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BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We had an excellent attendance at the branch AGM, in March. Jean, our chairman, gave a report of the branch activities throughout the past year and the secretary and treasurer also 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, the branch now has 175 members. Overall, we have had a busy year with both Speaker's evenings and practical evenings well attended. An exhibition on family history was mounted at Burnley library prior to the "Open Day" held there in November. Once again an appeal was made for members to fill the vacant positions on the branch committee and once again there were no volunteers to fill these posts. A proposal was put to the meeting that there should be a maximum tenure of office on the committee of 6 years – as established in the society's offices. This proposal was defeated. The treasurer gave advance notice that he will not be seeking re-election next year.

LFHHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Saturday 17th May 2008 at University of Central Lancashire, Preston

Arrival and assemble for coffee at 9.15 for 10 am prompt start to the conference.

Speakers – Bill Taylor, Anne Batchelor and Edna O'Hara and Kath Thomas. The A.G.M. will begin at approximately 3.45 pm and should finish by 4.30 pm. Full details and booking form were published in the February edition of "Lancashire".

There is more to the Society than just a social night out at a branch meeting. It is your Society and this is your opportunity to come and have your say on how the Society is run. Many changes are taking place within the Family History World and you should try to attend the A.G.M. to see where the Society is heading and to contribute to its future.

Application forms should be sent to Derrick Walkden, 2 Butterlands, Preston, Lancs, PR1 5TJ before 26th April 2008.

GET WELL SOON. – Jean, our chairman, and Margaret, our librarian, are both on the sick list having sustained injuries to themselves in recent weeks. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

LFHHS RESOURCE CENTRE 2 STRAITS, OSWALDTWISTLE

The resource centre is now open every Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 5 pm. More volunteers are needed to staff the centre so that it can be opened on other days, possibly Saturday or Sunday. If you have not already been to visit the LFHHS Resource Centre, it is near to Oswaldtwistle Mills. The following is a link for a map of the area:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/22o3oq>

If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Tony Foster, e-mail: ga.foster@btopenworld.com or see Brenda or David Hustler.

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>

30.Apr. Practical Evening

21.May. Out-Visit to Skipton Castle (pre-booking essential)

18.Jun. Marking our Past, Burnley Heritage Sites

Brian Hall

30.Jul. Transported! – The two boys from Burnley

David Wiseman

20.Aug. Open Night & Practical Evening

3.Sep. Outvisit to Lancashire R.O.

(Limited number of places, Pre-booking essential)

17.Sep. Early Loom-shops

Kathy Fishwick

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

Transcriptions from the Wharfedale Family History Group and the Keighley Family History Society. These are mainly Memorial Inscription but some are baptisms, marriages and burials.

Areas covered are Addingham, Bolton Abbey, Draughton, Fewston, Gargrave, Guiseley, Hubberholme, Kettlewell, Linton in Craven, Otley, Skipton, Haworth, Oakworth, and other villages in Craven.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

The remaining Padiham and Pendle deaths have been checked in readiness for the Internet. A start has been made on the Non-Conformist marriages. All the indexes for the C of E marriages have been photocopied and the majority of them transcribed. Many thanks to all involved in this project, especially to those who have taken over my work when I have been unavailable.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

PROJECTS

Work continues on the transcriptions of the registers for St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle; St John's, Great Marsden; Holy Trinity, Burnley; and Baptisms for St Mary's, Nelson. 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

All meeting held at The LFHHS Resource Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

♣ THE LIFE AND TIMES OF WILLIAM WILDE, DUBLIN SURGEON AND FATHER OF OSCAR

Speaker Fergus O'Connor

Saturday 14th June 2008 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

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

'Centre in the Park', Norfolk Heritage Park, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield S2 2PL

Saturday 26 April 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free

'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?' NATIONAL HISTORY SHOW at Olympia, London

Friday 2nd May 2008 10.00am - 6.00pm

Saturday 3rd May 2008 10.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday 4th May 2008 10.00am - 5.00pm

Adult (16+) £18.00 Child (6-15) £5.00

Ticket Hotline 0871 230 1091

HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT FHS, FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY FAIR, 21st Birthday Celebration

Saturday May 10th 2008, 10 am to 4 pm

The Quayside Suite, Huddersfield University

Admission £1, Children free

THE CENTRAL ENGLAND FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Buxton Pavilion Gardens, St John's Road, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6XN

Saturday May 24th Time: 10am to 5pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, The Racecourse, York

Saturday 28th June 2008 10am to 4.30pm

Admission £4 per person

THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday 13th September 2008 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, 20th September 2008 10 am to 4 pm

NORTH WEST GROUP OF FHS FAMILY HISTORY DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIVERPOOL RECORD OFFICE

Also celebrating 08 Liverpool Capital of Culture

St George's Hall, Liverpool

Saturday 1st November 2008

Admission £2, Under 16 free

Further information contact NW Group of FHS, 23 School

Fold, Hesketh Bank, West Lincs, PR4 6 RE

email treasurer @ Liverpool genealogy.org.uk

HELP TUTORIALS

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

A SKELETON IN THE BIRTWISTLE CUPBOARD

Submitted by Tim Crossley

For the past few years I have been researching the Birtwistle family of Colne and Trawden, my mother being a Birtwistle. I was especially interested in the life of my grandfather's great-uncle, Peter Birtwistle, who willed a great deal of money to Colne at his death in 1927. This money was held in trust for 21 years before being released to the Council in 1948, whereupon the Peter Birtwistle Trust began a programme of building houses for the aged and deserving poor, as well as setting up the Peter Birtwistle Centre on Keighley Road. Peter also bequeathed a 4½ carat diamond ring, the stone of which is now set in the Chain of Office of the Mayoress of Pendle. The research into Peter is still on going, although I have placed a work-in-progress piece in the branch library.

I thought, however, I should tie up a few loose ends regarding Peter's brother, Edward, who was my great-great Grandfather. The reason behind this is that since coming to the branch meetings I have met a descendant of Peter's sister Jane, Mrs Pat Colman, from a branch of the family that I had heard about but did not know existed into the twenty-first century.

I had checked the FreeBMD site and knew that Edward died in the last quarter of 1895, so instead of paying for a death certificate, I decided to look in the pages of the Colne Times to find out whether there was an obituary notice. Sure enough, there was a brief note of his death, published on the 18th October, saying that he died on the 29th September. The three week gap between his death and the notice in the paper intrigued me, so I began to trawl through the issues of The Colne Times between the dates mentioned. The reason was there, on the 11th October, my own family skeleton in the cupboard emerged, and below is a transcript of the paper's report:

SHOCKING DEATH AT TRAWDEN THE AFFAIR NOT DISCOVERED FOR TEN DAYS

THE BODY IN A SHOCKING STATE

About seven o'clock on Tuesday night the police received intimation of a sad and fatal affair at Trawden. It seems that P.C. Stables was appraised of the fact that a man named Edward Birtwistle, well-known in Trawden and Colne, had happened a fatal accident, and on going to his house the constable found the body of Birtwistle lying face downwards at the foot of the stairs with the feet on the staircase. He was quite dead and from the awful state of the body it was conjectured that he had been dead some days. It was stated that his body was not fit to look upon so far had decomposition taken its hold. Deceased had for a short time been living alone, his wife having died some two years ago. The news of the occurrence quickly spread throughout the neighbourhood, and a good number of curious people gathered round the house, which is situated on the roadside close to the Primitive Methodist Chapel. It was stated that the reason why he was not looked after was that until inquiries had been made at Colne his friends at Trawden thought he was drinking at Colne, and his relations at Colne had an idea he was at Trawden. An inquiry at a certain

place caused a man to ask another to "come and look through 'Ned o' Burt's' window, he has not been seen for mony a day."

THE INQUEST

The inquest was held yesterday morning (10th October 1895) at the Sun Inn, Trawden, before Mr. Coroner Robinson. Mr Hindle was foreman of the jury.

James Riley, warp dresser, Back-lane, Trawden, was the first witness. He said he was deceased's son and identified the body. Deceased was a cutlooker, and was 49 years of age. He lived alone at 99, Colne-road, Trawden. Witness last saw him alive a fortnight ago last night. Deceased was a man who took a good deal of drink at times. He had been working all the week up to the time witness saw him. Witness had not heard of him being missing.

P.C. Stables said he went at 6-50 on Tuesday night (8th October 1895) to the man's house. Somebody had seen the deceased through the window. Witness burst the door open, the key being inside, and the window fastened. Deceased was laid at the bottom of the stairs. His feet were on the stairs and his head on the floor. There was a drop of blood on the fourth step as if he had struck that step first. There was a curve at the top of the stairs, and he appeared to have taken the curve and fallen. His neck, face and breast were very much decomposed.

The Coroner: How came it he never was missed?

Witness: He was a man who occasionally struck spree and went out of the neighbourhood. Deceased had been working all the week up to the Saturday dinner time previous to death (28th September 1895).

Mary Spencer, Dent House Farm, Trawden, said she saw the deceased last on Sunday, Sept. 29th, at 2-20 in the afternoon. He was entering his own house. Another man, a stranger to witness, followed deceased in. Witness could not say what state deceased was in because she only caught sight of his back.

The Coroner then asked P.C. Stables was deceased dressed.

Witness said he was, and that his cap was on the bed, which seemed to point out that he had been laid down.

The Coroner: What was the nature of the injuries?

Witness: His neck appears to have been broken and there was a wound on his forehead through apparently having struck the step in falling. He seemed to have been dead ever since Sunday week.

The Coroner said it seemed to be quite clear that the man had come to his death by falling downstairs and breaking his neck.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

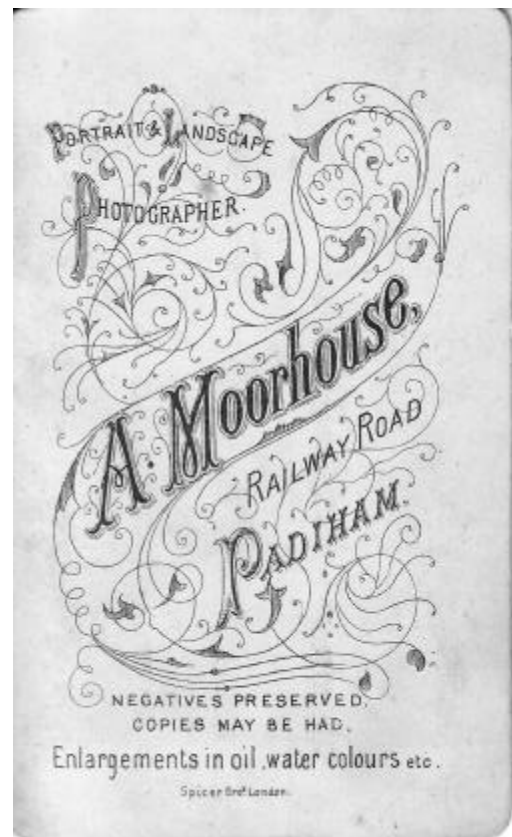
Colne & Nelson Times, 18th October 1895, p5, col5.

So this is the fate of the brother of Colne's Benefactor. This story is not in my immediate family's oral tradition, and was news to the family members that I have spoken to. It is quite probable that the reason they did not know anything about their ancestor, was that Edward's son, also called Edward, was a Trustee at Providence Independent Methodist Church, Waterside, and most likely felt that in this case, ignorance is bliss.

FIND THE LADY

Submitted by Diana and Rod Moorhouse
While browsing through a box of old postcards, set out on a stall on Preston market last July, we found several mounted, portrait photographs of people from the late Victorian period. As we are also interested in the backs of these old mounts we turned each one over in the hope of finding additional information. Based on previous experience we hoped to find beautifully designed graphics telling us about the photographer or perhaps a handwritten name or even an address. To our amazement the back of a one particular photograph of an elderly lady, revealed a beautifully engraved design advertising 'A Moorhouse, photographer', and his business details. As we both have Moorhouse ancestors who lived in the Burnley, Pendle and Craven districts we had to buy this little gem. Later we found another splendid portrait of a young lady wearing a fine dress. Unfortunately there was no information on the back of this mount but the front bore the title 'J Watson' and 'Padiham' we also bought this well preserved photograph.

Recently we looked at these photographs again and our interest in the mystery ladies was renewed. We would welcome contact from anyone who may recognise these portraits and in exchange for a little information about their connections would gladly return them to their descendants. We would also be grateful to hear from anyone who might have information about 'A Moorhouse, Photographer'.



RESIDENTS IN PENDLETON (WHALLEY), LANCASHIRE 1570-1901.

Submitted by Paul Sutcliffe

Here is a research guide to the most frequently recurring names in Pendleton village since 1570. It is perhaps of interest to people whose relations lived in the area as there are obviously later family connections to the area around Pendleton including Clitheroe, Accrington, Blackburn, Rochdale etc and the surrounding villages.

There are, to my knowledge, relatives of the Slinger, Cowperthwaite, Mitchell, Dawson, Duerden and Lund families still living in the area of Pendleton.

Common family names

	1)	2)	3)
Ashworth	1757-1841		
Birtwell Bertwell	1772-1841		
Boothman	1674-1807		
Bowker Bouker	1654-1794		
Brammerley Bramley	1763 -1812		
Cambel Campbell Camel	1762-1881		
Chalk	1792		
Clarkson	1754		
Cockshut	1768 (Standen Hey)	PAS	
Cowperthwaite	1871-1901	PAS	
Darren	1775		
Dawson	1712-1891	PAS	
Duerden	1778-1841	PAS	
Edmondson	1787		
Ellil Ellel	1654		
Ellis	1792-1891	PAS	
Hargreaves	1587-1851	PAS	
Hayhurst	1725		
Higgin	1756-1841		
Hindle	1756-1841		
Ingham	1682-1841		
Leach	1691-1787		
Lund	1841-1901	PAS	
Mitchell	1796-1901	PAS	
Morris	1755-1841		
Nuttal	1754-1851		
Nutter	1722-1891	PAS	
Parkinson	1803-1851		
Peel	1759-1901	PAS	
Pilkington	1799-1841		
Riding	1758		
Riley	1701-1841		
Robinson	1789		
Schofield	1789-1881		
Slater Scleater	1764		
Slinger	1797-1901	PAS	
Sutcliffe	1754-1851		
Thornber	1841-1901	PAS	
Whitaker	1756 -1851		
Wilkinson	1708-1891	PAS	

1) The first date is always the earliest reference I can find either to a burial, baptism or wedding of a person of the same family name resident in Pendleton.

Dates before 1753 are taken from "The Registers of Clitheroe, 1570-1680" LPRS 144

Dates after 1753 are taken from " The Registers of Whalley Vol:4:1754-1812" LPRS 164

2) The further dates are contingent upon evidence of the family name in the later census records of 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901.

3) PAS means that someone of that name is buried at Pendleton All Saints. Time scale is the end of nineteenth and twentieth century up until 1960-70.

I have only concentrated on the family names which seem to have had some kind of long-term residence in the area. The surrounding villages or hamlets of Wiswell, Sabden, Great Mitton, etc. are not included, although many of these names are also certainly common there and in many cases, are the families of people who moved from Pendleton.

A MESSAGE FROM CANADA

The following message was received recently from Malcolm McIvor, in Canada.

"My wife and I were researching in the library of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogy Group (UOVGG) in Pembroke, Ontario last week and came across this reference to the death of a young Sabden lady in Canada in 1856. Perhaps some of your society members would be interested in it.

Hamilton Christian Messenger: 24th July 1856

Death: FOSTER

Martha Foster, born Sabden, Lancashire, England 12th September 1835, dd. 19th July 1856 at father's residence near here. Came to Canada and Brentford in 1844."

BALDWIN FAMILY TREE

Submitted by Keith Baldwin

I have in my possession a copy of a family tree compiled by a Russell Stephenson (date unknown). It charts the descendants of Jonathan & Sybil Baldwin of Settle, Yorkshire and the illegitimate son Thomas of their daughter Elizabeth. Members of Thomas's family founded the well known Burnley firm of W & J Baldwin (Brushmakers).

The surnames occurring in this tree are as follows: -

Arnold, Bannister, Booth, Clayton, Davenport, Dixon, Farrar, Fletcher, Flood, Hargreaves, Howarth, Jepson, Leigh, Lobley, Lord, McMurray, Medley, Pickard, Pickthall, Price, Proctor, Rawlinson, Scholfield, Smith, Standing, Stephenson, Stonehouse, Tattersall, Tomblin, Towler & Westall.

If any member would like more information I can be contacted by email at kfb185@tiscali.co.uk.

THE BLO(O)R(E) SOCIETY, The Family History Society for anyone with Bloors, Bloores, Blores, Browsers, etc. in their Family Tree, will hold their next meeting at The Wellington Street Community Centre in Dresden Street, off Commercial Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 3QG on Saturday, May 10th, 2008. Parking at the Centre is limited, but there are plenty of spaces in the streets nearby. For more information, contact Ian K Bloor.

Email- enquiries@bloor.org

GRO OPEN DAYS

The Certificate Services Branch of the GRO will be holding Open Days, on Saturday 7th June 2008 and Saturday 14th June 2008, giving members of the public a chance to find out more about how birth, death and marriage certificates are produced and see inside the Victorian building which is the home of Civil Registration for England and Wales. Visitors to the Open Days will be given the opportunity to: take a tour of the GRO site in Southport and see a demonstration of the certificate production processes: View exhibitions from various Family History Organisations including The National Archives: View and discuss issues with other business areas of GRO: Attend talks on various topics connected with GRO and other organisations.

All places need to be booked well in advance. If you are interested in attending on either of the above dates contact: Certificate Services Contact Centre Tel: 0151 471 4508 or 0151 471 4530 8 am to 4 pm - Monday to Friday

Message from Ian Hartas regarding scam websites trying to hijack the freebmd, ukbmd websites by using similar names but with different suffixes.

It has been brought to my attention that there are a growing number of scam web sites that are trying to hijack users who are actually trying to visit the legitimate versions. Amongst the scam sites are:

<http://www.freebmd.com> <http://www.cheshire.bmd.org.uk>
<http://www.wiltshire.bmd.org.uk>

There are subtle, but significant differences between these names and the real ones, which are respectively:

<http://www.freebmd.org.uk> <http://www.cheshirebmd.org.uk>
<http://www.wiltshirebmd.org.uk>

There are several others, all along the same style, simply adding an extra 'dot' or changing the domain type from ".org.uk" into ".com". My guess is that any site that ends in ".bmd.org.uk" i.e. with a dot in front of the "bmd" is likely to be a scam, as this part of the web site name is known as the domain name and it can be prefixed by any other text, such as [www.cheshire](http://www.cheshire.org.uk) as in the example above. As UKBMD aims to link to all available genuine BMD and census web sites, my recommendation is simply that you add the UKBMD's site address into your "Favorites" list on your browser and then you can be assured that you will only be shown valid web sites.

FEDERATION NEWS

The National Archives (TNA) has agreed free online access to the birth, marriage and death indexes but only at the TNA. They are also available on Findmypast.com but you have to subscribe to see the indexes.

FamilyHistoryOnline data, previously managed by the Federation of FHS under their pay per view system was merged with Findmypast.com. about a year ago. Findmypast has now been acquired by Scotland Online who also manage Scotland's People. The FFHS has been assured that terms and spirit of the contract with Findmypast.com will be unchanged as a result of the merger. LFHHS did not join the pay per view system of the FFHS when it was instigated because, at the time, LFHHS considered that the terms of the contract were unsatisfactory.

Radio 4 Tracing your Roots programme – CDs available of the first three programmes from the first series. If you would like a copy of the CD's send a large (preferably padded) self-addressed envelope, to: Tracing Your Roots (CD's), Zone 3.05, BBC Scotland, Pacific Quay, Glasgow G20 8NS Postage will be paid by 'Tracing Your Roots'

A new historical television series made by Doghouse Films for Channel 5 called "County Secrets" is being researched. For each county the researcher is requesting help with either suggesting secrets or contacts of people or organisations who may be able to help. Areas of investigation include an architectural gem, a geographical or landscape gem, a county specific factual/historical curiosity, a social history secret, a royal/monarchy secret, and a historical conflict/strife/battle secret.

Contact Hannah Ward, Assistant Producer, County Secrets Tel 0117 9422 925 / 07813 753 532

SOCIETY & BRANCH NEWS

"GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ANCESTRY"

A half-day workshop and tutorial is being held at the Society's Research and Resource, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle on Saturday May 3rd 2008, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, entitled "Getting the Most out of Ancestry". Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. To book a place contact Tony Foster ga.foster@btopenworld.com, quoting your membership number.

QUERY CORNER

LEEMING, ASHWORTH

Fay Richards

e-mail jimfay@bigpond.net.au

Fay is seeking information on John LEEMING and Nellie (nee ASHWORTH) and/or their descendents. They were married in 1922 and in 1940 were living at 290 Scotland Road in Nelson. Nellie is Fay's second cousin. At this stage she does not know what children they had. She would like to contact any of their children, or would be grateful to know anything about John and/or Nellie.

O'NEILL, MARSDEN

Barry O'Neill, Victoria, Australia
e-mail menzies@netspace.net.au

Can you throw any light on these families? Joseph Eric O'NEILL was born in Padiham to Joseph O'NEILL and Annie (nee MARSDEN) on January 17 1913. He had an elder brother Maurice and a younger brother Alan. That is all the information that Barry has, although he has vague memories of people in Padiham called John Willie, Aunt Alice, Ethel, and Hilda, but can't remember where they fit into the picture. He would be delighted to receive any information about the family.

BARNES

Stella Barnes

e-mail stella.barnes2@btinternet.com

Stella is having a problem in finding her husband's great grandparents. They were Elizabeth and William BARNES, and they lived in Grey Street, Burnley in 1891. Elizabeth's maiden name was either HEYWORTH or HAWORTH. Stella thinks that her father was Joseph and on the marriage certificate that she has, he is recorded as being a butcher. Unfortunately, Stella is not sure that she has the correct marriage certificate. Any help would be gratefully received.

POLLARD, GREENWOOD, YOUNG, COX

Steve Young, Canada e-mail claret@telus.net
 Steve was born in Burnley and emigrated to Canada in 1966. He is trying to find any relatives in the Harle Syke or Briercliffe area. George W. POLLARD and his wife Martha Ellen (nee GREENWOOD) who both died in the late 1950's or early 60's lived at 5 Queens St Harle Syke and were his maternal Grandparents. Their daughters Winifred (YOUNG) born 1904, Steve's mother and Elsie (COX), his aunt, born 1901 had a dress shop on Briercliffe Road, and were born there. Steve would appreciate any information on the family.

BLACKBURN Maureen Shipley

e-mail m_b_shipley@yahoo.co.uk
 Maureen is trying to find information on Abraham BLACKBURN born about 1790/1. On the 1841 census (says born 1791) he is living in Idle, Yorkshire but registered as not being born in the county. He does not appear with his family on the 1851 census and I cannot trace him at all. He re-appears on the 1861 census (stated born 1790), still living in Idle, Yorkshire but as born in Trawden Lancashire. He died in 1862. Maureen would like to trace any family he may have had e.g. brothers/sisters and parents etc. if at all possible. Abraham married a woman called Nancy, maiden name unknown, (born 1791 to 96 - varies on each census). She appears on the 1841 census (born 1796) living in Idle, Yorkshire, again registered as not born in the county. On the 1851 census (born 1792) still living in Idle, Yorkshire but born in Briercliffe, Lancashire. In 1861 (born 1793) still in Idle, she is stated as from Whalley, Lancashire. She died in 1864 and her death certificate gives age as 71 making her birth year 1792/3. Maureen has traced 3 daughters for the couple - Ann born 1821, Mary born 1816 and Sarah born 1816. They may be twins or it could be census dates! They were all born in Marsden Lancashire. Sarah BLACKBURN married James GREENWOOD at the Parochial Chapel, Colne Lancashire 4th December 1837. Ann her sister is staying with her on the 1881 census in Marsden, Briercliffe Lancashire. Sarah does not appear to have moved from the area. I feel there may be brothers/sisters in the area that I have not managed to trace prior to the 1841 census.

FULTON Heather van Vonderen

e-mail hvanvonderen@hotmail.com
 Heather is looking for information about the FULTON family who originally came from Ayrshire. The FULTONS appear in the 1901 census in Burnley with both parents listed as born in Ayrshire but their four daughters are listed as born in Lancashire. The family are, James FULTON, b.1849, Maggie FULTON nee BARR b.1849, Elizabeth McWhirter FULTON b.1879, Maggie Reid FULTON b.1879, Magdelane Cameron FULTON b.1885, Aggie Roberta FULTON b.1892. Heather has determined that Magdelane and Aggie married and lived in Burnley, Magdelane Cameron FULTON married Thomas BRIERLY in 1906. Aggie Roberta Barr FULTON married Lambert WATSON in 1921. One daughter may have married a Mr WILSON.
 If these names look even familiar to anyone Heather would appreciate hearing from them, as she knows nothing of what happened beyond these marriages except that their father, James Fulton died in Burnley in 1926.

BROWN Dixie Lucara Osborn of Shepherd Montana, USA . e-mail - osborne_family@juno.com

Dixie writes - I am looking for death records and a marriage certificates for the Richard and Jane Burns Brown family of Ulverston, Lancashire, England. I am not sure how your system works! Could you please help me? Richard Brown, born in 1853, Kendal, Westmorland, England. He died after 1893 and before 1901 in Ulverston, according to your England census'. Were his parents Matthew and Mary? Jane Burns Brown, born 1852, Penrith, Cumberland, Cambria or Scotland died after 1901 census of Colne, Lancashire. They were married abt 1869. They lived in Ulverston in 1874-17 Mar 1893. All children, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Matthew, Alice Ann, Maria, Hugh Burns Brown, Margaret, Robert, John, Richard Burns Brown were born in Ulverston beginning in 21 Mar 1874. All their sons came to the USA and my great grandfather homesteaded in Montana. All their daughters stayed in Lancashire. The only one I have been able to trace is a Maria Brown married to Edward Wooley, with a daughter Hazel. Maria was alive in 1970's living in Blackburn.

Can you connect me with any of the Brown family of Ulverston? I don't know sizes of towns and counties. In Montana, most are small towns so someone would know the family! Any help would be greatly appreciated! I can't search in person. Thanks in Advance, Dixie Osborne Shepherd, Montana, USA

THE LATE DOREEN CROWTHER

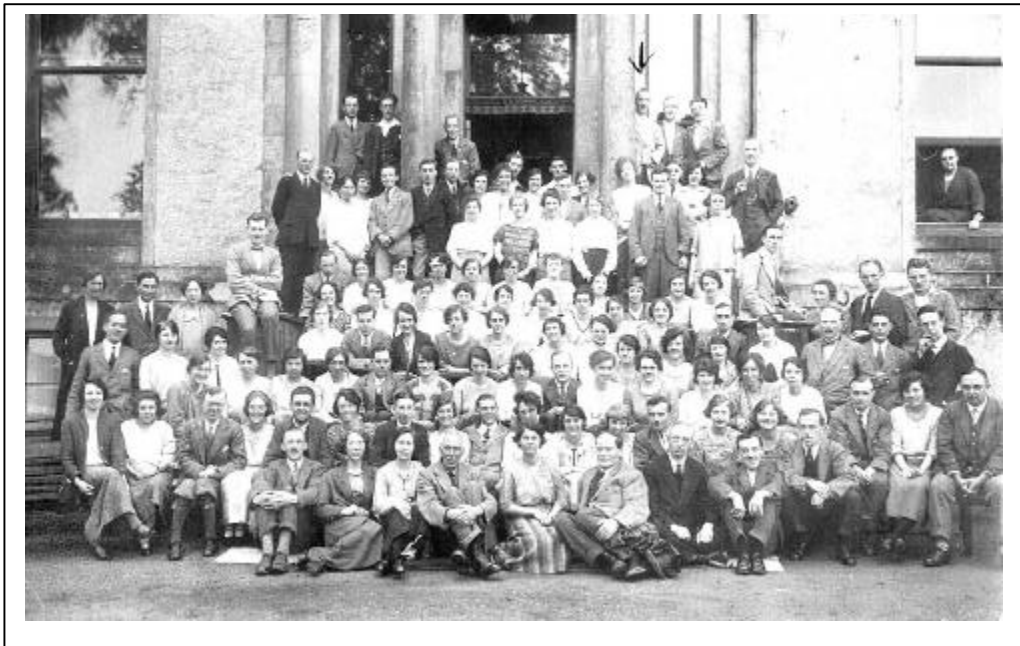
Judy Forrester e-mail ColinandjudyT52@aol.com
 Does anyone know if the late Doreen CROWTHER was also an artist in addition to her being a prolific researcher in family history? In a message from Judy Forrester, she writes - "I am from Co Durham originally, but I now live in Cumbria. Many years ago (approx 1968/9 "ish") I was given an oil painting as a birthday gift from a friend. The oil painting was signed by "Doreen Crowther". I realise that their are probably millions of ladies of that name, but I thought it was worth a chance asking if there may be a connection with Doreen CROWTHER from Pendle district.

DOBSON, RHODES Eric Dobson, Australia

e-mail pameric1@yahoo.com.au
 Eric was born in Accrington and moved to Australia 50 years ago. He is looking for help in finding information about his great grandfather, Joseph Dobson who was born in Colne in 1844. He has a copy of Joseph's birth certificate but there is no father named on it. Joseph's mother was Betty Dobson who signed the certificate with her mark X. Eric thinks that Dobson may not have been her maiden name and she has falsified her name to protect her illegitimate son. From LancashireBMD, Eric has found that Joseph Dobson married Alice Rhodes in 1869 at Heywood St James. Joseph and Alice Joseph had three children; Elizabeth born about 1870. Mary Ellen about 1872 and Thomas Hacking Dobson 1875.
 Eric asks - Could there have been a maintenance order against Joseph's father?

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UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH

Pat Colman

Pat asks members if anyone can recognize where this photograph might have been taken. It is possibly a tennis club outing taken about 1927. Pat's father is the man arrowed at the back.

She would be happy to hear from any one who might have information about the event or place.

PIGEON FANCIERS UPDATE

HALSTEAD

Marie Normansell. e-mail: marienormansell@yahoo.co.uk

In our last edition there was a photograph of Nelson Homing Society prize giving. Marie, one of our distant branch members, is trying to find information about her great uncle, Ernest HALSTEAD, who lived in this area and at one time was President of Nelson Homing Pigeon Club. During a visit to Nelson, Marie and her husband Bob had a passing conversation with a gentleman in Morrisons in Nelson. During their chat she asked him if he knew anyone who knew anything about pigeon racing in years gone-by. He gave her the names of two gentlemen who lived in Barrowford whom he believed to be still involved with pigeon racing. Marie eventually managed to track down one of them, Peter Robinson, who, after making his own enquiries gave her the following names for people in the photograph:

Back row left to right: 1. ?, 2. Stanley Ingham, 3. Bill Nelson, 4. Jess Ingham

Middle row left - right: 1. Brian Clarke, 2. ?, 3. Frank Howarth, 4. Joe Parker, 5. Alan Ingham, 6. William Cookson

Front row left - right: 1. Arthur Blackburn, 2. Albert Walker Snr., 3. Ernest Halstead

If anyone knows any of these people or their families it may help Marie to date the photograph and help her to find out more about Great Uncle Ernest. Peter Robinson also added that Ernest had a brother Ephraim, but the only Ephraim that Marie can now identify is Ernest's cousin who was the son of his Uncle Richard Halstead. As we all do, Marie is going to keep digging around on this one.

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