

Oldham and District Branch of the Manchester and
Lancashire Family History Society

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Branch News

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 11th February** and will be a talk given by Sid Calderbank on **Love and Romance in Victorian Lancashire.**

Sid is the chairman of The Lancashire Society and committee member of the Edwin Waugh Dialect Society. He has been researching, collecting and performing works in the Lancashire dialect for over 40 years.

Sid will entertain us with songs, stories and poems from 19th century Lancashire writers.

**This meeting will be held at 2pm in the Education Suite, Gallery Oldham.
(nearest tram stop - Oldham Central).**

Talks are free to Members but there is a charge of £2.50 to non-members

Newsletter

We currently send out 580 newsletters.

If you wish to contribute to this newsletter in the form of news, short articles or if you have any suggestions of what to include, please email me at

oldham_newsletter@mlfhs.org.uk

Also, if you have not subscribed to this newsletter and wish to do so please go on to the website- **<http://www.oldham.mlfhs.org.uk/>**

Use the tab named 'Newsletter' and press the drop down menu and complete the form. This will go directly to the subscribers' list and you will automatically get the next newsletter.

Local News

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN.

Phone: 0161 770 4654

Email: archives@oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Local Studies and Archives is run by Oldham Council and is not part of our society. The archives date from 1597 and cover an enormous range of subjects and activities. However it is advisable to check on the archives website for coverage. http://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200539/archive_collections

Monday 10.00am-7.00pm
Tuesday 10.00am-2.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-5.00pm
Thursday 10.00am-7.00pm
Friday 10.00am-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm

Staff will assist with family history enquiries at any time during the week but if you need extended one-to-one advice a family history expert is available between 2pm and 4pm every Monday and Wednesday. There is no need to book, just drop in.

Oldham Local Studies also has a selection of maps and books on sale.

Maps

Alan Godfrey Maps	
Bardsley 1906	£3.00
Chadderton 1907	£3.00
Daisy Nook 1933	£3.00
Failsworth and Hollinwood 1932	£3.00
Failsworth South 1931	£3.00
Lees 1906	£3.00
Lydgate, Roaches and Quick 1906	£3.00
Manchester and District 1896	£3.00
Moston 1933	£3.00
Newton Heath 1915	£3.00
North Chadderton 1932	£3.00
Oldham 1891 (Coloured Edition)	£3.50
Oldham 1907	£3.00
Oldham East 1907	£3.00
Oldham South 1906	£3.00
Oldham South West 1916	£3.00
Royton 1932	£3.00
Shaw and Crompton 1907	£3.00
Baines' Map of Oldham - b&w	£5.00
Baines' Map of Oldham - sepia	£5.00

Books

Ancestral File	£4.00
Chadderton Pubs	£4.50
Changing Face of Crompton	£2.00
Cheapside	£1.00
Chronicle of Crompton	£2.50
Cotton Mills of Oldham	£5.00
Crompton and Shaw Pubs	£4.25
Failsworth Pubs	£3.75
Ferranti First into the Future	£2.00

Field Guide to Roman Forts at Castleshaw	£1.00
From Riga to Rock Street	£6.99
GM 1914 First World War Stories	£5.00
History of Oldham Churches	£4.50
Images of Oldham	£2.00
Inns and Alehouses of Oldham	£5.25
Iron Men and Wooden Ladders	£9.99
Looking Back at Royton	£4.00
Melodrama, Mirth and Makebelieve	£4.50
Millscape Mansions	£2.00
My Oldham Story	£15.00
Oldham Beerhouses Part 1	£4.00
Oldham Beerhouses Part 2	£4.00
Oldham Brave Oldham <i>Hardback</i>	£15.00
Oldham Celebrates	£2.00
Oldham Corporation Transport	£16.95
Oldham RLFC	£12.99
Oldham RLFC in the 1950s	£20.00
Oldham. The Formative Years	£4.50
Royton Pubs	£3.75
Saddleworth Pubs	£5.00
Shadows	£1.00
Springhead and Lees Pubs	£3.75
When the Lights Come on Again	£2.00

Talks by Other Groups (which are not part of our society)

Chadderton Historical Society

Samuel Bamford

A talk by Morris Garratt at Chadderton Football Club, Andrew Street at 7.30 pm on **Thursday 2nd February**.

Saddleworth Historical Society

Saddleworth's Lost Serviceman of World War1

A talk by Ivan Foster at Saddleworth Museum at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 8th February**.

Oldham Historical Research Group

John Knight- Leader of the Oldham Contingent at Peterloo

A talk by Jeremy Sutcliffe at Oldham Local Studies and Archives at 7pm on **Wednesday 15th February**.

Moorside and District Historical Society

Meg Well Cottages-Hey Lane and the Platt Families of Sholver

An illustrated talk by Mike Smith at St Thomas' Church Lounge, Moorside at 7.30 on Monday 20th February.

If you know of a local history society that we haven't mentioned please let us know. If you are involved with a local history group please let your members know about our Oldham Branch meetings.

News about local war memorials

This has come from *War Memorial News*:

Two war memorials in Oldham have had their historic significance boosted following recent conservation work.

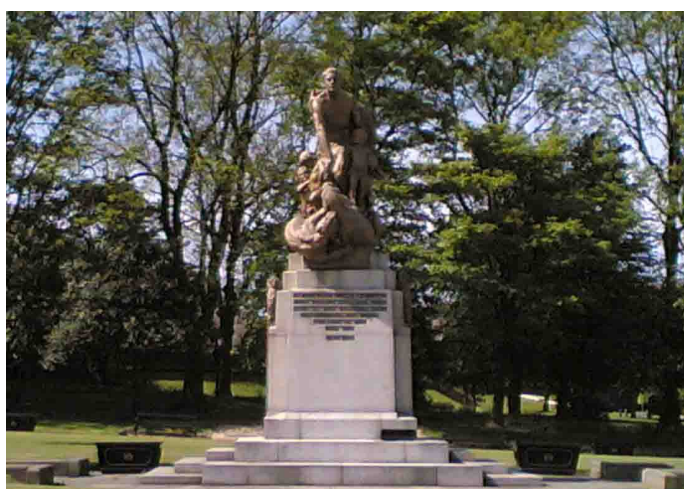
Historic England now consider the Oldham Town Centre and Crompton war memorials as "particularly important structures of more than special interest" and have upgraded them from Grade II to Grade II* listed.

Oldham's town centre war memorial, originally sculpted by Albert Toft and unveiled in 1923 was repaired in 2013 by the council and the Oldham Liaison of Ex Service Associations after a financial contribution was secured from War Memorials Trust.

The landmark sits close to several other listed buildings in the town centre, including Oldham Parish Church of Saint Mary with Saint Peter, which is Grade II* listed, and the Grade II listed old Town Hall.

Crompton War Memorial, in the Memorial Gardens in High Street, was sculpted by Captain Richard Reginald Goulden and was unveiled in April 1923.

Over the last few years the council has carried out £50,000 worth of works to make 16 war memorials safer and more accessible to the public.



Crompton war memorial

Society News

Saturday 4th February, 10.30am: Beginners Talk - Civil Registration

Jean Newman will explain Birth, Marriage and Death certificates in England and Wales, with brief mention of other parts of UK. Why certificates are important, how they were made and how to find them.

These talks are aimed at people new to family history research or those who simply wish to refresh their knowledge. Talks will normally be held in the Performance Space on the ground floor of Manchester Central Library on Saturday mornings from 10.30am until approximately 12.30pm. The talks are free to Society members but non-members are most welcome to attend for a small charge of £3.00 (refundable for anyone who joins on the day).

Booking is recommended and helps in planning. An online booking facility is available on our web site at www.mlfhs.org.uk (Click on the 'Eventbrite' link) or alternatively telephone us on 0161-234 1060 or e-mail office@mlfhs.org.uk

Anglo-Scots Meeting

Maps in Family History

A talk by Paul Hindle at Manchester Central Library at 2.00 pm on **Saturday 18th February**.

Benefits of membership

Are you a member of our society? If you are, don't forget to check our Member Only area on the MLFHS web page. Information is being added all the time. Here's what's available:

Name Database (new)

Search **all** the member area databases of personal names plus our strays and war memorial indexes - over 2 million names in all.

The following databases are available:

Miscellaneous Databases

A combined database from several data sets including Manchester Crematorium death notices, Army Deserters, Prestwich Asylum Inmates and Manchester Police Records. This is the database into which most new data sets will be included.

Index to Memorial Inscriptions

Index of some 302,000 names appearing on 82,000 memorials in 209 Manchester, Salford and Bolton burial grounds as well as graveyards further afield in Lancashire and Cheshire. Search results include full transcripts of memorials. Many of these memorials no longer exist, so these lists are the only places to see

them.

John Marsden has now completed the upload of the **memorial inscriptions** transcribed by the 19th century antiquary **John Owen** to the member area MI database.

These total nearly 40,000 memorials with over 160,000 names. These cover MIs not just in Manchester/Salford but many in Cheshire and Derbyshire and some as far away as Wales. There are images of Owen's original transcripts for each entry. Many of these memorials will no longer exist or will now be illegible, indeed, some of the graveyards may have also disappeared.

The database now contains over 120,000 memorials and over 460,000 names and there are still more on the way.

Thanks are owed to John Evans and his team of transcribers for this excellent resource.

Index to Burial Registers

Index to over 487,000 burials appearing in the burial registers for 47 Manchester, Salford and Oldham burial grounds. Search results provide full register details.

1851 Unfilmed Census

Searchable transcript to those parts of Manchester, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Salford, Oldham and Ashton-under-Lyne which were water damaged and not filmed (or for which the films are not readily readable) as transcribed by MLFHS volunteers. Provides full as-enumerated pages recovered.

Wesleyan Methodist Historic Roll

Searchable list of 17,826 signatories to the roll transcribed from Volumes 27 and 28 by Julie Davey.

1841 Street Index for Manchester and Salford

Provides HO107 piece and enumeration district details for 5,922 streets and named buildings in the Manchester and Salford census returns. Useful for street searches of online census records.

NEW 1934 Lancashire Street Atlas

A digitised street atlas for Lancashire with a searchable index of over 44,000 streets. Map pages displayed as pdf documents. Created by Ray Hulley with assistance from: Sharon Barbarez; Lesley Baxendale; David Birkmire; Trevor

James; Joseph Hilditch; Laura Lowsley; Helen Mulligan; Mildred Nasmith and Linda Whitaker.

All this is great value for £15.00 a year plus four copies of the Manchester Genealogist. You also get free admission to the Quarterly Meeting, all the Beginner Talks, all the Branch Meetings - Oldham, Bolton and Anglo-Scots. Plus access to the Forum and discount on Family History products and FMP subscription.

That's all for this month. We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. Thank you to those of you who have been in contact with us.

We value your comments.

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