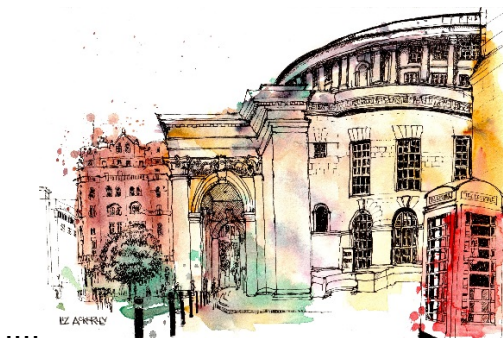


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Anglo-Scottish Branch of MLFHS – <http://www.mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots>

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2022. I am pleased to say that after a dip in membership because of Covid-19 in 2020-2021 the need for social distancing and with no live meetings, the trend has been reversed during 2022. Welcome to all our new members. We now offer face-to-face meetings as well as continuing our ZOOM presentations and I hope that this arrangement satisfies our member's needs.

The message from our chairman describes some of the changes that are proposed in a revised constitution which will provide a document more attuned to the times.

Bolton, Oldham and the Anglo-Scots branches all have meetings this month. I make no excuses in highlighting the book written by our member Ed Baines titled **A Beacon of Hope The Seashell Trust celebrating 200 years**. All proceeds will be donated to the Seashell Trust. A number of books have also hit our shelves during the last month or so and can be bought from our Bookshop.

I must thank all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the past year and their efforts can be seen in the large number of entries to our databases and always listed in PROJECT UPDATES. I have also included the many additions to the UKBMD site.

I hope that you will continue to find the newspaper an interesting read and it just remains for me to wish everyone a joyous festive season. One final reminder that the Helpdesk will be closed between 16th December and the 9th January 2023.

Barry Henshall

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This month after a rigorous review your trustees have approved the wording of a revised Constitution governing the management of the Society. Full details will be published in advance of a member's meeting next year when the membership will be asked to adopt the revised text.

The changes are intended to address anomalies which surfaced following the Covid pandemic in light of the changes in patterns of social behaviour. These included the growth and development of online meetings alongside the traditional in-person meetings as well as the decline in the number of members offering their services to serve as trustees.

One principal change is to empower the Executive Committee to hold online meetings. Hitherto, we have operated under a temporary dispensation granted during the Covid pandemic which is no longer appropriate.

A second change will reduce the number of elected trustees and, in exceptional circumstances, with due regard to the rights of members, extend the period of tenure of officers. As mentioned above these changes reflect the alterations observed in the pattern of behaviour since Covid.

There are several minor changes which tidy up other anomalies observed during the review.

Full details will be circulated in 2023 along with explanatory notes and a mechanism for addressing any questions which arise in advance of a members' meeting.

I mention this now to give adequate notice of the changes in hand. I would ask you to wait for further details when they are published before seeking further explanations.

Sincerely,

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.

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 Fortyacre 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

No meeting planned for December at the time of writing

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

Bolton Branch



Christmas Words and Music

- Date: 7th Dec 2022
- Wednesday 7.30pm
- Bolton Golf Club (Live event only)
- Speaker: Geoff Scargill

Geoff Scargill - has told us he is a retired headteacher and magistrate. I love music, cricket, politics and history. I am a distant relative of Arthur! I am the chair of the Watkin Society, which aims to make known a forgotten great man of the 19th century, Sir Edward Watkin MP,

and have just had a book published about him: "Victoria's Railway King".

Geoff gives talks to support a professor, who is a cancer specialist, and led the team that performed an 8-hour op. on our son, Peter. He said it was the most complicated operation he had ever performed. I decided to pay him back literally, by giving talks.

Geoff comes highly recommended.

More festive arrangements to be announced nearer the time.

Booking: email bolton@mlfhs.org.uk

Bolton Golf Club
Chorley New Road
Bolton BL6 4AJ

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

Oldham Branch

An informal evening with a fun Pictorial Quiz about our local and general history (multiple choice answers!!!).

Have a glass of your favourite tippie and a mince pie or cake by your side!

On zoom only

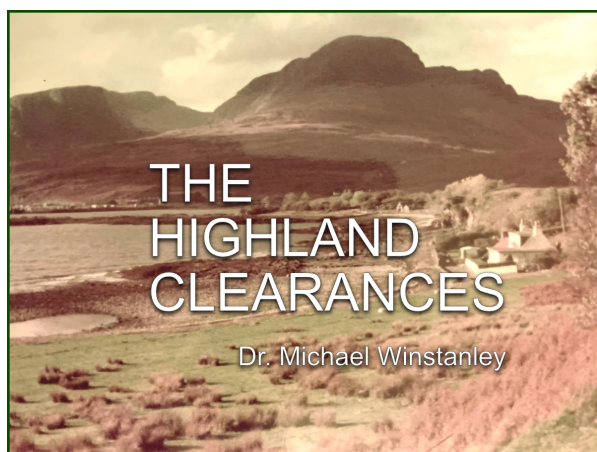
Wednesday, 14th December at 7pm.



Book via [Eventbrite](#)

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

Anglo-Scots



The Highland Clearances by Michael Winstanley.

Date: 3 December 2022
Day: Saturday, 2.00pm (UK time)
Venue: Online via Zoom

What were they? How 'cruel' were they? What did they achieve? Could they have been avoided? These are the questions about the Highland Clearances that our speaker will attempt to answer for us.

The Highland Clearances were the evictions of a significant number of tenants in the Scottish Highlands and Islands, mostly in two phases from 1750 to 1860.

The first phase resulted from agricultural improvement, driven by the need for landlords to increase their income – many had substantial debts, with actual or potential bankruptcy being a large part of the story of the clearances.

The second phase involved overcrowded crofting communities from the first phase that had lost the means to support themselves, through famine and/or collapse of industries that they had relied on. This is when "assisted passages" were common, when landowners paid the fares for their tenants to emigrate.

Dr Mike Winstanley is a "retired" Senior Lecturer in History at Lancaster University who researches, publishes and gives talks based on his work on various aspects of North West history particularly, but not exclusively, in the 18th and 19th century.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: members - free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3.00

Image: HH

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



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](#)

Society of Genealogists Events in December

Live online events in December

More information can be found [HERE](#) and for the latest news and subscribe to their newsletter [HERE](#).

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)

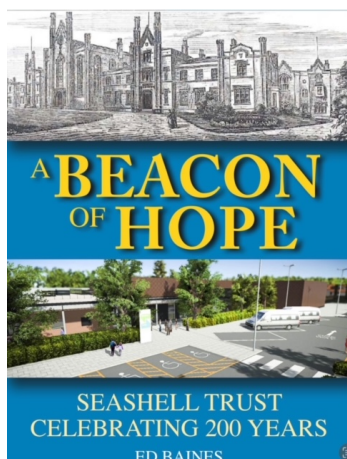
Published by Merlin Unwin Books Ltd.

This book can be purchased through our [bookshop](#).

Code: 8641

£20.00

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.

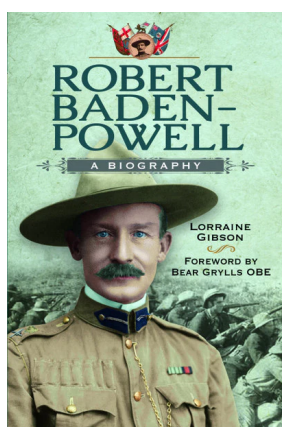


From being one of the country's oldest deaf schools the Charity now provides specialist education and residential care for profoundly and multiple disabled children and young people. On this journey the Charity has influenced national legislation, introduced novel methods of education and training including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



Robert Baden-Powell A Biography

Code: 8636

£20.00 £25.00

Robert Baden-Powell was Britain's first celebrity.

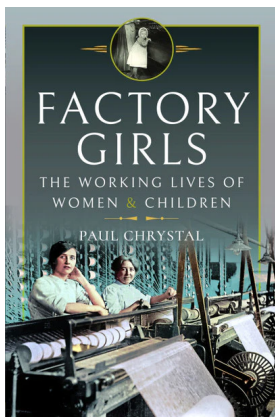
A conflicted character - militarist and pacifist, macho man and drag artist, elitist and socialist - he was one of the 20th century's most influential and, latterly, controversial Englishmen, finding fame not once, but twice – and for two very different reasons.

This book examines Baden-Powell's dual personality, or his 'two lives' as he called them, including his difficult childhood with a domineering and unaffectionate mother whom he loved even after she forced him into the army at 19, dashing his dreams of becoming an artist.

It looks at his military career and his love of drama and at why protesters wanted to topple his statue on Poole Quay in the pandemic summer of 2020.

It also considers a recently-discovered telegraph that adds fuel to the speculation over the nature of his relationship with a fellow-soldier that endured for 30 years - until he married a 22-year-old woman in secret when he was 55.

Further information at our [bookshop](#).



Factory Girls (Hardback) The Working Lives of Women and Children

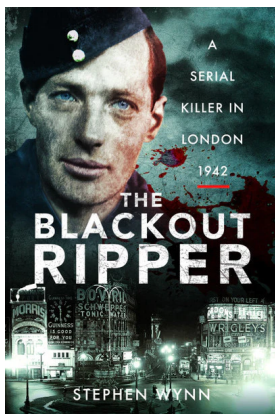
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£18.75 ~~£25.00~~

Ever since there have been factories, women and children have, more often than not, worked in those factories. What is perhaps less well known is that women also worked underground in coal mines and over ground scaling the inside of chimneys. Young children were also put to work in factories and coal mines; they were deployed inside chimneys, often half-starved so that they could shin up ever narrower flues.

This book charts the unhappy but aspirational story of women and children at work through the Industrial Revolution to 1914. Without women there would have been no pre-industrial cottage industries, without women the Industrial Revolution would not have been nearly as industrial and nowhere near as revolutionary.

Further information at our [bookshop](#).



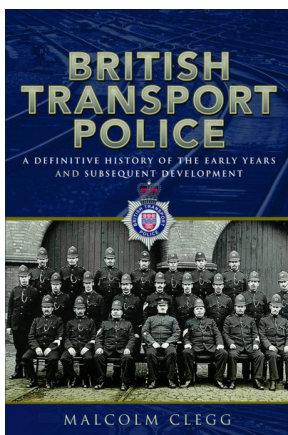
The Blackout Ripper

Code: 8638

£15.99

Two days before the outbreak of the Second World War, the British government imposed blackout regulations across the nation as it was believed that in the event of war, Germany would very quickly begin conducting air raids on British towns and cities. The measures included covering windows in a dark, thick material at night to ensure no light could be seen from the outside. The use of vehicle headlamps was also prohibited, which resulted in a number of accidents and pedestrians being killed.

Further information at our [bookshop](#).



British Transport Police

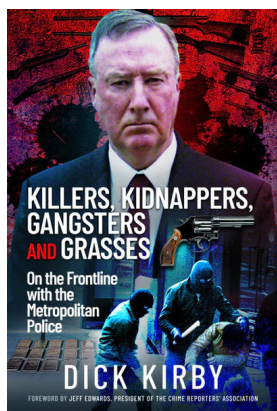
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£22.50 ~~£25.00~~

This book traces the history of the British Transport Police, the National Police Force responsible for policing the railways of England, Scotland and Wales. The roots of the Force go back almost 200 years, starting with the development of the railways during the Nineteenth Century. Hundreds of railway companies were founded and although mergers and amalgamations took place, by the end of the century, well over 100 railway companies were operating, most of which employed railway policemen.

The first railway policemen were recruited to work on the Stockton and Darlington Railway in 1826. Other railway companies quickly followed and by the 1850s, railway policemen with their smart uniforms and top hats were a common sight on Britain's railways.

Further information at our [bookshop](#).



Kidnappers, Gangsters and Grasses On the Frontline with the Metropolitan Police

Code: 8640

£16.00 £20.00

In his latest thrilling book, much published crime author Dick Kirby draws on his fast moving policing service, much of which was with Scotland Yard's Serious Crime Squad and the Flying Squad. As if that was not enough he brings in accounts of fellow coppers during the final decades of the 20th century to add a fresh dimension.

It quickly becomes clear to the reader that Kirby and his colleagues practised their art in a markedly different style than that prevailing today. Corners were cut, regulations ignored and pettifogging rules trampled on in the wider public interest of bringing criminals to justice and preserving law and order. Above all the best senior detectives led fearlessly.

Further information at our [bookshop](#).

NOTES FROM THE FORUM

New document to the society web site. This is a table of key dates for civil registration nationally (England & Wales) and locally (changes to the Manchester Registration District).

The basis of this is a table produced by Birmingham Registration Service, which I have amended for local relevance. This was helpfully circulated on the Salford list by Lynne Klein (Thank you Lynne).

Linked it to the main menu under Research - Reference but you can access directly at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/research/reference/civil-registration-key-dates/file>

John Marsden

PROJECTS UPDATE

Godfrey Map Index

Another 200 streets and buildings added to the Godfrey Map Index. These cover the map for Middleton in 1891, issued by Alan Godfrey maps as a coloured edition kindly indexed by Paul Thomas.

A new memorial has been added to the War Memorial database. This is from the Deansgate Depot of the LNER and has 38 names from the First and Second World Wars. The image was supplied by David Ingleby of the Great Northern Railway Society.

See <https://www.mlfhs.uk/databases/war-memorials/details/1124>

The memorial seems to be lost and this photo, from an unknown publication, seems to be the only record. If anyone has any information as to its location, we would like to hear from you.

I have added a further 357 records to the Great Database. These are details from a register of children sent to Canada and some other countries by the Chorlton-on-Medlock Poor Law Union. Images of the register are attached to each record. There is a copy of the full index in the Document Collection - Workhouse & Poor Law section. Thanks to Mark Campbell for indexing these entries.

John Marsden

Newspaper Announcements

Added 6,127 BMD announcements from Manchester Courier for 1840-41 to the Great Database. Transcribed by Linda Bailey, Laura Lewis, Chris Norcross and Chris Hall.

Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions

A further four volumes covering 181 admissions for dates 1872-7; 1895-6 and 1922 have been completed and added to The Great Database. [see Appendix 1] Only one final volume remains to be indexed.

A further volume covering 85 admissions for dates 1921-1922 have been completed and added to The Great Database. [see Appendix 2]

Miscellaneous Small Projects

Added details of persons admitted to the Moravian church 1720-1755 Transcribed by Mark Campbell from Manchester Genealogist 9/2&3 (1973) (45 records)

Added details of Salford children indentured as apprentices 1810-1821. Previously published in Manchester Genealogist Vol. 8 Issue 4 (1972). Transcribed by Mark Campbell (29 records)

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.

NOTE: The Helpdesk will be **closed** over the Christmas period for 3 weeks.

The last session will be on Friday 16 December with the Helpdesk reopening on Monday 9 January 2023.

We are also **closed** for a half day on Wednesday 7th Dec for the MLFHS Volunteers Christmas Party.

WEBSITES

Ancestry One million Scottish records have been published by Ancestry and include
Edinburgh Army Attestation Registers 1796-1857,
Edinburgh Alien Registers 1794, 1798-1825
Edinburgh Land Provist Passports 1845-1916
Edinburgh Extent Rolls 1748-1829
Edinburgh Cemetery Registers 1771-1935
More details in the December issue of Family Tree magazine

Cyndi's List - <https://www.cyndislist.com>

I have mentioned this site a number of times but it never ceases to amaze how many links are available for you to search. At the last count there were a total of 316,718 links covering 229 categories. You can search the categories alphabetically and I chose M to find 26 options. Following any of these options leads to a further breakdown. For example [Magazines, Journals, Columns & Newsletters](#) would lead to 176 sites. And this is only one example!

One thing I found irritating was the constant advert pop-ups but if you can live with that then Cyndi's list is well worth examining in detail.

ThoughtCo - <https://www.thoughtco.com/about-us-4779650>

This is a reference site with a 20+ year focus on expert-created education content with a good approach to genealogy. Click on the Humanities tab then follow with History & Culture and finally Genealogy. This leads you to free how-to-do articles covering many aspects of genealogy.

Familytree - <https://familytreemagazine.com/family-tree>

I highly recommend this site to our newer members as it contains a wealth of information covering the basics of family history together with more advanced topics.

Google - Finally for this month do not forget the power of Google (other search engines can also be used). Try entering 'family tree' followed by your surname and you may be pleasantly surprised. This is one site I found by entering my surname <https://caseytoddcopper.tribalpages.com>.

These search engines will help in discovering much about your family heritage, where they lived, occupations, information on the church where your ancestors were married, churchyards and much more. This approach may seem obvious to many but it is easily overlooked and could lead to breaking down one of your brick walls.
Happy hunting.

MyHeritage - Publishes the 1950 U.S. Census: Search All States and Territories for Free! You can now search all U.S. states and territories in our 1950 U.S. Census collection! This release is the largest yet for this collection, encompassing 30 million records from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. The 1950 U.S. Census collection now includes more than 150 million records from all of the U.S. states and territories, all available for you to view, search, and add to your MyHeritage tree for free. More information [HERE](#)

UKBMD UPDATES

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

Please find below the additions / amendments to the Staffs BMD for the 4th Nov

Births:

4,090 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1968-1979)
4 November 2022

Births: Replacements for corrections and addition of mother's maiden name
2,992 for Ipstones, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1852-1865)

Marriages:

150 for Castle Church, St Mary, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2000-2020)
46 for Biddulph, English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2019)
20 for Ashley, Methodist Chapel - Wesleyan Rd, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1992-2014)
19 for Kidsgrove, St John's Roman Catholic Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2012-2019)
11 for Newcastle, Holy Trinity Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2018-2020)
5 for Silverdale, Church Of The Sacred Heart, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2015-2018)
15 for Ashley, St John the Baptist, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2016-2019)

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

Added 2,247 Births for Bury RD comprising: Bury (1981-1982)

Added 8,908 Deaths for Bury RD comprising: Bury (1960-1968)

Added 2,459 Deaths for Bury RD comprising: Bury (1968-1972)

Added 169 Marriages for Blackburn RD comprising:
Blackburn, St Georges Free Church of England (1970-2009)
Darwen, Central United Reformed Church (Duckworth St) (1988-2009)
Feniscowles, Methodist Church (1994-2007)
Blackburn, Revidgefolds United Reformed Church (Shear Brow) (1990-2006)
Darwen, Kingdom Hall (Astley St) (2005-2010); Blackburn
St Jude (1997-2010); Blackburn, St Silas (2008-2010)

Also

Added 842 Marriages for Bury RD comprising:
Bury, St.Thomas (1988-2012)
Hillock, St.Andrew (1977-2008)
Ainsworth, Christ Church (2012-2019)
Bury, St.John (1993-2019)
Bury, St.Mary (2000-2021)
Bury, St.Peter (1992-2021)

Thanks are due to Tony Foster and his team for the above.

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.

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 by. If you are a food and drink enthusiast 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

181 records of admission documents for children entering the school 1872-7; 1895-6 and 1922.

As always, thanks are due to Jim Chadwick and his team (Marie Collier, Susan Hilton-Brooks, Karen Hugill, Janet Moores and Chris Norcross.

The names of those admitted are as below.

ADDISON Annie Isabella
AINSWORTH Mary
ANDREWS James
ARMITAGE Dorothy
ASHWORTH John William
ASTON Rose Mary
BALL Elizabeth
BARBIN Mary Ellen
BARRATT Elizabeth
BARTON Joseph Frederick
BASKERVILLE Ralph Hancock
BEARDSLEY Albert Edward
BENTLEY Olga
BLOOR Ephraim
BOAR Mary Ann
BOARDMAN Joseph
BOTTOMLEY Edwin
BOWMAN Thomas Herbert
BOYLE Margaret
BRADLEY Matilda
BRAMHALL Cyril
BREES Thomas William
BRUNT Harriet
BUCKLEY Jane Alice
BURGON Elizabeth
BUXTON Alice
CADMAN William H
CATLOW Jean Archdale
CHADWICK Edward
CLOWES George James
CONDLIFFE Lydia
COOKE Dora
COTTIER Samuel
CRESSWELL Frederick
CROWTHER George Burdett
DARLINGTON Abraham
DAVENPORT Jesse Maria
DAVIES Thomas
DAWES George Ernest
DAWKS Richard
DEAN Henry Lewis
DIXON George
DOBSON John
DUCKWORTH Susannah
EASTWOOD James Arthur
EDWARDS Ewart
ELTON Charlotte
ENGLISH John
FALLOWS John
FEENEY John
FIRTH William
FLEWITT Ellen
FORD Kezia
FRESHNEY Ann Elizabeth
GALLIMORE Amelia
GARNER Charles
GEOGHEGAN Mary Birchall
GERRARD Elizabeth
GLEAVE Thomas
GRAHAM Ellen

GRAY Robert
GREAVES Ada
GREENOCK William
GREENWOOD Edith
GRIMSHAW George Alfred
GRUNDY Albert Edward
GUEST Thomas Ivor
GUY Rosannah
HANCOCK Henry Lewis
HARRISON Jane Ellen
HARRISON John
HARTLEY Alice
HARVEY Mary Ellen
HARWOOD Emma
HAWORTH Maria
HEAP Hannah Standing
HEATHCOTE William Edward
HIBBERT Edward
HINDES Henry
HORRIDGE William
HOWARD Maud
HUDSON Henry
HUGHES William
HULME William
HUTCHINSON Edith
HYDE Jesse
INGHAM Betsy Alice
JAMES Elizabeth
JOHNSON William
JONES Annie
KENNEDY Margaret
KENNEY Mary Ellen
KERSHAW Mary Ann
KIRKHAM Emma Jane
LAWSON William Edward
LEACK Doris
LEES Sarah Jane
LEIGH Walter
LONGMAN William Crawford
LORD Wilton
LOWE James Albert
LUDLOW Henry
MAGUIRE Alfred
MARLAND Alfred
MARSDEN Margaret
MASON Ann Elizabeth
MASON Mary Annie
MILLERSHIP Lily
MILLWARD Joyce
MOORES John
MORGAN Austin
MORRIS James
MORT Tom
MYATT Richard
NOUGHTON John Joseph
OPENSHAW James
ORMROD Richard
OWEN Herbert Henry
PARKS Gwendoline
PARRY Edith
PEARSE William
PERRY Bertha
PLUMMER Amy
POOLE Muriel
POTTS Lucy
PRENDERGAST Dennis
PRICE Robert James
RATCLIFFE Walter Henry
RAWLINSON Florence
READE Henrietta

RHODES Nelly
 RHODES Sarah
 RICHARDSON Annie Mary
 ROBERTS John Askew
 ROBERTS John William
 ROBERTS Llewellyn
 ROSTRON Alice
 RUTTER Florence
 SAVAGE Hannah
 SCOTT Ann
 SCOTT Joseph
 SCOTT Sarah
 SCOTT Sidney Stuart
 SCRIVEN George Harry
 SEATON Alfred Ernest Albert Clifton Court
 SHEPPARD Arthur
 SHOREMAN Edith
 SISSON Henry Sewell
 SLATER Frank
 SMALLMAN William
 SMITH James
 SMITH Sarah
 STANDRING Violetta
 STANLEY Alfred Henry
 STEAD Jack
 STOCKDALE Albert
 STOCKTON Stanley
 STONE Elizabeth Hannah
 STOPFORD Emily
 STOPFORD Harry
 SUMNER James
 TAYLOR Elizabeth Jane
 TAYLOR Margaret Ann
 TAYLOR Mary Jane
 THOMAS Gwendoline Ruby
 THOMPSON Florence Mary
 THOMPSON Margaret
 THORPE Fred
 TITHERINGTON Mary Martha
 TOWLSON Olive Marjorie
 WARD Beatrice Victoria
 WARD Thomas
 WATSON Joseph
 WHITTAKER Eliza Ann
 WHITTAKER James Thomas
 WILLIAMS Gaynor
 WILLIAMSON Ralph
 WOOD Percy
 WOOD Roger
 WRIGHT Margaret
 YOXALL Betty Louisa

Appendix 2

85 records for admissions to the Royal Manchester School for the Deaf & Dumb to the Great Database for 1921-22.

This is the final batch to complete the project as originally planned. The project has added the records for 2,600 pupils admitted to the school up to 1922. The names contained in this batch are:

AINSCOUGH Helen
 ANGOLD Minnie
 ARMITAGE George
 ARROWSMITH Vera
 BAILEY Sarah
 BARBER Harold
 BARLOW Harold
 BASNETT Mary Emma
 BOOTH Victor

BOOTHROYD Doris
BOSWELL Frank
BRAMMAH Albert Edward
BROOKS Marjorie Mary
BUTLIN Harry
CARTER Norman William
CHAPLOW Violet Mary
COPE Cecil Robinson
CORFIELD Cyril
COULTHURST Mabel
CROUCH Ronald
DAVEY Nora
DEAN Annie
DENNISON Harry Alwyn
FEARNLEY Freda Elizabeth
FITTON Ivy
GETTINGS James
GILLINGS John Stephen
GRAHAM James
HADFIELD Fred
HALL Phyllis M S
HALLIWELL Norman Richard
HAYTHORNTHWAITE Beryl Esther
HIRST Midred
HOLMES Sherlock
HUGHES James
HUMPHREYS Mary Alice
JACKSON Minnie
JONES Winifred
KENT Hilda
KNIGHT Alice
LAWRENCE Millicent Kathleen
LEESLEY Cyril
LIVESEY Mary
LONG George
MACLEOD Kenneth
MARSH William Kenneth
MAY Olive
MCDONALD Joseph
MOLYNEAUX James
MOORE James Thomas
NEILSON Elias
PARKER Evelyn
PARKER Gladys
PARRY Emily
PEACOCK Minnie
PEAK Frank
PERKINS Joseph
PLATT Beatrice
POULTER Robert John
PRATT George Henry
PRATT Matilda
PRICE Ivor Llewellyn
RIGG John Frederick
ROBINSON Nancy
ROYS Edward
SCHOFIELD Norman
SCOTT Walter
SEWELL William
SHELDON Louisa
SMITH Harold
SMITH Lilian
SOUTHCOAT Marian
STONE Elizabeth Sarah
STONE Marjorie
TAYLOR Effie
TOPPING Joseph
TURNER George
TURTON Leslie
WALTER Thomas Booth

WAUGH Helena
WEBSTER Mary
WILSON Lilian Verena
WOODS Mary Alice
WOODTHORPE Dorothy
WORSLEY Stanley



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Huguenots

by Kathy Chater

Huguenots were French Protestants who experienced religious persecution between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries and became what today would be called asylum seekers. Some 50,000 fled to Britain before 1750.



A Victorian print depicting Huguenot refugees arriving in Britain

The Victorians regarded them as the epitome of the Protestant work ethic, so many people wanted to claim such social superiority and now have a family story of Huguenot ancestry. Sometimes this is accurate, sometimes there is non-Huguenot French ancestry and sometimes it's a complete fantasy. A surname with French roots does not necessarily indicate Huguenot ancestry, as some people believe. Many British names have medieval French origins, because that was the legal language when surnames were being introduced. Many, many French people came to Britain over the centuries for reasons other than religious persecution: those who came after the French Revolution in 1789, for example, were political exiles and were Catholics.

The Huguenot Society of London (now 'of Great Britain and Ireland') was founded in 1885. Its membership is not limited to those of Huguenot descent: anyone with an interest in the subject can join. It publishes the Huguenot Society Quarto Series (HSQS), sixty-plus publications including all the surviving registers of the French churches in England and Ireland, denization and naturalisation records, wills, charity records and numerous other sources, and the *Huguenot Society Journal* (previously the *Proceedings of the Huguenot Society*), which contains a range of articles on all aspects of Huguenot, Dutch and Walloon history.

The Huguenot Library, temporarily housed at The National Archives in Kew, holds many non-published documents, as well as books and other published sources on aspects of Huguenot and related history. However, before making an appointment, it is necessary to establish a definite link and know which sources to use: a fishing expedition is inadvisable as only a limited number of items can be produced for a session and it is open two days a week.

There is no such thing as a Huguenot name. Their surnames were standard French names, shared by Protestants and Catholics alike. The lists found on the internet are taken from various records of the French churches, but these include British names because, as the refugees assimilated, they intermarried with Britons or did business with them. In 2014 the Huguenot Society of Australia produced a master index of the names that appear in the HSQS's then sixty-one publications. Others have since been produced or are in the pipeline. As a rule-of-thumb, people who do not appear somewhere in the HSQS publications are not Huguenots, but names were often mis-recorded in the French records or later corrupted by English clerks writing down what they thought they heard (common problems faced by all genealogists). And the index includes British people.

Although there were some French refugees in the late part of the sixteenth century, the majority then were Protestants from the Low Countries, roughly today's Netherlands and Belgium, who were included in the Huguenot Society's remit. The French Wars of Religion ended in 1598 with the Edict of Nantes and how many returned home then is not known. In 1609 the conflicts in the Low Countries were more or less settled so migration from that region massively reduced and most of those who arrived later were what today would be called economic migrants. The next big wave came from France and started around 1681, then massively increased after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when to be a Protestant became illegal.

Ideally family historians need to get back at least to the mid-18th century, when Huguenot immigration ceased, to be able to establish a connection. All the settlements in England were in the south. There were no Huguenot



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communities in the midlands or the north of England, nor in Wales. Some went to Ireland, but the survival of records there is patchy. Although there were communities in Scotland, the Huguenots there seem not to have established separate churches. Refugees would not go to a place where people did not speak their language - and at that time people spoke a variety of regional dialects, even different languages, in France. They would go to established centres where they could get help to negotiate their way in a new society. Later generations (in my experience the first and second generations did not go far) might move away from the French communities and individuals who did so will be found in the standard genealogical sources. As a rule-of-thumb, the richer a family, the faster they joined the Anglican mainstream, but from the third generation, most began to assimilate and join Anglican or nonconformist congregations. Only the very poorest stayed in touch with their ancestry, because there were charitable benefits.

Most of the smaller French churches, like those in Wandsworth, Greenwich and Chelsea, lasted only about 100 years, three generations. The registers and other records of these three communities and many others are lost, so there is no complete record of all Huguenots in Britain and Ireland, but the refugees, as well as marrying native people, needed to deal with local and national authorities. None of the French churches in London had a graveyard, so people were buried in the local parish churchyard or in cemeteries. Elsewhere, only a few French churches had their own burial places, so parish or cemetery registers may provide evidence of their presence.

In most other ways they were no different from their neighbours. They took or became apprentices; they made wills; they appeared in court as both prosecutors and defendants; they paid rates; they and their descendants were mentioned in newspapers, so a very great deal can be discovered about them from the usual sources used by every family historian. The big exception is the Poor Law records. Initially, there were too many refugees for the

parish authorities to be able to cope, so a special fund called the Royal Bounty was set up in 1686 and was finally wound up in 1876, by which time the number applying and eligible had dwindled. These voluminous records have been digitised and put on the members area of the Huguenot Society's website but the OCR recognition of early French handwriting is not good and they have not been manually indexed. Vol. 51 of the HSQS details the archive and may be more useful in locating specific records. But as people lost touch with their origins, they too applied to parish authorities for help, so might be found in either source.



The French Protestant Church in Soho Square is the current location of the Huguenot congregation established in 1550, which still serves French Protestants in London.

Although most people will be able to manage to read records written in French in this country, as they generally follow a standard pattern, researchers who want to take their search overseas, perhaps to visit the place from which their ancestors came, will need to brush up their GCSE-level knowledge. Each department in France has its own record office and it is necessary to have at least a nodding acquaintance with French and the types of genealogical documents there to negotiate these websites. Many have digitised their surviving Protestant church registers and other records relating to Protestants, like forced conversions after 1685, but these records have not been indexed.

Many refugees came to Britain via other countries, like the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland or even Scandinavia, each of which has its own individual ways of compiling and making available genealogical archives. Early migrants to Britain from the Low Countries present particular difficulties to research, especially those from today's Netherlands. Because Dutch and English are closely related languages, the names of Dutch people are often written in their English form. Some migrants also went on to the Americas or South Africa and links there might be worth pursuing to have a holiday with a very distant cousin.

Beyond the knowledge of being descended from brave people who risked their lives for their beliefs, there are



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benefits to having established Huguenot ancestry. In the early days of the refugees provision was made to pay apprenticeship premiums. This is no longer necessary but grants can be made to those apprenticed to a trade traditionally associated with Huguenots, like silversmithing. Educational grants for those working on some aspect of Huguenot history can also be awarded.



A plaque at the entrance to the French Hospital, now in Rochester, which has been supporting people of Huguenot descent since the eighteenth century.

The French Hospital was set up in London in the early eighteenth century, to care for the poor and sick. It still exists, relocated to Rochester in Kent, where instead of a large single building there are flats around a square off the High Street. Now it no longer has the facilities to give substantial care to the chronically ill or disabled but does provide a form of sheltered housing. It is located near to the Huguenot Museum, which has recently re-opened after its Covid closure.

Resources

Kathy Chater is the Huguenot Society's approved freelance researcher and regularly lectures on a range of genealogical subjects. She can be contacted at untoldhistories@live.co.uk

There are many general works on tracing ancestry in different countries and regions, but these relate specifically to Huguenots:

Kathy Chater, *Tracing Your Huguenot Ancestors* (Pen & Sword, 2011) See opposite.

Vivian Costello, 'Researching Huguenot Settlers in Ireland', in Brigham Young University's publication *Family Historian*, Vol. 6 (Fall 2007), pp. 83-163, is online for free at: <http://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/byufamilyhistorian/>

David Dobson, *Huguenots and Scots Links 1575-1775* (Clearfield Company, printed by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 2005) is a list of people of French origin drawn from a range of Scottish documents.

The Huguenot Society website (www.huguenotsociety.org.uk) has a complete list of its publications, some of which are also on CD-ROM, as well as numerous other sources and information. The HSQS volumes can also be accessed in a number of libraries, like The National Archives and the Society of Genealogists, but it might be worth purchasing a book or CD-ROM, rather than travel a long way to access information. Some genealogical entries have been indexed online by Family Search but without the additional information contained in the originals. The digitised registers can also be accessed on various websites, including :

Ancestry www.ancestry.co.uk

The Genealogist www.thegenealogist.co.uk

BMD Registers <https://bmdregisters.co.uk/>

Huguenot Library, e-mail: library@huguenotsociety.org.uk

Gildas Bernard, *Les familles protestantes en France XV1^e siècle-1792* (Paris, Archives Nationales, 1987) is a guide to the surviving records held in various archives in France. Since its publication, there have been some changes and further discoveries of documents, but it remains a useful handbook.

Huguenot Museum <https://huguenotmuseum.org/>



There is nothing better than having an informative book to hand!

*However, Kathy Chater's **Tracing your Huguenot Ancestors** is unfortunately currently out of print.*

Publisher, Pen and Sword, has an eBook version available.

When reprinted, stocks will again be available from:
www.familyhistorybooksonline.com/



Family History Societies



East Surrey Family History Society

East Surrey FHS will be repeating their FREE virtual family history fair on 28 January. All from the comfort of your own armchair!

Virtual Family History Show

Saturday 28 January

10.00am—12noon and

2.00pm—4.00pm

Do join us and 'wander' around the Zoom meeting to talk to reps from various family history societies. You can even relax and chat in our virtual pub or take yourself off for a moment of reflection in a quiet room. We are able to make arrangements for those who are hard of hearing. We shall be using breakout rooms* and if you have never used these before we will send out invitations for a tutorial and practice to those who have registered for the fair. If you can't make a practice, don't worry as our helpful team will assist you on the day.

Your members will get most out of the event if they bring some specific questions, with names, dates and places (where known). Keep an eye on our website to see which Societies will be attending and phrase your questions accordingly. If your Society has elected to be present, we will add a link to your website to assist you to publicise your Society.

Last time we 'closed' the breakout rooms at 4.00 pm and then had a very enjoyable open discussion about the event and family history in general. Why not bring a glass of wine and join us?

<https://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/>

**This is a method used to run lots of little parallel meetings within single Zoom meeting.*



Caribbean Family History Group

Having been provided with an extra month for our exhibition we have decided to have a second Open Day to welcome visitor both online and face-to-face at Solihull Core Library.

Open Day

Saturday 26th November 2022

from 10am till 4.00pm

at

The Core Library,
Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

The aims of the day:

- ◆ Learn the basics of starting your Caribbean family history research
- ◆ Learn how to trace back to the British Colonial Slavery Period 1807 to 1838
- ◆ Begin to learn how to navigate the period 1807 to 1838 to find your ancestors in this period

The day will follow a similar format to our October Open Day, with one or two beginners' workshops, but will replace a speaker from 2.00pm with a discussion/open research period from then until until 4.00pm.

We do hope that you can join us, especially if you could not make our October event. Further details with **zoom** joining instructions for those who need it will be sent in due course.

Do share this email and flyer as widely as you feel comfortable. The day, workshops and meetings are free for anyone that attends.

We hope to see you.

Please visit our website:

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Sussex Family History Group

Sussex FHG has shared with our readers the following article from one of their members.

The benefits of belonging to a family history group

I am a member of the Central Queensland Family History Association and have been researching for over twenty years. During that time I have also become a member of a few family history societies to further my research. A few weeks ago I decided to go back to my early research and re-examine my husband's great-great-grandfather Henry BARNETT as he was one of my brick walls. All I had was Henry's marriage to Johanna GOGGINS in Sydney in 1850, and his death aged thirty-seven in 1854. I had found two with the name of Henry BARNETT in Sydney. One was of Jewish ancestry but his age was wrong, and the other was a hotel keeper in Sydney, but I could not confirm either was the one I was looking for.

It was now time to start again from scratch looking at Ancestry, Findmypast and Familysearch records. I eventually found a Henry BARNETT the right age. He arrived on the 'bounty ship' *Moffatt* in Sydney in May 1840 with his wife Elizabeth, née HASSELL. The information given was that Henry was born in Peasmarsch, Sussex, in 1816 and his parents were John and Judith BARNETT. At long last I had found the correct Henry. But, as fellow researchers know, that wasn't enough; I wanted more. I wanted their marriage and all their children.

Sussex Family History Group (SFHG) was my next port of call, so I joined and as soon as I received my membership number I posted a query on their mailing list looking for the marriage of John and Judith around 1805 in Peasmarsch, Sussex. Within ten minutes of my query I had an answer. Bronwen, a member of SFHG from New Zealand, told me John BARNETT married Judith TRUNCHEON on the 03 July 1808. Half an hour later Bronwen received an email from Donald, another SFHG member who lived in New South Wales. He gave the names of their children with their baptismal dates. How wonderful, I had all this information from around the world in less an hour.

This goes to show that everyone should join a family history group, not just where you live but in the area of your research. Members of societies all around the world are only too happy to help you, as you can see from the above story. It is up to you – join up and start asking questions.

I'd finally like to congratulate everyone at Sussex Family History Group for all the work they do to make records available for their members all over the world. I also thank all the members for their prompt replies.

Thank you all so much

Marion Hall



Mid-Norfolk

Family History Society

Offering Zoom talks in January and February for our members

Wednesday 18th January 2023

Glynn Burrows, Chairman, will draw on his many years of experience and help you with ***planning your visit to where your ancestors lived and worked***. This includes some great hints and tips about what you need to think about.

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Pauper, prison, patient and parent in Victorian Norfolk- Andy Reid will be telling us all about Harriet Kettle - a truly amazing rebel of her time (1839-1916) who was born in Cranworth, lost her mother and so was sent with her siblings to Gressenhall workhouse. It is a remarkable tale.

If you have ancestors that come from around a ten-mile radius of East Dereham, or you live in the area, then this is the society for you. Please come and join us and learn a bit more about us.



The meetings are held on third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm normally at Trinity Methodist Hall [pictured left], Theatre Street, Dereham, Norfolk NR19 2EP do come along. You will need to be a member of the society to join a meeting.

For more information about the costs of membership and how to join please go to www.parishchest.com/mid-norfolk-fhs-11864.php

The January and February meetings are via Zoom. For the Zoom link please email secretary@mnfhs.org

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The area is historic and has experienced both in and out migration throughout history, making it a bit of a melting pot and often confusing for researchers.

NNWFHS tries new things! It offers monthly Zoom *Come and Talk Family History* sessions for sharing and helping one another, plus a DNA group. It also has a monthly Zoom meeting with an expert speaker—which non-members can join via EventBrite. **On 13 December, Australian genealogist and DNA specialist Michelle Patient will be asking *What's all the fuss about DNA?*** Why not book your ticket today? [[Click here](#)]

The society has built up a wealth of knowledge not just about the area, but about family history research in general. At the recent *REALLY USEFUL Family History Show* we had visitors seeking help with adjacent areas and we were more than happy to oblige.

Discover more—join and enjoy. With membership starting at just £10 (that's under 20p per week) it is affordable!

Website: <https://nanwfhs.org.uk/>

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News and Updates

Deceased Persons' Military Records from the MoD via Gov.co.uk

Earlier this year the MoD visited FHS of Cheshire, Crewe Research Centre and we helped beta test an online system for ordering deceased soldiers records, in the same way as you can order RN, Royal Marine and RAF service records.

The MoD have informed me that this system is now live and you can now order Army and Home Guard records

This is an online replacement for the old postal application service and is not a searchable database or an index and does not give you instant access to the records.

Depending on your relationship to the deceased it may cost you an admin fee of £30, payable up front with no refund if no records are found.

Certain restrictions to applications apply -

You can apply for a copy of someone else's service records if any of the following are true:

You were their immediate next of kin when they died, for example their spouse, parent or child

You have a family or general research interest - you'll only have access to limited information if they died less than twenty-five years ago, unless you've got consent from their immediate next of kin.

What information you'll get

Service records date from:

- ⇒ 1750 for Foot Guards (not including Scots Guards)
- ⇒ 1920 for the RAF
- ⇒ January 1921 for British Army soldiers if their service ended after January 1921
- ⇒ April 1922 for British Army officers if their service ended after April 1922
- ⇒ 1926 for Royal Navy including Royal Marines

Each service record may include:

- ⇒ Surname, first name, service number, rank and regiment or corps
- ⇒ Place and date of birth
- ⇒ Date they joined and left the armed forces
- ⇒ Date of death, if they died in service
- ⇒ Good conduct medals
- ⇒ Details about their career, e.g. units they served in

You can only get details about their career twenty-five years after the date they died unless you have consent from their immediate next of kin.

In some cases little or no information is available about a person's military service, e.g. Home Guard records may only include their personal details from when they enlisted.

Before you apply make sure you have the following details regarding the person you are looking for;

Full name; date of birth; service number, if you know it; death certificate.

The link you need to start to apply is <https://www.gov.uk/get.../apply-for-someone-elses-records>



Take part in *Explore Your Archive* week

Whether you have a Community Archive to share, or just a few documents in a file at home, there are opportunities to share your love of archives with the rest of the world through the Explore Your Archive campaign. The campaign runs all year but its focus week is 28th November to 6th December.

Archives are full of wonderful and intriguing things. Explore Your Archive focus week provides an opportunity for archive services across the UK and Ireland to share their treasures with the public through this well-established social media campaign. Last year over 400 organisations took part.

This year the Archives and Records Association, who run the campaign, are also inviting the UK public to get involved. Members of the public can post images from their own 'archives' along with the daily themes and, as a finale to the week, Your Archive is the last daily theme - handing over the social media feed to anyone who has some intriguing old photos, diaries, albums, letters or other interesting historical items in their own 'collection' to share.

They are also running a number of free events for the public to find out from experts how they can get the best out of archives for their own research, whether that's into family history, local history or that of marginalised communities. Some of the events are in person, but the main online event features two CAHG committee members, Chair, Alan Butler and Treasurer, Nick Barratt. There will also be an insight into the work of archive conservators who can also give tips on how to keep your own treasures safe at home.

This year they are also pleased to introduce their first Celebrity Champion for the UK - Gyles Brandreth - Gyles is well known as an author and broadcaster and for his love of history.

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Really Useful Bulletin

News from the Federation

The 2022 FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show

Did you enjoy the FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show this year? Or did you miss out? If you're one of the latter, we've put together a brief round-up below of what people have been sharing with us since the show closed.

After you've read their comments, we feel sure you'll be joining us in November 2023 which we promise will offer an even better family history experience!



Two absolutely excellent keynote lectures in the DNA and Army talks. I learnt a lot from both although I'd already got a reasonable amount of knowledge to start with. Both were superb speakers.

The variety of topics and the price were the best things about the show. For what you offer, you could raise your price a bit more ... and I would still try to attend!

I loved the Workshops and wide variety of topics on offer. It's good that the talks and workshops were recorded and a week is about right to encourage me to actually get on and listen to those I missed (if available for too long I tend to note them to watch on a "rainy day" and then sometimes forget to watch them at all). Good that contact emails included for workshop leaders/speakers if they are willing to answer questions after - the two I have contacted replied quickly and usefully.

I live in New Zealand so the online FHF REALLY USEFUL Show is an excellent way of learning and a great resource. Many thanks for putting these shows on - they are a treasure and I'm very grateful for the time and effort involved.

The Expert Panel session I attended was excellent.

There was a really good range of topics and lots to choose from. The presenters were so knowledgeable and interesting. Having access to the recorded talks for a week is a good idea.

The show programme that was sent in advance (Show News No.5) was so useful for planning the day and choosing what to go to and deciding what to watch on-demand after. Good to see it used colours too - very dyslexia-friendly and inclusive.

As I'm outside of the UK, just being able to attend was brilliant - and so affordable. Thank you!

The talks were excellent, practical, informative and well presented.

I loved the fact I could watch presentations again, and re-watch parts I hadn't quite understood.

I loved the ease of dipping in and out on the actual day. Being able to catch up on the recorded talks during this following week is so very useful.

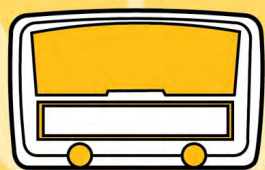
I did enjoy the workshops but as this was my very first time accessing outside resources on Zoom, I did find it a little intimidating. It was the same for the marketplace and experts - but I'm sure next time will be much easier!

Stephen Gill's photo-dating presentation and the free inspections he offered during the show were great. I missed chatting with him when he was online live, due to the time zone difference, but he responded to me by email - which I really appreciated. I'd love to learn more from him... but in the mean-time will buy a copy of his book.

I signed up as a member of a family history society at your show about 18 months ago. I love how active the society is and how their meetings and talks are recorded and made available for those of us in other countries to watch when it suits us. I will be renewing my subscription ...

I enjoyed the two Keynote Talks very much. I learned a lot and the talks gave me a lot to think about and also how to progress my research as I now have more knowledge at my fingertips.

Being part of a group of like-minded people was wonderful. I wish I'd been a workshop participant now, instead of just an observer. Having access to such experts and all those resources in one place ... there just wasn't enough time!



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