worthington; between us John Wilkinson [&] Betty Taylor X her mark; in the Presence of us [signed] Robert Drinan X his mark [&] Mary Drinan."

18.

1881 census: RG11/3816, fo.53, p.31, schedule 175.

19.

RG11/3862, fo.16, p.27, schedule 129. Margaret was listed as Maggie Holt, daughter, age 8, scholar, born in Bury. The other children were 5 year old Mary, 3 year old Alice and 11 month old Jane.

20.

RG12/3136, fo.119, p.12, schedule 73. Since the previous census, the Holts had had three sons; 9 year old Samuel, 6 year old George, and 1 year old Thomas. Margaret Howarth was listed as Adopted, Single, 18 year old and a Card Room Hand (Cotton).

21.

The first Adoption of Children Act in England was not passed until 1926.

22.

St Paul's Church, Bury. Register of Marriages, 1870, p.207, entry 414. "January 29th, Thomas Edward Holt, 22 years, Bachelor, Stripper & Grinder, Bell Lane, [father] Henry Holt, Stripper & Grinder [&] Mary Ann Taylor, 19 years, Spinster, Pinhole, [father] George Taylor, Labourer ... [signed] Thomas Edward Holt [&] Mary Ann Taylor X her mark, [witnesses] David French X his mark [&] Ann Howarth X her mark."

23.

Information from my mother, who was a niece of Margaret's husband William Feast.

24.

See: "William Feast of Bury: Supporter of Church and Tavern", by Edward Reid-Smith. In, 'Lancashire' [The Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society] 38(3), August 2016, pp.21-24.

25.

GRO: Sept 1893 quarter, Bury 8c 616, "1893 Marriage solemnized at Holy Trinity in the Parish of Holy Trinity in the County of Bury/ No.402/ August 12th 1893/ William Feast/ 23/ Bachelor/ Bootmaker/ 10 Trinity St/ [father] William Feast, [trade] Bookbinder/ [&] Margaret Howarth/ 20/ 13 Oxford Street/ [no father given]/ Married in the Church of Holy Trinity according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me, J. C. Hordern/ Priest, Vicar/ between

us [signed] William Feast [&] Margaret Howarth/ in the Presence of us, William Holt [&] Caroline Feast."

26.

"Things my father told me re: Margaret Howarth (b.1907) and William Feast (b.1870), parents of William Feast [b.1907] related to Evelyn Hart (nee Feast), by her father William Feast (b.1907). January 2022, London, Ontario, Canada." [2pp typed by Joan Slater nee Prescott, January 2022.]

27.

(a) Birth certificate, GRO: June 1895 quarter, Bury 8c 608; "Thirtieth May 1895/ 1 Saleses [sic], Bury UD/ Ernest/ Boy/ [father] William Feast/ [mother] Margaret Feast formerly Howarth/ [father's trade] Shoemaker (Journeyman)/ [informant] Margaret Feast/ Mother/ 1 Saleses, Pimhole, Bury/ [registered] Twenty fourth June 1895/ Squire Holt, Registrar."; (b) St Thomas's Register of Baptism, 1895, p.117 entry 931, "[Bapt] June 26, Born May 30 1895, Ernest [son of] William & Margaret Feast, [abode] 1 Sales, Pimhole, [trade] Shoemaker, [by] J. Williams."

28.

(a) Birth certificate, GRO: March 1900 quarter, Bury 8c 589; (b) St Thomas's Register of Baptism, 1900, p.170, entry 1354, "[bapt] May 13th/ [born] April 24th/ Maud [daughter of] William & Margaret Feast/ [abode] 13 Benson Street, Bury/ [father's trade] Shoe maker/ [by] R. P. Trend Smith."

29.

(a) Birth certificate, GRO March 1908 quarter, Bury 8c. 603; (b) Baptism, St Thomas's Register of Baptisms, 1907, p.37, entry 295, "[bapt] Decr 18, born Novr 27, William [son of] William & Margaret Feast, 45 Nuttall St, Bury, Shoemaker, [by] J. Williams."

30.

"Things my father told me ..." See endnote 26.

31.

Shipping Register. Name of Ship: "Ophir"; Date of departure: 19th March 1909; Where Bound: Australia; Port of Departure: London; Steamship Line: Orient Royal Mail. Ticket number 19, Mr Wm Feast, Shoemaker, English male, Port: Brisbane.

32.

Extract from email from Joan Slater nee Prescott received 9 August 2021 reporting on her recent conversation with Evelyn Patricia Feast later Hart.

33.

Source: Shipping Registers.

34.

Army Form B111: short service.

35.

Marriage Certificate, GRO: June 1920 quarter, Bury 8c 1781, "1920. Marriage solemnized at Castlecroft Congregational Chapel, Bury. No. 3, April 3rd 1920. Ernest Feast, 24, Bachelor, [trade] Master Boot Maker, [of] 45 Nuttall St. Bury, [father] William Feast, [trade] Master Boot Maker; [&] Doris Cudworth, 22, Spinster, [trade] Cotton Weaver, [of] 77 Lord St., Elton, Bury, [father] Samuel Cudworth, [trade] Painter; ... in the Presence of Frank H. Cudworth [&] Maud Feast, And in the Presence of Frank F. Turner, Authorised Person for the said chapel."

36.

The 1920 Canadian entry form is the only document suggesting that Margaret knew (or thought that she knew) her birth father's address at some time; it does not indicate that he was still alive. The 1921 census recorded that a John Whittle and family were actually living at that address.

37.

Source: Shipping Register. This was the home of my parents which William and Margaret used as a base for visiting and presumably staying with other relatives. My mother was William Feast's niece.

38.

Death certificate: GRO, March 1949 quarter, Rochdale 10f. 488, "Death in the Sub-district of Castleton in the County Borough of Rochdale, No. 96, Seventh March 1949, 46 Clovelly Street, U.D., Margaret Feast, 76 years, of 1030 Dundas Street, London, Ontario, Canada, Wife of William Feast a shoemaker, [cause of death] (a) Coronary Thrombosis, (b) Arterio Sclerosis, Certified by L. Kilroe, M.D., [informant] William Feast, Widower of deceased Present at the death, 1030 Dundas

Street, London, Ontario, Canada, [registered] Seventh March 1949. [signed] Harry Campbell, Registrar."

39.

Harry (1866-1949) died in Birch Hill 24th February, and was buried in Bury 3rd March. His death certificate (GRO: March 1949 quarter, Littleborough 10d 128) stated that cause of death was the same as for Margaret Feast (qv).

40.

Maud Reid married Robert Brewer in 1906 (GRO: Sept 1906 quarter, Rochdale 8e 17.) She lived in 38 Canal Street [renamed Hillcrest Road], Castleton.

41.

The Rochdale Observer newspaper incorrectly stated "26 Clovelly Street".

42.

"For Funeral. Died Whilst Staying With Relatives". Rochdale Observer, Saturday 12th March 1949. I am indebted to my cousin Sue Farrington for tracing and copying this article.

43.

St Martin's, Castleton: Register of Burials, 1949, p.45, entry 354. 11th March 1949, Margaret Feast. [Age] 76 years. [Abode]: 46 Clovelly Street, Marland. [Burial service by] Arthur Law, Vicar.

DEATHS NOTIFIED

Mrs Dorothy J Rolfe – Birkdale

James Henaugan –

Sheila Walsh – Hyndburn

John James Edgerley – Chorley

Jean Nicholls – London Branch

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

John James Edgerley

John, born in 1931, was a well-known Painter and Decorator in Chorley. He married Josephine Fisher in 1954 and they had 6 children. John was a keen fisherman and bowler, but it was when he retired he took up two additional interests – Computers and Family History. He was an early and active member of Chorley Computer Club and joined Chorley Branch of the LFHHS in its early days. When the Research Centre at Chorley opened some 21 years ago he was an early volunteer and was helping people with their researches up until last year. A man full of energy, when he was in his late 70's he took up scuba diving in the UK and then took himself off to explore the coral reefs of the Red Sea. At the age of 87, to raise money for charity, he abseiled off the tower of his Church and enjoyed it so much he went back up and did it again. John died on 9th January 2023 aged 92 and his life was celebrated at St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods on 31st January. He will be missed by his children, his 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren and also by Chorley Branch and the volunteers at the Family History Centre at Chorley.

Ron Chapman, Chorley

BOOK REVIEWS ETC

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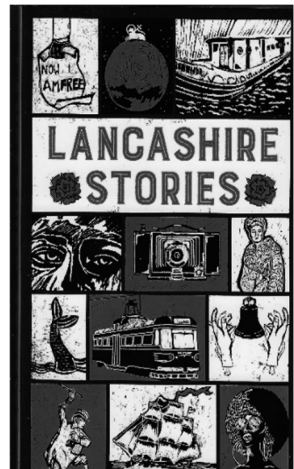
would interest some of our members, you may simply forward the review to Hazel Johnson, editor@lfhhs.org.uk or hazel.johnson2@btopenworld.com as usual. Thank you.

LANCASHIRE STORIES BY VARIOUS WRITERS

Lancashire Stories answers questions like what would life be like when we are able to emigrate to Mars, what will happen to the Preston Guild and what was life like for immigrants moving to Lancashire in times past? A compendium of Lancashire short stories devised by a collection of 17 exceptionally talented writers that will appeal to a wide selection of readers, something for everyone stories of the past, present and the future of a county rich in its heritage and traditions celebrates the county in all its glory.

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There is a supplement giving pen-pictures of all the writers which creates an element of realism to the stories, and the book has been made possible due to the generous help and support of Lancashire County Council's Cultural Services providing support and guidance, as well as ideas and inspiration, Blackpool and Blackburn and Darwen Library Services and the Arts Council England and UCLAN publishing for the project.



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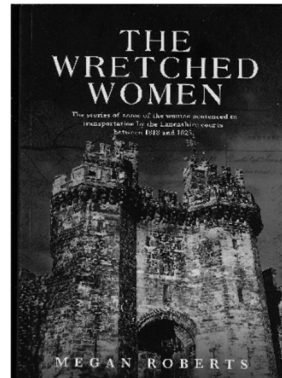
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Treasurer LFHHS

THE WRETCHED WOMEN

By Megan Roberts, Member 10937

On the 15th day of May 1824 twenty women under sentence of transportation languished in the gaol at Lancaster Castle, some of whom had been there for a number of years and the oldest of whom was aged 76. One of the women, a 52-year-old called Mary Partridge the elder, had a note added to the file stating 'Mary Partridge is a fit and healthy woman and wishes to go abroad'. Who were these women? How did they come to be sentenced to transportation? Why would anyone want to 'go abroad'?



Megan Roberts, previous publisher of a book in 2018 titled '*Transported*' based on the transportation of a distant cousin in 1832, came across an appeal file, and there buried in it was a list of 20 or so women who in 1824 were languishing in Lancaster gaol under sentence of transportation, some of whom had been there for a number of years. Intrigued by this she set out to discover what happened to them, '*Transported*' concerned only male convicts, so the research into *The Wretched Women* included principally the differences of treatment handed out to women. As 20 or so individual stories was insufficient for a book it was expanded to 138 women who were sentenced to transportation at the same court sessions as the other 20, and any other women who were convicted at different court sessions in Lancashire and transported on the same ships as them. The book covers a period of six years between March 1818 and Mat 1824, 12

different trial sessions and 10 separate voyages to Australia. Being tried and/or convicted in Lancashire did not necessarily imply that the defendants only came from that county, many of the 138 were not born in Lancashire at all but came from as far afield as Scotland, Ireland and Southern England.

Some introductory facts are laid out in the book for anyone who is unfamiliar with the 19th century criminal justice system, or indeed transportation. An article published in *The Scotsman* newspaper on 28 April 1824 entitled *Crimes and offences in England and Wales in 1823* and the seven years ending 1823 revealed some interesting facts at a time when the population of those two countries was just 12 million that were quite astonishing – over 93,000 males and females were committed for trial of which 8,224 were sentenced to death, but only 691 actually executed, 13,241 to transportation, 38,728 to imprisonment and 1,850 to a whipping and fine. 17,175 were acquitted where their sentences were mitigated (commuted). *The Carlisle Journal* dated 2 May 1840 reported that the ‘*Society for the Suppression of Capital Punishment*’ had published the following statistics for the nine years ending in 1839:

	Executed	No. of Committals
Horse Stealing	46	1626
Burglary and Housebreaking	36	5199
Robbery	36	1949
Attempted Murder	14	520
Capital Assaults against Females	16	222

The ‘*Society for Suppression of Capital Punishment*’ concluded that the commutation of the death sentence did not show any decrease in the rate of those crimes, thus demonstrating that the death sentence was not a deterrent. As a way of comparison, in 2019 about 100,000 people stood trial in the Crown Courts, which is akin to a nine-fold increase, whereas the population increased by only five-fold.

There are much, much more revelations of those unfortunate 138 women summarised with personal details, an alphabetical list of the convicts and an appendix of sources of information. Available space in this Journal prevents me from continuing this engrossing narrative of an exceptionally well researched and interesting book, Megan Roberts is to be congratulated on her achievement and may I thank her for permission to review her book and republish certain elements therefrom, I have been thoroughly captivated with the book.

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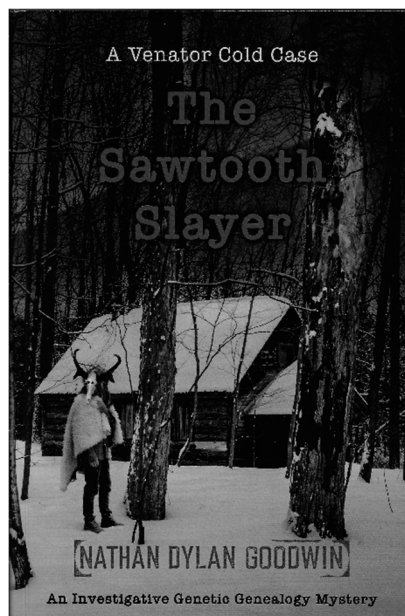
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THE INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY MYSTERIES OF NATHAN DYLAN GOODWIN

The latest novel in the series is entitled '*The Sawtooth Slayer*', the second novel in the Venator Cold Case series which now follows his acclaimed Forensic Genealogist series of books set generally in the United States, but he is a native of Hastings, East Sussex, having attended school in the town. He is a qualified teacher, member of the Guild of One-Name Studies and the Society of Genealogists as well as the Sussex Family History Society and others. He brings reliable and authentic authority and originality to his novels on genealogy matters.

In this book he fully explains the



process of investigative genetic genealogical research into DNA by his company based in Salt Lake City in the midst of the global pandemic which closed his office and posed both personal and professional problems when time is running out on a case.

I have reviewed several of his novels and found them to be of serious interest in their exposure of the infinite technical aspects of genealogical detection especially using DNA and other routines, clearly explained in detail, and useful to amateur genealogists like myself and others who would never have had the opportunity to have had these technical works revealed otherwise. I recommend reading these novels by Nathan Goodwin which are mind provoking.

This book has an ISBN No.9798844327537 in paperback priced at £8.99 from Amazon.

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MAPS OF LANCASHIRE
Old Ordnance Survey Maps
By Alan Godfrey

Now featuring in Alan Godfrey's Pennines to Lancashire Maps – present day Lancashire that is, excluding Merseyside, Greater Manchester and the area 'across the water' in Furness. That still leaves a good range of around 45 maps, from Fleetwood eastward to Colne, plus a handful of Inch to the Mile maps. I think the Burnley maps led the way in our Lancashire series, the local studies librarian there, Jean Siddall, having approached us to include them back in 1985. Other important towns covered include Accrington, Chorley, Lancaster, Morecambe and Preston, while the map of Rossall was chosen as the 2,000th map in the series.

Note that the maps of Blackpool and Blackburn & Darwen, are

both unitary authorities with their own pages on our website.

NOTES AND NEWS

SOCIETY HELP DESK AT TARLETON LIBRARY

Ian White and Jennifer Benson have restarted their regular help sessions at Tarleton Library. Everyone welcome.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

PRESTON BRANCH HELP DESK AT LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Usually Jennifer Benson, Joan Clayton, Peter Bamford and sometimes Stewart McLaughlin have restarted their regular help sessions at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston. Everyone welcome.

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 09.30 am 12.00 pm

HELPING HANDS

Do you have a family history question or need a library/archive lookup then Helping Hands might be able to help.

Contact: help@lfhhs.org.uk

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Did you know that the Society still collect any Out of County Strays or Newspaper Cuttings or Stories?

If you have or find any, please forward to
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Many members have ancestors who have strayed away from Lancashire and been lost to their families forever.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE WEBSITE MEMBERS' AREA

We used to exchange our Society paper journals with about 100 other family history societies through a scheme originally set up by the Federation of Family History Societies and these back issues were held in the Research Centre at Oswaldtwistle for members to look up and reference.

Over the years a number of factors have led to interest in this falling away –

Lack of knowledge of the facility by newer members

Lack of storage space at Oswaldtwistle

High cost of postage to us and other exchanging societies etc

In 2020 we took the decision to stop exchanging paper copies and move to electronic copies being exchanged – cost effective and available to all our membership worldwide through the Members' Area of the website rather than just those in range of Oswaldtwistle.

We currently exchange about 70 titles each month both UK and overseas societies.

If you are interested in the titles available please email me and I will send you a list - stephen.t.benson@btinternet.com

If we do not have your society of interest yet, let me know

details and I will approach them to see if they will take part in the exchange scheme.

Stephen Benson
Exchange Journal Co-ordinator

CORPORATE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY INCLUDING ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES AND OTHER FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES

Members should be aware that the following organisations are members of the Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society:-

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In addition, a small number of family history societies are members, so that they can obtain copies of our Journal that used to be circulated under the “Exchange Journals” scheme which now only operates by the exchange of electronic copies in pdf format.

BRANCH NEWS

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We have continued to meet at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Cunliffe Hall (Chorley Masonic Hall) and have enjoyed a varied and interesting programme of speakers covering subjects as diverse as The Lancashire Dialect to Local War Memorials.

Our programme for the first half of 2023 is equally diverse, ranging from a history of prosthetics to railways around Chorley. We are very grateful to Marian for arranging such a varied programme.

Our December 2022 meeting was the usual successful format of a quiz and hotpot with January's meeting being a themed "show and tell" centred on individuals' memories of and items from the Queen's 70 year reign ... an interesting reminder of things and events.

In common with all branches our attendance figures show a decline from pre-pandemic months but we remain optimistic and are booked at the Masonic Hall until December 2024. Come and join us for one of our meetings – I am sure you will enjoy a warm welcome and an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Submitted by Bernard Cliffe, Branch Chairman

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Due to a mix up in January we did not have a speaker. However, Roy kindly produced a quiz and we enjoyed that. Parts of the body in relation to clues, as in 2 tall trees – obviously palms, yes, but not obvious to a good number of us. This resulted in some fun. We also had a raffle and a free lucky dip to add to more laughs. Not a well attended meeting, there were a few people who were not well enough to attend. Some other kind of 'flu has been going around and it has made lots of people give up and go to bed until they felt better. Thank goodness, this now seems to be affecting less and less people.

Thanks go to Roy for his work in producing the varied quiz lists for the December meeting. Also, thanks to everyone who attended and added to the Jacobs Join table, far too much food, but no waste as we each took home what was left of what we brought and everyone enjoyed a jolly good feast.

By the time that the next issue of the Journal is produced, the February meeting will have been and gone. The next meeting will be the AGM in March. After the conclusion of the business, short and sweet, there should be time for a little research and hints and tips to share with each other.

In April we will hold a Workshop when we endeavour to help each other with family history research, especially the newer members. I intend to produce an up-to-date list of where to find information, free or otherwise.

Our Facebook page has stirred a great deal of interest and new members have asked to join with us. It is always good to have new faces, we welcome everyone and hope that we can add to their family history research and add more names and information to their family trees. It is difficult to explain how many resources that we hold in the branch, but hopefully by April I will be able to gather a good number of these to take to the Workshop meeting. That not everything is online is one big fact that we need to share.

The programme for this year is "in progress". May and June meetings will be devoted to Research and how we can help with family tree research. In July we are hoping to have a visit from Brenda who will talk about the RNLI. A very necessary service, especially as you live by the sea as I do and we are so aware of the tragedies that happen. No Government money!

A further meeting will be about Kirkham Workhouse and we have a virtual tour around the battlefields of the Boer War, and the story of a Wesham man and his war experiences. Plus, another trip down Memory Lane thanks to the Evening Gazette.

As I keep searching through my computer I find snippets of information, here is one small list.

decimo octavo = on the 18th

duxit in matrimonium = led into marriage

et = and

omnes = all, every

ultimo = last, e.g.

ultimo die mensis = on the last day of the month

eodem die = on the same day

eodem anno = in the same year

primo = on the first

octavo = on the 8th
decimo = on the 10th

when the date is written as ending in j consider the j as the final "1"

1 i
2 ij
3 iij
4 iiij
17 xvij

And so on. Obviously, there will be more comprehensive lists to be found on Google.

I found these numbers very confusing until this list appeared.

We look forward to meeting lots of members at the Society AGM on 20th May, always a good day, including an excellent buffet.

HERALDRY GROUP
Contact Stephen Benson

Now that 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle is open again we are trying to relaunch the group. No programme has been arranged, but notices will appear on the members forum and the Society website. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

HYNDBURN
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In November the Branch met at the Straits for a talk about the

British Legion by the Church and Oswaldtwistle Chairperson, Hilary Austin. They have been a very active Branch for some years and have organised many fund-raising activities in the area. The illustrated talk was very informative and there were many items brought along for sale just in time for Remembrance Day.

In December we had our usual Christmas social and Jacob's Join which was greatly enjoyed albeit by fewer members than usual. Sadly, it was the last time we saw our long-standing member Sheila Walsh who was taken ill shortly afterwards and died on Christmas Day, four days after her 89th birthday. Many members will remember Sheila as the first friendly face who greeted everyone attending our Branch meetings at the door and made sure that new visitors were made welcome. She served on the committee for many years and was responsible for transcribing a number of Church records. Her death was a great and unexpected shock to us all and we will miss her friendship and remember her with affection.

We decided not to hold a January meeting as it would be so close to Christmas and have now hopefully found a new meeting place, near to the Straits. We will be holding our first meeting there on February 1st and if all goes well will continue to meet there on the first Wednesday of the month. The change of day has been agreed with all our current attendees and please keep an eye on the website for future meeting information.

**New Venue : Accrington Sea Cadets, Harvey Street,
Oswaldtwistle, Accrington BB5 3LT**

**Now first Wednesday of each month.
Doors open 6.45pm for a 7.00 start.**

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Joint Cumbria/Lancashire/Cheshire/London & South

The next talk for the London and South Branch will be on Saturday 1 April 2023. Keith Simpson will give his talk "John Preston Lives On". Keith's grandmother started his interest in his family history. An article titled 'Preston is 104 years old' in some newspapers she gave to him prompted him to ask, who was this man and how was he related to Keith? He was hooked and will unfold his journey of discovery in the presentation.

We have arranged a DNA talk by Debbie Kennet on Saturday 25 November 2023. More details will follow in the next journal. I am also in the process of arranging talks for early July and September. I hope to have these finalised soon. All talks will be on Zoom starting at 2pm.

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The Preston branch has been inactive since November when we had a talk by Alan Crosbie, reported in the November Journal. At the end of November our members met and enjoyed a 'Jacobs Join' and discussions of individual family history affairs bringing one or two brick walls crashing down to the delight of the members concerned. We look forward now to a fascinating full programme for 2023 arranged by our Programme Secretary Joan Clayton, commencing with Keith Johnson speaking on 'Preston Reflections', Lindsay Barrow will explain the 'History of ROF' in February, David Butters on 'Sounds of the Trenches' in March and Nigel Hardacre discussing 'The Old Tram Road' in April. That is a pretty good start to the year, thank you Joan, and I look forward to many more members returning to Kingsfold Church on the last Wednesday of each month – 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Come and join us, let more walls come tumbling down.

Submitted by Ian White

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We were unable to have our planned speaker in September, instead Lynne entertained us by arranging a quiz evening. Our knowledge was tested with questions on Rochdale history, children's games and general British history.

We had another change to our programme in October as unfortunately our speaker for the evening was unable to

attend. Instead, we watched two short fascinating films on Medieval Middleton and the history of St Leonards Parish Church, Middleton. They were an excellent reminder of just how much interesting local history there is in the surrounding area.

Thank you to all the members who were able to come along to our Christmas social in November. We hope you all enjoyed the evening.

We will be holding our usual branch AGM in March; please come along and show your support if you can. Details of this years programme of meetings and speakers will be sent out to members soon. If you have any suggestions or ideas for future talks, please let Lynne or me know.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support, we hope 2023 is a good year for you all.

ROSSENDALE

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For November we had members giving ten-minute talks on a military ancestor.

Leo Turner spoke about his uncle, Gerrard Majella Spencer, who was on the aircraft carrier *Glorious*, which started its life in WW1 as a battle cruiser in 1914 and was one of the Baltic Fleet during the 1st WW, surviving the ordeal and during the interim period from the 1st WW to the 2nd WW was converted to an aircraft carrier. J Gerrard, having served his time working for Armstrong Siddeley the motor manufacturer, and with the outbreak of war in 1939, enlisted in the RAF as a mechanic. As the aircraft at that time had Armstrong Siddeley engines, he was assigned to the carrier *Glorious*. Eventually the *Glorious* was sent to patrol the coast of Norway in May 1940 after the occupation of Norway by the German army. The German

battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were trapped in a fiord in Norway and the British Fleet were waiting for them to try to break out. On 8th June 1940 the Germans made their dash for the open sea and in the battle the Glorious was hit with salvos from the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and started to sink. Gerrard managed to get off the sinking carrier and ended up on a life raft, the type that only had a net as the floor so they sat with their feet in the water. For 6 days! They were afloat without food and drinking water and with their tongues swollen and legs frozen, eventually picked up by a Norwegian fishing boat and taken to Scotland. Of the hundreds of crew that were aboard the Glorious only 36 were rescued. The official report on the action is still classified as secret until 2041. Gerrard suffered the rest of his life with leg problems and never spoke again about his ordeal. Born in 1920, he died in 1986 and is buried in Colne, Lancashire. A good article on this action can be found at: <https://www.hmsglorious.com/>



John Dalton told us about his ancestor Albert Stubbs, who was in the Royal Horse Artillery at the outbreak of WW1. He was

wounded at Ypres in October 1914, being invalided out in February 1915.

In December we had a much lighter note, as it was our Christmas party. Leo provided us with his delicious potato pie, then brought in some simple board games, which we were able to learn quite quickly and entertained us for the rest of the evening.

We opened as usual in January, despite the very cold weather, by having a giveaway book and magazine table. At the Straits we have accumulated numerous duplicate books from donations in recent years, as well as a pile of family history magazines. I took in a couple of bagsful of these and our branch members had a great time looking through them and choosing some to take home. Double success: fresh reading for the members, and clearing some room at the Straits!

In February Leo will be giving us an illustrated talk on reading old handwriting.

Submitted by John Dalton

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR THE
MAY 2023 MAGAZINE IS : 30 MARCH 2023 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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BRADSHAW	LAN	Pilkington, Whitefield And Radcliffe	1800s
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HACKING	LAN	Rossendale	All
HEYWORTH	LAN	Rossendale	All
SPENCER	LAN	Rossendale	All

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DATE : SATURDAY 20 MAY

VENUE : RHYDDINGS CHAPEL, OSWALDTWISTLE

**Full details and Booking Form will be available on
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Details will also go out via the Members Forum.**

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