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Branch AGM 16th March

The following were elected to serve on the committee.

Period	Official	Nominee
1 year	Chairman	
1 year	Vice Chairman	Pat Dyson
2 years	Secretary	
2 years	Gazette Editor	Arnold Slater
2 years	Executive Representative And Trustee	Martin Holtby
1 year	Programme Secretary	David Marshall
2 years	Committee Member	Christine Windle
2 years	Committee Member	Jean Ingham
2 years	Committee Member	Pat Dyson
2 years	Committee Member	Barbara Stainthorpe

At the Committee Meeting on the 6th April the following were nominated to serve on the Committee:

Official	Nominee
Chairman	Mike Smith
Secretary	Arnold Slater
Committee Member	Jill Pengelly
Committee Member	Alan Hardman

These nominations will need to be confirmed by the members at the meeting on 20th April

2016 PROGRAMME

- 19th May Day Trip to Ripon and Markenfield Hall
- 15th June "How to research maritime records
for our ancestors"
Bill Taylor
- 29th June Practical Evening
- 27th July Open Evening / Practical Evening
- 17th Aug "Finding my family"
Revd. Keith Richardson B.A M.Th
- 31st Aug Practical Evening
- 21st Sept "Living with the Pendle Witches"
Maureen Stopforth
- 19th Oct "And in flew Enza"
Tony Foster
- 16th Nov "Houses and Halls in the Colne Area"
(note: not Pendle Area)
Jill Pengelly & Elaine Watson
- 30th Nov Practical Evening
- 7th Dec Christmas Party (By Ticket Only)
Speaker Dee Ellis

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**Blackburn & Darwen Branch
are organising the**

**LFHHS Society Lunch
(limited to 60)**

**18th September 2016
at
Samlesbury Hall**

Followed by a tour of the hall

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2016 Subscriptions are now overdue!

If you have not renewed your subscription it could mean you didn't receive the Society's February journal or the Branch Gazette. A Subscription renewal form was issued with the November journal or you could renew online through the Society's online shop at: www.lfhhs.org/index.php

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GAZETTE – Editor – Arnold Slater

Articles for the **July 2016 Gazette**
by the **end of June** please.

Please send articles 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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on 5th November 2016

we are having an

Open Morning

at Colne Library

**please note the date as volunteers will be
needed to help with any queries**

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QUERY CORNER

STEPHEN WOOD and the PICKLES FAMILY of ROUGHLEE

Rosie Jones is asking for information about Stephen WOOD, a weaver, born in Roughlee about 1847. In 1901 he was living in Barrowford.

She believes that he was the nephew of Stephen PICKLES who left Roughlee in 1840.

Stephen PICKLES' father was Richard PICKLES, a handloom weaver, born 1785, who originated from Barnoldswick and moved to Roughlee in 1824.

The PICKLES family lived at Blacko Foot Farm and later Judson Fold.

One of Richard's sons, James PICKLES, married Elizabeth DYSON at Newchurch in 1831. Elizabeth may have died before 1837. She may have been the sister of Wilkinson **DYSON** who farmed at Judson Fold in the 1850's and her parents were possibly Robert and Ann DYSON, farmers from Higham.

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Attention to detail – by Rod Moorhouse

In a previous article entitled 'A tale from a Bible' I described how an embroidered memorial bookmark came into my possession. It had been found in a Bible belonging to one of my aunts. The bookmark commemorates the death of John Moorhouse in 1932. His last address is stated as 8, Earlham Street, Earby. His late wife's Christian name is recorded as Edith.

My only interest in John Moorhouse at that time was to try and find out who he was and was he my relative. In my haste to establish his identity I paid little regard to many of the additional details to be found on the census records used as the backbone for my research. I failed to understand the significance of these facts in terms of John's personal circumstances. I have since researched and written accounts of the lives of Curren Moorhouse – a card Master at Victoria mill, Earby and of his son James who became a cotton manufacturer in Earby and later in Barnoldswick. Resulting from this process I have learnt more about Earby's history, particularly its growth from a small rural village to become a prosperous cotton manufacturing town and consequently more about John's background.

My original research was retrospective and carried out before the release of the 1911 census. The 1901 census records were used as a starting point and I found a John Moorhouse living in the ecclesiastical Parish of Thornton with a wife named Edith. You will appreciate what followed – by working back through the census records I soon found a two year old John Moorhouse living

with Currer Moorhouse and his family in Earby in 1871 and described as a 'grandson'. Currer was my great, great uncle so I was then sure that his grandson John was my relative. I ended my article by suggesting that a future task would be to search for John's parents.

In my experience when dealing with census information a 'grandchild' tacked onto the end of a family list may mean anything from staying overnight, fostered, adopted or in-residence as a helper etc. Whatever the circumstances the grandchild's parents are often hidden by the limitations of the recorded categories of data – e.g. there are no columns on the forms naming parents!

After reading my original article – quite a tangled mess – I decided to look more closely at the available evidence and have a re-think. I began with the assumption that I had found the right John so I looked for his birth and it matched an event registered in Skipton in the December quarter of 1868 in the sub district of Barnoldswick. Eager to find out who was John's mother I sent for his birth certificate and then held my breath! The certificate states that John was born in Earby in November of 1868 and his mother's name was Ann Moorhouse of Earby, Thornton. There is no mention of a father!

So, who was Ann Moorhouse? The 1861 census records my great, great uncle Currer Moorhouse and his family living at Airton near Kirby Malham. Amongst his list of eight children Ann is the oldest daughter. By 1871 the family is living in Earby and four resident children are listed as Mason, Sarah, James, Mary and of course Grandson John.

So, had Ann married and left home, gone to work elsewhere or died? Having found no record of a marriage or a death I searched the 1871 census and found a brother and sister named George aged, 26, born in Skipton and Ann Moorhouse, aged 24, born in Airton, living in the Hunslet district of Leeds – George is described as a 'Grocer [Master]'. By 1881 George is married to Selina nee Tyers, they have three small children [including a boy named Currer!]. He is now described as a 'Wholesale Grocer' and has two servants living in his house.

He has moved away from Hunslet and now lives in Francis Street, in the Potternewton district of Leeds – but where is his sister, Ann Moorhouse?

According to Free BMD a lady named Ann Moorhouse married Henry Johnson in the March Quarter of 1876 - the marriage was registered at Bramley. Henry Johnson, a Grocer and his wife Ann, born in Airton are recorded on the 1881 census. Living with them is a 12 year old boy named John Moorhouse, born in Earby. In the 'RELATION to Head of Family' column he is described as 'nephew'! Was this a typically Victorian mis-description? During my original research I was misled by this term and really wondered how an uncle named Henry Johnson was connected to my family? At the time it never occurred to me that John Moorhouse might be related to Henry's wife – and in fact was her son. So in 1881 it appears that John was living with his mother and her husband in Bramley, near Leeds. Then the story becomes unclear; on all subsequent census records I have failed to find Ann and Henry Johnson, neither can I find them on passenger lists nor any death records. In addition, the only probable record of John Moorhouse appears to be a 22 year old Grocer's assistant, born in Earby, working and lodging with a retired sea captain in Birkenhead, mentioned on the 1891 census.

With the certain knowledge that John Moorhouse had married a lady named Edith and then settled in Earby I decided to send for a copy of their marriage certificate. This provided me with further interesting information which helped to expand John's story. According to the certificate John married Edith Carlisle in August of 1895 at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel in Earby. John is described as a bachelor aged 26, living in Barnoldswick and 'Manager of cooperative store' Edith was a daughter of Joseph and Jane Carlisle. Joseph was a farmer at Botts House Farm to the North of Earby.

By 1901 John lived with Edith and their two children at numbers 41, 43, and 45 in Victoria Road, Earby and on the census record he is described as a 'Shopkeeper, Grocer'. I have looked at this road on Google Earth and as far as I can determine these premises are still standing?

It appears that John's career in the grocery business continued to prosper. On the 1911 census he is described as a 'Grocer and Fruit Merchant'. He is living at 23, School Lane, Earby. Did he work from a shop, a warehouse or perhaps a wholesale market?

Like many of our ambitious and hardworking Victorian ancestors John appears to have taken advantage of the growth of Earby and its industries to expand his business interests.

I am now fairly certain I have found John's mother but his father may always remain a mystery!

I would be pleased to hear from any descendants of Joseph Carlisle who might be interested in sharing family information. Please email rodmoorhouse@ntlworld.com

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Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society
ONE DAY CONFERENCE
&
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14th May 2016
9.45 am to 5.00 pm
at
St. Cuthbert's Church Centre
Lytham Road,
Preston, Lancashire, PR2 3AR

We wish to attract as many as possible to the Conference & AGM., to help towards this the cost of the day including a Buffet Lunch is, as last year, £12.50 per person. We hope this will encourage people to come and join us in what is usually a very happy and rewarding event.

Booking can be made through the web-site shop: www.lfhhs.org
Please see the Society website for more details