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This month's banner is a copy of our first newsletter posted July 2014. A completely new innovation at the time <https://tinyurl.com/cevb5yvv>  
Hello All.

It seems I am definitely losing the plot. Although I recall for certain that it was about this time in 2014 that I was asked by the then Chairman Brian Whittle, and his deputy Graham Holt, to consider launching a monthly online newsletter for Bolton Family History Society, ( and this <https://tinyurl.com/cevb5yvv> is in fact the link to the first edition in July 2014), I sadly was not professional enough to consider numbering the subsequent editions until much later in the years. (Well, I never did profess to be anything more than an amateur anyway). I now cannot work out though, how after 96 months, this July 2022 edition has become the 98<sup>th</sup> . Maybe somebody better at maths than myself can sort it out. Perhaps it was an extra announcement somewhere along the line? You can see from this quandary though that I am flagging . Can you spot the many differences between the first and now ?

In the early days of course word processing was completely new to me, having had no clerical training ever. Everything was self-taught, and I still only type with two fingers (and am sadly paying for it these days). I was grateful to have access to Bob Thornley, who I pestered incessantly about how to move things about the page , correct fonts, spellings and grammar, and find things that I had lost. There were no pictures until much later when I began to feel a bit more confident and braver enough to experiment. Then I had to learn about checking sources, references , copyright regulations, and how to copy and paste, and quote people correctly. This thankfully had been learned a bit when doing essays at university but needed adapting, and probably still is not perfect. .

Material has also been an ongoing challenge and often a famine or a feast situation. **All help has always been very gratefully received.** Perhaps it is my fault that the newsletter has become more than just a circular

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A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Hello and welcome

This is the prototype of our new project. An idea which has been long overdue mainly because of limited resources, and know how, hopefully now surmounted. You are receiving this because we have obtained your email or land address from the membership list of the MLFHS, selected as having a Bolton post code, or you are known to have Bolton interests either as a resident or via family history. Our aims are to:

- Invite and collate information & recent activity reports from other members for general circulation
- Announce planned courses and invite people to enrol
- Give a brief summary of our last Bolton talk and
- advertise at least the next month's talk and activities if not further on and invite interest to same
- Provide regular links to other branches/ local organisations/ interesting sites, which will probably be repeated monthly with a brief summary of coming talks, projects etc. if relevant.
- Pass on information about the release of relevant new databases, offers etc.
- Invite constructive comments / requests on what we are doing, ideas for speakers, advice with "brick walls"
- And of course encourage people (including those like myself with no local family interests), to join M&LFHS in order to enjoy the "stimulating company" of like-minded people (well we do try) . use the forum for general help, and make members aware of the other facilities they may not have picked up on
- Try to keep you informed of useful and mainly free websites / newsletters / blogs which are regularly available
- Plus other stuff not even listed here yet.

of news and monthly activities , but it has all been done to generate and share interest to both members, and casual enquirers.

So, what do you think about it now? Typing issues are taking their toll physically and the time is approaching when I will sadly no longer be able to continue. Fresh blood is needed and new ideas. Any ideas or even offers please?

## **BFHS's MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE BOTH LIVE AND ONLINE .**

Our live talks in the room are held at Bolton Golf Club, Chorley New Road, BL6 4AJ. This is the link to get there from any local address by private or public transport.

<https://www.boltongolfclub.co.uk/contact/how-to-find-us/>



Despite initial teething problems the plan continues to be that the live talks will also be zoomed from here.

The usual facilities are on offer of , ( a bar where tea and coffee and more are available, a Stationery Table for recycled genealogy books and magazines, discounted Godfrey maps of local areas, discounted equipment , and now catalogues for My History plus 10% discount vouchers good until September 16th).



Don't be misled by these pictures re numbers though as the new room provides more seating to the side than previous. Our July talk saw 50 in total between the room and a very successful zoom so we are rather pleased with these results, and in the middle of the holiday season. Thank you to those of you who dropped in.

Meetings from other branches of the MLFHS remain available, some live, some Zoomed, some hybrid, and

free to all members. Just scroll down the page of this link <https://www.mlfhs.uk/> , and select an event. Visitors are also welcome for a small charge.

## **BOOKING**

**LIVE IN THE ROOM** -We are now trying to move on re the post pandemic precautions. Whilst being fully aware that we are not yet Covid free and must continue with sensible lifestyles, life does have to go on doesn't it. With this in mind your committee has decided that from August we will no longer be asking for folk to pre book online for our live meetings. Just come, and we will

- simply ask you to give your names and membership numbers in at the desk, and for
- guests to give names and pay £3 entrance fees as normal.

BUT remember we have limited seating, and we may have to close the doors if it does get too full. .

**ZOOM-** We hope to be providing reliable streaming now, and Eventbrite bookings need to be continued. This is the link for our next talk with bookings available now .

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/was-my-grandfather-a-professional-footballer-a-zoom-meeting-tickets-274188965577>

Some of the other events can be booked for reminders when available.

- Bolton's meeting room opens at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on the first Wednesday of most months. Zoomers can sign in from 7.15pm.

Well, we are very happy to be able to tell you that at last we achieved our first totally successful hybrid talk. This review by Helen Pitt who at last managed to see the meeting live from Ontario, Canada .

Margaret Southgate, the South and West Wales Representative of the Guild on One-Name Studies gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Guild and benefits to members and non-members, as well as how to start a one-name study of one's own. Margaret started her talk by explaining that although now living in South Wales she was born and bred in Horwich, so this trip was also a bit of a reminiscence break for herself.

(Editor, I found this lady via a personal DNA connection on the Lancashire DNA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1877532758992155>, it turns out we are 5<sup>th</sup> Close cousins from Swaledale, Yorkshire, and later caught up with her when she gave a free zoom talk to Glamorgan FHS during one of the lock downs. There were some wonderful opportunities to see other FHS meetings , which surfaced over the last couple of years, which I found helped get through the difficult times and recommend) .



A One-Name study is a compilation of the genealogy, history, and distribution of all the people with a single surname and its variants. The purpose is to preserve information and to share it with others. The Guild of One-Name Studies was established in 1979 when a group of one-name societies decided to form an umbrella group to share information and expertise. Currently it has members in 30 countries and 2,500 members.

A one-name study can be helpful in family history research by showing migration patterns, connecting with new possible “cousins” and in eliminating possibilities of the same name in family tree research. For instance, by entering a surname on the Guild’s homepage, one can see if the name is registered, but also, for unregistered names, whether people of your chosen surname married a person with a registered surname, revealing possible unknown connections.

The primary access portal to the Guild’s work is their website: <https://one-name.org/> . Resources available to non-members on the site include sign-up to the non-members mailing list, ability to determine which surnames are already being studied, access to past issues of the quarterly Guild Journal (1980-2017), and access to Guild Indices, Guild-registered websites, the Guild shop and You tube recordings. Non-members can also use the Marriage Locator <http://www.marriage-locator.co.uk/> which will provide the name of the church where a wedding took place if a GRO reference is available.

Resources available to members are more extensive and include current issues of the Guild Journal, full Guild and Member website access, access to the digital library, the regional rep, forums and chat rooms, wikis and DNA study support. <https://one-name.org/guild-resources/> . It also includes the ability to participate in projects such as NewsWatch project, where a member “adopts” a newspaper and checks the BMD information for any surnames being studied and the Marriage Challenge, where a member will adopt a local record office and check for marriages involving registered names.

Margaret also provided information on how to start a one-name study.

The first step is to check the frequency of the name (<https://apps.cdrc.ac.uk/gbnames/> or [ancestry.co.uk](https://ancestry.co.uk) ). Another resource is the Surname Atlas which is based on the 1881 census and shows the number and distribution of the surname). She had a copy of the atlas software at the meeting and invited Zoom participants to email her if they wanted to her to look up a name ([margaret.southgate@one-name.org](mailto:margaret.southgate@one-name.org) ). It is important to include variants of the name.

Margaret noted that she is studying the Close surname but also the Closs variant. (Editor- mine was Claws in the Parish Register). You should note that the more people there are with a surname, the more challenging the study.

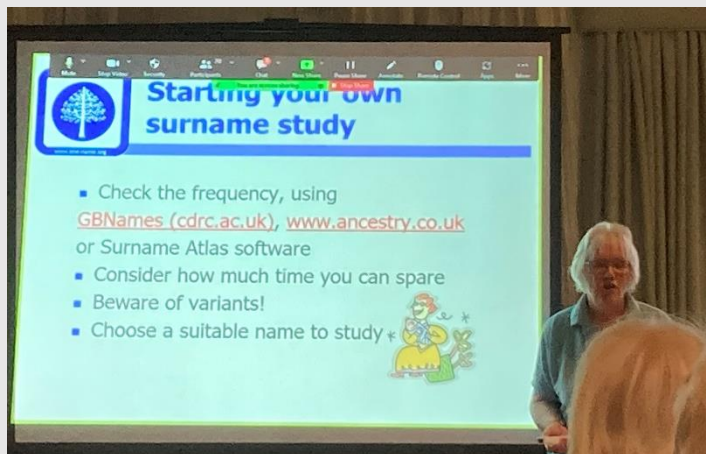
The next step is to collect data, beginning with free data that can be downloaded: from UKBMD, the 1881 census from Find My Past, Family Search.org. Lancs OPC, etc. From this information, you can start reconstructing family trees to see how they interconnect. Joining a Facebook group such as local ones Lancashire DNA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1877532758992155>, Lancashire Genealogy, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/113369512152128> , or using the Guild's <https://www.facebook.com/guildonename> page or website programme will also provide useful information on how to go about your study.

After this, it is useful to get a subscription to Find My Past or Ancestry (Editor- Free at many local public libraries), and upload the information you have. Then you can register the surname with the Guild and create a profile page which will publicize your study and allow others to contact you.

Margaret then demonstrated the information available on some Lancashire surnames in the Atlas:  
Dingsdale – this name is registered and all the people in 1881 were in Lancashire although variants were more widespread (total 2000 names) and multiple variants  
Skipperbottom – only 112 in 1881 (variant – Skippobottom)—(Editor- some may remember a story we had in this newsletter a few years ago about a Bolton Shipperbottom being transported to Australia <https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/newsletter/genies-archive/2019-1/1251-genie-2019-01-1/file> )  
Ironfield – 92 in 1881 , all in Lancashire  
Shorrocks – 1417 in 1881, with 96% in Lancashire but many variants  
Greenhalgh – more than 6000 people, 92% of whom were in Lancashire, and 34 variants!

#### **There were a number of questions:**

- - Why start with 1837 and how can you research surnames before that? 1837 is a good start date because more information is available. Prior to that parish registers and probate indices are useful
- - If a name has been registered in one county, can it be registered by someone else in another? When a name study is registered with the Guild, it is a worldwide registration which means it is publicized over a wide area and this increases the chances that others will provide information.
- - What happens to a one-name study if the researcher dies? If the owner has put in writing that the study can remain online, it will be saved, although not changed. Alternatively, it can be deposited in the Guild's digital library to "future proof" it.
- - A question was asked regarding GEDcom files. These files can be freely converted from information in Ancestry and Find My Past and downloaded to transfer to other software. (Editor see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GEDCOM> or ask our helpline).



- - Are there many non-British names in the Guild's register? There are not a large number although it depends on the origin of the name and the quality of the records. Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the US have good records, and this may be why.
- Are talks and seminars available to none members or just members ? Some are available to both. There are a few options including recording of talks to catch up later if you were not able to attend the live event. Check here <https://one-name.org/guild-webinar-series/>
- - How many names are being studied? The website [https://one-name.org/surnames\\_a-z/](https://one-name.org/surnames_a-z/) says currently about 8, 259.
- - How many Welsh and Scottish names are there? This is unclear since they are not organized by country of origin. At least one possible Welsh name (Parry) and some possible Scottish or Irish names were identified. All names can be seen here, this page is the Ms [https://one-name.org/surnames\\_A-Z/?initial=M](https://one-name.org/surnames_A-Z/?initial=M).
- - If you register two names for studies, do you pay twice? Yes, because it means two registrations.
- - If you take over a registration from someone who dies, do you pay? Margaret suggested contacting the Guild.

Attendees thanked Margaret enthusiastically for a very interesting talk and I understand the Zoom conversation continued for some time, and Margaret was certainly there for at least another half hour checking name clusters in the Surname Atlas.

Thank you Helen for this very helpful write up.

## COMING EVENTS



**15<sup>th</sup> July 2.15 - 3.15 pm "Crash , bang, wallop , what a picture"** Archivist David Tilsley will share some photographic treasures from the Lancashire Archive collections. No need to book. Just click and join.

To Join on Zoom, follow this link :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85797653089?pwd=QlVnZEVCRUZQczhkMktCczBBcVBwdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 9765 3089

Passcode: 711357

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 7.15 pm for 7.30pm "Finding Aunt Sarah" - a BFHS Zoomed talk by Dr Alan Crosby**

This is of course a repeat by Alan of the excellent talk he gave to us as our first in our new venue , last April. Sadly, the Zoom failed, and then Covid prevented the attempted repeat later that month. This is the first availability we have been able to arrange since then.

We are very aware that Zoomers pay the same subscriptions as Roomers, and should be receiving as near the same opportunities as is possible, especially with recent advances in technology. The original talk was written up and the report can be seen in our April newsletter

<https://www.mlfhs.uk/bolton/newsletter/genies-archive/2022/1882-genie-2022-04/file> , but here is a chance to actually hear Alan in action and ask him questions if you wish. Tickets are available using this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-aunt-sarah-a-talk-by-dr-alan-crosby-tickets-368847762587>



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7.15pm "Was my grandfather a professional footballer? Sources of information for Family Historians at the National Football Museum" by Peter Holme - the Curator in the Research Centre of the National Football Museum in the Urbis Building at the Cathedral Gardens in Manchester.

Picture courtesy of <https://spartacus-educational.com/BOLTONjack.htm> shows David Jack scoring in the 1926 FA Cup Final.

Peter tells us "In the past I have done talks about the early history of football and the role of Lancashire in the development of professional football. However, on this occasion I hope to talk about sources of information and how to trace an ancestor who was a footballer.

At the National Football Museum, we receive quite a few requests from family historians for information from our extensive library & archive, (housed at the Preston site). These enquiries are very interesting, and we have members of staff, volunteers and national contacts with a varied expertise who can help answer the questions posed.

It will be a Powerpoint presentation which will focus on Football & Family history with some case studies of typical enquiries we receive."

Booking link here for Zoomers <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/was-my-grandfather-a-professional-footballer-a-zoom-meeting-tickets-274188965577>

Roomers please just come. See p2 for more details



### GENIE'S TIPS for July 2022



#### 10% Discount Voucher at My History-- You Lucky People

Subsequent to Jackie Depelle's talk last May which she followed up by providing us with some discount vouchers for My History <https://www.my-history.co.uk/>, and after Mark O'Neil's talk in

April re how to conserve ageing documents and photographs, we have been making enquiries re reputable firms who can provide good quality storage equipment. We have returned to My History who have been good to us in the past, and they have been generous enough to provide us with catalogues now available at our stationery desk, and also more of our own discount vouchers for 10% off, good until September 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. 😊

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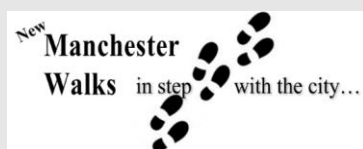
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<https://tinyurl.com/5dxrm97h> I believe Ed Glinert used to be one of this group of knowledgeable Blue Badge Guides and has been conducting guided walks around Manchester for many years. This is the current list <https://manchesterguidedtours.com/guides>. Since Covid it seems he has changed his format in an effort to encourage us all to get out and about again and gone independent. The talks are certainly very interesting if you have a couple of hours to spare, and some may be suitable to take the kids out for a bit of culture input over the school holiday.

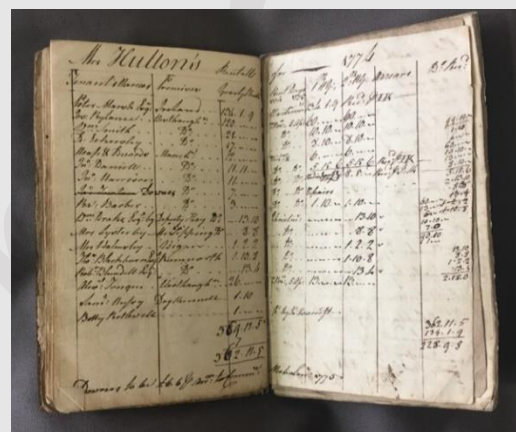


## Estate Papers

Did anybody have relatives who travelled to Harewood House Yorkshire for employment on the estate? There are over a 1000 names on their database

posted 25 August 2015, Search Harewood's Servants' Database <https://servants.harewood.org/> and even if your ancestors did not work there, what a shining example of what might be found on the websites from the estate papers of other grand houses. Not all unfortunately are online yet, but worth asking.

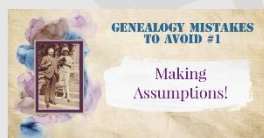
Some of us have seen the papers from the Hulton estate at Lancashire County Record Office (these are the Tenancy Lists) → , and our talks about Worsley New Hall by Mike Nevell a few years ago mentioned estate papers from there, I think now at Manchester CRO. Maybe your ancestor was a bit more than an "FS" or "MS" or "ag lab."



"Genealogy Mistakes to Avoid " courtesy of Scottish Indexers (but good advice for all of us) <https://www.facebook.com/scottish.indexes/>

Those of you who use Facebook might have come across this series

of simple but effective guidelines that we should all be following for any basic genealogy research. Scottish Indexers, <https://www.scottishindexes.com/> run by genealogists Graham and Emma Maxwell (who recently gave a Zoom talk to the Anglo Scots branch), seem to have created the series but many other groups are now passing them on, and we have permission to share.



**1 Do not assume anything** . Let's say you find your family in the census, a husband, wife and three children. From 1851 in Scotland, you will be told how each person relates to the head of the house, usually the husband. Therefore, you will be told that the woman is the wife of the head, and the children are his children; that's right, his children. It would be easy to assume that all the children are biological children of both the husband and the wife, but the census will not tell us if that's the case or not. Of course, they often will be, but keep digging and find documents to support this. ---

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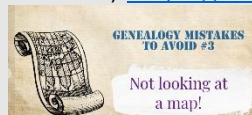




**2 Not looking at the next page.** I was looking at a passenger list the other day. The first time I looked at it I thought I had read all the information. Later I went back to review it and realised there was more information on the next image. The relative in Scotland was listed on the second page! If you can, always look at the page before and the one after to make sure you have come to the end of the record. It's a good habit to get into.

For example, is the top person on the first page listed as the head of the house? If they are at the foot of the page, are there two small lines indicating the end of the household? If not, the rest of the family may be over the page.

It's not just passenger lists and census records this applies to. In some countries birth, marriage and death records may have something written on the back. This is less likely to happen in Scotland; the exception would be that a sibling may be listed on the previous or next page of a parish register (but this would be indexed). <https://www.facebook.com/scottish.indexes/photos/a.591347074300439/4706011112833994/>



**3 Not looking at a map.** (Editor Good advice for wherever we are researching). When we're hunting for our family remember they can move from place to place. In fact, agricultural labourers may have moved every 6 months. It may not be too surprising that we find our ancestors have moved but where have they moved to? Does it make sense?

We might try to match up a family from Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland with a family in Campbeltown, Argyll, Scotland. If you are not familiar with Scottish geography this may seem OK, but checking the map will show you the great distances involved and reveal that it would not be an easy journey. Nothing is impossible, but make sure you are connecting the right families. For example, if you have your family in Huntly in 1861 then you think you have them in Campbeltown in 1871 check the 1861 census of Campbeltown. If you find the family, there in 1861 it can't be 'your' family.

The opposite is also true. A map could show you that places are very close together. Let's say you have a family in the 1840 census living in Weem Parish, but you find the baptisms in the Parish of Killin. As this is a different parish and seemingly a good distance away, it could seem like the 'wrong family'. Looking at a map showing where the family were living and where the church is would show you that the children were baptised at the closest church even though it was in a different parish.

For old maps check out the National Library of Scotland. They have a great collection <https://maps.nls.uk/> and they are all free to access.

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**4 Ignoring the occupation** When trying to match our family up with the records it can be a real challenge when they have common names and lots of cousins in the same parish also have the same names. It can be a real tangle.

Sometimes we're so focused on the names we forget about the occupation. Although people did sometimes change their occupation, it's fairly unlikely that a married man would change occupation from a stone mason to a shoemaker. Both of these occupations would require an apprenticeship. Our ancestors would have served as an apprentice as a teenager and perhaps into their early 20s before they got married. How would a married man with children afford to be able to serve an apprenticeship and switch professions as we can today?

Of course, some occupations are the same but described differently. A shoemaker in one record may be described as a cordwainer in another. A shipwright may also be described as a joiner. Or you may find a grocer being described as a victualler. If you come across an occupation that is uncommon today,

<https://www.facebook.com/scottish.indexes/photos/a.591347074300439/4726498417451930/?type=3>



**5 Not keeping a research log.** This is one I think we will all be guilty of. We're hunting down an ancestor, looking here, there and everywhere. We search newspapers on Findmypast then head to Ancestry and others making all sorts of searches; then we

have to stop. We're right in the middle of our research and we have to put the tea on or go to bed! When we come back to our research, we can't remember what we've searched already and end up doing it all again.

I like to keep a simple research log. It doesn't have to be complicated. You could write it in a notebook, use a spreadsheet or make a simple Google Doc. An electronic note is useful as you can paste the URLs of entries. For example, let's say I am searching the Kirk Session records on ScotlandsPeople. I may come across an entry which could be relevant but I'm not sure. I copy and paste the reference above the entry and put this in a Google Doc, then I copy the URL. The URL is the text in the address bar at the top of the page that will start

'https://www.scot....' Copy and paste the whole thing, even if it's really long. I then make a quick note like "could be X, Y or Z person but not sure."

<https://www.facebook.com/scottish.indexes/photos/a.591347074300439/4738250516276720/?type=3>

Five more next month---



Lost Cousins <https://www.lostcousins.com/newsletters2/endjun22news.htm>

Most of us should also know about this brilliant and free online newsletter posted out by Peter Calver about twice a month. He must prepare it for the love of it because even if you decided to pay the annual £12.50 subscription,

for me that is cheap for the information that he regularly passes on, and of course the chance that you might find a relative via his system is a bonus. I am mentioning it again this month because I do think the article by Dr Janet Few in this latest newsletter "Masterclass: Before you ask for help...." is well worth a read.

## MISCELLANEOUS

From The Essex Record Office

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 · The Birth of Civil Registration 187 years ago

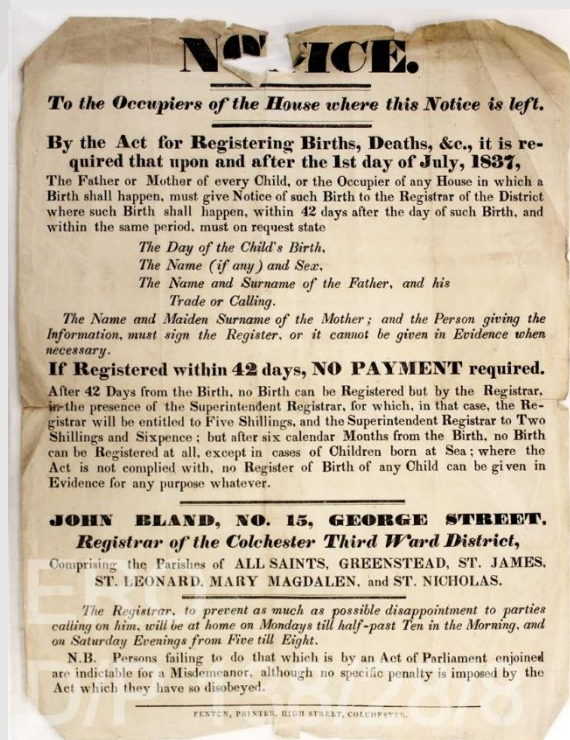
*"Civil Registration in England began On This Day in 1837. This public notice explained this new requirement to residents of Colchester and gave information about how and where to register.*

*We think it is particularly interesting to note the advertised penalty for late registration and the small window of time that the Registrar was available (in his own home!)."*

(This image can be easily enlarged if you are viewing this online, but the relevant paragraph says

"If Registered within 42 days no payment required. After 42 days no birth can be registered but by the Registrar within the presence of the Superintendent Registrar, for which in that case the Registrar will be entitled to Five Shillings and the Superintendent Registrar to Two Shillings and Sixpence: But after Six Calendar Months from the Birth, no Birth can be Registered at all, except in the cases of Children born at Sea: where the Act is not complied with, no Register of any Birth of any child can be given in any Evidence for any purpose whatsoever. )

Comments welcome. For me this might explain a lot of missing entries, ( and of course other allegations of fictitious entries which were remunerated).



## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

### Lancashire Records



<http://goo.gl/l29JpL>



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



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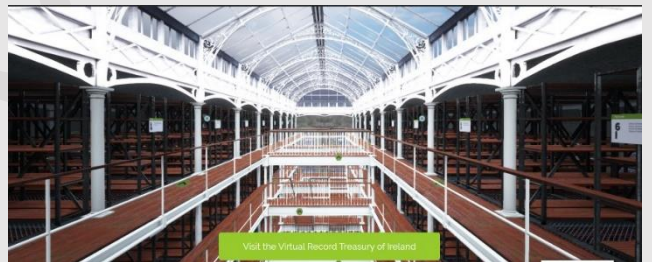


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Maoínchiste Annála Samhaltas na hÉireann

Welcome to the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland — <https://www.virtualtreasury.ie/>

June 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 of course marked the centenary of the terrible explosion and fire which caused the destruction of the Irish Archives in Dublin during their civil war. Pictures courtesy of <https://www.virtualtreasury.ie/image-galleries/occupation-and-fire> . A virtual digital replacement has now been created to try to replace the resource . We are told --

*“This is an an “all-island” and international legacy for the Decade of Centenaries. The Treasury re-imagines and reconstructs through digital technologies the Public Record Office of Ireland, a magnificent archive destroyed on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1922, in the opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. This is an open-access resource, freely and permanently available online to all those interested in Ireland’s deep history at home and abroad. Together with our partners across Ireland and around the world, we are democratizing access to invaluable records and illuminating seven centuries of Irish history. A momentous anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 marked the centenary of the destruction of the Four Courts in Dublin in the opening engagement of the Irish Civil War. Located within the Four Courts complex along the River Liffey was the Public Records Office of Ireland, where seven centuries of Irish archival history was stored. Having been occupied by forces opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the subsequent partition of Ireland, shelling of the building began on 28 June 1922, and by 30 June it had caught fire. With it went much of the archival collections.*



*Such was the extent of the destruction that little of the building survived except the remains of the steel structure of the repository. In the subsequent weeks, months and years, the staff assessed the damage and made efforts to collect and stabilise the partial collections that had survived. Now, however, technological advances and a renewed interest have made it possible to assess fully what has been lost and through a project called Beyond 2022, the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland launched on 27 June 2022.*





## COMING ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER MLFHS BRANCHES

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



### No Meeting August Manchester branch



### Saturday 13th August, at 2pm Oldham and District Branch "The Life of the Late James Johnson" An illustrated talk given by Carol Talbot

Around Sept 1866 James Johnson arrived in Oldham looking for work. Many people did, but James Johnson was different, he was a slave. James escaped from North Carolina in 1862 during the American Civil War. After many escapades and adventures, he settled in Oldham and found work. He married a local woman who taught him to read and write. He remained in the town until his death in 1914.

Booking will be on Eventbrite. Option to book for the talk through the MLFHS website, Oldham Branch, 'Meetings' Page. <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events>



### No Meeting August Anglo Scottish Branch

See here for their coming events. <https://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>

## OTHER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETIES' MEETINGS

WE ADVISE CHECKING THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES PERIODICALLY FOR UPDATES ON SAME.



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

#### 30th August On the Go Theatre Company "You've Never had it so Good"

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,



### Turton Local History Society <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>

#### 25 Aug – "Deciphering Old Handwriting" by Anna Watson

. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Thursday of beginning at 7.30pm.



### Westhoughton Local History Group <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>

#### 18th August "Northerners" by Brian Groom

Brian Groom is a journalist, formerly political editor of the Financial Times and editor of Scotland on Sunday. He is originally from Stretford but now lives in Saddleworth. Northerners is based on his book "Northerners, A History from the Middle Ages to the 21st century". It is a very entertaining talk cleverly intertwining migration, invasion and battles with inventors such as Richard Arkwright and the famous such as Emmeline Pankhurst and the Beatles. All this is in less than one hour.

For the time being our meetings are held at the Hub, Central Drive.



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

#### 9th August "The Celts" by Mark Olly

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.