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# CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

*Incorporating HALIFAX and DISTRICT*

Calderdale Family History Society was founded on the 7th March 1985.

## **We aim**

- To encourage interest in, and assist with, research relevant to the study of family history in Halifax and the Calder valley.

## **Our area**

- Covers the modern Calderdale Council established in 1975, which broadly covers the same area as the Ancient Parish of Halifax, with the addition to the west of the township of Todmorden and Walsden.

## **We do this by**

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (except December) in Halifax. (Currently - June 2021 - by Zoom)
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Scrivener Editor.
- Publishing a monthly Newsletter for members who have an email address, and a Facebook page. Contact the Newsletter Editor.
- Hosting a website [www.cfhsweb.com](http://www.cfhsweb.com), and a members' forum. Contact the Web Administrator.
- Running a Research Room at Brighouse Library two half days a week for personal research. Contact the Research Room co-ordinator. (Currently - June 2021 - closed)
- Running projects to transcribe records relevant to members' research. Contact the Projects Co-ordinator.
- Publishing transcribed records. Contact the Publications Officer.
- Providing an enquiry and search service from our records in the Research Room. Contact the Enquiry service Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining a list of members' interests by surname and dates of interest, which are available to members on the website. Each quarter new additions are published in *The Scrivener*. Contact the Members' Interests Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining an index of "Strays" (Calderdale people who appear in records elsewhere). Contact the Strays Co-ordinator.

## **Membership**

- Is open to all family historians who have an interest in the area. Contact the Membership Secretary.
- Annual subscriptions are £12.00 for UK individuals (£14.00 for family membership),
- Internet membership is £6.00/ £8.00 which only provides information such as the journal on the Internet, but not on paper.
- Subscriptions are due on the 1st of the month, on the anniversary of joining the Society (cheques made payable to CFHS.) and should be sent to the Treasurer.
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**Reference to use** : Memb. No. & Surname. (eg 1234Smith)
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## **Contacting the Society**

- All correspondence requiring a reply must be accompanied by a S.A.E. Contact the Secretary or appropriate officer.
- The names, addresses and email contacts of the Society's officers and co-ordinators appear inside the back cover of *The Scrivener* and on the Society's website.

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**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Please note that, due my other commitments, the copy date for the Summer issue is MAY 1st. Editor.***

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## ***Insurance Exclusions***

*The insurance which we hold for certain activities undertaken by members is limited to cover for members under 75 years of age. Consequently, any member over 75 who is concerned about taking part in specific Society activities should contact the Secretary for clarification.*

Many Meetings, Events etc. have been cancelled due to  
Coronavirus.  
Please check with the organiser if you are unsure.

## Editorial

Well, I hope we are beginning to unlock, but not too quickly!

Zoom meetings seem to be a success, with members from all over the world able to take part for the first time. These are set to continue in the “New Normal”.

I have just received an article from Connie in Australia on the benefits of ZOOM meetings, which I really want to publish in this issue, as it is very relevant!! I’m sorry that it is a bit squashed, but I wanted to get it in, in spite of its late submission! It is on page 37.

The syllabus is normally issued with the Summer Scrivener, but finalisation has proved particularly difficult given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Covid, so we are not publishing a Syllabus Card. Details of upcoming meetings will continue to be published in the magazine on a quarterly basis and of course highlighted in the monthly newsletter.

A number of people are asking for help/information about their ancestors. Please do look, and help if you can. They are:

**Hoyle, Wells, Waller** and **Cheetham** Page 24 (underlined)  
**Greenwood** and **Tidswell** Page 36 (underlined)

A big thank you to everyone who has written to me with an article or an email. It is always good to hear from you and to know that you are benefitting from others’ contributions!

## COVER PICTURE

**Todmorden National School Photograph 1951**  
(See email **School Photo** on page 33)

**CFHS Talk ~ November 2020**  
**Laura Annie Willson. Suffragette, House Builder, Engineer.**  
**by Anne Kirker**

Speaker Anne Kirker (Member CFHS for 25 years, Guide with Heritage Walks, Volunteer at Calderdale Industrial Museum)

The talk is based on the 2018 exhibition at Calderdale Industrial Museum. It was originally planned by the Women's Engineering Society [WES] to commemorate the centenary of its founding and women's right vote. WES did not get the funding, so Museum volunteers researched it themselves, with help, information, photos, memorabilia etc. from Laura Annie's granddaughter Joanna.



Laura Annie **Buckley** was born in 1877, at 1, Elmwood Street, (Savile Park/ King Cross) in Halifax, of working class parents. Her father was a dyers' labourer and her mother a winder, who had lost 3 of five children before Laura Annie was born.

Laura Annie and her sisters left school early and worked as half timers from the age of 10 as spinners or weavers.

She said later that she realised that she couldn't change her circumstances at the present: "the only way was to live in a world of my own."

By the age of 15 she was involved in the Trade Union movement. She always believed that people should have better working conditions, better wages, better houses.

She met George Henry **Willson** in the 1890s when they were both working for local trade unions. They were married in 1899 and baby

George was born in 1900. They were both socialists and members of the Independent Labour Party. George's father was a basket maker. George served an apprenticeship as an engineer and was a member of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers. When he was laid off during the great engineering lock down, he and two friends set up their own engineering company, **Smith, Barker and Willson**, making lathes. They used tools which they begged or borrowed, and made their products "out of bits and pieces." After 5 years of hard graft the firm became increasingly successful, and moved to better premises. Laura Annie and George were able to have a more comfortable lifestyle, though they still kept their Socialist ideas.

### **Suffragette**

Laura Annie was a Suffragette and a member of the Women's Social and Political Union. She was keen to combine the fight for workers' rights and better working conditions with female suffrage, believing that "women deserved a say in how things were run; their skills should be appreciated, and they should have somewhere decent to live."

She was arrested after a demonstration during the 1907 fustian weavers strike in Hebden Bridge, a few days after Emmeline **Pankhurst** had made a speech there in support of the strike and Votes for Women. It was alleged that Laura Annie had encouraged people "to get justice by fair means or foul". In court she said "I spoke as loud as I could, but I did not say the things I am alleged to have said." She was sent to prison and spent 14 days in Armley Gaol.

She said "Prison was the only place where I've done what I was told, and I only did it when the wardresses were looking."

"If they could sentence me for thinking, I would have to be sentenced for life."

"I went to gaol a rebel, but I have come out a regular terror!"

She later spent 14 days in Holloway prison for her part in the march on Parliament for the second reading of the Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

Her daughter Vega, named after the morning star, was born in 1910, by which time Laura Annie was less active in the Suffrage movement.

### **Engineer**

She also became more involved in the firm **Smith, Barker & Willson**, where George was now sole director. During WW1 she took on the recruitment and management of the women workers, who by the end of the war made up half the workforce. Laura Annie taught herself to do

every job, before passing it on to other women. If she could do it, so could they. And they did! They did not make munitions, but made the machines needed to make the munitions.

Laura Annie was concerned for the welfare of the workers. There was a severe food shortage in WWI. She set up a works canteen, serving potatoes from the firm's own allotments, and home baked bread. Everyone ate in the same canteen, which was unusual at the time. She also set up lavatories and showers and slipper baths for the workers with hot and cold running water. She and George believed that looking after their staff, practically and financially [in 1916 the workers were paid full wages for the Easter holiday] would more than repay the investment. The Ministry of Munitions used photographs of women at work at SB&W for propaganda, to show that women could do this work.

She was awarded an OBE, a newly created honour, in 1917 in recognition of her work.

After the war, so that men could go back to their old jobs, The Restoration of Pre-War Practices Act compelled employers who had relied on female labour to replace them with men. SB&W were fined for disregarding this law. They were forced to dismiss the remaining women workers.

Laura Annie was one of the founder members of Women's Engineering Society formed in 1919 in anticipation of the Act. She was elected president in 1926. Asked if engineering was suitable work for women, she replied that women should be able to choose what to do. "We don't want to put square pegs into round holes." Women didn't want to undercut men's wages. They wanted equal pay for the same output. She used the kudos of her OBE to promote engineering for women, and to raise funds for the Women's Engineering Society.

She supported the Electrical Association of Women, an offshoot of the WES, formed in 1924. They wanted to promote the use of electricity, so lightening the burden of housework for women & improving health and hygiene in the home. An all-electric house was built in Bristol, designed in 1935 by a local branch of the EAW to make use of electric power which was just becoming available.

### **House Builder**

By the 1920s Laura Annie and George were able to move into successively larger houses in Halifax, though they still kept their socialist convictions. However, even before WWI there was a national housing crisis. Halifax Cor-

poration built about 2,500 houses, and private developers built 3 times that many, for rent or sale. Laura Annie built around 350 houses. She said housing was a women's question, and it was a form of engineering. She became the first woman member of the National Federation of Housebuilders.

Her first foray into house building, in 1920, was a development of middle-class houses, "The Gardens", in Heath Road, Halifax. Before these houses were finished, she also started building workmen's houses so that young men and women didn't have to live in rented rooms or live with their in-laws! Eventually she built four such estates, at Ovenden, Luddenden Foot & Sowerby Bridge. These were for sale, freehold, at £400 each; or the option of a down payment of £30.00 with the rest of the purchase price being paid as rent. Her houses each had a living room, a kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a bathroom, a luxury at the time! They were well planned, well built and affordable.

Each house had a garden and there were green spaces between them. They were built to take advantage of electricity & gas, although these were probably not available for the first houses. At Luddenden Foot, residents were allowed to keep poultry, which caused envy among the residents of the neighbouring council estate who did not have that privilege!

In 1927 Laura Annie and George moved to Englefield Green in Surrey, where she had been head hunted by Egham Urban Council. She built 200 houses all with gas & electricity installed, again with streets named after her family - Vegal Crescent, Laurel Crescent and Willson Road. Later, they bought nearby Walton Grove Mansion in Walton on Thames, and converted it into flats. She and George moved into one of them. She built her biggest housing development of various styles on the estate around it.

1932 they retired from SB&W so they could devote their energy full time to Laura Annie's huge housing business. Their son George went to Leeds University, and joined the firm. He became director and then Managing Director of SB&W.

She suffered ill health in later life. She said "I can't do much; time marches on. But I am ready to help in any way possible". She still owned 185 houses, worth over £71,000, on her death, of heart disease, at age 64

She did so much, and yet remains virtually unknown.



## **CFHS Secretary's Report to AGM – April 2021**

At about this time last year we were looking forward to an AGM to be followed by a lunch. How things have changed. The AGM and lunch had to be cancelled and members contacted, and formalities completed in the best ways possible at the time.

12 months later, after a very steep learning curve, I feel we are back on track with a virtual AGM by Zoom, meaning more members can participate and we all have had more time to follow our own research.

Due to the Covid pandemic, societies of all kinds have had to make changes, some for the better and some for the worse. Fortunately, CFHS has adapted well, due mainly to the hard work put in behind the scenes by very committed members.

Our monthly meetings in Halifax have been replaced by monthly Zoom meetings. This has meant members from far and wide being able to join in to enjoy a variety of stimulating, informative or entertaining talks.

The committee has decided that when actual monthly meetings resume, September at the earliest, they become hybrid meetings. In this way local members can meet up again and our away members can continue to participate. We welcome any comments members have about this.

The Transcription Team had an enjoyable, productive 'virtual rendezvous' and we had a presence at the Really Useful Family History Fair.

### **Membership**

At the end of March membership stood at 414, an increase from the same time the previous year. This is made up of 24% local, 63% away and 13% overseas.

98% of members now have email facilitating easier, regular communication to members to complement the Scrivener. A fact borne out by the Newsletter distribution with 76% being the lowest number opened and 83% the maximum.

### **Projects**

Much work has been done over the past year to increase the availability of data to both members and the public, with priority being given to the MI indexing for FMP and more work on the on-line database.

The committee agreed that an on-line database of all our transcribed data be made fully available to members, making access much quicker and more convenient.

This is a huge step forward in our work and was launched at the end of 2020 and a link has now been established between the Transcription Index and the database. Further financial details are given in the Treasurer's Report.

For use on Find My Past there was a need for our MI records to be indexed by surname and forename. This was a mammoth task, there being 87 graveyards in total. Currently 86 out of the 87 are now with FMP and 85 have been uploaded and the final graveyard, Todmorden Cross Stones, is over halfway to completion.

Transcription work on School Admissions from 58 schools has progressed too, with the first area, South and East Halifax, going live in Summer 2020. The North and Central areas are progressing with the data from schools being 'drip-fed' as completed. The following schools - Akroyd Place Board, Copley Factory Board, Halifax British School, Halifax Secondary Girls, Halifax School Board & Halifax Technical School are awaiting final checks prior to publication.

### Sales

Due to the increased availability of our data, an anticipated outcome has been the reduced income from sales of our publications (CDs and Downloads) and an advantage for our Publications Secretary is being able to produce materials on request, rather than stockpiling.

### Research Room

This facility has not been available due to Covid restrictions, but it has given us time to consider the future. Taking limited use, costs both in terms of money and time, and changing habits, into consideration, the committee has recommended this facility be closed (see Treasurer's Report and accounts for further details). Other avenues for promoting our work will be explored.

Earlier in the year Clifford, for health reasons, resigned as our chairman, and we welcomed Ian Knowles as our new chairman. We are most grateful for the work Clifford did as Chair and are happy that he continues as an active member of the committee. We wish him and Joan (Publications Secretary) all the best.

CFHS has many committed, hard working members, who deserve our thanks for ensuring the continuation of the society and its work. A big thank you.

At an earlier point in this report, I mentioned changes that are taking place due to Covid and how CFHS is adapting. As individuals, we may be apprehensive about returning to our old ways, routines have been broken and, of course, we are all getting older.

However, the future of the society depends on others willing to be involved. I make no apologies for mentioning this. Please think about it and I'm sure you would find a warm welcome and support waiting for you.

Good hunting everyone.

**Margaret Smith**  
**CFHS - Secretary**

### **CFHS Treasurer's Annual Report to AGM – April 2021**

This is a fairly short report to highlight specific areas in the Audited Accounts for 2020-21.

Both Income & Expenditure have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, which had a much greater influence on our Society than was expected in April last year.

Specifically, there was no income from a number of activities, but, equally, there was no expenditure in those areas either. The items concerned are The Annual Trip, the Annual Dinner, the Research Room & the Monthly Meetings.

In truth, the cumulative financial effect, in the short-term, has been positive, particularly concerning the Research Room.

The only other item of note is the large expenditure on our website, which was significantly greater than was budgeted for at the start of the year. This was entirely due to the Committee's decision to commission groundbreaking development of the Society's On-line database, to allow members direct access to the detail of all our transcribed data. This has been seen as an important step forward in the provision of data in the 21st century, without which it is likely that our membership would diminish over

the next few years. This development has now been completed & we do not anticipate any further major expenditure in this area for at least the next 12 months.

The net effect of this expenditure over the last 2 years has been to reduce the society's reserve cash fund from over £20,000 to around £6,000. Clearly, this cannot be allowed to continue, although we still meet the accepted reserve figure of around a year's income.

As a result, your Committee have been reviewing our activities & have decided on a number of operational changes, to ensure that the Society can meet our members' requirements under the changing conditions that prevail in the 21st century, particularly concerning electronic data access & communication. The outcomes of this review are :-

- Committee meetings will now be carried out via Zoom, resulting in cost-savings associated with room bookings.
- General meetings will have a Zoom presence to enable away members to participate. It is also possible that some general meetings could be Zoom only.
- Due to the continual rising cost of overseas postage, all new members from outside the UK will only be offered Internet Membership. Existing Overseas Members may continue with their full membership on renewal.
- With regret, it has been decided that the Research Room at Brighthouse Library will not reopen after the Covid-19 emergency has receded. It is clear that usage falls well short of a level that justifies the significant expense. The provision of access to data online will mitigate the effect of this closure & ad-hoc presence by the Society in libraries, from time to time, may be able to offer alternative support to both members & non-members.

You will be given an opportunity to express your views on all of these decisions later in this meeting.

Your committee has approved a budget for 2021-22 which broadly matches income with expenditure.

**Peter Lord**  
**CFHS Treasurer.**

## Audited Accounts

Income	2020-21	2019-20	Expenditure	2020-21	2019-20
Membership	£3,896.29	£3,835.14	Scrivener Production	£1,090.00	£1,130.00
Publications	£885.95	£1,109.55	Scriv Postage	£673.89	£655.98
Annual Trip	£0.00	£63.00	Chairman	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£0.00	Secretary	£0.00	£0.00
Raffles	£0.00	£132.00	Treasurer	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	£28.00	£21.05	Research Aids	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£2.61	£5.40	General Meeting Costs	£288.88	£589.34
FH Books Carriage	£14.33	£34.60	Committee Room Hire	£0.00	£114.00
Misc Income	£0.00	£0.00	Speaker's Exps.	£165.00	£210.00
PPV Fees	£1,940.54	£1,651.92	Annual Trip	£0.00	£66.00
Search Fees	£4.15	£0.00	Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£0.00
RR Entrance Fees	£0.00	£147.50	Publication Purchase	£13.50	£52.50
Other RR Income	£0.00	£14.80	Other Publ. Costs	£24.22	£146.93
GM Coffee Income	£0.00	£60.00	Printing/Copying	£0.00	£0.00
			Monumental Inscrpts.	£0.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,771.87</b>	<b>£7,074.96</b>	FFHS Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Cash Summary</b>			FFHS Membership	£147.82	£140.60
Balance Brought Fwd	£9,968.21	£12,188.73	Members Interests	£0.00	£0.00
Cash at Bank - Current	£44.69	£426.47	Other Postage	£28.69	£23.87
Cash at Bank - Deposit	£6,144.62	£9,352.01	Fairs Exps.	-£75.00	£145.00
Amounts not yet present- ed	£0.00	£0.00	Other Exps.	£0.00	£57.20
Cash in Hand	£26.83	£79.73	Library Exps.	£0.00	£0.00
Officers' Floats	£110.00	£110.00	Library Purchases	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Balance Carried Fwd</b>	<b>£6,326.14</b>	<b>£9,968.21</b>	Raffle Expenses	£0.00	£24.47
			Stationery Prov.	£10.98	£0.00
			Website Expenses	£7,700.00	£4,567.00
			Project Costs	£0.00	£10.00
			RR Rent	£285.00	£1,083.00
			RR Expenses	£0.00	£2.00
			RR Capital	£0.00	£160.89
			Search Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
			GM Coffee Expenses	£0.00	£2.70
			Gift Vouchers	£60.96	£120.00
			Other Capital	£0.00	£0.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,413.94</b>	<b>£9,301.48</b>

Audited - 10th April 2021

## **Presentation of Awards**

Margaret Walker Award - presented to Jean Wilson for her article in the September 2020 Scrivener, 'The Rise (and Fall?) of Frederick Smith'. The article combined useful sources of information with an interesting family story. It involves guesses, successes and possible failures in the difficult task of researching the most common name in the largest county!

Sutcliffe Away Award - presented to Geoff Roberts. 'Throughout the year Geoff has provided a speedy stream of MI Indexing to the MI Project, which has been a major contribution to the success of this work.'

Sutcliffe Home Award – presented to John Barraclough. 'As well as being a member of the Transcription Team, John organises all the speakers for our monthly meetings, which, with the onset of virtual meetings is now a more onerous task & he has also been a main player in the production of the On-Line Database Video. He also has the main responsibility for the Society's publicity.'

### **Committee for 2021-22**

Chairman	- Ian Knowles
Secretary	- Margaret Smith
Treasurer	- Peter Lord
Membership Secretary	- Susan Clarke
	- John Barraclough
	- Eileen Connolly
	- Clifford Drake
	- Ann Wilkinson
	- Stuart Wilkinson
Auditor	- Chris Drake

## CFHS – Annual Computer Audit - April 2021

The Calderdale Family History Society is dependent on the use of computers in nearly all aspects of its operation including keeping its financial accounts; in maintaining and the safekeeping of its membership database; the production of the *Scrivener*; website maintenance and the running of the Research Room database and access systems. This audit has been undertaken to assess whether these areas of operation overseen by Officers of the Society are adequately supported in their use of computer hardware and software.

The audit has indicated that Officers are using their own personal computer systems for Society work. The majority are using hardware purchased within the last five to six years; their software tends to be up to date or still practicable for purpose and anti-virus protection is in place on their computers. The procedure set in place in 2017 to safeguard personal and sensitive data held on Society databases is working well and relevant documentation held on Officers computer systems are regularly backed-up.

There are no issues to report concerning the Research Room computer systems.

### OBITUARY

We are sad to announce the death of one of our long-term members, Geoff Taylor, who died on May 25th. Geoff & his wife, Doreen, provided the catering at the Society monthly meetings for many years until recently. He will be greatly missed & we send our condolences to Doreen & her family.

## Members' Interests

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Known from</b>	<b>Known to</b>	<b>Wanted from</b>	<b>Wanted to</b>
BOOTH	HALIFAX/HUDDERSFIELD	YOR	1740	Now	Start	Now
STANSFIELD	SHORE	WRY				1845
SUTCLIFFE	ERRINGDEN	WRY	1800	Now	Start	Now
RUTHERFORD	THIRSK	NRV	Start	1849		
PARKER	BICESTER	OXF	1823	1881		
STANSFIELD	CORNHOLME	WRY				1845
HALL	BARTON-UPON-IRWELL; M	LAN			1800	1910
HALL	MIDDOP, GISBURN	WRY	1836	1836	Start	1836
STANSFIELD	HUEGEON CROFT	WRY				1845
STANSFIELD	STANSFIELD	WRY				1845
DELANEY	HALIFAX/IRELAND		1840	Now	Start	Now
STANSFIELD	STIPENDEN BANK	WRY				1845
SHACKLETON	BARTON-UPON-IRWELL; M	LAN	1881	1881	1875	1900
TOWNEND	HALIFAX	YOR	1770	1860	Start	Now
THOMPSON	HALIFAX	YOR	1800	Now	Start	Now
HALSTEAD	HALIFAX	YOR	1800	1900	Start	Now
SCHOFIELD	MIRFIELD/HALIFAX	YOR	1790	1880	Start	Now
WIGNEY	HALIFAX	YOR	1750	1820	Start	Now
FLATHER	LEEDS/HALIFAX	YOR	1760	Now	Start	Now
BROPHY	HALIFAX/IRELAND		1830	1870	Start	Now
DOLPHIN	HALIFAX/IRELAND		1840	Now	Start	Now
RUTHERFORD	HALIFAX	WRY	1849	Now		
REGAN	HALIFAX/IRELAND		1840	Now	Start	Now
PARKER	SOWERBY BRIDGE	WRY	1881	Now	1881	Now
BARRACLOUGH	HALIFAX/HORBURY	YOR	1770	Now	Start	Now
CROWTHER	SOWERBY	WRY	1860	Now	Start	Now
STANSFIELD	PITTS	WRY				1845
CROSSLEY	SOWERBY	WRY	1800	Now	Start	Now
BENTLEY	ERRINGDEN	WRY	1800	Now	Start	Now
HAIGH	SOWERBY	WRY			Start	Now
LEWIS	LEEDS/DEWSBURY	YOR	1750	1800	Start	Now
HARKNESS	HALIFAX	YOR	1760	1870	Start	Now
BINNS	HALIFAX	YOR	1770	1812	Start	Now
KEIGHLEY	HALIFAX	YOR	1750	1900	Start	Now
LAMB	LEEDS/HALIFAX	YOR	1790	1860	Start	Now
STANSFIELD	PUDSEY	WRY				1845

You can find out which member is interested in these names, and how to contact them, by going to the Members' Area on the CFHS web site. <http://www.cfhsweb.com> Or contact the Membership Secretary.

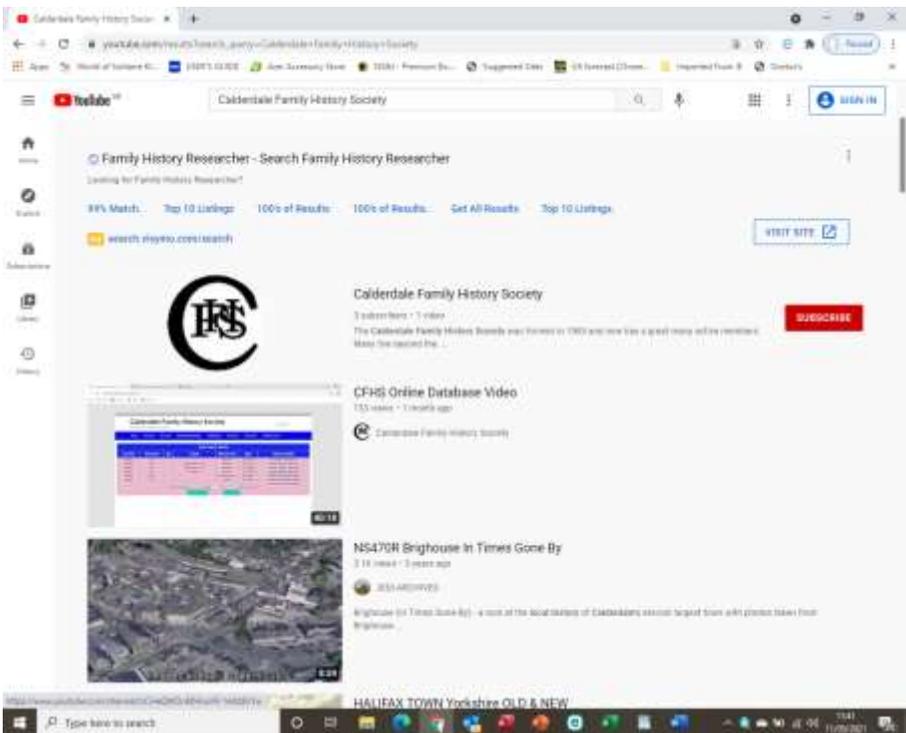
## Society On-line database

It seems as though the newly-implemented On-line database for members has been enthusiastically received, because the number of requests for data sent using the old method via our Search Coordinator has dropped to practically nil !!!

New membership recruitment is holding up, we think due partly to what we are offering in terms of the data provided.

If you have not yet had a look at what this offers, a good place to start is the YouTube video that we have produced which describes, step by step, how to use it & how to get the best from what is offered. To get to this, go to your Search Engine on the Internet (Google, Bing etc.) & find [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

In the “Search” box at the top of the screen, key “Calderdale Family History Society” & you will be presented with a screen, which, if you scroll down, will look like this :-



Click on the image below the CFHS logo & the video will start. You are best making the image "Full Screen" (by clicking on a small icon at the bottom RH corner of the video image). The video is 41 minutes long, but is split into 4 parts, so that you can watch part of it, then return to watch some more at your convenience.

We hope that you enjoy this experience & find it an easy way to get more information on your Calderdale ancestors.

## **Project News.**

### **Mi Indexing.**

You will know from our monthly Newsletters that we have finally completed the indexing of the 87 graveyards for which we have Monumental Inscriptions. This has been a mammoth task & great credit goes to the team of volunteers who have stuck at it, through thick & thin, from Autumn 2019 right up to the beginning of May this year.

The net result is that we now have on our Transcription Index & on our On-line database 46,152 separate headstone inscriptions which are now indexed to 128,142 individuals, all listed by surname, forename, date, age & graveyard.

This should provide an extra avenue into your ancestors, particularly as inscriptions give so much inter-related family detail.

### **School Admissions.**

This project proceeds as best we can, given that the West Yorkshire Archive office in Halifax is still closed at the time of writing & is not due to open until some time in June. This impedes us in doing final checks on transcribed & validated admission books, without which we are unable to publish the final results for a school. The staff at the Archives have done their best to help us, but they do not have the time to carry out the volume of checks that are generally needed.

Nevertheless, we have been able to publish a number of sets of admissions over the last 3 months, details of which are published, month by month, in the Newsletters.

We are also pleased that many of our volunteers who worked on MI Indexing have agreed to transfer on to the School Admissions project, so we hope that we will be able to publish future schools more quickly than before. Nevertheless, with the volume of schools still to go, it seems likely that this (2<sup>nd</sup> of 3) stage of the project, which covers North & Central Calderdale, will not be completed until the end of this year. We hope, then, to do the smaller, 3<sup>rd</sup>, stage in the early part of 2022.

If any member who has not previously been involved in these projects would like to volunteer to join the team, please E-Mail Peter Lord at [projects@cfhsweb.com](mailto:projects@cfhsweb.com) & he will be only too pleased to give you full instruction on what is involved. Team members say that they find the transcribing a fulfilling exercise & they can all work at their own pace.

## Thrice Married, Elisabeth Rose and The Will By David Johnson

This summer I decided to tackle a long-standing gap in my paternal tree - who were the parents of 3x great grandfather Edwin **Cheetham** (1809-1841). In a few weeks of intensive research I quickly went from nothing to knowing more about his parents lives than any of my other early 19th century ancestors. A fascinating story rich in social history unfolded.

Edwin was married in Leeds in 1830 to Hannah **Johnson** but appears to have lived and worked as a woolstapler (wool merchant) in Huddersfield for the rest of his short life before dying in December 1841 at the age of 32. They had four daughters, their names proved to be significant: Emma Sophia *Waller* **Cheetham**, Hannah Maria, *Elisabeth Rose* and finally my 2x great grandmother Mary Johnson **Cheetham**.

As Edwin died before the 1851 census there were no geographical clues as to where to start looking for his birth other than that he was born outside Yorkshire. Fortunately Edwin **Cheetham** is a scarce name combination. A broad search brought up only two likely baptisms, both around Oldham, one obviously too young. So, could I link this remaining baptism to my Edwin? The date of 1809 was perfect based on his age at death, but the Church register and Bishops Transcripts gave different names for the mother, Mary or Elizabeth. The other clue was the occupation of father James, an Innkeeper.

Searching for an Oldham Innkeeper James **Cheetham** turned up trade directory entries for the White Hart in Hollinwood, Oldham from the 1820's to 40's. From this I found census records from 1841 which showed that James and his sister Maria and her family, the **Wolfenden**'s, ran the White Hart from before 1841 through to at least 1871. However, no sign of a wife and family for James. Baptism and burial records for James and Maria were soon traced, all in Hollinwood. However, no marriage which would fit, and James would have been age 21 when Edwin was baptised - surely a bit young to be an Innkeeper. At this stage I was working on the assumption that Mary, from the earlier Church register, would be the correct mother's name, the Bishops Transcripts being a copy. Such assumptions are dangerous...

This just didn't feel right, so having left it for a while, when I came back to it I decided to look for a marriage of James **Cheetham** to Elizabeth in Oldham around 1809 and struck gold immediately. James **Cheetham** married Elisabeth **Waller** at Prestwich St Mary 18th March 1808, both of Oldham. Remember the name of Edwin's eldest daughter? At last an answer to the mystery from where Emma Sophia Waller **Cheetham** acquired the name Waller. I was also offered a hint to a newspaper entry about the marriage:

### Manchester Mercury 28th September 1808, Marriage Notices<sup>1</sup>:

"Lately, Mr **Cheetham**, hat manufacturer, of Oldham to Mrs **Waller**, of the George and Dragon Inn, in that town."

So Elisabeth was a widow and she originally was the Innkeeper. After this I was hooked, a rapid trail of jumps from record to record through relatively unusual names quickly took me back to the start of the story of Elisabeth Rose and to Calderdale.

Elisabeth Rose **Martin** was born around 1766, possibly in Northowram, a baptism record has yet to be found. We first encounter her in the records at her first marriage to Elkanah **Hoyle**, Yeoman at Halifax St John's 30 July 1792. She and Elkanah have a daughter Carolina baptised 27 September 1796 at Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge at which time they were living in Warley. Elkanah wrote a Will just before his death, he was buried at St John's on the 28th April 1799 and he was then an Innkeeper.

The Last Will and Testament of Elkanah **Hoyle**<sup>2</sup> gives many clues to the life of a man of considerable property and connections in London.

His children are the main beneficiaries of the Will, they are named as Carolina plus Elizabeth, John, Mary and Luke. Elisabeth Rose is also mentioned as his wife and an executrix of the Will. John and Luke are still clearly young as Elkanah arranges for their schooling and learning trades - are they also children of Elisabeth Rose? I have found no baptism records which could link to them as yet.

"... I leave to my wife Elisabeth Rose **Hoyle** her <sup>2</sup>thirds? out of that house in Bow Street Covent Garden no. 36..."

According to the Survey of London vol. 36 Covent Garden (1970)<sup>3</sup> a small section of the east side of Bow Street to the corner of Russell Street retains its original numbering. The site of nos. 35-36 Bow Street is now the Wildwood Pizzeria and is just across the street from the goods entrance to the Royal Opera House, the famous theatre portico being just up the street to the north. This is the same Bow Street where the Bow Steen Runners were based and the location of the Bow Street Magistrates Court.

"There are 3 pints 1 tankard 1 Gill 10 tea spoons 1 pair of tongs 3 table spoons and a pair of buckles all silver I desire my (son) Luke **Hoyle** may have my silver watch when capable of taking care of it..."

"I do desire my executors will pay the sum of Ten Guineas to my daughter Elizabeth **Herring** who married Mr **Herring** and lives in Tothill Street Westminster that receives the money from the houses that the executors are to receive the money of..."

This suggests that perhaps daughter Elizabeth and her husband are managing houses he owned in London and collecting rents for him.

The marriage of Elisabeth **Hoyle** to Richard **Herring** took place at St Martins-in-the-field, Westminster on 21st October 1784, Elkanah **Hoyle** signed as a witness. A Richard **Herring** was baptised in Westminster in 1756. This all indicates that Elkanah's marriage to Elisabeth Rose is probably a late second marriage to a significantly younger woman.

Elkanah appears rather distrustful of Elisabeth Rose:

"If she keeps unmarried and does well to the children she is to receive the money that may be received out of the estate but if they find that she is embezzling the money the executors are to provide a place for the children to be taken care of..."

"...as long as she does not marry or offer to sell the goods she is to have them if she keeps the public house but if she leaves the public house then to be sold..."

This distrust was perhaps well justified. Probate was granted to Elisabeth Rose and Thomas **Lister** on 20th May 1799. Just one week later at Halifax St Johns Elisabeth Rose **Hoyle**, widow, married John **Waller**, Office of Excise both of Warley.

At this time many inns and public houses would still be brewing their own ale and beer. Excise Officers covered rides, a district in which they would regularly visit licensed premises to check on the brewing process and ensure that the correct duties were being declared and paid. If John **Waller** was the Excise Officer covering the Halifax ride he would likely have been a frequent visitor to the **Hoyle's** public house...

This Calderdale part of the story seems plausible from the available records, but not entirely certain and the next step is the least certain of all, but from there on the cross connections which bind the story together make me certain that these are indeed the parents of Edwin **Cheetham**.

We move to Oldham, just across the Pennines from Halifax at the other end of a coaching route being forged between the fast developing towns. Our next source, the Diaries of William **Rowbottom**, hand-loom weaver<sup>4</sup>, were serialized in the *Oldham Standard* in the 1880's and have been transcribed and published online by the *Oldham Historical Research Group*.

The Diaries gives a graphic and detailed insight into the life and society of Oldham at the turn of the 19th century. This is a turbulent time. News of the Napoleonic Wars is frequently reported. The winters are hard with much snow and wind, and often the summers wet, with poor harvests and high prices for food. This is the tail end of a period of disturbed climate throughout the world following from the massive Laki and Grimsvötn volcanic eruptions in Iceland in 1783-85. It is also the period when mechanization is beginning to have an impact on the cotton trade. Work was often scarce and wage poor for the hand-loom weavers like William **Rowbottom**. Political radicalism was taking hold around Manchester, including Oldham, in the lead up to the Peterloo Massacre in 1819.

11 Aug 1799: "Died Thomas **Rowland**, master of the George Inn, Oldham, disorder consumption."

From Oldham St Peter's records: Buried 17 Aug 1799 Thomas **Rowland** of Mill End, age 27.

Looking at a map of Oldham<sup>5</sup> from the period, also on the website of the *Oldham Historical Research Group*, Mill End is the area adjacent to the corner of High Street and Clegg Street, the location of the George Inn.

14 Nov 1802: "A short time since died, Mr. **Waller**, master of the George and Dragon Inn, Oldham."

From Oldham St Peter's records: Buried 24 Oct 1802 John **Waller**, Innkeeper.

The book *Inns and Alehouses of Oldham*<sup>6</sup> tells us that the Inn at 36 High Street in

Oldham was variously known as the George Inn or the George and Dragon Inn and that a John **Waller** held the license from 1798 to 1802 when his widow Elizabeth took over as licensee until 1808 when James **Cheetham** arrived staying until 1814. **Rowbottoms** Diaries suggests that Mr **Waller** didn't take over until August 1799 at the earliest which is just after John **Waller** married Elisabeth Rose **Hoyle** in Halifax. **Waller** is another relatively uncommon name and marriages of a John **Waller** to an Elisabeth in the years before 1800 are few. Geographically, the nearest is the Halifax marriage, there being none in and around Oldham. The timing fits and there is also the continuing connection with the licensed trade, so it is a strong candidate. Also, John and Elisabeth **Waller** do not seem to appear in extant burial records around Halifax.

We learn more of life at the George Inn from the **Rowbottom** Diaries:

12 Apr 1803: "One **Bradey**, an Irish taylor, stole a silver cup from the house of Mrs. **Whalley**, the George Inn, Oldham, for wich offence he was committed to the New Bailey prison to take his trial."

(A costs account for trial of a James **Bradley** is available on Ancestry from the Lancashire Quarter Session Records)

8 Dec 1807: "Comedy of the "Birthday" performed at the Theatre, George Inn, Oldham, for the benefit of Mrs. **Holbrook**."

(Oldham Local Studies Centre hold a copy of handbill for this event)

The George Inn appears to have been a substantial property and business which later develops as a coaching inn serving routes from Manchester to Leeds via Huddersfield or Halifax.

23 Apr 1814: "A short time since G. **Statham** entered as tenant George Inn, in Oldham, late Mrs. **Waller**, afterwards **Cheetham**."

Another event also took place in this period, before Elisabeth **Waller** marries James **Cheetham**:

Oldham St Peter's 11 Nov 1804 James Blakeburn son of Elizabeth **Waller**, Innkeeper was baptised.

Edwin had an elder half-brother, one could guess that the father was a Mr **Blakeburn**. As previously told, Elisabeth **Waller**, widow, of the George and Dragon Inn then married James **Cheetham** in 1808 and they had their son Edwin in 1809.

After James and Elisabeth leave the George Inn they disappear from the records and nothing is known until Edwin and his family appear in Huddersfield from 1830 on. From the 1841 census, now we know of his half-brother, it is apparent that Edwin is living next door to James **Waller**, his wife Fanny and family. Following the **Waller**s into later census records, in 1861 we find that Emma Sophia Waller **Cheetham**, Edwin's eldest daughter, is living with them as Governess to the children. The youngest child is also Edwin. His full name from his baptism on 3 June 1855 at Ramsden Street Chapel, Huddersfield, is Edwin Cheetham **Waller** completing the web of family cross-naming.

The final record found offers to tie the whole story back to Halifax. A record for Huddersfield Holy Trinity, the church where Edwin **Cheetham** was later buried, for 14 Jan 1830: buried Eliz. Rose **Cheetham** age 64. Not forgetting that Edwin's third daughter was also an Elizabeth Rose.

Questions remain, can other members of the Calderdale Family History Society help answer them?

Is Carolina **Hoyle** daughter of Elkanah **Hoyle** of Warley baptised 1796 the same person then known as Caroline who marries James **Wells** in Halifax in November 1815? Is she half-sister to Edwin **Cheetham** and James **Waller** of Huddersfield?

Did Elisabeth Rose **Hoyle** and John **Waller** move from Halifax to Oldham in 1799?

What happened to the other children of Elkanah **Hoyle** of Warley, and when were they born? Was Elisabeth Rose the mother of John, Luke or Mary?

Where and when did James **Cheetham** die?

I would love to hear from anyone who is a direct descendant of Caroline **Hoyle/Wells**, James Blakeburn **Waller** or Edwin **Cheetham** especially if they have taken genealogy DNA tests. It would be interesting to see if there is DNA evidence to support them all being children of Elisabeth Rose.

Note: I have chosen to spell Elisabeth's name with an 's' throughout except when quoting direct from sources as this is how her name is transcribed in earlier records. The signature of Elisabeth is different in each of the marriage register entries, not unexpected for someone who would probably not have to sign frequently, but in each case looks more like an 's' than the conventional 'z in Elisabeth'.

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#### Transcription of the 1799 Last Will and Testament of Elkanah Hoyle of Warley, Innkeeper

In the Name of God Amen the sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine I Elkanah Hoyle living in Warley in the County of

York so make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I order that all my just debts funeral expenses and probate of this my last Will and Testament be first paid off and discharged by my executors and executrix hereafter named

I appoint Thomas **Lister** of Salterhebble in the parish of Skircoat John **Lees** in the said parish Executors and my wife Executrix of this my last Will and Testament I give to my son John **Hoyle** Twenty pounds a year to be paid by my said executors to his Mother If she keeps unmarried and does well to the children she is to receive the money that may be received out of the estate but if they find that she is embezzling the money the executors are to provide a place for the children to be taken care of in the best manner they can and pay them out of the money they receive out of the estate

I give to Mary **Luke** and Carolina **Hoyle** all that alike to be divided equally alike what may arise from the estate and furniture when sold if she marry to be sold and the money to be divided for the children the goods to be valued by two appraisers and the executors to have one and my wife the other and as long as she does not marry or offer to sell the goods she is to have them if she keeps the public house but if she leaves the public house then to be sold and I leave to my wife Elizabeth Rose **Hoyle** her  $\frac{1}{3}$  out of that house in Bow Street Covent Garden no. 36

I do desire my executors will pay the sum of Ten Guineas to my daughter Elizabeth **Herring** who married Mr **Herring** and lives in Tothill Street Westminster that receives the money from the houses that the executors are to receive the money of he is my son in law and will receive it and send it  $\frac{1}{2}$  back? There are 3 pints 1 tankard 1 Gill 10 tea spoons 1 pair of tongs 3 table spoons and a pair of buckles all silver I desire my Luke **Hoyle** may have my silver watch when capable of taking care of it And I desire my executors will put him to a trade as soon as he is fit for it as good a  $\frac{1}{2}$  as they can meet with and send him to school to learn to read and write. John if he  $\frac{1}{2}$  to his lessons and gets fit for a trade I would be glad if he was put out to  $\frac{1}{2}$  what they think best for him I trust my executors with my children as friends and hope they will behave as fathers to them.

Elkanah **Hoyle** Sealed signed published and declared by the said testator as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request have signed our names as Witnesses Robert **urworth** Richard **Hollar** Joseph **Wadsworth**

This Will was proved at London the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine before the Worshipful John **Sewel** doctor of Laws and surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William **Wyatt** Knight also doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully  $\frac{1}{2}$  by the oaths of Thomas **Lister** and Elizabeth Rose **Hoyle** widow the relic of the deceased and two of the executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Of the said deceased having been first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to John **Lees** the other executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same.

Original Image:

Reference: PROB 11/1324/267

Description: Will of Elkanah **Hoyle** of Warley , Yorkshire

Date: 30 May 1799

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Closure status: Open Document, Open Description

**New Additions to the Library at the Society's Research Room, Brighouse  
Anne Kirker—Librarian**

Several items have been kindly donated to the Society in the last year or so. These include:

***St Thomas' Church, Greetland. Year Books for 1910-11; 1915.*** These have been deposited in the Local Studies Collection at Halifax Library.

***The Record Book of Ely Furness***, an undertaker in Greetland, covering the years 1896-1927. This has been transcribed by our Transcription team and is on CFHS database. The original has been deposited in Calderdale Archives.

***'Mr Eastwood's Diaries'*** covering the years 1923-1989. Typewritten diaries.

***Heraldry for Family Historians & Genealogists.*** Stephen Friar.

***Reading Tudor & Stuart Handwriting.*** Lionel Munby

***Working People and their Northern Roots: a family history.***

David Hebblethwaite.

A personal account of researching and writing a family history of the Hebblethwaite and Coates families in the north of England, particularly in Halifax [Southowram] and Sheffield [Dore and Totley]. More than just a straightforward family history!

***Portrait of a Town: mid 19<sup>th</sup> century Todmorden.*** Dorothy Dugdale.

***Todmorden Cricket Club 1937-1987: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir.*** Ron Wilde [ed] and H Stephenson.

***Todmorden Town Trail: a self guided walk around Todmorden. 1975.*** Todmorden Conservation Group.

The Society's Research Room is located on the first floor of **The Rydings**, a grade 2 listed building only a short walk from the centre of Brighouse. It's more commonly known to locals as the Smith Art Gallery, or Brighouse Library. It was originally built in 1840 by John Brook, a Brighouse corn miller, but in 1989 the house and grounds were bought for the town by public subscription to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and a free library was opened. Alderman William Smith, the first Mayor of Brighouse and an avid art collector, paid for the building of the new Smith Art Gallery extension [and contributed much of his own collection] which was opened by Princess Louise in May 1907. The rear gallery hosts changing displays of local artists and items from Calderdale's own collection, and touring exhibitions.

As well as being able to access both Ancestry and FindMyPast, and all the Society databases on dedicated computers and laptops, the Research Room's library has a large collection of books and guides covering local and family history, local maps, Gibson Guides etc, and an *almost* complete run of The Scrivener from the Society's earliest days. Most of the books in the Research Room Library are

available to borrow, with the exception of those needed for Reference. There is a simple form to complete, asking for details of the items borrowed, and contact details. However, as I'm sure you know, the Society's Research Room has been closed due to Covid restrictions since March 2020. However, if any member is interested in what items we have in the library itself, then please get in touch with me and I will consult the catalogue. My contact details are in The Scrivener.

Anne Kirker,  
Librarian



The Rydings



Smith Art  
Gallery

**CFHS Talk ~ January 2021**  
**Census Substitutes: Is there anything like a census before 1841?**  
**by Sue Steel**

Is there anything like a Census before 1841?

Following a course Sue Steel took a few years back—with a series of lectures at the Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, this talk looks at some lesser known and less used records, and at their place in Local History.

Why were these records produced and by whom?

They were produced for a variety of reasons, including to check on people's religious conformity, or non-conformity, to ascertain potential military strength, and to collect money.

The first Census was the Domesday Book, compiled in 1084, when William the Conqueror wanted to know what land he had acquired. The original contains a list of land owners' names and where they lived, and is held in the National Archive in Kew. Not many people will have traced their family history back that far!

**The Domesday Book**



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/electropod/3167236184/>

All were for a specific purpose, which was not Family History!  
Many were incomplete – there were no women or children mentioned, or the poor, or people who avoided being on lists!

**Moving forwards to the present day –**

The 1931 Census was destroyed in the war, and no Census was taken in 1914  
For the rest, see IR 58/39367 on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

A survey was started in 1909/10 by Lloyd George to value all land and property in the UK. The survey was ended by WWI. It was known as the Domesday Census, or Lloyd George Census. If land or property was sold it was to be taxed. This census is in 2 parts, maps & field books. Find a property on the map, then go to the field book. The Owner, Occupier, Description and value are given. The 1910 Tax Valuation – available on Ancestry. National Archives website has originals.

1939 lists – held in National Archives at Kew. Kept up to date till 1950  
These lists were used for issue of ID cards, ration books, and for potential military service. They were also used as a basis for the National Health Service after the war. Lists included marriages etc.

In 1939 the government had to increase food production, so a list was compiled of all farms, smallholdings etc. with the names of owners and occupiers, and the condition of the farm. MAF 32

## **19<sup>th</sup> Century**

In the early 1800s there was concern about the poor, and whether the country would have enough resource to support the population. There was a census in 1801 and the Poor Act was passed in 1834.

## **18<sup>th</sup> Century.**

In 1757 the Military Act was passed. As a result of the 7 years war against France, the standing army was overseas, leaving the defence of the country to amateurs. Groups of armed men were formed for the defence against foreign enemies and domestic rebels. Each county was to form its own militia under the Lord Lieutenant.

As there were not enough volunteers, conscription by ballot was introduced. Some groups were exempt: clergy, teachers, apprentices, peace officers, seamen and peers, or you could pay someone else to take your place. The parish constable kept a list of men aged 18 to 50 to enter the ballot. If you were in the militia, payments could be made to your family. The Overseers Account gave details of payments made. Some examples are for a coffin for a child, and one for a nurse.

In the military rolls ages may not be correct as some people wanted to avoid conscription. A man would have been in the militia for 3 to 5 years, so there could have been marriages to brides from other places.

In 1798 the Yeomanry were recruited, as paid volunteers, aged 15 to 60. Lists of these paid volunteers included names, town of residence and where they got their horses from. There were exemptions in case of infirmity, having children under ten, marital status and previous service.

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, many taxes involved the middle classes.

In 1747 – 82 there was a tax on carriages and carts, based on the numbers of their wheels and horses. Vehicles used for husbandry or trade were exempt.

In 1756 – 77 there was a tax on silver plate.

In 1777 – 1852 there was a tax on male servants, depending on their role and marital status, with exemptions for those working in manufacture or husbandry, servants of the Royal Family, and servants in the schools of Eton, Winchester and Westminster and in the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge.

In 1784 – 1804 gamekeepers were taxed, including manorial gamekeepers, but excluding keepers of rabbits in warrens on enclosed ground, or game on a person's own land. There was a tax on horses, a horse used for trade being taxed at the same rate as a racehorse.

In 1785 – 92 the servant tax was extended to include female servants. There was a tax on Armorial Bearings, which was different if you used them on your carriage.

In 1795 – 1869 Hair powder was taxed. This apparently led to a change in fashion – wigs were used instead of powdering your hair! There was a tax on unmarried daughters. The first 2 daughters were taxed, but not the third. Clergy, the military and the royal family were exempt.

In the first year £20,000 was collected. A certificate was issued when the tax was paid, and £20 was the fine for not having a certificate. No idea how it was policed!

There was a tax on dogs, depending on breed & purpose. And the famous window tax, which resulted in some householders bricking up some windows to avoid paying it.

**17 Century** In the 17th Century we have the Black Death, the Fire of London, the English Civil War, Religious Migration and the Restoration of the Monarchy.

In 1628 the Petition of Rights made taxation without parliamentary consent illegal.

King Charles I wasn't happy with this – he dissolved Parliament for 11 years. During this time there were many taxes, but few records, since they were illegal! In 1640, on account of 2 wars with Scotland, the King reconvened Parliament so he could get some money! This was the "Long Parliament" Charles I was desperate for money. In each county the debt was passed to the Hundreds, Wapentakes and Parishes. Each County was to collect £100,000, regardless of population. Catholics and foreigners had to pay double. The documents are in the National Archive.

The Protestation Return, renouncing Popery, had to be sworn, first by Members of Parliament, then by Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and finally by all males over 18. The lists of those who took the oath, and sometimes those who didn't, are held in the Parliamentary Archive, and some are on line.

In 1647, some Protestants were asked to go to Ireland to start plantations, taking land from the Gaelic population. As a result of the civil war against the Planters, the government wanted to raise £400,000 for distressed Protestants. Only £40,000 was raised. The lists of those who had donated are in the National Archive. The amount could give an indication of the donor's wealth, and that they were not Catholics!

1643. Parliament wanted the allegiance of Scotland. To enforce Presbyterianism, all males over 18 had to sign the "Covenant of Reformation and Defence of Religion". There was no penalty for refusal to sign, apart from inability to hold office. The lists are in the National Archive.

After the Civil War, Charles II needed money. The "Voluntary Act of Benevolence" was passed. The collection was made in the Market Place on market days, and the names of contributors were taken, so how voluntary it was we can only guess!

In 1676 Henry Compton, Bishop of London, took a religious Census on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who wanted to know how many people lived in the Diocese of Canterbury and York, with an indication of those of Papist or Dissenting views. The instructions were loosely interpreted by the different parishes. The surviving records are at Canterbury Cathedral Library, Lambeth Palace or the William Salt Library in Salford.

In 1695, to finance the war with France, the Marriage Duty Act was passed. This included births, marriages and burials. Childless bachelors and widows had to pay, but not paupers. Incumbents of parishes made lists of their parishioners, which are held in the London Metropolitan Archive. This tax was stopped in 1705/6.

In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Hearth Tax was instituted, at 1s payable at Michaelmas, and 1s at Lady Day, by the occupier. This tax was very unpopular. The lists were not complete as people evaded it. Many records are in WY Archives.

Also in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (1693) and up to the 20<sup>th</sup> century (1963) Land Tax was payable on land worth > 20s. Catholics had to pay double. Paying Land Tax made you eligible to vote in Parliamentary elections (only men!)

William & Mary were in massive debt, so the Window Tax was introduced. Occupiers, not owners, were taxed on the number of windows. Many windows were blocked up to avoid paying, but some were made so they could be unblocked once the inspector had gone. Hospitals and the poor were exempt. Lists of occupiers are held in the local archives.

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Centuries.** In 1377 a poll tax on males over 14 was introduced. The lists only included the head of household, but all were taxed at the same rate. Most lists survived. The 1380 lists were partly destroyed in the Peasants' Revolt. The rate of this tax was 3 times higher than the previous one.

The Tudor & Stuart Muster Rolls (1285) listed able bodied men aged 16 to 50 to enable recruitment of Militias for the defence of local areas. This continued up to 1522.

The Lay Subsidies (Clergy were exempt) were used to raise money for specific purposes. The rate was 1/10 of the value of movable goods worth over a minimum value – so the poor were exempt. The lists were for villages and towns, so individuals were rarely mentioned. The originals are at Kew.

There are also many books on related subjects. Ask the Archives what they have.

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**Jeremy Gibson & Alan Dell** - The Protestation Returns 1641-42 and other contemporary listings

**K R Exchequer** - Lay Subsidy Rolls: List & Index Society

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## **POST BAG**

Dear Mrs Stubbs,

My wife, Gillian **Maud**, member 2637, is the family history enthusiast, my interest is railways, but I always read the magazines from the no less than the six family history societies of which she is a member, including yourselves and Huddersfield.

In the very detailed report of Terence **Melia's** talk The ancient parish of Halifax and her coat of arms, pages 23 to 31 of the September 2020 edition of The Scrivener, I note that the designer of the 1974 coat of arms for Calderdale Council was H Ellis **Tomlinson**.

Mr **Tomlinson** was a teacher at Baines' Grammar School in Poulton-le-Fylde, he being my brother's form teacher in 1961. He had a great interest in art, history &

heraldry and was busy at the time of local government reorganisation in designing the new arms for a number of councils. I remember his comments on my brother's reports were always written in a very distinctive florid style in purple fountain pen ink.

The **Tomlinsons** were a leading family in Poulton and an ancestor of Ellis **Tomlinson** is credited with taking many photos of the local railway scene in the early years of the 20th century.

Yours sincerely

George **Maund**

Thank you for your email – It's good to hear from people who enjoy reading *Scrivener*, especially those who can relate to something in their own history.

Best wishes, Editor.

### **School Photo**

Hi.

During a recent move I came across this old school photo (front cover). I must have been about 3 yrs. old. I'm centre front row, two to the right of the child wearing clogs. Yes those were the days!

My parents Fred & Olive **Norcliffe** ran the grocers/fishmonger/florist shop on Patmos.

Last time I was in Tod' it was a cycle shop.

Keep up the good work I'm always interested in the CFHS publications.

Regards, Steve **Norcliffe**

Hi Steve,

Thanks very much for your email and photo. Reminds me of my own school days! Haven't things changed?!

Regards, Editor

### **Covid-19**

We are all worried about catching the above and waiting for our injections which hopefully will end this nightmare.

However think back to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and before that!

I was looking for the death of Mary **Dufton** and found that she died from measles aged 3 years 8 months.

On the attached Burial Sheet there are recorded 40 deaths, 26 of these are children's deaths from measles, one from whooping cough and one from small pox. The

remainder are adult deaths.

Deaths from measles.

Under 1year.	8
1years-2 years	8
2years-6 years	10

We have forgotten how deadly diseases were before 1900. People accepted children would die, and had larger families.

Russel **Dufton**

Thank you.

Yes, a timely perspective!

Editor

### **Leeds to Bruges, Belgium**

Whilst researching my family tree I came across Samuel **Dufton** who was born 28<sup>th</sup> September in Leeds the son of Thomas **Dufton** and Ann (nee **Marcher**).

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1837 he married Elizabeth **Lee** in St John the Baptist Church Halifax and at some time between 1847-1848 moved to Bruges Belgium where he worked as a 'Teinturier' (dyer) at the Dujardin linen factory.

He died on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1850 and his family moved back to England. I could not find the cause of his death and do not think it was the chemicals used in his job. In the 19 century they did use a lot of chemicals which today we have banned, but in natural dyeing they used Potassium Aluminium Sulphate (Alum) as a mordant (this binds the dye), but Alum is non toxic.

One of his descendants was Dorothy **Dufton** (1894-1983) who read Natural Sciences at Girton College Cambridge. She married Charles M **Wilson** who was Winston **Churchill**'s physician

According to the Library in Bruges during the 19<sup>th</sup> century there were about 1000 British nationals working in Belgium.

In 1799 William **Cockerill** born Haslingden Lancashire, went to Belgium, and in 1807 established a factory in Liege building textile machinery with his two of his sons John and James.

In 1813 William retired and John and James took over, James retiring in 1822. As well as textile machinery they also founded an iron foundry at Seraing Belgium in 1817 which employed 3000 men.

John was also a founder of the Banque de Belgique.

John married but did not have any children he died in 1840 in Warsaw of typhoid whilst returning from Russia.

Russel **Dufton**

## Limed House Northowram: Greenwood, Tidswell and the False Reed.

I was born in Preston Lancashire in 1957 and had no idea that family history research would lead me to Halifax. For the past 20 years I have lived in Almondbury near Huddersfield, close to the grade 1 listed All Hallows Church. The biggest surprise was finding that my previously unknown Gt Gt Grandparents William and Sophia, were married at this church in 1851, especially as our daughter was christened there in 1991!

Unfortunately William was to suffer an untimely end when crossing the tracks at Morley station. Despite around 100 trains per day using the station, 1875 Health and Safety considered it acceptable cross the line by climbing down the platform on to the tracks and back up the other side. The station layout is unusual with a tunnel mouth opening at one end of the platform. Several train movements were taking place and in the darkness as William and another man crossed and were both hit by a locomotive as it left the tunnel. The verdict of instant death was recorded on both men.

In 1841 William had lived at Limed House Northowram with his family of weavers and farmers. It seems that Limed House had a long association with the **Greenwood** family which is how Michael **Greenwood** came to my attention. Michael **Greenwood** is recorded as living there around 1800 when he invented a loom component called a False Reed. He is referenced both by **Malcolm Bull's** website and the snappily titled publication:

*"History of the worsted manufacture in England, from the earliest times; with introductory notices of the manufacture among the ancient nations, and during the middle ages"*, John **James** 1857

Michael **Greenwood** 1776 – 1852 was a weaver of Northowram, son of Paul **Greenwood** possibly born in Ovenden. (I have found tax records for Paul **Greenwood** associated with Limed House but so far nothing for Michael)

MB states that Michael was employed by clothier Jonathan **Akroyd** of Lane Head Ovenden, 1782-1847. **Akroyd** was in partnership with his younger brother James, the founder of James **Akroyd** and Sons, of Halifax, stuff manufacturers, worsted spinners and merchants.

Michael and fellow weaver David **Tidswell** seem to have shared a knowledge of weaving machinery and **Akroyd** sent the pair to Norwich on what sounds like an industrial espionage mission. (Incidentally, a different branch of my ancestors were working in the textile mills in Norwich at the time of this visit visit!) **Greenwood** and **Tidswell** were tasked with discovering the manner in which the wonderfully titled "bombazines" and "crapes" were being manufactured there. Bombazines are a type of heavy cloth widely used at the time for funeral and mourning clothing.

They successfully returned with the knowledge to give **Akroyd** a monopoly in manufacture of such goods in the north of England. In 1818 **Akroyd** duly moved at least part of his business to Bowling Dyke where he began production of Norwich Crepes and Bombazines.

According to Malcolm Bulls reference "**Greenwood** and **Tidswell** subsequently worked on designing machinery to produce new patterns of Dobbies (A device attached to a **loom** to select and raise individual **warp** threads in order to make the pattern for **weaving**. Some could weave patterns of up to 160 threads) This also contributed to **Akroyd's** commercial success.

**Greenwood** subsequently invented a **false reed** (A series of flat wires on a **loom** which were used in **weaving** to guide, separate and space the **warp** threads, in the woven fabric for use in weaving **worsted** yarn, and set up as a manufacturer on his own account."

There appears to be some uncertainty over dates because James's book states that **Michael Greenwood** of Limed House Shibden invented the false reed about the year 1800 which would put his invention before the Norwich expedition. I understand the innovation was soon incorporated into all subsequent looms so it would be reasonable to expect Michael to have died a wealthy man. I have yet to find evidence of this or of him ever setting up on his own accord. More research is needed.

On a personal level I'm really interested to know if I'm related to Michael and if so how? Apart from my own middle name which is pure coincidence, there have been no Michael's or Paul's in my immediate family so he is probably not a direct ancestor. I have also found intriguing links between the **Tidswell** and **Greenwood** families that suggest a closer relationship than mere work colleagues.

1841 finds Michael and wife Esther at Range Bank Northowram living with the family of Abraham **Tidswell**. I have so far discovered two marriages between the two families but like a jigsaw puzzle have yet to establish how they fit together. The same is true of the incredibly complex web of **Greenwood** families, many replicating the same names with wives of the same name (if recorded at all) and kids with the same names that repeat over the generations! I'm lucky to have a pretty conclusive DNA match to confirm I matched William to the correct **Greenwood** family! In the meantime the jigsaw remains frustratingly incomplete despite a growing collection of isolated pieces that don't yet fit anywhere!

Michael seems to have been quite a significant innovator in textile development but appears another casualty unrecognised and forgotten by history. He might also be my only celebrity ancestor!

It is just possible that someone in the society has already solved some part of my puzzle, in which case I'd be very grateful to hear from you and very willing to share my information. Someone might even be an expert on Michael **Greenwood**, or this info might just arouse the curiosity of those interested in textile history?

I wait to hear from you.

**Rob Greenwood.**

Ref 38-73 Malcolm Bull.

**BENEFITS GAINED FROM WIDENING AVAILABILITY OF CFHS MONTHLY MEETINGS BY ZOOM**  
Connie Gregory

Has any good come out of the Covid outbreak I ask? Most people would reply definitely negative! Not me, however, as due to the Lockdown period in the UK (for which I have great sympathy) I have learned a new skill which is how to use the Zoom Computer Programme enabling me to join the CFHS Monthly Meetings. This was thanks to the CFHS Committee who kindly decided to hold the meetings by Zoom, together with Mr. John Barraclough finding Speakers prepared to use this medium, thereby allowing overseas Members to join the Group.

Now myself, not being very 'Tech Savvy', I was quite apprehensive about joining the meeting in this way. I had over the many years of being a CFHS Member, noted the many interesting and varied topics and thought how I would love to attend, but living in Australia I was unable to do so. After receiving the invitation from Mr. Peter Lord, Treasurer and Meeting Convener, I contacted him to ask for advice and Peter encouraged and guided me through the process. I had already received the document "Protocol for a Participant" which although rather daunting, was very useful.

I do confess to a default on my first attempt at the "Trial" meeting held for Members, which I missed entirely due to my own fault because of a miscalculation of time zones! However, not to be deterred, Peter patiently facilitated another brief lesson with me which was successful and I was delighted to be able (albeit nervously) to join the next meeting.

It was a little overwhelming at first as I entered the meeting to be greeted by a sea of faces, but great to be able to put faces to quite a few names that I had only read previously in the Scrivener. Especially that of our Secretary Mrs Susan Clarke with whom I had had correspondence for many years! Peter, patiently as always, advised me and other Members on what to do as they 'joined' the Meeting and then all we had to do was to sit back and enjoy the Talk.

Easy!!

The Topics of the meetings have been so varied, interesting and enjoyable. I am not going to list them all but the talk by Chris Helme on 30 years of Policing in Brighthouse was very enlightening and photographs so memorable. The topic on the Ladies of the YMCA in the Great War was very special to me and probably to other Members, who knew little about these wonderful Ladies previously. At the May meeting David Glover did an excellent job on describing properties around South Halifax some from as far back as 1635. It makes one realise what beautiful buildings we had and how sad that some of these have now been demolished.

The CFHS has even introduced a "Repeat" Meeting for overseas Members who don't wish to get out of bed so early in the morning to join the group! Even though it might involve only a handful of people, it is very accommodating of the Committee to arrange this. I was unable to join the actual Meeting covering the AGM, but I need not have worried as I joined the "Repeat" meeting so I did not miss the important decisions of the Society. The subject of the same meeting was a video with instructions on how to use the Data Base by Mr. Peter Lord which I found extremely useful and easy to follow.

However, I do realise that before all these meetings could go ahead, that a lot

of preparation work must have been done. The writing of the Protocol document and the Invitations (writing and sending out) and the finding of the Speakers, all of which Members are unaware. I realise this must have caused a lot of extra work for the Committee Members involved and I do commend them on their work. I am sure there have been a few anxious moments for the Organisers, but from my perspective, the meetings have run extremely well. I have only had a problem on one occasion which was due to an echo on the sound, but bearing in mind that I am on the other side of the World it is amazing that such a meeting can be held at all!

I love being a Member of the CFHS and look forward to receiving and reading the Scrivener from Mrs. Susan Clarke each Quarter. It always contains such interesting articles and I have personally gained a lot from my Membership in that over the years I have made several friends through the Society. One of these, Mrs June Haley (sadly recently deceased), was a great Mentor to me as I began my research. One day I had an email from June, very excited as she had found a relative whom she knew I was trying to find for a long time and it read, "I nearly jumped off my chair when I saw the name of your ..... just now!!"

June sent me the print out which had been written at 1.0 am! What a lovely lady and we were friends for 20+years - all due to the CFHS!

So, I would advise all you Members who have thought about joining the Zoom meetings, but not already done so, to take the next step and I am sure you will not be disappointed. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed all the talks each month and I have made a few new friends whilst feeling much more a part of Calderdale Family History Society. If I can do it, then so can you! I might have to get up at 4.0 am for the "live" meetings, but personally, I feel that it is well worth the effort.

### Monthly Meetings by ZOOM - Summer 2021

Given the improving situation, the Society has taken the decision to reintroduce physical meetings at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Halifax, in September 2021, subject of course to any changes in government Covid policy and guidelines. As previously indicated, these will be streamed over Zoom with the introduction of the "hybrid" meeting format and will continue to be available to Away Members both in the UK and Overseas.

[If you are not already registered for virtual meetings, you need to install Zoom on to your computer, I-Pad or other device. This can easily be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download> – hopefully anyone who needs help with this has a relative (usually a grandchild !!) who can do the business. If all else fails, get in touch with us at

[systems@cfhsweb.com](mailto:systems@cfhsweb.com) <<mailto:systems@cfhsweb.com>>

Once installed, just E-Mail our Membership Secretary at [membsec@cfhsweb.com](mailto:membsec@cfhsweb.com) <<mailto:membsec@cfhsweb.com>> & ask to be registered for the on-line meeting. Once this has been done, she will send you details (known as "Participants' Protocol") to help you get the best from every meeting.]

**Please Note:** Non-Members are more than welcome to join the Zoom meetings free of charge and should request an invitation from the Membership Secretary at [membsec@cfhsweb.com](mailto:membsec@cfhsweb.com)

**22 July 2021** (Zoom meeting at 7.30pm)

**Halifax Diamonds and the Second World War - Bryan Harkness**

In May 1940 Germany avoided the heavily fortified Maginot Line and attacked France through Belgium and Holland. What is perhaps a little less well known is their secondary aim, which was to acquire the huge stocks of diamonds held in Antwerp. These were essential to the German war effort and in particular the machine tool industry for the manufacture of munitions.

However, a British destroyer was dispatched to Antwerp and whisked them away from under the very noses of the invading German army and transported them to London.

Bryan tells the story of what then happened to the diamonds and how an innovative Halifax engineering company was able to produce machinery that allowed them to train an unskilled workforce reducing the usual five to six year apprenticeship for a diamond cutter and polisher, to a matter of weeks!

This is a fantastic insight into the skills of British engineers in the 1940s and how Halifax changed forever gemstone manufacture during the latter part of the Second World War and through into the 1950s. But what happened then?????

**26 August 2021** (Zoom meeting at 7.30pm)

**Understanding the 1939 Register - John Hanson**

The lecture explains the history behind the 1939 Register, how it was carried out, its transcription and release, and the problems it has presented owing to its departure from anything that had gone before. An understanding of these differences is essential in order to get the best from this valuable source of information. John, a CFHS member, will illustrate how to exploit and interpret the data contained in the Register, which will hopefully fill those elusive gaps in your family tree.

**23 September 2021** (Zoom meeting at 7.30pm)

**Finding Her Place - A Yorkshire Mill Girl's Journey to a Home in the Gold Coast Colony - Catherine Cruickshank**

In March 1949, two newspaper articles with sensational headlines prematurely announced that loné **Acquah**, née **Crabtree**, was returning to England to write her thesis for her M.Sc. degree after living in the Gold Coast with her African husband.

loné was born in Sowerby Bridge in 1914 and left school at fourteen to work in a cotton mill. By 1943, she had acquired enough education to gain admission to the London School of Economics where she met and fell in love with David **Acquah**, a student from the Gold Coast. Before he left in 1945, they discussed the significant challenges of an interracial marriage but decided to proceed anyway. Two years later, she became the first single Englishwoman to go out to the Gold Coast to marry an African. Sadly, she died there from cancer a decade later, just four months after it became the independent nation of Ghana. In her talk, her only daughter and CFHS overseas member, Catherine **Cruickshank**, will share her remarkable story and accomplishments based on loné's diary, letters and other documents.

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

**West Yorkshire Archive Service ~ [www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk)** (*This can be a good place to start to access the West Yorkshire Archive Catalogue*)

**Calderdale District Archives, (Registers, BTs, Census, etc. etc.)**

Calderdale Central Library, Square Road, Halifax HX1 1QG

Tel: +44 (0) 1135 350 151 e-mail [calderdale@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:calderdale@wyjs.org.uk)

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e-mail [reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:reference.library@calderdale.gov.uk) (*local studies collection, newspapers, maps, trade directories, IGI, GRO indexes, census and parish register fiche, on-line Familysearch and Ancestry; research service offered*).

**WYAS Wakefield Office, WY History Centre, 127 Kirkgate, Wakefield, WF1 1JG**

(*Registers, WRiding Registry of Deeds, Manorial Records etc.*)

Tel. 0113 535 0142. email : [wakefield@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:wakefield@wyjs.org.uk)

Details of where to find us and our opening times are available on our website:

<https://www.wyjs.org.uk/archive-service/contact-us-and-opening-times/west-yorkshire-history-centre-wakefield-archive-service-opening-times-and-information/>

**The Borthwick Institute ~ [www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihrl/](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/bihrl/)** (*Peculiar + PCY wills, BT's etc.*)

University of York, Heslington, YORK YO10 5DD

Tel: +44 (0) 1904 321 166 email ~ link on website

**Weaver to Web ~ [www.calderdale.gov.uk/wtw/](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/wtw/)** The council maintains a website with a miscellany of information from the archives (*a wide range of photos, maps, census returns, parish registers, poll books, wills, etc., have been digitised to view online*).

**Malcolm Bull's Calderdale Companion ~ <http://www.calderdalecompanion.co.uk>**

(*Large collection of trivia, miscellaneous facts of people and places and other bits of local history about Halifax and Calderdale*).

All the Parish records transcribed by the Society are available to search (for a fee) on **FindMyPast.co.uk** (*In addition there are many other records available to search*)

West Yorkshire Parish Registers have been put online (for a fee) by the West Yorkshire Archives Service which can be accessed on **Ancestry.co.uk**. (*Again, many other useful records, for a fee*)

**[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)**

(*Thousands of records for free including the IGI and some census data*). LDS Family History Centres are invaluable for 'distance research'. Check local telephone directories.

**The National Archives ~ [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)** (*a wealth of data arising from public records, including BMD's, census and much much more*).

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU Tel: +44 (0) 208 876

**[www.direct.gov.uk/gro](http://www.direct.gov.uk/gro)** is the website of the general register office for everything concerning civil registration and to order certificates.

Consider subscribing to a periodical such as Family Tree Magazine or BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine. Online sites such as **GenesReunited** and **LostCousins** may help you find relatives researching the same family.

## LOCAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIRS etc

Forthcoming Events of Interest :-

### The London Group of Yorkshire FHS.

19 June 2021 Simon Fowler Publicans and Brewers  
18 Sept 2021 Else Churchill Early Poor Law  
20 Nov 2021 Claire Moores "The Art of Criminal Conversation" – the history of divorce

Meetings all via Zoom, starting at 10.30 with the "room" open at least 20 minutes before that. It's £6 per meeting for non-members, preferably by bank transfer, but cheques are accepted if paid in advance.

All welcome, but please let us know at least the day before, or earlier if paying by cheque.

Contact Ian at [lgyfhs@virginmedia.com](mailto:lgyfhs@virginmedia.com) for more information.

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### Family History Federation

(was Federation of Family History Societies)

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>

This site has a wealth of links to events & information of interest to family historians.

FHF Really Useful Family History Show

Friday - Saturday 12 - 13th November 2021

Buy your £7.50 Early Bird ticket at [www.fhf-reallyuseful.com](http://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com)

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## Huddersfield & District Family History Society

If you have ancestors in the Kirklees area, which covers the towns of Huddersfield, Dewsbury, Batley, Holmfirth and surrounding villages, then why not contact our Society for help and advice.

We have a research room at **the Root Cellar, 33A Greens End Road, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5NW** and we are open at the following times on these days:

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Monday:</b>		2 pm to 4.30 pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>		2 pm to 4.30 pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10 am to 12.30 pm	2 pm to 4.30 pm
<b>Thursday:</b>		2 pm to 4.30 pm
<b>Friday:</b>	10.30 am to 1.00 pm	
<b>Saturday:</b>		2 pm to 4.30 pm

**Our telephone number is 01484 859229** and details of all our activities and how to join can be found at [www.hdfhs.org.uk](http://www.hdfhs.org.uk). You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook by searching for 'Huddersfield Family History Society'.

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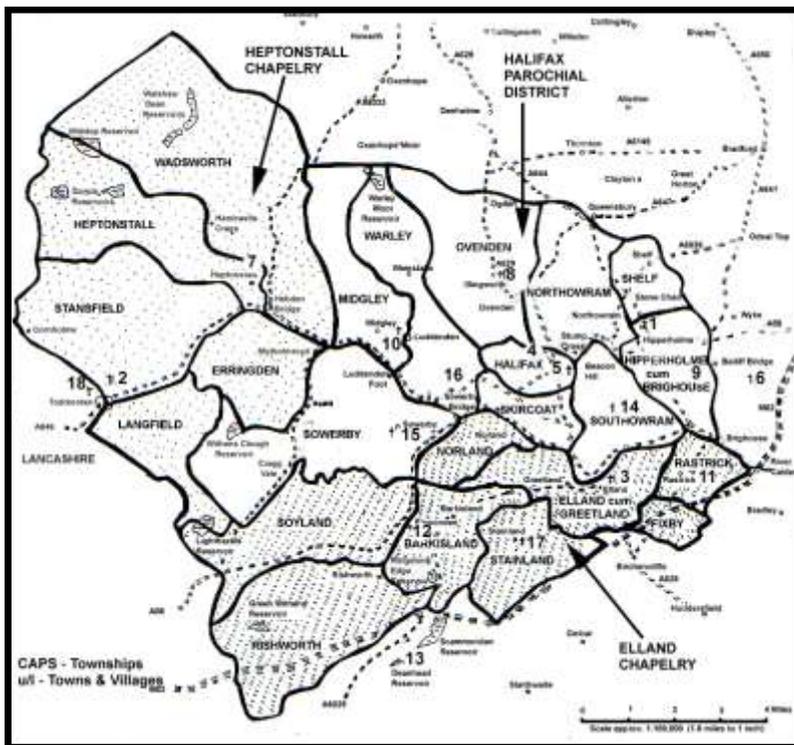
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CHURCH/CHAPEL	Registers begin	BAP.	MAR.**	BUR.
1. COLEY	St. John	1735	1745	1734
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678	1837	1678
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559	1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832	1837	nk
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538	1538	1538
6. HARTSHEAD	St. Peter	1612	1612	1612
7. HEPTONSTALL	St. Thomas**	1599	1593	1599
8. ILLINGWORTH	St. Mary	1695	1697	1695
9. LIGHTCLIFFE	St. Matthew	1703	1704	1704
10. LUDDENDEN	St. Mary	1653	1661	1653
11. RASTRICK	St. Matthew	1719	1839	1798
12. RIPPODEN	St. Bartholomew	1684	1686	1684
13. SCAMMONDEN WITH MILLHEAD	St. Bartholomew	1746	1886	1746
14. SOUTHOWRAM	St. Anne	1813	1838	1818
15. SOWERBY	St. Peter	1668	1711	1643
16. SOWERBY BRIDGE	Christ Church	1709	1730	1821
17. STAINLAND	St. Andrew	1782	1844	1783
18. TODMORDEN	St. Mary/Christ Church	1678	1669	1666

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