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## Derek Mills ~ 1930-2004

We regret to report that Derek Mills, former editor of 'The Gazette' and long-standing member of our branch died suddenly on May 19th 2004.

Derek had served on the branch committee since 1992 during which time he was project co-ordinator for two years. When the quarterly newsletter "The Gazette" was started in 2000, Derek volunteered to be editor. He continued as editor until he was forced to retire from the post in September 2003, due to eye problems. In addition, Derek helped the branch in many other ways. He was always there to help out at exhibitions and open days. Before each branch meeting, he would be at the library early to help put out the chairs and get things ready for the meeting. At the end of the evening he would help to stack the chairs and tables. Derek and his good friend Ken Lupton, spent countless hours transcribing parish registers for our branch library and many of the bound volumes that are on our shelves are the results of their efforts. Derek will be greatly missed and we offer our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

A donation in memory of Derek was made to the British Heart Foundation and a panel of the Jubilee Exhibition was dedicated to him.

## BURNLEY FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY ROAD-SHOW AT TOWNELEY HALL – JUNE 6TH

The branch was well represented at this event, which was organized by the Friends of Lancashire Archives. Although we had only short notice of the event, we nevertheless had an excellent display and took many of our resources including the branch computer. The event was well attended, thanks to the beautiful sunny day. It was a very busy day for those involved, and we had quite a few people who had obviously come specifically to look for help with their family history research. Several had gone as far as they knew how and wanted help with where to go next.

## SILVER JUBILEE EXHIBITION

Our branch Silver Jubilee Exhibition was on display in Colne Library for the whole of July. David Taylor, David Hustler and Bob Farrer did a sterling job putting it all up on the library wall. On behalf of the branch - Well done lads, and thank you. We managed to fill the whole of the display wall (48ft x 3ft) and there have been many complimentary remarks about it. We even managed to get a picture in the Evening Telegraph at the beginning of July. Unfortunately, the Colne Times only saw fit to put a picture in their paper on July 30th, the day the exhibition was taken down. If you missed seeing it, you do get another chance. It will be on display at Nelson Library for the whole of October, and will coincide with the Lancashire Record Office Road-show visit to the Library on Thursday, 21st October.

The exhibition gives a brief history of the branch over the past 25 years and explains what family history is all about - who we are, where we are, what we do and how to do it. It is aimed at stimulating interest in family history - where to look and what to look for, how to record results, etc and gives an insight into the many aspects of family history research. Moreover, it is good publicity for the LFH&HS and since membership of the society is down this year, hopefully it will bring in some new members.

## BRANCH OPEN NIGHT – JULY 21ST 2004

Our July branch meeting was an open night and research evening. Unfortunately (or fortunately for some) it was also the night when there was a cycle race around Colne town centre. We didn't find out about this until 5 days before the event and we were told that the town centre and car parks were to be closed off to vehicular traffic. We tried to inform as many members as possible by e-mail and telephone. If you missed being told – sorry, but there was little else that we could do. Nevertheless, we had a very successful evening, with lots of visitors. Hopefully, we have stimulated enthusiasm in our visitors and some will possibly join the society. Some of our members abandoned their research (shame, shame) and had a grandstand view of the cycle race from the library windows.

## PROGRAMME

The Programme of Events is available as a card handout and can also be viewed on the website.

- 18 August 2004 Burnley Co-op Tobacconists –  
Mrs Rosemary Mulrooney
- 15 Sep 2004 Practical Evening
- 29 Sep 2004 Eden Valley – Miss Margaret Curry
- 20 Oct 2004 Handloom Weavers Riots (1826) –  
Mr B Turner
- 17 Nov 2004 They are not forgotten – Mr Fred Stringer
- 8 Dec 2004 Christmas Festivities (by ticket only)
- 19 Jan 2005 Old Transport – Mr Stuart James
- 16 Feb 2005 Lancashire's Calderdale – Mr Roger Frost

We now have a full programme of events booked for 2005, but we are always on the look out for good and interesting speakers. If you know of any interesting speakers or there is someone special that you would like to hear, let me know about it.

Tony Mason, Programme Secretary.

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## PROJECTS

Our members continue to be very busy on various projects.

**Burnley Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions.** Details of 1420 head stones have been transcribed by Ribble Valley Branch and the data from 1200 entries has been entered onto computer. There are many queries to be checked and lots more headstones to be transcribed. If anybody is interested in helping with this project, please get in touch.

**Boer War – Index of “Letters from the Front” and reports of casualties in local newspapers.** Christine Haworth now has a database of 466 entries from the Nelson Leader and Burnley Express but still has to index the Burnley Gazette.

**Parish Registers** - Work continues on transcriptions of St Thomas', Barrowford, baptisms, marriages and burials; St Bartholomew's Colne, baptisms and marriages; St Mary's Newchurch-in-Pendle, baptisms and marriages,

**1901 Census index.** The name index of the 1901 census for Nelson is nearing completion and a start is to be made on the Colne index. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this project should contact Christine Carradice, the Reference Librarian at Nelson Library.

A number of members spend a lot of time checking and amending all these projects. Many thanks to all those involved. Transcribing Parish Registers by our Branch is an ongoing project and volunteers to transcribe or check transcriptions are always welcome. Please contact me if you are interested in doing “a little or a lot” to help the above projects or perhaps start one of your own.

Christine Windle, Project Coordinator – 01282 705894

**Please note - Christine no longer has an e-mail address.**

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**LANCASHIRE BMD** - <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk>

Ten members continue to beaver away at home inputting the marriage indexes whilst a happy band of 13 members faithfully spend 3-4 hours each Thursday morning at Burnley Register Office, checking the index lists against the original registers. In total, there are 72,500 marriages to input, download, check and amend. We have made significant inroads with this project and thank everyone

involved for their dedication. Will anyone involved in this project who has incurred any expenses, please let me know so that you can be reimbursed. All disks will eventually be returned to their owners.

Volunteers to help with this project will be most welcome.

Keith Windle, LancsBMD co-ordinator Tel 01282 705894

**Please note - Keith no longer has an e-mail address**

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## LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

Section 7 G15 Census: Book No 345 “Township of Bainbridge in the Middle of the Nineteenth Century” 1841 and 1851 complete census returns. (Donated by Christine Bradley from Colne Library's surplus stock)

Lancashire Parish Register Society

Vol. 152 Wigan, Pt 2, 1626-1675;

Vol. 153 Wigan, Part 3, 1676-1710;

Vol. 155 Leigh, 1701-1753

Vol. 156 Prescott, 1727-1765

These volumes, from an unknown donor, have been passed on to us by Burnley Library. Since we already have copies of these volumes, the duplicates are housed in the basement at Colne Library. Should anyone wish to borrow any of these volumes because the ‘shelf’ copy is out on loan, please contact Margaret, our branch librarian who will get the ‘basement’ copy for you.

We have now obtained microfiche copies of the Parish Registers for

Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves; Christenings 1837-1900, Confirmations 1897-1900, Marriages 1837-1900, Burials 1837-1900.

St Matthew's Church, Habergham Eaves; Christenings 1879-1900, Marriages 1880-1900. A replacement fiche has been purchased for Christ Church, Colne, Burials 1836-1885, fiche 2 of 3, which has been ‘lost’. These will be added to the resources when they have been catalogued.

New microfiche envelopes have been purchased to replace those worn out. The new envelopes have been printed with our name and logo. The process of checking microfiche is underway and the following fiche are missing from the 1881 census of England

YORKSHIRE – Surname Index (Pink): Nos. 0001; 0041; 0065; Census Place Index (Red) No 0067

DERBYSHIRE – Surname Index (Pink): No 0001

NORTHUMBERLAND – As Enumerated (Yellow): No 0002

Slips indicating the missing fiche are in place.

Please remember that when you are taking microfiche from the storage drawer, you must ALWAYS put in a marker card to replace the fiche and on returning the fiche to the drawer, make sure that you replace the fiche in the correct place, not where someone else's marker card is. A misplaced fiche is a lost fiche. Once lost, many of the fiche cannot be replaced or are very expensive to replace.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR LFH&HS -

Mrs Pip Cowling, 33 Windhill Old Road, BRADFORD, BD10 0SE.

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## IN OUR ANCESTORS' TIMES

Submitted by Margaret Heap.

### WOMEN'S WORK AND WOMEN'S ROLE, 1867-1914

- 1857 Matrimonial Causes Act makes divorce possible without need for a private Act of Parliament. Both divorces and separations increase in the second half of the 19th century.
- 1867 London Society for Women's Suffrage founded to press the case for women to vote in parliamentary elections.
- 1870 Married Women's Property Act gives women the right to keep their own earnings from employment after marriage and also to keep separate savings accounts. Elementary Education Act permits women ratepayers to vote for, and to serve on, the new school boards.
- 1875 Women able to be elected as Poor Law Guardians (women ratepayers had been entitled to vote in guardian elections since the Poor Law Amendment Act was passed in 1834).
- 1878 Judicial separation between a husband and wife is formally permitted for the first time.
- 1882 Women were allowed to keep separate property, which they had acquired before marriage.
- 1888 Local Government Act permits women to vote for new county and country borough councils.
- 1891 Legal judgement confirms that a man cannot compel his wife to live in the matrimonial home.
- 1894 Parish Councils Act permits women to serve on urban and district councils.
- 1897 Non-militant National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS).
- 1903 Militant Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) founded.
- 1905 Suffragettes imprisoned after disrupting a Liberal rally in Manchester.
- 1910 Violence between suffragettes and police after a proposal to give women householders the vote is defeated in Parliament.
- 1911 First Conciliation Bill, which would have given the vote to single women with property, introduced. The Pankhursts suspend militancy while the bill was discussed. Despite support in principle, the bill was put to one side.
- 1913 Further violence with Women's Suffrage and Political Union mounting arson and bombing campaigns. 'Cat and Mouse' Act passed, whereby women hunger strikers were to be released from prison, but re-arrested when fit enough to continue their sentence.
- 1914 Suspension of suffragettes' political campaign on outbreak of WW1.

### THE COMING OF A WELFARE STATE

- 1903-4 Inter-Departmental Committee on Physical Deterioration established to enquire into claims that the health of the nation was getting worse. It found no evidence of actual deterioration but much of poor living standards.
- 1905 Conservative government passes Unemployed Workmen Act, which establishes local 'Distress Committees' to help provide employment or assistance.

- 1906 Education (Provision of Meals) Act gives local authorities powers to arrange school meals to improve the diet of working-class children.
- 1907 Education (Administrative Provisions) Act gives local authorities powers to authorise medical inspections at school.
- 1908 Children Act gives children protection from imprisonment and establishes separate juvenile courts. Parents could be punished for neglecting children.
- 1908 Pensions Act: first old age pensions paid in January 1909.
- 1909 Housing and Town Planning Act establishes compulsory slum clearance schemes, but does not provide support to enable new houses to be built to replace slums.
- 1911 National Insurance Act.
- 1912 Board of Education grants support the school medical inspections introduced in 1907.

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## IN MEMORY OF LITTLE ONES

Submitted by Ralph Peacock

This item is taken from the group forum of the British Quilt List (BQL) and was originally written by Helen from Hobart and dated March 2004.

### 900 Calico Colonial Christening bonnets.

Imagine 900 calico colonial christening bonnets on round balls on sticks stuck into the ground in the shape of a cross, inside the high stone walls of the Female Factory in South Hobart. This was the scene yesterday when Christina Henri's installation 'Departures and Arrivals' was opened in pouring rain.

When the Female Factory was in operation, 'Arrival' was the term used to record the birth of a baby, and 'Departure' to record its death. There were 1200 births there and 900 deaths, a shocking record which earned the site the name "The Valley of the Shadow of Death". Christina has documented each of the 'departures' in an impressive book, which lists names, ages, and the causes of death.

Each child was buried outside the Factory walls on the hillside above. With low clouds obscuring the tops of the hills and constant heavy rain, it seemed yesterday as if even the weather was in mourning. After the speeches, Christina scattered rose petals over the soaked bonnets and placed a bouquet in memory of a 2 year-old girl, whose twin is recorded as dying, but of whom there is no trace. Later this year, the installation will travel to the Female Factories in Ross and Georgetown, where extra bonnets will be added to record the babies who died at those sites.

I was one of the innumerable women in Tasmania and elsewhere who thought of those babies as they made the bonnets, and was glad to be able to acknowledge their lives in some tiny way. The bonnets I made had a deep old cotton lace border on them. I got the lace from Helen Pearson, (once Helen from Durham, now from Scotland), when I visited her. It seemed appropriate to put English lace on the bonnet, as the babies' mothers were all convicts from Britain.

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**REMINDER – THE SILVER JUBILEE LUNCH** is on Sunday 3rd October 2004, 12 noon for 12-30, at Rosehill House Hotel, Burnley. Guest Speaker Mr Ian Dewhirst, MBE.

## MARRIAGES in the PAST

Submitted by Jean Ingham.

If marriages are made in heaven, why do weddings cost the earth? Present day weddings can be very elaborate expensive affairs. Bridal outfits, the wedding itself, video photographers, the reception, and then an evening reception, can amount to several thousand pounds. Eventually the happy couple honeymoon in some exotic foreign country.

Even fifty or sixty years ago most newly weds in this area were content to spend a few days, or, if they were lucky, a week on the West Coast (It looked good in the Colne Times report, but everybody knew it was Blackpool!)

Great expense was certainly not necessary in order to have a joyful occasion.

In her 'Memories of Colne' Mrs Cryer describes even earlier weddings at St. Bartholomew's in the 1850s:

"But the merriest and most picturesque weddings were those from Barrowford. First came a fiddler decorated with many coloured ribbons playing a merry tune. After him came the bridal party, as often as not a bright rosy-faced country lad and lass. If the groom had had a taste of "John Barleycorn" that morning he would jig it along the road with the best of them and the maid would daintily raise her flowered muslin and trip it by his side."

Sadly, not all marriages, however bright their start, were to end happily, as many were brought to an abrupt end by the early death of one of the partners. Research in marriage registers shows a large number of re-marriages of young widows or widowers. In the days of poor sanitation, and before the discovery of antibiotics; disease and death were never far from the door. Many family historians are amazed at how quickly after the death of a spouse a new marriage took place. Not surprising really when many had small children needing to be cared for. A typical example is Jane Rawlinson, widow of only eight months with two little girls aged 1 and 4 who married my grandfather, Thomas Graham, in 1892. In the first year of this marriage, Jane gave birth to a son and sadly, buried him one month later. 18 months later Jane herself died after giving birth to a second son. There didn't seem to be much time for mourning because within a year Thomas had remarried and found another mother for his young family. The chances are that most people understood the harsh economic reasons behind these fast courtships and re-marriages and therefore did not frown upon them.

This could not be said of marriages prohibited by kinship. Whilst it is pretty obvious that a person is not allowed to marry a parent, grandparent or sibling, in the past there were many other forbidden partnerships. For instance, until 1907 it was illegal for a man to marry his deceased wife's sister or until 1921 a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother. In 1860 such a marriage actually took place at St. James, Briercliffe. Priscilla Smith, widow, used her maiden name when she married William Duerden by licence. Somehow the Vicar discovered the truth as one week later he wrote the following underneath the marriage entry; "NB. Priscilla Smith is a false name; it should be Priscilla Duerden the marriage is ipso facto void. She having married her deceased husband's brother." It looks like somebody spilled the beans! There was a long list of these forbidden relationships, many of which no longer apply, but which were studiously avoided by our respectable Victorian ancestors.

All the more ironic therefore that during the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century many couples in the Barnoldswick area thought they were married when they were not. Apparently in 1842 Reverend Milner hadn't registered the new church of St. James, Barnoldswick, Yorkshire, for marriages; making all the marriages for almost 40 years after technically invalid. A great many highly respectable Barlickers must have gone to their graves in blissful ignorance that they had been "living in sin". This situation may well have been the origin of the tale that people went to Barnoldswick to "live over t' brush".

Life wasn't always married bliss for our ancestors, and divorce was not an option for ordinary people until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Couples who wanted a change of partner might agree to separate and live with someone else. One unusual way of ending a marriage was for a man to sell his wife in a public place. Although strictly illegal this was not uncommon in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. According to 'The Annals of Colne' the last sale of a wife at the market place took place in 1815, but unfortunately no names are mentioned. This method was probably a way of amicably declaring in public the end of one relationship and the beginning of another. It would certainly have to be pre-arranged with the assent of the wife, because it would be a very brave lady who put herself forward and found NO takers!

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## SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN THE LIVES OF OUR ANCESTORS

Submitted by Margaret Heap.

- 1722 John Kay's "Flying Shuttle" – it increased the speed of textile weaving machine
- 1767 James Hargreaves' "Spinning Jenny" – it greatly increased the output per person.
- 1769 Richard Arkwright's "Water Frame" – spinning by four pairs of rollers.
- 1779 Samuel Crompton takes out a patent for spinning by 'mule'.
- 1780s Four hundred and seventy seven inventor's patents registered. (In the 1719s there had been only thirty eight).
- 1782 James Watt's "rotary steam engine" invented; it enabled concentration of power away from fast-flowing streams and thus aided growth of industrial towns.
- 1783-4 Henry Cort's "puddling" process allowed coal, rather than charcoal, to be the main fuel used in iron refining.
- 1786 Edmund Cartwright's "power loom" invented: it promised to increase the speed of weaving, but was not widely introduced to textile areas until 1820s.
- 1802 The value of exports of cotton goods exceeds those of woollen ones for the first time.

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**DID YOU KNOW** that in 1295, a market cross, often called the Paulinus Cross, was erected near to St Peter's Church in Burnley at a cost of 9s 1d. It was moved in 1617 to Godly Lane to make way for a new market cross, and in 1880 was moved again to the garden next to the Old Grammar School (know locally as 'The Cannons').

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## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

Advice and research workshops at the Society's Resource Centre, 2 The Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. BB5 3LU

2nd October 2004 1 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

16th October 2004 1 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Cost per session £1.50 each

The group's library and research aids (CDs, microfiche, etc.) will be available for use and advice will be given gladly. Space is limited so you are encouraged to book. Please let Margaret Purcell know if you wish to attend. Bookings and enquiries to Miss Margaret Purcell, 128 Red Bank Rd., Bispham, Blackpool FY2 9DZ Tel 01253 353909  
Email mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk

**FAMILY HISTORY FAIR** in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Society Conference

Loughborough University

Sunday, 29th August 2004 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission £2 per person

Full details and timetable for the Conference at [www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)

### Cymdeithasau Hanes Teulu Gwynedd a Clwyd

#### Gwynedd and Clwyd Family History Societies

The Fifth Annual North Wales Family History Fair

Llandudno Conference Centre

Saturday, 4th September 2004 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Admission £2.00 (Accompanied children under 15 - free)

### THE GREAT NORTH FAIR 2004

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday, 11th September 2004 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Admission £2.50 Accompanied children under 15 free

### LIVERPOOL AINTREE RACECOURSE FAIR

Princess Royal Stand Exhibition Suite, Ormskirk Road

Aintree L9 5AS

Sunday, 12 September 2004 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### THE YORKSHIRE COAST FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough.

Saturday, 25th September 2004 10.00am - 4.00pm

Admission £2

### LANCASHIRE FH&HS ANNUAL DINNER

hosted by Ribble Valley Branch at Whalley Abbey.

Friday, 1st October 2004 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Guest Speaker – Christine Thistlethwaite.

Full details, menu and booking form in the May edition of 'Lancashire'

### NORTH WEST GROUP OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES 11th ANNUAL FAIR

Manchester Velodrome, (The National Cycling Centre)  
Sport City, Stuart Street, Manchester

Saturday, 2nd October 2004 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission £2.00; children free. Free Parking

### PENDLE & BURNLEY BRANCH ANNUAL OPEN DAY

This will take place at Colne Library on Saturday 13th November 2004 - 10 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. Volunteers to help out on the day will be needed. Three library computers will be reserved for our use. See Jean, Brenda or Margaret for details of what is involved.

## CHANGES IN CIVIL REGISTRATION

Last year many members wrote to their respective Member of Parliament expressing concern at the proposed changes to civil registration, whereby information, which has been in the public domain since 1837 when civil registration began, would be withheld for records less than 100 years old.

On 22 July the GRO issued a press release about the proposed changes to registration and a 'Draft Regulatory Reform Order' (55 pages) - Explanatory Notes (339 pages). All these can be accessed and downloaded via the links at <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/aboutus/lookingahead/>.

The document will make good bedtime reading (for several nights!). They cover far more than the changes affecting details supplied on certificates.

It would appear that under the revised model, the point at which registration records become historic would be 75 years for births and 25 years for deaths. Nothing has happened yet by way of change, but final Government action isn't far away. There have been rumours that the government do not need legislation to introduce these measures and can just implement them without further ado. There is also a rumour on the rootsweb genealogy lists that it could be implemented before the end of this year.

So if you need any certificates for births, marriages or deaths, which are less than 100 years old, GET THEM NOW, before it is too late.

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## FROM THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

A Minutes Secretary is still required for the Executive meetings which are held four times a year.

The publication of 'Lancashire' needs to be brought up-to-date. It needs someone with printing/publishing skills. Volunteers are required to set up a sub-committee for a five-year plan.

Volunteers are required to 'staff' the Oswaldtwistle Headquarters, so that it can be used as a resource centre. The Society's library will be kept there instead of at Blackburn Public Library. If you can spare a couple of hours, whenever, a rota system can be established and better use made of the Society's premises.

If you can help out with any of these, please contact the society president, A.Derrick WALKDEN, 2 Butterlands, Preston, PR1 5TJ e-mail - [president@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:president@lfhhs.org.uk)

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## BBC TV - FAMILY HISTORY SERIES

BBC 4 is making a television series featuring people looking into their family history. This series will complement the BBC 2 series you might have already heard about - but while BBC 2 is featuring celebrities, we're looking for 'ordinary people' with an interesting family history story to tell: If tracing your family tree has changed your life then we would really like to hear from you: perhaps you've made unexpected, startling or extraordinary discoveries while searching for your ancestors? Or are you involved in an ongoing search to uncover your roots? If you have an interesting family story to tell, please contact Emma Parkins, BBC Factual and Learning, on 020 8752 6179 or by email - [emma.parkins@bbc.co.uk](mailto:emma.parkins@bbc.co.uk) All conversations are at this stage for research purposes only and are in confidence of course

## 1851 CENSUS CDs from S & N

Many of our members have purchased these valuable research aids. We have found that in the 1851 census CDs for Lancashire, some folios have been missed out. They are as follows.

Disc 9 – Ormskirk & Wigan - HO107/2196-2199 (pt)

Disc 10 – Ormskirk & Wigan - HO107/2199(pt) – 2203 (pt)

Folios 500-759 are missing. Disc 9 goes up to Folio 499. For 500-end it say insert Disc 10, but Disc 10 starts at Folio 760.

Disc 31 – Blackburn & Chorley – HO107/2259-2262. Folios after 505 are missing. The LFH&HS index Vol 40 (Darwen & Witton Sub-Districts) goes up to folio 732.

S & N were contacted about these omissions and readily supplied an addenda disc containing the missing folios, plus some addenda to HO107/2179 and HO107/2219. If you have purchased these CDs, S & N will supply an addenda disc, but only if you ask for it.

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## PRACTICAL EVENING FORMAT

Jean Ingham has gathered together a small group of members - Julie Birchall, Bob and Janet Farrer, Christine Haworth, Shirley Oldfield and Helen Wright - to formulate ideas for how practical evenings should progress. At their meeting on June 16th, the following points were raised.

- a) The booking system now in operation for using the branch computer (20 min. slots) seems to be working well
- b) Extra tables would be useful in the branch library section.
- c) Members should be reminded that printed lists of databases on the branch computer and the library holding were on sale (to be ordered in advance).
- d) Some members were not aware that CDs could be borrowed for home use, and was it possible to display them in the library area at the meeting.
- e) A possible visit to Burnley Library was suggested.
- f) The two internet sessions held last year were thought to be useful and it was hoped that more could be organised
- g) The possibility of holding occasional group discussions of members' family history problems would be useful.

If you have any ideas that you would like to be implemented, please contact Jean or any member of the group.

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## BITS & PIECES

Many of us have 'spare information' - information that is included on a page of a register or census that we have printed. Some of it may be of use to other members, even if it is out of our area. Many of us have families who moved about a lot, even to different parts of the country. Several of us are from families who moved into Lancashire and Yorkshire from the south.

Extract from the Parish Register of St Pancras Old Church, Shoreditch 1828 Submitted by Mary Jackson.

Entry No 119 GEORGE ROSE of this Parish, Bachelor, and HANNAH JESTER of this Parish, Spinster were married in this Church by Banns, this 18th day of February 1828 by me CHARLES PERRIN, M. A. Signed – G ROSE and HANNAH JESTER. In the presence of MARY JESTER and ???

Entry No 120 PETER KEIR of this Parish, Widower, and MARY JACKSON of this Parish, Spinster, were

married in this Church by Banns, this 19th day of February 1828 by me J. BRACKENBURY, Curate. Signed PETER KEIR and the mark of MARY JACKSON. In the presence of ??? JACKSON and ????

Entry No 121 CHARLES RUSSELL of this Parish, Bachelor, and FRANCES HOWDEN of this Parish, Spinster, were married in this Church by Banns this 19th day of February 1828, by me J BRACKENBURY, Curate.

Signed - CHARLES RUSSELL and FRANCES HOWDEN. In the presence of DAVID GREENE and MARY HOWDEN.

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## USING YOUR PC (COMPUTER NOTES)

### USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.historicaldirectories.org>

Historical Directories is a digital library of local and trade directories for England and Wales, from 1750 to 1919. It contains high quality reproductions of comparatively rare books, essential tools for research into local and genealogical history

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/>

IGI Batch Numbers - British Isles and North America. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormons) has organised the IGI records into 'batches'. These batches relate to how and when the information was extracted from source material. Each church has a specific batch number. For example

Burnley - Hollingreave Road Congregational Or United Reformed Church – Marriages 1893-1895 has batch number M155641

Colne - Particular Baptist Church Christenings - 1778-1836 has batch number C091751

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~oel/handwriting.html>

From Court Hand Restored, by Andrew Wright of the Inner Temple, first published in 1776; a convenient reference combining a number of hands in one place -- no need to leaf through pages of separate alphabets. This shows examples of the alphabet as used in old handwriting and is a very useful reference when searching parish registers.

<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk>

This site provides links to many web sites that offer on-line transcriptions of UK births, marriages and deaths. Many sites offering UK census transcriptions are also linked from here. Local BMD - these are the indexes created from the original registration entries held by the local registrars. More and more counties are putting their indexes on-line, so it is advisable to start looking here first. LancashireBMD is part of this network.

<http://www.a2a.org.uk/>

The A2A database contains catalogues describing archives held throughout England and dating from the 900s to the present day. A2A does not yet offer a full description of all the archives in England, but it is regularly updated and contains newly-included catalogues.

<http://www.geocities.com/beaulands/census/framepage1.html>

An excellent site containing census records 1841-1901 for villages in Wensleydale and Swaledale, transcribed by Christine Amsden. Many people moved from these areas with the collapse of the lead mining industry and failure in agricultural harvests.

## QUERY CORNER

LEAH – Mike Slater - Mslaterbrook@aol.com

Mike Slater is trying to trace his great grandmother, JANE LEAH, born circa 1851 in Burnley. He asks if any of our members have any information about her birth and parents and would be very grateful for any help.

*There is no LEAH family listed in the surname index for the 1851 census. (LFH&HS publication)*

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HAWORTH from Burnley - Kath Foster (Australia) - sillver@optushome.com.au

Kath Foster in Australia asks if anyone can help find information about her HAWORTH ancestors. She has seen the list of Advertisers in the Handbook for the PARISH CHURCH BAZAAR 1907 ST MARY'S, GOODSHAW and in it there is a Maden & Haworth (Painters, Paperhangers, Plasterers etc.) of 629 Burnley Road, Crawshawbooth.. One of Kath's ancestors was a James HAWORTH/HOWARTH who was a Plasterer and she wonders if he had anything to do with this Company. James HAWORTH was born in Burnley and is shown on his son John HOWARTH'S wedding certificate in 1883 as a Plasterer. Does anyone know how she can find the names of the proprietors of this company

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DRIVER -David Driver - monty11216@yahoo.co.uk

David Driver asks if any of our members know of Robert and Roberts DRIVER about 1800. He believes that Robert DRIVER married Ann RUSHTON in 1823, and Roberts DRIVER married Mary COUNSELL. Roberts and Mary had a son John born in Bolton in 1854. David asks if anyone knows if they were related. He believes that they were both born in Barrowford, and Roberts moved to Bolton between 1851 and 1854. David's phone number is available from the Branch Secretary

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CHENEY – Peter Hanley - Peterhanl@aol.com

Peter Hanley, a member of LFH&HS London Branch, is trying to trace the death/burial details of Sophia Jane CHENEY. She was the first wife of his great grandfather Charles Willis CHENEY. They were married on 19th May 1870 at St. Peter's, Burnley and on their wedding certificate they are both residing in White Lion Street. Her father is shown as a Cabinet Maker and Charles Willis CHENEY is a Grocer. The witnesses were James WILLAN and Thomas Henry WADDINGTON.

Sophia Jane gave birth to Charlotte Ann CHENEY on 18th December 1871. However Peter's great grandfather married again on 4th January 1876 - so her Sophia's death would be 1872-1875. Charles and Sarah Jane CHENEY were residing in Clitheroe at the birth of Charlotte Ann. Peter has so far drawn a blank as to where she is buried. Any help would be appreciated.

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PARK – Colin Park, 16 Ellerton Ave, Little Sutton, Wirral, Cheshire L66 4PA

Colin would be grateful for any information about his grandparents, Alexander and Emma PARK, both born in Burnley. Colin's father, also Alexander PARK, was born in Feb 1917 in Burnley. During the 1940s & 50s, Colin's grandparents lived at Tentre Street, Burnley.

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HEAP –Leslie Page, 25 Stirling Avenue, LEIGH ON SEA, Essex SS9 3PP email - Les.Page@care4free.net

Leslie asks if anybody has any connections with Annie HEAP and/or Richard PAGE, who were married at St Philip's, Nelson on 21 May 1931. Annie was the daughter of John Eastwood HEAP, Mill Manager, of 13 Hagg Street, Colne. Annie and Richard were aged 26 and 25, respectively, at the time of their marriage. Les's father (name not given) was born in Nelson in 1904; and Richard PAGE was his uncle.

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INGHAM – Helen Sugden, 3 Chapel Lane, Oakworth, Keighley, W. Yorks, BD 22 7 HY  
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Helen has a come up against a brick wall with her great great grandmother, Mary INGHAM, who, according to the 1881 census was born in Colne circa 1828. Mary INGHAM married Elijah CRAVEN, a printer and stationer, at the Baptist Chapel, Keighley on 11th June 1848. Helen asks if anyone has come across Mary INGHAM in their own research.

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WHITAKER – Tim Hadfield  
e-mail - tim.hadfield@jpsh.freeseerve.co.uk.

Do any of our members or readers remember anything about William WHITAKER, cotton waste dealer, of Burnley. Tim is trying to trace any descendents of his and is looking in particular for WHITAKER family bibles. He has the following information on William WHITAKER and would be pleased to hear from anyone with connections, or who knows anything about the family.

William WHITAKER, born Cliviger 1851. Christened at Holme Chapel 30.Mar.1851. Parents - Robert WHITAKER (1820-1880) and Elizabeth HEAP (1820-1891). Spouse – Alice (surname unknown) (1854-1928), born Cliviger. In the 1881 census, William WHITAKER is listed at 44 Todmorden Road, and in 1919 is at 25 Colne Road, Burnley. Alice died in 1928 at 57 Gorton Street, Blackpool, but her abode at the time of her making her Will was Fern Hill, Manchester Road, Burnley. Children of William and Alice WHITAKER :- Robert (1875-1885); James (1877-1923); Thomas Egerton (1879-1887); Harold (1888-1930). James WHITAKER – known address 165 Coal Clough Lane, Burnley married Sarah (surname unknown). Harold WHITAKER married Sarah (surname unknown). There are family memorial inscriptions at Hurstwood Baptist Church.

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HARRISON – Keith Ripley  
email – kr001j0079@blueyonder.co.uk

Keith would like help in finding information on William and Alice HARRISON and family in Burnley. They married in 1842 and their son, Israel, was born in 1845 is great grandfather to Keith, who would like to find the rest of the family.

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SLINGER – Edward Snowdon – email - ed-vera@terra.es

Edward, who now lives in Spain, is seeking information concerning his grandmother, Annie SLINGER, who died in 1945-46. Annie and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth SLINGER, lived in Nelson or Burnley. Mary Elizabeth SLINGER worked in a local cotton mill until her marriage to William SNOWDON in 1928.

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BOOTH of Barrowford – Judy Barradell-Smith – email - jbs@techmarketing.co.uk

If anyone knows of the family of Gerald BOOTH, a butcher, born Barrowford 1929, mother's maiden name was WOOTON, will they please contact Judy.

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BROWN – Mrs I Read – email - mercia5000@yahoo.com

Mrs Read would like to trace her great grandfather, Albert Simpson BROWN. He is thought to come from Burnley, Colne, Barrowford or Nelson and was probably born around the 1860s – 1870s. He is purported to have once been a mayor at one of these towns. He married a lady whose first name was Eden (not a common name) born in 1867, and she came from Cornwall Their daughter, Doris BROWN, was born on January 8th 1899 in Burnley. Mrs Read would appreciate any help in tracing the family.

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METHODISM - DYSON & TOWLER – Colin Beech – email - cjbeech@waitrose.com. -

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Colin Beech is researching his wife's TOWLER ancestry and its contribution to Methodism in the Colne area. He has a marriage record for Hagar DYSON married to William TOWER in 1772 at Colne Parish Church. Around 1800 when Rev. A. Haigh was a Methodist minister, a number of people from Blacko, including a Hagar TOWLER became supporters of the Methodist cause. Hagar was the wife of William TOWLER, who is thought to have been dead by then. Colin believes that William TOWER and William TOWLER are one and the same person. William and Hagar had a number of children, most of whom are recorded in the Mormon list. A reference in the Burnley Advertiser of 5th January 1861 to the death of Thomas TOWLER, William and Hagar's son, speaks of five brothers who were all local preachers, but Colin has only been able to find four brothers, William, Thomas, James and John.

There is a baptism of Agar, daughter of James DYSON, recorded on 25th July 1752, at St Mary's Church, Newchurch-in-Pendle. Colin has previously received information that the DYSON family had been prominent members of the Methodist Church from as early as 1758, particularly in the Colne area of Lancashire. There was a family of DYSONs associated with the Roughlee Society of the Methodist Church and a James Dyson was a steward of the Society. In 1748, there were DYSONs in Roughlee, namely James, Alice and Bernard. Robert DYSON was a leader between 1754 and 1755 and in 1764 there were several DYSONs at Roughlee - Robert, Ellen, Bernard, Sarah, James and Isabel. In 1781 a leader called Sam DYSON was appointed and in 1799 there was a Robert DYSON at Colne and a David DYSON at Roughlee. It would appear that Hagar Dyson might have been a child of one of these DYSONs and therefore associated with the earliest days of Methodism. Colin is trying to determine if the Hagar or Agar DYSON, daughter of James is the same Hagar TOWLER who attended the meeting at Barrowford in the early 1800s. Thomas, William and Hagar's son, was a local preacher, as was Henry his son and David his son. They were all to preach in the same church but Thomas' untimely death prevented that happening. All of this took place in the Burnley/Colne area.

If anyone can throw any more light on these issues, Colin would be extremely pleased to hear from you.

INMAN - David Earnshaw  
e-mail - david.earnshaw@lambton.on.ca

David asks if anyone is researching INMANs in the Burnley area in recent years (from early 1900s). He has a distant relative, David INMAN, born in Huddersfield in 1875, who moved to Burnley and married Margaret (Marguerite) Smith in 1896. In 1901 he lived at 17 Gresham Place, Burnley. This INMAN family originated in Wakefield.

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## STOP PRESS

Earby and District Local History Society is setting up a series of House History Workshops in association with the Workers Education Association.

There will be three workshops, the first two will be on Saturday 9th October and Saturday 4th December with the third to be arranged for February 2005.

The tutor will be Dr Rob David.

Further details and outline of the course from Bob Abel bobabel@talk21.com or 01282 843850

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