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Family History Society

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Newsletter of the Oldham Branch Family History Society

Branch News

Meeting on the 9th March – Crooks and Coffin Ships, Quarantine and Cholera

The first talk of the season is presented by David Muil the chairperson of the MLFHS, an experienced maritime and family history researcher who will explore these themes with an illustrated PowerPoint presentation.

The meeting will start at 2.00 pm in the **Education Suite, Gallery Oldham**
Free to members (donation always accepted) and non-members £2.50
Council Car park is free for three hours on Saturday, but make sure you get a ticket

Wanted Committee members

*For the Oldham Branch
For this very publication*

Put your own stamp on it and help take us into the 21st Century

If you are interested see the web site for job descriptions and nomination forms

Sister Branch

Bolton Branch – Old Links Golf Club, Montserrat Room (1st Floor), Chorley Old Road, Bolton, see the website on MLFHS/Branches/Bolton for full details.

Meetings are at 7.30pm, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. There is a helpdesk before and after the meeting. Tea/coffee & biscuits available from 7pm. Drinks available from the bar.

6th March – Speaker Mark Campbell – **Pre-registration Scottish Research**

3rd April – Speaker Jackie Depelle – **Ideas for researching non-conformists**

Oldham Branch Mailbag

Joyce writes:

My name is Joyce and I live in Australia. I am sincerely hoping somebody in your group may be interested in my plight.

I have been searching for information on my great, great-grandmother's family for over 20 years. Last year I paid a Genealogist from the UK to search records in Lancashire for me. This cost me several hundred dollars and he only gave me info I already had. I could not afford to continue the search with him.

My wish is to locate her family and learn more about their lifestyle in Manchester, England.

Her name was Charlotte Shaw born abt. 1823 in Manchester Lancashire.

She was a Convict sent to Tasmania the ship "Tasmania" in 1844.

She came to Victoria, Australia in 1850's but did not register the Birth of my great-grandfather. We have not been able to find a Death for her in Australia.

1841 Census shows a possible family.

Elizabeth - mother.

Elizabeth sister and 3 brothers.

If you are interested in more info my family tree with Charlotte's details etc. is on Ancestry. Ancestry search...LVara1 or JOYCE'S TREE.

It has more detailed info

Our family has also had DNA testing through Ancestry and uploaded our results to GED match.

I am thinking we have connections to Maria Shaw born 28 August 1631, Almondbury who married John Haigh Huddersfield. We have DNA links to this family.

I am looking for family details pre.1844 in Lancashire, England.

I thank you for reading my email and hope someone in your group might know something of my family.

If you think you can help, contact the Branch and we will pass on Joyce's details.

Events at Other Societies not part of MLFHS

SADDLEWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY: -

Wednesday 13th March 2019, 7.30pm. At the Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth Historical Society has an Illustrated Presentation by Neil Barrow entitled "**Researching the Early Wrigley's**".

All welcome.

Society members free but a charge on the evening to non-members of £3. Refreshments available.

SADDLEWORTH CIVIC TRUST: -

Thursday 28th March 2019, 7.30pm. At Saddleworth Museum, High Street, Uppermill. Saddleworth Civic Trust has an Illustrated Presentation by David Allot entitled

"The Old Lady awakes- the Story of Wentworth Woodhouse - Past, Present & Future."

All welcome.

Society members free but a charge on the evening of £3 to non-members. Refreshments available.

The Society is organising a coach trip to Wentworth Woodhouse Estate on 18th May 2019. This evenings presentation is a precursor to the visit to Wentworth Woodhouse.

Moorside & District Historical Society Meeting

Monday 18th March 2019

Times Past

'American Civil War'

and the effect on Moorside
of the Cotton Famine.

an illustrated presentation

by Mike Smith

New Venue Moorside Cricket Club.

Turf Pit Lane, Moorside, Oldham.

7:30 p.m.; all are welcome.

£1-50 including refreshments

Note: No meeting in the summer break July & August + December.



Manchester Histories

Check out their website for latest updates on Peterloo, if you did not know it has been 200 years this year since that fateful date. They are looking for volunteers, if you want to be part of the festivities go to the website – *manchesterhistories.co.uk*

There will be a **Peterloo Big Weekend** 15-18 August 2019, with events, including the unveiling of the new Peterloo permanent public memorial produced by the artist **Jeremy Deller**.

There is also a new website: *peterloo1819.co.uk*

Family History Society of Cheshire

Tameside Group meets at the School Rooms of the Old Chapel, between the Church and the Astley Arms Pub. Usually, every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm admission £2 for non-members including refreshments. There is parking in front of the Chapel.

13th March speaker - Ian Cameron and the talk is:

A Wagon Train Journey to Salt Lake City

This was in the pioneering days of the opening up of the west of America and about his family's trek across America via Wagon in the 1840s

Manchester Victorian Society

Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M22 5NS £8 – no need to book

Tuesday 16th April – 7pm: speaker Elaine Taylor and the talk is

Gardens of Lord Leverhulme

Local News

Victoria Baths - Stained Glass at Victoria Baths

Victoria Baths was named "Manchester's Water Palace" when the Swimming Pool and Turkish Baths opened in 1906, with its stunning stained-glass windows, tiles and mosaic floors amongst its features. Built to provide washing and bathing facilities for local people, the Grade II* listed building is now wowing visitors from all around the world.

I thought it was time to update you on our Amazing Glazing [Crowdfunder](#) now that we're at the halfway point. Great news - we've raised a tremendous £3750 in pledges already and they're still coming in.

The National Archives

National Archives shop is having a sale 20% off on-line purchases

hello@national.archives-gov.uk

Find My Past

Updates include: 1939 Register 287,000 records have been added.

Brand New: Yorkshire Records including, Baptisms, Banns, Marriages, Burials

Records of the World – search for Caribbean Roots.

Ancestry

Updates include: British Alien Internees Records, England & Wales Probate 1967-72,

London Poor Law Settlements and Hospital Registers.

Family Search

New records on family search including

The first American census dated 1790

25 million new indexed records

The Genealogist

New Second World War Casualty Lists released

New Kensington and Chelsea 1910 Lloyd George Domesday Records with Maps

Oldham Archives and Local Studies

- ✚ Archives are unique, original documents created in the course of everyday activities.
- ✚ Oldham's archives date from 1597 and cover an enormous range of subjects and activities:
- ✚ Hospital records
- ✚ Poor Law Union records
- ✚ Coroners Court records
- ✚ Local Authority records including Chadderton, Crompton, Failsworth, Lees, Oldham, Royton and Saddleworth
- ✚ Schools and education records
- ✚ Records for statutory bodies like the police force
- ✚ Church and religious records
- ✚ Business records
- ✚ Solicitors and estate agents records
- ✚ Trade unions and associations records
- ✚ Co-operative Society records
- ✚ Sports, entertainment and leisure records
- ✚ Personal, family and property records
- ✚ Society and Association records
- ✚ Records of Oldham communities

It's free to look at the archives although you will need to bring proof of your name and address (e.g. your driving license).

Most archives can be produced immediately with no advance booking required. However, some archives are stored off-site so at least 2 days' notice is required to see them.

Other archives may be closed due to their fragile condition, or because they contain confidential information.

Local Studies and Archives, 84 Union Street, Oldham OL1 1DN

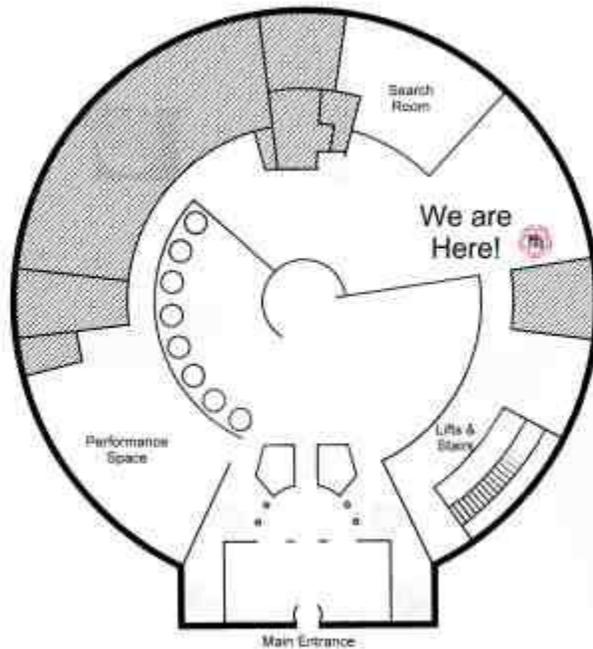
Tram link Union Street – opposite Sainsbury's

Telephone Number: 0161 770 4654 Email: archives@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Hours: @OldhamArchives

Don't forget if you hit a wall, the Society has a help desk at the Central Library

The MLFHS Family History Help Desk is located on the ground floor of Manchester Central Library at St. Peter's Square. Our location is on the far side from the main entrance as shown below.



The Help Desk is open every weekday, Monday to Friday, except for Bank Holidays, between 10.30am and 3.30pm.

Central Library is adjacent to the **St. Peter's Square Metrolink** station with direct services from Altrincham, East Didsbury, Eccles, Bury, Oldham, Shaw, Rochdale and Ashton under Lyne and simple connections from other lines.

Many bus services from South Manchester stop at the Oxford Street end of Portland Street, which is a five-minute walk from the library. Other services may arrive at Shudehill Interchange or Piccadilly Bus Station. Shudehill is about 15 minutes and Piccadilly about 10 minutes' walk from the library. There are Metrolink connections adjacent to both bus terminals.

If you can avoid coming by car then do! There is no parking at Central Library including disabled parking. There are several car parks in the vicinity, but parking charges are relatively high.

Other Society websites

Catholic Family History Society – www.catholicfhs.co.uk

Cheshire Local History Association – www.cheshirehistory.org.uk

Chadderton Historical Society – www.chadderton-historical-society.org.uk

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society – www.ifhhs.org.uk

Lancashire Local History Federation – www.lancashirehistory.org

Liverpool and South West Lancashire FHS – www.lswlfhs.org.uk

Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society – www.mlfhs.org.uk

Manchester Region Industrial Archaeology Society – www.mrias.co.uk

Oldham Historical Research Group – www.pixnet.co.uk/Oldham.hrg

Ranulf Higden Society (Latin transcription) – www.ranulfhigden.org.uk

Royton Local History Society – www.rlhs.co.uk

Saddleworth Historical Society – www.saddleworth-historical-society.org.uk

Tameside Local History Forum – www.tamesidehistoryforum.org.uk

The Victorian Society – www.victoriansociety.org.uk