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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

It is just over 3 years since the launch of this newsletter, at the start of the Covid-19 shutdown, here in the UK. The aim was, and still is, to inform our members about the Society's activities. I hope I have achieved that aim. I realise that we have members worldwide and the content of this newsletter may not satisfy all. Therefore, would any member outside the UK like to contribute by letting us know what is happening within their area. In recent years Zoom has contributed greatly to linking people and organisations across the globe and that gives many societies a voice outside their local area. I would not expect a lengthy article, just a page or half page (or even less) letting our members aware of your activities. If you are interested then please contact me at newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk with a brief note of what you have in mind. If you feel that you would like to promote your society in a longer article then why not contact the editor of the Manchester Genealogist editor@mlfhs.org.uk for more details.

You may recall that David Muil featured, in our April newsletter, the Trove campaign to fund the website and archive for the future. Following his support we received a message of thanks which is presented in full in Appendix 1. You can find more details about Trove at their [website](#).

There is no general message from our chairman this month. David has been very busy preparing for the Society's Annual General Meeting which includes his annual Chairman's Report and the proposed Society Constitutional changes for which he has penned the following

MESSAGE TO ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

I notified you all in the November 2023 Society Newsletter of changes to the Society's Constitution which had been agreed by the Trustees. These will now be presented to the members in General Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 for approval and implementation.

Details of the changes together with and explanation of the reasons for them have now been posted on the Society website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/constitution2023> and members with internet access are asked to follow this link to access the documents.

Those for whom we have postal addresses only will receive copies of the documents in the mail.

David Muil
Chairman

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

The best and quickest way to contact the society is by emailing office@mlfhs.org.uk we will then direct you to the relevant person to help you. Our phone is very rarely used.

If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to join or renew your subscription. We use Stripe but you can pay as a guest with your card if you wish.

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. Always include your membership number. We can always find it for you should you forget.

There is so much you can learn from our website it seems a shame that members don't make the most of it. From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email just log in. It is so easy.

We recently held a talk on how to get the best from the website which was very well received. We are looking at ways to bring this to everyone. Most people were amazed at just what was available on the site and I'm sure went home to try it all out.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:
MLFHS, 17 Fortacre Drive, Bredbury, SK6 2EZ

DO NOT send it to the office and 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

MLFHS



Hilary Hartigan



Your DNA Results - Updated! Followed by our AGM

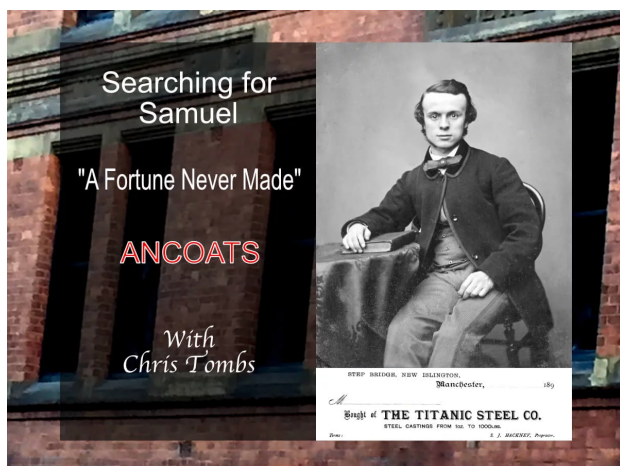
Date: 10 May 2023
Day: Wednesday, 10.30am

Venue: Manchester Central Library
Speaker: Hilary Hartigan

Your DNA results - working with the new tools on Ancestry

The DNA testing companies continue to add new tools to help us sort and identify our DNA matches - what are these innovations and how can we get the most out of them? Hilary will show how, with a little imagination and clues from a family tree, how some mysteries have been resolved. The basics will still be covered, of course, and the examples will reflect the options that are available to us now. This talk is suitable for anyone who has taken a DNA test or who is thinking of taking a DNA test, and will be a useful update for others. Followed immediately by our AGM

Booking: Eventbrite Booking [Here](#)
Cost: members - free of charge
Cost: non-members - £3
Image: Hilary Hartigan



Searching for Samuel

Date: 10 May 2023

Day: Wednesday, 1.00pm

Venue: Manchester Central Library

Speaker: Chris Tombs

Chris Tombs:

Searching for Samuel: the story of a fortune never made.

This talk is about uncovering the life of a Victorian Manchester business man, Samuel

John Hackney. Samuel was born in 1840 in Ancoats and was raised there. As a young man, he established a successful lamp making and lamp-oil dealing business in the city.

Samuel had quite a humble start in life. He grew to be ambitious and set out to make his fortune, but that dream was to unravel. Manchester in the late nineteenth century was an incredibly vibrant and industrious city. It was a place where great wealth could be made....or lost.

Sources of information, including the National Archives, will be described, and learning points from the presenter's "journey of discovery" will be shared.

Booking: Eventbrite Booking [Here](#)

Cost: members - free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3

Image: HH and supplied by speaker



1921 Census and Archives Handling Session

Date: 26 May 2023

Day: Friday, 11.00am

Venue: Manchester Central Library

Speaker: Leslie Turner

The Society will be presenting a talk on the 1921 census.

This talk will cover:

- How you access the 1921 data set at Manchester Central Library where it is FREE
- Learn more about the information contained in the 1921 census
- Discover how can you enhance this information and move your findings forward
- After the presentation there is the chance for questions.

After the talk there is a free drop in handling session looking at Rates Books and Electoral Registers (12:00-2:00) in the Oculus . We will be looking at examples for family historians and local studies researchers with a case study.

Booking: Booking on [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: Free to all

Image: mlfhs composite

1939 Register

Date: 27 May 2023

Day: Saturday 10.30am

Venue: Manchester Central Library

Speaker: Barry Henshall

In the absence of the 1931 and 1941 Census' the 1939 Register is a valuable source of information for the family historian. This talk will cover why the register was taken and what it can tell us.

Booking: Booking on [Eventbrite](#)

Cost: Free to all

Image: mlfhs composite

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

The May Local History and Community month events are being published on a blog

[Local and community history month – manclibraries blog](#)

Bolton Branch



Bolton Wanderers, a 100 year anniversary. Meeting at Bolton Arena and Zoom

Date and time

Wed, 3 May 2023 19:30 BST

Location

Bolton Arena Arena Approach Horwich BL6 6LB

In May 1923 Bolton Wanderers won the first ever FA Cup Final held at the Empire Stadium, now called Wembley Stadium, when the first goal was scored by David Jack who was later transferred for a record £10,000. David Jack was a Bolton born superstar of the day and has recently had a blue plaque added to his birthplace.

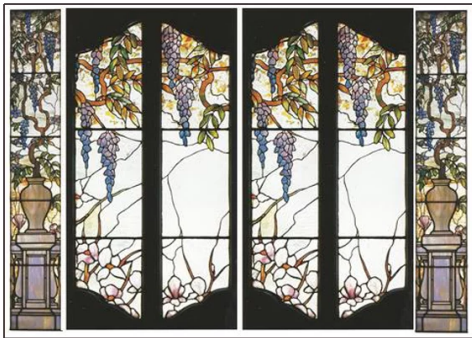
The room meeting, for which tickets are NOT required, will be held at the Bolton Arena, Arena Approach, Horwich, BL6 6LB and the meeting will also be available via ZOOM for which tickets are required.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#)

Attendance is free for members of the MLFHS and £3 for non-members.

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

Oldham Branch



The Tiffany Windows

Date and time

Sat, 13 May 2023 14:00 - 15:30 BST

Location

Online

Douglas's latest talk for us is about Tiffany stained-glass windows, in which Briggs specialised. The company produced over 5,000 windows and sold them all over the world. While only six came to Britain, they are all linked to a fascinating series of events, and of people both famous and infamous.

Douglas Jackson, a journalist and writer, has made several visits to America to research the life of Joseph Briggs, and has produced a book on his work.

An illustrated presentation given by Douglas Jackson

Saturday, 13th May at 2pm

A hybrid meeting in the Performance Space at Oldham Library and on zoom.

* Booking via [Eventbrite](#) is essential for attendance on zoom and will be free to all.

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

A meeting reminder email will be sent out 3 or 4 days before the talk; a zoom meeting link on Friday morning 12th of May. Registration closes at 11am on the 13th. A final reminder and link will be sent at 11:15am, on the meeting day.

Login will be from 1:45, for an informal 'meet and greet' of old friends and a welcome to new visitors to our meetings. All are welcome and we hope you will enjoy the meeting and join us again in the future.

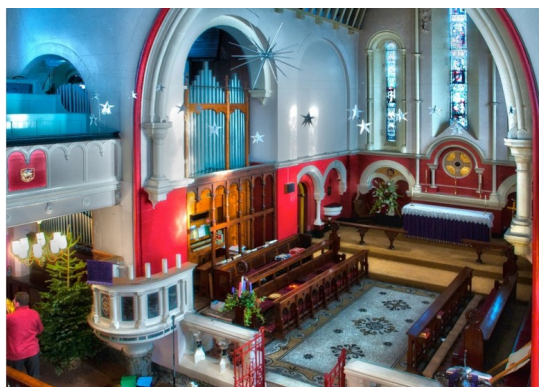
Note ... please ensure that you enter your email address correctly in both required boxes, when registering. If you have already registered and do not receive the meeting links, please email me at < mlfhs.oldham@gmail.com > and a link will be sent to you. Any emails requesting a link should be sent before 12:15pm on the meeting day. Please also note ... that if more than one person will be joining the meeting, but sharing the same device, in the same room, only one ticket is required.

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

Anglo-Scots

There is no meeting in May as our date, the 6th May, has been 'taken over' by the Coronation of King Charles III.

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



Tameside Local History Forum

free talk

Brian Hartley

St Mary's Church,

Newton, Hyde

Tue 23rd May 2-4pm.

tour of church

PowerPoint presentation History of Tameside Churches

Refreshments.

Society of Genealogists Events in May

Live online events in January - April

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

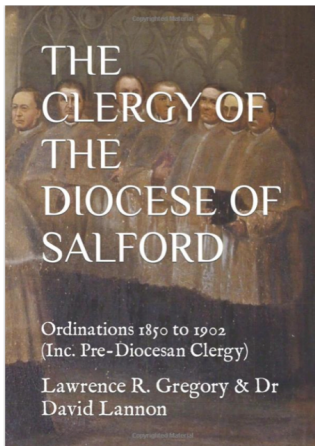
The National Archives

Our exciting programme of online talks is for everyone and delivered by experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of our events remain completely free.

The National Archives also hosts a range of onsite events. To browse these, please see [Events at Kew](#) page. The new season of events April-June 2023 are now available to book.

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

BOOKSHOP



THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF SALFORD: Ordinations 1850 to 1902 (Inc. Pre-Diocesan Clergy)

Fr David Lannon & Lawrence R Gregory

Fr Lannon and Fr Gregory are delighted to announce the publication of the first volume of the history of the clergy of the Diocese of Salford. They have been working on this project together for more than two decades and now over 243 pages and 610 individual biographical profiles (many with photographs), they tell the stories of the early missionary Priests who restored the Catholic faith to South and East Lancashire.

The Diocese of Salford was erected in September 1850 by Papal Bull – *Universalis Ecclesiae*, known as the Restoration of the Hierarchy. Thirteen new dioceses were created, and Nicholas Wiseman was elevated to the Cardinalate, as the first Archbishop of Westminster. William Turner was appointed as first Bishop of Salford in June 1851; the Church of St John the Evangelist, Salford was elevated to Cathedral status in June 1852; and the Diocesan Chapter erected the following month.

The project to research into the lives and ministries of the early clergy of the Diocese has been ongoing for many years and is now being brought to fruition in a projected two volume publication.

This, the first volume, tells the story of the clergy who were ordained for, or arrived to minister in, the Diocese from its formation in 1850 to the death of the third Bishop of Salford, John Bilsborrow in March 1903, while also including the details of those priests who were ordained prior to the Restoration of the Hierarchy in 1850, but who ministered in the Lancashire District, and before that the Northern District, at churches which would later become part of the Diocese of Salford.

Currently available on [Amazon](#)

PROJECTS UPDATE

The following update has been posted to Godfrey Map Index

Added 859 references covering the maps for Pendlebury 1907 and Salford West 1931 indexed by Simon Harmsworth.

The following update has been posted to Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions

The missing file of admission documents covering admissions c1850 has been found and has been scanned and indexed. This will be added to the Great Database shortly.

Although we had believed that this project was finished, a volume of admission documents for admissions 1849-1853 thought to be missing was found. These 53 admissions have been added to the Great Database. The names concerned appear below.

Thanks to Jim Chadwick and his team for this work.

John

surname forename	surname forename
ALLCOCK George	HOLTHAM Jane
ARMSTRONG Mary	JOHNSON Andrew
BARNES John	KIRK Charles
BIRCHALL Henry	LIPTROT Albert
BIRCHALL John	MARSDEN Elizabeth
BROADBENT Emma	MARSDEN James
BUCKLEY Edwin	MILLER Thomas James
BUCKLEY Mary	MOORE Thomas
BURGESS Harriett	NICHOLSON Thomas
CORDINGLEY William	OCKLESTON Robert
COTTYER Hugh	POLLARD Mary Ann
EARLS Mary Ann	ROYLE Jane
FARRELL Thomas	SERGEANT William
FITTON John	SMETHURST William
FLEMING Margaret	SMITH Benjamin
FOREST Sarah	SMITH Robert
FOSTER Alfred Nathaniel	SMITH William
FOX Anne Jane	SWAIN Eliza
FRAY James	SWINDELLS Martha
GARDINER Thomas	TAYLOR John
GAULTER Agnes	TAYLOR Teresa
GROOM Mary Hannah Richards	WALKER Thomas
HAGUE Joseph	WARELLE Elizabeth
HAMER John	WATTS Elizabeth
HILL William	WILLCOCK Sarah
HOLDEN Alice	WOODS Mary
	WRIGHT George

www.lancashirebmd.org.uk
www.cumbriabmd.org.uk
www.1851-unfilmed.org.uk
www.mlfhs.uk

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.

WEBSITE NEWS

TheGenealogist -

Over 56,000 individuals and 20,802 further aliases from The Police Gazette have been released today, covering the years 1901, 1911, 1921 and 1931. These are now available to Diamond subscribers in the Court and Criminal Records Collection.

FindMyPast -

FMP have published the rate books: <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-records/greater-manchester-rate-books>

These records are an excellent census substitute and usually record the following detail:

Name of Occupier (head of household)
Name of Owner
Description of the property (house or business)
Street Address/Township/Parish
Rate to be paid (e.g. poor rate, water rate)
Amount to paid
Date paid or any default on payment

Every fifth year's rate books are indexed to coincide with census years for parts of the following boroughs:

Bolton, 1916-1936
Manchester, 1706-1941
Oldham, 1841-1936
Rochdale, 1826-1921
Stockport, 1886-1921
Tameside, 1846-1936
Trafford, 1836-1931
Wigan, 1806-1936

FMP are also doing a FMP Friday on 26 May with a Manchester flavour.

Please note that FMP are no longer offering DNA testing. Our partnership with LivingDNA has come to an end. We are still committed to delivering the best possible experience for our members, and our core focuses will continue – enhancing our record collections and developing our product.

As of today, Friday 28 April 2023, customers will no longer be able to purchase DNA Kits via Findmypast.

Ireland, Diocese Of Dublin Marriage Licences, 1638-1858

You'll find the year and the name of both the bride and groom in these records - in some cases, occupations and addresses are also listed.

Ireland, Diocese Of Dublin Wills and Grants, 1270-1858

34,450 records added to this set, which contains wills and grants of probate or administrations recorded by the Dublin diocese between 1270 and 1858.

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

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.

MANCHESTER ARCHIVES+

Why not visit the Manchester Archives+ [website](#) where you can sign up for their Blog via e-mail and also delve into a huge collection of subjects. There are 25 categories to choose from.

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!

Follow on Twitter - [@archivesplus](#).

Find more information [here](#). Enter your email address to follow this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

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.

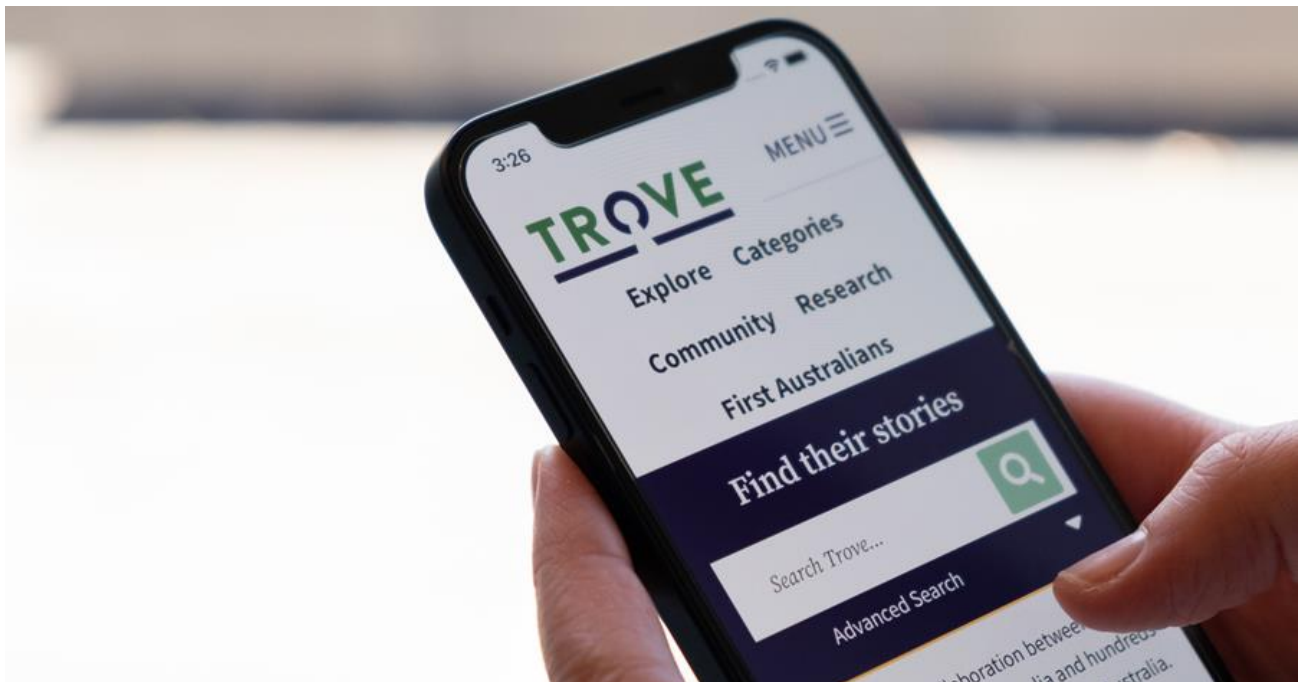


<https://www.facebook.com/MandLFamilyHistory>

and Twitter



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Thank you

Trove is a place for all Australians, which is connected to all our places. With 14 billion Australian moments captured it is truly a national treasure – as is the Trove community. The overwhelming support we have received from the Trove community, both new and old, has been humbling.

The National Library of Australia welcomes the commitment made by the Albanese Government to provide \$33m over the next 4 years to maintain Trove, with \$9.2m ongoing and indexed funding from July 2027. We are delighted that Trove's future has been secured.

[Read our full statement](#)



Waafs "Shoot" Air Secrets, *The Sun* (Sydney, NSW : 1910 - 1954), 24 July 1943, nla.news-article231723906

YOUR TROVE STORIES

Over the past couple of months, we've been collecting your women's history Trove discoveries through social media and email. In this blog, we highlight the stories of just a few little-known women you've shared with us.

Read the blog

Connect with the Trove community on social media to hear more stories and share your

ENDOMETRIOSIS IN THE MEDIA

Erin Bradshaw was inspired by personal experience to conduct research into how endometriosis has been presented over the years in the Australian media. Trove held the answers.

We are delighted to share this guest-authored blog so you can uncover how Erin searched Trove across decades and formats to shed light on an often misunderstood medical condition.



The Australian Women's Weekly, 6 April 1935, nla.news-page4607991

Read the blog



Wedding portrait of Aboriginal serviceman, VX61245 Signalman Claude Henry McDonald, and 95994 Aircraftwoman Alice Clarke Lovett, 1944, trove.nla.gov.au/work/229150950

LOVETT AND TAG IT

Alice Lovett, a Gunditjmara woman, was born in Hamilton, Victoria on 16 June 1922. During World War 2, she volunteered as an aircraftwoman in the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Serving between 10 Jun 1942 and 17 May 1943 across various RAAF Bases in Victoria.

Alice married Signalman Claude Henry McDonald of the 10 Australian Dispatch Radar Section in 1944. Claude served in New Guinea, Torakina and Bougainville.

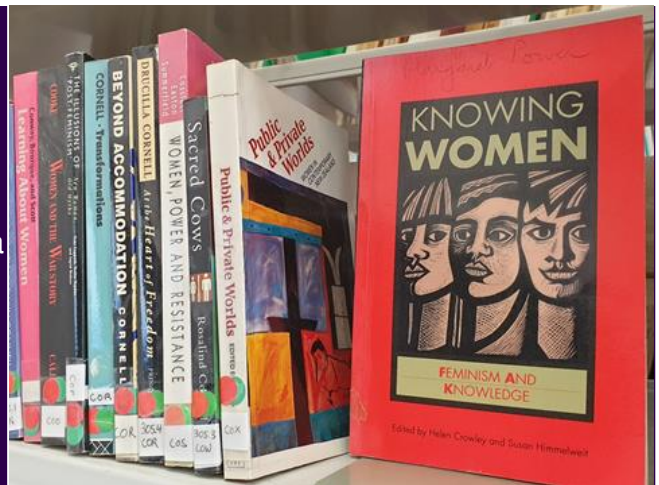
Tag items relating to Alice Lovett and Gunditjmara country using Austlang code: ['austlang S20'](#)

[Learn more](#)

THE WOMEN'S LIBRARY

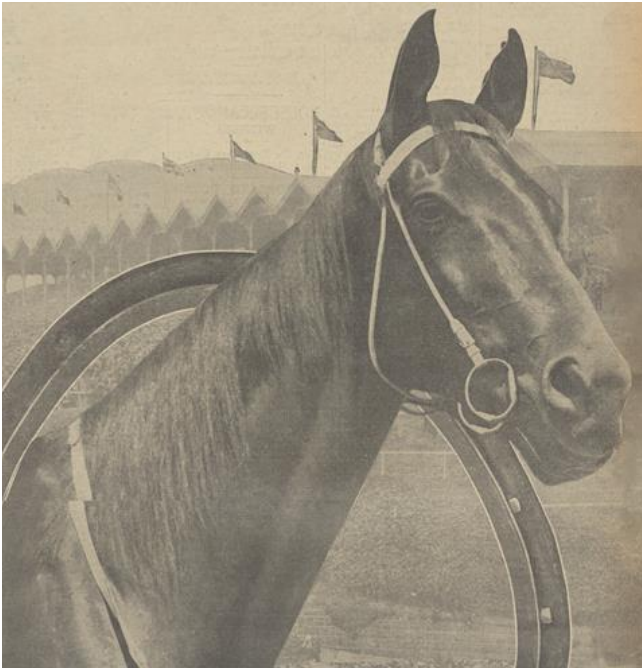
The Women's Library was conceived in 1991 by a group of dedicated women who recognised the need for a library with material for women and about women. With a focus on lesbian and feminist literature, the library has been built over the years from community donations.

In an interview their librarian, Denise, discusses the origin of The Women's Library and explains how they partnered with Trove to increase access to their important collection.



The Feminist Theory section is a core part of the library's collection, and can be found on Trove.

[Read the interview](#)



The Sun News-Pictorial

SOS: SAVE OUR STORIES

State Library of Victoria – a principal Trove Partner – are calling for help to make the 1922–1954 editions of The Sun News-Pictorial available on Trove.

As Australia's largest daily newspaper, The Sun News-Pictorial is valued by amateur and academic historians alike, as the main publisher of births, deaths and marriages – something no other newspaper did at the time.

With your support, State Library Victoria will be able to make The Sun News-Pictorial free and accessible through Trove, illuminating the gaps in the story of Victoria.

Support the appeal

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

State Library of South Australia - a Trove Partner - is offering match funding grants for community newspaper digitisation projects. The Libraries Board of South Australia has committed up to \$50,000 each year for three years for this annual grants program in which the Board will match, or co-fund, community funding to increase South Australian newspaper content on Trove.

Applications for 2023-2024 are open now and close at 5pm on Friday 28 April 2023.

Find out more

Port Lincoln Times
Your Eyre Peninsula newspaper

90c Tuesday, January 27, 1998
Published every Tuesday and Thursday morning

Telephone 8662 1055
Fax 8662 4417

TODAY'S WEATHER

Forecast for Lower Eyre Peninsula:
In for today: Fine with light to moderate southerly, to cool winds and fresh easterlies on Tuesday.

Outlook for Wednesday: Cool to mild with isolated early showers.

max 14° min 2°
max 13° min 2°
max 13° min 2°
max 14° min 2°

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Record smashed

THE World Tuna Tossing record was shattered on Sunday as Australia's Commonwealth gold medal hammer-thrower Sean Carlin tossed more than the previous record of 24.65 in each of his three throws.

An Adelaide resident, Sean Carlin improved on his competition tosses of 23.22 metres, 23.20m and 24.30m, to his world record hit, tossing the tuna a mighty 27.23 metres.

Mr Carlin achieved the world record distance in Saturday's heat, but his effort was not officially recognised because it was not yet the final.

After enjoying the fun of the tuna, Mr Carlin said he had a feeling who may enter the competition next year.

Port Lincoln resident Helen Marks won the women's section of the John West Tuna Toss by hauling the fish 13.2 metres on her very first toss for the day.

Ms Marks, who has been a tuna toss competitor three times, said she was very happy to have won and her winning toss had been her best ever.

The five other tuna toss men's finalists were Phil Stanley with a best toss of 13.22 metres, Geoff Wilson with a best toss of 13.63 metres, past tuna toss champion Norm Marks with a best toss of 22.24 metres, 1993 Bryson with a best toss of 19.31 metres, and past champion Michael Proude with a best toss of 21.87 metres.

The five other female finalists were Karen Warren with a best toss of 9.55 metres, Jane Tree with a best toss of 9.12 metres, Jenny Matena with a best toss of 11.88 metres, Lyn Plouffe with a best toss of 11.45 metres and Sharron Thomas with a best toss of 10.37 metres.

Media personalities Rod Symons and Wilbur Wilde added humour to the event with their commenting – and didn't miss a chance to display their own tuna tossing skills afterwards, with Wilbur achieving an admirable 13.15 metres.

The champion tossers each received \$1000 in prize money and a trophy.

Inside TODAY'S TIMES

Warrior leaves Bight

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Eyre literary awards – the winning entries

Port Lincoln Times, 27 January 1998



FIND LYNKA

Caroline (Lynka) Isaacson had diverse career in journalism. Her journalism career began in 1926 on women's pages of the *Leader*. Before long she was made editor of the paper's women's pages. Find and tag her work in Trove to help us build the Bold Types collection feature.

[Get involved](#)



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Appendix 2

UKBMD Updates

The following update has been posted to LancashireBMD - Bolton RO (Births) Project completed in April 2023 with the index to birth registrations in Bolton compiled up to 25 March 2007 when Registration Online was introduced.

Added 35,807 Births for Bolton RD comprising:

Bolton A (2000-2007)

Bolton B (1999-2007)

Bolton D (1996-2007)

Thanks are due to Bob Winder and his team for these.

This batch completes the indexing of Bolton births up to 2007, at which time registration was transferred to the online registration system. Congratulations to Bob and the many volunteers who have worked on his team and who have spent many years working on this project, indexing a total of 937,976 births, all of which include the mother's maiden name. John

Message from Bill Harrison, Staffordshire.

Marriages: new additions:

21 for Branston, St Saviour, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2017)
9 for Burton-upon-Trent, St Modwen, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2010-2018)
2 for Burton-upon-Trent, St Paul, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2019-2020)
64 for Horninglow, St John, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2009-2020)
4 for Barton-under-Needwood, Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2006-2017)
117 for Burton-upon-Trent, Winshill Methodist Church, High Bank Road, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1985-2018)
6 for Stretton, Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2009-2015)
22 for Burton-upon-Trent, St Thomas's Methodist Church, Belvedere Road, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2005-2018)
60 for Burton-upon-Trent, Methodist Church, Short Street, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2017)
11 for Burton-upon-Trent, St Joseph's Church, Mount Street, Winshill, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1998-2019)
13 for Draycott in the Moors, St Margaret, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2013-2018)
4 for Leek (Salisbury Street), The Salvation Army Hall, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (2014-2019)
85 for Newcastle, St George, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1991-2019)
598 for Civil Marriage (Stoke), registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1974-1996)

Marriages: updated and corrected:

110 for Branston, St Saviour, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1995-2009)
56 for Shobnall, St Aidan, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1993-2017)
243 for Forsbrook, St Peter, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1987-2020)
9 for Kingsley (Whiston Lees Heath), Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1990-2009)
5 for Kingsley Holt (Froghall Road), Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1999-2010)
12 for Cheadle (Blakeley Lane), Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1996-2017)
9 for Dilhorne, Methodist Chapel, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1967-2019)
20 for Rushton Spencer, Methodist Church, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1966-2006)
13 April 2023 Births:
1,930 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1960-1979)

Births, amended for corrections and addition of mother's maiden names:

3,695 for Yoxall, registers at Lichfield (1862-1890)
1,002 for Cheadle, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1851-1856)



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The hidden secrets of the 1939 England and Wales National Register

Linda Hammond

What is the 1939 National Register?

The 1939 National Register is often referred to as an additional census for England and Wales. However, it is much more than that. While the register was compiled in 1939, the government continually updated it to reflect changes in circumstances or to correct errors. Some of these changes are clearly visible, whilst others are hidden within the annotations and scribbles written next to entries.

Researchers can significantly improve their research efforts by knowing how to search the register in order to discover its hidden mysteries. Because of this, it is crucial for everyone interested in researching their ancestry in England and Wales to become familiar with the 1939 National Register and everything it has to offer.

The 1939 National Register is a vital contemporary document that was compiled on 29 September 1939, on the eve of World War II. It should be noted that the 1939 National Register is not a census, but due to the destruction of the 1931 Census for England and Wales during the war and the absence of a census in 1941, it is one of the few comprehensive surveys of the population of England and Wales that spans the period between 1921 and 1951. This makes the 1939 National Register one of the most valuable genealogical resources for the twentieth century for researching family history in England and Wales during this period.

The Register was created and used for a variety of reasons. Initially, it was used to issue identity cards and, later, in July 1940, ration books. The information contained in the register was also used for conscription purposes and the direction of labour, such as the land army. Additionally, it helped to monitor the movement of the population during the mass evacuations that took place during the war.

What Information does the register contain?

The 1939 National Register schedules were completed by the head of the household, but the digital records we now have access to are the enumerators' schedules. The register includes the name, address, gender, marital status, and occupation of each person, as well as their date of birth (as opposed to just their age). However, it is worth noting that the accuracy of the information provided is dependent on the person supplying it. If they wanted to alter their age, maybe to avoid conscription, the year of birth shown may not be accurate. Also, because these are the enumerators' schedules there is a higher likelihood of transcription errors.

It is important to remember that the 1939 National Register does not include the place of birth or the relationship of family members. Additionally, certain information has been redacted, including the records of individuals who may still be alive (those born within the past 100 years). As a result, it is possible that some entries may be partially or completely hidden, as shown in the image below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15 Birch Road Cont	233	2	Andrews Florence H.	-	F	22 Aug 1915	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties	
This record is officially closed.									
13	"	"	234	1	Hands Bertie	-	M	20 July 1883	M Clerk (Electrical Engineer)

If a record is closed, it will not be included in the search results of the index. However, it is possible to request that a record be opened upon production of a death certificate.

Two supplemental registers were also compiled. These registers, however, are not available to the public. One covers members of the armed forces who were on duty on 29 September 1939, the day the 1939 National Register was compiled. The other covers individuals born between 29 September 1939 and 1951, the date the paper register ended.



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One aspect that sets the 1939 National Register apart from other censuses taken in England and Wales is that it is not just a one-time snapshot, but rather a continuously updated record, due to its connection to the National Health Service.

Where can I search the Register and who does it include?

The register can be accessed through online platforms such as FindMyPast and Ancestry, plus MyHeritage and TheGenealogist which offer transcriptions only. It should be noted that the register is only available to search online and that the original register books are held by NHS Digital.

It is worth noting that the digitized records for the 1939 National Register only cover England and Wales, and do not include the Channel Islands (which were surveyed but the documents were subsequently destroyed during the invasion) or the Isle of Man (where the documents have not survived). It is also important to note that the records are not available online for Scotland or Northern Ireland, though it is possible to request a copy of a record from the National Records of Scotland or PRONI, respectively.

The 1939 National Register only includes the civilian population, which totalled over 41 million people. However, it is important to remember that military personnel who were on leave or civilians on military bases at the time of the survey would still be included in the register.

How can I search the Register and is it just individuals?

There are several ways to search the 1939 National Register. It is possible to search for a person by name, an address, or by browsing the register page-by-page. It is also possible to search by birth date, as you'll see on the search page.

The screenshot shows the FindMyPast website's search interface for the 1939 Register. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Family tree, Search, DNA, My records, Help & more, and My Account. Below this is a banner for the 1939 Register, featuring a historical photograph and text explaining the register's significance. The main search area has a toggle switch for 'Person' (selected) and 'Address'. Under 'Who', there are input fields for 'First name(s)' and 'Last name(s)', both with 'Name variants' checkboxes. A note states 'All fields are optional'. Below this are sections for 'Birth year' (with a 'Give or take' dropdown), 'Birth day' (with 'DD' and 'MM' fields), 'Where' (with a 'Location in 1939' field and a 'Start typing a County' dropdown), 'Borough / District' (with a 'Start typing a Borough / District' dropdown), and 'Sex' (with a 'Start typing a Sex' dropdown). Each dropdown has a 'Browse' link.

All establishments were registered in the 1939 National Register, as can be seen in the first extract below which shows the Continental Hotel in Plymouth and the nearby Royal Marine Barracks.

The register also includes entries for establishments such as schools. The entry for Church Stile Industrial School in Exminster, which includes not only the staff, but also the pupils is shown here. However, it is worth noting that many of the records for young pupils have been redacted due to their age, as they could still be living. Second extract overleaf.



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Letter Code		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District and Sub-district		276-2			
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O. V. S. P. or L.	M. or F.	BIRTH.		S. M. W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
Continental Hotel	1	45	Richards John C.	-	M	28 Feb	1913	S	Electrical Engineer
Sealage Millway Rd		46	FRISER	-	F	29 June	1918	M	Electrician
		47	Fraser Jan	-	M	13 July	1918	S	Cost Clerk
		48	Hinton Hugo S.	-	M	26 Mar	1885	W	Marine Engineer
Royal Marine Barracks	2	2	Brockman Elizabeth	-	F	8 April	1912	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
Amphibious		3	Brockman Jan. G.	-	M	12 July	1933	S	Under School Age
This record is officially closed.									
		5	Hugh Margaret B.	-	F	10 July	1919	S	Nursery Nurse
		6	Gladson Lilian E.	-	F	19 July	1918	S	Cook
		7	Jammett Doris B.	-	F	7 Dec	1911	S	Household Nurse. has Vol. T.S.B.
		8	Glunicka Doris G.	-	F	2 Nov	1885	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		11	Stradder Kathleen	-	F	18 Dec	1904	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		13	Potter Doris F.	-	F	3 Aug	1910	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		14	Potter Ernest W.	-	M	18 June	1906	M	Machine R M Bk 2205
This record is officially closed.									
		16	Hicks Iris H. K. C.	-	F	25 Feb	1910	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		17	EVANS	-	F	31 May	1921	S	Nursery Nurse
		20	Taylor Grace	-	F	6 Aug	97	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		22	Joly de Lotbiniere Iris	-	F	12 Nov	92	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties
		23	Collins Irene R	-	F	1 Feb	94	M	Unpaid Domestic Duties

Continental Hotel and the nearby Marine Barracks.

Church Stile Industrial School in Exminster.

E.D. Letter Code		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Registration District and Sub-District		PERSONAL OCCUPATION		See INSTRUCTIONS		
ADDRESS		SCHEDULE		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES		BIRTH		PERSONAL OCCUPATION		
		No.	Sub No.			Day.	Year.			
This record is officially closed.										
Church Stile School, Exminster	2	1		Morrison	Ernest	0	M	11 Nov 1870	M	Headmaster
"	2	2		"	Maryon Louise	0	F	11 Aug 1913	M	Maths
"	2	3		"	Edna Joyce	0	F	14 Aug 1911	S	Maths
"	2	4		"	Pete John	0	M	1 Feb 1933	S	at school
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	6		Street	Henry	0	M	14 Feb 1915	M	Assistant Teacher T & L
"	2	7		Hyde	Geoffrey	0	M	14 Feb 1919	S	Assistant Sec. Manual U
"	2	8		Clayton	Ernest	0	F	14 Feb 1914	S	Assistant Math
"	2	9		Perry	Gladys	0	F	14 Feb 1916	S	Domestic Services
This record is officially closed.										
2nd Page 4:	2	11		Grimes	John	0	M	15 Feb 1878	M	at school
"	2	12		Bush	Gordon	0	M	15 Feb 1917	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	17		Baker	John	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	18		Burns	James	0	M	17 Feb 1868	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	20		Burns	Kenneth	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	21		Burns	Blitha Edw.	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	22		Blissie	Thos. Edw.	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	25		Wardle	Samuel	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	26		Band	John	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	30		Proper	George	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	31		Burns	Kenneth	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	32		Burns	John	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	33		Ford	Fred	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	34		Gosner	Kenneth	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	37		Gosner	Kenneth	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
"	2	38		Charles	Robert	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	39		Higgins	Charles	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
"	2	41		Hicks	Wm	0	M	17 Feb 1866	M	"
This record is officially closed.										
This record is officially closed.										

Another example is the record for St Joseph's Home for the Aged in Plymouth [overleaf], where all the records are open due to the advanced age of the residents.

These examples illustrate the various types of establishments and individuals that are included in the 1939 National Register and how it can be used to research different aspects of life during this time period.



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E.D. Letter Code		WEVH		Borough, U.D. or R.D.		Plymouth, CB		Registration District and Sub-district		276-3	
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.	SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.		SEX.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.	See INSTRUCTIONS.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
St Joseph's Home for the Aged	46	Waller Emma	1	F	25 Mar 61	W	Discharge				
Long Lane	47	Baker Elizabeth	1	F	6 Aug 62	S	50				
Barley	48	Goodman Amelia	1	F	14 Feb 60	W	50				
Plymouth (continued)	49	Smellie Emma	1	F	13 Nov 49	W	50				
	50	Gillies Mary A	1	F	26 Mar 70	S	50				
	51	Gallagher Mary	1	F	1 Jan 56	S	50				
	52	Madison Alice	1	F	2 July 67	W	50				
	53	Barton Jane A	1	F	5 Sept 50	W	50				
	54	Ellison Jane	1	F	5 Feb 52	W	50				
	55	Tiller's Emma	1	F	22 Feb 57	W	50				
	56	Jagles Mabel M.S.	1	F	3 Sept 69	S	50				
	57	Lawrence Emma	1	F	19 Jan 59	M	50				
	58	Bligh Emma	1	F	14 May 54	W	50				
	59	Steeley Emma	1	F	30 Oct 69	S	50				
	60	Baker Mary	1	F	7 Dec 55	S	50				
	61	Smith Emma	1	F	15 Sept 69	S	50				
	62	McMahon Alice	1	F	21 Nov 64	W	50				
	63	Blair Emma	1	F	13 July 57	W	50				
	64	Stephens Josephine	1	F	10 Feb 54	W	50				
	65	Tomp Emma	1	F	15 Nov 64	S	50				
	66	Challenger Emma	1	F	2 Sept 66	W	50				
	67	Baugh Florence	1	F	6 Dec 70	S	50				
	68	Lawrence Margaret	1	F	12 Sept 63	W	50				
	69	Eden Emma	1	F	26 Oct 53	W	50				
	70	Anderson Ellen	1	F	10 Jan 55	S	50				
	71	Cole Jane	1	F	20 Sept 57	W	50				
	72	Sharpe Annie C	1	F	17 Feb 62	W	50				
	73	McMahon Zoe	1	F	16 Feb 65	S	50				
	74	Crofton Catherine	1	F	10 Mar 63	W	50				
	75	Munk Charlotte	1	F	14 Feb 66	W	50				
	76	Anderson Joseph	1	M	10 Jan 60	S	50				
	77	Burgess Patricia	1	M	18 Aug 74	W	50				
	78	Baker John	1	M	29 Sept 60	S	50				

St Joseph's Home for the Aged in Plymouth.

What do the various annotations and codes mean?

The 1939 National Register was designed as a working document, which meant that it was updated as changes occurred. As a result, it is common to see annotations in red or green ink on the pages of the register. Some of these annotations, such as NR (National Register), refer to the 1939 National Register itself. Others, written after 1952 when the NHS Central Register was established, may include CR (Central Register), such as this entry below.

162 - Ditto - 3351	3	Tallen Sydney F	-	N
	1	Bryan Frederick E	-	N
	2	Bryan Stephen M	-	F
	3	Bryan David F	-	F
	4	Bryan Roy F	-	N

It appears that CR283 was the form number used for a change of name due to marriage. The annotation NR230, on the other hand, denotes a name change for reasons other than marriage.

The NHS Central Register was created because, when the National Health Service was formed in 1948, there was no central index of patients registered with a general practitioner. This led to individuals appearing on multiple GP lists when they moved, which inflated the lists. To address this issue, the 1939 National Register was used as an index for NHS patients.

Another annotation you will see on the register is IC, which stands for "identity card." If a woman married, she would be required to obtain a new identity card in her married name. The register would then be updated to reflect this change and annotated with the date and the area code (which we will discuss later).

84-6-43	AOA M(10)	4	McCORMACK	WEST ALMA D	F	31 DEC
		012	1	ROSE THOMAS T	M	04 MAR

These annotations provide important information about changes to the records in the 1939 National Register and can be useful in tracing the movements and changes in the lives of individuals listed in the register.

Another annotation that appears on the 1939 National Register is ½ M/C or ½ med, which refers to a medical card. This entry includes a notation for a medical card, as well as a change in surname to Crawford. The date given is



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likely to be the date the entry was made in the register, rather than the date the card was issued.

		5	BOURNE EDWARD H	
		6	CRAWFORD BOURNE EILEEN E	
This record is officially closed.				

Column 5 of the form includes a notation for O, V, S, P or I which was mainly used by institutions to denote the status of an individual as an Officer, Visitor, Servant, Patient, or Inmate. Here we see an extract from HMP Dartmoor prison record showing "I", for inmate:

	No	Sub No.	OTHER NAMES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
H.M. Prison Dartmoor	1	397	Jord Victor	1	M	12-12	10	S	casual					
	1	398	Harris Cyril W.	1	M	21-8	06	M	Heavy Lorry					
	1	399	Kavanagh Christopher P.	1	M	28-3	09	S	casual					

In this image below for Bracebridge Heath Mental Hospital, you can clearly see a visitor, followed by some of the officers and then the servants, hence V, O or S:

This record is officially closed.														
55	Cooper Jane A.	V	F	16 Apr	70	W	Unpaid Domestic Duties							
56	Munro Robert	O	M	6 May	89	S	medical Officer							
57	Forbes Alice A.	O	F	8 Feb	93	S	Matron (Mental Hospital)							
58	Robson Jennie C	O	F	19 Mar	97	S	Assistant Matron	-do-						
59	Johnson Daisy F	O	F	23 Mar	04	S	Assistant Matron	-do-						
60	Bass Dorothy A	S	F	17 Aug	99	S	Nurse (Mental Hospital)							
61	Baxter Kathleen M. ^{RUSSELL}	S	F	19 Jan	15	S	-do-	-do-						
62	Baxter Grace E. ^{TRAVERS}	S	F	19 Dec	13	S	-do-	-do-						
63	Bean Edith H.	S	F	10 Apr	03	S	Housekeeper	-do-						

Column 11, which is on the facing page and only partially visible, provides additional information about an individual's war service or other activities, such as serving as an ARP (Air Raid Precautions) warden, special constable, or Red Cross volunteer. It may also include a military reserve or service number for those who later

joined the armed services. Later annotations may include codes such as PWC (Post War Credits) or FA (Family Allowance).

Here we can see someone noted as a Stretcher Bearer ARP and another as working in the Metropolitan Police War Reserve.

Clerk	Stretcher Bearer ARP
ber	Metropolitan Police War Reserve
P.S. Henry	NWR 836



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Here is another example showing ARP wardens and even Metropolitan Police Canteen staff.

It is worth noting that there is no master index of the abbreviations and code letters used in the 1939 National Register, and as the books were annotated by a variety of people over the course of about sixty years for different purposes, it is unlikely that the meaning of all the annotations will ever be fully understood.

One annotation that has been well-documented is the area code, which relates to the enumeration districts and boroughs. The register is organized by enumeration districts and households, similar to a census. Enumerators went door-to-door to collect the information. England and Wales were divided into approximately 1400 enumeration districts, each of which was intended to have no more than 300 individuals. The National Archives has listed these enumeration districts, and they are further detailed on FindMyPast. (<https://www.findmypast.com/articles/1939-register-enumeration-districts>)

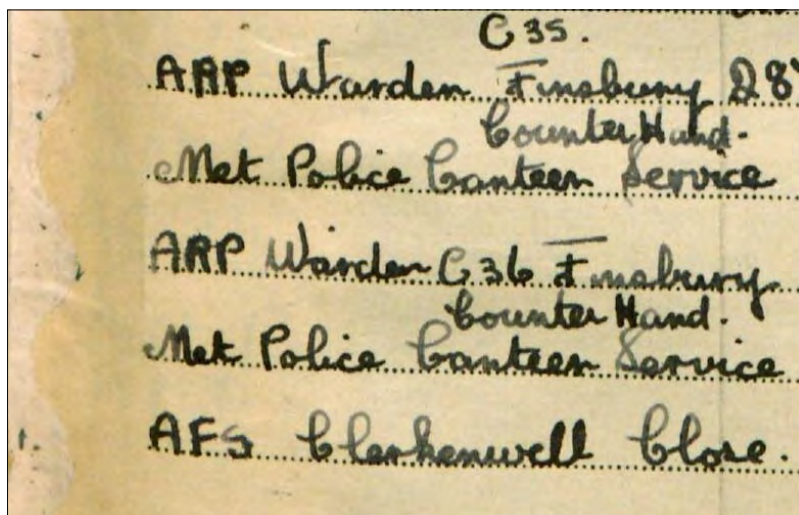
This extract from the FindMyPast index shows how each area code consists of three letters, and they can be found throughout the register in annotations. The area codes included in the 1939 National Register can be particularly useful, especially when researching individuals who married during wartime and may have done so in places far from their place of birth. This is because the area codes can help to identify the location of a marriage or other significant event and may provide clues about an individual's movements during this time period.

Analysing some examples

Below is an example from a page in Stone, Staffordshire, which shows the entry for the Brassington family. It appears to be parents, Percy and Doris, although obviously we do not have relationships shown, with their apparent daughter Jean who was just ten years old.

Is'malia	"	"	31	1	Brassington Percy	M	Apr 6	96	M	stay - stans + fodder merchant
"	"	"	31	2	Brassington Doris	F	Feb 4	98	M	unpaid domestic duties
" M. RBR "	"	"	31	3	WINFIELD Jean	F	June 30	39	S	at school

Jean's entry has a notation, which appears to indicate a marriage (likely the reason for the letter M). The RBR is the area code, designating Long Eaton, Derbyshire, and the date following it, 10.8.51, is the date the change was recorded in the register. The date shown is therefore not the date of the marriage, but rather the date the change was recorded in the register. In this case, the marriage took place in Derbyshire, but the person was registered in Staffordshire—the two actual places are about 45 miles apart and located in different counties. This illustrates how the area codes can be useful in identifying the location of significant events, such as marriages.



Area Code	Enumeration District	Borough/District	Type
AAA	London	London	City
ABA	London	Battersea	Met B
ACA	London	Bermondsey	Met B
ADA	London	Bethnal Green	Met B
AEA	London	Camberwell	Met B
AFA	London	Chelsea	Met B
AFG	London	Deptford	Met B
AFS	London	Finsbury	Met B
AGA	London	Fulham	Met B
AHA	London	Greenwich	Met B



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This next entry includes no code, but rather two names written in green: Charles William. This appears to be an addition to the second initial, to identify it as standing for Charles, and the addition of a third forename, William. Quite often these additions/corrections have the number 310 next to them, as in this case.

30 ditto	310	250	1	Todd Good Charles William	M	9 June 04	M	✓	dog
see 250-3			2	Todd Marie	F	10 July 09	M	✓	boat

Next, we have an entry for a Hilary Mann who is living in Newton Abbot, Devon with her family.

Bartholomew ditto	255	1	Mann Thomas J	M	22 Dec 46	M			Insurance collected
		2	Mann Violet M	F	16 Feb 00	M			Unpaid Domestic duty
		3	CRISPIN Mann Barbara J	F	27 Feb 24	S			Counter claim sub Post Office
This record is officially closed.									
This record is officially closed.									
18.3.70 2283 DN		6	NORISH ABRAHAM Mann Hilary	F	19 Jan 38	S			Under School age

There are six people in this household. This time Hilary's surname is crossed out and the name Norish is written above, but also barred out, and then we have again in green ink, Abraham. Now, we can see that Hilary was born on 19 January 1938, so she is only nineteen months old at the time of the register. As the name Mann has been crossed out, we know her name has been changed, most likely by marriage. Since Norish has also been barred out, it looks likely she married twice.

By checking the marriage indexes, using these surnames, we see that she did indeed marry in the June quarter of 1961 in Newton Abbot to a William J Norish. A further search under her married name of Hilary Norish, reveals she married again in the June quarter of 1982 in Torquay, Devon to John C. Abraham.

Now although there is a code to the left of her name "CR 283 DN 18.3.70", there is no area code. It could be that the DN stands for Devon, as both marriages took place in Devon. The 18.3.70 designates the date, 18 March 1970, when the record was amended for the first time. This entry shows how useful the annotations can be in going forward on a line. Remember, Hilary was less than two years old, and yet we have both her marriages over the next forty-two years. How many other genealogical documents can help us in this way!

One last piece of advice—check the colour of the ink and the handwriting, especially when there are multiple amendments, to see which ones were written by the same person at the same time.

Hopefully you can see how useful the 1939 Register is to researchers. No other document exists which gives us a snapshot in time and then a continued update like this. It is also worth noting that changes to the register were recorded even after the end of National Registration in 1952. In fact, the register was manually updated until 1991, when paper-based record keeping was phased out and the system was computerized.

About Linda Hammond



Linda Hammond is a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG). She has over thirty years' experience researching for private clients www.lindahammondresearch.com and regularly gives talks to family history societies and at shows worldwide. She is also a genealogy tutor with the University of Strathclyde on their Postgraduate Genealogical Studies Programmes. Linda is currently writing a book on mind mapping and its use in genealogical research. She also has a special interest in reformatory and industrial schools and created the website www.DERIS.org which has indexed many of the records of the Devon and Exeter Reformatory and Industrial schools.

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Suffolk Family History Society

Suffolk FHS is holding FREE Zoom talks!

Monday 24 April: **Valmay Young will talk about how to use Facebook for family history.** Use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/Facebook4FamilyHistory> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NB: NB: For those who miss this, but especially for our members in the Antipodes, there will be a repeat in *Watchalong* the following day, 25 April at 10:00hrs UK, 20:30hrs Sydney, 17:30hrs Perth, 22:00hrs NZ. You need to register separately - using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Facebook4FamilyHistory2> Our zooms are open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, but you do need to register.

Zooms in upcoming months - all are at 19:30 UK time.

Tuesday 23 May: **Richard Marks will talk about Munitions Workers in World War II for Family Historians**

Monday 12 June: **Stuart Durrell: -Research and records using the CWGC Archives – explore some of the gems in the collection and discover more about CWGC war records.**

Monday 3 July: **Janet Few: The ill, the impoverished and the insane.**

We welcome new (and returning) members. We publish a quarterly journal available by post or electronically. Membership fees reflect whether you are in the UK or not, and whether happy to download an electronic copy of our journal or want a physical copy though the post.

Members get a variety of benefits, not "just" the very high quality journal, but also a 20% discount on publications such as CDs or downloads. For more details on membership check this page <https://suffolkfhs.co.uk/index.php/pages/view/membership> or just write to our membership secretary (membership@suffolkfhs.org.uk).

We have five groups in the county who put on regular meetings and events – parish walks in summer, and quizzes and presentations and starter sessions the rest of the year and a West of London group who meet 3-4 times a year in Hillingdon.

An updated version of Derek Palgrave's *Suffolk Chronology*, packed with key dates in Suffolk history from founding of a monastery at Beodricsworth (later Bury St Edmunds) in 633, the Black Death in 1349, to more recent events like the opening of the Orwell Bridge. Fascinating facts. Copies will shortly be freely downloadable from our webpage <http://suffolkfhs.co.uk/>, where you will find more details.

Andy Kerridge, Chair



Ontario Genealogical Society's

Scottish Interest Group

Free webinars from the Scottish Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Everyone is welcome! Please feel free to attend!

There is no limit to attendance and all are free to watch live. They all begin at 10 am eastern which is 3 pm in Scotland and England. We are not seeking members, simply offering resources.

Please note that while there is no limit to attendance, registration is required in order to get the link to join.

17th May - **PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING presented by IRENE O'BRIEN**

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkf-mgqzgpHNSz4Q6idORPDdb7YD-id_s1

31st May - **EMPRESS OF IRELAND: CANADA'S TITANIC presented by HELEN BAGGOT**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rcu6rrT4jGNywyY7fCuvLrUg8f80gVu6>

6th Sept - **A DIFFERENT ANGLE FOR SCOTTISH RESEARCH presented by CLARE WILSON**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlf-mpqTMjGtCLYIXKgZx9ijJ7JiyxJ8TV>

27th Sept - **1820 RISING presented by LORRAINE MURRAY**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtd--pqjgrHdMT690xLBIP9-Yh0VSA1ymO>

25th Oct - **SCOTTISH PRINTING INDUSTRY presented by HELEN WILLIAMS**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpc-uvpigoHNdK2KFcYYCymy801rfm8pX>

For more information about the Ontario Genealogical Society and its specialist Scottish group: <https://scottishsig.ogs.on.ca>

Christine Woodcock

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Archives**

AGRA is delighted to announce that the 2023 AGRA conference line-up for **Navigating Your Family History: Journeys with Ancestors** is now officially live.

Curated alongside industry experts Dr Helen Doe (Fellow of the Centre for Maritime Historical Studies), Penguin Press publishing director Richard Atkinson and Dr Sam Willis (BBC, The Silk Road), this year's event features a packed programme of informative and engaging presentations and themed panel discussions, proudly sponsored by FamilySearch.

The third AGRA Conference will explore the theme of navigating your family history with topics from migration to naval and military records to finding your way round local and national archives and the records they hold. Attendees will be able to learn about all this and more over the conference, at prestigious Downing College, Cambridge on 8 and 9 September.

AGRA Chair said: "AGRA Members and Associates look forward to welcoming anyone with an interest in family history research, whether a professional or keen amateur, to our 2023 Conference. We are thrilled that Dr Sam Willis will be speaking, heading a list of experienced presenters for our programme of talks. Our last conference at Pembroke College, Oxford was a great success and our experienced organising team have been working hard to assemble a packed programme, including new Expert Panel Sessions. Our theme, Navigating Your Family History – is designed to do just that, encompassing a broad spectrum of topics from ship to shore, across the seas and beyond. We look forward to welcoming new faces and returning friends."

The conference will also be live streamed for those unable to attend in person, further details on how to purchase these will be announced soon. For more details on the conference, the line-up and to stay up-to-date visit the AGRA Conference website: www.agra.org.uk/conference/.

The 2023 AGRA Conference, **Navigating Your Family History: Journeys with Ancestors**, takes place at Downing College, Cambridge on the 8 and 9 September. Tickets for the conference are on sale now and open to the public. Prices range from £45-£320 including a package deal which includes a day ticket to the conference, drinks reception, dinner, one night accommodation and breakfast.

Early bird discounts are available if booked before 30 April. For all ticket pricing and booking visit: eventbrite.co.uk/e/agra-conference-2023-tickets-465282060167



**The City of York Family
History Society**

The Raylor Centre,
James Street,
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Come along and celebrate the
Research Room's
21st Anniversary
on Tuesday
25th April 2023
10am—4pm

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The Society covers the modern Archdeaconry of York which stretches from Coxwold, Hovingham and Sherburn-in-Harfordlythe in the north to Ledsham, Birkin, Selby and Drax in the south. As well as from Bramham, Bilton and Sherburn-in-Elmet in the west to Huggate and Bubwith in the east.

To learn more about the City of York FHS please visit our website:

www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk/



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GenUKi is an excellent website for information on the UK and Ireland.

It is totally free to use, too!

It is always worth looking for what is on in your area or being run online. You may need to prod your local organisation into putting their event details on the site!

See the link to *Genealogical Events* at:

www.genuki.org.uk/

Come and Meet the FHF Events Team!

The Federation will be at the

ICHF Creative Craft Shows

around the country promoting member societies and family history generally.

Birmingham NEC: 23—25 June

Farnborough International: 1—3 September

Exeter Westpoint: 21—23 September

Glasgow SEC: 26—29 October

Birmingham NEC: 2—5 November

The Federation will also be at

The Family History Shows

where the bookshop will be available:

York Racecourse: 25 June

Kempton Park Racecourse: 2 September

If you are attending any of these, please visit the stand and talk to our friendly volunteers.

A number of societies are holding fairs, see:

www.familyhistoryfederation.com/events

Please support your local events!

The FHF Annual Meeting

This is on Saturday 20 May in Stevenage and online via Zoom. FHF member societies are invited to attend. The papers are now on the FHF website, in the members-only area. Local society officers have a login to access this.

Is your local society involved?

Online events by The National Archives

The programme of events is available here: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/visit-us/whats-on/online-events/

The upcoming programme includes *Researching Your Family History: 20th Century Resources*, *Everyday Life in Victorian London* and *Small Inventions that made a Difference*. Free, though donations are appreciated.



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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*
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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

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FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

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Family History Books (FHB) is an online bookshop and publisher; it is owned by the Family History Federation and the aim is to provide a service to the genealogical community. Family History Books offers a wide range of relevant titles relating to family history research.



Recent publications designed to help researchers have varied from dating old photographs to researching Dorset forebears. A popular title is ***Family History Research Challenges and How to Solve Them*** by Ian Waller [click title for details]; it is well indexed and covers many of the obstacles encountered!

Coming out this summer is a book to help newcomers to family history and those wishing to use free resources. Details will be included in the Bulletin when it is in stock. Meanwhile, check the online shop!

In addition to its [online shop](http://www.familyhistorybooksonline.com) FHB can also be found at major live family history events around the country. Come and visit us and see all the latest titles available. The stall is always very popular!

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