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ARCHIVES NEWS

A number of Archives are reporting revised opening times, some to due to refurbishment and others due to the restrictions on finances. If you intend to visit any of these Archives you are advised to check the opening times and availability of the collections before arranging a visit.

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Lancashire Archives Opening Hours

Monday – 9am – 5pm

Tuesday – 9am – 8.30pm

Wednesday – 9am – 5pm

Thursday – 10am – 5pm

Friday – 9am – 5pm

Second Saturday of every month - 10am – 4pm

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LIBRARY

The following CDs have been received :-

CD 020 Clitheroe, St.James : M.I.s and Images

CD 021 Coppull, Chorley, St John The Divine :
Baptisms 1912-1951

CD 022 Whittington, St Michael The Archangel :
M.I.s and Images

CD 023 Prominent People of Blackburn and District :
1100 – 1899

Margaret Heap, Branch Librarian

MURPHY'S LAWS FOR GENEALOGISTS

***Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely
proportional to the value of the data recorded.***

BMD PROJECT REPORT APRIL 2012

Since the last Annual General Meeting 137,711 deaths have been added to the Lancashire BMD web site, so all the deaths from 1837 to 1974 for the Burnley area are now on the internet.

In addition, 44,513 Births have been added over the past year and 33,241 mothers' maiden names have been added for birth entries that were already searchable on the web site.

So far the team have transcribed over a million records for the internet, all of which take a lot of hard work and time, but very much appreciated judging by the many favourable comments received.

Janet Knowles, BMD Co-ordinator

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WAS DUE ON 1st JANUARY 2012

We have recently compiled the membership list for this year and there are one or two names still missing that are still probably members of this branch.

Have you renewed your membership ?

Membership renewal forms are available from the branch secretary

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Change of address

Would you please ensure that the Secretary is informed of any change of address – **including email address**

PROGRAMME REPORT

Raymond Smith has been booked for the December meeting 'From Muck and music to Stones and Roses'

The monthly surgeries at Colne will resume in the Autumn.

Jean Ingham

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ASTLEY HALL TRIP

The Astley Hall visit will take place in the afternoon of the 16th of May. After the tour it is proposed that we visit a nearby pub for a meal. Cost of tour of Hall is £4 plus cost of meal, if required. Transport will be by car-sharing. Please pay £4 at the April meeting. Full details available from Jean Ingham.

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The Irish Ancestry Group

The group meets at 2, Straits in Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3LU, to hear speakers, offer each other assistance, spend some time in research and enjoy good company and a cup of tea. All are welcome to join us. The next meeting will be on Saturday 14th April

All meetings are on Saturday afternoon between 1pm and 4.30pm.

9th June Chris Ward will be speaking about Holidays and Heraldry in Ireland

11th August Fergus O'Connor will be speaking about the Story of the Blasket Library

13th October Advice and Workshop

8th December Branch Members will be giving mini talks on their ancestry and experiences of Irish ancestry research.

2012 PROGRAMME

The programme of events for the coming year is shown below and can also be viewed on the branch website at <http://www.lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk>

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| 16 May | Out Visit to Astley Hall, Chorley
(afternoon meeting) |
| 30 May | Practical Workshop |
| 20 Jun | 'The Titanic' Nigel Hampson |
| 18 Jul | Open Evening |
| 15 Aug | 'A Magistrate' Anne Redman |
| 29 Aug | Practical Workshop |
| 19 Sept | 'The Cracoe Triplets' David Marshall |
| 17 Oct | 'Lancashire versus Hitler' Ron Freethy |
| 31 Oct | Practical Workshop |
| 21 Nov | 'Newchurch Families' Brenda Hustler |
| 5 Dec | Christmas Festivities (By ticket only)
'From Muck and Music to Stones and Roses'
Raymond Smith |

Printed copies of the programme are available.

Jean Ingham, Acting Programme Secretary.

GAZETTE – Editor – Arnold Slater

Articles are always welcome, I will try and fit them in as soon as possible.

Articles for the **July Gazette** by the **end of June** please.

Please send to Editor at lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk or by post to the Editor,
c/o 6 Sussex Street, Barnoldswick, Lancashire BB18 5DS

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FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Saturday November 3rd

at Colne Library

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Increase in price of certificates

From April 1st there are a couple of revisions kicking in to the statutory legislation for local certificates.

If you register a birth, marriage or death at a local registrar's office, the cost to obtain a certificate at the time of registration is to rise from the current £3.50 to £4.

For historic certificates - i.e. those that we use for our genealogical research - the price is to rise from £9 to £10.

There is to be no change for the cost of certificates obtained from the national GRO for England and Wales at Southport, which remains at £9.25.

Apparently these changes are due to the Registration of Births Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2012, laid before Parliament on 9th March.

Beryl Evans, FFHS Archives Liaison Officer

QUERY CORNER

Replies unless otherwise stated to:

Jean Ingham at enquiry@lfhhs-pendleandburnley.org.uk

Last month we received a reply to a query that was first published in October 2009 – just proves that the Gazettes (45 of them) available on the branch Website are worth looking at.



FLACK

Update on Photograph.

The photograph published in the October and January Gazettes was not of William Henry Douglas FLACK, but that of his son, Dr Frederick Henry Douglas Flack. Dr Flack practiced in Burnley for many years and served in the RAMC

in the First World War.

Therefore, the cap and collar badges which we wanted identifying would, as suggested by Barrie McKnight, be those of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Unfortunately, the photo had been wrongly labelled in the family album.

POLLARD/BRACEWELL/HARTLEY

Suzanne Doolan writes:

Through my maternal grandfather I am related to Pollard/Bracewell and Hartley families of Colne.

My gt.gt.grandfather, Henry POLLARD, a hatter, married Jane BRACEWELL in 1830s, then the family went to Dukinfield to work in cotton mills.

With the help of the marvellous Lancs registers on line have traced a good bit of my family as linked with St Bartholomew's.

I am wondering if there is a connection with Wallace Hartley as surely the Pollard/Bracewell/Hartley families are all interrelated.

Pollards certainly marry Hartleys during 19th cent.

Must be some of my distant family still living in area.

SAUL

Annette Mullen asks for help in tracing members of the SAUL family.

Annette's great grandmother was Agnes Ann Scott Saul whose birth (possibly in Levens) was registered in Kendal in 1876. She married Joseph Henry SHARPE in Morecambe in 1901 and worked at Sizergh Castle. She had a brother, possibly called Robert, who was a pianist and two sisters who were Step Dancers.

Annette's aunt had a birthday book containing many SAUL names:-

Margaret M, Mary, Susannah, Bessie, Eleanor, Minnie, Mary C, Margaret, Thomas Scott, Walter H, James H, Harold, Roger, Charles Edgar, Kathleen, and Mary Ann.

The surnames HARRISON (Susannah Saul married a Harrison), ELLIOT and KITCHEN appear repeatedly in her book.

Some addresses are also noted:-

Miss A Saul – 30 Whalley St., Burnley Lane, Burnley.

Anne Saul – 150 New Hall St., Burnley.

Saul 121958 – 588 Coy, 18 Eux Bus Coy, B.E.F, France

Sgt. Pilot Corporal Saul 6427 – Royal Flying Corps., 1st. Air Craft Depot, B.E.F. France.

Another note says – Minnie's baby boy born Palm Sunday morning April 4th 1909 and Agnes born same day but died.

KURN CAKE

John Boothman says

In the period immediately around 1900, my grandfather Walter Boothman researched his ancestry around Higham. This was done, it seems, largely by bicycle between the churches of Clitheroe, Padiham, New Church in Pendle, Burnley and Colne etc.. He must have been a quite fit young man! He wrote up a narrative of the family and included reminiscences of his childhood relations with his grandmother and those of his 8 siblings. He was born 1874 and his grandmother died in 1894. I am in the process of transcribing his words and making a digitised record of his opus. And I am trying to include additional explanatory notes where necessary.

He wrote (so far as I can interpret from his, generally clear, writing);

"-she kept "open house" for us - if the "kurn-cake" was finished - there was parkin and if there was neither of these there was always a custard or two - and in Summer home brewed nettle beer; - and milk - ad lib.."

My question is whether anyone can provide any information at all, please, about kurn cake?

WITHAM/WHITTAM/WHITHAM

Jim Whitton is researching his WITHAM family in the Burnley and Worsthorne area in the late 1700s. Some of this family moved to Manchester in the early 1800s.

If you have a Benjamin born 1803, Ann born 1804, Bernard born 1808 and Mary born 1811 possibly born in Burnley area with parents Robert and Elizabeth WITHAM, Jim would like to hear from anyone also tracing this family.

(JOSIAH) HOWGILL WILSON

Some time ago Peter Wilson was given some items of memorabilia connected to a Howgill Wilson and would like, if possible, to give these to a descendant of Howgill as in terms of family history it is very important.

The main facts are:-

(Josiah) Howgill Wilson was born in Foulridge in about 1881 to Richard and Ellen Wilson.

In 1901 he lived with his family in Colne and by the 1911 Census he was married and living in Colne with his wife Rose and son Cyril aged 3. Howgill and Rose were married in Colne in 1907.

On the 29th April 1918 his wife was notified that he had been killed in action in Flanders France .

In 1921 she received three medals and a commendation from the war office. These items were posted to 116 Bow Lane Preston so it is possible that Mrs Wilson had returned to her family in Preston for support after her husband's death.

Peter was given these items as his name is Wilson and he is from Colne but he is certain that Howgill is not one of his relatives as his Grandfather only came to Colne in about 1890 from Lincolnshire .

Reply to Howgill WILSON query

Unfortunately, the appeal for relatives of Josiah Howgill WILSON did not produce any result from within the immediate Society. However this story does have a happy ending. At Peter's request, the Colne Times printed his appeal for help and several descendants of the WILSON family contacted him. Peter arranged a meeting with these great nieces and nephews, (and their families) and was delighted to be able to hand over the medals and documents to the right family.

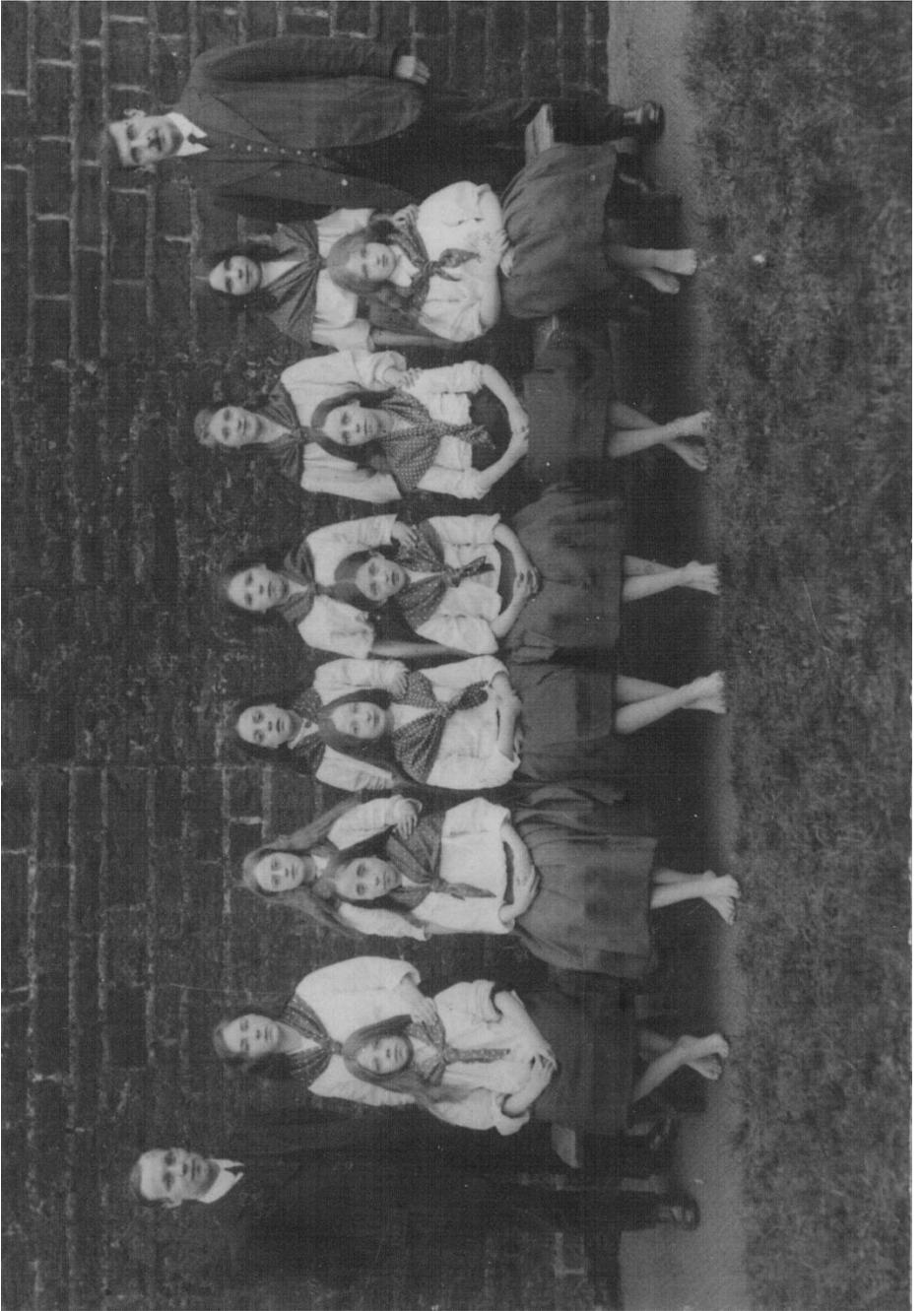
None of them had ever met before, even though they all lived in the Colne area. A really nice outcome of this meeting was that they all intend to keep in touch with their new found cousins and help each other to discover more about their family history.

MYSTERY PICTURE.

Do you have this photograph in *your* family album?

The girl on the front row, 2nd from the left, is Emma GRAHAM, who was born in 1901 in Brierfield and lived there all her life. The man on the left is William POULTON, born in Brierfield in 1886 and after his marriage moved to Harle Syke.

What was the date? What was the event? The photograph belongs to Jean Ingham who also has a similar one to this, without the men, and the girls are standing with out-stretched arms linked.



Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society

**LFHHS ONE DAY CONFERENCE
AND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday 19th May 2012

9.45am to 5.00pm

at

St Cuthbert's Church Centre,
Lytham Road,
Preston, Lancashire PR2 3AR

More details and booking form can be found in the
February issue of LFHHS Magazine

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Message from Ian Hartas, UKBMD.

Hi, this is just a quick note to highlight the need for caution when accessing the various BMD web sites. The majority of the site under the UKBMD project all end with ".org.uk". One exception is the Shropshire BMD web site which is a ".info" site.

Recently the domain name CheshireBMD.com has been registered.

It is nothing to do with the BMD web sites - it's a scam site set up purely to trap the unwary.

So, as usual the safe and recommended way to access all of the BMD sites is to have <http://www.UKBMD.org.uk/> in your browser's favourites list and always click on the "Local BMD" menu button. This way you will always be guaranteed to see the full list of BMD web sites and that the link from UKBMD will take you to the correct site.