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BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Once again we had a really good attendance for the branch A.G.M. It was very pleasing to see so many members attend and to know that you have some interest in what happens within the branch. Our chairman, Jean Ingham, gave a report of the branch activities throughout the past year and the secretary and treasurer gave their reports to the meeting. Briefly, the branch continues to prosper. It is sound financially and although there were 41 non-renewals of membership, 14 new members have joined the branch since January 2007. Overall, we have had a busy year with both speaker's evenings and practical workshops being very well attended. The "Open Day" was held at Nelson Library in October and an exhibition on family history was mounted at the library prior to the event.

Christine Haworth has resigned as publications officer but has volunteered to remain on the committee. In addition to the retiring officials on the committee who were duly elected to serve for another two years, we had two more volunteers for the committee and we welcome John Lustig and Geoff Riley to the committee.

SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At our branch A.G.M. we issued a copy of "The way forward" to our members. This is an outline of the way that the executive committee of our society are proposing that the society should develop. You were asked to send your opinions on the proposals to the society chairman Stephen Ward. This item will be fully discussed at the Society A.G.M. to be held on Saturday 19th May 2007. In the past five years, very few members of our branch have attended the society A.G.M., but this year it is important that the views of branch members on the future development of the society, should be conveyed to rest of the members of the society. You are, therefore, urged to attend and have your say.

The A.G.M. follows the annual conference held at The Foster Theatre, University of Central Lancashire. Details and a booking forms for the conference were in the centre-fold of the last issue of "Lancashire". Why not have a day out and attend both the conference and the A.G.M.

The conference is from 10 am to 3-30 pm following registration and coffee/tea – 9.15 am to 10 am. There will be three speakers; Fergus O'Connor – "Islands of Ireland" an interesting trip to see and learn something new about the Emerald Isle; Martin Baggoley, 'Hangings in Manchester' introducing his book "Strangeways" a century of hangings in Manchester; and Society Members - Current Local Projects: Heraldry and Family History, 'Alive and well'. A look at the interrelationship and problem solving. Conference & A.G.M. with lunch - £17.60 per person; without lunch - £7.60 per person.

The Annual General Meeting starts at 3.45 pm for which there is no charge

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.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

16 May Out-visit to Earby Mine Museum & Anchor Inn
30.May Practical Evening
20.Jun Swiss Tour, Then and Now Peter Marshall
18.Jul Practical Evening
15.Aug. Through Glass Brightly Margaret Curry
29.Aug Open Night and Practical Evening
19.Sep Archivist from Lancashire Record Office

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

LIBRARY

There has been one new book added to our library, recently.

- Wheatley Lane Inghamite: Baptisms – 1750 to 1866 and Burials 1750-1838. As this book is a ring-bound soft-backed book it is kept in Box File E.

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 up to 1900 are now on the LancashireBMD website. Inputting of the Death indexes is nearly complete. Photocopying of the Non-Conformist Marriage indexes 1900 to 1950 will be started soon. The group of volunteers going to Preston is now down to six people, so new volunteers will be welcome to join us.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

Update on Yorkshire Indexes (Barnoldswick)

If your ancestors lived in the Barnoldswick district you will be pleased to know that the indexes to all births registered in the Barnoldswick area from 1837 - 1900 are now on the Lancashire BMD website (www.lancashirebmd.org.uk) The death indexes for the same period will be added in the very near future.

Application forms for certificates can be printed from the website and certificates obtained from Lancashire Registration District Certificate Services, Quayside Court, Chain Caul Way, Preston PR2 2ZP.

Jean Ingham

PROJECTS

Work on recording Memorial Inscriptions at Nelson Walton Lane Cemetery will begin again in a few weeks time. 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 Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle and the Burial Registers, Grave Books and Receipt Books 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 me.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

♣ **LECTURE** – Margaret Purcell.

'Using Irish Local History to Supplement Your Research'

Plus ADVICE & RESEARCH

Saturday June 9th 2007 1 pm to 4.30 pm

♣ **ADVICE & RESEARCH AFTERNOON**

Workshop - Advice & Research Session

Saturday 11th August 1 pm to 4.30 pm

♣ **MINI-CONFERENCE – Full Day – details to follow**

Saturday 13th October 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

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

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT FHS SPRING FAIR

Doncaster School for the Deaf, Race Course Roundabout, Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6AY

Saturday 28th April 2007 10 am to 4 pm

THE NATIONAL HISTORY SHOW

Olympia, London.

Saturday, Sunday & Monday 5th, 6th & 7th May 2007

Admission £20. Child (6-15 yrs) £6. Under 5 - free

WHARFEDALE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Family History Day - Addingham Memorial Hall

Saturday 12th May 2007 9.30 am to 4 pm

Speakers and research opportunities

Family History from Education Records - Colin R Chapman

Ancestors Migrations - Norman Welch

Cost £9 including buffet lunch, £6 without lunch.

Booking is essential. E-mail - hon.secretary@wfhg.org.uk

LFHHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Foster Theatre, University of Central Lancashire, Preston.

Saturday 19th May 2007 10 am to 5 pm

Conference & A.G.M. with lunch - £17.60. per person.

Conference & A.G.M. without lunch - £7.60. per person

CUMBRIA HISTORY FAIR

Rheged Discovery Centre, Penrith

Saturday 19th May 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £3 Children under 16 Free

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

SOUTH WEST AREA GROUP OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Saturday July 14, 2007 10 am-4 pm

The Winter Garden, Royal Parade, Weston-super-Mare

NORTH WALES FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Llandudno - Conference Centre

Saturday 1st September 2007 10 am - 4.30 pm

THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday 8th September 2007 10 am to 4.30 pm

Admission £3.00 Accompanied Children under 15 free

MALTON FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Milton Rooms, Malton, North Yorkshire

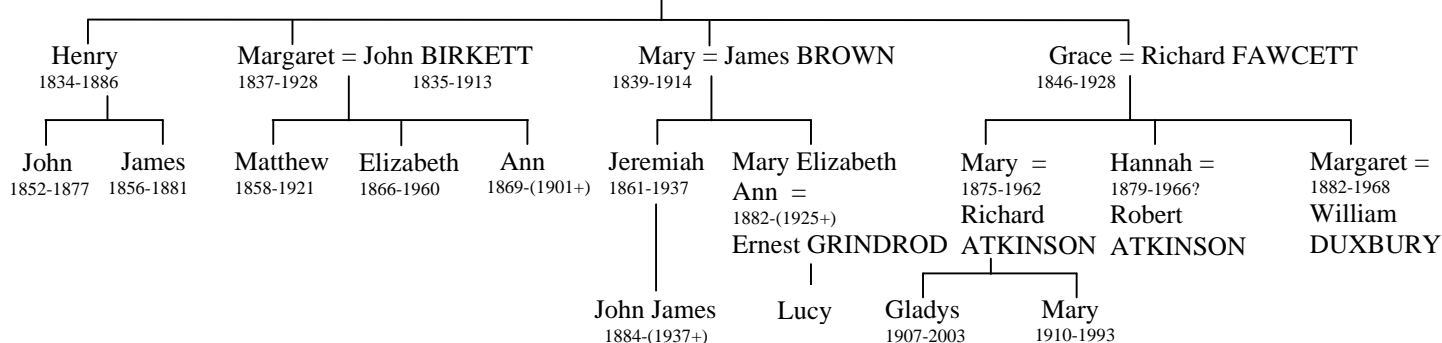
Saturday 15th September 2007 10 am to 4 pm

Admission Free

NOTES ON A MUSICAL FAMILY

Compiled by Christine M. Haworth

John WADDINGTON 1810-1883



John WADDINGTON 1810-1883

John was born in Padiham, the son of George Waddington, farmer, of Knight Hill. He started work at the age of twelve years at Simonstone Colliery. For the next sixty years he was employed by the Executors of Colonel Hargreaves in various positions in their mines around Padiham and Burnley. Before 1861 he was at working at Rowley Colliery and remained there until 1872 when, following the death of his cousin William Waddington, he was appointed manager of the collieries belonging to the Executors and went to live at Brownhill on Bank Parade, Burnley. He was also appointed as an examiner of candidates for colliery manager in the North Lancashire District. He resigned in 1881 because of failing health.

In the book 'Musical Worthies of Burnley & District 1849-1919' by George Nuttall, John was described as "a recognised judge of music." Many of his descendants appear to have inherited his musical talent.

John WADDINGTON 1852-1877

John lived on St. Andrew's Terrace, Colne Road, Burnley with his wife and two young children. Although he was only 25 when he died, for several years he had been a manager at Bank Hall Colliery where his father Henry was also employed. In 1875 he had obtained a certificate of competency from the Government Board of Examiners of Collieries. Until the start of his fatal illness he had been organist at St. Luke's Church, Brierfield. His obituary says, "As a musician he stood high in the estimation of all with whom he was brought in contact. His calm, dignified but retired and unassuming mien, endeared him to all who had the honour of his friendship and acquaintance".

James WADDINGTON 1856-1881

James, was unmarried and lived with his parents at Swindlehurst House, Briercliffe Road, Burnley. He was assistant manager at Bank Hall Colliery and died suddenly at the age of 25 years after spending the evening practising with the Bank Hall Colliery Band of which he was a member. He was also a "long standing, diligent and hearty member... of St. Andrew's Church Choir".

Margaret BIRKETT nee WADDINGTON 1837-1928

Margaret was "foremost as a soloist in the first Choral Society days". This was the Choral Society in Burnley, which ran from 1856-1875. In 1856 she had married John BIRKETT who was also a musician.

John BIRKETT 1835-1913

John was born in Wigan and as a young man had been organist at a church near Ormskirk. When he first moved to Burnley his occupation was as a plumber, but in 1863 he set

up a musical business in Market Street, Burnley and later in St. James' Street, selling and repairing musical instruments and organs. He was the first organ builder in Burnley and for about 27 years was the organist at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Burnley. In 1871 he was living on Birkett Street in the Burnley Lane area and whilst occupied as a farmer, was also a "Teacher of Music". Probably due to the opening of Bank Hall Colliery near his home, by 1881 he had moved to a farm at Widow Green, near Heasandford and was also a "Pianoforte dealer". The music business must have become more profitable as later he gave up farming and moved to a house in Westgate, Burnley, near to his shop. Just before his sudden death he had arranged to overhaul the organ at St. John's Church, Gannow.

Matthew BIRKETT 1858-1921

Matthew showed his musical ability when very young, giving his first public performance as a piano soloist at the age of twelve and he was also connected with the Burnley Lane Choral Union. For twelve years he was deputy organist to his father at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Burnley when he was in the habit of 'extemporising the voluntaries'. In 1875 he formed an orchestra of about thirty performers who gave charitable concerts in Lancashire and Yorkshire and at one time, he was also the Flautist and Bandmaster of the East Lancashire Volunteers. He was employed as agent and surveyor of the mines belonging to the Executors of Colonel Hargreaves and in about 1880 formed the Bank Hall Colliery Band, teaching most of the sixty members how to play their various instruments. These had been provided by the Revd. William Thursby, whose wife had co-inherited the collieries from her father, Colonel Hargreaves. After a year he resigned as bandmaster and as a result of this the band went into decline and eventually ceased. In 1890 he was asked to take over again and Matthew was bandmaster from 1890-1910, which was the band's most successful period. Several times he played the flute with the Halle Orchestra in Manchester and other places. On one occasion he was the honorary musical director of the Royal Lancashire Show and acted as conductor of the massed brass bands at the close of the show. His obituary says "As a performer he has always shown great versatility and at one time or other he has played on practically every known instrument."

Elizabeth (Lizzie) BIRKETT 1866-1960

Lizzie was unmarried and worked as an assistant in her father's shop and later had her own shop in the old Market Hall in Burnley, selling sheet music and instruments. She also gave violin lessons in the back of the shop from where the screeching sounds made by the novice violinists could be heard in the Market Hall.

Ann BIRKETT 1869-(1901+)

In 1891 and 1901 census, Lizzie's younger sister, Ann, was a "Teacher of Music – Violin & Piano, on own account at home".

Jeremiah BROWN 1861-1937

He was a founder member of the Bank Hall Military Band and a skilled cornet player.

John James BROWN 1884 - (1938+)

Known as James BROWN, by 1937 had become the chief clarinet player in the BBC Empire Orchestra.

Mary Elizabeth Ann BROWN 1882-(1925+)

On the 1901 census she was still unmarried & living at home and shown as a "Teacher of Music, At Home". She later married Ernest GRINDROD and in 1925 her daughter Lucy GRINDROD inherited a piano from her grandfather James BROWN.

Grace FAWCETT nee WADDINGTON 1846-1928

Until her marriage in 1866, she was the organist at Worsthorpe Parish Church. For a number of years she was the leading soprano at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Burnley and was also a soloist in the first Choral Society in Burnley. About 1873 her husband became manager of Hapton Valley and Burnt Hills Collieries and so the family moved to Spa Clough House in Hapton Valley to be near his work. Tragedy struck in 1889 when Richard FAWCETT was killed in a mining accident leaving her with seven children. Grace moved to a house in Rosegrove Lane and music became her life. This, of course, was at a time when there was only "live entertainment" and all the churches and chapels would put on concerts to raise money for the upkeep of their buildings and for various charities. To these events, Grace would give her services. She also held Musical Evenings at her home when the guests would bring along their own musical instruments and give a performance. She also taught others how to sing and ran a local choir. Her last solo performance was at Wesley Chapel in Burnley at the age of 76. Her obituary said that "*She had always been musically gifted,.... gaining a large reputation as a soprano and a mezzo...Throughout her life she possessed that charm of voice which distinguished her early career, and she gave her wholehearted support to the work of local churches..... Her death has deprived Burnley of one of its most talented vocalists. She leaves three sons and three daughters who are all keen musicians*". Her sons were Waddington FAWCETT of Stockbridge Road, Padiham; James FAWCETT of Gannow Lane, Burnley and William Roper FAWCETT of Liverpool Road, Burnley. Her three daughters were also solo vocalists.

Mary ATKINSON nee FAWCETT 1875-1962

Mary had a most beautiful contralto voice and sang in local choirs and as a soloist in charity concerts throughout the district. Her two daughters, Gladys & Mary were also musical.

Gladys CLEGG nee ATKINSON 1907-2003

She learned to play the piano and at the age of 14 became a Licentiate of the London College of Music and was the accompanist to her mother on her singing engagements. Over the years she was a member of several choirs and operatic societies and until her marriage was the deputy organist at Colne Road Methodist Church, Burnley.

Mary HOLLAS nee ATKINSON 1910-1993

Mollie, as she was known, learned to play the violin and until her marriage was a member of several choirs. Sadly

she lost her lovely signing voice following to the tragic death of her young son.

Hannah ATKINSON nee FAWCETT 1879-1966?

(Stage name - Maisie STERLING)

Hannah won several prizes for her fine voice, including the Madame Clara Butt's Gold Memento at the Blackpool Festival in 1904. She became a professional singer, first of all in the Burnley area, receiving good reviews for her performances in the local press – "*Madame Hannah Fawcett sang with telling effect 'The Lost Chord' and with a contralto voice of beautiful quality and good compass, with excellent command of technique and refined sympathetic expression. She may confidently look forward to her future, and her services are again being eagerly look forward to*".

"*Madame Fawcett....with her splendid contralto voice must be regarded as one of Burnley's leading singers*".

"*Madame Fawcett of Burnley, gave a finished rendition of 'Esmeralda' and it was the Tit Bit of the evening. Her contralto voice was tuneful and flexible, and she was undoubtedly the success of the evening*".

"*Madame Hannah Fawcett gave a very sympathetic rendering of the song 'For the Children's Sake'. Her rich, pure contralto voice, aided by imaginative power of no mean order, brought out the dramatic element in the narrative, with thrilling effect, and many were deeply moved. In response to a well merited encore she gave a finished rendering of a perfect gem of melody which only served to enhance the favourable impression she had already made...*"

When singing away from home, Hannah, using the stage name Maisie Sterling, appeared in such places as Exeter Hippodrome in 1915; the Palace, Blackpool in 1917; The Empire, Dewsbury in 1916; Darlington Hippodrome in 1918 and the Theatre Royal, Bury in 1922.

Margaret DUXBURY nee FAWCETT 1882-1968

(Stage name - Madge DESMOND)

Margaret also became a professional singer and for a time was on tour with the John Riding Opera Company as 'Azucena' in Il Trovatore, for which still exist the press cutting for her performances –

"*Miss Margaret Fawcett as 'Azucena' a gypsy.... soon established herself a big favourite of the audience*".

"*Miss Fawcett is well equipped for the part of Azucena, vocally and dramatically she was splendid*".

"*The excellent vocalism of Miss Fawcett was only equalled by her wonderful dramatic power*".

Margaret also worked under the stage name of Madge Desmond in such places as the Opera House, Dunfermline in 1915; The Palace Theatre, Bradford & The Opera House, Blackpool in 1916 and Manchester Trade Hall in 1918.

George Nuttall, the compiler of 'Musical Worthies....' writing in 1919 said there was "*a remarkable evidence that good music tended to lengthen life proved by the longevity of so many of the local choristers.....Mrs Birkett, aged 82, was fit for a ten miles walk.....*". Two members of the above family had died young, but others lived a long life which seems to support this theory – at least five of them lived into their 80s and three lived into their 90s.

No doubt there are many other members of this family not included here who were also very musical, but as yet no written evidence of it has been found.

Sources – Census Returns, Newspaper Obituaries & Family Memorabilia.

FFHS NEWS

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recently issued the following News Releases.

Firstly, ONS intends to close its public search facility, currently located at the Family Records Centre (FRC) in Islington, and instead to make indexes available at The National Archives (TNA) in Kew. The relocation is expected to be complete by April 2008. The services currently provided by ONS in Islington will then cease.

The News Release can be read at

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/pdfdir/frc0107.pdf> but, as its wording is open to misinterpretation, the FFHS has contacted the Project Manager of the Digitisation of Vital Events (DoVE) team at Southport for clarification.

The heading of the Release states "Births, marriages and deaths records to go on the Internet" and in its main body it states "This will enable researchers to access records yet to be digitised in paper or microfiche format."

What we have been told will be available at Kew are the indexes to Births, Marriages and Deaths, not the records themselves (i.e. full registration details will still only be obtainable by purchasing copy certificates).

Furthermore, the DoVE Project will not have been completed at the time the relocation takes place. For those records that have been digitised and re-indexed, the newly produced indexes will be accessible on computer screens at Kew. Where digitisation will not have been completed, it is the existing indexes that will be made accessible: we understand that ONS have not yet established with TNA whether these will be the binders currently in use at the FRC or whether, because of space constraints, they will need to be provided in microfiche format.

The FFHS is scheduled to hold its periodic liaison meeting with the DoVE Team next week, and we will continue to keep you posted with the latest information on the DoVE Project as soon as it is available.

Geoff Riggs, Chairman, FFHS

LATEST NEWS ON CIVIL REGISTRATION.

FFHS representatives met recently with the GRO (General Register Office) management team for the DoVE (Digitisation of Vital Events) project to review progress on the project. The system is now being developed to enable the indexes to the digitised records to be searched via the Internet, and these should be made available progressively from April 2008.

Work is well advanced on digitising the historic birth records (those from 1837-1934) and over 40 million of the 70 million records have already been processed. These have been loaded on to the EAGLE (Electronic Access to GRO Legacy Events) database. The EAGLE project will introduce a more efficient system of recording and tracking customer orders within the GRO at Southport, and its implementation is imminent.

Yet another bird's name has been chosen as the acronym for the third project - MAGPIE (Multi Access to GRO Published Index of Events). This will provide online indexes to the newly digitised records, and will be accessible via the Internet, hopefully by April 2008. The FFHS has accepted the GRO's invitation to take part in user testing this new Internet facility, although its search capabilities may be

more restrictive than the wide-ranging possibilities we have asked for.

By April 2008, the historic birth indexes will have been loaded onto EAGLE and the historic death records (those from 1837-1957) should also have been loaded. This means that those indexes will be accessible via the MAGPIE system on screen terminals at TNA at Kew (as well as via the internet) when the ONS facilities at the Family Records Centre close. Subsequently, the loading of the historic death records will be followed by the modern birth and death records, then the historic marriage records (those from 1837-1945) and the modern marriage records.

For those records that have not been added to the MAGPIE project by April 2008, access will be available at Kew, as an interim measure, to the images of the existing indexes on microfiche and on computer. The original vellum and paper indexes will be moved to TNA at Kew, but will not be on open access.

As a separate process, the Registrations Online project that deals with current registrations (2007 onwards) will provide indexes of these on terminals at the FRC by July of this year, with an interim search capability that will be more basic than that eventually offered by MAGPIE.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments in this important area.

Geoff Riggs, Chairman, FFHS

BBC RADIO 4 NEW GENEALOGY SHOW

BBC Radio 4 is producing a new genealogy show. They are looking for potential stories to feature (along the lines of interesting tales that have been unearthed by those researching their genealogy) and also to produce packages which offer practical advice for someone who's interested in becoming more involved in the practice of genealogy. So, if you or any members of your group are able to help in one or both of these areas, please contact: Bruce Munro Researcher - Radio Features Telephone 0141 338 2282

Email bruce.munro@bbc.co.uk

ELIZABETH SIMPSON

The death was announced in February of Elizabeth Simpson, one of the original founders of the Federation of Family History Societies some 33 years ago. Elizabeth had remained a prominent, active and supportive figure ever since, and was a Vice President of the FFHS. She was also the British co-ordinator for the Genealogical Research Directory. Her name will live on through the Elizabeth Simpson Award, which she introduced in 1979 as an annual award for the best family history society journal.

HELP SURGERY AT COLNE LIBRARY

The trial sessions of the Wednesday morning help desk held once a month at Colne Library have been very busy. It has been decided that we will continue for another 3 months, but more volunteers to help out are needed. The help desk is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon and is open to the general public. Volunteers to man the help desk should give their names to Jean Ingham so that she can formalise a team of helpers. The next session will be on Wednesday, April 25th 2007.

LFHHS NEWS

Chairman's Summary, March 2007.

Hi, and welcome to this the latest of the Chairman's Summaries. I have been kept quite busy with all the things needed to bring the "Way Forward" proposals to hopefully, a successful conclusion. This will be brought to the AGM of the 19th May at the Foster Theatre at Central Lancashire University in Preston. I hope to meet as many as possible of you at that important event in our Societies Year.

I have also continued travelling around the county and visiting the branches of the Society. I always find it encouraging to see how well the branches are doing and to meet and talk to the Society Members.

At the last Executive Meeting on the 12th February 2007, the following items were agreed and/or reported upon:-

The first meeting of the new Resources Committee dealing with the Straits had taken place and the following items were noted:-

- a). The room downstairs has been repainted.
- b). That a number of bookshelves have been erected to receive the books as they have now been moved to the Straits from Blackburn Library.
- c). Work has started in building the desks for the computers.

It was decided to trial the Journal "Lancashire" as an online download. A small number of Executive members are to be sent the current copy of Lancashire Online for us to report back to the Executive, to see if it is a viable alternative for members to receive the Journal this way, if they so choose.

We have received three offers from members who wish to be considered as the new Membership secretary. We hope to propose one of these people at the next Executive meeting on 16th April, to go forward for approval at the AGM in May.

It was agreed that from the next renewal period at the end of this year, that it would be possible for members to renew their membership Online through the 'GenFair' system. We are also trialling the 'PayPal' system, for online CD sales.

The major item of discussion was the "Way Forward" proposals to set up a Management Team for the day to day running of the Society under the Executive.

The Management Team will consist of seven members, the Society Chairman and six team leaders. The teams will be as follows

1. Business, Finance & Treasury.
2. Member Services
3. Publicity & Public Relations
4. Training & Education
5. Premises, Resources & Equipment
6. Projects & Publications

The proposals have been taken by all the Executive Representatives back to the branches for consultation. The final draft will be approved at the Executive meeting on the 16th and go forward to the AGM for final approval.

If any Society Member would like a copy of the proposals then please email your request to me, marking it as follows "Re: Way Forward Proposals" to chairman@lfhhs.org.uk

Thanking you all for your continued interest in both Family history and the Society.

Stephen John Ward.

OBITUARIES

Sadly, we have to report the deaths of Bert Hindle and Mary Fletcher in the past few months.

Bert was a well-known local historian in addition to his interests in family history. In the past, he had served on the branch committee and was Chairman of the branch for a short period. He donated many of his transcriptions of records to the branch and would gleefully tell of the days when he could go to the old Record Office at Stanley Street in Preston and rummage in the boxes of documents in the basement, sorting through as many boxes as he wished to. He considered it a retrograde step when he was limited to three documents at a time at the new Lancs. R.O.

Mary was a long-standing member of the society although she was not affiliated to any particular branch. She had a tremendous amount of knowledge of the history of Higham and provided "look-ups" when requested. She too was a well-known local historian and wrote many articles for our society journal "Lancashire"

Our sincere condolences go to their families.

PALACE HOUSE, BURNLEY

A photocopy of a picture of Palace House was received recently. On the photograph there are three children sitting on a garden seat and from their mode of dress it is estimated that the photograph was taken in the late 1800s. The following information was written on the back of the original photograph

Palace House

"Ralph HOLDEN, the last male heir of HOLDEN of HOLDEN, died without issue, April 8th 1796, leaving two sisters, Frances married to Hugh TAYLOR esq. died without issue, and Elizabeth married Henry GREENWOOD whose son John GREENWOOD lived at Palace House in"

LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates for 2007

12 May	11 August	10 November
9 June	8 September	8 December
7 July	13 October	

N.B. – 7th July is the first Saturday not the second.

LANCAT – Lancashire R.O. online catalogue is now available at ..

www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record_office/services/catalogue.asp

"Opening the Catalogues"

Do you want to feel confident in using catalogues and other finding aids?. Are you interested in finding out more about how and why we catalogue. This catalogue awareness event in two sessions will held at Lancashire Record Office on Friday May 18th 2007, 10 am to 12.30 and again at 1400 to 1600. For a full programme and to book a place contact Sandra Porter, tel: 01772 533027 or e-mail record.office@ed.lancsc.gov.uk. Places for each session are limited to 30, so book early.

Membership Renewals were due on 1st January 2007

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOURS?
IF NOT, WHY NOT DO IT NOW?**

QUERY CORNER

NUTTER Janet Nutter New England, USA
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Janet is searching for the family of ELLIS NUTTER who, in May 1799, married SARAH ASHWORTH at St Peter's in Burnley. They were members of Haggate Baptist Church but at that time marriages had to take place in a C of E Church. A witness to the marriage was Nicholas PROCTOR who possibly was a relative since the PROCTORs had inter-married with the NUTTERS.

On the IGI, Janet has found a Sarah ASHWORTH birth abt. 1778 of Briercliffe, Lancs. On the same sheet under marriages it says Spouse ELLIS NUTTER, marriage 28 Apr 1799 (Janet was told that this was the date of the banns, not marriage). On the IGI, she also found an Ellise (male) birth abt 1745, so wondered if he was possibly the father. The film number was 170878, page 468.Ref 23443. All these were put in the computer by a LDS member.

Janet knows that Ellis & Sally (Sarah) were the parents of Richard b.1807 & Edmund b.1809, and has the LFFHS microfiche for Haggate Baptist, but couldn't find anything.

In FreeBMD, she found an entry for an Ellis NUTTER's death Sept. Quarter 1843 Burnley, Lancs. vol 21 page 122. Janet is hesitant to get a copy, not being certain if it was the correct one since there seem to be many Ellis NUTTERS in Lancashire. Any help or information will be greatly appreciated

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH RECORDS

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Several members of Joan's family were associated with the Brunswick Chapel of the United Methodist Free Church, which was on Manchester Road, Burnley opposite the Town Hall. Joan is also interested in Hanover Methodist Church, Old Hall Street, Burnley, where her parents were married and she was christened. Joan asks if there are any existing records for either of these churches?

Joan would also like to know if there are any records for the THURSBY family, and the people who worked for them about 1880. Joan's 4 x great grandfather, Adam Nichol, came from Scotland to work as a gamekeeper for the Thursby family, who owned land in the area. They went first to the Cliviger area about 1800, and lived on Long Causeway, but then moved to Briercliffe, sometime after 1803. She has a small booklet on the history of St.John's Church, Worsthorpe, which has some information about the Thursby family, mostly as they were connected with the church, but she wonders if there is something else that she might investigate. She would appreciate any information you can give.

WARING

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Bobby's ancestor, James Robert WARING, was born in Habergham Eaves in 1873. In 1881 he was living with his grandmother, Sarah NUTTALL and it is known that he was brought up in a workhouse for a while. Does anyone have a connection to this family? Bobby would appreciate any information on them.

WHITAKER, PICKERING Dianna Charles, Australia

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Dianna is looking for information about her ancestors who come from the Burnley area. ELIZABETH WHITAKER born approx.1838 to Thomas Whitaker (mother not known) in Burnley. She married WILLIAM PICKERING in 1863 in Burnley and they had 6 Children. William was born in Blackburn c.1844 to Thomas Pickering and Jane? The family immigrated to Australia between 1880 and 1882. Elizabeth appears on the 1881 Census at 10 Smith St, Burnley employed as a Cotton Weaver with three children, Mary E, John and Joe. William was already in Australia with the other three children. Elizabeth joined her husband in Australia after 1881. Any help much appreciated

BENJAMIN SIMPSON

In the last branch newsletter, there were photographs of the HOWARTH, RICKARD and STANSFIELD families. A photograph of Benjamin SIMPSON has been received from the same source. Research has shown that Benjamin SIMPSON was a shoemaker and was the grandfather of Hartley HOWARTH.

Benjamin's daughter Alice (23) married Robert HOWARTH (22) on 4th April 1852 at St Bartholomew's Church, Colne, Witnesses - Thomas PROCTOR, Jane (X) SPENCER. Hartley HOWARTH was their son. Benjamin SIMPSON's wife was also called Alice and they had 8 children, all baptized at St Bartholomew's, Colne: Hartley (1816), Ellen (1818), Mary (1820), Margaret (1823), Martha Ann (1825), Alice (1828), Jane (1831), Isabella Carr (1833). At the time they were living in Foulridge and Colne. Later the family lived in Barrowford.

Hartley SIMPSON married Margaret PATE,

Ellen married George BROWN

Mary married John HORN

Margaret married John CORK

Martha Ann married William ATKINSON

Alice married Robert HOWARTH

Jane married Jonas BROWN

According to the census entries, Benjamin SIMPSON was born in Kettlewell, Yorkshire. He died in 1864 and was buried at St.Thomas Church, Barrowford on 9th.Aug.1864 aged 74 years. If you look carefully at the photograph of Benjamin SIMPSON, he appears to be holding a knife in his left hand, so maybe the photograph was taken of him at his work. If you have any links with this family, please get in touch with the branch secretary.



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FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Haslingden Library Saturday 28th April 2007
Haslingden Roots and Rossendale Branch of LFHHS are holding a family history day at Haslingden Library. Representatives from Lancashire Record Office, Rossendale Libraries, branches of LFHHS including the Irish Ancestry Group will be attending to give help and advice.

NORTH WEST GROUP OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES. ANNUAL ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY
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Saturday 12th May 2007 9.30 am to 4 pm
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The General Register Office will be holding its annual Open Days, on **Saturday 2nd June** and **Saturday 9th June 2007** from 10am until 4.30pm, giving you a chance to find out more about how birth, marriage and death certificates are produced.

Please note that all places must be booked in advance.

On your visit you will have the opportunity to:

- View exhibitions from various General Register Office departments and from invited external Family History organisations
- See a demonstration of the certificate production process
- Attend one of the talks relating to various subjects connected with the office and other organisations

If you are interested in attending one of the Open Days, please contact the Public Relations Unit, tel: 0151 471 4530 or 0151 471 4508, (8am to 4pm Monday to Friday).

LATEST FFHS NEWS

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES ITS PARTNER IN DIGITISING THE 1911 CENSUS

The National Archives is delighted to announce that Scotland Online will partner the UK government's official archive in the forthcoming project to put the 1911 census for England and Wales online. Scotland Online was established in 1995, and is one of the UK's leading Internet business solutions providers. In 2002, in partnership with the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS), Scotland Online established www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk, now one of the world's leading genealogy websites. The 1911 census (document references RG14 and RG78) is huge - it currently occupies 2 kilometres of shelving at The National Archives. Comprising over eight million householder schedules and a further 38,000 enumerators' summary books, it details information relating to approximately 35 million people then living in England and Wales.

Once digitised the census will take up an equally large ½ a petabyte of computer memory or, physically, 800 data tapes. The digital scanning alone in preparation for digitisation will create 18 million images - 14 times the number of images created in advance of the 1901 census being launched online in 2002.

From 2009 there will be a phased release of the information in the 1911 census starting with the major conurbations. This will include images and transcription data, but with sensitive data redacted in line with the Information Commissioner's recent ruling. From 3rd January 2012, the public will have full access to the entire 1911 census, including the information not accessible in 2009. Researchers anywhere in the world will be able to search across the fields of the census by name, address or the National Archives reference, and download high-resolution digital images.

For more information on this and the status of the 1911 census for Scotland and Ireland see the April edition of FFHS Ezine - due next week.

ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

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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.
