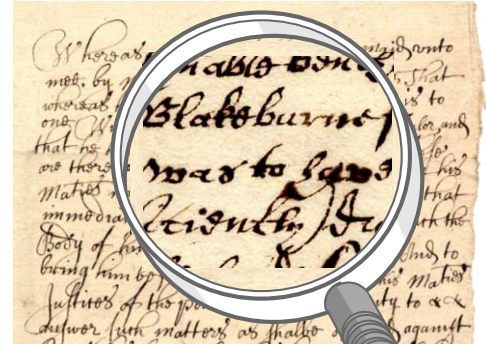


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



Archive Service update

Last month The Friends of Lancashire Archives hosted a splendid event to celebrate saving the Hulton archive, and to thank the people and organisations who had given money (totalling over £100,000) or practical support in the campaign to purchase the collection in 2014. The Peel Group, which now owns the Hulton estate near Bolton, generously sponsored the event. Lord Shuttleworth, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and President of the Friends, opened proceedings and Julian Fellowes, a descendant of the Hulton family, was guest of honour. In these challenging and uncertain times it was really good to have a glittering celebration.

Celebrations continue in November with *Explore Your Archive* week, when we hope to encourage people to use Lancashire's archives for the very first time, and with another pop-up café archive for Lancashire Day, when the Friends of Lancashire Archives hope to raise more money towards cataloguing the Horrockses archive.

If you visit the archives in the next few weeks we will be asking you to help with a visitor survey. Every 18 months a national survey gathers information from people who use archive services. It helps us to see where we might improve and also allows us to compare Lancashire Archives with other archive services across the country. It will be a vital piece of evidence in our application to be re-accredited early next year, so I'd be very grateful if you would spend a few minutes completing the survey. Please do tell us what you think!



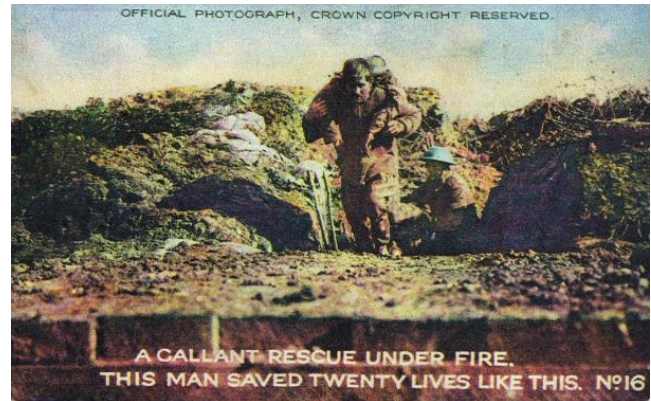
Jacque Crosby, Archives Manager

The War At Home

When the poppies arrived in the searchroom this week and our thoughts turned to war, we decided to focus on civilian casualties in our article. At 6.25pm on Sunday 27th October 1940 "in daylight and fine weather" a low-flying enemy aircraft dropped two high-explosive bombs on Lostock Hall. There was no time to sound the alarm and no time to get to the air raid shelter. Ward Street, opposite the mill of Thos. Moss & Sons, bore the brunt of the attack. First aid, ambulance, police and wardens rushed to the scene to co-ordinate the rescue. Eleven properties in Ward Street and Princess Street were totally destroyed and four more had to be demolished. A total of 25 people were killed, including a family with 6 children. Detailed reports with maps and photographs were deposited here at Lancashire Archives (UDWD/68/5). The photographs in particular bring home the reality of devastating firepower unleashed on an unsuspecting community. There is also a register of war-damaged property with details of owners, occupiers and exact damage sustained. Where people were displaced, their interim address is listed (UDWD/68/4). Both of these archives are from the collection of records deposited here by Walton-le-Dale Urban District Council, and you are welcome to visit us to view them. Information on planning a visit can be found on our website.

Deborah Emmett & Carol Shilling Searchroom Assistants

Staying with the theme of remembrance, and in this the year of the anniversary of the battle of the Somme, we had a recent enquiry about Thomas Spencer from Burnley who was used in a Daily Mail postcard campaign and who appears at the back of the trench in the 1916 film *The Battle of the Somme* – see photographs.



The Imperial War Museum (IWM) have re-released the film and we hope there will be a showing at Lancashire Archives during November as part of our *Explore Your Archive* week.

ARCHIVE EXPLORED

Explore Your Archive

November sees the launch of the 2016 Explore Your Archive campaign. Supported by the National Archives and the Archives and Records Association (ARA), EYA aims to raise awareness of archive collections across the country and to celebrate the world of archives; a world of exploration and discovery.

Join us from **Tue 22 Nov to Fri 25 Nov** to enjoy:

The Double Identity of John Robinson of Colne

Tue 22 Nov – 6pm to 7pm

This is an amazing tale of desertion, deception and poverty as discovered in the records at Lancashire Archives and told by David Tilsley, Senior Archivist

The Battle of the Somme (1916)

To be confirmed – please check our web site for confirmation of times and dates

This will be an opportunity to see the film *The Battle of the Somme* first released in 1916 and re-released in this anniversary year by the Imperial War Museum.

There will also be an exhibition of treasures, plus FREE badges and pencils, and an opportunity to see behind the scenes on a guided tour.

Lancashire Day

To celebrate Lancashire Day (27 November) and to raise funds for cataloguing the Horrockses archive (DDHS), The Friends of Lancashire Archives (FLA) will run a **pop up café** in the record office on **Tuesday 29 November**.

Café Archive will be open from **10.30am to 12.30pm** for light refreshments, including home-made cakes.

Collections

Each month we bring you the highlights of this month's new catalogues. In September we processed 8 deposits of documents, all of which were selected for permanent preservation.

Salford, St John (RCSN)

A recent deposit of registers from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford included a register of deaths recorded at the

Cathedral covering the years 1848-1857. The register was considered to have been lost until its recent discovery during renovation work at a nearby chip shop. The register includes a wealth of useful information for both family and social historians, as it records the age and cause of death of each individual listed, opening up opportunities for further research into health in the city during this period.

Some of the other records selected include:

CYAC Accrington (formerly Haslingden) County Court

Workmen's compensation acts registers 1909-1970; Roll of advocates 1852-1970; Ordinary actions book 1967-1969; Default actions book 1967-1968; Valuation lists for Accrington, Church and Rawtenstall

DDX 1225 Acc12141 Haslingden Library

Various documents from local organisations; including the Haslingden and District Allotments Association and the Haslingden Tradesmen's Association, amongst many others

DDX 1468 Acc12147 Rawtenstall Library

Various records of local organisations and sports clubs; numerous local authority files on subjects including tramways and transport, slum clearances and the Holidays at Home scheme run during the Second World War; also including the manuscript autobiography of David Whitehead, a major cotton manufacturer and mill owner in Rawtenstall, born in 1790

DDX 2480 C J Spencer Collection

Deeds and wills of Hyde and Wiglesworth families of Town Head, Slaidburn 1605-1753; Bundle of deeds relating to Lower Skelshaw and Fell Side (Higher Skelshaw) in the township of Lower Easington 1718-c1860

DDX 3157 Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils, Chorley Area

Committee minutes 1965-2007;
Correspondence file c1985-2001; Draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Chorley in Lancashire Feb 2000

MCO 14 Colne, Laneshawbridge Methodist chapel

Registers of marriage 1913-1999

PR 3296 Preston, Emmanuel

Registers of marriage 1968-1985

RCAE Ancoats, St Anne

Register of baptism 1920-1928, Register of marriages 1918-1929

RCRB Bradford, St Brigid

Register of baptisms 1921-1923

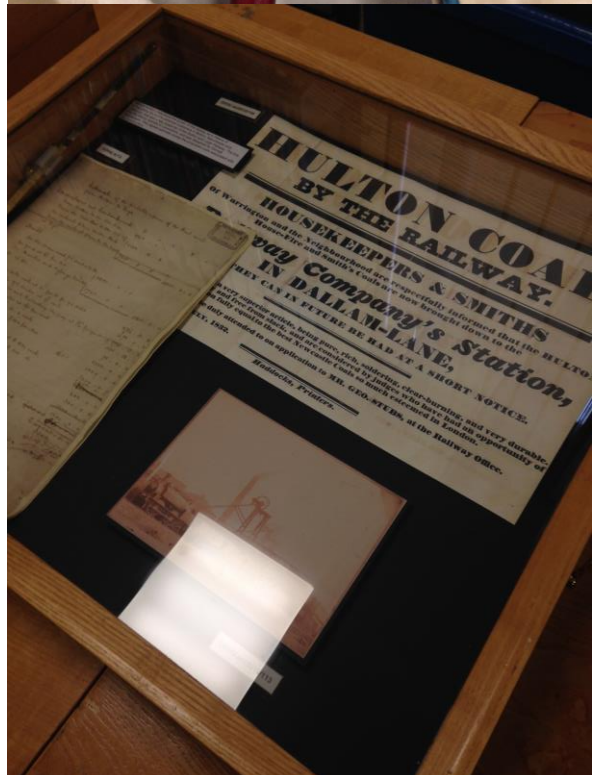
RCAM Ancoats, St Michael

Register of baptisms 1917-1925

Olive Watson

Olive died towards the end of September aged 86. She had been a will-flattener and volunteer at the Record Office for a good many years and although she had retired from that due to poor health, she was reluctant to finish. Olive and Janet Gibb came together to volunteer and were quite a pair, always laughing, enjoying what they did and keeping me on my toes. We were very reliant on the loan of the Scout teapot from Olive for our various parties! Olive was a marvellous lady who enjoyed life to the full and we were very fortunate that she chose to come and volunteer with us.

Anna Watson



Our next Tuesday late opening is 8 Nov until 7pm

Our next Saturday opening is 12 Nov 2016 from 10am to 4pm

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

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