

# Bolton's Genies



## The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History Society:

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## August 2017

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This month's iconic picture is of "Rockhaven" - Brownlow Castle Copyright Paul Lacey <https://goo.gl/FwSBWE>

Built in 1820 by a Bolton attorney, Richard Brownlow, who later became a recluse in this building which dominated the Horwich skyline. It was part of the estate which Lord Leverhulme bought in 1899 after Brownlow's death. It was demolished in 1942 as its prominence was apparently used by German bombers during the Second World War as a fixing point for the rail works at Horwich

Hello all

I have just realised we are now 2/3rds of the way through the year already. The 2016-7 academic year has just finished, and as I write this the folk who have had to wait for the end of term for their holidays are now winging their way in all directions. Any genealogists amongst them might even be taking the chance to explore places with family stories to tell, or catch up with cousins as I have been doing.

Speaking of "cousins", and with the current encouragement to have DNA tests done (see here for Federation FHS advice), <https://goo.gl/yxKkaf>, I think many are having a reality check that we are a genetic "hotch potch", with origins from many parts of the world. I suppose we probably knew it vaguely anyway, but generally things are difficult to trace with a paper trail beyond the last 3 or 400 years which is probably what most of us want more information about. Now with the advent of DNA results going back 1000s of years we cannot escape the harsh truth, that very few of our ancestors originated solely from the British Isles. (None if we go back to the 7 daughters of Eve but I doubt if anyone is that ambitious.

<https://goo.gl/Sey1Rb>). So, I wonder if any readers have had any eureka moments via their DNA tests that they would be willing to share please? I think many are still undecided as to whether to do it or not, and we do now have a speaker booked to tell us about this next year thank goodness when Jackie Depelle comes next April.

This month I have also tried to offer a few websites supplying overseas data that might help those with nomadic families i.e. most of us, and also offer a "watery theme" as it is the holiday season, (although some of the stories are about much more serious events.)

## OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

- **Where?**

**Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 519&125** <https://goo.gl/TH5zYC>. All MLFHS members free. £2.00 to non-members unless joining on the night.

- **When?**

**7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines**



**Wednesday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Barry Mills," Conscientious Objectors (COs) in Bolton and district in World War 1",** (I was unable to attend this meeting but guest reporter Jeanette Holland kindly agreed to cover).

This was an interesting and informative talk. Barry began by explaining attitudes to war in Bolton by showing a series of articles from and letter to the local newspapers. The outbreak of war in 1914 took Bolton and indeed the rest of the country by surprise, we were expected to remain neutral, articles in the local press indicate thoughts at the time.

\*3rd August 1914 a letter from Rev Edward Morgan, Unitarian Minister, correctly predicted that those in control would not suffer from this decision but that it would be the common worker

\*5th Aug 1914 The Bolton Evening News published an article urging courtesy and good feeling towards any Germans & Austrians

\*Jan 1915 Recruitment figures were reported to be below expectations for a town of Bolton's size and employers began offering a bounty as encouragement

By 1917 attitudes had changed considerably and it was considered 'unpatriotic' to talk about a peaceful end to the war so that the sacrifices of those who had died should not be in vain.

**Conscription and The Military Services Act of January 1916 (Effective Mar 1916)** brought conscription into effect for all males between the ages of 18 and 41 unless they were a widower with dependent children, but there were several exemption clauses <https://goo.gl/idqgyu>.

The Westhoughton Urban District Tribunal Register holds many local details and statistics of COs in the local area, this register is available in the Bolton History Centre but it is necessary to make a booking to view this <https://goo.gl/ZWGVAl>. The local newspapers from the time also carry a lot of information and are freely available to view again in the Bolton History Centre but a summary of the overall local statistics are as follows; -

91 First World War Conscientious Objectors were identified from Bolton and district with 59 of these from Bolton, 13 from Westhoughton, 12 from Farnworth, 5 from Turton and 1 each from Kearsley and Little Lever. 42 of these local COs are known to have been arrested or court martialled and in most cases sent to prison. There is also searchable register of COs available through the Imperial War Museum and compiled by Cyril Pearce. **The Pearce Register of British Conscientious Objectors** <https://goo.gl/BuED8H>

In May 1916 35 COs were infamously sent to France, court martialled and ordered to face the firing squad, they were reprieved at the last minute and instead sent to prison for 10 years! Tribunal members were often hostile toward COs especially those who cited political reasons. The sentiment at the time was that they would be 'sent home to live like "lordy" lord if exempted, however the tribunal was usually slightly more sympathetic towards those COs who claimed religious reasons for exemption. There was a 72% rejection rate for applicants and clear criteria for exemptions which included that there 'had to be sufficient men left to keep up food production' for the nation. The shock of conscription in 1916 united the Quakers, who claimed a right to exemption and a recorded 32% entered the military serving mainly in the Medical Corps.



Feelings ran high where CO's were concerned, they were viewed as cowards, traitors and shunned by society in many cases. Most people held deep resentment towards these 'conchies', as they were known, whilst thousands of husbands, fathers and sons lay buried in foreign fields. (See Wikipedia Page - Conscientious Objectors <https://goo.gl/W8zSur>) . Notable local Quakers and COs include, **Charles Bayliss Abbatt** who was on the hospital ship Glenart Castle when it was torpedoed on 1st March 1917, it was one of two ships run by the Friends Ambulance Unit which was set up by the Quakers as a practical way of relieving the suffering of war without contravening their beliefs by assisting in the taking of lives. Charles survived and lived for most of his remaining life in Bromley Cross. More can be read about Charles Bayliss Abbatt here <https://goo.gl/4NA5jP>

**George Tomlinson** a Wesleyan Preacher and later MP for Farnworth and Minister of Education (1947-51)



who is probably our most famous local C. O., was exempted but sent to work away from home so he gained work as an agricultural labourer in Didsbury. More info on George Tomlinson includes The Bolton Mayors "Links in the Chain " site <https://goo.gl/a7HLb7>, Wikipedia Page <https://goo.gl/kop6U7> and "GM 1914 The First World War in Greater Manchester" <https://goo.gl/b7KTHQ> blog post written by Barry Mills, a volunteer at Bolton History Centre (CO's who were exempted from military service were expected to perform a sacrifice of some kind, working for a lower wage, usually not in their chosen field and away from home).

**Wednesday 6th September 7.30pm, David Lambert, Secretary, Federation of Family History Societies, will talk about Wills & Probate Revisited.** This will be a talk from a very experienced speaker. David visited us about 5 years ago giving an earlier version of this subject, and some of us have already heard his update at Manchester earlier this year. Notes will be provided and available online afterwards.

## RECENT TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

**St Mary's Deane churchyard clean-up** by Jeanette Holland and Bolton News article <https://goo.gl/Yd27xQ> . A few of our members were involved in this and this is the story by one of them.

*"I was met at the churchyard gates by Jane Hampson, a warden at the church and after a brief discussion on the areas of work available I set to work on my hands and knees helping to clear weeds from the path, down from the lytch gate to the church door. There was constant wheelbarrow traffic over the course of the afternoon with volunteers moving the huge amounts of vegetation as it was cleared and a line of people were in place over both days painting the railings and gates to the church. I believe that the paint and constant flow of refreshments were also donated to help the volunteers. It seemed as though there was a small army of people there on both days, and this in itself boosted morale. It was great to meet and speak to people and find out their personal reasons for joining in the clean-up. One man was celebrating his 22nd wedding anniversary painting the gates of the church where he and his wife got married. On the second day, most of us arrived stiff and sore after our efforts from day one!*

*Highlights of day two include a gravestone being found dating to 1650, certainly one of the oldest in the churchyard and a hedgehog was found barely alive in a drain. He was then taken away to be cared for but would certainly have died had the clean-up operation not been underway. It did of course help enormously that the forecasted bad weather didn't arrive until the equipment was being packed away on Sunday afternoon. Based on the success of the weekend and due to the huge amount of work still to do, further clean-ups are a possibility and will be announced as soon as details are available".*



Editor's note. It was nice to see some action following out BFHS visit March3rd 2017 <https://goo.gl/jnw8uG> and we began to realise the enormity of the problem. Still much to do of course



### 7-10th September Annual National Heritage Open Days Festival <https://goo.gl/73zyYB>

This is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,500 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year for four days in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE. Just follow the link above and decide where you are going to be and what you would like to visit. Some may need to be booked though so action now! This Bolton News article shows some local sites <https://goo.gl/kzrdvb>

**Saturday 14th October 2017 Annual Conference, <https://goo.gl/RyWHE7> Hosted by Leigh and District Family History Society, at The Turnpike Library Leigh Library, Leigh WN7 1EB.** Details were given out last month but suffice to say they have Dr Alan Crosby, and Michael Gandy speaking so top-quality speakers. A few of us hope to go but are booking individually. This can be done either via the above website, or booking forms will be available at our next two meetings, with a closing date of October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## GENIE'S TIPS for August

**England and Wales, Long-Term Workhouse Inmates, 1861** <https://goo.gl/Mibkw4> **Ancestry** This could be a very useful resource for many.

**Useful Research Guides for UK and Australasian Research** <https://goo.gl/3N13iI> **The Federation of Family History Societies** publish two free information leaflets which are essential guides to family history research.

And for summer days with the grandkids

**Legacy News: Try This Fun Genealogy Cemetery Hunt for Children** <https://goo.gl/EEFySh> July 26, 2016 by Lorine McGinnis Schultze's "A few years ago, my two eldest grandchildren ages 6 and 8 came for their annual weeklong visit--- I was desperate for a new genealogy activity for them, and decided I would take them on a hunt through a local cemetery for the grave of my great-grandmother's brother. I figured they'd be fascinated by the hunt for half an hour tops but it would help fill the time, so I set up a Genealogy Game for them that I called The Cemetery Hunt" ---- It lasted all day and into the next. Read on

## WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



**\*Bolton Branch Library Basic Family History Courses with Colin and Margaret Calderbank from the BFHS** These plans are just tentative, depending on interest shown. Please book at the library

concerned. The fee will be £15 for the 5 sessions

<b>Blackrod</b>	Mondays Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, time 10am -12md.	01204 332380
<b>Westhoughton</b>	ditto 1pm – 3pm	01942 634640
<b>Bromley Cross</b>	Thursdays Oct 5,12, 19,26, Nov 2, 10am - 12md	01204332354
<b>Harwood</b>	ditto 1pm- 3pm	01204332340

NB in all courses the 5<sup>th</sup> week may be allocated to learning how to use a computer for research depending on needs.







**\*Bolton "Enjoy Learning" Family History Courses, at Friends Meeting House  
5wks £40 Tutor our Rita Greenwood**

> 5th Oct-9th Nov 10-12noon "Troubleshooting problems in Family History",  
<https://goo.gl/MESz5n>

> 16<sup>th</sup> Nov-14th Dec 10-12noon," Further sources of information for the  
Family Historian" 5wks £40.

> 5th Oct-14th Dec 1-3pm Family History stage 4 This course helps advanced  
family historians to analyse complex and obscure historical sources of  
information. 10wks £80

NB This is not a BFHS course but Rita is our senior tutor. Places may be may be booked via <https://goo.gl/4DdEsg>  
and more are planned in the New Year. See the attached website



**\*Saturday, 7th Oct 10:30 MLFHS: Beginners Talk Wills & Probate Manchester Central Library,**



**Manchester** the first of a series of Saturday tutorials which are free to MLFHS members, £3 to  
none members <https://goo.gl/QRiaJU> to book on Eventbrite

**\*Latin 1086 – 1733: a practical online tutorial for beginners** <https://goo.gl/v7eUPd> Facebook <https://goo.gl/RUjwSR>



**The National Archives**

*This free tutorial is a beginners' guide to the Latin used in documents  
between 1086 and 1733. It is the first online tutorial to help you learn the  
Latin from this period. Try our new Advanced Latin*

*The tutorial covers Latin as used in England between 1086 and 1733, when it was the official language used  
in documents. Please note that this type of Latin can be quite different from classical---,  
also*

**\* Palaeography: reading old handwriting 1500 – 1800 A practical online tutorial**

<https://goo.gl/PcWDzR>



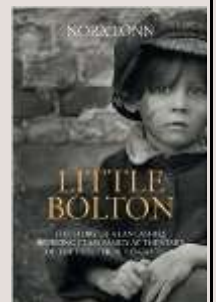
\* "Mr Bean, The Book Lover", and a treat for you on how not to do it <https://goo.gl/BFbdRU>

## **THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES**

**"Little Bolton: The story of a working-class family at the start of the industrial revolution"  
Paperback – 7 Jan 2017 by Nora Lönn (Author)** <https://goo.gl/bgWfXV>

Julie Lamara from Bolton Archives has passed this on to me re, "a new novel based in Bolton  
at the start of the industrial revolution. The author undertook her research in Bolton and it  
contains elements of her own family history". The blurb tells us: -

*"In a small Lancashire town in the 1840s, three working class orphans struggle to survive.  
Despite technological advancement, life is harder for Nell, Bill and Luke than it was for their  
parents. As they grow up, they each find their own way of improving their situation, through  
marriage, education, or illegal means. But a family scandal that no one will talk about, and  
the mysterious Edward Ainsworth who will stop at nothing to destroy their family, threaten to ruin what  
progress they've made.*



<http://goo.gl/i29Jpl> Regularly updated so just keep checking for your interests.



**Lancs OPC** <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the "What's New" tab on the left



**Lancashire Archives News and Events** <https://goo.gl/H8UexE> for their latest newsletter and more

## 5th July 2017 Focus Group Report to the Executive Committee

The first meeting of the Focus Group took place on 13th June. The session was led by Facilitator, Claire Evans, Chief Executive of 4CT Ltd, a community-based charity. A mix of seasoned trustees and members with no previous experience of Society planning, explored ways to retain, increase and broaden membership.

The discussions generated a host of ideas, all of which will be given due consideration but delegates agreed that prompt action was required in three key areas:

1. General publicity and promotions
2. An increased, improved social media presence
3. Development of a wider range of social activities where members meet.

The Facilitator's report will now be submitted to the strategy sub-committee, which will meet in late July, to consider the practical aspects of implementation of these recommendations and prepare a report for approval by the trustees in September.

A further meeting of the Focus Group will take place after the E.C. in September when the trustees' response is known, so that plans can be made to implement the approved recommendations.

David Muil Chairman

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

**25<sup>th</sup> July 2017** I can't believe that on the same day two articles appeared in the news media related to talks we have booked for next year. The full list should be out shortly.

**"Royal Horticultural Society wins £5.5 million in grants to fund RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford"** (From the Bolton News 25.07.17) <https://goo.gl/hrVKts> Speaker Dr Mike Nevell Salford University Archaeology Dept booked for June 2018



**"Back from the Front: Tracking down WW1 grave markers"** - BBC News 25.07.17 <https://goo.gl/GEux7v> .

*The battlefields of WW1 were once marked by thousands of wooden crosses - but what happened to them?*

Speaker David Hearn booked August 2018



**Bury Genealogy Resources & Parish Registers | Lancashire** <https://goo.gl/pzMHGX> **forebears.io**

Direct link to this description. Bury is a large market town, about nine miles north of Manchester, situated in a fertile valley, on the banks of the River Irwell

**Bury Times in British Newspaper Archive** <https://goo.gl/BBMq8M> The Weekly Bury Times was established by letterpress printer John Heap on 5 July 1855 as a 4-page publication, costing 1d. Heap was originally from Accrington and his son Thomas worked for him as a compositor.

**FamilySearch Discontinuing Microfilm; Most Records Now Digitized** <https://goo.gl/ikYehf> Contributed

By FamilySearch.org 26 June 2017 *"FamilySearch has digitally reproduced the bulk of its microfilm collection—over 1.5 million microfilms. Online access to digital images of records allows ---"*

## Family Tree Maker 2017 is up and running at last



Yes, I know quite a few of you, like me, have been Test Drivers if not Beta drivers, but still not allowed to discuss it. Now after maybe 2 ½ months we have lift off. Still a few teething problems it seems with the synching with Ancestry, but generally it seems all good to go. I must admit the colour coding is helping me with two complicated cousin lines splitting into two sibling lines, then joining up a few generations later with a marriage. Here are a few

links to various comments and make your own judgements but so far I like it very much, and I must say I have found their Chat line /Help Desk lead by Jack Minsky has been brilliant in adversity, and also those of you on Facebook might like this UK users group for more assistance <https://goo.gl/rGdkBR> . More comments please. **Family Tree Maker 2017 Released: A Review 16 Jul 2017 by Keith Riggie** <https://goo.gl/9r9M7F>

## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

**Do you all know about Roots Chat** <http://www.rootschat.com/>

*"This is "RootsChat", with over 5.5 million helpful posts. Welcome! The country's busiest, largest free family history forum site. 243,588 members are ready to help you with your questions. Yes, it's all yours, no subscription. Bursting with help. Just join in!"*



**RootsChat.Com » Research in Other Countries » Europe (Moderators: Berlin-Bob, jorose)** <https://goo.gl/Jhus4c> *Family History research in Europe, including Immigration to Britain. Picture courtesy of Wikipedia*

**The Families in British India Society (FIBIS)** <https://wiki.fibis.org>



*Whether you are a genealogist, family historian or social historian researching India or South Asia between 1600 and 1947 our website can help you with your research. ---The Families in British India Society (FIBIS) is a self-help organisation devoted to members researching their British India family history and the background against which their ancestors led their lives in India under British rule.*

**Trinity House Personnel at Lighthouses in England and Wales and the Channel Islands 1841-1910** [GENUKI https://goo.gl/VHRuhK](https://goo.gl/VHRuhK)

*Most of the pre-1939 records of the Corporation of Trinity House, the general lighthouse authority for England and Wales, were destroyed in the bombing of its headquarters at Tower Hill during World War II. Following the release of the 1901 census in 2002, a project was conceived in which material from copies of the 1894 and 1910 Service Lists (which had survived outside London) would be amalgamated with extracts from the nationally-available decennial censuses. The aim was to produce, as comprehensively as possible, a service record of lighthouse keepers covering the period 1841 to 1910. See also British coastguards and their Families <https://goo.gl/AoJFkQ>*



**Trinity House** <https://goo.gl/vTP68o> **Familysearch Wikipedia** *There have been guilds or fraternities of seamen dedicated to the Holy Trinity in several ports around the English coast since at least the 14th century. They initially came into being to assist distressed sailors and their families but their interest in the seamen's welfare naturally developed into a concern for the construction of buoys and the building and lighting of beacons. I have got quite a few records from here much to my surprise, especially in the "Masters and Mates" and "Charitable work".*

**Registry of Shipping and Seamen: Registers of Deaths at Sea of British Nationals** <https://goo.gl/c1KEH5>



**The National Archives, Kew** *This series contains registers of deaths at sea of British nationals kept by the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen. From 1874, the RGSS was required to report births and deaths at sea, aboard all ships registered in Britain or its colonies and on foreign-registered ships carrying passengers to or from the UK, to the Registrars General of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland (the General Register Offices). The name of this series is*

*misleading as it includes events related to persons of any nationality, not just British nationals*

**Marriage & Death, including Parish UK, Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths at Sea, 1844-1890**

<https://goo.gl/8VvLx7> **Ancestry** *"Records of births, marriages and deaths at sea were kept by the masters of British ships. Following the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, they were obliged to send on the information recorded relating to the birth or death at sea of English, Welsh, Scots and Irish people (as well as anyone else aboard) to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen".*



**Lloyd's Register of Ships online** <https://goo.gl/a8vcCJ> **Lloyds Register Foundation History of the Lloyd's Register of Ships**

*The Register, published for the years 1764-66, 1768-71 and then annually since 1775, records the details of merchant vessels of the world. Since the 1870's Lloyd's Register has tried to include all merchant vessels over 100 gross tonnes, which are self-propelled and sea-going, regardless of classification. Before this time only those vessels classed by Lloyd's Register were listed.*

*Registers published after 1876, contain the 'List of Ship Owners' and those published after 1886 contain the list of 'Late Names of Ships', which is very useful if you only know the previous name of the vessel. A vessel will remain in the Register until something happens to her; for example if she is sunk, wrecked, broken up, hulked, etc.*

**"Find Dunkirk ancestors"** <https://goo.gl/XiWE9Y> By Janet Dempsey in **Who Do You Think You Are** 1 June 2017



A more recent event in 1940 but quite topical with the recent release of the acclaimed film. *"how you can trace your family's involvement in Operation Dynamo."* I am hoping this might be the answer to one of my family's brick walls, and hope to see the film soon. I hear the truth was much worse than the fiction. Picture© Mirrorpix

**Consanguinity in Genealogy Research: How We're Related | Legacy Tree** [www.legacytree.com](http://www.legacytree.com) **Third Cousins Twice Removed and Consanguinity: How You are Related to Your Relatives?** *We explain consanguinity and how to understand the degrees of separation within your family tree, with easy-to-read charts explaining family relationships*

**Book reveals treatment of the mentally ill in 19th century** <https://goo.gl/6E3rVd> By Caroline Howe For Dailymail.com Published: 20:06, 17 July 2017 | Updated: 05:15, 18 July 2017 a review of

**"Lunatics, Imbeciles and Idiots: A History of Insanity in Nineteenth-Century Britain and Ireland"** – June 26, 2017 by Kathryn Burtinshaw (Author), John R F Burt (Author) also by Kindle 99p

<https://goo.gl/o7YQXZ> *"EXCLUSIVE: Chained to their beds with no heat or water, and left to lie in their own excrement: How the 19th century mentally ill were sent to hide away in grisly insane asylums and categorized as 'idiots', 'imbeciles' or 'lunatics'*  
A sobering read.



**The Genealogical Society of South Africa** <https://goo.gl/udux2q>



The Genealogical Society of South Africa (GSSA) is an international organisation of people engaged in the study of genealogy, family trees and family history with a South African connection. The GSSA's aim is to promote and facilitate interest and research in genealogy and family history.

**Home - South Africa's Stamouers** [www.stamouers.com](http://www.stamouers.com)

*South Africa's First Families - details of the first immigrants of each family which flourished in that country. Many South Africans whose ancestors lived at the Cape are part of one big extended family. The custom of referring to seniors as "oom" or "tannie" is not just out of respect but indeed reflect the reality of the close familial bond and the small collective genetic pool. South African Stamouers / Progenitors came from Africa, Europe, Asia and other places. Some were VOC workers, free settlers, Huguenot, Slaves and Indigenous.*

**Index of Jews converted in Lwów part I, 2, and 3** <https://goo.gl/WMLath> **Polish Ancestors Discover your roots**



*in Poland "Do you wish to find your ancestors in Poland? Do you have a name you were always curious about what it means? Would you like to learn whether the stories related to your family are true? We can help you answer these questions! How to start?"*





*Foreign language obstacles and patronymic naming patterns are commonly cited reasons for avoiding Swedish genealogy research. However, despite these unique considerations, other elements of Swedish records and research make Swedish genealogy research simple, fun, and frequently successful.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

I found this article in the Ryedale Family History Group July 2017 newsletter and have gained permission to share it with you.

### **What's in a name? Vicar? Rector? Curate? Induction? Institution?**

They are all names that appear in Parish Records, so, what does it all mean? These are titles that go back many centuries. The parish system itself probably goes back to ancient agricultural practices, but a 'parish' as we understand the term today, as a territory with precise boundaries, probably originated under the Anglo-Saxons. It was they who created thousands of private estates, resulting in many miles of boundaries. Natural features such as a stream, or an ancient trackway or earthwork, or a specific marker such as a stone or even a tree, would define a boundary. The boundaries of the parish almost invariably corresponded with that of the private estate.

Such estates were owned by the **Lord of the Manor**. In return for his care and the protection of his serfs, the villagers, would till the land and feed themselves, their Lord and his retinue. The Lord of the Manor usually built the parish church, which he owned, and saw to its upkeep. He also appointed a priest to officiate there, and it was the Lord of the Manor's duty to ensure that his priest could live and maintain himself without jeopardising his pastoral duties. The Lord would either give the priest a fixed income (stipend) or allot to him one tenth of the total proceeds of the estate (tithe), in which case he must provide storage facilities for it, or assign to the priest land to maintain himself and tools, livestock and labour in order to do so (glebe).

The titles of "Rector" or "Vicar" are associated with their payment, so the: -

**Rector** (which is from the Latin meaning 'ruler,' in this context the head priest of a parish church) would usually have the rights which included house and glebe ("gleba" means soil or earth), fees for services paid by parishioners, and the 'tithe' (Anglo-Saxon for 'tenth'), which meant a tenth of every hay crop, or wool, or produce from the land. However, if the Rector did not wish to serve the parish in person, he could arrange a legal substitute, a vice or "vicarious" (abbreviated to "**vicar**"-Editor), to whom he gave up a part – and often a small part at that! – of the rectory revenues. Such parishes were called '**vicarages**', and had a **vicarage house**. A parish could, therefore, have both a rector and a vicar, the rector, having all the tithes of a parish, generally having more wealth than a vicar.

In the Middle Ages, corporate bodies such as monastic or collegiate foundations could well become 'Rector,' and so receive the greater tithes, out of which it paid a vicar to do the work. Although nowadays we tend to use the title '**Curate**' meaning an assistant to the parish priest, strictly speaking all parish clergy are Curates, because they hold the cure of souls (which might be better understood today as the care of souls). So, a new parish priest is Instituted into his parish by the bishop with the words, 'Receive this cure of souls, which is both yours and mine.' And during the service, after the bishop has **Instituted a priest** to the spiritual responsibilities of a parish, the archdeacon '**Inducts** him, (often giving him the key to the church door, and declared by the new priest ringing the bell), to the legal possession of the church. Although nowadays the titles of 'Rector' and 'Vicar' remain widely used, it is only in a Team **Parish** where the title '**Team Rector**' still holds any degree of authority over a Team Vicar. But whether Rector or Vicar, clergy tend to be paid much the same, and no longer rely on funeral and wedding fees, tithes or glebe in order to live. These survive still, though, as place names within our own communities: "Glebe Farm", "Vicarage Cottage", "Tithe Barn Close" ... indicating that the history of our Church is tied up wholly with the social and political history of our land.

Fr Antony Pritchett, Vicar of Pickering with Lockton and Levisham published in Ryedale Roots Newsletter July 2017 <https://goo.gl/YJZEg8>

Who can think of local places that will have been named after this scheme I wonder? I can't find a Glebe Farm in Bolton or area but plenty of Vicarages of course, and Rivington Great House Barn is thought to have been a Tithe Barn. We also still have a Tithe Barn Crescent in Bolton near Canon Slade school of course and one in Westhoughton of course.

### **The lady in the fishtail coffin: The burial ground at St John the Evangelist Blackpool.**

<https://goo.gl/abq7jH> **blackpoolcrime.wordpress.com** St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Church Street, Blackpool from: Oxford Archaeological Unit unpublished report series Publication Date: 2010 Author(s): J Griffiths

*"In 2009 Blackpool Borough Council undertook to pedestrianize the area outside St John the Evangelist a burial ground. At the time BBC believed that the burial ground had been cleared of all human remains and burial artefacts in 1927. However, removal of the surface revealed coffins, human remains and funerary objects." Coffins recovered were standard apart from two for children and an "enigmatic fishtail coffin". The author then tried to find whose coffin it was by a process of elimination.*

*"If the lady in the fishtail coffin was Nancy Fallows for the sake of retrieving a story what do we know about her? She came from Little Bolton. In 1861, she is listed in the Census Record living with her father William and her mother Margaret. Her father is a cotton spinner. She is a dressmaker. In 1871 Margaret and William still live in Little Bolton and Nancy does not. Her death is reported in the local newspaper published in Fleetwood where she is described as a "milliner."*

So, does anyone have a Nancy Fallows aged 27 buried 27 August 1865 in their ancestry I wonder???



### **The child whose town rejected vaccines 13 July 2017 Wellcome Foundation by Ann Faherty**

To vaccinate or not to vaccinate. This was the dilemma faced by our Victorian ancestors *"By 1853 smallpox vaccination was a legal requirement for newborns in England and Wales, yet there were few consequences for anyone who avoided it. It was 20 years before the first prosecutions were brought, when anyone found guilty could be penalised by a fine or prison term. This move transformed an issue of personal medical preference into a question of civil liberties. It also challenged the long-held rights of individual councils and communities to make decisions based on the specific circumstances of their own areas. In response, the world's first organised anti-vaccination societies, publications and rallies sprung up"*



### **Americans and Return Migrants in the 1881 Scottish Census by Tahitia L. McCabe**

<https://goo.gl/sMGPhz> Postgraduate Programme in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies, Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Strathclyde, 40 George Street, Glasgow, G1 1QE, UK Received: 3 May 2017 / Revised: 27 June 2017 / Accepted: 12 July 2017 / Published: 15 July 2017

*A very interesting article by the lady who leads the free Future Learning Genealogy course from Strathclyde University*



Tahitia McCabe (Lead Educator)

And on a lighter note

**"Wanted: 'Miserable' Northerners for Peterloo massacre."** <https://goo.gl/8v9PCQ> by Dean Kirby 20.07.2017



. picture by George Cruickshank photo Spencer Arnold/Getty images

*"It was one of the darkest days in Manchester's history, when government troops armed with sabres and truncheons charged at a crowd of 60,000 peaceful protesters--- ". Some will also know that the officer in charge was William Hulton from the Hulton Hall dynasty. Now Salford born director Mike Leigh is making a film to mark the anniversary of the 1819 event, with Bolton's Maxine Peake starring, and they are also looking for "local yokels" to volunteer as extras. Any*

*offers??? They want "thin, miserable looking men" with natural coloured collar length hair, who would in effect typify those who had just returned from the Napoleonic wars and were looking for work. Oh and also "no visible tattoos or piercings".*

See also our own

**MLFHS project to Discover the Stories of those people who attended the Peterloo demonstration** by launching a project to find the descendants of those attending this peaceful demonstration that has become known as the Peterloo Massacre. We want to record their stories. See <http://peterloo.mlfhs.org.uk/> and Rod Melton, Project Manager email address - [peterloo@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:peterloo@mlfhs.org.uk)  
Jen Lever, Project Webmaster email address - [peterloo@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:peterloo@mlfhs.org.uk)

## **OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS**



**Halliwell Local History Society** <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>

Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto:margaretk@talktalk.net) .Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton, illustrated talk by David Hill

**29th August 'The History of Bolton Trams' – David Lloyd/ Derek Shepherd**



**Turton Local History Society** <https://goo.gl/PHNXjA>

The old Urban District of Turton, includes the ancient Townships of Bradshaw, Edgworth, Entwistle, Harwood, Longworth, Quarlton and Turton. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm.

**Westhoughton Local History Group –** <http://goo.gl/XNugI5>

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU.

**17 August Westhoughton Wales: Margaret Curme**

**7 September The History and Art of Bell Ringing: Jim Andrews**



**Horwich Heritage Centre-** <http://goo.gl/fSPsij>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.

Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm

**8th August A Real Loco for Horwich by Andrew Waldron**

**12th August 60 Years Since Last Steam Loco**



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# GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY



## "SPELLING DUSN'T COWNT"

**1** Back in the day folks couldn't spell and many could barely write, so how a name sounds is more



important than how it's spelled. Use wild card or Soundex searches to help find variant spellings of names.

## ASSUME NOTHING

**2** Check all your facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify. For instance, don't assume:

- your ancestors were married
- census information is accurate
- vital (or other) records were correct
- your ancestor's life events were recorded
- ancestors had the same name as their enslaver

## USE DISCRETION

**3** Never lie in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living relatives.

## ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY CONTRADICT ONE ANOTHER

**4** Over time, you will compile more data and those seemingly contradictory pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats, but even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to retrace your steps, so *always* cite your sources.



## MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

**5** It's okay to state that someone was born "btw 1901-1903," "abt. 1845," or died "May 1915" if you don't have an exact date or where various

documents have different dates. Which date is "correct?" They all are.

## IF UNSURE, SAY SO

**6** Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you "suspect" such and such is true. Don't fudge the facts. Ever.



## YOU CANNOT DO IT ALL ONLINE

**7** Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with relatives. For family historians, the Internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives, and historical societies. Do as much as you can online, then turn off your computer and hit the bricks!



## JUST BECAUSE IT'S ONLINE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE

**8** The Internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source whenever possible.

## PASS ALONG YOUR RESEARCH

**9** No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation's researchers. Leave excellent notes, cite all your sources, explain your shorthand ... in essence, leave your research the way you'd have liked to have found it.



## SPREAD THE WORD

You have our permission to use/publish these Golden Rules as much as you like. Just give us credit for them, okay?

## DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU

**10** Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you," we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to *tell their stories*.



## DNA IS NOT A TRUMP CARD

**11** DNA is just one of many possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby providing false information. DNA results should *always* be used in concert with other sources.

## ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE WILL BE "BORROWED"

**12** You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be "borrowed" or outright stolen, and you will probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast... the Internet. Get over it.



## THE INTERNET IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING

**13** Web sites change all the time, and to find the information you need, you may need to look in new places to find old information. Take a second look at old sites you haven't visited in a while, and don't be afraid to walk away from your favorite sites if/when you find new ones that provides better information. Seek and you may find.

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