



Chorley News

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Talk in November Anne Lowe, ' My Ancestors went to Jericho'. A ramble round this family tree reveals the founding of a family business

Ribblehead Viaduct Blea tunnel was 6-7 miles long. It was 1000 feet above sea level and was built with 1.5 million bricks.

Started by the first workers in 1869 it was crossed by railway officials and families in 1874 and the first freight trains in 1875.



A steam engine arrived from Ingleton station drawn by horses. It takes 45 minutes to walk across the viaduct. Blea moor common was the last navvie built railway.

Batty Wife Hole village was an early settlement for workers with huts divided into 3 rooms. 1869 there were 1000 men and the settlement included schools hospital etc. In 1874, the nearest Railway Station was Ingleton, where 13380 wagons passed through bringing wood for scaffolding tram ways and other things around the settlement. The TV series Jericho was about the construction of the Viaduct. On the 1871 Census there are various employees such as James Tiplady was a missionary for the railway company and Frederick M Leveson was a surgeon who was born in Kingston Jamaica.

Workers moved round the country with sites. Shoemaker from Devonshire, house-keeper from Warwickshire, saddlers from Yorkshire, policeman from Scotland, ferriers from Kent and horse driver from Somerset all lived there and supported the work on the viaduct.

100 men died and 100 children, some from small pox and some from hypothermia as well as from accidents.

The Jackson family have been traced back to 1750. They were from Sunderland Point and Lancaster and were all blacksmiths.

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George and William Jackson are in the Ingleton census of 1871 where Father William was a blacksmith and son George an inn keeper. George married Louisa Tebbutt and was later a Brewers malter Their sons lived in Haverbreak, a posh area of Lancaster, and George left £9655 on his death. Joseph, one of the sons, went to Cambridge and was called to the bar. He left his widow £36,000. the son George died and left £219000 in 1954. James lived at Rydal house and had a son Kenneth and daughter Barbara 1926. The brewing business Yates-Jackson was sold in the 1980's as the family line died out.

December meeting

Christmas Meal and quiz



What's on

Chorley Branch Masonic Hall, Cunliffe Street Chorley PR7 2EB

Thursday 17 January 2019 Breaking down Brick Walls. Got a problem, let them know in advance and perhaps we can help smash that wall down.

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

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>

PHAROS COURSES <https://www.pharostutors.com>

Wills and Administrations; the riches of Probate records

Course Length: 4 Weeks

Start Date: 11 Feb 2019

Unassessed Cost: £45.99 Course Full

Assessed Cost: £61.00 Course Full

What's New

ANCESTRY

Updated [UK, WWI Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914-1923](#) 08/11/2018

FAMILYSEARCH

17th Dec 2018 FamilySearch added **1.3 million indexed records** this week. Over 700,000 of these records come from **Peru**; records also came from **Colombia, French Polynesia, Germany, South Africa, and North Carolina, Ohio, and West Virginia** in the **United States**.

THE GENEALOGIST

We have just released the maps and field books for the Westminster area in our unique record set The Lloyd George Domesday Survey.

The Genealogist has added to its Court and Criminal Records collection with the release of almost **150,000 entries for prisoners locked up in Newgate prison** along with any alias they were known by as well as the names of their victims.

The Genealogist has added **over 1.5 million individuals** to their Warwickshire Parish Record Collection to increase the coverage of this Midland county for researchers wanting to find their ancestors' baptisms, marriages and burials.

FIND MY PAST

Marriage licenses reveal your ancestor's intended spouse, father's name, and the intended marriage place. The collection consists of a mixture of more than 536,000 handwritten and typed record books from 1115 until 1906 provided by the College of Arms, Anguline Research Archives, and Gould Genealogy.

Fifteen English counties are represented: Bedfordshire, Devon, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, London, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Surrey, Worcestershire, Yorkshire.

Discover your ancestors who were born in Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, between 1660 and 1978 with over 15,000 parish register entries.

Findmypast has added a new transcribed register of birth records compiled by William Waylett, a male midwife who practiced in Kent between 1757 and 1815.

FAMILYSEARCH Webinar

<https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/>

Family History Library Classes and Webinars Past Webinars and handouts

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

Photographic Record of Chorley Cemetery Project

Photographing and indexing Chorley Graveyard.

The photographing is complete but volunteers are needed to input data from the gravestones photographed. Contact details if you wish to assist are for Steve Williams on the end of the newsletter.

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.

Ada's Birthday Book Fun Project

Ron has a spreadsheet with all the names on if anyone is interested in trying to identify the other people mentioned.

GRO Certificate costs

The cost of print certificates will increase from £9.25 to £11, and from £23.40 to £35 for the priority service, which allows delivery on the next working day. The same costs will apply if researchers order the certificate from their local register office. The cost of PDF records will now increase to £7, with priority deliveries available at £45.

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