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## Special Interest

### Silver Jubilee

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## EDITORIAL

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the few members who attended the Branch AGM on March 31st 2004. To the rest of you who normally attend Branch meetings, **Where were YOU?**

It was very disappointing to see that very few members took the trouble to attend the Annual General Meeting of Pendle and Burnley Branch, especially since this is our Silver Jubilee year. At normal Branch meetings we regularly have 40 to 50 people attending, but at the AGM, only the Committee and a few other members turned up.

**Your Branch Committee deserves better support than that.**

A warm welcome to Janet Knowles and Moira Whittaker who **volunteered** to become members of the Branch Committee.

## The Branch Officials for the year 2004 –2005 are

Chairman	Jean Ingham	Projects Coordinator	Christine Windle
Vice Chairman	David Taylor	Publications Officer	Christine Haworth
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Librarian	Margaret Heap		Derek Mills
Programme Secretary	Tony Mason		Janet Knowles
			Moira Whittaker

## SILVER JUBILEE

### LUNCH

Arrangements are now in place for the Silver Jubilee Lunch which will be held at Rosehill House Hotel on Sunday 3rd October 2004. Booking forms containing details of the event and the menu were available at the May meeting for those who had previously put their names down to attend and will also be available at the June meeting. Please complete the booking form and send it together with payment to Christine Windle, 2 Langholme Close, Barrowford, Lancashire BB9 6DH, as soon as possible. Places are limited to 50 people and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. A booking form, is available from David Taylor, 34 Lindsay Park, Worsthorne, Burnley Lancashire, BB10 3RR or from Brenda Hustler, Branch Secretary . 49 Stone Edge Road, Barrowford, Lancashire, BB9 6BB. e-mail - secretary@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk.

### EXHIBITION

The Branch will be mounting an exhibition about Family History Research and the Pendle and Burnley Branch of LFH&HS on the balcony at Colne Library in July and at Nelson Library in October. If you have any photographs or information about the history of the Branch, that you would be willing to let us borrow, please inform Brenda Hustler, Branch Secretary,

**Mills, Mansions and Corner Shops** – An Introduction to A2A (Access to Archives) – see **STOP PRESS** on page 6 for further details.

## PROGRAMME

The Programme of Events for 2004 is now available as a card handout and can also be viewed on the website.

- 19 May 2004 Visit to Rochdale Co-op Museum  
16 Jun 2004 Mr P Watson – Medicine and Magic  
30 Jun 2004 Practical Evening  
21 Jul 2004 Open Meeting & Practical Evening  
18 Aug 2004 Mrs Rosemary Mulrooney – Burnley  
Coop Tobacconists  
15 Sep 2004 Practical Evening  
Tony Mason, Programme Secretary.
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## PROJECTS

The LANCASHIRE BMD project is now well under way. It is going to take some considerable time to complete the project. We now have 16 members who are working on PCs inputting data and a team of 10 people are going to the Register Office for 3 hours each week checking entries against the original registers. **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHECKING ENTRIES AT THE REGISTER OFFICE. AT BURNLEY.** Anyone wanting to join the project will be most welcome. Volunteers should contact the coordinator, Keith Windle, 2 Langholme Close, Barrowford, Lancashire. BB9 6DH Telephone 01282 705894 E-mail [chriswindle4@hotmail.com](mailto:chriswindle4@hotmail.com). The website for LancashireBMD is at <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk>.

The 1901 census name index for Nelson is in progress at Nelson Library. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this project should contact Christine Carradice, the Reference Librarian at Nelson Library.

Transcribing Parish Registers by our Branch is an ongoing project and volunteers to transcribe or check transcriptions are always welcome.

A section of the M.I.s for Burnley Cemetery is being transferred to PC and transcriptions of Colne St Bartholomew's Marriages 1837-1900 are being checked. Christine Haworth is going to have another look at the Burials and Births for Haggate Baptist Church.

Christine Windle, Project Coordinator.

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## RESOURCES

All Branch resources are available for monthly loan but it is essential that the correct procedure is followed for booking out and booking in. Details of the procedure can be found in The Gazette, Vol 11, Sept 2003.

The 1841 Census surname index has now been completed by Ron Ashworth and is awaiting binding. We have also acquired the 1891 Census surname index for Piece No 3500 which covers Kildwick, Cononly, Cowling, Crosshills, Lothersdale and other villages in that area.

A start has been made on replacing microfiche envelopes which are very worn and split. Consequently, some of the microfiche will be missing from the filing cabinet at certain time. It is expected that this work will take quite a few weeks to do, so please be patient if the microfiche that you want to view is not in the cabinet.

Our collection of CDs is rapidly expanding and being borrowed on a regular basis. In order to give all members an equal chance of use, the maximum borrowing time will be limited to 4 weeks, and further borrowing time will only

be allowed if no other member is waiting to borrow that item. Only ONE box of CDs may be borrowed at any one time. They must only be borrowed on meeting nights and be booked out on the Borrower's List which is kept in the RED BINDER in the CD drawer in the filing cabinet. However, they may be returned via the Colne Reference Librarian between meetings, but please ensure that their date of return is entered on the Borrower's List. (Christine Bradley has been notified of this, but please remind her, or her deputy, when returning CDs).

A 'Waiting List' will be provided for those who wish to pre-book an item to be borrowed. There is a full list of all the CDs available in the RED BINDER.

Since we lost our filing cabinet, the Branch owned fiche are also now more easily accessible to the general public, and it is more important than ever that markers are used at all times when fiche are removed. Members borrowing fiche to take home for whatever purpose should use a YELLOW Fiche Borrower's Card. (There is a supply of these kept in the cardboard box on the top right-hand shelf of our section of the reference library.) Please keep your own card after use. Don't forget to book them out in the BLUE Borrower's Book, and book them back in again when returned. Except for transcription purposes, it would be appreciated if fiche can be borrowed for the shortest possible period of time.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian.

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## CERTIFICATES

Ann Hale (see her research interests in Query Corner) has donated the following certificates to our Branch Library, having found that they are not her family. If anyone has any interest in the documents, please contact the Branch librarian, Margaret Heap for details. The documents will be available at any Branch meeting.

Birth Certificate : Nancy, daughter of William LORD, Mule Spinner, and Ann formerly BLACKBURN of Brierfield. Date of birth - 21st April 1843.

Marriage Certificate : 28th July 1860 - James LAYCOCK, Spinner, 21 son of Robert LAYCOCK, Carter, and Nancy LORD 17, daughter of William LORD, Labourer, both of Little Marsden.

Birth Certificate : Mary Elizabeth, daughter of James LAYCOCK, Cotton Mule Spinner, and Nancy nee LORD of Brierfield. Date of birth - 29th August 1860.

Birth Certificate : Robert son of John GRAHAM, Railway Porter, and Martha formerly BROWN of Blackpool. Date of birth - 20th April 1858.

Birth Certificate : Robert son of Robert EMMOTT, Woolcomber, and Ann, formerly DUERDEN of Walverden, Marsden. Date of birth 7th January 1850

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## E-MAIL ADDRESS

You can be informed of any late programme changes or notices if I have your e-mail address. To have your correct address added to the Branch member's list, send a message with the words "e-mail address" in the subject line and your name in the message box to

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

Brenda I Hustler, Branch Secretary.

## LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE – LESSER-KNOWN HOLDINGS

Submitted by Joan Metcalfe

Joan Metcalfe, a member of LFH&HS who is formerly from Brierfield and Colne, has sent details of some of the lesser-known holdings at Lancashire Record Office, where she is a member of 'The Friends of Lancashire Archives'

### Brierfield Urban District Council – Death Registers.

Until recently I had no idea that such registers existed and indeed they have apparently not been deposited in any general sense by other councils. There are some, in slightly different format for Burnley, which are closed for 75 years as instructed by the depositor. There is, however, no such closure on Brierfield so all the information in the 32-year span is available now. The entries are, in effect, copies of the details contained on the death certificate and were supplied by the Registrar to the Medical Officer of health. The only difference is that the name of the informant is not shown, but there are columns for the date of death, the deceased's residence, name, age, occupation and cause of death. Then there is an analysis of the age groups and some yearly summaries of the causes. As can be imagined, 1919 saw many deaths from 'flu and its consequences, and 1932 was a bad year for diphtheria.

What might be termed the more dramatic deaths, and most of these occurred in hospital, are eye-catchingly entered in red ink. Some of these make for horrific reading. For example

- 18 September 1913, of 11 Hall Street, died at shelter in Thursby Gardens; Samuel Thomson, 35, Qualified Chemist. Poisoned himself drinking hydrocyanic acid, but there was not sufficient evidence as to the state of his mind at the time.
- 20 April 1920, of 20 Wood Street, died Victoria Hospital; Abraham Hurst, 63, General Labourer for Brierfield Urban District Council, at the Sewage Works. Shock following complex fractures of left leg accidentally caused through being crushed between a wagon drawn by a horse and the engine house wall while attempting to unhook a chain from the wagon.
- 24 June 1921, of 20 Bird Street, died Victoria Hospital; Joseph Shanley, 56, Stoker. Shock and septic absorption due to burns accidentally caused by his clothing taking fire from the flames of a gas retort at Brierfield Gas Works on 20th inst., while following his employment
- 27 June 1921, of 3 Heyhead Street, died Victoria Hospital; Martha Smith 51, Shock from burns accidentally caused by her clothing becoming ignited whilst cleaning about the kitchen fire on which some petrol was being sprinkled to aid the fire in burning up at 3 Heyhead Street on the 24th inst.

Obviously these registers are very useful in by-passing the G.R.O. system to obtain information about the deaths of people in Brierfield during these years.

The Lancashire Record Office references are

UDBr 25/1 death register 1910 – 1926

UDBr 25/2 death register 1927 – 1942

### National Registration Act 1915

– forms completed by Barrowford residents.

Those who are also members of the Friends of Lancashire Archives might recall seeing paragraphs on the subject in the Friends' newsletter. This Registration Act has also been mentioned in Family Tree Magazine and it appears that Barrowford is the one place for which a set of forms survives, not only in Lancashire but also in the whole of the country.

The forms were to be completed by those between the ages of 15 and 65 on Sunday August 15th 1915. The information required was quite detailed: name and address; age last birthday; whether married or single; number of dependent children, both under 15 and over 15; number of other dependents; occupation; name and address of employer; and the answers to two questions, (a) are you skilled in any other work? (b) are you able and willing to undertake such work?

By its nature, this census provides more information about females than can be found in some other sources and is immensely valuable from that point of view alone. The absence of male members of the family suggests that they had already enlisted during the first year of the war or were engaged in war work elsewhere; 'negative' information, but useful nevertheless

These forms can be found under the overall LRO reference 'UDBa acc 3274 Cens (\*\*)' .

\*\* indicates that a box number has also to be included in accordance with the following list.

1.	Females	A-C (initial letter of surname)
2		D-G
3		H-K
4		L-P
5		R-T
6		V-Y + ' over 65 and dead'
7	Males	A-F
8		G-L
9		M-R
10		S-Y + 'over 65 and dead'
11	Enlisted	A-E
12		F-L
13		M-S
14		T-W

I would be quite willing to do specific name/date searches in either of these sources, if that would be helpful to Branch members with ancestors in the area. Please write to

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Penwortham

Preston

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## **LOCATING AN ANCESTOR'S MARRIAGE USING THE G.R.O. INDEXES.**

Submitted by Jean Ingham

Locating an ancestor's marriage after the start of civil registration in 1837 should, in theory, be plain sailing. It's a simple matter of searching for the event in the G.R.O. indexes (also known as St. Catherine's indexes). However, family historians often find the reality is not so straight forward. Here are just a few of the problems that a researcher new to the family history game might encounter and needs to be aware of.

One problem is the variations in spellings of surnames. Forget the idea that 'our name has always been spelt with two 't's or it has an 'e' at the end'. In the early years of civil registration when few of our ancestors were literate, a name was recorded by the Vicar or Registrar as it sounded to them. Whilst researching my husband's Atherton and Horney families we have discovered the following different spellings. Atherstone, Atterton, Abberton and Hatherton and the Horney family have been found as Horsey, Hornby, Honey and Oney!

Another pitfall is that sometimes a marriage is not in the year that you expected it to be. Researchers need to be aware that the first child born after the marriage is not necessarily the first child of the union. Victorians were in reality not as straight laced as we might think.

Marriage may have taken place only just before the birth or even many years after the birth of the couple's first child. At the time of the 1881 census James and Fanny Bannister were living together as man and wife. With absolute honesty they didn't claim to be married but stated on the census form that they were father and mother to their three children. Two months later they decided to make the union legal and were married at the nearby church, at least 5 years after the birth of their first child. So sometimes it is a good idea to extend a search forwards in time.

Registration district names are usually named after the largest town in the district but sometimes old district names were used which no longer exist and are not shown on a modern map.

Therefore if you find an entry which could be yours but the district name in the indexes is unfamiliar, do not assume it is in another part of the country and of no interest to your search. The volume codes (e.g. 8a for Cheshire, 5b for Devonshire) will help you determine if it is in the right area.

Sometimes district names are based on older settlements that have been superseded by other towns in the area - Eg. manufacturing towns becoming more important than older market towns. Locally, if you are looking for a 19th century marriage in Accrington (the town) or Rossendale (the area) you must look under the Haslingden registration district as both these were actually sub-districts of Haslingden which included Accrington, Edenfield, Newchurch & Rossendale.

Then again, for old historical reasons, a marriage may not have taken place in the Registration district that you would logically expect. In our own area, Reedley Hallows, Ightenhill Park and Wheatley Carr Booth were in the Castle parish of Clitheroe. Any residents wishing to marry in the Church of England would have had to travel to St. Mary Magdalene in Clitheroe. This applied until about 1860, but without this knowledge, anyone searching for the marriage of an ancestor from Reedley Hallows etc. might miss a

likely entry because it is registered in the Clitheroe registration district.

The G.R.O. Indexes are subject to mistakes and omissions due to human error etc. and sometimes missed entries have been added at the bottom of an index page, so it's a good idea to check this. However, if you fail to find the entry you were looking for it is always worth searching another invaluable index, namely the I.G.I. Although mainly useful for the pre 1837 period it contains many marriages up to the 1880s and an added bonus is that it does give the name of the church.

Although this article has been specifically concerned with Marriage Indexes, much of the above advice is equally applicable to searches in the G.R.O. Birth and Death Indexes.

Co-habitation is not a modern day invention and it is, of course, possible that some of our inconsiderate ancestors never did tie the knot !

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## **DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)**

### **BURNLEY FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY ROADSHOW**

Sunday 6th June 2004 12 noon to 5 pm at Towneley Hall, Burnley. Organized by the Friends of Lancashire Archives.

Get Help and Information; Research the history of your house; Browse through local history books; Consult copies of Burnley Parish Registers; Trace your ancestors and see how they lived; Compare computer images of old and new maps; Read old documents – find out about palaeography; Learn how Burnley and local villages got their names; Use the international Genealogical Index and the Census; See the displays of old documents which illustrate the past.

### **YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

SATURDAY, 26th June 2004 at Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, York Racecourse, YORK 10 am - 4.30 pm

### **THE FIFTH ANNUAL NORTH WALES FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

Saturday, 4th September 2004 10.00 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.  
LLANDUDNO CONFERENCE CENTRE Admission  
£2.00 (Accompanied children under 15 - free)

### **THE GREAT NORTH FAIR 2004**

Saturday 11th September 2004 at Gateshead International Stadium, 10 a.m - 4.30p.m  
Admission £2.50 Accompanied Children under 15 free

### **LIVERPOOL AINTREE RACECOURSE FAIR**

Sunday Sept 12th 2004 at Princess Royal Stand, Exhibition Suite, Ormskirk Road, Aintree, L9 5AS 10am-5pm  
Admission £2 per person, Children accompanied by an adult are free.

### **THE YORKSHIRE COAST FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

Saturday 25th September 2004 at The Spa Grand Hall, Scarborough (10 am to 4 pm) Admission £2 per person, Children that are Accompanied by an adult are free.

### **THE NORTH WEST GROUP OF FH SOCIETIES, 11TH ANNUAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR**

Saturday 2nd October 2004 -, Manchester Velodrome (The National Cycling Centre) 10 am to 4 pm

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## QUERY CORNER

JAMES WATTS - Clock Tower Cotton Waste Mill - Roy Pearson (Australia) - e-mail - roy\_pearson@bigpond.com

Roy is related to James WATTS. He knows the family were in Burnley and visited Burnley 5 years ago and visited the mill. He has, however, had no luck in tracking this family down and would appreciate any help in this task.

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ALDERSON - Mrs. J. Green - cetrind@talk21.com

Mrs Green is new to family history and is now stuck with one of the branches on her family tree.

Thomas ALDERSON was a rope maker who had his own rope works near Newchurch in Rossendale. According to the 1881 census, he was born in 1848 Burnley, but, as yet, Mrs Green has not found any record to support this. Thomas ALDERSON and his wife Emma had several children - George, Jane, James and Thomas and all the sons eventually worked in the rope works. James married Martha BANN from Macclesfield they had one son. Thomas ALDERSON (junior) married Winifred HOWARTH they had two daughters Freda Martha and Mavis. The family only started to move away from the area with the marriage of Freda Martha ALDERSON to Eric GREEN of Higher Lench Farm Waterfoot. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last January and have farmed in Oldham and Littleborough. Mrs Green would be pleased to hear from anyone with any links to the ALDERSONs.

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TIPPETT, THEXTON, EMMETT, GRAHAM, HARTLEY, LAYCOCK, SHACKELTON - Ann Hale - email - ann.hale1@ntlworld.com

Ann has links to the following families and wonders if any of our members are also linked to them. She would love to hear from anyone who thinks they have.

TIPPETT - Moved from Cornwall in the 1870's to live in Burnley Thomas married Agnes THEXTON in 1870's.

THEXTON moved from the Cartmel area to Burnley in 1860's.

EMMETT - lived in the Padiham/Gannow areas of Burnley in mid 1800s.

HARTLEY - lived in the Bury area before moving to Burnley in mid 1800s. Joseph married Mary Elizabeth LAYCOCK.

LAYCOCK - Lived in the Hapton area after moving from the Todmorden/Halifax area.

GRAHAM - lived in the Todmorden area in the mid 1800's (but born in Burnley) and moved to the Fylde. Robert married Ada HERDMAN from W. Derby area of Everton in 1880's.

SHACKELTON - lived in the Gannow area in the mid 1800's. Father George and daughter Elizabeth Ann who married Robert EMMETT.

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CASEY - D.S Casey – email - dscasey@ntlworld.com

Mike Casey is trying to trace his family history in Barnoldswick. His grandfather came to Barnoldswick around 1914 and lived in Arthur St. Mike would appreciate a few pointers to go in the right direction from here as his knowledge is rather sketchy.

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WILLIAMS - Joanne Williams - email - jomockford@hotmail.com

Joanne is searching for information about Frederick James WILLIAMS who is thought to have been born in Burnley on 24 Oct 1887, but could have been born elsewhere. Parents names are not known. Fred served as a regular soldier with the East Lancs Regt and was awarded the Military Medal in 1919.

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MOORHOUSE & HOWARTH. - Wendy Quayle - email - wquayle@westnet.com.au

Wendy's family are Solomon HOWARTH/HAWORTH who married Jane Ann MOORHOUSE on 2nd January 1864 recorded in Habergham Eaves, Lancashire. Solomon's father was George and Jane's father was James.. Solomon and Jane had a daughter Elizabeth born in Burnley approx 1865. Has anyone any information on this family?.

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HUGGON - Susan Nowak – email - nowak@clunet.edu

Susan is currently trying to track down where her great grandparents, Matthew HUGGON and Catherine Harkness HUGGON are buried. She has found them in Burnley in the 1891 census). Catherine died November 3, 1924 and is interred somewhere in Burnley. On a picture of her father's grave (from Arthuret Parish in Cumbria), the headstone lists the family and states that Catherine was interred in Burnley. Susan Nowak, 1031 Chalet Circle, Thousand Oaks, California 91362 USA.

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EDMONDSON, Barnoldswick - David Edmondson - email davidjedmonds@hotmail.com

David has come up against a 'brick wall' with his pursuit of his family genealogy. He has quite extensive records after the marriage of Robert EDMONDSON and Betty BEESLEY at St.Mary le Ghyll Church in Barnoldswick on 25th December 1833. This includes the couple on the 1841-71 Barnoldswick censuses and birth, marriage and death certificates from 1837. He has, however, never been able to trace the baptism of either Robert or Betty, or Robert's father. In addition to this a family 'legend' has persisted that Robert and Betty's son, John, died after training for running by drinking water from a contaminated tap. Again, David cannot find the facts to back this up. He would appreciate suggestions as to where he might try for information.

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John Smith, email - xlancsozy@bigpond.com, has a website, <http://www.xlancsozy.com> for ancestors of JOHN & LILLIAN SMITH (NEE LILY HOWSON) and asks if anyone can help by providing information to fill in some of the blanks. Associated surnames ACKROYD, ECROYD and variants, ABRHAM, BATTRUM, BREAKELL, CHADWICK, CHEETHAM, COOPER, GRANT, DE GREENWOOD, HALTON, HARTLEY, HODGSON, HOLTE, HUDSON, HUNTER, JACKSON, KAILEY, LONGTON, MAYOR, MOSS, TILL, PARK, POLLARD, RIDEHALGH, RILEY, RUSHWORTH, SHACKLETON, SHEPPARD, SMITH, STRUTT, SHANNON, LEIGHT WATERHOUSE, WATKINSON, BYRNES, HOWSON, WEBSTER, WILKINSON, MARSHALL, RENNOX, STEPHENSON, STEVENSON.

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MASSEY, DUST, ALMOND, LORD, CRANKSHAW, MARTIN, McGRATH, HOLT, BALDWIN, SANDERSON, TRIPPIER, MASON, CHEQUER, BUCKLEY, METCALFE,

Margaret Shearing - email - margaret.shearing@lineone.net

Margaret would like to hear from anyone who has links with her research interests. Her ancestors were originally in Haslingden and then moved to Burnley.

MASSEY - 1800s - William married Mary- children: Charlotte b1831, 2-Joseph b1836, Henry b1840, James b1845.

DUST from 1870s -John Robert married Polly Marsden - children: Margaret b1904 Edith Ellen [Helen?] Sally, Tom b1896, dWW1, Robert Henry b1901.

ALMOND from 1850.

LORD from 1883. William? married Emma DUST - children: Nancy, Martha b1886, Margaret Ann b1888, John, James, Thomas, William, Edith, Elizabeth.

CRANKSHAW from 1855. Henry married Charlotte MASSEY - children John W b1856, Charlotte b1867, H Emmanuel b1890.

MARTIN from 1894. Harry married Mary Alice MASSEY McGRATH from 1907. Daniel married Leah MASSEY and emigrated to Massachusetts circa 1912.

HOLT from about 1890. Richard married Elizabeth [Libby] Ann DUST -daughter Wilhena.

BALDWIN from 1906. Jack married Martha LORD - children, Jack b1910, Emma b1916, Dorothy b1920.

SANDERSON from 1903. Samuel married Martha MASSEY.

TRIPPIER from 1894. Hudson married Margaret DUST.

MASON from 1923. Harry married Edith Ellen [Helen?] DUST.

CHEQUER from 1911. Archie married Margaret Ann LORD, children Edith b1913, Eunice b1920.

BUCKLEY from about 1936.

METCALFE from 1942

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## USING YOUR PC (COMPUTER NOTES)

### USEFUL WEBSITES

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

An ongoing project by volunteers, to create a complete online database of the General Register Office (G.R.O.) indexes for births, marriages and deaths. The initial focus is on records over 100 years old. To date, about 70% have been entered.

<http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web/>

This is a pay-for-view site. The basic charge is 10p per page, but a minimum payment of £5 has to be made by credit card and there is a limit on the time that you have to use your credits. Only the first three letters of the surname are filed, so in some cases you may have to look at, and pay for, several pages before you get the correct one. Post-1984 data is available in a searchable database; pre-1984 data is available as scans of the G.R.O. indexes. which, you should remember, do contain many errors. Despite the limitations, it can save you journey time to Blackburn Library or the LDS FHC, by being able to search on PC.

<http://www.genuki.org.uk>

A large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. It covers various areas such as adoption, Methodist ancestors and military genealogy. Also contains advice on using the Internet for genealogy

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

A comprehensive directory of web resources for family history. Much of it is USA based and UK coverage is less detailed than [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

The official government source of genealogical data – parish registers civil registration and census records for Scotland. There is a free surname search but access to the records costs £6 for 30 'page credits' valid for 48 consecutive hours.

<http://www.census.pro.gov.uk/>

The 1901 census for England and Wales. The index is free to search but it is pay-for-view to see a scanned image of the census page. Vouchers to pay are available at most libraries. It has been found that there are many transcription errors and your ancestor may seem to be missing. You have to try various combinations of search – usually the less information you give, the more successful the search

<http://www.familysearch.org>

This is the website for the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and has the International Genealogical Index (IGI) and 1881 census for England and Wales. Remember the IGI is an index and it contains many errors. Nevertheless it is a very useful tool and will indicate which Parish Registers may contain information about your ancestors. There is a library catalogue where you can find whether the Parish Registers have been filmed.

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## STOP PRESS

### MILLS, MANSIONS AND CORNER SHOPS –

An introduction to A2A (Access to Archives) - Workshops

Introduction to A2A website – learn the best way to navigate the site. With focus on the North West 'Mills, Mansions and Corner Shops' project

Wednesday 19th May: Manchester Central Library, 11am – 12.30pm and 2 – 3.30pm.

Friday 21st May: Accrington Library 10-11am

Friday 21st May: Burnley Library 2-3pm

Monday 24th May: Lancashire Record Office 2 – 3.30pm

It is not necessary to book places, but for any further information please call Rosie McLure on 01772 534265

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## ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Items for publication should be sent to the Acting Editor – Brenda I Hustler, 49 Stone Edge Road, Barrowford, Nelson Lancashire BB9 6BB

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