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## LANCASHIRE FAMILY HISTORY & HERALDRY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER 2008

Friday 12th September at 7.30 p.m.

Rochdale Town Hall, The Esplanade, Rochdale OL16 1AB

Speaker on the night will be Ian Tootell, M.B.E. talking about  
"The humour of police work".

The Society's Annual Dinner has been organized this year by Rochdale Branch. Details of the menu and a booking form for the event were in the May edition of "Lancashire", the Society's journal. Why not join other members of the Society at a social event? You will more than likely enjoy yourself and it could then become a habit.

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## BURNLEY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

A celebration of the 60th anniversary of the society,

Saturday 1st November 2008 11 a.m. to 4. p.m. St Peter's Church, Burnley

## PENDLE & BURNLEY BRANCH OPEN DAY

Saturday 8th November

10 am to 3.30 pm

Colne Library

The branch "Open Day" will be held at Colne Library this year. It will be on the library balcony with the use of computers. There will also be the use of all the resources in the local studies area. It is hoped that we will be able to set up an exhibition prior to the event. Our open days are usually very busy events with members of the public wanting advice on family history research. Can you help out at the event, even for just an hour or so? You will enjoy it. Please let Jean know if you would be able to help.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

## PROGRAMME SECRETARY needed urgently.

- The role of the Programme Secretary is to provide a varied and interesting programme for the following year. The main activity is contacting and booking speakers for the branch meetings. This is fairly straightforward as a list of potential speakers is available and also our members sometime recommend speakers they have heard at other meetings.
- Invitations to speakers are made initially by phone or post. Envelopes, stamps etc. are provided. The fee required is agreed and any equipment the speaker might need is noted. This is then followed up with a confirmation letter by post with directions, and possibly a map if the speaker hasn't ventured into our area before.
- A week to 10 days before the actual meeting the speaker is contacted, usually by phone, to confirm that everything is in order (and just to make sure they have not forgotten!).
- On the night, the speaker should be made welcome and given any assistance required.
- The other part of the job is to arrange our annual out-visit. Local places visited in the past have ranged from museums and castles to breweries! This is not as difficult as it might sound, and for the first year I would be more than happy to help with this.
- The Programme Secretary is a very enjoyable and worthwhile post, especially satisfying if you like meeting people. Full assistance will be given as long as required and already half the bookings have been made for 2009.

Submitted by Jean Ingham

## LFHHS RESOURCE CENTRE 2 STRAITS, OSWALDTWISTLE

The resource centre is now open every Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 5 pm. More volunteers are needed to staff the centre so that it can be opened on other days, possibly Saturday or Sunday. If you have not already been to visit the LFHHS Resource Centre, it is near to Oswaldtwistle Mills. The following is a link for a map of the area:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/22o3oq>

If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Tony Foster, e-mail: [ga.foster@btopenworld.com](mailto:ga.foster@btopenworld.com) or see Brenda or David Hustler.

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## 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>

20.Aug. Open Night & Practical Evening

3.Sep. Outvisit to Lancashire R.O.

(Limited number of places, Pre-booking essential)

17.Sep. Early Loom-shops Kathy Fishwick

15.Oct. World of Antiques Derrick Sanderson

29.Oct. Practical Evening

19.Nov. White Feather John Hartley

10.Dec. Christmas Festivities by ticket only

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

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## LIBRARY

I would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who sent their good wishes following my recent accident. Special thanks to Mary Jackson who acted as librarian during my absence.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

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## LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

All Non-Conformist marriages are now on the website and work is ongoing for Church of England marriages from 1900 to 1950. Many thanks to all involved in this project, especially to those who have taken over my work when I have been unavailable.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

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## PROJECTS

A marriage index for Burnley St Peter's 1812-1837 has been completed and work continues on the transcriptions of the registers for Earby Cemetery, St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle; St John's, Great Marsden; Holy Trinity, Burnley; and Baptisms for St Mary's, Nelson. Thanks go to all those working on these projects. Will anyone interested in working on branch projects, please contact me.

Bob Ellis, Project Coordinator

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## HELP TUTORIALS

As we now have several members who are new to family history, we are having a short tutorial lasting about 20 minutes at every branch meeting. This is held during the research time, after the speaker.

## DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

### LFHHS CHORLEY BRANCH

4th Celebration of Family History

Saturday 2nd August 2008 11 am to 5 pm

Astley Hall, Chorley – Admission Free

There will be 5 short talks during the day in the Great Hall.

11:30 Notables in the 1881 Census

12:30 DNA Basics

1:30 DNA & Family History

2:30 Using Family Tree Maker 2005

3:30 Using Family Historian V3

For more information see: [www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley](http://www.lfhhs.org.uk/chorley)

Email - [chorleyinfo@lfhhs.org.uk](mailto:chorleyinfo@lfhhs.org.uk) Tel - 01257 262028

### LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

All meeting held at The LFHHS Resource Centre, 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle.

#### ♣ ADVICE & RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Saturday 9th August 2008 1 pm to 4.30 pm

#### ♣ NURSES AT THE CRIMEA 1854-1856

Speaker Maureen Fitzgibbon

Saturday 11th October 2008 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)

### THE NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Gateshead International Stadium

Saturday 13th September 2008 10 am to 4.30 pm

Admission £3.50 Accompanied Children under 15 Free

### MALTON FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

The Milton Rooms, MALTON, North Yorkshire

Saturday, 20th September 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £1 Accompanied Children under 16 - Free

### MANCHESTER & LANCASHIRE FHS OPEN DAY

3rd Floor, Clayton House, 59 Picadilly, Manchester M1 2AQ

Saturday 27th September 2008 11 am to 3 pm

Tel: 0161 236 9750

### SCARBOROUGH FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

Crossgates Community Centre – Seamer

Saturday, 11th October 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £1 Accompanied Children under 16 - Free

### NW GROUP OF FHS FAMILY HISTORY DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LIVERPOOL RECORD OFFICE

Also celebrating 08 Liverpool Capital of Culture St George's Hall, Liverpool

Saturday 1st November 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Talks by Dr Nick Barratt - Family History & the Media;

Mr David Stoker - The World in One City? Family History

Sources and Services in Liverpool Record Office:

Rev. Professor D Ben Rees - The Welsh Immigration to

Liverpool (1750-2007)

Admission £2 on the door, £4 for those wishing to hear any of the talks. Seating for talks limited to 70 – first come first served. Under 16 free admission to the hall.

### HULL FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

The University of Hull

Saturday, 22nd November 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Admission £1 Accompanied Children under 16 - Free

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## JOURNAL BINDERS

Binders for your 'Lancashire' journal are on sale only £3.50 each. See David Hustler.

# A SOLDIER'S MEMORIES OF THE BOER WAR

Submitted by Arnold Slater

My grandfather, George Cammell, seems to have spent his working life in uniform. He enlisted in the army at the age of 16 and served in three wars. When he wasn't in the army he was working as a tram driver. He is the reason that I became interested in my family history, when a relative asked me if I knew what had happened to George's poem about the Boer War. I inherited "George's Box" which contained several items of his memorabilia, and amongst them was the poem, hand-written by him, of his experiences during the Boer War.

## George's Poem

I have been asked, for a slight account, how we bore the Battles Brunt  
I'm afraid I cannot tell you all we went through at The Front  
But I will try my level best, as my memory still seems clear  
To tell a tale, of the TRANSVAAL WAR, that you might like to hear  
T'was a Southampton's dismal evening, when our food ship sailed away  
And after twenty-one days at sea, we sighted TABLE BAY.  
The day before we left the ship, we were running here and there  
As fatigues are very common, when disembarking anywhere  
At last came the final orders, to parade at eleven and three,  
These orders were given and taken by every-one with glee.  
If I said it was more like a picnic, I should not be far from right,  
Instead of just commencing one of England's Greatest Fights  
The time went by very slowly, whilst waiting for that train,  
Which had to take us to the front, to help in our Country's strain  
Every-one of us were eager, and all ranks in good trim.  
Only waiting for the pleasure to get our first shot in  
We were packed away in carriages, some First, some Second, some Third.  
My place was very unpleasant, for this you must take my word,  
About 4 p.m. we steamed away, not certain where too.  
What matter, so long as we had to fight, or what hardships we went through  
We rushed along from place to place, just stopping for a feed,  
It seemed as if the whole army depended on our speed  
For two long days, with dreary nights, eight of us tried our best,  
To sleep in this compartment and get our needed rest  
We were not sorry when we ceased our long and cramped up ride  
The language that was used that day from you I'll try and hide  
We detained all in good order and paraded every man  
And marched up to our precious Tents on this Far Famed Field GRAS-PAN  
At this place we got the order for the following day to march  
Which proved as we expected both long, and stiff as starch.  
The first day's march was easy which we did without a shiver  
But worst of all, during the War was from RAM-DAM to RIET RIVER  
Some said that march was not so long but as sure as I'm alive  
Instead of being fifteen miles I'll swear twas twenty-five  
It was here we ran short of water and the horrors of thirst we felt  
As many of our finest men were scattered about the VELDT  
We arrived in camp about five o'clock with sore and blistered feet  
And found our haversacks empty with nothing there to eat  
We looked at each other for some time asking, Whatever made us Enlist?  
As between us, and our rations there seemed to be a mist  
We went on out-post, that very night far too hungry there to sleep  
Next morning to our great relief we espied a herd of sheep  
We turned our camp to a slaughter house with our knives we took the lead  
And killed, and skinned, and cooked the meat and enjoyed our hard earned feed  
From this place we had a night march in several drenching showers  
And marched to a drift called WATERFALL in just about seven hours  
We did not think much of this march as none of us did tire  
Only falling over rocks & stones and tripped up with barb-wire  
Next morn we heard we had to fight as Boers meant to stop our advance  
But they failed in this as they did before and we made them fairly dance  
I am not going to boom it up but tell the truth I shall  
They galloped off at their full speed when we entered JACOBSDAL

15th of February, we entered this place and orders received, pleased  
each rank  
As we heard by our good marching we'd got on the enemy's flank  
Our hearts filled with pride as we heard it and knew in the end we  
should gain  
As the Boers were in position at their famous MAGERSFONTEIN  
The morn we meant to attack them what we heard could not be  
believed  
As they had left their strong position and KIMBERLEY was relieved  
They cheated us out of this fight as we wanted to see the fun  
But what does it matter to you or I so long as the day was won  
During our stay in Jacobsdal we often went hungry to bed  
At this place rations were scarce we'd forgot the taste of bread  
Still we have had a lot of fun and laughed for many an hour  
Whilst mixing and knocking into shape our half a pound of flour  
We had this issue about six days making pancakes and dumplings  
like lead  
When we were told some bakers were going to bake us bread  
Whoever called them bakers tried to boom up their profession  
As they made our bread like Lydite Shells and gave us indigestion  
We had wood fatigues and picquets parades to occupy our mind  
And often down the river a rifle there we'd find  
We'd little crime while stationed here as no one thought of lashing  
Still I was sorry for those men who ate their Emergency Ration  
We got wet through, a good few times with bivouacks blown to the  
ground  
And generally at meal times a sand-storm could be found  
It is not a very nice flavour for sand to be mixed with Beef  
But remember, its Active Service and any feed is a relief  
The Brigade was one day ordered to leave old Jacobsdal  
And march South-East for 23 miles to a camp they called  
BRANSVAAL  
We'd gone about some seventeen miles when a drift seemed to blow  
our way  
So we laid on the Veldt there shivering waiting till break of day  
We arrived in camp at seven am. or about that I should think  
Patiently waiting for the time when we could get a drink  
We do not term this drink as beer as that we seldom see  
You must remember on the field all soldiers are T.T.  
Next day at one pm we marched and we twenty – two miles we dealt  
To find it like the other one another night on the veldt  
These nights were not very pleasant but we all seemed to be in a  
drove  
When about 6 am we entered our camp at POPLAR GROVE  
This march was interesting at least that's what I heard  
We passed where CRONJE had his fight on the hills of  
PAARDIBERG  
We gazed at this place for a time where our troops were bravely led  
Thoughts of our Brilliant Victory and of our GALLANT DEAD  
A few camps I shall have to leave as there's nothing striking to tell  
For some of them I can't pronounce never mind me trying to spell  
But KNEEKOP was one in fifty where water was not to be had  
Except at a pool four miles distant some raced to this water like mad  
For when you are awfully thirsty with parched lips, and throat very  
dry  
You feel that it would be a blessing to lay down quietly and die  
But when a good drink is brought you your life seems at a stake  
But you bear it all like a soldier for your Queen and Country's sake  
Thirst is one of our great hardships while going through any  
campaign  
But we always keep this to ourselves and seldom we complain  
Of course we have other hardships but I shall not mention them  
For we bear them like no others can as true born British Men  
At one camp where we called at seemed very strange to me  
As the water we had for drinking was the colour of our Kharki  
It was Kharki this, and Kharki that from morn till late at night  
I think I am quite justified to call this a Kharki fight

We had long and tiring marches which put us to a test  
When we arrived at POUNDISFORD we got a few days rest  
We did not want to be stationed here as our object we'd yet to gain  
So we were not sorry when we marched and camped at BLOEMFONTEIN

We almost got washed out here being camped on a level plain  
You can easily picture Bivouacs during a drenching rain  
Duty here was very easy except parades just now and then  
But this was a big Garrison of about 35000 men

You would laugh to see us shopping when we tried to do our best  
But this above all other work we heartily detest  
You should have seen us carrying bread with no cover for it to hide  
We thought more of our appetites than of our Military Pride

No matter what we asked for seemed to thrill us with a fear  
As everything we wanted was exceptionally dear  
All we wanted was some eatables the price struck us with dismay  
We could not get so very much on one and three per day

I am sure we should be bankrupt if they had not moved us then  
And sent us to a shady part a place they called THE GLEN  
It was here we got some splendid news for the following day to fight  
As the Boers were in position to our front, and left, and right.

This march was not so very long as the position we could see  
But not the Boers in waiting for us around KARREE  
You know the way the Boers fight on hills, behind a boulder  
Before they try to pop us off with their rifles at their shoulder

We advanced, over a little hill and got nicely on the plain  
When a good few Mauser bullets said we must cover gain  
We retired a couple of hundred yards and laid down there until  
Our artillery had opened fire and shelled about this hill

Our second advance was very good considering such a position  
It seemed as if we had to march on ne'er heeding the Boers decision  
When we got the order for the Charge determination was on every face  
We did not think when we reached the top we'd be challenged for a race

But just our luck they galloped off performing a very good wheel  
They did not want to see the fun of how we use cold steel  
A retirement is their best movement when our advance they cannot stay  
So they took the chance while they had it giving us a victorious day

Our loss that day was about eighteen five of our men were killed  
But we have to pay for victory as their death it was so willed  
They gained a soldiers grave that day and their glory shall not cease  
While they are laying on that hillside may they all rest in peace

At the end of a fight there is sorrow and many a poor heart sad  
When the wife is deprived of her husband and the fond mother of her lad  
But some must fall in action to uphold our Country's Laws  
Write their names with the list of heroes who has fell in England's Cause

We cannot speak too well of them now they are dead and gone  
And cheer their friends the best we can whom they are parted from  
They nobly did their duty which could be plainly seen  
Whilst rushing that position for their Country, Home and Queen

We went on out-post shivering with cold and stayed out there all night  
This was the finishing touch of our great Karree fight  
Our appetites they seem to swell when we have not much to eat  
But they generally get satisfied with a biscuit and tinned meat

We had five weeks stay around Karree what some people called a rest  
Which proved to be just simple work when we tried to do our best  
We made some roads and Sangurs when we'd have liked to sleep  
And when we went on piquet they kept us near a week

We'd fatigues, patrols, and sentries by day as well as night  
To keep in touch with the other piquets on our left and right  
Our clothes by this had worn right out when we thought of sugar bags  
To make a better suit for us as our others were all rags

I got quite tired of patching while we were in this station  
So I was with the other ones with plenty of ventilation  
You would laugh to see us sewing with Thread, Black, Red, and White  
And the terrible size of patches were not a pleasant sight

One day we got a full rig out from a new suit to a pair of laces  
Our old ones we had to burn for fear of leaving traces  
Our tents arrived one afternoon but our stay in them was short  
As we'd received the final orders to march, and take BRANDFORT

This march was very near eight miles which we did with a good will  
And about 11 am had breakfast under cover of a hill  
We were laying about this hillside when a fifteen pound Boer shell  
Came rushing along like a whirlwind and in rear of our Regiment fell

They used them very freely after they'd tried the first  
But the greater part of all their shells fortunately did not burst  
We received our orders later to take a position that was hot  
Where we managed to dislodge them without firing a single shot

Another day's work was over for our Country, and our Queen  
Then we marched down to a quiet place and camped at  
ZUARFONTEIN  
We expected to leave the following morn without the slightest jest  
But we were told about 8 pm we had another day's rest

The next march was nearly twenty-three miles which we found both  
rough and hard

As we were on that awful job they call the Baggage Guard  
We reached our camp just after dark having marched at a tidy pace  
ENGENVONDEN was its fancy name but such a horrid place

Our marches after this were long making the best of those so drear  
You must remember I am in the 1st East Lancashire  
We had marched about two hundred miles over that sandy plain  
When we pitched our camp one evening at a place called  
ORFONTEIN

There were few of us who would fall out although some of us were ill  
No matter what disease we had we got a number 9 pill  
These pills were very mysterious and they are very hard to beat  
As we got them when we'd fever and when we had sore feet

A place we stayed the night at its name is not at hand  
But I think its somewhere on the map just south of River ZAND  
We were nicely settled down in camp some passing the time with  
song  
When someone said in a quiet voice put your Boots and Puttees on

A Regiment had gone to hold a drift to prepare for our next days fight  
And we were going to help them at a moments notice that night  
But they did not require our assistance as the Boers kept away from  
them  
So they left us in camp till morning when we left about 5 am

About 8 o'clock that morning we had reached that River Bank  
When the Boers opened fire from a Battery directly on our flank  
But our guns were there in an instant and rushed well out on the plain  
And poured forth their Deadly Mizzles at the Boers again and again

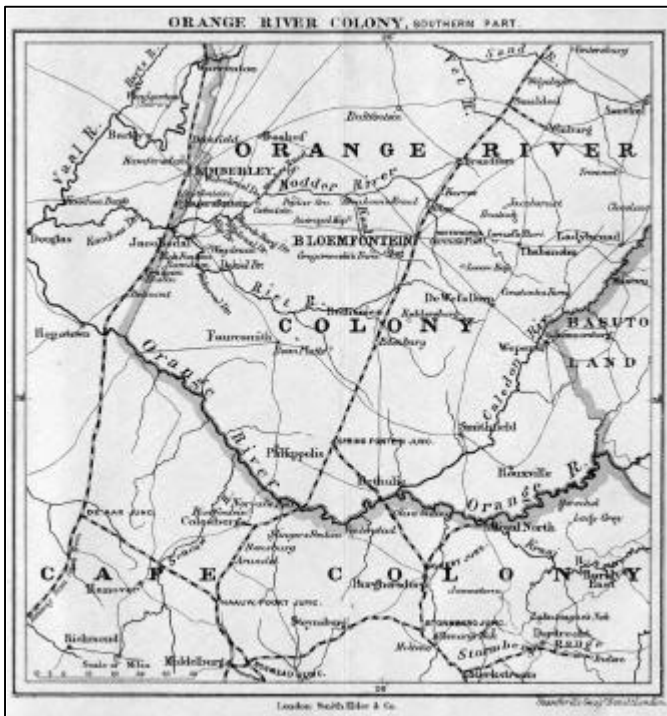
They stood well to their guns in the open and their courage we all  
must admire  
As the Battery was almost out of sight being covered with shell fire  
But each of them knew their duty and stood by their dangerous task  
Yes ! selling their lives for their Country and would have stood till  
the last

The positions were strong against us being shaped like a side-ways S  
You ask did we manage to take them my simple answer is yes  
Two Kopjies we took in succession and our loss was very light  
One of our men was killed that morning and buried about seven that  
night

There were five more men who were wounded during the action that  
day  
The Boers suffered awful, They told me so that I can truly say  
Heard their loss was sixty odd and smashed up a Pom Pom  
But the news was never yet confirmed that we captured a Long Tom

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The poem seems to be unfinished or perhaps the last page has  
been lost. A map is shown of where George served in South  
Africa



Map courtesy of <http://www.pinetreeweb.com/conan-doyle-map-s-orange.htm>

Copy from Nelson Leader, March 7th 1941

## SERVED IN THREE WARS

### DEATH OF MR. G. J. CAMMELL

The interment took place in St. Paul's Churchyard, Little Marsden, on Saturday, of the remains of Mr. George John Cammell, of 74, Halifax Road, Brierfield, whose death, at the age of 66, occurred on the previous Wednesday.

For over 30 years he was employed as a tram driver by the Burnley Corporation tramways Department, and will be well remembered by the travelling public.

At the age of 16 years Mr. Cammell joined the Army, and served in India for a time, spending Christmas, 1895, at Lucknow. At the outbreak of the South African War he was drafted to that country, serving throughout the campaign.

Returning to civilian life, he became a member of the staff of the Tramways Department. He had finished his period on reserve when the 1914 war broke out, but he rejoined the Army, and was posted to the 9th Batt. East Lancashire Regiment. After serving in France for about two months, he was transferred to Salonika. He rose to the rank of sergeant, which he retained to the end of hostilities.

During the present war he was again anxious to serve his country in an active role, and was one of the earliest members of the Home Guard, taking part in the formation of the Brierfield section, in which he was given the rank of sergeant. His Army experience stood him in good stead as an instructor, and he had charge of the armoury department.

A member of the South African Veteran's Association, he frequently figured in their parades, carrying the banner of the British Legion. He had held the office of secretary in connection with the Earl Haig Poppy Fund. A popular member of the British Legion and the Conservative Club, he will be much missed. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters.

### THE FUNERAL

Mr. Cammell's remains were interred on Saturday in St. Paul's Churchyard, Little Marsden. The Rev. E. Pugh conducted the service at the house and at the graveside. The

Home Guard, in which the deceased had been a sergeant, formed a guard of honour, being in charge of Lieut. B. Ingham (Commander) and Sergt.-Major Plant. They fired a volley over the grave, and the buglers, Messrs. W. Keeting and W. Ingham, sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille". The bearers were members of the Home Guard, Quartermaster Roche and Sergeants Jordon, Stevenson, Taylor, Curry and Buck. The firing party comprised Cpl. Bates, L/Cpl. Gale and Privates G. Sumner, W. Robinson, H. Waddington, W. Taylor, A. Lyons and W. Bartle.

The mourners were :- Mrs. Cammell, Mr. W. Cammell, Miss D. Cammell, Mrs Slater, Miss J. Cater, Mr. and Mrs. Meecham, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrold, Mrs. Sunter, Mr. Aldred, Mr. Watts, Messrs. R. Moore (Conservative Club), J. Thistlethwaite (Brierfield Working Men's Club), A. Butcher (British Legion), Councillor W. Dixon (Benevolent Committee, British Legion), 'Bus Inspector Simpson, Messrs. Birtwistle, Dawe and Baldwin (checkers), McAuly (drivers), Ablett (conductors), Mr. Holmes, Mr. Fishwick (South African Veterans' Association).

Floral tributes were from:-

Wife, family and Jessie; Sister Annie, Ben and family; Sister Nellie and family; Polly and family; Fred and Amy; Bob, Laura and family; Evelyn and George; Mr. and Mrs. Slater (Bournemouth); Laura (London); Jack and Flo; Fred and Annie; Mr. and Mrs Lindow; Mr. and Mrs. Carman; Mr. and Mrs. Pollitt; Mr. and Mrs. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor; Peggy and Betty; Annie, Arnold, Keith and Howard (Burnley); Mr. and Mrs. Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ingham, Mr. and Mrs Dixon and Annie; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; the neighbours; Peter and Shirley; Jeanie Norton; British Legion Benevolent Fund; Conservative Club members and committee; officials and committee, Walter Street Working Men's Club; members and committee, British Legion Club; officers, N.C.O's and men of the Home Guard; Transport and General workers' Union; Jennie, Billy and Eddie (Reading).

The arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Dixon, Pickering Street, Brierfield.



George Cammell (left) & his tram

## LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates – Office open from 10 am. to 4 pm  
2008 9 August 13 September 11 October  
8 November 13 December

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

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record\\_office/services/catalogue.asp](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record_office/services/catalogue.asp)

### Catalogue Update

**DDX 1344 acc. 10380** Pupil cards and files for Burnley Grammar School, 1919-1981 including photographs from around 1959 and for Burnley High School for Girls, 1923-1981 including photographs from 1956.

**DDX 2586** SCOTT family papers relating primarily to the Scott family of Burnley. The Collection includes correspondence; employment records; memorial cards; rent books for property in Burnley; accounts sales particulars and plans for Naze Mount Farm and Estate; accounts and agreement relating to Sir John Thursby's acquisition of John Hargreaves Colliery.

**DDX 2663** Photographs of medieval scratch dial at St Michael's C.E. Church, Bracewell, 1991

**CUBF** Brierfield Congregational Church, (formerly Providence Independent Chapel, Little Marsden) – Baptism register 1836-1979, marriage register 1931-1984, church meeting minutes 1969-2000

**DDX 1863/acc10356** Notebook belonging to Lawrence HALSTEAD of Marsden Heights – detailing accounts of his business. The notebook includes an assessment of inhabitants in Little Marsden in 1806, 1803-1953

**DDX 2661** Postcard of a procession by the congregation of "St Mary's" through Burnley 7.Jul.1914

**P 197/1** Copy wills of John LANDESDALE /LONSDALE of Padiham, Yeoman, 1651 (probate 19.Sep.1653) and Edward HOLT of Sefton Town, gent, 1652 (probate 15.Sep.1653)

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## QUERY CORNER

### TATTERSALL, RILEY

Ray Hart e-mail [rmbhart@alphalink.com.au](mailto:rmbhart@alphalink.com.au)  
Ray, in Australia, is trying to find more information about his RILEY and TATTERSALL ancestors who came from Goldshaw Booth. James TATTERSALL married Susannah / Susan CATLOE. Both were born in Goldshaw Booth as were their children, Peggy (1805) and Mark (1807-1882, died in NSW, Aus). Mark TATTERSALL married Mary RILEY in 1828 and had several children all born in Goldshaw Booth. They were Sarah (1827), James (1828-1895), John (1831) Richard (1832-1918, died in Gladeville Aus), Ann (1834), Robert (1836-1899, died Botany, NSW), William (1839-1913). James TATTERSALL married Isabella WATSON in Habergham Eaves, Lancashire. Robert married Mary Ann in 1870 and William TATTERSALL married Ann RUSSELL in 1866.

Ray would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be connected with these families.

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### SAGER

Steve Farmer e-mail [steve@hts.com.au](mailto:steve@hts.com.au)  
Steve is researching the Edenfield SAGER line. He has a lot of information on the family on his website, [http://www.farmergroup.com/personsheet/ps14/ps14\\_030.html](http://www.farmergroup.com/personsheet/ps14/ps14_030.html) and is particularly interested in any SAGER MI's in the area.

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## NOWELL

John Boardwell e-mail [john@boardwell.plus.com](mailto:john@boardwell.plus.com)  
John is tracing his BOARDWELL ancestors and has now got back to Jonas BOARDWELL who married Jan HAWORTH at Padiham in 1679, but has now come to a full stop. He is also tracing the NOWELL part of his family history having got back to a John NOWELL who married a Catherine TATTERSALL at Downham in 1776. If anyone is attempting to trace that branch of the family, or indeed any NOWELLS from Lancashire, John would be grateful to hear from them

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## HIGHGATE FARM, CLIVIGER

Brian Ainscough e-mail [ainscough@btinternet.com](mailto:ainscough@btinternet.com)  
Brian's maternal grandfather's ancestors farmed at Highgate Farm Cliviger, which is thought to have always been part of the Towneley estates. He is trying to trace the names of the tenants from the time it was built, which was certainly by 1734, as it appears on the field map of that year, up to the census of 1841. He thinks that it was occupied by Ormerods for the whole of that time up to between 1881 and 1891 but wants to know when the farm was built and whether the tenancy always passed from father to son or if other branches of the Ormerod family were involved.

Brian has read Titus Thornber's excellent "A Pennine Parish - the History of Cliviger" and knows that he has written "Census records for the Ormerod family at High Gale (sic) farm 1841-1881 and the Crane family Habergham Eaves 1861" but hasn't yet had an opportunity to visit Burnley library to read it.

Brian would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have information that would be of help to him.

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## FOLDS of Burnley

Chris Haynes [chris@harvington.org.uk](mailto:chris@harvington.org.uk)  
Chris is descended from the FOLDS family which, he believes had a long association with the Colne Road Baptist Church, Burnley (Ebenezer Baptists). Chris has a record of a Richard FOLDS inviting someone to the opening of this church, the invitation being dated 11 April 1788. He has researched the family and found FOLDS brothers and sisters from Burnley - Isabella, John, James and Susannah, who would have been young adults at this time. What he cannot find is who their parents were.

The only Folds of the right age that Chris can find in the area is this Richard. There is also an Elizabeth Folds acting as a witness of a marriage - but she may be from elsewhere. Very often, Baptist Chapels / Churches have foundation bricks set into them, containing the names of the community members who had contributed to the building. Chris is hoping that the Colne Road building has some or all of the above names embedded in the foundation stones and asks does anyone know if there are any such names?

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## ASPDEN

Fay Richards e-mail [jimfay@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jimfay@bigpond.net.au)  
Fay is looking for information about her second cousin, Violet ASPDEN. There is a record on FreeBMD for a Violet ASPDEN married to a Leonard HEAP Sep. Qu 1922, but Fay thinks she may have married a TOM HOLDEN. Violet's parents were Richard and Laura nee TOWNSON who once ran the Fleece Inn, Barrowford. Fay would like to find Violet and/or her children. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

## BOTTOMLEY

Paul Roome e-mail paul.roome@ntlworld.com  
Paul has recently started research his family tree and his maternal ancestors are BOTTOMLEYs from Colne. He has contacted several BOTTOMLEYs in Colne but has not been able to make any positive link with his ancestors. His grandfather was Herbert BOTTOMLEY, born in Colne in 1903 and was living in BLACKPOOL when he got married in 1928. His father was Henry BOTTOMLEY, a Journeyman Plasterer. Paul would like to hear from anyone researching the BOTTOMLEY family.

## PHOTOGRAPH OF UNKNOWN COUPLE

Maureen Coulter maureencoulter45@hotmail.com  
Maureen has purchased a photograph off Ebay that might be of interest to members. It is of a young couple. He is dressed in military uniform of WW1 and is probably in the East Lancs Regiment. The young woman stands by his side as is common in many of the photographs of that time. The photograph is of the postcard type, unused, and with the separation panel running down the back for correspondence or address details. There is a fine typed line of print that says 'R. Harrison, Photographer, Colne.'  
She bought the photograph because it seemed 'unloved' and needed a home and she would be pleased to reunite it with any family member who might recognise their relatives.  
(Telephone number available from Branch Secretary)



## FEDERATION NEWS

### NEW FFHS ADDRESS

Federation of Family History Societies, PO Box 8857,  
Lutterworth, LE17 9BJ

### FINDMYPAST.COM PARTNERS FAMILYSEARCH TO BRING MORE BRITISH HISTORICAL RECORDS TO A WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE

UK family history website [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) has announced the start of a new partnership with US-based FamilySearch ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)). The two family history organisations have been awarded licences by The National Archives of the United Kingdom (TNA) to digitise and make available both the 'Chelsea Pensioners' retired soldiers records between 1760 and 1914, and the Merchant Seamen's collection of records dating from 1835 to 1941.

#### Chelsea Pensioners and militia records

The three-year digitisation project will scan eight million images from the War Office's 'Royal Hospital Chelsea Soldiers' Service' documents dating from 1760 and 'Militia Attestation Papers' documents from 1870, through to 1913.

These records bring to life the comings and goings of pensioners in the Royal Hospital Chelsea, including each ex-serviceman's name, age, birthplace and service history, as well as details of physical appearance, conduct sheet, previous occupation, and in some cases the reason for discharge. After 1883, details of marriages and children may also appear.

#### Merchant Seamen records

The partnership will also digitise the Board of Trade's merchant seamen records from the periods 1835 to 1844 and 1918 to 1941. The documents will be made available online to enable people to easily search the names, dates and places of birth of ancestors who served as merchant seamen. Many of the twentieth century records include portrait photographs of the sailors as well as personal details and summaries of the voyages they served on. The records include people of many nationalities and women's service records. Nearly a third of UK families have ancestors who served as a merchant seaman, this series of records are of huge importance to the nation's heritage and history.

#### Digitisation partnership

Findmypast.com will create indexes and transcriptions to enable members of the public to easily search the records online at both [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) and [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), while FamilySearch will be responsible for scanning the images on site at The National Archives.

### GRO WEBSITE

With effect from 1 April this year the General Register Office (GRO) ceased to be part of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and became part of the Identity and Passport Service (IPS). There are now plans to integrate the GRO website into the DirectGov website which acts as a portal for many different Government websites - see [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk). The FFHS was invited to give its thoughts on this, which it did at the beginning of May. Concerns have been expressed over the possibility of the GRO website being lost among many other websites and so much more difficult to find. Perhaps the point should be made that entry via DirectGov should be an additional option rather than the only one.

## THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (TNA)

The National Archives has been leading a review and revision of the records management code of practice, issued in November 2002 under section 46 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You can contribute your views to the review by visiting:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/recordsmanagement/code/review.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/recordsmanagement/code/review.htm)

Consultation on the revised code of practice opened on 10 June 2008 and will close on 2 September 2008

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The National Archives' (TNA) has published a new Online Strategy. It sets out how TNA will respond to changes affecting the organisation's online services over the next three years.

The National Archives website will be restructured into a 'family' of websites, to reflect the organisation's different functions and meet changing customer needs. A team is working across the organisation to develop the new websites, and to ensure there is minimum disruption to services and all links are redirected from the old to the new location. For more information visit:

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/203.htm?news=rss](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/news/stories/203.htm?news=rss)

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### Ministry of Defence asks for views on transfer of historic records to TNA

The Ministry of Defence has launched a public consultation process regarding the transfer of historic Armed Forces Service Personnel records to TNA.

Members of the public are being asked for their views on the process the Ministry of Defence has developed to transfer to TNA records of soldiers, sailors and airmen who served in the Armed Forces between the two World Wars and for those who were members of the Home Guard during the Second World War. For more information visit:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/DefenceNews/DefencePolicyAndBusiness/PublicAskedForTheirViewsOnTransferOfHistoricRecords.htm>

Links to the various consultation pages can be found on the right hand side of the above webpage.

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### NEW NAME AND NEW ORDERS SIGNAL UK EXPANSION FOR SCOTLAND ONLINE

Scotland Online, the internet services business and the parent company of family history website findmypast.com, has re-branded as brightsolid, in recognition of its evolving position in the UK business market.

brightsolid has recently acquired the leading family history company findmypast.com. The company also won the contract to digitise, license and publish the 1911 Census of England and Wales from The National Archives in Kew. In addition brightsolid operates scotlandspeople.gov.uk, which is a partnership between the General Register Office for Scotland, the National Archives of Scotland and the Court of the Lord Lyon.

brightsolid is owned by publishers D.C. Thomson (DCT) and Noble Grossart Investments (NGI).

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### BRITISH LIBRARY

In January 2009, the British Library will be starting a Collection Moves programme of low-use items. This is the largest programme of moves that have been undertaken since the opening of St Pancras in 1998.

The transfer of low-use items to a new storage facility in Boston Spa, West Yorkshire, will take place in phases. This first phase will see 10.6% of their total collection transferred to Boston Spa. During the first phase, these low-use collections will become unavailable to Readers. The embargo period will start in January 2009 and last for a minimum of nine months. This period of restricted access will not affect St Pancras' high-use material such as rare books, manuscripts, maps, sound archive and music scores.

The collection moves are taking place as the British Library needs to vacate current leasehold storage buildings. Firstly, they fail to provide adequate environmental conditions. Secondly, the Library does not have the opportunity to extend the leases. The moves will allow the British Library to rationalise their collection storage, provide future growth space and continue to act as guardians of the national collection.

The planned closure of the newspaper library in Colindale and the transfer of the newspaper collections form a part of Phase Two of the Collection Moves programme, starting at the end of 2009. The material stored at Colindale will be transferred on a staggered basis, and will only be unavailable to Readers whilst in transit. This is expected to be a matter of weeks. Moving the hard copy collections to the state-of-the-art storage conditions in Boston Spa will considerably improve their lifespan. Microfilm will be stored and available at St Pancras

More information on this can be found at:

[www.bl.uk/news/2008/pressrelease20080717.html](http://www.bl.uk/news/2008/pressrelease20080717.html)

The background to Colindale Newspaper Migration Strategy can be found at:

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news070604.php>

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news071016.php>

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### FamilySearch and Ancestry.com Team to Publish New Images and Enhanced Indexes to the U.S. Censuses

SALT LAKE CITY—Ancestry.com and FamilySearch, have announced that they will exchange records and resources to make more historical records available online. The first project is a joint initiative to significantly enhance the online U.S. Federal Census Collection (1790 to 1930). The original census records are among the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

FamilySearch is digitally converting master microfilm copies of the original U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 through 1930 and, under this agreement, will give these improved images to Ancestry.com. All census images and indexes will be available on Ancestry.com for subscribers. As projects are completed, images will be available for free in NARA reading rooms and FamilySearch's 4,500 Family History Centers.

Ancestry.com, which currently offers indexes and images to the entire publicly available U.S. Federal Census Collection, will give FamilySearch copies of its existing census indexes. Through its online indexing system and community of volunteer indexers, FamilySearch is already indexing select censuses. FamilySearch will merge the Ancestry.com indexes with the new FamilySearch indexes to create enhanced census indexes, which will be added to both sites. Indexes to the enhanced censuses will be free on Ancestry.com for a limited time as they are completed. Indexes will also be available for free on FamilySearch.org.

The first census exchanged is the 1900 U.S. Census. FamilySearch completed a 1900 index in addition to Ancestry.com's original. In the new index, FamilySearch added several new fields of searchable data, such as birth month and birth year, so individuals can search for ancestors more easily. The two indexes will be merged into an enhanced index, available on both sites. The new 1900 census images are now available on Ancestry.com. The enhanced 1900 index will be available for free for a limited time at Ancestry.com and ongoing at FamilySearch.org.

Ancestry.com will also provide FamilySearch its original 1920 U.S. Census index. Using the Ancestry.com index as a first transcription, FamilySearch will create a new second index with added fields and arbitrate any discrepancies between the two indexes. The 1920 project is currently in progress. Individuals interested in helping create the improved index can volunteer at FamilySearch.org. Once completed, the enhanced 1920 index will be available on both sites and will link back to images on Ancestry.com.

The 1850 through 1870 (partial) and 1880 and 1900 U.S. Censuses can be searched currently at FamilySearch.org; all publicly available U.S. Censuses are already available on Ancestry.com.

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FamilySearch Teams with findmypast.com and others to Broaden Access to All Censuses for England and Wales Online Volunteer Indexers Sought to Improve Select Collections

SALT LAKE CITY-FamilySearch have announced that it is joining forces with findmypast.com, The Origins Network, and Intelligent Image Management-companies that specialize in providing online access to British family history resources-to make significant British historical record collections more broadly available online. The first joint initiative seeks to publish online indexes to censuses for England and Wales from 1841 to 1901. The 1841 and 1861 Census indexes are the first targeted under the agreement and are accessible now at FamilySearch.org and findmypast.com.

In the agreement, FamilySearch, in conjunction with The Origins Network, will provide digital images for the 1851, 1871, and 1881 Censuses. It will also extend the 1871 Census index. Findmypast.com will provide FamilySearch copies of its English and Welsh Census indexes from 1841 to 1901. The Federation of Family History Societies will help complete the index for the 1851 Census.

Initially, users of FamilySearch.org will be able to do a free search by record type, given name, surname, age, gender, place of birth, and relationship to head of household (relationship was not recorded in the 1841 Census). The free search capability at FamilySearch.org will include additional fields of data in the future. Users will be able to search the full indexes and view original images for free at FamilySearch's 4,500 Family History Centers or for a nominal fee at findmypast.com.

The addition of findmypast.com's English and Welsh Census Collections to FamilySearch's online databases will increase the use of the valuable record sets and increase traffic to findmypast.com.

FamilySearch will utilize its impressive online community of volunteer indexers to add more fields of data to select censuses. When finished, the improved census indexes will be available on FamilySearch.org, findmypast.com, and Originsnetwork.com. Individuals interested in volunteering

as online indexers for British historical projects can do so at FamilySearch.org.

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Findmypast.com is the leading UK family history Website (formerly 1837online.com) and has been instrumental in creating the widespread and growing interest in genealogy seen in the UK today. It has 800,000 active registered users, millions of historic document images, and 600 million records online dating back to 1538. The comprehensive collections include military records, census, migration, occupation directories, current electoral roll data, birth, marriage, and death indexes. It manages the ancestorsonboard.com Website for The National Archives of the United Kingdom and offers a range of online tools to help people discover and share their family history more easily. Findmypast.com's parent company is brightsolid (formerly Scotland Online).

Intelligent Image Management, Inc., helps companies of all sizes reduce the challenges and high costs of managing data processing and other labor-intensive, back-office operations. It has a proven track record of delivering accurate, reliable offshore outsourcing operations. It has delivered superior results for highly demanding clients in a wide variety of industries since 1996. IIM has 1400 dedicated full-time employees and is comprised of privately owned companies in the U.S., India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

About Origins

The Origins Network (formerly Origins.net) was founded in 1997 and offers online access to some of the richest ancestral information available to help you research your family history. Origins Network services include subscription access to exclusive genealogy related collections on British Origins and Irish Origins, plus expert Scottish Old Parish records research on Scots Origins. OMS Services developed and operates The Origins Network (incorporating British Origins, Irish Origins, Scots Origins) & Burke's Peerage Online genealogical database services. Its unique, primary genealogical data for researching family history online includes marriage registers, wills, court and apprentice records, as well as downloadable images of original maps and plans used in 19th surveys. Most of this information is not available anywhere else on the Internet.

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