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Battlefields trip to France by member Ruth Taylor (3722)

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## BRANCH PROGRAMMES

- 2 Feb Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 2 Feb Heraldry – Ripon Cathedral and Ripley Parish Church – Derrick
- 3 Feb Hyndburn – Skeletons in the Cupboard – Bill Taylor
- 4 Feb Rossendale – Bridleways in Rossendale
- 5 Feb Blackburn & Darwen – Gold Dust; Three Wallace Wills –  
Bill Taylor
- 10 Feb Ribble Valley – Local Quarries – Gordon Taylor
- 11 Feb Bury – Roman Catholic Genealogy – Jim Lancaster
- 11 Feb Fylde – Life in the North Atlantic Convoys – Allan Seabridge
- 14 Feb Irish – Advice & Research Workshop, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU  
13.00 – 16.00 hours
- 16 Feb Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 17 Feb Chorley – Working class attitudes to work in the e20C –  
Dr Elizabeth Roberts
- 18 Feb Pendle & Burnley – The Buried Treasure of James Dixon –  
Dave Pilkington and Harriet Roberts
- 25 Feb Rochdale – Research Evening
- 2 Mar Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 2 Mar Heraldry – Heraldry in Westmorland – Peter Marshall
- 3 Mar Hyndburn – AGM & Lancs BMD – Tony Foster
- 4 Mar Rossendale – Dating Old Photographs
- 5 Mar Blackburn & Darwen – AGM – From Falmouth to Blackburn  
– John Shorrock
- 10 Mar Ribble Valley – AGM and Hello Friends – Brian Stott
- 11 Mar Bury – AGM
- 11 Mar Fylde - AGM
- 16 Mar Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 17 Mar Chorley – A History of Blackpool Illuminations – Richard Ryan  
Illuminations Manager
- 18 Mar Pendle & Burnley – AGM and Practical Workshop
- 19 Mar Lancaster & Morecambe – Ipad+Ancestry+Family Tree Maker
- 28 Mar London & South – AGM & Future Prospects for Family History –  
Mike Coyle
- 1 Apr Rossendale – AGM and Short Talk (Any Volunteers?)
- 2 Apr Blackburn & Darwen – Newspapers; An important resource  
Tony Foster
- 7 Apr Hyndburn – Workshop
- 8 Apr Bury – The Mystery of the Romanovs – Rodney Brackstone
- 8 Apr Fylde – Hundreds of hints & tips for family history research

- 11 Apr Irish – Advice & Research Workshop & AGM  
Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU 13.00 – 16.00 hours
- 13 Apr Heraldry – John Mackie Miscellany – Tony Consadine
- 14 Apr Ribble Valley – Titanic Tales – Nigel Hampson
- 15 Apr Pendle & Burnley – Preston Record Office – David Tildsley
- 20 Apr Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 29 Apr Pendle & Burnley – Practical Workshop Evening
- 5 May Hyndburn – Well, I never knew that – Derek Sanderson
- 6 May Rossendale – The Buried Treasure of James Dixon,  
Blackburn Orphanage
- 7 May Blackburn & Darwen – Reminiscing around Blackburn –  
Ray Smith
- 12 May Ribble Valley – Lancashire Parish Registers – John Dalton
- 13 May Bury – Whit Walks – Jim Burns
- 13 May Fylde – Exploring Irish history on the internet – Brenda Hustler
- 18 May Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 20 May Pendle & Burnley – Out Visit
- 21 May Lancaster & Morecambe – Family History & Metal Detecting
- 30 May London & South – It's a funny old genealogical world –  
Roy Stockdill
- 1 Jun Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 2 Jun Hyndburn – A History of Accrington Pipe Band – Brian Jeffries
- 4 Jun Blackburn & Darwen – Dick Kerr Ladies – Gail J Newsham
- 9 Jun Ribble Valley – Out Visit to St James Church, Altham
- 10 Jun Bury – Out Visit – Whitworth Heritage Museum
- 10 Jun Fylde -Abbeys & Priors of Lancashire & North West -  
Julia Beeden
- 13 Jun Irish – Advice & Research Workshop, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU  
13.00 – 16.00 hours
- 15 Jun Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 17 Jun Pendle & Burnley – The Origin of Place Names – Peter Watson
- 2 Jul Blackburn & Darwen – Fire & the Red Cross during the war –  
Beth Morton
- 6 Jul Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 7 Jul Hyndburn – Poor Law Records post 1934 – Elvira Wilmott
- 8 Jul Bury – James H Morton: Cotton Town Impressionist –  
Harold Heys
- 8 Jul Fylde – A Soldier of the Great War 'From Colne to Gallipoli' –  
Margaret Purcell
- 14 Jul Ribble Valley – What is it? – Dick Chitty
- 16 Jul Lancaster & Morecambe – Chairman's & Members' Evening
- Jul TBC Pendle & Burnley – Practical/Open Evening
- 20 Jul Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm

- 1 Aug London & South – When Cotton Came to Lancashire –  
Paul Cross
- 3 Aug Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 6 Aug Blackburn & Darwen – Four Lane Ends Sunday School,  
Blackburn – Hilda Rawcliffe
- 8 Aug Irish – Advice & Research Workshop, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU  
13.00 – 16.00 hours
- 11 Aug Ribble Valley – Out Visit
- 12 Aug Bury – Research Evening
- 12 Aug Fylde – The Pack Horse trade & routes in the north west –  
Margaret Dickinson
- Aug Hyndburn – Out Visit
- 17 Aug Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 19 Aug Pendle & Burnley – Lady Randy – Winston Churchill's Mother -  
Pat Osborne
- 1 Sep Hyndburn - Workshop
- 3 Sep Blackburn & Darwen – James H Morton, Cotton Town  
Impressionist – Illustrated talk on the Darwen artist –  
Harold Heys
- 7 Sep Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 8 Sep Ribble Valley – TBA
- 9 Sep Bury – Cremations and their Records – John Marsden
- 9 Sep Fylde – Mini talks by branch members
- 16 Sep Pendle & Burnley – Wills & Probate Records – David Lambert
- 17 Sep Lancaster & Morecambe – Basic Heraldry – Tony Consadine
- 21 Sep Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 30 Sep Pendle & Burnley – Practical Evening
- 1 Oct Blackburn & Darwen – Manorial Records – Dr Alan Crosby
- 3 Oct London & South – Folk Cures and Remedies – Tom Doig
- 5 Oct Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 6 Oct Hyndburn – Snuff, Spinning & Spiritual Houses –  
Harold Hoggarth
- 10 Oct Irish – One Day Conference (Provisional) Oswaldtwistle
- 13 Oct Ribble Valley – Members' Night
- 14 Oct Bury – TBA
- 14 Oct Fylde – Blackpool Tower – Barry Shaw
- 19 Oct Lancaster & Morecambe – Morecambe Library 2pm
- 21 Oct Pendle & Burnley – Who Was My Uncle Bilbarrow? –  
Tony Foster

## MEMBERS' ARTICLES

### **WHIPPS, WATSONS AND BULCOCKS, 1560-1960**

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My desire to write a book about our ancestors started ten years ago. Actually it was longer ago than that. It had been there since childhood, ever since I'd set eyes on the old photos in the 'kist' and the indentures written in an ancient script and realised that our family had lived in the same house at Hill Foot, Twiston for hundreds of years. The impetus for researching and writing a book came towards the end of my teaching career in London, when I was thinking of moving back up north. In 2002 I enrolled on an online distance-learning course in Local History at Lancaster University.

The course lasted three years. It meant writing essays and attending three study days a year in Lancaster. First we read around the subject. Then we learnt about primary sources and in the final year we wrote a 10,000 word dissertation on a subject of our choice. I wrote about my seventeenth-century Quaker ancestors, James Whipp and Mary Bulcock. In London I attended courses at the London Metropolitan Archives and took advantage of the Friends' Meeting House Library in Euston Road, the National Archives at Kew and the British Library. On visits home I dropped in to Clitheroe Library, the Harris Library and the L.R.O. Preston.

On the course we learnt how to combine primary sources and secondary reading. After it finished, I continued researching and wrote thirteen articles between 2002 and 2014, published in the Lancashire History Quarterly, by Hudson History of Settle. After moving back to Lancashire in 2008, I attended a ten-week course in 'Online family history' at Whalley Adult Education Institute to see if there was anything I had missed but I found that I had already discovered most of the information that was available publically. I started writing my book 'Whipps, Watsons and Bulcocks'.

I began by checking out the information on various family trees I had acquired. Vic Whitsey, a neighbour and ex-Bishop of Chester, had written one in 1986. There was a Bulcock one and a Watson one in the possession of my aunt. There were some anomalies but eventually I had worked out the line of descent of each generation who had lived in

the house at Hill Foot. I did this by referring to any records I could lay my hands on; parish registers, wills, inventories, censuses, electoral registers. You name it!

But there were problems. There was a lack of public sources for the eighteenth-century. It was easy enough to find information about seventeenth-century Quaker ancestors. The Marsden Quaker records, kept at the L.R.O. Preston had separate books for men's meetings, women's meetings and the Book of Sufferings. There was evidence of arrests in the Quarter Session records which corroborated this. But the Quakers on the Bulcock side died out in 1701 and in 1675 on the Whipp side. There was a gap of 140 years before the censuses started in 1841, apart from the numerical censuses of 1821 and 1831. Fortunately I was able to fill much of this with private sources in the form of wills, inventories and indentures which had been kept in the family.

The next problem was too much information. There were literally hundreds of Whipp and Bulcock baptisms, marriages and deaths in the Downham Parish Registers. The families had lived in virtually every house in Twiston over a period of 350 years. I decided to focus on just one line: our direct ancestors, the Whipps who had lived at Hill Foot Farm. I wasn't sure how long they had lived there but in the Hearth Tax Returns of 1664, James Whipp was listed as owning one house in Twiston and his wife, Mary Whipp, as owning another. Between them they owned Red Syke and Hill Foot/Lower Higson's in Twiston and a tenement in Padiham. By looking at wills, inventories and indentures I was able to trace which house each generation had lived in since then.

It was always said that our house at Hill Foot was four or even five hundred years old. There was one indenture about land conveyance from Whalley Abbey in 1560. I considered the documentary and architectural evidence and compared the house with others in the region. There were no title deeds and no date stone but the wills and indentures were invaluable. James Whipp had first started acquiring land in Twiston in 1650. He had married Mary Bulcock in 1657 and then moved there from Padiham. When he died in 1675, he passed on three properties: one in Padiham and two in Twiston Red Syke and Hill Foot/Lower Higsons.

It was difficult to find information about women and children. Married women had to hand over to their husbands any property they inherited until the Married Women's Property Act of 1872 and 1880 changed all



that. Yet Mary Bulcock was down as the owner of one house in the Heath Tax Returns of 1664, while her husband, James Whipp, owned another. The wills showed that women didn't inherit land or property on the whole, that husbands provided for their widows to live with sons and for their children to be educated. In 1835 Robert Whipp died without leaving a will. His property was shared equally between four siblings: Catherine, Mary, James and Robert Whipp, who were all single. Catherine's inventory of 1843 itemised every possession, down to the last table cloth. Mary Whipp was the first woman in the family to write a will in 1872. Ana Maria Watson made a pre-marriage settlement in 1875, at the age of forty-five, before she married Thomas Dugdale. Her tombstone of 1895 at Downham Church reveals that he died in 1876, only a year after the marriage and was buried at Gisburn.

One of the biggest problems I encountered was trying to get into the mind-set of people who had lived so long ago; people like James Whipp, the Quaker, who was excommunicated and imprisoned for his faith, or his son Edward Whipp, who spent his time upholding the law and collecting taxes; taxes for the war against France, poor relief, land tax and taxes for the maintenance of bridges, or John Whipp, a weaver during the Golden Age of handloom weaving and his son Robert who saw the introduction of the power-loom into Twiston, or Robert and Ana Maria Watson who moved from Burnley to Twiston to live with their aunt and uncle and switched from Catholicism to Congregationalism, serving as trustees, deacon and treasurer at Martin Top Chapel, or Elizabeth Bulcock, who died at the age of just thirty-four, having already born ten children, or her daughter, Sara Bulcock, our grandmother, who never knew her mother and was adopted by a local family, before marrying Robert Whipp Watson in 1908.

In the ten-year period while I was researching our family history I sometimes felt I was living in those times. There were many highlights, like when I came across the names of James Whipp and Mary Bulcock in the 1664 Hearth Tax Returns in the National Archives at Kew or when I found our mother and her parents on the National Farm Survey of 1941 in the same place. The British Library Online Newspapers were a revelation for life in the nineteenth century. Fortunately for me, our family were hoarders. I could not have pieced together so much without the documents and other scraps of paper they left behind. Alongside the wills, inventories and indentures there were invoices, receipts, memoriam cards, notes, lists and letters. Combined with the public sources I could build up some sort of picture.

There were other issues pertaining to the writing of the book. I

couldn't cover all the different branches of Whipps and Bulcocks in Twiston so I decided to limit my attention to just that branch of Whipps, Watsons and Bulcocks who lived at Hill Foot Farm. I lacked background knowledge of the eighteenth century so I read up on that. Structuring was another issue. I had started by trying to prove or disprove certain family myths and stories. After attending a conference at the University of Leicester, where I met David Dymond, who wrote 'Researching and Writing History', Carnegie, 2009, I changed tack. I followed his advice and organised the book chronologically, covering one member of each of the ten generations who had lived in the house over a four-hundred year period. It was the unique feature of our family's history.

### Primary sources

#### 1. Public

##### a. Pre-1800

Account book of John Bulcock 1715-1812, held at LRO, Preston

Downham and Newchurch Parish Registers

Hearth Tax Returns, 1664 & 1666 held at the National Archives, Kew, London.

Marsden Quaker records (minutes of the men's and women's meetings and the 'Sufferings') held at LRO, Preston and at Friends' Meeting House Library, Euston Road, London.

Plaque on Whitehough Grange, 1593.

Quarter Sessions Records, held at LRO, Preston

Tombstone inscriptions in Downham Church and at Martin Top Congregational Chapel and online.

Trade Directories e.g. Slater's, Kelly's at Clitheroe Reference Library

Trial account: 'The Wonderfull Discoverie of Witches' by Thomas Potts, 1612, on sale.

Wills of James Whipp, 1675, Robert Whipp, 1686, Edward Whipp, 1729, held at LRO, Preston.

##### b. Post-1800

Account book of Thomas Whipp, 1829-1830, held at LRO, Preston.

Censuses 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911 online.

Electoral registers 1835, 1851 and 1888/9 held at Clitheroe Library.

National Farm Survey 1941, held at National Archives, Kew, London.

Voting lists found in B.L.O.N. (British Library Online Newspapers).

2. Private sources (held by the family)

a. Pre-1800

Indenture conveying land from Whalley Abbey to R. Assheton, 1560.

Indentures of James Whipp, buying land at Twiston, 1650, 1660.

Inventories of James Whipp 1675, Robert Whipp 1686, Edward Whipp 1729, James Whipp 1768, Robert Whipp 1779, John Whipp 1789.

Land tax and poor relief receipts and instructions to constables, Edward Whipp 1666-1729.

b. Post-1800

Inventories of Robert Whipp 1835, Catherine Whipp 1843, Robert Whipp 1855.

Invoices e.g. for a bridal trousseau for Ana Maria Dugdale 1875.

Letters e.g. written from a solicitor to Robert Whipp Watson 1915.

Martin Top Centenary, souvenir booklet 1917.

Memoriam cards, sent to Ana Maria Dugdale 1880s, 1890s.

Photographs of the family 1880+

Pre-marriage settlement for Ana Maria Dugdale 1875.

Wills of Robert Whipp 1867, Mary Whipp 1872, Ana Maria Dugdale 1895, and Robert Watson 1909.

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## **LEWIS FAMILY BIBLE**

By Linda Ellis (9786)

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The bible was bought in a second hand shop in Lytham over 20 years ago by my brother. When I returned home after living away for many years, and knowing my interest in family history, Alan passed it on to me.

The bible, though without the usual family births etc., has affixed in the front, a piece of writing by one Susannah Lewis, b.1797, on the death of her youngest son, Phillip, aged only 20 years, together with an engraving of Bridgnorth Cemetery, Shropshire, where he was buried. It is a very moving piece of writing from a lady who obviously had a

faith.

We would like to pass the bible to a descendant of Susannah and her husband Samuel, so I did some research online. Unfortunately the only line I could follow completely died out in Lytham. Susannah moved there after the death of Samuel, to live with her eldest son and his family in Ashton Street.

I visited St. Cuthbert's graveyard in Lytham in order to see if there were family members in graves there. There was nothing to be found until a very helpful gravedigger came to my aid. He looked up the family to find their grave row and number. There were five occupants. Still nothing to see, but he did remember putting a plaque on the grave when the last of the family was buried in 1988. The previous grave, 1874, must have decayed. He lifted the turf and there it was! At his suggestion I contacted the editor of the Parish Magazine to enquire after any living family.

The LFHHS online forum offered two suggestions: the society magazine and the local press.

I have transcribed the text as best I can. There was little punctuation and one or two words I had difficulty reading, which may not be accurate. There is also a small engraving of the cemetery on the page.

"Our dear son Phillip came home ill on the 6<sup>th</sup> May and after suffering very severely for nearly fifteen weeks being most of the time helpless and part of it speechless he departed in peace to the forever with the Lord on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1857 to the great grief of his parents, brothers and friends, aged 20 years 7 months and 4 days. He was a most dutiful and affectionate child, clever at his trade, beloved by his employer and all who knew him, but best of all I trust, he was beloved by his Saviour, and Him in his infinite wisdom has housed our tender plant safe from all the storms of this troublesome life. He was buried the 21<sup>st</sup> August in the cemetery. His poor body lies in the bank to the left on the engraving. In that Blest Bright abode no clouds nor darkness rise. Their gushing tears are wip'd away for ever from his eyes. Mother.

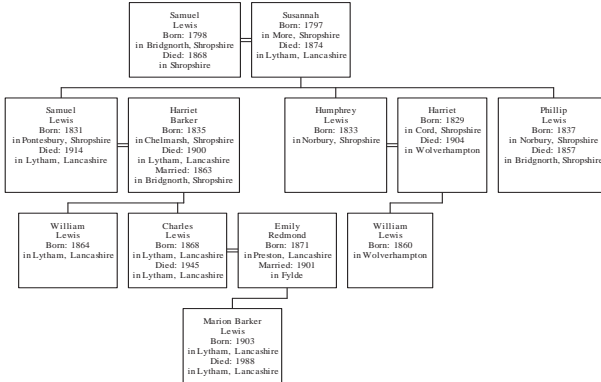
More than conqueror at last here he finds his trials over. He has all his suffering passed. Hungers now and thirsts no more. He that on the throne doth reign them the lamb shall always feed, with the tree of life sustain, to the living fountains lead. Far from a world of grief and sin with God eternally that in his voyage of life is at an end and his mortal

affliction is past. The age that in Heaven they spend their lives forever lives shall last. Praise the Lord.

His death was Improved in the Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> by the Rev. E Shelton in an address to young men from Psalm 119, ch and 6<sup>th</sup> verse. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way by taking heed thereto according to Thy word."



*Descendants of Samuel Lewis*



**WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT MARY HINDLE ?**

By Lorraine Hooper

This article was put together by Bill Turner (who has since passed away), but it was written for a booklet (I think) which incorporated a letter which was given to me with my Granddad's Bible. No one knew who the letter was from until I went on a voyage of discovery on the internet, which was new to me at the time!

Sydney, New South Wales. 12th November 1827

Dear Husband,

I have taken this opportunity of writing these few lines to you, which I hope that they will find you in good health, as I am tolerably well and healthy at this time, Thank God for that! We arrived in NEW SOUTH WALES about the 7<sup>th</sup> October after a long and tedious passage of about five months, but we had a tolerably good passage and we was as well treated as I could expect, we had a very kind gentleman for a Doctor which treated us very well, and I was very ill on the passage I was in the hospital nineteen days, I was very bad with my legs swelling through not having any exercise on board of the ship. But I have got a situation in Sydney, but I have a very hard situation, I have got a great deal of work and the time appears to me to go very slowly and one day appears to me as long as a month and I am very much confined, we are not allowed any liberty to go away from the place where we live, and if we do go away and stop out till eight or nine o'clock we are sure to get put in the WATCHHOUSE and very likely to get sent to the factory,

a place where they punish the women very severely, but I hope that the God Almighty will give me health and strength to get through all my difficulties, and now I am in a far distant country I hope my dear little ELIZABETH will be took good care of and I hope she is well, for I very often am thinking about her and I should like very much to see her, but God knows whether that ever will be my lot again or not.

Please to give my kind love to my mother and likewise to your father and mother and likewise to my brothers and sisters and all enquiring friends, and I am waiting very anxiously to hear from you my dear husband and I hope and trust that you will try all that lays in your power to get my sentence mitigated for if I thought that you could not get something done for me I think I should die of despair.

Please to give my respects to Mr Hurst and Mr Turner and I hope you will speak to them concerning me, and I shall feel myself forever indebted to them if please God, they should get my sentence mitigated. And now my dear husband I am going to give you some little information of the country. THE natives of NEW SOUTH WALES are black and they are very uncivilised people. They won't learn to do anything at all and they are very savage, except just round SIDNEY. Up the country they will take every opportunity of killing and eating all the white men they can get hold of.

Sidney is a very fine town, that is, it is a very extensive place and there is a great deal of building going on, in the course of a few years it will be a very large town.

Mechanics wages are very good particularly CARPENTERS and MASONS and STONE CUTTERS, in fact all fit men may get good wages if they choose to work, but in general poor prisoners are very bad off, particularly when they just arrive in the country. There is a great many gentlemen settlers in the country. There is an immense deal of ground cultivation and BUTTER and EGGS are very dear, BUTTER is as much as 3-6 and 4s per lb. and eggs is 2-6 per dozen, Poultry is very dear in general-----

Send the BANK OF ENGLAND notes ---

As no other money will be of no use in this country. Husband you was talking of coming to NEW SOUTH WALES--- I don't know what to recommend you to do for---they is none of your trade in this country, in fact they is no manufacturing at all.

I have got a very kind gentleman for a MISTER but I have got a great deal of work to do, I have got a very large family to wash for, and I have got all the laundry to do myself and when I am not washing and-- -I have sewing and nursing to do, and they is six small children and they is one infant in arms and I hope and trust to God Almighty they is none of my friends will share the same fate as I have, for nobody knows the trials and hardships that the poor prisoner has to go through but them that experiences it – and when you direct for me you must direct for CAPTAIN Nicholson Mr attendant. NEW SOUTH WALES, SIDNEY. And now my dear husband I must conclude and you must answer that letter as quick as possible after you receive it as I shall be anxious to hear from you, and you must send me all particulars about my little girl. Please pay the postage when you write to London and then they will be no fear of me receiving it safe, as the distance that I am from you now is about Eighteen Thousand Miles.

### Who Wrote the Letter?

In researching my family ancestors, I was given my Granddad Ekes' family Bible, in it was the enclosed letter, in a very fragile state, and I was told that G-g-grandmother was transported for stealing a loaf of bread and some groceries. Well, I read the letter and just couldn't leave it at that, but I couldn't really decide how to go about finding who had written it. There was no husband's name, she hadn't signed her name, but there was a date and also reference to her little daughter Elizabeth, and that was it! The letter itself folded over as an envelope and on that was a very faint 'Geo' and Haslingden, Lancashire.

So began my quest!! I started trying to work my way back to the date on the letter, down through my different branches, but it was very slow and I was getting nowhere fast. It was really frustrating because this letter had taken over my mind, I just couldn't leave it alone!

So I thought I'd have a go on the internet, which I'd only just got on to. Well, it was magic!! I found an Australian convict site, clicked on the female button and a list of numerous ships appeared, I whittled it down to the Harmony by the date, clicked on that and there's the list of all the female convicts and where they were tried. There were two who were tried at Lancaster, Ann Entwistle aged 45 and Mary Hindle aged 26. (Entwistle is one of my family names), but I was more drawn to Mary Hindle, because of her age, she seemed more likely to have a young daughter.

Not being sure where to go next, I kept going her and there on the



internet but not really getting anywhere, then I thought perhaps there might be a Lancaster Castle site and sure enough there it was. Click here for the convict trail! I entered both names and there they were, both tried for rioting! Rioting! That's a bit different than stealing groceries!!

I now had to find a riot in 1826, well that was hard work as well, there was the Luddite riots, the riots to do with the Hargreaves Spinning Jenny, and (my mother's maiden name was Hargreaves). The Peterloo riots in Manchester, but I hit a brick wall looking for a riot in 1826. But I kept on going back to the internet and finally I found a Lancashire Link list and going down through the historical events, there it was, the 1826 power loom riots, and as I clicked I suddenly saw Mary Hindle! Who was Mary Hindle?! I couldn't believe my eyes, was I getting paranoid?

No. I clicked on the site and there she was. There's a Community Centre named after her in Haslingden. She was sentenced to death with, Ann Entwistle and 8 men, then it was commuted to life in Australia, she left her husband George behind and her 6 year old daughter Elizabeth!!

It said, for more information ring William Turner, who'd written a book called 'Riot', so I rang on a Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and babbled away my story, he must have wondered who this women from Somerset was, saying she had a hand written letter by Mary Hindle. I read it out to him, over the phone and reduced him to tears, he only travelled around Lancashire giving talks about Mary Hindle and the riots. Needless to say we became good friends.

We travelled to Lancashire and visited the Mary Hindle Centre, met Bill Turner and presented the letter to the Lancashire Records Office at Preston for safe keeping.

I had a wonderful time finding out who the letter was addressed to and who had written it; the trouble is my family tree seems quite mundane now!!

It turned out that Mary Hindle wasn't my G-g-grandmother after all that, she's my cousin Jim Chew's G-g-grandmother.

Mary committed suicide after about 14 years in Australia and it sort of bugged me as to why, what spurred her on to take her own life after

such a long time? Well, I found that her husband George died the year before and at that time it would probably have taken a year before the news got through to her, so I decided that was probably the reason.

My husband's twin brother and an older one live in Queensland and we visited them about 4 or 5 years ago and as we're not great adventurers as holidays go, I said if we're going to Australia we've got to go to Parramatta!

So we travelled down to Sydney and had quite an emotional visit to Parramatta, because on one of my visits to Lancashire I'd been to St. James, Haslingden to get a memento to take to Parramatta, to make a connection between the two cemeteries for Mary and George. I then brought back a small piece of brick from the wall and took some of it to St. James and the rest is on my window sill. So if there's such a thing as after-life or the spirits of Mary and George, I've done my bit to re-unite them.

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### **WATERLOO, 18 JUNE 1815**

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At a recent Executive Committee meeting it was raised that subsequent to the interest in the commencement of World War I in 1914 that in the following year there is another anniversary that might be of interest to family historians. That is the bicentenary of the battle of Waterloo and consideration may be given to commemorating this. Already there are books and commemorative items being produced for this event. The Waterloo medal was issued to men who took part in any of the three battles of that campaign, Ligny, Quarter Bras and Waterloo itself.

It may well be that members of our society have ancestors who took part in this event and may not be aware of this. This would obviously be of special interest to those members who have an interest in military matters. Also if one cannot find one of your family for this period maybe he was soldiering under the Duke of Wellington!

Quite a lot of information is already out there. In Fleetwood graveyard there is a William Robinson, his memorial states that he was a Waterloo veteran, serving in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Foot. While writing up the memorials at the Church of St. Michael, Kirkham, I came across the following on a memorial inside the church: In Memory of Henry

Rushton Buck A.B. Lieut. 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt who fell in the Battle of Waterloo June 18<sup>th</sup> 1815 AE 27.

There are two volumes of details of men from the 1<sup>st</sup> Foot Guards who fought at Waterloo, and having trawled through these, I have extracted some 160 men from Lancashire. The details would be of much interest to family historians, the details giving name, place of birth, age on enlistment, occupation, data subsequent to the battle such as killed in action, marching money to men leaving the service advising of where they intended to reside and if they have wives and children. With so many serving in one regiment how many more Lancastrians may have been serving in other infantry units, the cavalry and the artillery? Lancashire was apparently noted for the number who enlisted.

Having served for a brief three years in the Coldstream Guards I have a Waterloo medal to one James Gleaves, a fellow Lancastrian, who came from Ulverston.

There is a lot of information out there for us family historians that may be brought to light by this opportunity to commemorate this famous battle.

It would also be interesting to know if any of our members already have any such information from their family history or from other sources say while writing up memorials and I would be most obliged if such items could be forwarded.

I give below examples which may give some idea of data available:

Allan James

Born Bury. Hatter. Enlisted 9.11.1801. Manchester Age 25.  
Discharged 2.6.1825. Rank, Pvt. Resided Manchester. Wounded 18 June. Pension commuted 28 January 1832. Passage money £20 to Sydney N.S.W. Embarked Liverpool in 'Sophia'. Received further £14.  
(Could be of interest to members in Australia. You will not find him in England)

Bird Miles

Born Manchester. Engraver. Enlisted 6.4.1814. Kilbeggard. Royal Cumberland Militia. Age 22. Discharged 7.4.1821. Time expired. Rank Pvt. Marching money London Penrith with wife Mary and 3 children.  
(Came home to Penrith, Cumberland, and his family details are

available from the author)

Haywood. Thomas.

Born Prestwick. Weaver. Enlisted 17.2.1813. Manchester. Aged 18. Killed in action. Prize money paid to Jonas Cooper.

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## **FRANCES "FANNY" REBECCA DEWHURST**

By Stephen Duxbury

I have previously written about my great, great-grandmother, Maria Peploe, who was born in Leeds and lived as a teenager in Haworth in the 1830s, where her brother and sister were christened by Patrick Bronte, father of the Bronte sisters. I have also written about Maria's husband, Enoch Dewhurst, of Whalley, who fought in the American Civil War on the side of the Unionists.

Another member of the Dewhurst family also has a tale worth telling. Frances "Fanny" Rebecca Dewhurst, born in Whalley in 1848 and christened on 25 December 1848 at St. Mary and All Saints, Whalley. Frances Rebecca was the first child of the above mentioned Maria and Enoch Dewhurst and sister to my great grandmother, Harriet Dewhurst, who I vaguely remember in my earliest years.

Frances Rebecca had a remarkable life. At the 1851 Census of England and Wales, Maria Dewhurst and two of her children, Frances Rebecca and Alice, were living at 25 King Street, Whalley, but Frances Rebecca did not appear at the family home in the 1861 census, or in the 1871 and 1881 censuses by which time the family was living at New Row, Wiswell. At the 1861 census Frances Rebecca was living at Eshton (?) Terrace, Clitheroe, with Archibald William Dewhurst, aged 56, variously schoolmaster, cotton spinner and mayor of Clitheroe (buried 23 May 1868 in Whalley, aged 64) together with his wife, Charlotte Grundy, aged 58. Fanny was Archibald's niece, a scholar, aged 12.

At some point in her young life Frances Rebecca moved south, and was married on 12 December 1877 at All Saints Church, Paddington, to Hamilton Thomas Carleton Plantagenet MacCarthy, born in Middlesex on 28 July 1846, son of Hamilton Wright MacCarthy, and an accomplished sculptor. Hamilton's mother was a sculptress. Frances Rebecca was herself an accomplished woman, studying music under George McFarren, Director of the Royal Academy of Music in London, and graduating with honours, whilst also being fluent in several

languages. She may well owe her early education to her uncle Archibald.

Hamilton MacCarthy studied with his father and at the Royal Academy Schools in London and under Kerckhoven in Antwerp. He exhibited works at the Royal Academy, London, between 1875 and 1884. After emigrating to Canada, he studied at the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and was made a member of Council of the RCA in 1906. His works appear in galleries and public parks throughout Canada. (With acknowledgements to Wikipedia)

In 1876, prior to his marriage, Hamilton MacCarthy was living at 105 Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, London, and around 1880, following their marriage, he and Frances Rebecca were living at 17 Springfield Villas, Kilburn Priory, London. At the 1881 census they were living at 17 Springfield Villas, Hampstead, Middlesex with their children Harriet, Plantagenet and Hamilton, together with Hamilton's father, Hamilton Wright MacCarthy aged 71, born 'Hanstead', Essex, possibly Halstead, Essex near Colchester, plus a visitor, Amelia Hamilton MacCarthy aged 14.

Frances Rebecca and Hamilton emigrated to Toronto, Canada in 1885. They settled in Carleton, Ottawa, Ontario, around 1898, and had 15 children:

Harriet Frances C. MacCarthy, born c1878, Middlesex, England  
Plantagenet A. G. MacCarthy, born c 1880, Kilburn, Middlesex, England  
Hamilton Fordham MacCarthy, born c1881, Kilburn, Middlesex, England  
Coeur de Lion ("Leo") MacCarthy, born c1881, also a sculptor, who married Florence M. Cameron (daughter of Allan Cameron and Mary L. Caverhill) in Carleton on 22 June 1904 – one of his works, a bust of Queen Victoria, is located above the Speaker's chair in the Senate Chamber of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa  
Maud M. MacCarthy, born c1885  
Edith H. MacCarthy, born c1886, Ontario  
Ernest Stafford MacCarthy, born c1887, Ontario, who married Effie Smith Morris of Wingham, North Bay (daughter of Alexander R. Morris and Jessie MacRay) at North Bay on 25 August 1913 – their daughter married Paul Scott, of Sarnia – Ernest died in 1952  
Hector Dewhurst MacCarthy, born c1889, Ontario  
Kathleen Dorothy Ellen MacCarthy, born c1890, Ontario, married Joseph Clendenan Maxwell (son of John Joseph Maxwell and Louisa Hardy) in Carleton on 16 May 1917

Guinnevere Margaret Eleanor MacCarthy, born c1892, Ontario, married William James Withrow (son of William Henry Withrow and Sarah Anne Smith) in Carleton on 16 June 1908 and married secondly James Ernest Caldwell (son of Forrest E. Caldwell and Sarah A. Morton) in Carleton on 13 August 1921

Richard Geoffrey H. W. MacCarthy

And possibly another four children, making fifteen in all.

At the 31 March 1901 Canadian Census, Hamilton and Frances Rebecca, plus ten of their children, were living in Russell, Ontario, not far from Ottawa.

Frances Rebecca Dewhurst died in Carleton, Ontario, Canada on 28 May 1934 and Hamilton MacCarthy in Ottawa on 24 October 1939.

With acknowledgements to Lorraine Hooper.

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## **SHIFTING SANDS**

By Nick Alexander (8831)

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It is often said that in previous centuries people tended to move about the country less than we do today and that this makes it easier to trace our ancestors. While this may be true of those of humbler origin, the opposite seems to be the case for the junior members of the families of landed gentry. What I have found surprising is how far people moved and how often members of the family returned to the same part of the country several generations later, as the following summary of my part of the Sands (also spelt Sandes or Sandys) family shows. The family name started as del Sandes when they lived on the shores of the Solway Firth in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Sir William Sandys, son of William Sandys and Margaret Rawson of Hawkshead, Lancashire (now Cumbria), married his cousin Margery Bray in about 1490. They had property in Bedfordshire, but lived at Woodham Ferrers south of Chelmsford in Essex, where their granddaughter Mary Sandes was born in about 1520. George Sandys, another son of William Sandys and Margaret Rawson, stayed in the Hawkshead area and married Margaret Curwen from Workington on the Cumberland coast in about 1488.

George's son, William Sandys, married Margaret Dixon of London in about 1513 and one of their sons was Edwyn Sandys born in 1519.

Edwyn was educated at Cambridge University and stayed on there to become Master of St. Catherine's Hall and Vice-Chancellor of the University. He was a Protestant Theologian and was one of the first priests to get married when this was first authorised in about 1552. Edwyn Sandys's wife was his cousin Mary Sandes from Woodham Ferrers.

Edwyn went into exile during the reign of Queen Mary and his wife and child James died in Augsburg. Edwyn returned to England following the accession of Queen Elizabeth and married Cecily Wilford from Kent. He was made Bishop of Worcester in 1559, Bishop of London in 1570 and Archbishop of York in 1576. Edwyn acquired Woodham Ferrers on the death of his (first) father-in-law. Some of his sons lived there and his second wife was buried there in 1610/1.

Anne Sandes, the sister of Edwyn's first wife married Richard Cavendish, a cousin on her mother's side, from Grimston Hall, Trimley near Felixstowe. She was the aunt of Thomas Cavendish who circumnavigated the globe between 1586 and 1588. Thomas also seems to have been a successful pirate! The Cavendish family originated from the village of that name a few miles west of Long Melford in Suffolk.

Edwyn Sandys's nephew Roger Sands was born at Hawkshead in 1541 and may have spent part of his life at Copford west of Colchester and at Chelmsford before returning to Field Head, Hawkshead where he died in 1610. His son George Sands was born in about 1570 and had two sons at Field Head. Francis Sands, the younger son born in 1599, appears to have left the district and possibly went to sea, returning in 1645 to marry Ann Borwick and to acquire a significant farm and estate at Grizedale south of Hawkshead. They had two children, Roger Sands born in 1646 and Elizabeth Sands born a few weeks after her father's death at the beginning of 1649. Ann married Joseph Keene at the end of 1649 and it is presumed that her two children grew up at Keene Ground west of Hawkshead.

Several of Roger's cousins had gone from Hawkshead to be apprenticed in Livery Companies in the City of London. After some of these young men qualified as Masters in their company, they engaged further apprentices from their home area, and it is possible that Roger Sands arrived in London in about 1660, only to be recruited into the Royal Navy at the beginning of the Second Dutch War in 1664.

After leaving the Navy, Roger Sands settled in Southward near other

mariner cousins from Hawkshead and married Rebecca Buckstone (or Buxton) in 1675. Several members of the Buckstone family lived in the two parishes in the City closest to the Livery Hall to which other members of the Sands family from Hawkshead belonged. The death of Rebecca Sands has not been traced, but in 1685 Roger was in Ipswich and married Amy Shindhel (or Sindall). They had a large family including John Sands born in 1696. John married twice and had a son Roger Sands born in 1731 to his second wife Elizabeth Simson. The younger Roger married Alice Moore in 1752. They had seven children before both Roger and Alice died in 1766/7.

Several of Roger and Alice's children were adopted by Roger's sister Sarah Sands, who had married John Alexander at Portsmouth in 1757. John Alexander was a gunner in the Royal Navy and took the nephew named John Alexander Sands after him to be his servant on HMS Cerberus in 1771. The younger John dropped his original surname becoming plain John Alexander like his uncle – as his sister Sarah did not change her name, this added greatly to the task of tracing their ancestry.

John Alexander junior passed the examination to become a Navy Lieutenant in 1782 and served in this capacity right through to his retirement as Commander in 1820. His Navy service was interrupted by a period of retirement on half pay, during which he commanded merchant ships plying between Britain and the Baltic or the Mediterranean. Lt. John Alexander married Mary Gillender at Sunderland in 1787, but she and their first three children returned to her home village of Swalwell on Tyneside shortly before Lt. John was recalled to active service in 1793.

They had two sons, John Alexander born in 1793, who later became a Marine Lieutenant and was my direct ancestor, and Thomas Alexander born in 1801. Thomas became a shipping agent and travelled around the country negotiating the purchase of grain and other goods for export. During these travels he stayed briefly at an inn in Long Melford and was surprised to discover that the landlord and his young sister were the grand children of Amor Epton and Mary Hall who had grown up in Swalwell a few years ahead of his mother. Thomas married the girl, Elizabeth King, and took her back to Tyneside. How much more surprised he would have been if he had known that he was distantly related to the Cavendish's just a few miles west of Long Melford!

The successive generations of Alexanders have also travelled around



the country a lot, little knowing that they sometimes returned to areas where their ancestors had lived many centuries before. My father lived some years in Grasmere, oblivious to the fact that he was descended from the Sandy's of Hawkshead and that other members of that family still live there. My son now lives in Brentwood, again oblivious, until very recently, of his connections with nearby Woodham Ferrers.

It may be a lot harder to trace a family such as mine, rather than one which stayed in one place for centuries, but I hope that this article has shown what interesting events are there to be discovered.

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## **THE MYSTERIOUS MR KERLEY**

By Michael Lynn (8400)

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I have found that when researching my family tree, there are some characters that you take to, some you actively dislike and then the odd ones, like Patrick Kerley.

My great-great uncle Dominic Philbin had arrived in Haslingden by 1851 from Kilmactique, Co. Sligo and in 1865 married Irish-born, Haslingden resident Harriet Kildun at Haslingden RC Church. Shortly after the birth of their first daughter Anne in 1866, Dominic joined the police force in Bury but was posted to Caton, Lancaster in 1867 for the benefit of his health. Dominic and Harriet had another daughter, Ellen born in Caton in 1869 however Dominic died in 1871 from pneumonia and Harriet and her young daughters had to leave the police house they were living in and moved back to the Kildun family in Haslingden.

In 1873 Harriet married Patrick Kerley, an Irishman at the Church of St. Mary, Haslingden and then ... nothing. The Kerley family seemed to disappear off the census records. My thoughts were that maybe they had returned to Ireland, but I was aware of some of the Kildun family moving to Fall River, Massachusetts, so could they be there? It was my sister who rang me to say she had found Ellen Philbin marrying Nathaniel Mayes (an Irishman who previously lived in Haslingden) in Fall River in 1887. There was no sign of Harriet, Patrick or Anne in the Massachusetts census records so where had they got to?

Back on Ancestry and failing to find Harriet Philbin/Kerley or Anne Philbin I did come across a marriage involving a Patrick Kerley and I sent for the marriage certificate. In December 1887 Patrick, now

described as a widower married Louisa Heap at Sacred Heart Church in Accrington. So what had happened to Harriet and Anne? Had they died together or was Anne still out there somewhere? I now decided to pursue Patrick and Louisa further.

A check on the 1891 census produced no Patrick or Louisa Kerley to my frustration but did throw up a Louisa Heap in Accrington. It was my Louisa, marital status single, back living with her parents and brother. As a further check I searched for marriages for Louisa Heap and came up trumps with a second marriage in 1894 to Henry Loney in Haslingden where she is described as a spinster.

Recently my sister found the death of Harriet Kirby in Fall River in 1879. The birth year is reasonably accurate and her parents match my files so I'm confident that this is Harriet Philbin/Kerley. No sign yet of Anne but I am searching the Fall River records for a marriage or death. Patrick Kerley, well so far he's managed to evade the census records from 1881 to 1911 possibly helped by the numerous spellings of his surname.

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## DEATH NOTIFIED

**Ken Lupton** – Pendle & Burnley

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

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- 09:45 – 10:00 Welcome and Introduction
- 10:00 – 11:10 Julia Beeden, speaks to:  
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- 11.35 – 12.45 Peter Bamford’s topic is:  
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### **THANK YOU FROM MARGARET PURCELL**

Our editor Hazel has kindly allowed me a little space to record my thanks to all concerned in the Society's and the Irish Group's presentation to me at the Irish Ancestry Group Conference in Oswaldtwistle last October.

The framed certificate will be treasured always, and together with the flowers, the Belleek pottery and the cake, were all a complete surprise to me.

How did everyone keep it such a secret? It was all very much appreciated.

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### **A TRIPLE HONOUR**

Three of our long established members, Derrick Walkden, Sheila Shaw and Marion Kitchen received the Queen's Maundy Money at Blackburn Cathedral, which for the day became the Chapel Royal, on Maundy Thursday 2014. Like the other recipients, totalling 88 women and 88 men, one for each year of the Queen's age, they were recommended on an interdenominational basis for service to their churches or communities.

The service held on the day preceding Good Friday has a very long history beginning with the early bishops of the church. Initially arising from Christ's command (Mon datum) at the Last Supper that his followers should love one and another.

Mediaeval monarchs from King John in the early thirteenth century washed the feet of beggars and distributed clothing and alms to the elderly. Money substituted for clothing over time. The participation of the monarch lapsed and the present service format took its form in 1932 with King George V. Services are held in London ten yearly and the remaining years are held in the provinces.

The silver coins, not for general circulation, are struck for one penny, and two, three and four pence. One side of the coins features the reigning monarch, the other a crowned numeral encircled by a wreath.

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Each recipient receives two purses carried in above their heads by the Yeoman on silver dishes. White purses contain the Maundy coins, and the red, money in lieu of clothing and food. The red purse in Blackburn held a £5 coin commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Queen Anne and a 50p piece for the Commonwealth Games.

Bill Taylor

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Tri-centennial anniversary

I represent the Society on the Preston History Network which is a group of City and County Council Officers, Lancashire Archives, UCLan and a number of associated historical groups who together try to put on events within the City boundary.



November 2015 sees the tri-centennial anniversary of the Battle of Preston during the Jacobite Rebellion when the would be King James III attempted to gain the throne from the invited King George I. Preston History Network is endeavouring to put on some events in commemoration of the Battle.

If anyone has carried out research of the era and particularly has any direct family history of that period, I should be obliged if they would get in touch with me.

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m.18C	=	mid 18 <sup>th</sup> Century
c.1650	=	about 1650
e.1763	=	earliest ancestral link
l.19C	=	late 19 <sup>th</sup> Century

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FIELDEN	LAN	Mellor	18C,19C
GILLIBRAND	LAN	Mellor	19C
HAYDOCK	LAN	Samlesbury, Mellor, Blackburn	1714+
HOD(G)KINSON	LAN	Whittle, Bolton	1801+
SMETHURST	LAN	Middleton, Blackley, Blackburn	1791+

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BURNET	SCT		pre1800
BURNET	LAN	Preston, Lytham	1800+

BURNET	AUS	Melbourne, Victoria	1852+
CARNES	LAN	Preston	c1800
HODGON	AUS	Rockhampton Queensland	1865
HODGSON	LAN	Preston	c1800
MARTIN	LAN	Preston	c1800
MAXWELL	SCT	Buittle, KKD	pre1800
MAXWELL	LAN	Preston, Lytham	1800+
MILLER	LAN	Preston	c1800
OLDFIELD	LAN	Preston	c1800
RIGBY	LAN	Preston	c1800
SMETHURST	LAN	Chorley	c1800

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ANDREW	LAN	Manchester	18C,19C
NIELD	LAN	Oldham	17C,18C
NIELD	LAN	Manchester	18C,19C
OGDEN	LAN	Oldham	18C,19C
SUDLOW	LAN	Manchester	19C

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ASHWORTH	LAN	Crawshawbooth, Bacup	1700-1861
ASHWORTH	LAN	Nelson	1861+
BARRAS	LAN	Colne, Nelson, Burnley	1830+
BINNS	YKS	Cowling	1700-1870
BROWN	YKS	Marrick	1700-1820
BROWN	LAN	Brierfield	1820-1880
EASTWOOD	YKS	Barnoldswick, Keighley	1700-1900
EGGLETON	BKM	Bledlow, Princes Risborough	pre1812
FOLLEY	BKM	Bledlow, Princes Risborough	pre 1878
FOLLEY	LAN	Colne	1878+
GREENWOOD	LAN	Colne	1700-1890
HALSTEAD	LAN	Nelson	1700-1820
HARTLEY	LAN	Trawden	1700-1860
HOLT	LAN	Nelson	1700-1860
LONSDALE	LAN	Colne	1700-1820
SCARBOROUGH	YKS	Cowling	1700-1850
STEPHENSON	LAN	Nelson	1800-1860
SUNDERLAND	LAN	Colne	1700-1850
UTTLEY	YKS	Heptonstall	1700-1800

UTTLEY	LAN	Nelson	1800+
WATSON	YKS	Cowling	1700-1845
WILKINSON	LAN	Colne, Nelson	1700+
WILKINSON	YKS	Cowling	1700-1900
WOOSTER	BKM	Bledlow, Princes Risborough	pre 1878
WOOSTER	LAN	Colne	1878+

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WARD	LAN	Garstang,	18C+
WARD	LAN	Nateby, Preston	18C

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ARCHER	LND	London	c1790-1890
BENNETT	LAN	Leyland	c1800-1850
BRADSHAW	LAN	Farington	c1770-1850
CHEETHAM	LAN	Burscough	c1770-1820
CULSHAW	LAN	Burscough	c1760-1820
CULSHAW	LAN	Leyland, Farington	c1820-1920
CULSHAW	LAN	Preston	c1875+
CULSHAW	LAN	Bamber Bridge	c1875-1930
CUNLIFFE	LAN	Preston	c1850-1940
CUNLIFFE	LAN	Manchester	c1900-1940
EASTHAM	LAN	Leyland, Farington	c1820-1900
EASTHAM	LAN	Bamber Bridge	c1860-1930
GREEN	LAN	Penwortham	c1820-1850
GREEN	LAN	Ulnes Walton	c1800-1815
HEWITT	LAN	Manchester	c1850-1920
HEWITT	LAN	Penwortham	c1840-1910
HEWITT	LAN	Leigh	c1815-1825
HUNT	LND	London	c1740-1890
JACOBSON	LND	London	c1690-1850
JACOBSON	KEN	Kent	c1770-1850
MITCHELL	LND	London	c1680-1740
RAND	LND	London	c1650-1750
ROSEBOTTOM	LAN	Euxton	c1840-1900
STEPHENS	LND	London	c1770-1812

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MOOR	LAN	Colne, Burnley, Southport, Blackpool	1826+

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GREGSON	LAN	Lea, Preston	pre 1850
HALL	LAN	Broughton, Lea, Preston	1700-1900
HOUGHTON	LAN	Clifton, Preston	pre 1850
THOMPSON	LAN	Upper & Out Rawcliffe	pre 1900
THRELFALL	LAN	Freckleton, Esprick	pre 1900
WILCOX	STS	Hanley, Stafford, Stoke	pre 1920
WOOD	WRY	c.Kirkby Malzeard	pre 1900

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BARNES	LAN	Haslingden	19C
BUTTERWORTH	LAN	Haslingden	19C
LORD	LAN	Haslingden	19C
RATCLIFFE	LAN	Haslingden	19C
TOMLINSON	LAN	Rosendale	17C-19C
WREN	LAN	Haslingden	19C

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FRANCE/FfrANCE/ ffRANCE	LAN	c.Preston, Rawcliffe	16C-18C
GILLOW	LAN	Preston, Rawcliffe	18C

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BREThERTON	LAN	Fylde	18C+
ECCLES	LAN	Fylde	16C+
GILLETT	LAN	Blackpool	18C+
HASLEM	LAN	Fylde	18C+
HULL	LAN	Fylde	18C+
NIXON	LAN	Fylde	18C+

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BRADY	LAN	Manchester	m.19C+
LUND	YKS	Thornton in Craven	18C
MORRIS	NTH	Desborough	18C
PANTER	NTH	Desborough	18C
PARKINSON	YKS	Bleasdale, Bowland	15C-18C
PENROSE	CON	Ludgvan, St. Erth	16C-18C
POLGLASE	CON		18C
ROGERS	DEV	Braunton, Berrynarbor	17C-19C
ROWE	CON	Breage, Perranuthnoe	17C-19C
SEED	LAN	Balderstone	18C
STANSFIELD	LAN	Worsthorne	18C
STEPHENS	CON	St. Hilary	18C
THOMAS	GLA	Coychurch	17C
THOMAS	DEV	Barnstaple	17C-18C
TILLOTSON	YKS	Halifax	18C
TILLOTSON	LAN	Burnley	18C
TROUNCE	CON	Breage	17C-18C
VEEVERS	LAN	Burnley	17C-18C
WARBRICK	LAN	Blackburn	18C-19C
WHITAKER	LAN	Burnley	18C-19C
WHITE	CON	Gwinear	18C

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## BRANCH NEWS

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### BURY

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In September we listened to a talk by Steve Williams, 'A Mother's Tears'. This was a collection of stories he had compiled over the years with the research he had done on the deaths of soldiers during the First World War. One in particular was for William Street from Tottington,



Bury, who was killed at Ypres in July 1917 which was reported in the Bury Times.

The title of the talk was taken from the grave stone of a soldier – A Soldiers Grave – A Mother’s Tear – He Died for Those He Loved So Dear.

Tony Foster talked about Researching a War Memorial at our October meeting. War memorials are a constant reminder of the sacrifice the men and women have made in the various armed conflicts our country has been involved in. Tony’s talk described the research he undertook on one WW1 memorial. He explained that he is a member of the Friends of Darwen Cemetery and in 2010 they had located a broken war memorial but only the left half had survived. This contained one column of ten full names and another column of eleven partial names. By using a number of different websites – Ancestry, Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), and Lancashire BMD – as well as local newspapers he was able to recover all 31 names that appeared on the original memorial. He also mentioned the In From The Cold Project; this group research people missing for the CWGC database with a view to get their names recorded.

Tony went on to explain that the memorial was from the Readearth Road Methodist Church, Darwen. When the church was demolished in 1964 the memorial was placed in the local cemetery for safe keeping but it was damaged sometime after 1980. Despite careful searching the right-hand half of the memorial has never been found. He also gave an account of several of the men who appeared on the war memorial including Nicholas V Bennetts who was not eligible for a CWGC memorial.

Bill Taylor gave a talk on Maritime Records in November. William Curry who lost his life off the coast of Australia was Bill’s great grandfather and had served in both the merchant and Royal Navy and this started Bill’s tracing of Maritime records. The fact that seamen and officers were employed for specific voyages then paid off until another ship was available complicates searches. Using the records of William and other mariner ancestors he showed how Ships logs and Crew Lists and Agreements can be very helpful, especially if you know the names of the ships on which your relatives served as they also list the names of any previous ships they sailed on. The National Registers for Seamen, and the Lloyds Lists and Lloyds Registers covering ships registered in London from 1786 and from 1814 for the rest of the country are also valuable

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## **CHORLEY**

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Our most exciting event of the last few months was the re-opening of the LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre. After 10 months of waiting for Chorley Borough's extensive renovation to be completed, on October 17<sup>th</sup> the official opening of Astley Hall Farmhouse took place. All parts of the Farmhouse's interior have been upgraded. We are delighted with our light and well-heated rooms.

The setting up of the Centre, led by Centre Manager Sheila Gibbons, was a mammoth task. However, volunteers responded well to requests for help, and, by early November, the Centre was ready for the visit of 64 children from St Gregory's RC Primary School, with volunteers on hand to help with the childrens' WW1 research. The school visit to the Centre was linked to Chorley Schools History Network's Festubert Project, which the branch is supporting. On the evening of November 20<sup>th</sup>, a group of branch volunteers helped with a parent/student WW1 workshop at St Michael's CE Academy. The evening was a success, and, as it was greatly over-subscribed, we shall be helping with an additional workshop in January.

We had a late night spot on Radio Lancashire, to be followed up with an outside broadcast from the Centre on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to a busy year in 2015.

Submitted by Jenny Cree

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## **FYLDE**

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We hope that everyone has enjoyed a Happy Christmas. As you read this, we are well into the New Year and it feels strange to be writing an article to be ready for the February journal as Christmas will be over by the time the journal is received. Have you remembered to renew your subs? If not, please do try to send details in as soon as possible.

We have just had another excellent Christmas and General Knowledge quiz. Not being on the winning table once again means I am at least consistent. We had a fun evening and a huge spread of food, a lovely friendly atmosphere. Thank you to all who provided food, and helped in any way and to Pete for the easy questions, though not mine ! Well, it would not be any good if we remembered all the dates that we need for Family History questions, fewer groans and less laughs.

In November we had a visit from Ted Lightbown. He gave us a slide show of pictures of the old buildings of Blackpool. What a night for nostalgia, very well received by quite a full room. It seems sad to see so many buildings that have been demolished. Thank you Ted for reminding us of these. They don't build them like this any more.

In October Margaret gave us a presentation on Discovering Irish Ancestors. We had another good number of people present and gained much useful information. Margaret had some helpers and also a table of books for people to view. Thank you Margaret and the rest of the team. The Irish branch is the place to go for anything connected to Irish ancestry.

To all our branch members I would like to remind you that the contact e-mail can be used to contact the branch, at any time, if you want any help regarding the Fylde area. Just send an e-mail. This applies to every branch, a little local knowledge can be a brilliant useful thing. Also thank you to all who have helped to make another successful year. After 30 years we have a duty to keep going because of the hard work by the original members.

There is a lot of useful material in our branch. We have books, CDs, fiche, donated family trees, copies of some wills and much more, everything is listed, but the lists are too large to be included in the website list at the moment. Please contact us if you think we can help as we also have items from areas outside Lancashire which have been donated. Happy hunting for 2015.

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We begin 2015 with three talks as detailed in the Journal, heraldry found in Ripon Cathedral and Ripley Parish Church, both full of detail,

with hatchments in both buildings; heraldry in Westmorland and then a miscellany of heraldry from John Mackie's legacy to the Society.

We have been busy organising the Heraldic Study Day for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, at Hemsley House, Masonic Hall, Salford. This is always a great occasion with a good buffet lunch, meeting of friends and making new ones. Do come along if you can, to add your contribution to the proceedings, and enjoy the day, we have two speakers arranged so far and two more to be 'volunteered'. Application Forms to be available, with full details in the May Journal. £18.50. for the day.

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## **HYNDBURN**

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The latter part of 2014 has been a busy one for the Hyndburn branch. September was a workshop at which Library staff gave a hands-on presentation, primarily aimed at those new to family history, about the resources they hold and how they can be accessed by computer.

The Upstairs room we use for our meetings in Accrington Library has now been refurbished and our old metal filing cupboard replaced with a pine beach hut in which to store and display our resources. Our first event in the 'new' room was an interactive talk by Dick Chitty and his friend who brought along a collection of unusual objects for us to identify. It was an entertaining evening enjoyed by all of us.

In November we had a return visit from Steve Williams with a talk entitled, 'For King and Country', which was informative and thought provoking. We continued the Military theme the following week, with an Out Visit to Fulwood Barracks at Preston. We had heard excellent reports from members who had already been there and we were not disappointed – the visit exceeded all our expectations.

The year drew to a close with our Christmas Social – a lively evening of good food and quizzes. Muriel never fails us!

The New Year will start with a workshop in January, followed in February by 'Skeletons in the Cupboard', courtesy of Bill Taylor. The AGM will take place in March, along with an update on the BMD project by Tony Foster.

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## **IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP**

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I cannot believe that we are now in 2015. When did the year's start to speed up?

2014 was a mixed year for the Irish Ancestry Group, first Margaret Purcell stood down from the Committee after many years of hard work, but we still keep calling on her expertise, so poor Margaret is not getting much of a rest.

Unfortunately during the middle of the year our Secretary, Shaun O'Hara had to step down due to illness, and I'm sure you will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

These movements have of course left the Committee a little depleted so if there is anyone out there who would consider joining our Committee we would welcome you with open arms. We meet on a Saturday afternoon once every two months, prior to our branch meeting. We are looking for new ideas to help improve the service our branch give to the society. Please, if you are interested, give me a call on 01257 268311.

In October the group once again put on a Conference at the Civic Centre, Oswaldtwistle. There were just under 70 people attending, and once again we were treated to a number of expert speakers with the conference theme of 'Family History and It's Sources'. Unfortunately one of our speakers, Maggie Loughran, had to pull out at fairly short notice due to family illness, but once again we have to thank Dr. Brenda Hustler for stepping into the breach and giving us a very informative talk on Irish Parish Records. Our other speakers were Stephen Lally who spoke about his own family in 'Leaving of Loughrea – during the Great Famine', Maureen Fitzgibbon – Irish Ancestors in British India and we finished up with a question and answer session which was chaired by Margaret Purcell (I told you we were not letting her get away easily).

The Committee would also like to thank David Hustler for his invaluable help with the technology side of the conference – he was a hero.

During the procedures Mike Coyle also took the opportunity to present an award to Margaret Purcell on behalf of the Society for all her hard work over the years. She certainly was surprised and everyone enjoyed the celebration cake.

We are hoping to put on another Conference, and the provisional date is 10 October 2015, so pencil it in your diary. Do you have a popular topic you would like to hear about? Please give me a call. We are open to any suggestions so if you have heard a good speaker on Irish Family History please let us know.

Our next meeting is on 14 February at 1.00pm, an Advice and Research Meeting at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle. Full details of all meetings are available in the journal and on the society website.

Submitted by Acting Secretary, Marian Crossley, Tel: 01257 268311

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Unfortunately, I have to start this report with some sad news. It is with very deep regret that I have to tell you of the very sudden death, in November, of Ken Lupton, aged 82. Ken was a long term member of our branch, and a very active one, who in the past had served on the committee for many years. Always willing to help, he was involved in many projects, including the Lancashire BMD. Many people have said how grateful they were for Ken's advice and help with their family history research. A very friendly and generous person, he will be greatly missed by us all. Our sincere sympathy and condolences go to June and the family.

Our branch programme has continued with the October talk by Peter Watson on The Artefacts of Superstition. Looking eerily like the portrait of an alchemist of old, Peter showed us many articles associated with the practice of witchcraft in days gone by and elicited memories of items surviving in use up to more recent times.

The November talk was by Stephen Williams. In For King and Country he followed the varying fortunes of a group of youths from Burnley Lads' Brigade who all joined up to various regiments during the Great War. There were many different stories – some died, others survived seemingly unchanged and some suffered permanent damage physical or mental.

On 1 November we held a Family History Morning at Colne Library which attracted a large number of interested members of the public. The helpers were kept busy during the full three hours offering advice and assistance to enquirers from beginners armed only with a piece of paper and some family legends to those who had reached their 'brick wall' whether twentieth-century or in the pre-registration days.

We also had the last Help session of the year the last week in November and that was also very busy. We look forward to the monthly sessions at Colne Library resuming on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of January, February and March 2015 from 10.00 – 12.00

Our Christmas Festivities were held on 3 December. Around 40 members gathered at Colne Library for delicious refreshments and a chance to chat. Four of our own members provided the entertainment by each bringing an 'heirloom' and giving a short talk about it.

Submitted by Pat Dyson

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In September, Claire Selby, Volunteer Co-ordinator for the 'Preston Remembers Memorial Challenge', came to explain what it was all about. She told us it is ensuring the City's memorials and the stories they hold are preserved forever.

Preston Remembers began with the restoration of the City's War Memorial, a fitting focus for Preston's commemorations of the Centenary of the First World War. As we mark the centenary of the First World War (1914-1918), people are remembering the losses suffered in their families and communities. War Memorials are a moving tribute to this loss. They link the past to the present, enabling people to remember the sacrifice of those who fought and died.

In Preston, there are over 100 war memorials to the First World War in all shapes, sizes and venues. Each is unique and represents the community's chosen method of remembrance. Each deserves to be cherished and preserved. To find out more about the project or how to get involved visit, [prestonremembers.org.uk](http://prestonremembers.org.uk)

After Claire's talk, our chairman Peter Bamford talked to us and showed on screen, about the many ways to research our WW1 soldiers through the internet and via [ancestry.co.uk](http://ancestry.co.uk) and [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk). The two subscription sites are well known by now to members, but there are many ways, too numerous to list, which can be discovered by Googling 'Ways to research World War 1 ancestors'. Some sites will be free to use and some pay to use. So, if you have relatives who died or who lived to survive WW1, just see what you can discover.

'Lost Preston' was the subject of the talk in October, our speaker was Paul Swarbrick. With his photographs, he took us through a doorway into a past where we saw ourselves somewhere we didn't know. He told us about the houses which no longer exist, such as Everton and Spring Gardens, which have been almost completely forgotten. Not very much 'garden' like, two dark, narrow, mean streets, bug ridden where light could hardly penetrate. 20<sup>th</sup> century development schemes, swept away those and others like them, and made Preston unrecognisable in relation to its Victorian predecessor.

However, many of us remember the old bus station, demolished to build the Guild Hall, and the ancient passageway, Wards End, which led to it from Lancaster Road, and the old shops in Church Street, Gooby's and Meeson's, where we bought toffees to take to the pictures. The sad sight of the Town Hall, almost destroyed by fire in 1947 and eventually demolished to build the unloved Crystal House.

Lost are the old alleyways such as Anchor Court, not a vestige remains of this ancient cobbled passageway, but its name survives. Glover's Court, which was opposite the Town Hall, was demolished to widen the



road. The Kardomah Café on Fishergate, long gone, stirred the memory of many members. Also long gone are the old theatres, the Theatre Royal on Fishergate, the Hippodrome in Friargate, and the King's Palace in Tithebarn Street. Let's not forget the loss of the old Tithebarn itself, where once the tithes of corn and hay levied by the ecclesiastical authorities upon burgesses of the town were stored.

There were so many more wonderfully nostalgic pictures that Paul showed us, but we mustn't forget that although some buildings in the town should never have been demolished, many more were in a poor and perilous condition and could not be saved. A very interesting evening as many members remarked.

For the second year, we had a History Quiz and the usual Jacob's Join delicious supper to follow. Some members brought interesting and unusual old objects for us to guess what they were, which added to the fun. A thoroughly enjoyable evening to end the year's activities.

Submitted by Pat Griffiths (Fiche/CD Librarian & Workshop Organiser)

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## **RIBBLE VALLEY**

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At our October meeting the subject was on Heraldry by Tony Consadine, which was a well-illustrated talk. He said that heraldry was useful in family history because you could tell from a man's shield whether he was first son or second etc. You could also tell who his wife was by a hatchment and whether she was dead or alive. He also said that heraldry was relevant in the present day as advertisement logos were a modern day kind of heraldry.

Les Hardy, who is an Historian, gave us a very interesting and in-depth talk and power-point presentation in November about the Petres of Dunkenhalgh. The Petres came from Torbryan a village in Devon and as their fortune increased bought Ingeston, a property in Essex. The connection between Ingeston and Dunkenhalgh was Catherine Walmsley who married Robert the 7<sup>th</sup> Lord Petre. Catherine was a relative of Judge Walmsley who owned estates in Lancashire. Les showed photographs of the Dunkenhalgh before it became a hotel and one of the Heraldry Shield which was put over the entrance door in 1980. The hotel has retained many of the original features and is now a popular venue for various events.

December is our Christmas meeting where we will enjoy a potato pie supper, and home-made mince pies provided by some of our committee members, which will be followed by various quizzes.

Please take note of the announcement of our 2015 Annual Lunch in this journal.

Submitted by Kathleen Carlton

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In November we had a talk by Mary Davison entitled "Silent Cities of World War I". Mary's interest in the First World War stretches back for many years. She started by researching the memorial in St. Mary's Church Haslingden. To find out more about these men she went through all the local newspapers and from there started to research the regiments and battles in which they had fought. She has visited the war graves in France, Belgium and Gallipoli over a period of many years. As result she has photographed numerous war cemeteries, both small and large. She not only showed us slides from her extensive collection but told us how these cemeteries had come into being details, of the way they were laid out, the designs and messages on the stones and the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Her talk was very poignant and her anecdotes were extremely interesting and informative.

In December, Leo Turner devised our Christmas Quiz. He showed us pictures of thirty two everyday objects, the majority of which could be found in a well-stocked kitchen but each was photographed from an

unusual angle. It was fiendishly difficult and the winning table only guessed twelve of them accurately. Thanks Leo, it gave us a laugh but we were happy to be interrupted by the arrival of our Christmas fare. I would also like to thank Kathleen Ashburner, who once again managed to put together an interesting programme, in spite of trying frequently to pass this task on to someone else. She has also provided a provisional programme for 2015

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