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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.

Our area

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

We do this by

- Holding meetings, usually on the 4th Thursday of each month (except December) (Currently, 2025, by Zoom only)
- Publishing *The Scrivener*, a quarterly journal, in paper form for full members and on our website for internet members. Contact the Scrivener Editor.
- Publishing a monthly Newsletter for members who have an email address. Contact the Newsletter Editor.
- Publishing a Facebook page. Contact the Web Administrator.
- Hosting a website www.cfhsweb.com, and a members' forum. Contact the Web Administrator.
- Running projects to transcribe records relevant to members' research. Contact the Projects Co-ordinator.
- Publishing transcribed records. Contact the Publications Officer.
- Providing an enquiry and search service from our records. Contact the Enquiry service Co-ordinator.
- Maintaining a list of members' interests by surname and dates of interest, which are available to members on the website. Each quarter new additions are published in *The Scrivener*. Contact the Members' Interests Co-ordinator.

Membership

- Is open to all family historians who have an interest in the area. Contact the Membership Secretary.
- Annual subscriptions are £12.00 for UK individuals (£14.00 for family membership),
- Internet membership is £6.00/ £8.00 which only provides information such as the journal on the Internet, but not on paper.
- Subscriptions are due on the 1st of the month, on the anniversary of joining the Society (cheques made payable to CFHS.) and should be sent to the Treasurer.
- Overseas payments must be made in sterling, drawn on a bank with a branch in the UK, by Sterling Money Order.
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- All correspondence requiring a reply must be accompanied by a S.A.E. Contact the Secretary or appropriate officer.
- The names, addresses and email contacts of the Society's officers and co-ordinators appear inside the back cover of *The Scrivener* and on the Society's website.

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

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MEETINGS

Due to Coronavirus, Some Meetings, Events etc. now take place virtually, or are hybrids
Please check with the organiser if you are unsure.

Editorial

This has been a difficult edition to put together, due to things happening (as they do!), people resigning, new Officers volunteering, etc. etc. etc. I won't go into it!

But here is my editorial.

I'm sorry if your article has not appeared; it will when there is less "official stuff" to put in.

On page 36 is a quotation, which the talk transcriber thought appropriate to put in.

"I wish I had realized that Family History is a perishable commodity. It disappears with time, as memories fade, and as our loved ones pass on."

Guy Black.

I have long thought of Family History as a perishable commodity. But if we knew all our ancestors back to - well Adam and Eve, what a lot of interesting information there would be.

I once saw a "family tree", I think it was of Queen Elizabeth the first, purporting to trace her ancestry back to Adam and Eve. Well, much of it was obviously made up. So I think we should be suspicious of what people tell us, and check it out for ourselves. This is only possible where official records exist. In this country we have the Births, Marriages and Deaths records back to (?) it's so long since I did it!, and parish records back to whenever they decided to keep them. And we have the problem, familiar to many of us, that they didn't seem to think it important to record the mother's name! Wow! Talk about Discrimination, Male Dominance etc.! It wouldn't happen now. And I wonder what happens with "Trans" people. The mind boggles! I won't go into that either!

Editor

COVER PICTURE

The Bronte Sisters.
See the article by Duncan Mitchell on page 35.

CFHS Annual General Meeting Minutes April 24 2025

30 people attended, with apologies from Karen Burnell, Sheila Harris, Chris Hiley, Michael Ingham, Duncan Mitchell & Margaret Smith.

Opening the meeting, Peter explained that Votes were to be taken regarding changes to the Societies' Constitution, the election of Chairman, Secretary and Membership Secretary, as well as the election of Committee members.

OFFICERS

Peter Lord was elected as **Chairman** for a further year, although he announced that this would be his last year serving as such.

David Allen was elected as **Secretary**.

Chris Hiley was elected as **Membership Secretary**.

Elected Committee members were as follows:- **John Barraclough, Susan Clarke, Eileen Connolly, Susan Griffiths (overseas member), Mark Harrey, Annabelle McGuire, Ann Wilkinson & Stuart Wilkinson.**

Treasurer, no-one elected.

All votes were passed unanimously.

The vote for the Election of a Treasurer was deferred due to the late withdrawal of the current incumbent, Maureen Fitzgerald

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting closing, Annabelle, newly elected committee member was Co-Opted as Treasurer with the unanimous approval of the new committee members, to serve as such until March 2026)

An election for Auditor was deferred due to not having received a nomination.

The Constitution changes discussed were:-

Removal of the need for the Magazine Editor to be an Elected Position.

The replacement of the Data Protection Officer with a GDPR Controller.

Adding a clause regarding insurance for Data Protection.

Peter outlined the rationale for each change, and that a majority of 2/3 would be needed to pass.

The changes aim to address inconsistencies, reflect current practices, and strengthen data protection measures within the society.

All three changes pass unanimously.

AGM Awards

Margaret Walker Award

Duncan Mitchell for his article "My Relative the Serial Killer"

Citation: -

It was a difficult decision this year as there was no lack of intriguing articles, but it's difficult not to be attracted by the gruesome! Duncan's article is interesting, and gives some clues as to why John Christie became a murderer — Childhood experiences; Wartime service; human relationships; depression? Who knows?

Sutcliffe Away Member's Award

Karen Burnell

Citation

'Karen has been a member of the Society for nearly 20 years & has contributed in

many ways. She was one of the few members who willingly volunteered her time at the NEC during the times our Society was represented at the Federation Annual Show in the 20teens, taking a full 3 days out of her busy schedule. More recently, she has been an ever-present member of our Project Transcription Team, working on every project that we have run for the last few years.'

Sutcliffe Members Award

Catherine Lee

Citation

'Catherine Lee, who as well as looking after the documentation for our external promotions, has been a constant volunteer at all our more recent Fair attendances.

Project Update

Peter described the Workhouse and Undertaker record transcriptions completed over the last twelve months. A presentation of how to access and use them followed later.

Undertaker Records and Privacy Concerns

Peter concluded his initial presentation and took questions from the attendees.

Margot enquired about obtaining further records from a different undertaker. Peter explained that although discussions were taking place, he was at the moment unable to disclose with whom because of confidentiality difficulties.

Stuart suggested cross referencing Workhouse Census Records with the Undertaker Records. Peter agreed this was a possibility and would look into it.

Anabelle raised concerns about privacy for potential living relatives in the database. Peter explained that wherever possible, we ascertained that the information was already in the public domain. If any individual found their name quoted, and wished it to be removed, if they contacted us, we would remove it.

Peter concluded the formal meeting by thanking everyone and reminding them of Margot's forthcoming presentation next month.

After a short break, Peter gave a presentation on how to access and use the Workhouse and Undertakers records transcribed by the team over the last year.

Workhouse - using the example of Sarah Horn and her children, he described the different types of Workhouse books from Todmorden, Ovenden and Gibbet Street, highlighting the varying information recorded in each.

Lawrence Undertakers

These records cover the period 1935-1987. Peter explained how to access this information through the transcription index on our website. Comparing the data available from Cemetery and Undertaker records, he was able to show that by combining different databases, and accessing original documents, it can provide a wealth of information for Genealogists, especially for the period less than 100 years ago, but too far in the past for living relatives to remember.

There being no questions, the meeting then closed.

(Editor's note:- Reports on following pages.)

Chairman's Report to AGM – April 24th 2025

The last 12 months has seen a number of changes & developments within the Society.

You will be hearing from the Secretary the figures for membership which have held up remarkably well over the year which is particularly gratifying.

The main change within the Society has been the move over to Zoom only monthly meetings. Your Committee pondered this over a number of months before making the final decision to move to this method from the start of 2025. We did this with a heavy heart because, although on the plus side, Zoom meetings allow our away & overseas members to join us, face-to-face gatherings are still the optimum for social & general meetings. However, the numbers for physical attendance during 2024 were so low that we felt that we had no alternative but to go over to Zoom only.

Although this allows the Society to make some financial savings, this was never about money & the Committee will continue to look to having some form of social gathering from time to time. An example of this is the 40th anniversary meeting on May 10th which we hope will be a success. I hope that you have all read about this in the March Scrivener & the last 2 newsletters.

On the financial front, the Society has had a stable year, and your Committee has approved the budget for 2025-26. You will hear more about the detail of both these from our treasurer.

We have continued to provide new data to help your research which has been posted on our Online Database, accessed via the Members' Area of our website. The 2 sets of data that were completed this year were, firstly, records from the 3 Calderdale Workhouses for which we could get historical records – Ovenden, Halifax Gibbet St & Todmorden – amounting to over 65,000 individual items. Secondly, we have transcribed over 10,000 records concerning funerals conducted by Lawrence Undertakers. Our thanks go to them for their generosity in the provision of such valuable information. This is particularly useful because it covers that awkward period -less than 100 years ago, but too far in the past for reliable memory.

Finally, on the project front, we have completed a smaller project to transcribe the details of Wesleyan Methodists from our area who contributed a guinea each to an appeal in 1899 to 1901 to the "Methodist Million" cause, plus entries from the "Whos Who" of Methodism published in 1912.

This year has also seen the beginning of an effort to provide more relevance to our Overseas members. We now have 2 coordinators, both living in the USA, who are organizing meetings for 2 specific areas of the world – North America, Europe and South Africa on the one hand & Australasia on the other. These have deliberately been separated one from the other to fit sensible meeting times, due to the huge time differences involved. These have been enthusiastically received by our overseas membership & we hope that it will lead to us providing them with better & more relevant information to help in their research.

One area where we continue to have difficulty, in common with many other voluntary organisations, is the recruitment of volunteers, not only for official positions on the committee, but to carry out specific, but nevertheless, important jobs to help keep the Soci-

ety running. We desperately need some younger (ie under 70 !!!) members to come forward to provide backup for some of the more technical aspects needed. The kind of expertise we need is in the use of MSAccess, which is used both in the keeping of membership records & also in the maintenance of the various databases that we hold. A further skill needed is someone who has some experience in Wordpress to help support the Society website. The really technical aspects of these are handled by our Commercial partner, but we do need people to work on the day to day aspects of these.

As well as these specific roles, we also need to try to get new blood into our Committee. All bar 2 of the existing & nominations for our Committee are over 70 years of age, which means that, to put it bluntly, they have a limited shelf life !!! So whilst there is no immediate panic on this, it is always good to have fresh ideas in discussions & so I hope that, when nominations for the year 2026-27 come round, some of you will consider standing for the Committee. There is no impediment concerning attendance, as all meetings are held on Zoom, although we do try to have at least one face-to-face meeting every year.

On the subject of Committee & Officials, our Secretary, Margaret Smith & Clifford Drake, currently a Committee member, but previously Secretary, Chairman & Research Room Coordinator are both standing down from their present positions & from the Committee. Both have given the Society invaluable service over the many years that they have been with us & I would like, publicly, to thank them both, as, without such efforts, our Society would not be the thriving organisation it is today. So thank you Margaret & Clifford & we hope that we will continue to see you both at our monthly meetings.

On that topic, we have been lucky enough to secure the services of one of our newer members, David Allen, from Bury St Edmunds, who has volunteered to stand for Secretary, as you will be hearing shortly. Once elected, I am sure that he will be able to fill the shoes left behind by Margaret.

Finally, I'd like to give a mention to all our other unsung heroes who have carried out a myriad of tasks for the Society, as part of our drive to spread the workload as widely as possible. Our policy has been to break down a number of routine jobs so that each one, although in itself important, does not take much time to fulfil. These are tasks like collating the statistics for the Society, handling the Genfair orders as they come in & looking after the standard documentation that we take to Fairs. These take a considerable weight off the main officials & I would like to record my thanks to those members who have come forward to carry out these duties.

One last vote of thanks goes to Mr. Chris Drake, Clifford's brother, who, as a retired accountant, has audited the Society annual accounts for the last few years, completely free of charge. This has been a valuable service to us & we are very grateful for the service that he has freely offered, even though he is not a Society member. **Currently, we have not had a nomination to stand as auditor, so, when that item comes up on the agenda for this meeting, we will be asking you to support the committee in delaying such an appointment until one can be found.**

I would now like to hand over to Margaret, who will give her last Secretary's report.

Secretary's Report CFHS 2024-2025

(Editor's note:- In the absence of the Secretary,
the report was read by John Barraclough.)

Hello

I would like to present the Secretary's Report for the year 2024-25

Whilst preparing this, my last report, I found myself thinking about the many changes that have taken place within the society and this last year is no exception.

The main change, as Peter has mentioned, has been a move to 'Zoom only' for our regular monthly meetings. Attendees, averaging 51 each month, have enjoyed a wide variety of talks given by both guest speakers and our own members. Thank you to John Barraclough for arranging the programme and co-ordinating matters, something that is not easy when the odd spanner is thrown in.

A positive outcome of the hybrid and now Zoom only meetings has been the fuller participation and interaction with away members. This has given members a chance to know each other better and 2 sub-groups have formed to further develop the needs of overseas members.

Membership, as of the end of March, totalled 401, down 3 from the previous year. This is excellent as so many clubs and societies are struggling to survive. Many memberships come up for renewal just after this period, so perhaps, our membership has now exceeded last year's.

The break down of membership is as follows:

Family Internet	19	Single Internet	193
Family UK	25	Single UK	160
Single Overseas	4		

65% away members, 20% local members, 15% overseas members

As you will hear there are nominations for new committee members, and as all committee meetings are now held on Zoom, it will be good to see the different groups represented. The society can only benefit from this.

53% of members are now Internet members, which is financially beneficial to the society. The remainder prefer the hard copy of the Scrivener, a personal preference which the Society respects.

100% of the membership now has email, a factor which greatly improves communications with a monthly Newsletter and occasional mailshots sent and received.

The Scrivener and website are our other main means of communication. The Newsletter is now on the website and available to all, whether members or not, which we hope will lead to further interest in the society.

Thanks must go to Pam Newby, Susan Clarke and Frances Stubbs for their roles in the smooth running of these communications.

Further outreach work has been done, by attendance at the Huddersfield FHS Fair, a presentation to 'Lost Cousins', and various articles published in the Federation Newsletters.

A website is an important means of contact and communication, and discussion is taking place about the CFHS site and the committee would welcome any feedback you can offer. Do have a look and see if it fulfils your needs and those of potential members.

The society's aim to encourage interest in, and assist with, research relevant to the study of family history in Halifax and the Calder Valley is also carried out by the work of the Transcription Team under Peter's leadership. We thank them all for their work, which can, at one and the same time, be frustrating, interesting, amusing and informative. New recruits always welcome.

This year they have been beavering away to provide new data from 3 Calderdale workhouses: Ovenden, Halifax Gibbet Street and Todmorden, a total of over 65000 individual items. These have been transcribed, added to the OLDB and passed to FMP.

Lawrence Undertakers generously made available over 10,000 records covering period 1936-1987 for transcription. These are a valuable resource of recent material and have also been added to the OLDB.

Smaller projects have been the transcription details of Wesleyan Methodists from the area who contributed a guinea to the Methodist Million Cause (1899-1901), and a list of local people who appeared in Who's Who of Methodism (pub. 1912). These records are also available on our OLDB.

To finish, I would repeat, as in previous years, CFHS is successful but can only continue to be successful through the work of its members.

I have benefited personally, in many ways, from my work on the committee, and much appreciate the support, friendship and guidance given from fellow members as I have gone about my tasks. Thankyou.

To those members who are elected this evening I wish them well and hope they find things as rewarding as they further the work of CFHS.

Margaret Smith

Treasurer's Report to AGM_April 24th, 2025

Last year, I wrote in hope our local members could continue to meet at Maurice Jagger Centre, and by absorbing small costs, whilst the new bus station was built, hoped to drive up attendance _ the argument used to end the offering. Following the decision not to re-open the Research room at Brighouse, a majority of your 10 person committee decided in October to end in person meetings. Savings are £462.00 p.a.

Ring fencing of a Committee seat for our Overseas Membership.

I'm happy my proposal found agreement (if incuriously) to create a ring-fenced committee seat for our overseas members and prompted dialogue overseas. I understand that we have received a nomination amongst a healthy number of non-local members, though, the person standing to replace our retiring Secretary, Margaret, has big shoes to fill.

Administration of accounts and membership subscription.

The accounting and membership systems have been revised. Because GDPR requires "explicit" reasons for the recording and storage of personal information all postal applications with cheques must now be sent to our Membership Secretary for banking. Streamlining the accounts workbook, has removed members' information, reduced processing time and led to a simplified balance sheet for auditing.

Further work to eliminate the sharing of login credentials would more easily identify an individual's actions and improve the integrity of the accounts workbook.

Easy fundraising, Good Cause account. Opened some time ago and rediscovered in May last year. I had no administrative power or sight of the bank details attached to this and it was agreed by the committee to close the account in June, 2024.

Auditing of accounts. Although I've never had the pleasure of meeting or speaking with our independent accountant, Mr. Chris Drake, I'm grateful for his work in examining our books and wish he and his brother Clifford well for the future. The accounts are very straightforward, probably less complicated than most family finances. The constitution requires that we externally audit each 3 years (although this has happened in the last 5) and in others an Independent Assessment/ Examination would suffice.

Income for 2024-2025.

Membership numbers have stalled with income of just £100 higher than last year and not kept pace with the inflationary rises in expenditure.

Donations, which are primarily unintended subscription overpayments, that members then ask us to keep, have risen slightly.

Search fees from the " *Enquiry Service*" total £4.49 in the past 2 years.

If it were actually used, after factoring in multiple volunteers time, postage and cheque processing costs, it could be expensive to us. Despite no membership interest, there is, however, resistance to remove this offering

Publications income in the form of downloads, via *Genfair*, which are also available to non members and reported to be a gateway to new membership, has slightly in-

creased, but the offering is under review.

“Pay-per-view” (PPV) fees, from the transcribed records that we make available through the FHF to *Findmypast* are disappointingly down 18%.

Cash at the bank.

Lloyds Bank, in January arbitrarily moved us to a “*Community account*”, incurring monthly charges, cash & cheques processing fees, with paltry annual interest on our £10.5k deposits of just £116.

Against the backdrop of branch closures, leaving the option of only depositing cheques at the post office, we looked for a savings facility which focussed upon ethical trading and community engagement, into which we could deposit our reserves to offset banking costs.

In February we opened a “90 day notice account” with **Methodist Chapel Aid_ MCA funding for Churches**, est. 1890, who offer postal banking from their branch in York and provide loans to Christian organisations.

Cash holdings are minimal and now only held by the Treasurer.

Capital Expenditure.

We set aside £1000, in 2024-25, in anticipation of expenditure to replace ageing laptops. Instead, it is decided that volunteers will use their own computer devices and meet associated costs to conduct all Society business. With this decision, this budget was unspent.

The Society's assets valuation stands at zero. There has been no capital or associated spending in any sighted year, nor listed going forward, for the recording, storage, security or destruction of our membership data.

Expenditure

The **website maintenance** contract rose by 10.5% p.a., contributing to an overspend at £2856 of 14% after additional works deemed necessary by our Webmaster-Project Coordinator and brings average spend over the past 6 years to that of this year's membership income.

This is set to rise further with an increased budget of £4,350 for 2025-26.

Scrivener costs haven't escaped inflation nor higher postage charges.

General meeting costs. On the back of a saving of £462 a year, the costs of our 40th anniversary afternoon tea and talk on the 10th May will be financed from Society funds and a sum of £750 has been set aside.

Zoom fees have held steady over the past 2 years, however, for the CFHS to take advantage of the advertised discounted offers to nonprofits, it would probably require the Society to operate a PayPal account.

Speakers. We have benefitted from free talks that have kept our costs low and come in 24% under budget and the October stand at **Huddersfield Family History Fair** is

a bargain at £30.00

Family History Federation (FHF) fees incl. Society Insurance are unchanged.

The group policy purchase of *Employer Liability, Public and Products Liability and legal cost cover under Health and Safety at work act.*

In belated discovery of our insurance position, it's unclear if there are policy conditions for the Society to meet, however, in the absence of an "*appropriate officer*" I'm in a position to report from accounts alone, and contrary to that set out in section 11.1 of the "Constitution", that we have not purchased "*Personal Injury*" nor "*Asset Insurance*" for several years.

Going Concern and delivering value for money to our members.

At the end of 2024-2025, finances appear healthy, primarily because a sizable allocated budget was unspent. Operating a model reliant upon uncapped volunteers' time and by custom and practice their own devices to carry out all our activities, risks our disenchanting some and/or barring or outpricing others. Despite this arrangement, expenditure for 2025-26 is projected to exceed income of £5,682.

It bears reflection that both our offerings and income are less.

Low physical attendance was among the reasons in- person meetings ended, yet, in the absence of any statistical data connected with footfall or digital accessibility or member engagement, the budget was passed with spending for the website which will significantly contribute to a depletion in the reserves by £3,300.

Checks and balances and delineation of responsibility.

Your Chair, and Zoom host this evening, Peter Lord, also holds the reins as Project coordinator, Systems coordinator, Data processor, Webmaster, co-enquiry officer and Assistant Treasurer with banking authority.

Finding legal anomalies in our GDPR duties, led to the abolition of the legally superfluous and misdirected role of "*Data Protection Officer*", also then held by him. A proposal for the Committee to refocus its recruiting energies and move over to a "*rotating chair*" was agreed by committee, but not followed through. Successive pleas to advertise for a fresh "*assistant Treasurer*" weren't supported.

Recently, when tasked by the Committee to inquire into our insurance position, I met repeated frustration and It's unclear, if transcribed funeral records of recent deaths, naming living people (including me) will be acceptable under GDPR guidelines to Findmypast and deliver any PPV fees.

In voting you should have confidence that the Treasurer will be unfettered if seeking advice, or when producing accounts or in any other designated tasks and afterwards free to report factual findings in full.

Consequently, I no longer wish to volunteer my time to the Society.

Maureen Fitzgerald, Treasurer (2023-25)

CFHS Accounts 2024-2025

Income	2024-25	2023-24
Membership	£3,602.77	£3,501.77
Publications	£409.27	£376.16
Annual Trip	£0.00	£0.00
Christmas Dinner	£0.00	£0.00
Raffles	£0.00	£71.50
Donations	£72.73	£42.00
Bank Interest	£116.83	£109.96
FH Books Carriage	£0.00	£3.74
Misc Income	£0.00	£10.00
PPV Fees	£1,716.37	£2,097.05
Search Fees	£0.00	£4.49
GM Coffee Income	£0.00	£47.00
Lloyds Compensation	£65.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£5,982.97	£6,263.67

Cash Summary

Balance Brought Fwd	£10,716.19	£10,171.26
Cash at Bank - Current	£268.85	£279.52
Cash at Bank - Deposit MCA	£5,000.00	£0.00
Cash at Bank - Deposit Lloyds	£5,644.19	£10,377.36
Amounts not yet presented	£0.00	£0.00
Cash in Hand	£20.00	£39.31
Officers' Floats	£0.00	£20.00
Balance Carried Fwd	£10,933.04	£10,716.19

Society Assets Valuation

Initial Purchase Cost	£2,137.89	£2,137.89
Current Asset Value	£0.00	£88.40

Expenditure	2024-25	2023-24
Scrivener Production	£1,136.00	£1,093.00
Scriv Postage	£574.76	£488.38
Chairman	£0.00	£0.00
Secretary	£0.00	£0.00
Treasurer	£5.00	£0.00
Research Aids	£0.00	£0.00
General Meeting Costs	£591.88	£577.38
Committee Room Hire	£0.00	£0.00
Speaker's Exps.	£305.00	£321.00
Publication Purchase	£0.00	£0.00
Other Publ. Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Printing/Copying	£0.00	£18.00
Monumental Inscrpts.	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
FFHS Membership	£152.00	£151.24
Members Interests	£0.00	£0.00
Other Postage	£0.00	£0.00
Fairs Exps.	£30.00	£30.00
Other Exps.	£4.75	£50.00
Raffle Expenses	£20.73	£34.99
Stationery Prov.	£0.00	£0.00
Website Expenses	£2,856.00	£2,848.00
Project Costs	£0.00	£15.00
Search Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
GM Coffee Expenses	£0.00	£1.75
Gift Vouchers	£90.00	£90.00
Other Capital	£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL	£5,766.12	£5,718.74

Audited : C Drake FCA

02/05/2025

CFHS – Annual Computer Audit - April 2025

The Calderdale Family History Society is dependent on the use of computers in maintaining nearly all areas of its operation which includes keeping financial accounts; maintaining the membership database; the production of the *Scrivener*; and management of its website etc. This audit has been undertaken to assess whether these areas of operation overseen by Officers of the Society are adequately supported in their use of computer hardware and software.

The audit has indicated that:

- Officers are using their own personal computer systems for Society work.
- The majority of Officers use computer hardware which has been purchased within the last eight years.
- Application software tends to be up to date or still practicable for purpose. However, most Officers are using the Windows 10 operating system. It is understood from October 2025, Microsoft will end support for Windows 10, including software updates, technical support, and security fixes. Thus, Windows 10 users may wish to consider migrating to Windows 11, and may need to check whether their personal computer meets the minimum hardware requirements to support Windows 11.
- Anti-virus software protection is in place on their computers.
- The procedure set up to safeguard personal and sensitive data held on Society databases is working well with relevant databases and documentation held on Officers' personal computer systems regularly backed up.

Welcome to the new Committee.

As you will see from other items in this edition, we have 4 new committee members for the year 2025-26. It is always good to get new blood & fresh ideas on to the committee & an added bonus is that they have lowered the average age of the group by a good few years !!

Clifford Drake & Margaret Smith have retired from duty, after many years of sterling service in a number of different roles. Thanks to them both & we hope that they will continue enjoying what the Society has to offer in a more relaxed environment than doing committee duty.

Maureen Fitzgerald has unexpectedly stood down both as Treasurer & from the Committee. Thanks are due to her for the time she gave to the job of Treasurer.

The remainder of the Committee were re-elected at the AGM, together with 4 others, who were elected for the first time :-

David Allen. David was elected Secretary. David has been a society member since 2022 & immediately offered his services as a volunteer. You may remember that he won the Away Member Sutcliffe Award last year for the work he had done on projects. Since then, he has continued to be a major contributor to our projects & also is on the team that summarises monthly talks ready to be published in the Scrivener. He lives in Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, so this will be the 1st time that our Secretary hasn't been resident in Calderdale.

Susan Griffith. Susan has been a Society members since 2021 & is one of our Overseas members, from Round Hill, Virginia, USA. She has recently volunteered, along with Catherine Cruickshank, to coordinate the newly formed Overseas Members Groups. It will be good to have an overseas member on the Committee which we hope will be a permanent fixture for the future.

Mark Harrey. Mark, from Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire, has been a member of the society for 9 years. He has been an active & influential member of our project transcription team &, of the many hard-working project team, he is probably the most involved & will make an important contribution on the committee.

Annabelle McGuire. Annabelle, who lives in Oakenshaw, is recently retired from the NHS & whose interest in Genealogy has intensified since COVID in 2019. She enjoys genealogy as she feels it connects her to her ancestors, where she came from, and the past. It also keeps her conscious of those who led ordinary everyday lives, as opposed to those whose stories made the history books. She has a particular interest in ensuring her female ancestors are not forgotten and tries to understand the context of their lives in particular. She has a degree in Computer Science which will be a particular benefit to the Society.

In addition to this, due to the unexpected resignation of our previous Treasurer, the Committee have agreed to co-opt Annabelle McGuire as Treasurer for the year up to March 2026. As she had already been elected to the Committee, she has full voting rights & will be able to fulfil the role satisfactorily. As promised at the AGM, this is notification to the membership of the action taken to fill a vital role in the Society.

I am sure that you join with me in welcoming our new Committee & wish them all the best in their deliberations over the next year.

Peter Lord - Chairman

Society Volunteers required !!!

I am sure that you will be familiar with this subject by now !! You may remember an item in the June Newsletter outlining the details for volunteers needed to fulfil vital roles to make sure that the service that we provide to you, as members, is as good as we can make it.

The term "volunteer" sends shivers down a good many spines, but it needn't be as daunting as many might think. Everyone associated with our Society, in common with many other groups, appreciate that most people put our organisations fairly low on their list of life's priorities. And that is as it should be. Consequently, we try to put as little pressure as possible on all our officers & helpers & spread the load as widely as possible. This has the effect of reducing the time & effort required each week & month for each person to manageable proportions.

Very few roles within our Society require more than an hour or two each week, on average, although, of course, there will be occasions when a spurt of effort is needed, once in a while. We want to make sure that anything we ask of a volunteer only has minimal impact on their other activities in life. Many of our systems have been set up, quite deliberately, to serve that purpose, so that many of the tasks are reduced to routine activities.

I would like to give below the detail of roles that we urgently need to fill. Very little technical expertise is required, once you have established yourself in a role, and the current holder of the position will be on hand to support you during the learning process. As well as this, there are a few established members who have the detailed knowledge necessary to provide further help if needed.

Genfair Coordinator.

As many of you will be aware, we use Genfair, the Online genealogical store, to sell our products to the public & also as a means for members to renew their subscriptions & pay by credit card.

The orders from Genfair come in at random, so we need a volunteer to keep an eye out for them & then pass them on to the appropriate officer. They also need to maintain a record for each order so that the sum total at the end of each month can be ratified & the detail passed to the Treasurer.

This means that such a volunteer may receive, via E-Mail, an order at any time, so, at least 2 or 3 times each week, these orders need to be processed. In truth, there can be periods of a week or even more when we receive no orders at all. When they arrive, orders for product just require recording & those for membership are recorded & then forwarded to our Membership Secretary.

The time involved throughout the month amounts to no more than 5-10 minutes, 2 or 3 times a week. At the end of the month, a little more time is required but is rarely more than 15-20 minutes, to balance the figures & pass them to the Treasurer.

The only technical requirement is to have MSExcel or equivalent on your computer. Genfair hold your E-mail address just for this purpose & no other.

Scrivener Editor.

**(Currently we have someone expressing an interest in this position!
but if you are interested for the future, please get in touch.)**

This is a vital role in that, for many members, this is the main communication that they joined for. We have the monthly newsletter, to put out short-term information, but anything that requires significant space goes into the Scrivener.

The role is in 2 parts :-

Exchange Journals. Receipt of Exchange journals from other societies comes to the editor. They put these up on to the Society website, using a simple routine which requires no other knowledge of the website methodology. This takes around 5 minutes for each journal received. The editor also sends out our quarterly Scrivener to other societies with whom we have an agreement.

Scrivener Production. This is the main role for the editor. Content comes from many sources – fellow officers, the team that summarises monthly talks, fellow members with items of interest and, from time to time, non-members. The journal is published 4 times every year.

This is done using MSPublisher software which is relatively easy to use, even if you have not used it before. Most of our past editors (the current one is no exception) had little or no experience of this software before they took on the job, but very soon got the hang of it. Of course, anyone who already has experience of MSPublisher would be ideal for this role.

The editor generally sets a deadline for contributors so that they have ample time to put the edition together – generally a fortnight or so before the printer's deadline. Once completed, they send the copy to the printers & that is that 3 month's work finished, as the printers distribute the journals using addresses provided by the Membership Secretary.

It is difficult to estimate the time needed to fulfil this role, but very little for the 1st 2 months of the 3 month cycle with probably around 10 hours in total to put the journal together – once experienced with the software, though, likely to be less than that.

This role would be ideal for any member who has had previous publishing experience.

Webmaster & Data Processor.

Since our previous Webmaster resigned at the beginning of 2024, this role has been covered by Peter Lord, but he has other responsibilities within the Society & is also fulfilling his final year as Society chairman before stepping down in March 2026. Consequently, it is important to have a replacement appointed as soon as possible.

The Society has a Commercial Partner who has overall responsibility for the Society website & carries out major changes on it where necessary. For this, he is paid a monthly retainer which includes the payment for the necessary software licences for those items that we use. This monthly fee also covers minor actions not able to be done by any volunteer, but new pieces of work are charged at an hourly rate.

As a result of these arrangements, many routines have been developed so that individual officers can make changes and additions to the website without needing any technical knowledge. However, there are aspects that our Society like to do themselves which require knowledge of Wordpress software. The basics of this are fairly easily learnt and are practiced by Peter Lord to some extent. However, more could be done (& less cost incurred) by a volunteer with Wordpress experience.

That is not to say that lack of Wordpress debars any volunteer, because, as had been mentioned, the basics are easily learnt.

The main role of the Webmaster is to field any suggestions for improvement & also to make sure that the site is kept up-to-date, so that material that is no longer relevant is removed. They work in conjunction with the Commercial Partner where necessary.

The Data Processing aspect involves the routine updating of data on the Online Database. Such data is provided by the Project team after each project is completed. The role also involves the holding & maintenance of all the Society's data off-line, so a knowledge of MSAccess is desirable although not essential.

This role would suit anyone who has worked in a computer development environment, or any associated role.

Now that you have read the detail of what is needed, I very much hope that you will consider whether or not you can step forward to offer your services to the Society, so that we can continue to offer the very best to our members. If you would like to volunteer, or if you feel you need more information, please contact me at chairman@cfhsweb.com

Peter Lord – Chairman.

Seeking Relatives of Thomas Malcolm Bentley – Born 1944 in Halifax, West Yorkshire

Dear Members of the Calderdale Family History Society,

I am writing with the hope of connecting with anyone who may have known or be related to my grandfather, **Thomas Malcolm Bentley**, born on **12th May 1944** in **Halifax, West Yorkshire, England**. He was the son of **Walter Bentley** and **Evelyn Bentley**.

Thomas left England as a young man and lived for a number of years in **Africa** and later in **Brazil**, where he met and married my grandmother, **Dora Lúcia Melo Bentley**, a Brazilian national (now deceased). Together they had a single child, my late father, **Douglas Walter Melo Bentley**, born on **9th November 1975** in Brazil. According to family information, there is a possibility that my father was also registered with the British consulate or perhaps even in the United Kingdom.

My grandfather **Thomas Malcolm Bentley** passed away at the age of 43 in **Brazil**, a tragic and early death that deeply affected our family. Following his death, my grandmother suffered from severe mental health issues, including schizophrenia. My father, who was only 11 years old at the time, was left to be raised by extended family, facing many difficulties and very little support. He also sadly passed away at the young age of 33.

We know that my grandfather **Thomas** had **two brothers**, but unfortunately, we have never had contact with them and are unsure of their names or current whereabouts. We would be immensely grateful for any information or connections that might help us rebuild this part of our family history.

As his grandson, I carry not only his name in my heart but also a deep respect and admiration for my British roots. My greatest wish is to reconnect with this heritage and possibly with relatives who may still be in England or elsewhere.

If any member of the Calderdale FHS community has knowledge of the Bentley family from Halifax — particularly of **Walter and Evelyn Bentley**, or their son **Thomas Malcolm Bentley** and his siblings — please do get in touch. Any detail, no matter how small, could mean the world to us.

With kind regards and heartfelt thanks,
Thomas Malcolm Melo Bentley
thomas.pt4@hotmail.com



MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Surname	Location	County	Known From	Known To	Wanted From	Wanted To
	BRADFORD	YOR				
BIRKBY	TODMORDEN					
SPARKS	HEPTONSTALL					
PARKINSON	GOLCAR	WY			Start	
BARRETT	OGDEN	WY	1700	1800	Start	now
FARNELL	ELLAND	WY	1800	Now	Start	1800
FARNELL	HALIFAX	WES	1860	1918	Start	1860
EASTWOOD	ELLEND	WRY	1770	1803	1600	1770
MARSHALL	TODMORDEN	WRY	1759	1850	1650	1790
STELL	TODMORDEN	WRY	1770	1850	1650	1770
SUTCLIFFE	STANSFIELD	WRY	1760	1800	1650	1760
CRABTREE	STANSFIELD	WRY	1758	1834	1650	1758
GREENWOOD	LANGFIELD	WRY	1795	1865	1650	1795
COCKCROFT	HALIFAX					
WOLFENDEN	ELLEND	WRY	1767	1821	1600	1767
RICHARDSON	HALIFAX	WRY	1764	Now	1600	1764
SHEARD	GREETLAND/BARKISLAND	WY	1800	Now	Start	
HOWE	HALIFAX	WRY			Start	Now
BARRACLOUGH	OXENHOPE / OVENDEN	WRY	1780	Now	Start	1800
FEATHER	OVENDEN	WRY	1800	Now	1700	1800
THOMAS	BIRCHENCLIFFE	WY	1860	Now	start	
DEPLEDGE	LINDLEY	WY	1790	Now	Start	Now
ROYSTON	NORLAND/ELLAND	WY	1750	Now	Start	
BEARD	GREETLAND/STAINLAND	WY	1800	Now	Start	
STOTT	ERRINGDEN / HEPTON-STALL	WRY	1730	1755	Start	1800
THOMAS	ELLAND	W Y	1800	Now	Start	1900
HOLROYD	HUDDERSFIELD	WRY	1850	2000	1700	1850
MIDGLEY	SOWERBY	YOR				
BIRKBY	WYKE	YOR				
BIRKBY	STAINLAND	WY	1800	Now	Start	
CROWTHER			1788	1925	1788	1700
TATE	TODMORDEN	WRY			Start	Now
GREENWOOD						

You can find out which member is interested in these names, and how to contact them, by going to the Members' Area on the CFHS web site.

<http://www.cfhsweb.com>

Or contact the Membership Secretary
membsec@cfhsweb.com

Membership Application & Renewal.

We have recently been trying to streamline our systems so that it makes life easier for both our members & officers to renew membership of the Society, or for one of your friends to join.

At one time, members only renewed each April, but a few years ago we changed the system so that people could join the Society at any time of the year for a full 12 months. Although longstanding members tend to have April as their renewal time, more & more people renew at a different time of the year, so may not always find it easy to have the Application Form to hand.

As a result, we will now print a copy of the Application Form in each edition of the Scrivener (ie 4 times per year) & hope that this may make things easier for you.

You will have read in February's Newsletter how our bank is now making charges for processing cheques & therefore, although cheques of course still be welcome, we would like members to use a different system of payment. Where you do this, there is no need to complete a paper form for renewal – it helps our Membership Secretary, though, if you quote your membership number when doing so, as this means that he can separate renewals from new applications more easily.

So, to summarise, here are the options for renewing your subscription when the time comes (you will always get a reminder in good time, by E-mail) :-

- Make payment through Internet banking direct into our account, adding in the reference your name & either your membership no. or the words "renewal".
- Renew via www.genfair.co.uk when you can pay using your credit card. Again, please indicate that it is a renewal.
- Completing the Application Form printed in the Scrivener & paying by cheque, sending both to our Membership Secretary, at the address on the Application Form.

We hope that these changes in our process will make it easier & clearer how to renew your membership. If you have any queries about payment, please contact our Treasurer, at treasurer@cfhsweb.com

Peter Lord – Chairman.

**Calderdale Family History Society
Incorporating Halifax and District
Application for Membership/Renewal – “Single Use” only.**



NAME: _____ Tel. No. _____
 ADDRESS:
 House Number & Street _____
 District _____
 Town _____
 County _____ Country _____
 Post Code _____ E-Mail: _____

Circle or cross out if a New Member or a Renewal New Member / Renewal

Membership Fees	Individual	Family
UK MEMBERSHIP	£ 12.00	£ 14.00
INTERNET ¹ (including Overseas Membership)	£ 6.00	£ 8.00

¹ Please note that INTERNET membership provides access to the Quarterly Magazine and all other information from our Members Website only, not on paper.

All subscriptions are due by the last day of the anniversary month of joining.

Methods of Payment.

Preferred - . by Bank Transfer or via www.genfair.co.uk if by credit card.

Account Name: Calderdale FHS; Sort Code 30-93-76; Account. No. 01670491
 Please include in the reference your name & initial & Memb. No. if a renewal (eg J Smith1234)

Alternative – By cheque, payable to Calderdale FHS & included with this Application Form.

Return this form to Chris Hiley, CFHS Membership Secretary - 53 Brandreth Drive, Parbold, WIGAN, WN8 7HB – **alternatively, it may be scanned & sent to** membsec@cfhsweb.com

PTO

If you do not have access to a printer, you may download this form from the Society website www.cfhsweb.com The option to use is Application Form.doc. You may then complete it electronically & attach it to an E-Mail to memb-sec@cfhsweb.com

I have read the GDPR notes below & consent to the conditions

Signature _____

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
how the Society keeps & uses your personal data.**

By completing & signing this application/renewal for membership, you are consenting to Calderdale FHS holding your personal data in the following ways :-

Personal data provided by each member to us is held in 3 places :-

- Full details given on the Membership Application Form are held on a secure, passworded database. Only 4 officers have access to it.

- A sub-set of this information - Title, Surname, Forename & E-mail address - is held as part of the Society's website to allow privileged access to Members' Only information. Four officers have access to it.

- Also on the Society website, as part of the Members' Interests data, is held the E-Mail address of any member who submits their Interests. This is accessible by any member with a Username & password to allow them access to the Members' Only area of the website.

- Society procedures are compliant with all relevant aspects of the GDPR.

- If you decide not to renew your membership, or your membership of CFHS lapses, all your personal information will be deleted from all retrieval systems (electronic or paper hard copy) after up to 24 months of your membership expiring.

- You may, at any time, withdraw your consent by contacting CFHS Membership Secretary. This may limit your access to some of the Society's facilities. You may also view what data is held by contacting the Membership Secretary at memb-sec@cfhsweb.com.

Please read these notes before completing & signing the Application Form on the reverse of this page.

CFHS Talk ~ May 2024
MY AMERICAN COUSINS
by STUART WILKINSON

Good evening everyone. This evening I am going to talk about my American cousins; a fascinating tale.

I will be talking about slavery at some point. I don't condone it but it's pointless forgetting about it, we have to accept that it's history.

So, from Sowerby to Camden in South Carolina.

There is a gravestone in St Peters in Sowerby. It says "Here lies the body of Rebeka wife of William Hartley of Soyland." It's interesting to see the two spellings of Rebeka there, and Rebecca further down. The names are spelt completely differently, but that's quite common.

Rebeka is my 5x Great Grandma and the people we're going to talk about today are Joseph, Eli, and William, her three brothers who went out to America. Joseph, the older brother was in his mid twenties, his two younger brothers were in their very early teens, one possibly not even a teenager. They went out to Charleston in South Carolina, and it's Eli that I'm descended from.

I have a Great Uncle, William Little in my line. By chance, I've always wanted to have a Death Penny, so I bought one blind at an auction. When I got it home as I examined it I read the name on it, William Little! My actual Great Uncle. It was quite amazing considering I had no idea whose it was.

In the first World War, families of those who died were given a Death Penny or Memorial Plaque with accompanying scroll.

Joseph Kershaw, the elder of the three brothers. Born in Sowerby in 1727, the eldest son of Joseph Kershaw and Mary Ryley, and in the mid 1750's he went with his 2 brothers Ely and William to South Carolina.

Joseph became a clerk to James Laurens, who was the elder brother of Henry Laurens who was one of the Founding Fathers of America. Henry had signed the Declaration of Independence. They were Masons, as were all my family.

Their house at Baitings was quite a nice large house, obviously they were not paupers, more gentleman farmers. They'd obviously thought that their sons would be better if they went out to seek their fortune in America.

In 1758, Joseph went into the Interior from Charleston to near the Wateree River at Pine Tree Hill, acting as an Agent for Ancrum, Lance & Loocock. Joseph Kershaw married Sarah Mathis on 20th October 1762 and they had eight children.

Joseph had a partnership with his brother Ely, John Chestnut, William Ancrum and Aaron Loocock. They were centred in Charleston, but it was Joseph Kershaw who went out & up country to start a trading company. The partnership did alright, but not brilliantly.

However Kershaw's own mercantile operations made him the leading commercial, and subsequently, political figure in the Wateree River area. His operations increased to include a large flour and grist mill, Indigo works, a warehouse, brewery and distillery.

Now I'm from a dyeing background, and it's interesting that indigo needs fermenting just like the brewing industry. They used to use the same building for fermenting the grains, and also fermenting the indigo!

Joseph and his partners also acquired grants for several thousand acres of land across the colony. He convinced his partners and others in the area to lay out a series of streets and lots which they did, and this town became Camden.

Joseph Kershaw was elected to the Commons House of Assembly, and was a member of the Committee that drew up the Circuit Court Act which established several new Judicial Districts. He was elected to three more assemblies before the Revolutionary war. Then was elected to the First (1775) and second (1775-1761) Provincial Congresses and the first five General Assemblies.

Why was it called Camden? Well, Lord Camden was a UK Lord who stood up in the House of Lords and said "No taxation without Representation". He thought it was completely wrong that the people in America were being heavily taxed to fund a huge British debt. There are a few towns called Camden in America, and that's where it comes from.

By the early 1800's there was a history of conflict in the area. Indian attacks had threatened the area through the mid 1700's. 14 Military engagements had been fought nearby during the revolution, and in 1780 Lord Cornwallis occupied and fortified Campden with a log wall and 5 earthen forts, using it as headquarters for the Southern Campaign.

Treachery, betrayal and murder were not unknown as relatives and neighbours had to choose between partisan and loyalist causes. Local men who refused to pledge loyalty to the King were imprisoned in chains.

Ely was fighting on behalf of the Americans, while their youngest brother William, was still in Charleston, fighting for the English. It's unbelievable that of 3 brothers, 2 were fighting on one side, and the other on the opposite side.



Anyway, Joseph's house, you remember the stone house in Baitings gate....



Joseph's house in America which was a spectacular mansion, was taken over by Lord Cornwallis after the battle of Camden. It was burned to the ground by Union troops in the Civil War. The house now standing is an exact replica.

As a militia officer, and legislator, Joseph worked to secure the settlers and the Catawba Indians to the patriot cause.

A Major and later a Colonel in the State Militia, he saw action at Purrysburg and Stone river, and was captured at the Battle of Camden. He was imprisoned in British Honduras, and later Bermuda. While he was imprisoned his younger brother Ely died, but it's not known why.

Joseph was able to mortgage all his Carolina estates to procure provisions for the American forces. He was eventually exchanged, and returned to South Carolina

He spent his last years trying to rebuild his war torn business enterprises in Camden. He died on Dec 28th 1791, and is buried in the Episcopal cemetery in Camden. That year, Kershaw County was named in his honour.



Statue naming Joseph Kershaw & depicting him standing talking to the Indian chief who was a great friend of the settlers.

From South Carolina, Joseph Kershaw sent his son John to Rishworth School. Can you imagine that, in 1770's, on a sailing ship for weeks? It must have been quite a journey. John then went to Oxford where he studied law. He married Harriet Du Bose in October 1812, and they had three children. John died in Camden South Carolina in August 1829 age 63.

When John returned to South Carolina he became an Attorney in Camden. He also operated a plantation, the grain mill, store and other businesses. He was also a Tobacco Inspector and County Judge. In 1790 he was a delegate to the State Convention held to consider ratification of the new U.S. Constitution.

John Kershaw served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1792 to 1794 then 1800 to 1801, and was Camden's Mayor in the years 1798, 1801, 1811 and 1822. From 1806 to 1810 he was County Justice of Quorum, an administrative and notarial position. During the war of 1812 John served as Captain in the First Carolina Light Dragoons.

In 1812 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Democratic-Republican and served one term, 1813 to 1815, serving as Chairman to the Committee on Accounts during this time.

John had slaves. In the 1820 census he had 32 slaves. In his will he left some money to one Negro woman called Lucinda, though we don't know why.

Many Negroes in America tried to escape, and sever their bonds. There were several well known actions, the conspiracy in Charleston allegedly being the first one. However the procedures for trial and punishment were based on a precedent set six years earlier in the quelling of a less well known insurrection in Camden, South Carolina.

4th July 1816, a holiday worthy of an especially joyful celebration. The previous year the war of 1812 had ended, and the British were vanquished, peace and prosperity seemed assured. But not for everyone, for more than half the areas, populace -those held in slavery- the promises were empty. Indeed both Loyalist and patriot master spent a great deal of time pursuing and otherwise controlling their slaves.

Wide scale slave rebellions never materialised, though the possibility remained a constant concern as the Negro population grew.

A Quaker prophet passing through South Carolina warned that unless slaves were freed things could turn very nasty.

Fulfilment of the prophesy must have seemed underway in Camden when in 1816 a number of slaves planned to break into an unguarded powder magazine. They were going to blow the place up, murder all the white males, with a more brutal sacrifice of the females, turn the captured arms on the white populace and the slaves would be free. They planned this for the 4th July as they expected the whites to be drunk and carefree as they celebrated the anniversary of political freedom.

However, one of their own betrayed them. Scipio, a slave belonging to Colonel James Chestnut, son of one of Joseph Kershaw's partners, went to his masters bedroom, and said that they were going to blow up the powder magazine. Colonel Chestnut spoke with various people, including the Governor, as Chestnut was an Aide de Camp of the Governor. They told Scipio to go to the meetings of the rebel slaves to obtain information. From then on the leading citizens met secretly, gathering evidence. When they had sufficient evidence arrest warrants were issued and promptly executed.

On the morning of the 1st or 2nd July a selected group of young men were invited to attend a fox chase. They were sent off ignorant of the real reason until they were ordered to arrest the conspirators, most of who were working in the fields many miles apart. It was so secret they couldn't tell anyone what they were going to do.

As a result trials were set for several slaves. The trial were conducted as provided by law, with 2 Justices of the Peace, Thomas Salmond and John Kershaw, and 5 freeholders, Benjamin Bineham, Joseph Brevard (possibly Joseph Kershaw's brother in law), Burwell Boykin, Thomas Whitaker and Benjamin Carter. Slaves March, Ned, Cameron, Spotswood, Isaac and Jack were all hanged. Tom who had not produced any defence witnesses against the state's two witnesses, was found not guilty!

Then Stephen was declared guilty, and the court ordered that the sentence of death passed on him at the same time that his fellows are condemned, and that his pardon of his said sentence to be announced to him after all the ceremonies of execution have been made.

Whether this meant that they hung him then declared he was free, or they hung the other conspirators then told him he was free I do not know, but that is a really wicked thing to do.

On the 9th July the court freed 5 slaves, George , Andrew, another George, Joe and Deck. Abraham and Catoe were tried together and both freed.

Then the case for Big Frank was re opened. He'd been in solitary confinement. Two blacks and three whites were examined on the part of the state and the witness. As a result Big Frank was sentenced to one year in irons in solitary confinement. However the court said that his master could release him at any

time that he would agree to remove Frank from the United States.

A contemporary report states that "Like the slave insurrectionists of San Dominique and elsewhere, the Camden plotters appear to have imbibed the wild and frantic idea of the rights of man, of the American and French revolutions, as well as the liberty teachings of the bible." This is the thinking that people had in those days.

Compensation: again this beggars belief. On the following June 10th manumission papers for James Chestnut's Scipio were entered into the public record, stating therein the origin of the purchase money used to buy Scipio out of slavery.

Records for the payments made to the owners of hanged slaves exist. The usual compensation for the time being \$122. 43c for an executed slave. The state budget passed in 1816 allotted the set amount to the owners of the Camden slaves who were hanged.

This relatively small amount stands in sharp contrast to the \$1100 which the legislature voted to the Governor to purchase the freedom of the servant who gave information of the projected insurrection of the City and neighbourhood of Camden. The bill further directs that the sum of \$50 per annum out of the public treasury be allowed to said servant until otherwise directed by law. Scipio chose to stay with Col. Chestnut, possibly as a paid servant, rather than live life as a freed slave. There is reason to believe that during his life time it was not known that he was the informer, and it wasn't until the discovery of the manumission papers that the truth was revealed.

At his death Colonel Chestnut was surrounded by faithful friends who had been born into slavery on his own plantation, and the last prayer he heard came from Scipio's lips. "Oh my master, he was so good to me, he was so good to us, we have lost our best friend." He was borne to his grave among lamentations from his slaves.

There were many good slave owners. It was in their own interest as a healthy slave could do more work.

Now to Joseph Brevard Kershaw, son of John Kershaw, grandson of Joseph Kershaw, born 5th Jan 1822 in Camden, Kershaw County South Carolina

He enlisted in 1851, and mustered out in 1865. He was a lawyer like his father, and a judge and soldier, who saw battle in the Mexican American war. He had married Lucretia Douglass in 1844, and it was she who nursed him back to health after he almost died from a fever, contracted whilst in service. Upon recovery he resumed the practise of law in Camden. He entered the Lower House of the State Legislature in 1852, and served several terms.

As war became more obvious he ran for, and was elected to the office of Colonel of the Militia. He took his troops to Morris Island and thence on to Virginia to enter the service of the Confederacy. Named the Second South Carolina Volunteers they proceeded to Richmond, Manassas and Fort Magruder. In May 1864 he was promoted to Major General, in the First corps of the Army of Northern Virginia.

After a disastrous battle at Sailors Creek, he, other officers and their men were overcome and captured. The officers were sent to Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, where they remained until August 1865 when they were allowed to return to their respective homes.

In late March Joseph became very ill, and nothing could be done for him. On the night of April 12th just before midnight he breathed his last. On the occasion of his funeral there was a general outpouring of grief from people of the town and vicinity who sincerely mourned the departure of their friend. The State was represented by the governor and seven members of his official family. On the modest monument that marks his last resting place is inscribed his name and date of birth and death. On the base the legend runs "I have fought a good fight; I Have kept the faith."

Note from the transcriber:

"I found this on Pinterest (my guilty pleasure!!) It seems very appropriate, and I don't think the author will mind sharing it considering where I found it. It might fill a hole."

"I wish I had realized that Family History is a perishable commodity. It disappears with time, as memories fade, and as our loved ones pass on.

I wish I had known that the most important aspect of Family History is preserving a record of the present for the future"

Guy Black
www.tmgenealogy.com

CLERICS, WHEELWRIGHTS, PUBLICANS AND THE BRONTES
by Duncan Mitchell

As a proud Yorkshireman it pains me to admit to any Lancastrian ancestry, but here goes. At some time before 1659, my 9x great grandfather James Charnock rightly decided that Lancashire was no place for him, and crossed the Pennines to Halifax. My guess is that the family originally hailed from Charnock Richard near Preston, a name doubtless familiar to users of the M6 motorway. In 1659 James married Mary Hindle. Their descendants moved around Halifax parish before eventually settling in an area spanning north east Halifax and south west Bradford. In 1712, his great grandson (also a James Charnock) was born in Northowram township and baptised at Halifax St John. In 1732 he married Sarah Bairstow of Ovenden, and they went on to have 10 children, though as was common at the time many didn't survive infancy. James initially worked as a labourer, but then went on to build the Gin Pit Inn at Soil Hill, Ovenden, to provide refreshments for the miners who worked in the area. At the time, and for many years after, the area was known as Swill Hill, but I've used the modern version. The Gin Pit Inn still exists, and can be found on Perseverance Road (formerly Mucky Lane – I wonder why they renamed it); it became the Old Gin Pit Inn, then the Sun Inn, before assuming it's current title of Sun Farm.



Sun Farm – formerly the Gin Pit Inn

James died in 1759, but the pub seems to have worked out well financially for him, as he was able to provide well for his surviving children. For example, son James (baptised at Illingworth in 1735) donated 25 guineas in 1777 – a considerable sum at the time – towards

the building of the new Illingworth St Marys church. Another son Thomas donated 3 guineas for a new organ for the same church in 1807. More of Thomas later.

My ancestral line descends from James's son Jonathan, who was baptised in 1749 at Illingworth. He was a wheelwright and carpenter, and he and his descendants set up shop in Queenshead (later renamed Queensbury by local residents who perhaps objected to the area being named after a pub), near to where the Black Dyke Mills complex now stands. His granddaughter and my ancestor Rebecca, died in 1841 and was buried at Queenshead Baptist chapel; her gravestone is still there.

So, back to James's son Thomas. He was baptised at Illingworth in 1736, and in 1759 he married Martha Hanson at Halifax. Like his father, he must have found the Gin Pit Inn profitable, so much so that in 1776 he was able to purchase Lanehead Colliery with a Thomas Bates. The Charnock name must also have been well known in the area too; in 1803 it was announced that a beacon would be erected at 'Charnock's, Swill Hill'. Thomas and Martha had three children, all boys, all of whom are worth a mention.

I'll start with the youngest. Thomas junior was born in 1776 and baptised at Mixenden Independent Chapel (unlike his older siblings who were baptised at Illingworth). He became a farmer and cattle dealer, but whether by misfortune or by lack of business acumen he doesn't appear to have been as successful as his father and grandfather, because in 1818 he was declared bankrupt, a creditors meeting being held at the Old Cock Inn in Halifax (as an aside it would be fascinating to catalogue the significant events in Halifax's history which have taken place at that hostelry). He eventually died in 1846 and was buried at Illingworth.



Heptonstall Church

Thomas and Martha's second son was Joseph, who was born in 1766. In 1783 he married Hannah Bates, who was actually the daughter of Thomas Bates, Thomas Charnock's partner in Lanehead Colliery. Thomas and Martha were prosperous enough to send Joseph to study divinity, and on completion of his studies in 1799 he became curate at Heptonstall St Thomas. Then, in 1803, he became minister at the church, a position he would hold for the rest of his life.



Heptonstall school

Joseph was a busy man. In addition to his church duties, he was instrumental in the founding of St James church in Hebden Bridge, and was also master of Heptonstall school, which is the building now housing the village museum.

Around all this, he and wife Hannah found time to produce 14 children, several of whom followed Joseph into the clergy. This was despite Hannah spending much of her married life on crutches after falling while riding pillion down Heptonstall Bank. Joseph

eventually died in 1847, the same year which saw the storm which severely damaged his church and necessitated the building of a new one.

I've saved Thomas and Martha's eldest child till last, as both he and one of his children have some very interesting links with a celebrated literary family. Their eldest child was James, born in 1761. James benefited from his parents' prosperity, and he was sent to study divinity at University College, Oxford.

He gained his BA in 1784 and an MA three years later. He then spent some time in Reading before returning to his northern roots and, in 1791, becoming minister at St Michaels church in Haworth. In 1797 he married Mary Barraclough, a lady of some wealth. They had four children, about whom more later.



James remained as minister of Haworth until his death in 1819. He is buried inside the church, although there is no stone or plaque recording this; it is thought that it was removed during renovations in the 1870s. His replacement as minister, and I suspect that you're probably ahead of me here, was one Patrick Bronte.

As I mentioned, James and Mary had four children, including Thomas Brooksbank Charnock, who was baptised in Haworth on 08 February 1800. Like his father and grandfather, he studied for the clergy, eventually returning to Haworth with an MA and taking up a position as curate and assistant to Patrick Bronte. It is fascinating to think that he would have watched all the Bronte children growing up. Thanks to his mother's money, he was of independent means, and it seems that as time went on he relinquished many of his duties at Haworth church, these being taken on by another curate, Arthur Bell Nicholls, who went on to marry Charlotte Bronte. What is known for certain is that on 29 October 1847, in his house in Cullingworth, Thomas committed suicide. Emily Bronte would die a year later, and sister Anne in 1849. The reason for his suicide can only be guessed at, but it is interesting that, despite the stigma surrounding suicide, he must have been well enough thought of for Patrick Bronte himself to perform the funeral service.

Bramwell Bronte's painting of his sisters (on the front cover)
– note that he has painted himself out.



**Calderdale Family History Society
(ZOOM only) Meetings Summer 2025**

24th July @ 7.30pm (repeat 30th July @ 9.00am)

**Pros & Cons of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Family and Photographic
History
by Steve Gill**

AI is revolutionising photography, but is it truly beneficial? In his talk, Steve Gill will explore AI's role in restoring old photographs - highlighting its flaws - and contrast it with the powerful potential it offers when researching family history. Join Steve to discuss whether AI is a tool or a troublemaker in photo preservation!

Whether you're curious, cautious, or already experimenting with AI, this talk offers a balanced, accessible introduction to its capabilities and how to use it wisely and effectively.

28th Aug @ 7.30pm (repeat 3rd Sep @ 9.00am)

**British Widows of the First World War
the Forgotten Legion
by Andrea Hetherington**

British Widows of the First World War outlines the experience of women who had to not only cope with the death of their husbands during the conflict but then go on to rebuild their lives. Andrea explores each stage of their bereavement, from the shock of receiving the news that their husband had been killed, through grief and mourning to the practical issues of compensation and a widow's pension.

The presentation also investigates how the state and society treated the widows during this process and reveals, often in vivid detail, how the bureaucracy of war both helped and hindered them as they sought to come to terms with their loss.

Andrea also describes often overlooked aspects of bereavement, featuring first-hand accounts from the widows themselves, which show how they saw their situation and how they reacted to it. The talk offers a fascinating insight into the way in which the armed services and the government regarded war widows during the early years of the twentieth century.

25th Sep @ 7.30pm (repeat 1st Oct @ 9.00am)

**Researching Yorkshire Ancestors
by Jude Rhodes**

Yorkshire is the largest county in England and is unique in that it is sub-divided into smaller counties.

When researching family history, it is crucial to understand these divisions and boundaries of Yorkshire to know where an ancestor may have lived and then where to locate historical records for research.

Yorkshire was at the centre of the Industrial Revolution from the 1700s through the 1800s. This impacted on the change in population with massive increases in the industrial towns and a decrease in population in many rural areas, the occupations of these times are explored.

Applying her skills as a professional genealogist, Jude will guide you through the various archives and records relevant to researching in Yorkshire.

The Society Monthly Meetings are now virtual only. If you would like to attend but do not have Zoom installed on your computer, you need to install it on to your computer, I-Pad or other device. This can easily be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download> – hopefully anyone who needs help with this has a relative (usually a grandchild !!) who can do the business. If all else fails, get in touch with us at systems@cfhsweb.com <<mailto:systems@cfhsweb.com>>

Once installed you will be able to attend each month by joining via the E-Mailed invitation that is sent out to [all members](#) a few days before each meeting.

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

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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/bihr/ (*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
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The London Group of Yorkshire Family History Societies

Our forthcoming meetings:

At the moment, all meetings held by Zoom, starting at 10.30, with the room open from 10. In addition, there are also free monthly social meetings.

Our Website

The blog is at <http://yorkslondongroup.tumblr.com/>. Contributions always welcome!

Contact Ian at lgfhs@virginmedia.com for more information.

Family History Federation

(was Federation of Family History Societies)

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

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

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:

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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**'.

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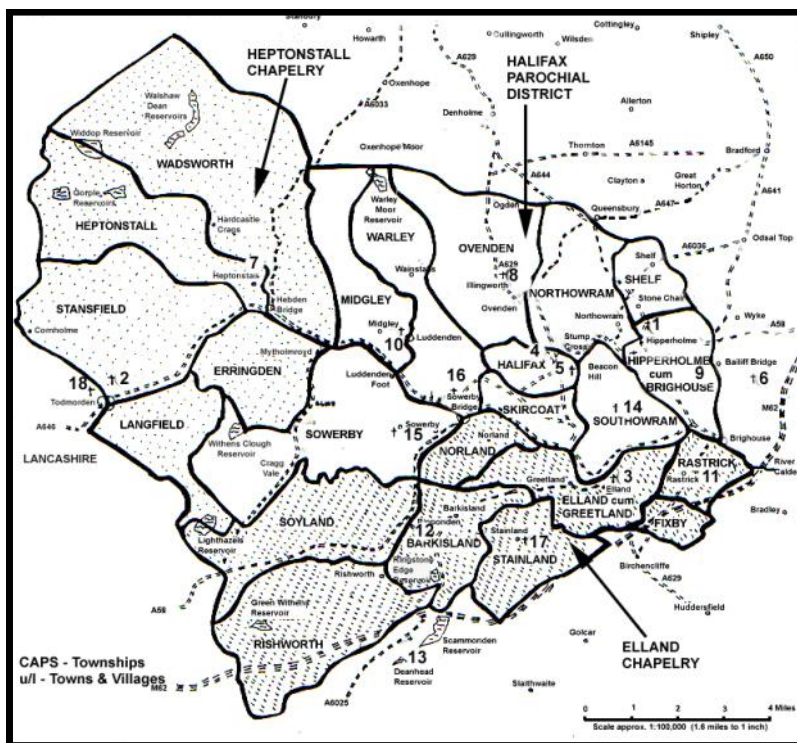
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CHURCH/CHAPEL	Registers begin	BAP.	MAR.**	BUR.
1. COLEY	St. John	1735	1745	1734
2. CROSS STONE	St. Paul	1678	1837	1678
3. ELLAND	St. Mary**	1559	1559	1559
4. HALIFAX	St. James (inc St Mary Rhodes St 1953)	1832	1837	nk
5. HALIFAX	St. John**	1538	1538	1538
6. HARTSHEAD	St. Peter	1612	1612	1612
7. HEPTONSTALL	St. Thomas**	1599	1593	1599
8. ILLINGWORTH	St. Mary	1695	1697	1695
9. LIGHTCLIFFE	St. Matthew	1703	1704	1704
10. LUDDENDEN	St. Mary	1653	1661	1653
11. RASTRICK	St. Matthew	1719	1839	1798
12. 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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	- Stainland St Andrew Bapts 1782 to 1840 Burs 1785 to 1840	
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Cragg Vale Methodist Chapel	1	Eastwood Congregational Chapel	2
Elland Huddersfield Rd Wesleyans	4	Elland Providence Congs	4
Greetland Lindwell Primitive Meths	4	Greetland Methodists	3
Halifax All Saints, Salterhebble	2	Halifax Ebenezer Primitive Meths	4
Halifax Pellon Lane Baptists	4	Halifax Salem Meths New Connection	4
Halifax Society of Friends (Quakers)	1	Halifax South Parade Wesleyans	4
Halifax Square Chapel	3	Halifax Square Church	3
Hebden Bridge, Cross Lanes Meth.	1	Hebden Bridge, Ebenezer Chapel	2
Hebden Bridge, St. James'	1	Hipperholme Meths	4
Holywell Green U.R. Church	1	Illingworth Moor Meths.	2
Lightcliffe Mount Zion Congs	4	Luddenden Dean Methodists	2
Luddenden Ebenezer	3	Luddenden Foot , Denholme U.M.	1
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
Ovenden, Nursery Lane Meth.	1	Peckett Well, Crimsworth Meth.	1
Pellon, Christ Church	1	Queensbury Ambler Thorn Meths	4
Queensbury Baptist	4	Queensbury Holy Trinity	4
Queensbury Roundhill Meths	4	Queensbury Union Croft	4
Rishworth Parrack Nook Ind	4	Rishworth Roadside Baptist	1
Scammonden St Bartholomew	4	Shelf Primitive Methodists	3
Shelf Witchfield Methodist	2	Southowram Methodist	2
Southowram St. Anne	3	Sowerby, Boulderclough, Meths.	1
Sowerby Mill Bank Wesleyans	4	Sowerby, Sowerby Green Congs.	1
Sowerby, Rooley Lane Wes. Chapel	1	Sowerby, St. George's Church	1
Sowerby, St. Mary's Cotton Stones	1	S/Bridge, Bolton Brow Wes. Meths	1
Sowerby Bridge, Christ Church	2	S/Bridge New Longley Prim Meths	2
Sowerby, St. Peter's Church	1	Sowerby, Steeps Lane Bap Chap	1
Soyland, Ebenezer Methodist Church	1	Soyland, Stones Methodist Church	1
Stainland, Providence Chapel	1	Stainland Wesleyan	4
Todmorden, Christ Church	2	Todmorden, Cross Stones St Pauls	2
Todmorden Lineholme Baptist	2	Todmorden Patmos New Connexion	2
Todmorden Unitarian	2	Todmorden Unitarian Sunday Sch.	2
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