



Bolton's Genies



The Monthly Newsletter of the Bolton Family History Society:

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Picture shows the Schoenstatt Shrine at St John Fisher, Kearsley <https://tinyurl.com/y9xx8c6u> courtesy of Julie Almond. I wonder how many of you know it is even there ? It is in a beautiful peaceful spot overlooking the Croal Irwell valley. We are told "The shrine was opened on 1 October 2000 and since that time a retreat and pastoral centre has been established by the Schoenstatt Movement."

Welcome all to our February edition . As I write this on the 30th January , I am looking out of the window to beautiful snowy scene after a heavy fall last night. OK as I don't need to go out , but not a lot of fun for many. Plans have to be rethought urgently sometimes, , and it has been suggested we review our contingency plans if we do need to cancel a meeting at short notice for weather (or anything else), as another local history society did last night. We have now had a rethink, and Graham Holt our Chairman, has asked me to post this

"Following the recent snow fall it has occurred to the Bolton FHS that some way of informing the membership of the cancellation of a meeting would be useful. After giving the matter some thought it seems that sending an email via the Genies newsletter mailing list, is probably the best way to contact our members. It is appreciated that some readers are not in a position to attend our meeting and therefore the information would be irrelevant to them.

When you signed up to receive the GENIE you did not agree to receive meeting cancellation notifications. If you agree to receive such emails, regardless of whether you would be attending or not, then there is no need for a response".

If you would object to receiving such emails please inform us on boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk

Graham Holt, Chairman Bolton FHS.

And so on to the rest of our news. It seems quite by coincidence ,we have collected a few different stories this month, all making advantage of the rapidly increasing resource of online newspapers, particularly for overseas research. We hope you find the following articles interesting. Unfortunately although some useful urls were found in checking information, we have not been able to access them since. It would seem an active subscription to the Newspaper.com site <https://tinyurl.com/y5tpcyxp> is necessary after a free taster so I can only apologise.

Lastly, yes, this newsletter posting has come a little later than usual on the second Wednesday of the month. After much discussion it was felt we needed a weeks grace, after our monthly meeting to write the talks up with confidence, and double check all information before it is posted out. We hope this prevents the usual last minute panic , seen of late.

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 bar and 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.



RECENT AND COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6th February, 7.30pm, The Bolton FHS 2019 General Meeting

This evening's proceedings with 91 attending, were launched with a welcome to our senior MLFHS Chairman David Muil, who was good enough to make the journey up from Manchester to meet our Bolton membership again and take charge of our yearly general meeting. David was very complementary about our branch activities, and its members contributions to the larger society as a whole. He did also especially ask us to mention the current search for anyone having ancestors who they think might have been involved in either the Peterloo massacre, or also the Cotton Strikes which took place in the preceding years



<https://tinyurl.com/y98uvnn5> **"Revealing Histories" Why was cotton so important in north west England? Bolton and cotton manufacturing.** by Washington Alcott. Please email us if you can contribute anything, and we will pass it on.

The rest of the formalities were completed without any hitches we are glad to say, and as our members had already been well apprised of our reports, which remain available on our website <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Variou.php>, same were soon approved. The current committee are all happy to stand again for another year, see details in our next quarterly journal "The Manchester Genealogist" for members only, and as there was no other business the meeting was concluded at 7.45pm

We then moved on to hear Dr Alan Crosby - Family & Local Historian, and University Lecturer's -next episode of the Crosby family saga. This edition was about another great aunt **"A manicurist? in cowboy country: the adventures of Edith Crosby, 1882-1966"**.

Alan started his talk by reminding us of his very interesting paternal line. He was introduced to stories about his family history at an early age by his parents, and was therefore lucky enough to know from work already done that his Crosby great grandparents marriage on October 21st 1873 had perhaps been convenient rather than a happy one. George, b 1849 Banbury Oxfordshire, a lawyer and son of a brewer, had made an opportune marriage to Kate Goldring b1852 Clapham, Surrey, the daughter of his mentor, and solicitor Thomas Zachariah Goldring and his wife Fanny (albeit 3 years after his father in laws death it seems).

The couple then proceeded to have 6 children over almost a 20 year period, but not without a few hiccups!!! Here Alan skimmed over the other offspring's names, some of who we have already heard alluded to, or the stories of, at previous



meetings. The first three had arrived over the immediate three years post marriage, but then there had been a 6 year gap before Great Aunt Edith, the fourth child had arrived on the 10th September 1852, Luton, Bedfordshire. Investigating the 6 year gap in between, Alan found evidence of court hearings and newspaper reports, much via the subscription sites Ancestry, and Findmypast, (which of course includes British newspapers). There had been arguments in the home, drunkenness and violence. Kate had been pushed down the stairs at one point, and divorce had been attempted more than once. Unfortunately any success for a wife at this time, was very difficult unless adultery could be proved so she had to take the alternative option of leaving the marital home. Alan found his great grandmother and three of her daughters Katherine, Edith and Marjorie living at Carlton House, Melbourn Cambridgeshire in the 1891 census, where Kate had set up a school for young ladies, acquiring a few other nieces and family friends' children as well. Following the family on though Alan could not find Edith anywhere in 1901. He now had to resort to other tactics. He already knew that some of Ediths older siblings had made valiant attempts to escape the domestic situation at home ASAP by travelling abroad. The time had come to look "out of the box", and so he started to look at other options.

In the last 15 years Alan, , had noted (like many others as in the Australian story below) , that newspapers have become a very valuable resource both at home and abroad (Wikipedia:List of online newspaper archives <https://tinyurl.com/ocqdr6l> accessed 10.02.19). By painstaking but systematic searching, he somehow, by means best explained to himself, tracked his great aunt down, living in Wyoming, the "cowboy country" of the "Wild West" as we know in the USA using Newspapers.com via Ancestry. <https://www.newspapers.com/> .

Perhaps she had matured physically with this episode described in the Sheridan Post no. 26 November 02, 1893, page 2 , of a teenage love triangle situation entitled "The Tale of Love for Two Girls" , but he then found her in Casper, a small township in the middle of the Virginia High Plains . She seemed to have established herself as a lady of status enhanced perhaps by her English accent. At first he had found her living in Douglas in the county of Converse , Wyoming, where she had been advertising for a post in a local newspaper called "Bill Barlow's Budget" no. 45 May 03, 1905, page 7

"Wanted- By an English girl, from a good family, a position to assist in housework, and take care of care of children. Address Miss Edith Crosby, Glenrock, Wyoming, Care V. R." ,

which turned out on Googling the address to be a simple shack in the country. Her social movements as returning from Cheyenne after a 6 week stay, became newsworthy (Natrona County Tribune no. 25 November 04, 1908, page 5 2nd col), in a land where very little else seems to have been of interest. The icing on the cake however, was the next post in the Natrona County Tribune no. 26 November 11, 1908, page 5,

"Miss Edith Crosby, who recently returned from Cheyenne, will do manicuring and shampooing for the ladies of Casper. She will call at their homes when requested to do so, and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 12md in the morning and from 2 to 6pm in the afternoon will be at the parlors of the Natrona hotel, where she will manicure for gentlemen. She uses the most up to date methods. Manicuring 35c; shampooing 50c. Phone all orders to Central office".

In a barren land of a cowboys and sheep shearers , with a few pioneering miners and oil speculators this seemed an ambitious career!.

He next found Edith moving to Denver, by other newspaper reports, this time to train as a nurse. The Colorado 1910 census confirmed her whereabouts and status as a student nurse. She qualified in 22. 11.1911, and friends from Casper, perhaps Mr and Mrs Harold Banner who she had been visiting in the area, actually travelled to see her graduation.

Following this method, Alan recounted how he subsequently managed to follow his great aunts travels, and post nursing qualification and registration, as she apparently established a small private hospital in Casper, in competition with a nearby public one. Two doctors took this over and in 1913 at the age of 25, she was now superintendent of a new one. She next moved on to California to take a prestigious post graduate 6/12 course in Los Angeles as reported in another newspaper article , but here as had happened several times before, she had tweaked her name to be called Edith Ashmore Crosby (Ashmore being an

old family surname), for a marriage to an Oliver Edgar McBride in November 1914 in Los Angeles. (Alan had found the Registration card for this). He found them in a run down area , in the American 1920 census when she now claimed to have American citizenship but to come from England. We next have a gap until he found her again in the 1930 census in a home in Illinois, with two adopted sons, James b1915 and John b1917, whose parents she claimed had died of the Spanish flu. Googling the address, he found her living in a nicer area in a detached house married to a painter and decorator. Oliver apparently died in 1938 as Alan found his obituary, and in 1940 she was living in Beverley Hills with son James now a police officer. John was not there, but was later tracked down to St Quentin gaol after several concurrent life sentences for a robbery. He was released to join the army in 1941, and eventually died in Riverside California in the 1988.

Still following Ediths progress Alan next found her in a marriage to Joseph Albert Boudreau born in 1887 in 18th July 1944 in California. It appears Edith had been caring for his first wife Mary Elizabeth before she had died in July 1943 in Los Angeles. Edith and Joseph married just over a year later in July 1944. Their burials are found via Findmygrave with Edith predeceasing Joseph by 6 years. Edith died in 1968 and lies at Little Rock and Joseph who died in May 1974 seems to have headstones at both Little Rock and San Gabriel Los Angeles with his first wife.



This was an absorbing account of how Alan had started his research originally by the classic oral history stories from his family, backed up by the usual methods of progressing through census and BMD searches. Then however, when this source ran dry , he moved on to more lateral thinking, and found the gold mines of international internet research by subscription sites, and newspapers both at home and abroad. He also had to be as imaginative as she was creative, with her changes of name both by marriage, and by “tweaking” her middle name, and also the odd change of detail about her origins, important dates, It has been a wake up call for many of us I think. Thank you Alan.

Wednesday 6th March, 7.30pm, Mark Campbell - Senior member of the Anglo-Scottish FHS

“Pre-registration Scottish research”. He tells us *“We shall consider the what, where and how of resources available for pre- 1855 Scottish research.(Editors note This is the date when Civil Registration started in Scotland). What records are available; where can they be found and how can they be made use of? At the conclusion of the talk it is hoped that people will be able to identify resources and apply this to future research.*



Please note we have also just had early notification that the ASFHS has managed to arrange for some representatives of Scotlands People and the National Records of Scotland to come to Manchester and give us a presentation. The date fixed is Thursday 16th May. Details re tickets etc to be released soon.



Monday 25th March Trip to Gorton Monastery Manchester <https://www.themonastery.co.uk/talks-tours/>

For the first trip of 2019 Carole and Pat have found a real treat. On the recommendations of several members who visited here already, we have decided the time has come to make an official visit from BFHS. We are told by the website that this is a Franciscan monastery built in 1861, left to become derelict in 1990 after its surrounding houses were demolished and the congregation moved on, but recently restored by a Trust formed by volunteers. The pictures on the link above seem to say it all otherwise. We propose to leave from Bolton Interchange at 10am on a hired coach. The visit will include a talk on the history of the monastery, time to explore the building and surroundings , tea/ coffee and cake (with a café available for soup and sandwiches if more is required). We leave again to return to Bolton approx 2.30pm to be

confirmed later. Cost £25 each . Please book via the BoltonGenies email address as above, with full payment required at our next March meeting to secure a place.

Sunday May 19th 2019 Barlow Book Fair <http://www.dmsltd.co/barlowbookfair/> Photos courtesy of the website



We were contacted by Ged Melia , I think maybe late last year, about this coming event which he is organising , and he was asking for assistance with publicity. I wasn't going to pass the details on just yet but since then I have also been contacted by our friend Bob Dobson re his contribution to the show. It seems therefore, that now is the time, for at least an early notification. Ged informed us that :- *Edgworth's first book fair will be held at the Barlow Institute* (Editors Note- which itself has a fascinating history see <http://www.thebarlow.co.uk/about/>), on May 19th 2019. Book dealers from

around Lancashire and the Manchester area will be attending and offering for sale a range of contemporary books, and a few rare, vintage and antiquarian titles typically only seen in our ever diminishing number of old bookshops.

Subject matter will include both non-fiction and fiction, and will encompass local, social and general history, industrial archaeology, transport, North West interest, new age and health, art and science, nature and the environment, military, crime, music, theatre and film, thrillers, Folio Society publications, children's books, antique and more recent annuals, interesting ephemera and some classical and contemporary literature.

Entry will be free and the fair will be open from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be available in the Barlow's own cafe, 'The Reading Room'.



By good fortune and related to this message, Bob Dobson, a long time friend of Bolton FHS and well known by many other local history societies throughout the north west, for his second hand book collection , has decided the time has come to end his 50-year career as a book seller: but not before passing on more news to us..... Making the most of this event he will be one of the stallholders and will be offering his Lancashire-interest books at a discounted rate - at least 30% and as much as 50% . He has enclosed the weblink for his catalogue

https://email.ionos.co.uk/appsuite/?tl=y#!&app=io.ox/mail&folder=default0/INBOX&language=en_GB&user_id=14 which he emphasises is likely to change as books are sold. The good news is, as he says, " If you will come to see my stock and pay in cash, you can have those discounts now." We wish Bob all the best in his well deserved retirement.

GENIE'S TIPS for FEBRUARY 2019

Guide to interviewing relatives like a true detective <https://tinyurl.com/ydb7tmzt> On January 20, 2019 By Vera Miller in Genealogy accessed Jan20th2019

Once the American perspective is allowed for, I think there are some really good ideas here for interviewing any older relative from another country

"Too many times a good source of information can't been seen when the person being interviewed keeps saying "I don't know". The problem may not be the person not knowing anything but how they are being questioned."---

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES

Please check here <http://www.bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Workshops.php> for planned courses this year in Bolton. As well as the IT course planned in March at the Central Library we now have another 4 advanced classes starting at Harwood library on Saturday mornings also in March.

More are still in the pipeline in various other local library branches as well so keep checking, or enquiries can be made to our secretary as above. The photo is just one picture from a course we ran last year at the BCL.



THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records



<http://goo.gl/I29JpI>



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 newsletter and more

Turton Local History Society (see below for monthly events) , have posted a request for a little help, "We recently received an enquiry from a collector of antique silver who has bought a silver topped presentation box at an online auction. The correspondent thought from the assay mark that the item was dated 1902, and was interested to find out any information about the S. Tillotson mentioned in the inscription",

"Presented to S.Tillotson by the inhabitants of Chapeltown Turton as a token of respect for his valuable services whilst holding the office as Mayor in the said Town"

They ask "If anyone has any information which might be helpful please let us know at turton.lhs@gmail.com , so that we can pass it on. Thanks."



SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

Royal Commission Archive & Library Bulletin of Newly Catalogued Material – December 2018

Do all you researchers of Welsh ancestors know about this site and newsletter I wonder?

"Welcome to the latest monthly edition of the National Monuments Record of Wales (NMRW) Archives <https://tinyurl.com/y6uyselt> and Library Bulletin which lists all newly catalogued material. The archival items, library books and journal articles are all available to view in our public reading room. The full archive catalogue is available on Coflein <https://www.coflein.gov.uk/> and contains digital copies of many of the items listed. All publications may be found on our online Library Catalogue. <https://tinyurl.com/y6wb7t57>

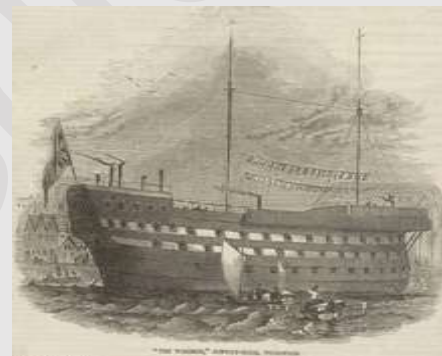
About FIFA From 1863 to the Present Day <https://tinyurl.com/ycp67o2l>

This seems to be rather an interesting overview of the rules of football as we know them today. I am sure I have heard stories of a certain Parson Folds of Bolton, kicking an object football sized over the roof of the Swan Inn in Bolton in a riotous match late 1700s. *“Football has come a long way since its first laws were drawn up in London in 1863. That historic meeting at the Freemasons' Tavern led not only to the foundation of the Football Association but, moreover, to the game's inaugural set of common rules. Although undergraduates at Cambridge had made an earlier attempt to achieve a uniform standard in the late 1840s - albeit still allowing the ball to be caught - it was not until 1863 that football, a sport played down the centuries in often-violent village contests and then embraced in the early 1800s by the English public schools, had a fixed rulebook”*---. And would you believe they didn't have referees until 1891 The Wanderers history is here of course <https://www.bwfc.co.uk/club/club-history/> from their launch in 1874

MISCELLANEOUS

The Saga of Two Boltonians, Transported to Australia 1835 Part 2 Life (and death) in Oz! by Mike Cunliffe 24 September edited by the BFHS team The story continues. (Some of these URLs will need an Ancestry subscription.)

So, to remind you, we left last months first episode of William Shipperbottom and George Nathaniel Silwoodss exploits in Lancashire with both being transported to Tasmania, then known as Van Diemens Land. Shipperbottom initially waited on the prison hulk “Justitia” since 10th April 1835 <https://tinyurl.com/yae3byfb> “UK, Prison Hulk Registers and Letter Books, 1802-1849 for Willm Shipperbottom, Justitia Register 1803-1836”, and arrived in Tasmania on 7th October 1835 aboard the Convict Ship “Aurora” <https://tinyurl.com/yau2yq5n> where he commenced his seven year sentence. Mike found that records from this time <https://tinyurl.com/ycoc93zj> helpfully even described his appearance i.e. at age 26, he was 5'6", fresh



complexion, brown hair and eyes, and his occupation a collier, was all on the records when tried in Lancaster County General Sessions on 2 March 1835 . Mike had been lucky here in that he had been able to team up with an Australian descendant of Shipperbottom, Margaret Betts, who had managed to access a lot of Australian records using Trove, the National Library of Australia <https://trove.nla.gov.au/> . From the Australian Convict Transportation Registers – Other Fleets & Ships, 1791-1868 1835-1836, they learned that “On 2nd of June 1840 Shipperbottom was granted a Ticket of Leave from prison, after working in the public works department and was issued a Free Certificate 373. He was released on 2nd March 1842, and he sailed on the 7th to Portland Victoria on the Schooner “Minerva”, then on to South Australia. It could be seen from the Australian Marriage Index that 4th April 1850 he married Elizabeth Matthews Trevorrow b1830 St Ives, Cornwall, in Kooringa. They went on to have children in several places around Bendigo, named William, Eliza Jane, John, James, and Francis, living in a

tent in the gold fields. (<https://tinyurl.com/ycfhdedd> Blog by Wayne D Knoll Monday, August 20, 2012 The Gold Rush East 1851-1876 : Gold Overlanders and Diggers to Victoria from South Australia). William Shipperbottom (Jnr) apparently went on to be the licensee of the Star Reef Hotel in Eaglehawk, (TROVE digitalised newspapers, Bendigo Advertiser (Vic. : 1855 - 1918) Sat 12 Dec 1885 Page 2 Eaglehawk Licencing Court) <https://tinyurl.com/y88zvka2a> and we are told the name remains on some street names in Bendigo. The Shipperbottom line was continued in various directions to this day, as can be seen by the trees on Ancestry where they are now proudly displayed.



Sadly in 1862 William's wife Elizabeth died in what today would be described as a horrendous childbirth, and which at the time even caused an uproar, with the attending Doctor Moody being charged with manslaughter, but found not guilty. “Doctors and diggers on the Mount Alexander goldfields” by Keith

Macrae Bowden ch28 p173. Three years later, after suffering with cancer of the throat for 4 years, William Shipperbottom who had been living in Napoleon Gully in wretched conditions, died on 4 March, 1865 at Dead Horse Gully, Victoria (Bendigo) and was buried at Eaglehawk Cemetery Section 10A Plot 10. <https://tinyurl.com/yajsjr27> Australia, Death Index, 1787-1985



George Nathaniel Silwood , sentenced for “warehouse breaking and stealing , and a felony”, (<https://tinyurl.com/y927v8mz> England & Wales, Criminal Registers, 1791-1892 for Geo Nathaniel Silwood England Lancashire 1835) had been imprisoned in the hulk, “Fortitude”, from April 1835 to 21st August 1835, prior to Transportation for Life, and after he travelled from Sheerness to Van Diemens Land on 29th August 1835 aboard the Convict ship “Layton”, he arrived in Tasmania on 10th December 1835. (<https://tinyurl.com/y9t53obg> Australian Convict Transportation Registers – Other Fleets & Ships, 1791-1868 1835-1836). On arrival it seems he was allocated to work as an assistant to a W & G Emmett (<https://tinyurl.com/y844awdq> New South Wales and Tasmania, Australia Convict Musters, 1806-1849) . Whilst serving his time, Silwood true to type, committed many more petty crimes, and he also absconded and was recaptured 11 times! He committed 4 felonies - 'illegally at large'; 'stealing in a dwelling house 1 fowling piece value £7'; 'receiving stolen property under £5'; and forgery! On 23 October 1843 he was tried by the Supreme Court, Hobart, for 'uttering a forged £5 note with intent to defraud James Crook' and was sentenced to 7 years' transportation. (Sources <https://tinyurl.com/y8t9apa6> New South Wales and Tasmania, Australia Convict Musters, 1806-1849) where it was noted he had also acquired a pseudonym of Thistlethwaite, <https://tinyurl.com/y9tyxqxw> , AU6103-1874 Tasmania Reports of Crime 1874, 1861-1883 and <https://tinyurl.com/yd8ol5vr> AU6103-1886 Tasmania Police Gazette 1886. During servitude he was punished with 62 months' hard labour, 7 days in solitary confinement and 36 lashes. He was also convicted under the alias George Thistlewaite for theft and sentenced to another seven years, (concurrent with his life sentence maybe 😊), and he was later tried at New Norfolk on 1 May 1882 when he was found guilty of Fraudulently Detaining Mail. Silwood it seems, never married or had children, He died of bronchitis and cardiac disease on 24 May 1890 at New Town Charitable Institution, late of Bathurst Street, Hobart. There is an area in Carrick , Tasmania named Sillwood which maybe named after George Nathaniel , but similarly others of that surname have also appeared on various muster sheets and convict transport lists .

In mitigation it would seem that he had had a difficult upbringing. Various members of his family appear to have been involved in commerce, owning a warehouse in Manchester and perhaps traveling from the south to progress to different northern markets via Parkgate near Neston, Cheshire. His father George b1793 Bolton and baptised at Bolton St Peters 2nd August 1793, died in 1820 when he was only 9 years old. His parents had married at Manchester Cathedral in 1809 when his father George was described as a “gentleman”, indicating some wealth. His mother Maria Fowler died in 1835, so where did George Nathaniel acquire all his clerical skills from? An uncle Thomas Sillwood who might have undertaken the father role after his son had died, was killed by manslaughter whilst a Salford bailiff in 1831 (<https://tinyurl.com/y8yk2eos> Manchester, England, Deaths and Burials, 1813-1866 (Cathedral) for Thomas Silwood 1831 – 1832) . Another uncle Henry Silwood from Winwick, it seems had been a Bolton shop keeper in 1789 when he married Mary Hobrow in Liverpool on Sept 2nd , but later an apprentice to her brother John H Hobrow a Liverpool notary, in 1793 when he died. Most other offspring in George Nathaniels generation seem to have died in infancy and he was one of the last to carry the name on in Bolton. Records do show several incidents of earlier court hearings of felony, and larceny and he seems to have become a career criminal from at least his adolescent years onwards. Apparently there is a lot more mileage in this story yet.

With thanks to Mike Cunliffe for sharing his fascinating research findings , predominantly from newspaper research, and also his Australian “cousin” Margaret Betts who allowed us to use some of her Ozzy notes. Denis McCann has also assisted with some serious research on both. I am sure this is just one example of the stories behind transportation, and there must be many more similar. .

NB If you had family who you think actually made the trip voluntarily you might find this site useful. I found ancestors on here who apparently went over to make a better life in 1849.

Government of South Australia Passenger lists 1845 – 1940 State Records

<https://tinyurl.com/ya4w6t79> Passenger lists dating between 1845 - 1886 record emigrants selected by the Colonization Commissioners London, whose passage were paid for out of the Emigration Fund. Those dating between 1888-1940 are the official passenger lists for people arriving in Port Adelaide from overseas. Not all lists have survived.



Twelve 'must-visit' free sites for those who are researching Australians, <https://tinyurl.com/yaug5qdt> Posted

by Alona Tester | Feb 18, 2011 | Gould Genealogy Australia, Records accessed 05.02.19

This website is also full of suggestions for more research even though it is 8 years old

And another better known and far more reputable Boltonian

Captain Arthur Henry Rostron 1869 – 1940. <https://tinyurl.com/yc5c79xk> Encyclopedia Titanica accessed 04.02.19 and <https://tinyurl.com/yacgzctx> Wikipedia 04.02.19

“Arthur was born at Bank Cottage Astley Bridge, (behind what is now Asda’s) Bolton, Lancashire, England, on 14 May 1869, the son of James (a bleach works manager), and Nancy Rostron. He was educated at the Astley Bridge High School then Bolton Grammar School from 1882 to 1883 and Bolton Church Institute in 1884”. The picture on the right is thought to include him either as a player or spectator at the Old Grammar School. *“At the age of 13 he went to sea joining the Naval training ship “Conway”. After two years he was apprenticed to the Waverley Line of Messrs. Williamson, Milligan and Co., Liverpool on board the “Cedric the Saxon”. His work took him to all parts of the world including the America, India and Australia”.*



He progressed, with more experience on ships such as the “Red Gauntlet “ where he was now second mate serving near New Zealand , and he then left the Waverley line to join the “Camphill”, a barque serving on the South American coast. He went on to serve on six other Cunard ships, but also as a member of the Royal Naval Reserve, he still regularly attended training at HMS Excellent and he temporarily left the Cunard Line to serve with the Royal Navy during a period of international tension occasioned by the Russo-Japanese War of 1904–1905. *“He subsequently returned to the Cunard Line, and was made first officer of the RMS Lusitania in 1907, but was transferred to the “Bresica”, and was promoted to ship's Captain the day before the Lusitania's maiden voyage. He became captain of the passenger liner RMS Carpathia on 18 January 1912. By this time he was also a Lieutenant in the RNR, and was decorated with the RNR Officer's Reserve Decoration on 9 November 1909. He was promoted to Commander in the RNR on 18 January 1912.*



The story of his superbly managed reaction to the “Titanic’s” call for help on 15th April 1912 , and the rescue under his command of 705 of the 2228 passengers is well known and can be read here <https://tinyurl.com/yacgzctx> , but did you know he went on to serve at Gallipoli and only retired from the Royal Naval Reserve in May 1924? Well I didn't . The pictures here show above Captain Rostron on the Carpathia in 1912, and below receiving a Loving Cup from Margaret Brown survivor of the Titanic. He won wide praise for his energetic efforts to reach the Titanic before she sank, and his efficient preparations for and conduct of the rescue of the survivors. He was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal by the US Congress, and in 1926 was appointed Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. He rose to become the Commodore of the Cunard fleet, and retired in 1931.



With thanks to Denis McCann “Little Bolton” Facebook page 27 August 2015

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,
**29th January 'The Mass Observation Archive' – David Burnham (sorry this is a bit late in telling you) and
26th February 'The Restoration of the Gardens at Rivington' – Elaine Taylor, Garden Historian**



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

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

27 Feb - The Caledonian Canal (Phil Broughton)

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.

7 February Georgian Kings - Graham Stirrup will tell us about the four Georgian kings who ruled England between 1660 and 1830.

18 February MONDAY - Trip to Houses of Parliament.

21 February Ernest Shackleton - John Ramwell John is a Westhoughton resident with a special interest in the polar explorer.



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

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.

February 12th 2019 Elaine Taylor - Rivington Terraced Gardens

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



The Historical Association Bolton Branch <https://tinyurl.com/y4q8pdps> has asked us to share this event.

4 March 2019 Prof Paul Salveson 'Allen Clarke... Bolton's Forgotten Genius' and we have been given this extra information

Meeting at Sutcliffe Suite at Bolton School Girls' Division, Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4PA 7.30pm
Car Parking: Girls' Division Quad with Disabled Access . Branch fees: £20 per year Individual, £35 Joint; £4 per meeting for Visitors.