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## BRANCH AGM. - WEDNESDAY MARCH 21st 2007 –

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

**To serve for TWO years: Secretary, Treasurer, Projects Co-ordinator, Gazette Editor, Publications Officer, LancashireBMD Coordinator, Committee Members**

**Due to the death of Tony Mason, we also need a Vice-Chairman to serve for two years and a Programme Secretary, to serve for one year and we still need someone to edit and publish the Gazette.**

Brenda Hustler (Secretary), David Hustler (Treasurer), Bob Ellis (Project Coordinator), Christine Windle (LancashireBMD Coordinator) and Mary Jackson (Committee) are all willing to stand for office again. Christine Haworth is standing down as Publications Officer, but is willing to serve as a Committee member and **we need 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 will be available at the January and February meetings. Branch members are asked to propose or second those who had volunteered to continue serving on the branch committee. Remember, without a committee the branch will cease to function and all the branch resources will be returned to the Society. At the moment we have a good committee and our branch is very successful, but it will only remain so if you support it and that means coming to the AGM. This is your chance to contribute & express your opinions on the running of the branch.

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## OBITUARIES

Sadly, we have to report the deaths of Tony Mason and Sheila Richmond, in October 2006.

Tony had been our programme secretary for four years, a vital job in the branch. Each year he produced a varied programme of events with interesting speakers. In 2006, he volunteered to take on the job of Vice-Chairman, following the resignation of David Taylor. In addition to holding two positions on the branch committee, Tony was also involved in the many sub-committees that were formed for specific events such as Open Days and the Christmas Festivities. Tony was usually there at the beginning of the branch meeting, putting out the chairs, and at the end of the evening, putting them away again. He quite often acted as "greeter" to the members and his cheery grin and greeting of "All right, then", will be missed by many of us.

Sheila had been a long-standing member of the branch and served on the branch committee for many years in the capacity of branch librarian. She did a lot of transcribing for the branch and was one of the team who undertook the project of transcribing the marriage and baptism registers for St Mary's RC Church, Burnley. This involved going to the Church every week for many months. In recent years, ill-health meant that she could not attend branch meetings, but she still retained her interest in the branch. Our sincere condolences go to their families.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION for LFH&HS were due on January 1st.

Have you renewed your membership? If not, then why not do it NOW? There was a renewal form in the NOVEMBER issue of "Lancashire" or you can get one from the branch secretary. If you don't receive your 'Lancashire' magazine in February, check that you have renewed your membership. The magazine is only sent out to members.

## PROGRAMME FOR 2007

The programme of events for the coming meetings is shown below and can also be viewed on the branch website at

<http://www.lfhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

31.Jan	Practical Evening	
21.Feb	Postal History part 1, up to 1840	Sarah Greenwood
21 Mar	A.G.M. and Practical Evening	
18 Apr	Postal History part 2, after 1840	Sarah Greenwood
16 May	Out visit	To be arranged
30.May	Practical Evening	
20.Jun	Swiss Tour, Then and Now	Peter Marshall

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

## LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

### Books

- LPRS No 164 Whalley Vol 4 1754-1812
- Memories of Colne (1850s) by Mrs Cryer – first issued in 1910, now reprinted with more photographs supplied by Christine Bradley of Colne Library
- Manchester As It is (1839) – donated by Jean Ingham

## LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Copies of the list of the branch library holdings can be purchased at small charge.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

## LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

All the Birth indexes have now been checked and amended and to date all the sub-districts except Colne are on the Internet. Of the 132 registers for Colne Births, the first 75 have now been submitted for inclusion on the website. Inputting of the Death indexes for Barnoldswick, Burnley, Burnley East, and Burnley West are now finished and those for Colne have been started. Checking and amendments of the Death indexes is a slower process since the age of death is entered in addition to the year.

Tony Foster sends his thanks to all involved in this project.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

## PROJECTS

Work on recording Memorial Inscriptions at Nelson Walton Lane Cemetery has been suspended until the better weather comes in Spring. Volunteers will then be needed to check the transcriptions at the Cemetery. If you would like to take part in this project, please contact either me or David & Brenda Hustler.

Work continues on transcriptions of the registers for St Thomas's Church, Barrowford, St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle and the Burial Registers for St John the Divine, Great Marsden.

Thanks go to all those working on these projects.

If you would like to help out with any of these projects, please contact Bob Ellis, Jean Ingham or Brenda Hustler.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### CHESHIRE FHS ANNUAL FAIR & OPEN DAY

The Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich.

Saturday 24th February 2007 10 am to 4pm

Admission £1. For more details e-mail [info@fhsc.org.uk](mailto:info@fhsc.org.uk)

## LFH&HS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

### ♣ SHARE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Members accounts of their family history.

Saturday 10th February 2007 1 pm to 4.30 pm

### ♣ ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOON

Workshop - Advice & Research Session

Saturday 14th April 2007 1 pm to 4.30pm

### ♣ LECTURE - details later.

Saturday June 9th 2007.

The Resource Centre, 2 The Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

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)

## CITY OF YORK FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

New Earswick Folk Hall. 10 am to 4 pm

Saturday 10th March 2007. Admission £1

For further details contact Jan Wood - 01653 628952

e-mail: [jan@yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk](mailto:jan@yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk)

## PUDSEY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Civic Hall, Dawson's Corner, Pudsey. 10 am to 4.30 pm

Saturday 10th March 2007

## MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Hulme Hall, Bolton Rd, Port Sunlight, Bebington, Wirral

Sunday 11th March 2007 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY R.O. OPEN DAY

Malpas Road, Northallerton, NYK DL7 8TB

Saturday 31st March 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Probable format – series of talks throughout the day, stalls run by local societies and family history groups and behind the scenes tours. Contact NYRO for further details

Tel: 01609 777585 Email: [archives@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:archives@northyorks.gov.uk)

## FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY DAY

Cleckheaton Library, Whitcliffe Road, Cleckheaton

Saturday 31st March 2007 10 am to 3 pm

Admission Free Huddersfield & District FHS will be running workshops which are by ticket only, available from:

Cleckheaton Library, Tel: 01274 335170.

e-mail [cleckheaton.library@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:cleckheaton.library@kirklees.gov.uk)

## STOCKPORT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Wellington Rd South, Stockport. SK1 3XE

Sunday 1st April 2007 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

## THIRSK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The New Auction Mart, Thirsk Rural Business Centre

Saturday 14th April 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission: Free

## DONCASTER AND DISTRICT FHS SPRING FAIR

Saturday 28th April 2007

Details to follow

## CUMBRIA HISTORY FAIR

Rheged Discovery Centre, Penrith

Saturday 19th May 2007

## THE CENTRAL ENGLAND FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Buxton Pavilion Gdns, St John's Road, Buxton, SK17 6XN

Saturday 26th May 2007 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 (accompanied children under 16 free)

## YORKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

York Race Course

Admission £3.00

Saturday 30th June 2007

10 am to 4.30 pm

## DIARY OF JABEZ STUTTERD

### (THE SEQUEL)

Submitted by Peter Walsh

In my last article for the Gazette in May 2005 I wrote how I became interested in genealogy and finding the fiche on the "Diary of Jabez Stutterd" at Colne Library and transcribing it.

The diary, although not part of my family, fascinated me, I soon realised that Jabez had two brothers, John and Thomas. John was the Baptist Minister for Colne. A lot of information on him was available from various books. Thomas, however, was a mystery about whom I knew nothing until I happened to correspond with Geoff Stuttard of Leeds. As luck would have it, Geoff was corresponding with a family in Tasmania, who had a lot of information on a Thomas Stutterd, who had two brothers called John and Jabez. They asked if he would be interested. Of course he was and Geoff kindly posted this information on to me.

I mentioned in my last article how I was having difficulty getting it into some sort of order. I may have missed something, but this is the latest on how it stands today. "The story of Thomas Stutterd" and his descendants.

### STUTTERDS TO THE ANTIPODES

The Stutterd family were established in the Southfield area of Pendle when Thomas was born on 2nd July 1752, but very little is known of his childhood. It is known that he left for the Halifax area about 1770, and was involved with the Baptist Church at Salendine Nook. He married Grace Turner 29th March 1774 at Halifax and their first child, believed to be Mary Ann, was possibly followed by John early in 1780. Grace died immediately after the birth of this child and Thomas married Mary Elizabeth Cordingley on 11th October 1780 at St. Peter's Church, Huddersfield. They are believed to have had five children, Jabez, born June 1781, Hannah, 13th February 1785, Thomas, 18th April 1787, Bessy, 21st September 1789 and Joseph, 26th November 1792. Hannah, Thomas, Bessy and Joseph were all baptized at Salendine Nook Baptist Church.

When Thomas was 26 years old, (1778) he was employed as a clerk in the Navigation Warehouse at Sowerby Bridge. A year later he became bookkeeper for W. & J. Whitacre's cloth warehouse and mill at Woodhouse. His role at the mill broadened and he was sent out on the road buying wool and organising transport for it by wagons and pack horse. He visited Leicester, Daventry, Coventry, Aylesbury, Rugby, Banbury and Oxford. He also arranged the delivery of the finished cloth from Yorkshire back to the areas he had visited. Thomas was away from home six or seven weeks at a time, staying the nights at inns with story-book names - "Three Cups," "The Mermaid," "The Bear," "The Black Boy," "The Hind," sometimes complaining of bugs that prevented him from sleeping. Often on his travels he preached in Baptist churches and meeting houses.

His business must have been satisfactory for on one occasion he sent home £680 with his colleague, Mr. Digby. His handwriting was neat and delicate, and he had mastered shorthand, French and Latin and kept a diary. He made notes of the cost of maintaining troops in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, recorded sermons and wrote letters to "Dear Betsy" his wife, and to his sons, John and Jabez, who were at boarding school. Thomas's travels often took him to Banbury. On several occasions he made an entry in his notes: "Drank tea with Mr Gardner". These occasions

possibly led to the meeting of Jabez, his son and Elizabeth Gardner.

Thomas died in 1815, at the age of 63, at the Crown Inn, Oxford, on one of his travels. His funeral service was at the Baptist Church in what is now Bon Square and presumably he was buried there. The small grave-yard adjoining the church is now used by the locals as a meeting place; the grave stones have been moved to the perimeter and are unreadable.

Jabez, his oldest son by his second marriage, was the apple of his father's eye. Thomas was determined that Jabez was going to have a good education and he was sent to a school set up by the well known Baptist, John Fawcett at Brierley Hall, Halifax. After leaving school, Jabez, like his father Thomas, carried on as a wholesale woollen merchant from his warehouse in the High Street at Banbury. From there, he made many business journeys. Jabez married Elizabeth Gardner on March 27th 1806 at Banbury. They had three sons, Thomas, John and Joseph Gardner and a daughter Mary Ann. Thomas, took his family to America, John married a cousin, Elizabeth Stutterd of Yorkshire and brought her back to Banbury.

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Joseph Gardner Stutterd, the fourth child of Jabez and Elizabeth, was born March 4th 1813. At the age of eleven he was sent as a boarder to Hadley Hall, Berkshire. Hadley was 2½ miles from Abingdon and thirty miles from Banbury. Joseph had developed a talent for drawing and he made a drawing of Hadley Hall, showing that it was a large Georgian, three-storied house with parkland on both sides with a curved driveway.

At the age of fourteen he left Hadley Hall and boarded at Mr. Wyatt's Finishing School for Gentleman's Sons at Weymouth in Dorset. The school took 20 boarders and 40 day-boys. Here Joseph was instructed in Latin, Greek Classics, Geography, Writing and Arithmetic for a fee of 25 guineas per annum and Mensuration, Algebra and Book-keeping at 2 guineas per annum. A feature of the school was sea bathing. The coach trip from his home at Banbury to Weymouth, a distance of 120 miles started on a Monday afternoon when he travelled the 20 miles to Oxford, staying the night at the Angel Inn. Tuesday, after breakfast he left by the Bath Mail for the 50 miles to Bath, staying the night at York House. Wednesday, he left at 8-30 am for the 50 mile run to Weymouth. His mother had given him £5 for travelling expenses plus cold meat and cake for the journey, with instructions to tip the coachman, the guards sixpence each and at each meal to tip the waiters threepence. The coach fare was 30 shillings inside, 20 shillings outside. During his time at the school he studied hard and earned good reports. His drawing improved and he decided he wanted to become an architect. He was, however, talked out of it by a friend who said, "Where one succeeds, twenty fail and remain in obscurity".

On leaving Mr. Wyatt's school he was apprenticed to his uncles, Benjamin and James Gardner, Ironmasters of Banbury, (his mother's brothers) who were manufacturers of iron in every shape and form; farm implements, wheels and works of art in cast iron. In addition to a large prosperous iron works with stables and a blacksmith shop, they also owned cottages for their employees. After five years apprenticeship, Joseph became a partner in the firm. There was a good deal of scope for his artistic talents. He continued his art studies and painting and travelled about

England and the continent, visiting towns in the Pyrenees, France and Italy. It is possible that Joseph Gardner Stutterd (J.G.S) became friendly with the great J.M.W. Turner who was born in 1775. The authorities of the Melbourne Art Gallery who saw some of Joseph's work, said they were very beautiful and luminous, and showed a Turner influence. When Joseph joined the firm of Gardner and Sons as a partner, his Uncle Benjamin retired from the business. One of the greatest pleasures for Benjamin and his two unmarried sisters Rebecca and Charlotte, was to play on the grand piano in their home at 18 West Bar, Banbury, a three storied house with a summerhouse and sundial in the garden.

At the age of 24 Joseph Gardner married Jane King, daughter of George King of Farnborough Hill, Warwickshire. They moved into a large two-storied house in Parsons Lane, Banbury. The house consisted of two sitting rooms, dining room, kitchen, office, cellar, nursery and five bedrooms. It had to be a large house to accommodate their collection of oil paintings, water colours, etchings, engravings and a library of valuable books that J.G.S had collected over the years, not forgetting room to accommodate their children who duly arrived year after year, as follows:-

- Elizabeth, born April 2nd 1839 - died in infancy;
- John Henry, born April 24th 1840;
- Benjamin Gardner, born May 1st 1841;
- Edward, born July 29th 1842;
- Alfred, born October 31st 1843;
- Walter, born October 7th 1845;
- Mary Jane, born December 21st 1846 - died in infancy;
- Maria, born December 25th 1847 - died in infancy;
- Thomas, born December 1849 - died in infancy;
- Charlotte Rebecca, born October 24th 1851;
- Emily, born February 8th 1853;
- Frederick, born March 27th 1857.

Joseph Gardner Stutterd prospered in the iron works and in 1844, when he was 31 years of age, he and his father, Jabez, bought out the Gardners and the business became Joseph's. John King, the brother of George (father-in-law of JGS) had married Mary Bromley of Byfield, Northamptonshire. The Bromley family had lived in the same house for 400 years. John and Mary King took their young family to Van Diemen's Land and in 1832 he became the Agricultural Superintendent for the "Van Diemen Land Company" at Circular Head (now called Stanley), Tasmania. John wrote a long letter to his brother George in which he gave a detailed account of life in the young colony. The letter aroused so much interest it was decided to publish it and in 1833 it was published, in booklet form, 24 pages, price one shilling, by J Cross Holborn, London, and William Potter, Parsons Lane, Banbury.

In early 1850, Joseph's thoughts turned to the colonies where land was to be had for the asking, and wonderful opportunities were open to those willing to work and endure. Strangely, he did not feel drawn to Van Diemen's Land where John King had settled years before, it was New Zealand that attracted him. A friend who had settled there returned to England to lecture on the conditions in New Zealand. Joseph heard him and was most impressed, so he and Jane made their plans and in November 1853, they held their farewell sale of paintings, books and the grand pianoforte etc. in Parsons Lane, Banbury. Their large comfortable house was to be sacrificed to go out to the

Colonies, to battle against crude and appalling conditions in the hope of wider opportunities for their children

In April 1854, Joseph and Jane with their family of five sons and two daughters, Emily, the baby, being just one year old, left England for Taranaki, New Zealand. They sailed in "The Cashmere" a 640 ton Barque, for the four month voyage down the coast of Africa, round the Cape of Good Hope, across the Indian Ocean and landed at New Plymouth, the port of Taranaki on the west coast of North Island, New Zealand. Taranaki lies under the shadow of the snow-capped peak of Mount Egmont, and J.G.S lost no time doing a water-colour painting of it. Their first year was very pleasant, they liked the place and the people, but then came disturbances. There were severe and frightening earthquakes followed by a Maori war. Joseph and Jane were concerned for the safety of their children, so in 1856 in the sailing ship "Vixen" they left for Victoria. It was a dreadful voyage of storms and headwinds, the ship was blown off course, and they found themselves off the river Tamer, Van Diemen's Land, where the captain offered to land them at Launceston. They remained at Launceston for a year and during this time their last child, Frederick, was born on March 27th 1857. Friends and relatives from Circular Head and Table Cape, (Wynyard) made them welcome, particularly John King and his wife Mary (nee Bromley) who had been there for twenty-five years by then.

Joseph and Jane and their family decided to move to Stanley, (Circular Head) where they would be near their own kith and kin, but they did not stay there long. A few miles east of Table Cape, settlers were in dire straits. Everything was in a hopeless muddle. There were no roads, laden wagons were bogged down whenever it rained, there were no barns for storing grain, no shops, little money and a system of barter was the general rule. What an opportunity for a wealthy businessman from an English iron works! Joseph Gardner Stutterd came to their aid. He moved his family, for the last time, to Table Cape where he built a beautiful two storied house and named it "Araucaria". He planted the pine trees and fruit trees in the garden and in the conservatory were white camellias, potted plants and rare ferns.

He put up stores, barns and stables for the settlers and ordered farm tools, ploughs and supplies of all kinds from England. The small sailing ships came and tipped their ballast of rocks into the shallow bay until it was filled in and level ground was the result. A pier was built where ships could be loaded up with grain, potatoes and timber. Saw mills were set up and soon fine stacks of timber were waiting for the ships on the reclaimed land by the pier.

It must have been a very happy period for Joseph and Jane. Their books, paintings and furnishings that they had brought out from England were unpacked at last. Their sons were sent to school in Hobart Town by sailing ship to Launceston and then by coach, but unfortunately they could only go home during the long summer vacations. After ten happy years at Araucaria, however, tragedy came to Joseph and Jane. In 1867, their pretty daughter, Charlotte, who had been going to a boarding school in Geelong, was returning to school after a summer break at Table Cape. She left in the schooner "Jane Elizabeth" for Launceston, in order to catch a ship there to Melbourne. Sadly, the little schooner floundered in a gale off Tamer Heads, and all on board were drowned. Joseph and Jane were heart broken. Joseph never recovered. He lost all interest in life, and would sit on the

shore, day after day, gazing out to sea. In less than a year, by February 1868 at the age of 55 years, he too was dead. Joseph was buried in the burial ground on a high bank overlooking the Inglis River. It must have been comforting to Jane that her five elder sons were grown men when their father died, ages ranging from 22 to 28 years, the baby Frederick was not yet eleven years old. Jane survived her husband by eleven years, and when she died, was buried next to her husband. The old burial ground is particularly lovely, historically interesting, for all Table Cape pioneers rest there.

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#### DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH AND JANE

Alfred Stutterd, J.P. Born in 1843 in Banbury, Oxfordshire, son of J.G.S, became storekeeper under his father at Circular Head and Table Cape. On the death of his father in 1868, Alfred became manager. The firm became Stutterd Brothers and Co. (Alfred, Edward and Emily). In 1874, they became established general merchants in Burnie and Waratah, and became the most successful firm on the North-West Coast, with a most varied and up-to-date stock. In 1899, Alfred purchased a farm at Stowport and devoted considerable time to the management of it, cultivating potatoes and vegetables on a large scale. He was appointed a justice of the peace on August 2nd 1897, and was elected a member of the Town Board of Burnie in 1898. He married Kate Berjew, daughter of the late Mr. John Berjew, at Circular Head in 1876 and they had two sons and two daughters.

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Edward Stutterd, J.P. Born in 1842 in Banbury, Oxfordshire. On completion of his education, Edward assisted his father. J.G.S. in the management of the store. On the death of his father, in 1868, he became a partner and the store was re-named Stutterd Brothers and Co. In 1875 a branch was opened at Burnie. The Wynyard branch was closed in 1896. Edward was largely interested in farming and was the proprietor of considerable area of land on the coast. He was interested in politics, a member of the Table Cape Road Trust and held the position of treasurer for seventeen years. He was a member of the Table Cape Marine Board for twenty years, treasurer of the Wynyard Town Hall Committee, was returning officer for the district of Wellington and was president of the Wynyard Cricket Club.

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Joseph Hubert Stutterd. The eldest son of John Henry Stutterd, (eldest son of Joseph and Jane) was born and educated at Wynyard. After leaving school, he was, for some fourteen years, with his uncle Edward Stutterd in the storekeeping business. He was a member of the Table Cape Lodge and occupied the post of Past Noble Grand Master. He was married in 1899 to Jeanette Slater, daughter of John Slater. His brother, Henry Gladstone Stutterd, was also a native of Wynyard. After leaving school, he became a teacher for a time, then he joined his brother and his two sisters Mary and Charlotte in the firm of General Storekeepers, Produce and Grain Merchants, started in Wynyard in 1898.

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#### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Have you got one? Have you changed it?  
If you have, send me an e-mail with "e-mail address confirmation" in the subject line and your name in the message to  
**secretary@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.**

#### ST JOHN'S, GT. MARSDEN, GRAVEYARD.

Many of you will be aware that the graveyard at St John's Church, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, has been "over-run" with Japanese Knotweed. "The Friends of St John's Churchyard" was formed in early 2005 and they have instigated work to eradicate the knotweed and make the graveyard tidy. The following advertisement appeared in the December 1st 2006 issue of the Nelson Leader.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

This is to give notice that the following work is to be carried out at St John's Churchyard, Great Marsden, on Barkerhouse Road, Nelson, Lancashire.

Removal of all kerbstones on graves to enable land to be levelled and re-seeded with a low maintenance grass seed. There is no time limit on this work which will continue as elimination of the Japanese Knotweed permits.

Any objections to this work should be sent in writing to The Secretary, 18 Ridgeway, Wheatley Springs, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 8QP by Friday, 12th January, 2007

Some of you, particularly our distant members, may have missed seeing it. Although the response date is now passed, I am sure the secretary will not be averse to receiving any replies or comments after the 12th January. Perhaps some of you may consider joining the Friends of St John's Churchyard. They need to raise funds to continue with their work and would welcome any support, financial or otherwise. Donations towards the cost of their work should be sent to the Secretary – address as above.

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#### HELP SURGERY AT COLNE LIBRARY

A suggestion has been made, that the branch should run a monthly/weekly Wednesday morning help desk at Colne Library. It has been decided that for a trial period, a help desk will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon and that it will be open to the general public. A rota system of helpers will be needed to make this work. Volunteers to man the help desk should give their names to Jean Ingham so that she can formalise a team. The first session will be on Wednesday, January 24th 2007.

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#### NEW WEBSITE - "Burnley in the Great War"

[www.burnleyinthegreatwar.info](http://www.burnleyinthegreatwar.info)

Andrew Gill has recently launched a web site which may be of interest to our members. The site is called at "Burnley in the Great War". The aim of the site is to gather as much information as possible on the men from the town who served in the Great War and also the effects on the town.

Although still in its early stages the site already has alphabetical listings of all the men who were killed and this is now being consolidated with more personal information on these men i.e. where they are buried, age, date of death etc. (this is now complete for all men whose name began with the letter "A" and about half of the "B's").

As around 3800 men from Burnley & district were killed during the war this will be one of the largest databases of its type relating to an individual town on the web.

There are also sections on individual memorials in the town and photographs of Burnley soldiers.

## PROPOSED NEW WAR MEMORIAL FOR NELSON

Fred Stringer, a local historian, is compiling a database of names to be included on the proposed new war memorial for Nelson. He would like the names of any Nelsonian who lost his or her life in a conflict since the end of the Second World War. Anyone with relatives or friends, who lost their lives in conflicts and would like to see their names on the memorial please contact Fred Stringer at Crantock, Halifax Road, Nelson, BB9 0EG or by e-mail [Fred@Pendle.net](mailto:Fred@Pendle.net)  
To date Fred has the following numbers of names  
Boer War – 1, WW1 – 850, WW 2 – 250, Korean War – 1

## LFHHS NEWS

Chairman's Summary Winter 2006/7

Welcome to this the third of my summaries. I hope all the members of the Society, whether in Lancashire or out of the county are finding them helpful and informative.

Since my last summary, we have had a number of things happening in the Society. One of the more important was the members' meeting at Astley Hall, Chorley. It was here that we looked at your Society and questioned "Where are we going". After this extremely helpful meeting, I pulled together a small group to look at what was brought up. We hope to put some challenging proposals to the Executive at our February meeting. The branch representative will bring them back to the branches for consideration to be put before the AGM in May 2007. I hope that you will take an interest in looking at these plans.

The Society Dinner, organised by the Blackburn & Darwen branch was a great success. Peter Park spoke informatively and amusingly on "A different look at the records." The Whitehall Hotel, provided an excellent meal. The Hyndburn branch was asked to organise the Society Dinner for 2007. Can I encourage members to attend if at all possible.

In the November executive meeting these following items were agreed and the decisions that were made:-

We were informed by the Blackburn & Darwen Branch, that they had received a grant towards their expenses concerning the work they are doing on the Lancashire BMD.

The new and updated fiche catalogue is now on the society website.

1. Pip Cowling our membership secretary informed us that we have had an increase in new members, this is great news. Along with the new membership form that was in the November copy of Lancashire, UK members are now able to pay by credit card. We are working hard to enable our overseas members to be able to do the same next year.
2. The Straits committee will soon be starting work on fitting out the centre so we can use it to a greater capacity.
3. As a society we have been approached by the British library to ask if our society website can be preserved for posterity. The Executive agreed this request and complimented Fred Moor on his unstinting work on the website, and this request is a great testimony to his work.

Thank you for your support as members and please if you have any comments, you can contact me at [chairman@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lfhhs.org.uk)

As a Stop Press, also reported in "Lancashire", we have sadly had to accept the resignation of Pip Cowling as the

Society Membership Secretary, this is due to family circumstances. Pip, in the three years she has been Membership Secretary, has input greatly into the Society. She has been willing to travel to attend committee meetings here in Lancashire, even though she travels from Bradford in Yorkshire. We are sorry to see her go, but understand the reasons.

The Society, therefore, needs a new membership secretary, to take over at the AGM in May, help will be given to acquaint any volunteer with the system in use and Pip will be available, for a while, to give advice. Any interested person should contact Pip at [membership@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:membership@lfhhs.org.uk)

### Exhibitions & Fairs

In my other role as Exhibitions and Fairs Co-ordinator, I wish to bring to your attention the Fairs that the Society will be attending in 2007, so far, they are:-

- Pudsey Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Stockport Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- York Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Southport Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August

If any member of the society wishes to help at any of these fairs, they will be most welcome, just contact me at [exhibitions@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:exhibitions@lfhhs.org.uk)

Stephen John Ward, Chairman, LFH & HS

### **Letter of praise from a distant member.**

Sir,

As Chair of LFHHS, you will already be aware that the ladies - and they are mostly ladies - who act as Secretaries to the Branches do an excellent job. Each time that I have asked for help from a Branch I have received a warm, courteous and helpful response. The Society is fortunate to have the services of these dedicated and enthusiastic ladies.

*Editor - This also applies to several other members of our branch, gentlemen and ladies alike. Thank you for the help that you all so readily give to others.*

## QUERY CORNER

### **MYSTERY WRITER WHO SET STORIES IN BURNLEY AREA**

Valerie Whitehead

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Valerie writes:- If my information is correct, a contemporary mystery writer set her works in the Burnley area circa the early 1900s. If so, could you please forward her name? My grandparents lived in Burnley in that period so I thought that reading a work of fiction might give some information about life in the town.

## **NELSON & DISTRICT POWERLOOM**

### **OVERLOOKERS' SOCIETY**

Barrie McKnight

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Barrie writes:- Like many other people I am working on my family history and it would be very useful to do some work with the records of the above union - the tacklers' union. I have discovered that the union no longer exists as an independent body and have tried many archives searching for the records. All these approaches, ranging from Lancashire Records Office to Warwick University and individual unions, have drawn a blank. I wonder if you have any members or contacts who may have information on the whereabouts of the union records. They must represent an important source of historical information about the Nelson cotton industry. I hope you can help and look forward to hearing from you.

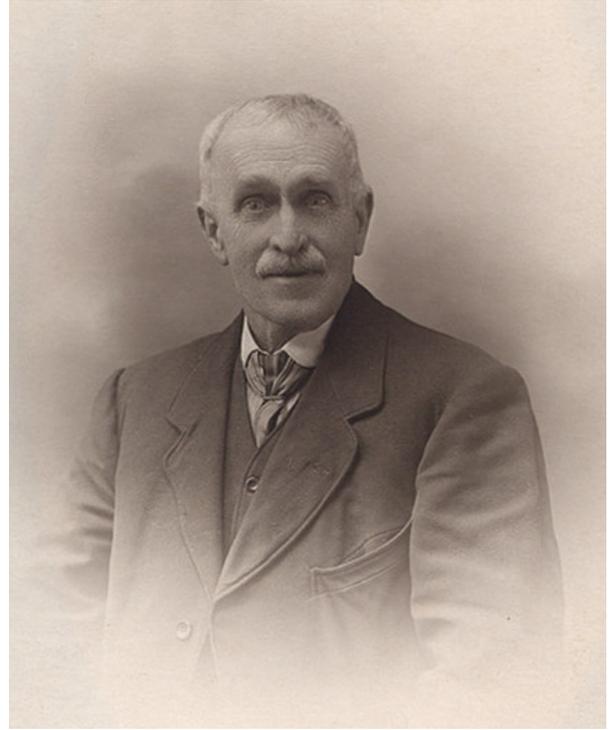
**HOWARTH, RICKARD, STANSFIELD**

I recently received four photographs from Bob DOBSON, the second hand book dealer. He had been given these by a lady from Lytham St Annes, who used to live in Nelson. They are photographs of her ancestors and she asked that they be deposited at Nelson library. The photographs are of Mary HOWARTH, nee STANSFIELD, whose father Jonathan STANSFIELD built Blacko Tower, Hartley HOWARTH, Joseph RICKARD and HARTLEY HOWARTH in his son's Australian Army uniform. If these

people are part of your family, and you would like prints of them please let me know.

David RICKARD, one of our branch members has Joseph RICKARD in his family tree. Joseph RICKARD is the brother of David Rickard's grandfather. Research has shown that the RICKARD and HOWARTH families are linked as follows. Joseph RICKARD's daughter, Gertrude, married Hartley and Mary HOWARTH's son Benjamin in the December quarter of 1915.

Brenda I Hustler, Branch Secretary



**FLACK** Ted (Edmund) Flack, Brisbane, Australia  
e-mail tandjflack@optusnet.com.au

Ted writes:- I attach copies of the obituary notices for my Great Grandfather, William Henry Douglas Flack, who died in Burnley on 10 March 1936. (See pages 9 & 10)

There are several interesting questions that arise from these newspaper reports which may be of interest to members of the LFH&HS as follows:

The list of those either attending the funeral or sending floral tributes suggests that my Great Grandfather was well connected, yet the British Army records show that his father William Flack (referred to in the reports as the late Captain William Flack) signed on in the 63rd Regiment of Foot as an "Irish labourer" with an "x" in 1832, in Cavan, Ireland.

How could this family achieve such a turn around in its fortunes in one generation, in the face of the social and economic disadvantages William (Snr) must have faced?

How could Captain "Billy" Flack, (Quartermaster Commission in the 5th RLM militia) and a pension of 15 pounds per year, afford to send his sons to good schools, one becoming a bank manager and the other a Church of England Minister?

Do any of your members have any suggestions?

The newspaper cuttings relating to this query are shown on pages 9 and 10 of this issue.

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## **E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

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

### **HAVE YOU NOW GOT AN E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

If you have, send me an e-mail with a subject line of "e-mail address confirmation" and just put your name in the body of the message. Send it to

secretary@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk

When the last issue of 'The Gazette' was posted out by e-mail, several messages "bounced" and were returned as undeliverable. If you have changed your e-mail address, please inform me.

If you have your research interests posted on the branch website please check that you have the correct address listed (try sending an e-mail to the address on the list). The research names of a few members have had to be removed from the members' interests pages on the website, because their e-mail addresses are 'bouncing'. If your interests are not on the website and you think they should be, is it because you have changed your e-mail address without telling me?

Brenda I Hustler, Branch Secretary

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## **Lancashire Record Office**

### **Saturday opening dates for 2007**

13 January	7 July
10 February	11 August
10 March	8 September
14 April	13 October
12 May	10 November
9 June	8 December

## **ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION**

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## A BURNLEY WORTHY.

### DEATH OF PROMINENT TOWNSMAN.

#### AN ACTIVE CAREER.

The death of Mr William Henry Douglas Flack, J.P., of "Brookside," Burnley, marks the passing of a gentleman who for upwards of half a century has been closely identified with the commercial, social and church life of the town. Mr Flack, whose demise occurred yesterday, had been in declining health for over two years, but throughout his long illness he maintained undiminished interest in everything concerning the welfare of the borough and its inhabitants. His work always cheerfully and devotedly ren-



LATE MR. W. H. D. FLACK,

dered, on behalf of various philanthropic institutions in the town, especially his long and valuable services as honorary treasurer of the Burnley Victoria hospital, will long be remembered with gratitude by the residents of Burnley and district.

Mr Flack, who was born in 1853, was the eldest son of the late Captain Flack, of the 5th R.L.M., and had lived in Burnley and district practically all his life. He was educated at the well-known Carlton-road School, under the late Mr. W. Milner Grant, and also at the Burnley Grammar School during the headmastership of the late rev. James Butler, D.C.L., and Mr. T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S. At the Grammar School, Mr Flack held the enviable position of head boy for the years 1869-1870, and his name still appears among those chronicled on the roll of successful students.

Leaving school at the age of 18, he entered the service of the Manchester and county Bank in January 1870, as a junior clerk at the Burnley branch. Subsequently, he was for many years chief cashier under the management of the late Mr. N. P. Gray, J.P. during his first residence in Burnley, Mr. Flack took great interest in the old Burnley Choral society, and was a member of the orchestra of that society for several years, this being at the time it was under the conductorship of Mr. James Pollard. Mr. Flack assisted in the organisation of the Burnley Orchestral Union, and remained a member of this until his removal to Nelson.

It was when a separate branch of the Manchester and County Bank was opened in Nelson in 1884 that Mr. Flack was placed in charge, and he remained in that capacity until his appointment as manager of the Burnley and district branches. The Nelson branch made rapid progress during his management. The first premises occupied were in Scotland-road, and from this place the business was transferred to a building erected by the bank in Manchester-road. In 1902 the bank again removed to the present premises in Leeds-

#### Splendid Work for Hospital

On the retirement of Mr. N. P. Gray in 1909, Mr. Flack was appointed manager of the branches in Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield. In addition to the responsible duties involved by his position as bank manager, which were eminently satisfactory to both the bank and its clients, Mr. Flack devoted considerable time to the service of local institutions. He succeeded Mr. N. P. Gray as honorary treasurer of the Victoria Hospital for Burnley and district in 1909, and held that position for 23 years, during which long period he rendered valuable service to the hospital, and his untiring efforts contributed largely to the welfare and efficient financial government of the institution. He laboured wholeheartedly in furthering the interests of the hospital, and his splendid work was greatly appreciated not only by his colleagues on the Board of Management but by the public throughout the whole of the area served by the hospital.

Owing to advancing years and illness, Mr. Flack decided to relinquish his active association with the Board of Management of the hospital, and in January, 1933, he intimated by letter to the chairman, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J. P., his decision to resign from the position of honorary treasurer. His resignation was accepted with great regret by all his colleagues on the board who appreciated the distinction with which Mr. Flack had carried out his duties.

#### Many Activities

Mr Flack was always ready to give generous help to any deserving object. He was honorary treasurer and vice-president of the Burnley Chamber of Commerce, honorary treasurer of the Police Court Mission and several other institutions of a philanthropic character. He was one of the joint honorary local treasurers on the visits of the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society to Burnley.

Mr Flack was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Burnley in August, 1913, and until his health began to fail he was one of the most regular attenders on the magisterial bench. He was for many years a member of the Licensing Committee; a Justice appointed to exercise jurisdiction under Lunacy Acts and the Mental Deficiency Act; a visitor appointed under the Mental Deficiency Act; and a member of the Gas Committee of the Justices.

Mr Flack took a deep interest in church work. While at Nelson he was connected with St. Mary's Church, and acted as honorary treasurer of the scheme for the erection of the handsome tower and spire. For several years he held the position of vicar's warden. Since his return to Burnley he had been associated with St. Stephen's Church and later for a great many years with Holy Trinity Church, where he was greatly esteemed by the congregation. In many ways he was connected with the social, commercial and church life of the town, and the active enthusiasm with which he discharged his multifarious duties won for him the respect and admiration of all sections of the community.

Mr Flack leaves one son, Dr. F. H. Flack, now in retirement at Southport, and three daughters. One son, also a doctor, died a few years ago.

The funeral will take place in the family vault at the Burnley Cemetery, to-morrow morning at 11-30.

Extract from 'Burnley'  
Newspaper 11 March 1936

## **LATE MR. WHD FLACK, J.P.**

### **FUNERAL OF RESPECTED TOWNSMAN.**

#### **WIDESPREAD SORROW**

With quiet ceremony, but with widespread manifestation of sorrow, the interment of Mr. William Henry Douglas Flack, J.P., one of Burnley's most prominent citizens, of "Brookside," took place in the Burnley Cemetery last Thursday.

Mr Flack, whose death last Tuesday was reported in Wednesday's "Express," was 84 years of age and a native of Burnley. He was educated at Carlton-road School and the Burnley Grammar School, where he was head boy for two years, and later entered the service of the Manchester and County Bank, becoming chief cashier at the Burnley branch. In 1884 he was appointed manager of the Nelson branch, and in 1909 was promoted manager of the Burnley, Padigham and Brierfield branches.

He took a keen interest in many Burnley institutions, such as the old Burnley Choral Society, the Burnley Chamber of Commerce, the Police Court Mission, and other organisations of a philanthropic character, but his especial interest was centred in the Victoria Hospital. He became honorary treasurer for the hospital in 1909, and held that position for 23 years, during which period he rendered invaluable service in all sections of the institution's administration. Owing to advancing years and ill-health, Mr Flack relinquished his official connection with the hospital in 1933, but he maintained his keen interest in its welfare to the time of his death.

#### **Widely Respected.**

Mr Flack was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Burnley in August 1913, and he was for many years a member of the Licensing Committee, a Justice appointed to exercise jurisdiction under the Lunacy Acts and the Mental Deficiency Act, a visitor appointed under the Mental Deficiency Act, and a member of the Gas Committee of the Justices.

An ardent churchman, Mr. Flack was actively associated with St. Mary's Church whilst resident in Nelson, and upon returning to Burnley, he had been identified with St Stephen's Church and latterly with Holy Trinity Church.

Mr Flack's influence in the social, commercial and religious life of the town won for him the respect and admiration of all sections of the community, and heartfelt sympathy will be extended to his son and three daughters, by whom he is survived.

The Rev. B. E. Hughes, B. D., conducted the service in the Cemetery church, and the mourners were: Dr. and Mrs. Flack, Miss Flack, Miss M. Flack, Mr Douglas Flack, Mr Gordon Johnson, Dr. Haworth, Miss Moore, Miss Nightingale, Mrs Bassnett, and Miss Hart.

#### **Public Representatives**

Amongst those present at the Cemetery service were: Mr. S. Roberts (former manager of the County Bank, Burnley), Mr. P. Oldman (representing the District Bank, Burnley), Mr. E. Gough (late of the District Bank, Colne), Mr. G. H. Bolton (colne), Mr. A. Pilling (representing District Bank, Nelson), Sir Amos Nelson, Mr. J. Stuttard, Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. Pendlebury, the Misses Walton, Mr and Mrs C. Spencer and Miss Grant, Mr. G. S. Ritchie, Mr. R. Ashworth, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J. P., and Mr. R. Place, J. P. (representing the Burnley Victoria Hospital), and Mr. F. Thomas, J. P., Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. Pendlebury, the Misses Walton, Mr and Mrs C. Spencer and Miss Grant, Mr. G. S. Ritchie, Mr. R.

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Ashworth, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J. P., and Mr. R. Place, J. P. (representing the Burnley Victoria Hospital), and Mr. F. Thomas, J. P. (representing the Burnley and District Workpeople's Hospital Fund). The Burnley Borough Justices were represented by Mr. H. Dent, Mr. A. Green, Mrs. M. L. A. Heap, Mr. W. Heys, Mr. R. Landless, Alderman H. R. Nuttall, Mrs. F. A. Ogden, B. A., Mr. J. Proctor, Mr. R. B. Watson, Mr. F. Thomas, Mr. W. J. C. Perkins (Clerk to the Justices), and Superintendent Edwards.

#### **Floral Tributes**

Floral tributes were sent by the following:

His children; Percy; Peggie; Gordon; Florrie and Robert; Edie; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Gough; Mr. and Mrs. Smith Roberts; Captain and Mrs. T. H. Grey; Thomas Show; Dr. and Mrs. Dixon; Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Collinge and Mrs. Walmsley; Dr. Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stuttard; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ritchie; Donal and Elspeth; Major and Mrs. Roberts; Parton (his gardener); Mrs. Sellers Kay; Dr. and Mrs. and Dr. Robert Jackson; Mr. and Miss Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hargreaves; Ethel and Percy; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Spencer; Doris Whitaker; Nan Nelson; J. R. and the Misses Walton; Bessie Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. E. Halstead; Mr. J. E. Wheatcroft; Mrs. Harry Proctor; Mr. Tom Mellor; Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Haworth; Mr. W. J. C. Perkins (Borough Justices' Clerk); John T. Dent and family; Mr. R. S. Bardsley; Miss Roberts (Nelson); Mr. G. H. Bolton; Frank and Evelyn Smethurst; Miss Girling; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thorner; Mr. and Mrs. Veevers; Olga and Vivien; Marjorie and George; Dr. and Miss Graham; Mr and Mrs. Guy Southern; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Maudsley; Violet and Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fullalove and May; the Matron and nursing staff, Victoria Hospital; the Board of management, Victoria Hospital; Burnley and District Work-people's Hospital Fund; the manager and staff, County Bank, Burnley; County Bank, Nelson; directors of the Burnley Cricket Club; directors of Butterworth and Dickinson, Ltd., the Ancient Order of Foresters; W. H. Harrison, Ltd.; Burnley and District Chamber of Commerce.

The arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Hudson and Kidner, Burnley.

#### **Mayor's Tribute**

Reference to Mr. W. H. D. Flack's service to the town was made by the Mayor of Burnley at the Burnley Police Court last Wednesday morning. The Mayor (Councillor George Parkinson) said Mr. Flack was a gentleman who had spent a tremendous amount of his leisure and his valuable time in connection with the welfare of Burnley. They would ever remember him for the great work which he did for the Burnley Victoria Hospital, and the present state of that institution was due in no small measure to his energies and interest. He carried out the duties of treasurer of the Hospital for many years, but not only was he interested in the Hospital but he also found time to devote himself to many other branches of public welfare. He had served as a magistrate over a long period of years, and he was always most attentive to his duties and discharged them in an extremely efficient manner.

"We in Burnley can ill-afford to lose a gentleman of the calibre of Mr. Flack, and we all very deeply lament his passing," concluded the Mayor.