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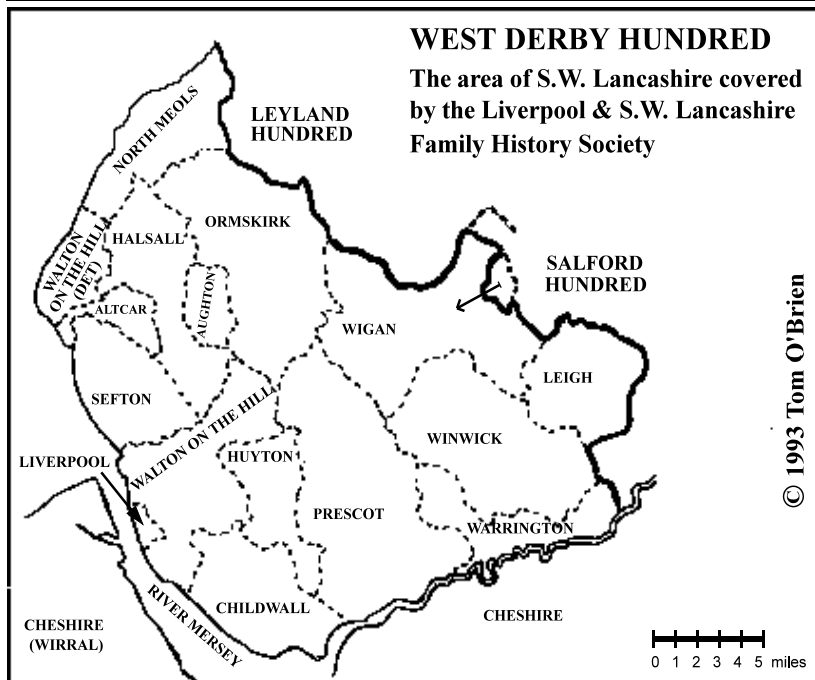
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Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of our journal, which has come around seemingly more quickly than ever. If it has arrived a little later than usual, I can only apologise as it will have been my fault entirely. I am pleased to say that a volunteer has come forward to take on the editor role, as I stand down at the A.G.M., and I am working with her to ensure a smooth handover with the December edition of the journal.

Our annual one day conference and A.G.M. will be held on Saturday 21 October. It returns as a physical event this year and will be hosted by our Southport Family History Group. Full details of the event are included in the centre pages, where you will see that some interesting speakers have been lined-up and refreshments and buffet lunch will all be provided included in the ticket price. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

I should also like to give a quick shout out here to Bob Dobson (who a number of you will know). For many years, Bob has sourced and sold second-hand books that are of interest to local and family historians whose research is centred on Lancashire and Cheshire. Bob will be retiring soon and is offering a substantial discount on remaining stock (please see his advert on page 160 for details).

I hope that someone is able to help Jean Alker with her Help Request on page 130. Having previously worked in the Civil Service for over thirty years, I am sure that the GPO (which was very much government operated) would have had extensive employee records for their telephone operators/telegraphists (especially back in the 1940s) but did any of those records survive, and in particular do those for Liverpool still exist somewhere? I also agree with Jean's observations about how interesting our journal is and (as always) encourage any of you who have an article or other contribution in mind, to send it in as soon as you can.

And finally... I have an apology to make to one of our newer members, who sent me a review copy of a charming little book called '*Boy on a Donkey*'. Sorry for not including my review in this edition of the journal, Maria - I simply ran out of space but will definitely include the review in the December edition (when it will be just in time for Christmas).

Mike Paice, Editor

News Items

Heritage Open Days 2023

This year's Heritage Open Days will run from **Friday 8 September to Sunday 17 September**. As before, the events are all free to attend and at the time of writing (2 August 2023) there were around 40 events listed for the area covered by our society. Liverpool and Warrington are currently hosting the largest numbers of events but there are Heritage Open Days activities taking place across the Hundred of West Derby.

For Liverpool, the historic churches of St. Anne (Edge Hill), St. Clement (Toxteth), St. Patrick (Toxteth) and the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in L1 will all be participating, as will Liverpool's oldest parish church – All Saints Childwall. The Friends of Williamson's Tunnels will be giving guided tours of the tunnels again on each Saturday and Sunday (as they did last year). There will also be a Commonwealth War Graves Commission event at the Liverpool Naval Memorial on 9th September; Mersey Tunnel Tours are hosting tours of Georges Dock building on the 9th and the 10th; whilst Bluecoat Unwrapped will be hosting events at the Bluecoat Arts Centre, throughout the Heritage Days period.

For more information and to find out about events in Liverpool, across Merseyside or across the country, visit the Heritage Open Days website at: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

The Family History Show 2023

The organisers of this year's Family History Show (*Discover Your Ancestors* magazine) will be running the event at Kempton Park Racecourse, in Sunbury-on-Thames, on **Saturday 2 September**, from 10:00 to 16:00.

At the time of writing, 32 exhibitors had confirmed their participation, including: The Genealogist (event sponsors), the Family History Federation, Family Search, the Guild of One Name Studies, various family history societies and family history supply and service providers. At the time of writing, five free talks were being advertised: two being given by online genealogy expert, Mark

Bayley; one by professional researcher and social historian, Keith Gregson; one by DNA expert, Donna Rutherford; and, Nick Barratt takes us ‘Behind the Scenes of Who Do You Think You Are?’. The event will also include the popular Ask The Experts bookable personal sessions.

Ticket prices on the day will be £12 per person (with under 16s having free admission). A Goody Bag worth £8 will be given to each ticket holder on arrival. There will be free parking at the venue for those who drive to the event. Further details are available at:

<https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/london/>

The National Archives – Marking NHS 75

The National Archives has a collection of records relating to the history of the NHS and is marking its 75 year history with some new projects and fresh insights into those collections. As part of this, The National Archives has created the **NHS 75 online portal** accessible at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nhs-75/ Within the NHS 75 portal is an area highlighting details and collections relevant to family historians who are researching their healthcare worker ancestors – this useful guide can be seen at **Healthcare Family Histories**: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nhs-75/healthcare-family-histories/

Oxfordshire FHS – Family History Fair Cancellation

The Oxfordshire FHS Fair Co-ordinator has advised us that their annual family history fair (scheduled for 7 October 2023) has had to be cancelled (due to difficulties with the venue). The society plans to hold their fair again in 2024 at a new venue.

Ancestry update

There were thirteen new datasets added to the UK collection on Ancestry since the last edition of the journal, together with another 32 UK datasets that had new content added to them. The new datasets are:

- **Aberdeen, Scotland, Roll of Honour** (1914-1918, 1939-1945);

- **Cupar, Fife, Scotland, World War II Evacuation Indexes** (1939-1945);
- **East Sussex, England, Wills and Probate** (1518-1858);
- **Fife, Scotland, Police Records** (1858-1947);
- **Hampshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials** (1536-1812);
- **Hampshire, England, Church of England Burials** (1813-1921);
- **Northern Ireland, Valuation Revision Books** (1864-1933);
- **Scotland, Red Books of Scotland** (1600-1939);
- **UK and Allied Countries, World War II Air Combat Reports** (1939-1945);
- **UK, British Naval Biographical Dictionary** (1849);
- **UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea, Returns of Payment of Army and Other Pensions** (1842-1883).
- **Web: Northern Ireland, Freeholders Records** (1662-1839); and,
- **West Sussex, England, Wills and Probate** (1521-1858).

The updated UK datasets are:

- **Birmingham, England, Church of England, Baptisms** (1813-1922);
- **Edinburgh, Scotland, Extant Rolls** (1580-1847);
- **England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers** (1800-2022);
- **Fife, Scotland, School Admissions and Discharges** (1867-1922);
- **Fife, Scotland, Criminal Registers** (1910-1931);
- **Kirkaldy, Fife, Scotland, Poorhouse Records** (1888-1922);
- **Norfolk, England, Church of England, Births and Baptisms** (1813-1922);
- **Norfolk, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns** (1754-1938);
- **Nottinghamshire, England, Church of England, Baptisms** (1813-1919);
- **Nottinghamshire, England, Church of England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials** (1538-1812);

- **Nottinghamshire, England, Church of England, Burials** (1813-1994);
- **Nottinghamshire, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns** (1754-1937);
- **Scotland, Ireland and Wales, Militia Attestation Papers** (1800-1915);
- **Surrey, England, Church of England, Baptisms** (1813-1921);
- **UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists** (1878-1960);
- **UK and Ireland, Medical Directories** (1845-1942);
- **UK and Ireland, Newspapers.com Obituary Index** (1800s-current);
- **UK, British Army Records and Lists** (1882-1962);
- **UK, British Jewry Roll of Honour** (1914-1918);
- **UK, Household Cavalry Records of Service** (1799-1920);
- **UK, Military Deserters** (1812-1927);
- **UK, Military Records of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Burials** (1813-1957);
- **UK, Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers** (1806-1930);
- **UK, Officer Service Records** (1764-1932);
- **UK, Royal Air Force, Airmen Records** (1918-1940);
- **UK, Royal Air Force, Muster Roll** (1918);
- **UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea, Pensioner Admissions and Discharges** (1715-1925); and,
- **UK, Royal Hospital Chelsea, Pensioner Soldier Service Records** (1760-1920).
- **UK, World War I Pension Ledgers and Index Cards** (1914-1923);
- **UK, World War II War Diaries** (1939-1946);
- **UK, World War II Women's Land Army Index Cards** (1939-1948); and,
- **Wiltshire, England, Church of England, Marriages and Banns** (1754-1916).

The following select overseas datasets are either new or had new content added to them over the last three months:

- **Arkansas, Birth Certificates** (1914-1922);
- **Arkansas, Divorces** (1923-1972);

- **Arkansas, Marriage Certificates (1917-1972);**
- **Australia and New Zealand, Newspapers.com Obituary Index (1800s-current);**
- **Australia, World War II, Military Service Records (1939-1945);**
- **Brisbane, Australia, Burials and Cremations (1831-2023);**
- **Canada, Newspapers.com Obituary Index (1800s-current);**
- **Carinthia, Austria, Catholic Church Registers (1614-1940);**
- **Charente, France, Births, Marriages and Deaths (1791-1912);**
- **Deux-Sèvres, France, Births, Marriages and Deaths (1643-1932);**
- **Eure, France, Censuses (1891-1911);**
- **Hautes-Alpes, France, Census (1856);**
- **Hautes-Saône, France, Births, Marriages and Deaths (1699-1929);**
- **Hautes-Saône, France, Censuses (1836-1921);**
- **Indiana, U.S., Marriage Certificates (1960-2012);**
- **Iowa, U.S., Death Records (1880-1972);**
- **Ireland, Cemetery Collection (1865-2023);**
- **Ireland, City and Regional Directories (1792-1949);**
- **Ireland, King James' Irish Army List (1689);**
- **Ireland, Patient and Staff Hospital Registers (1816-1919);**
- **Latvia, Jewish Births, Marriages and Deaths (1864-1921);**
- **Michigan, U.S., Death Records (1867-1952);**
- **Michigan, U.S., Divorce Records (1897-1952);**
- **Michigan, U.S., Marriage Records (1867-1952);**
- **Missouri, U.S., Birth Registers (1847-2002);**
- **Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Death Certificates (1950-1968);**
- **New Hampshire, U.S., Marriage Records (1700-1971);**
- **New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island) (1820-1957);**
- **Obere Aller, Germany, Births (1874-1903); Deaths (1874-1969); and, Marriages (1874-1941);**

- **Ontario, Canada, Births** (1832-1917);
- **Ontario, Canada, Marriages** (1826-1939);
- **Oregon, U.S., County Court Naturalization Records** (1840-1982);
- **Puerto Rico, Records of Foreigners** (1815-1845);
- **Rhône, France, Birth, Marriages and Death Registers** (1793-1917);
- **South Carolina, U.S., County Marriage Records** (1907-2000);
- **Styria, Austria, Catholic Church Registers** (1614-1938);
- **Upper Brittany, France, Births & Baptisms** (1501-1911)
- **Upper Brittany, France, Deaths & Burials** (1540-1995);
- **Upper Brittany, France, Marriages** (1544-1947);
- **U.S., Newspapers.com Obituary Index** (1800s-current);
- **Victoria, Australia, Birth Index** (1837-1921);
- **Victoria, Australia, Death Index** (1840-1991);
- **Victoria, Australia, Land Registers** (1863-1962); and,
- **Victoria, Australia, Marriage Index** (1837-1950).
- **Wanzleben, Germany, Soul Register** (1798-1888);
- **Washington, U.S., Birth Index** (1907-1920);
- **Washington, U.S., Death Index** (1940-2017);
- **Washington, U.S., Divorce Index** (1969-2017);
- **1910 United States Federal Census**; and,
- **1931 Census of Canada.**

British Newspaper Archive update

The following details relate to a select 97 titles from which new digitised content has been created on The British Newspaper Archive (BNA) website over the last quarter. Many other titles were also added or updated but here are the details of the major updates/releases: **Abergele & Pensarn Visitor** (1883, 1885-86, 1891-92); **Altrincham, Bowdon & Hale Guardian** (1871, 1874-87, 1893-94, 1898); **Armley and Wortley News** (1889-96, 1899); **Ashton Standard** (1858-61, 1865, 1877, 1879, 1889, 1896-97); **Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette** (1771-77, 1779, 1781-91, 1793, 1795-1800); **Bayswater Chronicle** (1860-73, 1878, 1893, 1896, 1909-39, 1944-49); **Berkshire Chronicle** (1911-12, 1914-16); **Bingley Chronicle** (1889-1909); **Bolton Journal & Guardian** (1876-77, 1879-80, 1889, 1897, 1899, 1916-18); **Buteman** (1875,

1882, 1884, 1887-89, 1892); **Buxton Advertiser** (1872, 1896-97); **Campbeltown Courier** (1875, 1881-92); **Citizen (Letchworth)** (1906-16); **Commercial Gazette (London)** (1882-95); **Constabulary Gazette (Dublin)** (1897-1922); **Darlaston Weekly Times** (1882-87); **Devizes and Wilts Advertiser** (1858-71, 1873-1916); **Dover Express** (1876-87); **Downham Market Gazette** (1879-89, 1891-95, 1897-1911, 1913-16); **Dublin Leader** (1901-63); **East Anglian Daily Times** (1874, 1877, 1882-83, 1886, 1888, 1898-99, 1913-16); **East Kent Gazette** (1899, 1901, 1907, 1909, 1911); **Eastern Post** (1922-25, 1927-38); **Edinburgh Evening News** (1935-37, 1940-41, 1943-44, 1961-62); **Eltham & District Times** (1905-16); **Enniscorthy Echo and South Leinster Advertiser** (1905-06, 1910-12, 1916); **Evening Mail** (1886-91); **Evening Star** (1913-16); **Free Press (Wexford)** (1905-21, 1923); **Galway Observer** (1882-84, 1889-1911, 1928-63); **Grimsby & County Times** (1901-02, 1906, 1910, 1914-16); **Hamilton Advertiser** (1877-78, 1880-81, 1883); **Hampshire Post and Southsea Observer** (1874-96, 1898-1909, 1911-13); **Haverhill Echo** (1922, 1925-75); **Huddersfield and Holmfirth Examiner** (1861-63, 1865-68, 1870, 1872, 1874, 1894, 1896, 1938-49, 1951, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1978-80, 1982); **Huddersfield Daily Examiner** (1882, 1928, 1939, 1945, 1949, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1968, 1973, 1982); **Kensington News and West London Times** (1872, 1877-78, 1880-81, 1883, 1943, 1945); **Kerry Evening Star** (1902-12); **Kerry News** (1894-1920); **Leeds Evening Express** (1862-64, 1876-77, 1889, 1896, 1898); **Limerick Chronicle** (1826-29); **Limerick Echo** (1899-1902, 1904-16, 1918-22, 1930); **Liverpool Mercantile Gazette and Myers's Weekly Advertiser** (1825, 1828, 1833); **Loftus Advertiser** (1879-95, 1897, 1899-1906, 1909-16); **London Daily Chronicle** (1872-73, 1878-85, 1887, 1922, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1930); **Long Eaton Advertiser** (1944, 1948, 1952); **Magnet (Leeds)** (1875, 1883-84); **Malton Gazette** (1856, 1858-59, 1861-66, 1875, 1877, 1885, 1888-89); **Malton Messenger** (1855, 1862, 1864, 1877, 1880-87, 1889-92, 1894); **Marlborough Times** (1859-60, 1877-78, 1880-99); **Morayshire Advertiser** (1858-64); **Morning Leader** (1892-1912); **Newmarket Journal** (1921-42, 1945-49, 1956-59, 1961-65, 1967-75, 1979-81); **North Devon Advertiser** (1856, 1871, 1873-83, 1885-86, 1888-89); **Oban Times and Argyllshire Advertiser** (1901, 1929-60, 1987-88, 1990-94); **Penzance Gazette** (1839-58); **Redcar and Saltburn-by-the-Sea**

Gazette (1869-79, 1896-97, 1900); **Saturday Telegraph (Grimsby)** (1902-04, 1906-07, 1910, 1914-16); **Selby Times** (1869, 1871-96, 1899-1911, 1913-16); **Sheerness Guardian and East Kent Advertiser** (1894-96, 1899-1911, 1913-32, 1934-39); **Sheerness Times Guardian** (1877, 1940-74, 1979); **Shropshire News** (1858, 1861, 1873); **Sidmouth Observer** (1887-99); **Southampton Observer and Hampshire News** (1889-1906); **South Bank Express** (1910-11, 1913, 1935-40, 1948); **South Leeds Echo** (1887-95); **South London Observer** (1870-88); **Southern Weekly News** (1877-78, 1883, 1888-90, 1893-94, 1899); **Stalybridge Reporter** (1874-94, 1896, 1899, 1902, 1907, 1911, 1913); **Stowmarket Weekly Post** (1905-17); **Stratford-upon-Avon Herald** (1873, 1885, 1890, 1899-1910, 1912-16, 1935, 1939, 1945, 1951-62, 1964-68, 1970, 1981-83, 1987-88); **Streatham News** (1891-1908, 1917-30, 1938-61); **Suffolk and Essex Free Press** (1959-64, 1980); **Surrey Mirror** (1952-53, 1955, 1957); **The Scotsman** (1951-2002); **Tunbridge Wells Weekly Express** (1863-69, 1871, 1877, 1889); **Ulster Echo** (1892-96); **Weekly Freeman's Journal** (1845-49, 1897); **West Lothian Courier** (1877-78, 1880-81, 1883-84, 1886-87); **Wexford and Kilkenny Express** (1875-84, 1886-96, 1903-05, 1907); **Wiltshire County Mirror** (1852-74, 1876-77, 1889, 1893); **Wiltshire Telegraph** (1879, 1889, 1901-16); **Woolwich Gazette** (1914-20); and, **Yarmouth Gazette and North Norfolk Constitutionalist** (1875, 1892-95, 1898-1901).

Deceased Online update

Deceased Online announced on 11 May that the records from Henley Road Cemetery and Reading Crematorium had been made available on the website to research. The records date from 1927 and consist of digital scans of the original burial or cremation registers up to 1993, with information drawn from computerised records post 1993. The press notice stated that new records from the northeast of England would be released soon, although no further clarification was given about the area(s) to be covered.

FamilySearch update

There were no new UK datasets added to the FamilySearch collection over the last quarter and only four existing UK datasets

had new records added to them during the same period. There were many more additions to the FamilySearch overseas records collections and as is often the case, many of those were potentially useful U.S. records. The following UK datasets had new content added to them since the last edition of the journal:

- **England, Cumberland Parish Registers (1538-1990);**
- **England, Middlesex Parish Registers (1539-1988);**
- **England and Wales, National Index of Wills and Administrations (1858-1957); and,**
- **United Kingdom, British Virgin Islands, Methodist Church Records (1815-2012).**

The following select overseas datasets are either new or had new content added to them over the three months to the end of July:

- **Australia, New South Wales, Immigration Papers (1877-1882);**
- **Australia, Victoria, Wills, Probate and Administration Files (1841-1926);**
- **France, Calvados, Census (1836, 1876, 1891);**
- **France, Hautes-Alpes, Census (1876);**
- **Germany, North Rhine-Westphalia, Wuppertal, Civil Registration (1810-1930);**
- **Gibraltar, Civil Records (1777-1990);**
- **Ireland, Catholic Parish Registers (1740-1900);**
- **South Africa, Dutch Reformed Church Registers (Cape Town Archives) (1660-1970);**
- **United States, California, County Birth and Death Records (1800-1994);**
- **United States, California, Customs Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco (1903-1918);**
- **United States, California, Passenger and Crew Lists at Various Ports (1907-1956);**
- **United States, Florida, Funeral Home Records (1887-1971);**
- **United States, Illinois, County Marriages (1810-1940);**
- **United States, Kansas, Naturalization Records (1856-1991);**
- **United States, Kentucky, County Marriages (1797-1954);**
- **United States, Missouri, Naturalization Records (1843-1991);**

- **United States, New York, U.S. District Court Naturalization Records** (1824-1991);
- **United States, North Carolina, County Marriages** (1762-1979);
- **United States, Ohio, Stillbirths** (1918-1953);
- **United States, Oregon, Oregon State Archives, Death Records** (1864-1967);
- **United States, Pennsylvania Civil Marriages** (1677-1950);
- **United States, Pennsylvania, Western District, Naturalizations** (1820-1930);
- **United States, Rhode Island Town Births and Baptisms Index** (1639-1932);
- **United States, Rhode Island Town Marriages Index** (1639-1932);
- **United States, Tennessee, County Marriages** (1790-1950);
- **United States, Texas, County Birth Records** (1841-1955);
- **United States, Texas, County Marriage Records** (1837-1965);
- **United States, Texas, Deaths** (1890-1976);
- **United States, Texas, Laredo Arrival Manifests** (1903-1955);
- **United States, Virginia, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Records** (1853-1896);
- **United States, Washington, County Death Registers** (1881-1979);
- **United States, Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records** (1807-1992); and,
- **World, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Record of Members (Worldwide)** (1836-1970).

FindMyPast update

There were five new UK datasets added to FindMyPast's offering over the last quarter and various other datasets had new content added to them during the same period. The majority of the overseas datasets that have new records added to them in the three months to end-July were for the Republic of Ireland, although the Canada Headstones Index was also updated. The new UK datasets are as

follow:

- **Britain & Ireland, Naturalisations, 1603-1700** – a collection of 12,959 records taken from William A. Shaw's Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in England and Ireland (1603-1700);
- **Lancashire, Oldham Inquisitions, 1905-1917** – 750 records forming an index to original documents investigating the causes of death established by inquisition;
- **Scotland, Glasgow City Volunteers, Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902** – more than 1,000 transcribed records of burgess tickets granted to Glasgow volunteer soldiers prior to their departure to fight in the Second Boer War;
- **Scotland, People of Nairnshire** – transcriptions of more than 4,000 records (from various sources) relating to people from the parishes of Ardclach, Auldearn, Cawdor, Croy & Dalcross and Nairn; and,
- **Shoreditch Settlement Examinations, 1758-1802** – 10,782 transcriptions taken from Poor Law records.

The following UK datasets had additional records added to them:

- **Anglo-Boer War Records, 1899-1902** – over 19,100 records have been added to this dataset, covering the full duration of the war and bringing the collection to more than 383,000 names;
- **Bedfordshire Baptisms, 1466-2011** – some 40,100+ new records have been added to this collection;
- **Bedfordshire Burials, 1329-1999** – almost 44,500 new records have been added to this collection, showing details that include the date of death and the burial date;
- **Bedfordshire Marriages, 1568-1989** – more than 49,100 new marriage records have been added to the collection;
- **England, Roman Catholic Parish, Baptisms, 1757-1923** – over 9,900 new records have been added to this dataset, taken from the **London** parishes of Roehampton, St. Joseph and Peckham, Our Lady of Sorrows; also, 243,000+ new records have been added to this dataset, taken from parishes within the **Leeds** Diocese;
- **England, Roman Catholic Parish, Burials, 1759-1913** – more than 26,100 new burial records have been added to this

- dataset, also taken from parishes within the Leeds Diocese;
- **England, Roman Catholic Parish, Congregational Records, 1798-1920** – 1,100 new records have been added to the collection, from the parish of Roehampton, St. Joseph, in south-west **London**; also, 152 original register images have been added to the collection, from the **Leeds** Diocese;
 - **England, Roman Catholic Parish, Marriages, 1776-1913** – 94 new marriage records have been added to the collection, from the **London** parishes of Roehampton, St. Joseph and Peckham, Our Lady of Sorrows; also, 56,525 new marriage records have been added to the collection, from parishes in the Diocese of **Leeds**;
 - **Fermanagh Parish Records, 1767-1918** – over 15,600 new records from the parish church of St. Mary in Magheraculmoney, County Fermanagh (7,731 baptisms, 2,864 marriages, 1,086 burials and 3,948 congregational records);
 - **Greater London Burial Index, 1394-1905** – more than 236,200 new records have been added to this collection, from the parishes of: Battersea, Bermondsey, Camberwell, Edmonton, Enfield, Lambeth, Streatham, Southwark, Tooting and the City of London;
 - **Greater Manchester Rate Books, 1790-1949** – 4.9 million new records have been added to the collection, including both searchable transcriptions and browsable images;
 - **Hampshire Baptisms, 1498-1987** – 235,100+ new records have been added to the collection, including records for Portsea (St. Mary) and Steventon;
 - **Hampshire Burials, 1500-1900** – over 239,400 new burial records have been included in this dataset;
 - **Hampshire Marriages, 1529-1989** – more than 208,200 new records have been added to the collection;
 - **Lincolnshire Baptisms, 1539-1922** – almost 232,000 baptism records from various churches across the county;
 - **Military Historical Society Bulletins, 2016-2022** – over 1,240 new records have been added to this dataset, saved as fully searchable PDF images;
 - **National Burial Index for England & Wales, 1631-1812** – more than 10,400 new records have been added to the collection, all relating to the county of Herefordshire;

- **National School Admission Registers, 1880-1923** – more than 7,700 new records have been added to the collection, taken from school admission registers from Halifax, West Yorkshire;
- **Scotland, Poor Law & Poor Lists** – 2,500+ new records have been added to this dataset, all relating to Inverness;
- **Scotland Registers & Records, 1290-1850** – five new publications, in PDF format, have been added to this collection;
- **Sussex Baptisms** – 269,119 new records have been added to this dataset, which includes, in some cases, details of the father's occupation;
- **Sussex Burials, 1274-1996** – more than 301,700 new records have been added to this dataset, some of which include extra notes about titles, occupations, relatives' names etc;
- **Sussex Marriages, 1504-1937** – over 268,200 new transcribed records have been added to this dataset; and,
- **Yorkshire Baptisms, 1869-1923** – over 23,300 new records have been added to this dataset, from the Sheffield parishes of All Saints and Brightside.

The following overseas datasets are either new or have had new content added to them:

- **Canadian Headstones Index** – a further 1.8 million new records have been added to this dataset, spanning around 300 years of Canada's history;
- **Ireland, Census, 1911** – a further 5,483 new records have been added to this collection;
- **Ireland, Genealogical Office Manuscripts, Marriages, 1732-1800** – more than 9,000 records make up this new collection of marriage records, including marriage licences from Dublin and marriage notices from *Exshaw's Magazine* and from *Hibernian Magazine*; and,
- **Ireland, Genealogical Office Manuscripts, Wills, 1596-1866** – around 10,500 records, compiled by Sir William Betham and Denis O'Callaghan Fisher during the 18th and 19th centuries.

ScotlandsPeople update

In its July newsletter, the team at ScotlandsPeople announced the release of lighthouse **Lightkeeper Registers** on the website. The registers cover the years 1837-1921, with the upload consisting of more than 2,000 images and details of 1,363 lightkeepers. The records can be searched by name, age and the year that a lightkeeper entered service or by lighthouse, county or locality. A helpful guide to the registers, their contents and how to use them is included on the website.

The ScotlandsPeople team announced on 9 May that over 80,000 new records had been released in its **Prison Registers** collection. The new jail records cover a period from 1798 to 1853 and relate to the Bridewell and Calton jails in Edinburgh and Largs jail in North Ayrshire. The records include details of the crime committed, the sentence issued and a description of the health of the prisoner. The release includes scanned images of the prison register pages and an index that can be searched by forename, surname, age and country of birth of prisoners. The records of Perth prison (released previously) are also available to search on the ScotlandsPeople website.

The Genealogist update

In its newsletter dated 29 July 2023, The Genealogist announced the release of digitised content from a large number of editions of **The Jewish Chronicles** (from World War I) and **The Jewish Echo**, which was Scotland and Ireland's only Jewish paper in the years leading up to World War II.

Released a week earlier were many new records relating to seafaring ancestors. The records include lists relating to the Royal Navy and merchant navy seamen, covering the years of both World Wars, with the latter recording details of merchant navy seamen who were given medals and awards during WWI. The new records include **Merchant Shipping Losses 1914-1918**, and the **British Merchant Vessels Lost or Damaged by Enemy Action During the Second World War 1939-1945**. While for the Royal Navy, new records detail the **Losses of Ships of the Royal Navy 1914-1918**, giving details of the ship and where it was sunk.

At the beginning of July, the company announced the release of new **Occupational Records** allowing researchers to learn more about English, Scottish and Welsh ancestors who were (amongst other things) **writers, artists and actors**. The records draw on a number of biographical resources that detail occupational facts that can lead on to all sorts of other records and avenues for investigation.

On 9 June, The Genealogist announced that the **Guilds, Societies and People of Note** collection had been added to its Occupational Records dataset. This collection is home to records of Freemen, Liverymen, Aldermen and members of the Masons and the Oddfellows together with other people classed as Worthies. The new records make a further 65,000 names from fourteen new resources available, fully searchable by name or keyword.

The company announced on 21 May that it had added **records relating to the removal of graves and memorials** created by unspecified local authorities and the Church Commissioners. The records relate to former cemeteries and burial grounds across England and Wales. Details include transcriptions of the wording on removed memorials, some include a plan of the original place of burial and some also include details of the location of reinterment.

Earlier that month, the addition of more than 56,924 individuals to its **War Memorial** collection was announced. The new records in this dataset include transcriptions from and images of memorials dedicated to the war dead of the **Boer War, First World War and Second World War**. The Genealogist stated that this collection of records now topped 665,000 records in total. Announced at the same time was the release of more than 33,000 new **Lloyd George Domesday Survey** records relating to the Hertfordshire town of Hitchin and its environs. As with other Lloyd George Domesday Survey records, these records can be explored using the The Genealogist's **MapExplorer** tool.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mike,

Just wanted to say how much I enjoyed the article on the White Star HQ, it brought back memories of when I used to work there in 1967. I worked in the Typing Pool, which was a huge room, but only around 12 secretarial staff and the Supervisor who was a lovely lady. If I remember rightly the audio machines were disc machines and the letters requiring typing were on a disc which was slid into the machine.

I guess the shipping lines and the places they sailed helped to feed my wish to travel, as most vessels plied the South American run. The ones I can remember were PNSC, Royal Mail Lines and Furness Lines/Furness Withy. The canteen was in the basement, and the shipping clerks were on the first floor left as one walked thru main doors. I wish then I had realised what a historic building it was and taken photos.

I wonder if any of our members worked there in 1960/70s?

By the way the Journal gets more interesting each time it comes thru my letterbox, really look forward to reading it.

Regards

Jean Alker (1030)

Help Requests

GPO Employee Records

My father Alexander **Brown** worked for the GPO in 1940s as a telephone operator/telegraphist in Liverpool but I can't locate any information despite searching on-line all the places I can think of. Do they have an employee list from that era? He is listed on the 1939 census as living in Smithdown Road, occupation telephone operator, and I have a small badge with GPO day/night in half black/white. Any suggestions gratefully received.

Jean Alker (1030)

Obituary

Joe (Jonathan David) Griffiths 1947-2023

The Society is sad to announce the death of Joe Griffiths.

Joe worked for the G.P.O. for 28 years after leaving Lymm Grammar School, until the aftereffects of a fall from a ladder in 1972 forced early retirement in 1992. He was introduced to Family History by his wife Tina, who had “caught the Bug” after attending a meeting of the Warrington Family History Group in the 1980’s.

In 1990 Joe took on responsibility for the Society’s publication sales and in September 1992 he also took on Journal Distribution, which he controlled until 2014 when the printers took over that role.

Following completion of the indexes for the 1851 (and later 1841) Liverpool census, the Society purchased a CD copier and printer in 2001. From then Joe was responsible for the production of CDs for all the Society’s publications. In 2002 an online shop was added to the Society’s website and Joe started to receive orders for publications worldwide via the internet. Joe became a vice-president of the Society in 2016 but continued his role as Publications Officer.

The growth of genealogical material on the internet, the decline of new research projects and the cessation of book stalls during the Covid-19 restrictions has led to greatly diminished publications sales. Nevertheless, the profit from publications over many years provided the Society with substantial funds for administration and has allowed the Society to maintain subscriptions at the same level since 2009.

Joe was also formerly Chairman of the Warrington Family History Group, Librarian of the Local History Society, a volunteer for the RNIB Talking Book Service and a member of several local history organisations.

Joe’s work on behalf of the Society for more than 30 years has greatly contributed to its success and he will be sadly missed by his friends and colleagues. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to his wife, Tina.

Mersey Docks & Harbour Board Pilotage Committee 1870

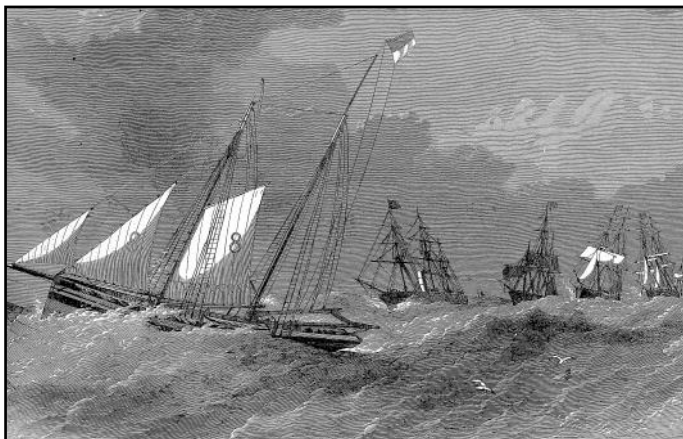
The Committee is composed of half a dozen or more of the principal shipowners in the port of Liverpool. The objective of the pilotage scheme is for non-liability of shipowners when their vessel is under the direction of a pilot - that is to say, that the Master of a ship and his cargo is not liable for any damage to ship or cargo while a pilot is on board taking the ship to and from the harbour.

The pilot boats are 12 in number and range from 50 to 70 feet in length and in tonnage 50 to 100 tonnes, they each have a small boat (a punt) on board. Each boat has 25 experienced hands and two masters. The punt being used to transfer the pilot from his boat to a ship. There are two cruising grounds for them to cover, first the Hoylake station 20 miles away and second the Holyhead station at Anglesey, 60 miles from Liverpool. There are always six boats in dock and an equal number at sea, that is two covering Hoylake and four at Holyhead. Larger vessels are brought in from Holyhead and the smaller craft, such as coasters and steamers, from Hoylake.

The pilot's life is an arduous one and extremely dangerous at times, especially in stormy weather when the small punt cannot be used. The punt would be smashed to pieces if coming alongside in heavy seas. The pilot boat must manoeuvre within some yards of the larger vessel on its lee side. The pilot himself must be transferred to the larger ship in the following manner. A pulley is attached to the yard arm and a rope threaded through it. One end is supported by the crew of the larger vessel, the opposite end is thrown to the pilot boat and tied around the pilot. He is then hoisted upwards and then swung aboard the larger vessel, both vessels swaying about in the heaving sea.

There has been some hazard experiences and disasters over the years, a particularly bad one was in 1833 when the pilot boat, "Good Intent" was caught in a violent storm. The screeching wind and torrential rain making it difficult to see, as the small punt was ripped from its moorings on deck and drove through the sails ripping them to shreds, rending the vessel completely out of control.

Several of the crew lashed themselves to the rigging and deck rails. The boat was driven ashore on Formby Beach, the sea raged



over men and wreckage from 2am until 8am. Out of the 22 man crew, nine survived and were ragged ashore by the villagers.

A public subscription was raised for the widows and children of the deceased. One of them was an Edmund Richardson aged 33. His gravestone reads...

“The Boreas’ blast and Neptune’s waves
Hath tossed me to and fro,
Yet here I am by God’s decree
I harbour here below.
Here at anchor do I lay
With many of my fleet.
In hopes for to set sail
Our Admiral Christ to meet.”

A fitting epitaph and one hopes that all the brave mariners indeed met their “Admiral.”

Don Higham (140)

Information gleaned at the Liverpool Record Office, from: Binn’s Fragments; Liverpool Street Directories 1868; Liverpool Mercury 13 December 1833; Gibson’s Memorials; London Illustrated Evening News 1865-6. The engravings are from: Drawings of William Woods 1865-6.

No.1, –SCHOONER "QUEEN"

1	Peter		Dickinson.	Master	23	Lower Mersey View, North Shore
2	Edward	F	Callister	2nd Master	37	Erskine Street. Low Hill
3	John		Hughes	3rd Master		Grinfield Street Edge Hill
				PILOTS		
4	Henry		Lancaster		34	Upper Pitt Street
5	Edward		Ledder		4	Wellington Road, Egremont
6	George	K	Dixon			Olive Mount, Halt Hill, Tranmere
7	George	H	Rogers		40	Berwick Street, West Derby Road
8	William		Taylor		52	Thomaston Street Kirkdale
9	George		Haswell		29	Hutchinson Street
10	Frederick		Simpson		27	Edge Vale Smithdown Lane
11	John		Wissett		80	Red Rock Street
12	Charles	S	Daniels		82	Prescot Street
13	John		Barber		11	Whitfield Terrace, Everton
14	George		Parkinson		83	Upper Beau Street, Everton
15	John	B	Sumner		86	Red Rock Street
16	Joseph	E	Sumner		21	Chapel Place, Erskine Street
17	Charles	H	Jones		26	Plumpton Street Everton
18	Henry		Day		54	Whitfield Lane, Everton
19	Edward		Woods		29	Dunkeld Street
20	Wm.	H	Dawson	(1000 tons licence)	5	Stern Street, Boaler Street
21	John	B	Prior	(500 tons licence)	118	Hill Street
				APPRENTICES		
22	Thomas		Forster	(500 tons licence)	8	Iden Street, Hardwick Street
23	William	A	Henon	(250 tons)	8	Sweeting Street, Castle Street
24	David	R	Dean	(250 tons)	91	Roscommon Street
25	John	J	Campbell	(250 tons)	49	Holt Road, Tranmere
26	John	G	Jones		2	Phoebe Ann Street
27	Robert	A	Boult			

No.2, –SCHOONER "LEADER"

1	Samuel		Jones	Master	30	Church Terrace, Church Road, Tranmere
2	John		Morris	2nd Master	4	Caledonia Street
3	Owen		Jones	3rd Master	31	Thomaston Street, Everton
				PILOTS		
4	Richard		Jones		241	Crown Street, Windsor
5	Humphrey		Jones		32	Dacre Street, Birkenhead
6	Richard		Spencer		36	Virgil Street
7	John		Christian		7	Eldon Terrace, Grovce Road, Rock Ferry
8	John		Lawrenson		22	Flinder Street, Kirkdale
9	Brereton	P	Evans		7	Northumberland Terrace, Everton
10	Thomas	W	Cockram		2	Upper Hill Street, Toxteth Park
11	William		Cain		38	Plumbe Street
12	Benjamin		Llewellyn		106	Beaufort Street, Tow, Toxteth Park
13	George		Thompson		118	Upper Hill Street, Toxteth Park
14	Joseph		Brewer		32	Cresswell Street, Everton
15	Frederick		Schaivi		17	Granby Terrace, Margaret Street, Everton
16	Edward		Hill		13	Breck Place, Breck Road, Everton
17	William		Crane		4	Alma Terrace, St Georges Hill
18	George	H	Dean		91	Roscommon Street
19	William	S	Jones	(500 tons licence)	17	Rose Place
20	John		Williams	(500 tons licence)	5	St George's Street, Everton
21	Robert		Williams	(500 tons licence)	87	Soho Street
22	William	R	Owen	(500 tons licence)	32	St Paul's Square
				APPRENTICES		
23	John		France	(500 tons licence)	10	Salisbury Street, Old Swan
24	Thomas		Dixon	(500 tons licence)	49	St George's Hill, Everton
25	George		Dawson	(500 tons licence)	55	Lionel Street
26	Richard		Owen	(250 tons licence)	70	Cornwall Street, Everton
27	William	W	Webster			Blue Cottage, New Brighton
28	Richard		Edwards			Gorton Villa, Olive Mount, Tranmere
29	David		Christie		89	St Domingo Road

No.3, –SCHOONER "DUKE"

1	Thomas	Parry	Master	24	Everton Village
2	William	Harris	2nd Master	74	South Chester Street
3	John	Jones	3rd Master	29	Danube Street
			PILOTS		
4	Thomas	J Smith		19	Upper Stanhope Street, Toxteth Park
5	Septimus	Dixon		49	St Georges Hill, Everton
6	James	Higgin			Sea View Road, Liscard
7	Richard	H Blundell			Marine View, Church Road, Tranmere
8	William	T Roberts		16	Elias Street, Great Homer Street
9	Francis	C Beckett		240	Westminster Road, Kirkdale
10	Frederick	C Ashworth		20	Crossfield Road, Edge Hill
11	Hugh	Jones		32	Chirkdale Street, Kirkdale
12	Thomas	Edwards		28	Roscommon Street, Everton
13	Thomas	G Wilkin		12	Belgrave Terrace, Aubrey Street, Everton
14	John	Williams		15	Whitefield Road, Everton
15	Thorley	Lester		33	Crete Street, Great Homer Street
16	John	R Casement		27	Wilson Street
17	William	Harris		74	South Chester Street
18	Thomas	P Draper	(1000 tons licence)	17	Leeds Street, Oldhall Street
19	Richard	Shaw	(500 tons licence)	4	Juvenal Terrace, Cazneau Street
			APPRENTICES		
20	Wm.	Atherton	(500 tons licence)	24	Alma Terrace, Everton
21	James	S Holmes	(500 tons licence)	45	Fowler Street
22	William	Davies	(500 tons licence)	16	Holford Street, Everton
23	Henry	J Manchester		30	Kirkdale Road
24	Henry	Laver		17	Thompson Street, Tranbmere
25	John	Dixon		214	Walton Road, Kirkdale

No.4, –CUTTER "AUSPICIOUS"

1	Mark	N.	Bridge	Master	20	Grove Street
2	William		Jones	2nd Master	59	Thomaston Street, Kirkdale
3	Charles		Long	3rd Master	16	Wesley Street, Toxteth Park
				PILOTS		
4	Thomas		Martin		60	Great Howard Street
5	George		Bridge		81	Windsor Street
6	Thomas	W	Quirk		1	Luton Grove, Walton Road
7	Joseph		Harrison		68	South Chester Street, Toxteth Park
8	William	H.	Draper		91	Middle Warwick Street
9	David		Owens		45	William Moulst Street
10	Thomas	S.	Williams		42	Anderson Street, Everton
11	James		McLean		22	Wavertree Vale
12	William		Owen		88	Burleigh Road South, Everton
13	John		Henderson		3	Longfellow Street, Lodge Lane
14	Owen		Griffiths		44	Faraday Street, Breck Road
15	John		Roberts		32	Earle Street, St Pauls Square
16	Wm	D.	McCulloch		163	Beaufort Street
17	John		Shepherd		88	Crown Street
18	William		Jones		2	Phoebe Ann Street
19	George	W.	Irwin	(1000 tons licence)	23	St Georges Street, Everton
20	Edward		Owens	(500 tons licence)	19	Fairy Street, Everton
				APPRENTICES		
21	Henry	J.	Evans	(500 tons licence)	45	Holden Street
22	James	S.	Warden	(500 tons licence)	45	Holden Street
23	Daniel	W.	Wissett	(250 tons licence)	13	Clare Street, Islington
24	Walter	W.	Dudley	(250 tons licence)	10	Gordon Street, Everton
25	John	S.	Cottier	(250 tons licence)	126	Buckingham Terrace, Windsor Street
26	Henry	L.	Parry		22	Heath Street
27	Henry		Jones			Brighton Terrace, Park Road

No.5, –SCHOONER "VICTORIA & ALBERT"

1	Isaac		Williams	Master		Wallasey View, Middle Lane, Wallasey
2	John		Daniels	2nd Master	54	Chester Street, Toxeth Park
3	John		Pritchard	3rd Master	39	Wesley Street
				PILOTS		
4	Joseph	H	Hyslop		19	Hutchinson Street, West Derby Road
5	William		Pinnington		25	Florence Street, Walton Lane, Kirkdale
6	Samuel		Dean		237	Crown Street
7	Frederick		Thornton		16	Langham Street, Walton Road
8	William		Peters		324	Netherfield Road North
9	John		Simpson		113	Upper Hill Street, Toxteth Park
10	Richard		Williams		8	Berwick Street, West Derby Road
11	Robert	M	Raleigh		90	Wavertree Road, Edge Hill
12	William		Brewer		8	Belgrave Terrace, Spencer Street, Everton
13	Evan		Jones		65	Thomaston Street
14	William		Evans		19	Cobden Street, Everton Road
15	Thomas		Evans		71	Great Newton Street
16	William		Hullin		53	Oxton Road Birkenhead
17	John	H	Wilson	(1000 tons licence)	9	Phoebe Ann Street, Everton
18	John	M	Horswell	(1000 tons licence)	58	Windsor Street, Toxteth Park
19	John	L	Harris	(1000 tons licence)	74	South Chester Street
20	Thomas		Miller	(500 tons licence)	24	Salisbury Street, Everton
21	John		Roberts	(500 tons licence)	11	George's Street, Everton
				APPRENTICES		
22	Rowland		Dunnage	(500 tons licence)	32	Grange Vale, Birkenhead
23	Richard		Parry	(250 tons licence)	25	Premier Street, Everton
24	William		Morgan		10	Clarence Grove, Everton
25	John	R	Jones		4	Squire Street
26	John	N	Cropper		12	Harad Street

No.6, –SCHOONER "PIONEER"

1	John		Williams	Master	56	Netherfield Road, North
2	John		Price	2nd Master	10	Everton Valley
3	William		Jones	3rd Master	89	Spencer Street, Everton
				PILOTS		
4	Phillip	M	Foster		60	Windsor Street
5	James	W	Wilson		17	Mornington Street, Birkenhead
6	Joseph		Davies		23	Cumberland Street, Dale Street
7	John		Fieldhouse		30	Wynne Street Wavertree Road
8	William		Jones		31	St. George's Hill
9	William		Browne		7	Fazakerley Street.
10	George		Ledder			Magazines, New Brighton
11	Robert		Corrin		5	Newton Street, Toxteth Park
12	Thomas		Hughes		26	Lloyd Street, Everton
13	George	G	Bark		26a	Sackville Street
14	Ellis		Roberts		4	Taylor Street
15	John		Williams		8	South Street, Toxteth Park
16	James	H	Irving		51	Rock View, Beloe Street, Toxteth Park
17	John		Jones		19	Brighton Terrace, Toxteth Park
18	Henry		Dean		5	Pear Tree Grove
19	William	R	Buckley			Rose Cot. Breeze Hill, New Brighton
20	Robert		Lloyd		23	Brighton Terrace, Park Road
				APPRENTICES		
21	William		Evans	(500 tons licence)	2	Egerton Villa, New Brighton
22	Richard		Leigh	(500 tons licence)	201	Beaufort Street
23	Robert		Miller	(500 tons licence)	116	South Chester Street
24	Ellis		Taylor		7	Tweed Street, West Derby Road
25	David		Jones		75	Stanhope Street
26	Thomas		Dobson		38	Cranmer Street
27	Edward		Griffiths		21	Perth Street

No.7, –SCHOONER "LANCASHIRE WITCH"

1	William		Rowlands	Master		28	Great Mersey Street, Kirkdale
2	Richard		Edwards	2nd Master			Gorton Villa, Olive Mount, Tranmere
3	Griffith		Edwards	3rd Master		12	Devonshire Place, Everton
					PILOTS		
4	John		Williams			44	Great Mersey Street
5	Henry		Madrell			62	Thomaston Street
6	Edward		Callwood			13	Whitefield Terrace
7	James		Barber			23	Portland Place, Great Homer Street
8	Thomas		Owen			18	Arnold Street, Toxteth Park
9	Hugh		Jones			70	Thomaston Street
10	William		Jervis			81	Cresswell Street, Everton
11	Owen		Owen			20	Arnold Street, Toxteth Park
12	William		Parry			92	Aughton Street, Everton
13	John		Beattie			39	Aughton Street, Everton
14	Richard	J	Owen			4	Lloyd Street, Everton
15	William		Jones			11	Virginia Street, St. Paul's Square
16	Samuel		Major			48	Conyers Street
17	William		German			73	Thomaston Street
18	John		Collum				Claremont Cottage, Storeton Road
19	John	P	Davies		(1000 tons licence)	24	Clarke Street
20	Henry		Hughes		(1000 tons licence)	19	Mountjoy Street, Everton
21	William		Farrell		(500 tons licence)	17	Amity Street, Toxteth Park
					APPRENTICES		
22	William		Jones		(500 tons licence)	75	Stanhope Street
23	William		Roberts		(250 tons licence)	4	Watmough Street, Everton Crescent
24	Edward	M	Jones		(250 tons licence)	9	Gloucester Place, Netherfield Road
25	Henry	P	Parry			20	Codrington Street, Erskine Street
26	Hugh		Evans			17	Amity Street, Toxteth Park
27	Frederick	S	Halpin			4	Aughton Street, Everton
28	John		Evans			47	Seacombe Street, Everton

Liverpool & South West Lancashire Family History Society



Annual One Day Conference & AGM 2023

Hosted By

The Southport Family History Group

At

Lord Street West United Church

5 Lord Street West

Southport

PR8 2BH

On

Saturday 21st October 2023

Programme:

09.15	Registration & Coffee
09.30	Opening Address
09.45	Slides of Southport in Times Past - speaker, Martyn Griffiths
11.00	Break
11.15	Janet Lois Griffiths, a Southport WWI Heroine - speaker, Hilary Ambrose.
12.30	A.G.M.
1.15	Lunch
2.15	The 1947 Dr. Clements Murder Case - speaker, Tom Preston.
3.30	Closing Address

Venue details: Lord Street West United Church,
5 Lord Street West,
Southport,
PR8 2BH

Fee: £15.00 - includes refreshments and Buffet lunch.

Please return completed booking form with either an email address or a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Miss Frances Taylor, 8 Chandley Close, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 2SJ

Cheques should be payable to: ***Southport Family History Group***

Please do not send cash in the post.

Payment can also be made directly into the Society Bank Account:

Account name: Southport Family History Group

Sort Code: 20-80-33; **Account Number:** 13575691 **Bank:** Barclays.

Please ensure that your surname (matching the name below) is used as a reference on the payment. Forms are required regardless of the method of payment.

Please return this form before October 13th 2023

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Tel No. Email

Payment method

Special dietary requirements:

Total number of tickets required

If additional tickets are being purchased, please advise the name(s) of the additional attendees:

Attendee No 2 _____

Attendee No 3 _____

Alternatively you can email the above details to:

southportfhs@gmail.com

Lord Street West United Church, Southport - directions

The church is on the corner of Lord Street West and Duke Street. The entrance to the hall is at the side of the church and is reached by two steps or a ramp.

By Public Transport

BUS: X2 from either Liverpool or Preston and alight at the southern end of Lord Street. Approx 2 mins walk

TRAIN: From Southport Station, approx. 10 mins walk via Chapel Street and King Street.

By Car

Please note it costs £6.50 to park at the church for the day.

However there is no charge for dropping off – up to 15 mins.

Alternative parking at Esplanade Park & Ride £2.00 per day, shuttle bus or 12 min walk. There is some street parking near the church but mostly metered.

From Liverpool take A565 to Southport via Formby bypass and Ainsdale. At the roundabout at the beginning of Lord Street turn right to park behind the church or turn left for Rotten Row. At next round about follow signs for park and ride.

From M62/M57

Leave M62 at junction 6 for M57. At the end of M57 take centre lane for A5758 (A565) for Formby and Southport. From A565 see above.

From M58

Leave M58 at junction 3 for Ormskirk and Southport. Follow A570 for Ormskirk. In Ormskirk follow signs for Southport. Arriving at Southport (MacDonalds on the left) take 3rd exit A570 at the roundabout. At next roundabout turn left along St. James Street which becomes Shakespeare Street. At crossroads turn right onto Duke Street, go over railway crossing, Church is at the far end. Turn left immediately before church for car park or carry onto the roundabout and go across for the park and ride.

No.8, –SCHOONER "PRIDE OF LIVERPOOL"

1	Charles		Christie	Master		19	Upper Warwick Street
2	Wm.	J	McCracken	2nd Master			Robson Street Everton
3	John		Thomas	3rd Master		5	Torr Street Everton
					PILOTS		
4	William		Christie			250	Beaufort Street, Toxteth Park
5	William		Evans			22	Carter Street, Toxteth Park
6	John	C	Malbon			124	Buckingham Terrace, Windsor Street
7	John		Bark			230	Westminster Road, Kirkdale
8	Hugh		Williams				Victoria Road, Seacombe
9	John		Kirkman			4	Dodge Street Wavertree Road
10	William	P	Owen			14	Everton Valley
11	William		Wilson				Valentine Cottage, Marsh Lane, Bootle
12	Joseph		Martin				Victoria Road, Seacombe
13	Samuel		Dawson			95	Radcliffe Street, Everton
14	James	H	Hulley			21	Chester Road, Tuebrook
15	James		Horner			62	Miles Street, Toxteth Park
16	William		Hurrell			35	Bute Street, Everton
17	William		Long			130	North Hill Street, Toxteth Park
18	Robert	R	Clarke			73	Norwood View, Whitefield Road
19	Henry		Holliday		(1000 tons licence)	57	Derby Road, Bootle
20	Thomas	B	Bark		(500 tons licence)	8	Talbot Street
21	William		Edwards		(250 tons licence)		Goth Street, West Derby Road
					APPRENTICES		
22	Andrew		Kirkpatrick		(500 tons licence)	14	Lancelots Hey, Chapel Street
23	Thos.		Strother		(500 tons licence)	32	Market Street, Birkenhead
24	William		Hughes		(500 tons licence)		Poplar Cottage, New Brighton
25	Richd.	R	Cotter		(500 tons licence)	1	Court, Cazneau Street
26	Edward		Hughes		(250 tons licence)		Poplar Cottage New Brighton
27	Isaac		Bell		(250 tons licence)		Church Road Garston Road
28	Charles	F	Felton			30	Chapel Place Erskine Street

No.9, –SCHOONER "GUIDE"

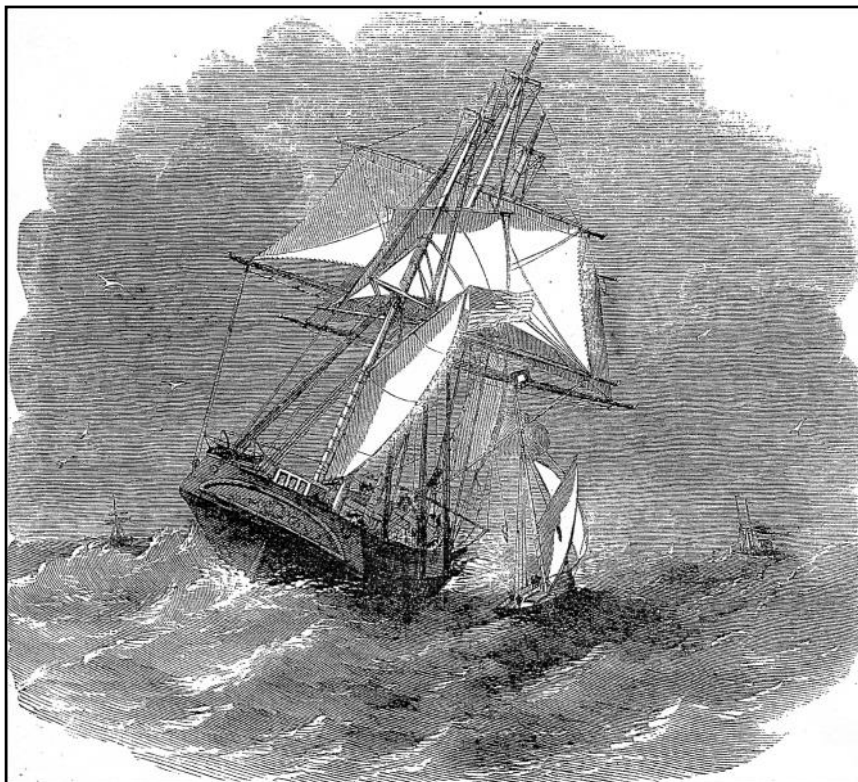
1	Thomas		Davies	Master		3	Rose Brae, Woodside
2	John		Pritchard	2nd Master		126	Hamilton Road, Everton
3	John		Williams	3rd Master		8	German Terrace, Birkenhead
					PILOTS		
4	Jonathan		Hodgson			8	Union Place, Millers Bridge
5	Robert		Searchwell			23	Exe Street, Windsor
6	William		Crane			22	Rose Hill
7	Samuel		Porter			67	Hughes Street
8	Richard	H	Whitford			76	Thomaston Street
9	John		Owens			5	Mountjoy Street, Everton
10	Anthony		Little			4	Jasmine Street, Everton
11	Robert		Silcock			22	Kilshaw Street, West Derby Road
							Old Chester Road, Lower
12	Robert		Bispham			71	Tranmere
13	John		Roberts			11	Fairy Street, Everton
14	Richard	H	Richmond			68	Conyers Street, Everton
15	Thomas		Deacon			82	Eden Street
16	George		Bird			15	Towson Street, Everton
17	Richard	B	Courtney		(1000 tons licence)	63	Oliver Street, Birkenhead
18	John		Bentley		(500 tons licence)	52	Hibbert Street, Everton
19	Thomas	D	Worrall		(250 tons licence)	6	Burnley Street, Everton
20	William		Taggart		(250 tons licence)	64	Wellington Road, Park Road
					APPRENTICES		
21	Richard		Taggart		(500 tons licence)	20	Brighton Terrace, Park Road
22	Jonathan		Hetherington		(500 tons licence)	79	Cloughton Road, Birkenhead
23	William		Jones		250 tons licence)	30	Earle Street
24	John		Bebington			39	Netherfield Road
25	Thomas		Leigh			201	Beaufort Street, Toxteth Park
26	William		Davies				Duke Street Bridge, Great Float

No.10, –SCHOONER "CRITERION"

1	James		Wilson	Master		14	Melville Street
2	John		Jones	2nd Master		24	Pine Street
3	James		Crossley	3rd Master		10	Foley Street, Kirkdale
					PILOTS		
4	John		Evans			36	Upper Pitt Street, Gt. Georges Square
5	John		Christie			7	Alexander Street, Walton Lane
6	Joseph		Holt			84	Berry Street, Bootle
7	Henry		Parry			17	Lansdowne Place, Everton
8	Thomas	M	Parry			84	Northumberland Terrace, Everton
9	Hugh		Woodward			1	South Bank, Oxtou
10	Edward	R	Musker			13	Walton Lane, Kirkdale
11	John		McNamee			3	South Street, Everton
12	Daniel		O'Neill			25	Rydal Street, Breck Rd. Everton
13	John		Ennis			122	Upper Aubrey Street, Everton
14	John		Morton			50	Tillotson Street, Hall Lane
15	Henry	S	Blundell			14	Church Terrace, Tranmere
16	John		Maybrick			48	Guildford Street, Everton
17	John		Scott		(1000 tons licence)	136	Harlow Street, Toxteth Park
18	William	E	Owens		(500 tons licence)	21	Moon Street, Pembroke Place
19	Sam'l.	B	Cannell		(500 tons licence)	38	Harwood Street, Whitefield Road
					APPRENTICES		
20	William		Evans		(500 tons licence)	15	Moir Street, Erskine Street
21	Charles		Jones		(500 tons licence)	2	Phoebe Ann Street
22	James		Munro		(500 tons licence)	3	Townfield Lane, Liscard
23	Robert		Mc Millan		250 tons licence)	12	Gerard Street, Brunswick Road
24	John		Little			2	Pool Lane, Egremont
25	Joseph		Christie			89	St Domingo Road, Everton

No.11, -CUTTER "MERSEY"

1	Robert		Williams	Master		22	Fitzclarence Street, Everton
2	John		Scott	2nd Master		15	Bryan Street, Toxteth Park
3				3rd Master			
					PILOTS		
4	Cornelius		Lancaster			116	Buckingham Terrace, Windsor Street
5	Thomas		Frith			70	Wellington Road, Toxteth Park
6	William		Parry			25	Premier Street, Everton
7	John		Walters			15	Holt Road, Tranmere
8	Richard		Williams (A)			199	Netherfield Road North
9	Thomas		Lewis			42	Prussia Street
10	John		Thomas			326	Netherfield Road North
11	George	R	Thompson			10	Belgrave Terrace, Everton
12	Horatio		Hawkins			6	Avon Street, Everton
13	Richard		Williams (B)			22	Thomaston Street, Kirkdale
14	William		Leece			23	Wilson Street, Toxteth Park
15	Thomas		Reason			38	Conyers Street, Kirkdale
16	William	B	Bridge			12	Danube Street, Smithdown Road
17	William		Roberts		(500 tons licence)	5	Lloyd Street
					APPRENTICES		
18	William		Harrison		(500 tons licence)	205	Beaufort Street, Toxteth Park
19	George		Parry		(250 tons licence)	22	Heath Street
20	Thomas		Jones		(250 tons licence)	75	Lower Stanhope Street
21	John	E	Paul			48	Benledi Street, Scotland Road
22	Thomas		Lewis			29	Washington Street, Toxteth Park
23	William		Hodgson			8	Union Place, Millers Bridge



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JUNE	Apr 15th
SEPTEMBER	July 15th
DECEMBER	Oct 15th

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Badly Behaved Ancestors: My 2xGreat Grandfather, Thomas Price (1839-1866)

Your feature “Police Court” in the June 2023 edition brought a smile to my face as I have a ‘colourful character’ in my family tree who had a serious brush with the law.

Thomas was a ship carpenter born in Whitford, Flintshire. His older brother Edmund (born 1832) was also a ship carpenter. They both died at the age of 27, which had me asking why two presumably fit young men died in their mid-20s. First, I sent for Edmund’s death certificate. The verdict ran: *‘Died suddenly by the visitation of God in the Natural way’*. Sending for Thomas’s death certificate proved a rather different end: *‘Injuries from a fall into a graving dock whilst drunk. Injury to the head’*. He died in the Southern Hospital, Liverpool on 30 October 1866.

So, to the newspapers.

“On body of Thomas Price aged 27 years, a shipwright, residing in Birkenhead. On Monday evening deceased was assisting to take a ship into **No 1 Queen’s Graving Dock**. Before the vessel was taken in, he commenced to abuse the foreman, and it was then observed that deceased was under the influence of drink. Police-officer 43 (Brown) was ordered to remove him from the dock. The officer removed him outside the gate, and shut it. He returned, however, in a short time and got inside the gate again. Brown went a second time to remove the deceased, who resisted when he was taken to the gate. He seized the officer by the shoulder with his teeth, and tore the arm off his coat. The officer then attempted to take him into custody, and called for assistance. Deceased got the officer down, and was on top of him before anyone could come. The master shipwright who had employed deceased came up, and

after he (deceased) had been got off the officer, they attempted to remove him into a hut. Whilst doing so the officer called out, "Mind sir, he has got a knife in his hand". After a further struggle, the officer's companion went to look for help, and when away deceased freed himself and ran towards the north end of the dock. While being pursued, deceased fell over the wall into the dock. He was insensible when taken out, and was removed to the Southern Hospital, where he died on Tuesday. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased died from injuries received in the fall, and accompanied it with a presentment that the officer ought to have used his whistle in order to procure assistance."

Transcribed from identical reports (bold type mine), from the coroner's inquest, in the Liverpool Mercury and the Liverpool Daily Post, both of Nov 1st 1866.

Whilst trying to find out more about Thomas's employer, I came across a report in the Daily Post of Monday January 28th 1867 entitled, 'MELANCHOLY DEATH OF A POLICEMAN'.

Summarising, the policeman, Thomas Brown aged 34, who had been called to eject Thomas Price from the Queen's graving yard had died the previous Friday. His wife said on the night of the 29th October her husband had come home late covered in blood with a large cut on the back of his head and a black lump behind his right ear and said he had nearly been killed by a man named Price. He said Price had got him on the ground, banged his head against the stones, kicked him in the head, used his teeth and produced a knife (which cut Brown in the hand).

The policeman had to be treated by a doctor (a surgeon to the police force) and was off duty for three weeks. After returning to duties, he was still suffering from pains in his head and had matter coming out of his ears. He worked until the 19th January when he left work complaining of "lightness" and intense pain on his head. By Tuesday he was insensible and by Friday he was dead.

William Avis, the master shipwright who had employed Thomas Price gave evidence and so too did Dr Fenton, the police surgeon

who said the deceased had suffered “*congestion of the brain*” the previous Thursday and it was his opinion that it was caused by the injuries sustained in the execution of his duty. The jury agreed and also said the policeman’s conduct on 30th October was “*meritorious*” and should not have been open to censure.

I am glad the censure was reversed and I wonder what the legal consequences would have been for Thomas had he survived his fall. Thomas’s wife, my 2x great grandmother Anne (née Jones) was three months pregnant when Thomas was getting drunk and brawling. She gave birth to a daughter she christened Elizabeth Thomas Price suggesting she wasn’t too bitter about her husband. The baby died at five weeks of convulsions. Thomas and Anne had already lost two infant sons, leaving my great grandmother Catherine Anne Price as her only child.

Things got better for Anne as she married John **Bankes**, a successful horse trainer from Flintshire. They had a daughter together and spent some time living in School Lane, Aintree. John’s obituary in February 1909 in the Flintshire Observer wrote he was:

...one of the best known and most capable horse trainers...He (Mr J. Banks) had an almost wonderful influence over horses, and trained them with great success. For many years he has had a large and influential connection in his business, not in this county alone, but around Ormskirk and other parts of Lancashire. He was the trainer of many horses, turning out well-known winners. For a number of years Mr. Banks had held the appointment of manager of the stables of the Aintree Spring Meeting, and at that annual gathering he will be greatly missed. His cheery breezy manner, made him well-known and popular wherever he went; and in business he was respected and had the full confidence of those he trained horses for.

REQUEST FOR HELP: if anyone knows anything about my 2x step grandfather, John Bankes, at Aintree, I would be grateful for any leads.

Noelle Chambers (9556)

Liverpool and SW Lancashire F. H. S.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions, Donations etc.	10,869	10,684
Sales of Publications & FFHS Royalties	443	368
Gift Aid Repayments	2,605	905
Conference Fees	0	0
Interest Received	<u>5</u>	<u>21</u>
Total Income	13,922	11,978
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Journal Printing and Distribution Costs	6,657	6,292
Publication Purchases	0	66
Room Hire and Speakers Expenses	1,120	463
Overhead Expenses	2,799	3,765
Depreciation	<u>398</u>	<u>407</u>
Total Expenditure	10,974	10,993
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	<u>2,948</u>	<u>£985</u>
Total Membership	1,043	1,039

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>			
<u>as at 31 December 2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fixed assets		1,452	1,490
Current assets	81,400		78,864
Less Current Liabilities	1,936	<u>79,464</u>	<u>2,428</u>
		<u>£80,916</u>	<u>£77,926</u>
Represented by;			
General Fund (Reserves)	74,878		73,893
Transfer from Development Fund			
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	<u>2,990</u>	<u>77,868</u>	<u>985</u>
			74,878
Development Fund		3,048	3,048
Transfer to General Fund			
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>£80,916</u>	<u>£77,926</u>

The accounts are being examined by Hoffman Consultants, Chartered Accountants, Warrington.
A copy of the examined accounts may be obtained on application to the Treasurer.

Accounts prepared by Agnes Ingram, Treasurer, 23rd June 2023

A Marriage That Never Was

In late 1851, a young Irish woman named Ann **Farrell** arrived at the Medway Union Workhouse in Chatham, Kent. She begged the workhouse officials for help. Her infant son had been left there by his father the day before and the woman was desperate and penniless. The workhouse officials questioned her with a view to returning her to her home parish in Kilkenny and referred her to the Magistrates' Court. However, after listening to the destitute young woman's story, the magistrates issued a warrant for the arrest for the baby's father, Private William **Butler** of the 83rd Regiment of Foot.

Butler was tried at the Kent Assizes in July 1852, the prosecuting barrister observing that the soldier's offence had been committed "*under circumstances of a novel character, at all event for the nineteenth century*". Butler was accused of forging a certificate of marriage and of using it to convince his "*wife*" that their "*marriage*" was real. The following is an account of the affair based upon contemporary newspaper reports of the couple's court appearances in Rochester and Maidstone.

Ann Farrell, who the Maidstone Journal described as "*an interesting Irish woman*" was born in Kilkenny around 1830. She was unsure of the precise date she arrived in England, but thought it was in 1847 or 1848. She had been hired as a servant to a Sergeant Major **Forsyth** and his wife and accompanied them to Chatham, which was then an important military and naval town. Ann subsequently moved to the Alton Ale House in the nearby Brompton High Street, where she was employed by John **Roy**, the landlord.

There appears to have been some kind of dispute at the Alton, so Ann moved once more, this time to lodge with another Irish woman in what Ann described as "*Irish Alley*" in Brompton. The young woman earned a living by sewing and knitting.

Before she had left Ireland, Ann had been in a relationship with a soldier, but he had been transferred to India. Wishing to rekindle their romance, she travelled from Chatham to Gravesend, and with

another woman, stowed away on a ship bound for the sub-continent. However, the pair were discovered, and they were put ashore in Portsmouth. Thwarted in her Indian scheme, Ann returned to Chatham.

At this stage, Ann had savings, part of which had come from the sale of her deceased mother's possessions, and partly from money earned at the Alton Ale House.

In the Autumn of 1850, Ann's life was transformed when she met Private William Butler of the 83rd Regiment of Foot. He had been a soldier for nine years and had been widowed three years earlier.

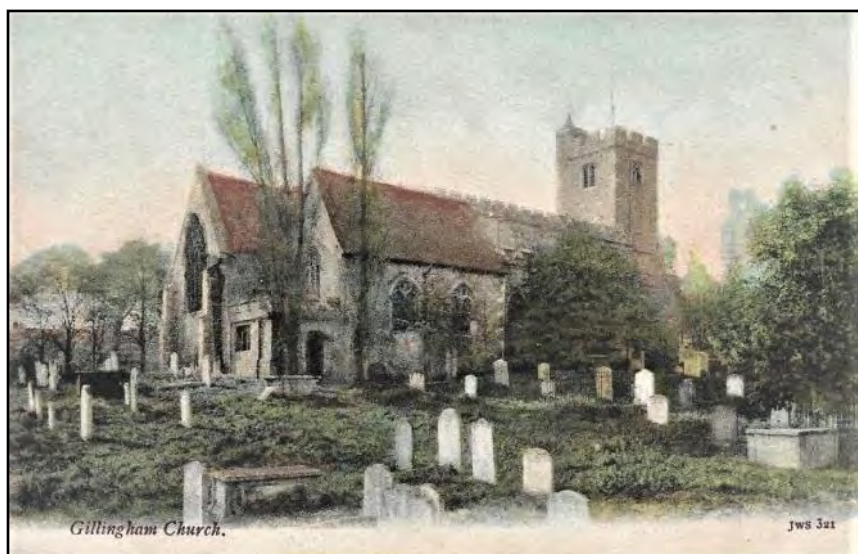
After a brief courtship, Butler proposed marriage, and Ann accepted. Both Butler and John Roy's daughter told Ann that banns had been read at St Mary's Church in Chatham. Accounts differed as to what happened next, but the planned ceremony was delayed. Ann herself claimed it was because Butler's brothers, at her expense, travelled from Ireland and Staffordshire to attend the wedding. However, Butler and his siblings got drunk, the brothers returned home and the couple's plans had to be temporarily halted.

Butler now told Ann that he wanted their wedding to be a more private affair: he would get the banns transferred to the parish church in Gillingham, a mile or two away. A new date and time were arranged; she was to meet him in Gillingham churchyard at 11.am, which she did, clad in her newly purchased dress and bonnet. Butler had told Ann to bring half a guinea for the relevant fees: Ann arrived with the money.

It is perhaps relevant to what happened next to mention that at the time, a party of soldiers were using the church tower to undertake surveying work on behalf of the coastguard. They were able to access the building with a key provided by the Vicar of Gillingham. Consequently, the church was unlocked.

Ann met the uniformed Butler as arranged, and they entered the church, making their way into a small room, which Ann assumed was the vestry; as a Catholic, she had never been in an Anglican church before.

Three men and a woman, all strangers to Ann, were already in the room. One man, dressed in a cloak, but not clerical vestments, now



took charge. Ann assumed he was some kind of clergyman. He asked the names of the couple's fathers, and then appeared to conduct a formal service, using phrases such as "*for better or worse*", "*till death do you part*" and so on. Butler was then asked to place a wedding ring (which Ann had purchased), on her finger. The man in the cloak then pronounced William Butler and Ann Farrell man and wife. The four strangers then left the room; Ann never saw them again.

The newly-weds were the last to leave the church, and as they left, they were greeted by a woman, who saluted the pair and offered to sell Ann a flower. Ann refused, but gave her a penny anyway. The woman was to remember the couple in court a few years later.

Ann and William Butler then walked across the fields to Chatham. In a pub a bit later, Butler gave Ann a document which he claimed was a copy of their entry in the Gillingham Parish Register of Marriages. Ann, who was illiterate, took his word for this. They then held a so-called "*jollification*" paid for by Ann.

After a day or two, Butler informed Captain Austen, his superior that he was now a married man, and requested permission to live outside the barracks. Butler also told Ann to "*break the ice*", show

Austen the certificate and make the same request. Permission was eventually granted, and the couple lived as man and wife in civilian lodgings for the next three months.

A turning point was reached when Butler was given orders to travel to Liverpool to participate in a recruitment drive. By now, all of Ann's savings had gone, and she had to pawn some of her clothes so that she could afford to make the journey north. The couple were able to live in lodgings in the city. Butler received a bonus for each man recruited, but the cash soon disappeared. In August 1851, while the pair were still in Liverpool, Ann gave birth to a son, who was named after his father.

Queen Victoria visited Liverpool a few months later, the first reigning monarch to do so since 1690. This was an important and prestigious event for the city, and the military played prominent ceremonial and security roles in the events of Thursday 9 October. Unfortunately, when Private William Butler reported for duty, he was found to be extremely drunk. He was escorted back to his lodgings to recover, where the following day he was arrested by three sergeants, who escorted him back to Chatham in custody. Thanks to Butler's behaviour, Ann and baby William were left alone in Liverpool.

The couple exchanged letters (with soldiers or their wives reading Butler's efforts aloud to his illiterate partner). Ann perceptively began to notice that Butler was starting to distance himself from her emotionally, addressing her as "*Dear Ann*" rather than his customary "*Dear Wife*". Furthermore, he urged her to remain in Liverpool rather than joining him in Chatham. She should "*put the child out*" and go into service because "*...he said it was better to be earning £20 a year than to be with him*". He stated more than once that he could not support Ann and the baby on a soldier's pay.

Despite this, Ann made up her mind to leave Liverpool and return to Chatham for a showdown with Butler, but by now she had none of her savings left. She planned to walk the 250 miles, but a group of sympathetic soldiers clubbed together and raised 45s to subsidise her journey.

When she finally reached Chatham, she visited Butler at the barracks. According to the Kentish Independent newspaper, he

“treated her with derision”. Ann reminded him of his marital and parental responsibilities, producing the paper he had given her after their *“wedding”*. Butler then revealed to a shaken Ann that the ceremony at Gillingham Church had been a sham, that the couple were not actually married, and that he *“didn’t care a damn where she and the child went”*. As she later asserted in court, Butler *“repeated that I was no wife of his and I might go where I liked”*. However, she could leave their baby son with him if she wished, as he accepted that the child was his.

The next day, she called her *“husband’s”* bluff and returned to the barracks with little William. She told Butler, *“I have neither money, milk nor victuals to provide it with nourishment”*, and handed over their son. He responded: *“Very well. I’ll devilish soon find a place for it”*.

The “place” turned out to be Medway Union Workhouse, where Ann found her son the next day. It was now that the Guardians took her to the Magistrates Court with a view to returning her to Ireland, and the magistrates issued an arrest warrant for Butler.

In March 1852, the soldier appeared in Rochester Magistrates’ Court charged with *“having feloniously uttered a certain writing as, and for, a copy of an entry in the Registry of Marriages of the Parish of Gillingham, of a pretended marriage between himself and one Ann Farrell, while knowing such entry and writing to be forged”*.

Ann, with what the Maidstone Journal called *“a fine boy in her arms”*, told her side of the story. She was supported by the Rev Robert Orgill Lemon, the Curate of Gillingham, who confirmed that what she had believed to be her marriage lines, which supposedly bore his signature, was actually a forgery. Furthermore, Rev Lemon produced the Register of Marriages; there was no entry of Ann’s *“marriage”* to Butler.

Next, Sergeant Reynolds of the 83rd Regiment of Foot said he had heard that the blank marriage certificate had been bought at Arthur Fordham’s print shop in Chatham High Street, where *“Gillingham”* had been written at the top. The sergeant suspected that all the writing, including the signatures of supposed *“witnesses”* was the work of a discharged soldier named Rogers. When pressed, Sergeant Reynolds admitted that it had been Butler

Gillingham.
HEARTLESS DECEPTION - ALLEGED CASE OF
MOCK MARRIAGE

The county magistrates were on Monday last engaged for several hours in the investigation of one of the most extraordinary, and, if proved to be true, one of the most heartless cases ever brought before them, in which a young Irish girl appeared as the victim, having, she supposed been lawfully married to a soldier at Gillingham church—and after living with him for several months, and giving birth to a child, was at length deserted by him and driven to the parish for support, he disavowing her as his wife, the marriage ceremony, to carry out the vile design, being alleged to be a mere mockery.

The prisoner, William Butler, a private soldier belonging to the 83d regiment stationed at Chatham barracks, and whose uniform bore a good conduct stripe, was brought up in custody of B. Howes, charged with having feloniously uttered a certain writing, as and for a copy of an entry in the registry of marriages of the parish of Gillingham, of a pretended marriage between himself and one Ann Farrell, well knowing such entry and writing to be forged.

[Extract from Kent Gazette—30 March 1852]

himself who had told him that the “*marriage certificate*” was not genuine.

In court, Butler admitted visiting Fordham’s and asserted that Ann had accompanied him. He denied giving her the certificate and said he believed Ann was collecting it for a friend. However, both Ann and the printer himself denied that she was the woman who had accompanied Butler. The word “*Gillingham*” had been written on the blank certificate by one of the printer’s employees at the anonymous woman’s request.

According to the Kentish Gazette: “*The prisoner entered into a lengthened defence, corroborating in many points the evidence as given by the prosecution, but at the same time declaring his innocence and alleging the statement of Farrell to be a fabrication*”.

However, the Rochester magistrates would have none of this, and committed William Butler to the next County Assizes.

In Maidstone in July 1852, Butler's defence claimed that Ann must have known that her "*marriage*" was a sham. Ann denied this, arguing that she had only become aware that something was wrong when she attended a wedding in an Anglican church sometime later and realised the ceremony bore no resemblance to her own.

Much of the testimony from the magistrates' hearing was repeated, and once again, Ann's story was supported by several witnesses.

The jury found William Butler guilty of knowingly presenting a forged official document as genuine. Before passing sentence on the charge of forgery, the Judge commented upon the moral dimension of Butler's actions: "*The prisoner has been clearly proved to have conducted himself in a most cruel and unmanly manner. He had not only deprived the unfortunate girl of her virtue, but he had also robbed her of all she possessed in the world, the fruits of long saving and self-denial, and when she was burdened with an infant, he had cast her upon the world friendless and unprotected*".

The Judge sentenced Butler to be transported to Australia for seven years, but criminal records suggest that this was commuted. The former soldier spent some time in Pentonville prison before being transferred to Portland convict prison in Dorset. He was released on a so-called "*ticket of leave*", the equivalent of today's parole, at the end of 1855.

What possessed Butler and his associates to go through with such an elaborate charade must remain a matter for speculation. At a time when the property of a single woman such as Ann Farrell became her husband's on marriage, greed could have played a part in his thinking. He may well have used the bogus marriage as simply an opportunity of moving out of his barracks. Either way, William Butler, Ann Farrell and their baby soon disappeared from history.

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40 Years Ago in Liverpool Family Historian



The scene featured on the cover of the Autumn 1983 edition of *Liverpool Family Historian* is that of the Dingle, as it looked in the early 19th century. Described in 1875 as ‘one of the most lovely bits of scenery in the neighbourhood of Liverpool’. The Dingle has been heavily developed in the intervening years since this woodcut image was created. To many, the Dingle now conjures up images more like those of Elswick Street, home of the Boswell family in the Carla Lane sitcom *Bread*. However, the cover photo chosen for this edition of the journal shows

that the Dingle still has some of the charm our ancestors would recognise.

Inside the journal there was an interesting article about emigration records in English-speaking countries. Written by the, then, Keeper of Archives at Merseyside County Council, the writer states that ‘*Contrary to popular belief, the port records never dealt with the embarkation of emigrants, but only the docking or clearing out of the ships from the port.*’ The article goes on to record contact details and relevant records for various archives in the U.S.A. and Canada. Today, we rely heavily on the overseas records published online by organisations like *Ancestry* and *FindMyPast* but have readers come across other interesting overseas record sources not yet digitalised by these companies?

A section on book reviews highlights the availability of the 1983 Genealogical Research Directory (GRD), which reminded me that I still have a few editions of the GRD from the early 2000s, to which I had contributed. This proved useful at the time in linking me with two of my Moncas cousins but I doubt now that these old directories have much value and I should (maybe) part company with them.

- Ed.

Pass It On

Hello Mike,

I have a 'Pass it on' for the journal - a letter written from India by **Parry Evans** to his wife, posted 15 May 1944. It is addressed to: 24, Willowdale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. They had a daughter named Judith.

Would love this to go to descendant. The letter was found many years ago in a junk shop!

Do not mind my email, plus address, going in the journal in case there is anyone who does not have a computer.

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The Smallest House In England

A family story that I was brought up on when living as a youngster on the Wirral, was that one set of maternal great great grandparents once lived in the supposed smallest house in England.

This was situated at 95 High Street, Wavertree, Liverpool⁽¹⁾.



Whenever we crossed the Mersey to visit relatives in Liverpool, we would often drive down High Street and either my mother or maternal grandmother would point out the house and repeat the story about our relatives.

It was not until many years later, when I had moved to Australia, that I became interested in researching my family history. I then remembered this story and set out to either prove or disprove it.

The house was situated on the eastern side of The Cock & Bottle pub on the north side of High Street, Wavertree⁽²⁾.

The evidence of old maps suggests that it was built in the middle of the 19th century, around 1852, in what had formerly been a side

passageway. The Cock & Bottle was at that time a Temperance Coffee House ⁽³⁾.

In 1952 it was incorporated into the adjacent pub.

Whether or not it actually was the smallest house in England is open to conjecture, but it was only 6ft wide and 14ft from front to back. It is alleged that it once housed a family with eight children.

Research into BDMs and census records showed that Richard and Ellen **Lowe** lived in Wavertree and had at least seven children, so the family story could well have had some veracity.

Richard and Ellen were married in Runcorn in 1844⁽⁴⁾. Their children were born between about 1845 (Sarah) and ? 1874 (William). Sarah was born in Halton and all the others in Liverpool. Richard died in 1875 aged 54 and Ellen then re-married.

The 1851 Census Return (CR) shows Richard and Ellen with two children - Sarah Ann age 7 and Charles age 2 - living with Richard's father, William, in Waterloo Street, Wavertree⁽⁵⁾.

In 1861 Richard and Ellen, now with four children, were living in a house on the north side of High Street, Wavertree, adjoining Smithy Yard⁽⁶⁾.

By the time of the 1871 CR Ellen was living in the High Street, Wavertree⁽⁷⁾. No number is given for the house but it is six residences before Greenside House which is east of 95 High Street, towards Picton Clock. Because house numbers along High Street were not allocated until sometime between 1871 and 1881, CRs have not proved particularly helpful.

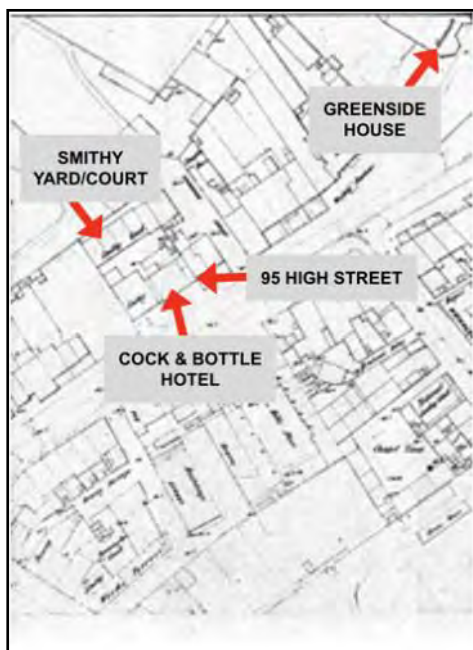
An 1850 map of Wavertree shows Greenside House and its large gardens alongside The Lamb Inn which would become 111 High Street. Greenside House was demolished in about 1909.

Ellen is listed as married and head of the household. Living with her are George (son age 16), Ellen (daughter age 8) and James Lowe (grandson age 5). The latter could be Sarah's son but his surname would not have been Lowe. I have been unable to locate the whereabouts of husband Richard or children, Sarah, Charles or Peter in this CR.

As stated earlier, following the death of Richard, Ellen remarried

and in 1881 she is found living with her new husband, James **CROSBY** at 2 Smithy Yard, Wavertree⁽⁸⁾.

With them are Ellen and Richard's son Peter and his wife Alice as well as Peter's brothers, James (15) and William (7).



The Smallest House actually backed onto Smithy Court/Yard.

The building marked as 'Smithy' is now the western end of the Cock & Bottle pub, but in those days there was a pedestrian access to Smithy Court/Yard between the two buildings.

The entrance to Smithy Yard is on the west side of the Hotel & this is possibly how the story originated with 'next to' on one side being confused with 'next to' on the other.

In conclusion therefore, despite being unable to

precisely locate some of the Lowe family residences, it would appear that in the Census years (1851 - 1881) at least, they never lived in 'The smallest house in England'. Very close to it maybe, but never actually in it.

Whether or not they ever lived in it at any time between the Census years will, probably, be impossible to determine.

It would have been a good story to hand down to future generations, but for now it will just have to be a 'close brush with fame'.

Barry Moscrop (2729)

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Liverpool Mercury - Thursday, May 24, 1900

Deaths

FLETCHER - May 23, at the Northern Hospital, in his 30th year. John Williams, of Rupert-road. Huyton. Deeply regretted. Interment at Huyton Parish Church on Saturday, three o'clock.

GRIFFITHS - May 21, at New Ferry Vicarage, aged 50 years, Jane Griffiths, nurse.

HUDSON - May 21, at 111, Prescot-road, Fairfield, aged 39 years, Thomas Herbert Hudson, chemist. Interment at Anfield Cemetery at three o'clock this day (Thursday). Friends please accept this the only intimation. R.I.P.

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| 12 Dec | Group A.G.M. & Members' Evening. |

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| 03 Oct | Group A.G.M. |
| 07 Nov | Skelmersdale: The Old New Town - Mark Boardman. |
| 05 Dec | Christmas Jacob's Join. |

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The Liverpool Overhead Railway opened in 1893, serving Liverpool's docks. Initially, the service ran between Alexandra Dock and Herculaneum Dock but was later extended north and south. The southern extension ran from Herculaneum Dock as far as the Dingle, with Dingle railway station opening on 21 December 1896.

Dingle railway station and the Southern Extension Tunnel are the last remaining bits of the Liverpool Overhead Railway. The tunnel is approximately half a mile long and Dingle station, ironically, was built below ground. Sparks from a train pulling into the station on 23 December 1901 caused a fire, that killed six people. The flames took hold as they were fanned by the tunnel acting as a flu and the resulting damage took more than a year to repair. Dingle station, along with the rest of the overhead railway, closed forever on 30 December 1956.

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St. Malachy's Church, Dingle, Liverpool

The Roman Catholic church of St. Malachy was built circa 1904 on Beaufort Street. The adjoining building is the associated school, built a few years later. Both buildings were closed by July 2010 and later demolished.

Records, photographs and a printed history of the church are held at the Central Library & Archive in Liverpool, along with records for the infant school between 1895 and 1991. The Imperial War Museums' War Memorials Register records that the WWI memorial that used to be in St. Malachy's can now be found in the church of St. Vincent de Paul in Hardy Street.

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