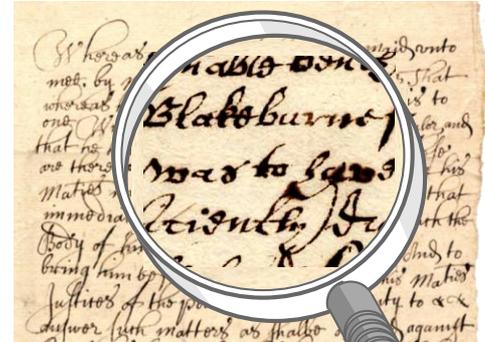


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



Lancashire Archives is an Accredited Archive Service

I'm delighted to announce that Lancashire Archives is now one of the country's first Accredited Archive Services. It is wonderful to have national recognition of the high quality service run by Lancashire County Council. I am proud of my team who have worked hard to achieve this standard for the archive collections and our visitors and researchers.

Accreditation is the new UK quality standard which recognises good performance in all areas of archive service delivery. It provides independent endorsement that Lancashire Archives has met clearly defined national standards relating to management and resourcing; the care of its unique collections and the quality of service offered to its entire range of users.

The Accreditation panel report commented about Lancashire's application:

'the application is strong across the breadth of the Accreditation standard; indeed it is

the first application they have seen which meets every requirement, a considerable achievement'

'the archive service is committed to providing a high standard of customer care throughout and has been recognised in its provision of a LGBT-friendly service and contribution to heritage education'

Jacquie Crosby
Archives Service
Manager



Searchroom news

In January 2013 regular customer and record agent Bill Worthington presented us with a list of useful websites. It fell to the searchroom team to type it up and check the links, and we are pleased to announce it is now finished. The list is an eclectic mix of useful and interesting sites arranged by subject and runs to 61 pages in total. We cannot provide printed copies, but if you would like to request an electronic copy, please contact us by email: record.office@lancashire.gov.uk. We would like to say a big thanks to Bill Worthington for compiling the list and making it available.

Did you know? The WW1 pension records on Ancestry are not actually pension records. They are service records which were recovered from the Ministry of Pensions offices, where they were stored after surviving a fire. Thanks to Carol Shilling for this information, which she found on www.1914-1918.net. It's an interesting site with useful advice on researching soldiers.

Collections

Lancashire Archives aims to collect records relating to Lancashire, Lancashire life, and the lives of Lancashire people. The Collections Team ensures that these collections are suitably packaged to guarantee their survival and are kept safe at all times. We provide details of the documents we have received in our catalogues, in our themed guides to record sources, and in publicity.

Each month we bring you the highlights of this month's new acquisitions. In May we processed 23 new deposits of documents, 22 of which were selected for permanent preservation.

Parkers of Browsholme (DDX 3052)

This beautiful estate map showing the estate held by Robert Parker in Colne in 1747 was transferred here having been found at the North Yorkshire Record Office.



Kent family World War 2 Papers (DDX 3053)

During the Second World War a number of central government ministries were moved to Blackpool, presumably to avoid bombing, and it appears that Hedley Kent moved with his family due to his role within the Ministry of Health. The Beveridge Report was published at the end of 1942, and Hedley seems to have been involved in the subsequent development of the welfare state, frequently discussing the subject of 'social insurance' in the letters sent to his son. George C Kent became a Cadet in the Royal Artillery, training in India at the Officer's Training School in Mhow and the School of Artillery in Deolali, before being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. The collection contains weekly correspondence reporting on Hedley's work and the situation in Blackpool, as well as photographs probably showing George in India.



Dirty deeds?

The Friends of Lancashire Archives is holding a half-day workshop – *An introduction to title deeds* - at Lancashire Archives on Monday 4 August, 1.00-4.00pm. It will be led by Alan Crosby and will provide an introduction to the legal background to these documents as well as offering an opportunity to look at real examples from our collections.

For more information and booking details see the Friends of Lancashire Archives website: www.flarchives.co.uk.

More ancestors online

Last month more than 8 million new records were added to the Lancashire parish records on Ancestry.co.uk. This includes new parish register material and bishops' transcripts. Registers of vagrants (and soldiers) and their families sailing from Liverpool between 1801 and 1835 – some 38,000 entries - are also included.

Phillimore's Atlas and Index of parish registers has also been digitised by Ancestry. Lancashire is the first county where the parish register material has been linked with the maps.

QSB 1 update

I'm delighted to report there are now 48 Quarter Sessions recognizance rolls on LANCAT for the following sessions:

Jan 1774	Jul 1776	Oct 1781
Oct 1823	Apr 1826	Jul 1831
Apr 1774	Jan 1778	Oct 1782
Jan 1824	Apr 1828	Jul 1832
Jul 1774	Apr 1778	Jan 1822
Apr 1824	Oct 1828	Jan 1833
Oct 1774	Jul 1780	Apr 1822
Jul 1824	Apr 1829	Apr 1833
Jan 1775	Oct 1780	Jul 1822
Oct 1824	Apr 1830	Jul 1833
Apr 1775	Jan 1781	Jan 1823
Jan 1825	Oct 1830	Jan 1834
Jul 1775	Apr 1781	Apr 1823
Apr 1827	Jan 1831	Jul 1834
Oct 1775	Jul 1781	Jul 1823
Jan 1826	Apr 1831	Oct 1834

That's a total of over 27,000 entries! You will see that some of the earlier 18th century Sessions have been completed in order to make as wide a range of material available for research as possible. We know that some researchers have already found this new information helpful and we have seen an increase in the use of the documents in

the Searchroom. It is very rewarding after all the hard work the volunteers put in to see the project bearing fruit.

Anna Watson, Senior Archivist

The Life of a Trainee Archive Conservator

Trainee archive conservator, Alex Duggan, has started a blog. To find out more about the fascinating work that she does, visit:

<http://traineearchiveconservator.wordpress.com/>



Industrial Action

Please note that industrial action is planned for Thu 10 July 2014 and there may be disruption to the service. If you are planning to visit please telephone first on (01772) 533039 to ensure your journey is not wasted.

Classic Cars @ Clitheroe Castle

Interested in the history of cars? Then don't miss **Classic Cars @ Clitheroe Castle**, Saturday 23 August - 11am-3.30pm. For further details see www.nwsoundarchive.co.uk

North West Film Archive DVD now on sale in our searchroom

The First World War: Life on the Home Front in North West England narrated by Maxine Peake. In this unique DVD to mark the centenary of the First World War, the North West Film Archive opens its vaults to share the compelling footage of life on the home front in the North West. Drawing on rare archive footage this DVD features, amongst others, the Accrington Pals, the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Cheshire Regiment as they prepare for active service on the Western Front. **Buy a copy now for just £10.**

**Our next Saturday opening is
12 July**

Digital copies

Did you know that you can have copies of archives in digital format – on CD or USB stick – instead of as a hard copy print? Please ask for details.

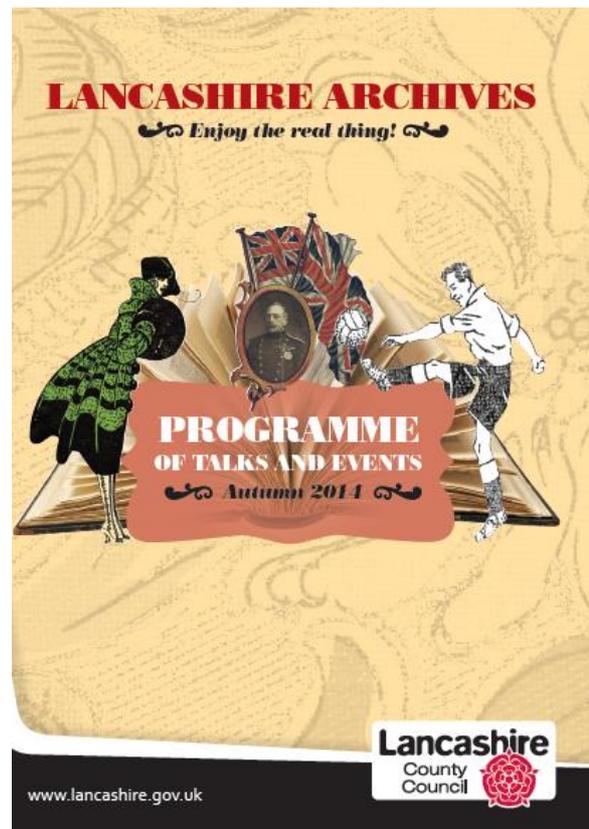
Hulton estate collection

Lancashire Archives has been offered the opportunity to buy the Hulton of Hulton archive (DDHU). This estate collection of national and regional importance has been in our care for 70 years and includes the only known surviving document relating to Cartmel priory as well as a lot of significant 18th and 19th century material. Together with the Friends of Lancashire Archives we will be launching a major fund-raising campaign later this year. Please get in touch if you can help.

Jacque Crosby, Archives Service Manager

New autumn programme of talks and events out soon!

Look out for our latest programme of talks and events which start in September 2014.



Did you know...?

In 1744 and 1819 two Acts were passed to control the deportation of vagrants to Scotland and Ireland. Details of the vagrants who passed through the hands of the Lancashire Justices and who sailed from Liverpool have been preserved in a series of registers, 1801-1802, 1811-1814 and 1818-1835 (QDR). The information given includes their names, whether they are accompanied by their wife, number of children, name of ship and often the county from which they had been sent.

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

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