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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Issue 39! It does not seem that it is over 3 years since the launch of the Manchester newsletter. The aim was to attempt to bring our members closer together during Covid restrictions and keep them abreast of the Societies activities during those trying times.

The question I feel I should ask is 'has the newsletter achieved its primary aim'? I would like to hear your views and more importantly 'should the newsletter continue to be distributed to all our members'? All comments to newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk.

We are, it seems, back to normal with the Helpdesk busy on most days and attendance at our meetings at the library well attended. There is a busy month ahead with our quarterly meeting on the 19th and a full programme from our Bolton, Oldham and Scottish branches throughout July.

Our transcribers have been busy as always as can be seen in the Project Update section. Plans are afoot to start two new large projects that will be unique to the Society and I will provide more information in the coming month or so.

As usual the monthly Family History Federation newsletter is appended as is the Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust newsletter for Summer 2003.

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello again,

Every year at this time I resume my search for significant events in the future, which can be the jumping off point for selecting themes, speakers and other presentations to be included in our events programme for next year.

This is made easier for me this year because your Society will feature among many Manchester-based organisations who will celebrate significant anniversaries in 2024. Next year will be our 60th birthday.

We will be in good company, for our Archives+ partnership will also be celebrating its first ten years operating from Central Library, as will our partners at the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Library and Resource Centre. I am told also that foundation colleges that led to the multi-faceted academic colossus that is the University of Manchester were formed 200 years ago, and I know that the Family History Federation, whose registered office is in Urmston, was formed in 1974 and will thus be 50 years old next year.

Each of these anniversaries is a cause for celebration in itself but taken together they indicate the huge advances made by the citizens of Greater Manchester to develop their cultural heritage.

And so, look out for a celebratory theme to our future programme.

Meantime, we in the north of England are enjoying an extremely settled spell of fine weather. I look forward, therefore, to greeting many of our local members to our Quarterly Meeting on July 19th, when our speakers will tell us much more about Manchester's past.

Best wishes,

David

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

The best and quickest way to contact the society is by emailing office@mlfhs.org.uk we will then direct you to the relevant person to help you. Our phone is very rarely used.

If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to join or renew your subscription. We use Stripe but you can pay as a guest with your card if you wish.

Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to think about renewing and you can stop it at any time. Always include your membership number. We can always find it for you should you forget.

There is so much you can learn from our website it seems a shame that members don't make the most of it. From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email just log in. It is so easy.

We recently held a talk on how to get the best from the website which was very well received. We are looking at ways to bring this to everyone. Most people were amazed at just what was available on the site and I'm sure went home to try it all out.

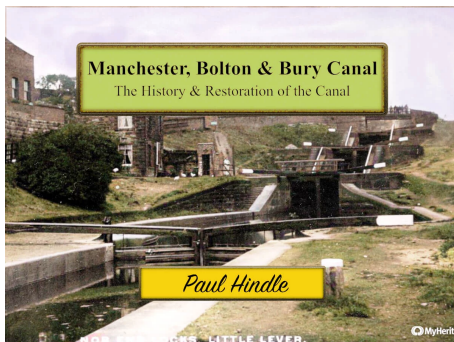
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Best wishes
Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester Branch



Manchester, Bolton & Bury Canal, History and Preservation

Date: 19 July 2023
Day: Wednesday, 10.30am
Venue: Manchester Central Library
Speaker: Paul Hindle

Image: supplied by speaker

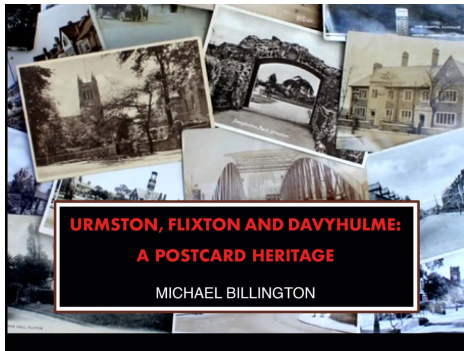
We are delighted to welcome Paul Hindle to talk to us again. This time Paul's talk will take us through the history and restoration of the Manchester, Bolton and Bury Canal which, like most canals, fell into disuse some years ago.

The building of the canal would have been a great achievement in its time, involved a huge workforce and probably required some ingenious engineering solutions along the way. Any restoration must have been equally difficult and required considerable funds and many man hours. Join us on this Wednesday morning to hear the full story.

Booking: [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Cost: members - free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3



Urmston, Flixton and Davyhulme: A Postcard Heritage

Date: 19 July 2023
 Day: Wednesday, 1.00pm
 Venue: Manchester Central Library
 Speaker: Michael Billington

Image: supplied by speaker

Postcard collecting is still a popular hobby or a means of finding out more about a locality, but it is probably rare to receive a postcard through the post. Indeed, we could argue that postcard-news would be old news by time we received it, these days.

However, many of us might have noticed postcards amongst house clearances, and they are just as likely to say 'see you tomorrow' as 'wish you were here'. Some of us might remember when postcard postage was less than letter postage. Michael seems to have a hoard postcards, so join us on this Wednesday afternoon to hear all about them.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#) - Booking will open nearer the time

Cost: members - Free of charge

Cost: non-members - £3

Bolton Branch



"Law, Literature, Lucie and Longmeadow"

Date: 5 July 2023
 Wednesday 7.30pm
 Bolton Golf Club & Online via Zoom To be confirmed
 Speaker: Dr Alan Crosby

"My great-grandmother Kate was 'a lady' (no title, but definitely from a good family, as they used to say). But what a family they turned out to be when I researched them - the story goes from the East End of London to Shanghai and brings in (among others) D.H. Lawrence, a schoolgirl heiress, a dodgy solicitor, John Betjeman, Clapham Junction, Grantchester, a Serbian count, and a present-day celebrity. All that in one hour ... I hope I can fit it all in!" - Alan Crosby

This is a room presentation and is also available by Zoom for which ticket is required. The meeting is free for members of MLFHS and £3 for non-members. Attendees pay at the door.

Booking: [Eventbrite](#)

Full details of Bolton Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events>

Oldham Branch



King John Was Not a Good Man

Date: 8 July 2023
Saturday 2.00pm
Speaker Dr. Alan Crosby

A zoom only meeting.

Booking for attendance on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) and free to all.

How many of us really know what Magna Carta was all about? Why was it drawn up? What were the circumstances of its creation? What were its implications and consequences? And what was King John's part in all of this? And, of course, was he really that bad? An insight into the life and times of King John and the Magna Carta.
An illustrated presentation given by Dr. Alan Crosby

Full details of Oldham Branch meetings <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

Anglo-Scots



Anglo Scots Summer Visit - Manchester Art Gallery Scottish Connections

Date: 1 July 2023
Day: Saturday, 2.00pm (UK time)
Venue: Outdoor visit starting at Manchester Central Library
Speaker: Art Gallery Tour Guide

This will be on the first Saturday in July - July 1st, when we visit Manchester Art Gallery, which is only a short stroll away from the Library, and will be introduced to a curated collection of artworks with Scottish connections. Numbers will be strictly limited and a place must be booked on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Cost: members only - free of charge

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Full details for the Anglo-Scots Branch meetings <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events>.

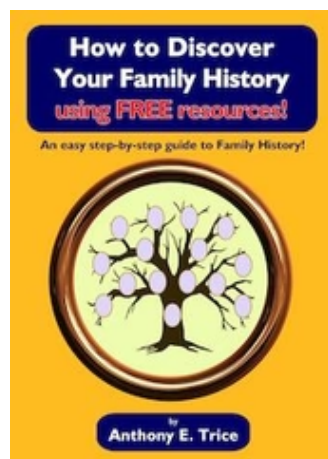
The National Archives

Our exciting programme of online talks is for everyone and delivered by experts, specialists and special guest speakers. When you book an event, you are invited to pay what you can – this is optional and entirely at the discretion of attendees. Some of our events remain completely free.

The National Archives also hosts a range of onsite events. To browse these, please see [Events at Kew](#) page. The new season of events June-September 2023 are now available to book.

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PROJECTS UPDATE

The following update has been posted to War Memorials
Added 167 names for Cheadle, High Street, War Memorial, supplied by John Davies

The following update has been posted to Zion Letters
Transcription has commenced. The first letters have been added to the web site as a public resource.

The following update has been posted to Bolton Workhouse Creed Registers
Added 15,131 records for 1897-1908

Another excellent addition to the Great Database. This time it is Risley Chapel and Croft Unitarian Baptisms and Marriages.

Images and index to the register entries for baptisms 1774-1900 and the single marriage recorded in 1947. Transcribed by Cheyvonne Bower (362 baptisms and one marriage record). Burials will follow once transcription is completed.

Thanks to Cheyvonne for transcribing these entries from what was a "lost" register. If you want to know more about the background to this transcription, see <https://www.crofthistory.org/news>

HELPDESK

If you have not been into the library post-covid please put a date in your diary and pay us a visit. I think you will find the day very rewarding. If you have any questions, please drop the Society an email: office@mlfhs.org.uk

MLFHS Family History Help Desk Hours: M-F 10:30 am-3:30 pm.

WEBSITE NEWS

MyHeritage: The MyHeritage Blog will keep you up-to-date. Why not drop by using this [link](#). There are 14 categories to search through and I am sure that you will find something of interest.

Family Tree: Keep up to date with the latest happenings in the world of family history with Family Tree News & Views by following this [link](#).

You can also get the latest advice, opinion and updates from the Family Tree team and a range of genealogy experts, from in-depth guides to research and archives to the latest goings on at the Family Tree magazine HQ... by following this [link](#).

Find my Past: There is a wealth of information on the Find my Past website. Just follow the following links

[Getting Started](#)

[Build Your Family Tree](#)

[Family Records](#)

[What's New?](#)

[Help Hub](#)

[Discoveries](#)

[History Hub](#)

[The Findmypast Community](#)

Ancestry: An Ancestry Blog can be found [here](#)

The Genealogist: News and articles can be found [here](#)

FamilySearch: Finally, for this month, why not try the FamilySearch [blog page](#).

ORPHAN BMDs

If you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider dropping them off at our Helpdesk or you can send them to:

M&LFHS

61 Queens Road, Urmston, M41 9HF

If you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mlfhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me. If you have problems sending scans to this address then please contact me at newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk and I will suggest an alternative means of forwarding the PDF files.

UKBMD UPDATES

New data has been added at www.lancashirebmd.org.uk as follows: Added 422 Deaths for Bolton RD comprising:
Townleys A (1969-1969)
Townleys B (1968-1969)

Thanks are due to Bob Winder and his team.

Bath BMD has been updated as follows:

Marriages:

50 for Bath, St Marys Church, Julian Road, registers at Bath (2011-2021).

27 for Bath, St Alpheges Catholic Church, Oldfield Lane, registers at Bath (1997-2002).

Many thanks to the Register Office staff and their volunteers for these.

The following is the Staffs BMD Update for 8th June 2023

Births:

2,195 for Stoke, registers at Stoke-On-Trent (1969-1978)

Updated adding mother's maiden names: 508 for Dilhorne, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1837-1856)

Updated adding mother's maiden names: 1,504 for Leek, registers at Newcastle-Under-Lyme (1837-1842)

Cheshire BMD has been updated to add:

Marriages:

100 for Denton, Holy Family RC Church, registers at Tameside (1986-2019)

Many thanks to the Tameside Register Office and their volunteers for these.

For access to all the UK's major BMD and Census sites visit <https://www.UKBMD.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Family History sites visit <https://www.UKGD.L.org.uk/>

For access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit <https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

WestMidlands Update 22nd June 2023

Marriages replacements for corrections and to fill missing years:

5,720 for Smethwick, Holy Trinity, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1839-1970)

2,095 for Smethwick, St Hilda, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1907-1970)

8,001 for Oldbury, Christ Church, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1838-1970)

2,744 for Oldbury, St Michael & All Angels (Langley), registers at Sandwell Register Office (1891-1970)

1,644 for Oldbury, St James, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1893-1970)

50 for Oldbury, St John, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1969-1973)

16 for Oldbury, Good Shepherd, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1899-1904)

1,469 for Oldbury, Holy Trinity, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1852-1960)

8,869 for Rowley Regis, St Giles, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1837-1970)
5,860 for Smethwick, Old Church, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1840-1970)
1,666 for Smethwick, St Alban, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1909-1970)
1,633 for Smethwick, St Chad, registers at Sandwell Register Office (1902-1968)

Kingston upon Thames BMD has been updated as follows to add:

Marriages:

1,544 for St Pauls, Hook, registers at Kingston (1838-1969)
1,730 for All Saints, Kingston, registers at Kingston (1891-1969)
1,018 for St John the Evangelist, Kingston, registers at Kingston (1873-1928)

Many thanks to the Register Office and their volunteers for these.

<https://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd>

<http://KingstonBMD.org.uk>

Bath BMD has been updated as follows:

Marriages:

18 for Welton Baptist Chapel, West Road, registers at Bath (1996-2020)
17 for Combe Down Union Chapel, registers at Bath (1988-2020)
9 for Bath, Church of St Peter & Paul, Combe Down Entry Hill, registers at Bath (1995-2019)
86 for Bath, The Forum, St James Street, registers at Bath (1992-2019)
21 for Manvers Hall, Manvers Place, registers at Bath (1981-2013)
8 for Keynsham, St Dunstons Roman Catholic Church, Bristol Road, registers at Bath (2014-2020)
194 for Bath, St John the Evangelist, South Parade, registers at Bath (2007-2021)
4 for Keynsham, Elim Pentecostal Church, Balmoral Road Park Estate, registers at Bath (2015-2018)

Many thanks to the Bath Register Office and their volunteers for these.

MANCHESTER ARCHIVES+

Archives+ is an exciting, purpose-built showcase and repository for the region's archives and family history opening at Manchester Central Library in spring 2014. The Archives+ partnership will build on the demand for accessible community history and personal heritage. This single location will make it easier than ever before to find what you're looking for under one roof. The main partners in Archives+ are:

- Greater Manchester County Record Office (Association of Greater Manchester Authorities)
- Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives (Manchester City Council)
- North West Film Archive (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Resource Centre & Education Trust (University of Manchester)
- Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society
- BFI Mediatheque
- Manchester Registration Service (Historic Registers)

Why not visit the Manchester Archives+ [website](#) where you can sign up for their Blog via e-mail and also delve into a huge collection of subjects. There are 25 categories to choose from.

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

Thousands of cassettes, open reels, CDs and MiniDiscs are sitting in archives, museums, libraries and in people's homes all over the UK. All kinds of unique live music, radio and conversation are recorded on these tapes and discs. We've already lost many of the people captured on them. And the British Library estimates that we have fifteen years to preserve the sounds themselves.

That's why the British Library has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to establish Unlocking Our Sound Heritage, an exciting new national project to save thousands sounds which are at risk of being lost forever.

Archives+ is the hub partner for the North West region, which covers Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside. We'll be digitising around 15,000 recordings on 5,000 cassettes, reels and optical discs held all over the region here at Manchester Central Library.

This is a fascinating site providing a flavour of times gone by. If you are a food and drink enthusiast then discover what not to eat and drink before a performance!

Follow on Twitter - [@archivesplus](https://twitter.com/archivesplus).

Find more information [here](#). Enter your email address to follow this blog and receive notifications of new posts by email.

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

Welcome to the [North West Film Archive](#), the professionally recognised public home for the moving image heritage of the North West of England.

WHO WE ARE

From historical footage and home movies to newsreels and adverts, we find, preserve and share over 50,000 items of film and video, for public, educational and professional use. We love film and how it can open a window into the past and the present in ways that can be powerful, moving and unexpected.

Part of Manchester Met, and based within Manchester Central Library's Archives+ partnership, we are a specialist resource dedicated to saving and growing our region's rich filmed history.

WHAT WE DO

Do you need some footage for teaching, broadcasting or an artistic or community project? Do you have film of our region's people or places that needs looking after?

Whoever you are, if you need a professional and friendly service, we're here to help.

We offer:

- research support and loan or licence of footage (including for professional broadcast)
- bespoke learning and teaching support
- opportunities to hire or watch unusual and interesting films, with a local and historical theme
- opportunities for community engagement and collaboration
- a home for the region's film and video, where moving images are professionally preserved, stored and made available, for now and for the future

This is a site well worth visiting The NWFA was set up in 1977 and preserves moving images made in or about Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Cumbria and offers a variety of access services to users in the public, academic and commercial sectors.



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11th U3A Peak District Family History Conference

Saturday 16 September 2023 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton



Presents.....

Mary Evans – ‘Chasing those Brickwalls!’

Dave Annal – Death & Taxes

Jackie Depelle – “Digging into the Parish Chest”

Dr Penny Walters – “Why the Welsh left Wales”

Tickets: £30. Book early to avoid disappointment - it's always very popular.
Includes talks, refreshments & 2-course finger buffet lunch

Parking:

Blue Badge holders – may park or drop off at hotel

Others - use side streets or the pay & display car parks

For car parks in Buxton see: <https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/buxton/>

Exhibitors:

Once again, about 15 exhibitors will be there – old friends & new:

We plan to offer delegates a free goody bag and a free prize draw again.

To book your place, please complete the booking form on this link:

<https://forms.gle/mXnsgpBhQpmafuNU6>

Please put your surname and postcode as a reference if paying by BAC

[So we can match your payment with your form.]

Tickets will be issued at our reception desk on the day, not posted.

Newsletter

FRIENDS OF SALFORD CEMETERIES TRUST SUMMER 2023

A Note from the Chairman, Paul Sherlock.

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We had to postpone our first cemetery “walkabout” at Peel Green Cemetery in March due to abysmal weather. We’re having another go on Tuesday 6th June at 1.00 p.m. It probably won’t be as structured as our previous tours, as we are discovering things ourselves with a view to developing future tours. We’ll look at recent cemetery improvements, suggest further improvements, talk about people buried there and perhaps share any knowledge that we have about them. And we’ll have a behind-the-scenes look at the Crematorium, if it is free. We are hoping that members and friends will turn up, not just committee members and cemetery managers. At present we’re not publicising these walkabouts widely, but if they catch on, we might advertise them further afield than here and our Facebook page. You don’t need to book, but do feel free to contact any of the committee members for more information.

At our Annual General Meeting in May, we were able to simplify our committee membership rules, but some previous members didn’t seek re-election. We still have a viable committee, but encourage any new expressions of interest, especially from younger members of the group.

Two of us represented our Group at the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Fair held in Manchester Central Library in March. We had chance to share our interests with an audience from Greater Manchester and beyond and made some useful contacts. We even had a visit from the Lord Mayor of Manchester. We’ll have another chance to present ourselves later in the year when Salford Histories Festival returns to Swinton on 28th October.

The Lancaster Bomber Memorial Service at Agecroft Cemetery on Sunday 30th July at 11.00 am will be here soon, so please join us again. We were a little concerned that our regular vicar, Rev Daniel Burton has left our area, but just this week a replacement vicar has been secured.

Future events include:

A planned Walkabout in Swinton Cemetery Tuesday 15th August at 1.00 pm. Weaste Cemetery Guided Tour on Sunday 10th September at 2.00 pm.

The regular Remembrance events in November and the Wreath Laying for Blitz victims at Agecroft at 11.00 and Peel Green at 12 noon on 17th December.

Unfortunately the proposed Cemeteries Open day in the Autumn can’t take place this year, but we’re hoping to try again in the Spring of next year.

Cemetery News from Bereavement Services Manager, Barry Ellis.

Agecroft Cemetery. In consideration of the Council’s Green policy, we have now installed a DeNox filtration system at the Crematorium, to remove oxides of nitrogen during the cremation process. Also, bicycle stands have now been installed for cemetery visitors. The gravestone safety programme is ongoing and a new lifting gantry has been purchased. The Green Flag Award Scheme inspection took place on 16th May and I’m confident that we should qualify again.

Peel Green Cemetery. Members of the Community Payback scheme have been doing a good job applying wood chippings to a new path and removing invasive species. Granite

flower holders, which were successfully trialled at Agecroft, have now been installed at Peel Green. To prevent damage to grassed edges caused by vehicles, bollards have been installed and knee-rail installation is progressing.

Weaste Cemetery. World famous, Salford Artist, Harold Riley, who died on 18th April was interred on 16th May at Weaste Cemetery. He was a Freeman of the City of Salford.

Sponsored Walk. Readers may wish to know that on 7th and 8th December I will be participating in a 55 mile sponsored walk in support of the charity "Once Upon a Smile," that helps children cope with bereavement in the family. The walk links a cemetery in each of the ten Metropolitan Boroughs of Greater Manchester. Contact [Bereavement Services Charity Walk 2023 fundraising on JustGiving](#).

A portrait of Harold Francis Riley (1934 – 2023), by Pete Kilvert.

One of Salford's most celebrated sons, Harold Riley, Artist, died on 18th April 2023 aged 88. He was born in Salford on 21st December 1934 and attended Salford Grammar School, where in 1951 he gained a scholarship to the Slade School of Fine Art, University College, London. Harold was awarded scholarships to work and study in both Italy and Spain, before completing National Service in 1957. He was a close friend of Artist, L.S. Lowry and was awarded honorary doctorates by the universities of Salford, Manchester, London and Florence. He received the Freedom of the City of Salford on 15th November 2017 and took the privilege of "herding" sheep through Salford. Harold was also a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester from 1984 until his death.

Harold's commissioned painted portraits include Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, Princess Alice, Duchess of

Gloucester, Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II, US Presidents John F Kennedy and Gerald Ford and South African President Nelson Mandela. He was also famous for his sporting paintings, particularly football and golf, with many in private collections such as Manchester United, and of course, his scenes around Salford. His archive, studio and legacy, located at the old Fire Station on the Crescent, Salford, houses many more of his paintings, drawings and photographs.

Some Interesting Cemetery Snippets from Jean Coward and Sue Tydd.

Swinton Cemetery. On Saturday 30th May 1903, 19-year-old Stephen Burke, a young cotton mill worker, set off from Bolton Road, Pendlebury, with the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Manchester Regiment to Salisbury Plain for the annual, week long, training camp. Sadly, Private Burke died on 4th June 1903 from a ruptured appendix in the camp field hospital. On the morning of 8th June, Bolton Road and Station Road, Pendlebury, were lined with people paying their respects as the funeral cortege passed by. Hundreds of people assembled in Swinton Cemetery, several wreaths were laid and three Battalion volunteers attended to fire three shots over the grave. The expense of the repatriation and interment was borne by the 1st Battalion. (Full story at www.WeasteHeritageTrail.co.uk).

Agecroft Cemetery. Whilst many of us know that Mary Hawtin was the first person to be interred at Agecroft Cemetery, not many people realise there are 15 other people in the same common grave. Mary was 25-years-old and a mother of two children when she died of pneumonia and was buried on 6th July 1903. Of the 16 people in this grave, buried between July and November 1903, 11 were infants under the age of 2. The youngest child was Edward Shemwell, who was 1 hour old. In the early 1900s, infant mortality was affected by poor hygiene and malnutrition. In Salford, many people lived in poverty with over- crowded houses and poor sanitation. The lack of nutritional food and early deaths of children prompted the Government to introduce the Education (Provision of Meals) Act

1906, giving Local Authorities the power to provide free school meals. By 1907 the Education Act permitted medical examinations and treatment for children.

Peel Green Cemetery. The remains of James Barrow, who murdered Alderman John Marshall of Stockport on 23rd May 1895 and then committed suicide, were interred at Peel Green Cemetery yesterday afternoon (27th May). Great secrecy had been observed regarding the funeral and very few persons were present.

Weaste Cemetery. The Clifton Hall Colliery Disaster occurred on 18th June 1885 when an explosion of methane killed 178 men and boys. Most of the victims were buried at St Augustine's Church, Pendlebury, where there is to be a memorial service on Sunday 18th June 2023 (All welcome to attend). However, 6 victims were buried at Weaste Cemetery. On 22nd June, William Lycett aged 16, Thomas Worsley aged 28, William Reynolds aged 20 and Thomas Slattery aged 34 were buried. And on 23rd June, George Hall aged 42 and his stepson Leonard Charles Barter aged 13 were buried. Another victim Thomas Edwards, was buried at Swinton Cemetery. Three more of the victims were buried at Swinton Unitarian Chapel, and have since been transferred to Swinton Cemetery; John Collier aged 35 and his father William Collier who were Bricklayers, and Joseph Pearson aged 49. And another two victims were buried at St. Paul's Methodist Church graveyard on Station Road, Swinton. They were Ralph Daniels, who was the father-in-law of Thomas Edwards (above) and Reuban Banks aged 18.

Latest Research about People Buried at Weaste Cemetery, by Pete Kilvert.

Mary Emma Bailey (1874 – 1933) was born Mary Emma Greatorex in the village of Charlesworth, Derbyshire. She married Isaac Harry Bailey in 1895 and later became Proprietor of Bailey's Café in Cross Lane, Salford for over 30 years.

Albert Edward Schofield (1908 – 1950) was a lorry driver by trade and died aged 42, as a result of an accident on Washway Road, Sale, Cheshire. In 1935 he married Mary Crilley at St Clement's Church, Ordsall, Salford.

Richard Dunn Rusden (1827 – 1897) was a Shipping Merchant and in 1881 he was described as a Brazil Merchant. He was born in Falmouth Cornwall, was a great supporter of the Liberal Party and has a prominent Grade 2 listed memorial.

Robert Crompton (1824 – 1897) was born in Salford and became one of the heroes of the Indian Mutiny at the downfall of the Delhi Citadel. He later became a Colour Sergeant in the Salford Militia.

Hannah Lomas (1808 – 1873) was the sister of James Gaskell, Minister of the Bible Christian Church in Hulme, Manchester and played a prominent role in that church. She would have embraced the church's policy of not eating meat.

Richard Gibson (1819 – 1869) was a Solicitor at John Dalton Street and later King Street, Manchester. He also offered mortgages on property, was an agent for rented property, was secretary to a Building Society and offered loans.

James Slater (1808 – 1874) was a Chain Manufacturer with premises in Ordsall Lane, Salford. He took out patents for chains for carding machines and railway signals. He was a member of the Board of Guardians and a Salford Councillor.

Edwin Leggoe (1818 – 1874) was born in Cornwall where his brothers were Tin Miners. He was an Engineer by trade, but became Landlord of the Lord Nelson pub in Mather Street, Manchester, where he later died of "disease of the liver."

John Butterworth (1826 – 1883) was “for 22 years a faithful servant of the Salford Gas Committee and Gas Foreman for 22 years.” He was working at the gas works during the time of the notorious Manager, Samuel Hunter, who was imprisoned.

John Gunnup (1840 – 1877) was the well-respected, Secretary/Administrator of the Accident and Burial Section of the Manchester Branch of the United Operative Bricklayers Trade Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He died aged 36.

To access full biographies see www.WeasteHeritageTrail.co.uk click Salford People. Also, please see and join our Facebook site: Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust. Membership of Friends of Salford Cemeteries Trust is FREE. Apply to email below. Deadline for Autumn Newsletter is 1st September 2023. petekilvert@virginmedia.com



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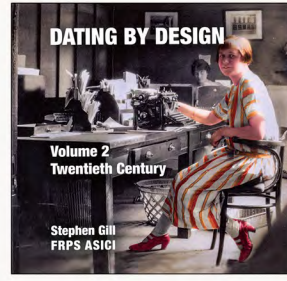
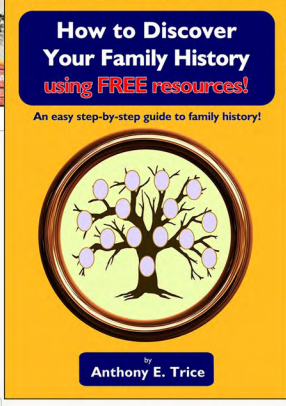
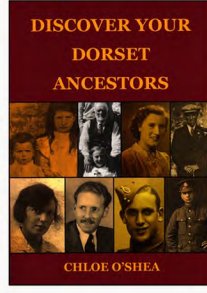
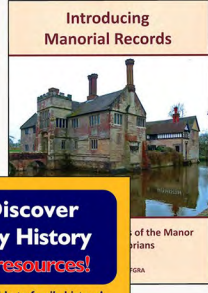
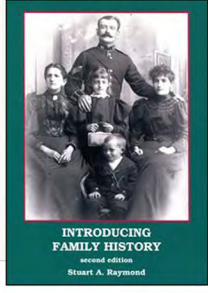
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WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Family History Research

by Ian H Waller FSG FGRA

Setting the scene

Many family historians will encounter non-Anglican religions among their ancestors. They may well have been members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS - previously known as Mormons) both in the United Kingdom and across Europe. Many believe that the LDS is American but the growth of the Church in the early years was down to the British and Scandinavians.

It was because the British church members emigrated that the Church became established in Salt Lake City. Most of the early pioneers, who suffered persecution and hardship for the sake of their new religion as they travelled across the USA, were native Britons. However, many of the early members, despite being encouraged to emigrate, never left these shores making sure that the Church had, and continues to have, a strong base in the United Kingdom.

Most family historians are fully aware of the contribution the LDS Church makes to family history research. As researchers we could be floundering without *FamilySearch* www.familysearch.org. The establishment of local Family Search Centres [previously known as Family History Centres] has enabled us to have free access to every conceivable type of record to help us locate our ancestors. The Church also keeps extensive historical records of its worldwide membership and holds a huge collection of journals, diaries, membership and congregation records which are full of genealogical content based on the lives of Church members all of which can be researched.

Background history

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was established in Fayette, New York State, USA on the 6 April 1830. In its first decades members experienced persecution and financial difficulties with the headquarters of the Church moving several times from New York State to Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. Joseph Smith, the first leader and facilitator of the Church, was assassinated in 1844, aged 39 years, whilst in Carthage Gaol on unfounded charges of riot and treason. Under the direction of Brigham Young, who succeeded him in Church leadership, most of the Latter-day Saints journeyed across America to settle in the Salt Lake Valley because of continuing persecutions although when they started their trek they were unsure of their final destination. These migrants were predominantly British and Scandinavian. Many people throughout the world today are descendants of the 65,000 British Church members who made the journey to establish the Church firstly in Nauvoo, Illinois and finally in the Salt Lake Valley.

Emigration then migration?

In July 1837 the first seven missionaries of the LDS Church arrived at Liverpool on the packet ship *Garrick*, charged with establishing the Church in England by teaching and baptising. They moved out from Liverpool and established a presence in Preston, and from there they went to Herefordshire, Bedfordshire and other areas of the country. By 1850 the 30,747 members of the Church in the United Kingdom outnumbered the 21,092 members in the rest of the world. The British Isles became a strategic location to reach other areas of Europe so, not only did the Church grow in the United Kingdom but it did so rapidly across the majority of Western Europe.

The church's growth in the United Kingdom was unprecedented for a non-Anglican or Catholic religion. Many ordinary British people played important roles within the church organisation. For example the world-famous Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square can trace its roots to Wales as its first musical director was John Parry from Flintshire. In October 1849 Parry organised and conducted eighty-five Welsh members who had formed the choir.

Other influential British people included the third leader of the church, John Taylor, who was born in Milnthorpe, Westmorland. The novelist and journalist Charles Dickens stood in awe of the church and in his book *All the Year Round* described the British Saints as the "pick and flower of England" particularly those who had uprooted and decided to emigrate to strengthen the Church in America.

The effects of industrialisation caused a mass migration of population in the north of the country from rural areas to urban centres where new industry became established. However, many families who had migrated were disillusioned and were looking for something new. Religion offered people new hope, hence the rise in religious revivalism particularly in the industrial centres. Many different nonconformist and "breakaway religions" came and went. Many families wanted much more than some of these new religions or the established Anglican Church could give, so joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gave them the new hope that they sought.

The USA and North American British Colonies held an appeal for those wanting to emigrate and start a new life. Changes in employment, the economy and rapid industrial growth did not always bring prosperity and security. Thousands of poorer working-class families were unable to sustain themselves and desperately wanted a better quality of life. The 1830s saw a large increase in the number of British



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members emigrating to America. Many who had previously emigrated also joined the church in America and Canada encouraged by their relations in this country.

Between 1841 and the start of the First World War there was significant growth in church membership. Ordinary working people formed the mainstay of that growth and are the most likely social group to be encountered amongst your ancestors.

The landing in Liverpool of missionaries with a new religious message was nothing new. As early as 1805 there were others who tried to bring revival movements into England. The Millerites and Campbellites had some success around the same time and in the early 1800s the Primitive Methodists had been thrown into slight turmoil by some of the popular American preachers of the day.

This revivalism was welcomed by the British people as it seemed to bring new hope and provide an “exciting experience” for many. To appreciate the growth of the church, we need to look at the life of the ordinary people whose lives were rapidly changing. Religion had been very traditional in everyday life as had the social and class patterns.

So, were Latter-day Saint converts average working-class people? Most certainly were. Of all those who emigrated across the Atlantic, only about ten per cent were middle class. Some were skilled workers or artisans. Not surprisingly membership of the church throughout Britain grew more in areas where there was already a large concentration of nonconformists. Typically, membership conversions happened where people felt alienated from their former churches. The Church of England and the Methodist, Baptist and Independent Protestant religions provided most converts together with those who were seeking religion or had Christian inclinations but were not specifically affiliated.

About 600 people joined the church between July and December 1837 but by the end of 1841 there were 6,729 members in various areas of the country. The church was believed to be the fastest growing religion in Britain during the 1840s. The reasons for the growth included its simplicity, and plainness of doctrine. The following table, taken from early church mission records, shows the last known religious affiliation of members upon joining the Church:

Methodist	26%
Minor non-conformist groups	12%
Baptists	11%
Primitive Methodists	11%
Independents	6%
Church of England	20%
Not affiliated	14%

Whole congregations emigrated en-masse, none more so than the six hundred members of the United Brethren (a breakaway group from the Methodists) who were baptised

in Herefordshire. The chapel where they met—Gadfield Elm—near Pendock, Worcestershire, is the oldest surviving LDS chapel in the world.



The restored Gadfield Elm Chapel.

The same factors which influenced nearly 100,000 working-class people to migrate to America between 1855 and the end of the nineteenth century also influenced 65,000 emigrant members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These emigrants were ordinary people from agricultural labourers to blacksmiths, yeoman farmers to masons. This period of emigration played a major role in the growth of the church in the USA which ultimately made it possible for Latter-day Saints to become a dominant force in Utah.

In 1852 the British church magazine, the *Millennial Star* published the following:

For the Saints to get themselves to the Valley is a good thing. Few of them can be worse off there than they are here. Many of them here have not the necessities to say nothing of the comforts of life. There all would have the necessities and most would obtain many of the comforts. As a whole the Saints in Utah are far better fed and clothed than their brethren and sisters in this country. Then how unwise is it for anyone to delay gathering till he gain sufficient means here to make himself what he thinks comfortable on the journey to and after he arrives at the mountains.

The initial object of the Latter-day Saints' emigration was the fulfilment of a divine command and not the betterment of life, although this must have played a large part in the motivation for emigration. Arrangements were made to assist the members from the time they left their homes until they arrived at their destination. Embarkation from the ports of Liverpool, Bristol, Glasgow, Hull and Leith was normally between September and the following March or April, but once the migration to Salt Lake had commenced, embarkation was usually between January and April which enabled the emigrants to arrive on the frontiers before June and early enough to cross the plains prior to winter setting in.



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The emigrants' stay in the port cities was usually relatively short. Church members crossed the Atlantic in ships mainly operated by the Guion Line, a British shipping company registered in Liverpool which specialised in passage between Liverpool and New York.

Because most emigrants were from poor backgrounds, the majority did not have sufficient funds to finance their passage. The Church encouraged individuals and families to save and those who accumulated surplus funds after emigrating were asked to assist fellow converts to do the same. The Church introduced the Perpetual Emigration Fund in 1849 to provide emigrants with loans with the concept that recipients would repay the loan when in a position to do so. These loan repayments and additional contributions by members to the fund would then aid others to emigrate thus making the fund perpetual. Between 1852 and 1887 the fund assisted 26,000 emigrants, around one-third of the total during that period.

The British missions were responsible for notifying local congregations of planned departures, detailing the fares and providing information about what passengers should take with them on their journey. In advance of the departure date, passenger agents from the missions made sure that deposits were collected to reserve places on particular vessels. The agents also helped in the allocation of the berths once they had boarded the ship.

Basic information about the emigrant ships which sailed with church members relate mainly to the "age of sail" for the period of main emigration between 1840 and 1868 and for the "age of steam" between 1869 to 1899 making travel much quicker.



LDS Emigrant Memorial, Liverpool.

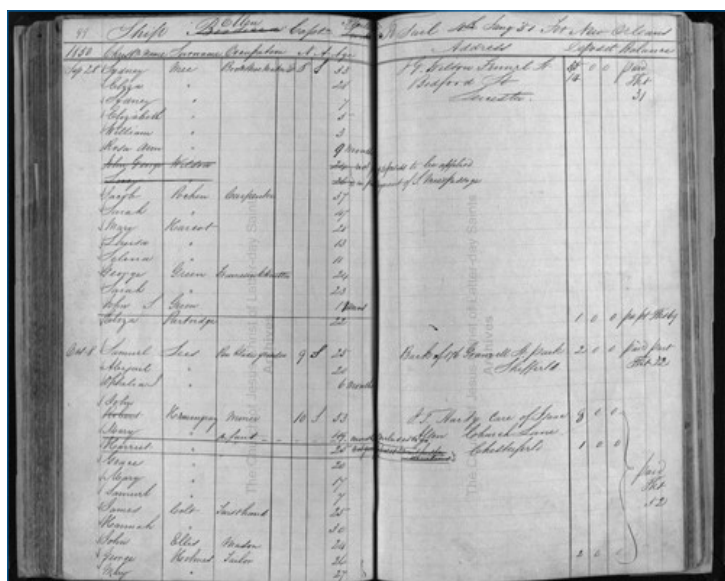
These records form the *Worldwide LDS Ships database*, a compiled index of passenger lists of emigrating church members and list of ships used covering 1840 to 1913 arranged chronologically by date of departure. Detailed

passenger lists and voyage information are available for all voyages and information for passengers entering New York can be supplemented by using the Castle Garden and Ellis Island databases searchable on FamilySearch.org.

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/ellis-island-castle-garden-immigration>

The *European Emigration Card Index* covers the period 1840-1925 and is an alphabetical card index of most, but not all, church members who emigrated to the United States providing the names, ages, nationality; number of persons in group; name of ship; date and place of departure and arrival.

Church Emigration Registers are the registers referred to as "LDS Rosters" and they record the departures from Liverpool of most British and some European church members who emigrated. The records include name, age, sex, occupation, marital status and nationality of the emigrant; congregation to which they belonged, their address or residence at the time of sailing; name of ship; departure date; and destination. Where a bond number is shown in the last but one column of page two of the register it means that the family were in receipt of funding from the Perpetual Emigration Fund.



Emigration Register

The *Mormon Immigration Index* includes records of more than 93,000 Church members and their families who emigrated worldwide between 1840 and 1890. The database includes name, age, country of origin, ports of departure and arrival, passenger list information, the leader assigned to each voyage, and general voyage information. There are four sections to the database – *Individuals*, *Passenger Lists*, *Personal Accounts* and *Voyages* accessible from the main menu tabs from the home page.



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The route across the USA to Salt Lake City

These and all church emigration records can be viewed at local FamilySearch centres and are explained in more detail on the research wiki information sheet:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Latter-day_Saint_Emigration_and_Immigration

After emigration came migration

After the emigration came the migration across the plains from Illinois to the Salt Lake Valley which was the largest organised migration movement spanning from 1846 until 1925. Printed guides were published which included route plans and distances together with any notes to act as a handbook.

Migration of the church members involved the formation of organised travelling companies headed by a captain. In many ways this was the most harrowing part of the emigrants' journey with many deaths and injuries being encountered as well as other appalling hardships and severe weather.

There are two compiled database sources which provide information about those who made the overland journey:

The *Early LDS Database*

The *Mormon Pioneer Overland Trail* (referred to as the "Crossing the Plains Index")

It is recommended that both of these be consulted as you search for your ancestor because they contain slightly different information.

The *Early LDS Database* www.earlylds.com is a very useful website which enables researchers to trace ancestors who actually crossed the plains. You should be able to supplement and enhance the information found on the *Mormon Immigration Index* as it traces the lives of those who left Nauvoo and travelled west covering 1846 to 1868. It gives information about their lives and families, when and

where their settlements were established and who died in these remote places. It covers journeys from Nauvoo, Illinois; Iowa City, Iowa and several other departure points across the plains of Iowa some going through Garden Grove and Mount Pisgah to the east and west banks of the Missouri River at Kanesville (Council Bluffs) and the ninety or so other settlements towards Winter Quarters and Nebraska.

The *Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel Database* covers the same period and contains a compilation of names obtained from rosters and other reliable sources of individuals who migrated to Utah during this period. Each company is listed under its captain's name, and basic information is provided including a photograph of the captain, where available. Many company pages include a list of diaries, journals, letters, and reminiscences written by company members, as well as contemporary reports about the company. The content of several thousand of those narratives has been transcribed and is included in the database.

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Mormon_Pioneer_Overland_Travel_from_1847_to_1868

Case study of an ancestor

Christopher Layton was born on 8 March 1821 at Thorncote, in the parish of Northill, Bedfordshire. He was baptised in the parish church on 12 August 1821, son of Samuel Layton a labourer and Isabella late Wheeler, the youngest of five children. He became an agricultural labourer. Previously belonging to the Wesleyan Methodists he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 1 January 1842 as did his future wife Mary Matthews. On 10 July 1842 Christopher married Mary after which the couple prepared to migrate to America under the church emigration scheme.



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They left Liverpool on 16 January 1843 on the *Swanton* with 212 other church members. They travelled from Bedfordshire to Liverpool via Wolverhampton. The *Swanton* docked at New Orleans in March 1843. Their son, who was born on the voyage on 14 February 1843, died before they reached Nauvoo and arrived there on 12 April 1843. Mary became ill with typhoid and died in September 1845, leaving Christopher and an infant daughter, Elizabeth born in Nauvoo on 17 August 1844.

Christopher and Elizabeth were amongst the first members to leave Nauvoo crossing the Mississippi in February 1846. While they were at Mount Pisgah on 16 July 1846 a call came for volunteers to form the Mormon Battalion. Christopher was eager to serve and arranged for friends William Smith and his wife to look after Elizabeth while he was with the battalion. Christopher enlisted as a private in C Company. He was discharged in Los Angeles on 20 July 1847.

He later received news that his mother was seriously ill so sailed home on *James Pennel* via Cape Hope arriving at Liverpool in March 1850. On his return to Bedfordshire he learned that his mother had died two weeks earlier.

Whilst back in Bedfordshire he met and married Sarah Martin at Sandy on 3 May 1850 after which he prepared their return to Utah. Finding that there were many Saints wishing to emigrate but lacking sufficient funds, he paid all or part of the fare for the passages for sixty-six persons, including his new wife, father, six relatives and forty-six friends. They sailed again on *James Pennel* leaving Liverpool on 2 October 1850 with another 252 church members. Christopher was appointed leader of the company and arrived at New Orleans on 22 November 1850. After arrival he spent two years at St. Louis helping new emigrants to cross the plains. In the spring of 1852 he led a company of fifty-two wagons to Salt Lake, arriving in September 1852 taking with him the first threshing machine and a hundred head of cattle.

In the spring of 1856, he journeyed to Carson Valley, Nevada, where he figured prominently in establishing a strong church community. In the autumn of 1857 Christopher Layton returned to Utah and became a successful arable farmer in Kaysville where he spent much of the remainder of his life.

Christopher Layton



Besides his agricultural pursuits, he also built and operated grist mills, a saw mill, small chain of butchers' shops, a milk house, and an ice plant. He was also involved in public life and was elected twice to the Territorial Legislature. He was also instrumental in establishing railroads, wagon roads, and canals and spent some time in Arizona. Whilst in Arizona, he contracted with the Government to supply flour to the San Carlos Indian Reservation. He also continued his military connection by being active in the Nauvoo Legion in Utah and was commissioned a Lt. Colonel in 1866. Along with his public responsibility he also fulfilled many prominent local positions within the Church.

In June 1898, Christopher Layton went to Utah for an operation but died on 7 August 1898 at age 77 years never having really recovered from surgery. His funeral service took place on 13 August and afterwards he was interred in Kaysville Cemetery. As a fitting tribute Christopher Layton is commemorated on the Mormon Battalion Monument constructed in El Presidio Park, Tucson, Arizona.

Those who remained in England

Many church members did not, or could not, heed the call to emigrate so remained in England and would have included those caring for a sick family member or being married to someone who was not a member of the Church. Some families who joined the Church early in the 1840s were not able to emigrate as soon as they desired or not at all because of poverty. The public records and anecdotal information from journals and autobiographies of members provide information. Some members had to wait many years before they had a chance to go to Utah.

Being poor and unable to emigrate did not prevent converts from continuing their membership in the Church. Those members were the building blocks of the Church in the United Kingdom which today number around 187,000.

For more information – *My Ancestor was a Mormon* also by Ian Waller available from:

<https://www.familyhistorybooksonline.com/my-ancestor-was-a-mormon-by-ian-waller-fsg-324>

Ed: If you 'lost' family members from the censuses, it is well-worth checking the databases of the LDS Church. Groups of siblings and even whole families went with the LDS to the USA.



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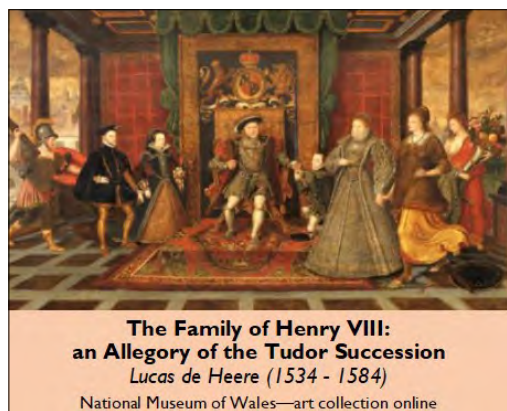
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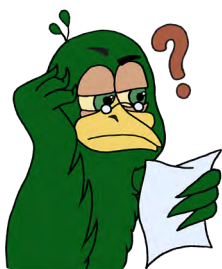
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Family History Books is delighted to launch this new book which will help researchers, especially those new to family history, to take their research back two hundred years or so at little or no cost!

There has been a gap in practical reference books to assist those starting out on their family history journey which avoid the use of jargon or assumptions of prior knowledge. *This book plugs that gap!*

Many setting out simply do not know where and how to start; *this book solves that dilemma*. It also assures readers that the anticipated costs, particularly for online subscriptions, can be curtailed which is particularly relevant in today's financial climate.

The book explores online free sources for birth, marriage, death and census records for England and Wales, and explains how to use them and understand the results. It includes how to purchase copy certificates direct from the registration service avoiding costly third-party suppliers.

Each chapter concludes with practical exercises using the online resources explained. The answers are included at the end of the book; no cheating allowed!

Even "old hands" may learn a trick or two from this book!

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- ◇ We offer 'technically challenged' organisations guidance for using Zoom.
- ◇ We can help establish small group meetings by providing Zoom hosting.
- ◇ A monthly programme of talks is now under active consideration for 'disadvantaged' *Bulletin* readers.

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- *Wills and Probate Indexes of wills and administrations*
- *Folders, printing facilities, giftware*
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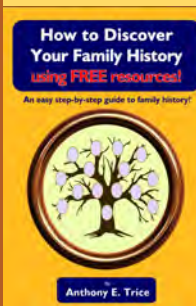
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The latest title is *How to Discover Your Family History Using Free Resources*, featured elsewhere in this Bulletin. At A4 with 107 pages it is packed with "how to" detail. It is proving popular, so make use of the SUMMER10 offer (see cover) and order your copy while stocks last.

In the pipeline is a book exploring nonconformity in detail for family historians with lots of information about what exists, and where. Watch for an autumn launch.

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