

Lancashire BMD additions

Births - Great Bolton and Lever (1909-1910); Halliwell (1919-1925); Little Bolton (1917-1930); South West Bolton (1921-1935); Great Bolton and Lever (1910-1914); Halliwell (1925-1927); Kearsley (1940-1956); Turton (1921-1935)

Amended to include mothers' maiden names; Middleton (1851-1876); Spotland Further (1862-1875); Spotland Nearer (1851-1861);
Marriages - Blackburn Register Office or Registrar Attended (1985-1995); Hundreds of marriages for the Rochdale RD up to circa 1980's – too many to list individually;

Deaths; - Bury North (1904-1921); St Helens North (1935-1957); St Helens South (1935-1957);

Additions have also been added to Cheshire, Staffordshire, Yorkshire & Wiltshire.

Comedy corner – Anecdotes from a professional researcher – Someone once wrote to me and asked, “Why is it, Mr. Sperry, that you have not yet found my backward ancestors.” (hum???)

Someone researching LDS ancestors wrote, “Can you please help me? Our second great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library.”

Someone wrote and said, “I’m interested in tracing part of my family tree—my mother’s and father’s side only.”

Another person wrote, “Please send me some record and document on where I came from and how.”

(It does make one wonder whether people do actually read what they have written before sending it)

PRONI Maps
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland has launched an online map viewer. It features a range of old Ordnance Survey Maps from the 6 inch County Series from 1832 to 1963 covering the six counties of modern Northern Ireland.
www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/search-proni-historical-maps-viewer

If you have a problem with old documents and fancy upgrading your talents, check out the National Archives website as they offer a free online training course with plenty of hints and tips on spelling variants and abbreviations.
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/

If you have an interest in the history of the county, the Harris Museum in Preston is holding 2 FREE talks which may be of interest:-

Wed 22nd Feb 6 – 7.30 pm – “Demon Drink? Alcohol related issues in Lancashire past and present” by Annemarie McAllister

Wed 29th Mar 6 – 7.30 pm – “Mass migration in a time of crisis; Lancashire and the Irish Famine 1847-1848” – by Dr Lewis Darwen.

Book places at harrismuseum.eventbrite.co.uk or ring 01772905414

Accrington Pals Annual Memorial Service, Sunday 19th February.

This year will be the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel, as well as the 102nd anniversary of the valedictory service. To be seated by 2.30pm for 2.45pm service at St. John's with St. Augustine's Parish Church, Accrington. Refreshments will be available in the school hall after the service.

Find my Past updates -

Added – Leicestershire Births, deaths and marriages; Wills and Probate records and Electoral registers: Rutland Parish Registers; Hundreds of Australian records including migration records.

Ancestry updates -

Somerset - records of Baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials

Free resource for researchers -

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4> : This could be a handy resource if you are tracing

people between the censuses. There are many trade directories here on the University of Leicester web site. It can help to confirm an address for people you are searching for. Please remember that many folk didn't just do one job and this can account for different occupations being quoted on official documents. It also depends who was asked for the details when a registrar was completing the entry in the register. The person asked may not have been the person involved and could give a different reply to the query.

Always take information with a large pinch of salt, it is only as good as the person writing it down, and everyone makes mistakes.

Hyndburn Programme of Events 2017

- Jan 3rd** **Workshop**
- Feb 9th** **'Village Signs'**
By Shirley Addy
- Mar 9th** **AGM – and “Friends and Family – Heroes and Villains”**
By Hilda Rawcliffe
- Apr 13th** **“ ” to be arranged**
- May** **Workshop – date & venue to be confirmed**
- Jun 8th** **“Origin of Surnames”**
By Peter Watson
- July 13th** **“ ” to be arranged**
- Aug 10th** **“A Trip to Switzerland in 1916”**
By Tony Foster
- Sep** **Workshop – date & venue to be confirmed**
- Oct 12th** **“Wounded & Missing in Action, POW of the Germans”**
By Bill Taylor
- Nov 9th** **'Mediaeval Monasteries'**
By Julia Beedon
- Dec 14th** **Christmas Party & Social Evening**

Please contact Muriel Smith – muesmith@yahoo.co.uk – or speak to me at the meetings if you wish to have an article included in the newsletter.

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WELCOME

Good evening everyone. Well, here we are in our new premises. I hope you are all as pleased with the venue as the committee are. I feel we can be very comfortable here.

We are also very happy to welcome Shirley Addy with her talk on “Village Signs”. It should be a very interesting night.

Please make sure you check out the back page for the new dates for future meetings.

Have you renewed your membership? If not, now is the time to do it so that you get a full year for your money. If you need forms they can be obtained from us, just ask.

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Please bear with the committee as we try and organise the rest of the programme for this coming year. Some of the proposed speakers have been unable to accommodate our new times and we are presently trying to arrange new speakers for the couple of spaces which we find ourselves with. We are also hoping to re-arrange the workshop days to fit in with the new setup and will keep you informed as to where and when they will be.

You may also be interested in the Lancashire FHS annual meal this year as Hyndburn have been asked to arrange it. We have chosen The Dunkenhall Hotel as the venue for the lunch which will be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Further details are coming soon.