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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.

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- 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.

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Editorial

I'd like to thank everyone who sent contributions to Scrivener. Unfortunately, apart from "official business", I only had one this quarter. Russel Dufton emailed, see page 14. Thank you Russel!

C'm ON. You MUST have something to share with us!

I particularly like pictures. I have a file of pictures of churches around Calderdale, which different people have sent me, but I don't know anything about them!

They are:

Coley - St John; **Cross Stone Todmorden** - St Paul;
Elland - St Mary; **Halifax** Minster;
Hebden Bridge - St James the Great; **Heptonstall** - St Thomas;
Illingworth - St Mary; **Lightcliffe** - St Matthew;
Luddenden - St Mary; **Luddenden Foot** - Boulderclough Chapel;
Luddenden Foot - Brearley Baptist Chapel;
Luddenden Foot - Former Congregational Chapel;
Mytholmroyd - St Michael;
Northowram Heywood - United Reformed Church;
Ripponden – St Bartholomew; **Southowram** – St Anne;
Sowerby – St Peter; **Sowerby Bridge** – Christ Church

If you have any nuggets of information about any of them, or you were christened or married there, or your ancestors were, do let me know.

I've put St. James of Hebden Bridge on the cover of this issue. (I hope it's right this time...)

Publications

Peter Lord tells me that we have now published the MIs for King Cross Methodists. For the first time photographs of graves are also available. These are free to members, or £1 each to non members.

Also the Duchy of Lancaster Rolls for Hipperholme 1537 to 1607, as downloads only priced at £3, but individual information can be obtained, in the usual way, FOC for members, via the Transcription Index.

COVER PICTURE

Oops, sorry! The picture on the cover of the September issue was wrongly labelled. It is actually St Mary, Elland

The cover picture on this issue IS

ST JAMES THE GREAT, HEBDEN BRIDGE.

Please do correct me if you notice anything wrong!

Editor

“Succession Planning” for Society Officers.

All the officers in our Society do a sterling job in keeping the Society running & offering the members what we hope they need to further their research. However, it has to be said that none of us are getting any younger & the people holding the main posts are all in their 8th decade – and some approaching the end of it !!

So your Committee has been giving some thought on how we can safeguard the integrity of these posts, but at the same time, not “railroading” anyone into taking over something that they are not prepared for.

We have already done some “disaster planning” which enables the Society to continue functioning in the event of any of our officers disappearing from the scene, either by accident or design. Inevitably, though, these provide only short-term solutions, so it would be good if we had plans for a more ordered method of support for each of the main officers.

We would like to invite offers of help from some of our less geriatric members (ie those under 75 years old !!) to step forward & offer themselves to support some of our officers as a deputy. The idea is two-fold :-

To take some of the burden off the existing post-holder.

To have some more permanent back-up in the case of the post-holder having to step down, for whatever reason.

The posts that we think may be most easily served by having a deputy are :-

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Of course, there are certain limitations concerning the suitability of volunteers, mainly where they live. We don't consider it practical for the deputies for the Secretary or Treasurer to be away members, as a significant part of the role requires you to be local to Halifax. However, there is no reason at all why the deputy of the Membership Secretary or the Project Coordinator couldn't be a member

from anywhere in the world. Nearly all the work involved in those 2 posts can be done remotely.

Volunteers for this need not see it as a underhand way of passing over the full role to them, although it could well be that you would come to feel that you were capable & willing to take over from the existing post-holder, should that time come.

Some societies have, as part of their constitution, time limits on their main posts (eg no-one can be chairman for more than 5 years). We have never seen the need for this at Calderdale, nor do we think that it makes replacement at the end of the term any easier. Having deputies may be seen as a "half-way" house to securing continuity, because any deputy eventually taking over the post would then have a deputy of their own.

Please think seriously about whether or not you can help in this. If you want to know more of the detail of what is involved, feel free to contact the current post-holder at the E-mail address given above.

I hope that we will be able to move forward on this in the coming months.

Clifford Drake - Chairman.

Unwanted Marriage certificate.

Hi Mrs Stubbs

I have an un wanted Marriage Certificate that has been passed on to me but I find that the persons are not my family so I wondered if you would be able to ask in the next issue of The Scrivener if it is of any use to any member

The Marriage took place on the 20 August 1893 at Parish Church of Halifax between John Arthur **Carter** of Sowerby Bridge and Sarah **Heaton** of Cross Field Halifax. I would be pleased to pass it on to anybody who it's of any use to

My email address is chippy417@blueyonder.co.uk. contact number is 01274601792.

Many thanks.
Mrs Jean **Craig**.

CFHS Talk ~ January 2019
GOING OFF AT A TANGENT
by MARY TWENTYMAN

My husband Donald and I were very interested in a monumental inscription (MI) we heard about at a talk. It mentioned: Margaret, the daughter of James and Hayley **Parker**, of Horton, who departed this life, in the 19th year of her age. And then it concluded:

“Young females all, who knew me in my bloom,
I did not think of being cut off so soon.
But by Grace **Elam**’s lies, my heart was broke.
Do you not think that was a dreadful stroke?”

When we got home, we looked up the entry in the Blackburn Transcription. This is a record dating to the 1920s, compiled by a gentleman called Arthur **Blackburn**, who was homeless and lived at the Salvation Army Hostel. He visited all the graveyards in the Bradford area and in Coley and Morecambe. In these records we found this entry:

“In memory of Samuel **Parker**, of Wibsey Slack, who departed this life, May 9th 1822, aged 61 years ...” Also: “wife of the above who departed this life in 1830”. In addition, it said: “of Margaret, daughter of James and Haley of Haughton, who departed this life on February 11th 1853, in the 19th year of her age” It concluded as mentioned above.

Back in 2009, when we were researching this, there were no Parish registers on Ancestry and our Sabila website was in its infancy. So, I decided to look at the Censuses. On the 1851 census I failed to find any records for a Margaret **Parker** or for a Grace **Elam**. I looked at the Manor of Royd’s Hall Call Book for 1835. It contains information such as: who held such or such a portion of land and whether they were a leaseholder or a copy holder. We found an unrelated entry giving an alternative “**Hillam**” or “**Elam**” spelling of the surname, so I wondered if it was worth checking again on Ancestry. On the 1841 census, in Haughton, I found Grace **Hillam**, in Horton aged 60. Then, I went on to the family search and found this: christened on 28th October 1815, James and Alice **Parker**. This meant Alice was Haley. But the dates were out by 20 years! On the MI it had been wrongly transcribed as 1853 instead of 1833. It is so important to check what people have written down, as the entry could be wrong. It also proved Margaret was dead by 1841 but I could look for her parents and I found James and Alice with Rose, Mary and Sarah.

On family search, I was surprised to find Margaret **Parker**, a minor, under 21 then, marrying James **Hillam**. Back in 2009 you had to go to the archives to find burials at Holy Trinity and I found Margaret **Hillam** of Great Horton buried on 14th February, so this is the Margaret of the talk. A well-known website that presents photographs of graves, does not actually print out the MI, so you could not guess that Margaret had another surname.

Returning to the 1841 census for Grace **Hillam**, she is living with her son James, a Mary and a Charles and Charles is aged 8. If Charles is 8 and is the son of James and Margaret, he was born in 1833 when Margaret died, and so we can presume she died in childbirth, due to the dates involved. I investigated the Mary living with James **Hillam** and Grace and it turns out she was his wife, she is also under 21 and they are bringing up his child. They had married in 1834, her maiden name is **Holgate**.

On the next censuses they have more children but the ages shown are illogical. Some of the children are 21 and 16 in 1861 and 1871 censuses when James is only 49 and Mary is 55.

I decided to look at the GRO online index, which indexes the mother's maiden name right back to 1837. I typed in "**Hillam**" and I found a Hannah **Hillam** and five more children; all died between the censuses.

In 1881 they are up in Reighton, in County Durham and James is 72. James' first wife's parents James and Alice, continue to live near Grace in Horton. Alice and Grace died the same year, 1860 and five years later James died and none of them had a gravestone, so unless we had come across the one of the talk, we would never have found it.

I have no idea what lies Grace **Elam** was guilty of. It is a fascinating thought

The next talk we went to was by a lady called Jennifer **Thornton** about her great-grandfather John **York**. He worked at Bowling Ironworks and on a photo, he appeared with his mates in their working gear, covered in sweat and dust and it was understandable he went by the name "Black John".

However, some time later when she had researched his baptism in Mask, North Yorkshire, it said: "Thursday, August 8th, a negro servant belonging to Mr **Hutton**, who had been in the family above

four years and supposed then to be about 17 or 18 years of age” It goes on to mention his sponsors Mr **Hutton** and Mr **Paul** of Breedon. John **York** was descended from slaves at the Fish River Plantation, near Montego Bay, Jamaica and his origins were in Africa. It had never occurred to the speaker, that her ancestor could be black.

This brings me to an entry I found, which had nothing to do with me, but I found curious. It mentioned a George William a “negro” (sic) “who resided with his wife at Longman Street, in Bradford”. This was a very rough part of Bradford and there was a strong Irish presence and George had been involved in a fight . It mentioned he was 49 years old and had maintained himself by singing in public houses. On the 1871 census, I think I found him living in Liverpool, with his wife Mary, and he is a seaman. Just by his name on the census, you could never guess George was black, so it made me think about our own ancestors and what assumptions we make.

I had another similar case, one day, looking at the baptismal records for St Paul’s in Buttershaw, Bradford. This entry for 7th September 1896 says: “Doris Evelyn, Sirus and Rose **Walling** and **Keating**. Smithy Hill, Wibsey “. We wondered whether it was Sirus **Walling** and Rose **Keating** or whether it was one double-barrelled name and why Doris was also mentioned ...We googled “Sirus **Walling**” using inverted commas and were amazed to find a note from Lancashire County Council, mentioning “black comedians” in a “minstrel show “. Amongst the longest surviving acts in Lancashire, were Clem **Lawton** and Sirus **Walling**. After reading further, we worked out he was probably actually called James **Keating** and was born in 1858 and came from Manchester. We found over 603 entries for him in the Era, which is a subscription newspaper about the stage, and learnt he first appeared in 1878, when he was known as American’s Greatest Favourite, or an American Song and Dance Artist and was joined, very frequently, by a lady called Nelly **Florence**.

In another section of the Era, we found this: “Married at Rochdale, on 28th, Sirus **Walling** of **Walling** and **Russell**, Negro comedienesses” . We could not find the details of the marriage, but we did find in September, James **Keating** marrying Florence **Robinson**. This name reminded us of the Nelly **Florence** mentioned. In the 1881 Census, we found him as Sirus and Florence **Walling**, living with a Mina **Robinson**, who is the head and the mother of Florence, and, in the same household, are a Thomas and a Fred. Thomas is a brother of Florence and son of Mina and Fred is a boarder. Sirus’s

profession is a singer. In the house there are also a couple of visitors: George **Warriner** and Mrs **Warriner**, whose birthplace is not given and whose profession is theatrical artist, in both cases.

In the next Census, that of 1891, there was no sign of Sirius of Florence. Mina was still there and a Jack **Walling**. We finally find Sirius in this census, living in Leeds as a boarder, with a Rosamund **Walling**, aged 21 and a little girl, aged 2, called Vivienne

By 1901 Sirius and Rosamund are living in Normanton with a railway engine driver and with John **Royal**, who is a musical artist. Sirius and Rosa advise their profession as music hall artistes and all state they were born in Nottingham. We managed to find Vivienne too, she is aged 11 living in Pontefract. On the same census, at the address of Wibsey, mentioned at the beginning of this search, we found a Doris Evelyn **Keating** and she is the adopted daughter of an Elizabeth **Ackroyd**. So, we decided to send off for her birth certificate, which gave this information: Doris Evelyn **Walling**, her father was James and her mother was Rosamund Emily **Keating**, formally **Chaney**, a concert hall vocalist. We were confused about this as James/ Sirius had married Florence **Robinson** and we decided to check the GRO. We discovered a child had been born to Sirius and Florence in 1888 in Birmingham and died within the year, being buried there. We think Florence stayed in Birmingham and meanwhile, Sirius had left her or led a double life and found Rosamund, and on the GRO we found several children being born to them...

By 1911, Doris Evelyn **Keating Ackroyd** has taken on the additional surname of her adoptive mother in Wibsey, but we also found a Vivienne Rosamund **Keating** aged three and an Olive **Keating**, who are both in the Girl Union Workhouse. And a Vivienne May **Keating**, is found at HMP Hull, who is the mother of these 2 girls and she is the daughter of Sirius and Rosamund from the 1891 census. Vivienne May **Keating** died in Leeds in 1953.

Rosamund **Walling** or **Chaney** died in Barnsley in 1908 aged 37. The Sheffield Telegraph said she resided with her husband, Sirius **Walling**, comedian. Sirius died 6 months later. Doris, in 1939 was still living in Wibsey and when she died, she left money to Harry Edward **Barnsford**, who was her adoptive sister's (Emma **Ackroyd**) husband.

Finally, one last case. We were looking at criminal cases, at Kew, and found one for an Abraham **Holroyd**, aged 26, in North Bierley,

in Bradford, who had been sentenced for burglary. He had been “charged by the oath of Martha **Brooksbank** of North Bierley, with having, on the morning of the 16th January, between the hours of 12 and 4, burglariously broke and entered the dwelling house and ferrously stolen, seven stone of flour, ten pounds weight of candles, two loaves of bread and four cakes of bread, which were her property” He was committed to the local sessions at York Castle and was sentenced to death. However, in another note it mentioned “transported for life“, so I looked on Ancestry and found the hulk he was sent to at Sheerness. On other Ancestry records I found out he was married to Mary **Naughton** and the had 3 children: Joseph, Harriet and Naomi.

At Kew we found a large bundle of papers which were petitions from lots of people from North Bierley, requesting he not be sent to the hulks. One of the signatures was by the local magistrate A. E **Lister**, who did admit to not knowing him. A statement read “jailers report; character bad“ and a paragraph mentioned the sentence commuted to life and had the word “nil” next to it and November 2nd, which meant the petition had been sent back. It was sent again by the people of North Bierley, in January, and this time it was signed by Robert **Peel**, no less. Another person who had signed it was Martha **Brooksbank**, the victim of **Holroyd**’s burglary.

The Australian records mention he had been transported for seven years aboard the ship Liversdale in December, so the petition was too late, anyway. I found out that Mary **Naughton** took a common law husband once Abraham had been transported and after seven years was able to remarry. Abraham also remarried, in Australia. He married a 21-year-old orphan, called Elizabeth **Russel** from Wexford and they had five children.

As a final thought, it is clear, amazing things can be found during your research.

SCHOOL LOGS

When we were little kids in school,
We were quite naughty as a rule.
The teachers knew - we didn't doubt it,
But never dreamt **YOU'D** read about it!

Ann Cestor



CFHS Talk ~ June 2019
BERMUDA, BERLIN, BRILL :
TWO WARS, TWO WIVES, THE STAGE IS SET.
A case study talk
by **JACKIE DÉPELLE**

In December 2014 Jackie was asked to help support a University of Leeds, Legacies of War project to research the lives of British Civilian Internees in Berlin for the duration of the First World War. "In the wrong place at the wrong time" was a collaborative project with Educational establishments in Spandau where much forgotten material about the internment camp at Ruhleben is archived.

Her brief was to research F E **West** known to be one of the Internees with a potentially German wife, a father called Alfred and she was provided with a couple of London addresses. Who was he? What happened to him after WWI? Were there any descendants? Any other information would be useful.

Jackie explained that due to the vast amount of London material on Ancestry it was relatively easy to locate a marriage between Francis Edmund **West** and a Sophie **Hellwig** in 1909 in London. The next step was to target universal suffrage in 1928 when Sophie would have got the vote and it was possible to locate an F E **West** with an S **West**. Tracing forwards found Sophie missing in 1937 and a potentially suitable death was indexed in 1936. The death certificate revealed suicide "whilst of temporary unsound mind". The sad event was followed up in newspapers via the local library and the Coroner's inquest.

It was suggested that Sophie's life during the First World War in London would not have been easy with her civilian husband interred in Berlin for an unknown period. This turned out to be for four years, though as a civilian internment camp conditions and communications were not those of a Prison Camp. Indeed education, theatre, shops, even a Royal Horticultural Society branch helped occupy the men who developed their physical conditions in horse stables to include hot water showers. By the end of the war there was a danger Ruhleben might be overrun by the starving Berlin residents in the quest for the home-grown food which was plentiful in the camp.

There was much more about the strange mixture of comfort, safety, isolation and psychological situation within the camp before Jackie related their repatriation through Hull to the Ripon WWI camp and subsequently their homes. See further reading to follow this up.

To track F E **West** in London on his own was difficult and a potential National Probate Calendar entry and Death Certificate revealed a second wife and a career in the Civil Service. During this period Francis aka Frank was discovered on a Pan Am aircraft manifest flying from Bermuda to New York. More online material, his will and recent releases have enabled Jackie to develop the story further and share it to a wider audience with the permission of the project.

Alfred **West's** baptism in Brill (famous for its windmill), his domestic service and self-improvement in London all set the scene for his son's most unexpected life.

For more information:

<http://www.ccsmggh.leeds.ac.uk/research/in-the-wrong-place-at-the-wrong-time/>

<http://ruhlebenlofthouse.com/>

<http://library.law.harvard.edu/digitalexhibits/ruhleben/exhibits/show/ruhleben/>

<http://ruhleben.tripod.com/>

POST BAG

My father James **Dufton** wrote an article for the Yorkshire Ridings Magazine in 1978 about his memories in Boothwood. I think they were living there as my grandfather was working on a dam there. I am hoping I can trace a copy of the article because it might be interesting.

If I can get a copy I will send it to you.

I was interested in the recent article about conscientious objectors. My grandfather John Arthur **Dufton** born 1880 did not fight in WW1 but he was a builder and therefore maybe in a reserved occupation. However I got the impression from the article that the War was not as popular up north as is sometimes given.

Regards

Russell

CFHS Talk ~ July 2019
PRINCE JOHN (THE LOST PRINCE)
AND THE GIRL FROM HALIFAX
by DAVID GLOVER

It was during a heatwave in July that we welcomed David Glover to our meeting to tell us about his extensive research into the link between two families. One family lived in Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Sandringham and Balmoral and the other lived mostly in an ordinary end of terrace house in Halifax.

Prince John was the youngest child of King George the Fifth and Queen Mary. He was born in 1905 and died at Sandringham at the age of thirteen, following a severe epileptic fit.

King George the Fifth and Queen Mary had five sons and one daughter.

Edward, known as David, who became the Prince of Wales and eventually Edward the Eighth, then abdicated and became Duke of Windsor.

Albert, or Bertie, who became Duke of York and eventually King George the Sixth; father of our Queen Elizabeth.

Mary who married Viscount Lascelles and became Princess Royal.

Henry, who became Duke of Gloucester.

George, who became Duke of Kent.

John.

Our speaker said that his interest in the British Royal family began at an early age and this was rekindled after watching a TV series entitled 'The Lost Prince' on BBC1 in 2003. A fact omitted from this programme was that young Prince John had a young female companion at Sandringham, slightly younger than himself and she came from Halifax. Her name was Winifred **Thomas**.

This connection with Halifax was highlighted in an article by Charlotte **Zeeprat**, published in 'Royalty' magazine in 2007. Charlotte's well researched book makes fascinating reading as it covers British nannies and governesses, from cradle to crown, at Royal Courts of Europe before the Great War.

Interestingly, three of the elderly ladies present at Prince Charles' baptism at Buckingham Palace in 1948 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, had also been present at Prince John's christening over

four decades earlier in 1905. They were Queen Mary, the little boy's mother; Princess Alice, the Countess of Athlone, granddaughter of Queen Victoria and the Prince's godmother; and Charlotte **Bill**, who became John's nurse and carer.

In those days royal children were usually looked after from an early age by nannies and nurses and didn't spend much time with their parents. Although King George the Fifth and Queen Mary came from loving families, they were both naturally very shy and appeared rather reserved. This probably affected their relationships with their children.

Edward, the eldest child described his childhood as wretched, relating how he had developed an eating disorder and starved himself. The next child, Bertie, who later became George the Sixth, stuttered and was forced into leg braces to correct his bandy legs. He was forced to write with his right hand even though he was naturally left-handed. Henry, Duke of Gloucester, although affable and dutiful, spent a considerable amount of the time being drunk. George, Duke of Kent became a promiscuous chaser of both women and men. These details were of course frequently covered up in the 1920s and 30s.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone once asked George the Fifth if he loved his children. He is reputed to have replied that of course he did, to which Alice replied, 'Then why don't you show it?' All George's sons allowed themselves to be outwardly dominated by the King's strict will, until his death in 1936.

Mabell, Countess of Airley, chief lady in waiting to Queen Mary, provides an interesting insight into the Queen's relationship with her children in her memoirs, 'Thatched With Gold'. She wrote that the King and Queen had often been depicted as stern and unloving parents, but she remembered them in her early days at Sandringham as being conscientious and devoted to their children as they were growing up. The tragedy was that neither of them understood a child's mind and it seems as though they did not make their own children very happy.

George's manners towards his sons alternated between awkward jocularities of the kind which makes a sensitive child squirm from self-consciousness, and a severity bordering on harshness. The only opportunity Mary had to get to know her children was during an hour they spent with her in the evenings. The Countess considered that was insufficient for the creation of a happy relationship between

a child and a parent.

George and Mary's youngest son Prince John was born on 12th July 1905 at York Cottage, a small detached residence in the grounds of the Sandringham Estate. King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra had the use of Sandringham House. Prince John was baptised John Charles Francis at a ceremony in Sandringham Church on the 3rd August. It is believed that Nurse Charlotte (Lala) **Bill** carried the baby on this occasion. When Princess Nicholas of Greece, mother of the late Princess Marina saw Prince John a few months later, she observed that the four-month old baby was 'a fine child, pink and fat, smiles sweetly, but not at all pretty'.

Until the showing of the documentary film entitled 'The Lost Prince' the popular image of Prince John, to those who had heard of him, was that he had been shut away because his epilepsy made him an embarrassment to the Royal family. Charlotte Zeepvat's research indicates that as the young Prince travelled around the country with his family and was seen by cheering crowds, he did not attract much attention because he was the youngest member of the Royal Family.

Until he was about four years old, Prince John appears to have lived a normal life. He was seen with his brother and cousin above the gates of Marlborough House in London to watch the funeral procession of his grandfather, Edward the Seventh in 1910. Soon after his sixth birthday he asked questions when he was taken to see a children's pageant at Windsor. Shortly before the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 he visited the Houses of Parliament with his brother Prince Bertie. It appears that it was in 1909 or 1910 that the diagnosis of epilepsy was made. Initially his fits were quite rare. It has been suggested that he may also have suffered from something else, possibly Asperger's syndrome, as he seems to have been a bit slow. What difference did this make to Prince John and what was the effect on his life?

John's public life was limited by his age as well as his epilepsy. He enjoyed practical jokes and would put glue on door handles and pins on chairs. One of his Aunts remembered that John had sucked a biscuit, wiped it across the floor, gave it to the dog to lick and then handed it to his Grandfather and with great interest, watched it being eaten. King George the Fifth jokingly boasted about his children to Theodore **Roosevelt**, President of the United States, 'They're all obedient, except John.' Photographs of John appeared in books and postcard and he occasionally signed the cards and used them

to write to friends.

When John's brothers and sister had grown up or were away at school, he spent more of his time at Sandringham, but not in lonely isolation. His nurse Lala **Bill** was devoted to him and he lived a happy life there. She was well able to cope with his occasional fitting.

Charlotte Jane Bill (Prince John's Royal Nurse and Carer)

Charlotte (Lala) **Bill** (1875 – 1964) was born in Maidenhead, Berkshire, daughter of a Captain of a steam launch on the river Thames. At the age of 16, Charlotte became a nursery maid to the Purdey's, a well to do family and she stayed with them for five years. Around 1895, Charlotte began employment as an under nurse to the family of the Duke and Duchess of York, as King George the Fifth and Queen Mary were at that time.

By 1897 she had three children to help care for, David, Albert and Mary. Lala was promoted to principal nurse in 1900, following the dismissal of a sadistic head nurse. The cruelty of this first nurse was based on fact. In the film 'The King's Speech' (2010), the then Duke of York was asked by Lionel **Loath**, his speech therapist, who he was closest to in his family. The Duke replied that his first nanny hated him and had maltreated him. He was then asked about his brother Johnny and he replied that he was a sweet boy, with epilepsy and he was different.

The Royal parents wished their children to be brought up as simply as possible where they lived in the rather cramped York Cottage on the Sandringham estate. Lala, or Mrs **Bill** as she was often referred to, assisted in this.

The 1901 census records King Edward VI as head of several members of the Royal Family living at Buckingham Palace. The census schedule also includes the names of Lala **Bill** and her younger sister Edith, who was also employed by the family for a time.

Lala was a clever and inventive woman who was able to teach as well as provide childcare, and she was brilliant at housekeeping. She provided affection for the Royal children and was the ideal person for young Prince John and she became very close to him. In 1912 when Prince George was sent away to school, Queen Mary and Lala **Bill** began to look for playmates for Prince John.

Winifred Thomas (The Girl from Halifax) (1905 – 1980)

A young girl named Winifred **Thomas**, from Halifax was staying with her Uncle and Aunt, George and Lizzie **Stratton** in the groom's quarters at Sandringham, where George was riding master to Prince John. Winifred was about the same age as Prince John. She suffered from asthma and to improve her health was sent to stay with her relatives. Lizzie **Stratton** was a close friend of Lala **Bill**, the Royal nurse.

Queen Mary went to the **Stratton**'s home one day to have tea and meet Winifred. This was the beginning of a childhood friendship that would last for over six years. From that time John and Winifred spent most of their days together. They worked in John's garden, rode their bikes around the park, went on outings in the pony and trap and exchanged gifts. When John was ill and had to spend time in bed, Lala **Bill** would read to them both. Neither of the children attended school. They learnt all that they knew from Lala and others on the Sandringham estate.

In 1917, as John's condition deteriorated, he and Lala relocated from York Cottage to the more spacious Wood Farm. John's fits became more frequent and severe. Much was done to make his remaining years as safe and enjoyable as possible. Winifred's Uncle George watched over him and Thomas **Habberly**, one of the coachmen from Windsor, came to live in the adjoining cottage with his wife and children to take John on outings to the countryside and occasionally to the coast.

Prince John had his own staff at Wood Farm and had an area of the garden set aside for him and the estate gardeners to maintain. He had books and toys, including a pedal car and ride on train, and continued to have Winifred for company. The Prince seems to have been treated sensibly and kindly as at that time people who had epilepsy were generally put in an epilepsy colony or a mental institution.

John's condition deteriorated during 1917-18 and he died on 18th January 1919 after a particularly serious fit. Lala **Bill** telephoned Queen Mary at Sandringham House. The Queen recorded in her diary, 'Lala **Bill** telephoned from Wood Farm that our poor darling Johnny had died suddenly after one of his attacks. The news gave me a great shock, though for the little boy's restly (sic) soul, death came as a great release.' 'I brought the news to George and we went down to Wood Farm and found poor Lala very resigned and

heartbroken.' 'Little Johnny looked very peaceful lying there. We can be thankful and grateful to God for having taken him in such a peaceful way.'

John was buried in the churchyard at Sandringham church on 21st January, with many members of the Royal Family and Lala in attendance. Queen Mary wrote in her diary, 'The service was awfully sad and touching.' 'In the afternoon I spoke to and thanked all Johnny's servants from Wood Farm who have been so good and faithful to him.' Some days later she wrote, 'Miss the dear child very much indeed.' After the funeral the Queen spent some time with Lala at Wood Farm assigning John's various possessions to his friends. A small granite tombstone on a cross marks the Prince's resting place, with the simple inscription, 'HRH Prince John 1905 – 1919.'

The Royal Family's gratitude towards Lala **Bill** may be summed up in the words of King George the Fifth when considering her pension, he wrote, 'Mrs **Bill**'s case must necessarily be treated exceptionally, her long and devoted service to Prince John entitles her to special consideration.' In 1919, Lala **Bill** was given a pension of £120 pa, which was a huge amount in those days. She continued to help with certain occasional Royal duties and was to care for more Royal babies including the Hon George **Lassos**, son of Princess Mary, the Princess Royal. Between 1923 and 1928, Lala was appointed as housekeeper at Buckingham Palace, a highly responsible position.

In 1951 at the age of 77, at the request of Queen Mary, King George the Sixth offered Lala, his old nurse maid a 'grace and favour' house on the Sandringham estate, where she could live rent free for the rest of her life. She kept in touch with the Royal Family who visited her occasionally. Her home was filled with photographs of Queen Victoria and many generations of the British Royal family as well as a large photo of Prince John as a toddler, on her mantle-piece. As mentioned previously, she attended the baptism of Prince Charles in 1948. Lala maintained contact with her widowed friend, Lizzie **Stratton** (Winifred's Aunt) and in her late seventies, she embarked on a ten-week tour of Chilli, with a friend.

Lala continued to live on the Sandringham estate until 1959, by which time she had become frail and went to live with her niece in Hampshire. She died in hospital in Maidenhead in December 1964, at the age of 89. She remained devoted to the memory of Prince John to the end of her life. In her will she left almost half of her estate, £2,500 to the Church of England Children Society.

Winifred's Thomas and Sims' families

Our speaker shared some of his extensive research into Winifred's family pedigree. She was born in Halifax in September 1905, the youngest of four daughters of Frederick **Thomas** and Sarah Ann **Sim**.

Winifred's connection with Sandringham was that her maternal Aunt Elizabeth (nee **Sim**) and Uncle George **Stratton** lived there. George was the head groomsman on the Sandringham estate. The couple had no children of their own. Whilst Winifred was in Sandringham, she kept Prince John company. Although her surname was **Thomas**, the Sandringham estate personnel tended to refer to her as Little Miss **Stratton**.

After Prince John died, Winifred aged twelve years old, returned to her family in Halifax and continued her education at school, even though she had missed many of her early educational opportunities. Later she went to a polytechnic to study French and English. She became engaged to Leslie **Heathcote**, travelled to India to join him, where he became a tea planter and they married there. Their daughter Ann was born in 1935. Winnifred and her husband returned to England in 1959 and lived near Worthing in Sussex.

In later life, Winifred told her friends that Queen Mary was a loving and caring parent who spent a good deal of time with her youngest son, whenever she could. If Winifred ever heard anyone suggest that the Royal Family had treated Prince John unkindly, she would tell them that this was utterly untrue. She never forgot the loving, friendly boy with whom she had spent a happy childhood. She treasured the collection of Royal memorabilia Queen Mary had given her, including some of John's childhood books, in which the Queen had inscribed, 'In memory of our dear little prince'. Winifred also kept letters from Queen Mary, Princess Mary and Johnny. She had kept a fondant dish, given to her by Johnny as a Christmas gift, bought at a sweet shop in Dersingham, Norfolk, not far from Sandringham. Winifred had a small signed photograph of the Prince John which she kept on her dressing table until the end of her life. She died at Walmer in Kent in 1980.

Our speaker uncovered much of this information about Winifred and her family after being inspired by Stephan **Poliakoff's** BBC film, 'The Lost Prince' and Charlotte **Zeeprat's** article on Royal matters. He has also been assisted in his quest by one of Winifred's rela-

tives, who lives in Halifax and wishes to remain anonymous and Winifred's daughter, Ann **Sharp** who has been extremely helpful in this research.

Transcriber's note

Most interesting talk, and learnt a great deal. I visited Sandringham Flower show with our WI on a very hot day July and we saw Prince Charles and Camilla. We went inside the Church as it was nice and cool in there. I hadn't realised that Prince John was buried in the churchyard and plan to make another visit next time we go to Norfolk.

Jean
(Northamptonshire)



The Society's approach to Project Work & Self-help.

As the Transcription Team complete yet another project, it seems a good time to write about the general approach we take towards not only project work, but also to the help that our members can give to each other to further their research.

Projects.

As a Society, we try to do projects that will bring the most benefit to our members, nearly always for ancestors within the Calderdale area. Commercial organisations such as Ancestry & FindMyPast have far greater resources than we do & so they tend to "gobble up" the more straightforward types of information. The speed with which they can make things available is of benefit to family historians, even if the quality of the data provided is not always of the best !

As a consequence, our Society try to do projects that do not appeal to the commercials, but do render valuable information to our members & the public alike. This has led us into some surprising areas – for instance School Logs – but your Committee always try to assess how useful the resultant data will be to researchers.

Schools information is a relatively untapped source, which is why we did so much work on School Logs. We would have liked to have worked on School Admissions, too, earlier than we have, but our source, West Yorkshire Archives, lived in the hope (ultimately proved to be unfounded) that the commercials would take these on. Once it was apparent that this was not going to happen, we were allowed to take them on.

In wanting to produce the most relevant information for our audience, this becomes allied to considering what income we can raise by publication. As we all know, running any organisation costs money, with our only other source of income being membership fees, which we believe we have set at a fair, but not excessive, rate. As mentioned earlier, the commercials are always keen to get more data available on their sites, & FindMyPast have had the foresight to offer "commission" to Family History Societies who are prepared to offer their data to them.

For some time, we have taken advantage of this with the Parish Registers that we have transcribed & have recently added to these our School Logs which looks to have the potential to boost our monthly "commission" income. However, FindMyPast are now

keen to take Monumental Inscriptions, together with photographic back-up, so our latest completed project, King Cross Methodist MIs, has been offered to them in the hope that it will boost, further, our income. To take advantage of this approach, we have now started a project to make all our other Monumental Inscription sets suitable for FindMyPast. This involves indexing all the previously transcribed inscriptions by surname/forename rather than just the surname that we have done in the past.

Given that access to all our MIs have, up to now, only been possible by surname (a bit of a “scattergun” approach) the results should enhance immensely what is available to you, our members, through our Transcription Index & “Free Search” facilities. There are some 80+ graveyards to work through, some large & some small, but we intend to “drip-feed” the results so that the improved information becomes available on a continuous basis, rather than waiting until the end of the project.

Alongside this, we will continue with Schools Admissions, which, like School Logs, is being handled in 3 geographical stages. The 1st, South & East Calderdale, will hopefully be available for publication early in 2020.

From time to time, as well, we come across opportunities to do small projects which offer the potential of good information for little effort, so we can divert resources to handle these. An example of this is the Duchy of Lancaster records for the 16th century in Hipperholme, which we are just completing. These should be available before Christmas this year.

Self-help.

As well as benefiting from the work done by our Transcription Team, members can also help each other, in a number of ways :-

- Use the Members’ Interests facility, which operates from within the Members’ Area of our website www.cfhsweb.com. This is a simple mechanism of entering the surnames that you have interest in & then searching the system for others with the same interests. You can then simply E-Mail each other to exchange information.
- Familiarise yourself with the Forum on the website. This is available to all members, once they have logged on, and is beginning to be better used. It is an ideal way to exchange more detailed information, which you are unable to do so easily with the Members’ Interests system.

- Write a short item, asking for help, for the monthly newsletter. All you need to do is to send the details of your request to Pam Newby, our Newsletter Editor, at newsletter@cfhsweb.com & she will include it in the next issue.
- Write a longer item for the quarterly journal, The Scrivener (this magazine !!). You can go into much more detail about your family, your interests & your “brick walls” than in a Newsletter item. These can be sent to Frances Stubbs at editor@cfhsweb.com – she will be delighted to receive them.

We hope that this gives you a clearer idea on how your Society is trying to provide the best & most relevant information for you to progress your research & how you can also help yourselves, and other members, by using the facilities that we have described.
Good Luck with your further research !!

Peter Lord



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Known</u> <u>from</u>	<u>Known</u> <u>to</u>	<u>Wanted</u> <u>from</u>	<u>Wanted</u> <u>to</u>
WHITELEY	HALIFAX		1780	1876	1600	Now
INGHAM	HAUGH	WYR	1780	Now	1700	1780
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ILLINGSWORTH	ELLAND	WRY	1804	1841	1700	1841
CRAWSHAW						
ORCHESTRA	HALIFAX	WRY	1899	1915	1899	1950
INGHAM	MARSHAW BRIDGE	WYR	1840	Now	1810	1840
INGHAM	MANKINHOLES	WYR	1800	Now	1650	1800

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>

(See also Peter Lord's article on page 23 - particularly **Self Help** on page 24.)

CALDERDALE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

2020 SPRING MEETINGS ~ Thursdays 7:30pm.

**At The Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister Street, Winding Road
Halifax, HX1 1UZ**

NOTE THE (not so) NEW VENUE

23rd January

Phil Judkins ~ Tracing WW1 Military Relatives.

Based on many years of experience and a broad knowledge of The Great War, Phil uses worked examples to illustrate how best to use National Archives and other research materials to construct, in detail, the service careers of relatives during the First World War.

Unlike many other speakers on the subject, Phil does not take you down “the usual paths”, but introduces many rarely explored sources of information offering a far greater insight into the military careers of our forebears.

27th February

Sue Clifton ~ Stitching up the Family

Sue will always be grateful for the suggestion made by a family history society member to employ her embroidery skills to record the stories she has heard as a child. It was this, coupled with those early recollections, which led to her developing a keen interest in family history.

As further family stories and events unfolded, these were incorporated into embroidered panels, graphically illustrating the family's history for generations to come. What started as a post-retirement project has now produced a fascinating alternative approach to recording family history.

26th March

Jackie Depelle ~ Family History: Getting the Basics Right

With almost 20 years of experience as a professional Family History tutor, Chairman of the Yorkshire Group of Family History Societies and SemSub Chairman of the Guild of One Name Studies, Jackie promotes the vital importance of “Getting the Basics Right”.

The presentation will take the form of a short interactive workshop with time set aside for members/guests to ask questions and seek guidance on how to ensure that the roots of their family trees are sound.

As a Family History Society, this offers a rare opportunity to explore how the “professionals” address those apparently imponderable questions we all encounter from time to time.

23rd April

Annual General Meeting

View our website at www.cfhsweb.com

and visit

Calderdale Family History Society's

RESEARCH ROOM

**Brighouse Library
Rydings Park, Halifax Rd., Brighouse, HD6 2AF**

Tuesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm & Thursdays 10:00am to 1:00pm

Open to both Members & Non-Members

Facilities include :-

- **Searchable information on 4 computers.**
- **Fiches for all Calderdale C of E churches.**
- **6 Internet terminals, with access to Ancestry.com**
(**Note**—now increased from original 4 terminals)
- **Wide range of books, journals, cuttings, etc.**

For more information and bookings ring 07952-211986 during the hours given above.

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
Monday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Tuesday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Wednesday:	10 am to 12.30 pm	2 pm to 4.30 pm
Thursday:		2 pm to 4.30 pm
Friday:	10.30 am to 1.00 pm	
Saturday:		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. You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook by searching for '**Huddersfield Family History Society**'.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND SOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WEST YORKSHIRE ANCESTORS

West Yorkshire Archive Service ~ 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

Calderdale Central Reference Library (address as above) Tel: +44 (0) 1422 392 630
e-mail 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

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/ (*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/ 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

(*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 (*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 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.

21 March 2020	John Hanson	Websites for Yorkshire Research
20 June 2020	Simon Fowler	Publicans and Brewers
19 September 2020	Else Churchill	Early Poor Law
21 November 2020	Peter Christian	The Future of Genealogy on the Internet

All meetings are held at the **Society of Genealogists**, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, starting at 10.30 a.m. (Doors open at 10.00 a.m.). Coffee and tea are provided before the meeting. The SoG is 5 minutes' walk away from Barbican Underground station. Everyone with an interest in Yorkshire family history is very welcome.

You do not have to be a member of the SoG.

The Federation of Family History Societies

Federation of Family History Societies' web site
www.ffhs.org.uk

This site has a wealth of links to events & information of interest to family historians. Find the EVENTS tab for a list of forthcoming events.

Devon FHS is hosting a [Mayflower International Genealogical Conference](#) in Plymouth on 29th August 2020.

Are you descended from one of the Mayflower passengers' families left behind in 17th century England? I hope that some family history society members are interested in contributing to the project:

"The families they left behind"

Contact Maureen Selley, Secretary of Devon FHS:
secretary@devonfhs.org.uk

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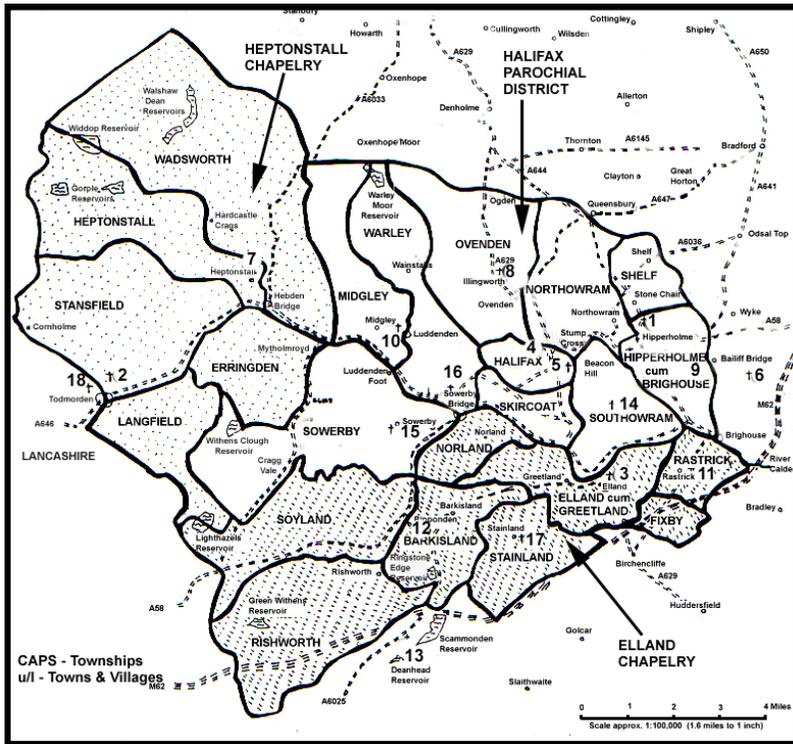
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1. COLEY	St. John	1735	1745	1734
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678	1837	1678
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559	1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832	1837	nk
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538	1538	1538
6. HARTSHEAD	St. Peter	1612	1612	1612
7. 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. RIPPONDEN	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

**Following Hardwicke's Marriages Act of 1754, Banns and Marriages will only be found in the registers of these churches. After 1837 they lost their monopoly of marriages.

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Cragg Vale Methodist Chapel		1	Eastwood Congregational Chapel		2
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Luddenden Foot, St Mary's		1	Lumbutts United Free Methodist		2
Mankinholes Wesleyan		2	Midgley, Providence Methodist		1
Moor End Road U.R. Church		1	Mount Tabor Methodist Church		1
Mytholmroyd, St. Michael's Church		1	Mytholmroyd, Wesleyan Chapel		1
Norland, Mount Pleasant Chapel		2	Norland Prim. Meth. Chapel		1
Northowram Heywood Ind		4	Ogden Mount Zion Methodist		1
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Pellon, Christ Church		1	Queensbury Ambler Thorn Meths		4
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Stainland, Providence Chapel		1	Stainland Wesleyan		4
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