

Bolton's Genies



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Bolton Family History Society is a branch of The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society



Banner picture is from the Bolton News Looking Back series and shows the laying of the Foundation Stone of Bolton's War Memorial in Victoria Square on November 11th, 1927. Lord Derby unveiled it the following year. This was of course intended to be the focal point for the bereaved to mourn those they had their lost due to war. Little did they know what was yet to come, but we still meet here to remember.



Well November has sneaked in again, and I hope by the time you read this you will have all survived Half Term, Halloween, and Bonfire Night and will also perhaps have managed to give some thought to Remembrance Sunday, and Armistice Day as we sadly begin to remember the 80th anniversary of the start of WW2; so soon after some closure on WW1. How on earth must our ancestors have coped with the return of hostilities with memories of 20 years previous still so fresh and barely a generation away. There are of course many TV programmes currently reminding us or showing the younger generations something of the impact of wartime on our families, and maybe we are reminded to talk to those still here to tell the tale. We have our own approaching "Armageddon" of course on December 12th, but I will say no more re that.

Help is always appreciated whatever shape or form it comes in, and could we thank those who have offered to assist with typing jobs or enquired about the activities involved in being on the committee. May I say that nobody is expected to help with anything they do not feel comfortable with, but sometimes folk have hidden talents they are not aware of and being a little bit brave can be quite challenging but often satisfying. If you are wondering how you could help but not sure how, please do have a chat with a member, and perhaps just come and assist with one of the tables at a meeting first to get the feel of it. We do struggle with that even sometimes and many hands etc.

The Chairman's role is the most urgent to replace but admittedly also quite daunting. A trial as "Acting Vice Chairman" might be the gentlest way to get the feel, with no initial responsibilities but assisting with some of the low-profile jobs to get an awareness of what is involved. If you have any thoughts on this, please do have a quiet word with anyone dressed in a Bolton FHS top.

I hope you enjoy the articles below which have come from a few different sources.

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

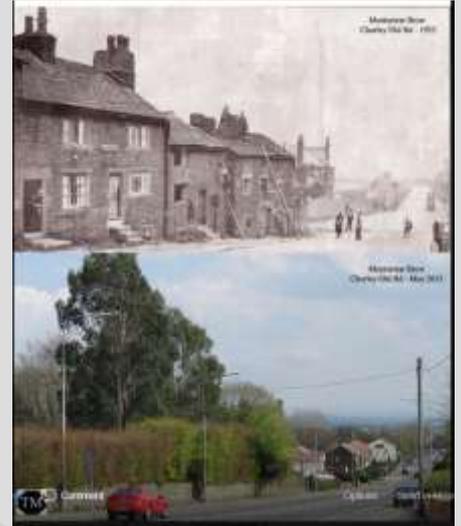
- **Where?**

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Brow →, Chorley Old Road BL1 5SU. Buses 519&125 <https://goo.gl/TH5zYC>.

All MLFHS members free. £3.00 to non-members unless joining on the night. When?

7pm beverages available for 7.30pm start, on the first Wednesday of each month, except December and January. Extras include a Help Desk for personal research, Stationery Table for discounted equipment, and recycle service for your used family history magazines, books etc.

A change of picture this month. Some of you may have seen a recent posting on Facebook re the origins of the name Montserrat where our venue is. It is speculated that these cottages on the brow, were constructed by a veteran of the Napoleonic wars, who returned and built them, naming the area after a Spanish monastery. Top 1931, bottom 2011. Well I have often wondered. 😊



RECENT TRIPS AND COMING EVENTS

Tuesday October 8th Visit to Astley Green Mining Museum <https://lancashireminingmuseum.org/>

Well this was the last of our 2019 outings as the winter months approach, but it was certainly by no means the least. Unfortunately, we had a few cancellations for various reasons but 16 of us met as the sky was clearing after much rain, and we were greeted by our excellent guide Steve Eckersley, offered a brew and then given an introductory talk and film, under shelter during the last shower. He gave us a flavour of his talk by announcing that he hadn't actually been a miner for long as a lad, as his Dad told him it was too dangerous, but instead he moved from coal, to cotton, then asbestos !!

The facts came fast and furious, and after diligently trying to copy it all up, I have now found that much of the very interesting background to the creation of this mine, has already been documented here <https://tinyurl.com/y3ifcgw4> "The History of Astley Green Colliery", by J G Isherwood on the 9th September 1990. By the time his account was finished though the hoped for project was back in the doldrums, many of the enthusiastic volunteers recruited in 1985 and supported by the Red Rose Society, had themselves "run out of steam", or "were no longer", and the site with its remaining participants had become, in their own words, "an old mans shed".

In the last few years, English Heritage have declared the site protected as a Grade II Scheduled Monument, and a 2010 report put the headgear in the AT RISK category. Unless repairs and maintenance can be carried out urgently it is likely that it will be lost forever. A new generation of enthusiasts is taking interest though. They have been slowly but surely, renovating what equipment they already had, and collecting more with their faithful followers watching and recording every stage. They gratefully acquired Bolton's Fred Dibnah's all wooden head gear acquired thanks to a private donation, (modelled on our recent speaker mining historian Alan Davies' design, and a copy of an original 1879 headgear at Blackrod Brow Colliery. <https://tinyurl.com/vyjr7dhh>) . More recently they have become a film set for a few TV programmes, and some may have spotted it in Peaky Blinders earlier this year. <https://tinyurl.com/yxl78uob> . We were shown the site of the filming which was the



extended car park last time I was there. Thanks to the interest of Alan Shaw the set dresser and designer from the series who has joined as a volunteer, they now have a replica miners cottage to be inspected, and doubling as a tearoom, (always grateful for time appropriate tea sets here), and they have plans for an “underground experience”, in the offering, subject to funding and planning permission.



Most found the contents of the ← No 1 Engine House which served the surviving headgear to No 1 shaft quite fascinating as Steve explained their functions. (Picture from a previous visit as it is currently shrouded under

tarpaulins whilst renovation is undertaken). We heard about and saw amongst other things



- the steel cables → used to haul the cages, tubs, and containers up and down and heard about the strict regulations involved,
- ← the Deputy’s stick which measured the swinging distance of a man lying sideways opposite the coal face, in preparation for using the miners lamp to check for methane levels,
- saw a plan of the shaft, 5 x Blackpool Towers deep, and showing the regulatory escape routes offered via Shaft 2 and safety features
- The all-important system of tallies → used to record exactly where each miner was when working underground



- The different types of coal found at different levels, and why the deepest was the best but also most costly to obtain
- The respiratory equipment used, and canary to detect gas



There was much more which we hope to show on our Facebook page.

We were also told of their long term hopes of contributing to an industrial heritage trail which will extend from a renovated spinners mill in Leigh, past this mine, to the Bridgewater RHS Garden soon to be opened in Worsley and the Delph, , and on to other features such as the Barton Swing Aqueduct and restored Victorian railway station at Irlam on the other side of Chat Moss. The Bridgewater canal will link some of these, then others can be accessed via the railways. This does still need more negotiation with nearby Councils but what wonderful attractions for the area this could be, and acknowledgement to times past. We would encourage all to visit this wonderful place as often as possible, supporting their various fund-raising projects. We have also been asked to help raise their FB profile to support their application for more funding. They need evidence of active public interest and support, so we can all help here by

“liking” their page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheRedRoseSteamSocietyLtd1/>

Thanks to Carole and Pat for arranging this visit and Steve Eckersley for showing us around.



Wednesday 6th November 7.30pm, Victoria Coyle “The UKBMD website and how to use it” <https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>

Well Victoria had already promised us how, “ using examples, she would show the various features of the site and demonstrate how useful it is on its own or as part of a wider search strategy using other well-known online sites”.

We had of course let her down by the fact that we only discovered last month that our Wi-Fi signal in the building was not going to be sufficient for active demonstrations online, but knowing this Victoria has been good enough to prepare handouts for us to follow, and they are also now available for all on our website in the “Miscellaneous” → “Meeting Handouts” section <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Handouts.php> .

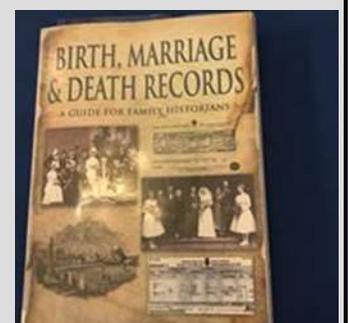
She went on to introduce her talk by first explaining how, *“she has always had a passion for history, which led her to complete a BA Hons degree in History and English in 1996. A successful teaching career followed, and she began researching genealogy and family history as a hobby. She then embarked in 2015 upon the Genealogical, Palaeographical and Heraldic Studies course with the University of Strathclyde. After completing both the Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma courses she was invited onto the MSc year in 2018. This summer she completed her dissertation on a genealogical, socio-economic study of the Cotton Famine in Bolton and earlier this month attended her graduation ceremony in Glasgow. Having gained a recognised genealogical qualification, she is now a member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists, a professional body. In addition, she is a member of the Guild of One-Name Studies and undertakes genealogy work for clients”.*

She can now proudly put these letters after her name , BA (Hons), MSc, PGCE, QG, and we are very proud to have her in our society.



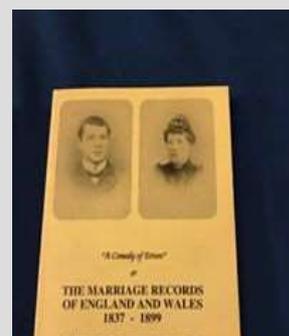
Victoria now explained what the thinking was , and still is behind the creation of UKBMD. Some might have noticed the names of Ian and Sharon Hartas in other research, not realising that it is they who can take the credit for creating first Cheshire BMD, a freely accessible database of births, deaths and marriages since Civil Registration started in 1837, and then slowly identifying and absorbing , or initiating other similar databases from throughout the UK, with the aim of making the information freely available for all. A few in the audience did admit that they had used Lancs BMD <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/> but little more, and the revelations of what is free and so accessible on the larger site was a bit of a shock to many I suspect. The fact that our WIFI was not working did now have its advantages, in that Victoria was able to show close ups of the various pages she wanted to home into. Starting with the front page she progressed through the options for researching. I can't do better here than refer readers to the handout <https://tinyurl.com/yxibploh> and simply advise you to try it for yourselves. Advice was given such as

- If when searching for a particular individual, who is not present in the expected county, use the UKBMD search facility to see if they might turn up in another. Be openminded about this re versions of spelling etc, and examples were given of “fuzzy logic”.
- Save and make a note of the date of the search you have done. New data is being added regularly by the teams of transcribers and indexers scattered all over the world, but many ex pats and knowledgeable about our local geography, and keen to contribute, so it is always worth revisiting every couple of months, checking for updates.
- If you have found a correct entry and decide to order a BMD certificate to confirm, this is possible by ticking the link in the right-hand side, and you can order straight from the local record office.



It is really not possible to explain other options and tricks of the trade, via this article , but we would encourage all to give it a try, and even to volunteer with inputting more.

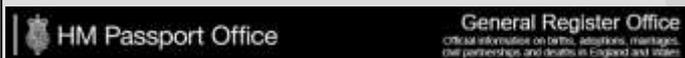
Victoria has agreed to assist with any Q&A problems encountered so if you try and are stuck please let us know initially via Boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk and we will do our best to help, although this route might change. These books ere also recommended as excellent resources.



Wednesday 28th November 7.30pm, (Note: Last Wednesday in the month) Christmas Supper, this event will be ticket only, and is the last event for this year.

We will be offering the traditional quiz, a short but fun talk from Norman Nuttall re “Growing up in the Forties” , pie and peas supper, and raffle. Every effort has been made this year to provide conviviality, humour, food on time , and fun in a warm room!!! We hope you will bear with us after last year’s problems, and join us to say goodbye to 2019, and Hello to our new 2020 programme <https://tinyurl.com/y68bkpzt> (apologies for incorrect spelling of our speaker’s name in March which should read Brackstone, not Blackstone.

GENIE’S TIPS for November 2019



GRO Index <https://tinyurl.com/yycl9sfv> **Website Improvements**

“Welcome to the new look website for the General

Register Office which was updated on 12th September 2019. We are currently adding to our online indexes which will help you identify and apply for copies of our records. We have now added online indexes for deaths registered between 1984 to 2019.

We will notify you here when more indexes are added online”.

Ever Wondered About 1911 Census Codes, and What They Mean? →



(Free) Online Historical Population Reports

Census of England, Wales and Islands in the British Seas, 1911

<https://tinyurl.com/y59ctjbx> (1 of 14 in section), Forms used by clerks

for the abstracting and tabling of census data. This first link

covers the many occupations and has another code for the type of industry they were working in, the next looks at male specific jobs, the next education and on to more demographic details .



Findmypast’s version for occupations <https://tinyurl.com/y6smv8d9> , and

birthplaces <https://tinyurl.com/y3gehbpv> , and a search facility if subscribed.

AGE	MATERNALITY	OCCUPATION
190	190	190
230	230	230
140	140	140

More News re Christchurch Walmsley Grave Registers

Following last month’s successful, if damp, guided tour of the above graveyard, (we were allowed to inspect the plans when we made our first visit last year →), Derek Bailey, the Sacristan of same has updated us with this information. Many thanks to Derek. *“As well as there being Burial Registers for Christ Church there are two Grave Registers, one for the Old Ground (OG) and the other for the New Ground (NG). The Grave Registers give details by Grave Number who is buried in that plot and when. Sometimes there is a little other information such as occupation. The Old Ground Register*



does have an alphabetical index at the front, but the New Ground does not.

If any of your members wish to visit Manchester Central Library to view the Registers, they need to make arrangements to look at: CHRIST CHURCH WALMSLEY GRAVE REGISTERS Ref. No. L99/1/5/1-2.

Best Wishes Derek”

The Control and F3 Button for Searching Websites

How many of you, like me, have never actually been taught to use a keyboard and word processing on a computer, and are dependent on self-learning, and what the younger generation have been patient enough to teach you, (I still type with two first fingers which is what is causing problems now?)



Well I had a Eureka moment today re the above. I have been shown this trick before but kept forgetting same. If whilst on a web page, and searching for a word, you press the Shift button, and F3 at the same time, a little square comes up at the top left, inviting a search. Type your word in, (I was doing it with “Slade” and if the word is on that page or subsequent ones, it will be highlighted in yellow.



Well I think it is clever, maybe you knew that already.

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records

 <http://goo.gl/l29Jpl>. Please see also the report on this month’s talk pp3 and 4.



Lancs OPC <http://goo.gl/AN699Z> and left click on the “What’s New” tab on the left



Lancashire Archives News and Events <https://goo.gl/H8UexE> for their latest monthly newsletter and more

Lancashire Books Catalogue <https://tinyurl.com/y8lamsfp>

Many will by now have met Bob Dobson → from when he has visited all the local book and local/ family history fairs that he could physically get to over the last few years. Unfortunately, he is now not so mobile, but he still has a wonderful collection of second-hand books about Lancashire History available for purchase via his website. This is his latest update, and well worth an inspection.



SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES



Getting a bit academic this month !!



“A History of the County of Lancaster: Volume 5”, <https://tinyurl.com/y3fjrsoy> Edited by William Farrer and J Brownbill. Continues the account of Salford hundred begun in volume 4. It includes accounts of the parishes of Bury, Bolton-le-Moors, Prestwich-with-Oldham and

Rochdale.

Do you all know about this very useful site about an ongoing project? This link is for the immediate area around and including Bolton, but I believe it actually covers most of the UK. The hard copy was originally published in 1911, and this version has been digitalised by volunteers. I find it brilliant for extra background information about how the people you are researching might have been living and working at that time and I have even put feelers out for a talk in 2021 !!!

Overview - British History Online is a not-for-profit digital library based at the Institute of Historical Research. It brings together material for British history from the collections of libraries, archives, museums

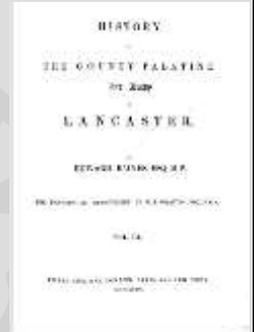
and academics. These primary and secondary sources, which range from medieval to twentieth century, are easily searchable and browsable online. --- (they cover the) history of Britain and Ireland, with a primary focus on the period between 1300 and 1800. We aim to support the learning, teaching and research of our users from around the world.

BHO was founded by the Institute of Historical Research and the History of Parliament Trust in 2003. Our collection currently contains over 1,270 volumes and is always growing.

Latest news! We have just added the Cheshire and Worcestershire volumes of the English Petitions series.

History of the County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster: <https://tinyurl.com/y4t78u9u>

This is a free Google eBook written by Edward Baines of Trade Directory fame I think in 1836. He discusses the Salford Hundred where Bolton lies with Deane, Radcliffe, Flixton and Eccles Parishes. He then goes on to discuss Blackburn, Leyland and West Derby Hundreds, providing quite a few illustrations of homes, people and industry etc and some old family trees of notables. Plenty of bedtime reading for you. There are more volumes of other areas in Lancashire so don't feel left out if you have family from other areas.



Bolton Revisited <https://tinyurl.com/yxkszsv0>

Some wonderful first-hand stories of local histories, memories, stories and pictures of Bolton with people from not only here but from all round the world. Read, reminisce, and enjoy.

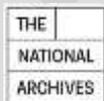


Using the York Cause Papers for Family History <https://tinyurl.com/yxm4fkr7>

The blog for the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York Tuesday, 29 October 2019. This blog was written by Paul Wainwright, a volunteer at the Borthwick Institute working on the Retreat Letters Project. Paul is a student on the University of Strathclyde's MSc in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies and a student member of the Register of Qualified Genealogists.

*"I recently had my eyes opened to the documents from the church courts of the Archbishop of York. Known as the York Cause Papers, these documents hold information on people mainly living in the Diocese of York, and the Northern Province and run from 1300 to 1858.---Most of the individuals came from Yorkshire. This was not really surprising but given the complexity of church court jurisdictions (there were 372 active in England & Wales in 1832), it's useful to know that I found 84% of participants came from Yorkshire (all Ridings). **13% came from elsewhere in the Northern Province (mostly Lancashire, Durham and Nottinghamshire)**, and 3% came from the Southern Province".*

I know some of these stories are quite humorous as well as fascinating and certainly put flesh on a few bones. There are quite a few from Lancashire so give it a go.



Free online records: digital microfilm <https://tinyurl.com/y6lgzxeq> **The National Archives**

"This guide lists and provides access to all the record series at The National Archives which are available to view and download for free. These are all digital microfilm records.

What are digital microfilm records?

Our digital microfilm records cover a wide and varied set of subjects, from military and naval records to Foreign Office and Home Office correspondence. They are all listed in the table in this guide.---

MISCELLANEOUS

The Slade dynasty, some interesting marriages, and careers, and connections with Brightmet and Darcy and Little Lever !!

My interest was aroused re this story after posting the picture of St James Brightmet in last month's banner. There seemed to be some "vagueness" re when Canon James Slade died in 1860, why he was buried "out of town", in the St James, Brightmet graveyard. He had by this time retired from his distinguished near 40-year Bolton career in 1856 to become the Rector of West Kirby, and Canon of Chester. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Slade Wikipedia . He died on May 15th , aged 77, of heart and lung disease. There was a suggestion that he had been "visiting his brother", but who was that? I decided to have a look at the Slade tree , and came up with a few surprises.

Canon Slade's father, the **Rev James Slade Snr** anecdotally b 1752 but baptism difficult to identify for certain, was also ordained and a Fellow of Emmanuel College Oxford. It seems likely that he came from a long line of "clerks of the Order" and similar going back to a Degory Slade of the 1600s in Holsworthy, Devon, but as yet I have been unable to prove same for certain. James married **Elizabeth Waterfield** in Daventry Northampton in 1782 and they moved with their four children to Bolton, sometime between 1790 and probably 1817 when their first child **James** became Vicar of St Peters. The **Rev James Slade Snr** died at Darcy Lever (New) Hall in 1824.

Their children were :-



1. ← Canon James Slade b 02.May 1783 , in Daventry, Northampton who was their first born. An overview of his career is well documented here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Slade and many other places online, as well as via a book by H O Fielding "James Slade: Vicar of Bolton, 1817-1856" 1 Jan 1983 and a chapter in Scholes's Bolton, <https://tinyurl.com/yxdkspr4> both available at Bolton Central Library (see more details below). He married **Augusta Law** 28 May 1812 in St Marys Carlisle. She was the daughter of **Rev George Law**, the Bishop of Chester, and they had one living daughter **Mary Elizabeth Christian Slade** b 17 March 1820 in Great Bolton's St Peter's vicarage whilst James was the incumbent there from 1817 to 1857. Her mother died two years after, perhaps connected with more childbirth, and he married again to **Mary Bolling** b1793. They had no children but the Bollings became very involved with the Slade dynasty. **Mary E C Slade** went on to marry the **Rev Thomas Foster Chamberlain** in Great Boughton Cheshire in 1844 , and he led a long career in the ministry including Rufford, Lancashire, and also Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridge and they had nine children. Apparently, the child baptised after the funeral was theirs, **Thomas Foster Chamberlain** (who became Captain in Royal Artillery), the 3-week-old son of the now Rev Canon Chamberlain and grandson of Canon Slade the deceased. Thomas was their last born.

Returning to Canon Slade's siblings we next have his older sister

2. Elizabeth Christian Slade b 1784, who married **William Bolling** →, b 1785 Bolton, Member of Parliament (son of **Edward Bolling MD**, a surgeon from Ilkley, Yorkshire, but trained in Lancaster, and brother of Canon James' second wife Mary Bolling), and **Ann Carlile** from Middle Hulton. Although they married in Northampton in 1824, he was twice MP for and settled in Bolton, thought to live at Darcy Lever (New) Hall. According to the Poll Books and Electoral Registers, 1538-1893, aged 64. 'He was, in conjunction with his brother, Mr. E. Bolling, a large employer in the borough of Bolton'. <https://tinyurl.com/y2o6ghx4> Graces Guide accessed 18.10.19. It seems he , like most of his brothers, was making his money with cotton spinning , and was also an early social reformer, trying to extend the vote. Williams paternal line can be traced back to his grandmother being **Phoebe Lister** the daughter of **Rev Thomas Lister b 1692** Manningham Bradford (a Cambridge graduate) ,



and wife **Mary** . We are told in the Manchester, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1985, that he died in 1848 in Darcy Lever so presumably, again the New Hall. William Bolling and Elizabeth Slade had a son **Rev Edward James Bolling** b1827 Darcy Lever. He also attended Oxford University and later married **Henrietta Bridson** of Horwich, daughter of Magistrate, JP and Bolton Mayor, **Thomas Ridgway Bridson**. They went on to live in the Vicarage at Little Cressingham in Norfolk , until returning to Bolton to take charge at St Stephen and All Martyrs, Lever Bridge in 1881, as seen here → , painted by James Howe Carse. The church was designed by architect Edmund Sharp b1809 (see below) and built out of terra cotta clay obtained from Little Lever. It was shipped to the site via the Ladysore Coal and Terracotta Company <https://tinyurl.com/pjdnsv> using the local canal <https://tinyurl.com/y36waw8q> , and was completed in 1844. Edward was the incumbent in 1881 and died there 1883. How different it looked then with no nearby houses, and with its steeple, later lost.



Son **Rev Reginald Bolling** also joined the clergy, and their daughter **Rosamund Bolling** married ← **Albert Sharpe** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfred_Sharpe KCMG. CB. He was the son of the same Edmund Sharpe b1809 Knutsford as above, a JP, architect of 40+ churches, railways in Geneva, sewers in Lancaster and a musician amongst other things apparently https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edmund_Sharpe. Albert was at that time a Lancaster solicitor who later apparently became a professional game hunter in Africa before working for the Colonial Service and becoming Governor of Nyasaland . Photo Taken from Nyasaland: The Land of The Lake By Frank Debenham, 1955.).

3. John Slade b 1786 Daventry was their third child . He married **Diana Redgrave** b1793 in Boughton Northamptonshire where she was born, and farmed there in Wootton , living “ Independently” and “near the church” in 1841 , before moving to Bolton where he died in 1846. He was buried at St Peters, where his father was the vicar. Their son **Rev James Slade** b1820 Pitsford, became a “clerk in orders” in Little Lever where he and his wife **Emily Weekes** and family lived. . He was the vicar of St Matthews, and managed the school next door, until 1893 when he died and was buried there, whilst also being Chairman of Little Lever Local Board. <http://www.boltonsmayors.org.uk/slade-j.html> . Their daughters **Margaret, Dora** and **Constance** seem to have progressed to be teachers at Cheltenham, whilst their sons **Arthur** became a railway engineer, **Charles** became a banker, **Geoffrey** became a doctor in London but died aged 23; **Lancelot** and **Frank** emigrated to the USA.

4. William Slade b1790 Baybrook Northamptonshire was their fourth and last child. His first wife was **Anne Bolling** b1796 Bolton, (sister of William Bolling b 1785, see above). They married at St Peters in 1835. This of course made her husband **William** and brother **Edward Bolling** b1784 Bolton brothers in law, and both were very involved with the flourishing spinning industry in Bolton. They are documented in various Trade Directories , and their wills demonstrate a working partnership. The Slades and Bollings were all living in what appears to have been a small community at Crompton Fold ?Hall in 1851 and 1861, and this is where William’s brother **Canon James Slade died in May 1860**, and why he was buried in the adjacent St James Church Brightmet, → the last of the 11 churches he had helped to launch or develop, in Bolton. Apparently, it was a “grand affair” with approximately 5,000 attending the occasion. Picture Thanks to Judith Redfern.



NB William Slade did remarry to **Frances Gray** in August 1861. She can be found keeping house for her brother **Lt Col William Gray** in Bradshaw Hall, Darcy Lever, in the 1861 census , (previously of Wheatfield House , off Radcliffe Road, Darcy Lever in 1851). He was another cotton

merchant, (see the Bolton History Centre Records <https://tinyurl.com/yxtf6ux5>), magistrate, Mayor of Bolton, and Member of Parliament (See Bolton's list of MPs here <https://tinyurl.com/yy9hgphw> with both **William Bolling** and **William Gray** appearing several times), and Wikipedia <https://tinyurl.com/yxn9kkve> . (The mother of the Gray siblings **Frances Rasbotham Gray** , was the daughter of **Dorning Rasbotham** of Birch House, Farnworth, mentioned in last month's newsletter.) The Grays were entertaining his fiancée Madeline Robin and family in the 1861 census , and they also married in August of that year. William and Madeleine retired to Farley Hall near Reading Berkshire soon after, where he died in 1895 leaving £104619 !!

The Slade dynasty has rolled on, and I am still discovering more stories with the more recent generations. Canon Slade's ancestors are more difficult to track down though. His father James Slade's place of birth seems strangely untraceable to date, although his death records indicate his birth was approx 1752. All generations seem to have included many Reverends, a Sheriff or two, mayors, doctors, solicitors, an organist, and a big game hunter. They also seem to have travelled around England quite a lot following their "calling" so it is difficult to home into an area. The sources, using Ancestry, Familysearch, and a little of Findmypast, Genuki, and British History Online, have generated several references to Oxford and Cambridge Alumni, and also interesting but only partially legible wills. Many of the latter have been redistributing large amounts of money in many £1000's , and property, within their own extended families. The links, and marriages with other "high status " families is amazing. There is certainly a promising paper trail here for anyone who is interested in taking it further, and possibly DNA tests could assist.

Thanks to Julie Lamara, Collections Access Officer-Local Studies, Bolton History Centre, I have also now found some other sources which expand on this account. From "The History of Bolton: with memorials of the old parish church" James Christopher Scholes , 1852-1890 <https://tinyurl.com/yxdkspr4> we have various related pages , with this particular link recounting his attachment to Bolton, and details of his last days and death. This is available online, and Bolton library also has a copy I am told, edited and completed by William Pimblett. Personal Author: Scholes, James Christopher & Pimblett, William Imprint: Bolton : The Daily Chronicle Office, 1892. Loan copies are available and reference in Bolton History Centre B901 SCH

It has been impressive to see how a family, so influential in Bolton, has also been so intertwined with other similarly prestigious lines, and involving so many high-profile careers both nationally, and even internationally. I am sure there is much more to discover here, and no doubt the aims of Canon Slade School, which he inaugurated in 1855 <http://www.canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk/ethos/> are to continue his aspirations for the local community.

Julie has been good enough to provide some more references for books in Bolton library.

*James Slade : Vicar of Bolton 1817-1856 Personal Author: Fielding, H.O. Loan copies available and reference in Bolton History Centre B920 SLA

*James Slade, Vicar of Bolton 1817-1856 :a reconsideration,1983 Personal Author: Dunne, Tom
Notes: Bolton Festival 1983 Celebrity Lecture. Reference copy available Bolton History Centre B920 SLA

*James Slade : Vicar of Bolton 1817-1856 Personal Author: Fielding, H. O., Archdeacon Imprint: Bolton : Friends of Bolton Parish Church, 1983

*Notes: A booklet published by the Friends of Bolton Parish Church to mark the bicentenary of James Slade Vicar of Bolton's birth. This biographical account was written by Archdeacon H. O. Fielding also Vicar of Bolton 1965-1983. Loan copies available and reference in Bolton History Centre B920 SLA

*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography <https://www.oxforddnb.com/> . This contains over 56,000 biographies of anyone who was anyone in British history, from the Romans to 21st Century. It also covers people from all walks of life from film stars to physicists, landed gentry to local heroes, and missionaries to millionaires.

To log in put 'bol' at the beginning of your 8-digit library card number.

**Do You Have a Favourite Sentimental Object on your Mantelpiece?
Bolton Museum is Calling out to Local Households .**

They are looking to recruit six local households whose stories about their cherished personal objects will feature in an exhibition at the museum in May 2020. Do you have any objects that are full of personal meaning? It might be something that has been in your family for a long time or that has particular memories or stories attached to it. The museum is also interested in where these objects are displayed in the home, whether that is on a mantelpiece, a shelf or a windowsill. Would you be willing to be photographed with your special objects by a professional photographer and be recorded talking about them? The photographs and stories will be included in an exhibition opening at Bolton Museum in May 2020. If you think you might be interested in taking part in the project and would like to find out more, please get in touch with the museum via the contact details below.

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READERS CONTRIBUTIONS

From Robert Kay

Re “Kays, Higsons, Carters, and Lightbowns” Further to our ongoing request for family stories from you all that you are happy to share, we have received this contribution from Robert Kay, who I suspect lives in the USA. He tells us he has researched his family origins as above from the north west and some locally to Bolton and area and seems to have found some interesting people. <https://kayfamily.tribalpages.com> Not sure how many of them are actually blood relatives, but probably the most familiar names to us are Peter and Vernon. If you have these names in your tree, he is happy to compare notes

From Susan Brouwer in Canada

Re “Vickers and Beedles “

Hello from Canada! Just wondering if anyone has connections from Bolton to Quebec, Canada. We are puzzling over why an ancestor Mary Ann Vickers, who was newly married to an Edward Beedles in January of 1883, said that she had spent a year in Compton, Quebec from July 1883 to July 1884 on her 1920 immigration papers to Canada. She said she left via Boston, Mass. to join her husband in England. She was 6 months pregnant when she left. I did find a passenger record for an Ed Beedles who came to Quebec in May of 1883, but no passenger record for Mary Ann. There were no mills in the village of Compton, but plenty in Compton Township where I learned that some workers from England were brought over to help start up the mills. The area was also known for logging and farming, especially livestock, but was very rural. I'd love to hear from anyone who knows of any connections.

With thanks, Susan Brouwer

From Stu Knowles using Facebook on the 27th October this year, Stu shared a group “ Memorial to PB 565. The Owston Ferry Lancaster” , to <https://tinyurl.com/y5orou43o> Bygone Bolton England . We were lucky enough to spot it.

Hello to All, Are there Local Historians or Military History enthusiasts on here who might be able and willing to help me. Here in North Lincs, we are intending to erect a memorial to a WW2 bomber crew whose aircraft plunged into a riverbank on the 15th April 1945, just three weeks before VE Day. Next year will be the 75th anniversary and we have collected over £4000 in donations to fund the Memorial Stone which will be dedicated in April 2020. Of our 8 crew we have traced relatives for 6, we have photographs for 5 (soon to be 6) but 2 seem lost to history. Intensive genealogy has petered out.



The Bolton man who is one of the two is Flight Sgt Raymond Ollerton, age 21 years who was the 2nd Pilot/Flight Engineer in the Lancaster which crashed. Raymond was the son of Joseph and Jane who lived at 276 Rishton Lane. Jane died in 1953. Joseph remarried and later lived at 22 Pedder Rd, Overton Lane, Bolton. Raymond is interred at Bolton (Heaton) Cemetery.

Can anyone tell me if there is a Roll of Honour for those from Bolton lost in WW2? Sometimes these things have been researched and a book exists which names each of those lost and gives a mini biography or has a photo of the person concerned. There's more information here.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1123360924503405/?ref=bookmarks>

<https://lancasterpb565.wixsite.com/owstonferry>

If anyone knows anything or has any information that I can follow up to trace a photo of Raymond Ollerton, then please, please get in touch. lancasterpb565@btinternet.com

Thanks for reading. I hope that there is someone out there who has that little nugget of information to bring this man back. We want to see him. Regards Stu Knowles

Well we are sorry to say that we have asked Julie Lamara, who is the lead at Bolton Archives for the Bolton Remembers project, if there is currently any programme planned re WW2 hostilities. Apparently, there is nothing as yet, although there is definite interest. Can any of you help please? Answer as above to Stu, or boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk.

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS



Halliwell 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,

Tuesday 26th November 'The Pennines and the Rise of the Factory': Why the Industrial Revolution Happened Here – Stephen Counce.



Turton Local History Society <https://goo.gl/adx4GM>

The old Urban District of Turton, includes the ancient Townships of Bradshaw, Edgworth, Entwistle, Harwood, Longworth, Quarlton and Turton. Illustrated talks and meetings are held from August to April inclusive on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Longsight Church

Centre, Harwood BL2 3HX beginning at 7.30pm. This next month's event

Wednesday 27th Nov "The Development of Egerton" by Stephen Tonge

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.

Thursday 21st November "The History of Liverpool" - Malcolm Tranter

A fascinating story of the evolution of a small settlement on the River Mersey that grew into a large port and diverse city.

Thursday 5th December Christmas Lunch at Village Tea Room Rivington at 1:30. Cost £19



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

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

Tuesday November 12th Sheila Dale – "The Eddie Stobart Story"

Tuesday December 3rd Christmas Entertainment - Pauline Barton