



Chorley News

July 2019

Chorley Branch of The Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society Regd. Charity
No 513437
Society Web Site www.lfhhs.org

June Meeting

Joseph O'Neill Crime City - Manchester. Find Out About The Manchester Victorian Underworld.

Manchester was worse than London for criminals in Victorian times, but there were only 2 murders in 1898 and 16 in 2016. The tenements and lodging houses were terrible. Gin was one of the main causes of crime and poverty. Some of the cases were amazing. Police went to arrest a man, but he went through the roof spaces to the end of the terrace, took off slates and jumped to the next terrace of houses. He broke through the roof and down the stairs and met two police at the door and leap frogged over them and got away.

The Police force suffered a large turnover, partly due to poor pay. Gangs were a problem but died out in the 1900s. One man, who was mis-shapen and had lots of girlfriends, was arrested for murder, and when the judge pronounced the death penalty, the secretary cried because she was one of the girlfriends!

July Meeting Thursday 18 July Joanne Halliwell Happy Ever After—Betsy Has Come Up in the World **Astley Hall, Chorley**

August Meeting Thursday 15th August David Hunt

Out visit/walk to South Ribble Museum at 7.00pm A walk around Leyland, using a recently found 17th century map, followed by a visit into the South Ribble Museum.

South Ribble Museum & Exhibition Centre,

Church Road, Leyland PR25 3FJ

Research Centre closed Friday 26th July and Monday 29th July round flower show.

Help with the Chorley Guardian Military Project

The information includes all kinds of events, even marriages and the birth of children. These need to be indexed so they can be used more widely. You can work on batches at the Centre or at home.

Anyone able to index or edit images for this project, please contact Ron Chapman.

Here is a sample of the contents of the Chorley Guardian in the First World War, showing both sadness and pride in a Chorley family and how much family information can be found.

Family of Five Soldiers—Extract from Chorley Guardian 27/2/1915

“There is another family in Chorley which is doing a big share towards the defense of this country, and Mr and Mrs Robert Jackson of 18 Arley Street, Chorley, can well be proud of their four sons, who have made a bid for honour. Their names are Robert Jackson, aged 24 years, Joseph, 22: Samuel, 19: and Jesse 17 years of age. The three elder brothers were formerly employed as colliers by Horwich Brick and Tile Co., whilst the youngest, Jesse, worked at Baxendale’s foundry.

Robert Jackson has been in the army about four years, he having enlisted in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and at the time the war broke out he was in India with his regiment. They were ordered to return home and accordingly arrived at Windsor. From there they were, three weeks later, drafted to France. The parents of Robert Jackson received a letter from him, but on February 19th a notification was received from the War Office, stating that he was ill, suffering from burns on the face, at the 5th C.C. station in France. He is now thought to be getting on satisfactorily.

The second son, Joseph Jackson, was in the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, having joined the regiment about two years ago. On Wednesday his parents received an official intimation from the War Office that he had died at Cuiuchy, Belgium, on February 12th from wounds received whilst in action. Subsequently the following printed letter was received.: - “The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow – Kitchener.” In the last letter home, Joseph Jackson stated that his regiment had been getting it very hot, and that he had been very lucky up to then. He had been in the

trenches nine weeks, and had his boots off twice.

The third son, Samuel Jackson, who was in the Territorials has enlisted for the duration of the war, and is at present stationed at Sevenoaks, (Kent).

Jesse Jackson has also joined for the period of the war and he is with the 4th Battalion L.N. Lancashire (Territorials) at Blackpool.

The Father, Robert Jackson, has served 24 years in the Army, 15 in and eight on reserve. The last period expired prior to the Boer War, but Mr Jackson enlisted for the duration of that war in the Royal Reserve. After being in Gibraltar about two years, the Reserve transferred to South Africa, where they arrived at the time peace was declared. For the duration of the present war Mr Jackson enlisted in September 2nd in the 3rd Battalion L.N. Lancashire's, but he was discharged on the grounds of physique about the beginning of December. Determined to be in some regiment he afterwards joined the National Reserves and journeys to Preston every day to put in his drills and rifle practice."

Whats New

Ancestry

Birmingham, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812

Find My Past

Lancashire Baptisms

Over 31,000 additional records are now available to search amongst our collection of Lancashire Baptisms. The new additions cover the parishes of: Edge Hill, St Nathaniel -1869 to 1918

Liverpool, St John - 1785 to 1898

Liverpool, St Silas, Pembroke Place - 1841 to 1918

Liverpool, St Stephen the Martyr – 1851 to 1918

Newburgh, Christ Church – 1860 to 1917

Seaforth, St Thomas - 1839 to 1918

Stoneycroft, St Paul – 1916 to 1918

Toxteth Park, St Bede – 1882 to 1918

Also British Army Records & Regimental Histories

Donegal Workhouses Registers and Minute Books

FamilySearch

England, Herefordshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1583-1898 594,707

What's needed

Programme Secretary - The branch needs a new Programme secretary to develop a programme for 2020. Any skills members can offer or ideas for meetings are welcome.

Projects - Chorley Guardian Military Project

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

Anyone able to index or edit images for this project, please contact Ron Chapman

What's on Lancashire Archives

Friday 9th August Family History Friday

Friday 9th August Newspapers for Family Historians

Peter Bamford 12.30-1.30pm Free

Wednesday 14th August Lostock Hall Library 2.00pm

Roots Tech London

Registration for RootsTech London Now Open. 24-26 October 2019 ExCeL Centre, London <https://www.rootstech.org/london>

Tracing Family History In Lancashire 20/07/2019 - 20/07/2019

Half-day course from 2 to 5 pm. Society of Genealogists Library and Archives are open from 10 am till 6 pm.

Society Of Genealogists' Library And Archives, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, Islington, London, London, EC1M 7BA, United Kingdom 020 7553 3290

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.cfhrc.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