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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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Avenham Park, Preston

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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

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The busy period of processing membership renewals has now passed for another year.

Thank you for all the messages received as well, of course, as the subscriptions! I hope I've responded to all who contacted me but doing all the work required for membership renewals means a lot of balls in the air all at once! I'm sorry if I didn't respond.

I also apologise for any errors or omissions on my part which may have caused frustration or inconvenience. I do my best but I am all too well aware that I am not infallible! Fitting in the volume of work is a challenge around everything for Christmas and New Year and also as I am one of those who Saga describe as 'part-retired'!

I do enjoy hearing from members, it's what makes it all the more enjoyable rather than just processing data. Some messages make me smile though there are sad and very touching ones too. If I haven't replied, your message was nonetheless gratefully received and read. And to those who pay a little beyond the beginning of January, there is no need for apology – a late subscription is always better than none at all!

Speaking of which, have you considered setting up a standing order so that your subscription is paid automatically each year? Please see the **standing order form** which you can complete and provide direct to your bank. The form also has our bank details for those with online banking who either want to set up a standing order or make a payment by bank transfer, in which case it would help if you could include your membership number to help with processing, please.

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Many thanks and best wishes, Sue Foster

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2023

- 9 May Virtual - Family, House & Local History – sources before 1837 – Jackie Depelle
- 11 May Chorley - Lancashire Murders and Hangmen – Steve Fielding
- 31 May Preston - Who’s a Pretty Boy Then? – Peter Bamford
- 31 May Rochdale - The Newalls of Littleborough – Iain Bowden
- 7 June Fylde - Another Trip Down Memory Lane
Via Gazette, pictures and cuttings
- 7 June Hyndburn - Where did that come from? – Linda Sawley
- 8 June Chorley - Railways Around Chorley – Steve Williams
- 10 June Irish - Advice and Research 1pm – 4.30pm
- 13 June Virtual - Another fascinating talk from
Dr Alan Crosby
- 28 June Preston - The Pedders of Preston – Birth of a
banking dynasty? – Peter Smith
- 28 June Rochdale - Little Pieces of Paper – Chris Makepeace
- 11 July Virtual - Hangmen from the Victorian era to 1960 –
Steve Fielding
- 13 July Chorley - Visit St Georges Church, Chorley
- 26 July Preston - Rufford Old Hall – Margaret Lambert
- 26 July Rochdale - Maps – Jennie Bailey
- 8 Aug Virtual - Traditions of Death and Burial –
Dr Helen Frisby
- 10 Aug Chorley - Talk to be arranged at Astley Hall
- 12 Aug Irish - Advice and Research 1pm – 4.30pm
- 30 Aug Preston - Own Research
- 30 Aug Rochdale - Old Littleborough Churches – Iain Bowden
- 12 Sep Virtual - Where did that phrase come from? –
Linda Sawley
- 14 Sep Chorley - Down the Rabbit Hole – Megan Roberts

- 27 Sep Preston - Emigration of Lead Miners from Swaledale to the Burnley area to work in the mills - Phil Batman
- 27 Sep Rochdale - Research Evening
- 10 Oct Virtual NW Cartographic History – Dr Bill Shannon
- 14 Oct Irish - Advice and Research – 1pm – 4.30pm
- 25 Oct Preston - My Grandfather – Alan Crosby
- 25 Oct Rochdale - The Story of Henry Whittle – Dilys Pearson
- 14 Nov Virtual War Memorials – Fighting for Survival – Mike Coyle
- 25 Nov London & South – Zoom Meeting 2pm – DNA – Debbie Kennet
- 29 Nov Preston - Jacobs Join
- 29 Nov Rochdale - Christmas Party
- 12 Dec Virtual UK Calendar Customs – Daphne Atkinson
- 27 Dec Preston - No meeting
- 27 Dec Rochdale - No meeting

2024

- 31 Jan Rochdale - TBA
- 28 Feb Rochdale - Research Evening

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.

There is continued support from the wider Society for our monthly Virtual Zoom meetings. It is always lovely to talk to our members from far flung countries and 'counties'.

We have had a wide selection of talks so far this year. We have explored the 1939 Register with Eric Jackson in January, closely

followed by a talk on how we coped in the UK before the Welfare State by Gay Evans; discussed the origin of name places with Anthony Poulton-Smith in March, whilst in April Brian Groom explained our history as Northerners to us. Whenever possible we do try to record the talks and make them available for a short period on our exclusive Zoom/You Tube areas. Obviously as the talks are a means of revenue for the speakers this is not always possible.

Forthcoming talks are Family and House record sources before 1837 (May). In June we are very happy to bring to the virtual talks Dr. Alan Crosby. He is an extremely well known and popular speaker in the local area, his subject will be 'Matters of Convenience' (this will not be recorded). In July, Steve Fielding, a well-known author will be talking about Hangmen from the Victorian era to 1960. Dr Helen Frisby in August is talking about Death and its traditions.

A reminder e-mail is sent approximately 1 week before the talks, and details posted on the forum. If you are not receiving the e-mails, please let us know. However, you do not need the reminder as the current Zoom link will work until February 2024.

You can get the link for the meetings via the Members area of the LFHHS website. (<https://www.lfhhs.org/members/php>).

See you the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm
My contact detail is: mariancrossly74@gmail.com

Marian Crossley on behalf of LFHHS Trustees

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

Jun 13, 2023 07.00 PM

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MEMBERS' ARTICLES

MILL WORKERS RULES, SEPTEMBER 1849

1. Any person coming late shall be fined as follows – for five minutes 2d. Ten minutes 4d. And fifteen minutes 6d. etc.
2. For any oil or mutton fat spilled on the floor 2d each offence, besides paying for the oil or fat.
3. For any broken tools, they shall be paid for according to there value, and if there is any difficulty in ascertaining the guilty party, the same shall be paid for by the whole using such tools.
4. Any person leaving there work and found talking with any of the other work people shall be fined 2d for each offence.

5. For every oath or insolent language, 3d for the first offence and if repeated they shall be dismissed.
 6. The machinery shall be swept and cleaned down every meal time.
 7. Every person employed shall serve four weeks notice before leaving their employ; but the Masters shall and will turn any person off without notice being given.
 8. If two persons are known to be in the necessary together, they shall be fined 3d each.
 9. Any person wilfully or negligently breaking the machinery, damaging the sacks, or making too much waste, shall pay the same in full value.
 10. The Master would recommend that all workpeople wash themselves every morning. But they shall wash themselves at least twice every week. Monday morning and Thursday morning, and any found not washed will be fined 3d for each offence.
 11. Any person found smoking on the premises will be instantly dismissed.
 12. Any person hanging anything on the candle brackets will be fined 2d.
 13. Any person found away from their proper place of work, except for necessary purposes, or talking with any other out of their proper place of work will be fined 2d for each offence.
 14. All persons are responsible for sweeping the floors at least 8 times a day, in the morning at 7.1/2, 9.1/2, 11 and 12 o'clock and in the afternoon at 1.1/2, 2.1/2 and 5.1/2 o'clock. Any neglecting to sweep will be fined 2d for each offence. For walking on the heaps of meal with dirty boots 3d for each offence.
 15. Any person found wearing sacks for clothing will be fined 3d; and shall pay the full value of the sacks.
 16. Any person wilfully damaging this notice will be dismissed.
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LFHHS CHORLEY FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

By Ron Chapman



Set in park land and close by Astley Hall is our Family History Centre at Chorley. These beautiful and peaceful surroundings provide free parking, access to local amenities (café, food and beverage shop, grocery shop and pub), and the fascinating Astley Hall itself. (Open Wednesday to Sunday.)





The Family History Centre has been operating for about two decades and attracts people not only from the Chorley area, but also from the whole of the UK, as well as international visitors. Our experienced and friendly volunteers are keen to help you in your researches. You can choose what degree of help to have. Ranging from simply just using our resources and facilities to having a volunteer help on a one-to-one basis. The main research room has three fibre broadband connected computers with large screens. All the computers have free access to the Library versions of Ancestry and Find my Past. To enable us to widen the range of people we can offer our services to, two of the computers are equipped with special software to help those with visual problems and one desk is adapted for wheel chair users. In addition, we have a large key keyboard, a document magnifying device and a sound loop. This room is also set up to give talks for small groups of 10 to 20 people, with a projector and screen.



Ground Floor Research Room

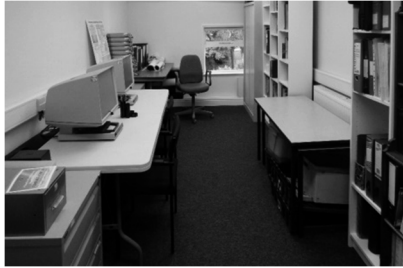
Upstairs is a second room equipped as another research room with 4 computers - a well-stocked Library in the third room with over 2000 books and the fourth room has an extension to our Library plus two fiche readers with a huge selection of fiche. To finish upstairs we have a kitchen and toilet. For those of you who have difficulty with stairs things can be brought to you and there is a disabled toilet close by.



First Floor Research Room



Library



Fiche Room

However, our greatest asset is our skilful and knowledgeable staff. They are eager to assist to a degree that suits you. We especially love to tackle problems which can be found in most people's family history, the dreaded 'brick walls'. We are always up for a challenge! We are keen not only build up a pedigree, but also build up a life story.

For example, this is a snippet about James Bain born 1792, the son of a farmer, who worked as a weaver. He married Alice Mayom in 1814 and had seven children. He took over the running of his father's farm in 1841 at the age of 49 when his father died. The farm was called Turners near Rivington. The farm of 40 acres was only marginally profitable, but it was enough to support his family. However, in 1867 the farm was demolished to build a dam and the Yarrow reservoir. The stones of the demolished farm were used to build the farm Dean Wood House, close by. James Bain, however, never moved to this new farm. He was 75 years old and coincidentally his son-in-law Thomas Pilkington, a farmer in Adlington, had died a few months earlier. So, James moved in with his daughter Betty to help run her farm. James died in 1871 aged 78.

It is always best to book if you need the help of a member of staff. To book a place either ring 01257 231 600 when the centre is open or book via our website www.cfhrc.com/bookings.html.

We are open, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Mondays and Wednesdays in the month (10 am to 4 pm) and 2nd and 4th Fridays (10am to 4pm) plus the 2nd Saturday (Noon to 4pm)

THE NATIONAL BURIAL GROUNDS SURVEY

By Vivien Thomas (6128)

I don't know how widely the National Burial Grounds Survey (NBGS) is common knowledge but I am sending a link to it.

As a C of E churchwarden, I have been the contact for our two churches, with the project, as it seems an amazing undertaking. My husband and I have completed surveys of two churches using more conventional survey instruments and can tell you it takes a great deal of time/work.

Our two churches in Devon have already had the first survey part completed. That is the survey of the churchyard and interior and exterior of the churches with an amazing GPS survey instrument that captures everything in a trice. Still to be done is the processing of the data collected, photographing of the headstone inscriptions and the scanning of any registers that have not yet been deposited in the county archives.

As it happens there is no churchyard plan for our closed churchyard though we have a CD of Dwelly's Monumental Inscriptions for Devon which covers the memorials in our local churches up to about 1916.

So, my first thought was ... most of the MI's have been collected and many registers transcribed in the UK. I know Lancashire is particularly blessed in having On Line Parish Clerk. I have even seen photos of my family's graves in an obscure little cemetery in Western Australia on line and I know there was a project to photograph all the Commonwealth War Graves back in the day when I was working for CWGC. I'm sure the interactive burial plan where you just pick a grave and up pop the details will be great for people out of County like me though

I have visited many of the churchyards where my family is buried but not always successfully.

However, if one needs any work done in a church (particularly listed buildings) there are lots of hoops to jump through to get permission and this project will enable us to get church and churchyard plans.

On the downside it might impact on the Family History Society's sales of MI's and register transcriptions.

The only thing that will not enable the completion of this seven-year project is that Parochial Church Councils are not all bothering to address the matter of giving their consent for the work to be undertaken. So, if you know any churchwardens or PCC members, do urge them to get in touch with the NBGS people (even though the initial deadline has passed I'm sure everyone can still be included) and give their consent as I am sure this will be of great benefit to all family historians.

This is the link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-news/national-burial-grounds-survey>

The survey company – <https://agintl.org/>

HINTS AND TIPS – QUARTER SESSIONS

By Ron Chapman

Have you considered looking at Quarter Session records to search for your early ancestors? These might help in finding more about your missing ancestor.

The Court of Sessions was held 4 times a year. In England they started in 1388 (Wales 1535) and these courts were abolished in 1972. The courts did deal with certain criminal cases but they did much more.

For example, they supervised how the vestries that administered the Poor Law, they dealt with roads and bridges, administered the gaols, they had powers relating to the raising of the militia, setting the county rate, licensing of public houses and much, much more. Your ancestor's name could crop up in relationship to any of these perhaps multiple times.

Each county had to keep the Quarter Sessions records and for Lancashire they are kept at Lancashire Archives. To search for your ancestor just type the name into the search box in the online catalogue LANCAT. (It is very similar for other counties).

As an example, I typed in my father's name 'Tom Chapman' and got the following:

"Lived in Oswaldtwistle since aged 12 years. Used to live in New Lane. Worked for local council since returning from World War 2, Burma posting with Royal Artillery. Was with water board for 20 years. Talks about local mills, work, pay and conditions. Recalls depression and means testing. Talks about the ghost of Duckworth Hall, his part in the hoax, trick photography." (This is not my dad; he came from County Durham).

Try it, you might find something. This will search the whole collection, not just Quarter Sessions. To limit the search to Quarter Sessions you will need to use "Advanced Search". The result is the Reference number and often a summary of the document, as above, but to see the actual document then you will have to go to the archives or pay for a copy to be made and posted to you.

Don't limit your search to just a single name, think broader. Look for the wife, father, mother, sons and daughters but also the places where they lived, their church or their occupation.

Here is an example of what can be obtained with some work. I did some research in Lancashire Archives a few years ago to try and determine the names of the Manors in Lancashire and

I discovered that in 1784 the government decreed that the court should contact the Lords of the Manors within the county and discover the name of the Game Keeper they employed. The head man not the underlings. This was for taxation purposes. (An account of Deputations of Gamekeeper within the County of Lancaster Registered in pursuance of an Act of ... QDG/1/7)

I gathered all the data onto an Excel file and it is available in printed form at Chorley Research Centre. In it are listed the name of the Mayor, the name of the Lord of the Manor and the name of the Game Keeper. It was interesting to discover that a Lord of the Manor often owned more than one Manor in Lancashire. He may have owned Manors in other counties as well. The Game Keeper might look after more than one manor. (e.g. Thomas Lees looked after 6 Manors for Sir Thomas Egerton Bart and a Thomas Lees (may or may not be the same person) looked after 5 Manors for Thomas William Coke.) Some Game Keepers are described as Gentleman or Esquire. Some 188 Manors are listed but it is not a complete list as not every Lord of the Manor replied to the deputation.

Look to see if your man was a criminal but also look for him as a publican, in prison, in the militia, in a lunatic asylum, in the police, as an insolvent debtor, could you find him in the returns of persons using weights and measures, the registration of boats, barges and other vessels used on navigable rivers (see the LFHHS database), annual returns of Freemasons' Lodges, Taxes – Hair Powder, Hearth, Window etc., Bastardy and Filiation orders ... the list goes on.

Have some fun and see what you can find. Be imaginative. Don't assume that you can just type in a name and find him in the Hair Powder tax list. The search only looks at the summary and the summary will probably not have a list of names but bastardy bonds might.

Good luck in your searches. Don't forget that you can learn more about this topic and many others on our Family History Courses which start in September.

Next time on Hints and Tips – The Poor Laws

A 2 GT GRANDFATHER AND CRAVEN (HEIFERS)

By Rex Watson

When starting my family history back in about 1964 (yes, nearly half way back to Victoria!) it was not difficult to find that my 2 gt grandfather in the male line was Richard Watson, born 1820 at or very near to Cop Row above Lane Head in Burnley (the place name was Lassycawl, an old name, with variants). The row was very recently built, and indeed at that time known as New Row (in the Haggate Baptist register). He married Mary Heap at St Peters in January 1841, and the family lived on Cop Row in the 1841 and 1851 censuses. By 1861 they had moved, as had so many from Briercliffe and thereabouts, into Burnley town (Oxford Road). In the 1970s, I found they were back on Cop Row in 1871, at the Craven Heifer Inn, still with us today, at the Lane Head end of the row, and much expanded from these 19th century days. Richard was a beamer, but would be running the Inn, perhaps better then described just as a beerhouse, with the help of Mary and maybe other family members. (Many of my family in Burnley were beamers, twisters and drawers.) There are a few news items in the Burnley papers concerning Richard and the running of the inn from 1871 to 1878, when he died. These involve illegal gaming and serving outside licensing hours, common enough for taverns. Richard died of phthisis (TB) and was buried in an unmarked grave at Haggate Baptist chapel.

There are many pubs in Yorkshire and Lancashire, particularly in the broad Skipton-Colne-Burnley area, which bear the name 'Craven Heifer'. A quick glance at Wikipedia reveals that 'the

Craven heifer' was a particularly large cow raised on the Bolton Abbey estate in the early nineteenth century, and exhibited later in its life in London. Craven of course is a large area of Yorkshire centred roughly on Skipton.

Cop Row over the years had a number of beershops and the like, often unnamed, so it may well be that the Craven Heifer had been one for a number of years before 1871. In any case the 1871 census named reference is the earliest I have found.

For a long time, the only references to Richard that I had between 1861 and 1871 were as father in a couple of marriages of his children, but these give no residence. Thus, his return to Cop Row could have been at any stage of this period. However, this all changed when the Burnley papers were included (at an early stage) in the British Newspaper Archive, or its Findmypast incarnation. Three articles have helped, if also introducing one or two puzzles! One of these articles concerns a daughter of Richard, one a son: this son is therefore my great, great uncle, a status I have myself achieved of late!

John Thomas Watson was Richard's son. He and his wife celebrated their silver wedding in 1932. The newspaper report mentions that father Richard was landlord of the Craven Heifer in the *Meadows* area of Burnley. Meadows is near the centre of the town, west of Hammerton Street. And indeed, there was a pub of the name at the junction of Hammerton Street, Whittam Street and Holden Street, though later named, as today, the Falcon. I have in fact found old references naming it as being on each of these three streets. The earliest reference found is a newspaper one in 1870. It may have been there earlier, unnamed. (Incidentally, John Thomas' obituary in 1939 says that he worked at Belle Vue Mill as a loomer (similar to twister) and twister for 63 years!

Now in the 1871 census, there is a beerhouse at 15/17 Holden Street. At number 16, as a boarder, is Richard Watson, aged 49, married, born Burnley, labourer in an iron foundry. The age, marital status, and place of birth are exactly as for 'my'

Richard at Cop Row. No Richard Watson born or baptised 1820-1824 has been found, other than 'mine': his birth was recorded at Haggate Baptist. Together with further evidence below, it looks as if Richard was recorded twice in the census. He would probably be literally in town, and just be recorded as Head of Household at Cop Row. Such double appearances in a census are not unknown, for example for commercial travellers.

Elizabeth (Libby) Brierley was Richard's daughter. Her obituary of 1938 states that she moved to the Craven Heifer (Cop Row presumably, she lived in Harle Syke, just above Cop Row) with her parents at the age of eleven, so about 1868.

The last newspaper report is somewhat intriguing. In January 1869 there is a report of a court hearing, regarding pigeons stolen from Richard Watson, 'of Craven', the alleged perpetrator being of Woodtop. Now there were both Craven Street and Craven Place, the former surviving today, off Plumbe Street, and just under the canal embankment. (Also, there was another Craven Street, and Back Craven Street, just off Colne Road about a mile north of the town centre, and these can probably be discounted.) In the 1861 and 1871 censuses the designation of the place off Plumbe Street is just 'Craven'. This seems to suggest that Craven Street and Place were built at a place known, somewhat oddly, as 'Craven'. In any case, if the pigeon-owning Richard were different from mine, there is a considerable coincidence involved with regards to the word 'Craven'. There is no Richard Watson at Craven in 1871.

I am left wondering if my Richard actually gave the name Craven Heifer to the Cop Row beerhouse/inn, bringing the name from Holden Street, and maybe even gave the name to the Holden Street one as he had recently lived at 'Craven'. We shall never know.

Do note in the photo of Richard and Mary the sartorial 'error' in relation to waistcoat buttons!

Lastly, some points about other Watsons in line, as follows.

For Richard's father Henry, see this journal, August 1989.

For Richard's 4 x gt grandfather John, see this journal February 2016. He too was an innkeeper.

For Richard's grandson (my grandfather) Richard Bright, see this journal August 2022, and Retrospect 2014 (Burnley Historical Society).

Richard's father Henry and son James both married three times. The other photo shows James and family.

I should like to thank Burnley Library for help on directories etc.



James and Susannah Watson and family



Richard and Mary Watson

JAMES MAGEE, CONVICT

By Dane McCormack

Member 113332

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Hello from Down Under everyone, I'm a new member from Australia. We're looking for my 3-x great grandfather, James Magee, who was a convict transported to Tasmania in 1830¹. His convict record states he was a 14-year-old bricklayers' labourer from Toxteth Park. We have found three convictions for James.

1. His convict record states he received one-month hard labour in Yorkshire, West Riding, but we have not found the conviction.
2. In 1827 he was convicted in West Derby for stealing sugar and a brass pan.
3. In 1829 he stole two gowns and a shawl from Mrs Threlfall. This record stated that he was 14 years old.

James was sentenced to transportation at the General Quarter Session of Peace Holden at Lancaster, Monday 12 January 1829, Order Book 1829, Lancaster Quarter Session and sent to the Euryalis Hulk.

"Whereas James Magee late of the township of Toxteth Park in the said County, labourer hath at this session been convicted of felony and of having before the time of convicting the said felony been convicted of another felony. This court doth therefore order and adjudge that the said James Magee shall be sent and transported to some part beyond the seas for a space of 14 years next, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided".

James was then transported to Van Dieman's Land, now Tasmania, Australia on the David Lyon which departed London, England on 2 May 1830 and arrived in Van Dieman's Land on 19 August 1830¹.

Four months after his arrival in Van Dieman's Land, James was assigned to Mr John Presnell, who ran the Halfway House pub in Antill Ponds, which provided much needed food and refreshments halfway between Launceston and Hobart². In 1837 James applied for permission to marry John's daughter Eleanor Elizabeth Presnell³. Approval was granted, they were married on 24 September 1838 at Oatlands, Tasmania and they lived happily ever after.

James received a conditional pardon on 30 July 1840 and a free certificate 771 in 1845. He then worked as a shepherd and labourer. The photo on the front cover of my book I'm writing about James is the first house he purchased after he was pardoned, backed by the Aurora Australis. It was painted by the current owner of the house, Scott William Bennet <https://scotwilmotbennett.com/>. My mother and I were visiting the house one day and we got talking with Scott, who showed us the painting and kindly allowed me to use it. James died on 8 February 1899 in the district of Ross⁵, Tasmania. He is buried at the Methodist Cemetery, Ross, Tasmania. The death certificate states his name as James Dedman McGee and that he was 82 years old. If his age was correct, he would have been born in 1816. The International Genealogical Index – British Isles, has a James Mc Gee christened on 14 August 1814 at St Nicholas, Liverpool, Lancashire, England, but we're not sure if that is him.

The Dedman name was added after James received his pardon and most of James' nine children were given the middle name of Dedman. The following generation dropped Dedman from the name and have been known as McGee ever since. It seems agreed that the name belonged to someone of significance in the life of young James. In early research, a district Constable James Dedman, and Mary Ann Dedman, also a William Dedman were found in Tasmanian records, but have not since been able to find which district they were in. If it was in the Midlands area, and the date was between 1830 and 1838, it could be the person.

It's because of James being transported that I had the most amazing childhood growing up in Tasmania. So, I'm writing this story to explore James' past life, to celebrate our convict heritage and in the hope that I can help find out more about what shaped James to be the man he was. To find out where he learnt the skills that helped him to be master of his fate, to be captain of his soul. He didn't get caught up in anger and regret about being shipped halfway around the world as a convict. He accepted that it had happened and he focused on resuming a happy life. James then helped John Presnell establish the Halfway House hotel in Anthill Ponds, which introduced him to John's daughter Eleanor, who he married, which led him to establish a happily married life in Tasmania. Which left an amazing legacy for Tasmania. For example, his grand nephew Lewis McGee earned a Victorian Cross for Australia as he battled for freedom and honour⁴.

I want to explore where he found these skills because he passed them onto his son, who passed them onto my Pop's dad, who passed them onto Pop, who passed them onto my mother, who passed them onto me. It's those same skills I used to recently conquer a complicated case of cancer. They gave me hope that I'd continue a happy life after I conquered cancer and I have resumed a happy life, thanks to those skills that James passed onto me.

I want it to be a celebration of Australia's convict heritage because even though we as a nation were established as a prison for convicts, we've established such an amazing culture and Australia is such a great place to live. We can thank our convict ancestors for helping us establish this mighty country. I've called the book 'Exiled to Exalted', because even though the convicts were exiled halfway around the world, we need to exalt them for helping create this wonderful country I now live. I've also explored how you sail halfway around the world and create a new country.

Any insights, ideas, suggestions, corrections would be gratefully appreciated.

End Notes:

¹ Convict Records, accessed Dec 22

<https://convictrecords.com.au/convicts/macgee/James/73401>

² The Oatlands Story, by Southern Midlands Council, p11

³ Marriage Permissions, by Libraries Tasmania, CON52/1/1
p68

⁴ Centenary of Anzac, accessed Dec 20

https://www.centenaryofanzac.tas.gov.au/history/tasmanias_victoria_cross_legacy/sergeant_lewis_mcgee_vc

⁵ Name Indexes:1175165, by Tasmanian Libraries

DEATHS NOTIFIED

William Veitch – last founder member of
Blackburn & Darwen branch

Bob Simpson – New Zealand

Christina Leigh-Baker – Manchester

Ada Hannam – Pendle

Ian Norman Page – Liversedge WRY

Dennis Chambers - Maidstone

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

BOOK REVIEWS ETC

Books for review in the journal should be sent to:

**Ian White, 23 School Fold, Hesketh Bank, West Lancs
PR4 6RE or ian.white4@live.co.uk**

Have you had a book published and would like a review

in the Society journal? Simply forward a copy to Ian White, address as above, or give the Editor a write up about your book.

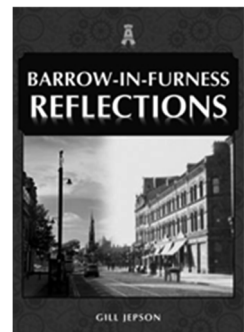
If you have reviewed a book, you have read and think it would interest some of our members, you may simply forward the review to Hazel Johnson, editor@lfhhs.org.uk or hazel.johnson2@btopenworld.com as usual. Thank you.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS REFLECTIONS

By Gill Jepson

Reflections of the changing face of Barrow-in-Furness, a port town historically in Lancashire, but incorporated as a municipal borough in 1867 and merged with Dalton-in-Furness Urban District Council in 1974 to form the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness. However, another change is forthcoming when the boundaries change again in 2023 when the borough will merge with Eden and South Lakeland districts to form a new unitary authority; Westmorland and Furness.

This book is the latest in Amberley's 'Reflections' series and illustrates the changing challenges of the town over time, the aspirational past and the modern difficulties of its geographical location situated at the end of a long and isolated peninsula off the south west of the county in an area of abundance of fascinating and beautiful natural environment. Barrow is famous for industry, its dockyard and shipbuilding especially of heavy naval vessels and submarines as well as heritage sites. Walney Island, a 10-mile-long island lies to the south of Barrow, reputedly the windiest lowland site in Britain, containing two important nature reserves, is reached by a bridge from Barrow Docks. In the borough there are over 240 Grade II listed buildings and churches of exceptional



interest, Furness Abbey and Piel Castle are complimented by an impressive Town Hall and Clock Tower.

Gill Jepson is a well-known author from South Cumbria and founder member of 'Furness Abbey Fellowship' a voluntary group who work alongside English Heritage to support the abbey. Published in paperback of 96 pages by www.amberley-books.com, ISBN No. 978-1-398-10431, it is priced at £15.99 (slightly cheaper at Amazon) and available in Kindle, Kobo and iBook formats. I have spent time working in Barrow and have found Jill's observations in her many books of the area and Cumbria in particular of special interest and would recommend this and her other books to Society members.

Reviewed by Ian White, Treasurer LFHHS

ABOUT CHORLEY

Compiled and published by M D Smith

4to bound in laminated boards.

ISBN 9781739705411

My initial thought on first seeing this book with its black & white and coloured photos was that it looked magnificent. The more I looked through it, the more I realised that it deserves such praise. It will be cherished by Chorley folk for many years to come. The endpapers show what I will call the 'Greater Chorley area' – Euxton to Duxbury, Coppull to Brinscall.

The foundation of this latest addition to the M D Smith stable of winners is a collection of picture postcards put together by the compiler and his late wife, but it is far more than a pile of postcard views with recent photos taken by him of scenes and objects shouting out 'I'm about Chorley'. It could easily be called 'A Chorley Mixture', such is the variety of the 36 sections within its 225 pages.

The list of contents includes churches, civic amenities, the library, the hospital, the market, the cemetery, Co-ops, industry, sport, vehicular traffic and the redevelopment of

1994. Despite its title, the book also covers the outlying townships of Adlington, Anderton, Coppull, Charnock Richard, Croston, Leyland, Rivington and White Coppice. There have been other books built around Chorley postcards and photos, but none match the depth and width of coverage of this one, nor is one likely to be published.

If I were to find fault with the book, I would say that I would have liked that more dates were given within the captions alongside the pictures. I'm sure that most readers will think this is of little consequence. Mr Smith has forgotten to include in it his address and contact details.

'About Chorley' is available from the compiler/publisher at £15 plus £4 postage at 27 Sutton Lane, Adlington PR6 9PA
Telephone 01257 481157
E-mail: pasmith7813@gmail.com

'About Chorley' is also available from 'Books & Bargains' in Clifford Street, Chorley, which is near the bus station and the market.

Reviewed by Bob Dobson

HODGKINSON: OUR SURNAME, OUR STORY, OUR LEGACY

By Avis Keen (10589)

I have recently published the above-named book through Carnegie Publishing.

Hodgkinson was my maiden name and you may be aware that it is quite a significant one within Lancashire, especially in Preston, the Fylde and in various mill towns where several were mill owners. The book also explores the lifestyles of many 'ordinary' Hodgkinson families and also links to famous people including Sir Richard Arkwright. If you would like to know more, please see my webpage at hodgkinson@one-name.org.

At 468 pages, it is a comprehensive reference work.

I am donating a copy of the book to each of the LFHHS research centres.

ON TOUR FOR STEAM

by Howard Routledge

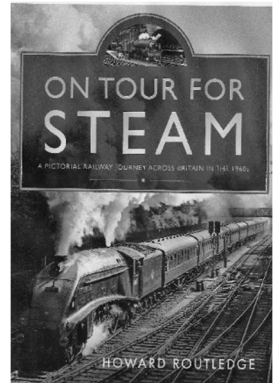
A 1960s Pictorial Railway Journey across Britain

By the turn of the 1960s, steam traction on Britain's railways was within its last decade and for a group of young enthusiasts living in Carlisle, there was always the urge to travel to other parts of the country to photograph steam locomotives, which in most cases would never have appeared in their own locality. This book depicts visits to many locations undertaken during this period when time was running out for steam traction.

For travelling to distant parts of the country it became apparent from others that the Holy Grail for such trips was with an all-line rail rover ticket which offered unlimited travel for a period of one week, or even more. Unabashed, he eventually succumbed to such peer pressure during 1966. By that time, steam traction was well within its decline and had all but disappeared from the Eastern and Western Regions, so he viewed it as a race against time to visit other parts of the country, particularly a further visit to the Southern Region to capture those Bulleid Pacifics that were still at work.

In addition to one's camera and copious amounts of film for such expeditions, one other item was also indispensable, Aidan Fuller's locomotive shed directory published by Ian Allan. This booklet gave directions to every steam depot and railway works in the land, including the time the walk would take from the nearest station.

Being a member of a group of steam enthusiasts that met up frequently at lineside locations within Carlisle, such away days featured quite regularly; and one notable tour that was embarked on occurred in March 1966. This was a mammoth day return into Scotland that saw a number of us on board a black liveried saloon which had tall aerials fitted on both rear wings and was a dead ringer for one of the patrol cars driven by the likes of Fancy Smith in the Liverpool based fictional police series *Z Cars* that was shown on the BBC. What railwaymen must have thought when we got out of the car at one of the sheds is anyone's guess. Another member followed on his motor bike. Whilst climbing Beattock on the old A74 road they ran into a snowstorm and lost contact with the intrepid motor cyclist who by now was probably having second thoughts about his mode of travel. As we forged onwards; the sun suddenly broke through only to be then covered by large black threatening clouds just as the car radio burst into life with the Walker Brothers hit *'The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore!'* Remarkably, they bumped into the motor cyclist in Perth by which point he had missed out on the visits to Motherwell, Bathgate, and Dunfermline sheds but at least he could look forward to Perth, Dundee, Thornton, Haymarket, and St Margarets – if the weather held, that is.



The author, Howard Routledge, was born in Carlisle and became interested in steam locomotives from a young age, developing an interest in railway photography in his home city from 1963. Howard had a career with the Carlisle City Police, which began in 1964, from which he has now retired. He became involved with steam preservation from 1985 and is the former Vice Chairman of the Princess Royal Class Locomotive Trust, which was responsible for running four preserved steam locomotives, including Princess Margaret Rose and Duchess of Sutherland. He lives in Carlisle where he continues his interest in steam locomotives and railway photography.

How many of us can honestly say that they have achieved such success out of an active specialist hobby as this? Howard, I applaud you for this fine book, fully illustrated in black and white, and annotated with details of the various trips taken.

Published by Pen & Sword Books – ISBN 978 1 39908 392 8 - £25.00 from Amazon.

Reviewed by Ian White

NOTES AND NEWS

SOCIETY HELP DESK AT TARLETON LIBRARY

Ian White and Jennifer Benson run 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 run regular help sessions at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston. Everyone welcome.

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 09.30 am 12.00 pm

HYNDBURN BRANCH HELP DESK AT OSWALDTWISTLE LIBRARY

Muriel Smith and sometimes Eileen Bullock run regular help sessions at Oswaldtwistle Library. Everyone welcome.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 10.00 am TO 12.00 pm
(IF THE FIRST MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY CHANGES
TO SECOND MONDAY)

AND AT

RISHTON LIBRARY
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,
10.00 am TO 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

OUT OF COUNTY STRAYS AND NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

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
LFHHS,
2 Straits
Oswaldtwistle
BB5 3LU

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:-

Member No.	Organisation
7799	British Library (Copyright Libraries – Edinburgh – Dublin – Oxford – Cambridge – Wales)
0002	British Library – Legal Deposit Office, Boston Spa, Yorks
0054	Guildhall Library, Guildhall City of London, Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ
0067	New York City Public Library 11 West 40 th Street, New York N.Y. 10018
0078	Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston PR1 2RE
7799	Allen County Public Library (Genealogy Publications) Indianapolis IN

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.

MOVEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS

From Mike Coyle

The MOD is moving deceased Service Personnel Records to The National Archives. Details at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/requests-for->

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Our microfiche have been scanned and are available through our website shop.

Orders are currently being sent out as an attachment to one or more emails, depending on the size of the order.

The prices are the same as the original microfiche, but obviously excluding postal charges.

In the near future it will also be available to purchase as an immediate download.

Look on the website for the shop section showing "Scanned images of microfiche" – this leads to 5 sections divided by alphabetic first letter of location - A-D, E-H, I-L, M-Q, R-Z.

Click on <https://www.lfhhs.org/index.php?cPath=63>

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS
Society Coordinators – Steve and Jennifer Benson

M&LFHS MANCHESTER FAIR
25 MARCH 2023

Report by Steve and Jennifer Benson, Exhibition & Fairs
Coordinators

Jennifer and I attended the above fair with a stall for LFHHS. We dealt with quite a number of enquiries and there was no charge made for tables by the Library or M&LFHS. The show was well organised and attended by the Lord Mayor of

Manchester who was present for about two hours.

There was a fairly constant flow of visitors throughout the day and we intend to attend again next year, having sold several books and a couple of memberships!

I have written a letter of thanks to David Muil, the Manchester Chairman, on behalf of LFHHS congratulating him and his team on organising an excellent show and expressing the hope that they will have another show next year.

**LEYLAND FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023**

If you are attending Leyland Festival, don't just watch the parade from Hough Lane to Worden Park. There will be plenty to see and do on the park. Stop by the stall for LFHHS and say hello to us, and have a look at the books, CDs etc we will be selling. We may also be able to help with any family history enquiries.

**YORK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR
Knavesmire Exhibition Stand, York Racecourse
YO23 1EX**

SATURDAY 24 JUNE 2023
Admission £10, Under 16 years free

We will again be having a stall for LFHHS. There are usually two lecture theatres with a selection of talks, not to mention the restaurant on site. Hope to see you there.

**EUXTON GALA DAY
SATURDAY 1 JULY**

**CE Primary School Playing Fields
Off Wigan Road, Euxton PR7 6JW
12.00 noon – 4.00pm**

**ROYAL LANCASHIRE AGRICULTURAL SHOW
Salesbury Hall, Ribchester PR3 3XR**

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 21-23 JULY 2023

Open from 09.30am to 5.30pm daily (see website)
<https://www.royallancashireshow.co.uk>
for prices and early booking discounts.
You will find us in The Lifestyle Marquee.

**THE FAMILY HISTORY SHOW
KEMPTON PARK RACECOURSE TW16 5AQ
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2023**

10.00am to 4.00pm
Tickets £12.00 on the day.
Accompanied children under 16 free.

**LOCAL HISTORY & HERITAGE DAY
ST THOMAS CHURCH HALL, GARSTANG PR3 1PA
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023
(further details to follow)**

**HUDDERSFIELD FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY FAIR
CATHEDRAL HOUSE, ST THOMAS ROAD,
HUDDERSFIELD HD1 3LG
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023**

10.00am to 4.00pm
Admission £3.00. Accompanied children under 16 free.

Come and see us at any of these Family History Fairs and shows.

If you would like to help and take part in any of the fairs please contact **Stephen Benson** (telephone 01772-422808 or e-mail Stephen.t.benson@btinternet.com)

IT'S TIME TO BACK UP !

By Mike Coyle

If your year starts 1st January or 1st April, it's time to back up your Family History data. Imagine all that information and all those photos and documents being lost, either by fire, theft, computer hardware or software failure, spilling tea on the computer keyboard!

If you still have a CD, DVD or 'Pendrive' (remember to get one big enough to hold everything), simply copy the files to that. Create a Folder with the name '2023 Backup', move everything of value into that, and keep that media safe, or give it to the kids for safe-keeping.

Alternatively, have a dedicated 'Family History' folder in your Cloud space – either via Onedrive, Dropbox or Google and drop everything in there. It's easy, safe, secure and easily downloadable again.

The other more time-consuming way to keep your stuff safe is to create a hard copy by printing it all off and put it in a file in a very safe place.

If like me, you have got years of research, it can be lost in the blink of an eye! Don't tempt fate! You alone are responsible for your own losses.

Get some help if you need it. Best of luck.

BRANCH NEWS

BLACKBURN & DARWEN

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BURY

Branch e-mail: bury@lfhhs.org.uk

CHORLEY

Secretary: Jayne Dixon

Branch e-mail: chorley@lfhhs.org.uk

Meeting location:

Please note meetings from Thursday 11 May 2023 will be held in Primrose Gardens, Fleet Street, Chorley PR7 2EE (except in December when it is the 1st Thursday) The room we are using is down a few steps, with a lift available if necessary.

Refreshments will be available, drinks and wrapped biscuit for 50p. Raffle tickets are 50p each, and items offered as raffle prizes are always welcome.

Parking:

Free parking after 5pm immediately opposite Primrose Gardens on Fleet Street car park, Chorley PR7 2EY. Also, street parking on Fleet Street and Library Street.

Please note you cannot park on the Primrose Gardens car park as understandably; this is a security-controlled car park for residents and their visitors only.

FYLDE

Secretary: Mrs. Olive Thexton, 7 Bispham Lodge, 251
Norbreck Road, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 1PE
Branch e-mail: fylde@lfhhs.org.uk

After the AGM in March, we are looking forward to a much better year than 2022. We constantly welcome new members to the meetings when they come along to ask if we can help them go forward with their family tree.

We had a visit from Dr Colin Penny, who told us a fascinating history of Lancaster Castle, he went through the whole list of names of who previously owned the Castle, to the present owner our present King Charles 111, whose coronation in May we look forward to very much. Dr Penny has written a book about the Castle and this is available. He brought along a few copies, which were all sold out very quickly. They are on sale @ £9.99. The book, 'A History of Lancaster Castle' covers the story of how for more than 900 years the Castle has dominated the hilltop which overlooks the River Lune and City of Lancaster. It is now owned by King Charles 111, after the death of Queen Elizabeth 11, he now also becomes The Duke of Lancaster. A visit to the Castle is an opportunity not to be missed.

In March we held the first of 2 workshop meetings. We welcomed 2 new ladies, Edith and Fiona who were interested in Scotland, Wales, and Canada and this made a change for us to look further afield. We had 3 laptops available with internet access and we were kept very busy. There was a collection of some of the branch resources available to look through.

Whilst looking through the computer I found this article - Information found in an old diary dated 1924, part of a copy of a newspaper cutting. I am sure that somewhere in my collection of Gazette cuttings that I have the full details. One day, a job to do.

The twice adjourned inquest on the bodies of the 14 people

who lost their lives as the result of the railway disaster at Warton, was reopened at St. Annes Town Hall today, by the Deputy Coroner (Col. H. Parker, D.S.O.). The inquiry was postponed from last Thursday to enable the fireman, Frank Livingstone of Cunliffe Road, Blackpool, and the signalman, William Hornby of Kirkham who sustained injuries and shock, to recover sufficiently to give evidence.

Those who lost their lives were:-

Commander C. H. Graeme, 29 Lincoln Road Blackpool

Emma Pickup (48), single, weaver, 4 Park Road Lytham.

William Charles Crookes, engine driver, 67 Buchanan Street Blackpool

William Walsh (33), married, weaver, 42 St. Annes Road

Mary Elizabeth Morrison (44), single, weaver, 47 Watsons Lane

Ethel Cox (32), single, weaver, 151 Central Drive Blackpool.

Ernest Edward Tonge (46), advertising contractor, 46 Leamington Road Blackpool

Isa Greenwood (21), single, weaver 30 Thames Road Blackpool

Annie Greenwood (29), single, weaver, 30 Thames Road

Thomas Hartley, 10 Montrose Avenue Blackpool

Leslie Dawson, 104, Church Road Blackpool

Ernest Pickup, goods clerk, 11 Hall (?)

Henry Oldham, 107, St. Heliers Road Blackpool.

The article continues, but had been cut off here.

This prompted me to look for graves which would most likely be in Layton Cemetery.

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In loving memory of William Charles Crookes, Engine Driver, beloved husband of Mary Crookes, killed in the Lytham railway disaster, Nov. 23 1924 aged 42 years.

Also, John, Annie and Mary, their children who died in infancy.

Also, of Mary beloved wife and mother of the above who died Oct. 29 1933 aged 48 years.

"Re-united with her loved ones. In the midst of life, we are in death."

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In loving memory of Annie and Isa Greenwood, the beloved daughters of James Albert and Ellen Greenwood, late of Burnley, killed in the Lytham Railway disaster Nov. 3 1924 aged 31 and 21 years.

Also Ellen Greenwood beloved mother of the above who passed on Feb 8 1946 aged 76 years.

Also Elizabeth (Lizzie) their daughter died Jan 17 1900 in her 4th year.

Interred at Burnley Cemetery. 'At rest'.

Take a look at the Branch website, there is useful information available, we have an active Facebook page and you can also follow us on Twitter.

HERALDRY GROUP

Contact Stephen Benson

Now that 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle is open again we are trying to relaunch the group.

We are looking into the possibility of conducting our meetings by Zoom for the benefit of interested members who live too far away to be able to travel for face-to-face meetings.

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

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

Secretary: Eileen Bullock, 51 Hawthorn Avenue,
Oswaldtwistle,

Accrington. Lancs BB5 3AE

Branch e-mail: Hyndburn@lfhhs.org.uk

**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.**

In February we held our first meeting in our new premises when we all discussed our ideas and plans for our Branch in the coming year.

March was our AGM at which all the Branch officers were voted back in office. Our speaker for the evening was Tony Foster who gave us a talk entitled "There's more to BMD certificates than you might think". Members brought along several of their own certificates which certainly fit the criteria and created a lot of interest.

In April Lavinia Todd gave us an entertaining talk on the Seven Robert Peels. The family-owned large estates in Oswaldtwistle and Accrington for many years and numerous places in the area still bear their name. Some of them are well known for their service to the Country - but not all of them were remembered for their community spirit.

We have arranged a varied programme for the rest of the year starting with a return visit from Linda Sawley in June with her talk "Where did that come from?" about many of the expressions that we regularly use.

We are also planning an Out Visit to Haworth Art gallery in the summer. It was the home of the Haworth family, local benefactors, but now is famous for it's display of Tiffany glass. There is also a Tea room so we will be organising refreshments.

Details will be on the website when they are finalised.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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Meets every two months on the second Saturday at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

Meetings have been held in February and April, following the normal Research and Advice workshop that has been so helpful to many of the Society members. Visitors have been sparse, but we have assisted those who came.

On a slightly more personal note, as a number of people have been asking after her. In March I went to visit Margaret Purcell in her new home in Blackpool and am very pleased to say she was looking well and was keen to know what was happening with the Society.

Our next meeting is 10 June 2023 at 1.00pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

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Unfortunately, I have to start this report with some sad news. Jean Nicholls, one of our long-standing members, passed away recently. She had been a regular at the talks in Kensington and joined us for many of the recent zoom talks, often contributing to the Q&A discussions. I have passed on condolences to her family on behalf of the branch.

Our first speaker in 2023, on 28 January, was Denise Bates who gave a talk about 'Forenames', based on her own ongoing research. Non-standard forenames and Biblical names are not unusual, but Denise has looked at names which do not follow the normal family naming conventions. For family historians they can give an insight into our ancestor's personality or the society in which they lived, and for social historians, they can add knowledge of public feelings at specific times. She used the standard websites, such as FreeBMD, but also recommended the following site where you can look at the frequency and usage of names since Civil Registration started in 1837: <https://demos.flourish.studio/namehistory/>. Denise considers that there are four categories, which she defines as: Tribute Names, Commemorative Names, Localised Names, and a few miscellaneous names. There is an overlap between some categories. Children could be called after people whom their parents admired, but, surprisingly perhaps, these could often be disreputable persons such as Guy Fawkes. Royal names such as Queen Victoria or Princess Beatrice were popular and it was also not unusual to find children with a combination of the names William Ewart Gladstone. Babies were also named after fictional characters. A Yorkshire miner with the surname Holmes called his first son Sherlock and a second son Mycroft. This would indicate that they were very familiar with the books as it is only recently that Mycroft has become a significant character in the retelling of Sherlock Holmes' stories. Parents might also have named their children after an important international event. Alamo was initially used for both sexes until later in the 19th century it became a female name. Events could also affect a name's popularity. Florence had not been a common name until the Crimean War made Florence Nightingale famous, and Emmeline declined in popularity after

the Pankhursts became prominent in the Suffragette movement. Some names are more localised. Squire is found more in Lancashire and Yorkshire, while in Wales you could find Christmas. Around the coast weather-related names were used. Fewer tribute and commemorative names were used in the 20th century and the names of popular actors were used more than those of politicians. For example, Errol, after Errol Flynn, and Tracy, after a lead character in *The Philadelphia Story*. Gender was not always obvious from the name. Girls were sometimes given the name of a man with an A added at the end, Cumbria Family History Society - March 2023 Page 11 for example, Roberta. Where an unusual forename was used it was likely that a second name would be more traditional. Denise has looked at the registration of deaths and there are fewer unusual names recorded than in birth records, as some adults discarded their unusual name or changed the order to make it less obvious. For example, an ancestor might have been known to friends and family as Mary J but her birth certificate would show that her names were Jubilee Mary. Denise's talk was followed by a lively discussion of unusual names in our own families and ones that we have come across in our daily lives. The next speaker on Saturday 1 April (2pm) was CFHS member, Keith Simpson, who gave his talk 'John Preston Lives On'. Keith's grandmother started his interest in his family history and gave him newspaper articles entitled 'Preston is 104 years old', leading Keith on a journey of discovery that he described in his presentation.

There will be talks in July and September but these have not been finalised. However, please make a note of Saturday 25 November when Debbie Kennet will give a talk to the branch about DNA. Debbie is a DNA specialist and a well-known speaker and author, regularly writing for family history and academic journals. I am aware that many members do not wish to, or cannot, join a zoom talk but for the moment we are continuing with virtual events, as there is still some uncertainty and I know that some people continue to be reluctant to attend large meetings, or use public transport. Is there a talk or a speaker that you would like to hear and that

you think would be of interest to the NW Groups? Would you like to give a presentation? I would also like help in organising the talks. If you feel you might be able to help, or have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please email me at the address below. Helen Conchar - Member 7279
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All talks will be on Zoom starting at 2pm.

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We were given a wonderful talk to start the New Year by Andrew Hardwick.

Andrew, a member of the photographic society and keen family historian, spoke to us about his ancestor Charles Hardwicke and the fascinating story of his life during World War 1. Charles was a surgeon with the French Red Cross and as a keen photographer himself, took many photographs whilst serving abroad during the war. His photographs are a remarkable piece of history and were wonderful to see.

We hope Andrew will visit us again to continue the story of his fascinating family.

We held our usual Research Evening in February. We managed to discuss a few queries the branch had received from members looking for help.

Like many other family history groups, membership at Rochdale has declined over the past few years with only a handful of members being able to attend branch meetings. Please, if you can, support the branch by renewing your membership for this year if you haven't already done so, and come along to the meetings if you are able. Lynne has arranged some interesting talks for the year and is always happy to receive suggestions for future meetings or talks.

At our meeting on 31 May, Iain Bowden will be giving a talk on The Newalls of Littleborough. All members and visitors welcome.

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THANK YOU**

<h3>MEMBERS' INTERESTS</h3>

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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ECCLES	LAN	All	18C+
GREGORY	LAN	All	18C+
GRIMES	LAN	All	13C+
KENYON	LAN	Blackburn	18C+
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GREGSON	LAN	Kirkham	1750-1850
GREGSON	LAN	Preston	1820-1940
SKILBECK	LAN	Longridge	1780-1850
WHIT(T)AKER	LAN	Great Harwood	1730-1840
WHIT(T)AKER	LAN	Preston	1840-1900

FROM THE EDITOR

You will have noticed under the heading 'Notes and News', information regarding some of our members who help out at their local library with a Help Desk for family historians, once a month for approximately 2 hours.

If you or someone from your local branch run a Help Desk which is not listed in our journal please forward details for publication. You do not need to take a query to any Help Desk, just call in to say hello and find out if you have missed any local events etc. It could be a good way of keeping in touch for members no longer wanting to go to evening meetings. Some libraries have even installed coffee/tea machines.

It is good to notice that many members are in the process of changing their family tree into a family history. I have received one or two recently, and they all make good reading, and it is encouraging to note that you have added Resources used at the end. This makes good reading for the newer members, who now have an idea of other records they can use to find more family information.

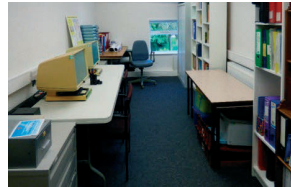
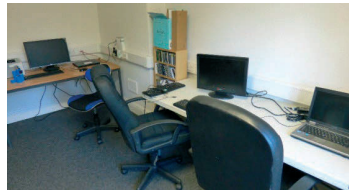
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