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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for LFH&HS

### Have you renewed your membership? If not, then why not do it NOW?

If you don't receive your green 'Lancashire' magazine later this month, check that you have renewed your membership. The magazine is only sent out to members.

Think of all the benefits you get from membership – 'Lancashire' the society's magazine and 'The Gazette' our branch newsletter, both issued 4 times a year. You can borrow books and CDs from our branch library and use the databases on our branch computer. There are 13 branches of LFH&HS and as a member you can go to any of their meetings. See the 'Lancashire' magazine or the society's website for their programmes. Best of all, there is all the help and advice and friendship that you can get from other members.

## BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15th 2006

### The following officials are due for re-election at this year's Branch A.G.M.

To serve for TWO years: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Minutes Secretary, Librarian, Executive Liaison Officer, Programme Secretary, Editor for the Gazette Committee Members.

Jean Ingham (Chairman), Margaret Heap (Librarian and Minutes Secretary), David Hustler (Executive Liaison Officer), Tony Mason (Programme Secretary), Janet Knowles and Moira Whittaker (Committee Members) are all willing to stand for office again, but we need a Vice-chairman and an Editor for 'The Gazette'.

Nominations for any of the above offices, with consent of nominee, (in writing) should reach the Branch Secretary by one week before the AGM.

A Nomination Sheet was available at the January meeting and will be available at the February meeting. Branch members were asked to propose or second those who had volunteered to continue serving on the branch committee. Sadly, only one person took the trouble to propose someone. Was the lack of response because you are not interested or was it that you just couldn't be bothered? Without a committee the branch will cease to function and all the branch resources will be returned to the Society.

Although attendance at last year's A.G.M. was slightly better than in 2004, it was still poor. Your committee work hard on your behalf and deserve your support. Attending the A.G.M is your chance to demonstrate your support and is an opportunity to express your opinions of the way the branch is run.

## MEMBERS INTERESTS

Many of you will be wondering what has happened about the new Member's Interests list. Please note that this is our BRANCH list, not the one being started by the LFH&HS with a form in the last edition of "Lancashire". You may remember that a year ago, you were asked to fill in forms so that the list could be brought up to date, since many addenda items had been added to the one created in 1999/2000, and this list also contained the names of many people who were no longer members of the society. Several responses came in quite quickly, and thanks go to the members concerned. The majority, however, came in dribs and drabs over a period of about nine months. Many members have still not responded to the request. The new list is almost ready for publishing and will be printed and a copy put into our branch library. A list will also be posted on the branch website of those members who requested publication on that medium. At the February meeting there will be a list of names of the people who have sent in their member's interests. If your name is not on it, then your research names will NOT be in the new member's interest list.

## 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>

15.Mar	A.G.M. & Practical Evening	
29.Mar	Easter Eggs, Bonnets and Bunnies.	Ron Bolton
19.Apr	Skeletons in the Cupboard.	Bill Taylor
17.May	Out-visit to Heptonstall Museum	
31.May	Practical Evening	
21.Jun.	Scottish Ancestors	Dan Muir

Tony Mason, Programme Secretary.

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## LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

“Bernulf” – a CD of local folk songs has been donated to the branch by Heather Sheldrick.

A hand written transcription by Edward Spedding of the 1881 census for Nelson – folio’s 74-89, 93-109, 113-130 has been donated by the transcriber – Edward Spedding.

These are welcome additions to our resources and we thank the donors for their generosity.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian.

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## PROJECTS

Work continues on several projects.

Burnley Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions – Checking of the 1400 MIs in the old part of the cemetery are almost complete.

Transcription of the 1901 census for Pendle District continues and could possibly be completed by Easter.

Checking continues on Colne St Bartholomew’s Church marriages 1813-1900, burials 1813-1835 and Trawden St Mary the Virgin Church – baptisms, burials and marriages up to 1900,

Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary’s Church, transcription of baptisms, burials and marriages are still in progress.

Peter Walsh is assisting David McBride in recording the Memorial Inscriptions for Walton Lane Cemetery.

Thank you to all those working on projects.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

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Burnley Library has put an unchecked version of “our” transcriptions of the Burial Register (1839-1845) for St Peter’s Church, Burnley on the “Lancashire Lantern” website. Members should be aware that there are many mistakes in this on-line index.

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## LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

A group of ten checkers continue to work on registers for the Burnley Registration District at the Lancashire Register Office in Preston. They have almost completed the Birth indexes and a start has been made on photocopying the Death indexes.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

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## LFH&HS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**27TH MAY 2006**

## UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE

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## DIARY DATES – (WHAT’S ON)

### IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP – ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOON.

The Resource Centre, 2 the Straits, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs.  
Saturday 4th March 2005 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](mailto:mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk)  
SAE please if you would like travel directions.

### CITY OF YORK FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

New Earswick Folk Hall 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday 26th February 2006. Admission £1  
For further details contact Jan Wood - 01653 628952  
e-mail: [jan@yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk](mailto:jan@yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk)

### CHESHIRE FHS ANNUAL FAIR & OPEN DAY

The Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich.  
Saturday 11th March 2006  
Admission £1. For more details e-mail [info@fhsc.org.uk](mailto:info@fhsc.org.uk)

### NORTHERN FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Civic Hall, Pudsey Saturday 11th March 2006  
10 am to 4.30 pm

### MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Hulme Hall, Bolton Rd, Port Sunlight, Bebington, Wirral  
Sunday 12th March 2006 10 am to 5 pm  
Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

### SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Centre in the Park, Norfolk Heritage Park, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield S2 2PL  
Saturday 1st April 2006 10 am to 5 pm  
Admission: Free

### STOCKPORT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Wellington Rd South, Stockport. SK1 3XE  
Sunday 2nd April 2006 10 am to 5 pm  
Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

### KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Victoria Hall, Keighley  
Saturday 22nd April 2006 10 am to 4 pm

### THE CENTRAL ENGLAND FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Buxton Pavilion Gdns, St John’s Road, Buxton, SK17 6XN  
Saturday 27th May 2006 10 am to 5 pm  
Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

### YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

York Race Course Saturday 24th June 2006,  
10 am to 4.30 pm

### THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium  
Saturday 9th September 2006 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 16th September 2006 10 am to 4 pm  
Admission Free

### LIVERPOOL AINTREE RACECOURSE FAIR

Princess Royal Stand Exhibition Suite, Ormskirk Road  
Aintree L9 5AS  
Sunday 29th October 2006 10 am-5 pm  
Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

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# INDICTMENT ROLLS AND QUARTER SESSION PROCEEDINGS

Submitted by Brenda I Hustler

Was your ancestor a felon? Have you found illegitimacy in your family?

Sometimes ancestors just “disappear”, perhaps permanently or for just a few years. The usual thought is that they must have been working away from home. But, have you considered that they may have committed a felony and been in prison or even been transported to Australia.

It is often said that all families have illegitimacy somewhere in the ancestral lines, and if you haven't yet found it, keep looking because it is sure to be there somewhere. If you find either of these events occurring in your family history research, have you considered looking through the indictment rolls and quarter session proceedings? These are held at the county record offices and it is usually a case of searching through lots of old parchment rolls to find the information that you want. Yes, it is time consuming but nevertheless it can be quite fascinating. The indictment rolls not only cover trials of felons and list the Jurors, they cover rights of way, highways and byways and town boundaries. In the quarter sessions proceedings you find out who has been ordered to pay maintenance for an illegitimate child.

A few weeks ago I had occasion to search through the indictment rolls at Lancashire Record Office for Henry JACKSON, who was born in Burnley but who was transported to Australia in 1830 for committing a felony with his associate Levi RUSHWORTH. Whilst doing this I came across quite a few people from the Pendle and Burnley district who had also committed a felony. Some were just sentenced to hard labour, some were transported and others were acquitted. I recorded some of them and a few of the cases are listed here. Some are on pre-printed forms whilst others are all hand written and they can be a bit “wordy” particularly if a felon had stolen property from more than one person.

## Indictment Rolls – April 1830

Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their Oath present, that LEVI RUSHWORTH late of PRESTON in the County of Lancaster, Labourer and HENRY JACKSON late of the same place, Labourer, on the third day of April in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King and Defender of the Faith at PRESTON in the County aforesaid, one Smoothing Iron of the Value of one Penny, one Shirt of the Value of one Penny, two aprons of the Value of one Penny, two Bed Gowns of the Value of one Penny, one Handkerchief of the Value of one Penny, four stockings of the Value of one Penny and two Pounds weight of Bacon of the Value of one Penny of the Goods and Chattels of RICHARD WAKEFIELD then and there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity.

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Palmer Solicitor

Tried and Guilty Transported for seven years each  
Witnesses JAMES NUTTALL & MARGARET WINDER.  
Two sworn in court 73 & 74 A True Bill

Lancashire to wit

The names of the Jurors to try the issue of the traverse between our Sovereign Lord the King and LEVI RUSHWORTH and HENRY JACKSON, RICHARD LANCASTER and JOHN HILTON.

1. JOHN WHALLEY of Kirkham, Cabinet Maker
- 2 THOMAS BYRNE of Barnacre with Bonds, Farmer
- 3 JOHN HOLKER of same, Farmer
- 4 ROBERT PARKER, of same, same
- 5 THOMAS GARDNER, of same, same
- 6 JOHN BIBBY of Chorley, Book Binder
- 7 WILLIAM BATES of same, Shop Keeper
- 8 JOHN WADSON of Leyland, Farmer
- 9 CHRISTOPHER WADDINGTON of Kirkham, Miller
- 10 JOHN BARNES of Treales Roseacre and Wharles, same
- 11 EDWARD RUTTER of Bretherton, Farmer
- 12 HENRY ATKINSON of Livesey, Farmer

Issues of every of them are twenty Shillings. Each is attached by his pledges (John Doe & Richard Doe)

Signed PETER HESKETH Esquire, Sherriff

Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present that JOHN ROBINSON late of Township of HABERGHAM EAVES in the County of Lancaster, Labourer, on the twenty seventh day of March in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at HABERGHAM EAVES aforesaid in the County aforesaid, one Watch of the Value of one Penny, one Ribbon of the Value of one Penny, and one Watch Seal of the Value of one Penny, the Goods and Chattels of JOHN WHITAKER then and there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Shaw and Artindale Solicitors

Pleads Guilty remanded to hard labour for three calendar months.

Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present, that JOHN HENRY PLATT late of Township of PADIHAM in the County of Lancaster, Labourer, on the third of April in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at PADIHAM aforesaid in the County aforesaid, one Muslin Handkerchief of the Value of one Penny, one Handkerchief of the Value of one Penny, and two candles of the Value of one Penny, the Goods and Chattels of WILLIAM HEAP then and there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Shaw and Artindale Solicitors

Pleads Guilty remanded to hard labour for two calendar months.

Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present, that RICHARD HAWORTH late of the township of BURNLEY in the County of Lancaster, Labourer on the tenth day of January in the tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at BURNLEY aforesaid in the County aforesaid, one Blanke of the Value of one Penny and one Knife of the Value of one Penny and one Pair of Pliers of the Value of one Penny of the Goods and Chattels of JOHN BOYS then & there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Bolton Solicitor

Pleads Guilty Transported for seven years  
Witnesses JOHN BOYS, WILLIAM LAMBERT.

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Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present, that RICHARD HAWORTH late of the township of COLNE in the County of Lancaster, Labourer on the second day of February in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at COLNE aforesaid in the County aforesaid, Sixty Yards of Cotton Cloth of the Value of one Penny and Sixty Yards of Calico of the Value of one Penny, and one Whaling Glass of the Value of one Penny the Goods and Chattels of HENRY BOYS then and there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Bolton Solicitor

Pleads Guilty Not sentenced on this indictment.

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Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present, that RICHARD HAWORTH late of the township of COLNE in the County of Lancaster, Labourer on the second day of February in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at COLNE aforesaid in the County aforesaid, one Pair of Trowsers of the Value of one Penny and one Pair of Braces of the Value of one Penny of the Goods and Chattels of JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE then and there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Bolton Solicitor

Pleads Guilty Transported for seven years to commence at the Expiration of his former Sentence at this Session for seven years  
Witnesses JOSEPH SUTCLIFFE, William ASQUITH

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Lancashire to wit

The Jurors of our Lord the King upon their oath present, that MATTHIAS STANWORTH late of Township of BURNLEY in the County of Lancaster, Labourer, on the

sixteenth of April in the eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith at BURNLEY aforesaid in the County aforesaid, Three Iron Rollers of the Value of one Penny, Two Iron Handles of the Value of one Penny, and one Pillar of the Value of one Penny, one Iron Nut of the Value of one penny and Ten Pounds Weight of Iron of the Value of one penny the Goods and Chattels of JOHN SPENCER and another then & there found and being, by Force and Arms feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity

Signed – Gorst V Birchall

Shaw and Artindale Solicitors

Tried and Guilty remanded to hard labour for six calendar months.

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Lancashire – to wit

The Jurors for our Lord the King upon their oath present that DAVID SHARP late of the Township of BARROWFORD BOOTH in the County of Lancaster, Labourer, otherwise called DAVID JACKSON, late of the same place, Labourer, on the twenty ninth day of December in the tenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the fourth by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, with force and arms at BARROWFORD BOOTH aforesaid in the County aforesaid in and upon one WILLIAM ASQUITH, then being one of the Constables of the Township of BARROWFORD BOOTH aforesaid in the County aforesaid in the peace of God and our Sovereign Lord the King and in the due Execution of the said office, then of their being, did and make an Assault and to the said WILLIAM ASQUITH then and there did beat, wound and ill-treat so that of his Life it was greatly despaired, and other wrongs to the said WILLIAM ASQUITH then and there did, to the Great Damage of the said WILLIAM ASQUITH and against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity.

And the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further present that DAVID SHARP otherwise called DAVID JACKSON, afterwards to wit on the said twenty ninth day of December in the tenth year of the reign aforesaid with force and arms at BARROWFORD BOOTH aforesaid in the Country aforesaid in and upon the said WILLIAM ASQUITH in the Peace of God and our said Lord the King, then and there being to make an Assault and him the said WILLIAM ASQUITH, then and there did beat, wound and ill-treat so that of his life it was greatly despaired and other wrongs to the said WILLIAM ASQUITH then and there did to the great damage of the said WILLIAM ASQUITH and against the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Crown and Dignity.

Bolton, Solicitors Gorst & Birchall

Result – Submit – Judgement Respited

Witnesses WILLIAM ASQUITH, WILLIAM LAMBERT

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You can initially do a search on the internet at [a2a.gov.uk](http://a2a.gov.uk) just using the name of your ancestor and you may find that they are listed in the catalogue of a specific record office. Alternatively you can search the catalogues at the record office.

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## MORE MISDEMEANANTS

Extract from the "Colne & Nelson Times of 1903"

Submitted by Margaret Heap

Friday, December 4th 1903

### A School of Gambling Surprises at Nelson – Sunday Tossing on the Moors

At Nelson Borough Police Court on Saturday, Wm Armistead HEYWORTH, Nelson; Peter Clement BLEZARD, Colne; Joseph BARKER, Nelson; Thomas Henry ASHTON, Nelson; Robert BALDWIN, Colne; John HARTLEY, Colne; and Albert WILKINSON, Colne; were summoned for gaming with copper coins.

Mr Thornton appeared for the defence. PC KING said that at 11.35 on Sunday morning he and PC WREN were in plain clothes, and saw these men in a sheepfold on a footpath leading from Coldwell to Trawden. All except HARTLEY and WILKINSON were tossing and they saw money pass between them several times. WILKINSON and the other men were posted on the hill top watching for the police. When the police got near the place, someone at Coldwell whistled and HARTLEY and WILKINSON shouted to the other men and the whole gang broke up and went in different directions. HARTLEY and ASHTON were caught and the police got their names, the former, however, giving a wrong name and address. The police afterwards got the name of the other men. HARTLEY in answer to the Magistrate's Clerk said his correct name was John THORNTON. BARKER gave evidence and denied that he and the other defendants were there for the purpose of gambling. He had no money himself and had gone to fly a pigeon. The others were waiting for the public house opening. Superintendent BRASSINGTON asked the defendant if people did not go there frequently without money and were they not paid seven shillings a day for watching for the police when others were gambling? Mr THORNTON contended that the walls of the sheepfold were too high to enable the officers to see the men inside the sheepfold. BALDWIN said he saw no tossing of coins at all. Supt. BRASSINGTON: How did 14 or 15 of you come to get in a sheepfold? – "We were sheltering from the rain till opening time".

Armistead HEYWORTH had been up 12 times before. BARKER had been fined previously for gaming. Supt. BRASSINGTON said several complaints had been received as to this gambling and he asked the Bench to put a stop to it if possible.

Armistead HEYWORTH was fined twenty shillings and costs, and BARKER the same amount. The other defendants were fined ten shillings and costs or fourteen days.

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## THE GENEALOGISTS BIBLE

Submitted by Ralph Peacock

*Originally submitted by Jeanagh Punter to the Eng-Warks-Birmingham Rootsweb list*

### **The Ancestors' Commandments:**

◆ Thou shalt use the same forenames for each person from every generation, preferably in every family of every generation, to cause confusion and befuddlement amongst thy descendants.

◆ Thou shalt wait the maximum amount of time before registering births and deaths, better still, thou shalt forget to register them at all.

◆ Thou shalt have 2 forenames, and use them interchangeably on ye olde official records, but never, ever, together.

◆ Thou shalt change thy forename at least once during thy lifetime.

◆ Thou shalt use every conceivable spelling for thy surname, and even some thou hast not heard of before.

◆ Thou shalt never use the same year of birth. Thou wilt vary it, adding three years here and removing five years there.

◆ Thou shalt use the house name and county as thy birthplace, never the town or village

◆ Thou shalt completely disappear without trace for at least 15 years of thy life, and then wilt appear in the next county with thy second wife without leaving trace of the passing of thy first spouse.

◆ Thou shalt use at least 2 versions of thy father's name.

◆ Thou shalt not use family members as witnesses at thy wedding.

◆ Thou shalt be wedded somewhere neither of thee live.

◆ Thou shalt not have thy children baptised, and shalt not use the same church for each of thy brood if thee do.

◆ Thou shalt move between counties at least once every 10 years, the week afore the census is best.

◆ Thou shalt move hundreds of miles from thy home town at least once. Better, we wouldst pray that thou move to another country.

◆ Thou shalt make life as difficult as possible for thy descendents when they decide to research thee.

◆ Thou shalt use as many of these commandments as is possible during thy lifetime, but never all at once.

*Can you suggest any more commandments that our ancestors adhered to?*

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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY - LFH&HS

Carole Walker, the treasurer for the society, is proposing to stand down at the next A.G.M. in May 2006, and a volunteer is urgently needed to take over. Help will be given to anyone interested.

The treasurer has reported that all the main sources of income of the society are down and there have been increases in administration costs and in magazine production and postage. As a result, the society needs to consider if it is appropriate to increase subscriptions at the A.G.M. in May 2006 for implementation in 2007.

The 2005 Society Dinner was hosted by Bury branch but attendance from other branches was poor. This year is it Rossendale branch's turn, but they are reluctant to organise the dinner as attendance numbers are decreasing.

Our President, Derrick Walkden and Chairman, Tony Foster are both due to retire this year, from their posts in LFH&HS, having served six years in their respective posts. Replacements are needed for these two important positions within the society.

Members are urged to attend the A.G.M. to take part in any decisions that are made by the society.

## LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

### Saturday Openings – 2006.

Lancashire Record Office will open on the second Saturday of each month in addition to the usual daily opening times.

The office will open from 10.00am until 4.00pm on

11th March	8th July	14th October
8th April	12th August	11th November
13th May	9th September	9th December
10th June		

Please note that no documents will be produced between 12.30 and 1.30pm

### USER CONSULTATION MEETING

The County Archivist warmly invites all users and potential users of the Lancashire Record Office to attend the next User Consultation Open Meeting at the LRO, Bow Lane, Preston on Tuesday 21st March 2006 at 2pm.

The LRO value your views and want to know what you think about various aspects of their service, particularly some of the recent developments in the public search room. The LRO will also be launching and demonstrating the public test version of their new electronic catalogue.

### GETTING TO KNOW THE RECORD OFFICE.

Lancashire Record Office are holding a series of sessions, led by the Public Service Archivist, which aim to help new users to understand the range of material available to them and the basic procedures for using the Lancashire Record Office. You will learn how to use the finding aids and how to request the archives you need for your research, so that you can make the best use of your time on a future visit. The sessions last for about 2 hours and will be held in the Record Office Lecture Room and Search-room on:

Friday 3rd March 2006, 3.30 pm.

Monday 13th March 2006, 3.30 pm.

Friday 31st March 2006, 3.30 pm.

## FFHS NEWS - from the Federation of FHS

### GENES REUNITED / FRIENDS REUNITED

You will already be aware that QinetiQ recently sold its rights as licensee for the 1901 census online to Friends Reunited. It was confirmed recently that ITV has bought Friends Reunited, and with it the right to operate the 1901 census service.

The acquisition, according to news reports, comes as part of an Internet spending spree by media companies such as Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. as they attempt to counteract sluggish ad sales in traditional areas such as television. Other companies vying for Friends Reunited apparently included UK publishers Trinity Mirror and Daily Mail & General Trust. The report on the BBC website concludes by saying that "ITV has high hopes for the Genes Reunited strand within Friends Reunited. The site, which allows people to trace their family tree, has 46 million registered members."

The Head of Online Services & Strategic Marketing at The National Archives has advised us they have been assured that ITV are extremely committed to maintaining and expanding the 1901 census service, and they are confident that ITV will be excellent licensees. Indeed, they

understand that Friends Reunited's expansion into genealogy was one of the main attractions for ITV.

The FFHS has been invited to put any specific questions we may have to either party. So, if any member society has serious concerns or queries about the future operation of the 1901 census service, as a result of the purchase of Friends Reunited by ITV, please let Geoff Riggs, Director of Computer & Internet Facilities, FFHS, know.

e-mail - [internet@ffhs.org.uk](mailto:internet@ffhs.org.uk)

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### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES ONLINE PETITION:

#### Do you think that archives are worthwhile?

You can help ensure that archives receive the funding they need by filling in The National Council on Archives online petition at

[www.ncaonline.org.uk/announcements/save\\_the\\_countrys\\_memory](http://www.ncaonline.org.uk/announcements/save_the_countrys_memory)

Following the publication of Giving Value: Funding Priorities for UK Archives 2005-2010, the National Council on Archives continue to lobby government and funding bodies to convince them that putting archives higher up the agenda is worthwhile. Chronic under-funding of archives means that some UK collections remain un-catalogued, housed in unsuitable conditions or unused. In the worst cases important archives are sold to overseas buyers. By signing the online petition you will be helping to protect the nation's heritage and showing your support for archives. The petition will be sent to Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. In accordance with the Data Protection Act we will only use the data you provide to us for the purposes of lobbying on behalf of archives.

For more information contact:

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e-mail - [ruth.savage@nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.savage@nationalarchives.gov.uk)

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### ONLINE INTERNET FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH SURVEY

The Society has been contacted by Kate Friday, a PhD research student at the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen. She is examining Internet family history resources and their users. Her study will investigate the users themselves, how they view both e-genealogical resources and Local Studies library collections, and how these resources are used within the research process. She has recently launched a 5-minute online survey, located within a website that explains more about the process at:

<http://www.researchingegenealogy.co.uk>

This hopes to gather information about people accessing UK information online for their family history research.

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### THE PITFALLS OF BELIEVING TRANSCRIPTIONS.

The following was found recently whilst going through the 1861 census for Much Hoole on Ancestry.co.uk.

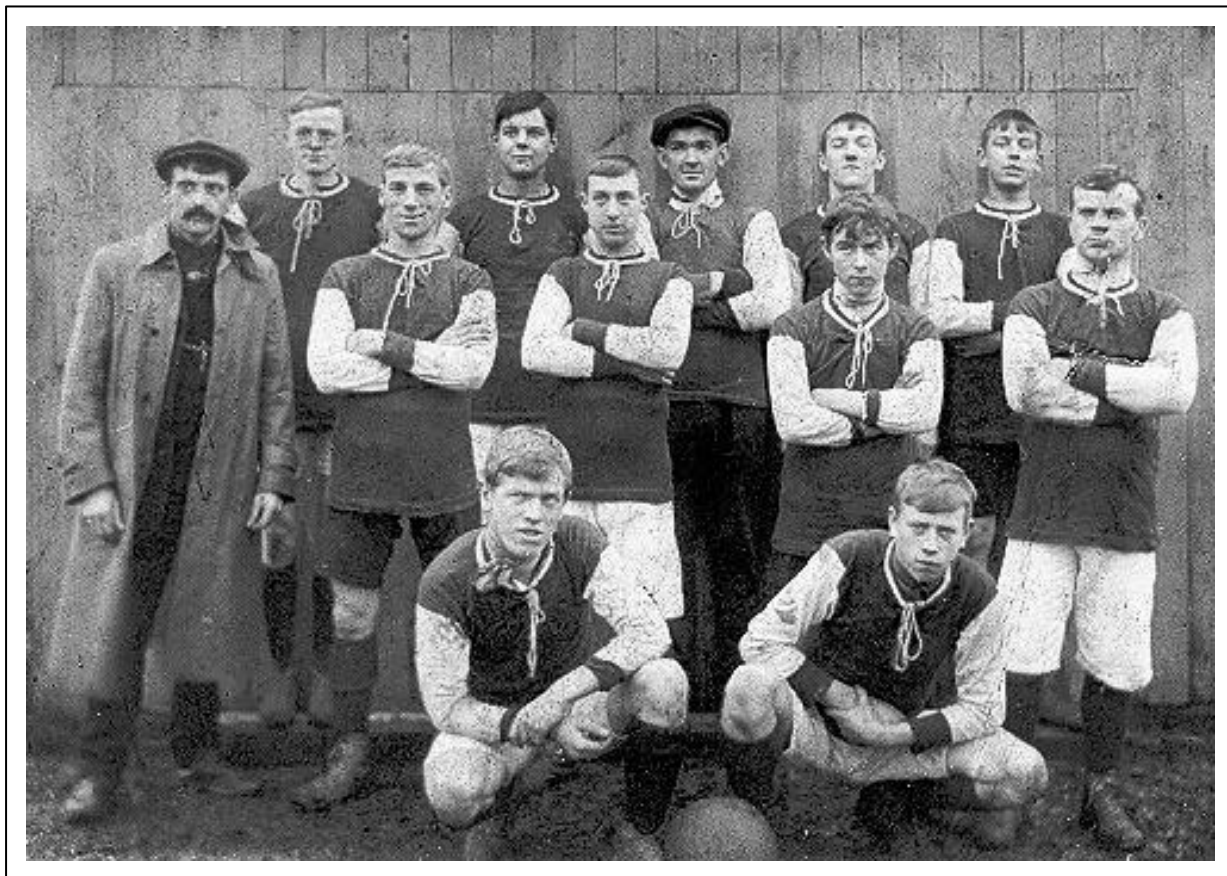
On Ancestry, the place of birth has been transcribed as Heckmondwike, Breckonshire, Wales, but the enumerator wrote Hesketh with Becconsall.

With errors like this is it any wonder you can't find your ancestor. Remember – always check the primary source.

## QUERY CORNER

**GORNALL** Reg Postlethwaite, 72 Rydal Road, Haslingden, Rossendale, Lancs, BB4 4EF  
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Reg Postlethwaite, one of our branch members wonders if anyone can help recognise this Barrowford football team of 1913 with his great uncle, Jack Gornall, (goalkeeper, with cap, in the centre). His friend and team-mate Clement [Roberts?] may also be on the photo. Any information or clues welcome.



This was a post card sent by his great uncle John (Jack) Gornall (1884-1948) to Mrs [Ruth Annie] Jackson, Smallden House, Nr Bolton – Bowland Clitheroe Lancs.

'Feb 3rd 1913, 12 East Bank St, Barrowford,

To Dear Sister, Just a line to say we are having some very wild & threatening weather now hoping you are all keeping well as it leaves us at present From J.Gornall xxxxx . [Address]

**Captain ATHERDEN THOMPSON** - Derrick Walkden,  
e-mail derrick@walkden2.freemove.co.uk ,

Derrick has had an enquiry from a member regarding details for: Captain ATHERDEN THOMPSON. Details on the back of a painting read: " Captain Atherden Thompson Died Waterloo 15th June 1815" A note has been made about this - ' The Battle of Waterloo was fought on June 18th 1815 with two minor battles on June 16th. It is presumed the date is wrong or he died in a skirmish prior to the main engagements.' It is suggested that ATHERDEN is a family name passed from generation to generation, rather than a Christian name, which is also sought. A family note about him is ' drowned in the Malta Sea..... ' also that it was thought he served in the Merchant Navy rather than in the Army, where does Waterloo fit into all this ??

Can any of you help please, how does one trace an officer ' at Waterloo ' etc..

**WHIT(T)AKER** Shirley Pilkington  
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Shirley is looking for any information on her Gt.Grandfather John WHITTAKER (could be spelt Whitaker) or any of his relatives. He married Hannah WATERS in November 1891 aged 43 at the Parish Church of Padiham. At the time they were living in Clowbridge. In 1901 they lived at No 9 Clough Street, Burnley in the Parish of Gannow St.John the Baptist, John was a Coalminer.

Their children were Sarah Anne, Thomas, Jane Ellen, Robert (Shirley's grandfather), William and Alfred. David is particularly interested where John WHITTAKER might be buried but she doesn't know when he died. It would appear he was alive in 1906.

**SUTCLIFFE** Sandra Davies

e-mail - sandra.sandsdavies@tiscali.co.uk - include Pendle Sutcliffes in the subject.

Sandra's great grandfather Tom SUTCLIFFE was a founder member of the Halifax Antiquarian Society and actively researched the history of families and houses in the Warley, near Halifax area. He also produced a family tree which shows three generations of the descendants of John SUTCLIFFE & Ellen HARTLEY who married in Newchurch 1584, along with details of wills in many cases. Unfortunately, this family does not seem to be connected in any way to Tom SUTCLIFFE's family. Sandra has donated a copy of this 17th Century SUTCLIFFE / HARTLEY family tree to our branch resources. Other surnames which occur include BULCOCKE, ELLIOTT, RIDIHAUGH, WALTON, NUTTER, SMITH and HARGREAVES.

Sandra would be glad to hear from anyone who knows of any connections between John SUTCLIFFE and his wife, Ellen HARTLEY, and the Luddenden/Warley SUTCLIFFES. In her research Sandra has a John SUTCLIFFE & Hannah parents of Jonas baptised Luddenden 1809, a John SUTCLIFFE baptised ~1794 (lived in Warley buried in Sowerby) and a Jonas SUTCLIFFE marrying a Betty SUTCLIFFE in 1783 (children baptised Luddenden).

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**ORMEROD** from Cliviger - Lawrence McEvoy  
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Lawrence would be grateful of any help in his research on James ORMEROD who married Ann BRADLEY at St Peter's Church, Burnley, on 29th December 1814. The banns show them both as living in Worsthorne. In the 1851 census, James ORMEROD gives his age as 62 and place of birth as Burnley. Their son William Ormerod was christened at St Peter's Church, Burnley on the 12th July 1818, when they were living in Hurstwood, but in the 1851 census his place of birth is given as Marsden and in 1861 it is given as Heights.

Lawrence is trying to determine if this is the same James ORMEROD who was baptized at St Bartholomew's Church, Colne on 6th June 1790 and whose parents were Henry & Betty ORMEROD, abode, Pendle Forest. In his research at Lancashire RO, and libraries in Burnley, Colne and Nelson, Lawrence has found no details of a James ORMEROD being christened at Burnley or St Mary's Newchurch in Pendle, between the years 1788 and 1792. There was another James ORMEROD born in Billington, near Whalley in the same year on the 12th September 1790, and also Lawrence has found a James Ormerod, born in Cliviger but christened in Todmorden on the 27th March 1791. He was, according to records, the bastard-son of a Betty ORMEROD and William CROSSLEY, both from Holme in Cliviger, but up to now Lawrence has not been able to find any details of their marriage after this date. In view of the locations that James ORMEROD and his wife Anne lived, everything seems to point to the one christened in Colne. Lawrence would be grateful for any help in his quest to track down which James ORMEROD.

**PILKINGTON** Brian Radwell

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Brian is putting a family tree together for his grandchildren and would like to find if any relations of his grandparents are still in the Padiham area. His grandfather was Thomas Randolph PILKINGTON born 1894 in Padiham. His parents were Jude and Alice PILKINGTON and he had two brothers, Albert and Henry and three sisters, Amy, Ann and Rebecca. Thomas Randolph PILKINGTON married Elizabeth Ann WADDINGTON and they had two daughters, Gladys (Brian's mother) and Joyce. The family moved to Sheerness, Kent about 1940. Brian believes that there are still some relatives in the Padiham area and would like to make contact with them to establish the link with Lancashire. He would be grateful to hear from anyone who has any information on the PILKINGTON family.

*[Preliminary research shows that in 1901, Thomas Randolph was the youngest of the children of Jude and Alice PILKINGTON. Most of his siblings were considerably older than he and were born in Huncoat, as was Jude PILKINGTON. Alice, Jude's wife, was born in Accrington.]*

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From Mr S R Fowler, A215 Waitakere Gdis. 15  
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Mr Fowler is looking for two places which he believes were in the Pendle area circa 1840, or maybe later. They are

- i) BRINKSWAY or BRINK'S WAY this could be a village, a farm, or even a cotton mill
- ii) A public house called BIRD IN THE HAND.

There is a Pendle Hill in New Zealand, with a small settlement called Blackburn close by. Samuel FLETCHER from the Pendle area emigrated to New Zealand in 1856. After a few years wandering, he found an area with a hill which reminded him of Pendle Hill so he settled down there and called the hill, Pendle Hill.

Samuel FLETCHER married Harriet LOMAS and she referred to BRINKSWAY as her place of birth. Samuel's father John FLETCHER, had a pub called "BIRD IN THE HAND".

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## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

### HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

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