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Branch officials for 2006-2007

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	Lynn Robinson	Moira Whittaker	

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

What a marvellous turn out we had for the branch A.G.M. It was very pleasing to see so many members attend and to know that you have some interest in what happens within the branch. Our chairman, Jean Ingham, gave a report of the branch activities throughout the past year and the secretary and treasurer gave their reports to the meeting. Briefly, the branch continues to prosper. It is sound financially and although there were several non-renewals of membership, 12 new members have joined the branch since January 2006. Overall, we have had a busy year with Speaker's evenings being very well attended but Practical evenings less well attended. An exhibition on family history was mounted at Barnoldswick library prior to the "Open Day" held at Barnoldswick.

David Taylor who has served on the committee in various capacities over several years has had to retire due to work commitments and Tony Mason volunteered to take on the post Vice-chairman. In addition to the retiring officials on the committee who were duly elected to serve for another two years, we had two more volunteers for the committee from relatively new members of the branch. We welcome Elaine Roberts and Lynn Robinson to the committee. They have already attended their first committee meeting and have made a valuable contribution to the running of the branch by helping us to see what new members would like from the branch meetings.

CHANGE OF PUBLICATION DATES FOR THE GAZETTE

Because our "out-visit" is always held in May, distribution of the branch newsletter is difficult and many of them have to be sent out by post, thus increasing expense. Therefore, the publication dates for "The Gazette", will be changed to January, April, July and October.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY - LFH&HS

ONE DAY CONFERENCE & A.G.M Saturday, 27th May 2006. University Of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire. See the entry under What's on. Members are urged to attend the A.G.M. to take part in any decisions that are made by the society.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE (SOUTHPORT): USER GROUP

General Register Office is holding a User Group Meeting and Tony Foster, our chairman has been asked to obtain the views of our members as to the service offered by the GRO and the way you wish the service to develop. Could you let me know the views by the end of April so that I can pass them on to Tony.

PROGRAMME

The programme of events for the coming meetings is shown below and can also be viewed on the branch website at

<http://www.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

17.May	Out-visit to Heptonstall Museum	
31.May	Practical Evening	
21.Jun.	Scottish Ancestors	Dan Muir
19 Jul	Practical Evening	
16.Aug	Local Canal	Andrea Smith
30.Aug.	Open Night	
20.Sep	Mother Ann Lee (Shaker Movement)	Pat Colman

Tony Mason, Programme Secretary.

LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

LPRS Heywood (Vol 1), Baptisms & Burials 1733-1812

LPRS fiche Hawkshead Marriages 1754-1837
M29 Mitton (2) 1610-1719

Lancashire Record Office Guides –

“Textile Industry 1750-1850”

“Parish Administration, Charity & Law 1750-1850”

The following have been donated by members -

A transcribed copy of the M.I.s for Holy Trinity Church, Melbecks, N. Yorkshire

“A Hymn for Eternity” (Wallace Hartley & the Titanic)

“Village life in Medieval England” (Earby) parts 1 & 2

“Earby Chronicals” (Earby Local History Society)

“Retrospect” (Burnley History Society)

“Now Then” (Yorkshire Dales Museum)

These are welcome additions to our resources and we thank the donors for their generosity.

Proposed book – HARTLEY PEDIGREE BOOK for those HARTLEYS in our area. Each researcher would need to supply a family tree, together with Birth/Baptism, Marriage and Death details for each individual. This should help with the numerous queries that the branch and Colne Library receive regarding HARTLEYS.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian.

LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

Marriages (1837-1900) at C of E Churches and the Register Office are now on the website and work continues on those at Non-Conformist Churches after 1898, when ‘authorized person status’ became available. Work on the Birth Indexes continues and a start has been made on photocopying the Death indexes.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

PROJECTS

Work continues on all the projects reported in the last issue of “The Gazette”.

Transcriptions of Baptisms at St Mary’s Church, Nelson, and Burials at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, have been started.

Burnley Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions - MIs in part 1 of the Old Ground are now complete. Part 2 of the old ground was started and will continue when the weather permits.

It has been suggested that the memorial inscriptions for various church burial grounds, recorded in the early 1970s, by members of the branch, should be transferred onto

computer databases. This will involve copy typing the information into a word file on a PC. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this project should contact Bob Ellis, Jean Ingham or Brenda Hustler.

Thank you to all those working on projects.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

DIARY DATES – (WHAT’S ON)

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY & HERALDRY SOCIETY. ONE DAY CONFERENCE & A.G.M

Saturday, 27th May 2006.

The Foster Theatre, University Of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire.

9.15 am Registration and Coffee

10.00 am Welcome and Introduction

Speakers.

MELVYN HIRST - “Where strumpets retire to be brought to bed” Part 2 of the research on the origins of James Greenway, Calico Printer of Over Darwen

AUDREY JONES and ABBY ASHBY - “The Shrigley abduction”. A tale of anguish, deceit and violation of the domestic hearth.

3.45 pm A.G.M. followed by tea and departure

Conference Fee £7.50 without lunch but including coffee/tea on arrival and before departure, £17 including lunch.

A booking form was available in the centre fold of the last edition of “Lancashire”.

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOONS

The Resource Centre, 2 The Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs.

Saturday 3rd June 2006, 1 pm to 4.30 pm

Saturday 15th July 2006, 1 pm to 4.30 pm

Enquiries to Miss Margaret Purcell, 128 Red Bank Rd, Bispham, Blackpool, Lancashire FY2 9DZ.

E-mail: mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk

SAE please if you would like travel directions.

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Victoria Hall, Keighley

Saturday 22nd April 2006, 10 am to 4 pm

THE CENTRAL ENGLAND FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Buxton Pavilion Gdns, St John’s Road, Buxton, SK17 6XN

Saturday 27th May 2006, 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

York Race Course Saturday 24th June 2006,

10 am to 4.30 pm

THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday 9th September 2006, 10 am to 4.30 pm

Admission £3.00 Accompanied Children under 15 free

MALTON FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Milton Rooms, Malton North Yorkshire

Saturday 16th September 2006, 10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free

LIVERPOOL AINTREE RACECOURSE FAIR

Princess Royal Stand Exhibition Suite, Ormskirk Road

Aintree L9 5AS

Sunday 29th October 2006, 10 am-5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

THE EVERY-CLAYTONS OF CARR HALL

By Gladys Whittaker

This article is a reprint of a leaflet; one of a series produced for the local libraries. Gladys is a founder member of our branch and many of the transcriptions in our branch library are the results of her endeavours.

A previously wealthy and respected family of the Pendle district, the Every-Claytons were direct descendants of the Townleys of Carr Hall. The Clayton line began with John Clayton J.P. of Little Harwood who married Margaret, heiress of Richard Townley of Carr Hall, in 1754. The Claytons owned the whole of the Carr Hall estate and a great deal of land around Colne and Laneshawbridge including the Townley Barnside estate.

Thomas, the surviving son became sheriff of Lancashire in 1808 and also reached the rank of Colonel of the Lancashire Militia. In 1788 he married Susan, daughter of Robert Nuttall of Bury, but the marriage was of short duration, as she appears to have died in childbirth, twelve months later. He never remarried, so what occurred afterwards is a matter of conjecture. He had an adopted daughter, Elizabeth, brought up at Carr Hall and according to Census Records, born 1810-11. The same records also indicate that she was born at Carr Hall and she was generally believed to be the illegitimate daughter of Thomas, who by that time, was 55 years of age and a childless widower, who would probably have been anxious regarding the survival of his ancient line.

The available evidence suggests that Col. Clayton persuaded a 20-year-old girl, Ellen Smith of Queen Street, Blackburn, to become a member of his household at Carr Hall, where she was employed as cook and that within a short time she became the mother of his child. The most substantial documentary evidence to be found locally, linking Thomas Clayton with the child born 1810-11, is an entry in the Colne Parish Register of Baptisms of a child Elizabeth, born July 1st 1811, the illegitimate daughter of one Ellen Smith, spinster of Old Laund.

After the birth, Ellen seems to have been disposed of as kindly as possible under the circumstances, as she subsequently married a Mr. Fisher, valet to Mr Henry Sudell of Woodfold Hall (a friend of Col. Clayton) and later had a daughter of her own.

In due course Elizabeth only daughter and heiress of Thomas Clayton, at the age of 24, married Edward Every, second son of Sir Henry Every of Eggington Hall, Derbyshire, on February 10th 1835 at Colne Parish Church. One can only suppose that the date of marriage had bearing on the state of her father's health at the time, as he died two days later on February 12th, no doubt happy in the knowledge that the Clayton line would continue at Carr Hall. Edward Every, after obtaining royal permission to take the name and arms of Clayton, became the first of the Every-Claytons. The transferring of the Clayton arms (which also included Townley) without alteration, of itself suggests that there was a blood relationship through Elizabeth from Thomas Clayton.

Thomas was the last male representative of the Claytons of Little Harwood, where they had been resident in unbroken succession for more than 400 years. Until the death of his mother in 1780, he lived at Barnside, his sister Martha acting as housekeeper for him there, and later for many years at Carr Hall. After Colonel Clayton's death, Barnside

was sold for £22,000 to Mr Robert Hargreaves of Ardwick, but Barnside like Carr Hall is now demolished.

Colonel Edward Every-Clayton, who at the time of his marriage was an officer in the 1st Lancashire 'Militia', was stationed at the Burnley Barracks when he first met his future wife. He seems to have been favourably regarded in the district as a representative of a country gentleman and in later years was appointed County Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant of the County. He was an artist of no mean ability, as a copy of a sketch he made of the old St Thomas' Church, Barrowford indicates, and the rooms of Carr Hall were adorned by his paintings.

By Elizabeth, he had nine children, including twins Fanny and Edward. Thomas Edward, the eldest son and heir, married Eliza Henrietta, daughter of James Whitaker of Broadclough, Bacup. Elizabeth, sister to Thomas Edward, married James Whitaker, elder brother of Eliza Henrietta, so that by both these lines there are Every-Clayton connections up to the present day. The Whitakers, however, are no longer at Broadclough, although the house still remains in good condition. Incidentally, the Whitakers of Broadclough are, by marriage, connected to the line of Dr Thos. D Whitaker, L.L.D., the well know historian who wrote the 'History of Whalley' and other works.

In 1853, Elizabeth, wife of Edward Every-Clayton, died, and in 1854 he married Eliza Halstead of Hood House, and heiress of Rowley, by whom he had four children. The youngest daughter, Amelia Jane Eliza, married Major T H Bairnsfather and became mother of Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather, the noted cartoonist of World War I and creator of 'Old Bill'. When 'Old Bill' was filmed after the war and the film appeared in the Grand Theatre, Nelson, in 1924, mention was made in the 'Leader' advert of the Every-Clayton connection, with the comment that it would doubtless draw crowded houses.

For several years after the death of his first wife, Col. Every-Clayton remained at Carr Hall, but removed to Rowley Hall when his son Thomas Edward reached the age of 21. His remains are interred in the Halstead vault at St Peter's Church, Burnley.

As previously mentioned, Edward Every-Clayton had four more children by his second wife, Eliza Halstead, and perhaps the teenage daughters of his first marriage were unsettled by the death of their mother and felt a lack of enthusiasm for this middle aged passion going on in their midst, as he apparently had problems with two of them.

An interesting account is to be found of the eldest one, Penelope, leaving Carr Hall one afternoon as though out for a walk and not having returned by evening, her family became alarmed and began to search for her. A note was found addressed to one of her sisters saying she had gone to London and that they should hear from her in the course of a few days. The family being at a loss to understand this message, made enquiries of the servants and one of the men stated he had seen the girl throw a bundle from her bedroom window and he later noticed the bundle was gone but thought it none of his business. Enquiry was made at the railway station and it was discovered she had left there alone for Manchester, but beyond that no further trace could be found. Col. Every-Clayton contacted a friend in London and a few days later received the information that he had found the fugitive and that she had been married the day before to a Signor Sabbatini who had been an officer in the

Italian Legion, which had been stationed at the barracks at Burnley where the two had formed an intimate relationship all unknown to the girl's family. Penelope was described at the time as being 21 years of age and of interesting appearance and her gallant husband, 25 and of a noble Italian family. She later became a Countess.

Perhaps this spirited and successful venture encouraged one of her sisters to do likewise, as one of the younger ones, probably Fanny, is believed to have eloped with her 19 year old coachman, William Smith. There are also earlier reports of one of Col. Thomas Clayton's sisters attempting to elope by jumping from a window at Little Harwood Hall. It seems this might have been Martha, as she is known to have been very athletic, but there is no evidence that this attempt was successful as Martha remained a spinster, but if the story is true it possibly fired the imagination of a later generation.

Thomas Edward Every-Clayton, who inherited Carr Hall from his mother, unlike his father and grandfather, was of a retiring disposition and steadfastly refused to associate himself with public affairs. As he died of a heart attack at the age of 45, he possibly did not feel in a sufficiently robust state of health to occupy himself with these matters. Although kind hearted and of a genial disposition, he was rarely seen outside his own grounds and he occupied himself with painting, gardening and the business of his estate in general. Possibly because of his desire for privacy, he attempted to close down Carr Hall Road, which had been a toll road in the 1860s. This brought him into conflict with the public over the right of way, but eventually Nelson Local Board reached an agreement with him regarding the public use of this road, the direct route between Nelson and Pendle Forest villages.

Like his father he was a talented artist, many of his works displaying great merit. Rather surprisingly, he was also an ice-skater of great skill and on several occasions saved the lives of persons in danger on the ice, by great daring and coolness. At Bolton Woods he also rescued a man in danger of drowning in the Strid. His knowledge of forestry was extensive and he paid great attention to the replanting of trees on his estate and even at the present time, we owe him thanks for the beauty and variety of trees still to be found in the Carr Hall area.

By Eliza Henrietta, his wife, he had eight children, five sons and three daughters, and on his death, in 1886, his eldest son, Henry Herbert came into possession of Carr Hall. Although only a young man of 20 he had for several years suffered from a lung complaint and he died in 1887, only a few days after his 21st birthday, following an unsuccessful operation to improve his condition.

The property then passed to his younger brother Edward and sadly the long Townley-Clayton-Every connection at Carr Hall came to an end. In 1892, through the local press, Nelsonians learned with regret that "Carr Hall, the home for many years past of the Every-Claytons, is about to be vacated by its present tenant and Mr Hezekiah Fletcher will become the new tenant of the Hall. The family of Every-Clayton is beloved and respected in Nelson and far beyond, not only for its memories and associations, but for the goodness of its present younger members."

The unmarried daughters removed to London, Edward Every-Clayton to Skipton and their mother (the wife of Thomas Edward) eventually ended her days in Florence, the home of her eldest daughter who married an Italian

Lieutenant Sabbatini (presumably a relative of the earlier Sabbatini who, by that time, had become a General). This daughter, by all accounts, had a very colourful wedding at Areggo Cathedral in 1898, being dressed in rose brocade trimmed with white silk and embroidered chiffon and wearing a white velvet toque trimmed with rose coloured ribbon, white feathers and lace. The groom, a Lieutenant in the 42nd Infantry, was in full uniform, with colonels and generals of the Italian army among the guests.

The third son, Leopold Ernest Every-Clayton, married Dorothy, daughter of Dr Edward Bennett of Marsden Hall. Dr Bennett also was a gentleman highly respected in the Nelson district, having come to Nelson in 1865 and succeeding Dr Pinder, his father-in-law as proprietor of the private asylum at Marsden Hall. Edward Street and Pinder Street in Nelson, were built on land previously belonging to the Walton family and were so named to commemorate Dr Pinder and Dr Bennett who between them were responsible for much improvement in the welfare of the people of St John's Parish in particular, and the Nelson district in general.

The Townley-Clayton families were largely connected with Colne Parish Church and later the Every-Claytons with the original St Thomas', Barrowford. When St Thomas' Church was built, Mrs Elizabeth Every-Clayton of Carr Hall assisted by Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie Esq. of Huntroyde, laid the corner stone on December 21st 1937. Mrs Thomas Edward Every-Clayton is later mentioned as being one of the organists there, and an account of a Tea Party and Dramatic Entertainment in 1887 in which sketches entitled 'Popping the Question' and 'Romantic Attachments' were performed, included in the cast, Mrs Every-Clayton who accompanied on the pianoforte. Buried in St Thomas' churchyard are Thomas Edward Every-Clayton, his eldest son Henry Herbert and Edith (Thomas Edward's sister) who married Manley Watson of Woodside.

Known present day descendants are living in the South, also in Canada and the U.S.A. and although to us in the Pendle district their ancestors now exist only in place names like Every Street, Clayton Street and Carr Hall to them it is their history, a memory to cherish of those who have gone before – perhaps in some way an inspiration for generations to come.



Carr Hall – the home of the Every Claytons until 1892, was built about 1580 and demolished in 1954

OLD NEWS FROM "THE TIMES"

Extract from The Times, Tuesday, Jun 14th 1842

Burnley, Lancashire.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.).

Although trade generally in this district is in a depressed state, the distress appears to be greatly exaggerated. The factories are in full work with the exception of one; and the chief complaint of the operatives is, that they cannot now when working six days in the week, receive more remuneration for their labour than they did some time since when working four. A considerable number of hands are out of employ at Todmorden and the neighbourhood, but this does not arise from a decrease in the demand for goods, but in consequence of the mills being obliged to stop for want of water, by which power they are principally worked, and the extreme heat and dryness of the weather account for the deficiency of supply of the necessary element. The spinners in this neighbourhood are earning from 20s to 25s per week, and the superintendents of power-looms from 9s to 13s. The handloom weavers cannot compete with the power-looms, and hence it is, that this numerous class of operatives are in a state of extreme privation.

Sir John Walsham, one of the Assistant Poor Law Commissioners, is in the neighbourhood with a considerable sum of money from the Manufacturers Relief fund, which he distributes to those who are recommended by the local committee as having earned their pittance on the roads or at any other employment to which they have been put. Since the arrival of the Assistant Poor Law Commissioner many of the mills have given their hands full employment, therefore the call upon the fund has not been so great as might have been expected. The Chartist leaders of the neighbourhood, who are said to be in the pay of the Anti-Corn-Law league, are doing their utmost in their power to move the people to violence. They have called a public meeting to be held on Pendle-hill, five miles from Burnley, to-morrow (Sunday) at which it is stated Mr. Fergus O'Connor and Dr McDewall will be present. These two cunning gentlemen, however, will not be found there, as the latter left Manchester for London this morning, and the former has expressed a disinclination to stand the risk of desecrating the Sabbath himself, both in fact being contented by getting other parties into the trap and escaping themselves. The language used at most of the meetings, lately held, has been exciting and seditious in the extreme, and the speakers have not hesitated openly to recommend the people to arm themselves and demand "the Charter". The authorities have had their attention directed to some of the ring-leaders, and it is very probably that ere long they may be taught a judicial lesson.

A very serious fire broke out yesterday morning at the mills of Messrs. Barker and Barwise, between Burnley and Todmorden. It appears that about half-past 9 o'clock, whilst the mill was a work, the cotton in the upper story, used for the process of dressing, suddenly ignited. The fire almost immediately spread to other parts of the building, and by half-past 11 o'clock the whole was a heap of ruins. 50 bales of cotton, and the whole of the valuable machinery, building &c., were destroyed; the loss being estimated at from £9000 to £10,000. The machinery consisted of power-looms, mules, spindles and throstles. The fire-engine of Messrs John Fielden and Brothers, and other engines from Burnley, were upon the spot shortly after the fire commenced, but the flames had made such rapid progress that they were unable

to check them until the whole fabric and its contents were consumed.

Extract from The Times Tuesday, Aug 15, 1848

Burnley.-Atrocious Conduct

On Friday, the 4th inst., a shocking occurrence took place on the East Lancashire Railway at the tunnel end. Whilst the driver and stoker of the Medusa locomotive were drinking in a beer-shop near the line, the cleaner, John Rhodes, who was in care of the engine, sent to the shop to know whether he should take the fire out of the grate; word was sent that he might, but immediately after the stoker followed to see that it was properly done. But when the stoker had arrived, and before the fire was taken out, some person in authority ordered the engine to be run to Rose-green-tip, the stoker acting as driver, and the cleaner as stoker. After the engine had started, the driver, Samuel Whittle, arrived at the works and finding it gone without him, he became angry, swore violently, and formed the design of obstructing it on its return. For this cruel purpose he procured three wagon tail-boards, and fastened them across the rails by means of iron picks, which drove into the sleepers. He next got three iron furnace bars, which he also placed, across the rails; but lest boards and bars should fail of accomplishing his deadly purpose, he got eight other picks which he fastened to the sleepers with their shafts upward. By this time the train was returning; the cleaner sat in front of the coal box; the Rev. T. G. James of Burnley, his brother, from Liverpool and Mr Donaldson, engineer of the line, were in the truck of the engine. Some persons having noticed the obstructions while the engine was nearing them made a signal to the parties running it to shut off the steam and apply the break [*sic*]; but before this could be done the wheels came in contact with the tailboards and Rhodes was thrown off on the line. The engine also was thrown off, and having run some distance by some good luck got on the rail again. Owing to the presence of mind of the Rev T. G. James who cried out to his party to hold firmly on, no one in the truck was injured; but poor Rhodes was run over, and had his right arm nearly taken off and both thighs broken. Mr G Smirthwaite, surgeon, was sent for, who amputated the arm, and reduced the fractured thighs. Hopes are entertained of his recovery. Whittle was taken into custody and committed for trial by the magistrate.

LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday Openings – 2006.

Lancashire Record Office will open on the second Saturday of each month in addition to the usual daily opening times.

The office will open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on

13th May	12th August	11th November
10th June	9th September	9th December
8th July	14th October	

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

When the last issue of 'The Gazette' was posted out, several messages "bounced" and were returned as undeliverable. If you have changed your e-mail address, please inform the branch secretary. This also applies to members who have their research interests posted on the branch website.

PRACTICAL WORKSHOP GROUP.

At the last meeting of the practical workshop sub-committee the members reported that they were satisfied with the general format of the practical evenings. It was thought that the 'mini-lectures' held at two of the meetings last year were a good idea and it was suggested that we could have talks or discussion on family history software e.g. Family Tree Maker, Family Historian etc., advice on using Internet websites such as Genes Reunited and Ancestry.com, and that we should have specific topics and more help for new members, particular those who are just starting their family history research.

Other items for consideration include running another 3-week Internet course similar to the one at Nelson library last year, historical walks around Colne and Trawden with a 'Then and Now' theme, either an actual walk or on slide film. It was felt that more information on Burnley's past might be appreciated. The purchase of census CDs for other counties was also suggested. This will not now be necessary as Ancestry.co.uk is now available free through Lancashire libraries service.

Branch members are asked to consider what subjects they would like to have discussed at the practical meetings and to submit their requests to Jean, Brenda or Tony. If you would like to join in with the practical workshop sub-committee, please see Jean.

FFHS NEWS - from the Federation of FHS

FFHS SURVEY

The Federation of Family History Societies is undertaking a survey of member societies and LFH&HS needs to make a response to the questionnaire as mentioned below. You can download a copy from the federation website

LFH&HS needs to respond to this survey by 1st August. We are asked to discuss this within our branch and our response will be given to the Society at the next Executive meeting. The Society will then formulate a response.

As part of a wholesale review of its own objectives, structure and organisation and following discussions at the 2005 'Think Tank', our FFHS has decided to conduct a Survey of Members. The Survey is aimed at evaluating the satisfaction/needs of Member Societies regarding Federation activities and benefits, and at eliciting views on key issues. It will be sent to member societies within the next few weeks. In addition it was felt appropriate to offer individual members of all Societies the opportunity to respond to a Questionnaire covering essentially the same ground. [Societies are being asked additional questions about their organisation and about Regional Groups]. Please take this opportunity to participate in our major 'rethink' as our Federation faces new challenges to achieve the 'Objects' so clearly set out 30 years ago. This 'individuals' survey is now available to download at:

www.ffhs.org.uk/Societies/Reference/Future.shtm

BBC TIMEWATCH: - The Influenza Epidemic of 1918.

Timewatch, the BBC's flagship history series, are currently making a programme looking at the 1918 Influenza epidemic. If you know that your family was significantly affected by influenza in 1918, then we'd like to hear from you. It might be that you have parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles who died or were orphaned as a result of it - or that

you've discovered family archive or an interesting family story about it. We would also like to hear from anyone who has a family member who might remember the influenza outbreak. If you'd like to get in touch, please contact Emma Parkins, BBC Timewatch on 020 8752 6179, or by email: emma.parkins@bbc.co.uk The programme is at the early research stage at the moment and all conversations are in complete confidence.

NEW GENEALOGY DOCUMENTARY

Are you passionate about tracing your family history? Are you discovering your ancestral line leads you across the Atlantic?

CHANNEL 4's brand new genealogy documentary is looking for great characters with great stories who would love to track down long lost family from the United States.

If you would like to know more call Alex Lind on 0207 284 2020 or e-mail: Alexlind@TwentyTwenty.tv or contact Alex at TwentyTwenty TV, 20 Kentish Town Road, London, NW1 9NX.

THE FACE OF BRITAIN Channel 4 Television series

Imagine if a simple DNA test could show that you're descended from a Viking warrior, a Saxon farmer or Norman invader. This is what a pioneering project by Oxford University and the Wellcome Foundation plan to do for the whole of the UK; and Channel 4 is going to follow the entire process. This new Channel 4 series is called THE FACE OF BRITAIN and the programme production company, Wag TV, are currently seeking families who know a lot about their family history but would like to delve even deeper and have their DNA tested to reveal their ancient roots. To qualify, you and at least two generations of your family must come from one of the following regions: Cornwall, Devon, Pembrokeshire, Oxfordshire, Kent, Sussex, Northumbria, Cumbria, Orkney.

If you would be happy to have a simple DNA test and have your family history delved into on television, then please contact Wag TV as soon as possible.

e-mail: dnauk@wagtv.com or call Sorrel on: 0207 688 2166

FEDERATION HOUSE JOURNAL

We reported at the March branch meeting, that the Federation Executive have decided to stop the publication of Family News and Digest. A document about this is available in the February issue of Newsflash which is available online at

www.ffhs.org.uk/Societies/Newsflash/index.htm

In response to this we have had a letter circulated to the Society from Derek Palgrave a former editor of the journal.

As a former editor of Family History News and Digest, I would like to make an appeal for its continued publication. I have set out my reasons for this in the attachment (*available to view from the branch secretary*). If you feel it is in the best interests of the member societies within the Federation for this House Journal to remain in place, please make your views known to the Federation Executive Committee. If your society is to be represented at the General Meeting next weekend, please ensure that the matter is debated.

Regards, Derek Palgrave

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Rennie Halstead's family are HALSTEADS from Haggate, as far as he can tell, marriages with the KIPPAX and HURST families are part of this family. Rennie has got back as far as a John Halstead married to a Sally Smith, in Haggate Church, on 7th Feb 1802. Both were born about 1780. Does anyone have links with this family?

Blacksmiths in Burnley Cris Kydd
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Cris would like to know if there any existing records of Blacksmiths in the Burnley area from about 1824? Cris's great-great grandfather John CLAYTON was a master blacksmith born in Burnley 1845 and his father was James born 1824 in Burnley. He was wondering if it was a family tradition going even further back and also where was the actual smithy. Any help will be appreciated very much.
[A list of blacksmiths has been found in a trade directory for 1828 but Clayton is not one of the names amongst those on the list.]

WINDLE Bob Abel, e-mail: bobabel@talk21.com
Bob is searching for the burial place of Hartley WINDLE, buried in 1844. The 1841 census gives him at Earby.. It is thought that he was a Non-Conformist probably belonging to the Baptist Church.

SCHOFIELD Margery Peel
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Margery is trying to find the birth of Elizabeth SCHOFIELD, her paternal grandmother, who is proving to be somewhat elusive. Margery is reasonably sure that her birthday was 17th September and the year was probably 1884. Elizabeth died in Colne in 1941 and is buried in the family plot in Trawden Cemetery. On the 1901 census she was in Middleton with her parents and maternal grandmother. This is the only census which Margery is sure is correct. Details as follows:
Head : John Henry SCHOFIELD c 1858 a general labourer,
Wife Maria SCHOFIELD c 1859 card room hand, Daughter Elizabeth SCHOFIELD c 1885 a weaver, Mother in law Elizabeth PHILLIPS c 1838 a nurse monthly.
All born in Church, Lancs.. Margery has searched the records for Church and surrounding area - no sign.
When Elusive Elizabeth married Luther BANNISTER on 21st December 1907 at Bethel Chapel Trawden, her father was John Henry Smith SCHOFIELD, a Hawker of Drapery Goods. This agrees with the family stories. When Margery's father Ernest BANNISTER was born at Turney Crook, Colne, her maiden name was given as Elizabeth Smith SCHOFIELD. Elusive Elizabeth's mother died at 23 Curzon Street Colne on 19th March 1917, her name was given as Maria Smith SCHOFIELD. Margery has done some serious trawling of the Internet, Ancestry.com, 1837 online, FreeBMD etc. and has paid out for all the likely birth certificates in the hope that she would hit on the correct one, but with no luck!
Elizabeth SCHOFIELD still remains a mystery although Margery has a copy of her death certificate and has letters that she wrote to Margery's father during WWII. Any help you can offer would be appreciated as at the moment Margery is up against the proverbial brick wall.

SMITH – Ellen (nee HARGREAVES)
Frank Smith, Macungie, Pa. USA e-mail: drsfls@fast.net
Frank is trying to find the death record of his Gg-grandmother, Ellen SMITH, maiden name HARGREAVES. She died after the 1851 census and before the 1861 census. Ellen was born about 1800 and married James SMITH, a stone mason, in December 1821 at St Peter's Church, Burnley. In 1851, the family were living in Worsthorne. James SMITH, Head, 53, Stone mason, born Worsthorne. Ellen, Wife, 49, born Bolton. Thomas, Son, 29, Stone Mason, Mary, Daughter, age 26, Power loom weaver, Henry, Son, age 19, Stone Mason, Smith, Son, age 16, Stone Mason, Ellen, Daughter, age 11, Errand Girl, Grandson, age 3. All the children were born in Worsthorne. In the 1861 Census the family are living at 19 Foundry St Bolton Municipal Ward of Bradford
Any help would be greatly appreciated.

RICKARD David Rickard
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David is researching his RICKARD ancestors who originally came from Cornwall, but who lived in the Nelson and Burnley area from about 1880. He would be pleased to receive any information on them. Addresses associated with his RICKARDS are -
Raws Court, Stock Street, Leyland Road, Padiham Road, Anne street all Burnley.
Hereford Street, Marsden, Moseley Street, Nelson, George Street Nelson and Every Street, Marsden.
Also, there is a Rickard Street, in Nelson – off Beauford Street, Nelson. Does anyone know who this is named after?

JACKMAN & CLEGG Ms Valerie Bain, 12 Marine Avenue, Burnley Lancashire, BB11 5LG
Valerie is seeking information on her parents, LINDA JACKMAN (~ 1905 to 1984) and ERNEST CLEGG (~1908 – 1963). She would like to find out if she has any relatives. Her father had five brothers and sisters and lived at 18 Derby St, Colne. Her mother was born in Settle and is thought to have had two sisters, Vi and Ellen and step sister Ethel, brother Chris, all born in Colne. Valerie would like to hear from anyone who may have connections to these families.

INGHAM Albert Ingham
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Albert INGHAM of Canada and late of Colne is looking for information about his grandparents, James INGHAM (cotton weaver) and Jane ROBINSON who married at Wheatley in 1875 and later lived in Giles St. Nelson. He is looking for the birth or baptism of James c 1854 in the Wheatley area. There is no father's name on James marriage certificate.

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