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## LFHHS RESOURCE CENTRE – OSWALDTWISTLE

Open Afternoons will be held on  
Thursday 18th October & Saturday 20th October  
2pm to 5pm

Over the past several months considerable amount of work has taken place at the Society's Resource Centre and prior to the formal opening we would like to give members the opportunity to view the premises. The following is a link for a map of the area: <http://www.tinyurl.com/22o3oq>

Tony Foster

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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

These will be similar to last year. We will have a speaker followed by cake and mince pies and a drink. Tickets are £3 each and these will be on sale at the October and November meetings. Although it's a little early we wish-



A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year to all our readers



## BRANCH OPEN DAY

**Saturday 17th November 2007, 10 am to 3.30 pm at Burnley Central Library**

The branch "Open Day" will be held at Burnley Central Library this year; 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.

## JOURNAL BINDERS

Binders for your 'Lancashire' journal are on sale only £3.50 each. See David Hustler.

## REFRESHMENTS AT BRANCH MEETINGS

The tea / coffee and biscuits at our branch meetings are an enjoyable part of the evening, but there is a snag. The cups need to be collected and washed up afterwards. Being inert objects, they cannot be trained to do it themselves and unlike pigeons, they don't have a homing instinct. So we need volunteers to collect them, wash them up and put them away.

Christine Windle has volunteered to do the brewing up before hand, but we must have someone to do the afterwards bit. It's not an onerous task and only takes about 10 minutes if two or three volunteer to do it. It has been suggested that perhaps we could have a rota system where members take turns to do the job. Another suggestion has been to mark three or four chairs and whoever sits on them at the meeting, does the washing up. **So come on, do your bit to help at the branch meetings.**

## 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>

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.

## LIBRARY

**MISSING BOOK** – LPRS Vol 154 St Mary's, Newchurch in Pendle. This book has been missing for several weeks. There is a notice on the shelf asking for the person who has taken it to contact me but it seems that it has been taken without consent, despite having an official library security tag. If you have borrowed this book without booking it out in the loans book, please return it, immediately.

### NEW BOOKS

- 398 The Formation of Haggate Baptist Chapel (soft back – kept in box file)  
399 Guide to Lancashire Record Office  
400 Guide to Lancashire Record Office Supplement 1977-1989  
401 LPRS Vol 165 Heywood Vol II 1813-1837, Oldham 1830-1837  
402 to 405 & 407 M.I.s in the big green books have now been issued as individual volumes. They are soft backs and are kept in box files.  
406 M.I.s Whalley, St Mary & All Saints  
408 Earby Cemetery (Wheatlands)  
409 Looking for Peter Birtwistle (Donated by Timothy J Crossley- author)  
410 Glen Mills – A Century of Change – Robert L Abel

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

## LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

The transcription of the Burnley Death indexes up to 1900 is now complete and those for 1879 to 1890 are now online. Work has begun on Colne Death indexes. Thank-you to all involved in this project.

Bob Abel will come to the October Practical Evening to talk about his role in the LancashireBMD project.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

## 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 Baptisms for St Mary's, Nelson continues. Thanks go to all those working on these projects. Will anyone interested in working on branch projects, please contact me.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

#### ♣ ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOON

Workshop - Advice & Research Session

Saturday 1st December 1 pm to 4.30 pm

The Resource Centre, Oswaldtwistle.

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)

### YORKSHIRE COAST FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Scarborough Spa  
Saturday 17th November  
**Cancelled**

### 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)

### ILKLEY FAMILY HISTORY FESTIVAL

Kings Hall & Winter Gardens, Station Road, Ilkley (opposite Bus & Train station)

Sunday 13th January 2008 10am to 4pm

**Admissions** £2.50 Adults, £2 Concessions (accompanied children free)

## YORKSHIRE DALES MINING MUSEUM

1851 and 1871 Census - THORNTON-IN-CRAVEN / EARBY / KELBROOK / HARDEN

Ian Spensley of the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum at the Old Grammar School in Earby has fully transcribed and indexed by surname both the 1851 and 1871 censuses for the ancient parish of Thornton-in-Craven, which includes Thornton itself with Earby, Kelbrook and Harden. Ian says that the mines museum has had a lot of help from local people over the years and he would like to put something back by making these transcripts available at the museum for people to use.

Copies of the transcripts are available to view at the museum on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from the end of March until the end of October, between 11 am and 5pm. There will probably be some opening times during the winter months but please check the web site before you set out [www.yorkshiredalesminingmuseum.com](http://www.yorkshiredalesminingmuseum.com)

So why not do some family history research over a cuppa in the museum tea room or even have a look at this excellent museum which houses the largest collection of Yorkshire Dales mining relics in the world.

## LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates – Office open from 10 am. to 4 pm

2007 10 November 8 December

2008 12 January 9 February 8 March

12 April 10 May 14 June

12 July 9 August 13 September

11 October 8 November 13 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)

## **TWO BURNLEY BOYS TRANSPORTED TO AUSTRALIA! – THE SEQUEL**

Submitted by Rev. David Wiseman

Members may remember my tale, reported in the June 2006 edition of the Gazette, of my two great great uncles, Richard and Simon, from Burnley, who were transported to Australia for stealing various fairly trivial things, including a hat! They both were sentenced to ten years "beyond the seas", one to Sydney and the other to Van Diemen's Land. Neither returned to England or Burnley and they both served their sentence, got married and made a decent living for themselves.

Unknown to me, our Lancashire Society has a reciprocal arrangement with the Australian magazine "Family Tree Connections". And on reading my article, they kindly asked my permission to reprint it in Australia, which naturally I gave them, and in November last year, the article was printed. I had gone international! In July, this year, I had an e-mail from a man called Bill Wilson, saying that he was the great great grandson of one of the convicts, Richard Taylor, of Burnley 1840. It was "Wow!" time - or as my daughter would say "BIG WOW!"

When the brothers were sentenced, they began 19 years of correspondence (1840-1859) with my great great grandmother, their sister, Thomasina Wiseman (the family lived on Hill Top in Burnley, near the Star Inn). She was, I imagine, the only member of the family who could read and write. Over the years, she kept their letters (over forty of them) and later handed them down to her son George Wiseman, who passed them on to his son, Joseph Wiseman (my grandad!). We came across them in 1954 when grandad died.

In the 1960's, we deposited the letters in the County Records Office in Preston, and there they remain. Numerous authors have used and quoted them over the years, in books published across the world. Since 1859, no news came back to Lancashire from either family, until last month!! And now, thanks to our magazine, and that in Australia, new relatives have been discovered, and new bonds forged across the world!

I have read other stories of re-united families and been thrilled by them. But now it has happened to our family, I wanted to share my joy and express thanks to those who unknowingly, in printing our magazines, helped to bring our ex-Burnley families back together. There are dozens of people in England and Australia whose lives have been changed - thanks to you. Just as the lives of that family on Hill Top in Burnley were changed forever when their brothers were transported in 1840.

With my appreciation of those who print our magazines,

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### **OLD NEWS FROM "THE TIMES"**

*Extract from The Times*, - 5th November 1791

#### **Theft from the post**

About three weeks since three bills were taken out of some letters put into the Post-office at Colne in Lancashire, two of which have been negotiated at Birmingham, one at the Bank and the other at a Woollen-draper's. Diligent search is making for the offenders, as it appears that notes have been taken out of two other letters at the same office.

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*Extract from The Times*, Monday, 27th March 1826

#### **Distress in the cotton weaving industry.**

A correspondent from Barrowford, near Colne has written to us respecting the distress prevalent in that part of the country. He says, "Two-thirds of the weavers are out of employment and one half of those who are in work, earn only 1s 3d per week; the remaining part get about 2s 6d per week each: this state of things prevails for a circuit of several miles round this place. Mr Ormrod, Mr Hartley, Mr Baldwin and Mr Bury, have withdrawn from the trade. Mr Bolton does not furnish his weavers with work to the amount of 6d per loom each week. Messrs Grimshaw have little to do: yet it is only a short time since 6,000 pieces were manufactured here weekly. A great many are employed by the overseer, on the highway, from 18d to 7d per day, according to the number they have in family. The present prices for weaving are; 80 reed, with 9 ½lb of 40s weft in each cut, 2s 6d – with 8 lb of 40 weft, 1s 0d – and 6 ½lb of 40s weft, 1s 3d. For this last kind of work, Mr William Jackson, Methodist preacher, only pays 1s 1 ¼d. Mr Gilbert, our principal butcher, only kills two sheep weekly. Others are completely driven out of the trade. Three of our publicans, who were regularly in the habit of brewing four packs of malt every week, cannot now sell one pack in a month. Another publican, who resides at Downham, on the other side of Pendle hill, informed me that he had not one penny to pay to the Excise at the last sitting.

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*Extract from The Times*, Tuesday, 24th August 1852

#### **Boiler Explosion at Burnley**

Burnley Saturday Evening

The fears entertained for the recovery of four of the persons most seriously injured in this terrible disaster have, we regret to state, been fearfully realized, death having terminated their sufferings. George Whitaker, 17, mechanic, died at ten minutes after 11 last night; William Winterbottom, 29, warper, at a quarter before 1 this morning; Joseph Townson, 51 warper, at a quarter before 5 this morning; and John Thornton, weaver, at a quarter before 6. The names of the other persons injured are as follows: - Richard Jackson, weaver; Robert Heys, weaver; George Whitaker, warper; Robert Jackson, weaver; Samuel Bracewell, smith; Peter Robinson, overlooker; and William Watson, overlooker. Several of these persons are so severely scalded as to remain in the greatest agony, and are by no means out of danger. Little more can be said as to the causes of this sad accident than was stated yesterday. An inquiry will be opened at the Court-house on Monday, when doubtless a full investigation will take place, pending which we must defer any remarks we may make on the subject.

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*Extract from The Times*, - 16th March 1789

#### **Bankrupts -**

Lawrence Ridehalgh of Belgrave Factory, near Colne, Lancashire, to surrender April 7, at the Red Lion, in Colne,

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*Extract from The Times*, - 6th June 1859

#### **Royal College of Surgeons.-**

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 3rd inst. Viz John Joseph Ayre, Colne, Lancashire.

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## STANWORTH FAMILY BOOKS

Submitted by Alison Manley, 6 Foulds Terrace, Church Street, Trawden, Colne, Lancashire BB8 8RY

I have in my possession twelve books given as Sunday School prizes to members of the STANWORTH family of Burnley, in the 1890s. These books had been left in a house in Sefton Street, Colne, which my parents-in-law bought in 1978. The books were apparently unwanted by anyone at that time, and rather than throw them out or take them to a second-hand book dealer, I kept them. Now I am 'downsizing', so can no longer accommodate them. I would like to find descendants of the STANWORTHS or any other interested people who would like to have these books.

Most of the books belonged to sisters Susannah and Ethel STANWORTH, and one to an older brother, Richard. The two earliest prizes were given by St John's Sunday School, Worsthorne, eight by St Cuthbert's Church, Burnley and just two by the County Borough of Burnley Education committee for attendance at Abel Street Evening School. The dates covered are from 1895 to 1908.

My researches have shown that Susannah and Ethel were the youngest of nine children, born 1889 and 1893, respectively, to James and Elizabeth STANWORTH of Burnley / Briercliffe. On the 1891 Census, James's occupation is given as Carrier and the family is living at 8 Whittam Court, parish of Worsthorne with Hurstwood. The birthplace of the children is Extwistle and the occupations of the older children are blacksmith, stone quarry-man and cotton weavers.

By 1901, the family has moved to 9 Walpole Street, Burnley. The father James's occupation is now Road foreman, the two younger sons are apprentices, one to a blacksmith, one to a joiner, and the two youngest girls, Susannah and Ethel, are still at school.

The Register of Electors shows that Susannah and Ethel moved to Sefton Street, Colne, approximately 1952/53. Why they moved to Colne when their early roots were in Burnley is a mystery. Could it be that they retired around that time, as they would be in their early sixties? They remained at the same address until late 1977 / early 78 when one or both of them died, in their late eighties.

The books are all hard backs, some with very attractive covers, but some with titles we probably wouldn't read today. There is also a Holy Bible presented to Susannah in 1904 and a Book of Common Prayer, presented to Ethel in 1902, by the Trustees of the will of Philip, Lord Wharton.

It seems sad that these prizes, awarded for Attendance at Sunday School and which had been kept carefully by the sisters all their lives, should have been left in their house after they died. Neither of the sisters had married, so had no children of their own, but with seven older siblings, surely there must be some nieces, nephews or cousins. I would like to reunite these books with members of the STANWORTH family and would be most grateful for any information.

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## WAR MEMORIALS

The United Kingdom National Inventory of War Memorials is carrying out an online survey to find out what you think about their website and how it can be improved. The survey will only take a few minutes and your opinions are vital to ensure they make the most of this unique resource. To complete the survey please go to

[www.ukniwm.org.uk/survey](http://www.ukniwm.org.uk/survey)

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## ALDERSHOT LIBRARY

Aldershot Library have a resource that will be of interest to members whose ancestors served in the British Army. The Military Collection at Aldershot Public Library numbers nearly 20,000 books, of which approximately 18,500 are available for loan, either directly from the library itself or through the inter-library loan system at your local public library.

The Collection includes a run of Army Lists, the earliest of which dates back to 1740, and several regimental histories giving a wealth of detail about the regiment's service, particularly during periods of conflict. They also have the facility to search the 'Soldiers Died in the Great War' and the 'Army Roll of Honour - World War II' databases and print out the Scrolls of Remembrance for individual soldiers who died in either of those wars. Simply e-mail them as many details as you have of the person you are researching (name, regiment, date of death, service number), and they can send you a facsimile reprint of the appropriate Scroll, printed on quality paper. There is a charge of £1.50 per printed Scroll. They are also pleased to assist with any military-based enquiries that any of our members may have.

They would like to encourage members to make use of the Collection where library staff will be pleased to help.

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## BRANCH NEWS

### HELP TUTORIALS

As we now have several members who are new to family history, we are proposing to have a short tutorial lasting about 20 minutes at every branch meeting. This will be held during the research time, after the speaker.

### ANCESTRY.COM

Christine Bradley at Colne and other local libraries are arranging 20-minute session on the use of "Ancestry.com".

### HELP SURGERY AT COLNE LIBRARY

It has been decided to suspend the monthly Wednesday morning help desk sessions, until the New 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. Why not do your bit to promote the branch and the society by coming to help out. 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.

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## BBC WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

BBC Magazines are launching a new magazine in September called *BBC Who Do You Think You Are?* Magazine. Produced by the people behind *BBC History Magazine*, this new family history magazine will complement the popular BBC series, giving expert advice on how to research family history. This new magazine will be on sale from 25 September 2007.

A special subscription deal is offered:

**BBC WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? MAGAZINE – ISSUE 1 ON-SALE 25 SEPTEMBER SAVE 30% when you subscribe at:**

[www.subscribeonline.co.uk/wdytyamagazine](http://www.subscribeonline.co.uk/wdytyamagazine)

Call the order hotline on: 0844 844 0939

Please quote reference FHI07 when ordering online or by telephone.

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## FFHS NEWS

### ONS TO VACATE GROUND FLOOR FRC BY 31 OCTOBER 2007

At the Family Records Centre (FRC) user consultative group meeting at the FRC, Myddelton Street, London, the FFHS representatives (Maureen Bullows and Geoff Riggs) were extremely disturbed to be informed that the Office for National Statistics (ONS) will vacate the ground floor at the FRC by 31 October 2007. From 31 October until the end of March 2008, access to the Indexes for Births, Deaths and Marriages will be on the first floor of the FRC on MICROFICHE only. Ordering of certificates will be ONLINE only and there will be no provision for certificate collection. The ONS and General Register Office (GRO) were left in no doubt by the unanimous protestations of the FRC User Consultative Group. Full details and a copy of the Public Briefing paper can be found at:

[www.ffhs.org.uk/archives/gro/briefing070725.php](http://www.ffhs.org.uk/archives/gro/briefing070725.php)

### DISRUPTION TO SERVICES AT KEW

Changes are to be made at The National Archives (TNA) at Kew to integrate the services they currently offer on the first floor of the Family Records Centre. These changes will involve building work. As a result, services at Kew will be disrupted from Autumn 2007 to Spring 2008. They will do their best to maintain a full service during this period, but there may be unavoidable delays and disruption. TNA will be closed to the public between 1st & 16th December 2007. A further closure will take place in the week commencing January 21st 2008 (details to be confirmed). Online services will not be affected. TNA will publish more details in mid-October when they have finalised the appointment of a building contractor. This will be available on their website [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) and also at the FRC. If you are planning to visit The National Archives, Kew between Autumn 2007 and Spring 2008, please check the website for the latest information to minimise the risk of being inconvenienced by these changes.

### GRO TO PROVIDE A COLLECT SERVICE FROM SOUTHPORT FROM 30.OCTOBER 2007

It was previously announced that the current facility for customers to order and collect certificates from Family Records Centre (FRC) would be withdrawn from November 2007 and there was no intention to provide a replacement service. However, on 28 September the FFHS and other members of the FRC User Group were advised by the GRO's Certificate Services Branch that a certificate collection service will be available at the GRO office in Southport with effect from 30 October 2007. Details are still being finalised but this facility will be available only for orders placed by telephone or post or by Registration OnLine (ROLO) account holders. It is envisaged that collection in person will be available from 10.00-16.00 Monday-Friday. While this is to be welcomed as a small step in the right direction, it remains to be seen to what extent this meets the needs of users. We will keep you advised as more news becomes available.

### *Extract from The Times*, - Thursday 1st August 1850 **Royal College of Surgeons.-**

The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners on the 26th ult.. Viz William Cockroft, Colne, Lancashire.

### WITHDRAWAL OF PAPER INDEXES FROM FRC

At the Family Records Centre (FRC) Users Consultative Group Meeting on 3 October 2007 the following schedule of withdrawals was announced:

12/13 October - B,M,D Indexes 1947-2005

19/20 October - B,M,D Indexes 1865-1946

26/27 October - B,M,D Indexes 1837-1864

26/27 October - All Overseas Indexes

Paper indexes for Adoptions will remain at FRC until it closes, and will then be moved to Kew.

Following the removal of the paper indexes from FRC, five sets of indexes on microfiche will be available on the first floor at FRC until it closes. Thereafter, there will be just three sets available at The National Archives (TNA) Kew - currently there is only one set there. The following summary of GRO services on the first floor at FRC from November 2007 to March 2008 may be helpful.

Microfiche copies of B,M,D and Overseas Events. Internet access to GRO Indexes held on third party web sites (not all free). PC based systems providing access to modern indexes for B,M,D, Adoptions, Civil Partnerships, and Overseas Events Paper indexes for the older Adoption Records Online ordering via Registration On Line (ROLO) and Internet access supported by TNA Customer Service Point. The Customer Service Point will be located in "C" Section and will be covered by two GRO staff to provide a check on unclear references on microfiche. It may not be possible to give instant answers - it will depend on the nature of the query. This facility will exist only from November 2007 to March 2008.

### ARCHIVES JOIN FORCES TO CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS

The Archive Awareness Campaign

[www.archiveawareness.com](http://www.archiveawareness.com) was launched in September with hundreds of archives across the country planning special events to celebrate the history of human rights in the UK. The theme of the 2007 campaign is 'Freedom and Liberty', looking at the struggle for rights in history, including the Chartists, the Suffragettes and the 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. This year archives are reaching out to audiences of all ages and ethnic backgrounds and have teamed up with artists, theatre and community groups to help make their material more fun and accessible. Learn about Britain's history of gay rights activism at 1967 and all that, a travelling exhibition in archives telling the story of the decriminalisation of homosexuality. Discover the link between your region and the slave trade at talks and events such as Hertfordshire Archives' Hidden History workshops or London Metropolitan Archives' Slave Walks. Visit the Women's Library and find out about the unsung heroines behind feminism. Special websites are offering access to newly digitised material, including the Parliamentary Archives slave trade registers <http://slavetrade.parliament.uk> and The National Archives' Human Rights online exhibition [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/humanrights](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/humanrights). Events run throughout the autumn and are listed on [www.archiveawareness.com](http://www.archiveawareness.com). Many archival projects have received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which is supporting schemes aimed at reaching new audiences. For more information on Archives Awareness please contact Elise Oliver, Archive Awareness Officer, on 020 8392 5237 or email [elise.oliver@nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:elise.oliver@nationalarchives.gov.uk)

## **FAMILIES AT WAR** Medialab wants you!

Medialab are looking for contributors to appear on a television programme documenting the experience of families whose relatives have served throughout the duration of the wars in Afghanistan. They would be very interested to hear, for example, from someone serving in the current conflict whose ancestor fought in the 19th century. They hope to talk to the families about their experience of this shared history. If you know of anyone to whom this may be of interest, please do not hesitate to contact Yas at Medialab: yasalam@medialabuk.com or 020 78394182

Medialab is a concept development company specialising in science, history and factual documentaries, together with new media. We work with a number of international broadcasters including Channel 4, Five, National Geographic, Discovery and the History Channel, devising ideas, which we co-produce with established production companies.

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## **QUERY CORNER**

**HARDISTY** Mrs Anne Welch (Mem.No. 8760)

E-mail ahw44@tiscali.co.uk

Anne is researching the Hardisty family that originates from Yorkshire, around Knaresborough and Fewston. However, a Henry Hardisty seems to have strayed across the border into Lancashire, where at least one of his children, her great grandfather William, was born. Anne is having trouble finding who William's mother was and where he was born/baptised.

At the time of the 1841 census William was back in Yorkshire, and she has census details for him through to 1881 inclusive, but his birthplace details differ on each one. In the 1841 census, the place of birth was not recorded, 1851 Burnley, 1861 Yks, Larkhill, 1871 Lancs, 1881 Burnley. His father Henry died in Knaresborough Workhouse in 1841.

As there could be many explanations why Yks, Larkhill was given as his birthplace in 1861, Anne is assuming that he was born around Burnley, circa 1825. If anyone has any information on the Hardisty family in Lancashire, or knows of a place there called Larkhill, Anne would love to hear from them.

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**SAGAR** Tracey Tenaglia, Perth, Western Australia,  
e-mail ttenaglia@icg.net.au

Tracey is researching her family tree and a fellow researcher has indicated that her paternal great great grandmother was Adela Christine SAGAR (b) 1853, Stonefield, Lancashire, daughter of Oates SAGAR (b) 1816 Marsden, Lancashire and Isabella FIELDING (b) 1821, Oakenshowe, Lancashire. Adela Christine SAGAR married Robert Morrison SHARPE.

Oates SAGAR was the son of 'Unknown' SAGAR and Ann 'Unknown' b. 1781. Oates had a brother Henry SAGAR b. 1801, Lancashire (this should possibly be 1810). She has already contacted Sheila Wade another of our members who is researching the SAGAR family and is happy to provide any information that she has on the Australian link to the SAGAR family. With Oates being a common name in the SAGAR family she needs to make sure that she has the correct one.

*Information from John Bentley's book "Sagars of Catlow" has been forwarded to Tracey.*

**PILKINGTON** Paul Pilkington, Mem No 8972

Paul is researching his PILKINGTON family who lived in Sabden. John, the son of Joseph and Ann née HERD was baptized at Whalley in 1810. Other surviving children were Elizabeth and George. Elizabeth married Richard BOOTH and George married Isabella CLARK. George and some of his family were buried at Sabden Baptist Church. John married Jane NUTTALL and had children Joseph (b.1834), Margaret (b.1836), Ann (b.1838), Jenny/Lucy (b.1844) Ellen (b.1847 and John. (b.1850). Joseph married Elizabeth Hacking and moved to Clayton le Moors. Their children were John Thomas (b.1860) Ellen A (b.1862), Jane (b.1864), William (b.1866), Alice (b.1868) George (b.1870), Joseph (b.1873) and Martha (b.1879). If this links in with your family history research please contact Brenda – branch secretary

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**NUTTER** - Eric Nutter – contact via branch secretary

Eric is wanting to trace his NUTTER family who came from the Goldshaw Booth / Newchurch in Pendle/ Sabden Hall area. Henry NUTTER born 1837 was the son of Sophia NUTTER (b. 1814), who in turn was the daughter of Richard NUTTER & Mary née WHIPP. Sophia had brothers, James (b.1810), Robert (b.1817), William (b 1819), John (b.1822) and Thomas (b.1831) and a sister Elizabeth (b.1826)

Henry NUTTER married Agnes BOARDWELL and had daughters, Sophia & Lucy and sons, Harry, James, William and Richard. If you have any links to this family please contact the branch secretary.

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**HARTLEY & HEAP** - DNA Angela Allan, 9 St Mary's Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE 26 3TS

Angela is interested in the DNA tests that have been done in some areas to determine where the population came from, and asks if any have been done in our area. Her father's family, HARTLEY's and HEAPs, lived in Colne and Burnley for generations and she would like to know who her early ancestors were. Angela would like to hear from anyone with any information on DNA test done involving HARTLEYS or HEAPs

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**HAWORTH** – Pat Colman, 52 Kemple View, Clitheroe, BB7 2QJ. Mem No 7264

Pat is researching her paternal grandmother's side of the family and would like to make contact with a descendant of one of her siblings. Her grandmother was Maretta FOTHERGILL née HAWORTH, the daughter of John & Mary Ann HAWORTH. She had several brothers and sisters about whom Pat has little or no knowledge. In the 1881 census Maretta is 18 years old, James is 12, Mary Ellen is 9, John Thomas is 7, Martha is 4, Clara is 3 and Clement is 10 weeks. There is an older sister, Elizabeth who is married to Wm. HARTLEY and the family are living at Calder Vale, Barrowford. In 1871, the family are living at Sycamore Hill, Barrowford and Maretta has an older brother William aged 14. In 1891 the family are living at 14 church St, Barrowford and there is another son Frank aged 8. All the family were born in Barrowford and were cotton weavers. Pat asks which mills would the family have worked at and would the mill-owners have kept records of their employees. Any information on the family would be greatly appreciated.

**HILL** Barbara Holt, 120 Derby Rd, Sponden, Derby DE21 7LX – e-mail b.holt2@ntlworld.com  
Barbara is still trying to find what happened to her grandfather, George HILL who was born in Great Harwood in 1884. She posted a query last year but is still no nearer with finding out what happened to him. George HILL married Annie WHITAKER on 23.Feb.1902 at Ghyll Church, Barnoldswick. He deserted her about three years later and they were divorced in 1915. After that Barbara cannot find any information on him. During his marriage, they lived in Bracewell, nr Barnoldswick. Barbara wonders if he stayed in Barnoldswick or returned to Great Harwood, where he was born, or back to Clayton-le-Moors where he grew up. He may have remarried. Any information or help on where to search would be greatly appreciated.

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**EDMONDSON** Julie Small, 59 Rothesay Ave, Tile Hill, Coventry, West Midland, CV4 9FH  
Julie is trying to find the birth/baptism of her Great Great Grandfather, Christopher EDMONDSON, son of John EDMONDSON who was born in Barnoldswick, circa 1817. He was married at St Mary le Gyll Church, Barnoldswick and Julie has found him on several census living in Burnley. She has checked the records for St Mary le Ghyll, Inghamite Church in Salterforth and the Baptist Church, Barnoldswick. Julie thinks that her grandmother, Ethel EDMONDSON, was cremated and her remains buried at Winewall Inghamite Church. She has also discovered that one of the founders of the Baptist Church in Barnoldswick, was a Christopher EDMONDSON, who could be an ancestor but who lived much earlier than her Christopher EDMONDSON. Any help or suggestions as to where Julie should search next would be greatly appreciated.

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#### **SUCCESS FROM A QUERY IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER AND A MESSAGE OF THANKS.**

##### **BUTTERWORTH**

I have found the elusive James Butterworth, or at least his death. I visited Burnley cemetery last week and obtained a list of all James Butterworth burials up to 1924 (all that had been computerised at present). There were only two possibilities, 1902 aged 50 and 1911 aged 51. As you know I had already tried the 1902 death and found that this was not a match. I had a note of the 1911 death through my previous searches, but had dismissed it as the age at date of death was not what I considered a reasonable plus or minus from his correct age.

So another brick wall I thought, then I noticed that his address at the date of death was 9 Finsley Gate, I then realised that his daughter, Alice, was living at 22 Finsley Gate at the time of her marriage in 1905.

Too much of a coincidence I thought. So today I returned to the cemetery and obtained details of the other people in the grave, and found that there were two adjacent graves one paid for by his wife and the other by his daughter Constance, and the graves contained family members that I knew from my previous research, and others that I did not recognise. Obviously his age at death is incorrect, but at last the end of my search and I can now concentrate on other areas of my family tree.

I did notice the entry re my problem in the newsletter, so many thanks for this and your initial response.

Once again thanks to you and your members.

Peter McLaren

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#### **STOP PRESS**

Every two months the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) issues an E-zine. This can be viewed on their website or you can subscribe/register to receive a free copy by e-mail, via their website. This month's – October, contains information about the developments at the TNA plus many other items. It can be viewed at <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ezine/intro.php>

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#### **ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION**

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#### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

##### **Have you got one?**

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

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I recently sent out a message to all branch members about the Open Afternoons, to be held at the LFHHS Resource Centre, Oswaldtwistle. As I half expected, several messages bounced back. It is possible that some of your Internet service providers do not allow messages onto your system if they are sent to multiple recipients or it is possible that your e-mail system is set up so as to reject items sent by multiple copy. If you did not receive notice of the event, then it was because your e-mail bounced. I apologise to those who did not receive it, but since there are so many that bounce, I really don't have the time to send it out individually. I am expecting that the same thing will happen when I send out this edition of the gazette.

Another reason why some of you may not get my messages is because you have changed your e-mail address. Unless you tell me of the change, I have no way of knowing what your address is.

Brenda I Hustler

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#### **QUERY CORNER continued overleaf**

**WHITTLEFIELD SCHOOL, TABOR ST, BURNLEY**

Photographs sent in by Heather Smethurst, Cambridge. e-mail h.r.smethurst@ntlworld.com

Heather has sent the following copies of photographs.

Picture 1 - Whittlefield School, Class I C, September 1909

There is one member of staff and 18 children. Heather's grandfather, Leonard METCALFE, is on the second row and he was, at the time, 6 years and 9 months old. She asks if anyone is interested in these photographs and might it be possible to trace any more of these little children or their teacher's names.

Picture 2 – A football team outside the Whittlefield Temperence Gospel Mission. Heather's grandfather is on the right hand side and is about 8 years old so that dates the photograph to about 1911-1913

Picture 3 is a social group outside a pub or hotel. The photographer was J R BRUNTON, Park Lane Studio, Ightenhill, Burnley and written very faintly above the door of the hotel it says ROBERT CHARNLEY, licensed to sell wine, porter etc. By the look of the costumes it dates from Edwardian times, but Heather does not know who the members of the group are.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3