



Chorley News

Chorley Branch of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

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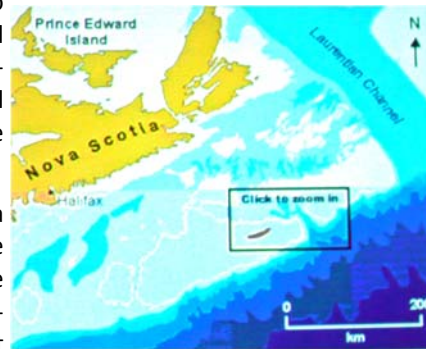
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April Meeting Andy Alston—Relatives in an Unexpected Place

In the UK 1871 Census John Pickering of Whitehaven has a wife called Eliza Ann from Sable Island, Nova Scotia. Sable Island is a tiny dot in the Atlantic, 26 miles long and 1 mile wide. It has no trees, but there is grass and berries and wild horses and it is a sand bar. It is dangerous to shipping and is the terminal murrain of an ancient glacier. There are 360 known ship wrecks in this area.



In 1801 the then Governor of Nova Scotia thought they should set up a life saving establishment on the Island. There is an 1845 marriage bond for John Pickering and Eliza Fenton . The Fentons went to many places including Country Harbour, Nova Scotia. Benjamin Fenton, who married Mary Ann Hodgson was the Superintendent of the Life Saving Establishment on Sable Island and had 10 children.

When they first went to the Island it was November and they had to cut hay for the animals and make a shelter for the supplies before building a prefab. house. The following September when a boat arrived there were 17 sailors as well as the family. They then built a boat from wrecks in the area so sailors could go back to Nova Scotia rather than stay on the Island.

John Pickering was a shipping officer for the British and North American Shipping Company, which became Cunard, and sailed to Nova Scotia. In a site on the internet Lilian Salsman had researched the Families of Country Harbour and in the entry about the Fenton Family 9 children are listed and then there is a note that, “ a girl who went to England and married Mr Pickering.” In fact they were married in St George’s Church, Country Harbour.



A great Aunt, Margaret Rigby was one of 14 children, 12 of whom lived. She married John William Briers in 1891 and they emigrated to Nova Scotia in 1902 from the coal pits of England to the Coal pits of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Many of the family followed him there. And Margaret's sister Amelia married Robert Hodgson, related to the Mary Ann Hodgson who married Benjamin Fenton.

What's on

Chorley Branch Masonic Hall, Cunliffe Street Chorley PR7 2EB

Thursday 16th May Brendon Clark Medieval Heraldry

Thursday 20th Jun Joseph O'Neill Crime City, Manchester

Chorley Centre Closed 27-31 May

Forthcoming Events

The Family History Show - York

22nd June 2019

10:00 - 16:30 The Knavesmire Exhibition Centre, The Race-course, York, YO23 1EX

The Genealogy Show NEC, Birmingham

7th-8th June 2019

Designed to bring the international genealogy world together, the event will be a great opportunity to network, learn and have fun.

With 48 different and exciting talks by experts and celebrities from around the world on a wide variety of themes, there is something for everyone. The Speaker programme includes Blaine Bettinger, Lisa Louise Cooke, Nathan Dylan Goodwin and Judy G. Russell.

Lancashire Archives

Wednesday 12th Jun In the Footsteps of the Daltons 2pm

Friday 14th Jun Family History Friday

Friday 14th Jun Your Archives: Ansdell Library 2p

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

AGM Conference

Will be on Saturday 8th June 2019

at **Rhyddings Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 3EP. £15**

Ian Waller 101 different Sources for Family Historians

Mike Winstanley Feeding the Industrial Revolution

Nick Barrett 'Family history and the media: behind the scenes of Who Do You Think You Are'

What's New

ANCESTRY

UPDATED Great Britain, Holocaust Records From The Religious Society of Friends, 1933-1942 (USHMM)	25/04/2019
UPDATED UK, Absent Voter Lists, 1918-1925, 1939	24/04/2019
UPDATED Midlands, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1955	24/04/2019
UPDATED United Kingdom & Ireland Historical Postcards, 1893-1963	24/04/2019
UPDATED England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916-2007	24/04/2019
Kent, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1914	22/04/2019
UPDATED Scotland and Northern Ireland, Death Index, 1989-2017	10/04/2019
UPDATED England and Wales, Death Index, 2007-2017	10/04/2019
UPDATED Norfolk, England, Transcripts of Church of England Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers, 1600-1935	04/04/2019
Cheshire, England, Parish Registers, 1538-1909	02/04/2019

FIND MY PAST

Scotland Monumental Inscriptions

Almost 65,000 additional records covering Aberdeenshire, Caithness, Kincardineshire, Dumfries & Galloway and the Tay Valley area have been added to our collection of Scottish monumental inscriptions.

Scotland, Burgess & Guild Brethren Index

Did your Scottish ancestors become masters of their trade? Uncover details of their lives with over 64,000 records spanning nearly 650 years of occupational records. Each transcript will reveal a combination of their occupation or trade, dates, locations and notable life events.

FAMILYSEARCH

FamilySearch Digital Library—<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

Did you know that, in addition to the millions of historical records FamilySearch publishes online each year from around the world, it also digitizes tens of thousands of family history-relevant books? These books contain published family histories and local histories. The new [FamilySearch Digital Library](#) has an enhanced search engine and a new user interface that makes searching fast and easy.

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*

Roots Tech London Registration for RootsTech London Now Open.

24-26 October 2019 ExCeL Centre, London

<https://www.rootstech.org/london>

Where can I buy a DNA test kit? & How much does a DNA test kit cost?

AncestryDNA - RRP £79, plus £9.99 standard shipping (7-10 days). £4.99 shipping per kit if more than one ordered.

FamilyTreeDNA - RRP US \$79 (Family Finder test), plus US \$12.95 shipping.

Living DNA - RRP £99, plus £9.95 standing shipping (5-7 working days). (There is an option to buy a Personalised Ancestry Book, £39, when buying a kit too)

You can purchase a Living DNA kit direct from the Family Tree store for the special price of £89.

MyHeritageDNA - RRP £75, plus £12 standard shipping (8-12 days). Free shipping if two or more kits are ordered in one go.

23andMe - RRP £79 (Ancestry Service test), plus £9.99 standard shipping (4-5 business days) - <https://www.family-tree.co.uk>

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Opening Times:

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

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