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PENDLE & BURNLEY BRANCH OPEN DAY

Saturday 8th November 10 am to 3.30 pm

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.

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SITUATIONS VACANT – Volunteers are needed urgently to fill the following posts within the branch.

PROGRAMME SECRETARY

as advertised in the last edition of the Gazette. No one has volunteered to take on this important post. Consequences of not having a programme secretary will be **NO MORE ENJOYABLE TALKS**

EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE (EXEC.REP.)

In simple terms, the task is to represent the Branch at the Society Executive meetings, acting as a two-way contact between the Branch and our parent Society. Traditionally, these are evening meetings held at Preston, four or five times per year. Currently, the elected representative must agree to be a trustee of the Society.

In theory, our Society (of 14 branches) is managed and controlled by the Executive committee. This committee is headed by the elected Society officials (chairman, secretary and treasurer) and one elected representative from each Branch. It is at these meetings that decisions are made which affect the future of the Society. Each committee member has one vote. Proposals from any of the Branches or proposals from any of the six management teams must be presented to this meeting for discussion and the vote.

In practice, it doesn't always happen this way!

TREASURER

- To attend (or nominate a stand-in) every Branch meeting to collect, record and bank monies paid in at meetings.
- To settle invoices and agreed requests for payment for speakers.
- To be responsible for the Branch cheque-book, making sure that two signatures (from three or more) are required for payment.
- To present a written financial statement (income/expenditure and balance sheet) to the quarterly committee meetings.
- To prepare the annual accounts for audit prior to submitting to the Society Treasurer every January.
- To present a written end of year financial statement (income/expenditure and balance sheet) to the AGM in March.
- To constantly review the Branch finances and promote discussion.
- To maintain a register of Branch assets (library holdings, hardware and software), which must be submitted to the Society annually (mid December) for insurance purposes.

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

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>

29.Oct. Practical Evening

19.Nov. White Feather John Hartley

10.Dec. I Wish I Hadn't Said That! Cliff Astin
followed by Festive Refreshments. (By ticket only)

2009.

21.Jan. Heraldry on the A59 Derrick Walkden

18.Feb Blood & Gore in Victorian Medicine Dick Chitty
Suggestions welcomed for May Out Visit 2009

I am still trying to arrange a talk on Quakers.

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

517 : G11 : LPRS Vol 167 STANDISH Vol II 1653 to 1732

Although we are always grateful for any donations, it would be much appreciated if any further books/journals/magazines could be withheld by their donors until further notice – we have run out of space!! However, should anyone wish to donate for our book sales on meeting nights, and in particular the Open Day, Saturday, 08 November, all contributions will be welcomed.

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

The completed Non-Conformist Marriages, up to the 1950/60's, are now on the Internet. On the 10th September 2008, 17,000 Church of England Marriages also went on the Internet with more to follow shortly. There are many more C of E registers still to check plus all the Register Office Marriages from 1900 – 1961 approx.

Many thanks to all involved in this valuable project and special thanks to Janet Knowles who has kept everything running (with her whip) in my absence.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

ADVICE & HELP SESSION

Starting 22nd October 2008, advice and help sessions will be held throughout the winter months on the 4th Wednesday of each month EXCEPT DECEMBER from 10 am to 12 noon. Volunteers to help at these sessions are required. Jean is organizing a rota for helpers, so don't just leave it to "Somebody else". Why not help out?

DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

N.W. GROUP of FHS FAMILY HISTORY DAY

St George's Hall, Liverpool

Saturday 1st November 2008 10 am to 4 pm

Admission to Hall £2, Under 16 free

Admission including talks £4, seating limited to 70 issued on a first come first served basis

BURNLEY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

A celebration of the 60th anniversary of the society,
St Peter's Church, Burnley

Saturday 1st November 2008 11 a.m. to 4. p.m.

Admission Free

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

LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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

♣ ADVICE & RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Saturday 6th December 2008 1 pm to 4.30 pm

♣ EXPLORING IRISH ANCESTRY USING A PC

Speaker Brenda I Hustler

Saturday 14th February 2009 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

CHESHIRE FHS 10TH FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich

Saturday 21st February 2009 10 am to 4pm

Free Car Parking adjacent to venue.

MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAIR

Hulme Hall, Bolton Rd, Port Sunlight, Wirral CH6 5DH

Saturday 8th March 2009 10 am to 5 pm

Admission £2 Accompanied children - free

CITY OF YORK & DISTRICT FHS FAIR

The Folk Hall, New Earswick, York

Saturday 21st March 2009 10 am to 4pm

ROTHERHAM FHS FAIR

Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Wickersley Rd,
Rotherham

Saturday 29th March 2009 10 am to 4pm

Admission £1. Free Parking.

PUDSEY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Pudsey Civic Hall

Saturday 4th April 2009 10 am to 4pm

STOCKPORT FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Stockport Town Hall, Wellington Rd South,
Stockport SK1 3XE

Sunday 5th April 2009 10 am to 4pm

Admission £2 Accompanied children – free

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Victoria Hall, Keighley (Adjacent to the Leisure Centre)

Saturday 25th April 2009 10 am to 4pm

Admission Free

THE ANCESTRY OF SIR JOHN BOOTHMAN STUTTARD (Lord Mayor of London 2006-7)

submitted by Geoff Stuttard

Most of you will be aware that a "son" of Burnley, Sir John Boothman Stuttard, has recently completed a year as Lord Mayor of London.

The name Stuttard is an old English family surname, first recorded in about 1000 AD in Northumberland. The origin of the name is variously considered to be "stott herd" - the stott being a working horse or other pack animal, or "stud herd" - the stud being a stallion. Stuttards have been recorded in Yorkshire and Lancashire over the centuries. In recent years there have been a number of related Stuttard families in the area of North East Lancashire.

Variations of the name appear in other parts of the country. The more frequent variations Stoddard and Stoddart arose in Ireland, probably County Clare, and migrated first to Scotland and then crossed the border into Northumbria and Cumbria and began to penetrate Western Lancashire via the port of Liverpool and the Manchester Ship Canal. Another major grouping using the spellings Stotherd, and Stothard was common in eastern England - specifically Lincolnshire and East Riding of Yorkshire. These variations appear to have arisen independently. Within the Pendle area the name would be pronounced like the English word "stuttered" so the name was as frequently spelt there as Stutterd.

The traditional occupation of Stuttards in the 18th Century appears to have been weaving, based on small land holdings in such hamlets and villages as Newchurch, Carry Bridge and Southfield in the districts of Pendle and Marsden, in which the towns of Burnley, Nelson and Colne are now situated.

When I first began researching my own family back in 2001 I soon came into contact with John Boothman Stuttard as he was then and he kindly sent me an article he wrote entitled the Stuttard Rolls Royces. In this article he dealt with the collection of vintage Rolls Royce vehicles acquired by two branches of the family which he labelled as the Carrybridge Branch and the Southfield Branch. The Carrybridge branch mainly revolved around the family of James Stuttard who traded as James Stuttard & Sons around several mills in the Pendle and later Manchester areas. It was the sons of one of those "& Sons" who started the collection of vintage cars brand new from the motor shows of the time.

Sir John himself was from the Southfield branch as indeed am I. He had managed to re-acquire a couple of those old vehicles himself. For this article I am using the details he gave me at the time of his own descent under the Southfield Branch. We soon came into what was I hope "amicable conflict", however, as he had a few errors in the earliest part of his research. It took me quite a while to convince him of the true situation. His errors were due in part to their being a larger family than he thought and the regular use of the same first names by several couples and to their being much less information available around the turn of the millennium than there is now. I shall begin with the earliest point at which we finally agreed then close by bringing the situation fully up to date with more recent discoveries.

The Southfield branch predominantly used the Stutterd spelling and includes the Stutterds you will already be familiar with (I hope) from Peter Walsh's two articles about "The Diaries of Jabez Stutterd" from previous editions of this newsletter. It should be noted here that after the

beginning of civil registration in 1837 and the more detailed contents of census records from 1841 onwards the spelling of the surname became standardized on Stuttard and the Stutterd spelling persisted only where descendants of the Southfield branch migrated to other areas of the country (particularly Huddersfield and Banbury) and retained it as long as they could to ensure the pronunciation was retained.

In 1776, John Stutterd married Nancy Hartley of Colne and later that year they had a son, who was also christened John at St Bartholomew's Church, Colne on 24 December 1776. There were other children born to this couple including one who took his mother's maiden name Hartley as his first name. This established a pattern of using the name Hartley which lasted for several generations. These two sons moved away from Southfield - John to Noyna Hall farm in Foulridge and Hartley the short distance to the Briercliffe area. Another Stutterd, Richard, born around 1779 remained in the Southfield area and married Mary Amelia Mason in St Bartholomew's in 1800 and lived at Lower Row, Southfield up to his death in 1863. Richard and Mary had a large family - at least a dozen children have been identified to date but the baptism records for these children is almost completely missing. Some of these have been deduced as being children of Richard and Mary from naming Richard as father when they themselves married.

One of these children, a son, Hartley, who was born in 1815, also lived in Lower Row Southfield, working in the neighbouring Catlow Quarry, which later came to supply most of the stone from which the adjacent town of Nelson was built. Southfield is situated on the hill overlooking what would later become Nelson.

Hartley's son James was born on 2 May 1851 at Southfield and he married Susannah Kershaw of Briercliffe on 16 November 1871. At that time, he is recorded as being an engine tinter and living at Catlow, near Southfield. He probably worked on the engines at Catlow Quarry, where his father was a stone quarrier. His eldest child, Edith, who later married Haydn Wilmore, manager of William Reed's Spring Bank Mill in Nelson, was born in Southfield in May 1878. Then, about 1880, the family moved from Southfield to neighbouring Nelson, as it was developing in the wake of the cotton-manufacturing boom.

James's elder son, Irvin Stuttard, was born in Nelson on 24 January 1885. He initially worked in the cotton industry and at the time of his marriage on 24 June 1909 to Martha Boothman he was a cotton loom overlooker. Both Irvin and Martha had lost their fathers some years earlier and life must have been hard. They later became hotelkeepers at the Marsden Cross Hotel in Brierfield, which is approximately two miles between each of Southfield, Burnley and Nelson.

On 4 September 1913, their only child was born, a son, Thomas Boothman Stuttard. He was a bright boy and went to Burnley Grammar School, before training to be a chartered accountant. At the age of 21, he became a founder partner of the chartered accountants, Langley, Stuttard & Co of Burnley and Nelson, who acted as auditors to many of the cotton manufacturing companies in the area. On 13 September 1938, he married Helena Teasdale of Todmorden. During his career as a practicing accountant, he also became a director of Peerless Built-in Furniture, a company his uncle Jack Boothman founded in London, and he became Chairman of the Marsden Building Society shortly before he retired from his firm and before his death on 8 July 1969.

Thomas's elder son, John Stuttard, was born on 6 February 1945 at Marsden Road, Burnley. not far from the Marsden Cross Hotel. His family home, as a boy, was The Mount, Briercliffe, near the Haggate Baptist Church which his ancestors had helped found. He was educated at Shrewsbury School and Churchill College, Cambridge, before moving to London in 1967. He married Lesley Sylvia Stuttard on 26 September 1970, shortly after qualifying as a chartered accountant. He became a partner in the international firm of accountants and management consultants, Coopers & Lybrand, in 1975. His two sons, Thomas Henry Boothman Stuttard and James Midgley Stuttard were born in London on 20 January 1975 and 21 August 1976, respectively.

This is the point at which Sir John's potted autobiographic details came to an end. So let me now return to the two oldest generations of this history.

Sir John definitely descends from Richard Stutterd and Mary Amelia Mason who married in St Bartholomew's Colne in 1800. This couple are also my great x 3 grandparents – I descend from their son William born 1804 who married Sarah Parker of Gisburn and settled there. Richard was born in Southfield in 1779/80 but no baptism record for him exists. I am convinced he was another son of John and Nancy Hartley and suggest that the record of his birth is in that part of the records of Haggate Baptists Chapel which has not survived.

Another descendent of John and Nancy Hartley is Jack Stuttard of Briercliffe a former headmaster and another avid family researcher I first came into contact with in the early days of my research.

Jack and Sir John both made the same error in believing that the John who married Nancy Hartley was the same John Stutterd as the renowned Baptist minister at Haggate and Colne Particular Baptists born Southfield in 1750. This is not the case. The surviving letters between John the Baptist minister and his two brothers Thomas and Jabez (the diary writer) form the basis of former Bodleian librarian David Vaisey's lecture "A tale of three Brothers" which he gave at the University of California's San Marino site which houses the Huntington Archive of which the letters are a part. From this surviving restored correspondence it becomes clear that the Baptist minister John did not have any surviving descendents. His first marriage to Betty Coor produced a staggering nine stillborn children plus two sons, one of whom failed to reach his second birthday and the other his fifth. His two later marriages were childless too. So who is the other John Stutterd, husband of Nancy Hartley.

There is just one candidate. The three brothers were sons of Jabez (or Jabis) Stutterd who had a brother Richard. Both of these married in St Bartholomew's in the 1740s – in fact they are the first Stuttards to be married there. Richard had a son John born in 1755 but Richard died that same year. This must be the John who married Nancy Hartley. Bizarrely the two Johns both married again – their first wives died within a few months of each other and they both remarried within a month of each other in St Bartholomew's so it is easy to see how they could be confused (and both second wives were named Mary!)

Jabez Stutterd was baptized in St Andrews Parish church, Keighley 12th May 1706. Richard was baptized there in September 1711 but by then the family lived at Royle near Burnley. They were sons of Jabez Stutterd and Elizabeth Bolton who married in St Andrews 19 May 1702. It is

believed that Jabez was born in Thornton-in-Craven but here the trail ends.

There is one other descendent of Richard and Mary Amelia Mason who deserves mention. Mason too became a first-name used by subsequent generations of the Southfield branch. One of these, Mason Stuttard, born in Burnley in 1903. Without any formal education he somehow became fluent in over a dozen languages and became a leading light in the world of Esperanto. Indeed if you were to start learning the Esperanto language today you would most certainly be recommended a guide to the language he wrote before World War Two. Mason was in Yugoslavia at the end of WW2. He did not return till he retired in the 1960s. He was Marshall Tito's personal English interpreter right up to that time. He died in Blackpool in 1983.

FOREIGN ANCESTRY

submitted by John Lustig

With tongue in cheek, I sometimes refer to myself as being typically British – my tree includes Irish, French and German ancestors.

Sooner or later, if you have not already done so, many of you will also discover foreign roots because this country has for centuries been a destination for migrants seeking to improve their lot, or even to save their lives

Your Branch committee would very much like to know the depth and variety of members' foreign ancestral links in order to assess (a) the need for further help in this field and (b) the possible interest in the inclusion of informative presentations in our monthly programmes. A number of foreign national vital record indexes have been added to the resources held at the Society Resource Centre at 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle. These include Australia, North America, Central America with Mexico, Western Europe which includes Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Benelux countries and the Alpine Regions.

Please take a moment to complete the Questionnaire on the last page of this newsletter and return it to either Brenda or me at the earliest opportunity, at one of the Branch meetings. If there is a sufficiently comprehensive response, we will consider publishing an anonymous summary in a subsequent issue of the 'Gazette'.

A search of the census for foreigners in the years 1851 to 1901 in Burnley, Great & Little Marsden, & Colne showed that there were people in the district born in Germany, France, Italy, Australia, Russia, Malta and Canada, with those born in Germany outnumbering all the other groups. By far the biggest influx of people from other places was from Ireland, with the numbers increasing from about 600 in 1851 to over 2,200 in 1901. The Irish cannot be counted as foreigners because at that time, what is now the Republic of Ireland, was part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. It did not become an independent country until 1922.

JOURNAL BINDERS

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

FEDERATION NEWS

GRO INDEX UPDATE

GRO (General Register Office) digitisation plans appear to have stalled. In the August edition of Ancestors magazine published by The National Archives (TNA) it is reported that "The digitisation of Britain's most important set of national family history records, has hit the buffers and there is currently no timetable to restart the project." The report states that the main contractor for the project, Siemens IT Solutions and Services Ltd, has pulled out. With parts of the project named DOVE, MAGPIE and EAGLE it is tempting to think of the whole planning exercise as having been bird brained. James Hall, the new Registrar General and Chief Executive of the Identity and Passport Service (IPS), is expecting an emergency internal strategic review to report its findings by the end of September. For full details on this visit: www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news080703.php

In the FFHS Ezine of October 2007 we drew attention to the e-petition "to ensure that the General Register Office of the ONS completes ASAP, as promised, the digitisation of, and online index to, the national BMD ledgers dating back to 1837 previously held in the Family Records Centre in London." The petition closed on 26 July and the following response has just been posted on the Internet. "The General Register Office (GRO) has a statutory obligation to make index data for registration records publicly available. Since the closure of the Family Records Centre in March 2008, it has provided copies of the indexes in microfiche format at several libraries and record offices across England and Wales. Many people who would previously have had to visit London to view the indexes are now able to do so much closer to home. Further details on where to search the full range of GRO indexes from 1837 to 2008 can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/5ukcbx>

GRO recognises that the creation of a publicly-accessible online index will be of even greater value to many family historians. GRO was transferred on 1 April 2008 from the Office for National Statistics to the Identity and Passport Service (IPS). IPS has confirmed that the creation of an accessible online index is a commitment which GRO will continue to work towards. A necessary pre-requisite is that all the registration records from 1837 must be created in a digitised format. The project to achieve this has encountered delays, with about half the records currently digitised. IPS is investigating a new project to complete the work and to address the requirement for an online index. At this stage options for the best method of implementation are being reviewed, and new timescales will be announced as soon as decisions based on the outcome of the review can be taken."

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. TNA 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

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

Participants Wanted for DNA series on Sky Real Lives

Do you have unanswered questions that could be solved by a DNA test? Do you think you've found a long-lost relative but need proof? Are you seeking answers about a family secret? TV favourite, Lorraine Kelly, will be returning soon to UK TV screens to present a second series of DNA Stories on Sky Real Lives. The producers (SMG Productions) of this unique series are now looking for participants. DNA Stories sets out to help people find answers to unresolved family issues. With the help of a free DNA test we can confirm the identity of a relative, or reunite you with a long-lost sibling. Participants are filmed in the comfort of their own home, where the DNA test will be carried out by one of the leading DNA testing companies in the country. Joined by their family, they then meet presenter, Lorraine Kelly, on a private set, where the potentially life-changing results are revealed. If you are interested in appearing on the programme, SMG Productions want to hear from you! Please contact the production team on 0871 827 5020 or email dnastories@stv.tv Those who call will be under no obligation to take part, and all information is completely confidential. The first series of DNA Stories aired on Sky Real Lives earlier this year.

Culture Minister Margaret Hodge recently announced plans to strengthen DCMS engagement in regional policy through a new, simplified and improved way of working. For the first time, the Department's four key agencies in the regions - Arts Council England, Sport England, English Heritage and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council - will have a duty to work together to jointly deliver a core set of shared priorities across the culture and sport agenda. These priorities include: Regional Strategies; Local Area Agreements; Local Government commitment to culture and sport; Place Shaping; and LOCOG liaison on 2012 and the Cultural Olympiad. This alliance, working with partners in local authorities, the Regional Development Agencies, and other partner organisations, will agree top priorities and create joint plans of action for the culture and sport agendas for their region. These new arrangements will still enable the four agencies to continue with their existing and continuing sector specific responsibilities, but will also introduce a way of using contributions from all regional partners in a more targeted and effective way. For more information visit: http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/5236.aspx

I have no idea what DCMS and LCOG refer to Editor

FINDMYPAST.COM extends online parish records.

Online access to millions of nationwide parish marriage records pre-dating the civil registration of births, marriages and deaths UK family history website findmypast.com have added 3.2 million marriage records to its Parish Records Collection at

<http://www.findmypast.com/parish-records-collection-search-start.action?red>

The new parish records, dating back to 1538, join the 15 million burial records already available to search on the site. The Parish Records Collection brings together in one easy-to-search central place the disparate records from local parishes, which have been collated by local family history societies since 1911, coordinated by the Federation of Family History Societies. The registers are particularly valuable sources of information for people seeking to research their family tree back further than the civil records of birth, marriage and death, which began in 1837, and the nineteenth century censuses. Thanks to the cross-database search facility at findmypast.com, you will be able to search for your ancestor by surname across all the parish records on the site without needing to know where in the country they came from, helping people to delve even deeper into their ancestors' pasts. Among the famous names recorded in the parish marriages is writer Charles John Huffam Dickens, whose marriage to Catherine Thomson Hogarth took place in Chelsea on 2 April 1836, just one year prior to civil registration in England and Wales. In the same year, on 5 July, engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel's marriage to Mary Elizabeth Horsley is shown in Kensington. Both records have been contributed by the West Middlesex Family History Society. Over the coming months findmypast.com will be adding parish baptism records to the website too.

ANCESTRY.COM AND JEWISHGEN PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership Enables Broader Research of Jewish Ancestry Through Powerful Search Tools in One Centralized Location (USA)

CHICAGO USA – Aug. 19, 2008 – The Generations Network, Inc., parent company of Ancestry.com, and JewishGen, a non-profit organization dedicated to researching and promoting Jewish genealogy and an affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, (based in New York USA) today announced a partnership designed to provide easier online access to millions of important Jewish historical documents. JewishGen's collection of databases will be integrated and be made available for free on Ancestry.com, making these historical Jewish records and information more accessible than ever before. As part of the agreement, the JewishGen site will also be hosted in Ancestry.com's data center.

Those interested in researching Jewish ancestry will be able to search JewishGen's databases on Ancestry.com,

Under the new agreement, some of the important JewishGen content that will be available on Ancestry.com includes databases from many different countries, the Holocaust Database, Yizkor Books (memorial books from Holocaust survivors), The Given Names Database and JewishGen ShtetlSeeker?, among others. The JewishGen collections will be available on Ancestry.com by the end of the year.

To learn more about the Jewish collections that will be available visit www.ancestry.com/JewishHeritage.

JewishGen, www.jewishgen.org, became an affiliate of the Museum on January 1, 2003. An Internet pioneer, JewishGen was founded in 1987 and has grown from a bulletin board with only 150 users to a major grass roots effort bringing together hundreds of thousands of individuals worldwide in a virtual community centered on discovering Jewish ancestral roots and history.

Researchers use JewishGen to share genealogical information, techniques, and case studies. With a growing database of more than 11 million records, the website is a forum for the exchange of information about Jewish life and family history, and has enabled thousands of families to connect and re-connect in a way never before possible.

THE DERING ROLL SAVED FOR THE NATION

Thanks to the generous support of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, The Art Fund, The Friends of the National Libraries, Friends of the British Library and numerous individual donors the British Library has successfully acquired the Dering Roll, the oldest extant English roll of arms, dating from c.1270-1280. The Roll, a vital record for the study of knighthood in medieval England depicts 324 coats of arms, representing approximately a quarter of the entire English baronage during the reign of King Edward I (1272-1307). For more information visit:

www.bl.uk/supportus/acquisitionsnews.html

TRIBUTE TO DON STEEL

There is a proposal to pay tribute to the late Don Steel, who died in April 2008, at an informal reception at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, on Saturday, 15th November, 2008. Peterhouse is the oldest College in Cambridge, founded in 1284, and the college attended by Don. Don was instrumental in the founding of a number of family history societies, but also, perhaps most importantly, the founding of the Federation of Family History Societies in 1974. He was an accomplished author and driving force behind the early volumes of the Society of Genealogists 'National Index of Parish Registers' series. Later as education officer for BBC South West, Don was the pioneer behind the 1979 BBC TV series 'Family History', narrated by Gordon Honeycombe and based on Gordon's own researches. The following year Don wrote 'Discovering Your Family History' to accompany the series. For over 40 years Don Steel made a major contribution to the family history world as a speaker and author. He was also a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists. The cost of the reception is £20 per head and includes a buffet lunch, drinks and the cost of hiring the meeting room. If you would like to attend please contact Derek Palgrave, Vice President, FFHS palgrave@one-name.org, as soon as possible.

LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates – Office open from 10 am. to 4 pm
2008 8 November 13 December

LANCAT – Lancashire R.O. online catalogue is available at .. www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/record_office/services/catalogue.asp

Cataloguing update

DDX 1863 acc 7325 Pendle Library Collection:
Nelson Powerloom Overlookers Union, 20th Century

QUERY CORNER

HEAP, SWALES

Cathy Capener e-mail catherine.capener@talktalk.net

Cathy (née Heap) is trying to find any information about her late father's family. He was Harold HEAP born 14.Apr.1923. died 16.May.2008

Harold was given up to Dr Barnardo's at around 7/8 years of age. He had only a few memories, but did not ever make any efforts to find out about himself or any family. His mother was Lily HEAP she was unmarried and lived at 5 East Avenue, Barnoldswick. On his birth certificate she is listed as a cotton weaver in a mill. One of the few memories that Harold had was that he also lived with his Grandfather. His Mother Lily it would seem met a gentleman friend who it is thought was called Mr Swales and that the man did not like children. Cathy has searched the Marriage Records from 1923 to 1937 and can find no trace of a Lily HEAP marrying a Mr SWALES.

PICKLES

Steve Pickles e-mail theodore.pix@tiscali.co.uk

Steve is researching the PICKLES family from Trawden or Colne. His 4 X great grandfather was William PICKLES born 9.Feb.1789 in either Colne or Trawden. William PICKLES served in the British Army and was a veteran of Waterloo. Steve visited Colne Library recently and found some information.

Baptisms at Colne St Bartholomew's

Parents are William & Betty PICKLES of Trawden

Baptism Date	Forename	Surname
4.Oct.1778	James	PICKLES
1.Feb.1781	Henry	PICKLES
15.Sep.1782	Molly	PICKLES
18.Mar.1787	Ann	PICKLES
20.Sep.1789	William	PICKLES

Marriage at St Bartholomew's, Colne

2nd March 1778, William PICKLES, Colne married Betty BLACKBURN, Colne

Since there are several siblings for William PICKLES, Steve asks is there is anyone who is also descended from this family.

DYSON, KENDELL

Janet Robinson e-mail JFJRobinson@talktalk.net

Janet's research initially is 'The Early Life of Sarah Ann Dyson'nee KENDELL, who was her great grandmother, born in Colne. Family legend says she was working in the mill from the age of 8. Janet has three addresses in the Lenches area and is trying to identify the mill where granny spent her childhood. Sarah married Alfred DYSON whose father was Thomas DYSON, listed as a bread baker living in Railway Street, Colne in the 1871 census, and asks if the DYSON family actually owned a bakery. Sarah later became a successful business woman running her own bakery & coffee shop in Chancery Street, Burnley. Sarah later moved to the Birmingham area. Janet would be grateful to receive any information relating to her great grandmother and the Waterside area of Colne.

HANSON, TATTERSALL, RIGG, BUTTERWORTH, LAWLESS, RAYNER

Paul Hanson e-mail pha77779@bigpond.net.au

Paul is a descendant of several families from Lancashire and is seeking information on these families particular the following people:

GEORGE HANSON - born 1843 (According to Census records of 1881, 1891 and 1901) in Grantham. After serving in the armed forces in Scotland (where he married Catherine CAMPBELL) he came to Burnley. In the 1891 census he is in Burnley, and by 1901 he was a shop owner/keeper in Burnley. Paul's Auntie remembers the shop as it was passed down in the family after he died. Paul is searching any living family from him and information on him and his family

EDMUND/EDWARD/EDMOND THOMAS HANSON - born in 1869 in Kandy Sri Lanka. He is Paul's great grandfather, who married Mary Ann KEMPSTER. Edmund and Mary had 14 Children of which Paul's grandfather, James William (Bill) HANSON was one. Paul is seeking information and any living members of this family that could be still in Burnley as they would be his father's cousins. Information on both George and Edmund has been very hard to find so anything, no matter how small, would benefit the search of these men.

Paul is also looking for information on

- i) Hannah TATTERSALL who married William RIGG. Hannah's parents were William TATTERSALL and Hannah BUTTERWORTH.
- ii) The RIGG family, particularly William RIGG, his son George Richard RIGG and his grandfather Henry RIGG.
- iii) The LAWLESS family from Manchester- Chorlton area, particular William LAWLESS who married Anne RAYNER

Any information or assistance regarding Paul's searches, no matter how small, would be gratefully received. Being resident in Australia, finding information about his English families is very difficult at times.

STARKIE

From:Stuart Starkey e-mail stuart.starkey@ntlworld.com

Stuart asks if anybody is researching STARKIEs in Whalley/Huntroyde/Twiston before 1600, which is about the time that his family went to Halifax in Yorkshire. Stuart has done a lot of research over the Internet on the Huntroyde STARKIEs from the pedigrees that he can find and knows that there was a fair amount of trade and travel between Whalley and Halifax. Some of the Huntroyde STARKIEs lived in Halifax and Huddersfield from 1600 onwards so it seems logical that the earlier ones came from the same place or family. Any help would be gratefully received

ROSCOE & CLANCY

Margaret Bolton e-mail margaretb100@onetel.com

Margaret is trying to contact any descendants of Thomas ROSCOE born about 1890 who lived in the Tim Bobbin area of Burnley. He was the son of Thomas ROSCOE and Winifred CLANCY and had a sister Ellen. Margaret would be most interested in any family photos of the CLANCYs.

THE HAWORTH-HOWARTH DNA PROJECT

Stephen Howarth e-mail stehowarth@aol.com

Stephen Howarth (member 949) from Chester has contacted Rossendale branch of LFHHS about his DNA Project. His ancestors came from Rossendale – Bury area.. He would like appeal to all male HAWORTH (or variants including HEYWORTH) to join the project and provide a sample for yDNA test. Full information from Stephen Howarth can be found in the Rossendale branch’s September newsletter at

http://www.rossendale-fhhs.org.uk/newsletters/september_2008.htm

To join the HAWORTH DNA project or just to find out more about use of DNA in family history, log on to http:// www.worldfamilies.net/surnames/haworth.

BROTHERTON

Edith Holden e-mail ebholden@btinternet.com

Edith is researching the BROTHERTON family who originated in the Sabden, and Newchurch-in-Pendle areas. She knows that at one time there was a shop in Sabden, "Reuben Brotherton & Son". A cousin of her gt gt grandfather, also called Reuben, lived in Wymondhouses or Ratten Clough, nr Sabden in the late 1700's. Edith would be extremely grateful if any member can give her any information on the BROTHERTON family or on Wymondhouses, or Ratten Clough

HILL

Barabara Holt e-mail b.holt2@ntlworld.com

Barabar is trying to find what happened to her grandfather George HILL. He was born in 1884 at Great Harwood. His mother was Lavinia Hill. He married in 1903 and had two children. He was divorced in 1915 and very little is heard of him after this. He lived at Bracewell, Salterforth and around Barnoldswick. He had worked as a weaver but also more often as a farmer. As a child he lived with his grandparents, aunts and uncles in Great Harwood. Barbara would be grateful for any information, however, small as to where her grandfather might have “disappeared” to.

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And finally,, since Christmas Cards have been in the shops since July, we wish

A Happy Christmas
and
a Peaceful New Year
to all our readers

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2. Other foreign fields of ancestral interest (eg Huguenots).

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3. Finally, please say whether or not you would be willing to share this information with others having similar links, for mutual interest / help.

YES / NO
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Please add your comments and suggestions. (continue on reverse of questionnaire if needed)