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As our Silver Jubilee Year draws to a close, we would like to wish all our readers  
**A Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year,**  
 May you break down all those brick walls that have troubled you for so long.

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Our December meeting will be on Wednesday 8th December, and we will have our Christmas Festivities. The format will be similar to previous years, entertainment and quizzes, and a buffet supper. Tickets will be available at the November meeting.



## 1979 THE BRANCH SILVER JUBILEE 2004

As we come to the end of the Silver Jubilee year of our branch, it seems only fitting to report on what we did.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended with the exception of the March meeting, our AGM. (One can only wonder why so few members came). A Silver Jubilee exhibition was prepared which covered the activities of the branch over the past 25 years (and 48 feet of wall space), who we are, where we are and what we do and it explained what family history was all about. This was on display at Colne library throughout July and at Nelson library throughout October. The display coincided with a visit by the Lancashire Record Office Road-show to the library on Thursday, 21st October. Unfortunately the timing of the report in the Colne Times and Nelson Leader for both events was way off the mark. Although they recommended that people should visit the exhibition, the report on Colne library exhibition appeared in the Colne Times on the day that the exhibition was taken down, whilst that on the Nelson library exhibition was a week after it had been taken down. Nevertheless, there were some very complementary remarks about our display and our thanks go to all who helped with the events.

On October 2nd, we celebrated in great style with a lunch at Rosehill House Hotel. In addition to current members and guests, several of the founder members of the branch were able to attend. Members and guests were welcomed by our chairman, Jean, and a brief history of the branch was delivered by our secretary, Brenda, prior to the lunch. Our 'After Lunch' speaker was the well-known raconteur, Ian Dewhurst, MBE, who gave us a hilarious account of life in the early 20th century. Perhaps we should make it an annual event so that we keep in practice for our Golden Jubilee. Each attendee received a scroll to commemorate their attendance. Our thanks go to the members of the committee who organized an extremely enjoyable event. *See page 8 for branch history.*

On Saturday last, 13th November, our Annual Open Day was held at Colne Library. To quote one of our members who helped out at the event, "It was amazing, if a little unusual, to see a library more like Old Trafford on a big match day". All the helpers were kept busy from 10am until after 3.30pm with a constant stream of visitors. We would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to Christine Bradley, the reference librarian at Colne library, for her enthusiasm and help with the event. The television programme "Who do you think you are" has undoubtedly stimulated an interest in family history. Hopefully we will gain some new members as a result.

## LANCASHIRE BMD PROJECT

The first batch of marriages (14,936) for Burnley Registration District, comprising: Civil Marriage Registers (1847-1888, excluding 1878), have been input by members of the branch and are now on line. These marriage services may have taken place at either the Register Office itself or at any other non-registered Church or Chapel, where the civil registrar was present to register the event. This includes all Catholic and Non-Conformist Churches where the priest or minister was not licensed by the state to perform marriages. These records, along with many others, can be searched at [www.LancashireBMD.org.uk](http://www.LancashireBMD.org.uk) to facilitate the ordering of certificates. We are hoping to also have the database on our branch computer for members to search. The records for the rest of the marriages up to 1900 are being amended and a start is now being made on the birth indexes.

## PROGRAMME

The Programme of Events for 2005 will be available soon, as a card handout and can also be viewed on the website.

8 Dec 2004 Christmas Festivities (by ticket only)  
19 Jan 2005 Old Transport – Stuart James  
16 Feb 2005 Lancashire's Calderdale – Roger Frost  
16 Mar 2005 A Dales Odyssey – D Cairns  
30 Mar 2005 Practical Evening.

We are always looking for good and interesting speakers. If you know of any or there is someone special that you would like to hear, let me know about it. .

Tony Mason, Programme Secretary.

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## PROJECTS

Our members continue to be very busy on various projects.

**Parish Registers** - Work is progressing on transcriptions of St Bartholomew's Colne, baptisms and marriages; St Thomas', Barrowford, baptisms, marriages and burials; St Mary's Newchurch-in-Pendle, baptisms and marriages; St Peter's, Burnley, burials; - This project has been revisited since burials from 1896 to 1982 have been made available. We are taking this opportunity to add the names of the ministers to the transcriptions.

**Winewall Inghamites**; - Although the main transcriptions for baptisms and burials were done some while ago, the project has been widened to include the names of the ministers, additional notes, and lists of church members found in Burial Book 1. Some missing pages have been located and transcribed. The additional information is now being checked and possible missing records are being investigated.

**Burnley Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions**; - some of the transcriptions need checking against the headstones. Due to the bad weather and long grass, there is a delay on this. Some of the information can be found on the films of the cemetery registers. These are now in Burnley library.

Padiham Cemetery records are now at Burnley library. The burial books for St Leonard's Padiham are missing but the occupancy books are at Burnley cemetery.

**1901 Census index.** The name index of the 1901 census for Nelson has now been fully entered into a database. Work is now in progress on the index for Colne. A big thank-you to our members who spend hours at Nelson library doing this work. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this project should contact Christine Carradice, the Reference Librarian at Nelson Library.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in helping with any of the aforementioned projects.

Christine Windle, Project Coordinator – 01282 705894

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## LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

### BOOKS

“Some Documents of Barnoldswick Manor Court of Probate” (photostat copies).

“St Mary's Church, Nelson – Funeral Details (folder)

“History of Burnley” – Bennett (3 Vols) donated by Elizabeth Hampson, former chairman of the branch in its early days.

## MICROFICHE

Lancashire Parish Register Society: Bentham – Christenings, Marriages, Burials 1666-1812 – donated by Ralph Peacock.

1851 census – Hebden Bridge: HO 107/2288 – donated by Janet Riley.

CDs

National Burial Index. – 2nd edition.

Forty Miles Around Manchester 1795

The History of Lancashire - Baines 1868

Lancashire 1828/9 Pigot's Directory

Lancashire 1855 Slater's Directory

Manchester 1855 Slater's Directory

Lancashire 1895 Kelly's Directory

Please remember that when you are taking microfiche from the storage drawer, you must ALWAYS put in a marker card to replace the fiche and on returning the fiche to the drawer, make sure that you replace the fiche in the correct place, not where someone else's marker card is. A misplaced fiche is a lost fiche. Once lost, many of the fiche cannot be replaced or are very expensive to replace.

Members may borrow items from the library for one month. You must, however, have up-to-date membership. Your membership number has been included on your name badge. You must fill in the loans book including your membership number. We have some considerable financial outlay on CDs now, so in order to keep a check on our resources, **CDs must be booked out by Margaret, the librarian, on meeting nights and you must be in current membership of the Society.**

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian.

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## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### CITY OF YORK FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

New Earswick Folk Hall 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 12th March 2005.

### MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Hulme Hall, Bolton Rd, Port Sunlight, Wirral

Sunday 13th March 2005 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

### NORTHERN FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Civic Hall, Pudsey 10 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday 19th March 2005

### STOCKPORT TOWN HALL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Stockport Town Hall, Wellington Rd South, Stockport

Sunday 3rd April 2005 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

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## RECIPE FOR FURNITURE CREAM

Submitted by Christine Windle

From a booklet of handy hints contributed by parishioners at St Paul's Church, Burnley circa 1905.

1 oz white castile soap; 2 oz brown wax; 2½ oz white wax;  
1 pint turpentine; 3 gills water;

Scrape the soap and cover it with the water until softened; scrape the wax and put with the turpentine in a wide necked bottle, shake it frequently till dissolved then add the water.

## FINDING BAPTISTS IN BARNOLDSWICK

Submitted by Pip Cowling.

If you are researching your family history in the Barnoldswick and Salterforth area, you will know that it is not always easy to find the records you need.

After the 1974 boundary changes which moved Barnoldswick and Salterforth from Yorkshire into Lancashire, historical records went variously to the Record Offices in Preston, Northallerton, and Wakefield, and if you are looking for Non-Conformist records, those which have survived are often particularly hard to find.

I was researching the family of my Great Great Grandfather Benjamin Hodgson, who was born in Salterforth in 1829. I spent a year searching Salterforth and Colne censuses, the GRO Indexes, and the Parish records of St Mary-le-Ghyll and the Bridge Baptist Chapel, Barnoldswick, and this led me eventually to Benjamin's father's Will at the Borthwick Institute in York. The Will confirmed that Benjamin was the youngest of 12 children of Samuel Hodgson, a handloom weaver of Barnoldswick and Salterforth.

A transcript of the Bridge Baptist Chapel records (available on fiche from LFHHS) was very useful, as they contained the baptisms of Samuel's first 7 children, born between 1797 and 1812 to his first wife Nanny, his second wife Ann, and his third wife Fanny Hartley, whom he married at the Ghyll Church in 1806. After 1812, no further baptisms for the family were recorded. By 1841, Samuel was living in Laneshaw Bridge with son Benjamin, aged 11, and yet another wife, Mary, a Heald Knitter, born in Kilnsey, Yorks. He was still married to Mary at the time of his death, aged 82, in 1850.

I desperately wanted to find the baptisms of the 5 younger children, including Benjamin, so that I could fill in the gap between 1812 and 1841, and also establish whether Benjamin's mother was Fanny Hartley, or Mary the Heald Knitter. A clue as to where to look came from the signature of a witness to Samuel's Will – "Thomas Bennett, Baptist Minister, Barnoldswick".

From previous research, I knew that Thomas Bennett had been the Minister at Bethesda Baptist Church at Barnoldswick. I searched in vain for records of Bethesda Baptist Church, until Mr Dennis Cairns of Barnoldswick Local History Society came to my rescue with the information that some Baptist records had been deposited at the West Yorkshire Archives at Wakefield.

This was where I struck gold in the form of Collection C249, Bethesda Baptist Church, Barnoldswick. This collection contains some of the Church Meeting records, Deacons' Minute Books and Sunday School Registers; a Church book 1689 – 1831, and Members Rolls 1785 – 1858. The Members Rolls list baptisms, and also the names of members, the names of subscribers, and the names of those who "sat down" to teas and suppers.

You can imagine how delighted I was when I turned a page of the Members Rolls and saw the Baptism of Benjamin Hodgson, son of Samuel and Fanny Hodgson, born May 24th 1829, as well as finding the earlier baptisms of his three sisters and his brother, all born to Fanny.

In addition to Collection C249 for Bethesda Baptists, West Yorkshire Archives also hold Barnoldswick Baptist Chapel /Bridge Chapel Births 1785 – 1837, Deaths 1786 – 1834 (PRO Fiche Reference RG 39300). Information on this fiche

duplicates some of the information in Collection C249, and in the Bridge Baptist transcript; but each source contains references which are not in the other two, so it is well worth searching all three sources for your Barnoldswick Baptist family.

I would be willing to brave Wakefield's baffling one-way traffic system to search these records for any member who can't get to Wakefield. Write to 33 Windhill Old Road, Bradford, BD10 0SE, or email [pipcowling@hotmail.com](mailto:pipcowling@hotmail.com)

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## OLD NEWS

Extract from "Colne and Nelson Times" – Friday, September 11th, 1903 Submitted by Margaret Heap.

### HERE AND THERE – COLNE 60 YEARS AGO

A description of a visit to Colne over 60 years ago, when the country had in operation a fiscal system to which people would prefer to return, may be of some interest to our readers.

Dr Cooke Taylor, an Irish physician, made a long tour of the manufacturing districts of Lancashire in the summer of 1842, and he gave us some striking word-pictures of those "good old times". Concerning his visit to Colne he says: - "I went into the market place and addressed myself to the most intelligent looking of the many idle operatives by whom it was crowded. I asked him to guide me to the streets where the unemployed people resided, that I might see with my own eyes the conditions to which they had been reduced. As I had never been in this part of the country before, it was impossible for me to select specimens, and I took care that my guide should not select them, for though he had led me to the street, I took the houses at random. In all I visited 83 dwellings selected at hazard. They were destitute of furniture, save old boxes for tables and stools, or even large stones for chairs. The beds were composed of straw, or shavings, sometimes with torn pieces of carpet or packing canvass for a covering and sometimes without any kind of covering whatever. The food was oatmeal and water for breakfast, flour and water with a little skimmed milk for dinner. Oatmeal and water again formed the third meal for those who were lucky enough to get three meals a day. I was informed in 15 families that their children went without blue milk on alternate days, and I was an eye-witness to children appeasing the cravings of hunger by eating the decayed vegetables and roots they could pick up in the market. I saw a woman in the very last stage of attenuation, suckling an infant, which could scarcely draw a single drop of nutriment from her exhausted breast. I enquired of the child's age, and was told it was 15 months. The mother had not weaned it for fear that if she added another mouth to her scant supply of oatmeal, they would all starve together. I was told there had been several deaths from sheer starvation. Our neighbours were in no better a position. From Colne, this observer rode over to Burnley, and this is what he saw: Groups of idlers stood in the middle of the street, their faces haggard with famine. I went up to some of them and entered into conversation. They were perfectly candid and communicative, for the men of this part of Lancashire retain much of the sturdy independence of the ancient foresters. They will go miles to do you a service, but they will not stir an inch to homage to wealth or station. They assured me they did not want charity, but employment, and they willingly travelled miles to obtain a job, however heavy the labour, and however wretched the remuneration.

## SCHOOLDAYS IN NELSON

Submitted by Joan Metcalfe

Did you, or your parents, or even grandparents, go to Nelson Grammar School, previously Nelson Secondary School? Rather disconcertingly, for those of us who think we are still young - after all it doesn't seem very long since we left - many of the records of those years have turned into 'archives' and can be found in the care of the Lancashire Record Office. Recently, I spent some time looking at the catalogue entries for deposited items and was surprised at the wealth of material to be found. The overall title is, of course, now **Walton High School, Nelson** - with the LRO reference SML20. An introductory paragraph states -

"Walton High School was created in 1972 by the amalgamation of Nelson Grammar and Walverden County Secondary Schools. Records of Nelson Grammar School 1945-1972 and of its predecessor Nelson Secondary School 1895-1945 are included in this collection. Records of Walverden County Secondary School can be found in SML17."

The material is divided into subject areas as listed below, and I give a brief summary of what each contains. Several sub-divisions enable a researcher to locate a specific document, or records of a particular date.

SML20/1 Governing Body - Reports by Head to Governors' meetings, 1914-1937.

SML20/2 Log Books - Only SML20/2/1, October 1948-July 1953 is available.

Later Log Books are closed to 2028 and beyond, 50 years after the last entry in them.

SML20/3 Staff Records - Staff registers to 1948, but closed from 1943 onwards. However this section does contain some career statistics for those members of staff who joined before 1943.

SML20/4 Pupil Records - Admission registers 1901-1952.

Leavers books with notes and statistics, 1941-1951. Closed afterwards to 2021.

SML20/5 House Records - Assheton: House books 1923-1963 (but some gaps). Sports results, 1950s mostly but not all years.

Clayton: No 'old' records. House books, girls 1964-1972, boys 1965-1972.

Shuttleworth: House books, boys 1926-1953, and 1962-1963, girls 1968-1972.

Thursby: No 'old' records. House books, girls 1964-1970

Based on a sample examination of the 1947/48 boys book for Shuttleworth, these house books give a lot of information. It seems the notes were kept by a boy appointed each year as secretary. There is a list of the new boys placed in the house at the start of the school year, and most of the rest is devoted to sports matters. Football reports give teams/positions, accounts of the matches, goalscorers, etc. Also for the Junior team. Cricket reports give teams and full scorecards with bowling analyses. Similarly Swimming and Chess results are given and the Sports Day report lists the events and individuals competing, with ages and forms.

SML20/6 Society Records - Debating Society: minute books and notes on debates, from 1942.

French Society: minute books 1952-1964.

History/Geography Society: minute books 1954-1962.

SML20/6/10, in this category, is a record of an Expedition to Central Iceland by Trevor McDermott, 2 August-18 September 1951, with the British Schools Exploring Society.

SML20/7 Sports Records - 1915-1958 Cricket/football stock and records book. Other records can be found in house books and the photograph section.

SML20/8 Prospectus & Regulations - 1915-1972, but big gap 1943 to 1971, and other smaller gaps. Also some for the 1980s with 'Notes for Parents'.

SML20/9 Magazines - Nelson Secondary School Magazine 1922-1935. Annual editions of "The Torch" 1936-1972.

SML20/10 Photographs - A large collection from 1930 onwards - football, cricket, tennis and hockey teams, prefects, staff and pupils 1955 and 1957. Later, (1962 to 1980s) form photographs and drama/musical productions.

SML20/11 Miscellaneous, for example

SML20/11/1 Souvenir booklet 1930, the opening of the new building for Nelson Secondary School.

SML20/11/3 Old students who served in World War 2.

SML20/11/6 Obituary, George Mutch, Headmaster.

I would be willing to supply further information from this source, should any Pendle & Burnley Branch member like more detail. Please would any enquirers write to me, Joan Metcalfe, at 15 Shaftesbury Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0AY.

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## FROM THE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE

Some of you may know and some may not, that Samira, the wife of our Society Chairman, Tony Foster, has been extremely ill for some time now. Consequently, Tony is not able to pursue family history to the extent that he has in the past. We send our good wishes to the family.

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## QUERY CORNER

SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, BURNLEY - Joan Bowman [jbowman@jumpnet.com.au](mailto:jbowman@jumpnet.com.au)

Joan's grand parents were married in St Paul's Church on Manchester Rd, Burnley in 1911. She would dearly love a photo of the church, which was pulled down some years ago. If any member has such a photograph, Joan would be pleased to hear from you.

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EMMOTT - Barry Emmott 59 Oxhey Lane, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 4AY

[BarryEmmott@BazzaSoft.freemove.co.uk](mailto:BarryEmmott@BazzaSoft.freemove.co.uk)

Barry is particularly interested in the Emmott family of Colne, and has a website about EMMOTTs at <http://mysite.freemove.com/emmott-family>

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SANDERSON, DUXBURY - Norma (Duxbury) Haines, Ontario, Canada, [matrix243@sympatico.ca](mailto:matrix243@sympatico.ca)

Norma has found that her SANDERSON Family were from Burnley. She has Jabez SANDERSON, wife Elizabeth nee PARKINTON and their son William b. Nov. 1865. She is also researching DUXBURY, specifically Robert Joseph DUXBURY (her gr-grandfather) born c. 1828.

ROBSON Virginia Robson-Hull, Mem. No. 7930, Wensum Farm Cottage, Pockthorpe, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 8SZ

James P ROBSON and Thomas Pilling ROBSON were the sons of Joseph ROBSON, registrar at Colne Cemetery in 1901. In the 1901 census James P ROBSON has the occupation 'Candidate for Pupil Teacher'. His brother, Thomas Pilling ROBSON went on to own a drapery shop at 26 Market Street, Colne until 1934. Virginia would like to find more information about these two boys who were her grandfather's cousins. In particular she would like to know if James pursued a career as a teacher. Virginia is also trying to find the emigration date for her grandfather, also called Joseph ROBSON, who left Colne for Canada, along with friends Gilbert PINDER, Issy (Israel) BRENNANDS and Tom BRENNANDS. Finally Virginia would like to find who the parents of Alfred and Ellen ROBSON are. In the 1881 census, Alfred (b 1873) and Ellen (b 1879) are living with Matthew and Ann ROBSON at Cemetery House and are described as nephew and niece. In 1891 and 1901 they are living with Ann ROBSON at Moseley Street and described as grandson and granddaughter. Neither of them are listed in the baptism registers for Colne St Bartholomew's, St John's Great Marsden, St Paul's Little Marsden, St Thomas' Barrowford, or Christ Church, Colne.

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FERGUSON – Peter Ferguson [psferguson@lineone.net](mailto:psferguson@lineone.net)

Peter's ancestor, Dr James McLanachan FERGUSON was a Physician & Surgeon in Burnley. He, together with his wife, Isabella (Sybella) and family lived (& practiced?) at 68-70 Colne Rd Burnley in 1901. He died 1943. They had 3 children, all born in Burnley:- Archibald born 1886, died 1936, Elspeth Helen born 1888, married Donal Walton, Mary Isabella born 1891. These are all the details that Peter has on this family once they surfaced in Burnley. Peter would greatly appreciate any information that would add to his knowledge about them and their lives.

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BARRITT, HARTLEY, RYCROFT - Dawn McCready [mccready@tesco.net](mailto:mccready@tesco.net)

Dawn is looking for any information on either the BARRITTS of Foulridge or the HARTLEYS of Noyma Farm or the RYCROFTs of Habergham Eaves (it is thought that they were Inghamites). She is led to believe that Robert BARRITTS married Olive HARTLEY at Christ Church in Colne before 1850. They had 3 sons - Rev. Alfred married Agnes (Deaconess), Isaac married? David married Sarah PICKLES. They also had 2 Daughters - Charlotte married Mathew LUND, Margaret Anne married John RYCROFT (Margaret and John were born in 1863). John was born at 19 Glebe Laud Place Habergham Eaves, 07/03/1863. John RYCROFT's father was Joseph and mother was Mary FOULDS. Joseph also had two more wives names unknown. Joseph set up a business in Colne as a Provisions Merchant at the corner of Earl Street and Albert Road. He also owned the Union Bank property next door. John and Margaret RYCROFT had 6 sons and 1 daughter. Joseph born 1886, William Alfred he married his fathers first cousin Lizzie BARRITT, David Stanley, Harry Cecil, John Milton (died age 2) born around 1884, Baby boy died ?, Olive Mary. Dawn has more information if anyone is linked with this family.

HAWORTH, HARGREAVES, WOOD, HIGGIN, BOND BRITCLIFFE - Hilary Bracewell (Canada) Mem No 7977 - [hilary.bracewell@rogers.com](mailto:hilary.bracewell@rogers.com)

Hilary asks if any one had any connection to some of these Sabden/Heyhouses families?

John HAWORTH b 1801 and married 1824 to Ellen HARGREAVES

John and Ann HARGREAVES - parents of Ellen.

Joseph WOOD m 1829 to Elizabeth HIGGIN b 1810

Richard and Margaret HIGGIN - parents of Elizabeth.

Robert BRITCLIFFE and Annas HAWORTH b 1833.

Havelock BOND and Margaret Ellen HAWORTH b 1860

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BRACEWELL John, Brian White

[brian\\_pg\\_white@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brian_pg_white@yahoo.co.uk)

Brian is trying to find details of a John Bracewell who, it is thought, was born in Trawden in 1871. On Free BMD there are two references - March 1870 Burnley & Sep 1870 Burnley. Brian has a marriage certificate for John BRACEWELL to Alice DUERDEN on 27/01/1894 at Burnley Registry Office. John's age was given as 23 years and he was living at Willow Moor Trawden. There is no father's name shown for John. It was originally thought that John was a John William BRACEWELL whose father was Robert Emmott BRACEWELL but that does not appear to be correct now. John would appreciate any information on John BRACEWELL

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SAGAR, BERRY, COWGILL, CRABTREE Sheila Wade Mem No. 7840 [sheila.wade@nevismail.net](mailto:sheila.wade@nevismail.net)

Sheila is researching her SAGAR family and is now working on the Ann BERRY who married Henry SAGAR - this is being made more difficult by the fact that there were several Ann BERRYs born about the same time. Also another Ann BERRY married Henry's brother Oates SAGAR. Sheila has another connection to Colne area with Martha COWGILL who married Isaac RHODES in Bradford 2 July 1830. Martha COWGILL was born about 1807, and seems most likely to be the daughter of James & Ellen COWGILL of Priestfield/Spouthouses. Sheila has visited Colne library several times and collected details from the parish registers and census returns. She has several connections between Colne and the Bradford area, and the link seems to be a CRABTREE family in Bradford. If anyone has connections to this family or has further details of them, she would be pleased to hear from you.

Sheila is descended from the SAGARs of Catlow, and has been in touch with John SAGAR at the Guild of One Name Studies, and also has a copy of John Bentley's book.

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## CHANGES IN CIVIL REGISTRATION

The Government's Regulatory Reform Committee has been meeting recently to make a decision on the proposed changes in regulations governing the availability of certificates. It would appear that under the revised model, the point at which registration records become historic would be 75 years for births and 25 years for deaths. Government action isn't far away.

So if you need any certificates for births, marriages or deaths, which are less than 100 years old, **GET THEM NOW**, before it is too late!!!

## **PATE, ASTWOOD, PICKLES FAMILIES**

Bob Dobson, the second hand book dealer, donated a large dictionary to the branch which has some information about these families written in the first few pages.

Margaret PATE, born Sept 22nd 1800, died Jan 5th 1869, interred at Walmsley Church, Bury

Whitaker PATE, born Apr 27th 1802, died Feb 21st 1856, interred at All Saints Church, Manchester

John PATE, born May 31st 1803, died Nov 24th 1840, interred at St Peter's Church, Burnley

Henry PATE, born Oct.11th 1806, died Feb 1st 1869, interred at Burnley Cemetery

James PATE, born Sep 29th 1808, died Jun 26th 1843, interred at St Peter's Church, Burnley

Archable PATE, born Sep 14th 1810, died May 17th 1881, interred at Burnley Cemetery

Lindley PATE, born Oct 23rd 1812, died Aug 26th 1885, interred St Peter's Church, Burnley

Rose PATE, born Nov 28th 1814, died Sep 5th 1872, interred at Burnley Cemetery

Elizabeth PATE, born Dec 5th 1816, died Jan 2nd 1886, interred at Burnley Cemetery

James PATE, father of the above, born 1778, died Sep 30th 1845, interred at St Peter's Church, Burnley

Mary PATE, mother of the above, born 1778, died, Sept 2nd 1852, interred at St Peter's Church, Burnley.

David ASTWOOD, born Mar 22nd 1784, died March 22nd 1866 aged 82 years, interred at Masham

Ann ASTWOOD, wife of the above, died, Oct 20th 1850 aged 69, interred at Masham

### **Children**

Mary ASTWOOD, born Mar 22nd 1809, died Aug 20th 1887, aged 78, interred at Thirsk

William ASTWOOD, born Mar 3rd 1811, died Apr 13th 1879 aged 68, interred at Masham

Edmund ASTWOOD, born Jul 26th 1813, died Jan 25th 1884, aged 70, interred at Healey

Ann ASTWOOD, born Jun 22nd 1816, died Nov 10th 1879 aged 63, interred at Masham

Thomas ASTWOOD, born Nov 1st 1819, died Jul 9th 1842, aged 23, interred at Masham

George ASTWOOD, born Jun 30th 1822, died Nov 1st 1895, aged 73, interred at Burnley Cemetery

Elizabeth ASTWOOD, wife of the above Geo ASTWOOD, born Dec 5th 1816, died Jan 2nd 1886, interred at Burnley Cemetery

### **Children**

Thomas ASTWOOD, born Apr 23 1850, died Apr 23 1850, interred at Knaresbro Church Yard

Mary ASTWOOD, born Apr 17 1851, died Apr 17, 1851, interred at St Peter's Church Yard

Mary Ann ASTWOOD, born Dec 23 1852, died Dec 11 1855, interred at St Peter's Church Yard

George Edward ASTWOOD, born Aug 9 1855, died Oct 24 1855, interred at St Peter's Church Yard

George ASTWOOD, born Aug 6 1857, died Oct 6, 1929, interred Burnley Cemetery

James ASTWOOD, born Nov 6 1859, died Jul 26, 1865, interred, Cemetery, Burnley

John PATE born Jun 27, 1841, died May 22nd 1857, interred at Cemetery, Burnley.

George ASTWOOD, born Aug 6 1857, died Oct 6th 1929, interred at Burnley Cemetery

Charlotte ASTWOOD, wife of the above Geo ASTWOOD, born Jul 12 1859, died Dec 11th 1928, interred at Burnley Cemetery

### **Children**

Lottie ASTWOOD, born Oct 14 1885

Elizabeth ASTWOOD, born Apr 19 1887, died Oct 28th 1887, interred at Burnley Cemetery

James ASTWOOD, born Dec 12 1888, died May 20th 1890, interred at Burnley Cemetery

Maggie ASTWOOD, born Sep 20, 1890, died Dec 25 1960, interred at Burnley Cemetery

William George ASTWOOD, born Jun 25th, 1892, died Mar 26th 1927, interred at Burnley Cemetery.

Also in the dictionary, there were also some loose pages that had been torn from a family bible containing the following information.

William PICKLES, born Jul 2 1829

Mary Ann PICKLES born 1828

### **Children**

Mary Alice born Aug 3 1854

George born May 4 1856

Lauson born Aug 16 1857

Charlotte born Jul 12 1859

Threasa born Jul 27 1861

Eliza born Apr 17 1863

William born 1867

Maggie born July 1 1868

Daniel born 1870

William PICKLES' son George PICKLES born Oct 11 1875

### **Marriages**

George PICKLES married Elizabeth TOMLINSON 1875

Threasa PICKLES married William EASTWOOD Sep 28 1882

Charlotte PICKLES married George ASTWOOD, Dec 21 1882

Lawson PICKLES married Mary A THORNTON, Jan 1st 1885

### **Deaths**

William PICKLES died Jan 19 1873

Daniel PICKLES died Oct 1 1871

Elizabeth PICKLES, wife of George PICKLES died Oct 19 1875

Maryam PICKES died Jun 27 1897

William PICKLES died Jul 27 1898

Mary PICKLES died July

Mary Alice PICKLES died 6th Jun 1901

Theresa EASTWOOD died 7th Sep 1915

William EASTWOOD died 21st Oct 1920

George PICKLES died 24 Mar.1921

Margaret PICKLES died Dec 25th 1936

If you recognize any of these names, please get in touch with branch secretary, Brenda I Hustler. We are already in contact with someone who is descended from these families.

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - DO IT NOW.**

Membership renewal forms will be included in your November issue of 'Lancashire' the society's journal. If you enjoy our meetings and newsletter, don't forget to send in your renewal. .

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## COMPUTER NOTES

### USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/resources/ps/castle/>

An interesting site which details the history of Lancaster Castle. Centuries ago, this was the main place where justice was administered and where many famous trials took place including that of the Lancashire Witches. It includes a searchable database for convicts who were transported.

<http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>

A digital historical map archive for Britain where you can see maps of the neighbourhood where your ancestors used to live over a hundred years ago.

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/jeffery.knaggs/Instuts>

An index to Institutions in the 1901 Census of England and Wales. It includes only those institutions that were enumerated separately from ordinary households, not those small ones that were enumerated amongst the surrounding houses.

<http://www.ellislandrecords.org>

A searchable database of people who entered the United States of America via the Ellis Island immigration port dating from 1892 to the 1920s.

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/oldmap/index.asp>

Old maps of Lancashire. The original paper maps from which these digital versions were scanned are held in the Lancashire Record Office, where they can be inspected. They also offer for sale maps on CD-ROM, currently Hennessey and Yates (Lancashire), Jeffery's (Yorkshire) and a 3 CD-ROM set of 1:2500 first editions (c.1893) of pre-1974 Lancashire. Contact them direct if you are interested.

<http://www.archives.lancashire.gov.uk>

The website for Lancashire Record Office – They have updates on what's new at their archives.

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## BITS & PIECES

Many of us have 'spare information' such as information that is included on a page of a register or census that we have printed. Some of it may be of use to other members, even if it is out of our area. Many of us have families who moved about a lot, even to different parts of the country. Several of us are from families who moved into Lancashire and Yorkshire from the south.

### DEAN

Steven Broadley, one of our branch members, has some information from a family bible about a DEAN family.

George DEAN	b 1830
Alice Ann DEAN	Feb 1855
Elizabeth DEAN	Feb 1855
David DEAN	Dec 1856
Susannah DEAN	Jun 1857
Mary Jane DEAN	Jul 1862
William DEAN	Jan 1864
David DEAN	Mar 1867
Emma DEAN	Nov ????
Mary Emma DEAN	Feb 1875

For more information contact Steven Broadley – Telephone number available from Brenda – branch secretary.

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Extract from the 1851 census for Paddington, Marylebone

Submitted by Mary Jackson.

19 Westbourne Street, Paddington, Marylebone  
Frances RUSSELL, wife, M, 44, b Melton Mowbray Leics  
Elizabeth dau, U, 14, b Paddington Mdx  
Eleanor dau, U, 11, “ “  
Georgina dau, U, 10, “ “  
Norreys son, U, 8, “ “  
Fanny dau, U, 2, “ “  
Rachael dau, U, 7 m, “ “  
Mary BULLIVANT, vis, U, 69, b Wymondham, Leics  
Emily BARRETT, serv, U, 20, b Wicken, Northampton  
Ann FAUX, serv, U, 55, b Norfolk  
Sarah SILWOOD serv, U, 50, b Shepherds Bush, Mdx  
Ann GOLDEN, serv, U, 26, b Lyndhurst, Hants.  
Ann PENNESTONE, serv, U, 21, b Saxby, Leics  
John ASHBY serv, U, 25, b Tonbridge Wells, Sussex

18 Westbourne Street, Paddington, Marylebone  
Lousa MATHEWS 55, b Epping, Essex, Housekeeper

The following entry is a continuation from a previous page.

17 Westbourne Street, Paddington  
Mary C MARTINEAU, dau, U, 20, b St.Lukes, Mdx  
Caroline A “ dau, U, 7, b Paddington, Mdx  
Henry DONOGHUE serv, U, 22, b Walthamstow, Mdx,  
Footman  
Elizabeth BRUN\*\*TON, serv, U, 25, b Beeston, Notts,  
Nursemaid  
Hannah YARDLEY, serv, U, 25, b Windsor, Berks,  
Housemaid  
Fanny BRASIER serv, U, 29, b Norfolk Cook

NB Caroline A Martineau appears on the 1881 census aged 37 at 1 Clifton Place with her mother, Lucy a widow aged 78 and her sister Mary “S” age 30, which should probably be 50, as there is a Mary Constance Martineau born 16. 10.1830 to Richard Martineau and Lucy Needham, according to the Vital Records Index.

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## STOP PRESS

### DOREEN CROWTHER

We are sad to report that Doreen Crowther died last week. Although Doreen was never a member of the society, she, along with Gladys Whittaker, one of the founder members of our branch, did an enormous amount of sterling work in transcribing parish registers & census. These transcriptions, many of which are hand-written, are in our branch library and have benefitted many people over the past 25 years.

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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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See page 8 for “A brief history of the branch”

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## THE FIRST 25 YEARS - A BRIEF HISTORY OF PENDLE AND BURNLEY BRANCH

Submitted by Brenda I Hustler

Over the past 15 months, as time and other commitments have allowed, I have been searching for information on the branch in order to write a silver jubilee booklet charting its history. Consequently, I was asked to give a 3-minute talk on the history of the branch, at our jubilee lunch. A few members asked me to publish the talk, so here it is – 25 years in 3 minutes.

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The inaugural meeting of Pendle Family History Society was held on May 22nd 1979 at Colne library. There was, however, a functional Family History Group in Pendle prior to this. It was instigated by Wilfred Spencer, the librarian at Colne and included Gladys Whittaker, Doreen Crowther and members of Wilfred's WEA classes. This group worked on transcribing the early Colne Parish Registers.

By the early 1970s, Frank Fell from Bury, had heard about the Pendle group and came to see Wilfred and Gladys, to discuss forming a Family History Society. After due consideration, the Pendle group decided they would prefer to remain separate and do their 'own thing'. As we now know Frank did eventually form a group that became the Rossendale Society for Genealogy and Heraldry (RSGH). Unfortunately, Wilfred Spencer died of cancer in 1975.

By the late 1970's, Edgar Diamond, Walter Stafford, and one or two others had joined the Rossendale Society, and whilst attending a Family History Conference at Whalley Abbey in 1979, Walter met up with Gladys and told her that they were trying to get a Pendle Family History Society going and persuaded her to go to the inaugural meeting. Twenty people attended this meeting, and although there was some opposition because there was already a Colne Local History Society, nevertheless, Pendle Family History Society was formed. By the end of the meeting, a committee had been elected with Ken Tranmer, Chairman, Walter Stafford, Secretary, John Ledwick Treasurer and Mr C Harteley as Programme Secretary. Sadly, some members, of the original transcription group including Doreen Crowther, never did join the society but continued doing their own thing.

The new society had no funds, no resources but lots of enthusiasm. In the early years, one of the main concerns was fund raising and to this end, they held a fancy dress historical evening, with Tudor dancing. Speakers were arranged for meetings and there were out-visits to various 'stately homes' in Lancashire. The first projects were recording memorial inscriptions at the various burial grounds. There are anecdotes about some of the more petite members being lost in the tall grass of graveyards, but I have yet to investigate these.

In the second year Pauline McLoughlin, Joan Gray, and David Turner joined Ken and Walter on the committee. Beth Holgate replaced Ken as chairman in 1981 and this team held office for a further three years. At the end of their terms of office, the branch boasted funds of £355.58p.

In 1981, it was decided to hold a 'Library Night' where members would bring their own genealogy books or magazines and work began on transcribing and indexing the 1851 census. It was also suggested that a 10-minute coffee break should be tried to see if this would improve meeting

nights and Pendle FHS became a branch of the Rossendale Society. At the time, there was some concern that the name Rossendale could be misleading and Lancashire would be more appropriate. This concern was addressed in 1984 when the name was changed to Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society.

Pendle branch organized and hosted the first annual dinner for the society in January 1982, and have since hosted the dinner twice more, in 1990, and in 2002. The Pendle Libraries Local History Prize was awarded to members of the branch three times in the space of four years in the early 1980s. The memorial inscriptions records were bound into books and these became the foundation of the branch library. 1983 saw several changes in the branch. Walter stood down as secretary, but remained a committee member until 1999; Pauline also resigned having moved to the higher echelons of the Society as assistant treasurer; Bob Abel transferred his allegiance from Bury branch to Pendle and Beth became chairman of the Rossendale Society and subsequently resigned as branch chairman. Bob was originally approached by the committee, to sell raffle tickets, but he went on to succeed Beth as chairman, a post that he held for 20 years with the exception of a couple of years break in 1991 and 1992.

By 1986, two other young ladies, Christine Haworth and Sheila Birkett had joined the committee. Both must have liked it because they are still active members within the branch – unless it is that they are just gluttons for punishment. Two years later, Gladys Whittaker and Norah Skelton became the branch librarians and by the end of 1988, various parish and chapel registers had been transcribed. In the following year, work began on the 1881 census project in conjunction with the Federation of Family History Societies and this work continued until 1994.

The branch name was changed to Pendle and Burnley in January 1995, to reflect the area we covered. During the 1990s, membership of the committee changed with Malcolm Bullock, Peter Harris, Ken Lupton, Sheila Markendale, Derek Mills and Sheila Richmond, all serving in some capacity or other. Work continued on various projects and exhibitions were held at Colne, Nelson and Burnley libraries and at Pendle Heritage Centre.

The 21st century saw the branch enter the age of technology when, thanks to a lottery grant, we bought a computer, a printer, and software. The first issue of our branch newspaper was published in February 2001 and in July 2002 our branch website went 'live' on the Internet. Last year, work began on the Lancashire BMD project and indexing the 1901 census for Pendle. In July this year, we had our Silver Jubilee Exhibition at Colne Library and this was on display throughout October, at Nelson Library.

That brings us to our Silver Jubilee Lunch. Members were asked for ideas on how to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our branch but only one reply was received. On behalf of you all, I would like to thank Peter Walsh for his excellent suggestion of a Sunday lunch rather than an evening dinner with Ian Dewhirst as the speaker.

I can't help but think that Wilfred Spencer is looking down on us and smiling with satisfaction at the progress we have made in the last 25 years. I just hope he is chiding our ancestors for hiding so many pieces of the massive jigsaw that is "Family History".