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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the March 2021 issue of the Manchester Newsletter. Spring is just around the corner and with some cautious optimism from our Government on the gradually reduction of lockdown restrictions I look forward to the time when we can meet up again at our Manchester and branch meetings.

ZOOM meetings seem to have been a success and more are planned for the rest of 2021. This raises a question: "Should we continue with some ZOOM meetings when restrictions are lifted"? You can let me know your thoughts either by contacting the newsletter mail address newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk or via the Society Forum.

In this edition I have included a selection of events/talks arranged by the Society and other organisations. There are a number of special offers in the Bookshop including the recently published 'Sharing your Family History Online' by Chris Paton. Other recent additions to the Bookshop shelves are also listed. We have also reduced the price of our map collection with some being offered for only £1.

You will also find all project updates to the Great Database and the Miscellaneous Small Projects. Thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the Society in this way. You may have noticed that the HOME page of Manchester Ancestors now shows over 2.8 million records, unique to M&LFHS and the number will continue to rise. What better reason can there be for not renewing membership.

One of our members has highlighted a website they have found very useful. If you have a favourite site or one that has helped you to breakdown a brick wall then please let me know.

Stay safe Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone,

With the first hint of spring comes the prospect of an easing of the lockdown here in England. We can all now plan for a safe return in the summer to our venues in Manchester, Bolton and Oldham.

Until then, we continue to offer a series of talks on our Zoom channel. These have been organised during the lockdown by our newly appointed Speaker Secretary, Carol Lee with the help of General Secretary, Elsie Lowe.

In March we welcome Denise Bates who will explain the value of Newspapers to you in your research and in April, Ray Hoerty will tell us the origins of many of Manchester's street names. Our April meeting will also feature our Annual General Meeting when we report on the past year and elect our team for next year. We expect a large take-up of places as our programme of online talks develops, so booking via Eventbrite will be essential to ensure you can attend.

Sandwiched between those talks is one by our own Michael Couper in March in our series of Beginners Talks. In advance of the release next January of the 1921 Census for England & Wales, Michael will introduce us to using Census Returns in your research.

For full details and to reserve your place, go to the Manchester Events page of our websitewww.mlfhs.uk and follow the links to Eventbrite.

David Muil

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 <u>office@mlfhs.org.uk</u> 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.

We now use Stripe instead of PayPal so you can use Stripe or pay as a guest with your card. Have you considered taking out a Bank Standing Order? It means you don't have to think about renewing and you can stop it at any time. No need to think about it, just renews every year.

With the new system a reminder is automatically sent out two weeks before it is due date, it will not let you pay more than three months in advance. This is to stop members paying twice in the year.

I trust you are all keeping well in these difficult time, looking forward to the time when we can all meet up again.

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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.



Saturday, 6th March 2021 14:00 – 15:00 GMT Denise Bates, "Using Newspapers in Historical Research"

Denise is an historian, researcher and writer. Her specialist period is Britain c.1815-1939, particularly its social and cultural aspects. Her interest and expertise in using newspapers in historical research grew from using them whilst researching her first two books, Pit Lasses – Women and Girls in Coalmining, and Breach of Promise to Marry. Her book Historical Research Using British Newspapers includes material which will focus on the talk and more. Her website is www.denisebates.co.uk

To book this event go **HERE**



Saturday, 27th March 2021 14:00 – 15:00 GMT Michael Couper , MLFHS Beginners Census

Michael Couper looks at the reasons for and method of taking census together with the varied information each census gives. Also discussed will be methods of finding your ancestor when errors of transcription

have occurred. These talks are aimed at people new to family history research or those who simply wish to refresh their knowledge.

Bolton Branch



Wednesday, 3rd March 2021 19:30 – 20:30 GMT Carol Wells, Irish Research

The talk is a practical guide to help you get the most out of your Irish research using the main websites that are available and introducing some that you may not be familiar with.

Carol Wells is a member of the MLFHS Tuesday helpdesk team at Central Library, Manchester with a particular interest in Irish Genealogy. "I have been researching the Irish branch of our family I am a member of the MLFHS Tuesday helpdesk team at Central

Library, Manchester with a particular interest in Irish Genealogy. I have been researching the Irish branch of our family for over 30 years and have travelled to Ireland many times over a number of years visiting all the main genealogy centres in Dublin. I have learned many different ways of moving your research forward and will hopefully show you how much information there is available if you know where to look."

For Eventbrite booking details please go **HERE**

Further meetings arranged for 2021 are:-

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

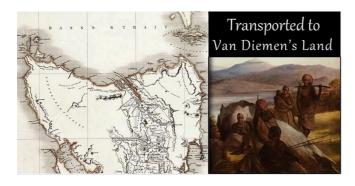
October David Tilsley, Researching using Education Records

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



Saturday 13th March 2021, 14:00 – 15:30 GMT Sheila Goodyear, "A Gartside sent to Van Diemen's Land ... Man's Inhumanity to Man"

The transportation of Edwin Gartside, in 1832, and the story of Van Diemen's Land, the convicts and the indigenous aboriginal population.

You may log in from 1.45pm. Please note that if 2 or more people are joining the zoom meeting from the same household, you only require one ticket per device i.e computer, laptop, iPad etc., not one ticket per person.

To book this event please go HERE.

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

Anglo-Scots



Saturday, 20th March 2021 14:00 – 16:30 GMT

Dr. Alan Crosby, "The Scots Elite in Liverpool 1780 - 1850"

The Scots Elite in Liverpool 1780-1850, by Dr Alan Crosby Alan Crosby recently talked to us about 'Crossing the Solway' and

this talk continues the story. The story takes us to Liverpool which, like Manchester, was a popular destination for Scots and especially the younger educated sons who were financed or encouraged by their fathers to make their own way in the world. These were people who changed Liverpool for the better, and the changes they made improved lives all over the country and beyond.

Booking this event is by Eventbrite **HERE**.

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



For more details please go to https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com

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.

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 to raising awareness of injustices in institutions.

Alison Weir: Katheryn Howard – The Tainted Queen

14 April | 19:30

Alison Weir discusses the fifth novel in her Tudor Queens series, as she sheds light on Henry's 'rose without a thorn' fifth wife and teenage bride, Katheryn Howard, her hidden past which came back to haunt her and how her life was cut short.

Once British, always British: A live audio-play experience

29 April | 19:00

Experience two 30-minute audio dramas exploring migration to British port cities by Yemeni and Indian sailors during the 1920s. Produced by <u>Tamasha Theatre</u>, each story is inspired by real material uncovered at The National Archives. Includes a live Q&A with the playwrights.

Once British, always British: A live audio-play experience

4 May | 14:00

Experience two 30-minute audio dramas exploring migration to British port cities by Yemeni and Indian sailors during the 1920s. Produced by <u>Tamasha Theatre</u>, each story is inspired by real material uncovered during a writing residency at The National Archives. Includes a live Q&A with the playwrights.

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.

WEBSITES

Another site that one of our members found useful.

Dear listers

I stumbled on a link yesterday through the Family Search site and within the day I had found 14 burials in various locations, some of which I had been looking for for many years. The links was: https://www.freereg.org.uk

I hope more of you have success with this. I have never found so many in such a short time. Using the info on here along with FMP I have already been able to confirm most of them as correct for my tree.

BOOKSHOP

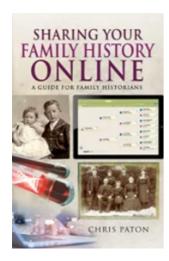
An e-mail from one of our members we always like to receive.

Credit Where It is Due

Just a quick email to praise highly whoever (presumably a volunteer?) is dealing with M&L FHS online shop orders in these trying times.

I have submitted two orders for Godfrey maps both orders have arrived in blistering time and well packaged to boot.

Well done!



Sharing your Family History Online Chris Paton £10.39 £12.99

For many enthusiasts pursuing their family history research, the online world offers a seemingly endless archive of digitised materials to help us answer the questions posed by our ancestors. In addition to hosting records, however, the internet also offers a unique platform on which we can host our research and lure in prospective cousins from around the world, to help build up a larger shared ancestral story. In Sharing Your Family History on the Internet, genealogist and best-selling author Chris Paton will explore the many ways in which we can present our research and encourage collaboration online. He will detail the many organisations and social media applications that

can permit co-operation, describe the software platforms on which we can collate our stories, and illustrate the many ways in which we can publish our stories online. Along the way, Chris Paton will also explore how we can make our research work further for us, by drawing in experts and distant cousins from around the world to help us break our ancestral brick walls, not just through sharing stories, but by accessing uniquely held documentation by family members around the world, including our very own shared DNA.

Other books by Chris Paton are:

<u>Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry through Church and States Records: A Guide for Family Historians</u>

£11.99 £14.99

Despite its Union with England and Wales in 1707, Scotland remained virtually independent from its partners in many ways, retaining...

Tracing your Scottish Family History on the Internet

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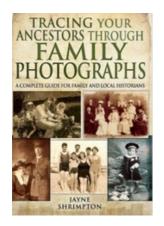
Scotland is a land with a proud and centuries-long history that far pre-dates its membership of Great Britain and the...

Tracing your Irish Family History on the Internet

£12.99

Ireland has experienced considerably more tragedy when it comes to the preservation of resources for family historians than its close...

Another book you may find interesting, particularly if you have family photographs, is



<u>Tracing your Ancestors through Family Photographs</u> £14.99

Jayne Shrimpton's complete guide to dating, analysing and understanding family photographs is essential reading and reference for anyone undertaking genealogical and local history research. Using over 150 old photographs as examples, she shows how such images can give a direct insight into the past and into the lives of the individuals who are portrayed in them.

Almost every family and local historian works with photographs, but often the fascinating historical and personal information that can be

gained from them is not fully understood. They are one of the most vivid and memorable ways into the past.

This concise but comprehensive guide describes the various types of photograph and explains how they can be dated. It analyses what the clothes and style of dress can tell us about the people in the photographs, their circumstances and background.

Sections look at photographs of special occasions – baptisms, weddings, funerals - and at photographs taken in wartime, on holiday and at work. There is advice on how to identify the individuals shown and how to find more family photographs through personal connections, archives and the internet - and how to preserve them for future generations.

Other books recently added to the bookshop shelves are

A History of the Undead

Seeking Sanctuary a History of Refugees in Britain

Broadmoor Revealed Victorian Crime & the Lunatic Asylum

Heroes of the RNLI

Mrs Despard and the Sufferage Movement

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

The following have been posted to the Great Database.

Another 2,036 records have been added. This is an index to the Grave Book for Little Lever United Reformed Church (URC). Burial registers seldom record the grave in which the person is buried. Memorial inscriptions do not necessarily always record all the persons buried (and sometimes memorialise those who were buried elsewhere). The grave book, for those unfamiliar with them, records who is buried in each grave and so provides strong evidence that those in the grave are in some way related (though this is not always the case). They also record 'unusual' burials such as those of stillborn children and of the ashes of those who were cremated, which may not appear either in the register or on the memorial.

The grave book was originally transcribed by volunteers of our Bolton Branch working under Sylvia Massey. The project also recorded the memorial inscriptions, which are already included in our MI database.

The original transcript is also available in the Document Collection - Bolton - Death and Burial.

Special thanks to Rita Greenwood, for prompting me to add this very interesting index to the Great Database.

Another substantial and interesting addition is a transcript of the burial registers for Salford, King Street, Bible Christian Church graveyard 1814-1837.

There was already a dataset of 10,091 records covering burials 1800-1813, which had been transcribed by Joan Lawler many years ago. This latest addition covers a further 5,682 burials.

King Street was a very popular burial ground, firstly for followers of this fairly obscure sect, but possibly more so for those who wanted a cheap burial place. Many of those buried at King Street came from Manchester and so if you have been unsuccessful in finding a burial in the parish graveyards it is just possible that their family may have had them buried here.

Thanks are due to Geoff Edge for undertaking this substantial transcription. It has been pointed out by Geoff that it was Mark Harrey's hard work that turned my earlier transcripts into a reliable and usable source. I would also add that the King Street graveyard was popular with Non-conformists of all sects and also Catholics who wanted to distance themselves from the Parish Church.

Another small, but very interesting addition is a listing of the officers of the 49th (Openshaw) Battalion of the Home Guard. Transcribed by Joe Hilditch (304 records) Useful, in that it includes addresses and dates of birth.

Linda Bailey has just sent another part of the Admission Registers of Manchester Grammar School. This is Volume 2 covering 962 admissions 1776-1807 (bringing the total to over 3,000). Thanks to Linda Bailey and Chris Hall for this latest addition.

1,011 records added to the Great Database from Bolton Historical Gleanings by B. T. Barton (1882). There are several diverse record sets relating to Bolton and District transcribed from this publication by Colin Calderbank.

The following updates have been posted to Miscellaneous Small Projects.

Added a further 1,864 deaths at Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War 1854-6 and reported in UK newspapers. Transcribed by Anthony Stephen. Work continues on this index.

Added 3,000 records of admissions to Manchester Grammar School transcribed by Linda Bailey and Chris Hall from Jeremiah Finch Smith\'s Admission registers (3 volumes). A final part of Vol 3 remains to be transcribed.

Added 1,850 baptisms for Prestwich, St. Mary 1752-1768 transcribed by Susan Mayall.

The following updates have been posted to Manchester Burials.

Added 2,058 burials at Higher Bridge St. Methodist Church 1810-1893 transcribed by John Lippiatt of Bolton Branch. More limited information on deceased than is usually expected in a burial register.

Added 2,036 burials for Little Lever URC burial ground transcribed from the grave book by Sylvia Massey of Bolton Branch

Added 5,682 burials for King St., Salford, Bible Christians burial Ground 1814-1837 transcribed by Mark Harrey working with Geoff Edge.

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.

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 £7.46. Currently there are 55 people registered to support our Society. The total raised for the Society is £750

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+

Online Memory Box: Manchester Theatres part 1

Manchester has an amazing theatre history. We have looked into our huge theatre collection to show you some of the theatres that are no longer there and also some that still are. Some buildings are still there but are no longer theatres. Why not start the journey looking back at this fantastic resource. We will show you the first theatre in Manchester and many more after that. You may love the theatre or have never been to a show but this memory box will give you the chance to find out more or speak to the people you know and ask them to share their memories of their own visits to the theatre. Get ready for the curtain to go up and the show to begin.

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. http://manchesterarchiveplus.wordpress.com/

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.

Key features

- 80 unique film clips from the North West Film Archive's collection of over 35,000 items, which reflect people's lives through work and leisure, places and events, culture and tradition a regional identity.
- Includes films that depict momentous times that still resonate, such as the bombings and destruction in 1940, and VE Day across the city, alongside almost forgotten events – Paulden's Department store collapsing in a terrible fire in 1957.
- Films that show everyday life, the buildings, the people and the transport of a bygone age. Policemen marching in front of the Town Hall in 1914, trams making their way down London Road in 1948.
- The films are grouped by decade from the 1910s, but you can also select a location from the interactive Manchester map to see the same place at different times, or use your GPS to locate a film near you.
- Includes background information on each film clip, plus a virtual compass to orient yourself in the same direction, or just tap the screen to see the original film.
- Create your own Manchester tour and see the city spring to life as it was in the past, or simply watch your favourite films wherever you are and whenever you want them.

How do I get it?

Manchester Time Machine is available for download world-wide. From the iTunes App Store for iPhone - FREE. Just click Apple App Store Link or search for "Manchester Time Machine".

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

Available on iPhone and iPad with Android version to follow.



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