

News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



Archive Service update

2016 has been a rollercoaster year for the Archive Service with budget cuts and staff losses, but also with exciting new projects and initiatives. In the new year we will be involved in launching two new volunteer projects which will offer opportunities for people to get more involved with our unique collections. The Crew List indexing project is being funded by the Federation of Family History Societies while the Lancashire Place Name Survey project will use our own archive catalogues to provide valuable information about some of the earliest forms of our local names. If you're looking for a new interest in the new year and would like to support Lancashire Archives in a practical way please see the more detailed information in this edition.

I like to thank everyone who has used and supported Lancashire Archives this year and to say a special thank you to my staff who have kept smiling even through the difficult times.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the new year.

**Jacque Crosby, Archives Service
Manager**

Lancashire Place Name Survey

The LPNS is looking for volunteers to search Lancashire Archives catalogues for examples of early place name formats from the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries.

Professor John Insley of the University of Heidelberg is working on a new edition of the origins of Lancashire Place Names for the English Place-Name Society and needs more data to assist in completing the first volume of major place names – hundreds, parishes, townships, Domesday manors, rivers and hills.

John's view is that local documents – deeds, manorial records, church records and even 16th century probate records- are the most valuable sources for a study of local names.

Volunteers need no expertise in reading mediaeval writing - just to spend a little time in the record office searchroom exploring specific catalogues and recording accurately the spellings of place names before 1600.

If you would be willing to help with this project please get in touch with the LPNS Co-ordinator, Jacquie Crosby

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Ancestors at Sea – Lancashire Crew Lists Volunteer Project

We're delighted to announce that Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society in partnership with Lancashire Archives has been awarded local project funding by the Federation of Family History Societies. Under the supervision of an archive support officer, volunteers will create a name index to two important series of Lancashire Crew Lists. These cover the period 1863 – 1914 and contain about 82,000 entries, which give details of the crew members of ships registered in Lancashire. Seamen from across the United Kingdom, and occasionally beyond, are recorded in these records. Many will have escaped the census enumerator and it is an exciting opportunity to unlock a valuable new source for family historians.

The project will start in February 2017 and will last for up to 12 months. When complete, the index will be made available online, free of charge, in an appropriate, searchable way.

Volunteers

The LFHHS is now recruiting volunteers to work on this exciting new project. Indexing sessions will be held at Lancashire Archives each Tuesday. Volunteers may sign up for a morning session (9.30 – 12.00) or an afternoon session (1.00-4.00pm) - or even for both. Training for this role is essential and an induction session will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 from 10-12.

Volunteers should be able to read difficult handwriting and to transcribe key details onto a spreadsheet. A knowledge of the names of ports around the British Isles may be an advantage; although maps, gazetteers and other reference resources will be available.

To register as a volunteer please email LFHHS co-ordinator Tony Foster – tonyfoster@fastmail.co.uk

For questions about the project please email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk putting CREW LIST PROJECT as the subject.

Collections

One of the highlights this month is the elaborate illuminated address presented to a Mr Richard Whitaker on his retirement from the textile machinery manufacturers Howard and Bullough of Accrington. The tooled binding and illumination by Palmer Howe & Co of Manchester is almost as lavish as the praise heaped on Mr Whitaker by his colleagues.



DDPSL/3/38/74

Illuminated address to Richard Whitaker esq presented on his retirement from Howard and Bullough Ltd. 1899

DDX 1291/168

Parliamentary Order Blackpool and Fylde Light Railway (change of name) 1905

PR 3358/acc12185

Formby, Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council Minutes 2010

RCBG/2/1-2

Billington St Mary's Roman Catholic School Log books 1880 - 1919; 1919 - 1947

DDX 177/ACC12192

Lithograph prints of Penwortham Properties lithographed by R Groom printed by C J Greenwood

DDX 1291/169

Sales particulars for Cragg Hall, Wray including estate plan 1979

DDX 1291/170

Broadhurst family papers, 1830 - c.1860

DDX 3156

Lease for Lives William Farington of Shaw Hall to James Forshaw of Penwortham, 1746

DDX 2786/3/1/5

Mid Pennine Arts Association

DDX 1320/3

Baines Grammar School, Poulton papers of A G Priestley student, 1932-1933

DDX 985/ACC12173

Parbold Beacon Restoration, 1958 – 1970

DDX 1291/171

Valedictory Message pamphlet recording the achievements of the Preston Comforts Fund

DDX 2054/ACC12196

Papers of Emmanuel Duc de Lousada, 1863 – 1889

DDX 1291/172

Pedigree of Dewhurst family of Alston and St Croix, extracted from records at the Royal College of Arms 1806 and confirmed 1888

DDX 2978/4

Plans of proposed Preston and Lytham Light Railway 1901

DDX 1291/173

Collection of programmes demonstrating the work and interests of Alice Livesey, soprano and founder of the Preston Cecilian Choral Society, 1925 – 1957

PR 3037/1/28

Church Kirk, St. James Marriage Register 1993 – 2015

MAC 38/1 – 5

Edenfield Methodist Church Marriage Registers 1944 – 2014

PR 3301/6/6

Preston, St Marks, Parochial Church Council Minute Book 1967 – 1977

PR 3280/ACC12168

Preston, St Michael and All Angels, Parochial Church Council Minutes 1973 – 1999

PR 3191

Langho, St Leonard Burial Book Old Langho Churchyard 1918 – 2015; Banns Book 1934 – 2012; Confirmation Register May 1963 - Dec 1992; Register of Services Aug 1981 - Dec 1989; Register of Services Jan 1990 - May 1994; Register of Services May 1994 - Dec 2012; Electoral Roll March 1994; Choir Attendance Register c.1977 – 1980; Sunday Senior Class magazine 1986

Two new plays about Burnley, the forgotten battleground for gay and lesbian rights



In the 1970s, Burnley was the UK's battleground for gay and lesbian rights, with two ground-breaking public struggles at either end of the decade. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Sexual Offences Act (1967), LGBT History Month has commissioned two brilliant new dramas from Inkbrew Productions to recreate this amazing forgotten history. Both plays will be performed in February 2017 at the original sites of the events in Burnley and also have a showcase in Manchester.

The two plays will be performed as a double bill created by professional actors, writers and directors working with volunteers and a series of local community partners: Burnley Youth Theatre, Lancs LGBT, Burnley Mechanics, Burnley & Pendle Libraries and Hidden Histories. This will be unique collaborative project for Burnley and a first for LGBT History Month nationally.

The Burnley Buggers' Ball, by Stephen M Hornby, tells the story of a transformative public meeting held at Burnley Central

Library in 1971. The meeting was about the right to open the first ever LGBT centre in old Co-Operative Society premises, and saw activists in London and the North West join forces to take on the Establishment.

Burnley's Lesbian Liberator, by Abi Hynes, dramatises the political activism of Mary Winter, a bus driver sacked for nothing more than wearing a 'Lesbian Liberation' badge. Unsupported by her trade union, in 1978 she fought back against her employers using a network of women's groups across the UK, and staged a demo outside the Burnley Bus Station.

The plays will be staged at Burnley Central Library on 18 and 25 of February 2017 at 12 noon and 2pm. Each performance lasts approximately 75 minutes and is free on a 'first come, first served' basis. The showcase performance is at the Martin Harris Centre in Manchester on 24 February at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 or £5 for concessions available on the door or in advance from the Centre.

Please note that Lancashire Archives will be CLOSED on the following days over the Christmas holiday:

Fri 23 December

Mon 26 to Wed 28 December

Mon 1 January 2017

[Our next Tuesday late opening is 13 Dec until 7pm](#)

[Our next Saturday opening is 10 Dec 2016 from 10am to 4pm](#)



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