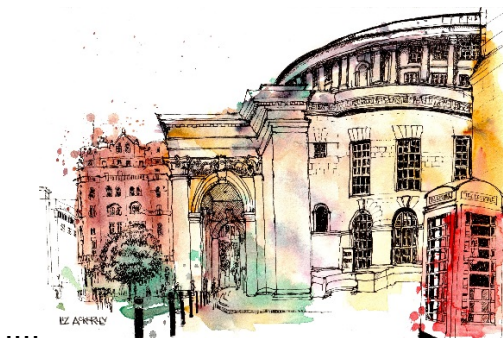


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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Once again a bumper edition with the Family History Federation Really useful Bulletin and also a list of speakers for the Really Useful History show.

Our volunteers have been very busy and John Marsden has added over 79,000 new entries to our database, some of which are listed in this newsletter.

The book shop is offering knock-down prices for a selection of books that you may like to consider as a Christmas gift. Also a very special book has just been published called “A Beacon of Hope”—Seashell Trust celebrating 200 years and written by one of our members Ed Baines.

I hope you will find much to interest in this month's newsletter.

Donate old devices at your local library

Manchester City Council have partnered with [Community Computers](https://www.communitycomputers.org/) to deliver a device donation and refurbishment programme!

Take any devices that you no longer need or use down to your local library. Anything that cannot be used, can be recycled!

Laptops, desktops, smartphones and tablets are refurbished so that they are in perfect working order, and then provided to low-income residents at a fraction of their initial cost.

Read more about the project on our blog - www.letsgetdigitalmanchester.com/blog/libraries-now-accepting-device-donations

Barry Henshall

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I make no apology for returning to my theme of last month.

Shortly after my appeal in September for a few more volunteers, I was asked for my help to fill another role by a long-term activity leader who is currently experiencing difficulty in visiting Central Library to fulfil her role. This merely emphasises the seriousness of the society's dependence upon a ready supply of volunteers.

We will, I am sure, overcome this most recent problem, but others are coming thick and fast as many of our long-serving members look to trim their activities.

We continue to look for an Editor to ensure the Spring edition of The Manchester Genealogist will be published on time.

On a more encouraging note, the Society's calendar has been especially busy this autumn with the celebration of a number of significant events. Our blog tracing the first wireless broadcasts in Manchester is only the most notable among others- we have featured the development of Carnival by the West Indian communities and the progress seen by the Fromelles Project which seeks to use DNA to identify soldiers killed in WW1. An explanation of how to use your DNA results is to be repeated, because of the increasing demand for advice. The Anglo Scottish Branch celebrates 40 years since its formation coming quickly after its Bolton brother celebrated the same anniversary earlier this year; a palaeography workshop helped those struggling with secretarial script in age-old documents. And so much more. Our projects, some major and some minor, continue to thrive thanks to our volunteers. And so, the future is bright. If only some of these key posts were to be filled.

Best wishes in your research,

David

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:

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Bredbury,
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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

Manchester Branch

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DNA
test results

How do you use them?



Hilary Hartigan

DNA - Exploring Your Test Results with Hilary Hartigan

Date: 16 November 2022

Day: Wednesday, 7.30pm (UK time)

Venue: Online via Zoom

Speaker: Hilary Hartigan

Booking: Eventbrite Booking will open soon

What is the difference between a Common Ancestor and a Common Link? Why are you and your cousin not DNA

matches? What can you do to try and identify a DNA match when you don't recognise the name and there is no tree to view?

This talk is all about making connections, grouping DNA matches together to form family clusters, solving mysteries (or trying to solve them), and organising the matches to suit your needs. No two families are the same, we might want to find more cousins, identify an 'unknown' grandparent, learn more about how families moved from one place to another, or simply want to try to get one generation further back in time.

Your Ancestry DNA test results are in! You have thousands of matches, you can possibly recognise one or two at the top of the list - what do you do next? And why is your second cousin, who has taken the test, not showing up?

Join us for this meeting to find out how to identify more people, the easy way that Ancestry provides for you to organise your matches and how that will help you to find out more about your family.

You will also learn how to keep your own research safe online whilst providing the information that Ancestry (and all the DNA-testing companies) needs to identify good family matches.

Why is your second cousin not shown in the matches? It's very annoying when this happens but there is a good reason and it might have nothing to do with family mysteries!

Cost: members - free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3.00

Please check the website <https://mlfhs.uk/manchester/events/meetings> for more details and to register.

Bolton Branch



Records and Research Using the CWGC Archives

Date and time

Wed, 2 Nov 2022, 19:30 GMT

Bolton Golf Club & Online via Zoom

Speaker: James Hutton

Booking: [Eventbrite details here](#)

James Hutton - has had an interest in both military and political history for many years. He recently retired from the NHS and he is now undertaking volunteer roles with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission both as a speaker and visiting, conducting surveys and simple maintenance of War Graves and memorials.

His main interest focuses on the 1982 Falkland's Campaign with emphasis on both the naval engagements as well as the diplomatic negotiations.

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton BL6 4AJ

To register and find directions go to the [Eventbrite](#) page.

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

Oldham Branch



Exploring some of the city's finest underground spaces, that are shrouded in mystery and myths.

An illustrated talk given by Keith Warrender

Saturday 12th November, at 2pm

An in-person only meeting in the Performance Space at Oldham Library.

* No booking necessary for attendance in the library; members free, non-members £3

Keith Warrender, an historian, author and publisher, has produced two books on what lies below the Manchester streets. They are sites usually out of bounds to the public, but the speaker has had access to most of them and in his presentation reveals the true stories about these mysterious places. They range from underground canals, air-raid shelters and cold war networks to subterranean mazes.

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

Anglo-Scots



Anglo Scottish Branch Meeting
Saturday 5th November 2022
1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
"Please come and join us"

Celebrating 40 years

What to look forward to:

- Welcome: with an introductory slide show and music with a Scottish theme
- Quizzes - with Prizes!!!
- The history of the Anglo Scottish Branch
- Invited speaker: Bruce Keith asking;
"Are we nearly there yet?"
(Using the medium of milestones, Bruce explores the early measurement systems in Scotland, early maps and great journeys throughout the country over the centuries)
- Wine and Scottish faire

All too good to miss.
So come along and celebrate with us!

Anglo Scots 40th Anniversary Special!

AT MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY Our 40th Anniversary Special!

PROGRAMME:

1.00pm - Welcome to all with quizzes and a short History of the Anglo Scots FHS by David Muil.

2.00pm - Bruce Keith talks about 'Are we nearly there, yet'

3.00pm - some light refreshments, party time? Relax and enjoy.

Join us for a 40th Anniversary social meeting at Manchester Central Library to celebrate 40 years of tracing and recording the movement of Scots from their

homeland to Manchester, Lancashire and beyond. From Missing Paisley Voters, Wellington's Forgotten Men, Scots in Manchester after the 45 rebellion, to thousands of Scots listed in the Great Database, an annual programme of online and in-person talks and Christmas quizzes and, this year, we shall discover the History of the Anglo Scots Branch from David Muil.

To celebrate this achievement we have invited Bruce Keith to tell us about 'Milestones' - "Are we nearly there yet?", is a companion volume to his first book "Bridgescapes", but about Scottish milestones and waymarkers, and to which he brings his distinctive blend of humour.

It's not just about distance markers, for Bruce also explores the early measurement systems in Scotland, early maps and great journeys throughout the country over the centuries. He even celebrates the achievements of the top 50 Scots as the "fastest" and "farthest" in terms of speed and endurance – those who've gone the extra mile. So something for everyone!"

To round off the event, between 3.00pm and 4.00pm there will be some light refreshments and the opportunity to meet friends old and new and to socialise before closing and allowing time to get a seat on a tram/bus/train or get to the car park before it gets busy.

Follow the link to book your place on Eventbrite - booking will be available soon.

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



FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show 11-12 November 2022

Hungry for more information about the show?

Be sure to read the attached

WORKSHOP GUIDE

**REALLY USEFUL
SHOW BULLETIN**

ADVANCE NOTICE



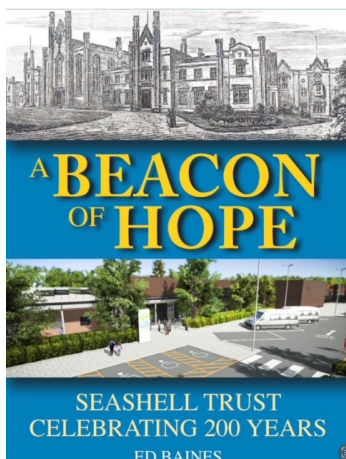
THE Genealogy Show is BACK! The Winter Show promises to be even bigger and even better!

With 48 main stage speakers plus a plethora of On Demand lectures to boot, the Show is supported by experts, sponsors and exhibitors from all over the world.

The LIVE event opens at 12noon GMT on Friday 2nd December and continues for 48 hours, with the cabin doors closing at 12noon GMT on Sunday 4th December AND all the content is available on demand for 30 days.

Tickets are currently on sale with an Early Bird discount reducing the price to £15 using code FESTIVE15 [Click here to buy your tickets](#)

BOOKSHOP



“ A Beacon of Hope”—

Seashell Trust celebrating 200 years by Ed Baines

Hardback 214 pp, over 100 photos/images, with a Foreword by Her late Majesty the Queen-(available for a £20 donation to Seashell Trust+ p&p if applicable)
Published by Merlin Unwin Books Ltd

In 1823 two successful Manchester merchants had the vision to call a public meeting to establish a **charity** - the Manchester School for the Deaf and Dumb which from humble beginnings on Stanley Street Salford would move to Old Trafford in 1837 and then to Cheadle Hulme, **Stockport**, **in the 1950s where** now the campus is being transformed so that pupils and staff enjoy some of the finest facilities anywhere.

From being one of the country's oldest deaf schools the Charity now provides specialist education and residential care for profoundly and **multiple** disabled children and young people. On this journey the Charity has influenced national legislation, introduced novel methods of education and training including the use of technology and has enjoyed Royal Patronage since 1897.

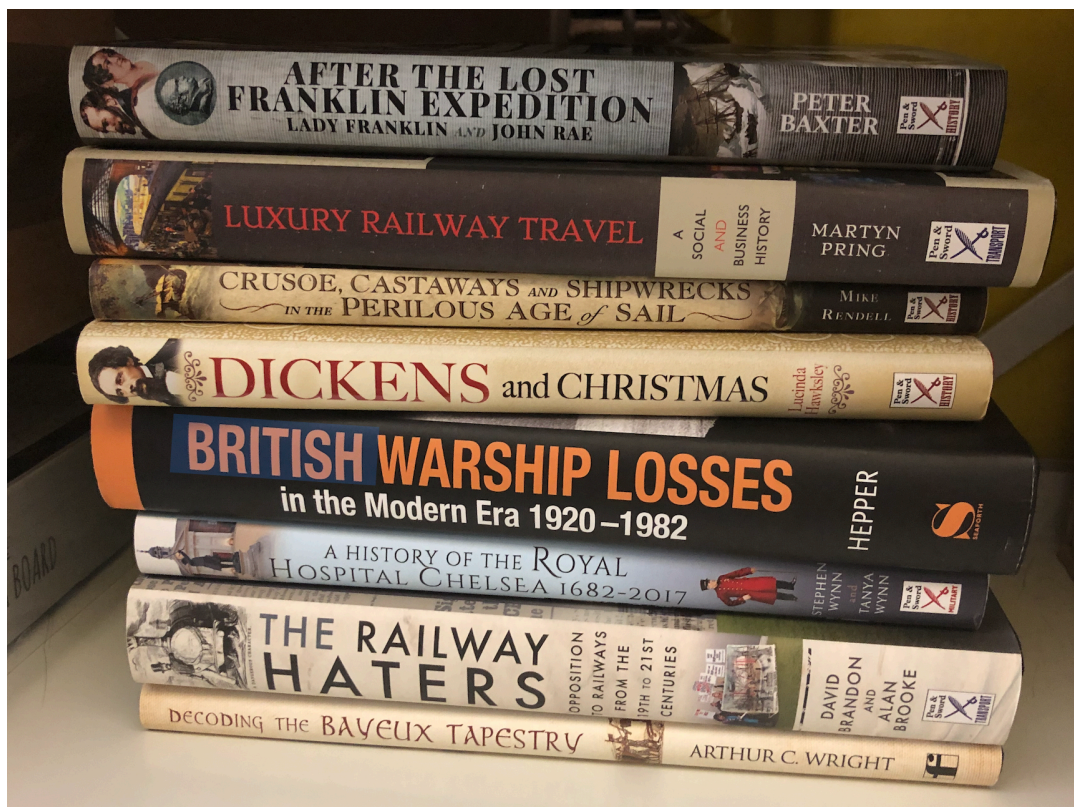
The author, Ed Baines, who is a member of MLFHS, had a son at the Charity's College from 2004-8 and was then a Trustee of Seashell from 2009-22. He is now the Charity's Honorary Archivist. Ed and Seashell are grateful to MLFHS who are close to completing a major project to scan and index details of the pupils of the Charity from 1825-1922 and make them available to the public.



<https://www.seashelltrust.org.uk/get-involved/donate/> will

lead you to the Seashell Trust website where you have the opportunity to make a donation and discover how the Trust can make a difference.

I have selected a number of books from our shelves and am offering them at a greatly reduced price. If you are thinking of buying a book for someone as a Christmas present then one of these could fit the bill. But do not forget that there are many more good offers in our bookshop at a competitive price.



	<u>Price</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>	<u>Book Code</u>
After the Lost Franklin Expedition	£25.00	£10.00	8514
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A History of the Royal Hospital Chelsea 1682-2017	£25.00	£10.00	8065
The Railway Haters	£30.00	£15.00	8524
Decoding the Bayeux Tapestry	£25.00	£10.00	8587

PROJECTS UPDATE

ADDITIONS TO THE GREAT DATABASE

- * A further 5,112 records from the Creed Books for Bolton Workhouse 1892-1899.

Thanks to Graham Holt and his team for the above.

- * A file of 2,408 burials at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, Bury from 1841 to 1865. These are also available as a listing in the Document Collection in the member area under the death & Burial section.

Thanks to John Gartside for these.

* SALFORD POLICE ADMISSIONS 1893-1934

This index was created by Greater Manchester Police Museum as a finding aid for their archive of Police Officers' records.

Search results link to the appropriate page of the GMP Museum web site for the individual officer. From here, further information can be by contacting the GMP Museum.

There are 326 named officers. Not much information on each, but GMP Museum can supply more information.

* The following update has been posted to Orphans Emigrated to Canada
The register has been scanned and a spreadsheet for indexing created. Work has commenced on indexing.

* The following update has been posted to Victoria Station War Memorial
Biographies for all names have now been added to the War Memorial Index.

* Added 6 names from the new WW2 memorial in Walton Park, Sale commemorating the Wellington bomber which crash landed there in 1943 with the loss of two lives.

* Another two volumes of admission documents for pupils at the Royal Manchester School for the Deaf & Dumb have been indexed and added to The Great Database. These cover dates between 1879 and 1890. The names of those admitted are listed in appendix 1 of this newsletter.

Also added of particular interest covers 35 of the first admissions 1825-35.

We are now getting close to the end of this lengthy project and hope that the final few volumes covering admissions up to 1922 will be completed by the end of the year.

Thanks, as always, to Jim Chadwick and his team (Marie Collier, Susan Hilton-Brooks, Karen Hugill, Janet Moores and Chris Norcross

* Updated are the descriptions in the MI database of several graveyards in the Bolton area to include listings of the memorials. Thanks to Cheyenne Bower for this latest batch of listings and for her substantial work on many earlier ones.

Most, if not all of the descriptions now have MI listings with the exception of those derived from the Owen Manuscripts, which will, I hope, be the subject of a future exercise.

The churches involved in this latest update are:

St Peter, Belmont, Bolton
St Katherine, Blackrod
St Peter Bolton le Moor
St Stephen, Lever Bridge
Emmanuel, Bolton
St Paul, Astley Bridge, Bolton
Wesleyan Chapel, Fletcher St., Bolton
Christ Church, Walmsley
Unitarian Chapel, Walmsley
Old Chapel, Walmsley
St James, Breightmet
St Maxentius, Bradshaw
St Mary Deane (Old and New)

St Michael, Bolton
St John, Farnworth
St Paul, Halliwell
Holy Trinity, Horwich
Lea Lane Chapel, Horwich
Congregational United Reform, Little Lever
St Bartholomew, Westhoughton

John Marsden

HELPDESK

If you have not been into the library post-covid please put a date in your diary and pay us a visit. I think you will find the day very rewarding. If you have any questions, please drop the Society an email: office@mlfhs.org.uk

MLFHS Family History Help Desk Hours: M-F 10:30 am-3:30 pm.

WEBSITES

As in previous months I have appended the Family History Federation Really useful Bulletin. This time it contains a useful guide to online sources that are free to use. In some cases the website will provide links to other free sites. This article could be of particular value to our newer members. Many of these sources have been mentioned in our previous newsletters but I do not think it would do any harm to have another look.

UKBMD UPDATES

Cheshire BMD has been updated as follows:

Marriages:

111 for Ashton-under-Lyne, Albion United Reformed Church (Stamford Street), registers at Tameside (2013-2019)
52 for Hurst, Methodist Church (Curzon Road), registers at Tameside (1980-1992)
21 for Hyde, Unitarian Chapel (Gee Cross), registers at Tameside (2010-2014)
20 for Dukinfield, Old Unitarian Chapel (Chapel Hill), registers at Tameside (2010-2011)
100 for Stalybridge, St Peter's RC Church, registers at Tameside (2000-2015)
19 for Ashton under Lyne, St Anne's Chapel, Burlington Street, registers at Tameside (2007-2013)
27 for Roughtown, St John, registers at Tameside (2005-2011)
50 for Gee Cross (Hyde), Holy Trinity, registers at Tameside (2009-2016)
44 for Stalybridge, New St George, registers at Tameside (2012-2019)

Many thanks to Bob Kirk and his colleagues for these.

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

Added 8,367 Births for Bury RD comprising:
Bury (1976-1982)

Amended 82,595 Births for Manchester RD to include mother's maiden name, comprising:
Hulme (1837-1914)

Added 2,264 Marriages for Bury RD comprising:

Heywood Register Office or Registrar Attended (1954-1960)
Radcliffe Register Office or Registrar Attended (1953-1960)
Ramsbottom Register Office or Registrar Attended (1951-1962)

Thanks to Tony Foster and his team and to my own Manchester MMN indexing team for the above.

John Marsden

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.L.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 dropping them off at our Helpdesk or 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.

There is steady progress in transcribing the +2000 BMD's that you kindly donated during the last year.

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.

WHO WE ARE

From historical footage and home movies to newsreels and adverts, we find, preserve and share over 50,000 items of film and video, for public, educational and professional use. We love film and how it can open a window into the past and the present in ways that can be powerful, moving and unexpected.

Part of Manchester Met, and based within Manchester Central Library's Archives+ partnership, we are a specialist resource dedicated to saving and growing our region's rich filmed history.

WHAT WE DO

Do you need some footage for teaching, broadcasting or an artistic or community project?

Do you have film of our region's people or places that needs looking after?

Whoever you are, if you need a professional and friendly service, we're here to help.

We offer:

- research support and loan or licence of footage (including for professional broadcast)
- bespoke learning and teaching support
- opportunities to hire or watch unusual and interesting films, with a local and historical theme
- opportunities for community engagement and collaboration
- a home for the region's film and video, where moving images are professionally preserved, stored and made available, for now and for the future

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.



<https://www.facebook.com/MandLFamilyHistory>



and Twitter

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Appendix 1 Royal Manchester School for the Deaf & Dumb

AINSLEY Florence Mary
ALDRED Thomas
ALLEN Thomas
APPLEGARTH Mary Ann
ARTHUR Eveline
ASHWORTH Ellen Ann
ASHWORTH Martha
BAILEY Harriet
BAKER Margaret Jane
BALL Hugh
BARKER Edith
BARLOW Bertha Alice
BARRETT John Thomas
BARTLETT Maria Annie
BEARDALL Adelina
BEARDMORE Sampson
BIBBY Emily
BOULT Emma Griffiths
BRADLEY Emma
BRADWELL Reuben
BRIERLEY John
BROOMSHEAD Geo. Alex
BROUGHTON Sarah Jane
BROWN Jessie
BUCKLEY Emma
CALE James
CLARKE James
CLOWES Alfred
COOKSON E
COOMBS William
COOPER Albert
CRAMPTON Annie
CRONKSHAW William Birchall
CROOK George
DAVIS John
DONE Leah
DUCKWORTH Mary
ELLERTON Harriet
ELLISON James
FIRTH Rose Ellen
FIRTH Thomas
FITTON Thomas
FORRESTER Elizabeth Ann
GARTSIDE Maria Annie
GEOGHEGAN Ellen Birchall
GILLAM Alfred Edward
GLENN Sarah
GORDON Anne
GOULDING Ann
GREEN Henry John
GRIMSHAW Henry
HAGUE Herbert
HALL Mary Eleanor
HALSALL Henry Edward
HAMER Isabella Ann
HARRISON Elizabeth
HARTLEY Charles Henry
HARTLEY John
HARTLEY Joseph
HARTLEY Robert Charles
HASSALL Ernest
HATTON Ann
HESKETH Arthur
HIBBERT Owen
HOBSON Margaret
HOBSON Selina
HOCKENHULL Alfred

HODGSON Mary Elizabeth
HOLDEN Sarah Jane
HOOLEY Sarah Ellen
HORNE John Harry
HOWARTH Priscilla Cunliffe Green
HOWARTH Sarah Ann
HOYLE John
HUGHES Elizabeth Magdala
ILES William
JACKSON William
JOHNSON Lucy
JONES Frances
KAY Sarah Ann
KEARSLEY Charles
KENWORTH Mary Hannah
KENYON Elizabeth
KNIGHT Alice Ann
KNIGHT Hannah
LANCASTER Mary Ann
LORD Rachel Mary
LORD Samuel
LOWE John
LUCAS Mary Elizabeth
MACHIN George
MCINTYRE Elizabeth Magdala
MCNAMARA Ada
MINNELL Harriet
MORTIMER Henry John
PLANT Sarah Ann
ROBERTS Annie Victoria
ROBINSON Elizabeth
SUTCLIFFE Charles
TAYLOR Albert
TAYLOR Annie
TAYLOR Joshua
TONGUE Mary
WHARMBY Ada
WILKINSON Eunice Elizabeth
WILLIAMSON Frank
WILLIS John
WINSTANLEY George Herbert
WORSENCROFT Samuel

BROMELEY James
BROOKS Alice
BURTON Thomas
DRABBLE Jane
EYRES Elizabeth
GREENWOOD James
GREENWOOD John
HADFIELD Elizabeth Ann
HADFIELD Elizabeth Ann
HALE Robert
HARTLEY Robert
HARTLEY Robert
HEDGES Ann
HIGGINSON Alice
HINTON Patrica
HODKINSON Harriet
HODKINSON Samuel
JACKSON Ann
JACKSON Anne
JACKSON John
JOHNSON John
JONES David
KELLETT Eliza
LOGAN John
MACE Mary Ann

MORREY John
RIGBY Joseph Frederick
SELLERS William
SEVERS John
SHARROCK Margaret
SPENCER Mary
SUMNER William
THOMAS Margaret
TITHERINGTON James
TOMLINSON John



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REALLY USEFUL Bulletin

No 26

October 2022

Welcome to the October edition of the *Really Useful Bulletin*

inside find...

Lead article this month is *WAS YOUR ANCESTOR REALLY MARRIED?*

plus news from local FHS and from the Federation

Find my past

HOME OF THE 1921 CENSUS ONLINE

in association with

THE

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ARCHIVES

*You heard it
here first!*

**UNLIMITED 1921
CENSUS ACCESS!**

The key to your family mystery could be in the 1921 Census!

Exclusively online at Findmypast, the 1921 census offers an unprecedented glimpse into the lives and loves of your not-so-distant ancestors.

You can now get unlimited access to the 1921 Census through Findmypast's

NEW PREMIUM SUBSCRIPTION

and explore this unique collection to your heart's content.

1921 CENSUS
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UNLIMITED ACCESS
.....

Discover more: <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/1921-census>



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Was Your Ancestor Really Married?

Some Laws associated with Marriage

Colin R Chapman

I pose this question because most people who are tracing their ancestry aim to compile a family tree or pedigree chart of their forebears showing dates of births, marriages and deaths (or in many cases dates of baptisms, marriages and burials). Mindful that in today's society not every couple regards marriage as essential for a contented and consensual shared lifestyle, there's no escaping the fact that marriages and marriage records are a central feature of family history. Furthermore, to add a date of the marriage of an ancestor, ideally with a spouse's name and preferably with a location where the event took place, is a goal for every genealogist. The search for documentary evidence that the marriage actually took place can consume many hours, possibly years. It is also important to consider who made the marriage arrangements at the time, would they be considered valid today and who actually ruled on these decisions? Finally what would the consequences be if the marriage was void? Obviously descendants would be affected if born outside a valid marriage and they would be considered bastards, and the parents' subsequent marriage, certainly until the 1926 Legitimacy Act, did not render such children legitimate.

It is useful, at this stage, to distinguish between a marriage, colloquially termed wedlock, and a wedding, as in describing the situation within the British Isles, weddings are not considered in depth here. A wedding today comprises the familiar celebrations surrounding a marriage; families and friends are invited; exceptional clothes are purchased; expensive food and drink are consumed at a party, often with singing and dancing before the happy couple depart and everyone else goes home exhausted. All this is actually quite unnecessary for a valid marriage! Getting married need not be expensive and a couple who say "we can't afford to get married", actually mean "we can't afford a wedding offering today's expected glamour and hospitality".

Anciently, a valid marriage constituted a simple contract between a man and a woman agreeing to remain together faithfully for the remainder of their lives. The Christian Church derived its terms and conditions for valid marriage, such as a man not permitted to marry his mother, sister or grandmother and so on, from Chapters 18 and 20 in the Jewish book of Leviticus in the Bible. Whether there was any biological or genetic understanding at that time of those

stipulations is unclear, but such restrictions surely minimised inbreeding and risks of transmitting hereditary defects. In 866, Pope Nicholas described the acceptable marriage rite (how the ceremony should be conducted), and that was more or less followed, until the sixteenth century Reformation in Britain. The rite included the need to make an announcement of the planned marriage, giving sufficient time for anyone to object if they believed the couple did not meet the necessary conditions for validity. That procedure

came to be termed a notification or the publication or calling of banns. An alternative was to be granted dispensation from the procedure by obtaining a marriage licence.

When William the Conqueror arrived in England he discovered that arbitration on matrimonial and related issues was handled by a mishmash of temporal and spiritual authorities; thus in 1072 he placed the responsibility for queries

associated with wedlock firmly in

the hands of the ecclesiastical courts which interpreted marriage through their application of canon law. Remember that at the time, the canons emanated from the Pope and his advisers in Rome. It was not until 1534 in England and Wales, 1537 in Ireland and 1560 in Scotland that Roman Catholicism was replaced as the official "state" religion by a Reformed Protestant Church, when some aspects of canon law, including the marriage rite, were modified.

Whilst a man and woman could set up a matrimonial home after exchanging their verbal contract, say in isolation in the middle of a field, they couldn't prove that exchange. Some thought that if gifts, as well as promises, were exchanged, those could be exhibited to prove the contract, causing the term "possessory marriage" to be introduced, but this was found unworkable. Hence the notion of having witnesses and recording the event came into being; having only visual witnesses was found impractical as proof if they died before being able to give verbal testimony to seeing the exchange. Meanwhile the Church, as intimated above, promoted a Christian blessing by a priest and sanctification of the contract when exchanging vows, conveniently in a church or religious building, customarily in the parish where either the bride or bridegroom lived.

With documentary evidence for a marriage, it also became possible to have the marriage annulled, difficult before then





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if there was no proof that a contract existed. It is significant that Henry VIII, during negotiations with the Pope over his matrimonial problems, initially reiterated the biblical requirements for a valid marriage - but he broke with Rome, declared himself titular head of the Anglican Church, began to implement temporal marriage legislation, and introduced parish registers to record marriages, baptisms and burials. It is a shame, for family historians today that, in his injunction, Henry did not include the compulsory recording of banns; we have to wait until 1645 during the Civil War, and again in 1753 (reminded by Lord Hardwicke), for those involved to do so.

As a consequence of temporal involvement in marriage from 1533, very many related Parliamentary Acts (not all having "marriage" in their titles) were introduced by successive monarchs and governments. A selection is outlined here. To varying extents successive Acts in Britain reiterated, explained, amplified and modified the 1533 interpretation and application of both canon and earlier

requirements. Some of this legislation was unfortunately imperfectly drawn up or scrutinised, thereby creating inconsistencies with previous statutes and a few misunderstandings by those responsible for conducting marriage ceremonies. Nonetheless, the civil authorities decided that an entry in a parish register provided the only authoritative evidence of a legal marriage for persons of most religious persuasions; exceptions were made for practising Jews and Quakers whose meticulously kept records were deemed acceptable. This did not prevent Roman Catholics and some nonconformists conducting their own marriage ceremonies and keeping associated records, but they were void - which explains why you occasionally find the same couple seemingly marrying twice, once while following their denomination's customs, and again in a parish church, this being the valid event.

Most of the sixteenth century impediments to a valid marriage were retained for centuries. The impediments included being a blood relative or even an in-law of the spouse (even more clearly stated in 1603), being under marriageable age (12 for girls, 14 for boys), being a lunatic, and being currently married while the spouse remained alive. Additionally the ceremony had to be conducted at a specified time of the year and day and in an approved or licensed venue, unless dispensation to adhere to any of these requirements had been given by a senior Christian official, normally through issuing a licence purchasable from a Church Court, similarly to the licence dispensing for the need to publish banns. Evidence for a marriage by licence is

the allegation (application), bond (agreement to adhere to the licence conditions, but not required after 1823), entry in the diocesan register, licence itself and parish register entry. Not all of these have survived, few are separately identified in collection catalogues or transcriptions, but all merit looking for.

A major upheaval to matrimonial law occurred during the seventeenth century Civil War when Cromwell's government decreed that a magistrate, not an ordained priest, should supervise marriage, recorded by a civil Register (a Registrar). In 1645 the Book of Common Prayer was replaced by a

Directory of Public Worship which identified the correct words to be spoken by whom at a marriage ceremony; also identified was the need to record banns (termed "purpose"), ensuring that all impediments were avoided, and the names of both parties and other details were registered. Further legislation was introduced in 1650, 1651 and 1653 tightening up adherence to the requirements and requiring

further personal details to be recorded in register books. Civil Registration was, thereby, fully established for the first time, well before the nineteenth century. This was all well and good for central government to enact but in several areas of the country not all the Cromwellian rules were followed and some parish clergy acted as the local Registers and recorded marriages in parish registers as before.

At the Restoration of the Monarchy in 1660, the pre-Civil War matrimonial legislation was reinstated, although the 1644 to 1653 requirements were not specifically repealed, again creating some uncertainty as to whether couples were undergoing valid marriages. Towards the end of the seventeenth century, Britain was at war with France; in consequence, to generate funds to cover the heavy costs, various Acts imposed taxes on paper, vellum and similar materials including marriage records and even marriages themselves. Paupers were exempt and many marriage records from 1694 include a "P" (though rarely shown in transcriptions) beside the entry - but it isn't immediately obvious if this indicates "Paid" or "Pauper" (not paid)! This legislation (repealed in 1705) resulted in a number of marriages, whilst correctly performed, not being recorded by a sympathetic clergyman in order to save the couple having to pay the tax - helpful to them financially, but possibly strictly rendering the marriage void, and of no help to us attempting to find documentary evidence of the marriage. A similar situation occurred towards the end of the eighteenth century when Britain was again requiring money to fight the French.





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In general a marriage was expected to take place in the parish where either the bride or bridegroom resided and with the approval of parents and families. Some couples, however, decided to break with tradition and elope and marry elsewhere. Gretna Green and venues around the Fleet Prison in London were popular places, so popular that some pubs in the area had their own resident clergymen ready to perform marriage ceremonies. This was seen as secretive or clandestine and the marriage termed “irregular”; but if all of the legal and canonical requirements had been met, it would have been valid. Some registers of irregular marriage have survived. Nevertheless, clandestine marriages were frowned on and Lord Hardwicke’s 1753 Marriage Act was introduced to “prevent” them. This Act also reminded everyone that banns or a licence were a necessary precursor to marriage; enterprising printers made books of proforma banns forms available for churchwardens to buy for use in their parish churches. This led to the myth that Hardwicke instigated the calling of banns, although it’s a fact that far more banns registers survive from 1754. Several attempts by Parliament in 1765, 1772 and 1781 were unsuccessful in repealing Hardwicke’s Act with its many inconsistencies. For example, certain wording of the 1753 Act was interpreted that the permitted age for valid marriage was thereafter 21 for both parties, creating widespread confusion; but a 1822 Marriage Act clarified that it was, as from time immemorial, 14 for boys and 12 for girls.

When parish registers were introduced in 1538, marriages were usually entered in the same book which was used for baptisms and burials. Baptisms were often written from the front, burials from the back (having turned the book upside down) and marriages from the middle. In some parishes, all events were jumbled up in chronological order. However, the 1812 Rose’s Marriage Act stipulated that separate books were to be used with pre-printed pages; those involved simply had to fill in the spaces provided for both the groom and bride with their name, age, occupation, marital status, parish(es) of residence, signature (or mark), names and occupations of fathers, names and signatures (or marks) of the witnesses, where the ceremony had taken place and if it had been preceded by publication of banns or issue of a licence, all countersigned by the celebrant (the clergyman who performed the ceremony).

By the second decade of the nineteenth century it was feared that too often banns were being falsely published and so Parliamentary Acts were passed in 1822 and 1823 requiring, then modifying, then withdrawing, a need to swear affidavits that banns conveyed correct data. This created, albeit briefly, another series of records potentially offering additional documentary evidence of ancestors’ marriages.

By the 1830s the Established (Anglican) Church, and even the “Establishment” was gradually losing its influence. In some instances its monopoly, over managing the day-to-day lives of Britain’s people. Reform on workers’ rights was being debated, while nonconformists, who resented the necessity for a Church of England marriage obviating having bastard children, campaigned for a system of civil registration of marriages (and births and deaths). Hence Registration Acts were introduced from 1836 in different parts of the British Isles creating Civil Registrars to celebrate and record marriages. Even so, impediments to a valid marriage remained. For instance, the permitted hours stayed as 8am to 12 noon until 1886, and even then were extended to only 3pm (and to 6pm in 1936, but not confirmed by Statute Law until 1949); hence a marriage conducted outside of these hours could be considered void. Nonconformists and Roman Catholics usually had to have a civil Registrar present at a ceremony in one of their places of worship until 1898, and marriages of all in-laws remained void until 1907. Marriage between close cousins was always dubious.

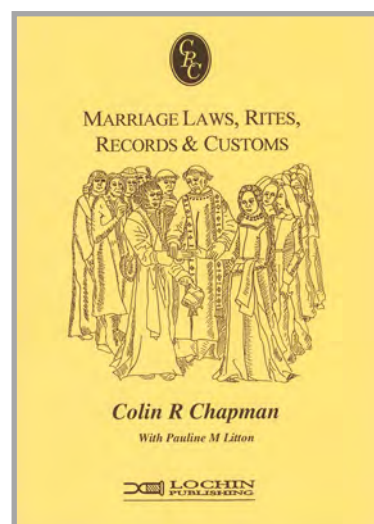
If a man’s wife died and he married her sister before a 1907 Marriage Act, say to help bring up her nieces and nephews, that second marriage was void and any children they had were bastards. Likewise, if the husband of a couple died and his widow subsequently married his brother, and they then had children, they also were bastards. An Act in 1921 permitted, for the first time ever, a man to legally marry his deceased brother’s widow or a woman to marry her deceased sister’s widower, enabling them to have legitimate children. A further Act in 1931 removed more in-laws from the prohibited relations permitting a man to undergo a valid marriage with his deceased wife’s niece or aunt, or with his deceased nephew’s or uncle’s widow.

The age for a valid marriage was raised to 16 for both boys and girls in 1929, although parental consent was required if they were under 21 (18 from 1970). Many more marriage Acts were subsequently enacted, and very many more in earlier centuries, but space has precluded them from being described here.

A full account with all their intricacies is given in ***Marriage Laws, Rites, Records & Customs*** available from the [Family History Bookshop](http://www.familyhistorybookshop.co.uk).

The direct link for this particular book is [here](http://www.familyhistorybookshop.co.uk)

We hope you like the wedding fashions in the family group photographs. Ed.





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KEEPING THE COSTS DOWN!



Family history can be an obsession but it is still a hobby, and all hobbies cost money! However, there are ways of preventing the costs from getting you down.

An annual subscription to any of the major online providers of censuses and parish records can seem costly, but that cost should be set against the accrued expenses if you opt to travel to use resources. Before you decide to purchase a subscription, examine carefully what each provider has – each has contracts with different local archives. Have you investigated what is available at your local library? You should! Many UK libraries have access to Ancestry and/or FindMyPast. Some libraries also have the British Newspaper Archive available. Also, many larger family history societies have a research facility where members can access major online sources as well as local material.

There are many online sources. The following are a few of the free websites for you to explore for resources or that have links to other free sites. They are listed in no particular order. Get clicking and explore – you never know what may pop up.

[Family History Federation](#)

The website does not contain data, but has links to all member societies within the Federation so that you can contact and join the one where you live, and also that where your forebears lived. The website resources section has guides on research topics.

[FamilySearch](#)

FamilySearch is a vast website with millions of entries. It has UK parish records and indexes to such as workhouse records, land tax, school registers, and more. Online you can access transcriptions and images of some originals. You need to register on the site, but it is free. Local LDS Family History Centres provide free access to the full range of material. In addition, it has an extensive worldwide wiki.

[Free UK Genealogy](#)

Free UK Genealogy is a not-for-profit organisation. Volunteers transcribe material which is then made available free of charge. It encompasses FreeBMD (covering England and Wales civil birth, marriage and death registration indexes); FreeREG (parish register transcriptions) and FreeCEN (census transcriptions).

[Explore Your Genealogy](#)

A new website to add to your armoury. From autumn of 2022 this site will provide information, access and links aimed at British genealogy. It is part of the Family History Federation and free to use. Family history societies are encouraged to promote their work through this site.

[Online Parish Clerks](#)

Online Parish Clerks (OPCs) are family history volunteers grouped by county who create websites with searchable transcriptions of records from their local parishes. These volunteers will look material up for you from their own resources.

[UKBMD](#)

UKBMD has indexes of local civil registration entries for a number of areas plus links to other websites and sources. Links are to free or subscription sites, but you can find sites you may not otherwise locate. Its sister sites are [UKGDL](#) for directories, electoral rolls, etc., and [UKMFH](#) for links related to military research.

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Join the family history society where you live for experienced research help.

Join the societies where your forebears originated for local knowledge.

You don't know what you are missing if you are not there!



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[National Library of Scotland](#)

The NLS has the most incredible free online access to mapping for the entire British Isles. Their Ordnance Survey mapping is extremely useful for research as maps of different eras are available. Access is totally free.

[Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)

We all use this free site which commemorates over 1.7 million members of Commonwealth forces who died in either WWI or WWII, but delve deeper to find details of burial grounds or about the individual commemorated.

[GenUKI](#)

GENUKI is a great free resource for anyone researching UK or Irish genealogy. Again, this is run by volunteers. Many links to material, listed clearly area-by-area. Excerpts from directories for many places. It has a listing of upcoming genealogical events, too.

[General Register Office](#)

If you are ordering copy certificates, this is the site for ordering birth, marriage and death copy certificates for England and Wales (unless you access online indexing for the local registrar's office – see UKBMD). The indexing is only for birth and deaths, but on births the mother's maiden name has been added back to 1837. On deaths, the age at death has also been added. The site requires free registration. Be canny and selective so you avoid ordering incorrect certificates.

[Newspapers](#)

While the [British Newspaper Archive](#) is not free, you can search the indexing for free and then use your findings to quickly locate an entry when you visit a library. There are totally free access offerings from [Australia \(Trove\)](#) and for [New Zealand \(Papers Past\)](#). Early Canadian papers are coming online courtesy of [University of Toronto](#). FamilySearch has a listing of [online newspaper sources](#) – not all free.

[The Gazette](#)

The official publication of record has been scanned from 1665 to the present and placed online. A valuable resource for military personnel who were mentioned in dispatches, etc., but also for bankruptcy, probate, cessation of partnerships and more which all contain names.

[The National Archives](#)

Some material is periodically free to download, but the profusion of free guides on many subjects is a good source of learning!

[England's Immigrants 1330-1550](#)

A searchable database of over 64,000 people known to have come here 1330-1550. Drawn from alien subsidy returns and letters of denization. Useful to those fortunate enough to have traced ancestors to the period, or to those curious about unusual surnames.

Make use of the Family History Federation website, especially 'resources tab' on main website

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Federation Resources

Join your local family history society! There is a list at:

www.familyhistoryfederation.com/societies-az



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North of Ireland Family History Society

The **North of Ireland Family History Society (NIFHS)** exists to provide a public benefit as well as resources and services

for its members. The society organises courses that are usually open to the general public as well as to members. The courses range from those aimed at people just starting their family research and wanting to know where to find information, to those for experienced researchers. There are also courses on specific sources, on particular techniques and on developments such as the use of DNA analysis. Charges for the courses are modest

Each of the society's branches holds meetings most months of the year and visitors are welcome to attend – see the online events calendar. If you are a visitor at a meeting, please introduce yourself to the person chairing the meeting. There is no obligation to join the society but, if you wish to do so, the branch treasurer will be happy to provide an application form and outline the benefits.

The society's Research Centre at Newtownabbey has a wealth of material to help people research including books, maps, directories, journals, CDs & DVDs, microfiches and transcriptions of parish register records, graveyard inscriptions, newspaper announcements and miscellaneous records. Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a voluntary donation. The Research Centre is run by volunteers who are happy to show visitors around and then leave them to browse the resources. See the [Research Centre](#) pages for details and how to get there. There is ample free parking and there is a café on the site.

COURSES PROGRAMME

Starting Out on Irish Family History

Audrey McKeown

Thursday 13 & 20 October 2022 (2.00pm and 7.00pm)

Ideal for beginners to Irish records and those wanting a refresher, this two-session course has been developed to help you find useful up-to-date resources and websites. You will be introduced to records which will assist you in your family history research, including civil, church, census, burial and land records. The course will also cover the resources made available to NIFHS members.

Lookup Service

NIFHS Volunteers

Friday 4 November 2022 (7.00pm) FREE

Our ever-popular lookup evening returns to give you an opportunity to reap the benefits of our service. This is not a formal talk but an opportunity to find out more about some of the items in the research library. Come and ask us a question - you may even get a lookup done during the session! If you are interested in attending then send an email to education.zoom@nifhs.org for the zoom link.

Amalgamating Your DNA Match Lists

Martin McDowell

Saturday 5 November 2022 (2.00pm)

Did you know you could use DNA Painter to combine together your match lists from Family Tree DNA, MyHeritage, 23andme, Geneanet and Gedmatch? This class explains step-by-step how to use the bulk import tool to combine match lists and organise them by segment.

Using the Leeds Method

Anne Johnston

Wednesday 9 November 2022 (7.00pm)

Do you feel overwhelmed by your list of DNA matches and don't know where to start? Have you unknown parentage and can't make sense of your matches? The Leeds Method, developed by Dana Leeds, helps you group your matches and look for patterns. Join us for a session which will take you step-by-step through the methodology and give you hints and tips on the follow up.

Launch of New Index for North Irish Roots

Audrey McKeown and Mike McKeag

Thursday 17 November 2022 (2.00pm and at 7.00pm) FREE

The *North Irish Roots* journal is brimming with sources, records and articles. Over the last year, NIFHS members from around the world have produced a searchable guide of all issues of the journal. This session will explain how members may use the updated guide and also how back issues can be accessed. If you are interested in attending, please email education.zoom@nifhs.org for the zoom link.

Registry of Deeds

Matthew Gilbert

Friday 18 November 2022 (7.00pm)

Using memorials from the Registry of Deeds can be an effective tool in pushing your family tree back into the 1700s. However, navigating the online records can be confusing. With a detailed introduction, and worked examples, this course aims to show how to utilise the Registry of Deeds treasure trove.

Dating Old Family Photographs

Alison Tait

Friday 2 December 2022 (7.00pm)

Interpreting and dating photos is an important tool in our family history research. This class will use real examples to demonstrate dating techniques.

For full information about NIFHS please visit the website. There is a section for courses including booking information.

Our website: <https://www.nifhs.org/>

Our courses: <https://www.nifhs.org/courses/>



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Northamptonshire Family History Society

With over 340 parishes in the county, it was always going to be a long-term project to record the memorial inscriptions in the county's churchyards.

We are pleased to say that we have now published over 210 parishes as small booklets. These mainly cover the central band of the county and just below the A5 which passes through Towcester and Weedon Beck. Recording has continued in the very south of the county this summer.

As well as including details of the legible headstones in the churchyard, we record the interior monuments and include a plan and a surname index in the booklets. All the published books can be purchased via *Parish Chest*.

Every stone tells a story. Those to the gentry or aristocracy will often include details of the descent of that person if they came from a long established dynasty, presumably to remind parishioners of their credentials! Others sadly record the number of children who died in infancy.

A very early headstone at Kilsby has the following inscription. *Here lyeth the body of JOHN BAYLY sonn of JOHN BAYLY of Kilesbe departed this life upon the 27 of November in ye year 1649. Well growne in statur, more in grace and hence removed to see God's face.*

This memorial records a sad accident when one child fell into a stream near the canal at Long Buckby and her elder brother tried to rescue her. Sadly both children drowned.

In loving memory of MARION MAUD BLOODWORTH who was accidentally drowned Oct 23 1891 aged 3 years. And of EDWARD GEORGE BLOODDOWORTH who lost his life in an attempt to save his sister Oct 23 1891 aged 6 years. ELIZABETH KATE BLOODWORTH who died July 18th 1886 aged 3 months. 'Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven'.

At the entrance to East Haddon cemetery is the following stone: *AP: Erected by friends and sympathizers to the memory of ANNIE PRITCHARD*



aged 31 years whose remains were found in this parish August 6 1892 'I was a stranger and ye took me in'.

Newspaper reports show that she had been murdered by her lover and her remains left in a ditch near the parish. Parishioners paid for the burial and headstone.

Our website: <https://www.northants-fhs.org/>

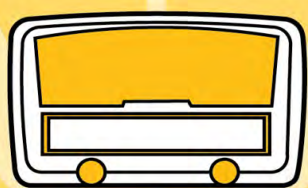
Our shop on Parish Chest: www.parishchest.com/northamptonshire-fhs-3500.php





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News from the Federation



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As advised last month, the Family History Federation is excited to announce the launch the second series of its podcast. The **Really Useful Podcast** brings together speakers from across the family history world including professional researchers, enthusiasts, bloggers, lecturers and people involved with family history societies. These conversations between old friends and new acquaintances have guests sharing their thoughts on a wide range of topics relating to family history.

You can listen to the podcasts through this page on the Federation website [www.familyhistoryfederation.com/podcast] as well as through your favourite podcast suppliers. We very much hope you enjoy the series. We would especially like to thank our guests for being a part of this and sharing their thoughts and stories. If you enjoy listening along at home, please share them with your genealogist friends and let us know on Facebook and Twitter.

The episodes are released at the end of each month beginning in late September.

Beginning Your Family History—now online

Every family historian has a story about how they got into family history. We share our experiences of starting out with this great hobby and share tips for others who are just beginning. Joe is joined by Mish Holman, professional genealogist who is particularly interested in theatre ancestors and census enumerators [www.familyhistorygifts.co.uk/]; Kelly Cornwell, professional family historian, blogger and speaker [<https://whoamifamilytreeresearch.co.uk/>]; Jane Hough, amateur genealogist and blogger [www.allthosebefore.org.uk/]; and Andrew Martin, family historian, author, digital archivist and host of the Family Histories Podcast [<https://li.sten.to/familyhistoriespodcast>]; [www.familytreeuk.co.uk/]

Joe Saunders



EARLY PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIOS

BY ROBERT POLS

Revised website plus book offer

Many will be familiar with books and articles for family and local historians on dating and interpreting old photographs by the late Robert Pols. Robert also published a comprehensive website on early photographic studios in Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Rutland and Suffolk.

The original site has been updated and moved to www.earlyphotostudios.uk. The site lists over 1,700 photographers operating in the seven counties between 1840 and 1916. Also on the site is a list of Robert's books and a [discount code to purchase](#) a number of these from the Family History Books.

OUT AND ABOUT

In recent weeks the roadshow has attended a number of events, fairs and shows, sometimes two are on together. The first in October was at Woodstock—run by Oxfordshire FHS and a good day it was, too. Family historians enjoy the mix of stalls, help and advice available at fairs—do please keep attending to encourage organisers to continue. There is much hard work involved in running fairs and your support will hopefully mean they continue for future years.

In the coming weeks we have the last few events of the year. Some will have the bookshop, while the craft shows generally have a smaller selection from Family History Books for your delectation. Again, there is a clash with the team split between Glasgow and Huddersfield.

When visiting any of these events, do stop by and have a word with our team who enjoy talking to visitors!

13-16 Oct [Creative Crafts](#), SEC, Glasgow

15 Oct [Huddersfield FHS Fair](#), Cathedral House, Huddersfield

22 Oct [Suffolk FHS Fair](#), The Hold, Ipswich

3-6 Nov [Creative Crafts](#), N.E.C., Birmingham

Please click the event for link to the organiser's website to find further details. Hope to see you there!



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Family History Research Aids from the Experts



Parish Chest, a service from the Family History Federation, has over sixty family history societies and some twenty-plus traders, at a one-stop online shop, offering a wide range of family history materials in some sixteen categories including:

- *Parish register transcriptions and more from local FHS*
- *Memorial inscriptions information from gravestones across the country, compiled by local FHS*
- *Nonconformists: Baptists, Wesleyans, Independents, Quakers and many more nonconformist lists*
- *Wills and Probate Indexes of wills and administrations*
- *Folders, printing facilities, giftware*
- *..and more!*

Societies and suppliers regularly add new lines, so visit to see what is there to help you add to your family tree.

www.parishchest.com

Societies and others interested in joining Parish Chest should initially contact:

admin@familyhistoryfederation.com



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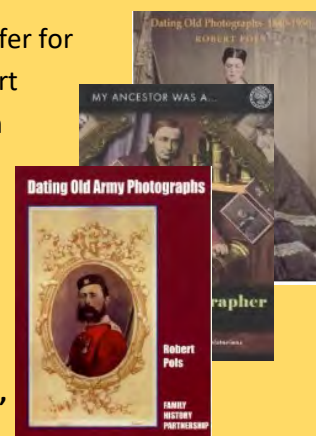
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Family History Books is a shop for books from many publishers on all aspects of family history research. Family History Books is also a publisher of relevant titles relating to research. Family History Books is owned by the Family History Federation in order to provide a service to the genealogical community.

Family History Books has an online shop. In addition, the bookshop can be found at major live family history events around the country enabling you to view the latest titles—the stall is always very popular!

The latest title is a 'bible' for those researching forebears in the county of Dorset (see last *Bulletin*).

On the previous page is an offer for three books by the late Robert Pols which are available from Family History Books. Use the special link on [discount code to purchase](#) and you can obtain a 15% discount!



Please explore the bookshop, and place your orders, at

www.familyhistorybooksonline.com/

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November 2022

It is nearly here—get your ticket for FULL access!

Please view www.fhf-reallyuseful.com for details



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Friday 11th November—evening only

Saturday 12th November—from 10am to 6pm [UK time]



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With details of each session
and how to book



*Plus—*EXPERT CONNECT

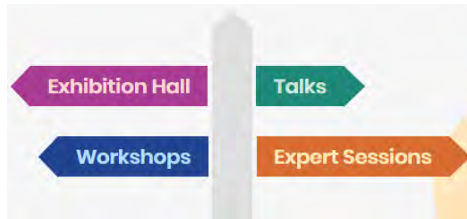
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Tickets provide full access to all speaker presentations,
the exhibition hall and for booking the workshops

See last page for ticket information.



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2022 SHOW NEWS No.2

Saturday's workshops commencing at 11.15am



Manors and how they worked **Caroline Adams**

A quick introduction to manors, what they were, and how they worked. The workshop will include tips to get round those pesky manorial records!



Researching arrivals into Victoria, Australia, from 1835 to present **David Down**

The workshop will examine the resources available to assist in tracing your ancestors following their arrival in Victoria from 1835

until the present day. We will discuss passenger arrival manifests, birth, death and marriage records, historical newspapers and the databases of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV). Members of the GSV will be available to answer questions about these topics during the workshop.



Reading difficult handwriting **Judy Buckley**

All researchers come across problem handwriting in the course of their research, be it for family history, local or social history. This workshop will look at tricky handwriting from various dates back to the mid-sixteenth

century using examples from the tutor's own family collection.



Luddites, Tolpuddle & Swing – civil unrest in the nineteenth century **Phil Coward**

Civil disobedience was a regular occurrence in the early nineteenth century as a result of both agricultural and industrial changes across the country. We will examine the

context of these changes and discover who exactly were involved in struggles that happened in many towns and villages across the country. This workshop may well stimulate you to explore if these events had an impact on your ancestors and maybe to consider which side they were on and why!



What am I going to do with all my family history stuff? **Sharon Hintze**

A survey of family history society members revealed that the vast majority had their best family history materials at home

on their computer or in physical form. Their major genealogical legacy is not online. Brewster Kahle, founder of the Internet Archive, said "collections that remain private or not digital are for all intents and purposes extinct". For the purposes of the workshop, "stuff" could include family trees, documents, photos both physical and digital, artefacts and DNA results. Intangible "stuff" includes personal memories, or an ancestor's signature phrase such as 'my stars and garters!'.

Prospective participants should use the questionnaire on the Show website prior to this workshop.

All workshops will be interactive at the time shown.

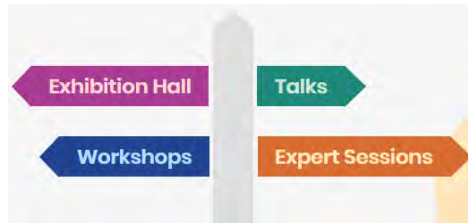
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Using MyHeritage photo features Daniel Horowitz

In this workshop, Daniel will give a detailed tour of all the photo features MyHeritage offers. Learn to animate your photos with Deep Nostalgia™, colorize and restore colours with MyHeritage In Colour™, bring faces into sharp focus with the Photo Enhancer, record the stories behind your photos with the Photo Storyteller™, make your photos speak with DeepStory, and much more. Daniel will show you how to use MyHeritage to breathe new life into old photos and revive your family's favourite memories.



Drawing charts and diagrams by hand as a research tool David Cufley

This workshop will explain how to draw by hand drop charts (family group sheets) to understand the relationships of a family. It will discuss the symbols and abbreviations used on charts and diagrams. Gaps on charts and re-occurring data may indicate trends that suggest future research is needed. Drop charts done to A4 format for research and use in discussions and as pdf files. Also, their use to explore brick walls and research targets. The theme is the use of hand-drawn diagrams as a research tool to help target what further research is needed to progress one's family.



Finding your family history in Wales Helen Palmer

We will look at what makes genealogical research in Wales different. Although so near to England, and for many years sharing a common church and legal system, Wales nevertheless has a different language and culture from its neighbour. This workshop will examine the implications of these differences and look at some of the available records, assessing their strengths and weaknesses.



Wills for family, local and house history Jackie Depelle

Wills are an all-embracing resource not restricted to family history. A detailed probate record can provide signposts to additional material for research. Not everyone made a will and if they did you'll need some skills in reading handwriting. This workshop will include basic palaeography techniques and glossaries, focus mainly on England and Wales with brief guidance for Ireland and Scotland. Attendees should have at least two sheets of plain A4 paper to hand as well as a pencil, perhaps an eraser, too! A handout will accompany the workshop.



Family heirlooms: telling their stories Janet Few

Without any associated stories attached to family heirlooms, much of their significance is lost. We have all seen medals, engraved items and old photographs for sale; remnants of past lives which we, as family historians, feel someone should be cherishing. This workshop invites attendees to take a forensic look at an heirloom that is important to them and suggests ways in which its story could be told. Participants should have printed out the worksheet prior to the session and have this to hand together with paper and a pencil. Please also have one family heirloom in front of you. Other things that might be useful are a ruler or tape measure and a set of scales.

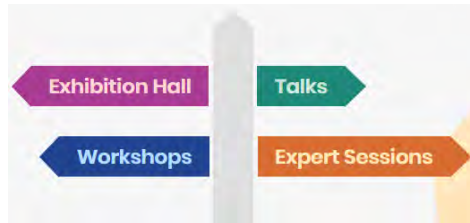


Working with GENUKI Malcolm Austen

Working live on the GENUKI website, this workshop will demonstrate the key elements of the site's hierarchic structure. The various navigation features within the site will be explained. Particular attention will be given to the gazetteer and the church database. The site's objectives and system of distributed maintenance responsibility will be described.

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Using oral histories for genealogy David Ryan

This workshop will examine how family historians can get the most out of oral history collections in their research. Advice will also be offered on the best way to go about recording our own family stories.



The problem with destitute children Ian Mooney

Using examples from the Kirkdale Industrial School, the workshop will discuss the records that shed light on who attended industrial schools and why. It will trace students from birth to death and debate the

usefulness of these institutions. Records covered in the session will include those from the workhouse, the industrial school, asylums and courts plus BMDs and censuses.



Researching ancestors who served during the two world wars: a hands-on approach Simon Fowler

A workshop to help attendees understand the records they are using as well as some of

the problems genealogists may come across in using these records. WWI research will include alternative sources, what pension cards tell us and unit war diaries. For WWII we will look at interpreting service records, those of the Home Front and some of the best websites to use for military research (providing time allows). Participants should have their research notes ready and be prepared to contribute to the conversation. To start, we will discuss how true you think your family stories are about your relations' war services.



Breaking down brick walls Toni Newbold

This will be an interactive workshop designed to explore common family history problems. We will look at some of the issues that participants are facing, with input from the presenter and other participants as to potential solutions. We'll also be looking at a number of top tips that can help in breaking down those challenging brick walls.



A One-Place Study (OPS): family history within a community

Paul Carter & Pam Smith

This workshop will enable a family historian to expand their research beyond a traditional person-centred genealogy into an holistic overview of the place where they lived. In an OPS, the place is as important as a name. Census and parish registers reflect a population study connecting people from the place. Baptisms, marriages and burials illustrate fertility and mortality rates within a time frame. We will explore themes including religion, education, occupation and leisure gatherings and suggest who may have had an influence on our ancestors' lives. Advice will be offered on how to store your data for a wider community and manage interactions between people who aren't necessarily related to each other.

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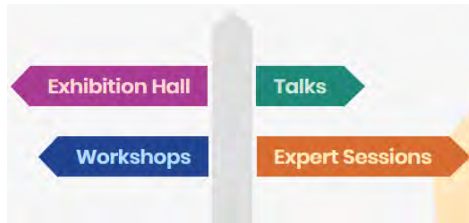


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Search vs research **Barbara Coakley**

Searching is just one step in the process of researching your family history. We'll create a research plan to determine if a family story about a murder in Chicago in the 1920s is true. The research process includes investigating the location, documenting background material, developing a research goal, and planning the research.



Documenting a life story **Christine Woodcock**

This workshop will work collaboratively to begin documenting the life of one of our ancestors or family members. We will consider pulling stories out of documents, managing a timeline of a person's life, adding documents, photos, maps, newspaper articles etc to the book and finally sharing anecdotes we know about the person. By the end of the workshop, participants will have successfully begun to document the life history of an ancestor, family member or even themselves.



Research at home using your local libraries' online resources **Paul Gaskell**

This interactive workshop will showcase the use of data sets available online from local libraries. These datasets can be used at home and without charge by anybody who has membership of the library service in question. Many examples featured will be from the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire libraries. However, similar online offerings are made available by library services across the UK. They are potentially of huge value to researchers, but many are unaware of their availability.



Exploring options for publishing local or family history research **Stephen Poulter**

This workshop explores the options for people who wish to turn their original research into a form to be published online and/or in print. We will look at the advantages, disadvantages and costs of various ways of presenting written accounts with illustrations about individuals, families, buildings and communities. There will be a mixture of short PowerPoint presentations followed by discussion and questions from those attending. A handout with a summary of the options discussed will be available to participants.



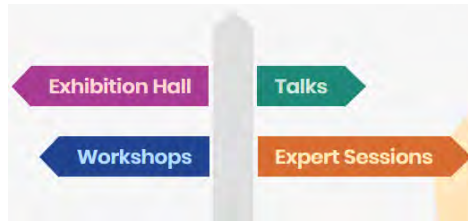
How to put together a family history tour **Glynn Burrows**

A list of names and dates is a very dry document indeed, so adding details about life at the time is as important as putting butter on a piece of toast. I discovered that my mother's family has lived in the same village since 1620! I realised that I wanted to research the social history of my county and needed to visit my family villages. Family history always needs to be put into context and researching local history alongside family history is so essential. Sometimes national and even international history needs to be understood too, as I discovered when I found that one of my ancestors was a Chelsea Out Pensioner after being invalided out of the army in 1815!



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Using Scottish kirk session records for Scottish family history

Janice Smith

This workshop will provide you with the skills and knowledge to further your Scottish family history research using Scottish Kirk

Session records. These contain a wealth of information that can provide stories about your ancestors' lives.



Strange names: using unusual first names to target offline archive research

Kris Dysert

Genealogists enjoy comparing strange first names. This workshop explores how these names can be used to prioritize offline

archive research, especially useful for female and brick wall ancestors. Attendees will learn how to find the popularity of the name during the ancestor's life and what demographics can be learned. I will quickly show interactive graphs of my studied names, but will ask for unusual names from attendees to explore their popularity and geographic concentration (in the US). Although their ancestors are likely in the UK, it will illustrate the value of the work.



Electoral registers - how they can help with twentieth-century research

Paul Shearing

This workshop we will explore what Electoral Rolls can tell us, when women appear in these records, how to use them, and how they helped verify a family legend. Researchers often dismiss using the Electoral Register because "all they show is name and addresses". Well, these registers enabled me to identify my great-grandfather's WWI Medal Card! The absent voters register enabled me to find his regimental number and from that I was able to understand some of his WWI service.



Eighteenth-century Methodist membership records

Bob Schofield

Maintaining records was a significant part of a Minister's role in early Methodism. Many records exist, detailing more than members'

names. The workshop will describe how the records were drawn up and indicate where to find them. Exercises will use records from 1763, which will be downloadable. The workshop will show how records can be used to determine patterns of marital status, occupation, gender and personal spiritual attainment. The workshop will demonstrate that the records can sometimes help family historians validate their often hazy conclusions currently based on marriage and baptismal records.



I think I have found a Huguenot ancestor – what next?

Sandra Robinson

This workshop is aimed at broadening expertise for participants who have genealogical research experience and are

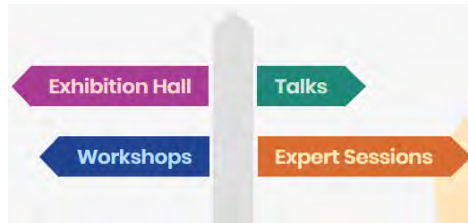
comfortable with searching UK records and the usual online sites. A little knowledge of French would be an asset but is not necessary. There will be an overview of the many places where there might be records for you to discover. We will concentrate on what is online, indicating what is free and what might be worth a subscription.

Prospective participants must read the added details on the Show website.

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Proving it all – going beyond WikiTree Guy Hirst

This workshop will provide examples of family traditions wholly, partly or not borne out by research, and will elicit others from attendees. Discussion will include descending from historical figures, nobility, poets, royalty and what signs to look out for too including a “gateway” ancestor! There will be interesting examples from WDYTYA and how pure luck helps



An introduction to Irish family history research Natalie Bodle

Irish genealogy research has the reputation of being tricky, particularly as so many valuable records were destroyed in Dublin in 1922. During this workshop, we will cover some of the key records that survive, where you can find them and provide search tips to help you track down those elusive ancestors.



Researching settlement certificates and removal orders: a practical workshop Linda Hammond

Pre-1837 settlement certificates and removal orders are widely overlooked in research. We will explore these to demonstrate the wealth of information they contain. These records can reveal a treasure trove of information including names and ages of family members, dates of family events, addresses, and more. Let me guide you through the process of locating these records, searching them and finally exploring all they have to offer.



Jewish ancestry Jeanette Rosenberg

Learn how to trace your Jewish Ancestors and where to look for clues. Bring your questions and documents. Come to this workshop for signposting to specific Jewish family history sources and resources to help you find your Jewish family history. This workshop is for you if you think you have a possible Jewish ancestor or if you know you have a whole tribe of them but are stuck with a brick wall, and tracing their origins before they arrived in the UK.



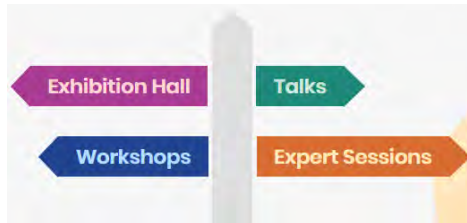
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EXPERT CONNECT

Full details will appear on the website shortly

This year we have a series of **Expert Connect** panels to be held on Zoom where you can ask questions of the panellists. These will each be of one and a half hours duration and hosted by our expert organisations.

No pre-booking is needed, just go along at any time during the session and join in the discussion, raise your question and receive expert advice.



Friday 8.00pm—9.00pm

Hosted by the Family History Federation with representatives from various societies and Federation executive members



Saturday 11.00am—12.30pm

Hosted by AGRA - The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives. Let top professional genealogists discuss your research queries



Saturday 2.30pm—4.00pm

Hosted by RQG Register of Qualified Genealogists. Let top professional genealogists discuss your research queries.

At other times you can have a consultation with each organisation's representatives by visiting their booth in the exhibition hall when the show is live online.



Saturday 1.00pm *Changes to FamilySearch*

A live talk will be given by Sharon Hintze lasting approximately fifty minutes.

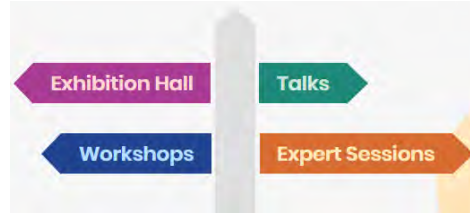
For information about Sharon please see her workshop [speaker biography](#)

Saturday 2.30pm—3.30pm EXPERT CONNECT session where you can pop into the FamilySearch Zoom meeting and ask a question or participate in the discussion.

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