



Bolton's Genies



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



This month's banner picture is of Birch House Farnworth, taken 1829 <https://tinyurl.com/y69b6o85> which lay on the Bolton side of the Carlton Street/ Market Street junction opposite Farnworth Park which had been part of the estate.

Well greetings to all as we move on from the ups and downs of our summer weather, to the political turbulence of the autumn. I don't know what your thoughts are, but all this upheaval is making me wonder how our forefathers coped with similar events, in years past, without the facilities of instant communication. We still have the 20th C recorded radio landmark announcements of the Great and Good BMDs, Edward V11 abdication, and the September 1939 declaration of war etc , but before that news was dispersed perhaps days after events had happened, and only by word of mouth or reading newspapers etc. Even then it could only be discussed by letter and snail mail, or those in the immediate vicinity. Today we are seeing things as they happen and for many, I suspect this may feel quite overwhelming. How on earth did our ancestors manage with much less information to hand, and perhaps distorted reports when they did hear something?

So, we enter our autumn programme and we have already had to make some changes for which we can only apologise. We make plans as best we can, but we are only human at the end of the day and some things cannot be predicted. Our planned autumn Open Day had to be abandoned despite advanced preparation, talks and courses rearranged, all due to circumstances beyond our control. We hope the new arrangements are satisfactory for all but please keep checking our website and Facebook page for last minute changes, as it is the only way we can pass things on at short notice.

There are also some changes slowly happening to our website. One of the first is because we have recently managed to acquire some longer articles, that are related to local families, but too big, or unsuitable to share via our "free to all" newsletter or "members only" quarterly journal. We still feel they are good ones for Boltonians to know about though, re their heritage, so we have created a link where they will be posted, for you to read, and follow links as required. https://bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/longer_articles.php . We hope you enjoy same. And please tell us what you think of it. The first story will be an extension of the Pemberton story see page 8.

OUR LAST and NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Where?

Bolton Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Room (upstairs and no lift), , 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.



RECENT and COMING EVENTS

Well of course this period covers August to September when many have been on family holidays, helping out with grandchildren and/ or perhaps making their own field trips to explore past family locations. Here in Bolton though we have still managed to continue our monthly meetings with good attendances, and it was hoped we had launched into September with a cracking subject to fast track us into the serious research season.

<https://www.genuki.org.uk>



Wednesday 4th September 7.30pm, "GENUKI - The free "virtual" reference library - an update" by Phil Stringer the creator of same. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>

Well let's be honest, this could have gone better than it did. It was one of those days when if anything could go wrong, it did, despite our best

made plans. We attracted an excellent turnout, with several welcome new faces, all coming to hear the legendary Phil Stringer tell us about his wonderful project GENUKI, now world renowned. We knew he had some mobility problems these days, but there is a blue badge parking space outside the Club House unused by one of our regular members on this evening, so that was allocated to Phil. Unfortunately, we did not know this had been taken by someone else, so our first problem was that he had to park on the far side of the car park, and was without our assistance. Sorry Phil! He did manage to arrive on time despite these problems however, and also managed the stairs thank goodness.

Next when he arrived, we had the reality check of reviewing our set up of the file which Phil had already sent us and realising that as well as the Powerpoint presentation he had sent us, he was also planning to use the internet to demonstrate various aspects of the GENUKI website. We had not understood that this was his intention, but we knew we had the WIFI link assured to us by our hosts at the Golf Club, so plodded on. The signal for this sadly turned out to be very weak and "moody" to say the least, and our password for the office version was not working!! Next the screen was beginning to wobble at an alarming angle, and this was resolved by Graham, our Chairman, sitting at Phil's side, and holding it in position. We were by now beginning to both blush and panic. The picture tells it all.



Eventually it was decided that Phil would complete his talk using the 40 printouts we had already distributed, mainly for those at the back who might have difficulty reading smaller print on the screen from

a distance. In retrospect more copies might have helped here, but we sadly have a limited budget and the notes are now at least available for all via our handouts link <https://bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/Handouts.php>. We can only apologise for this series of calamities, and obviously lessons have been learned.

When Phil did manage to start his talk, he began by telling us of how 40 years ago, in the early days of the superhighway, he had been invited to choose a project to demonstrate the capabilities of the internet. He decided to try it out to assist family history research as he was already a member of the embryo computer section of the MLFHS. The fundamental philosophy would be that the product would use quality sources and be free to all. He began to collate information already available in different areas and involve local family history societies who were already doing much of the fieldwork. A team was assembled, and figureheads appointed offering Regional Page Links to UK and Ireland i.e. England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Information was slowly but steadily collected and categorised. He prepared this page to start his demonstration, showing the different sections, <https://www.genuki.org.uk/>, and had then had planned his talk to move on to each section and discuss these in more detail e.g.

- the hierarchy of the “Structure & Site Map” <https://www.genuki.org.uk/structure> and many options to progress on
- the clever stuff of options, in “Searching GENUKI pages” <https://www.genuki.org.uk/searching>
- how to use the local Gazetteer to find the location of places, view online maps, and discover which Genuki pages may contain information about that place and the genealogical resources which are available for it. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Gazetteer>
- how to use Genuki Church Database – and search to find the location of churches and discover which genealogical resources are available for them. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/churchdb>. Note, a “church” meant the congregation and not the building, as people moved around, and “bricks and mortar” came and went, as it still does.
- the next page shows links to many other UK and Ireland: Societies, and I will eat my hat if you can honestly say you have heard of all these. <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Societies>
- next comes a very useful section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) <https://www.genuki.org.uk/org/faq>
- then Guidance for First-Time Users of These Pages <https://www.genuki.org.uk/org>
- rounding the list up we have Getting Started in Genealogy and Family History which I would suggest is a timely refresher for us all at whatever stage we are at <https://www.genuki.org.uk/gs>
- and then Welcome to GENEVA, an online calendar of GENEalogical EVents and Activities which is a calendar being run jointly on behalf of GENUKI and the Federation of Family History Societies.

<http://geneva.weald.org.uk/> of events they have been informed of running until mid-2020.

There are a few more sub sections which you might like to explore, but perhaps the most relevant to Bolton researchers is this one <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LAN/Bolton>. What more can you ask for, if you haven't already visited? Most areas of the country have similar pages, (although Phil did add that local county pages do vary slightly according to the preferences of the local manager).

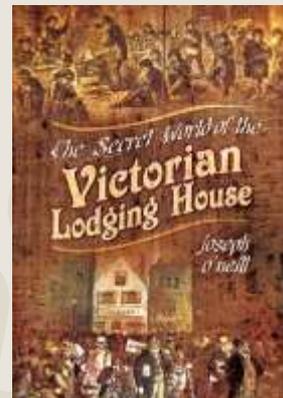
He closed with a last invitation to explore the website with guidance from the copy of his presentation, and also to put a plea out for more local contributions to the site. It seems he continues to administrate much of the Lancashire section by himself, and like us all he isn't getting any younger. He would welcome enquiries from anyone prepared to spend a few hours a week assisting him, and perhaps getting the benefit of his vast experience in this area; also locally he has some raw material he would like to add to the Bolton page. Please email any interest on to us at the newsletter address, and we will pass on to Phil.

Lastly, we can only apologise once again for the series of failures we encountered at this meeting. We have learned several lessons, two of the main ones being to



1. Not arrange a talk using the internet without being sure of a good connection
 2. Buying a newer and larger screen
- It was quite gratifying to see the stamina of so many of you and thank you for your patience.
Attendance 73 Visitors 4.

Wednesday 2nd October 7.30pm, Unfortunately we had another problem here when the booked return visit from Dr Mike Nevell – to tell us about the new discoveries at the Delft on Bridgewater Canal was cancelled, but we are lucky enough to obtain the services of **Joe O’Neill** (retired history teacher and local author). He is coming to tell us about the research into his book **“The Secret World of the Victorian Lodging House”**; which he suggests was arguably “the centre of every Victorian social problem” . <https://tinyurl.com/yvqni9qt> He has elaborated on his ideas by explaining , “The common lodging house was blamed for every problem blighting Victorian society, from crime to the breakdown of public morality”. The Irish Post reviewed *“Criminals, drifters, beggars, the homeless, immigrants, prostitutes, tramping artisans, street entertainers, abandoned children, navvies, and families fallen on hard times – a whole underclass of people on the margins of society passed through Victorian lodging houses. These places were to be found in almost every city and town and they were central to working class life.*



The Jack the Ripper murders of 1888 brought lodging houses to the attention of an appalled public and, labelled seedbeds of infectious disease, they were seen as training schools for criminals and conmen of every description. The reality, however, was more complex as lodging houses also provided for those scratching a living and sheltered those who refused to enter the workhouse.

Joseph O'Neill's fresh research into this lost world of the 'night-time havens of the wandering tribes' flings open the door to the nineteenth century lodging house, and tells the forgotten stories of those who spent their nights sharing beds with bugs, thieves, and much worse...

Yet before Joseph O'Neill wrote his book there was not a single volume devoted to what was believed to be the root of all evil ---.

Tuesday 8th October, 10.30 am £8 (including tour and light refreshments), Astley Green Mining Museum

<https://tinyurl.com/y2c8cv8s>

Lancashire Mining Museum, Higher Green Lane, Astley – Manchester M29 7JB. Own transport.

Following Alan Davies’ talk last month, we have managed to arrange a guided tour of this fascinating museum run by volunteers, many ex miners themselves. If you had mining ancestors this is the place to come and learn how they lived and worked. Booking will be available at Octobers meeting or via boltongenies@mlfhs.org.uk



Saturday October 19th 2.00pm Manchester Central Library , Chris Paton well known

Scots/Irish historian, blogger of The GENES Blog (GENealogy News and Events), and author

<http://britishgenes.blogspot.com/> **“Down and Out in Scotland: researching ancestral crisis” –**

Chris goes in search of the records of ancestral hardship in Scotland to discover just what our ancestors had to endure. From poverty and illness to eviction and emigration, he searches for the greater story of how our ancestors overcame their struggles. Chris is a popular writer and blogger on Scottish history and a regular contributor of articles for the genealogy magazines. Booking essential and via Eventbrite from Sept 22nd.

GENIE'S TIPS for September



Criminal Characters

We are told by the site that it is a “ *research project investigating the criminal careers and life histories of Australian offenders from the end of the convict period through to the Second World War. This site offers a number of resources for learning about the history of crime in Australia. (You can also get hands-on experience of Australia’s criminal past by transcribing historical crime records, thereby helping to create a permanent and invaluable resource for future generations!)*.



CRIMINAL CHARACTERS



Where Kiwis Find Their Family and Tell Their Stories. <https://tinyurl.com/y3ppbq29>

If you , like me, have Kiwi cousins, this might be of interest.



“Welcome to FamNet, the on-line Family History Network for those with a New Zealand connection! This is where you can interact with the FamNet community: post your views, read old newsletters, and so on. Most of this is freely available, you will not even need to register for most things on this page. Knowing where we’ve come from – our family background – is important to us all, so school pupils do family history projects from primary to secondary school. Today’s students are computer-literate and Internet-savvy: they will turn to the Internet to research their ancestors and use computers to tell their family story. FamNet is a web system developed in New Zealand that makes it easy to research, record, and share family history, and put it into the context of world and New Zealand history. Since its release in 2007, FamNet has put together one of the largest collection of New-Zealand family trees on the web. With powerful searching, on-line tree editing, reporting and chart printing facilities, and unique record-level security balancing publication and privacy, FamNet is an attractive tool for school family history project.”

Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust <https://tinyurl.com/y592bfp2> This is a Facebook page and offers so much useful information about graves, military deaths, plans of cemeteries etc in the northern side of Manchester that I suggest it is well worth a visit if you had family in that area. Their aim is to investigate and share historical or interesting facts about Salford Cemeteries, which include, Agecroft, Weaste, Peel Green and Swinton. They also offer group tours and various leaflets.

WORKSHOPS, COURSES and CLASSES



Please note the planned Workshop 8 (Family History Computer Workshop - Sept 2019) at Bolton Central Library has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Dates will be announced shortly though for workshops at both the central and branch libraries so please watch this space <https://tinyurl.com/yxjcrp6w>

THIS MONTHS LOCAL NEWS and SOME ORGANISATION UPDATES

Lancashire Records



<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

SOME INTERESTING, USEFUL, AND MAINLY FREE WEBSITES

Prison
History

“How to find your prison staff ancestors” <https://tinyurl.com/y6c7mkgz> **Prison History**

This is a fascinating website created last year as “A resource to expand our knowledge of the practice and experience of imprisonment in the British Isles between 1500 and 1999.

Use the search below to find detailed records on nearly 850 penal institutions operational in 19th century England, or on over 400 lock-ups spanning the early modern to the modern period”. ---

A sub section of this project is now also looking at staff

“Welcome to the Prison History guide on where to find records on prison staff of the 19th Century. Yet before we get on to accessing prison staff records, here’s some background on how these records changed due to the increasing professionalisation of prison work...”

I presume that most of you by now will have seen Kate Winslet’s story from Who Do You Think You Are in Series 16 no 4, available here on BBC iPlayer <https://tinyurl.com/yxw8j8dl>. Part of her tale involves discovering how an ancestor was discharged from the army and accepted straight away into the prison service and actually served with distinction in Dartmoor Prison. She was helped in this area by Dr Rosalind Crone, who is leading this project researching the whereabouts of long forgotten lock ups, jail, and dungeons, and trying to find out more about their site, condition, and any extra information re occupants and staff etc. There was certainly no shortage in Lancashire, but they are always looking for information on more.

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fq3ako>. Maybe you have visited one on holiday elsewhere? Did you have an ancestor stop in one as a guest even???? The BFHS has already been helping her re the evidence of three lockups, with here the 17th C Bolton dungeon on Windy Bank in Bolton. <https://tinyurl.com/y3fq3ako> See the story below.

Can we help her with any other stories do you think? I have also recently submitted the Star Chamber underneath the Little Bolton Town Hall.



The Methodist Church

This seems to be a good basic resource re all current activities and projects within the Methodist movement, but it includes this extra resource, which many might

find useful. **Other Methodist websites** <https://tinyurl.com/y4u67ye7>

You can find individual church and circuit websites through the advanced web map page. If your church or circuit has no webpage listed, please consult your District's website (below) for more information, and/or add the relevant information to your church's or circuit's profile via the Statistics for Mission data entry site.

“The Inhabitants of Ainsworth Hall 1700-1890” <https://tinyurl.com/y5obcb6w> **Ainsworth History Society**

Whilst researching the background to our template picture of Birch Hall, Farnworth, I looked up the name of Nathaniel Dorning, one of the residents of same, and came across this interesting article

<https://tinyurl.com/yvcvfmqg> re the “Inhabitants of Ainsworth Hall 1700-1890”. A fascinating read about how all the great and good were interrelated in times past, property and money was moved around, and how local industries were developed.

THE IRISH TIMES

History of 50,000 Irish and British surnames published, <https://tinyurl.com/y3dng3te> Thu, Nov 17, 2016,

Four-year study of records dating back to 11th century gets to root of family name. “A team of researchers has spent four years studying the meanings and origins of almost 50,000 surnames, from the most common to the highly obscure.

Some names have been around for many centuries while other more recent arrivals are explained for the first time in the work, the Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland, which is published on Thursday.

There are dozens of obvious ones linked to occupations, such as Smith (a name carried by more than half a million Irish and British people), or to place names, such as Dublin, Leicester, Sutton or Green. There are also many that began life as nicknames, such as Longbones and Goodfellow.

But there are also some that could not be guessed at, such as Campbell. The surname used to be represented in Latin documents as *de campo bello* (of the beautiful field). Actually, the new dictionary spells out that it comes from the Gaelic for crooked mouth.”!!

MISCELLANEOUS

80th Anniversary of the start of WW2 and creation of the 1939 Register <https://tinyurl.com/hnh82qg> (National Archives)



Yes , no sooner than we have put some closure on the centenary of the end of WW1 in 1918 than we are now sadly marking the outbreak of WW2 , at 11am on September 3rd, 1939. Eighty years ago, this month, Britain went to war with Nazi Germany and Prime Minister The Rt Hon Neville Chamberlain made his well-known wireless broadcast announcing the declaration of war. Other political leaders also broadcast to the British people on that day including the Acting Leader of the Labour Party, the Rt Hon Arthur Greenwood, in this equally resolute manner. www.war-experience.org

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This is still within the living memory of our most senior family members of course although they were only small children then, and many still have vivid memories of being uprooted from their family homes, labels tied to their coats, given small bags of essentials, and being taken in commandeered buses to the railway station to be loaded up and transported to Heaven knows where. Operation Pied Piper took 1.5 million civilians to anywhere deemed safer than areas near the docks and military targets. What must their parents thoughts have been after 19 years of slow recovery from WW1and a series of devastating flu epidemics, but comparative peace? From family stories I have heard it was sheer terror for them, and bewilderment for the children. Recent news stories told of civilians being bombed in their homes in the Spanish Civil War . This war was to affect the Home Front like no other.



Many of you will still have documents like this → in your family memorabilia. I have mine and my parents. I recall my Mum telling me about the Phoney War, of initial panic then nothing happening until after Christmas. Looking at the 1939 Register

<https://tinyurl.com/y4oausx5> (Findmypast) ,my Dads Mum, sister, and

aunts, all teachers had already been dispersed to 4 different addresses all over the Yorkshire countryside with their pupils,

whilst the sister still at school was at another. Presumably communication between them all must have been virtually non-existent. Dad stayed in the family home, working and awaiting his “Call up “ soon to come. An elderly cousin in Salford remembers being put on a train with her school friends and transported to Ulverston at the age of 7. She still shivers at the memory of her new “minders” but says no more. She was brought back home by her mother a few months later.

Rationing arrangements were made via the Registration for those civilians left at home, and all were issued with ID cards, - no cards meant no food, clothing, heating or access to petrol for the cars, replacements for general household goods or any “comforts” such as fresh vegetables, fruit and tobacco .



For me memories of the film “Goodnight Mr Tom” <https://tinyurl.com/y5xecvzl> comes very much to mind, and also BBC1’s “Countryfile” 1st September 2019 edition <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00085vz> has just illustrated it well. Priorities must have changed so dramatically from the mundane to the essentials of life.

Dave Burnham told us about some of this last September https://bolton.mlfhs.org.uk/newsletter/Genie_2018_09.pdf and I am afraid inevitably we will be seeing more on our TV screens over the next months and years . Do you have any stories from the Bolton area please that you are able to share? Please email us as above.

STOP PRESS



Did you manage to see this on BBC 4 September 5th and 12th 9pm? If not, you might catch it on the iPlayer
Timed to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of WW2 Lost films of World War 2 explores the archives, including significant input from the NWFA to tell the stories behind the footage. The NWFA material includes the story of a school for evacuees in Cumbria and School Life in Wartime Elworth in Cheshire

A Bolton Dungeon, the Pemberton’s of Bolton le Moors and the Coca Cola Connection

Some of you will already know how this story started, after a casual comment on Denis McCann’s Facebook page “Ancient Bolton Pre 1800s” <https://tinyurl.com/y3kkgrpa>, re the possibility of there being a 17th - 18th C dungeon on the north east bank of the River Croal at Little Bolton Wharf, as it goes under Windy Bank (now just Bank Street), in the centre of Bolton <https://tinyurl.com/y4d52xol> . The post on August 21st, 2018, was of a map from 1797 supplied by Andrew Hodson, and sourced from the Albinson Collection ref ZAL855 at Bolton Archives. It showed a plan of Windy Bank, (running across the River Croal, shown here left to right, between what is now Folds Road to the left →, and Deansgate to the right), and with the inscription, “1797 Plan of Windy Bank and of Little Bolton, and the bridge to Mr Horridge’s gate , also sections of the elevation on both sides of the bridge”--> . It included the site of the dungeon (see black arrow), apparently positioned on the side of the river bank under what , until this year has been 22-28 Bank Street <https://tinyurl.com/yxthn44c> Google maps . (This area of course is currently being demolished with the Church Wharf development scheme).



The intrepid Denis decided to investigate further, and found in “History of Bolton: with memorials of the old parish church” by Scholes, James Christopher, 1852-1890 Publication date 1892 Publisher Bolton, The Daily Chronicle office <https://tinyurl.com/y3w6r8dx> , several references to the dungeon, re both its site, and discussion re need for urgent renovation in the early 1700s, (Editor’s note, just put “dungeon” in the search box to obtain 5 references). Denis also noted on p352 of same, that there was an anecdotal reference in a reported conversation between a J Brown and James Brandwood re an “Israel Pemberton” <https://tinyurl.com/y57td6gd> as being a shop keeper at the foot of Windy Bank pre 1721, “prominent among local Quakers, who had been imprisoned and eventually took refuge in New England”.

Intrigued by all this I decided to look up Israel Pemberton in Ancestry, from the late 17th C, just out of curiosity and smelling a story. Trying different rough dates of birth and nearby locations, it soon became evident that although there was much about an “Israel” born 1684 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania USA, it was his father Phineas, who had moved into the Bolton grocers shop in the early 1670s after an

apprenticeship in Manchester. His mother Phoebe Harrison, daughter of James Harrison, a shoemaker and minister from Styal Green, Cheshire, joined him after they were married in 1672. There are several entries in Ancestry of this marriage event from the “England & Wales, Quaker Birth, Marriage, and Death Registers, 1578-1837”, for “Phineas Pemberton Lancashire Piece 1616A: Quarterly Meeting of Lancashire (1776-1794, 1644-1775”) at John Haydock’s Meeting House (now Bogburn Hall, Coppull, which I visited a few months ago, →, and it still has the Chapel Room). This document is just one of them <https://tinyurl.com/y53arf4p> , and look at the long list of interesting names witnessing the occasion.

Phineas was apparently born into a Society of Friends family in Aspull in 1649. I am unable to find definite original documentation re this, but it is recorded anecdotally in “Appleton’s Cyclopaedia of American Biography, 1600-1889 (Lehi, UT, USA, Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016)”, Volume: Vol. IV.

<https://tinyurl.com/yyplz5h2> accessed 21.07.2019), with father Ralph

Pemberton. At 15 years of age he is reported to have served an apprenticeship in Manchester to a John Abraham, “Friend” and grocer, (from an American book “A history of Bristol borough in the county of Bucks,

state of Pennsylvania, anciently known as "Buckingham"; being the third oldest town and second chartered borough in Pennsylvania, from its earliest times to the present year”, 1911 by Green, Doron, b. 1868 Publication date [1911] A History of Bristol Borough”p31

<https://tinyurl.com/yyokunwn>). Both Phineas and Phoebe may have had relatives who served as Overseers of the Poor in Great Bolton as Thomas Pemberton 1677 , and James Harrison 1673 are both listed in this reference p455 <https://tinyurl.com/y5bbzrb6> .

The couple seem to have settled into married life well enough, but there was still much social unrest nationwide post the Interregnum (<https://tinyurl.com/y2ghhfuo> Wikipedia accessed 26.07.2019), with persecution of many of the dissenters including the Friends , and Phineas endured several imprisonments, with others, for practicing their faith. He and Phoebe lost their first child Ann, born October 1677 Aspull, and buried in July 1682 Bolton St Peters . A second daughter Abigail was born in 1679 in Bolton, (seems to have been recorded at several Meeting Houses across the country with slight variations of dates). A son Joseph apparently arrived in 1681, as he is entered on the list of 49 passengers on the manifest of the Submission, in the “U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s” <https://tinyurl.com/y2r6hy8s> . The decision to sail for Chop Tank , Maryland, may have been made after Ann’s death, and another period in Lancaster prison for Phineas and friends. There are many original records on Ancestry re this trip, too many to reference here. It was obviously also a momentous event for American history as part of their heritage stories. The Pembertons, Harrisons and perhaps Yardleys, and several other families from the North West and Wales, arrived at the settlement already started by William Penn, and Phineas was soon appointed in various administrative roles by same.



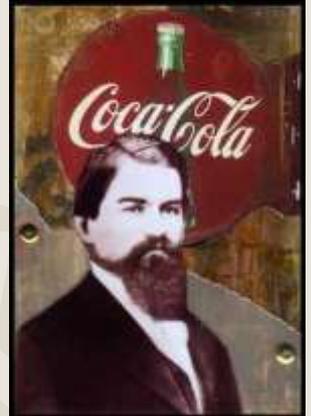
I moved on to this stage of their story , expecting it to be a happy ending to another sad story of religious persecution causing emigration. I was surprised however, to find a website depicting the “Pemberton Story” <https://tinyurl.com/y58j3nvx> , and the building of a house near the river in 1683. called Grove Place, or Bolton Farm. The area was apparently deemed unhealthy, due to the prevailing fog and damp, and there were several family deaths including Phoebe’s. They moved to higher ground in the Bristol Township to build ← Bolton Mansions <https://tinyurl.com/yy22bp6a> , under the supervision of Phoebe’s father James in the 1690s. The

family even had their own graveyard after Phoebe’s death in 1698. Phineas remarried, to Alice Hodgson , although apparently there were no more children. There are many pictures, stories, and references and Pemberton family trees online via Ancestry and other sources, some probably more accurate than others. The dynasty flourished. Phineas, progressed in his career with William Penn, and took up many senior posts, profiteering quietly it seems from various deals on land speculation and inside knowledge. He died

in 1702, but his son Israel Snr, a merchant and evangelist dubbed "King of the Quakers", and grandson Israel Jnr went on to make names for themselves in many senior administrative roles. Their families married into the Logans, Cliffords, Yardleys, Morris's, the Wistars, and other prestigious families originating from early emigration to the colonies. Phineas' grandson John b1727 Philadelphia, followed a similar career, and returned to Europe three times, briefly visiting Bolton again before travelling to the Continent and dying in 1795 in Prussia. <https://tinyurl.com/y6pwigol>. Several members of the dynasty were imprisoned in the USA for their religious beliefs, and efforts to support the rights of the members of the "First Nation", as they are now called, in various land disputes. The family also became involved in the struggle for emancipation of slavery. This cause of course culminated in the American Civil War, and several Pembertons were involved here.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect for Boltonians though is the connection of Phineas and Phoebe to the inventor of Coca Cola, Confederate Lieutenant Colonel, John Stith/Smith Pemberton b 8th July 1831 Knoxville, Crawford, Georgia, United States. He was their 4th great grandson apparently.

For more about this though you will need to access our website where the full story (so far), is completed with many more illustrations, or join the MLFHS for the full written account in the next members journal.



Amendments

Finally, (apart from the flyers for other local societies which we are always happy to pass on), it was very gratifying to receive this message, as it obviously means our subscribers list is spreading. We can only apologise for the misunderstanding and help clarify the error.

Received 06.09.2019

"Dear Editor

Thank you for including the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG) in your recent newsletter.

It appears there is some confusion as to who we are, as the comment about our website not including the Polish Ancestors link suggests.

As the name implies RQG is for qualified genealogists, so all full members must have a minimum of a Post Graduate Diploma or equivalent in Genealogy/Family History. Currently we are only aware of three organisations worldwide who offer such courses at this level. They are:

- *University of Strathclyde, Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies Masters (MSc) in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies*
- *University of Dundee Postgraduate Diploma in Family and Local History, Masters (MLitt) in Family and Local History*
- *Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Diploma in Genealogy*

Anyone studying with the intention of attaining these qualifications may apply for student membership which would then last for a maximum of five years. Anyone who holds one of the above qualifications is guaranteed to be accepted as an RQG member upon production of their certificate. There is no separate examination. See <https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/accepted-qualifications> for full details.

"Polish Ancestors" is owned by Maciej Kolski, who to our knowledge has not studied any of the above courses, and this is the only reason he cannot be a member. That does not mean that he is not a good genealogist (at least one of our members knows he does good work), just that he does not meet our membership criteria.

The only businesses/researchers who have a profile on our website are full members, (student members have their own page) and they create their own profiles if they wish – it is not compulsory. Currently RQG has 109 full members and 45 student members spread across the England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as well as in Australia, New Zealand, France, USA and even Kuwait.

If any of your members have, or are studying towards, any of the qualifications mentioned above, we would welcome them as RQG members. Details of membership benefits can be found here:

<https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/for-genealogists> . Annual membership charges are £50 for members and £20 for student members and are payable once the application has been approved. To apply to join simply complete this online form: <https://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/join>

Regards Anne Sherman, PG Dip. Gen. QG , Director Register of Qualified Genealogists

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Thank you for this Anne, same passed on, and we might even be able to provide more candidates, but I will leave that bit to them. Editor

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES NEWS



Barlow Institute Sunday 15th Sept 7.30- 9.30pm pm “The Road To Peterloo” - Pete Coe, Brian Peters and Laura Smyth Tickets are £10. <https://theroadtopeterloo.com>

Three excellent singers and musicians, well known to Bolton and Edgworth folk audiences, have put together a collection of ballads, broadsides and songs from the period to tell the story of the most notorious incident in British labour history in

1819.

Apparently, the performances in Manchester, at Sidmouth and Whitby Festivals sold out and this is their last appearance in the North West, so we expect a heavy demand for tickets. If you want to reserve a place for this or any Folk at the Barlow event, please contact Anne on 07427 613783 or arawc51@gmail.com



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,

24th September ‘Wallpaper at the Whitworth’: Amy George, Curator (Textiles and Wallpaper)

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 **25th September - “A Legal Life” by John Dewhurst who is a retired solicitor.** He will give an anecdotal and humorous account of his experiences as a solicitor in Darwen.

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.

19th September “Railway Signalling in Westhoughton” - Peter Stephenson. Peter has been researching the railways of Westhoughton and in particular railway signalling. This is the result of his endeavours.

26th September Trip to Shibden Hall, Halifax home of the Lister family for over 300 years.

3rd October Wharram Percy - a deserted Medieval Village - Ruth Duckworth who spent many summers on archaeological “digs” in North Yorkshire. Today she will recall the people she met, and the discoveries made in those days.

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.

October 8th, 2019 John Clayton - My Work with Radio Lancashire

September 21st 2019 Trip To York

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