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A Happy New Year to all our readers

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS were due on January 1st. Have you renewed your membership?

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

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BRANCH AGM. - WEDNESDAY MARCH 18th 2009 –

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

To serve for TWO years:

Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Projects Co-ordinator, Gazette Editor, Publications Officer, Executive Liaison Officer, LancashireBMD Coordinator, Committee Members.

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

A Nomination Sheet will be available at the January and February meetings. Branch members are asked to propose or second those who volunteer to serve on the branch committee. Remember, without a committee the branch will cease to function and all the branch resources will be returned to the Society. At the moment we have a good committee and our branch is very successful, but it will only remain so if you support it and that means coming to the AGM. This is your chance to contribute & express your opinions on the running of the branch.

LFHHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

Saturday 6th June 2009 at the University of Central Lancashire, Preston.

Arrival and coffee at 9.15 for 10 am prompt start to the conference. There will be two talks then lunch at approximately 1 pm, followed by another speaker after lunch. The A.G.M. starts at approx. 3.45 pm until 4.30 pm. Full details and booking form will be published in the February edition of "Lancashire".

It is your Society and this is your opportunity to come and have your say on how the Society is run. You should try to attend the A.G.M. to see where the Society is heading and to contribute to its future.

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> 2009.

21.Jan.	Heraldry on the A59 - Derrick Walkden	15.Apr	Sabden: A Heritage Walk - David Eaves
18.Feb	Blood & Gore in Victorian Medicine - Dick Chitty	29.Apr	Ancestry Presentation - Brenda I Hustler &/or Practical Evening
18.Mar	A.G.M. & Practical Evening		

The Out visit in May needs to be arranged. Suggestions are - Bury Museum, Samlesbury Hall, Browsholme Hall, Weaver's Cottage Rawtenstall. Other ideas very welcome.

A visit to Liverpool was suggested for the summer of 2009 and in the next few weeks I will make enquiries regarding the hire of a coach etc.

Refurbishment of Colne library should start in November and may mean that we have to make other arrangements for our meetings. We should be informed of how plans are progressing in a few months time.

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

LANCASHIREBMD PROJECT

We had an excellent start to 2009 when almost 15,500 marriages for the Burnley Registration district went on-line. These were all Church of England marriages and a full list of churches and the period covered can be seen on the BMD website.

The transcription of Non-Conformist and Register Office Marriage indexes is progressing very well. Over the last few weeks, however, owing to either illness, bad weather or the unavailability of the room, the checking team at Preston has not been able to work at full capacity. Hopefully things will be back to normal soon.

A big thank you to everyone for doing such a fantastic job.

Christine Windle, Lancashire BMD Project Coordinator

PROJECTS

Work continues on the transcriptions of the registers for St Mary's, Newchurch-in-Pendle; St John's, Great Marsden; Holy Trinity, Burnley; St Peter's, Burnley, Baptisms for St Mary's, Nelson and MIs for Walton Lane Cemetery. Unfortunately the inclement weather during 2008 has held up the finalization of work on the latter. Thanks go to all those working on these projects.

Bob Ellis. Project Coordinator

ADVICE & HELP SESSION

Advice and help sessions will be held throughout the winter months on the 4th Wednesday of each month. 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?

LIBRARY

New acquisitions received for the library.

Lancashire Parish Register Society

Vol 168 STRETFORD St Matthew, 1598-1837

Vol 169 TODMORDEN St Mary, 1813-1837

Donations via Roland Hull of Ribble Valley branch

Vol 131 ECCLES, Baptisms 1632-1665/6, Marriages 1632-1664, Burials 1632-1663

Vol 132 URSWICK Baptisms 1634-1837, Marriages 1692-1837, Burials 1634-1837

Vol 145 FLIXTON - part 1 1570-1730

Vol 146 FLIXTON - part 2 1731-1812

Vol 147 LEYLAND – 1711-1780

Vol 148 HOLLINWOOD, Baptisms 1769-1854, Marriages 1836-1837, Burials 1769-1837

Microfiche -- Received from LFHHS -

No	Location	Fiche Type and Description	Date Range
B121	Bamber Bridge	St Saviour's Marriages	1839-1991
F09	Farrington Moss	St Paul's Parish Church Burials	1840-1900
G30	Garstang	Nateby Kirkland Strict & Particular Baptist Grave Register & MI	1839-2004
L44	Lund	St John the Evangelist Burials & MIs	1859-2003
L45	Lund	St John the Evangelist Marriages	1840-1963
L46	Lund	St John the Evangelist Baptisms	1841-1966
P35	Pilling	Wesleyan Methodist Marriages	1919-1973
W32	Walton le Dale	St Leonard's Christening	1809-1812; 1854-1967
W33	Walton le Dale	St Leonard's Marriages	1837-1978
W34	Walton le Dale	St Leonard's Burials & MIs	1668-2005
W35	Whittle le Woods	St John the Evangelist Burials	1831-1918
L44 +	Lund	St John the Evangelist Baptisms (1841-1966); Marriages (1840-1963); Burials & MIs (1859-2003)	
W32 +	Walton le Dale	St Leonard's Christening (1809-1812; 1854-1967); Marriages (1837-1978); Burials & MIs (1668-2005)	

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

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

DIARY DATES – (WHAT'S ON)

LFHHS IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP

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

- ♣ **Exploring Irish Ancestry Using A PC** Speaker - Brenda I Hustler
Saturday 14th February 2009, 1 pm to 4.30 pm, **Pre-Booking is essential**
- ♣ **Advice & Research Workshop**
Saturday 4th April 2009, 1 pm to 4.30 pm
- ♣ **Griffith's Valuation** Speaker - Margaret Purcell
Saturday 13th June 2009, 1 pm to 4.30 pm
Enquiries - Miss Margaret Purcell, 128 Red Bank Rd, Bispham, FY2 9DZ
e-mail: mpurcell@redbankmp.fsnet.co.uk

CHESHIRE FHS 10TH FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Memorial Hall, Chester Way, Northwich,

Saturday 21st February 2009, 10am to 4pm, Free Car Parking adjacent to venue.

'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?' NATIONAL HISTORY SHOW

Olympia, London 27 Feb to 1 Mar 2009

Advance price, Adult £18, Child (6-15) £5. Door price, Adult £20, Child £6.

MERSEYSIDE & CHESHIRE FAIR

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

Saturday 8th March 2009, 10am to 5pm, Admission £2, Accomp. Children free

CITY OF YORK & DISTRICT FHS FAIR

The Folk Hall, New Earswick, York, Saturday 21st March 2009, 10am to 4pm
Admission £1. Free Car Parking.

ROTHERHAM FHS FAIR

Herringthorpe United Reformed Church, Wickersley Rd, Rotherham

Saturday 29th March 2009, 10am to 4pm, Admission £1. Free Parking.

In conjunction with the Fair there will be three Family History presentations:

10.30am Starting your Family History - A Beginners Guide

11.45am A Guide to using the Internet for your Family History

2.00pm Further sources in Family History - Beyond Births, Marriages & Deaths

PUDSEY FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Pudsey Civic Hall, Saturday 4th April 2009, 10am to 4pm

Admission £2.00 per person. Under 16 accompanied by an adult, free.

NW GROUP OF FHS – 32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Woodford Community Centre, Woodford, Cheshire.

Saturday 18th April 2009, 9am to 4.30pm. £21 including lunch, £9 without lunch

KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT FHS FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Victoria Hall, Keighley (Adjacent to the Leisure Centre)

Saturday 25th April 2009, 10am to 4pm. Admission Free

DONCASTER FHS FAMILY HISTORY SPRING FAIR

Doncaster School for the Deaf Saturday 25th April 2009, 10 am to 4pm.

Admission £2?

CERTIFICATES and MEMORABILIA

We have recently had copies of the following certificates donated to our library archives.

Birth Certificate for Elizabeth ASHWORTH, daughter of James ASHWORTH, Gardener, and Hannah, formerly DIXON, born 24th Dec 1840 at Ardwick.

Death Certificate for Elizabeth NUTTER, aged 64, widow of Richard NUTTER, a tailor (Master). Died on 3rd April 1908 at 70 Standish Street, Burnley.

HAWKEN Certificates and Memorabilia.

Mr Alan Heaton has kindly donated copies of certificates for his uncle, William HAWKEN's family, together with some family photographs and an autograph album.

Birth Certificate for William HAWKEN, son of Lewis William HAWKEN, Worsted Weaver and Clara Anne, formerly RILEY, born 15th April 1890 at 86 Leeds Road, Nelson.

Birth Certificate for Sarah Ellen HAWORTH, daughter of Henry HAWORTH, Cotton Weaver and Mary Jane, formerly EAST, born 3rd June 1894 at 9 Oak Street, Brierfield.

Death Certificate for William HAWKEN, died 19th January 1960 at Fishguard

Death Certificate for Sarah Ellen HAWKEN, wife of William HAWKEN, died 22nd April 1951 at Burnley General Hospital.

Adoption Certificate for Margaret, 19th June 1930. Adopters, William and Sarah Ellen HAWKEN, 2 Albert Street, Brierfield.

Birth Certificate for Margaret HAWORTH, daughter of Tom HAWORTH, Builder's Labourer and Frances, formerly HERRIMAN, born 27th September 1925.

Although William HAWKEN was born in Nelson, his father Lewis, was born in Liskeard, Cornwall, and seems to have arrived in Lancashire during the 1870s. Clara, William's mother, was born in Nelson.

An autograph album that belonged to Lily HAWKEN, who died at a relatively young age, only three or four years after she had been given the book by William, her brother. There are several names in the book together with addresses. These will be listed in a future edition of the newsletter.

If anyone is interested in the aforementioned, it will be possible to produce photocopies of the certificates and memorabilia. Please contact the branch librarian, Margaret Heap for details.

DID YOU KNOW – the inaugural meeting for Pendle Family History Society was held on May 22nd 1979 at Colne Library. Later this became the Pendle and Burnley branch of Rossendale Genealogical and Heraldry Society the forerunner of LFHHS. That makes our branch 30 years old this year. There was, however, a functional Family History Group in Pendle prior to this. It was instigated by Wilfred Spencer, the librarian at Colne and included Gladys Whittaker and Doreen Crowther amongst others. So our group has existed longer than the Society. (We about 40 years old).

THE STUTTARD /STUTTERD SAGA – A CONTINUATION

Some of you will know that, a few years ago, Peter Walsh, one of our branch members, transcribed "The diary of Jabez Stuttard" from microfiche. He subsequently wrote two articles for "The Gazette" in May 2005, and Jan 2007. In the last edition, Geoff Stuttard submitted The Ancestry of Sir John Boothman Stuttard, (Lord Mayor of London 2006-7). Subsequently Peter has now put pen to paper and continues the story of this long established local family.

"COOR" THE WIVES OF JOHN STUTTERD

Submitted by Peter Walsh

Thank you Geoff, you have just ruined part of one of my best family trees.

For those who can remember my piece in the Gazette, issue 18, May 2005, I wrote that I was having problems getting past William Stuttard, born December 1808. I considered that the answer must be somewhere in the various census, so I started to construct family trees from the Pendle and Burnley areas. About nine months ago, I had the break through. From information at Burnley Library, I found the missing link. As Geoff has written, the Southfield Stutterd's were not the only ones in that part of Lancashire. My family came from Newchurch in Pendle and I now have a family tree from Ellis Stutterd, who married Ann Hartley in 1734, through to my mother, Cora. I am, however, digressing.

One of my favourite family trees is the Stutterd's of Southfield. It is quite an impressive tree, from Jabez Stutterd through to John Boothman Stuttard, who was the Lord Mayor of London, with offshoots to Henry Gladstone Stuttard in Tasmania. (the Gazette, issue 25, January 2007).

The part that Geoff Stuttard says I have got wrong, is the wives of John Stutterd, Minister of Colne. I had said, from his baptism 27th March 1750, he first married Nancy Hartley, 4th May 1776. They had four children, John, James, William, and Hartley. Nancy died and on 10th May 1806 he married Mary Stutterd, but they did not have any children. On Mary's death he married Grace Holgate, 14th May 1814 and, another Hartley was born in June 1818. I am probably not the first genealogist who has gone down that route. Jabez, his brother recorded John's death in the diary that I transcribed. It is as follows

Wednesday June 10th 1818. This is the day of my brother John's interment, about 70 people invited. They laid his remains in the Baptist Chapel Yard, a little above my dear Mother and his two former wives.

Three marriages! but his payout of his money the following day, has always troubled me.

Thursday June 11th 1818. The day was spent dividing my brothers library and money, as follows: £49-1s-8d to Yorkshire; £49-1s-8d to my son John; £49-1s-8d to Myself; £15 to sister, Mary; £20 to his Widow;

His other brother, died at Banbury September 1815, therefore his eldest son John, (Yorkshire) was given a share. Why was nothing left for John's children? Was it because he never had any?

We now come to Geoff Stutterd's piece in the last issue of the Gazette (issue 32, October 2008). Who was Betty Coor? I sent an e-mail to Geoff, with that question. He replied, sending me a copy of a lecture by the former Bodleian Librarian, Mr David Vaisey, C.B.E., in which he explains how he came across the letters, written between the three Stutterd brothers, John, Thomas and Jabez. They must have been quite prolific writers, writing letters, sermons and diaries. How the diary of Jabez arrived at Colne Library is a mystery as is the information about Thomas and his children going first to Banbury and then to Tasmania.

In his lecture, David Vaisey does not mention, Betty Coor, only a person called Betty, who had enumerable stillbirths, and two children who had died young. It was Geoff., who found the marriage at Gisburn. Consequently, I went back to Nelson Library, to look at the microfiche for the parish registers Gisburn Church. It was almost indecipherable, but I was in luck, the parish registers for Gisburn, 1745 to 1812, had been transcribed, and were in a book. I also found an interesting baptism.

Betty, dau. of Elizabeth Coor, illegit. 28th February 1753, father blank.

Gisburn was a small community of about 700, mainly farmers, where everybody knew every one's business, so it is most likely that they knew who the father was. Did Elizabeth Coor leave the village in disgrace? Did she walk over to Colne with her baby, via Coal Pit Lane to the top of Weets, at 1000 feet, no place to linger in March or April 1753. From there did she join the packhorse route, past Star Hall and Admergill Hall to Higherford and then on to the poor house at Colne Field, Colne? Did Betty grow up in the Colne area and meet John Stutterd there? Or did John Stutterd travel to Gisburn to preach and met Betty there? Whichever the case, on 4th April 1774, they were married at St. Mary's, Gisburn. The register reads -

Entry No 164, John Stutterd of the Chapelry of Colne, School Master, and Betty Coor of Gisburn, married, 4th April 1774. Witnesses, Mary Dean and William Ayrton.

I imagine that Betty was never in the best of health, after having the stillborn children. Of her two sons, one failed to reach his second birthday, the other his fifth birthday. On her death, John married a second time. The register at St Bartholomew's Church, Colne reads.

10th May 1806, John Stutterd, widower, married Mary Stutterd.

Presence of Jabez and John Stutterd (which must be correct)

The marriage did not last long, and on her death John married for the third time to Sarah Holgate, at St Bartholomew's Church, Colne. The fiche is almost unreadable, but a copy of the Bishop's Transcripts in Burnley Library reads.

29th December 1814, John Stutterd, widower, married Sarah Holgate, spinster. Presence of Elijah Holgate and John Heap.

There you have it. Did John have five children by Nancy Hartley, as I originally thought, or did he marry Betty Coor and have no surviving children? What information I have received regarding the letters, I have found to be accurate, therefore I am going to modify my family tree. I shall then leave it for a few months. I am going back to tidy up my Walsh family tree.

FEDERATION NEWS

You can find this posting and a copy in PDF Format on the FFHS Website at <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/archives/census1911.php>

1911 Census goes live

The 1911 Census has gone live on the Internet at <http://www.1911census.co.uk/>

The site is a pay per view site in partnership between FindMyPast and The National Archives. Initially, the site will not be part of the FindMyPast system and will not be available for viewing as part of their subscription services, although log-in details and pay per view credits will work on either site.

The census will go live on the FindMyPast subscription site later in 2009.

The Federation of Family History Societies hopes that you will be able to further your research and carry it forward into a key period of the 20th Century, which included the build up to the First World War and Suffrage for Women. There will only be one more census that we can use in the first half of the 20th Century and that is the one for 1921 as the Census for 1931 was burnt during the Second World War and there was no census taken in 1941 due to the war, although a National Register was made for the issue of identity cards.

The release is ahead of the usual release date of the first working day of the year following the 100th anniversary of the taking of the census; for the 1911 this would have been the 3rd of January 2012.

The Information Commissioner has made a RULING in 2006 about the availability of the 1911 Censuses and the early release is explained in this ruling.

The 1911 Census also differs from the previous censuses in that it is the original householder's schedules that have survived and not the enumerators' books we are used to. As a consequence of this the amount of data is greatly increased and the paper copies are stored on 2 kilometres of shelving, approximately 8 times larger than previous censuses.

This increase has meant that it has taken much longer to prepare them for public access and much credit goes to the teams at the TNA and FindMyPast for getting this done.

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

Natalie Ceeney, Chief Executive of The National Archives said:

"The 1911 census holds more information than the 1901 census. It is also the first census where the householder's schedule has remained the master entry, rather than the enumerator's notes, so researchers are actually able, in most cases, to view their actual ancestors' handwriting when looking at 1911 census entries. This will be an invaluable resource for anyone who is working hard to trace their family's history."

Also available are the enumerators' summary sheets which give information and statistics on their locality. These will be added to the site when all the household schedules are complete.

The following counties are online now and the others will follow as soon as possible, with Nottinghamshire and the West Riding of Yorkshire going live very soon.

Bedfordshire	Gloucestershire	London	Staffordshire
Berkshire	Hampshire	Middlesex	Suffolk
Buckinghamshire	Herefordshire	Nottinghamshire	Surrey
Cambridgeshire	Hertfordshire	Norfolk	Sussex
Cheshire	Huntingdonshire	Northamptonshire	Warwickshire
Cornwall	Kent	Oxfordshire	Wiltshire
Derbyshire	Lancashire	Rutland	Worcestershire
Devon	Leicestershire	Shropshire	Yorkshire
Dorset	Lincolnshire	Somerset	(West Riding)
Essex			
Counties not available for launch:			
England:	Wales:		Other:
Durham	Anglesey	Flintshire	Isle of Man
Cumberland	Brecknockshire	Glamorgan	Channel Islands
Northumberland	Caernarvonshire	Merionethshire	Royal Navy
Westmorland	Cardiganshire	Montgomeryshire	overseas
Yorkshire	Carmarthenshire	Monmouthshire	Military
(East & North Riding)	Denbighshire	Pembrokeshire	Establishments
		Radnorshire	overseas

For those of you, like me, who were there during the release of the 1901 Census you will remember the 'Great Crash' and the subsequent wait for some months before it finally got up and running. For the 1911 Census this should not happen for a number of reasons.

Firstly, there will be 24 Computer servers providing the resources to keep it running under normal access levels. It is, however, expected that in the initial roll-out there will be a higher demand and to ensure that this does not fall down like the 1901 Census certain steps have been taken. These include the staged addition of some 'server hungry' features and therefore initially there will be no wildcard searches. This feature and others will be enabled once the initial rush has died down so at this stage, you will need a surname or a street address to find an individual or family.

An additional safeguard is the ability to redirect visitors that exceed the capacity of the site to a page that informs them that the site is busy. This will be an irritation to those who read it but will ensure that overload cannot happen.

Basic facts about the 1911 census

The 1911 census of England and Wales was taken on the night of Sunday 2 April 1911. Over 8 million schedules were delivered to householders around the country.

The completed forms provide us with personal details of the 36 million people who were living in England and Wales at the time, offering a fascinating insight into the state of the nation nearly 100 years ago.

The census shows the name, age, sex and marital status of each person, as well as giving details of their occupation, birth place and nationality. The 1911 census also asks for additional information about married women: how long they have been married and how many children have been born to that marriage.

The 1911 census has been called 'the fertility census' as it lists the total number of children that a woman had given birth to; this information is especially valuable to family historians as it accounts for children no longer living at home as well as those who had died before 1911.

Census returns are a key source for people tracing their family history, as well as those studying local, social and political history. For family historians, one of the main attractions of the 1911 census is that, for the first time, it is the original householder schedules that have survived so we can see our ancestors' own handwriting, complete with any unsolicited additional comments that they might have made.

Information recorded for each person:

- Name and Surname
- Relationship to head of family
- Age and Sex
- Marital condition
- Profession or Occupation
- Birthplace
- Nationality

Infirmity (e.g. deaf, dumb, blind, lunatic, imbecile etc.) Note: this information will not be available to view until the census is officially opened in January 2012. At the request of the Information Commissioner these details have been obscured in the images that are made available prior to that date.

Additionally, details recorded for married women:

- Years married
- Children born to present marriage, living or deceased

Some interesting entries found by the transcription team include:

A mother of five children whose occupation is listed as 'slave to family'

An opinionated household head, evidently affronted by the invasive nature of the census, who writes:

'Put some charge on goods coming from abroad... Could you not find something better to do than ask about children that have been dead over 56 years?'

The return for one household lists the family cat as a domestic servant, giving the feline's nationality as 'Persian'. We hope the enumerator appreciated the joke.

One householder, apparently objecting to the intrusive nature of the census, writes on the return:

'Would you like to know what our income is, what each had for breakfast and how long we expect to live or anything else?'

We've found a disparaging comment made by the head of a household about a woman in his service. Scrawled on the bottom of the census return is:

'This woman calls herself "about forty" and refuses to say more. She looks 60. She leaves my service tomorrow.'

I hope that this release will enhance the research experience for those of you who probably thought that they would need to wait another three years for the information.

Best wishes for successful research in 2009

David HOLMAN, Chairman, Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS)

COMMENT ON THE 1911 CENSUS by Roy Stockdill

Roy Stockdill, Professional genealogical researcher, writer & lecturer. - Newbies' Guide to Genealogy & Family History: www.genuki.org.uk/gs/Newbie.html

In all cases that I have seen so far, the household schedule appears to have been written by the one who completed it. This is the very first census in which we are seeing for the first time our ancestors' own handwriting!!! Personally, this gave me a good feeling, since the census was filled out by my grandmother, as a widow, and as she died before I was born, I had never seen anything of her handwriting before. There was, of course, much less illiteracy in 1911 than during previous censuses, so the majority of householders would have been well able to fill them in.

One thing which listers should watch out for is that 1911 was the height of suffragette activity and many women boycotted the census in protest at not having the vote. I have seen a marvellous entry in London where apparently the wife filled out the schedule but she did NOT put herself on the form. Instead she put down her husband and their two cats and two dogs!!!!

Across the form the enumerator has scrawled "Women deserted the house in a census strike." Wonderful stuff! However, it may be a reason why you can't find a female ancestor if she was a suffragette.

FEDERATION NEWS

The Guildhall Library is to be extensively refurbished this year for the first time since 1974. This will have a significant impact on access to the collections in the Manuscripts Section, the Prints and Maps Section, and in the Printed Books Section of the Library from March 2009.

In order to keep readers up to date with the changes to the service that will occur, a newsletter dedicated to the refurbishment works is available from:

<http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/8D53141A-4E06-4EB7-B525-47FB9E37BBEF/0/Refurbishmentprojectnewsletter.pdf>

COLNE'S 'ADAM' WAS TEMPTED BY TWO APPLES

Extract from - Child Marriages, Divorces, and Ratifications &c in the Diocese of Chester, A.D. 1561-66 By Frederick J. Furnival, M.A. (1897). Early English Text Society London. [Copy Lancs.Rec.Office] p.45. (26)

James Ballard V. Ann Ballard. She gives him, when 10-11, two apples to marry her. The curate acting is punished 8 Nov 1565. James Hartley, parish of Clitheroe aged [41?] heard say that the said James and Ann were married in the parish church of Colne on 12th in Christmas five years ago, said James being about 11-12 without consent of his friends by one Sir Roger Blakey, curate of Colne

'I was in the house of Christopher Hartley of Wycoller uncle to said James [when he] was brought to the house – James declared to his uncle that said Ann had enticed him with two apples, to go with him to Colne and to marry her.'

John Smith of Colne aged 30. Bernard Parker aged 23 of Colne, Christopher Hartley aged 27 of Colne [were witnesses] Divorce – [granted] not consummated.

LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE

Saturday opening dates

Office open from 10 am to 4 pm on the second Saturday in each month.

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

10 January	9 May	12 September
14 February	13 June	10 October
14 March	11 July	14 November
18 April (* 3rd Saturday due to Easter)	8 August	12 December

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

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

CATALOGUE UPDATE

DDX 1101 acc 10471	Plans and report on building known as Lob Lane (or Lob Hall, Chamber Hall or Chamber Hill), Clitheroe Road, Brierfield 1977
DDX2708	Lancashire Football Association archives including minutes 1878-1963, financial records, competition results and receipts, 1879/90-1964/5, register of players fined or cautioned, 1953-1960s, press-cuttings 1931-1935
DDX2717	The Lancashire Football Combination archives including minutes and financial records, 1902-1983
DDX 2717	Plans of Hornby Castle and Ivy Bank High School for Girls, Burnley c1950

DID YOU KNOW that $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

QUERY CORNER

CHADDERTON, WHALLEY. – Brenda Ponting, Montreal, Canada
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Brenda Ponting is trying to trace any relatives of her grandparents or descendants of these relatives. Her grandfather, James Slater CHADDERTON (b circa 1891) from Bolton, emigrated to Canada in 1913. In 1914, he married Grace WHALLEY (b 1894), who had emigrated to Canada in 1912 from Burnley. Their son Harry was born in Canada in 1917.

When Grace initially went to Canada she named her father, Alfred WHALLEY of 137 Cannon St., Burnley as her closest relative. Grace returned to England with Harry, but without James in 1919. From the immigration lists it appears that James came back to England in 1920. Grace then went back to Canada in 1927 with Harry, but again without James. Brenda's main aim is to find out what happened to her grandfather, James. When and where did he die? Did he remarry and have other children?

James had several siblings and Brenda has been able to trace their marriages and birth of their children up to 1929.

May born 1886, married Arthur DAWSON 1906 at Holy Trinity, Bolton and had one child Jennie DAWSON born 1913.

Lily, born 1890 married Arthur COTTAM 1906

John born 1893 married Florence GILLET in 1912 at All Saints, Preston. They had five children, John (1915), Constance (1919), Florence (1922), Mabel (1925) and James (1928).

Olive married Peter SUDWORTH in 1916 at St Matthew's. They had three children, Grace (1917), Peter (1919) and Marjorie (1912)

William married Edith J CHARES at Oldham St Mary.

Her grandmother, Grace, had a sister, Ethel WHALLEY, born about 1891, but it is not known whether she married or not. The last known address that Brenda has for her WHALLEY ancestors is 96 Hartley St, Burnley. She would love to know about any living relatives in either Bolton or Burnley.

PATE A J PATE, Houston, Texas e-mail a12j02@sbcglobal.net

While researching my Pate family, I came across your excellent website. I noted with interest your Issue 16, November 2004, with its references to my family, "PATE, ASTWOOD & PICKLES FAMILIES".

At the bottom of this list, it is stated: "We are already in contact with someone who is descended from these families." I would be interested in corresponding with anyone responding from the Pate family.

We are descended from Pate ancestors living in the British Isles, with the earliest Pate immigrants to the American colonies departing from England and arriving in Virginia as early as 1636.

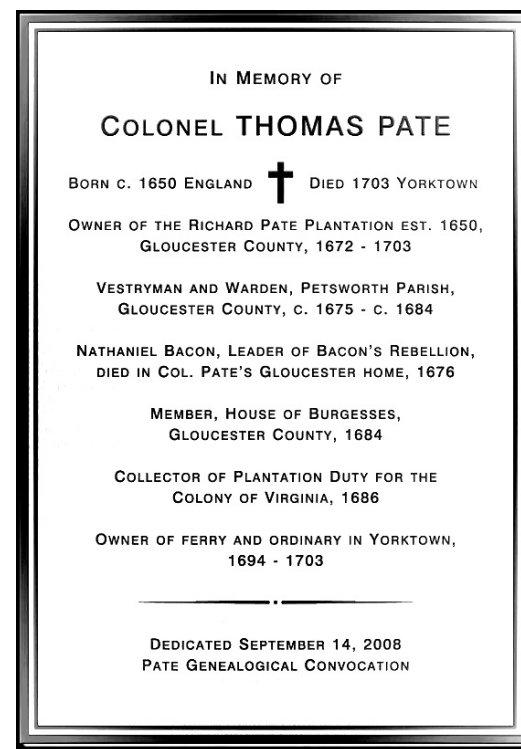
I founded the Pate DNA Project in May 2006, which currently has over 90 members. We are particularly interested in gaining new members from the British Isles and its

former colonies. Their genetics would be invaluable in helping our members trace their ancestry to specific families in the British Isles, as well as British members being able to link to their American cousins. Though we have much information on Pate's from both sides of the Atlantic, so far we have been unable to trace back to specific families with any certainty. DNA analysis would conclusively resolve these open questions.

Our Pate DNA Project has a public website. I invite you to visit it at: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/pate-dna-project/>

I would deeply appreciate you informing our British cousins of its existence and make them aware that they would be welcomed with open arms and hearts.

As an item of interest, I am attaching a photo of a recent marker that was recently placed honouring one of our earliest American ancestors, and I am also attaching a copy of his timeline showing his ties to England.



The timelines document is a five page document in a .pdf file. Anyone wishing to have a copy, please contact the branch secretary.

PARKER

Richard Parker – contact via the branch secretary

At the Local and Family History Fair held by Burnley Local History Society in November, Richard asked me if I knew anyone who had interests in Butch Cassidy.

So what has Butch Cassidy, a notorious American train robber and bank robber, got to do with family history in Pendle and Burnley. Butch Cassidy was the alias name of ROBERT LEROY PARKER, whose father was born in Accrington and whose Grandfather was born in the Briercliffe area.

Richard has traced his own PARKER ancestors back to the 1600s via registers and estate documents, but as yet has found no link to Butch Cassidy. He would like to hear from any other PARKER researchers who have been researching the same lines. Jean, our chairman, dug out an article about Butch Cassidy from the February 1997 edition of 'Lancashire' and provided a reference to a book about him – In search of Butch Cassidy by Larry Pointer (1979). Any other information would be gratefully received.

MEMBERS INTERESTS

Have you ever looked at the members' interest list on our branch website?

It was noted recently that two of our branch members who have joined the Society's Yahoo chat list found that they had common ancestors because one of them happened to put a list of some of his ancestors in a message to the chat list. If they had looked at the members' interest list on the branch website, they would have found each other years ago. They are listed next to each other against one of their ancestor's names.

The members' interest list was originally created in 1999/2000. It was updated in 2002 and a section was included on the branch website. If you have your interests listed on the website, have you checked that they are still correct? More importantly, have you checked that your e-mail address is correct. You can do this by clicking on your name on the website and it will bring up a blank message with your e-mail address already inserted. Write your self a message from your PC and if it bounces back to you, your e-mail address on the website is incorrect.

The list is going to be updated in the near future. Several of those included in the list are no longer members so their interests will be removed at the next update.

If you wish to have your interests listed on the branch website, you must fill in a form with the details and return it to the branch secretary. Forms are available at each meeting or can be downloaded, as a word document, from the branch website. You can then complete it on your PC and return it to the branch secretary by e-mail as an attachment.

Every day, more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury

The first couple to be shown in bed together on USA prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

AND FINALLY

WHY WORRY

by Ron Chadwick (found in a family history magazine)

Sometime we tend to take our family history too seriously, so that what should be a pleasurable activity becomes a chore and we are apt to worry when things go wrong. We worry when we can't find great-grandfather's marriage details; we worry over Uncle Septimus's missing will; we worry about Aunt Ethel's maiden name, and a hundred and one other things. Really, there is no need to worry at all, as the following will show.

To start with, you only have two things to worry about: whether you have completed your family tree as far as the records will allow, or whether you have not.

If you have completed it, then you have nothing to worry about. If you have not, then you have only two things to worry about: whether you are going to find it easy, or whether it will be difficult.

If it is going to be easy, then you have nothing to worry about. If it will be difficult, then you have only two things to worry about: whether you will be able to complete it before you die, or whether you will not.

If you know that you will be able to complete it in your lifetime, then you have nothing to worry about. If you are going to die before it is finished, then you have only two things to worry about: whether you will be going to Heaven or whether you will be going to the other place.

If you go to Heaven, then you will have nothing to worry about; if you go to the other place, then you will probably be kept so busy shaking hands and greeting all those elusive ancestors of yours that you will not have any time left to worry.

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Stop Press – What's on.

From Thu 29 January to Sat 21 February 2009, the Dukes theatre in Lancaster present a new drama based on the Lancashire Witches and this period in history. Sabbath is a world premiere production that freely imagines events around the trial and execution of Alice Nutter and the Lancashire Witches.

Mon-Fri 8pm: £13.50 (£9.50 concessions) Saturday 8pm: £15.50 (£10.50 concessions)

Standing/Leaning: £5

For more information visit: <http://www.dukes-lancaster.org/theatre/sabbat>.

Associated events

Mon 2 Feb, 6.30pm THE LANCASHIRE WITCHES: A NOT GUILTY VERDICT
Tickets £3.

Tue 3, Thu 12 & Wed 18 Feb, 6pm LANCASTER CASTLE: WITCH TOURS
Tickets £1.50.