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## BRANCH OPEN DAY

**Saturday 17th November 2007 10 am to 3.30 pm**

### Burnley Central Library

The branch "Open Day" will be held at Burnley Central Library this year, for the first time in many years. It will be in the main part of the library with the use of computers, but there will also be the use of all the resources in the basement local studies area. It is hoped that we will be able to set up an exhibition prior to the event, but this will depend on the space that is available.

Our open days are usually very busy events with members of the public wanting advice on family history research. Can you help out at the event, even for just an hour or so. You will enjoy it. Please let Jean know if you would be able to help. A volunteer is worth ten pressed men, so the saying goes.

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## THE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The Society's Annual Dinner has been organized by Hyndburn Branch for Friday, 5th October 2007 at Harwoods, 244 Blackburn Road, Great Harwood. Assemble at 7 pm for 7.30 start. The speaker will be Joanne Braithwaite whose talk is entitled "Scullery Maid".

Details of the menu and a booking form for the event will be in the August edition of "Lancashire", the Society's journal. Why not join other members of the Society at a social event? You will more than likely enjoy yourself and it could then become a habit.

## SOCIETY RESOURCE CENTRE – 2 THE STRAITS, OSWALDTWISTLE

A lot of work has taken place at the Straits over the past year – those of you who have not been for some time will hardly recognize the place now. The downstairs meeting room has been done up and the Society's library books are now housed there, as are the exchange journals from other family history societies. A lot of work still has to be done, in other parts of the building – the kitchen needs some major building work doing on it. Planning of the upstairs rooms, which will be used for the administration of the Society, is ongoing. We are getting there, slowly but surely. It is hoped that all members of the Society will support the resource centre when it becomes operational and that all branches of the Society will make their branch projects and databases available for use at the Straits Resource Centre. Some branches, including our own, have already agreed to do this. There is, however, something that members of the Straits Group, who are organizing the resource centre, need to know:

**"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE STRAITS?"**

Members of our branch committee are going to visit the Straits at the end of July and it is hoped to arrange an extra out-visit for members of the branch who would like to go and see the place.

## "THE WAY FORWARD"

For those of you who did not attend the Society AGM in May, the "Way Forward" proposals were accepted by the Society and are due to be implemented.

At the Executive Committee Meeting in June, there were volunteers for five of the six Group Leader posts and these were therefore appointed (See the LFHHS NEWS on page 5) This management team were due to meet before the end of June to thrash out their respective terms of reference, but so far this meeting has not taken place and is now scheduled for September

## PROGRAMME FOR 2007

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>

- 15.Aug Through Glass Brightly Margaret Curry  
29.Aug Open Night and Practical Evening  
19.Sep Archivist from Lancashire Record Office  
17.Oct Local Collections at Towneley Mike Townsend  
31.Oct Practical Evening  
21.Nov Buildings of Old Colne Darran Ward  
12.Dec Christmas Meeting. "A Weaver's Lot" followed by mince pies, cakes and drinks, (ticket only).

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

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## LIBRARY

A copy of the Birth Certificate for Leonard Hitchen, born 28th March 1904, son of Arthur Hitchen, Cotton Twister, and Laura formerly Hopwood, of 11 Keppel Street, Burnley, has been donated by Alan Lay, one of our branch members.

Over the past few months it has been found that many of the branch microfiche in the cabinet have been filed in wrong places. The microfiche cabinet is now kept locked and there is a notice on the top two drawers stating that only ONE fiche may be removed at any one time and must be replaced by one of the four numbered fiche markers. Please remember that a misplaced fiche is a lost fiche. The cabinet will be open as usual on meeting nights for members to do research.

Christine Bradley, the reference librarian at Colne is proposing to move some or all of our library books from their present position to the opposite side of the library, by the side of the Heritage Corner.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

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## LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

The transcription of the Death indexes is now complete and a start has been made on the Non-Conformist Marriage indexes 1900 to 1950. Photocopying will now commence on the Church of England marriage indexes. All the Barnoldswick Deaths and over half of the Burnley area Deaths are now on the Internet. The team at Preston are very pleased to have been joined by two new volunteers so this should hopefully speed up the process as well as trying to visit every week. A big thank-you to all involved in this project

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

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## PROJECTS

Work continues on the Memorial Inscriptions at Burnley Cemetery and Nelson Walton Lane Cemetery when the weather permits. Transcriptions of the registers for St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle, the Burial Registers, Grave Books and Receipt Books for St John's, Great Marsden, the baptisms for Holy Trinity, Burnley and converting the Memorial Inscriptions in the big green books into databases for the branch computer is in progress. Thanks go to all those working on these projects.

If you would like to help out, please contact me.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

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## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

#### ♣ ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOON

Workshop - Advice & Research Session

Saturday 11th August 1 pm to 4.30 pm

#### ♣ MINI-CONFERENCE – Full Day

County Hall, Fishergate, Preston. PR1 8XJ

Saturday 13th October 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Speakers:

John Mackie Ulster King of Arms & Irish Heraldry

Michael Parker Mothers and Fathers in Modern Irish Literature

John Dunleavy Irish Community as Reflected in Three Illuminated Addresses in Haslingden.

Conference Fee £7.00 including tea/coffee, (bring your own packed lunch).

Parking available at County Hall car park (Arthur Street) £2.00 for the day

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

E-mail: [mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk)

### NORTH WEST GROUP OF FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR WITH INTERNET CONNECTION

The Floral Hall, Southport, PR9 0DZ

Saturday 25th August 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

Free Lectures

### NORTH WALES FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Llandudno - Conference Centre

Saturday 1st September 2007 10 am to 4.30 pm

### THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday 8th September 2007 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 15th September 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free

### NORTH MEOLS (SOUTHPORT) FHS OPEN DAY

St Cuthbert's Church Hall (situated in between the Church & The Hesketh Arms in Churchtown)

Saturday 29th September 2007

### LIVERPOOL AINTREE RACECOURSE FAIR

Princess Royal Stand Exhibition Suite, Ormskirk Road Aintree L9 5AS

Sunday 30th September 2007 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

### YORKSHIRE COAST FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Scarborough Spa Complex

Saturday 17th November 2007

### HULL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Staff House, Hull University, Cottingham Rd, Hull

Saturday 24th November 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free

### THE NORTHUMBERLAND AND BORDERS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Wentworth Leisure Centre, Hexham

Saturday 1st December 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £2, (accompanied children under 16, free)

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## WAS YOUR ANCESTOR IN THE ARMY?

Submitted by Brenda I Hustler

Have you lost track of one or more of your male ancestors? If so, have you considered that they might have enlisted in the army or navy?

About five years ago, whilst searching for my ancestors, I found that my great great grandfather, Thomas NEALE, was listed as a Chelsea Pensioner in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 census for Doncaster. I also found, from the census records that he was born in Farnborough, Warwickshire. On his daughter's marriage certificate (my great grandmother) he is listed as a Retired Serjeant. Through a contact in Doncaster Family History Society, I found that there was a memorial inscription on his grave which read

"Thomas Neale, late Serjeant of the 37th Regiment of foot".

I then searched on the National Archives (TNA) website and found the following reference.

Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents WO 97/541/5 Thomas NEALE, born Farnborough, Warwickshire, served in 37<sup>th</sup> Foot Regiment. Discharged aged 44. Date range 1826 – 1849

Open Document, Open Description, Normal Closure before FOI Act: 30 years. Held at the National Archives, Kew.

On a visit to Kew a couple of years ago, I did a search for the document on microfilm, and found more information, but not a lot more.

At the time of the initial search on the TNA website, I also investigated how many men from the area covered by Pendle and Burnley branch were also listed in the Chelsea Pensioners documents. There were over 230 listed between the years 1800 to 1860.

A few weeks ago I was contacted by Bill Taylor, a friend from Blackburn branch, who was asking if I could find anything about William ROBINSON, born in Barley, the son of John ROBINSON, a pensioner. Bill was also trying to find out about John ROBINSON, and it was then I remembered my list of local men who were on the Chelsea Pensioners list. I looked at the file and found John ROBINSON listed.

Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers Service Documents WO 97/1259/59 John ROBINSON, born Roughlee, Lancashire, served in Royal Artillery, Discharged aged 47. Date range 1808 – 1831.

I sent this information off to Bill in the hope that it might help in his research. It did. Information was obtained from the National Archives at Kew and Bill has sent it to be published in the Gazette, as it may be useful to someone in our branch.

JOHN ROBINSON, Third Battalion of H.M. Royal Regiment of Artillery as a gunner & driver. Born in Roughlee near Burnley, Lancashire. Trade – a Weaver. Attested for the Royal Artillery at Burnley on 2.Nov.1808 age 24 years. Served for 23 years and 92 days until 31.Dec.1831. Served 2 years 3 mths in PENINSULA – present at siege and storming of Badajiz (Badajoz) (Spain). (PENINSULA WAR against Napoleon 1808-1814 – Portugal/Spain/Sth France under Wellington). Served 2 years 6ths in Mediterranean/Corfu. Served remainder of time at Home. Character:- General conduct has been Exemplary. Disability:-Chronic Rheumatism, so discharged. "John Robinson has been under treatment for the above complaint since October last, and still remains in

hospital. He has improved but little, appears very weakly, and although he has served only 23 years, appears quite worn out. The Board are therefore of the opinion that he is permanently unfit for Military Service, but that he is able to contribute something towards his livelihood." Medical Board 15.Dec.1831. OPINION – "After treatment of a considerable period in the Royal Ordnance Hospital, I am of the opinion that John Robinson is unfit for service, and likely to be permanently disqualified for Military Duty." Awarded Pension of one shilling and one pence per day – starting 1.Jan.1832. Description at Discharge – 47 years, 5 foot 10 inches. Light Hair, Grey Eyes, Fresh Complexion. Trade – Weaver.

Bill has found that John ROBINSON's parents are possibly James ROBINSON b.1756, d.30.Nov.1835, aged 79 – a Yeoman –Married to Jane b.1755, bur.1825, aged 70 – Pendle House, (Barley). James & Jane's children –

Elizabeth (Betty) bap.1779 married John Hartley in 1801.

Sarah b.Pendle House, bap.1782, married James Hartley – had a grandson called Robinson b.1837.

John bap.1786, bur. 2.Jan.1853, aged 66 years, married Elizabeth (Betty) Dixon 10.May.1804.

John & Betty's Children – James 1805, Robert 1809, William 1815, Anne 1826, Priscilla 1829 – other?

James Jnr from Pendle House married Elizabeth. Children – John 1823, James 1824-25, James 1826-37 – other?

Robert b.1809, bap.2.Jan.1831, aged 21, d.1858 married Ellen b.1813, d.1879. Their children - Mary 1833, Margaret 1834, Betty 1836, Rose 1838, Ann 1842, John 1845, James 1847, Dixon 1849, Robert 1850, Ellen H. 1855

William b.1815, bap.29.Nov.1835, aged 20, married Margaret Bolton 1839 Colne. William & Margaret's Children – Bolton 1840, Elizabeth D 1842, George 1844, Thomas 1847, Alfred William 1850, James 1854, Edwin 1857.

Anne b.1826, bap.1.May.1836

Priscilla b.1829, bap.1.May.1836.

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Whilst transcribing the marriage registers for Newchurch in Pendle, I came across another entry relating to a soldier. The entry was as follows

Entry No 88, 18.Jun.1816,

Benjamin (X), HEYWORTH, of this Chapelry, Mason?,

Jane (X), HARTLEY, of this Chapelry, w,

Married by Banns, Minister Jno Whitaker, Witnesses James BOWKER, John KNOWLES,

In the register adjacent to the entry, the following note had been written. "Benj'm entered the army: Jane re-married Peter EASTWOOD 1829; but on Benj'm return in 1830, she again joined him".

There was, indeed, an entry for the marriage of Jane HEYWORTH to Peter EASTWOOD

Entry No 100, 7.Sep.1829,

Peter (X), EASTWOOD, w, Sabden-fold, of this Chapelry

Jane (X), HEYWORTH, w, Sabden-fold, of this Chapelry,

Married by Banns, Minister John Rushton, Witnesses William ALTHAM, William HORNE,

A note at the side of this entry read - The bride Jane's husband returned from the army in 1830

I checked on the National Archives website to see if Benjamin was also a Chelsea Pensioner, but there was no mention of him. There were, however, three other entries relating to Benjamin HEYWORTH, but these were Quarter Sessions documents held at Lancashire Record Office and are Order of Removal notices.

Preston, Easter 1819 - Barley Booth to Goldshaw Booth. Order of removal of Benjamin Heyworth, Jane his wife and Hartley and John their children - ref. QSP/2749/43 - date: 6.Mar.1819.

Preston, Easter 1819 - Barley Booth and Goldshaw Booth. Instructions for motion for respite of appeal against order of removal of Benjamin Heyworth and family - ref. QSP/2749/16 - date: c.1819.

Preston, Midsummer 1819 - Barley Booth to Goldshaw Booth. Order of removal of Benjamin Heyworth, Jane his wife and Hartley and John their children - ref. QSP/2753/50 - date: 6.Mar.1819.

So, the question arises, did Benjamin HEYWORTH abandon his wife and family and go off and join the army? Or did he join the army to provide support for his family? If it is the former, then Jane must have felt free to marry again. If it is the latter, then she knowingly committed bigamy. In both the marriage entries she is listed as a widow, so maybe there was another husband lurking in the background.

So if you have Benjamin & Jane HEYWORTH in your family tree, then, courtesy of the Rev John RUSHTON, Curate and Incumbent at St Mary's Church, Newchurch-in-Pendle 1825 to 1943, who made the notes in the register and told it as it was, you have found your "Skeleton in the Cupboard".

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## RESEARCH IN PENDLE BRANCH AREA

Submitted by Christine Haworth

*This is an amended extract from 'Lancashire' Magazine, February 1994*

Some members have had problems with research in this area due to a lack of a little local historical knowledge. Some of the following subjects have been covered in greater detail in the Journal several years ago but new members may find this brief information useful.

### NELSON/GREAT MARSDEN

This area, that is roughly the present day town of Nelson was, until the late 1800s, called Great Marsden and was in the Chapelry of Colne. The church of St John the Evangelist, Great Marsden was built in 1848 on Barkerhouse Road, and until the mid 1890s, its parish extended as far as the Knotts Lane/Lenches area of Colne. Therefore, the marriage of anyone living in this area of Colne may have taken place at St John's.

### BRIERFIELD/LITTLE MARSDEN

The area, that is roughly the present day Brierfield was formerly called Little Marsden. St Paul's Church, Little Marsden was formerly a chapel of ease in the Chapelry of Colne, the registers starting in 1813. The church is situated on Halifax Road, Nelson, near the old community of Little Marsden. The present day town centre developed about one and a half miles away in the late 1800s. Numerous places of worship were built along the mile stretch of the main road and so Brierfield became known locally as The Holy City.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, NEWCHURCH IN PENDLE

This church was built in 1574 to serve the areas of Goldshaw Booth, Barley, Wheatley Booth, Roughlee and Old Laund Booth.

### SABDEN/SABDEN FOLD

When the parish register of St Mary's, Newchurch in Pendle refers to Sabden, it is referring to a hamlet about one mile south west of the church now called Sabden Fold.

### SABDEN/HEYHOUSES

The present day village of Sabden, at the foot of the road over the Nick of Pendle, developed at a place formerly called Sabden Bridge and is in the parish of St Nicholas, Heyhouses. This church was built in 1841 just east of the village of Sabden. Heyhouses was formerly an Extraparochial Place.

### BURNLEY & HABERGHAM EAVES

The civil parish of Burnley was much smaller than the town we think of as Burnley. The large area of town south of the River Calder which flows through the centre of the town, was in the parish of Habbergham Eaves and appears on the 19th century census returns under that heading. There was no church in Habbergham Eaves until 1837 when Holy Trinity Church was built on Accrington Road. All Saints, Habbergham on Padiham Road, was built in 1845. The inhabitants of Habbergham Eaves had previously used the churches at Burnley and Padiham.

### WILLS

This area of Lancashire was in the Archdeaconry of Chester and so wills proved before 1858 would normally be found at the Lancashire County Record Office at Preston. Many wills, however, from this area, were proved at York and can be found at Borthwick Institute in York.

### THE ANCIENT MANOR OF IGHTEHILL

This phrase can be found in wills until 1858. The ancient manor included the areas around Padiham, Burnley, Pendle and Little Marsden. The Ancient Manor of Colne covered the areas around Colne, Foulridge and Great Marsden.

### REEDLEY HALLOWS, IGHTEHILL PARK and WHEATLEY CARR BOOTH

These areas to the north and west of Burnley were formerly in the Castle Parish of Clitheroe until about 1860. Baptisms and burials took place at Burnley or Padiham churches but to be married the inhabitants had to make the long journey to St Mary Magdalene's at Clitheroe. Extracted details of these marriages can be found in our branch library. There were also a few marriages, which took place at St Mary's, Newchurch in Pendle. The area covered by Reedley Hallows and Ightenhill Park has decreased over the years, as parts have been incorporated into the towns of Burnley and Padiham. The Burnley/Reedley boundary was at Duke Bar and then at Queensgate before being moved to the present place, (near the Oaks Hotel).

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## ITS OLD NEWS

Submitted by Margaret Heap

From the Colne Times September 11th 1903

Foulridge – The Drowning Mystery

Last Friday afternoon, Mr H J Robinson, Coroner, held an inquest at "The Hole in the Wall Inn" touching the death of the man who was found drowned the previous day and description of whom was given in our last issue. A verdict of "Found Drowned" was returned. The body was interred in Colne cemetery on Saturday afternoon, still unidentified, but prior to interment, the police took a portrait of the deceased in the hope that it will lead to his identification.

## FFHS NEWS

### KEEP YOUR EMPIRE HISTORY ALIVE

On July 2nd, a new series from Channel 4 began. Empire's Children follows six celebrities including Diana Rigg, Lord David Steel and Chris Bisson as they trace their family roots across the world. Channel 4 have developed a website to accompany the series. At <http://www.channel4.com/empire> you can publish your own family history as it relates to the empire. The aim of the website is to form a personal history of the Empire through the stories of people who experienced it first hand, their relations and descendants. It is a simple process to upload a story and you can contribute stories from any of the 'empire countries'. You can view example stories already on the site for inspiration. If you think your story is too small, it is still just as important - all stories, be they one chapter or one hundred chapters, are equally important. The more stories that are uploaded, the more complete the history of the empire will be. As a family historian, I am sure you can appreciate the uniqueness and the importance of this resource, and I hope you will be able to contribute your story.

To accompany the series, Harper Press are publishing Empire's Children: Trace Your Family History Across the World by Anton Gill. You can win your own signed copy of the book if you are one of the ten best Empire Stories submitted to Empire's Children before 1st August, 2007. To enter the competition, register on the 'Empire's Children' website and submit your Empire Story. Then, email [empirechildren@channel4.com](mailto:empirechildren@channel4.com) with a link to your story, your display name and postal address.

Maggie Loughran, Administrator, Federation of F H S

## FFHS PUBLICATIONS

The Publications business of the FFHS is being closed. There are various plans for the individual sections of Publications, like Genfair, NBI and FamilyHistoryonLine to continue to operate, albeit under different ownership/partnership/licence agreement or whatever. Books, however, are being closed and the Bury offices shut down. There is no deadline for the latter at present.

There are two objectives for the books. One is to convert them into cash as best we can before the Bury office is closed, and then the remaining books will be pulped. Secondly, the FFHS wants FH Societies to try to do what the Federation can no longer do and stockpile these books for future use within the family history world for several years to come.

At the York FH Fair, it was announced to the Family History Societies that there would be a substantial discount on books to the societies. It is hoped that this will encourage the Societies to buy in now, those titles they feel will continue to be required by family historians in the future, and so they will not be lost forever.

Alongside this, the FFHS is making a major push to sell to the general public via Genfair at up to 50% discount, but when the publication business closes, the discount to the public will cease. This will only apply to FFHS Publications

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**Lancaster & Morecambe Branch** now has its own web site at [www.lancasterfamilyhistory.org.uk](http://www.lancasterfamilyhistory.org.uk)

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## LFHHS NEWS

Chairman's Summary, Summer 2007.

Welcome to this Chairman's Summary, I am now into my second year as Chairman (where does the time go), and the AGM has decided I can carry on. Leading up to the AGM I was greatly encouraged by the very positive response I got from Society members to the "Way Forward" proposals, in a number of cases Branches gave me and the proposals their unanimous support. They went forward to the AGM and after a presentation by myself; and a number of questions, they were accepted by the Society and are going forward. At the Executive meeting in June five of the six Group Leaders were appointed. We are going forward.

At the last Executive Meeting on the 11th June 2007, the following items were agreed and/or reported upon:-

The Executive appointed a new Minute secretary to replace Rita Hirst; who has stepped down, after many years of service to the Society, these last few years as Minute Secretary. As Chairman I take this opportunity to thank Rita for all she has done for the Society. Also to welcome Sheila Court, who is taking over as Minute Secretary for both the Executive Committee and the Management Team.

It was decided that only the Management Team, would take minutes, which would be brought to the Executive as the six teams would not, hopefully be spending much time having meetings, but would get on with the tasks that the Management Team will give them.

We hopefully will soon be able to sign the new lease agreement for the Straits; we are just waiting for the Landlords to sign.

It was decided to look into putting past Journals onto CD's, as this would give Society members a marvellous reference tool.

The following people were appointed to the Management Team.

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| a. Treasury Team           | Stephen Benson        |
| b. Membership Services     | David Burgess         |
| c. Resources               | Tony Foster           |
| d. Publicity               | Steve Williams        |
| e. Projects & Publications | Derrick Walkden       |
| f. Training & Education    | Still to be appointed |

I would like to bring to the attention of all Society Members, that the Society Annual Dinner will be held on 5th October 2007 at Harwood's Rest, Great Harwood. I hope to meet a good number of Society Members at this event.

As you can see we are still looking for a person to Head up the Training & Education Team, if any one is interested in taking on this challenging role, then please contact me by email on: [chairman@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lfhhs.org.uk)

I will be having a quiet time over summer, but I will be starting to visit branches again in September. Come and speak to me, I'm not that scary. I want your input and ideas, as I know that many of the best ideas come from people other than Executive Members. We sometimes cannot see the wood for the trees.

Thanking you all for your continued interest in both Family history and the Society.

You're Chairman

Stephen John Ward.

## LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates for 2007

11 August            8 September            13 October

10 November        8 December

LANCAT – Lancashire R.O. online catalogue is now available at ..

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record\\_office/services/catalogue.asp](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record_office/services/catalogue.asp)

**Cataloguing update for the past few months.**

### DDX 2597

Farming account books of Robert WHIPP, James SPEAK and Thomas WHIPP, all of Twiston, 1769-1829

### DDX 2116/acc 10099

Further records relating to Wallace Hartley of Colne (bandmaster on RMS Titanic), c 2007.

Photograph of a poster of the RMS Titanic Orchestra with a picture inset of Wallace Hartley; Press release article about Wallace Hartley, written by Robert McDougall, c.1998; Photocopy of a news cutting concerning the death of Wallace Hartley's father, dated 1934; Photograph of Robert McDougall biographer, holding a silver cigarette case "WH" monogrammed recovered from the Titanic bandmasters body (5 items)

### MCO 7/acc 10082/1

Primet Bridge (Primitive Methodist) Chapel, Colne – Treasurers and Chapel Committee Minute Book, 1900-1974

### DDX 2315

Abstract of title of Thomas Clayton (of Carr hall, Nelson) to Wilkinson's Farm, Barley, and other property including Bankhey, Little Harwood, 1841

### SMBY 53

Brunlea Special School, Burnley (later Primrose Hill School): admission registers 1937-2003, summary attendance register 1956-1961, merit list 1974-1986, incident book 1994-2005

### SML 23

Nelson Open Air School (later Hendon Brook School): admission registers 1930-1989; log book 1984-1987

## HELP SURGERY AT COLNE LIBRARY

It has been decided to suspend the monthly Wednesday morning help desk sessions, until later in the year. These have been held once a month at Colne Library and have been very busy at times. When we commence the sessions again, we will need volunteers to help out with queries. Last month there were only three helpers and they were each kept busy all morning. Why not do your bit to promote the branch and the society by coming to help out.

The help desk will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon and will be open to the general public. Volunteers to man the help desk should give their names to Jean Ingham so that she can formalise a team of helpers for later in the year.

## UKBMD 10 Downing Street Electronic Petition

You will be aware of the excellent work done on local BMD sites under the UKBMD umbrella (for example see [www.lancashirebmd.org.uk](http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk)). An electronic petition on 10 Downing Street has been raised to get support to mandate other areas to do the same. Please sign the petition by going to this website:

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/LocalBMDIndexing/>

## BOOK ON HAGGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL

### THE FORMATION OF HAGGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL:

Connections with the Inghamites, and other Baptist connections

Rex Watson

Haggate Crossroads today



Rex Watson, one of our branch members, has published a booklet on the origins of Haggate Baptist Chapel.

Considerable 'folklore' has perhaps grown up around the origins of the church. This publication attempts to assess the previously accepted version, presents some new primary evidence, and looks in depth at connections with the Inghamites, also with the relatively obscure Sandemanians (of Scottish origin). A database of people involved in the second half of the 18th century may particularly be of interest to family historians.

It is generally available for purchase at Burnley Library, Pendle Heritage Centre, and locally in Briercliffe from John Bentley, (he is involved with the Briercliffe Society and the church itself) at a cost of £3. Alternatively it can be purchased directly from Rex WATSON, 29 Woodland Road, SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB22 3DT, at a cost of £3.50 to include postage and packing. Payment by cheque please.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### Have you got one?

If you have, send an e-mail with a subject line of "e-mail address confirmation" and put your name in message.

Send it to [secretary@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk](mailto:secretary@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk)

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## QUERY CORNER

**BUTTERWORTH** Peter McLaren

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Peter is trying to trace James and Annie (or Ann) BUTTERWORTH, and their children, Elizabeth (16), Alice (13), James (12), Thomas (9), John (3), and Constance (2). Figures in brackets are the respective ages at the time of the 1901 census.

All the family were living at 9 Turf Yard, in Burnley at the time of the 1901 census. After that there is no further trace of any of the family. He has searched death and marriage records via GRO index, FreeBMD, Ancestry, etc., and has also searched the emigration records that he is aware of. Peter has looked not only in Burnley but also surrounding towns and has enquired about certificates when ages and circumstances appeared to match, but without any luck.

He knows that it is possible for one event to be missed for whatever reason, but for a whole family to disappear!!!

Peter would be extremely grateful if any of our members could throw some light on the above, or advise him what to do next.

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**CLIVIGER** Ady Lowe

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Ady has just found out that a distant relative of his lived in Cliviger and Holmes Chapel in the period of the 1891 and 1901 census.

He was William KITCHEN married to Margaret Ann TALLON. William was a police constable so Ady is asking about where police records would be kept and if they are available to read and also if there are any photos of the police from the turn of century in any archives?

William KITCHEN lived at Cross House Cliviger in 1891 then Holmes Chapel in 1901. Ady asks if the Cliviger police station is still the original one dating back to that time?

*Information from our branch members is that Lancashire County Police force would be in charge of Cliviger at that time and their records are kept at the Lancashire Record Office. The present police station at Cliviger is not the original one and is only about 30 years old.*

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**TAYLOR** – Family Bible. Carole Bennett, New Zealand

Carole Bennett has written with information about a family bible in her possession. She now lives in New Zealand, but originally lived in the Greater Manchester/Oldham area and whilst there, many years ago, bought an old Bible (in poor condition) from a car boot stall. In the Bible are the names of a family born in Wood Top and Carole has tried to find who it had originally belonged to - there is another Wood Top in Hebden Bridge so she has also sent an email to them (not sure if there are also any other places by this name?)

The Oldham local paper did a feature on this Bible but no-one came forward with any information. This Bible is now with Carole in New Zealand, but as searching family trees has now become much more popular again, she wondered if someone was trying to find this item, or information about the family. The family referred to in the Bible are all called TAYLOR, all were born at Wood Top between 1817 and 1829 (there are 10 names)

Thomas TAYLOR, born Wood Top, 11th June 1817,  
Elizabeth TAYLOR, born 28th Aug, Wood Top,  
Ann TAYLOR, Ballenden Brook, born July 7th, 1853  
James TAYLOR Musbury, born March 24th 1855  
Mary Alice TAYLOR Musbury, born March 12 1857  
John Taylor MUSBURY, born July 17 1859  
Richard TAYLOR, born Wood Top April 29th, 1861  
Sarah TAYLOR, born Wood Top April 14th, 1863,  
Ellen TAYLOR, born Wood Top, April 24th, 1865  
George TAYLOR, born July 12th 1829

*Editor's note: Research has shown that in the 1861 Census, the family were living at Wood Top, Cowpe Lenches, Newhallhey, Rossendale*

*George TAYLOR, Head, M, 34, Cotton Spinner, born Tottington Higher End*

*Nancy TAYLOR, Wife, M, 33, born Tottington Higher End*

*Ann TAYLOR, Dau, 7, born Tottington Higher End*

*James TAYLOR, Son, 6, born Musbury*

*Mary Alice TAYLOR, Dau, 4, born Musbury*

*John, Son, 2, born Musbury*

*In the 1871 Census, the family were still at Wood Top, Newhallhey, Rossendale but had more children*

*George TAYLOR, Head, M, 41, Railway Porter, born Rawtenstall*

*Nancy TAYLOR, Wife, M, 42, born Rawtenstall*

*Ann TAYLOR, Dau, 17, Cotton Weaver, born Rawtenstall*

*James TAYLOR, Son, 16, Cotton Operative, born Musbury*

*Mary Alice TAYLOR, Dau, 14, Cotton Spinner, born Musbury*

*Richard TAYLOR, Son, 9, Cotton Operative, born Rawtenstall*

*Sarah TAYLOR, Dau, 7, Scholar, born Rawtenstall*

*Ellen TAYLOR, Dau, 5, born Rawtenstall*

*Thomas TAYLOR, Son, 3, born Rawtenstall*

*Elizabeth TAYLOR, Dau, 1, born Rawtenstall*

*In the 1881 Census, The family were at 69 Oakfield, Cowpe Lenches, Newhallhey, Rossendale but Ann and James are no longer with their parents.*

*George TAYLOR, Head, M, 51, Quarry-man, born Rawtenstall*

*Nancy TAYLOR, Wife, M, 51, Housekeeper, born Rawtenstall*

*Mary Alice TAYLOR, Dau, U, 24, Cotton Weaver, born Rawtenstall*

*Richard TAYLOR, Son, U, 20, Mason, born Rawtenstall*

*Sarah TAYLOR, Dau, U, 18, Cotton Weaver, born Rawtenstall*

*Ellen TAYLOR, Dau, U, 16, Cotton Weaver, born Rawtenstall*

*Thomas TAYLOR, Son, 13, Quarry Man, born Rawtenstall*

*Elizabeth TAYLOR, Dau, 11, Cotton Card-room Hand, born Rawtenstall*

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**WHITEHEAD, WINNINGTON, MAY**

Maureen Pearson e-mail mo.pearson@tiscali.co.uk

Maureen does not live in the Burnley and Pendle area, but her roots are all in and around Burnley. She has been researching her family for some time and has hit a brick wall. Somewhere in Burnley there must be other family members with the same problem.

The surnames that she is researching are WHITEHEAD, WINNINGTON & MAY.

**PROCTER** Jack Procter  
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Jack is looking for any information on a Henry PROCTER born in Pendleton about 1768. Henry married a Mary HOWARTH in Whalley on the 21.Dec.1793 and had seven children Alice, James, Henry, Elisabeth, Mary, Ann and Adonijah. All the children were baptised at St Leonard's, Padiham. According to the church records in Padiham, the first six children were born while Henry and Mary lived in Goldshaw Booth. Adonijah, the seventh and youngest child, was born when the family were living at Great Harwood. Jack is particularly interested in finding the burial of Henry PROCTER, but he has searched the records for St Leonard's, Padiham and Henry is not listed there. He is now searching the records for Great Harwood. Henry PROCTER's son, Henry (junior), married Margaret WHITEHEAD at St Leonard's Church on 29.May.1825. Jack would welcome any information which may help him in his search

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**HEBDEN** John Hebden GOONS member 247  
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<http://www.prattens.co.uk/FAMILIES/HEBDEN/notes.html>  
and <http://www.angelfire.com/hi5/hebden/>

John writes, "My grandfather Joseph Hebden and his elder brothers, Robert, Arthur and William James arrived in Burnley at various times in the 1880/90s from Stalling Busk in the North Riding of Yorkshire. Robert founded what became Hebden Bros Ltd and Joseph a motorcycle business with a branch in Nelson.

There were at least two other Hebden families in the Burnley area in the 19th century and others in Lancashire who came from Brighton via Liverpool and from Conistone in Wharfedale. I would like to contact anyone interested in the name".

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**YATES, ALMOND** Lorna Ambler  
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Lorna is wanting help in finding any record of a marriage of her husband's great grandparents, William YATES and Ellen ALMOND. She is hoping that by finding a christening record of their first-born child, Mary, it may give her a clue as to where the marriage took place. Mary was born in December 1899 in Burnley (Padiham Road). In the 1901 census, the family were living in Todmorden and according to this William YATES, house painter, was aged 36, born in Oswaldtwistle, Ellen was aged 32, born in Entwistle, Mary was aged 1, born in Yorkshire, Todmorden, and Amy was aged 1 month, born in Yorkshire, Todmorden. Lorna would like to know what churches were in the vicinity of Padiham Road, Burnley at the time of Mary's birth.

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**PEDESTA** – Brush making and Italian immigrants in Burnley  
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Paul's family history research has led him to ancestors who were brush makers (of Italian origin - surname Pedesta) in Burnley in the second half of the 19th Century. A few brief searches on the internet, by Paul, suggest that brush making was a not insignificant commercial feature of Burnley over

the years but he can't find out any more just at the moment as he lives in Oxfordshire, so is unable to search locally. Have any of our members got any information on brush making in Burnley, or do you know of any publications or books etc that (a) describe brush making in Burnley (b) consider Italian immigration, around that period.

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