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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the February edition of the Manchester newsletter. January has been an exciting month with the release of the 1921 Census on the 6th. Leslie Turner has provided an update on the role of the Helpdesk and how our volunteers have helped members and non-members. The Helpdesk area certainly looked busy on the couple of occasions I visited.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have had at least one Zoom meeting about the census, hosted by Find my Past, with another programmed for Wednesday 2nd February. Both were fully booked within days, if not hours. However, if you want to read two in depth reviews then you will find references in the short piece written about the Lost Cousins website.

With the recent relaxation of the Covid restrictions it will not be too long before we can go back to face-to-face meetings at Central Library and those organised by our branches. I should also mention here the Society Annual General Meeting is planned for Wednesday 11th My 2022. More details about the invited speakers can be found on our website.

I have included thoughts about the distribution of our journal, The Manchester Genealogist, which may be of interest, particularly our overseas members.

The Town Hall was opened in 1877 but did you know that some families actually lived there. Meg McHugh, Curatorial Manager, for the 'Our Town Hall Project' has contacted the Society and asked for our help in finding out more.

Best wishes
Barry Henshall

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Happy New Year to you all.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to take stock of where the society is in the scheme of things. How healthy will we be when the pandemic is truly over? Where have we suffered as a result of pandemic-led restrictions? What tasks will need attention?

As I and my colleagues have reported regularly throughout the pandemic, we have been able to deliver many of our regular services despite lockdowns and work from home directives.

2022 began with the launch of the 1921 Census by FindMyPast and the tremendous contribution made by our Helpdesk teams to researchers visiting Central Library to take advantage of the Northern Hub's Free Access service. Subsequently, we have been able to field a full complement of volunteers as we resumed our 5-hour a day, 5-day a week Helpdesk service. My thanks to all concerned.

You would think, from this, that we are well-served by volunteers? Yes, that is so. Our members have always responded to a call for volunteers.

However, perhaps the one area where we have suffered is replacing members who have needed to withdraw their services during the pandemic. This is particularly evident in some areas of our projects programme. Some will not return, and we need to replace them.

We have a particular need just now for volunteers to transcribe Salford Catholic Registers. This project has contributed massively to our archival database over many years, yet still has some years to go before completion. There are other projects, some not yet begun, where an additional volunteer would be welcome. Sometimes the work can be performed at home and at other times it requires visits to Central Library or another archive. So please, if you are able, think about offering your services, please notify us by first contacting the office email office@mlfhs.co.uk when one of our project managers will be able to supply more detail.

Best wishes for a successful year of research,

David

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY

Please 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.

From the members area on the website you can make changes to your address and email. We have found it is easier to work from home and are able to provide a quicker service. If possible please use the on-line option on our new website to renew your subscription.

We now use Stripe 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.

If you must pay by cheque please send to:

MLFHS
17 Fortyacre Drive,
Bredbury,
SK6 2EZ

DO NOT send it to the office, we no longer take cash at the helpdesk. The Click and Collect is now available from our shop.

Best wishes
Elsie

THE MANCHESTER GENEALOGIST

Members of the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society have been receiving a printed copy of this quarterly journal since 1964.

Over the years the journal has kept members up-to-date on the Society's research, has printed members interests and in more recent times included the Society's branch activities. In the early days it was also a useful vehicle for members to request assistance with their personal research.

Times change and reading on the internet has now become second-nature for many of us. As a member of the M&LFHS you can already read The Manchester Genealogist online on the device of your choice. All the archive editions are online, too (going back to 1964), and the complete archive can be searched by name, title and keyword. However we would now like to give you a choice. Would you like to receive a digital copy as soon as it is printed or would you prefer to wait for a copy to drop through your letterbox?

If you would prefer to receive a link to the latest edition on the website as soon as it is published, instead of receiving a paper copy in the post, you can let us know online by logging in to the Member Area at www.mlfhs.uk, going to 'Your Personal Details / Update your membership details', and selecting the Preferences option.

We understand that many members may wish to keep a printed copy so there is no pressure to change. The choice is yours.

MANCHESTER ANCESTORS

HOME RESEARCH BRANCHES SHOP BLOG CONTACT MEMBER AREA

Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society

LOGIN DETAILS PERSONAL DATA GIFT AID PLUS ONE MEMBER PREFERENCES

BRANCH INTERESTS

Manchester Bolton Oldham Anglo Scots Irish Ancestry

MANCHESTER GENEALOGIST FORMAT

Electronic copy Printed copy

SUBMIT CANCEL

THE MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Our Society has been asked if we would like to participate in a project being run by Meg McHugh, Curatorial Manager, for the 'Our Town Hall Project'.

Meg is working on a new exhibition for Manchester Town Hall and she is researching all kinds of different stories relating to the building. She has asked whether the Society could assist in finding out more about the residents of the Town Hall. Some of the senior servants, like the House Superintendent, used to live in the Town Hall with their families.

We have been asked whether we could look into the lives of the residents such as their background, their role at the Town Hall and, perhaps, find out what happened to them after they left their employment.

Now, this is where you could help. During your investigation into the lives of your ancestors have you ever come across anyone who could have lived at the Town Hall? Any piece of information, no matter how small or tentative, could be useful in putting together a broader picture about life in this magnificent building. So, why not drop be a line to newseditor@mlfhs.org.uk.

Thank you
Barry Henshall

EVENTS/TALKS

All our meetings and events are ticketed through Eventbrite. Please ensure you use the links in this newsletter, or our website, to book a place.

Manchester Branch

	<p>The Cousins, in 1921 ... Clayton, Manchester, on the 1921 Census !</p>	
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This second talk, about the 1921 census, from MLFHS, is as a result of the first talk, The 1921 Census : What can we discover? presented by Myko Clelland on Saturday, 29th Jan 2022, being filled to capacity within hours of its being published.

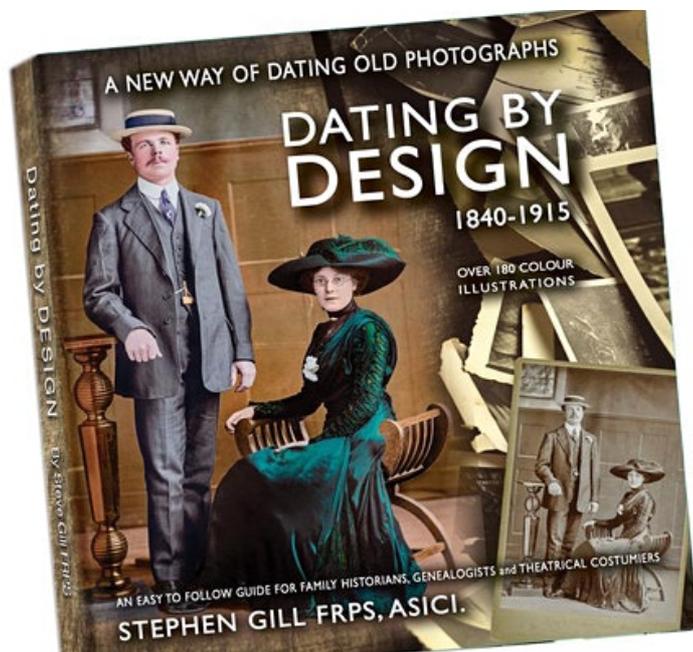
Wed, 2 February 2022
19:30 – 21:00 GMT

Booking through Eventbrite. Sorry, fully booked.

There are no further meetings planned for February

Bolton Branch.

A welcome return visit of one of our regular speakers at Bolton FHS who has come to tell us about his new book, "Dating by Design".



Dating by DESIGN

The most common question I get asked as a photo restorer is; "When was this taken?"

Well with this book will be able to answer that question. By looking at the details of the image and the clothes they are wearing you will clearly see the way that fashion has changed over time. From 1840 to 1920 and everything in between.

Unique to this book is that every example has been hand coloured to really show off the style our ancestors had.

Date and time

Wed, 2 February 2022
19:30 – 21:00 GMT

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

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

Oldham Branch

A Grandmother's Legacy: the Early Days

Date and time

Sat, 12 February 2022
14:00 – 15:30 GMT

A Grandmother's Legacy: the Early Days ...

How Benjamin Hardy in 1798, a seventh generation weaver ancestor of Jenny Mallin from Mirfield in Yorkshire, sails to Madras

with his British Army unit, fights for the next 22 years in India and decides to settle his family there for the next five generations. Through new research I have been able to offer more on

the three ancestors that have an ancestry going back to the 17th century. They were all in the British Army and came from different backgrounds

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

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

Anglo-Scots



Emma Maxwell will be giving us a detailed look at the Kirk Session Records , which areas are now available and how to navigate through the wealth of information available to find the details we are seeking.

The Zoom invitation will be sent to those who have booked at 6.00 am on Friday 14th January. If you do not receive your invitation at that time

please contact angloscots@mlfhs.org.uk

Sat, 5 February 2022
14:00 – 17:00 GMT

Booking through [Eventbrite](#).

Full details of Anglo-Scots Branch meetings 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.

Family History Federation

Events for February are listed [here](#).

The National Archives

Please note that places are limited for these meetings and so early booking is essential
In the future why not monitor the [National Archives site](#).

What's Online in February/March

The Tudor Socialite

Friday 18 February at 14:00

A world of love affairs, tragedy, marriage and death – the Tudor period continues to enchant and mesmerise the world. Join author, Jan-Marie Knights, in conversation about her latest book, *The Tudor Socialite*.

Top Level Tips: Using Discovery

Tuesday 22 February at 14:00

Join us online to learn our top tips for using [Discovery](#), our online catalogue which allows you to download 100 free records a month. You will come away with all of the tools needed to make the most of the catalogue for your research, whether you are a new user or an experienced researcher.

National Treasures: Saving the Nation's Art

Wednesday 2 March at 19:30

Dr Caroline Shenton explores the gripping, and sometimes hilarious, story of how a band of heroic curators and eccentric custodians saved Britain's national heritage during the Second World War.

What is History, Now? In conversation with Helen Carr and Suzannah Lipscomb

Friday 4 March at 14:00

Join Helen Carr and Suzannah Lipscomb in conversation about their latest book, *What is History, Now?*, a ground breaking collection of essays addressing the burning issue of how we interpret history today.

Researching your family history: Military sources

Tuesday 15 March at 14:00

Join our experts as they draw on our collections to explore how to using these sources can enrich genealogical research and help develop your understanding of an ancestor's time in military service.

The National Archives UK: in their latest newsletter - which some of you may not receive and so we pass the news on to you - the National Archives draws attention to their YouTube content (click [here](#))

It is an exceptional and extensive series of items, in particular their videos, which is the link I have put here. If you are interested in history at all it is a gold mine, but there is a source listed as "Researching your family history 1837-1911" which, once logged into opens up a whole library of videos on various topics relevant to family history research. I recommend it.

(Taken from the Anglo-Scots newsletter January 2022)

RootsTech Connect 2022

FamilySearch has announced that [RootsTech Connect 2022](#) will take place on March 3–5, 2022, as a fully virtual family history event. RootsTech Connect 2021 attracted more than 1 million visitors from over 240 countries, making this year's gathering the largest in RootsTech history. Further details can be found [HERE](#).

Family history enthusiasts can [access](#) over 1,500 free, on-demand sessions from RootsTech 2021.

PROJECTS UPDATE

These updates were notified to members by John Marsden via the Forum.

Manchester School for the Deaf Admissions

A further volume of admission records (with images) to the Great Database. There are 80 names admitted during 1904-5.

Thanks to Jim Chadwick for these.

The names included are as below.

ALDRED, John Alfred
ALFLAT, Doris
BAILEY, Alfred
BAILEY, Mary Ann
BALDWIN, Mary
BARLOW, Maggie
BELL, Mary
BERRY, Catherine
BERRY, Ethel
BOARDMAN, Bertha
BOND, Alexander
BRINLEY, Jane
BROWN, Ethel
BROWN, Mabel
BROWN, Martha
BURRIL, Mary Hannah
BUTTERWORTH, Allison Cleland
BUTTERWORTH, Thomas Reid
CARR, Isaac
CARTER, Wilfred Robert
CHADWICK, Grace Ann
CHADWICK, Harry
CLARKE, Winifred
CLULEE, Charles Henry
CRAGG, Gladys
DAVIES, May
DODMAN, Harold Turton
DODMAN, Mary Emma
DUCKWORTH, Lilian
DUNN, James Walter
GARTLEY, Samuel
GILL, Sidney Farren
GREENWOOD, Harry
GRIFFITHS, Amy
GRUNDY, Fanny
HADDOCK, James
HAIGH, John Oddie
HAMER, Gladys
HEYWOOD, Clifford
HILL, Ada
HILTON, Anne
HILTON, Elizabeth
HOLDEN, Emily

HOLMES, Percy Howard
HOLT, Henry
HOWARTH, John Oddie
HOWMAN, Edmund
INWOOD, Henry John
JENKINSON, Joseph Ray Tolson
JOHNSON, Gladys
JOHNSTON, Jane
JONES, Ernest
JONES, Jessie
LEA, Lewis Bernard
LETT, Charles Herman
LIDGARD, Henry
MONAGHAN, Victoria Alice
NEAL, Georgina
PARSONAGE, Mary
POLLARD, George
POTTS, Florrie Walker
PRICE, Hugh Charles
PRIESTNER, Hilda Elizabeth
RILEY, Frederick
ROBINSON, Doris
ROWBOTHAM, Edith
SAUNDERS, Henry Moors
SHAUGHNESSY, Edward Thomas
SMITH, Florence
SMITH, Mary
STOTT, Lily
STOTT, Mary Ann
TALENT, Louise Kathleen
TILSLEY, James
WALSH, Emily
WALTERS, Florence Maud
WALTON, Mary Leslie Ashforth
WARDLE, Evelyn
WHALLEY, Clara
WRIGHT, Lily

Manchester Catholic Registers

Work is now completed on the baptism registers for the final five Manchester churches. A DVD will be issued once details of the church descriptions are available.

Miscellaneous Small Projects

Another 1,730 records have been added to The Great Database. These are birth, marriage and death announcements from the Manchester Courier for 1836. Thanks to Linda Bailey and Chris Hall for this latest addition.

A further 1,598 burials at St. John, Pendlebury 1907-1923 to The Great Database. Thanks to Mark Harry for these.

866 birth, marriage and death announcements from the 1815 issues of the Manchester Mercury added to the Great Database. Thanks to Linda Bailey for these.

HELPDESK

The MLFHS Family History Help Desk reopened from our Christmas break on Thursday 6th January 2022 just in time to welcome the new 1921 census. We were aware some weeks prior to this that Manchester Central Library (MCL) had been chosen as a 'northern hub' by The National Archives in order to allow visitors to view the 1921 census for free! Although a rather slow start we have seen visitor numbers on the increase and this has kept our Help Desk team members busy. The main queries have been how to log into a computer, how to find the 1921 dataset, and how to print/save/email their findings. For those wishing to visit please refer to our 1921 Computer Access leaflet which has lots of details. You can also bring along your own laptop to MCL and log into the library wi-fi in order to access the 1921 census for free. Also, at the library to view are a number of 1920's related display cabinets located on the Ground floor in the Local Studies area. These should give you a flavour of what was happening in 1921. At the moment we are trying to run the Help Desk as normal despite a number of Covid restrictions still in place and cope with the added volume of visitors, therefore, I hope everyone appreciates the enormous pressure on our volunteers for their time and assistance. Our Help Desk hours are M-F 10:30-3:30.

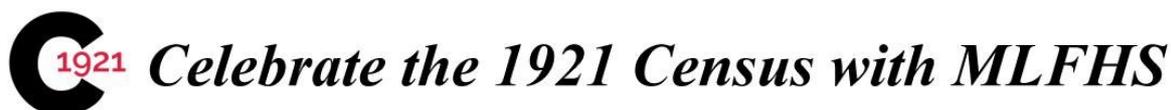
Top Tips if visiting:

- Please bring enough change for the printer if you plan to print out your discoveries. 1 A4 B/W print = 20p. Remember to print any census material landscape!
- Remember to bring a memory stick if you are planning to save your discoveries this way. We do not sell any at MCL.
- Planning to email your discoveries home? Please, make a mental note of your email address and password otherwise you won't be able to access your email account!

We are also looking for additional afternoon support for the Help Desk. If you are interested and feel you have the relevant experience necessary please contact Leslie Turner:

helpdesk@mifhs.org.uk

Leslie Turner
Help Desk Co-ordinator



The MLFHS website has a dedicated 1921 Census project page which can be found at <https://mifhs.uk/blog>. This contains a growing variety of 1921 related information.

WEBSITES

A fascinating site you may like to visit is [Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913](#)

This is a fully searchable edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing 197,745 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court. If you are new to this site, you may find the [Getting Started](#) and [Guide to Searching](#) videos and tutorials helpful.

The big question is, can you find any of your ancestors here?



Late spring 2022, FHF will be launching an inspiring NEW WEBSITE www.exploreyourgenealogy.com offering FREE HELP & ADVICE for family historians looking to research, build & develop a family tree. At launch, website visitors will discover

Articles
Podcasts
Talks
Local Help
News
Events

with more to follow as the site develops

I have mentioned the Lost Cousins website in a previous newsletter but it is well worth another mention, particularly with the recent release of the 1921 Census.

Lost Cousins is a free to use website that allows you to match with others researching the same ancestors by matching relatives in your family tree who were recorded in selected US, Canadian, British or Irish Censuses. The success rate will depend upon how many other people have entered their details to the site. Automatic matching means that nobody else needs to see your information.

The site is run by Peter Calver and more general details can be found [HERE](#).

Another bonus is the free newsletter that is published at regular intervals. Two recent newsletters analyse, in detail, what you need to know about the 1921 Census. Links to these two newsletters can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

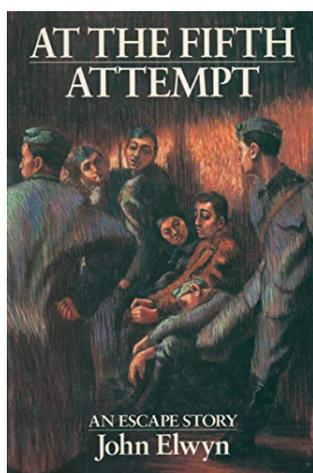
A very interesting article in the January Newsletter of the Family History Federation is 'Exploring the National Library of Scotland maps website for family history' by Chris Fleet, Map Curator, National Library of Scotland.

Following an introduction, this brief guide provides an overview of the NLS maps website. This article covers finding and viewing maps, useful OS maps for family research, copyright, printouts, copies and images and much more.

To obtain monthly issues of the newsletter subscribe for free by going to their [home page](#).

THE BOOKSHOP

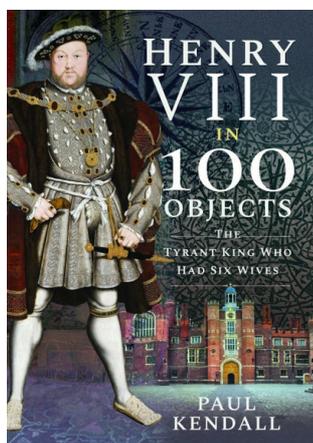
The following books have been added to the bookshop.



At the Fifth Attempt

Code: 8610
£13.95

The story told in this book is so remarkable that some may find it hard to believe that the author has not allowed the passage of years to embellish his memory of the events he describes. A little research, however, will soon dispel this idea. As a private soldier serving with the Welsh Guards, John Elwyn was taken prisoner before the evacuation from Dunkirk. At once his mind turned to thoughts of escape and it was not long before he was on the run. More details [HERE](#).

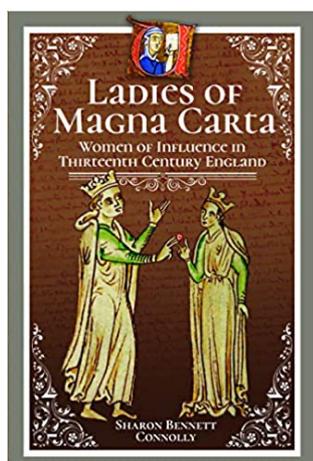


Henry VIII in 100 Objects

Code: 8617
£19.99

Henry VIII is one of history's most memorable monarchs. Popularly known for his six wives, and the unfortunate fate which befell Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard, Henry initiated many reforms and changes which still affect our lives today.

More details [HERE](#).



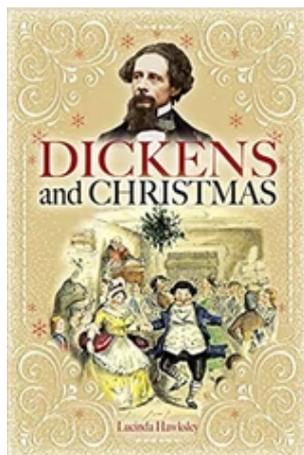
Ladies of the Magna Carta

Code: 8618
£12.00 £25.00

Magna Carta clause 39: No man shall be taken, imprisoned, outlawed, banished or in any way destroyed, nor will we proceed against or prosecute him, except by the lawful judgement of his peers or by the law of the land. This clause in Magna Carta was in response to the appalling imprisonment and starvation of Matilda de Braose, the wife of one of King John's barons. Matilda was not

the only woman who influenced, or was influenced by, the 1215 Charter of Liberties, now known as Magna Carta.

More details [HERE](#)



Dickens and Christmas

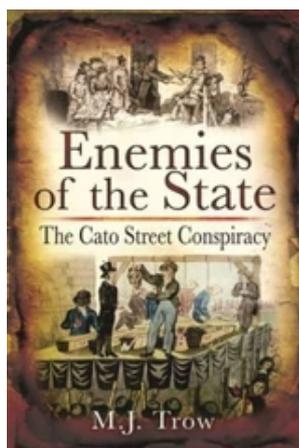
Code: 8619

£10.00 £19.99

Dickens and Christmas is an exploration of the 19th-century phenomenon that became the Christmas we know and love today and of the writer who changed, forever, the ways in which it is celebrated. Charles Dickens was born in an age of great social change. He survived childhood poverty to become the most adored and influential man of his time. Throughout his life, he campaigned tirelessly for better social conditions, including by his most famous work, A Christmas Carol. He wrote this novella specifically to strike a

sledgehammer blow on behalf of the poor man's child, and it began the Victorians' obsession with Christmas.

More details [HERE](#)



Enemies of the State

Code: 8620

£10.00 £19.99

On 1 May 1820, outside Newgate Prison, in front of a dense crowd, five of the Cato Street conspirators - Arthur Thistlewood, William Davidson, James Ings, Richard Tidd and John Brunt - were hanged for high treason. Then they were decapitated in the last brutal act of a murderous conspiracy that aimed to assassinate Prime Minister Lord Liverpool and his cabinet and destroy his government. The Cato Street conspirators matched the Gunpowder plotters in their daring - and in their fate - but their dark, radical intrigue hasn't

received the attention it deserves. M.J. Trow, in this gripping fast-moving account of this notorious but neglected episode in British history, reconstructs the case in vivid detail and sets it in the wider context of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars.

More details [HERE](#)

UKBMD Updates

Cheshire BMD has been updated as follows:

Marriages:

63 for Ashton under Lyne, Holy Trinity, registers at Tameside (1970-2017)

248 for Mottram in Longdendale, St. Michael, registers at Tameside (1993-2020)

185 for Stayley, St Paul, registers at Tameside (1999-2020)

95 for Audenshaw, St Hilda, registers at Tameside (1992-2018)

234 for Denton, Christ Church, registers at Tameside (1993-2019)

Access to all the Local BMD Projects can be found, as always, via the UKBMD website's Local BMD page at <https://UKBMD.org.uk/localbmd>

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

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

For access to all the UK's major Military Family History sites visit

<https://www.UKMFH.org.uk/>

ORPHAN BMDs

I would like to thank all those members who have sent me unwanted certificates over the last few months. All these have now been added to our database together with images although there are a small number of images still to be added. These are of a larger format than A4 and I cannot scan them with the equipment I have at home. When time permits these will be scanned at Manchester Central Library.

These certificates are a valuable asset to the Society and has no doubt been useful for many.

If you have any BMDs you no longer want then why not consider sending them to the Society. You can send them to:

M&LFHS

61 Queens Road

Urmston

M41 9HF

However, if you wish to keep your certificates then you can send scans, preferably as a PDF to office@mlfhs.org.uk and they will be passed on to me.

NORTH WEST SOUND HERITAGE

Unlocking our Sound Heritage

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

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

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

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

Find more information [here](#).

NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE

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

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.

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



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