

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society

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GREETINGS

Hi Everyone, I thought I had better get in touch with our members so that you would all know we are still alive and in business. I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I would imagine most of our members, being of a certain age, would by now have had at least one dose of vaccine and be awaiting the second. With any luck and a following wind, we may get to have meetings by later this year. We will be unable to book anyone until dates are announced, but as soon as possible we will look to setting up a new programme.

LOOKING FORWARD

In the meantime, several zoom meetings have been arranged, notice of which have been sent out by the executive committee and have been well received. If you haven't received any communication of these, please check out the LFHHS website, I'm sure you will find all the details on there of what is available and how to join in the meetings.

The Friends of Lancashire Archives have also been busy with zoom meetings and covered the topics that should have been their "Family History Friday" Lectures. The next one is on Friday 19th March, "Memories Public & Private – scrapbooks and common place books" – by Kathryn Newman, 12.30 to 13.30 pm.

To book a place and receive a link please email

archives@lancashire.gov.uk

REQUESTS FROM THE LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES

Keep Calm and Carry on Collecting

When in April 2020 we first launched the appeal for the fine folk of Lancashire to share their impressions of Lockdown with us, we had no idea what the response would be. Nor did anyone have any notion of what future would hold. Ten months later, we still don't.

We need to keep collecting, and we need your help. Those of you who have already contributed, thank you, can we have more? Those who maybe think they have nothing to share; you do, and it is all welcome. Although Covid has dominated 2020, there are so many other areas that we would love to hear your thoughts on.

A link is attached of examples of recent submissions, perhaps they will inspire you. Please keep sharing, you are making our history, and we need to reflect as much as we can. For information about sharing you can visit our website.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-andarchives/archives-and-record-office/ourcollections/lancashire-and-the-covid-19-pandemic-archive-collection/>

ALSO FROM LANCASHIRE ARCHIVES NEWSLETTER

For sheer fortitude and talent your attention is directed to the work of poet Joyce Bond who has been recording her thoughts since the beginning of Lockdown. I nominate her for Covid Laureate.

<https://spotonlancashire.co.uk/covid-ode-by-joyce-bond/>

LFHHS March Zoom Talk

After You Are Dead – Eric Jackson – 9 March 2021

This talk tells of the rise and history of anatomical dissection, its use as a punishment and how the ever-growing need for bodies led to grave robbing to feed the need for bodies to be used by the anatomists.

After You Are Dead – Eric Jackson – 9 March 2021

Topic: LFHHS Online Talks

Time: Mar 9, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83863113859?pwd=U3RqYXYrNm1TZ2JtMVhic2VhK3RkUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 6311 3859

Passcode: 702391

Scotland's People....

Is pleased to advise that updates are currently being made to the mother's maiden name search field in the statutory register of deaths index, as part of our ongoing improvements to our website and in response to your requests in our customer survey. Before 1974 the deceased's mother's maiden name was not routinely included. Where this information was included on the death records before this date we are retrospectively adding this to the index beginning with the years closest to the introduction of statutory registration in 1855. We have now updated most years up to 1880, adding mother's maiden names to more than 1 million records, and plan to have completed records up to 1883 by the end of this year.

You can populate the name search fields and also choose to 'include unrecorded mother's maiden surname'. You may find that if you enter a name in this search field and the information has not yet been added or it was unavailable at the time of registration then a result will not be found.

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*I have recently been doing quite a lot of research on Scotland's People and find it an excellent site to use. The cost of viewing certificates is only £1.50 (6 credits) and they can be saved. Great value for money when only required for Family History Research. The certificates also have more information than on English certificates as the mother's maiden name is included on all birth and marriage certificates, and will now be on the death certificates if it had been supplied at registration.*

Let's end with a bit of humour!

#### **How Do Court Reporters Keep Straight Faces?**

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.