

This Evening's Meeting

Our speaker for this evening is history teacher, Adam Cree. Having extended the digitalization of the Chorley WW1 Memorial Books, Adam became interested in discovering more about Miss Knight, their creator, and how she achieved all that she did. He is writing a book based on his research, and this evening will share some of his findings.

On May 20th, our branch meeting speaker will be David Pilkington. His talk "The Buried Treasure of James Dixon" will focus on the unique records of Blackburn Orphanage. It was founded by James Dixon, a contemporary of Dr Barnardo.

As ever, thanks to Marian Crossley for arranging our programme. We all have our preferred focus, but Marian provides for a range of interests, with many excellent speakers booked throughout the year.

What's New

Ancestry has added the Tax Valuation (1910) for West Yorkshire, containing field books prepared by the valuation offices. Included are property details along with names of owners and occupiers, street location, and value of the land.

Findmypast, in partnership with the British Library, gives access to the records of British people in India from 1698 – 1947. (*Thanks to the Hyndburn Newsletter for pointing out that this information can be found free of charge on the Families in British India Society website www.fibis.org*)

Working with the National Archives, over the next 2 years **Findmypast** will release the 1939 register. Taken on September 29th 1939, shortly after the outbreak of WW2, the 1939 register recorded personal details of individuals in order to issue identity cards and ration books, and later formed the basis of the National Health Service's records. Since the 1931 census was destroyed, and there was none taken in 1941, the 1939 register is considered invaluable.

The Valuation Rolls (VRs) for 1885 have been added to the **Scotlandspeople** website. The records cover all properties assessed in 1885 as having rateable value. With the addition of these latest records, Scotlandspeople now has Valuation Rolls for 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915 and 1920. Published yearly on Whitsunday from 1855 to 1955, the VRs include the names of owners, tenants and occupiers of each property.

What's On

Saturday 17th May, 9.45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., LFHHS One Day Conference and AGM, St. Cuthbert's Church Centre, Lytham Road, Preston. With lunch £12.50 per person, without lunch £6.50 per person. Completed applications by 26th April to: Sharman Walmsley, 56 Longbrook Avenue, Bamber Bridge, Preston, Lancashire PR5 6XG

Friday 29th – Sunday 31st August, "Who Do You Think Your Are? Live", the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow. Genealogy experts, free workshops, a celebrity theatre and specialist exhibitors. More information and tickets will be available shortly.

Saturday, 30 August, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Cumbria Family History Society Family History Day Fair - "Connecting Cumbrian Cousins", The Lakes Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal LA9 7HX Admission £3:00, Children under 16 free. Information from: ian.white4@live.co.uk or 01772 816841 or www.cumbriaafhs.com

Saturday 11th October, 9.30am to 4.30pm, LFHHS Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference, The Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HZ. Includes 3 talks on Irish family history topics. £17.50 with buffet lunch, £10.00 without lunch. Free parking. For further information, or to book a place contact: Marian Crossley, 50 Lighthurst Lane, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 3EQ Tel. 01257 268311 or Email marianc@fsmail.net. Also see www.lfhhs.org.uk for details.