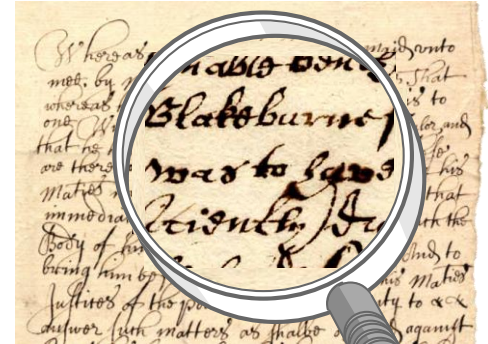


# News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



## Archive Service update

I hope that everyone is rested after Christmas and that your New Year resolutions will have included more research time in Lancashire Archives. We have certainly got plenty to look forward to in 2017 including a new programme of events and talks, and two new volunteer projects working on resources held here – indexing Lancashire crew lists, which will benefit family historians worldwide, and collecting early forms of Lancashire place names. In the February issue I will write about staff changes and some of things we will be doing differently as a result of Lancashire County Council's transformation process. Later in 2017 we will be re-applying for Accredited Archive Service status and hope that, in spite of the reductions in our resources, the external assessment will still deem that we are an excellent service.

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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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (tbc)**

## OUTing the Past: Lancaster Library

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.

To accompany the film, producer and director Bennett Singer will be a special guest. Born and raised in Chicago, Bennett has been making social-issue documentaries for more than 20 years.

There will also be talks and more to celebrate LGBT History Month.

**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 songs from Priscilla Queen of the Desert 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](mailto:record.office@lancashire.gov.uk).

There are other events taking place across the country and in the North West:

OUTing the Past: Liverpool Saturday 25 February

OUTing the Past: Manchester Sunday 26 February

## Collections

One of the delights this month was a small collection from a Mrs Ivy Norcross who spent her career as a hand embroiderer for Stephen Simpsons Gold Threadworks in Avenham. Included are some examples of her work and the detail and skill is amazing to study. If anyone recognises the badges below do let us know!

**DDX 2528/4** Records of Ivy Norcross former hand embroiderer at Stephen Simpson Gold Threadworks c.1966 – 2010; Embroidered badges both complete and part worked; outworker accounts 5 vols; photographs; interview transcript; contract of employment; pattie - felt covered working block



**DDX 2741/ACC12211** Lancashire Council for Voluntary Youth Services; Memoranda of Association; Compact Complain papers; research project; review of year to 1 Mar 2008; financial Reports 2009; 2010; to 20

Sep 2011; Executive Committee Minutes 2006 – 2011; Local Compact Guidelines 1999; Members Handbook nd; North West Residential Centres Handbook 1994; North West Residential Centres Handbook nd; A Snapshot of the Millenium 2001

**DDX 2480/ACC12213** C J Spencer collection bundle of deeds relating to the partition of the Whiteholme Estate, Slaidburn; four documents and three photographs 1840

**DDX 3160** John Mercer Ltd. Plough Brewery Adlington balance sheets, particulars of properties and correspondence concering the potential sale of business to Magee Marshall and Co. 1928 - 1929

**DDX 3161** The Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark: Correspondence, information, opinions and judgement of the Bishop of Southwark in the case of the bequest of Miss Ellen Jacobs to the Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund and the Diocese of Lancaster 1957

**PR 3013/1/4- 9** Hambleton Parish Council Minute Books

**DDX 1291/174** Ribble Bus Map: fold out printed map showing bus routes and timetables operated by Ribble Buses

**SMWA/3/ACC12210** Browndedge St Mary High School: School Magazine Contact 1978 - 2003 [24 vols]: The School Book 1990 – 2002

## New Index of Military Tribunal Papers Launched

For the past two years a couple of our volunteers have been hard at work indexing an important collection of military tribunal papers. William King Wilkinson of

Whiteholme, Slaidburn was appointed as military representative to the Bolton by Bowland tribunal in Feb 1916, making him a key decision maker at tribunal appeal cases in the Bowland area. At the end of the First World War the government issued instructions that all tribunal material barring sample collections at Middlesex and Lothian should be destroyed. Yet King-Wilkinson chose to retain a large amount of material which was subsequently deposited with the rest of his family papers.

Probably of most interest to family historians are the almost 1500 individual tribunal applications. Application forms can include a wealth of information, both about the individual applying and the business at which they work. This may include details about the numbers of people at home, their health and earnings or where an individual works on a farm, as many in this rural area do, acreage and number of livestock cared for. In fact these factors play a much larger role than the popular media perception of the military tribunals may imply, with the vast majority of exemption claims relating to family and business needs, and only two claims of conscientious objection found within the entire collection.

The collection also includes printed circulars and other material designed to offer guidance to the tribunal to aid with their decision making. These include a fantastic publication entitled 'Women's War Work' which features a list of jobs currently being undertaken by women throughout the country, as well as photographs designed to prove their capability and stop any claims that men should be able to avoid conscription as women are unable to replace them.

The full name indexes can be found online on LANCAT within the King-Wilkinson collection (DDKW).

## ***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](mailto: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 Jan until 7pm](#)**

**[Our next Saturday opening is 14 Jan 2016 from 10am to 4pm](#)**

**ANY  
COMMENTS?**

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