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BURY	Blackburne Hall, Church House, The Wylde, Bury BL9 0LA Second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
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HERALDRY GROUP	LFHHS Resource Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington BB5 3LU First Monday of the month at 7.30 pm.
HYNDBURN	New venue and times to be advised. See Branch News.
IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP	2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU Saturday Workshops 1 pm – 4.30 pm as per Branch Programme.
LANCASTER & MORECAMBE	Morecambe Heritage, Unit 29 Arndale Centre, Morecambe LA4 5DH Second and fourth Friday each month in 2021 11 am – 4 pm 2022 meetings will revert to First and third Friday same time in 2022
LONDON & SOUTH	St. Stephens' Church Hall, 48 Emperors Gate, Kensington, London SW7 4HJ Five meetings a year on Saturdays at 2.00pm (see Branch Programmes)
PENDLE & BURNLEY	Colne Library, Colne BB8 0AP Third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
PRESTON	Kingsfold Methodist Church, Padway, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
ROCHDALE	St. Andrew's U.R. Church, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ Last Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.
ROSSENDALE	Longholme Methodist Church (opp. Bus Stn) Bacup Road, Rawtenstall BB4 7NU First Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

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PULL OUT CENTRE PAGES : MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (repeat)

I want to let you know about some changes we're making to some membership fees, our admin system and delivery of journals. These changes are necessary following reviews of our income and expenditure.

Subscriptions for overseas members

Overseas members have paid a slightly higher subscription of £16 to reflect the additional costs of postage. For overseas members who receive the electronic journal, this subscription rate is no longer relevant or fair as they pay more but do not derive any additional benefit than do UK based members. Equally postage rates have increased and the £16 subscription does not reflect the cost of printing and sending the journal overseas.

To regularise this situation, from 1st January 2022 new membership fees for overseas members will be introduced as follows.

Members choosing the electronic journal 1 year/3 years

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| • In receipt of a pension | £12 | £36 |
| • Non-pensioner | £14 | £42 |

Members choosing the paper journal 1 year/3 years

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| • All members | £20 | £60 |
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These rates will be effective from 1st January 2022, or for members who have paid for the 3 years in advance membership, effective from the next renewal.

We hope that this does not cause disappointment and trust overseas members will understand our need to cover our costs whilst treating all members equitably.

Journals

Firstly, if you would like to change from or to receiving the paper or electronic journal, please let me know. There are tick boxes on the renewal form. **You can only choose one version.**

Our past practice has been to send the February journal to all those who were members in the previous year thus giving members additional time to renew their membership without missing out on the first journal of the year. This is not cost-effective as each year well in excess of 100 people who receive this journal do not actually go on to renew their membership. To save this unnecessary expense, in 2022 we will only issue the February journal to those who have actually renewed their membership.

A renewal invitation will be published as usual in the November journal and in January we will send a further reminder as required by email or post to those without an email address giving the chance to renew before we provide a mailing list for the February journal to the printers.

We would be grateful for members' help by renewing promptly or by letting us know of any intention to resign their membership.

For UK bank account holders, a standing order may help so you never miss timely payment of your subscription. A form for this purpose is available to download from the Members Area of the website and it provides the Society's bank account details for members who wish to set up a standing order via internet banking. If you require a paper copy of the form, please contact me.

Gift aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, gift aid could be of benefit to the Society. If you opt for gift aid which appears on the

membership renewal form, we can reclaim 25% of your membership fee from HMRC at no additional cost to you and your declaration is effective for the future and the last 4 years. If you need any further information about gift aid, please contact us.

Use of your personal data

I understand some members may be concerned about how we use the personal data we hold and particularly how we use email addresses. I would like to reassure you that we do not share **any** information whatsoever with any outside organisation. Your personal details are used very carefully and only by the Society's Officers as is necessary to administer your membership and benefits.

Changes to our membership admin system – an apology

In November we changed to a new membership admin system, bringing all aspects of recording in-house which helps to cut costs whilst giving us a more versatile facility. Unfortunately, some members will have been affected by problems we encountered and we apologise for the inconvenience caused. Thankfully things are running better now.

.... and finally

Except for the changes mentioned, we are not increasing our membership fees despite the challenges of increased costs.

We are very grateful for donations and for example, some members receiving the paper journal have paid a little extra to help with costs – thank you. For any members interested, there is a "Donate Now" button on the home page of the Society website or donations can be included with any payment by cheque.

Sue Foster
Membership Secretary
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YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS HELP!

In particular, a
Minute Secretary

We are looking for someone who can record our
Management Team meetings and those
of the Executive meetings
plus our Annual General Meetings.

The commitment is around 12 meetings per
year.

Meetings are held 'face to face' or via Zoom.

If you think you can help us, or would like more
information,

Please contact

Mike Coyle e-mail: mike.coyle@btinternet.com

BRANCH PROGRAMMES

2021

18 Nov Chorley – Your 17th century ancestors attitudes to
Sex, fornication and adultery – Dr. Alan Crosby

2 Dec Chorley – Christmas Quiz

2022

20 Jan Chorley – Breaking Down Brick Walls – Members

26 Jan Preston – History of the Quakers – Alistair Thomas

11 Feb Irish – Saturday workshop, 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm
17 Feb Chorley – Children in the mines – Alan Davies
23 Feb Preston – A lady who helped to shape Preston –
Patricial Harrison
17 Mar Chorley – AGM + Propaganda and reportage in the
Great War – Mike Coyle

Programmes for 2022 are currently being prepared.

SOCIETY VIRTUAL MEETINGS BY ZOOM 2021

Contact: Marian Crossley

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for more information or check our website.

The talks will take place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month, and as it is online, we are not restricted to who we can ask to give us a presentation. This means that hopefully the subject matter can be something quite different and we can have speakers from all over the UK and even the world if the subject is one of interest to you, our members. Keep checking LFHHS website 'Society Virtual Branch' for up-to-date information, as further speakers are arranged.

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Dr. Mike Winstanley – Happy Days? Elementary schooling, 1818-1918 in the North West.

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Mark Lewis – Cribs, Cards and Christingles – The origins of Christmas traditions and customs.

Tuesday 11 January 2022

Dr. Ann Featherstone – Here we go again – A brief history of pantomime.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Well at long last we are able to resume our branch meetings, and arrange for speakers again.

Some of us worked through the terrible time, but for those who suddenly had extra time to ourselves at home, did you manage to use some of it to do family history research? What did you achieve, and did you do write ups about your findings? One of the articles this time is a chronology and I am sure it will give many of us ideas regarding write ups to accompany our family trees. Trees alone do not tell us much about our ancestors and the way they lived. I for one will certainly try it out with one or two of my family members.

The Members' Forum has certainly been busy. It has been interesting just to follow the queries etc.

A request to the members who are linked to the branch emails. If you change your email address, will you kindly advise both the webmaster and editor that the link to the branch needs amending. Before putting the November journal together, I sent an email to all the branch contacts requesting to be advised if any venues, times, days etc had been amended following covid. I did get a couple of alterations and these were changed in the journal. Very recently a query to the Webmaster brought it to our attention that a contact email address linked to one branch had not been amended as such. There is no way of knowing how many queries etc addressed to the branch had been re-directed to an email no longer being used. If you have forwarded a query etc to a branch address and not direct to an individual and have not received an acknowledgement or reply, please try again.

The branch email addresses are a safeguard for the privacy of the contacts own email. That way if the branch contact changes any communication to the branch goes to the current member

in that post. Data protection and all that. I don't even have a list of the branch member linked to each branch email.

The 2022 Annual General Meeting has been provisionally booked for Saturday 14 May in Oswaldtwistle.

Confirmation and booking forms will be pull out pages in the February 2022 journal.

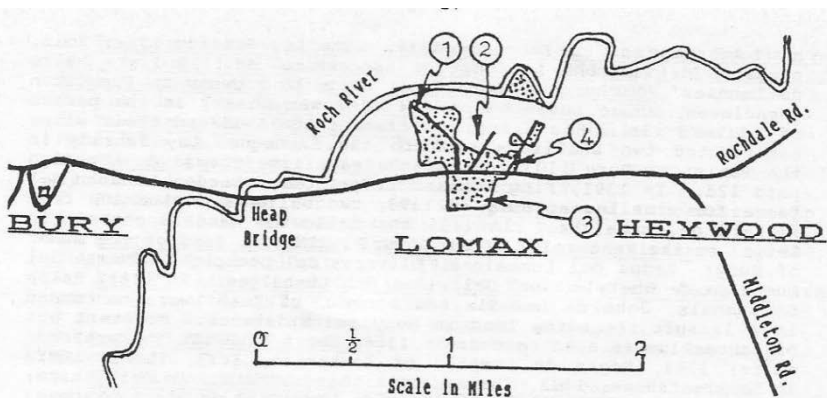
May I take this opportunity to wish all members and readers an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Don't forget to take care and stay safe. Have you booked your covid booster jab as well as this year's flu jab?

MEMBERS' ARTICLES

ON THE ORIGIN OF THE LOMAX/LOMAS SURNAME

By John B. Lomax (first published February 1989)



An extensive study of the origin of the Lomax/Lomas/Loomis surname was published by Charles A. Hoppin Jr (1). Eilert Ekwall, Professor of English at the University of Lund, devoted much of his life to the study of the origin of placenames in Lancashire (2) and concluded that the name of the hamlet of Lomax, a 'now lost name of the district south of the Roch, where Charlestown and Heady Hill are', was descended from the Old English word Lumhalghs'. Other authors (3), (4) independently conclude that the surnames Lomas and Lomax were 'territorial', derived from living in the district or hamlet of Lumhalghs, and that Lumhalghs was 'in Bury parish. The place concerned lay east of Bury itself, to the east of the river Roch.' 'Lum' had different regional meanings; in Lancashire generally it meant a deep pool in a river, but near the Yorkshire border it could also mean a wood bottom growing shrubs and trees. The second element, 'halghs', is the plural of the Old English 'halh' also 'haugh' and meant (5), (6) either low-lying, level ground by the side of a river, or, land lying within the bend of a river.

Actually, the hamlet of Lomax is not lost. A map dated 1785 (in the Bury Public Library) entitled 'A Plan of Lomax in Heap, The Parish of Bury' shows 25 parcels of land, their names, and a list of their areas, with a total area of 75 acres. That map is re-produced at a reduced scale, with the defined areas shown shaded, and overlaid on a modern map of the area to show its location relative to Bury and Heywood. Those 1785 land boundaries have also been overlaid on an 1847 map (7) to locate some of the lesser place names. The following are labelled and their locations shown: [1] Lower Lomax, [2] Higher Lomax, [3] Heady Hill, and [4] Charlestown. Lower Lomax has retained its name and is now (1988) a dairy farm bordering the south side of the Roch. Lower Lomax Farm is 8.1/2 miles due north of Manchester City Centre. The farm's meadows are several hundred feet lower than Heady Hill which rises quite gradually from Lower Lomax and Heap Bridge. The river Roch has cut a channel almost 200 feet deep through that pasture land. The area shown as Lomax Woods on both the 1847 map and a modern street atlas is now largely scrub growth in the bottom and on the south side of that gorge. It is

unknown whether there is a deep pool in this part of the river, but with the bottom of the gorge covered with shrubs and trees, a portion of old Lomax existing within a sharp bend of the river, and with the low-lying meadows adjacent to the river, the descriptive term 'Lumhalghs' is certainly satisfied.

The earliest known mention of this area is contained in a charter, dated 1210, in one of the Lansdowne manuscripts (British Museum MSS 405). It is in Latin, but has been roughly translated (8) as follows: 'I, Adam de Biry (Bury), have given to God and St. Mary Magdalene of Bretton and to the monks serving there and to the work of their church, one piece of land in Hep (Heap) which is called Lummehaleges (Lomax), divided as follows: That is to say from the rivulet which falls into Blackwell, through the centre of the moss as far as Meresache as the land divides itself as far as the Guledene (Gooden) and from the Guledene to the water of Rached (Roch), together with all rights pertaining thereto in wood, in plain, in meadows, in pastures, and in waters, and with all common rights of communication, with their livestock of my men communicate with the same ville of Hep.' (The names that have survived to the present are shown in parenthesis). The township of Heap was recorded (9) as early as 1278. This authoritative history (9) also states concerning Heap that 'The principal road is that eastward from Bury across the Roch at Heap Bridge, through Charlestown and Heady Hill (here was the old district or hamlet of Lumhalghs or Lomax), and the town of Heywood, where it divides, to Rochdale on the north-west and Middleton on the south.'

The earliest record of the Lomas/Lomax/Loomis family name is for William de Lumhalghs who was mentioned as being at a court held at Tottington on 15 February 1324. The Lay Subsidy (Tax) Roll, number 130-6 at PRO London, for Lancashire in 1333 lists 'Rico de Lmhales' (Richard of Lumhalghs) as a land owner in Penhilton (Pendleton, about seven miles SSW of Lower Lomax) in the parish of Eccles. In 1380, Henry and Richard Lumhalgh and their wives contributed two shillings each to the Exchequer Lay Subsidy in the Parish of Bury (10), and at the

same time Thomas de Lumhalgh paid 12d. In 1391, King Richard II granted a pardon to John del Damme for stealing at Bury in 1390, two bullocks, value 10s from Richard de Lumhalghs. In 1435 the following names appeared (in Latin) on the rent rolls of Sir John Pilkington, Lord of the Manor of Bury: Radus del Lumhalges, Oliverus del Lumhalges, Thomas del Lumhalge de Whetyle, and Galfridus del Lumhalges. In 1441, Ralph de Lumhalx, John de Lumhalx and others, of Heap, were concerned in a lawsuit regarding land in Bury and Middleton. Movement out of Lancashire is also recorded: 1386, Henry Lunhales in Herefordshire; 1394, roger de Lumhale of Yorkshire; 1423, Thomas Lomys in Somersetshire; 1432, Thomas and Richard Lumhales in Derbyshire; and 1496, Sir Richard Lumhalx (Richardi Lymhawkys on his tombstone) rector of Surlingham St. Mary Church in Norfolk.

Regarding the matter of pronunciation, the letter 'h' was often not sounded, the 'al' was pronounced in Old English as though it were an 'au', and the 'gh' in Halghes is pronounced in Lancashire today as though it were 'sh'. The Old English pronunciation of 'Lumhalgh' in Lancashire was thus probably 'Lumaush'. The dialects of different regions resulted in various pronunciations as recorded phonetically by clerks in old records Lumaus, Lummas, Lomas, Lumhales, Lumhalx, Lomax, Lummys, Loomys and Loomis.

The earliest records of the modern spelling of the name were found by Joseph Lomax (11). He reported on a family lineage of Laurent Lomaxes, with the first Laurent Lomax born about 1427 in Bolton parish, the second about 1460 in Lancashire, and the third about 1493. This last one was the first Lawrent Lomax of Eye, Suffolk. Another early family that was noteworthy can be traced to a Richard Lomax of Pilsworth who married Janet Heap in 1545. A fifth generation descendant, named Richard Lomax of Pilsworth and Burnshaw, married Rebecca, heiress of John Heywood of Urmston. Through this marriage the Richard Lomax family acquired the Clayton Hall estate at Clayton-le-Moors.

Of the parish registers that have survived to the present time from the Lancashire region, none predate 1541. The parish registers for Bury, Bolton, Deane and Rochdale, parishes with concentrations of Lomas/Lomax families, do not start until 1590, 1587, 1637 and 1582 respectively. More than 30 entries of Lomax baptisms, marriages and burials were found in those registers prior to 1600. The 1642 Protestation Returns for Salford Hundred only listed 66 persons named Lomax or Lomas, including 25 in Bury parish, and 24 in contiguous parishes. The remainder occurred mostly in the northern part of the hundred, particularly in Deane parish, a short distance to the west of Bury, but the name also appears at Manchester and Salford. The Lomax name became more numerous in the latter part of the 17th and in the 18th centuries. A study of the surnames of Lancashire stated that the name 'Lomax seems to have become more dispersed by the end of the 18th century than some other surnames originating in the same part of the country.'

- 1 The Loomis Family in the Old World – An Original and Exhaustive Inquiry into the Origin of the Name and Ancestry in England of Joseph Loomis the Emigrant to New England in 1638. Charles A Hoppin, Jr for The Loomis Family of America, 1908.
- 2 The Place-Names of Lancashire pp11, 62, Eilert Ekwall, Manchester University Press, 1922.
- 3 The Origin of English Surnames p 47, P H Reaney, published by Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd., London, 1967.
- 4 English Surname Series, IV, The Surnames of Lancashire, pp 415 – 417, Richard McKinley, Leopards Head Press, London, 1981.
- 5 Place Names of Lancashire, Their Origin and History, pp 340, 341, Henry Cecil Wyld, London, 1911.
- 6 The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place Names 4th Edition, pp212, 307, Eilert Ekwall, Oxford, 1960.
- 7 Six inch Ordnance Survey, 1st Edition, surveyed 1844-7.

- 8 Heywood Notes and Queries edited by J. A. Green, Vol 3, p. 28, Manchester, 1907.
 - 9 The Victoria History of the County of Lancaster pp. 136, 255, edited by William Farrer and J. Brownbill, published for the University of London Institute of Historical Research, London, 1966.
 - 10 Hoppin states the original is almost unreadable but actually is from the parish of Wigan rather than Bury.
 - 11 Genealogical and Historical Sketches of the Lomax Family, Joseph Lomax, published by the Rookus Printing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, 1894.
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JOHN GULLY M.P.

By Liz Hedley

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My 4 x great grandfather was John Gully M.P. I have accumulated quite a lot about him and picked up some stories which don't get a mention in books and articles. When I was finding things in the archives at Pontefract Library a few years ago, I came across the name of Colonel Charles Lane and wrote to him. It turned out he was writing a book on "John Gully's Horses" – and he had a wealth of information which he either told me over the phone or copied to me.

Unfortunately, years later he decided the grandchildren were taking up too much of his time and he dropped the idea! He had been allowed to go through jockeys' logs at Doncaster and Newmarket and seemed on track for bringing out a winner – so sad that it didn't happen.

One of the letters he copied to me is from Jacquetta Bouch, who was a daughter of a Rector who went to Ackworth in 1910. In it are some of her memories. (I've learnt from someone else that the ostler who "won" Ackworth Park was called Mr. Henry Hill from Doncaster. I wonder if this is the betting family that is still around today?!)

Copy of letter from Jacquetta Bouch of Orchard House, King's Meaburn, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3BU – c.1900

To Colonel Charles Lane (retired)
(sent by Col. Lane to Liz Hedley – 24 June 2000)

Dear Mr. Lane,

In Country Life 5th July 1990 you ask for information about John Gully M.P.

My father was the Rector of Ackworth and I heard a great deal about Mr. Gully. He left the Park in 1843 having gambled away the estate on his way back from the races at Doncaster. The man who won it was an ostler at an Inn.

I do not think he ever came to live in it. But there were people in the village when my father came to live there, who could remember the family driving away leaving all the furniture etc., in the house.

Mr. Gully married a Roman Catholic and when one of his children died he wanted it buried in the church yard, but the then Rector refused to allow it. So Mr. Gully fenced in a piece of his own land adjacent to the church yard and the family used it as their private burial ground.

Tradition said they had a serious disagreement about it and Mr. Gully said he would come back and haunt the Rector! And when a door would open without any one opening it as a door will in old houses, we used to say "Good evening Mr. Gully".

As children we were not at all afraid of the thought of the ghost. And we always said that he haunted the Rector, and so he went away on holiday with us.

The Park House was empty of furniture but still in very good condition and when we were young we used to go to the caretakers and get the key. Then we used to go and wander about

the empty rooms. Admiring the beautiful plaster ceilings and great heavy wooden doors.

Right up on the top floor there was a 'Cock Pit'. It was a round sort of pit with a gallery running round it with a balustrade over which the onlookers will have leaned to watch the contests. If my memory is correct it was painted grey and blue.

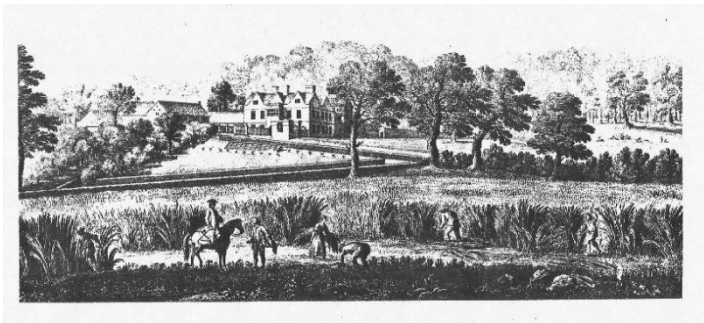
The stables were magnificent. Built of local stone with a great entrance gate way of two storeys. Most of the rest of the buildings were ranged round a big quadrangle paved with cobbles. I always said I would like to build a house out of it. My father said that three Derby winners had gone out of those stables. I do not know if this is correct. The lawns were still cut when I was young and there was still a fountain but I never saw it playing. The kitchen gardens were still looked after and there were large green houses which were still producing grapes. But later everything got run down and neglected.

The last time I went there, part of the back of the house had fallen in. It was in a very decayed state. That would have been just about the beginning of the 1939 war.

I hope these ramblings may be of some help. If there is anything I can help with please let me know.

Yours sincerely, Jacquetta Bouch

P.S. My father went to Ackworth about 1910. I am 75 years old.



THE CHRONOLOGY OF SARAH HITCHEN

By Tony Haley

Sarah was an ordinary Victorian mill girl in the Rossendale Valley. There is nothing remarkable about her life except that it encompassed nearly every deprivation that that generation had to endure.

Her life story is perhaps a microcosm of life at that time and for that reason is worth studying. Most of the issues faced by that generation are encapsulated within Sarah's life story.

From losing her mother at the age of eight through to her father's remarriage and subsequent gain of six half siblings right through to her own three marriages.

She was widowed twice by the age of 26 and in total had 12 children. Only three of these were born within wedlock. However, another six did have a named father with whom she was not only cohabiting but had taken his name. She eventually married him but not before the couple had moved to Bradford to avoid the Cotton Famine.

Only five of the 12 children survived infancy and she eventually died age 47 of TB.

Timeline

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| 1831 Dec | Joseph Hitchen, a mule spinner, marries Mary Ashworth in St. Nicholas, Newchurch in Rossendale ¹ |
| 1833 Dec | Sarah is born to Joseph and Mary, the second of five children. ^{2, 6a, 7a} |
| 1834 Apr | Sarah is christened at the Bethlehem Unitarian Chapel, Newchurch. ² |
| 1841 Jun | Sarah is living with her parents and four siblings at Millend, Newchurch. ^{6a} |
| 1842 Oct | Sarah's mother, Mary, dies age 33 of 'consumption' in Newchurch. ⁵ |

- 1844 Nov Sarah's father, Joseph, marries Ann Ashworth. They have six children together. ^{4, 7a, 8a, 9a, 12, 13}
- 1851 Mar Sarah is living with her father, stepmother, two siblings and four half-siblings in Waterfoot, Cowpe Lench. (Near Newchurch). ^{7a}
- 1852 Aug Sarah, age 18 (but claiming to be 19), marries George Heap, a 20 year old Power Loom Weaver of Cawl Terrace, Newchurch, at Haslingden Register Office. ⁴
- 1853 Feb Sarah gives birth to Mary Ann Heap in Waterfoot. Father George. ³
- 1854 Apr Mary Ann Heap dies age 14 months of 'Hydrocephalus' at Boothfold, Newchurch. ⁵
- 1854 Jun George Heap dies age 23 of 'Pulmonary Phthisis' (TB) in Fall Barn, Newchurch. ⁵
- 1856 Feb Sarah gives birth to George William Heap in Pickup Buildings, Rawtenstall. The birth certificate does not record a father, but 'Jeremiah' is written in and crossed out. ³
- 1856 Dec Sarah marries Jeremiah Haworth a 21 year old Power Loom Weaver from Cawl Terrace, Newchurch; at Haslingden Register Office. ⁴
- 1859 Dec Jeremiah dies, age 23, at Cawl Terrace from 'Caries of Lumber Vertebrae' (Spinal TB). ⁵
- 1861 Apr Sarah continues to live with her son Joseph in Cawl Terrace. ^{8b} Close by, in Turnpike Road, lives a 31 year old widower, James Hoyle. ^{8c} (Parents: Joshua Hoyle and Alice (nee Pickup) ²)
- 1862 Sep Sarah gives birth to Mary Alice Haworth, at Clough Fold, Newchurch. No father is recorded. ³ (NB. As Sarah and James's mothers were Mary and Alice respectively the possibility is that James Hoyle was the father. ²)
- 1862/3 Sarah moves to Bradford with James Hoyle and her three children, George William Heap, Joseph Haworth and Mary Alice Haworth, presumably to escape the cotton famine. James gains employment as a worsted woollen weaver but rapidly progresses to be an overlooker.

- 1864 May Sarah (surname now Hoyle) gives birth to Joshua Hoyle in Windhill, Idle, Bradford. Father: James Hoyle. ³
- 1864 Sep Joseph Haworth dies age six of 'Scarlatina Dropsy' (Scarlet Fever), in Windhill, Idle, Bradford; informant: James Hoyle. ⁵
- 1865 Sep Sarah gives birth to Sarah Elizabeth Hoyle in Windhill, Idle, Bradford. Father: James. ³
- 1866 Jun Sarah Elizabeth dies age seven months of 'Bronchitis Convulsions'. ^{5, 13}
- 1869 Aug Sarah gives birth to James Henry Hoyle in Windhill, Idle, Bradford. Father: James. ³
- 1870 Feb James Henry dies age five months of 'Eysipelas Capitis, 2 weeks. Pneumonia three days' ^{5, 13}
- 1871 Feb Sarah gives birth to Richard Walton Hoyle in Bradford. Father: James Hoyle. ¹³
- 1871 Apr The family, comprising James, Sarah, George William, Mary Alice, Joshua and Richard Walton are living in Calcutta Street, Bowling, Bradford. They are all using the Hoyle surname. James is a Weaving Overlooker. ^{9b}
- 1871 May Richard Walton dies age 11 weeks of pneumonia. ^{5, 13}
- 1872 May Sarah gives birth to twins Isabella and Emily Hoyle in Newby Street, Bowling, Bradford. Father: James Hoyle. ³
- 1873 Feb Twin Emily dies, age eight months of 'Congestion Cerebri' in Newby Street. ⁵
- 1876 May Sarah's father, Joseph, dies age 70 at Victoria Street, Waterfoot, due to: 'Dilation of the Heart and Lung Congestion'. ⁵
- 1876 Jun Sarah gives birth to John Henry Hoyle in Newby Street, Bowling, Bradford. Father: James. ³
- 1876 Aug Sarah marries James Hoyle in the Parish Church, Bradford. They claim to be living at separate addresses, Sarah in Newby Street and James in Bismarck Street. ⁴
- 1877/8 Sarah and the family move back home to Newchurch. George William remains in Bradford

- where he marries Harriet Sharp and reverts to his Heap surname. ^{4, 10a}
- 1878 Aug Sarah gives birth to Charles Ashworth Hoyle in Newchurch. ^{3, 13, 5}
- 1879 Jan Sarah's first grandchild, Maud Heap, is born to George William and Harriet in Bradford. ^{3, 13}
- 1881 Apr The family, comprising, James, Sarah, Mary Alice, Joshua, Isabella, John Henry and Charles Ashworth, are living in Burnley Road, Newchurch. ^{10b}
- 1881 July Charles Ashworth Hoyle dies age two years 11 months of 'Cyanosis' in Clerk Holme View, Newchurch. ⁵
- 1881 Nov Sarah dies age 47 of 'Pulmonary Consumption' in Clerk Holme, Newchurch. ⁵
- 1888 Jun James Hoyle dies age 58 of 'Bronchial Congestion' in Newchurch. ⁵
- 1891 Apr The family has fragmented.
George William Heap (age 36) remains in Bradford with his wife and six (eventually seven) children. ^{11a}
Mary Alice (28) retains the Hoyle surname, is unmarried and has moved back to Bradford. ^{11b}
Joshua (26) has married Elizabeth Ann Hitchen ^{13a} and is living with his in-laws, wife and child in Lower Booths, Rossendale. ^{11c}
Isabella (19) is living in lodgings in Elton, Bury ^{11e} where she has (presumably) met Thomas Haley of Walmersley whom she marries in August of that year. ⁴
John Henry (14) is being brought up by an uncle and aunt, Robert and Mary Schofield (nee Hoyle, James's sister, ^{7b, 13b}), in Grane Road, Haslingden. ^{11d}

Epilogue

George William Heap's wife Harriet dies in 1895 in Bradford Infirmary following an operation for cervical cancer. George

William dies three and a half years later, in November 1898, in the Wharfedale workhouse of 'General Paralysis' (Syphilis). All seven of their children reach adulthood, marry and have children. Two of their sons perish in WW1. George and Harriet had 21 grandchildren although none were born during their lifetimes. From these there are five times great grandchildren of Sarah's alive today in Canada.

Mary Alice lived in lodgings in Bradford. In July 1891 she was a witness at the marriage of her housemate Hannah Clarkson. No further record has been found.

Joshua and Elizabeth Ann had two children, Joseph and Agnes Helena, before then moving from Rawtenstall to Brierfield, Nelson. Joshua died in 1898, aged 33, of 'Erysipelas Meningitis Coma'. Both their son, Joseph, and their son-in-law, Thomas Ogden, die in WW1. There were no grandchildren, both the children's marriages were very short. None of the three widows remarried. Elizabeth Ann died, age 58, in 1925, her daughter-in-law Elizabeth (nee Hart) in 1963, aged 72, having moved to Blackpool and daughter, Agnes Helena aged 75, in 1965 having moved to Longridge.

Isabella's husband Thomas Haley died in 1910 aged 39 in the Cottage Hospital, Ramsbottom. They had three sons, one died in infancy, and another was killed in action at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. She had already moved to Haslingden and in 1912 married a widower John Henry Bolshaw. He was a bookkeeper and had moved from central Manchester in 1911 after losing his wife and three of his children to infectious diseases, a fourth was to die in 1914. The family moved to Blackpool just after WW1 where Isabella died in 1950 aged 77. They had no children together, but Isabella's remaining son married John Henry's remaining daughter and there are descendants alive today, Sarah's four times great grandchildren.

John Henry continued to live with his uncle and aunt until emigrating to Canada in 1903. He married a Londoner, Agnes

Hanwright in 1912 in Toronto, Ontario. It is believed that they met on a voyage to Canada following John Henry's brief visit home. He died there in 1931 aged 55. They had four children, the youngest of which, Edwin Morrish Hoyle, was born in 1926 and in July 2021 celebrated his 95th birthday. A mere 140 years after the death of his paternal grandmother Sarah Hoyle nee Hitchen, late Haworth, late Heap.

What would she have thought?

Timeline Sources

- ¹ Parish Register
 - ² Church Register
 - ³ Birth Certificate
 - ⁴ Marriage Certificate
 - ⁵ Death Certificate
 - ^{6a} Census 1841 Ref HO107/0509/7 Folio 28 Page 16
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 - ^{7b} Census 1851 Ref HO107/2248 Folio 58 Page 56
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WELL! WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT!

Anon

An interesting turn of events this week! My sister received a phone call recently, not just an ordinary call, it was a cousin, who in a fairly drunken state suggested that an aunty of ours was in fact our sister! Disbelieving of course, she relayed the message to her husband, a Family Historian. He said little but considered the options and eventually sent for the aunt's birth certificate.

The certificate arrived in due course and surprise, surprise, it confirmed that our mother was indeed the mother. There was no father recorded.

My sister mulled over 'what happens now?' and 'should I tell' and 'how do I tell our four siblings and our niece and nephew (children of the same aunty)?' After some heart-searching, she decided to tell me, her elder brother. After much discussion, we decided to tell.

Fortunately, since we were close to the aunty the consensus was that it wouldn't make any difference to our relationship. We just had a new elder sister! Relief reigned until we felt the need to find out if our 'cousins' were aware, after all the 'new' fact was contained in aunt's birth certificate. I rang my niece. She was aware that her mum was adopted, but no facts. She too was pleased to be told, it answered many of her questions. The discussion went further, do we raise the issue with our aunty?

She, bless her, is not in the best of health and suffering with early onset dementia. The decision was taken not to raise the issue. The outcome, we have a new elder sister, grand!

I too am a family historian, if only casually. The lessons for all are to:

- 1 Assume nothing about family relationships.

- 2 'Triangulate' proof of information. That is to check with three sources the information you have, however difficult that might be and however sure you are about that information.
- 3 Talk to as many living relatives as you can about relationships.

It seems that in the wider family, no-one was aware of this little gem of information. Our thoughts turned to our mum and dad, what they must have gone through! Mum had this child when she was 16, her mum and dad, my grandparents, took the baby in as their own. Mum went on to marry my dad at age 20, after a well recorded four-year courtship. We are sure he would be aware, but there's no evidence of that.

DEATHS NOTIFIED

Jean Rutherford – Ecclestone

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

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TRACING YOUR PRISONER ANCESTORS

By Stephen Wade

Stephen Wade is a specialist crime writer and has produced this excellent volume of work that aims to provide information and guidance to family and local historians in a particularly difficult subject covering a time span from medieval to modern and includes some Scottish and Irish sources ranging from central calendars of prisoners, court records and gaol returns, through memoirs and periodicals. The chapters include case studies and short biographies of some individuals who experienced the prisons and left records.

The word 'tracing' implies detective work, the majority of prison records date from the Industrial Revolution c1760 – 1830, and in those years the explosion of population increases makes the job more involved. This book therefore offers some help, many records have been lost or dispersed, often into secondary sources outside the main criminal justice system records. With all that in mind, using the book will present the reader with a certain common ground of familiar criminal offences as well as mainstream criminal law.

The author recommends taking the following steps to maximise the usefulness of this type of research; first try to find the standard prison documentation, secondly, search the main secondary material such as doctor's journals then search newspapers, other published material, reports and memoirs etc. Details published in the book include case studies,

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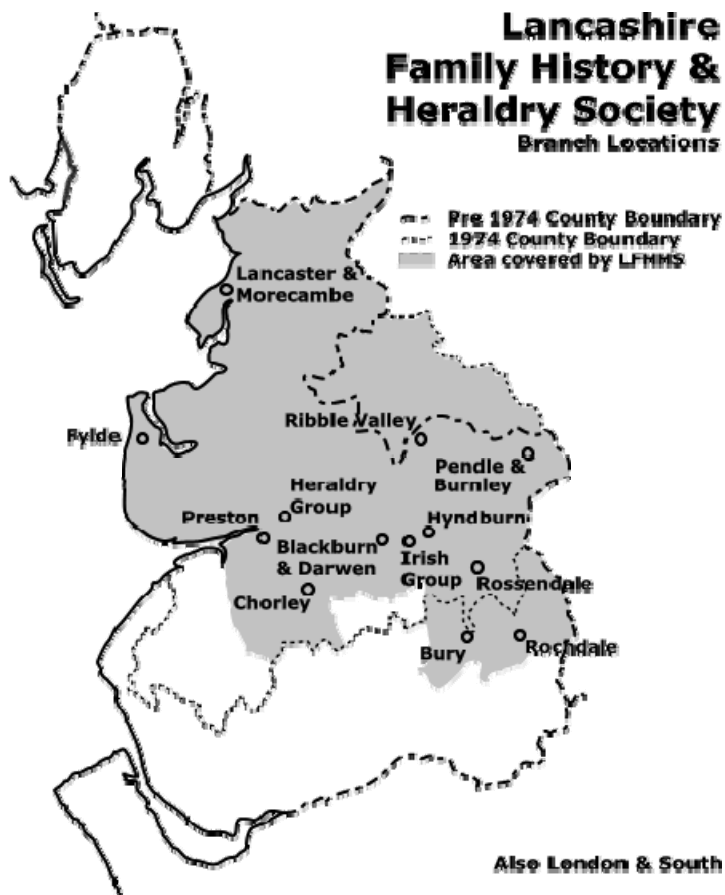
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explanations of the changes in administration, glossaries of legal and penal terminology and extensive bibliographical information.

An extremely interesting read with sufficient leisure time, there is a glossary of terms and criminal offences which, by themselves, define human intransigence and the distinctions between misdemeanours and felonies. Another aspect that family historians should read taking the research to its ultimate conclusion.

Reviewed by Ian White

STRUGGLE AND SUFFRAGE IN MORPETH AND NORTHUMBERLAND

By Dr. Craig Armstrong

Aside from the hard life of raising families in an area where money was often hard to come by, and where much of the available work was labour intensive and dangerous, women were also expected to play a role in bringing money into the household. The farming economy in Cumberland and Northumberland depended so much upon female labour that many men found it was far easier to be taken on by a prospective employer if they could assure the employer that they were able to bring a suitable female worker with them.

The period of the nineteenth century was one of considerable upheaval, a number of Northumbrian suffragists and the local radical suffragettes launched a number of attacks in the area. Morpeth was a very early supporter of Women's Suffrage and the Mayor and local council gave active support to the cause although they remained largely opposed to the actions of the suffragettes. Dr. Craig Armstrong, an experienced Northumbrian has a special interest in the history of the North East of England with a particular focus on social and military history.

This book explains the characteristics pertaining to the extreme north of England and South of Scotland, revisiting discoveries passed down from our most recent ancestors of men employed as Butlers in the big house or Grooms looking after the horses and Coach Drivers and workers in the fields, where the women were also employed as Domestic Servants in the vestiges of the big house. At £12.99 from Pen and Sword, it is an interesting account brought home to the North and brings a host of research memories to reality.

Reviewed by Ian White

FASHION AND FAMILY HISTORY INTERPRETING HOW YOUR ANCESTORS DRESSED

By Jayne Shrimpton

Family history brought to lifestyle! Often raised questions of a photograph, can you date it? Here is the answer, Jayne Shrimpton, a professional fashion historian and 'photo detective' works primarily in the family history arena including the BBC TV programme *Who Do You Think You Are*. Teaching dress history teaches us much about the past, demonstrating how fashion and clothes represented the everyday experiences of earlier generations, illuminating the world in which they lived.

As Britain evolved in the 1890s from a slow-paced society into an urban-industrial nation, traditional rural style declined and modern city modes, workwear and holiday gear developed. Women sewed at home, novel textiles advanced shopping, and mass-produced goods brought affordable fashion to the many. The Victorians observed strict etiquette through special uniforms for Sundays, marriage and mourning. Twentieth-century dress grew to be more relaxed and informal as popular culture influenced fashion for recent generations who enjoyed sport, cinema, music and dancing.

Everyone has to wear clothes for basic modesty, protection,

warmth and comfort, but throughout history dress has served to demonstrate a person's age, gender, social status, occupation and place in the world signifying who they are or perhaps how they wish to appear. Earlier generations understood different textiles and their properties, traditionally females learned to sew, and diligently learned how to alter, repair and renovate material and/or garments, but the further we go back in time the more complex and time consuming was the assembly and maintenance of a wardrobe.

The publication by Pen and Sword at £14.99 is a gift to us photograph hoarders, put together with skill, detail and endless patience of the author, fully illustrated and indexed and, I would say, of invaluable use in research by both male and female family history researchers, my wife could not put it down!

Reviewed by Ian White

ALAN GODFREY MAPS

Several new or re-prints are now available in the Lancashire area.

Lancashire 95.07b Stoneclough, Prestolee and Ringley 1927

This map covers a cluster of communities that are now part of Bolton MBC: Stoneclough, Prestolee, Ringley and part of Kearsley, with features including some major mills, the stretch of the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal up to Prestolee Locks, railways with Kearsley station, the picturesque village of Ringley with its old and separate church tower, and much more.

Lancashire Sheet 95.11b Kearsley (South) and Clifton Moss 1927

This map links up with the Stoneclough one above to cover the rest of Kearsley, and especially the area round the old Spindle Point Colliery. Railways, tramways, mineral railways and a

stretch of the Bridgewater Collieries Railway will appeal to transport historians.

Lancashire 93.08a Wigan 1892

This is our third map for central Wigan, following titles for 1907 and 1928. This is, of course, a very busy map, with railways, three stations (the third is Wigan Junction – Wigan Central had not yet been opened), the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, Rose Bridge Collieries, Ince Hall and much more.

Lancashire 102.10 Lowton St. Mary's 1925

Towards the southern end of Wigan MBC, this map covers Lowton St. Mary's and Lowton Common, conjoined villages on the road between Leigh and Golborne. Features include the LNER railway with Lowton St. Mary's station, plus the southern approaches to Pennington station on the LMSR line. Lowton was famous for HMS Cabbala, the wartime Royal Navy signals school, and we include a 1944 six-inch map on the reverse to cover this stage in the areas history.

Lancashire 95.02b Moses Gate 1927

Continuing our recent coverage of the area south of Bolton, we publish a new map of Moses Gate. This is a busy map, with many mills, Great Lever Hall, Great Lever Bleach Works, chemical works, the railway and canal.

BOOM AND BUST IN COTTON MANUFACTURING

By Tom Holden, Edited by Richard J. Holden

Tom Holden, a native of Blackburn was 'born to cotton' as he stated at the introduction of his memoir, "he loved the molls" and his account of how his family established and ran Rockcliffe Mill and Havelock Mill in Blackburn provides a unique story of commitment and survival.

The mills were 2 of over 100 in Blackburn at the peak of the cotton industry in 1913. They were 2 of 28 to survive the brutal decline in the 1930s and Tom wrote in the context of a British

economy where cotton, for a short time was the engine of the country's growth but which subsequently suffered dramatically from foreign competition.

This book is an edited embellishment of Tom Holdens memoir by his son Richard Holden with further research, photographs and illustrations pertinent to the two mills, and additional economic data and a select bibliography.

Growing up in Blackburn, Tom followed a career in banking as directed by his father, but retained an interest in the cotton industry, his father's business. King Cotton, as it was termed at its peak produced eight billion yards of cloth. In 1840 exports stood at 452 million lbs, the numbers of weaving looms in Lancashire more than doubled between 1860 and 1910 rivalling those in Burnley and Nelson for pre-eminence. Around 1910 Blackburn employed 42,000, more than anywhere else in the world boasting that it produced a mile of cloth every 20 seconds on over 100,000 looms.

The cotton industry was highly significant politically and socially as more women were employed than in any other industry and they were highly unionised and a vanguard for equal pay.

The Holden family owned and controlled the Rockcliffe and Havelock Mills, having founded and developed them from nothing, and Tom wrote of his memories in 2000 lying dormant until its resurrection in this fascinating book, though the editor, Richard Holden confesses he never talked to his father or grandfather about the business itself. More so, the evidence unfolded by his research is compelling and remarkable and must form a considerably respected volume of the history of the cotton industry in Lancashire.

The book contains family trees and profiles of the main Holdens, photographs and site plans, newspaper cuttings, and a substantial bibliography with supplementary data. (*"Blackburn ... well it were full o' chimneys' said Nellie Malone; a Havelock weaver*).

A very well put together book and grateful thanks to Richard Holden for the review copy. ISBN No. 978-1-5272-7170-8.

Reviewed by Ian White

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS THROUGH LAND RECORDS

Chris Paton has followed up his Irish Family History on the Internet with his latest book 'Irish Ancestors through Land Records', a practical introduction to the various historic land records kept across the Island of Ireland exploring the documentation for genealogical research and house histories, identifying the key archive repositories and online resources. The history of Ireland is one that was long dominated by the question of land ownership, with complex and often distressing tales of dispossession and colonisation, religious tensions, absentee landlordism, subsistence farming, and considerably more to sadden the heart. Yet with the destruction of much of Ireland's historic records during the Irish Civil War, and with discriminatory Penal Laws in place in earlier times, it is often within land records that we can find evidence of our ancestor's existence, in some cases the only evidence where the relevant vital records for an area may never have been kept or may not have survived.

Stories of the communities from which our ancestors emerged, controversial histories of ownership, the rights granted to those who held estates and the plights of the dispossessed, the identities of records helping to release stories of many of Ireland's forgotten generations are explored. Once again Chris Paton has produced a book of enormous importance for family and local historians, combing the intricacies of Irish history following his previous books on Irish and Scottish family history, in this book he has surpassed the depth of intelligence in a very difficult area of research. For anyone with interests in Irish genealogy this is where the work begins.

Published by Pen and Sword priced at UK £14.99, US\$26.95
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Reviewed by Ian White

NOTES AND NEWS

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IN THE MAY 2021 JOURNAL

On page 18 of the May 2021 journal, article 'One Thing Leads to Another' by Judith Bourke, please note that halfway down the page it says 'Ardwick Cemetery was closed in 1850'. This should of course be 1950.

The electronic version on the society website has been amended.

ONLINE TALKS FROM LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Lancashire Archives online talk programme for the rest of 2021

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ASTLEY HALL FARMHOUSE**

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Following the 18 month closure due to Covid-19 we are pleased to announce that our Family History Research Centre situated in the Astley Hall Farmhouse is once again open to members.

Initially it will open as follows:

4 Mondays; 4 Wednesdays; 2 Fridays per month, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and 1 Saturday, 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm.

All of our volunteers give their time freely, and we do not make any charge, other than for printing, but donations are very much appreciated. These, in turn, enable us to continue helping visitors to the Centre by adding resources.

The Calendar for following months will be available in the Centre, or when ringing to make an appointment and reserve your seat.

Anyone requiring assistance on a one to one basis must make an appointment by ringing 01257 231600 during opening hours, or by calling Ron Chapman on 07730 793990 when the Centre is closed, or e-mailing cfhrc@chapman47.plus

Contact can also be made by visiting the web-site, www.cfhrc.com or via Facebook, search for Chorley Family History Research Centre to find the page.

Our Ground Floor Research Room has been re-arranged, reducing the available computers to three, but with enough

space for visitor and volunteer to work together in a Covid-safe way. However, upstairs we have a further Research Room with several computers, which can be used by visitors working on their own, in a safe environment. All computers hold our own data, including burials in Chorley and Adlington Municipal Cemeteries; and have full internet access to the many free on-line resources, and accounts with 2 well known subscription sites.

Our dedicated Research Library Room, also upstairs, holds not only books on various subjects such as Parish Records; Census; Wills; Family History Guides; Occupations etc, but also Maps and Gazetteers, and directories. Many other local materials can be found, such as transcriptions of Parish Records from Chorley and the wider Lancashire area; Memorial Inscriptions from local Churches transcribed by volunteers, and other resources, including on CD.

Our third room upstairs houses a large collection of LPRS books, and a bank of machines for reading our fiche collections.

In-house, or Branch-run, Family History Education classes will resume in due course, and it is hoped to introduce Distance Research, thus enabling those who cannot get to the Centre because of distance or incapacity, to access our facilities and obtain help with their research. This could utilise technology solutions such as Zoom, Skype, Google + as well as e-mail, telephone or even Snail Mail. This again is something yet to be confirmed as we return to operating the Research Centre, but make contact using the methods previously outlined, and someone will try to help.

The LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre is manned by enthusiastic volunteer researchers, who can provide all our visitors with help and guidance.

We are always happy to hear from anyone who would like to join the team of volunteers, just contact Ron Chapman to discuss what is involved, and how you can help.

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MARRIAGE CEREMONIES UPDATED 4 MAY 2021

Changes from 4 May 2021.

Marriages will no longer be registered in a paper marriage register. The details of the marriage will be captured on a marriage schedule or marriage document which will be registered on the electronic marriage register at the local register office after the ceremony.

Each party to the marriage will be able to record the details of up to 4 parents on the marriage schedule or marriage document (for example, mothers, fathers or step parents).

Marriage certificates can only be issued by the register office or General Register Office (GRO). Authorised persons, members of the clergy or secretaries for synagogues will not be able to issue marriage certificates after 4 May 2021.

Authorised persons.

One year after a building has been registered for the solemnisation of marriages, the trustees or governing body can appoint an authorised person to attend marriages and sign the marriage schedule without the need for a registrar from the register office to attend.

The appointment is made by 2 trustees or members of the governing body of the registered building completing a certificate of appointment form. The form should be returned to the General Register Office as the appointment has to be recorded by the Registrar General before the authorised person can commence their duties.

The individual who is to be appointed should be given a

guidance letter which should be read before completing the application form.

The General Register Office has produced a guide and a newsletter for authorised persons.

There are also guides for the clergy and secretaries of synagogues.

BANISH PASSWORDS!

By Mike Coyle

Research shows that the black market for collections of user passwords is huge, with databases of 10,000 of the most used passwords available to hackers for knock-down prices.

The National Cyber Security Centre recommends using 3 random combinations instead of a single, predictable password. Examples might be 'RadioBlueFairy', 'GolfPointerWednesday'. There is software to help, Computer Active Magazine (Issue 615, September 2021) suggests (not recommends) www.useapassphrase.com to generate random combinations. The article goes on to suggest 4 or even 5 word combinations or the inclusion of numbers, being more secure.

Words can be as long as you wish, the longer the better. Choose words that for you are easy to remember, but make them random, not connected in any way.

Alternatively, if you must use a 'standard' password, try a Password Manager, there are several: 'KeyPass' or Google's own Password Manager. I use 'Dashlane'. All will generate safe passwords and remember them for you. Some are free, some on subscription.

Just be aware! There's more information at:
<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberaware/home>.

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BLACKBURN & DARWEN

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2022, at the same venue.

Programme of speakers is currently being prepared.

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Bury branch are not restarting their branch meetings until March 2022.

We hope to be using the same location.

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In August branch members visited Chorley Theatre, originally The Empire Electric Theatre. Cinema was a new and exciting form of entertainment in the 1920s. Before cinema live shows were presented such as Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show which performed at the Cattle Market, now the Flat Iron car park in 1886. Skating was also a very popular entertainment. In 1926 the biggest number of people attended the cinema in this country and the lowest number in 1986.

George Sante converted an old drill hall into a skating rink in 1909, but skating declined, and he converted it into the Pavilion Cinema. The Hooley family took it over and the first talkie was shown there in 1929. It remained open till 1962 when it

became a Bingo Hall and had a 5 month revival in 1972 as a cinema but was then demolished.

The Theatre Royal on Market Street was also opened in 1911 and lasted till the 1950s. The Hippodrome which later became the Tudor was a wooden building and the first cinema in Chorley. As the Tudor it was a Dance Hall and also hosted Bingo and would bring in the latest bands. In the next life it was Graham's Supermarket but was demolished in the 1990s and became part of Fleet Street car park.

The fourth early cinema was the Empire Electric Cinema which opened in 1910 and is now Chorley Little Theatre. Recently the original stain glass name was uncovered at the front of the building. Today films are still shown as well as plays, comedy acts, music and pantomimes. It has been owned and run by the Chorley Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society (CADOS) since 1958 when it closed as a full-time cinema. It is one of the oldest purpose-built cinemas in the UK. Thus, Chorley had four cinemas for many years, but more were added.

In 1937 the Plaza, later Studio 1 2 3 4 was opened and as well as the cinema there was a dance hall and café. In 1970 it was converted into a 3-screen cinema, one of the first in the UK. It closed in 1986 and was demolished in 2012.

The Odeon Cinema opened in 1938 and was very plush, a place to impress a date. However, it closed in 1971 and became Gala Bingo. With many repairs needed Buzz Bingo gave it back to Chorley Council and it is being demolished, possibly to become a car park and community square. The newest Cinema the Reel Cinema is part of the town centre redevelopment.

Lots of other locations were used over the years such as the basement of St. George's Street Congregational Church with CADOS used for its shows for many years till it bought the current building. On our tour round the Theatre, we saw the new Studio which is being developed as a rehearsal area and for smaller more versatile performances.

Much work has been done to develop the site, make it safer and more user friendly. The Theatre is recognised as part of Chorley's town centre development initiative, and the Council designed a Theatre Walk in the Peter Wink Alley to give access from the town.

September was our first meeting since the lockdown. Professor Paul Salveson gave an interesting detailed history of Lancashire Railways.

The history of the railways is not only about trains but includes the people who worked and travelled on them. There were two main companies in Lancashire, London North West with a main centre in Crewe and the Lancashire and Yorkshire. Chorley was connected to both networks. The first mainline track was from Bolton in 1928, and the first intercity line from Manchester to Liverpool was in 1830.

The Loco Works in Horwich built engines called the High Flyers. They could produce 50-60 engines a year. Horwich has an interesting Heritage Centre.

Chorley got a first railway link to the town centre in 1841. The Chorley Arches were built to connect to the main line in 1843. Chorley has a major goods yard and wagon works by Railway Street. A Royal Ordnance Factory was located near Euxton but known as ROF Chorley with a store near Heapy and was used between 1930 – 1990 becoming a production unit for BAE Systems till 2005-7.

The 1960s saw the closure of a number of lines and in 1965 the closure of the Loco Works in Horwich.

The area was progressive with regards to railways, Southport to Liverpool becoming one of the first electrified lines. Railways in the early days were often managed by ex-military personnel and was looked upon as an essential service such as police,

hence it was not unionised till quite late, the first union being the Amalgamated Union of Railway Servants.

The Railways looked after all aspects of their employee's lives, building housing with their own bricks which were quite distinctive, supporting things like brass bands and social clubs. Many famous railwaymen served their time at Horwich such as Sir John Aspinall who became Chief Engineer of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and Sir Nigel Gresley designer of the famous Flying Scotsman.

There were all kinds of groups who travelled on railways. For example, there was a Club Train travelling between Manchester and Blackpool where members subscribed at a price to the train and travelled in luxury. There were seaside specials where the ordinary family travelled for a day at the seaside.

When the railways were nationalised in 1948 the Coal Board included their many private railways in the nationalisation. The Beeching Report in the 1960s closed many lines. The first report identified 2,363 stations and 5,000 miles (8,000 km) of railway line for closure. In the 1980s, British Rail planned to close the Settle-Carlisle line. This prompted a campaign to save the line by rail groups, enthusiasts, local authorities and residents along the route. In 1989 the UK government announced the line would be saved from closure. Since then, passenger numbers have grown steadily to 1.2 million in 2012. Few lines have been closed since.

Allan Clarke alias Teddy Ashton was a writer and railway enthusiast who wrote about 20 novels about the northwest. He was born in Bolton and his second wife Lila was from Chorley. He writes about the north and social conditions and Professor Paul Salveson has updated his book about Allen Clarke.

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There has been no activity for the branch, however, we are hoping to get back into some kind of action early in 2022. One idea is to begin with a zoom meeting or two which would be open to all, then eventually get back into meeting face to face in the Church Hall. We will probably begin with open meetings and workshops. Some of us have found time to work on our family trees whilst being under house arrest, and it will be interesting to hear of new discoveries from members.

I have just re-looked at a large file containing family trees that were donated to the branch some years ago. I posted a list on the Forum, but it is too long to add to this article. If you have not joined the Forum then this is to be recommended. In the branch we have a lot of Mis for local Churches and cemeteries and much more in our area. If you have ancestors that lived in this area please get in contact and email the above address if you have a query of any kind in the Fylde area, or use the postal service.

Last of all is a reminder to renew your subscription to the Society asap and our officials hope that you enjoy a Happy Christmas and New Year.

HERALDRY GROUP

HYNDBURN

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At last branch meetings can start again, probably, for Hyndburn, early in the new year.

Unfortunately, we have lost our venue for evening meetings but have been offered an afternoon instead. Alternatively we could use the Straits.

We will be trying to contact as many of our members living in the area as we possibly can to help us make the right decision together for the future of the branch. Please contact either Muriel or Eileen if you haven't already heard from us and let us know what you think.

It's your branch and your views are important. Stay safe and let's hope that 2022 sees a welcome return to how things used to be.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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Well I think we can all agree that it has been a strange time and certainly it's been a long time since the Irish Group has managed to meet up. Members of the Group like everyone else, have been busy researching their own family history and hopefully making progress.

We shall start meetings again in 2022, and look forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Saturday 11 February 2022.

Submitted by Marian Crossley

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We held a face to face meeting on 10 September 2021, with 7 members at the meeting, and one potential new member.

We have a page on Facebook, Lancaster & Morecambe Family History Group, which has been moribund for the last 18 months. This is now to be resurrected and information of our meetings to be put on it.

For the present we will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

From January 2022 we will revert back to the 1st and 3rd Fridays. The 3rd Friday and 4th Friday will be the branch meeting day for at least an hour during the opening times from 11.00am to 3.00pm. The rest of the time will be to accommodate drop in sessions.

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Apologies for my recent absence, but it has not been the best of years. Things are looking better though now. We hope you are all fit and well and continuing with your research.

My personal main topic of researching the Penwortham WW2 casualties is progressing, with many interesting stories coming out of the research. A couple of days ago I eventually was able to speak face-to-face with the 98 years old sister-in-law of one of our casualties, having traced her through a newspaper appeal. A photo and other memorabilia of our pilot was forthcoming, with a link to another relative who has even more.

Another young man is buried locally but is not on the town memorial. A number of these anomalies have already appeared and it just goes to show, don't believe everything, even if it is etched, or not, in stone. Check and check again. Enquiries have led us so far to Canada, New Zealand the Scotland via Singleton in the Fylde on this one. It remains on-going.

We are hoping to initially re-open our branch meetings in January 2022, so please keep a lookout on the society forum and the society website for details. We are continuing to publish our monthly newsletter which you can find on the society's website under Preston Branch, and then scroll down to click on it. We hope you find it of interest, even mildly amusing.

Elsewhere following on from Covid, the Society have produced

various 'Zoom' meetings giving members the opportunity to keep in touch and receive presentations from visiting speakers. This has enabled those members who are 'out-of-Lancashire' to join in and receive the benefits of knowledge being passed on as to where you can obtain further information on your chosen subject. Covid has been a thorough nuisance, but something has come out of it. It hasn't finished yet, so continue to take it safely, and follow the health authority's advice.

If you have any questions that are Preston area related, please give me a call, or try the forum.

Trusting you will all have a good up-coming festive season.

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We have now resumed branch meetings at Rochdale. Please see the society website for details. If you are thinking of attending a meeting over the next few months, please give me a ring beforehand to check that it is still taking place and that there are no last minute cancellations/changes due to Covid or the weather as we are now approaching winter.

Meetings are still at the same place and time, St. Andrews U R Church, Entwisle Road, Rochdale OL16 2HZ, on the last Wednesday of every month (no meeting in December) at 7.30pm.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support over the past 18 months.

ROSSENDALE

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Rossendale branch had a zoom meeting in September; just a general chat to keep in touch.

We are planning to start meetings on 6 October 2021, at our usual venue, Longholme Methodist Church. The first meeting will probably be a discussion evening, as we feel that booking a speaker is an unnecessary risk at the moment. Who knows, we may even manage to sort out our stock cupboard!

Submitted by John Dalton

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR THE
FEBRUARY 2022 MAGAZINE IS : 6 DECEMBER.
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

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GILSTON	LAN	West Derby (shipyard)	1900+
LANCASTER	LAN	Prescot	1990+

LANCASTER	LAN	St. Helens	1900+
OGDEN	LAN	Salford (calico bleacher)	1830-50
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WILD	LAN	St. Helens	1900+

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Best Wishes for Christmas Everyone

**Don't forget to renew your membership
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**Remember to look out for the AGM and
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