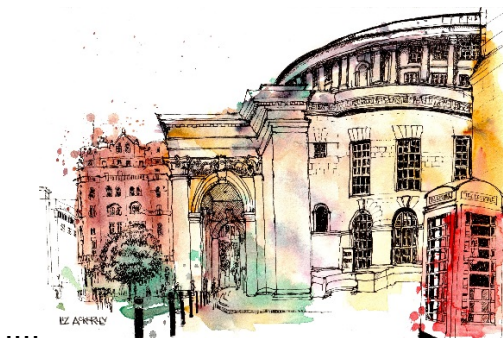


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Our Help Desk Needs your help

A plea for volunteers

Owing to a change of circumstances for a number of our team members this means we are now looking for more volunteers to join our Family History Help Desk based at Manchester Central Library.

If helping other MLFHS members and library visitors with their family history is something that interests you and you have good experience of family history research then please contact Leslie Turner: helpdesk@mlfhs.org.uk for more information.

The Society is always looking for volunteers not only to provide a service at our Help Desk but also helping with transcription work for our many and varied projects. As you can see in this newsletter our volunteers have been very busy and John Marsden continues to advise us on current updates to our ever growing database. The projects team is currently looking

at a number of potential projects and so if you feel you could give a little time to the Society then we would be delighted to hear from you by contacting us through our MLFHS Office: - office@mlfhs.org.uk. Transcription work is normally carried out at home.

As usual we have a number of new book titles but if these are not to your taste then please visit our bookshop where there are many special offers.

The Bolton and Oldham branches are holding 'hybrid' talks while the Anglo Scottish branch are holding their meeting at Central Library.

Manchester Festival of Libraries Wednesday, 15th June 2022
ACTIVISM- PAST-FUTURE-PRESENT

This event is being promoted by Archives+ in Manchester Central Library from 4.00-7.00. Manchester & Lancashire FHS will be in attendance featuring the work of a number of Manchester philanthropists whose imagination changed the social behaviour of their time. More details later in this newsletter.

We are now entering the holiday season so please bare with us if we are a little slow at times answering your queries or delivering bookshop items. Perhaps now is the time to relax and review your family tree research and plan how to knock down those brick walls that we all seem to have.

Best wishes
Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to report that the first Quarterly Meeting since the beginning of the Covid pandemic went off very well. My thanks to Elsie, Barry, Lynne and Sue for their work in setting up the Performance Space, equipment and for greeting both the visiting speakers and the returning members. My fears of a low attendance turned out to be groundless and it was great to see so many of you. You enjoyed two smashing presentations by our old friends, Michael Billington and Joanna Williams, as well as participating in our Annual General Meeting [AGM]. Thanks, too to Carol Lee for booking inspiring speakers and such interesting topics. Did you know much about Tim Bobbin or the ground-breaking work of Lydia Becker?

Now that the ice has been broken, I look forward to greeting more members at future meetings.

I know that some members who live beyond the boundaries of Greater Manchester are disappointed that we were unable to offer the AGM as a hybrid meeting. We are hoping to overcome the technical obstacles posed by incompatible systems in Central Library, so that it will not be long before out-of-town members can participate online whilst local members gather in Central Library. This will maintain the extended reach we were able to achieve during the pandemic restrictions.

Good news, too, that appeals for volunteers have resulted in additional Helpdesk assistants to fill vacancies created by retirements owing to ill health. As you will see from the appeal elsewhere in this newsletter, we do still require a few more volunteers to fill vacancies which occur during the holiday season as well as to cover lunch periods. Why not put your

research skills to work to help one of the Society's most prestigious services to the family history community?

Since last month's newsletter we have heard of the passing of a stalwart of the Society for more than three decades. Bette Hall, Vice President and Fellow of the Society will be hard to replace. Friends and colleagues gathered with family at Stockport Crematorium, Cypress Chapel to pay their last respects to one of the Society's finest. A full obituary will appear in a future edition of The Manchester Genealogist.

I'd like to finish by highlighting an event in the library on Wednesday, 15th June. Full details of the Manchester Libraries Festival are published elsewhere in this newsletter. The theme of the event is engagement and activism. If you have an ancestor who has taken a pro-active stance in favour of fundamental change in society's behaviour, we want to hear from you. He/she might have been an early member of the Labour Party, a worker for Women's Rights, a volunteer with the International Brigade in Spain or a rambler on the Kinder Scout Trespass. Please send details for my attention to office@mlfhs.org.uk . Details of her or his activism will feature on the Wall of Activism.

Best wishes with your research,

David Muil

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Please feel free to contact the office office@mlfhs.org.uk for enquiries about your membership.

If contacting us please give your membership number and the surname of the member.

From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email. We have found it is easier to work from home and are able to provide a quicker service. If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to renew your subscription.

We now use Stripe so you can use Stripe or pay as a guest with your card.

Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to think about renewing and you can stop it at any time.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:

MLFHS
17 Fortacre Drive,
Bredbury,
SK6 2EZ

DO NOT send it to the office, we no longer take cash at the helpdesk. The Click and Collect is now available from our shop.

Best wishes
Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester Branch

There is no meeting planned for June

Bolton Branch



Researching House History - ZOOM Meeting

Date and time

Wed, 1 Jun 2022, 19:15 BST

Discovering the history of houses especially those with aristocratic connections has always been popular and many people link studying a property to their Family Tree. Recent television programmes have stimulated renewed interest in discovering who lived in a house and what happened within its walls. Taking over a family-built property prompted Jackie to research and record people, place and contents. This talk will draw on an extensive collection of sources, both online and awaiting discovery in archives. Join us to see what can be found and where.

Book for this ZOOM meeting [HERE](#)

Researching House History - LIVE Meeting

Date and time

Wed, 1 Jun 2022, 19:15 BST

Book for this LIVE meeting [HERE](#)

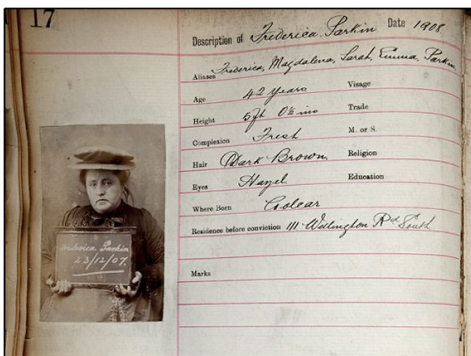
Location

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton
BL6 4AJ

Directions can be found by following the instructions on then Eventbrite page.

Full details of Bolton Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

Oldham Branch



'The Greater Manchester Police Museum' - a hybrid talk from Katie Henderson

Date and time

Sat, 11 June 2022

14:00 – 15:30 BST

An Illustrated, Hybrid Talk, given with an audience in the library and, simultaneously, to an online audience on Zoom.

About this event

" A dive into the archives of Greater Manchester Police Museum : what we collect, why we collect it and how it is used now. Featuring case studies of some of our most unique items."

An illustrated talk given by Katie Henderson, Saturday 11th June, at 2pm

A hybrid meeting, simultaneously in Oldham Library and on zoom.

* No booking necessary for attendance in the library and there will be coffee and biscuits for all on arrival.

* Audience in the Library : members free, non-members £3.

* Booking for zoom attendance is essential, on [Eventbrite](#), and will be free to both members & non-members. There are further details on the Eventbrite website.

Full details of Oldham Branch meetings <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

Anglo-Scots



Anglo Scottish FHS Meeting Finding Scots in Canada

Christine Woodcock

Date and time

Sat, 4 June 2022
14:00 – 16:30 BST

Christine is based in Canada and is therefore well placed and experienced, to tell us how best to find and track out Scots ancestors and ancestral cousins in Canada. We know that many Scots emigrated to Canada in the 19th century, many more before that and subsequently, and some of us have probably already discovered how detailed and useful Canadian records can be, so it will be invaluable to discover exactly what is available in the various States of Canada, how access may differ from one place to another, or whether research is actually easier than we may think!

The pandemic has made it impossible for Christine to be with us in England on this occasion, so we look forward to meeting Christine online this month.

This is sure to be a very popular talk, and early booking is recommended.

Book [HERE](#).

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 3rd June. If you do not receive your invitation at that time please contact angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk

Full details of Anglo-Scots Branch meetings at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events/meetings>

A reminder that you can register for your favourite Branch(es) by going to our website 'Manchester Ancestors', choosing your chosen Branch(es) and clicking on the 'newsletter' option. This will take you to the newsletter sign-up page. If you have logged on as a member then the form will be automatically filled for you. Just hit the sign up button. If you are not a Society member then you will have to fill in the form manually, identify yourself as not a robot and then sign in.

The National Archives

Please note that places are limited for these meetings and so early booking is essential. In the future why not monitor the [National Archives site](#).

Events

An exciting programme of [online talks](#) in June are for everyone and are delivered by experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of the events remain completely free, as are the [online research and academic events](#). Browse the latest programme below visit [FAQ page](#) to find out more about registering and accessing an event.

Missed an event or can't watch a talk live?

All events are viewable for 48 hours after the published date and time, which means that attendees who registered but were unable to view the live event can catch up at their leisure. You can also replay most of our talks on our [Archives Media Player](#), where our curated playlists will help you find talks of similar interest. Please be aware that it can take up to three months for past events to appear on our media player.

Priority booking to all events

Get priority booking to all our events every month when you subscribe to our weekly newsletter. Get priority booking – [sign up to our mailing list now](#).

PROJECTS UPDATE

Manchester Genealogist on line.

As this is now an ongoing process for new issues, the project is considered complete.

Another Alan Godfrey map has been indexed by Paul Thomas. This one is for Newton Heath in 1889. Paul had already indexed the same area for 1915 but this earlier map will be helpful where street names may have changed or where earlier institutions have disappeared in the intervening 26 years. Thanks to Paul for this addition which brings the index up to 22,153 references on 63 maps. More is in the pipeline!

Added 288 entries for Didsbury & Heaton Mersey 1904 and Fallowfield 1904 indexed by Martin Sullivan.

Also uploaded are 575 references to the Godfrey Map Index. These cover maps: Boothstown & Astley Green 1904, Radcliffe 1927, Radcliffe North 1908, Ainsworth 1908 and Bradshaw 1908

Thanks to John Gartside for these additions, which bring the total number of streets and buildings in the index up to 23,016.

The following updates have been posted to Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions Volumes covering admissions 1881-1889 (A-K).

A further 55 admissions between 1902 and 1904. Thanks to Jim Chadwick and his team (Marie Collier, Shirley King, Janet Moores, Chris Norcross.) for these.

Also 63 admissions 1882-1890

The following update has been posted to Miscellaneous Small Projects
Baptisms at Bolton Victoria Hall (Wes Meth) 1897-1965. Transcribed by members of Bolton & District FHS (1,194 records)

The following update has been posted to Newspaper Announcements
Added 3,069 BMD and Inquest references from the Manchester Mercury for 1823 and 1824 and Manchester Courier 1836-1840 (Inquests). Transcribed by Linda Bailey, Chris Hall and Chris Norcross.

If you are interested in taking part in this work (which is based on the Lancashire Libraries online newspaper collection) then contact me direct and I will put you in touch.

The following update has been posted to Manchester Burials
Added 1,588 burials for St. Stephen, Audenshaw transcribed by Mark Harrey

The following update has been posted to Bolton Workhouse Creed Registers
Added 3,920 records for 1886-1890

New records to the great Database:

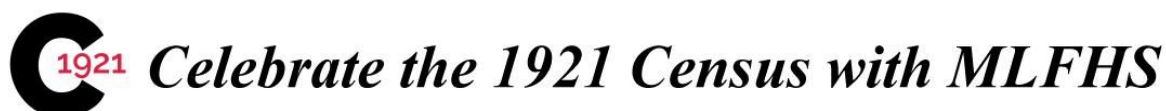
Audenshaw (Red Hall) Methodist New Connexion Baptisms <https://www.mlfhs.uk/index.php?option=com_docman&view=document&alias=1910-audenshaw-red-hall-methodist-new-connexion-baptisms&category_slug=birth-and-marriage&Itemid=225>
Baptisms 1875-1898 transcribed by John Cameron. Note, there is a gap between 2 Dec 1877 and 17 Jul 1878 where two pages have not been scanned (388 records). Thanks to John for this.

I hope that we will be able to insert the two missing pages in the future.

HELPDESK

Our Help Desk hours remain Monday - Friday 10:30-3:30

As a reminder our Virtual Help Desk remains open for member queries. Please keep your research questions as specific as possible.



The MLFHS website has a dedicated 1921 Census project page which can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/blog>. This contains a growing variety of 1921 related information.

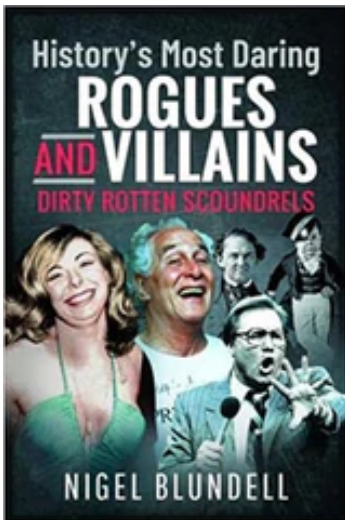
Manchester & Lancashire FHS
Introducing the 1921 Census - Now Online!

WEBSITES

Rootstech

Rootstech has come and gone but you can still listen to all the talks and highlights from the 2022 event by going to the following [website](#). You will have plenty of time to browse as they will be online until Rootstock 2023.

THE BOOKSHOP



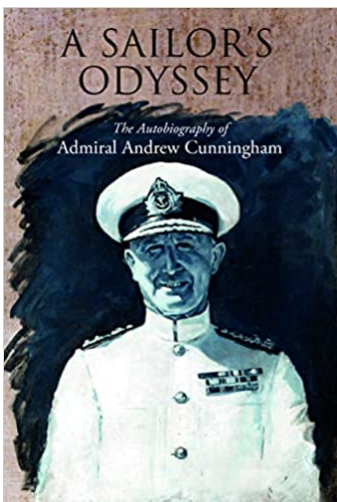
History's Most Daring Rogues and Villains: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Code: 8627

£14.99

Gathered together within the pages of this book is a roguish array of artful tricksters, fantastic fakers, rascally fraudsters and cunning conmen. They all bend the rules and usually the law. Yet however reprehensible their misdeeds, these thoroughly rotten scoundrels often display the very essence of enterprise and adventure. It would be wrong to condone their antics, of course, but it is difficult not to admire their artifice. After all, this sort of raffish crime has spawned scores of anti-heroes in books, movies and TV series.

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A Sailor's Odyssey

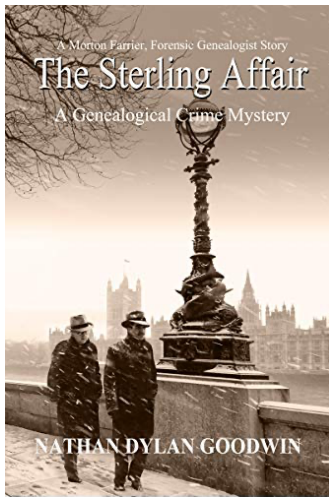
Code: 8628

£18.75

Admiral Andrew Cunningham, best remembered for his courageous leadership in the Mediterranean in the Second World War, is often rated as our finest naval commander after Nelson, and indeed a bust of the Admiral was unveiled in Trafalgar Square close by his predecessor in 1967 by the Duke of Edinburgh. It was during the dark days of 1940–41, after the surrender of France and Italy's entry into the War and when Britain was fighting single-handed, that Cunningham held the Eastern Mediterranean with a fleet greatly inferior to the Italian; his lack of ships and aircraft was more than made up for by his

bold and vigorous command. Taranto, Matapan, Crete, North Africa – these are the critical battles and regions with which he is so closely associated.

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The Sterling Affair Used

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When an unannounced stranger comes calling at Morton Farrier's front door, he finds himself faced with the most intriguing and confounding case of his career to-date as a forensic genealogist. He agrees to accept the contract to identify a man who had been secretly living under the name of his new client's long-deceased brother. Morton must use his range of resources and research skills to help him deconstruct this mysterious man's life, ultimately leading him back into the murky world of 1950s international affairs of state. Meanwhile, Morton is faced with his own

alarmingly close DNA match which itself comes with far-reaching implications for the Farriers.

Order through our bookshop [HERE](#)

UKBMD UPDATES

New data has been added at www.lancashirebmd.org.uk as follows

Added 797 Marriages for BN RD comprising:

Edgworth, Methodist Church (Turton), registers at Blackburn (1991-2008)
Darwen, Highfield Congregational Church (Edmund St), registers at Blackburn (1989-2019)
Darwen, Methodist Church (Spring Vale), registers at Blackburn (1987-1997)
Blackburn, St Paul's Church (Higher Audley St), registers at Blackburn (1999-2010)
Blackburn, Elim Pentecostal Church (Park Rd), registers at Blackburn (1986-2010)
Blackburn, Woodlands United Reformed Church (Cherry Tree, Livesey), registers at Blackburn (1985-1989)
Darwen, St Cuthbert (1996-2010)
Huddlesden, St Paul (1991-2010)
Lower Darwen, St James (2008-2011)
Darwen, St Peter (formerly Holy Trinity), registers at Blackburn (1991-2010)
Tockholes, St Stephen (1993-2007)
Blackburn, St Aidan (1993-2010)
Blackburn, St Barnabas (1951-2005)

Thanks to Tony Foster and team for the above.
John Marsden

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

Staffs BMD updates for 3rd May 2022
Many thanks to all concerned

Marriages - additions:

64 for Civil Marriage (Cannock Chase), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2003)
96 for Fenton, Christ Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1992-2019)
3 for Norton-in-the-Moors, St Bartholomew, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2019-2020)

147 for Tunstall, Church of the Sacred Heart, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1994-2020)
207 for Penkhull, St Thomas, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1993-2020)
2 for Hanley, Park Evangelical Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2015-2017)
269 for Smallthorne, St Saviour, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1996-2020)
15 for Fegg Hayes (Fegg Hayes Rd), Methodist School Chapel, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1975-2020)
19 for Goldenhill, St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2014-2021)
20 for Packmoor (Bull Lane), St Patrick's, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1991-2016)
2 for Stoke (Liverpool Road), Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2016-2017)
6 for Hanley (St John Street), Hanley Christian Centre, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2007-2017)
3 for Fenton, Triumphant Christ Chapel, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2015-2018)
2 for Hanley, Church of God 7th Day, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (2017-2017)
9 for Chell Heath, Church of the Saviour, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1998-2018)
13 for Mount Pleasant, St Paul, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1992-2003)
6 for Weston Coyney, St Andrew, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1997-2020)
2 for Hatherton, St Saviour, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2019-2019)
206 for Stone, Dominican Church - (Margaret Street), registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1991-2019)
262 for Stafford, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1993-2007)
21 for Fulford, St Nicholas, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2010)

Marriages - updates, additions and corrections to:

191 for Cheadle, St Giles, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2021)
18 for Hanley (Newall Street), Bethel Evangelical Free Church, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1984-2012)
257 for Burslem, St Werburgh, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1975-2010)

For access to all the UK's major BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>
For access to all the UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKGD.org.uk/>
For access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

ORPHAN BMDs

If you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider sending them to the Society. You can send them to:

M&LFHS
61 Queens Road
Urmston
M41 9HF

However, if you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mlfhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me. If you have problems sending scans to this address then please contact me at newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk and I will suggest an alternative means of forwarding the PDF files. Thank you to those members who have sent certificates within the last month.

Manchester Festival of Libraries Wednesday, 15th June 2022
ACTIVISM- PAST-FUTURE-PRESENT



ACTIVISM

PAST-FUTURE-PRESENT

Wednesday 15 June 4-7pm

Are you passionate about issues facing the world today?
As part of the Festival of Libraries, we invite you to explore Activism past, present and future, as captured in Manchester's Archives, and to share your own experiences.

An artist will be on hand to help you get creative and add your views to our Wall of Activism!

Come along and catch a screening of "Born a Rebel".
Showing women's lives from the suffragettes to the miners' strikes, and much more.

Archives represented include partners from Archives+

This is a free drop in event. No need to book. Suitable for ages 13+

Archives +

Festival of Libraries

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

Thousands of cassettes, open reels, CDs and MiniDiscs are sitting in archives, museums, libraries and in people's homes all over the UK. All kinds of unique live music, radio and conversation are recorded on these tapes and discs. We've already lost many of the people captured on them. And the British Library estimates that we have fifteen years to preserve the sounds themselves.

That's why the British Library has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to establish Unlocking Our Sound Heritage, an exciting new national project to save thousands sounds which are at risk of being lost forever.

Archives+ is the hub partner for the North West region, which covers Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. We'll be digitising around 15,000 recordings on 5,000 cassettes, reels and optical discs held all over the region here at Manchester Central Library.

This is a fascinating site providing a flavour of times gone bye. If you are a sword swallower then discover what not to eat and drink before a performance!

Find more information [here](#).

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

Welcome to the [North West Film Archive](#), the professionally recognised public home for the moving image heritage of the North West of England.

We're continuing to offer a good range of services, including some footage sales, so tell us what you want and we will do what we can.

This is a site well worth visiting The NWFA was set up in 1977 and preserves moving images made in or about Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria and offers a variety of access services to users in the public, academic and commercial sectors.



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