

Bolton's Genies



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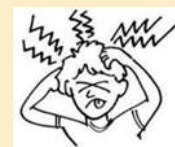
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Bolton Family History Society is A branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society.

Hello everybody and welcome to our newsletter for July 2016.



Wow, and what a month June was. I suspect most of us are still reeling from information overload and are just glad to see the back of it. I know I certainly am. We have been remembering a terrible centenary and also creating totally unpredicted historic events of our own, (not to mention the football!!!). It has been a roller coaster of emotions. It is also the second anniversary of our newsletter "The Bolton's Genies", by the way.

This edition is of course the first after the controversial "Brexit" referendum on June 24th 2016, which I am going to acknowledge but say no more. You all know the result, which I think does need to be recorded here, as it must be at least on a par with the announcements of two world wars, and their subsequent endings. There does seem to be an interesting after effect as well for family history research

<http://goo.gl/ddb8Hc> "Online searches for Irish ancestry up by one-fifth with users keen to learn if they qualify for EU passport" David Young Published 05/07/2016. I will leave the rest to the politicians!!!

I think it should also be noted that we have also commenced the national commemorations of the **Centenary of the WW1 Battle of the Somme**.

More on that below.

Another, comparatively insignificant, but big announcement in our own little bubble, is our launch of a BFHS newsletter Index <http://goo.gl/cC3aGf>.

We hope you did actually notice the new link in the bottom left hand corner when you clicked to access this. →→



This is still of course very much a project in progress but thanks to two stalwarts with Dennis Corbert in particular who should be mentioned in dispatches, good progress is being made. (We are still on the lookout for more help in the future if it is only to spread the load). I hadn't realised how many addresses we had accumulated over the two years of publishing, but it has seemed a shame to mention them in one edition and then allow them to disappear into obscurity again. So here we have hopefully, an ongoing and active resource, of helpful and also interesting websites to which, I can refer back, and you can browse and search at leisure. We are now relying on you to notify us of any links not working or other hiccups, (also there is lots more work to be done in this area if you have the time and energy to join us.)

So

- Where do we meet?

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU.

Buses <http://goo.gl/3llsRd> .

All MLFHS members free. £1.50 to none members unless joining on the night.

- When do we meet?

The first Wednesday of each month with 7pm beverages available, for 7.30pm start. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research,

Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used Family History Magazines etc



TRIPS MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 6th July, 7.30pm, Bill Huyton, Chairman of the Ormskirk FHS. And co-founder of "The Boat People web site <http://www.boatfamilies.website/> came to tell us about "The Boat People of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and its Associated Tributaries. ". <https://goo.gl/Y1LrGx> . Well what a treat this was, and with thankfully 60 attending despite the competition of a certain football match, tennis etc. Bill came fully prepared with pictures, telling us of the 1812 completion of 127 miles of the manually built, canal system, explaining how the original purpose was to carry heavy and bulky goods such as wool, coal, stone, and agricultural products from their source points to where they were needed or to be sold. The routes had to be cut, dug out, and lined, the first grassy banking soon had to be replaced by firmer stone walls, providing plenty of work for "ag labs" from all over, who had lost their traditional jobs due to the Clearances. The first broad boats appeared and were 62ft long, and 14ft3ins wide and carried 100,000 tons of coal a year to



Liverpool from the inland mines in 1860, trading it with "street soil" which was spread over the land as they passed by on the return journey. New diseases were contracted due to the manual loading and offloading of this "excrement", from a cosmopolitan population, leading to many deaths from hitherto "exotic" diseases. The boats were towed by short, (to be able to go under the bridges), but stout horses, hauling from the bankside, two starting then one being cast off.

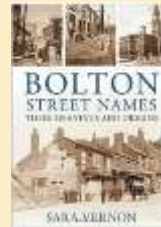
The itinerant families lived on board, babies were born wherever the boat was that night; medical care, registrations, baptisms and schooling, were haphazard to say the least. Children were often "lost" in transit.

Narrow boats appeared which were half the width, and much easier to manoeuvre through locks etc., and passenger transport using "fly boats" and timetables became fashionable. It was even possible to commute down to London in 3 days by the extended network.

Families intermarried, numbers multiplied, and the original tree created by the Ormskirk FHS Boat Peoples project in 2010 of 3000 people now has nearly 30, 500. Certain churches near the canal were convenient for the formalities such as St John the Baptist, Burscough, and The Church of Our Lady and Saint Nicholas, Liverpool.

There was much more to tell, and there will be a fuller report published shortly in our quarterly journal The Genealogist. This avenue of research might well help resolve some brick walls, and they are always looking for more material. Have you got a waterman or boatman in your family?

Wednesday, 3rd August, 7.30pm, Sara Vernon, author and historian will talk about her "Research into Bolton Street Names". I have read her book, and found the background into the reasons why various place names have been chosen is fascinating, and an ongoing reminder of people and events which have affected the history of Bolton, now long gone. I suspect you will be in for a few surprises.



Sunday August 7th A Guided Visit to Heaton Park, Manchester <http://goo.gl/mD5txx> when we will hopefully have 3 different trams to ride on, plus tours of the storage depot, and museum, where we will see the model tramway.



This is intended as a family trip where both children and bigger kids will be welcome. The charge is that of a day ticket £5 for an Adult and £2.50 for children, and this will allow travel until 5pm for those who wish to stay longer. Tea and biscuits at the museum is included as part of the ticket. We meet at 1pm outside the Boating Shed which is next door to the café. Those of you who attended our July meeting will already know some of this, and we will need approximate numbers at

our meeting on Wednesday August 3rd, to confirm arrangements with David Lloyd our guide. He will use a tram for his introduction and give an overview of the tramway and its history, followed by a tour of the storage depot which apparently contains about 8 unrestored trams from Manchester/ Oldham/ Blackpool etc. On to a ride on a tram to the end of the line to see the processes involved (e.g. turning the trolley, driver changing ends), then to the museum for a guided tour, see the model tramway and refreshments, then onto a second tram for a full line tour (20 minutes), then back to the museum where a third tram will take us back to lakeside. Caught your breath!!! He and his team are obviously going to some trouble to welcome us and show us around on what will already be a busy day for them. We will give out maps of the park, and clarify travel details on Wed August 3rd.



GENIE'S TIPS for July



"Stop 'Saving' Records to Your Ancestry Tree Until You Read This" <http://goo.gl/tZjafC>

Family History Daily accessed 13.06.16 *"Most people who keep their trees on Ancestry.com probably regularly attach records to individuals using the 'Save This Record' function (or similar). This can also be done when viewing a record image, and is done automatically in the 'hints' section when reviewing and adding data to your tree.*

*At first, this seems like a quick and easy way to attach relevant records to people in your tree – and it is. The problem lies in the fact that when you 'save' a record this way, you are not really saving it at all. Instead, Ancestry is simply linking that record to the correct fact. --- This causes two vital problems ---" **Read on***

And Some Certificate Thoughts

- **"Certificate Exchange" <http://goo.gl/vadQFt> Exchange your unwanted BMD certificates** © Copyright 2008 Vicky Hammerstein. All Rights Reserved.

"Obtaining copies of birth, marriages and death certificates is vital for genealogists in order to confirm your family's history. Unfortunately, it is quite possible that you will purchase a certificate that is unrelated to your family and therefore not needed. This web site provides a free service for genealogists and family historians who would like to offer their unwanted BMD certificates, wills or medal rolls to other family historians who are researching ancestors with the same name".



I should emphasise that there are several other outlets with similar services though. This is the WDYTyr address <http://goo.gl/M4ErOR> and most family history societies worth their salt offer local services for members to donate those bought in error, and maybe access correct ones from others who have done similar, so it is always worth enquiring there.



Here at MLFHS unwanted certificates can be sent to Brenda Gregory, MLFHS, 3rd Floor, Manchester Central Library, Manchester M2 5PD.



To search for what others have already donated currently members only can

1. open the MLFHS Home page <http://goo.gl/lqSLki>,
2. Left click on the "Online Database" tab to open the members sign in page <http://goo.gl/NQ2o6a>,
3. Enter your membership number and left click on "Submit" to open the "Member Area Main Menu"
4. Scroll down to access the "General Document collection" and left click on it to open the main "Member Area"
5. Scroll down to "BMD Certificate Indexes", left click to open and here at last is a transcribed list of all certificates currently held. The first one I see happens to be that of



AIREY Agnes b 1859 in Bolton Lancashire to father John Barrow mother's maiden name STANSFIELD Sarah
If you should see one you think might be yours once again contact Brenda Gregory at office@mlfhs.org.uk

See Also

- **Military Hospital Birth Certificate How to order records of a new or replacement birth certificate for someone born in a British Military Hospital overseas** <http://goo.gl/BNjvY> QARANC - Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps

And after the question of "When Are Stillbirths Registered?"

- **Registration of stillbirths and certification for pregnancy loss before 24 weeks' gestation** <https://goo.gl/Bw48FW> 13 June, 2008 Guidance paper: The role of the midwife within the current procedure for stillbirth registration as set out in the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 is illustrated in the Midwives rules and standards (NMC, 2004).

"Fashion on the Ration" : <http://goo.gl/qQUe9> 1940s Street Style Exhibition, Imperial War Museum North 27 May 2016 – 1 May 2017 Well it was a wet, rainy Tuesday with nothing much else to do so we



thought we would nip down to the IWM North and have a look at what was new. The setting is really quite beautiful on the edge of the now very upmarket Salford dockland, and nestling in between the BBC and ITV studios. The museum is of course free, and currently has extensive displays on WW1 and WW2 events, plus even more recent memorabilia on campaigns such as Basra, and also some sombre 20ft high, twisted skeletal remnants from New York's Twin Towers.

We happened to arrive as they were rehearsing for a visit from the BBCs "The One Show", involving the filming of the Chetham's School Orchestra providing their accompaniment for the film "The Battle of the Somme Centenary Tour" <http://goo.gl/CcdVQM>. We missed the final filming later that day unfortunately but I personally think this is a film that should be seen by all.

I spoke to a WW2 D Day veteran who had been talking to some school children, and then I went into the clothing display for which there was a £4.50 entrance fee. It brought back many childhood memories of utility clothing and soft furnishings, Ration Books, "Make Do and Mend", reknitting of two small woolly jumpers into one bigger one, recycling holey shoes with a tyre inner tube, making our own clothing with treadle sewing machines and whatever scraps of material could be obtained. (See the article below re Bolton's "Haslam's Guide to Dress Making"



Our older generation probably has first-hand memories of at least some of this, but I suggest this is a must for the younger ones. No Marks & Spencer's or Amazon to fall back on then.

I should add that I also got a glimpse of the extensive military databases that they offer free access to, <http://goo.gl/4on562> , with advice on hand from knowledgeable volunteers for private research. I plan to make more use of this and probably deposit some of my own family's memorabilia so that it can be shared with others.

How to Use Google Advanced Search for Genealogy <http://goo.gl/Fns09z> **Genealogist in Time** accessed June 8th 2016 "You need to be a bit more sophisticated in your Google search queries if you want to have success in finding the correct genealogy record. In this article, we will show you simple and proven techniques that genealogists can use with Google to help you find your ancestors".

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

New MLFHS and Bolton FHS courses will be starting in the autumn with more announcements next month.



but if you want to get started over the summer this free 6-week online course from **Future Learning Strathclyde University** is starting its second run this month <https://goo.gl/qYPLFX> .

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records and Beyond



Lancashire BMD <http://goo.gl/FWU9Ro> . Recent updates <http://goo.gl/I29JpL>



Lancs OPC <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> "What's New" <http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/>

Wigan Archives Service <http://archives.wigan.gov.uk/archive>

Wigan Archives & Local Studies have been short-listed for the national 2016 Records-keeping Service of the Year award, run by the Archives & Records Association. The winner will be decided on a public vote, so if you would consider placing a vote for them, they'd be very grateful – and proud to fly the flag for the North West! Voting is at the link here <https://goo.gl/8MiBKu> and you can only vote for one candidate.

Cheshire Archives and Local Studies: discover Cheshire's past <http://goo.gl/IE4rEW> "Cheshire Archives and Local Studies collects, protects and promotes interest in and the use of records and printed material relating to the historic county of Cheshire"

MLFHS: Findmypast Discount Date: Sun, 12 Jun 2016 15:02:26 +0100



Another reason to join MLFHS if you haven't already. We have secured a 20% discount from Findmypast for NEW subscriptions taken out by members.

Note --Unlike most of their discount deals, this is not time-limited and will be available for the next 12 months and then beyond, subject to review. It applies to annual subscriptions to either the British or World collections. To access this, log into the member area <http://goo.gl/NQ2o6a> and you will find a link on the Member Main Menu page. Clicking the link takes you to the 'Pay' page and *automatically applies the discount to the rates shown.*

(And I might just mention here, at last in Yorkshire **marriages 1539 - 1930** findmypast.co.uk

<http://goo.gl/2IFqA7> Bingo!!! I found my gt x 3 grandparents married by Patrick Bronte, so they have updated again. I paid £6.50 for a less legible version 5 years ago so am pleased with this).

“The Earls of Bradford and their Connection to Bolton” A talk, hosted by Bolton Arts Forum, took place at Bolton Parish Hall on 22nd June 2016. The speaker was Gareth Williams, Curator and Head of Learning at Weston Park, <http://goo.gl/rFWjWo>, the main seat of the Earls of Bradford. Weston Park was gifted to the nation in 1986 and is now run by a foundation. The title of “Earl of Bradford” has been created twice once in 1694 for Francis Newport, 2nd Baron Newport and the second in 1815 for Orlando Bridgeman. The Bridgeman family had previously succeeded to the Newport estates. Large parts of Bolton were owned by the family and they had an estate office on Silverwell Street. Many of the males of the Bridgeman family married wealthy heiresses and their names live on in many street titles in Bolton. This topic will be the subject of a longer article in “The Manchester Genealogist”. Thanks to Rita Greenwood for this.

And while we are on the subject of stately mansions, the Bridgewater, and gardens ---

“Bolton School old girl to champion £30 million garden near

Walkden”, from the Bolton News 18 Jun 2016 / Saiqa Chaudhari

<http://goo.gl/ny6A9o> and <https://goo.gl/gF7eDY>. So how many of you knew about the wonderful story of Worsley New Hall? I hadn't until I saw this article. I have since been doing a lot of background “digging” and what a tale of intrigue and financial wheeling and dealing from our local “great and good”.

<http://goo.gl/R91Bge> It is amazing how these same family names keep cropping up all over the place. It seems the remaining grounds of this now demolished mansion are to be resurrected by the Royal Horticultural Society and reborn as RHS Bridgewater. I am currently trying to find someone to come and tell us more about it next summer when I hope the project will be well under way. In the meantime, all that I could find today were the front gates.



SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

July 1st The Centenary of the WW1 Battle of the Somme

This was of course another of this month's roller coaster events, with many people suddenly getting a reality check of what had actually happened on the Somme that day. Most of us will have vaguely known



that they had ancestors involved in WW1, many having quite good family memorabilia and stories, but suddenly the media has been full of graphic illustrations of what really happened. I had booked the free tickets (19,200 issued to mark the British fatalities on the first day), for the free **National Memorial Concert in Heaton Park**,



(sited in Manchester because of the many PALS platoons that had been lost from the north west). I was, however, totally unprepared for the sight of a handful of WW1 soldiers marching forlornly past the window of a shop in the centre of Bolton in the middle of the day, then disappearing. Apparently they

have been all around the town centre. (Picture left courtesy of Joyce Davies, above Jeff McCaffer) and the Bolton News found them <http://goo.gl/Wr4eDI> eventually. On enquiry this has been happening all over England <http://goo.gl/jOAgH6> (Manchester Evening News 01.07.2016 Charlotte Cox) and the images have left a deep impression on many. It seems it was coordinated by the National Theatre as a top secret “Operation Octagon” and all I can say is “Congratulations”. It was a stunner.

I also went to the concert which I found very well organised and moving. We arrived conveniently by the Metro, and walked across to the park in pouring rain, to be greeted by a cheery driver with the Land Train, who took us up to the venue near the Hall. We were issued with plastic ponchos as we handed our tickets

in and had time to have a quick look around the Exhibition Centre which offered a variety of talks, demonstrations, and performers, and shelter from the rain. The few inches of mud seemed “atmospheric”, and gave a mere glimpse of what the trenches must have been like. We had some “fast food” to keep us going, and then settled on the hill with our camping seats to be entertained first by the children’s choir who sang a variety of the familiar WW1 songs, interspersed by various



readings and poems, then the Halle Orchestra who played pieces from Elgar, Holst and Vaughan Williams. It seemed quite symbolic that after the reading of “No Man is an Island” in pouring rain, we had a double rainbow and bright blue sky to the west. All stood spontaneously for The Last Post. There was a good police presence but no trouble, no litter, and just general good will. Impressive. Unfortunately, we did not have enough time to see the Memorial Pavement as well but here is the website for more information

<https://goo.gl/Ed0p1G> .



“The Next of Kin WW1 Memorial Plaque” or “Death Penny” & Scroll <http://goo.gl/OUKSyY> from Heroes of Hull *“The first a family would know of the death of a loved one was the arrival of a telegram from the War Office. This would be followed by the WW1 Death Plaque and any medals the deceased would have earned by serving his country ---.”* And there were of course an awful lot of them issued, with many families still proudly caring for them today. But did you know the significance of the design? I didn’t until I read this. *The WW1 Death Plaque (Dead Man’s Penny) was issued to the next of kin of servicemen/women who had fallen in the Great War between 1914 and 1918”.* From <http://goo.gl/OUKSyY>



ALSO have you ever heard of

Street Shrines <http://goo.gl/ffP0AN> *“The first and earliest war memorials in Hull, were the ‘Street Shrines’ or ‘Rolls of Honour’, These were created in the early years of the war to commemorate all those locally serving in the armed forces. The idea of Street War memorials started in the East end of London, but it was soon adopted in towns, such as St Albans, and became particularly widespread in Hull”.* Did they have any in Bolton or the surrounding area that you know of? Please let us know

Bolton Remembers <http://goo.gl/DU2tXX> **Bolton Archives and Local Studies service** has of course been collating information from war memorials, books of remembrance, rolls of honour, local newspapers and official records since 2013. In addition to the database of individuals, we have recorded the details of as many of the civic, religious, public, private and commercial war memorials in the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton.

The Great War Memorial Archive <http://goo.gl/xs9gnr> *Comprising more than 1,800 photographs representing more than 10,000 people, this is one of the largest non-commercial WW1 photographic archives in the UK. Our intention is to commemorate this generation as living people through informal photographs*

ALSO

Incredible images discovered in a French attic after 100 years spark search to identify British soldiers <http://goo.gl/SNbl1w> *The Daily Mail* *“4,000 images of anonymous Western Front troops were uncovered almost a century after they were taken, having lain hidden in an attic in a farm house in northern France. The incredible collection of photographs has meticulously been restored by a team of researchers led by Australian journalist Ross Coulthart for his book ‘The Lost Tommies’.”*

“First World War: Lives at Sea” <http://goo.gl/Up4PQX> **Royal Museum Greenwich**



“This unique free resource derived mainly from transcriptions of service records lets you search for information about Royal Navy officers and ratings who served during the First World War. You can also find out more about the crews on different ships and at different battles during the war” See also <http://goo.gl/CVBSxJ> for more on the background.

First World War volunteers <http://goo.gl/PwPYYc> **British Red Cross**



Over 90,000 people volunteered for the British Red Cross at home and overseas during the war

A lot more websites have appeared over this last few weeks but maybe enough for now. More will be shown next month, and if you know of any good ones not already mentioned please share.

A special feature on the Register of Corrected Entries (RCEs) <http://goo.gl/XYMb2T> **Scotlands People**



This month (June 2016) we are going to look at what is an often overlooked resource for family historians - the Register of Corrected Entries or RCE. Since 1966 it has been called the Register of Corrections, etc, but the RCE abbreviation remains the same.

And

Map of the Highlands of Scotland denoting the districts or counties inhabited by the Highland Clans.

<http://goo.gl/G9dJJX> **National Library of Scotland** *This map was included in the 1822 and 1825 editions of David Stewart's Sketches of the character, manners and present state of the Highlanders of Scotland, with a note on the map and a reference key to the numbered clans.*

And

The Nine Incorporated Trades of Dundee <http://goo.gl/o1iV6S> *“an ongoing project to transcribe the records of the nine crafts. Providing a growing repository of documents and imagery that covers both the history and traditions associated with the Trades in Dundee. Included here are records of other public bodies in the burgh, with extracts from various books and charters, many in the original spelling and grammar. --- The Lockit Books record everyone who was admitted as a Master to that Trade from the opening of the book to the present day. Also included are the Rules, Acts and Statutes of the trade. Some of the trades include their apprentices and some have a second book for their apprentices and journeymen only”.* This website also includes a fascinating 450th Anniversary Tour of the Dundee Howff Cemetery dating from 1564, where Innes Duffus & the Dundee city archivist Iain Flett recently took the local newspaper “The Courier” on a special 1 hour 11minute You Tube tour



<https://youtu.be/VZhRDBSR3R4> . I urge all to watch this as a brilliant commentary on the symbolic design of so many old graves, the management of graveyards, and also how the influential men of power “wheeled and dealt” in its hallowed grounds. (We have a relative there but he was just a gardener.) The site also includes an ongoing index of memorial inscriptions from most of the Dundee cemeteries.

Also

The Church Monument Society <http://goo.gl/zTuwmx> accessed 21st June 2016 The introduction on here states *“The Church Monuments Society was founded in 1979 and offers a focus for all who have an interest in church monuments of all types and periods. It was conceived to encourage the appreciation, study and conservation of church monuments both in the UK and abroad”.*

It does go on to explain it is currently undergoing updating and some of the links are no longer working but the resources here, worldwide, are amazing.

Canada Newspaper Archives (1872 - 2016) <http://goo.gl/d6UGq8> Newspaper Archive.com



The archives claim to “cover history from (1872 - 2016), including 4 provinces newspaper archives and allowing you to further understand an ancestor's place within their local community to research your genealogy”. Looking at the website they also seem to cover Canadian interest worldwide so maybe useful for some.

See also

Searches of the National Registration File of 1940 (93C0006) <http://goo.gl/zqYxeJ> Statistics Canada the National Registration File of 1940 resulted from the compulsory registration of all persons, 16 years of age or older, in the period from 1940 to 1946. This information was originally obtained under the authority of The National Resources Mobilization Act and the War Measures Act. It seems to be a similar resource to our 1939 Register so may also help some. Comments would be useful if you try it.

And

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa <http://goo.gl/g5osMW> This is apparently a new web page aiming to “encourage genealogy research & publication by people with ancestry in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Island & the Isle of Man”.

The big attraction for our area is the launch of the **Lancashire or Scowcroft Diaries 1772-1910 <http://goo.gl/ZZrFEr>**

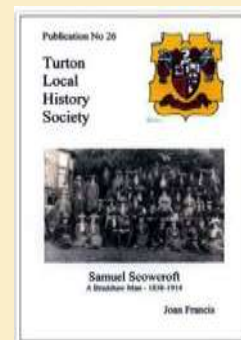


This diary was kept by Samuel Scowcroft (1838–1914), a local grocer and politician who came from a well-known Harwood/Bradshaw family. His diary spans almost 50 years, from February 14, 1861 to June 28, 1910, recording everything of local importance in his life and times “With more than 1,000 surnames mentioned, this collection of diaries may provide clues to help you find your ancestors from east-central Lancashire, England. Read about hamlets, pubs, and schools that may have disappeared through the years. Learn about farm life and the cotton industry in the area.

Known as the Scowcroft Diaries, this database provides indexes of transcriptions by Arthur W. Critchley who had Scowcroft relatives. He devoted three years to the task,

The main region of geographic coverage is triangulated by Bury/Bolton, Preston and Burnley Transcriptions from an earlier diary that exchanged hands within the Scowcroft family have been amalgamated into this coverage of the 19th century and some of the 18th and 20th. Also included is a listing of all the names in the Scowcroft family tree, along with a catalogue of unusual books on the history of the Turton Local History Society---

Mary-Lou Simac, Publicity Director, British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario tells me BIFHSGO works in close cooperation with Library and Archives Canada on researching Canada's Home Children, particularly the indexing of Home Children's names found in ships' passenger lists and in the records of the Middlemore Homes. BIFHSGO's role in Canada's Home Children story is to establish databases of information about Home Children who came to Canada and to ensure that the information compiled is freely available to all. Their publication, British Home Children: Their Stories, is available from GlobalGenealogy.com."



The Families in British India (FIBIS) <http://goo.gl/U5mBTv> Cemeteries Project



Perhaps this will help solve a brick wall of where did ***** disappear to. “Whether you are a genealogist, family historian or social historian researching India or South Asia between 1600 and 1947 our website can help you with your research ---FIBIS has recently hired a photographer who is currently visiting cemeteries in India and taking two photographs of every gravestone: one of the whole and one of the inscription. Mindful that many Indian cemeteries are in a dilapidated condition that is only going to deteriorate further, we are looking for sponsorship to enable us to continue this important project” ----

“Differences between Genealogy in the Netherlands and the US” <http://goo.gl/D4AIPS> 3 June 2016 by Yvette



Hoitink *“On Facebook, I was asked about the differences between genealogy in the Netherlands and the United States. That topic warrants a longer reply than I gave her on Facebook, so here we go!”* Some very interesting comments here that might apply to all of us in Europe, not just the Netherlands, especially about

“What can you find in WieWasWie?” <https://goo.gl/ZhEZdN> **WhoWasWho** if you have Dutch ancestors here is a treat.

“--- presents millions of records about persons in the past, aggregated from a large number of Dutch archive organizations participating in WhoWasWho. You'll find civil registration records, population registers, church registers and more! In addition, WhoWasWho offers so called user generated content: family trees and biographies created by other users.



Welcome to the Israel Genealogy Research Association <http://goo.gl/7klLcm> This looks like an excellent resource using both English and Hebrew, but they are asking for free registration for more information which I don't want but it may suit some

“Digitised Samoan village files available online” <http://goo.gl/857hs7> **Archives New Zealand** Thu, 9/06/2016



Samoa village files from our British Military Occupation holdings have been digitised and are now available online via our finding aid Archway. This series is comprised of local official's inwards correspondence under the British Military Occupation of Samoa.

From 1914 to 1920 Samoa was under British military occupation. This agency was created by Archives New Zealand to describe the various records it holds that relate to this period in Samoa's history. In 1914 New Zealand troops occupied German Samoa in the name of Britain. After World War I the League of Nations made New Zealand responsible for its administration, a situation which continued until Western Samoa's national independence in 1962. And did you know about free sites like this one



New Zealand, Archives New...Passenger Lists, 1839-1973 <https://goo.gl/jAgJl3> **FamilySearch** just click on the name of the arrival or departure port and have an explore

and a bit nearer home

Wensleydale and Swaledale Quakers <http://goo.gl/0rQ78Q> *“When George Fox began preaching in the*



north of England in 1652 (on Pendle Hill apparently with Richard Farnsworth), he met with support from a group of people who had separated themselves from the Anglican Church. This group of non-conformists were one of the many sects which had appeared in Cromwell's time and were known as 'Seekers'. The early name for Quakers was 'Seekers after truth'. Richmond became a major centre of Quakerism and in 1669 it is estimated that there were between 40 and 50 Quakers who attended meetings, initially in each other's homes”.

I found this site by pure accident but I had family at Low Row so I was very pleased to see this. Some very interesting history and useful resources for all here though

Lincolnshire 1837+ Marriage Indexes <http://goo.gl/f95MVz>



“These marriage indexes contain the names of bride and groom, their fathers, full date and the name of the parish. All information is transcribed from the parish registers deposited at the Lincolnshire Archives (registers that have not been deposited at Lincolnshire Archives are therefore not included). The indexes do not contain any Register Office marriages, and there are few non-conformist marriages at present. The marriage index is updated regularly as more records are transcribed”

MISCELLANEOUS

More DNA “Related” Stories

The Great DNA Debate

And here is a bit more re DNA research in case you have not seen it already <https://goo.gl/s0ot5P> . It is a 5 minute You tube video about a group of people from all walks of life, who agreed to have the DNA test and then expressed their expectations. They had a big reality check but it is quite funny and also moving. See Also

“DNA evidence proves accountant is true heir to Scottish baronetcy” <http://goo.gl/zPgL8M> Monday 20 June 2016 14.07 BST Owen Bowcott Legal affairs correspondent of The Guardian @owenbowcott

“Pioneering case settles family feud by verifying Murray Pringle’s hereditary claim to 17th-century baronetcy of Stichill . --- DNA evidence proves accountant is true heir to Scottish baronetcy. --- Pioneering case settles family feud by verifying Murray Pringle’s hereditary claim to 17th-century baronetcy of Stichill. --- Murray Pringle advanced his claim to the baronetcy after discovering a possible break in the line of paternity”. Apparently the implications of all this are so serious that the Queen asked the Judicial committee of the privy council to deal with the problem and this might also be helpful for some

“DNA: how it renewed my passion for family history”, from Donna Rutherford, Ancestry DNA customer and administrator of Facebook group, ‘DNA help for Genealogy’, who discusses her journey and discoveries with AncestryDNA <http://goo.gl/JpzYpb> . Donna is an experienced researcher from New Zealand but of “mixed” British stock, and she gives another “ex pats” perspective.

MEMBERS COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)

The Haslam Practical Guide to Dressmaking and Tailoring. <http://goo.gl/0gCGqT> courtesy of Jean Shackell.



“I found this book in my mother's possessions when she passed away. It seems to be a business that taught tailoring in Seymour Road. There is no date but it is the ninth edition. It is fascinating. From the days when ladies made or had made 'costumes' which would be a suit or two-piece dress. ---The Haslam book was in my mother's house in Farnworth. She was



the youngest of four, three sisters and one brother. Her married name was Lily Ridings. It was the same house that she grew up in so I guess the book could have been used by any of the three sisters. I do seem to remember her talking about how they would make a 'costume'. I don't remember her saying that she had been on any dress making courses. My mother used to make clothes for herself and my sister and I when we were children and she taught me how to sew but I had never seen the book before and only found it when I went through her things. Her own mother died when she was still only 15 years old.

I myself moved to the US about 14 years ago but the book only came into my possession Christmas 2013 when she passed away. I brought it back with me as I found it fascinating. I always love old books, especially sewing or knitting books. To find something like this that was a Bolton based institution was wonderful.

My mother worked mainly part time when I was a child working as a qualified comptometer operator and a wages clerk. She worked at the Century Mill in New Bury, then the Vantona mill in Egerton Street and then finally at GUS in Bolton before retiring

Does anyone else have memories of this from times gone by I wonder? If you have I can pass on to Jean

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS

Haliwell Local History Society <http://goo.gl/8erYyr>



Email margaretk@talktalk.net .Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, at St Luke's Church, Chorley Old Road, BL1 3BE opposite Shepherd Cross St, Bolton,
26th July "Tha'll Nivver Feel a Thing"- Hanging, the Billington family business. A lecture by David Burnham. 1

Turton Local History Society



Normally all events are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm All start at Longsight Church Centre at Harwood, BL2 3HX. For this month's event, please email Secretary PeterMHarris@care4free.net for more information.

Westhoughton Local History Group – <http://goo.gl/XNugl5>

Meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, between 10am and 12md in the room above Westhoughton Library, Market St, Westhoughton, BL5 3AU.

21 July 11th Birthday meal - Olympus Grill Bolton,

4 August Walk at Haigh Hall led by Alan Davies



Horwich Heritage Centre- <http://goo.gl/fSPsj>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Horwich Resource Centre, Beaumont Road (off Longworth Road), Horwich BL6 7BG.

Open Days, are held most months on Saturdays between 10am --- 1pm. Next one

July 16th Unsung Heroes of Horwich Works

Early news has also been received of a new local history group being launched for Blackrod residents. More information will be shared next month, but please may I just say that if anyone knows of a similar local history association within the greater Bolton area, and they would like some publicity here, please just email to the above address. Details can then be willingly copied and pasted into this section. Please also provide your preferred contact details.

I would suggest an email address would be less intrusive to a phone number.

**APOLOGIES FOR SUCH A LONG NEWSLETTER BUT THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH HAPPENING THIS MONTH.
THAT'S IT FOLKS**

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