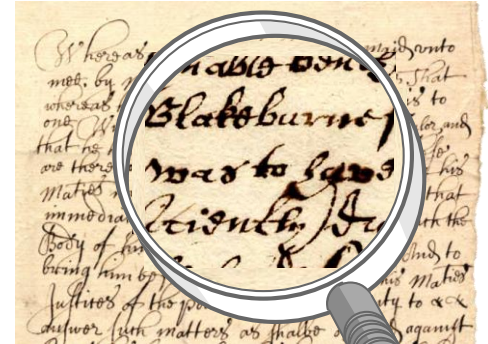


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



Archive Service update

This month the final piece in the jigsaw of our new structure is put into place. At the end of January we said good bye to Ann Hickey, who has worked here for 31 years, firstly on the MSC scheme which indexed the quarter session records, then in the searchroom and, since 2011, behind the scenes creating and supplying copies of archives and helping to generate income for the service. Ann is now working across the road in County Hall. Hina, our searchroom supervisor has also left for another post in County Hall.

So on 1 February we welcome John Rogan, from Morecambe Library, as our new searchroom manager; and Stephen Towers, from Queen Street Mill, as an archive assistant. Marion Hartley, David Blake and Carol Shilling remain in the searchroom as archive assistants and will be supported by Lynda Semans until we can fill the vacant part-time post later this Spring.

I was delighted to hear that our volunteers have finished indexing the

Preston City Council building control plans. The index will shortly be uploaded onto LANCAT, our online catalogue, and will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in a house or other building in this area. A new volunteer project run by the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society is being launched here this month to index the crew lists from Lancashire ports. The project is featured in the February edition of *Who do You Think You Are? Magazine* and should be completed in the next 12 months.

One of my aims in 2017 is to encourage family historians back to the record office. I don't think they realise how much they are missing and that fewer than 1% of our archive collections are online. We will be holding family history surgeries, talking to family history groups in Lancashire libraries and offering a programme of talks from April onwards. I've been pleased to see that quite a few people have made new year resolutions to restart their research and hope that we can encourage others to do the same. Finally, don't miss our LGBT history event on 25 February!

Jacquie Crosby
Archives Manager

The Third National Festival of LGBT History February 2017

February is LGBT History Month and this year Lancashire County Council's archives and libraries, and the Lancashire LGBT Network Group are very happy to be a part of the Third National Festival of LGBT History. Please join us at one or all of the following events in Lancashire:

**Sat 18 February, Burnley Library
12pm and 2pm**

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: *The Burnley Buggers' Ball*, by Stephen M Hornby and *Burnley's Lesbian Liberator*, by Abi Hynes. 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 plays will be staged at Burnley Central Library on 18th of February 2017 at 12 noon and 2pm. Each performance will last 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 24th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8/£5 concession available on the door or in advance from the Centre.



**Wed 22 February, Lancaster Library
Times 2pm and 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

OUTing the Past: Lancaster Library

From 2pm, Lancaster Library presents a showing of the film *Brother Outsider*. Five years in the making and the winner of more than 25 international awards and honors, *Brother Outsider* illuminates the life and work of Bayard Rustin, a visionary activist and strategist who has been called "the invisible man" and "the unknown hero" of the civil rights movement. A disciple of Gandhi, a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr., and chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, Rustin dared to live as an openly gay man during the fiercely homophobic 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

From 6.30pm there will be talks by Andrew Lumsden on the heroic architects of the 1967 Act; LGBT in Chinese culture, a presentation of creative work by PYRO, finished with a presentation by Global Link.

Buffet food and refreshments will be provided.

**Sat 25 February, Lancashire Archives
10am to 3pm**

OUTing the Past: Preston

Join us for the Third National Festival of LGBT History organized by Schools Out UK. OUTing the Past: Preston starts at 10am when, to get your creative juices flowing, there will be a creative writing workshop supported by PSoup.org.uk using LGBT related archives as inspiration for writing. Places are limited so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Then from 11.15am there will be a number of short talks on a range of subjects relating to LGBT History, including the prosecution of inter-male sex, Trans representation and gender expression in rock music, LGBT creativity at the National Archives, LGBT and football and the Jan Bridget archive and library collection. There will also be readings of creative work produced by the youth group PYRO (Proud Youth R Out) from Lancaster. All will be rounded off nicely with a selection of popular show tunes performed by the Preston Musical Comedy Choir. Refreshments will be available.

For more information please visit:

<http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/national-festival>

To book a place on the creative writing workshop or for the talks please email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk.

The 1715 Battle of Preston at the National Archives

2015 saw the commemoration of the 300 year anniversary of the Battle of Preston, thought to be the last battle to take place on

English soil. The anniversary was marked with events across Preston including re-enactments, talks, tours and workshops, and included participation from local history and community groups, cultural services, the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and local schools, amongst others.

The records created from these events, which are currently held at the Harris Museum, are to be deposited at Lancashire Archives where they will be catalogued and made available for research. As part of this project it was decided that it would be beneficial to acquire copies of documents relating to the 1715 rebellion from other cultural organisations. After researching this further it was discovered that there are a large number of relevant documents held by the National Archives (TNA) in Kew, and in January 2017 I went to TNA to examine and photograph these records.

The main focus of my visit was the Forfeited Estates Collection which resulted from the 1715 Jacobite Rebellion, after which the land of those attainted for high treason was seized and sold. Amongst the collection were lists of those attainted for high treason in the county, registers of those who claimed for loss of goods or damage to property during the battle, depositions against those who took part in the rebellion and documents relating to the sale of land seized.

One of the most interesting documents I discovered was a list of those in Preston who were recommended to serve on the Forfeited Estates Commission, these individuals being described as 'hearty and zealous in his Majesties interest' and included individuals with a range of useful skills from those who were able to survey

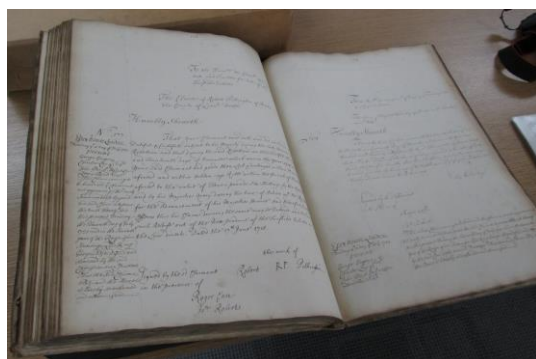
land or value livestock, to those who could offer their homes for the use of Commissioners and clerks (FEC 1-1335).

An amusing story which caught my eye was one relating to a gentleman who, upon realising his estate would be forfeited to the Crown, ensured that all his richest goods, along with various livestock were moved to the house of another to avoid confiscation by the Commissioners. Unfortunately someone visiting the house knew to whom the possessions belonged and swiftly informed the Commissioners that the goods had been moved to avoid discovery (FEC 1-730).

In total I photographed 29 items which amounted to 239 document images. These images will be added to the collections held at Lancashire Archives. It is anticipated that through volunteer involvement the information contained in these images can be indexed or transcribed to make them more accessible for research.

Overall it is hoped that by obtaining images of these documents from TNA, researchers visiting Lancashire Archives will be able to gain a clearer understanding of the impact the 1715 Jacobite Rebellion had on Lancashire.

Lindsey Sutton, Freelance Archivist working for Lancashire Archives



The Ecclesiastical Court Records of the Archdeaconry of Richmond

Tuesday 7 February 2017 1.30-4.00pm

A half-day Friends of Lancashire Archives workshop with tutor Anna Watson costing £10

From 1541 to 1836 the northern half of the Diocese of Chester (from the River Ribble to Workington in West Cumberland, and across the North Riding to Northallerton) formed the Archdeaconry of Richmond.

This workshop will change your perceptions of these fascinating records, explaining the types of documents you will find and the information that they contain. From misbehaving clergy to arguments about wills, disagreements about unpaid tithes to recusant ancestors, fornication before marriage to divorce – all these topics and more will be revealed, as well as information about court procedures.

Places are limited and booking is essential. If you would like to enrol please enquire by email to record.office@lancashire.gov.uk OR telephone 01772 533039 OR ask in person at Lancashire Archives, to find out if a place is available.

Our next Tuesday late opening is 10 Feb 14 until 7pm

Our next Saturday opening is 11 Feb 2016 from 10am to 4pm

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