



# Bolton's Genies



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This month's banner picture shows the impressive tympanum of Bolton Town Hall after its scrub and polish. This link tells its story. .  
<http://www.boltonsmayors.org.uk/0-lions.html> ,They managed to get the dust sheets off it in time for this year's revived Bolton Festival of Food and Drink after two years absence, and they were so lucky with the weather. <https://tinyurl.com/5jrtjxd8> Bolton News Sept6th2021

Hello and welcome. I think this is my favourite time of the year. As autumn approaches, the seasonal colours are at their best, and we review our summer activities and start to make plans for the darker nights and the winter months, (and the kids go back to school. 😊). I hope you have been enjoying our Zoomed talks over the last few months. Our numbers have remained steady with I think at least 40 and up to 70 + for some, so we hope that means you are enjoying the contact and subjects. It has been particularly good to be able to welcome those from further afield, and even time zones, who have been going to the effort to join us.

There is some pressure now though to consider restarting physical meetings as well, mainly because the social side of it is badly missed. A combination of the two seems to be the compromise and these days this is described as a "hybrid" meeting, where people can either physically attend the meeting or watch live via Zoom. Some FHS's are about to try it, and this method still accommodates those who are unable to come for whatever reason, so we will be watching progress. We still hope to be allowed to put all of our talks online that we have recorded with the permission of the speakers, after ensuring copyright regulations of content has been checked, but this is proving difficult to ascertain and we await legal advice.

So, a lot to think about, and the committee did consider these ideas at our last meeting. We concluded that we should continue Zooming only until next Spring 2022, rather than put our members at risk over the colder winter months of closed windows, and considering government projections of more Covid spikes and also possible flu outbreaks. We are planning an April, (Easter Wednesday opening), all being well. We do hope this meets with your approval, and would be grateful for any comments /suggestions one way or another, which can be emailed to our Secretary as above. The main question being,

**"When we do re-open will you be planning to attend physically or by Zoom, and why?"**

## IN BOLTON WE CONTINUE TO HAVE MONTHLY ONLINE MEETINGS

Other meetings are also available and free to all members from our other branches, as are ours to them. Just scroll down the page of this link <https://www.mlfhs.uk/>, and select an event. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge.

- Where?

Any convenient “perch” where you can access the internet and have a suitable appliance to connect up. All MLFHS members free. £3.00 to non-members.

- When?

Bolton’s are 7.15pm for 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months.

- How?

We use Eventbrite so all you need to do is open this page <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/events>, select the talk you wish to attend, left click and follow the booking link. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge.



## OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS and OTHER COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Bolton FHS Meeting –**

**“Researching illegitimate ancestors” by Anna Watson**—image Hogarth's print of the examination of a pregnant woman, c1729

Anna introduced herself as is a retired professional archivist with over 30 years’ experience working at Lancashire Archives in Preston, specialising in probate and Church Court Records. She told us, *"The latter has led me to looking into how to find our illegitimate ancestors, a stumbling block for many family historians. My talk looks at legislation and sources beyond the filiation and maintenance order, hopefully offering new avenues for genealogists to explore."*

She started by saying she would be using words like “bastard” and “fornication”, which are not PC these days, but documents are littered with them.

She then went on to explain there are many pitfalls when researchers are trying to find the father of an illegitimate child, especially when a father’s name might be “manufactured” to make the situation more acceptable. A child thus born might well imagine the father who raised him is his biological father. Grandparents might raise a daughter’s illegitimate child, with the mother acting as “sister”. Illegitimacy was abhorred in all quarters, with a woman being whipped and afterwards put in a House of Correction or the stocks for fornication. The name and sex of a child is not normally given in documentation, as he/she was regarded as worthless in every way.

There are 32 official documents noting proceedings surrounding illegitimacy most of which are held in relevant Record Offices (Anna recommended using LANCAT, the online catalogue of Lancashire County Record Office in Preston, which is deemed to have one of the best collections of relevant documents). These include :-

- Church and manorial court records
- Parish Registers
- Quarter Sessions records
- Borough and township records
- Charity Records (might financially support a mother)
- Newspapers



- Overseers of the Poor records can be very useful to a family historian as they are very detailed because the parish officials did not want an illegitimate child and its mother to be a burden on the rates.

The first paragraph of many of the documents are in Latin up to 1733 but the rest is in English. Obviously, the documents that try to identify a putative father are useful, as a name is given. Later records are on pre-printed forms. Church courts often ordered a father or, especially a mother to do a penance in church, confessing their "sins", or could be excommunicated.

There are many instances recorded in newspapers, not only court proceedings, but also where parents have been accused of killing an illegitimate child.

There is much legislation surrounding illegitimacy, the first Act being in 1576 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I when J.P.s had to order the punishment of the mother and reputed father of a bastard. Then in 1609 and 1662, where a mother would be pressured into naming the father whilst in the throes of childbirth. An Act of 1743 decided that a child born to a single woman would take her place of settlement, and in some cases, was removed alone to the mother's place of settlement. In 1809, both parents were deemed to be responsible for the upkeep of an illegitimate child but that was rescinded in 1834, when the mother only was victimised.

Anna showed many examples of the various documents, "translating" them as she went along. She answered a lot of questions from the audience, one mentioning DNA, which of course is proof positive of paternity these days but sadly DNA for the 17th and 18th centuries isn't available!

Thanks to Rita Greenwood for this report. Anna's notes from the talks are available on the MLFHS website for members, and will be forwarded to guests who paid to attend as one offs. If you have not received anything by Wednesday 8th, please could you email our secretary as above. <https://mlfhs.uk/member-area/documents/bolton-records/meeting-notes-archive/2021-1>

### Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Bolton FHS Meeting - Research using education records. The schooldays of our Lancashire ancestors in the nineteenth century by David Tilsley.

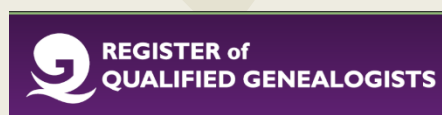
David Tilsley is an archivist at Lancashire Archives, where has worked for 14 years, (and apparently was once a student of Anna Watsons). He makes a welcome return visit to us, albeit by Zoom this time, to tell us how

"My talk will look at sources that tell us about the schooldays of our Lancashire ancestors in the nineteenth century. Who went to school? How did elementary education develop? Which sources contain information about individuals?"



10<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021 - Heritage Open Days in Bolton what will you discover? Yes, its that time of year again, and plenty of freebies going on in Bolton and beyond.

<https://tinyurl.com/4atznieb>



### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Genealogy and Social History: Know Your Ancestors A free conference on Zoom

Starting 9.45am for 10am until 6pm. The Register of Qualified

Genealogists (RQG) is pleased to announce our 2021 conference. You can now register here

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mG3J8F9YSbyEse48ADiwdA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mG3J8F9YSbyEse48ADiwdA) for this free genealogy and family history conference!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The keynote talks are:

- "Researching your criminal ancestors" by Helen Johnson, Professor of Criminology at the University of Hull and Professor Heather Shore, Professor of History, Manchester Metropolitan University



- “Finding your ancestors at home: researching the history of houses” Melanie Backe-Hansen, a historian specialising in house histories who was involved in the recent BBC programmes ‘A house through time’
- “Lying Bastards”: the impact of illegitimacy on the records that our ancestors leave behind.

David Annal is a professional researcher with over 40 years’ experience. He is a former Principal Family History Specialist with the National Archives.

There are several other top quality speakers as well though including Ann Sherman who has been good enough to allow us to use her notes re “Life of the Early Victorian Deaf and Dumb”. This is their programme.

Enjoy <https://tinyurl.com/x27v8wmz>

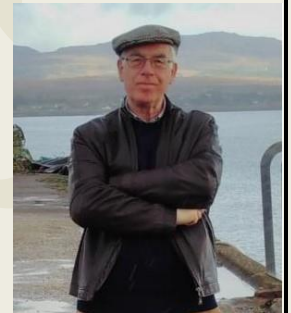
## Saturday 25th September 11am - 12pm Bolton Central Library “Allen Clarke: Lancashire's Romantic Radical”



- An Illustrated Talk by Dr Paul Salveson <https://tinyurl.com/3zzbwp8d> Free and a physical meeting.

Paul Salveson, who has spent a lifetime researching Allen Clarke, has written a new edition of his biography 'Lancashire's Romantic Radical', that he talked about to us at BFHS last January see here p4 <https://tinyurl.com/cyea56cj> . It is completely updated with additional material including a new chapter on his railway writings, which featured Bolton, Moses Gate Station and Horwich Loco Works.

The book will be launched at an illustrated talk by Paul in Bolton Library Lecture Theatre on Saturday September 25th at 11am. Signed copies of the book and light refreshments will be available after the talk.



## Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 18:00 – 19:00 BST The Polish War – free online talk



““Roger Moorhouse, author of “First to Fight”, will tell the fascinating story of Poland’s defence against German and Soviet invasion in 1939, one of the least understood

campaigns of World War Two. From Poland and mainland Europe, to fighting from and settling in England, the talk will explain the experiences of Polish servicemen and women and their significant role in the allied victory”.

Knowing that we have many families in the area who have Polish ancestors difficult to research, this could explain how and why many of them arrived over here in the 1940s and 50s.

This is free via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-polish-war-online-talk-tickets-165303434021> courtesy of the Sherwood Forest Trust



## GENIE’S TIPS for September 2021



9<sup>th</sup> August An announcement of free to view online newspapers with regular annual x 4 additions. <https://tinyurl.com/x5chdn9c> picture courtesy of the BNA

“Following the extension of our successful partnership with the British Library, we are delighted to

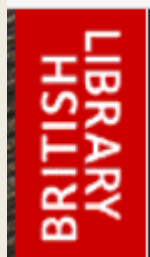
announce that millions of pages will be made free to view on the British Newspaper Archive, with one million of these free to view pages made available today, and not requiring any subscription payment. These will be followed by one million more each year for the next four years, creating a substantial free historical newspaper resource which



should greatly expand the use of and understanding of historical newspapers.

Working together over the past decade to provide the largest online collection of British newspapers, the British Newspaper Archive now hosts over 44 million pages in total, with a remit that extends beyond Britain and Ireland to cover, for example, Jamaica, India and New Zealand. Alongside regional weekly newspapers, and national dailies, sit specialist sporting, religious, political, cinema and fashion titles, all bringing history to life and telling stories from the past, which otherwise might have been lost forever”.

And speaking of the **British Library**



are you aware of all their resources to help research Family History? <https://www.bl.uk/subjects/family-history#>

They invite us to “Research your ancestry with our archive and reference materials” and tell us “You can use the British Library's collections to help you research your family history and genealogy. We provide primary materials such as public records and private papers. We also offer a wide range of reference books to help you find sources online and in archives.”.

Their Collection Guides include

- UK electoral registers: -Printed electoral registers from 1832 to the present
- India Office Records and Private Papers:- family history Information about people who came into contact with the East India Company and the British administration in India
- Reference sources for family history:-Bibliographies, indices, dictionaries and guides for family history research.
- Oral history :-One of the largest collections of oral history and life story interviews in the world”



Department  
of Health &  
Social Care

An overview of the death certification reforms Published 26 May 2016 <https://tinyurl.com/m2bzeffh6>

After Antony Marrs very interesting talk in August re birth and death certificates, (and we have booked his follow up re marriages for next year), I have been “surfing around “ and came across this rather interesting site which discusses the recent reforms. Included in its menu though is this section which explains the history of death certificates in a timeline, and I think it helps to explain the rather vague causes of death seen in the early 19<sup>th</sup> C e.g., “visitation from God”, “senile decay” and similar until 1874 when a professional medical opinion was required. <https://tinyurl.com/yx887jt9>



**MLFHS More substantial updates to the Member Area databases.**

This is just one example of the regular database updates offered each month, within the members section, and I would hope one of the good reasons for becoming a member. The list is posted in the members forum each month, and the work is all done by our volunteering members. Not all Bolton related but don't forget many of your ancestors will have moved about for work, and may have moved to or from Bolton, Manchester and the surrounding area.

**Records of births in Turton Workhouse 1839-1853 (87 records), baptisms at Walmsley Chapel on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 1847 of children born in the workhouse (17 records) and workhouse inmates transgressing against workhouse rules 1883-5**

*Memorial Inscription listings added to the descriptions to the following churches:*

*Droylsden St Andrew Hyde, St Mary Magdalene Manchester Unitarian Chapel Mosley St , St Ann Manchester Collegiate Church, (Owen) Chorlton Beech Rd, Wesleyan Chapel Salford, King St Chapel Manchester, Gadsby's Chapel Rochdale Rd, (Owen) Pendlebury St John Heaton Mersey, Cong Chapel Chadderton, Mills Hill Baptists Warrington, Friends Burial Ground, Buttermarket St. Warrington, St. Alban, Bewsey St. Wigan, All Saints Wigan, St. Paul, Standishgate*

*Thanks to Cheyenne Bower for her work on these.*

**Bolton Workhouse Creed Book** 6,951 names added to the creed book transcription. These cover periods 1884-1886 and 1891-1892. Thanks to members of our Bolton Branch for these. For those unfamiliar, the admission registers for Bolton Workhouse do not survive, but the creed books, which record the religion of each inmate at the time of admission, do. These provide names and other information including dates of admission and discharge (or death). There are no ages, but families are usually listed as a group, which can be helpful.

**Newspaper BMD Announcements** A further 1,641 BMD announcements from the Manchester Courier for 1829. Thanks to Linda Bailey and Chris Hall for transcribing these very useful pre-civil registration references, which frequently provide more information than the parish register entries.

**Orphan BMD Certificates** A further 42 birth, 58 death and 28 marriage certificates have been scanned and indexed to the Great Database with links to the images. Thanks to Barry Henshall for these. 118 records) Another batch of memorials already indexed in The Great Database have now have listings of the memorials added to their descriptive documents. These are: Hyde, Broadbottom, St. Mary Magdalene Lumb-in-Rossendale, St. Michael Oldham, Royton, St. Paul Rochdale, Hope Baptist Rochdale, Town Meadows Burial Ground Rochdale, Union St. Rochdale, Baptist West St. Rossendale, St. John Silverdale Cemetery St. Helens, St. Mary Stretford, Barton Road Independent Stretford, St. Matthew (Owen Manuscripts) Stretford, the Old Chapel Yard Todmorden, St. Mary Tonge, St. Michael Tyldesley Chapel Tyldesley, St. George Urmston, St. Clement Warrington, St. Elphin Windleshaw

**Chantry Poor Law Union Gazette.** I have transcribed some of the entries and added to the Great Database: This weekly paper was circulated between poor law unions to disseminate information about those (usually but not always) men who had deserted their families leaving them chargeable to the Guardians of the Poor for support. This listing of 138 references 1857-1903 includes notices which mention Manchester, Oldham, **Bolton** and other nearby places as associated with the 'deserter'.



**Marriage Allegations, Bonds and Licences in England and Wales • FamilySearch**

<https://tinyurl.com/9yjh48m9> “

“There have always been some people who want to marry in a hurry or in private. The church allowed them to avoid the delay and publicity of calling banns on three successive Sundays by providing, for a fee, a marriage license. The information given in order to obtain the license may include detail not available elsewhere. The centrally filed record may lead directly to the place of marriage and may survive when the marriage record itself has been lost” –

A very useful overview of some of the “whys” and “wherefores” of our ancestral marriages.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**The Domesday Book (digitalised and free)** <https://opendomesday.org/about/> by Anna Powell-Smith

“What is Domesday Book? Domesday Book was a detailed survey of land holdings and resources in England in AD 1086. It is one of the most important historical records ever made. It was commissioned by William I of England in winter 1085. Learn more at the Hull Domesday Project.

This is the first free online copy of Domesday Book. The site was built as a non-profit project by me, using data created by Professor J.J.N. Palmer and a team at the University of Hull.

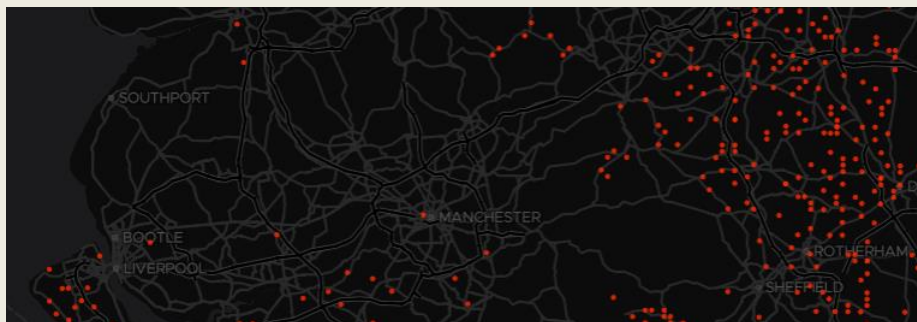
How was this site created? During the 1990s, Professor J.J.N. Palmer and a team at the University of Hull geocoded and standardised each entry in Domesday, to create the Domesday Explorer CD-ROM. The project was funded by the AHRC, and assisted by an English translation of Domesday provided by Phillimore & Co.

In 2011, I stumbled across the Hull data files online, and used them to make this site and its maps. “



## "ENGLAND IN 1086

*Domesday Book was compiled in AD 1086 for William the Conqueror. It records the number of households, the economic resources, who owned the land, and the tax paid to the king, for almost every settlement in England.*



*This map shows every place in Domesday that can still be located today. <https://opendomesday.org/map/>." It seems Bolton and most of Lancashire did not exist and were the "black hole" as shown on this link, but Manchester was a settlement in Domesday Book <https://opendomesday.org/place/SJ8398/manchester/>, in the hundreds of Salford and the county of Cheshire!!*

*"It had no recorded population (sometimes the case for large towns, as well as abandoned settlements).*

*The Phillimore reference: Cheshire R5,2 tells us it was the Land of Roger of Poitou, and had 2 churches. 1.0 church lands. Its Owner in 1086 was the Tenant-in-chief Roger of Poitou. Roger of Poitou, was also the Lord in 1066 and the church of St Michael (Ashton-under-Lyne), and churches of King Edward and St Marys (Manchester),*



*This entry mentions multiple places: Manchester; Radcliffe. Phillimore reference: Cheshire R5,2*

*Maps and site by Anna Powell-Smith. Domesday data created by Professor J.J.N. Palmer and team.*

## The 82nd Anniversary of the 1939 Evacuation aka Operation Pied Piper.

*The biggest and most concentrated mass movement of people in British history started on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1939, as Britain's cities were evacuated at the start of the Second World War.*

*Known as 'Operation Pied Piper', during the first four days of September 1939 nearly three million people were transported from towns and cities in danger from bombing to places of safety in the countryside.*

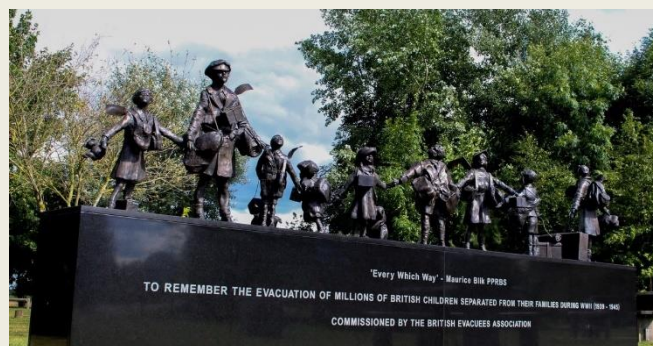
*The majority of evacuees were school children and when they left their homes, they didn't know how long the war would last, or when they would see their families again. They were labelled like luggage and left clutching their suitcases, teddy bears and gas masks, accompanied by 10,000 teachers.*

*By the end of the war, 3.5million children had been relocated; a quarter of Britain had been given a new address.*

*The National Memorial to the Evacuation (The British Evacuees Association) at the Arboretum remembers the millions of child evacuees during the Second World War as well as all those involved in the evacuation process, from train drivers to foster parents.*

*The bronze sculpture of 'Every Which Way' was created by renowned sculptor Maurice Blik. He encapsulated the fear and confusion facing the evacuees by deliberately distorting the figures, reversing their hands and twisting their torsos 180 degrees. The split open luggage being clutched by the figures represents how families were torn apart by the evacuation process.*

*More for the kids on : <https://www.thenma.org.uk/.../children-in-the-second> ...*



NB A lot of folk will still remember this themselves or have family stories about it . My Dads family of 4 ended up in 4 different directions. His Mum was a teacher so went one way with her students, sister another teacher went to another place, sister who was still at school went with her school, and Dad stayed at home waiting to be called up.

## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

**UK BMD Summary**

<http://goo.gl/I29JpL>



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.

**The Bolton News**

30th August “Heritage campaigners look to tell story behind Bolton's South Asian

migration”, By Alima Nadeem @AlyallstarLT News Reporter <https://tinyurl.com/txmujucp>

*“A CULTURE project is looking to create a third instalment looking for pictures and stories of South Asian people in Bolton since the 1940s. The Bolton Asian Migration project has already released two books full of pictures of South Asians arriving in Bolton since the 1940s, 50s and 60s, but this time want to tell the stories as well”*

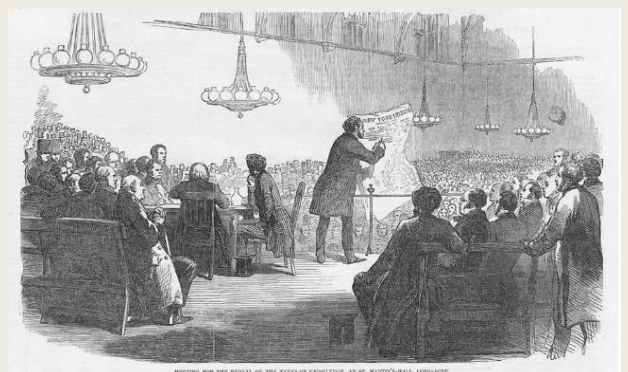
**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 10.42 Graves in 19,000 English churchyards to be mapped online. C of E laser scanning project and free website to make ‘huge difference’ to family history researchers**

<https://tinyurl.com/sn27bw> By Rosemary Collins WDYTYR Published: September 2, 2021

*Graves in 19,000 churchyards in England are to be digitally mapped in a seven-year project that will be a boon to people researching family history. The Church of England is to launch a free website next year that will eventually list every grave memorial in every churchyard in the country.*

**“Dig to discover more about Farnworth's Rock Hall “ <https://tinyurl.com/ynr6e82b> Bolton News 30th August**

Well, it has been a busy Bank Holiday weekend and a big learning curve in archaeological procedures, but very rewarding. Apart from renovating the building the aim of the Save Rock Hall project is to learn more about this branch of the Crompton tree, and its contribution to the local, national, and international paper making industry. It was largely thanks to the paper drying invention of Thomas Bonsar Crompton of Farnworth that paper was made cheaper and available to the masses. We are now finding documents in the Bolton Archives showing how TBC contributed to the Repeal of the “Taxation on Knowledge” aka the 1819 Newspapers and Stamp Duties Act introduced soon after Peterloo in order to stop the spread of pamphlets of radical reformers. His 1821 invention to enable the drying of the wet paper produced by rollers, from rags, by the Fourdrinier process, resulted in the cheap production of paper and thus books and newspapers facilitating knowledge for the masses. Parliamentary campaigners fought long





and hard to repeal the taxes on access to information which had led to newspaper, paper and advertising duties. TBC was consulted by Thomas Milner Gibson the radical MP for Manchester

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas\\_Milner\\_Gibson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Milner_Gibson) and he gave him valuable insight into the benefits

of cheap paper both from the number of jobs it would generate directly in the mill as well as indirectly from the delivery process, via subsidiary industries, . Much more to come re this and much of it started in Farnworth. The Bolton News has taken note now as well 2nd September "Archaeological dig at Rock Hall discovers 19th century coin" →



<https://tinyurl.com/4v4u4w23>. the Manchester Evening News have "A mission to uncover the secrets of Farnworth's derelict landmark Rock Hall has been unused since 2014 but it has a colourful past" on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept <https://tinyurl.com/2xy52dcv> . Come on let's get Farnworth , Bolton on the historic trail map.

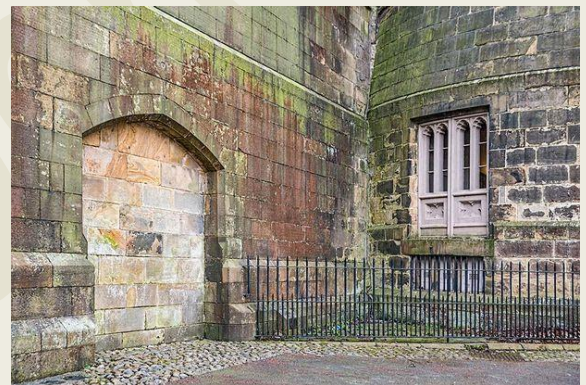
## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

"Everyone executed in Lancashire between 1735 and 1910 and why". <https://tinyurl.com/45mkup7f>  
Highwaymen, robbers, rapists, murderers, and counterfeiters, everyone executed at Lancaster between 1735 and 1910. By Dominic Moffitt 10:56, 15 AUG 2021 UPDATED 10:59, 15 AUG 2021

---"Looking at data from the Capital Punishment UK website by historian Richard Clark, <http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/> LancsLive was able to collate all the executions that happened in Lancaster from 1735 to 1910, when we begin to see clear records of executions.

Although Lancashire criminals were executed in other places before, during, and after this period, Lancaster is the only modern Lancashire city to have held executions."—

Picture shows The exterior of Lancaster Castle's The Hanging Corner. Courtesy of Lancs Live . <https://tinyurl.com/45mkup7f>



This is the main page of the Capital Punishment website <http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/contents.html> . I suspect this is likely to become a source of pride if someone can find an ancestor on here. A bit like the elite of Australia 😊. Have fun.



"Jamaican ancestry: How to find Jamaican family history records" <https://tinyurl.com/zpmdns5f>

"Sharon Hintze from WDYTYR August 11, 2021, reveals how you can trace your Jamaican ancestry using online records, many of them free.---

"Baptism, marriage and burial records are crucial for discovering the dates of key events in your Jamaican ancestors' lives. The earliest religious groups active in Jamaica were Catholics and Sephardic Jews during the Spanish occupation. The Church of England arrived with the English. By 1661 there were 15 parishes, and eventually 22, amalgamated to 14 today. The parishes came under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London until 1824 when the Diocese of Jamaica was formed.

Existing records of these parishes have been digitised and indexed in a collection called Jamaica, Church of England Parish Register Transcripts 1664–1880, which is available on FamilySearch and continually updated. The transcribed text is available on Ancestry without images, and Findmypast with images, but the most up-to-date version with images is on FamilySearch".

## COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)

More from Stanley Covell, Bolton historian and his memories of working in a Bolton mill, and more 😊

As to the last Mule it would probably be in the 1960's 70's, I left working in the mill 1961, it was still running then. I worked in The North End Spinning Co, Tipping's Road, Bolton, I was one of the last of my age to work on a Spinning Mule. This is a photo of The North End Spinning Co. →. There were 5 rooms filled with Mules, the length of a Mule was the length between the tower on the left and the factory chimney on the right. Probably long before I started in the mill, my parents both worked in the mill at one time, so did many others, I was 15 years old when I started in the mill 1957. The date on the North End mill machines was Dobson and Barlow 1903 when this cotton mill first started.



Many years ago on Blackburn Road Bolton, (there) was an Ironmonger shop called Harrisons. When you walked into this shop you could smell the lamp oil (Paraffin) for your Kelly Lamp you used in the outside lavatory to stop the water pipes from freezing, there was the smell of fire lighters too, Mrs. Harrison sold screws and nails, tools, kettles, tin baths in small and large sizes, kitchen paraphernalia all you were likely to need, cotton workers pickers, **band** knives and a band dressing called Grippo. This made the Mules run faster, and helped to stop friction fires in the cotton mill.

When I started working in the North End Spinning Co. Bolton it was my first job after leaving school when I was 15 years old, I had to buy a "Picker" which was a short hand tool, with a flat hook on the working end, this tool was about five inches long with a sharp "L" shaped hook on one end the other end a bent ring large enough for a finger to slide through, a band knife (which was like a penknife but very strong, and used to cut spindle bands, (a long thin piece of string that drove the mules spinning spindles, it was also used to cut ropes. Another thing sold by the Ironmonger was ropesoled shoes use mainly by woman workers to stop them slipping on the oily mill floors, the male spinners worked in bare feet.

I myself knew Mrs Harrison so did my parents, my Mam wanted a new tin bath, we didn't have a fitted bathroom, we lived in a two up two down house in Egerton Street Bolton, with the lavatory in the backyard. My Mam sent me to buy a tin bath from Harrisons ironmongers, Mam told me carry it down the backstreet, so the neighbours wouldn't see it, and start talking, I got to our back gate and banged on the tin bath, I shouted let me in there's a crowd out here wanting to use it first, my mam said get it in quick you silly sod, and I'm using it first in the kitchen. There wasn't anybody in the backstreet anyway, but I did get told off for saying there was. Mam loved her new tin bath, so I was Forgiven. Picture shows a typical tin bath used by many circa 1950s. How times have changed.



## COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES



Please note these events are all included free to subscribed MLFHS members, £3 to guests, booking via Eventbrite.



**Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm Manchester Branch**

**"1921 Census Centenary Project 'The Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921' by Dr. Éamon Phoenix,**

As part of our 1921 Census project, we are pleased to present the online presentation 'The

Anglo Irish Treaty of 1921: From the Irish War of Independence to Negotiations and Civil War' by Dr. Éamon Phoenix, a trustee of the Ulster Historical Foundation and retired University educator from Stranmillis University College. Dr. Phoenix is a specialist in early twentieth century Irish political history and has written a highly acclaimed book called Northern Nationalism: Nationalist Politics, Partition and the Catholic Minority in Northern Ireland, 1890-1940.

Booking is via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-anglo-irish-treaty-of-1921-tickets-148719924297?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



**Saturday 11th September 2021, at 2pm Oldham and District Branch**

**"A History of the Co-operative Movement ...from the Rochdale Pioneers to the present day" by Sophie McCulloch of the Co-op Archives**

Covering the development of independent Co-operative Societies; an explanation of the 'divi', and how different are the co-ops of today.

Using materials from the Co-operative Heritage Trust Archive, this talk will give an overview of the co-op movement from its beginnings to the present day. It will cover the Rochdale Pioneers and their influence on the global

movement, the introduction of the 'divi', and the growth of the Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS). More than just a shop, this talk will explore how the co-op was an integral part of peoples' lives in many other ways.

There will also be a chance to find out about the work of the Heritage Trust and the co-op movement today.

Booking on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-history-of-the-co-operative-movement-rochdale-pioneers-to-the-present-tickets-163737548415?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



**Saturday , 18th September 14:00 – 16:30 Anglo Scottish FHS Meeting.**

**"Scottish Marriage Customs Buckled for Life." By Chris Paton**

In this presentation Chris Paton will be talking about Scottish Marriage customs and how they have changed over time.

Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/anglo-scottish-fhs-meeting-scottish-marriage-customs-buckled-for-life-tickets-163342143749>

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 17th September. If you do not receive your invitation at that time, please contact [angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk)





**MANY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES' MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED, BUT SOME ARE NOW TRYING TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. WE ADVISE CHECKING THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES PERIODICALLY FOR UPDATES ON SAME.**



**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,



**Wednesday 22nd September 2021 7.30pm Turton Local History Society at Longsight Methodist Community Hall** <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>

We are restarting meetings . The annual general meeting will take care of the usual formalities - reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and election of officers. Afterwards there will be a short talk examining the evidence for where the Bromley Cross might once have stood.

Illustrated talks and meetings are normally held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm.



**Thursday 9th September, 7:30pm by Zoom Westhoughton Local History Group – Michael Harrison on "The History of Brookfield"** <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>

Brookfield is a masonic lodge building just off Church Street in Westhoughton. It is a grand building with a large function room and some other meeting rooms, and many of you might have been there for a wedding reception or a charity fund-raiser dinner. Michael is going to tell us how it has developed into the establishment it is today. To join Zoom Meeting, click this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82902882790?pwd=ZTc5c0N4WCtVdmdqbHNiMzhiQU82QT09>

or Google "join Zoom meeting" and enter these numbers: Meeting ID: 829 0288 2790 Passcode: 721142



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

Meetings are normally 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

**Sunday 12th September 2021. Belmont Local History Society**

*We will be going on a historic walk around the bottom end of the village, looking at what used to be around the bottom half of the village, with information, stories and photos. We'll meet at the top of Maria Sq and start at 2pm, go on the walk (don't worry, it's not too long) and finish in St. Peter's with refreshments.*

*Everyone is welcome, whether you have been to meetings before or if this is the first one, you'll come to. A reminder we have no set membership, we are a friendly group who share an interest in Belmont's past.*

*If you have any photos, stories or information, why not bring them along, we'd love to see them.*

*Look forward to seeing you there!*

