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Branch AGM 20th March

The nomination sheet will be available at the January and February meetings for you to nominate, propose and/or second nominees.

Period	Official	Currently
1 year	Chairman	Mike Smith
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2 years	Librarian	Margaret Heap
2 years	Committee Member	Mary Jackson

2019 Subscriptions

It would help the Society Membership Secretary if you could pay your subscriptions (which are the same as last year) as soon as possible.

A renewal form was in the November journal or you can renew online through the Society's online shop at:

www.lfhhs.org.uk

PRACTICAL EVENINGS

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided that we discontinue the Practical Evenings on the fifth Wednesday of the month.

Any queries that you may have can be dealt with after the normal meetings.

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DROP-IN FAMILY HISTORY HELP SESSIONS

will be held at Colne Library on the following dates:

January 23rd

February 27th

March 27th

April 24th

10 am to 12 noon

Volunteers welcome

2019 Programme

- 16 January **Respectable Rebels**
Harold Hoggarth
- 30 January **Practical Session**
- 20 February **Four Tins**
Steve Williams
- 20 March **AGM**
**The Secret History of the Victorian
Lodging House**
Joseph O'Neill
- 17 April **Who Do You Think You Are?**
Kate Hurst
- 15 May **Outvisit to Gawthorpe Hall**
(details to follow)
- 19 June **The Love Life of John of Gaunt**
Graham Kemp
- 17 July **Day Visit TBA**
- 21 August **Speaker TBA**
- 18 September **Dating Family Photographs**
Steven Gill
- 16 October **The Traditional Buildings of Lancashire and
Yorkshire**
Kevin Illingworth
- 20 November **The Woollen and Textile Industry
in 19th C. England**
Edgar Holroyd-Doveton
- 4 December **Christmas Party - Christmas Talk**
Linda Sawley

GAZETTE – Editor – Arnold Slater

Articles for the April 2019 Gazette
by the end of March please.

Please send articles to Editor at lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk
or by post to the Editor,
c/o 6 Sussex Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5DS

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QUERIES

Replies please to Jean Ingham
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I am currently researching my great great uncle, William Worrall. In 1911 he was a householder in Hale, Cheshire, and he employed a live-in housekeeper by the name of Jane Ellen Towler. Jane's two daughters were living there too. I have found that Jane was married to Edwin Towler, but he was not there, and I have been unable to track him down in the 1911 census.

The reason why I am looking into the Towlers is because I want to know what their relationship was to my great great uncle. They might have been related by marriage as Jane's maiden name was Haworth, and my great great uncle's aunt married a Haworth.

The reason why I am writing to you is because I have found on the internet an old copy of your society's newsletter, in which a Colin Beech has written about his work on this Towler family. I am wondering if Mr Beech is still a member, and if you can put me in touch with him. The issue was July 2009.

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POOLING OUR INTERESTS by Rod Moorhouse

Members may have heard that Keighley and District FHS has recently amalgamated with Wharfedale FHS to become Airedale and Wharfedale Family History Society. I am not sure why this happened – perhaps due to a decrease in membership in both camps? Reading between the lines in Keighley's most recent copy of the 'Journal' it appears that the committees of both societies and many of the members are happy with the new arrangement and are looking forward to sharing resources and information.

I am particularly pleased about this merger simply because family history research over the years has established that my Moorhouse ancestors started out on the borders of Wharfedale but then spread into Skipton and the Craven district, into Airedale and of course over the hills to Pendle and Burnley.

My wife and I joined the Pendle and Burnley FHS many years ago when we were first researching her ancestral connections that lived in the Pendle villages and also in Colne and Nelson. During the course of lengthy investigations my wife discovered a great, great.... grandmother named Moorhouse. So it is quite possible that we are distantly related but much deep digging would be needed to verify such a notion! From this remarkable find an interest in my family's history began to grow; previously I had only assisted my wife with her research endeavours.

Over the years I have written several articles about the migration of Moorhouses from Skipton to Earby, Barnoldswick and later to Burnley during the Industrial revolution in the 18th century. I will not repeat any of that information here but simply say that the discovery of my Burnley family led me backwards in my research efforts, firstly to Skipton and then in the previous century to Bradley and the parish of Kildwick. Hence, the reason for my membership of Keighley and District FHS.

One of my research 'Bibles' is a rare book by Harry Speight entitled 'Upper Wharfedale'. Speight states that my ancestors were farmers at Close House, Skibeden. He suggests that they were tenants of the Lords at Bolton Abbey. As previously described many of their descendants moved away

from the borders of Wharfedale into Airedale and westwards into Lancashire.

However, there is a Wharfedale connection on my late Mother's side. She was the second daughter of Arthur Slater and his wife Jessie, nee Blackburn. I had always assumed my mother was born in Leeds, simply because that was the place she always referred to when telling family stories. So it was a surprise to discover from her birth certificate that she was born in Ilkley. When her birth was registered in 1913, her parents were living at number 2, Chapel Street. Her father's job was described as 'Billiard marker'.

Some years ago I did some research on my Blackburn line. It begins with Joseph Blackburn born in 1797 in Leeds and descends to the birth of my mother in 1913. Recently I re-read my original summary of the Blackburn line and found that I had never moved my research forward to the 1911 census.

What a revelation! The census return lists Arthur Slater and his wife Jessie living in Chapel Street, Ilkley. At the time they had two children, Frederick and Mildred. But also living in their 3 roomed house was Jessie's mother, Sarah Ann Blackburn, aged 78 and a niece Mary Isabel Blackburn aged 20 who's occupation is recorded as '*Waitress [Cafe]*' She is said to be Arthur's niece but in fact she is directly related to his wife Jessie. Mary Isabel was the daughter of Percy Blackburn, the oldest son of Sarah Ann. She together with Jessie, Percy and his family can all be found on the 1891 census living in Blackburn Yard, Leeds.

It appears that soon after my mother's birth the family moved to Leeds. This is evident from the address stated on Arthur's attestation form when, in 1918 he volunteered to join the Royal Army Medical Corps. At that point he and his family were living at 26 Northcote Terrace, Lady Pitt Lane, Leeds. However, at least one member of the extended family group appears to have remained in Ilkley. Mary Isabel Blackburn married Richard Ellam in 1912. The marriage was registered in Wharfedale. In the years that followed they had a large family whose births were all registered in Wharfedale. The 1939 register records this family living in Eaton Road, Ilkley.

I now believe I knew Mary Isabel Blackburn. In my mind there is a powerful link with some childhood memories from WW2 when I was around three years old and here I quote from my Autobiography, *"While living in Leeds mother and I sometimes visited Auntie Isabel. She lived in a large house up a hillside above the town in Ilkley. I have no recollection about how we travelled to Ilkley - it may have been by bus or train - or whether we stayed for the day or longer. Isabel had lots of daughters who ranged in age from teens to early twenties. They had a long kitchen table and at mealtimes food was served from huge pans with what seemed like giant spoons....."* Mother and I often talked about Auntie Isabel and she once came to visit us in the 1950's but after that I don't remember ever seeing her again.

During the 1980's my parents retired to Addingham and lived there for about 10 years. My wife and our daughters often visited and we came to know more about Wharfedale. We have happy memories of playing on the pebbly beaches by the River at Bolton Abbey and Burnsall and also the shops and market in Ilkley.

Some 40 years on it is both a surprise and a delight to be reacquainted with Wharfedale and hopefully, with the help of the newly formed FHS to learn more about its history and connections to my family tree.

Sources used in preparing this article

UK census information on Ancestry.com

1939 Register online

Free BMD

Upper Wharfedale - Harry Speight, Elliot Stock London, 1900

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH NAMING PATTERNS!

Sons -

1st after father's father (grandfather)

2nd after mother's father (grandfather)

3rd after father's father's father (great grandfather)

4th after mother's mother's father (great grandfather)

5th after father's mother's father (2x great grandfather)

6th after mother's father's father (2x great grandfather)

7th - 10th after father's 4 great grandfathers

11th - 14th after mother's 4 great grandfathers

Daughters -

1st after mother's mother (grandmother)

2nd after father's mother (grandmother)

3rd after mother's father's mother (great grandmother)

4th after father's father's mother (great grandmother)

5th after mother's mother's mother (2x great grandmother)

6th after father's mother's mother (2x great grandmother)

7th - 10th after mother's 4 great grandmothers

11th - 14th after father's 4 great grandmothers

**BUT IT ALL DEPENDED UPON
WHO HAD A GOOD MEMORY!!!**

submitted by Mary Jackson