



Chorley News

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2020

**Chorley Branch of The Lancashire Family History and Heraldry
Society**

Society Web Site www.lfhhs.org
President Stephen Ward

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Charity
No 513437

No meetings at present, but go and see the Virtual Branch at <http://www.lfhhschorleybranch.com/lfhhs-chorley-virtual-branch.html>

Stories wanted for October edition of the Newsletter. Send to wenpratt72@gmail.com

What's Free

[The National Archives](#)

We are making digital records available on our website free of charge for as long as our Kew site is closed to visitors. Registered users will be able to order and download up to ten items at a time, to a maximum of 50 items over 30 days. The limits are there to try and help manage the demand for content and ensure the availability of our digital services for everyone.

<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/>

Free UK Genealogy provides free, online access to family history records. We work with a team of dedicated volunteers to create high-quality transcriptions of public records from governmental sources, parish churches, and other trusted institutions. We believe that **Open Data** and Open Source are key to making and keeping public records accessible to all. We work with others with the same concerns.

Free BMD. Free Census and Free Reg

New: Online Genealogy Consultations with Family History Library Experts

How to Sign-up for Online Consultation

Using the https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Online_Consultations , guests can schedule specific time slots in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) for their 20-minute online consultation. The booking app provides time schedule information in the guest's own local time to simplify making the connection across time zones.

Participants are asked to fill out a short survey following their experience to help improve the technological and personal aspects of online consultations. These improvements will allow further expansion. The one-on-one consultations are expected eventually to reach throughout the world in many languages.

Virtual Branch Meeting

On 17th October 2020 The Virtual meeting included a talk by Megan Roberts about Her horse thief ancestor who was transported on a ship called the Mangles

. You can see the talk if you go to <https://www.lfhhschorleybranch.com/online-branch-meetings.html>



The Mangles Ship



Megan's Book

I am sad to say that Bill Taylor, a member of the society for many years, has died on the 28th of August. Many of you will remember him as a speaker at our branch meetings. The range of his talks was impressive. He entertained us with the story of "Private Tomlinson and the Opium War". Others like "All at Sea", "Skeletons in the Cupboard" and "A tale of Daring Do" kept us amused and informed. Bill had been a Deputy Head Teacher at Turton High School and his teaching skills showed in all his talks. It was whilst talking to us on the subject of "Making the Most of the Census" that he said something that I have repeated many times. "A stool has to have a minimum of three legs to stand up", meaning that any fact in your family history research has to have three or more bits of evidence to support it. His knowledge was immense and his enthusiasm and humour showed in all his talks. Unfortunately Bill gave up speaking because of ill health. Bill would give talks all over Lancashire and beyond. Whenever he received a donation or a fee for giving a talk he would always give the money to Derian House Children's Hospice. Bill was much more than a speaker at branch meetings. He had served as Chairman of the Society, and then President in the 1990's and was a Vice President until his death. He was involved in many other roles within the Society. I sat on the Publications Committee for a number of years where Bill was minute's secretary and was still in post when I moved on. He proof read the society Journal and contributed very many of the line drawings on the front cover. The Publications meetings were held at his house where we were made very welcome by Bill and his wife Pam who was a great hostess. Bill was kind and considerate and helped me in many ways especially whilst I was Vice Chairman of the Society and Chairman of Chorley Branch. Bill, In fact, was a very good friend of Chorley branch. I and many others of the Society would have attended his funeral if the restrictions of Corvid 19 had not prevented us. He was a much loved and respected man and will be greatly missed.



Ron Chapman



We also sadly have to announce the death of our good friend Jim Lancaster who died on the 8th September. Jim was a member of Bury Branch but helped Chorley Branch in so many ways. He was a kind, hardworking man who was forever helping others. He was one of the main contributors to the Society's Forum where his huge range of knowledge and experience was used to steer, help and inform those who had queries. The Forum will greatly miss him. In a similar way he was also greatly involved with the society's "Helping Hands".

One of his many areas of expertise that he used to aid our branch was with Catholic Records. He would always turn up at Family History Fairs and Events and when Chorley Branch started in 2007 running events like "Celebration of Family History" or "Meet our Experts" both of which ran for a number of years, Jim would be there. On our education courses when we needed an expert in Catholic Family History it was always Jim who we would turn to and Cath his wife would often come along with him. You could be nearly certain that Jim would attend the Chorley Branch Computer Group meetings where his contributions were much appreciated. Jim was very keen that things should be done in a correct way. He used to get annoyed at our Rita Platt, who when transcribing records would correct / translate information and names. Jim would always insist that the transcription should always be as written in the original. (Correct in my view.) A recent thing Jim had strong views on, was the correct recording of sources and citations in the Society's works. Doing this, he felt, would help others who might wish to continue the research and also lend authority to their work.

In many ways Jim must have helped thousands of people, patiently and kindly helping others. Many of you will have been helped by Jim, I certainly have. We will miss you Jim.

Ron Chapman

A Guide to Searching Wills

To search wills, go to one of the indexes first. For example, in Ancestry I find William Frances Wye in 1819

All England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858 results for Wye

Search Filters

Wye

[Edit Search](#) [New Search](#) [Update](#)

All Categories

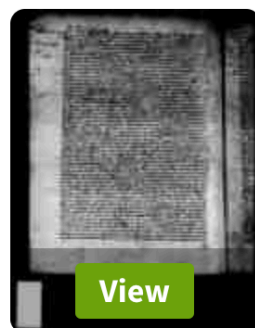
> Wills, Probates, Land, Tax & Criminal

> Wills & Probate

Results 1-20 of 241

View Record	Name	Probate Date	Residence	Death Year	View Images
View Record	William Francis Wye	29 Mar 1819		Abt 1819	View Images
View Record	Willmi Wye	19 Mar 1603	Torlton	Abt 1603	View Images
View Record	Maria Wye	16 Jan 1644		Abt 1644	View Images

When clicking on this selection it is possible to view the actual will without paying.



View

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Name: William Francis Wye

Probate Date: 29 Mar 1819

Death Year: Abt 1819

Save

Cancel


The will is downloadable however only a page at a time.

William Francis Wye of Torlton in the County of Dorset
do hereby revoke all former wills and declare this to be my last will and testament I give and bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth Wye all the plate silver china & books I possess to my dear son William Wye and his heirs forever I give wholly that he in or about my death I have at the time of my death for his absolute use and benefit and I give and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects of whatsoever nature or description and whatsoever unto my brother in law the Rev James Wye and his heirs forever


However, searching Ancestry after 1858 in All England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995 results for Francis Piers Wye gives you the information to search in the government site.


Francis Piers Wye

in the England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995



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Name: Francis Piers Wye

Death Date: 24 Sep 1941


Death Place: Midlothian, Scotland


Probate Date: 25 Nov 1941


Probate Registry: Llandudno

[Save](#) [Cancel](#)

Suggested Records

 [1891 England Census](#)
Francis P Wye

 [England & Wales, Christening Index, 1530-1980](#)
Francis Piers Wye

 [England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975](#)
Francis Piers Wye

Only the image of the National Probate Calendar is given in Ancestry. Go to the <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>
Add the name and year making sure you select the right search at the top

[Wills and Probate 1996 to present](#)

[Wills and Probate 1858 – 1996](#)

[Soldier's Wills](#)

Search for the will or probate of any person in the UK who died between 1858 and 1996.

Surname

Wye

Year of death

1941

[Search](#)

Date of probate

Date of death

Surname

First name(s)

Registry

Folio Number [Folio Help](#)

[Add to basket](#)

Add in the details on the side if you wish to order the will.

Useful websites

<https://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/> For archdeaconry of Richmond probate indexes and some Archdeaconry of Chester probate records

<http://user.xmission.com/~nelsonb/lws.htm> Lancashire wills

www.findmypast.com Go to BMDs and then to wills and probates. Cheshire index there.

<https://www.library.wales/discover/library-resources/wills> Welsh wills

<https://www.york.ac.uk/borthwick/holdings/guides/research-guides/probate-courts/> Yorkshire wills

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/wills-1384-1858/>
 Canterbury wills 1384-1858

<https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate> Wills after 1858 Separate search for soldier's wills

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/5111/> England & Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/search/collections/1904/> England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1996

	Quiz Night Questions. Join us next time!
1	King George V broadcast the first Christmas Day radio message from Sandringham in 1932. Who was the author of the speech?
2	The asterisk (*) appears above which number on a standard keyboard?
3	At the mouth of which river do the castles Pendennis and St Mawes sit?
4	In which country was the Wikileaks founder, Julian Assange born?
5	In <i>The Flintstones</i> , what is the surname of Fred and Wilma's neighbours, Betty and Barney?
6	Preparing carpetbag steak involves cutting a pocket in the steak and filling it with raw what?
7	Which former US vice-president wrote and starred in the 2006 climate change documentary <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> ?
8	What is the connection between a vehicle's right and a football rule
9	The <i>Fire Monkey Trainers</i> , the most expensive pair of trainers in the world, were unveiled in 2016 with a retail price of how much?
10	What is the state capital of Arkansas?
11	In June 2020 which former prime minister of France was convicted of embezzling over one million euros in a fake jobs scandal?
12	What is the national animal of Scotland?
13	William Wordsworth said <i>a day spent in a round of strenuous idleness</i> about which activity?
14	Bath, Windsor and Barcelona are places that give their name to what type of furniture?
15	Located in London, William Booth College trains cadets in which Christian organisation?
16	What makes the statue, popularly known as Eros, in Piccadilly Circus the first of its type in the world?
17	What seven letter word in the English language does the following: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters mean somebody judged to be great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word?
18	Which TV drama, screened between 1986 and 2002 focused on members of Blue Watch based at the fictional Blackwall Fire Station?
19	Microsoft has recently (July/August 2020) held talks to buy which video-sharing mobile phone app from its Chinese owner ByteDance?
20	In the Looney Tunes cartoons series which character's only vocalisation is "Beep, Beep"?
21	A river with the same name flows through York and Lewes, what is the river's name?
22	Who was the second British Prime Minister of the 21st century?
23	The background of which European nation's flag is identical but reversed to that of Monaco?
24	What is the name of the Mars rover which was launched by NASA on 30 July 2020?
25	How many wives of Henry VIII were named C(K)atherine?
	Answers at the end. Next Quiz night 1 October 2020

What's New

[Findmypast](#)

[Wales Probate Records 1544-1858](#)

We've transformed this important collection to make it fully searchable. Until now, it was browsable page-by-page. Our improvements mean you can now search by names, years, locations and other family members.

[Caernarvonshire Parish Registers](#)

Do you have family from North Wales? Thousands of new baptisms, marriages and burials from Llanbeblig parish have been added to this collection. You can explore each record set separately to uncover the details behind the most important moments in your family's past.

[Denbighshire Burials](#)

We've added over 37,000 additional records from Wrexham Cemetery to this collection, perfect for tracing your Welsh ancestors' final resting places.

[Montgomeryshire Monumental Inscriptions](#)

What was written on your Welsh ancestor's memorial when they died? These records can reveal the details. We've added over 17,000 new entries to this collection.

[Scotland, Burgess & Guild Brethren Index](#)

This fascinating collection of occupation records has grown with over 60,000 additions. They include exclusive portrait photos you won't find elsewhere online.

Ancestry

New and Updated

UPDATED Norfolk, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1995	14/08/2020
UPDATED Norfolk, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1919	14/08/2020
UPDATED Norfolk, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1535-1812	14/08/2020
UPDATED Norfolk, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936	14/08/2020

FamilySearch

England	England, Essex Non-Conformist Church Records, 1613-1971	6,048
England	England, Lancashire Non-Conformist Church Records, 1647-1996	15,998
England	England, Manchester, Miscellaneous Records, 1700-1916	690
England	England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988	364,659
England	England, Shropshire Parish Registers, 1538-1918	12,193

The Genealogist

New Poll Book Records Released

21st August 2020

We have just released over 266,000 records into our ever-growing Poll Book Record Collection. This useful resource for family historians can be used to find the address of an ancestor's residence from the period before and after the census records. The newly released Poll Books range from 1747 to 1930 and join records that also cover periods between the census years.

Hounslow Lloyd George Domesday Records Released

7th August 2020

We have just released the records of **over 33,000 individuals** for the Hounslow area into our property ownership and occupancy record set: The Lloyd George Domesday Survey.

What's On

17th September 2020 Virtual meeting on Zoom with a presentation by Pauline Chapman “Why have I got that Surname” at 7.30pm

1st October 2020 Another Quiz night with Bernard on Zoom starting at 7.30pm

Society of Genealogists

Upcoming live online talks

16 September 2020. 12:00-13:00. £10:00 non-member £8.00 member

Cousins: The key to unlocking your genealogy – with Caroline Gurney

19 September 2020. 14:00-15:00. £10:00 non-member £8.00 member

Read all about it: Using Newspapers and Magazines in your Family History Research

With Simon Fowler

23 September 2020. 14:00-15:00. £10:00 non-member £8.00 member

Directories for Genealogists 1677-1977: Online and Archive Resources at SoG and Elsewhere

With Else Churchill

30 September 2020. 14:00-15:00. £10:00 non-member £8.00 member

Medical Provision for the Poor pre 1834

With Judy Hill

Genealogical Society of Queensland to host Exploring Irish Ancestry live seminar on 24 October

The seminar is open to members of GSQ (Early Bird Price is Aus\$ 50) and non-members (Early Bird Price is Aus\$65). Click the image or see <https://www.gsq.org.au/event/annual-seminar-irish-ancestry/> to register and purchase your ticket.

Please note that Early bird pricing ends on 30 September. Prices from 1 October will increase to Members \$Aus 60/ Non Members \$Aus 75.

9am

Zoom Room opens

9:30am – 10:30am

Past and furious: Ireland and its shaping of family history, with Jennifer Harrison

10:30am – 11:30am

Accessing Republic of Ireland archives & online collection, with Pauleen Cass

11:30am– 12:30pm

Irish land records, valuations and online collections, with John Grenham (pre-recorded)

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Lunch break

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Northern Ireland archives: PRONI and online collections, with Chris Paton (pre-recorded)

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Workhouses and poor law in Ireland, with Cathie Sherwood

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Irish Migration to Australia, with Helen Smith

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Drawing of raffles, lucky door prize, seminar round-up.

5:30pm – 6.00pm

Live Q&A with Chris Paton



Have you seen our website yet?

Designed as a virtual branch to make up for not meeting in person!!!

Help Desk	Chat	Speakers	Branch Notices
Queries	Blog	Videos	Branch Notices
Hints and Tips	Email Group	Articles	
CFHRC Online	Video Meetings	Pamphlets and Leaflets	
Look Ups	Facebook	Webinars	Tea and Biscuits
Useful Websites	Email Forum	Family History Courses	Quizzes Cartoons, and Fun
Online Resources			
LFHHS Name Search			Newsletters
Certificate Search			Newsletters 2020
Surname Interests			All Newsletters
Access to Pedigrees			

Look what's on offer!!!!

<https://www.lfhhschorleybranch.com/lfhhs-chorley-virtual-branch-all.html>

What's needed

Programme Secretary - The branch needs a new Programme secretary to develop a programme for 2020-21. Any skills members can offer or ideas for meetings are welcome.

Speakers Any suggestions for good speakers would be appreciated. Any good online articles or talks to add to our virtual site would be appreciated.

Sales Person

To purchase and control the sale of the acid free materials at the Centre.

Volunteers at the Research Centre

More helpers are needed to man the Chorley Family History Research Centre when it reopens.

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 home. Anyone able to index or edit images for this project, please contact Ron Chapman. *(on hold at present)*

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LFHHS Chorley Family History Research Centre. (Closed at present)

Website www.cfhrc.com

Appointments If open 01257 231600 If closed 01257 262028

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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. (Closed at present)

2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3LU 01254 239919

	Branch Online Quiz 3 September 2020	Answers to quiz below
	<u>ANSWERS</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
1	Rudyard Kipling	The king was very reluctant to broadcast but was persuaded by the prime minister Ramsay MacDonald who suggested Rudyard Kipling as speechwriter
2	8	
3	River Fal in Cornwall	
4	Australia	
5	Rubble	
6	Oysters	
7	Al Gore	
8	Offside	
9	4 million US dollars, approx.. £2.7m	The blue trainers are covered in hundreds of white diamond pieces and sapphires, set in 18-carat gold. Designed by Bicion and Mache Customs. They come with their own solid gold tag and custom display case with an 18-carat gold base and LED lighting.
10	Little Rock	
11	Francois Fillon	
12	The unicorn	
13	Golf	
14	Chairs	
15	The Salvation Army	
16	It is cast in aluminium, the first such statue ever made	Erected in 1893, the statue is actually of Anteros, the god of requited or selfless love, and tops the Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain to commemorate 7th Earl of Shaftesbury's philanthropic work, principally in replacing child labour with school education.
17	Heroine	He, Her, Hero, Heroine
18	London's Burning	
19	TikTok	
20	The Road Runner	
21	Ouse	
22	Gordon Brown	
23	Poland	Monaco's flag has two plain horizontal stripes, red above white. Poland's flag has the stripes white above red (but with a crest on the white stripe)
24	Perseverance	Sometimes nicknamed "Percy", manufactured by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for use in NASA's Mars 2020 mission. The rover was launched on 30 July 2020 at 7:50 a.m. EDT (11:50 UTC), and is expected to land on Mars on 18 February 2021.
25	Three	Catherine of Aragon, Catherine Howard, Katherine Parr