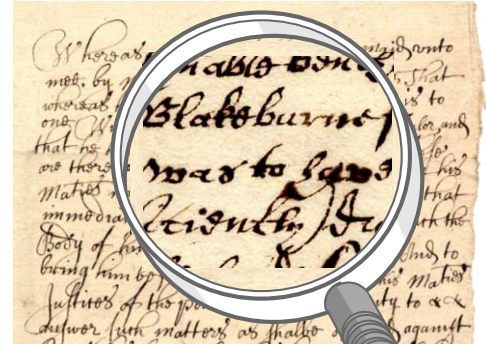


News from the Archives

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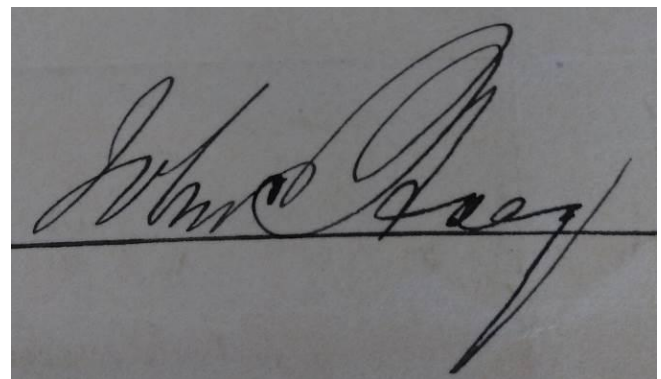
Archive Service update

September means back to school, college and university and the chance to do something new, as local societies start up again after the summer break. At Lancashire Archives we will be opening our doors on Saturday 9 September as part of Preston's Heritage Open Days celebration – not just for our monthly Saturday opening. People will have a chance to see behind the scenes - a strongroom and a conservator at work - and to look at plans of some of the city's historic buildings. Find out more below.

I have some good news to share, and some sad. First, congratulations to Lindsey Sutton who has worked here on various projects over the last couple of years and has been offered a job in Archifau Sir Ddinbych (Denbighshire Archives) starting in October. We wish her well and hope that the records she will be cataloguing – for the Denbighshire county asylum - are not in Welsh! I am however sad to record the untimely death on 31 July of Ann Taylor, one of our volunteers. Ann was a great

character and will be missed by the 'building plan volunteers' as well as our Friends organisation.

So who did you think he was?



In last month's *News from the Archives* I challenged readers to identify this surname of the owner of a ship registered at Fleetwood. Only a single file for the *Wyre*, a vessel trading to and from Dundalk, exists at Lancashire Archives (SS1/ 56) so there were no other sheets for comparison.

John (definitely) [] a/o e y? Hmm? We had a clue in that he came from Annagassan in County Louth. An online index of Irish surnames produced a list of the most commonly occurring names in the

county, including 'Hoey'. Obvious, isn't it, when you know? But I don't think I have ever seen a capital H quite like that. We were also able to check Lloyds Register to see that John Hoey was the owner of the ship in 1882.

This small piece of detective work demonstrates the care and attention to detail given by the crew list volunteers. They are not merely recording what they think a name might be, but are researching to ensure that the index will be as accurate as possible.

Jacque Crosby
Archive Service Manager

Heritage Open Day

Saturday 9 September

Open 10-4 with tours at 11.00, 12.00, 13.30, & 14.30

Lancashire Archives will be one of the many places across England you can go behind the scenes in as part of the Heritage Open Days heritage festival. Look inside one of the strongrooms at some archive treasures from 900 years of Lancashire's history and find out how they are being kept safe for future generations. Watch one of our conservators give a demonstration of how documents are repaired.



Café Archive will also be open, serving tea and homemade cakes.

And there's more! - You will also be able to enjoy an exhibition of Preston building plans.

The 1848 Public Health Act led to a system of building control which, in essence, continues to the present: if you want to put up a building, you need to have plans approved by the local council. These plans, as well as helping ensure that new buildings are built to agreed standards, provide a remarkable visual record of how our built environment has changed over the last 150 years.

You can see a small selection on the day, including those for Miller Arcade, Preston's first department store in 1899,



and for the iconic bus station, completed in 1969.



The complete series, 1852-1974, comprises around 15,000 plans and is part of the Preston County Borough Council archive (CBP). It is now far more accessible thanks to the efforts of our volunteers who, over the last couple of years, have produced a complete and detailed listing which is available to search in Lancat our online catalogue.



Welcome to LANCAT

<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview>

Go to the *Advanced search*, enter the name of the building or street that interests you in *Any Text* and select *Building Plans* in *Look in...* before searching.

If you want to find out more about which other buildings are open, visit the Heritage Open Days website.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk



David Tilsley
Senior Archivist



Talks & Events

October 2017 – March 2018



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New Programme of Talks and Events

Look out for our new leaflet of talks and events, which includes new dates for Getting to Know sessions and family history talks:

Getting to Know Lancashire Archives

October 13	2.30-4pm
November 14	5.30-7pm
December 8	2.30-4pm
January 9	5.30-7pm
February 9	2.30-4pm
March 13	5.30-7pm

Beyond Parish Registers

Family History talks will take place between 12.30 and 1.30pm on the following dates:

Nov 22 - Any of Your Business? Business records for family historians
Vikki McCann

Dec 13 - Grinding the Poor: records of poverty for family historians

Keri Nicholson

Jan 17 - From Rate Books to Evacuation: council records for family historians

David Tilsley

Feb 14 - When We Were Young: records of childhood for family historians

Kathryn Newman

Mar 14 - What? A bastard? Records of illegitimacy for family historians

Anna Watson

Preston Arts Festival 2017

As part of Preston Arts Festival 2017, Lancashire Archives and the Preston Arts Association, Preston Poets and Preston Arts Society have once again collaborated to bring you 'Raise the Curtain', a collection of creative writing and artwork inspired by theatrical archives.

To celebrate, there will be an afternoon of readings and an opportunity to see the artwork created – plus the archives that have inspired them - on Thu 12 October from 2pm, Lancashire Archives, Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston, PR1 2RE.

There will also be two other talks taking place as part of the festival at Lancashire Archives. For details please see the Preston Arts Festival programme:

<http://www.prestonarts.com/>



Lancashire Archives is one of Preston's *Fun Palaces* 2017, a free, international celebration of community on **Saturday 7th October from 11am to 3pm.**

Fun Palaces create events that bring together arts and sciences – but above all PEOPLE – to work together, create together, and have FUN together, to build communities, from the grassroots up.

With a range of exciting activities there will be something for everyone and all ages! Find out about the science of conservation, and see art in the archives. Refreshments will be provided by Café Archive.

For more information or if you would like to be a part of *Fun Palaces* then please contact us on 01772 533039 or email record.office@lancashire.gov.uk.



**Our next Saturday opening is
September 9 and our next
Tuesday evening opening is
September 12 until 7pm.**

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

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