



# Bolton's Genies



Darcy Lever Old Hall, Bolton by John B. Gage

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Picture thought to be the earliest known painting of Darcy Lever Old Hall see article below p7

Welcome all to our July edition, and perhaps you would like to wish us many happy returns as we celebrate 5 years of monthly publications this month. <https://tinyurl.com/y6fvnlcd>. The project was of course launched on an experimental basis, and I was asked to initiate same, (I think maybe as it had become apparent that I enjoyed finding items of interest and sharing with others. No credentials were requested, and I hadn't offered any 😊).



We are still, moving onwards and upwards I hope, albeit on a constant learning curve, and if anyone feels they can help out in any way, e.g. editing and/or articles, suggestions and contributions are always most appreciated. Nothing can go on for ever without some changes, and the support already received, particularly in this edition, is very gratefully accepted. Replacements will need to be considered eventually of course.

Another notable anniversary this month is from 50 years ago when the United States' Apollo 11 was the first crewed mission to land on the Moon, on 20 July 1969 <https://tinyurl.com/ngmmdz>. Some of you of a certain age might even remember where you were when it happened. I was in a front room in a house in Salford helping a lady have her first baby and watching Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, on the TV at the same time, was it about 3 am? Please share any memories you might have of this momentous occasion.



Crikey that child will be 50 now, God willing. 😊 .

I have also recently been reminded that it is the centenary of the Addisons Act <https://tinyurl.com/y2qwqlc2> introducing the concept of houses built by the councils, initially for wartime heroes returning home from WW1, and starting young families.

Lastly next month is of course, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peterloo incident, and there are many ongoing commemoration events taking place. See below for just a couple.

## 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.



### **Wednesday 3rd July 7.30pm, “The Dick, Kerr Ladies Football Team, who took the country by storm” Gail Newsham - Official biographer to the team.**

It was a relief to be able to welcome Gail properly this time after a failed booking two years ago when she was diverted to the House of Lords in recognition of her 30 years of dedicated research on this project. We really couldn't argue with that.

Gail began by explaining how her personal interest in football in the 1960s, in a still male dominated culture, gave her a growing awareness of the phenomenon of the Dick, Kerr Ladies (DKL). Their tale was regularly recounted as in local folk lore where she grew up in Preston and told with immense pride. Tantalising snippets had been emerging throughout her childhood and she wanted to find out more, particularly when as a grown woman she became officially involved in ladies football management at county level, introducing the Lancashire Trophy in 1986, and this spread to national and later international levels, creating tournaments. The movement developed as a celebration of women's achievements in many sports where they had previously been discouraged and was supported by others from the arts.

In 1991 Gail met her first original DKL Brenda Eastwood nee Keen, when she was presenting some medals, and their conversation led to arranging a reunion of surviving members to coincide with the coming 1992 Preston Guild <https://tinyurl.com/y4c1ea19> . One phone number led to slowly finding others, and eventually Gail had collected enough memorabilia and stories to write her first book named “In a League of Their Own “ in 1994.



She had discovered the story of how at the outbreak of WW1 many women had been drafted into towns from more rural areas to replace the occupations of the men who had gone to the Front, and also in other ways to accommodate the extra needs of the war effort. This included hospitals, farming, mines, mills, and factories; particularly munitions factories where the “munitionettes” became known as “canaries” due to TNT poisoning causing jaundice due to liver failure, (not to mention injuries due to the odd explosion and other industrial accidents). It soon became evident though that the single, displaced young women, particularly in enclosed workplaces like the munitions factories needed some R&R as well. Women welfare supervisors were appointed to visit all factories and introduce recreational activities of which football was introduced as an option. Soon nearly every factory in England had a ladies football team, and although the matches were arranged on a friendly basis, they also became quite competitive and it was soon realised they could be very good fund raisers for worthy causes. It was Preston, Lancashire though that produced the most successful of teams at the firm of Dick, Kerr and Co Ltd, an engineering business founded by Scotsmen , William Bruce Dick and John Kerr in the 1890s . Initially working on tramways with electrical components, they changed to munitions and shell production in WW1, at the request of the Admiralty and War Office. Preston was also of course a garrison town, and the source of many recruits going to war, some inevitably returning injured. They had the busy Moors Park Military hospital and many of the girls

knew men there. It must have given some solace to be able to focus on some extra funding for local comforts and equipment. Gail gave many examples of this . The activity also raised the profile and prestige of the team and when Albert Frankland, thought to have been a draughtsman at the firm watching their progress, agreed to become their manager, they moved on to another dimension. They were granted a match at Deepdale against the neighbouring Arundell Coulthard Foundry team, it was played on Christmas Day 1917 with great publicity, and trepidation from the girls. 10,000 came to watch, they won 4-0 and raised £600 . The momentum continued and spread with other teams copying the idea throughout the country, in various fund-raising activities. Accepting that it had novelty features of women in sport, it was also a welcome distraction to the wartime worries and in general they received good support from the hierarchy.

Photograph from Dick Kerr Ladies website with permission and thanks. Copyright Gail Newsham 2019 →



It encouraged the insidious phenomenon of women's rights though, which had been seen pre-war with the suffragette movement , but put on the back burner with the hostilities. The women had now proved themselves very capable of doing many of the male dominated occupations, and when the men returned from the war, many physically and/ or mentally damaged, to reclaim their jobs, the women were expected to meekly return to their previous occupations and become housewives again. Nevertheless, the teams carried on, and in the 1920s in post war recovery, it was decided to invite a French ladies team to England. The visit was a tremendous success, with the guests somewhat overwhelmed by their welcome all over the north west, with 25, 000 attending the match at Deepdale, and a return visit arranged. Here the English girls glimpsed the post war devastation in the French countryside and also had the opportunity to visit and lay wreaths at some memorials. Their popularity was still growing, and even night-time fixtures were arranged using balls painted white, and anti-aircraft floodlights.

They were still fighting sexism though, particularly from the middle classes who were claiming the physical exertion was damaging to the female body, ( conveniently forgetting their "exertions" in the wartime occupations, and ongoing examples of superb fitness) . The success of the women's football, (particularly in fund raising whilst still working full time in their jobs), was also diverting support from the men's fixtures!!! Suggestions of mishandling , and misappropriation of funds were whispered to the Football Association Council, apparently motivated by blatant chauvinism and jealousy. On 5<sup>th</sup> December 1921 the FAC requested all clubs in the FA to refuse use of their grounds for matches. This was devastating news, but after 3 weeks a Ladies Football Association had been created ,and more teams appeared, particularly in the north of England. A match took place at "Lively Polly Corner" on Ashton Park in Preston, against Fleetwood , in front of many invited doctors and religious leaders asking them to judge if there might be any physical damage, or impropriety incurred by the ladies. None was found but the judgement ignored by the FAC.

Support continued in thousands. Alternative venues were offered, and they used rugby grounds, A league and planned fixtures were attempted , but deemed impractical due to distances and work commitments, The decision was made to go international and in 1922 they sailed for North America. They were welcomed as "lady soccerites", in Quebec, only to be told they were banned from playing in Canada and could only play men's teams in the USA. "Soccer" of course was still a novelty there , but despite travel, timing, and accommodation problems they were received with enthusiasm and won 3. lost 3 and drew 3 matches. Their ball handling skills were viewed with incredulity.

The matches continued at home. Team members retired and were easily replaced from a waiting list, more international fixtures were undertaken still fund raising for various causes. In 1926 they changed their name to the Preston Ladies . Their activities continued through the 1930s and they were actually entertaining a team from Belgium in 1939 when WW2 broke out. This time though as many were also

nurses or called up for other wartime duties the team did not play again until post war. They reassembled on their return but receiving less interest and support, the decision was made to disband in 1955. In total they had played 833 games, won 759, drawn 46, and lost 28. They had raised £10,000, 000 for various charities. In 1966, England won the (male) World Cup, and women's football was reinstated in 1972. We all know the attention that has attracted this year of course. Perhaps the ladies are watching from above!! Thanks again to Gail, whose book provides many more, very impressive statistics and much memorabilia, Highly recommended, ( and we have one signed for the Christmas raffle).

**Wednesday 7th August 7.30pm, "The Pit Brow women of the Lancashire coalfield" Alan Davies – Mining Historian and retired Mining Museum Curator**

picture courtesy of this site → <https://tinyurl.com/yy5rgj2j>

Women, girls and boys under 10 years of age were banned from working underground anymore with the 1842 Mines and Collieries Act , but in the Northern coalfields the lasses apparently just moved to working on the surface, some preferring it to the mills. This of course included service through both world wars, The last pit brow lasses were made redundant in 1972 in Cumbria according to this report in the Guardian. <https://tinyurl.com/y7euo5wb> . Alan has performed extensive research re the Lancashire coalfield experiences and is coming to share their story.



## RECENT ACTIVITIES AND COMING EVENTS



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June "19<sup>th</sup> Century Elementary Education in Lancashire" by David Tilsley**

This was another of the monthly talks given by members of staff of the County Record Office, Preston and one that dealt mainly with the history of education for the poor before 1870.

There were of course church schools often set up by bequests in a will, dame schools (where women would set up a school sometimes without having any qualifications), independent schools, and endowed schools etc. for people who could afford to pay to educate their children. By 1836, the Government was becoming interested in education and 1836 saw the first grant of money from central Government.

The question comes up: "Why Educate" with answers mainly lying with the attitude of parents who might want education for their children which they had not had access to, possibly hoping they could get decent jobs.

Early education followed attainment of Standards from I to VI rather than classes for age groups. Children aged 3 were often enrolled into schools, as were children who spent lots of time working, perhaps in seasonal work like potato and fruit picking and part-time in mills, mines etc. It should be remembered that people had to live near their work, necessitating regular house removals and therefore new schools for their children.

Sources of information surrounding early education, held at County Record Offices include:

- Plans of schools, and a drawing of the interior of Christ Church School, Colne was examined during the lecture. It showed complete segregation of boys and girls, who had their own entrance gates, playgrounds (supposedly to prevent naughtiness). The boys' and girls' sections within the school had monitors, perhaps slightly older children, who would take instruction from the one teacher and try to relay it to the younger children.
- Photographs/engravings of school premises
- Photographs of groups of children
- Inspection reports started in the 1840s, with one school inspector for the whole of the north of England (he was Archdeacon of York)

- Every school was required to compile a daily Logbook, giving details of the school day, who was absent, any illnesses, appointment of new teachers and departures of school personnel etc.
- Punishment books: Lists of children who misbehaved and their punishment.
- Oral histories: Reminiscences of children educated under the system.

The school curriculum consisted mainly of the 3Rs – reading, writing and arithmetic. The numbers in each class would be about 88 and as there was an acute shortage of teachers, one teacher would sit above the class hopefully directing the monitors and all the children.

School Boards were set up in the 1870s after the inception of the Elementary Education Act, alongside schools belonging to The National Society for the Education of the Poor which was part of the Church of England and the British & Foreign Society non-Church of England, both groups involved in providing education. Further legislation in 1880 made school attendance compulsory for the whole country, followed by the Fisher Education Act of 1918 which made full-time education compulsory for children up to 14 years of age.

Researchers will often find birth certificates obtained to prove the actual age of a child, prior to their going out to work part-time and who have attained their Standards of Education. There were also Labour Certificates, giving permission for children to undertake part-time work.

In reply to a question from the audience, the speaker recommended e-mailing the County Record Office to ask what material they hold for an individual school. Local History Centres invariably have their own collection of school material, and lots of schools retain their own records.

School Admission Registers are very useful for research, as a child's date of birth, address and parent/guardian is given. Find My Past has a collection of pre-1914 Admission Registers.

With thanks to Rita Greenwood.

### **Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> "Peterloo: 1819 to 2019" - A talk by Robert Poole , Professor of History at the University of Central Lancashire, at Bolton Central Library and Museum,**

Prof Poole is author of the new book Peterloo 'The English Uprising', co-author of the graphic novel 'Peterloo: Witnesses to a Massacre' and has been a consultant historian to the Peterloo 2019 programme. Due to timing of this publication (July 10<sup>th</sup>), the talk will be reported in next month's newsletter. .



### **17th July 2019 Manchester Quarterly Meeting "Peterloo event " Manchester Central Library**

10.30 am The Peterloo Massacre Speaker: Chris Makepeace  
2019 is the year of Peterloo 200, the two hundredth anniversary of 16 August 1819 when it is reported that some 60,000 people were attacked by the military at a political demonstration. The actions of the soldiers resulted in a dozen dead within minutes and more than six hundred injured.

12.00 noon Lunch

12.15 pm A Performance by The Oakenhoof Friends, a Littleborough based clogging group.

1.15 pm onward We will be holding a special handling session with three 'stations' that can be visited:

1. A cotton themed table, including films and sounds from the cotton industry
2. The John Owen Collection
3. Early Poor Law Archives

Music performed by the Free Radicals

Note: Timings are approximate Registration is required only for the 10.30 am Talk

**To register, click the Eventbrite logo on our web page [www.mlfhs.org.uk](http://www.mlfhs.org.uk). The meeting is FREE to paid up members and FREE for non-members**



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am Visit to Walmsley Church Dunscar for a Guided Tour of the Church Yard led by Derek Bailey, arranged by Carole Wright and Pat Greenhalgh.** <https://walmsleyparish.co.uk/christ-church> -->

This is the promised follow up visit to the one that we took last November when we were shown around the inside of the church. (Report available here <https://tinyurl.com/y53y7tpj> in our Dec 2018 Genie, and more pictures on our Facebook page). It was a fascinating visit, offering much about the history of many of Bolton's great and good, and not so good. We are promised tales of murder, death at sea, connections to Bolton Wanderers, an MP, Mayors of Bolton and an American Professor. Any relevant personal research queries should be emailed to our secretary, as above, and efforts will be made to find the answers. Cost £5 for booking and refreshments which can be paid at either the August or September meetings. Places will be limited due to safety around the graves.



### **GENIE'S TIPS for July 2019**

**The WDYTYA? 12-Week Family History Challenge: Week 7 – Military records** <https://tinyurl.com/yxmvuf8f>



This is obviously halfway through the 12-week series, but there are certainly some useful online links here for various websites if you have not researched in this area before, and some updates and new ones even if you have. Of course, we are now entering WW2 75<sup>th</sup> anniversaries so new sources are being released to help here.



**Welcome! to the MLFHS Explorer Zone for young people aged 8-18** <https://tinyurl.com/y3qvzkad>

We are told "We hope to be able to inspire and guide you through your journey into family history. The MLFHS Explorers is an initiative that has been set up by the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society to encourage children and young people to discover their family history and to promote an interest in the Society. Our aim is not only to raise an awareness in family history and genealogy but to offer guidance, supervision, support, research strategies and techniques in order to achieve this.

*We have set out a series of Challenges to help you on your journey of discovery. There are three different levels for you to enjoy and explore. Bronze, Silver and Gold. Look out for MLFHS Explorers events including:*

*Family History Workshops. The Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society are happy to organise and offer guidance to:*

*Scout groups & Girls Guide companies working towards their 'Heritage badge'*

*Schools in order to enhance topics within the school curriculum*

*Any youth group or organisation who would like to participate in a tailor-made workshop or series of workshops about Family History"*

Please email us at: [explorers@mlfhs.org.uk](mailto:explorers@mlfhs.org.uk)

NB This site is also recommended by them for anyone attempting DNA research.

**Guide to Finding the Best DNA Ancestry Test** <https://.com/y25ntxwu/tinyurl> By: Laura Ryan, PhD and Tim Barclay, PhD

Medically reviewed by: Gerard DiLeo, MD Last Updated: Jan 24, 2019 is a useful summary for all for DNA research, it looks helpful.

## WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES <https://tinyurl.com/yxjcrp6w>

As promised, we are beginning to get the dates of our first courses of the Autumn season and are pleased to be able to share the early news re

**Workshop 8** <https://tinyurl.com/y33rc86u>

**Saturdays, 7th to 28th September 2019 10.00am – 12.30noon**

**“Family History Computer Workshop”** Bolton Central Library ( BL1 1SE )

No. of Weeks 4. Enquiries & Enrolment Tel: 01204 412574

Workshop Leader: Margaret Calderbank Cost £25 - Cheques payable to Bolton Family History Society



## THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

### Lancashire Records

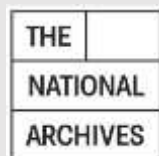
**UK BMD Summary** <http://goo.gl/l29JpL>



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



**The National Archives rebrands for the first time in 16 years** <https://tinyurl.com/y44zd53a> Monday 10 June 2019 . “1,000 years of history Find records from The National Archives and over 2,500 archives across the UK”. As yet I am not sure how this is different, (apart from the logo), from before but it is supposed to be more user friendly. If anyone could advise we would be grateful.

## SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES



**The Historic Society of Lancashire & Cheshire.** <https://tinyurl.com/yvfpu3hu>

This is a society that has been recommended by one of our members. This is the link for all articles relating to Bolton via a Search facility. Please could anybody use it for their own research and let us know what you think about it. “The society is a charity which exists for educational purposes to promote the study of any aspect of the history of the palatine counties of Lancashire and Cheshire and successor local authorities”.

**Scotland Presbyterian & Protestant Church Records, 1736-1990** <https://tinyurl.com/y4g8rrng> Familysearch



Oooh I am looking forward to using this one . “Records of Free, United Presbyterian, United Free and Other Protestant Churches in Scotland from 1736-1990 originally filmed at the National Archives of Scotland, CH3 series.

## MISCELLANEOUS



**Who really owns population and census data: and should commercial use be allowed?** <https://tinyurl.com/y7w8byck> **Free UK Genealogy** Jim Killock Trustee, Free UK Genealogy an interesting debate which affects us all.

*“FreeUKGen is dealing with data that was collected and created at great expense, through the will of the Crown and Parliament. Going back to Henry VIII, laws have demanded the creation of population records by the Church. From 1801, the state collected additional information through the census, and in 1837 started collating birth, marriage and death records through the GRO.*

*If there were simple justice in the world and we were not going through economically hard times, the government would have a duty to digitise and release historic data such as this for free and without restriction. Birth, marriage and death data which they currently hold digitally will, if the UK government acts consistently, be released freely once it ceases to relate to living individuals.*

*As a project we have a simple dilemma. We know this data should exist, and everyone should have free access to it. That is why the project started and it is our mission. Some of us are, however, uncomfortable with our efforts potentially being used by commercial outlets. To those who feel this way I would ask four questions”----*

### COMMENTS, QUERIES, and MEMORIES)

Well it seems that our ongoing request, OK “nag”, for readers to contribute interesting articles and stories is bearing more fruit these days, and here is an update of what folk have been good enough to share. Not in any particular time order though maybe.

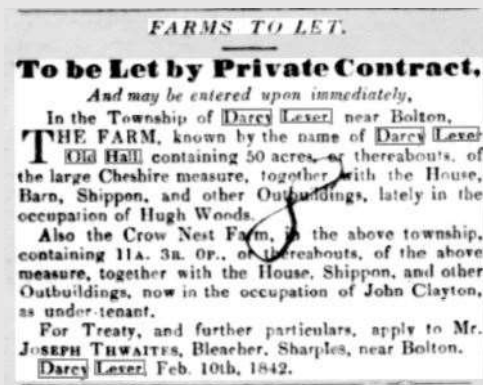
#### Re “**My Ancestors lived in Darcy Lever Old Hall**”

A few months ago, a reader named Wayne Lund made a post on Denis McCann’s Facebook page “Little Bolton”, re an old painting of Darcy Lever Old Hall, and the mention that he had ancestors who used to live there. Intrigued I contacted him, asking if he might be prepared to share more, and I suspect this has done him a favour as he reports he has now made more effort to check up on the story and tell us more.

*“Hi,  
The Genie editor asked me a while back if I had any more information concerning the above property after seeing my FB post. My family rented the property from 1841/2 until shortly before it was demolished in about 1951. She had seen a copy of my original water colour of the building, painted in 1873 by John Gap, (see banner picture), which is the oldest image of this building that I am aware of, and appears to have been painted before the coal mines, that came to surround it, had made the farm less picturesque.*

*Mark Lund (Great x 3 grandfather) , first rented the farm in about 1842. I have attached an advertisement from the Bolton Chronicle dated 16 April 1842 → , which offers the Old Hall up for lease. However, with regards to this date, the work by F.H. Cheetham in 1908 entitled “Darcy Lever Old Hall” p120 (available via subscription from Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society Vol 28, pp115-128 B901.82 CHE <https://tinyurl.com/y64qzz4>), writes “Mr Lund, the present occupier tells me his grandfather came to Darcy Lever Old Hall in 1841”.*

*Mark was born at Harden New Hall in Thornton in Craven, West Yorkshire, where his family had, for several generations, been self-employed hatters. When top hats started to go out of fashion, the family turned to farming. Marks' father, Mathew Lund, had rented Harden New Hall from William Wainman since the 1780's. As a little boy, I remember my grandfather telling me that when Mark herded his dairy cattle over the Pennines to Bolton, he first had the cattle fitted with iron “horse” shoes so that the cattle's feet would not be split open on the cobbled stones.*





The history of the Old Hall, including a plan of part of it, is set out in detail in Cheetham's work. My family rented DLOH from James Edward Bradshaw". (Wayne found a brief history of the Bradshaw family, and a reference to a lease held by the Lancashire Archives dated 1 November 1836 – entered into by JEB and several businessmen relating to the "Nine Feet Mine". This lease was for 21 years at £500 per year). He continues,

*"I understand that this mine was situated close to DLOH and although it supplied many much-needed jobs at the time, was also responsible for some of the degradation of the area that took place, changing Darcy Lever from a farming community to coal mining and textile manufacturing. Much of the coal was used to power the textile mills that sprung up around Bolton".*

**Editor-**Exploring Wayne's tree shows that Mark's son Abraham b 1840 Ainsworth, continued to farm at Darcy Lever Old Hall living in the farmhouse with his wife Mary, followed by their son, Mark William Lund b 1872 . As well as continuing the farming business he was also an Alderman and Councillor, who married Betsy Halliwell (daughter of a beer seller), from Lever Bridge, (Wayne's great grandparents), . They began to expand now and in 1901 they had a butchery and beer sellers business at 138-140 Radcliffe Road, then a different site up the road at 296 & 8 in 1911. → Mark is listed as butcher/farmer at this time because he rented Snow Hill Farm, where he kept some cattle used for dairy purposes as well as his butchery. Son William Smith Lund b DLOH 1893 (seen here leaning against the shop wall approx 1910 , soon to become Wayne's grandfather) offers another story from WW1.



Serving in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), he was wounded on the Somme. *"Ald. and Mrs Lund of Snow Hill Farm, Darcy Lever, have received news from France that their son, Pte W.S. LUND, Scottish Rifles, has been seriously wounded. He was out on a sniping expedition with his captain and several others and had given a splendid exhibition of courage and marksmanship, when the casualty occurred. Previous to joining the Rifles he trained as a cavalryman in the Dragoon Guards. His name is on the Roll of Honour at Lever Bridge Church and schools".* Bolton Journal & Guardian 24/08/1917".

Later in 1918 he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for more bravery at the Third Battle of Ypres (Battle of Passchendaele), helping take out a machine gun . He returned home, marrying Louisa Martin from Lever Bridge in 1919 and they continued the butchers business with Louisa's bakery at 154 and 154a Radcliffe Road in the 1939 Register. Family group with William standing in the background →



Wayne goes on to explain that

*"Only the Lund's occupied the Hall itself. They sub-tenanted the more modern building adjoining the Hall. Page 120 of Cheetham's work describes the building thus : "on the west a house has been erected against the building, the ground floor room of Darcy Lever Hall facing south, having been incorporated with it, the two houses overlapping. This house was built about 1835, and Cheetham has attached a copy of a painting by Sam Towers which was published in the Bolton Chronicle some decades ago →. This clearly shows the buildings next to DLOH in which other people mentioned in the censuses are living. There were certainly multiple tenants on the Old Hall Farm but not at the Hall itself."*



**Editor**-The census returns do in fact show *that as* well as the Lund farmers living in the actual Hall, there were tanners, bleachers, labourers, and miners living in the “Yard”. Quite a potted collection of local industry at that time.

Adding more detail Wayne reports that

*“My grandmother, Louisa nee Martin), was born in Little Lever in 1896. She worked in a textile mill from the age of 12. Her brothers and father were all coal miners. My Dad (Norman b 1925 ) learned to make pies from Granny Louisa and years later in 1987, I started a pie business in South Africa known as “ Ma Baker” ([www.mabaker.co.za](http://www.mabaker.co.za) ) using Grannies image as our logo. Over 30 years I built the business up until we employed almost 600 people and were making over 2 million pies a month and had branches in every major city in South Africa. I sold the business in 2016 to Rhodes Food Group, (a large stock exchange listed company). I thought this may make a good story. Of course, we changed the recipes over the years (lard especially as the major supermarkets needed the pastry fat to be Halal), but the business would never have happened if it wasn't for Louisa learning to bake pies originally for her coal mining family and then for the Darcy Lever shop. My Dad and his sister used to walk along the Bolton/Bury canal selling pies to fishermen. Unfortunately, Granny died before I started the business”.*



Regards, Wayne Lund

**Editor**- I am of the opinion that there is plenty here to be going on. What do you think?

Wayne many thanks for this, and if you ever decide to do a book for public consumption you must keep us in the loop. I see the Lund tree is also publicly available n Ancestry in case anyone wants to have a more detailed look.

Wayne has provided copies of his references which are too detailed to post here but can be available on request.

**Re Samuel Chatwood; Bolton Lock and safemaker** <https://tinyurl.com/y5o8djkk> **Graces Guide**

You might remember this enquiry from June last month from Debra Jumar (Nee Chatwood) re Chatwood's Safes originally set up in Bolton, who was wondering if any readers had undertaken any prior research about him? *“I'm based in North Shropshire, or I would have attended one of local events. Any help would be gratefully received especially around his early life”* .

We are delighted to be able to share that Julie Lamara Collections Access Officer-Local Studies from the Bolton History Centre responded almost instantly with

*“Please find below a few references from our catalogue (Editor -10 at least and we are happy to share with any others researching this 😊 )* . Can you please let Debra know we have information on Samuel Chatwood and his company. A lot of research was undertaken by Denis O'Connor who has now sadly passed away.

We also have photographs of a royal visit to Bolton in which Chatwood Safes were on display in Victoria Sq. Please ask her to email Bolton History Centre [archives@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:archives@bolton.gov.uk) or telephone 01204 332185.

Wow , what a brilliant story, about another son of Bolton plus his son Arthur Brunel Chatwood (1866-1915) also in Graces Guide <https://tinyurl.com/y2gyvb6m> and this demonstrates so well why it is always checking with the local archives anywhere for local information.

Many thanks, Debra, and we will look forward to hearing more re this story.



### **A Whittle Bible is returned home across the Big Pond**

It was back in last February that we first became aware of this query from the USA which had been sent to our retired Chairman Brian Whittle as a previous research contact.

*Tue, Feb 5*

*"Dear Brian: In the course of going through my father's estate items, here in Colorado Springs, I came across an 1880 (?) bible that was owned by the Whittle family of Manchester (?), England. The Cover and interior lead pages of the bible photos are attached, as is the only page with events listed (the death of Mr. Whittle and others). The information on the family pages, though scant, is as follows:"---*

The list of names in the one Whittle family were not connected to Brian's, and the addresses were not local.

*"I am writing to ask if descendants of this Whittle family might want me to ship the bible to them. We will pay for shipping. Given that this appears to be a valuable family item, we wanted to ask." --*

Mark Gordon Smith Private Italy Tours LTD and an address in Colorado Springs was given.

Seeing a potential challenge though Brian decided to investigate like any dedicated researcher would,  
*08 February 2019*

*Hi-Mark, I have found the family on Ancestry and written to them. They do not come from Manchester but Preston in Lancashire. The names and ages match up so if they make contact, we can put them in touch with you. I will update you if they respond. They have not used Ancestry for over a year so they might not respond. However, the Lancashire Records Office is based in Preston so they might be interested if the family do not come back to us. Many thanks for all the trouble you have gone to. Regards Brian  
Friday, February 8*

*Hi Brian: That is WONDERFUL news! Thank you. I will hope that they will reply with interest. If you do speak with them, please assure them that I will send the Bible to them at our expense. This is a precious family treasure and they should not have to pay for that*

*Mar 4, :*

*Hi-Mark, I have found the marriage at St Jude and St Pauls ,in Preston, England in 1904 . I would appreciate if you could send the bible to me and I will see if the county archives in Preston would like it. We will do an article in our newsletter and contact the local society in Preston as well.--Many thanks for all your interest and we will do our utmost to find some living relatives.*

*Fri, Mar 8 Brian Thank you so much. I will get the bible on its way to your address tomorrow. It is my hope that the family and their bible will be reunited and that it will become a cherished part of the family's treasures. Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> The Bible is on the way. 13th March Hi-Mark, Just to let you know that the bible arrived a few minutes ago. I will now try and find the family who this bible relates too. Will keep you informed of any developments. It is a very impressive bible. Many thanks for all your efforts. Regards Brian Whittle "*

**Editor** have recently been informed by Brian that he did manage to trace distant relatives of the line now living in Stowmarket, and he returned the bible. As yet we have not had any other feedback re the story

### **Can anybody help Wendy please, re unwanted Taylor Certificates?**

*Hello, I have a copy of a marriage certificate relating to James Taylor born c1829 and a certificate of birth for his son Henry. As these do not fit my Taylor family in Bolton and I have not found a Family Tree on Ancestry.co.uk that includes James or his parents I am happy to send these to your group in the hope that someone one day might like to own them. I have attached details of his marriage and of the whereabouts of his family in the 1851 and 1861 census as a guide. On receiving an address from you to which I can post*

*the certificates I will send a hard copy of these details with them. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Kind regards, Wendy Lawrence Wiltshire (more details are available on our FB page) .*

### **An Enquiry re the Motler Family**

One other update of a successful outcome to a query. Do you recall a request from a Lincolnshire contact Ron Boulting, for help tracing a **Molter** family in this area? We were very lucky that another family, Bryan and Carole Cockshott, I think now living in Australia, responded to our plea, and have been able to assist. We do like happy endings

## **OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS**



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

Email [margaretk@talktalk.net](mailto: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,  
**30th July 'Hoghton Tower and the Families who lived there': Richard Roberts, Head Guide at Hoghton Tower.**

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



The old Urban District of 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

**24 Jul - Belmont (David Lloyd)**

**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.

**18 July "A Walkden Childhood" - Judith Atkinson** makes another return visit to tell us about childhood days in Walkden. Many will compare her story with a child's life in Westhoughton in the 1950's.

**Thursday 1 August 10am "A Guided Walk around Rivington's Japanese Gardens with Elaine Taylor**

£5 donation to Rivington Terraced Gardens Trust Meet at the car park on Sheephouse Lane.

Drive into Rivington village and turn by the Unitarian chapel to go up the hill. There is a blue "P" sign to follow and you are going towards the view of the tower (BL6 7SD for sat navs.) Advised to wear sensible clothing and footwear and take water. There are no refreshments available!

**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.

**August 13th, 2019 Mark Olly - Crystal Skulls and Human Heads**

**July 20th Saturday Open Day between 10am --- 1pm "On Our Doorstep: The West Pennine Moors"**