



Chorley News

Chorley Branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

Society Web Site www.lfhhs.org

FEBRUARY 2019

Regd. Charity No.

President Stephen Ward

513437

January Meeting Brick Walls by *Pauline Critchley Jan 2019.*

10 IDEAS TO TRY IF YOU'VE MET A BRICK WALL IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

1. Talk to others who might be able to help especially the volunteers at the Research Centre. Two heads are better than one.
2. Don't accept that other people's research is accurate - even if dozens of others have accepted it or you might be barking up the wrong genealogical tree.
3. Go back to your basic information. Be very sure about the facts you have and base further research on these facts.
4. Widen your search to other documents such as wills Quarter Session records etc.
5. Ensure that you are finding all the variants of the surname.
6. If you have multiple candidates (people with the same name) and cannot decide which is your ancestor, try the technique of family reconstitution: grouping all the members of a community or parish into their respective families. This might shed enough light on the individuals to help you determine which one is your ancestor.
7. Technique of 'hasping'. If you have a likely candidate, you need to find evidence to ensure that he/she really is the person you are looking for. The candidate should be linked or hasped in some way to the family you are researching, and this link must be recorded to show why this candidate is the right one.
8. If you are facing a brick wall for the period 1781 to 1831, it is worth looking at the land Tax Assessments which list those who tenanted and PTO

owned properties and the tax owing. These are held at Preston Archives and the code is QDL.

9. If all else has failed or if you just want to try and find out more, it is worth looking at the Churchwardens' Accounts where these exist. They provide a little snapshot of parish life and mention various local people who undertook jobs repairing the fabric of the church. Also, there are the names and signatures of those who took their turn at the office of Churchwarden and of Sidesmen.
10. Again, if all else has failed to reveal your ancestor or you want to see a little more detail about circumstances at the time, it is worth looking at the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor. However, these have not survived for every parish but where they do, they make interesting reading and they include the names of those who received financial relief.

What's on

Chorley Branch Masonic Hall, Cunliffe Street Chorley PR7 2EB

Thursday 21 February 2019 *Dr Alan Crosby* A Manicurist in Cowboy Country. Yet another fascinating relative - Edith Crosby

Thursday 21st Mar 2019 **AGM** Steve Williams My Ancestor is a Free Mason

Forth coming Events

26th & 27th April 2019, at London's Alexandra Palace. FamilyTree Live.

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/news-and-views/news/new-uk-family-history-show-family-tree-live>

Watch RootsTech Sessions Online January 26, 2019 By [FamilySearch](#)

Can't make it in person to this year's RootsTech genealogy conference? Select sessions of the world's largest family history conference will be broadcast live on RootsTech.org. Watch sessions that are available for free, or get access to 18 additional recorded classes that will be available online by purchasing a virtual pass.

What's New

ANCESTRY

Former British Colonial Dependencies, Slave Registers, 1813-1834

In 1807 The Abolition of Slave Trade Act came into force. In 1819 the Office for the Registry of Colonial Slaves was established in London and copies of the slave registers kept by the colonies were sent to this office. Registration generally occurred once every three years. The registers continue through to 1834 when slavery was officially abolished.

FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch expanded its free online archives in December 2018 with over 55 million new indexed family history records and over 800,000 digital images from around the world. New historical records were added from England and Ireland.

THE GENEALOGIST

24th January 2019

We have added to our Court and Criminal Records collection with the release of almost 700,000 entries for prisoners. Sourced from the HO 8 Registers held by The National Archives, these documents contain records from the years 1821 to 1876. This expands our criminal record collection to **over 2.3 million individuals**.

FIND MY PAST

Britain, Directories & Almanacs

Explore more than 800 almanacs and directories from across Great Britain. The collection includes trade directories, county guides, almanacs and general directories. Inside you will find the names of prominent people, tradesmen, people who held office, business owners and local civil servants.

About the Irish newspaper collection

Our Irish newspaper collection provides access to millions of articles from newspapers published around Ireland. Titles include a variety of local papers from all four provinces of Ireland, as well as national press.

To see a full list of newspaper titles included, select "By Newspaper" from the filters on the left. Additional newspapers will be added to the collection over time.

What's needed

Programme Secretary - The branch needs a new Programme secretary to develop a programme for 2019. Any skills members can offer or ideas for meetings are welcome.

Projects

Chorley Guardian Military Project

The information includes all kinds of information even marriages and the birth of children. These need to be indexed so they can be used more widely. You can work on this at the centre.

* Anyone able to edit images for this project please contact Ron Chapman *

GRO Certificate costs go up from 16th February

Certified Copies of Certificates rise from £9.25 to £11 (Paper versions)

Uncertified Copies of Historic Birth Certificates (1837-1917) in PDF Format rise from £6 to £7

Uncertified Copies of Historic Death Certificates (1837-1957) in PDF Format rise from £6 to £7

AGM Conference 8th June St Cuthberts, Preston £15

Ian Waller 100 unusual Sources

Mike Winstanley Feeding the Industrial Revolution

Nick Barrett Future of Family History

Branch Chairman: Pauline Chapman

Branch Secretary & Webmaster: Steve Williams chorleysecretary@aol.com

Tel: 01257 262028 **Branch Website:** www.lfhhschorleybranch.com

General enquiries chorleyinfo@lfhhs.org.uk

LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre

Website www.cfsrc.com

Appointments If open 01257 231600 If closed 01257 262028

Centre Manager : Sheila Gibbons : **Email:** chorleyresearch@aol.co.uk

Email for business regarding the Centre: sheilaresearchcentre@aol.co.uk

Opening Times:

Mon, Wed and Fri 10a.m– 4pm 2nd and 3rd Sat Noon-4pm

LFHHS Oswaldtwistle Resource & Research Centre,

2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU 01254 239919