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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Coronavirus is still with us although some are saying that there is light at the end of the tunnel now that vaccination programmes have started in many countries. Sadly no one has hazarded a guess about the length of the tunnel.

On a brighter note the days are getting longer (at least in the Northern hemisphere) and, hopefully, a little warmer.

I am sure that many readers are still actively researching their family history. An important part of research is finding out what social conditions, housing, disasters, plagues etc our ancestors experienced. The coronavirus epidemic perhaps makes us realise how lucky we are with the health care that is available. But this was not always the case and I have put together a number of books that illustrate this. For comparison I have also included a book giving a brief history of our National Health Service.

Now that we cannot meet at venues for events and talks we are turning more and more towards virtual events. In April the Society will be hosting the Quarterly meeting which will be followed by the AGM. February is a busy month with ZOOM meetings being hosted by Manchester, Bolton, Oldham and the Anglo-Scots.

I asked last month for members to tell me about websites they have found interesting and helpful and I have included three in this month's news. There are also updates on the Help Desk, projects, UKBMD and Manchester Central Library Archives+.

With the current lockdown in the UK and no doubt in many other countries members are turning to our Forum site where there have been many requests for help during the last month.

Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

The office is being run from home, as is the bookshop, by our usual team.

Feel free to contact the office office@mlfhs.org.uk for enquiries about your membership. If contacting us please give your membership number and the surname of the member (it is not always the same as the person paying). We are finding that members have never informed us of changes to their email address from when they first joined so it is **important** on the new website that we have an **up-to-date address** so please check.

Because of the current lockdown volunteers are not accessing our office at Manchester Central Library. Could members still paying via cheque please note the address for sending them has changed. Please do **NOT** send anything to the library. There will be delays if correspondence is sent to our office at Manchester Central Library. If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to join or renew your subscription to the Society.

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Stay safe and well Elsie

EVENTS/TALKS

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

Manchester Street Names by Ray Hoerty

Annual General Meeting following the Quarterly Meeting

Elections will be held for the offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and General Secretary, as well as Council Members.

Nominations, supported by the proposer and seconder and with the consent of the nominee, should be forwarded in writing, or by email, to the General Secretary not later than Wednesday 3rd March 2021. Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the office at office@mlfhs.org.uk

Meetings will be via ZOOM. Booking will be with Eventbrite for both the Quarterly meeting and the AGM. More information will be in the March newsletter and with updates on our website.

Hilary Hartigan - Exploring our New Website
Saturday 6th February 2021 at 14:00 GMT

Hilary Hartigan will show you how to navigate our new website.

Where to find our millions of records, what records we have and the new records we are adding all the time thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

How to get help with your research.

This is a free ZOOM meeting and registration is via [Eventbrite](#)

Why not visit our shop where you will find numerous books and CDs that are not available elsewhere. Please follow the link <https://www.mlfhs-shop.co.uk/>.

Bolton Branch

The subjects of the talks at forthcoming Society meetings all booked for the first Wednesday of each month are:



Dr Alan Crosby Research on Criminals in Bolton
Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 19:30 – 20:30 GMT

Dr Alan Crosby is a very well-known local and family historian living in Preston, and is a regular visitor to the Bolton Family History Society. This talk uses the county's quarter sessions records (which are held at Lancashire Archives in Preston) to explore some of the murkier aspects of the Bolton area and its people in the reign of Charles I:

[Eventbrite booking details](#)

March	Carol Wells, Irish Research
April	Gordon Benson, North West Story of the Society of Friends aka "Quakers"
May	Jackie Depelle, Females in the Family – Ladies, Ships, locomotives and More
June	David Joy, Cow Keepers of Liverpool
July	Joe O'Neill, Jerome Caminada, Manchester's Sherlock Holmes
August	Victoria Coyle, The Cotton Famine and how badly was Bolton affected'
September	Anna Watson, Researching Illegitimate Ancestors
October	David Tilsley, Researching using Education Records
November	Dr Penny Walters, Why did the Welsh leave Wales (1800s)
December	?? Quiz

All meetings are "Zoom" until Covid-19 permits otherwise. November is a Zoom meeting whatever the Covid state. Full details on the Bolton Branch website <https://mlfhs.uk/bolton/events/meetings>.

Oldham Branch

Annie Kenney . a Working Class Suffragette

Saturday 13th February 2021 at 2.00 pm



This local girl became one of the most well known of Suffragettes. Imprisoned many times, she endured hunger-strikes in the fight for Women's Suffrage.

Details of the talk are on the 'Meetings' page of the Branch website <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings> .

Booking for an online talk is essential and can be by emailing us (newsletter or website email addresses) or on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-class-suffragette-the-life-of-annie-kenney-tickets-129690845811> (where you can

also find more details of the talk).

The talk will be free to members and non-members alike. Wherever you live, Welcome!

Meetings for the rest of 2021 can be found at <https://www.mlfhs.uk/oldham/events/meetings>

A reminder that you can register for your favourite Branch(es) by going to our website 'Manchester Ancestors', choosing your chosen Branch(es) and clicking on the 'newsletter' option. This will take you to the newsletter sign-up page. If you have logged on as a member then the form will be automatically filled for you. Just hit the sign up button. If you are not a Society member then you will have to fill in the form manually, identify yourself as not a robot and then sign in.

Anglo-Scots

Chris Paton Tracing the Irish in Scotland

Saturday 20th February 2021 at 14:00 – 16:30 GMT



Our branch AGM will be held at the beginning of the meeting, after which the chairman will introduce Chris Paton.

This talk is sure to be popular because of the frequency of movement of people between Ireland and Scotland over the centuries, and we are certain to get some ideas about tracing any missing ancestors in our trees. Whether we look at our trees from a Scottish or an Irish 'starting point', there will be much to interest us as Chris Paton is able to draw on his considerable experience of

tracing his own family, which will add detail and interest to his talk.

Further meetings planned for f 2021 can be found at <https://mlfhs.uk/anglo-scots/events/meetings>

The Family History Show

Saturday 20th February 2021, 10:00-16:30

Our online events have all the features of our physical shows, from the comfort of your own home! Put your research questions to an expert, watch a free talk, speak to a local society, archive or genealogical supplier.

Go to <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online/> for more details.

The National Archives

What's Online in 2021

Sign up at <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/contact-us/email-updates/> for priority booking across all new events.

19 February | 14:00

Laura Robson-Mainwaring dives into the government's response to the Influenza pandemic, at a time when the cause and treatment of Influenza was unknown.

[AIDS: Prejudice, prevention and publicity](#)

26 February | 14:00

Mark Dunton examines how the government wrestled with the limits of frankness in a national public education campaign to address the AIDS epidemic.

[Serving Winston: The life of Churchill's cook with Annie Gray](#)

5 March | 14:00

Annie Gray celebrates the life, times and food of Georgina Landemare, No.10's society chef, and serves us a reminder that behind every great man lies a woman who can make a mean custard.

[Agents for change: Women and protest in The National Archives' collection](#)

12 March | 14:00

Vicky Iglikowski-Broad reflects on women and protest in modern Britain, from the movement for women's suffrage to the Ford Dagenham Campaigns of the 1960s.

[Dead famous: Greg Jenner](#)

19 March | 14:00

Greg Jenner unravels how celebrity burst into life in the early 18th century, as he assembles a vibrant cast of over 125 actors, singers, dancers, sportspeople and more, to search for its historical roots.

[Uncovering hidden stories: Women in archives](#)

26 March | 14:00

Angelina Osborne gives a glimpse into the lives of women around the world, from their determination to receive a university education to raising awareness of injustices in institutions.

A site worth visiting at regular intervals is <https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/events> where you will find a number of virtual meetings organised by other family history societies. The Federation is also producing a series of podcasts aimed at providing information on various family history research topics, with questions raised at Federation events and family history society talks. The first, at the time of writing, is the 1939 Register.

WEBSITES

Thank you to three of our members who replied to my request in the January issue of the newsletter to share their favourite websites. Please let me know of websites that have helped you in your family research by contacting me at newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk.

Useful Sites for Jewish Research

As you may know Manchester Ancestors provides a comprehensive list of useful web links. These can be found by highlighting Research and clicking on web links under the Find Out More heading. From the 3 choices: Main, Overseas and Misc click on the latter and scroll down to Jewish Research - Sources for Jewish Family History Research

Another way to reach the same sources is to click on the + sign next to Misc and on the next page click on the + sign next to the Miscellaneous then scroll down to the Jewish Research heading. You do not need to login to access these web links.

One of our members has highlighted two additional sites that may be useful for those of you who are researching your Jewish ancestors. The following are their comments about these sites.

Sadly far too many people have ancestors who were victims of the Shoah. Now that the Yad Vashem records are available online at Yad Vashem - The World Holocaust Remembrance Center, this can at least provide some closure on their fate. The web address is www.yadvashem.org

This is a good website to negotiate, although beware!!: the search engine requests the surname first and then the first name. I got caught out the first time. A bit 'niche' but hope it may help your researchers.

The Anglo-German Family History Society, www.agfhs.org, is a very good source of material and their journals are always full of relevant information. Their Chairman Peter Towey and his wife are extremely approachable, too.

I last saw them eighteen months ago when my cousins and I attended the centenary celebrations of the Knockaloe Camp on the Isle of Man. Their grandfather was interned there in WWI and my own Great Uncle was interned in Douglas in WWII. Peter has been very helpful to me over the years - I don't speak German which is quite a handicap, as you can imagine!

If you are having trouble tracing someone who may have emigrated to Australia you may find them on our easy to use Index which is free to use.

I am an Indexer for <ryersonindex.org>. Volunteers index details from many Australian newspaper death/funeral notices such as name, date of event, age, sometimes place of birth or where they died, depending on what is published.

Go to the site and put in the name of your missing person. When you have found a likely match but are not sure if it is him/her, go to the top LH corner of the Home Page and click on 'Finding a published notice'. That will take you to a list of sites where you can search for the original notice although this is mainly for people living in Australia. At the very bottom of the list you will see 'The Last Resort' where you can 'Request a Ryerson Lookup'. A Volunteer will check our Repository to see if the notice is in storage and, if so, a copy will be sent to you if it is not, there may be a Volunteer willing to visit the local library and copy the notice for you. If you are lucky enough to obtain a copy of the published notice it could contain useful information to help you, depending on what was published, such as spouse, children, where they lived etc. It's worth trying.

Judith Hansen - member 6535 <ryersonindex.org>

From Janet Parkes

When researching my family history I found that my Great-Great Grandmother, Elizabeth Reid (nee Clark) was a widow in the 1861 Census for Old Monkland, Scotland. So, what happened to her husband, William Reid, who was a coal miner? Did he die in a mining accident?

Searching on the internet I found this website www.scottishmining.co.uk which contains details of fatal mining accidents, from pre 1840 to 1960 onwards. I found that William Reid died with a workmate when they were drawn over the pithead pulley on 17 September 1853. This linked to an article that was written two years later regarding the court case in The Scotsman.

Further research found that the case was then taken by the coal company on 17 June 1858 from the Scottish Court Sessions to the House of Lords. The family did not get any compensation, and the Scottish law was brought into line with the English law. This case was used as an example in future cases of this kind.

I wrote an article about this, entitled "A Scottish Coal Mining Accident" for The Manchester Genealogist, Volume 52, No. 3, 2016, Page 234.

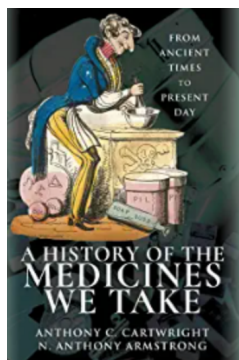
Regards
Janet Parkes

BOOKSHOP



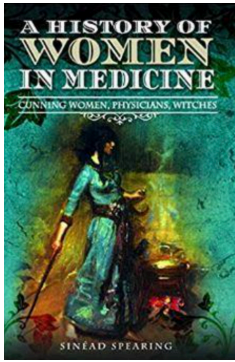
At midnight on 5 July 1948, the National Health Service was born with the founding principal to be free at the point of use and based on clinical need rather than on a person's ability to pay. Over seventy years since its formation, these core principals still hold true, but the world has changed.

For further details and a link to the book shop go [HERE](#).



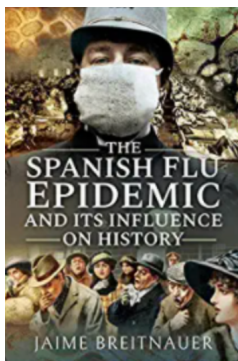
A History of the Medicines We Take gives a lively account of the development of medicines from traces of herbs found with the remains of Neanderthal man, to prescriptions written on clay tablets from Mesopotamia in the third millennium BC, to pure drugs extracted from plants in the nineteenth century to the latest biotechnology antibody products.

For further details and a link to the book shop go [HERE](#).



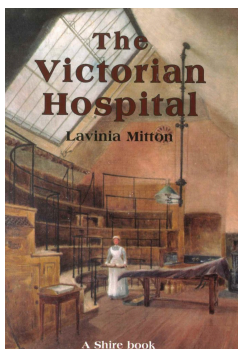
A History of Women in Medicine: From Physicians to Witches? reveals the untold story of forgotten female physicians, their lives, practices and subsequent demonisation as witches. Originally held in high esteem in their communities, these women used herbs and ancient psychological processes to relieve the suffering of their patients.

For further details and a link to the book shop go [HERE](#).



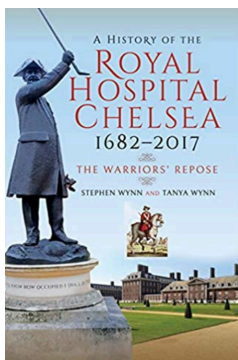
On the second Monday of March 1918, the world changed forever. What seemed like a harmless cold morphed into a global pandemic that would wipe out as many as a hundred-million people – ten times as many as the Great War.

For further details and a link to the book shop go [HERE](#).



Nowadays most seriously ill people would want to go to hospital where they have a reasonable chance of recovery. But the experience of a sick person in the 1830s was completely different.

For further details and a link to the book shop go [HERE](#).



A History of the Royal Hospital Chelsea looks at the hospital's beginnings, with its Royal patronage and heritage which dates back to King Charles II in 1682. It then goes on to look at some of the characters who have been In Pensioners at the hospital over the centuries.

For details of the hardback edition go [HERE](#)

For details of the softback edition go [HERE](#)

THE HELP DESK

At the end of last year we had a rough idea sketched out with regard to our return to MCL, but as circumstances and restrictions keep changing there are currently no plans we can consider or put into action.

A Virtual Helpdesk provides remote support to those with family history research problems or queries. We also have a selection of short videos available and hope that you will find these helpful. However, if you still find you need some assistance, please click the button below to contact the Virtual Help Desk team. On the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society website you will find 'Hints from the Help Desk' videos hosted by Vimeo.
<https://mlfhs.uk/virtual-help-desk-landing>

The National Archives Research Guides

Masses of high quality information for free - what's not to like?

The 1841 Census

Often written off as providing much less information than later censuses, you can still get a lot out of the 1841 returns. Find out how.

Squeezing the Most out of the 1911 Census

There is a lot of information on the forms - get the most out of it!

Keeping Track of Electronic Records

Name your documents meaningfully

Using the GRO Web Site and Mother's Maiden Name Facility

Get the most out of this important web site

Leslie Turner

Help Desk Co-ordinator

PROJECTS UPDATE

Susan Mayall has transcribed the second volume of Sacred Trinity, Salford baptisms covering 1864-1872 - another 1,556 references and these are now in the Great Database in the member area at mlfhs.uk

Thanks to Susan for this addition, from a register which was particularly difficult to read, both from poor reproduction (it looks like parts were written in pencil) and from some eccentric handwriting.

Linda Bailey has been busy and now, assisted by Chris Hall, has completed Volume 1 of the Admissions for the Manchester School. It covers 1730 - 1775.

The 1,172 people named have been added to the Great Database and a copy of the transcript of this and the previous Vol 3 Part 2 added to the Document Collection (General-Institutions).

As before, information can be anywhere from basic date of admission through to quite lengthy biographical details.

Thanks to Linda and Chris for this useful resource.

Bolton Workhouse Creed Books

A further 4,475 records of admissions to the Bolton Workhouse taken from the Creed Books have been added to the Great Database. These cover persons admitted during the years 1882-1884.

Thanks, as always, to those volunteers who have extended this valuable resource.

Military General Service Medal - Awards to men of the Lancashire Fusiliers

Colin Calderbank has transcribed the details (Name and Rank plus some miscellaneous notes plus the campaigns for which they were awarded clasps) for 236 recipients of the MGS Medal. The medals were not awarded until 1847, three decades after the campaigns for which they were awarded, and only about 10% of those who qualified are believed to have claimed their medals.

Deaths at Scutari Hospital

Anthony Steven has completed the transcription of another 1,863 names of soldiers who died at Scutari Hospital during the Crimea campaign 1854-56 as were published in UK newspapers for the period. These are, as noted previously, by no means all local men, but will include men from local regiments.

Beersellers in 1911

Joe Hilditch has transcribed the names and addresses of 1,690 beer and wine sellers listed in Slater's Manchester Directory for 1911

Thanks to Colin, Anthony and Joe for these useful additions.

I have now added the last book of baptisms at Salford, Sacred Trinity, to the Great Database. Thanks to Susan Mayall for these 2,360 additional records.

The eagle-eyed will have spotted that the headline on the home page at mlfhs.uk now reads "Search over 2.8 million records..." (updated from 2.7 million) and the number is, in fact approaching 2.9 million. With more in the pipeline, maybe we will see 3 million later this year.

John Marsden

ORPHAN BMDs

Over the years members have been sending birth, marriage and death certificates to the Society that have either been ordered in error or are no longer needed. This has proved to be a valuable asset and has no doubt been useful for many. In more recent times we have scanned all the certificates in our possession and included them in the database provided they complied with disclosure rules. The scanning was carried out at our office in Manchester Central Library but because of lockdown this has not been possible for the last 12 months. We are now in a position to scan and transcribe when working from home. Therefore, if you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider sending them to the Society. Please contact me at newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk for further details.

UKBMD UPDATES IN DECEMBER 2020

Yorkshire BMD has been updates as follows:

Marriages:

427 for Dacre, Holy Trinity, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1838-2010)
261 for Darley Parish Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1887-2005)
143 for Greenhow Hill Parish Church, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1860-1976)
51 for Sowerby, Methodist Chapel, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1991-2017)
21 for St Peters RC, Scarborough, registers at Harrogate (2015-2019)
100 for Kirkby Malzeard, St Andrew, Claro, registers at Harrogate (1906-1934)
21 for Crayke, St Cuthbert, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (2011-2015)
501 for Easingwold, St John, Northallerton, registers at Harrogate (1876-1936)
141 for Reeth Register Office, registers at Harrogate (1840-1903)

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

THE SOCIETY FORUM

The Forum continues to be very active with many members asking for help in tracing family members.

Why not post your query or problem to like-minded and very knowledgeable members and you may be surprised at the result.

To register go to our website and sign in as a member. On the Member Area home page you will find a link to the Member Forum halfway down on the right hand side. Click the "Enter Forum" button. This will take you to a page about the Forum and from here you can access the registration form.

Please don't forget that you can view all previous posts on the Forum.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SOCIETY

At the time of writing the amount of donations received by the Society through the Easyfunding website during the last 30 days was £6.44. Currently there are 55 people registered to support our Society. The total raised for the Society is £740.15

Amazon transfers donations to our account quarterly provided the amount is £5.00 or more, otherwise it is annually.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this scheme.

MANCHESTER CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHIVES+

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

Online Memory Box: Health and Fitness

With 2020 behind us and almost 10 months spent in various levels of lockdown, this past year has certainly tested us. As we step into 2021, the roll out of Covid 19 vaccines bring us hope for the new year to combat this awful pandemic. Many of us have spent more time at home this last year, and perhaps with the new year starting we are thinking about how we can increase our fitness levels. Our latest memory box takes a look back at sporting activities in Greater Manchester over the last 100 years. We hope this collection will inspire you to try new things. The memory boxes can also be used as a starting point in discovering your family history, finding out what your family's childhood was like,

discovering their fondest childhood memories and maybe uncover some hidden gems in your family's story.

Since the first lockdown in March 2020, Archives+ has published 20 online memory boxes covering some of the neighbourhoods in Manchester. Below you will find a collection of sporting images to enjoy. Dig out your old photos too, these can also be a brilliant resource to trigger fond memories of family times. We encourage you to share your findings on social media, either as comments on our Facebook page or on Instagram or Twitter using the hashtag #ArchivesPlusMemorybox

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

We're continuing to offer a good range of services, including some footage sales, so tell us what you want and we will do what we can.

Manchester Central Library is closed to the public for now.

We are continuing to share with you each day a highlight from the collection through 'A Film A Day' on [Facebook](#) and #NWFAdailyreel on Twitter. Please share and enjoy!

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

MANCHESTER TIME MACHINE

Announcing 'Manchester Time Machine': the first ever app for the iPhone which merges archive film with GPS to create a street level tour of Manchester's streets and people over the last 100 years.

Manchester has changed a lot, and hardly at all. Manchester Time Machine uses rare historical film from the North West Film Archive to take you back to exactly the same location to experience the scene from the same viewpoint. See for yourself how much the city has changed through these fascinating glimpses into the 20th century. There are 80 highlights from films shot in the city centre, from the early days of film in 1911 (a Whit walk in Market Street) through every decade of the last century until the 1970s (as a student demonstration scatters in Oxford Street).

In between, these enchanting films include historically significant events – VE Day in Piccadilly and Albert Square, and moving documents – such as the victorious Manchester City team bringing home the FA cup in Piccadilly in 1934, alongside powerful everyday views of a life long gone – Piccadilly Gardens in the sunshine in 1961, and in 1914 a mounted policeman barging a cart off the tram tracks on London Road.

Each is presented with a GPS locator and virtual compass so you can find exactly the same scene in the present day, even when many of the buildings may have disappeared. Manchester Time Machine offers smartphone users a true multimedia experience, a moving window through time.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.nwfa.mmu.ac.uk/mcrtimemachinev4.html>

Available on iPhone and iPad with Android version to follow.



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