



Three Victoria Automatic Knitting Machines worked by Blind Girls in one of the many Blind Institutions where the Foster Knitting Machines are used.

Taken from the advertising literature of W & J Foster (ref DDX 438/3/3)

A guide to records and sources for researching Disability History

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Introduction

Purpose of this guide

Disability may be visible or invisible. Disablement may exist from birth or occur to anyone at any point in their lives and may be the result of accident, injury, age, work, or pregnancy. Disability Studies is a relatively new discipline and the histories of disabled people remain to be discovered in our archives. This is an introductory non-exhaustive guide for anyone researching the lives of disabled people or attitudes towards them.

This guide was compiled between May and November 2012. It will be updated annually to include new acquisitions. You may wish to undertake further searches between revisions on LANCAT, our online catalogue (<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk>).

Many of the documents cited in this source guide were created by officials rather than disabled people themselves. If you know of any disabled individuals or Lancashire organisations that may be willing to deposit their records, please let us know and we will contact them. Similarly, please bring to our attention any other relevant sources that you may come across and they will be added to this guide.

Note on language

Some of the terms used in this source guide reflect the prevailing attitudes at the time of the creation of the documents. In many cases, these terms are now considered offensive and unacceptable.

Scope of this guide

The term 'disability' covers a wide range of conditions. For the purposes of this guide, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 definition of disability has been used as a point of reference. It defines disability where a person "has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities". For this reason, catalogue entries that do not imply a lasting impact have not been included e.g. references to broken limbs or wounding as it is probable that the individuals concerned did not suffer any long-lasting impairment or damage.

Restriction and access

Access may be restricted to some items and collections e.g. school log books, hospital records, as they contain sensitive personal data. If you are undertaking academic research, you may still be able to access these records, please ask for further information.

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If you feel that we can support you further in any way during your visit or in advance of it, please do not hesitate to let us know. Every effort will be made to accommodate you.

Massage.

MASSAGE or RUBBING :-

In Japan the blind men are used as "masseurs."

USE of RUBBING :-

1. To keep paralysed limbs in good condition, 2. For broken limbs in order to keep muscles from wasting. 3. In cases of nervous break-down to keep the body nourished.

Hands require lubricating with Vaseline, Olive, or Cod-liver Oil.

MOVEMENTS :-

1. Stroking or Effleurage :- this is for the skin chiefly.
2. Kneading or Petrisage :- this nourishes the deep muscles.
3. Rubbing or Friction :- often used about the belly.
4. Hitting or Tapôtément :- this stimulates the muscles to contract.

The effect of proper Massage is to encourage the removal of waste materials ("ashes") by causing the flow of good blood through the skin and muscles "Respiration of tissue".

Time varies, but about 10 minutes is usual. Avoid producing pain or over-doing it.

Always work in the direction of the blood i.e. from fingers to shoulders, and from toes to hips.

Note :- Paralysed limbs require very warm woollen clothing: sometimes even lined with cotton wadding.

Great precautions must be taken to avoid chilblains. Rub in Capsicum ointment or paint with Iodine in the early stage.

Electricity.

ELECTRICITY :-

Used often in nervous complaints, and for paralysis.

Apparatus used differs according to whether it is required to soothe the nerves, or make the muscles contract.

Apparatus :-

1. Electric Battery.
2. Electric Coil.
3. Handles or Electrodes with sponge at the end. These are often soaked in salt solution before use.

CAUTION :- Always try the current on yourself before using it on the patient, and begin very gently if dealing with a child. Length of time needed depends on doctor's orders.

Bed Sores.

BED SORES :- Every effort in Asylums must be made to avoid these :-

Patients in bed must be washed, and kept absolutely clean, and examined frequently to see that their skin is sound.

Prevention of Bed-sores :-

1. Frequent washing of skin with careful drying. Then rubbed with spirit and powdered; or zinc ointment applied.

"Back paint is often used at the R. A. A. to harden and dry the skin."

Composition :- equal parts of strong Lead lotion, and Tincture of Catechu.

2. All creases, or crumbs must be removed.
3. Prominent bony parts such as hips, heels, and elbows and shoulders must be watched and protected by air or water cushions or padding.
4. Position of patient's body to be frequently changed to relieve pressure.
5. When parts apt to get wet, vaseline or oil rubbed on is useful.

TREATMENT of a BED-SORE :-

Application of dressings of Collodion, Balsam of Peru, etc. as ordered by the doctor.

Notes on epileptic fits - dietary, nursing lectures, bedmaking, massage and electrical treatment, and bed sores (ref HRRRA/52/36)

1. Featured Collections

This section provides an at-a-glance guide to our key collections for disability history. Please also see Section 3: Useful Collections for further information on the types of records that may prove fruitful.

We would like to build our archive collections relating to disabled individuals or organisations run by or for disabled people. Please let us know if you know of any records that could be deposited with us.

Galloway's Society for the Blind, Preston (ref DDX 1767)

Committee and sub-committee minutes, 1867 – 1989; annual reports; photographs, 1980s-2006; financial records, 1895 – 1977; maintenance journals, 1943-1987

Royal Albert Hospital, Lancaster (ref HRRRA)

Reports, regulations and committee minutes, 1865 – 1980; patient records, 1871-1964; administrative records, 1856-1964; printed and manuscript reference material, 1842 – 1968; policy documents, 1915 – 1916; financial documents, 1864 – 1969; legal documents, 1867 – 1966; other records, 1863 - 1996

North Lancashire Leonard Cheshire Home (ref DDX 2876)

Minutes, 1967-1994; correspondence, 1967-1973; Leonard Cheshire Foundation, Handbooks of Care

Ashton-under-Lyne Society for the Blind (ref DDX 432)

Minutes, 1895 – 1951; ledgers, 1930 – 1948; registers, 1936 – 1973; case papers, 1943-1955; account books, 1935 – 1972; wages books, 1958 - 1971

Chorley and District MENCAP (ref DDX 867/49)

Yearbooks, 1988-1995 (not inclusive)

Colne Society for the Blind (ref DDX 752/62)

Photocopy minutes, 1938 – 1996; reports, 1903 – 1998; history of the society

Blackpool and Fylde Adult Deaf and Dumb Society (ref DDX 519/80)

Annual reports, 1935 & 1936

Blackpool and the Fylde Society for the Blind (ref CBBL/111/3-13)

Minutes, 1923 - 1978

2. Useful Collections

Many more stories of disabled people can be uncovered in our other archive collections. If you'd like to find out more about the background to records in our collections, please see the relevant section of the Bibliography.

The following collections repay closer attention:

Official records

Officialdom has always had an interest in the lives of the people it governs. By examining these records we can discover attitudes towards disabled people in society.

- *Quarter Sessions (refs QSP and QSB)*: As forerunner to the county councils, the Quarter Sessions had a wide range of responsibilities not least poor relief and settlement as evidenced by the wealth of surviving records that we hold. Individuals could petition the Quarter Sessions for relief or assistance and these documents can be found in the Quarter Sessions Petitions series (ref QSP) and also the Quarter Sessions Recognizances series (ref QSB). You can search these online by going to the 'Advanced Search' page of our online catalogue LANCAT (<http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk>) and selecting 'Quarter Sessions Petitions' or 'Quarter Sessions Recognizances' from the 'Look in...' drop down box.
- *County Council collection (refs CC and LCC)*, particularly but not exclusively minutes of: School Medical Sub-Committee: Defective Children Sub-Committee (ref CC/EMS), Camp Schools Sub-Committee (ref CC/EES/1), Special Schools Sub-Committee (ref CC/EES/2), Lancashire Mental Hospitals Board (ref CC/HBS), Health Committee: Welfare Service Sub-Committee (ref CC/HWM) and other health sub-committees, Public Health and Housing Committee: Blind Persons Acts Sub-Committee (ref CC/PJM), Social Services Committee (ref LCC/2/4, LCC/2/17, LCC/5/14), Advisory Sub-Committee for Adult Services (ref LCC/3/44), Special Education Sub-Committee (ref LCC/3/59 and LCC/3/61), War Pensions Committee (CC/WP). Also the records of the County Health Education Unit (ref CC/HEU), resolutions under the Blind Persons Act (ref CC/PJR), and summary booklets of county finance (ref CC/CCF/6).



"Testing Deaf Children" (ref CC/HEU/1/8)

- *County Borough Council, Municipal Borough Council, Rural and Urban District Council collections (various refs)*, particularly but not exclusively: Preston County Borough Blind Persons Act Committee (ref CBP/23), Preston Local Patriotic Fund Committee minutes (ref CBP 53/1), Burnley Blind Persons Act Sub-Committee (ref CBBU/63), Burnley Blind Workshop Sub-Committee Minutes (ref CBBU/64), Burnley Special Schools and Services Sub-Committee Minutes (ref CBBU/92), Burnley War Pensions Local Committee Letter Books (ref CBBU/120/12), Patriotic committee minutes, correspondence and other papers relating to the Haslingden Patriotic Fund (ref MBH/47/1). More generally, Medical Officer of Health reports outline the state of public health in a particular area. From 1890s if a new building was to be erected, building plans had to be submitted to the local authority: these are likely to be of interest for anyone wishing to research the history of a particular institution in the 20th century.
- *New Towns (refs NTC and NTSK)*: New Towns were established post-war to provide a focus for economic growth and to combat the dual problems of population overspill and housing shortage. Town planning for Central Lancashire New Town and Skelmersdale New Town included a 'Beech Tree House' special school and an adult training centre respectively.
- *School records* - We hold the records of a number of special schools including Broughton Tower Residential Special School (ref SMBG 3); Farnworth Open Air School, Widnes/Highfurlong School (ref SMBP 10); Hest Bank Camp School (ref SMBY/16); Stoneyhome Centre and Heasandford Special School (ref SMBY/28); Brunlea Special School, Burnley (ref SMBY/53); Blackamoor Special School: partially sighted

unit (ref SMBZ/8); Townhouse Day Special School (ref SML/21); Woodville Residential Special School (ref SMLN/4); Green Lane Special School, Ormskirk (ref SMOK/2); Belmont Special School (previously Stubbins Occupation Centre) (ref SMRA/10); Black Moss Special School, Skelmersdale (ref SMSM/11); Kingsbury Special School, Skelmersdale (ref SMSM/12); and Moorfield School (ref SMPR/65). References to 'backward' children may also be found in the log books of non-special schools. For further details, please contact us.

Health and charity records

Before the establishment of the welfare state in the 20th century, individuals and their families relied on private charities, the parish/township and later the Board of Guardians of the Poor to provide them with much needed support.

- *Parish and township records (various refs PR*)*: churchwardens' accounts and those of the overseers of the poor typically record payments made to individuals receiving relief, including payments during sickness. Constables accounts may also record disabled people being escorted through the parish to prevent them from settling and becoming a 'burden' on the parish rates.
- *Board of Guardians of the Poor collections (various refs PU*)*: after 1834, Poor Law Boards took over responsibility for the poor, the sick, and the elderly. Many elderly disabled people were sent to the workhouse as their families were often unable to support them in their old age. Many workhouses were later run by the National Health Service (NHS).
- *Hospital records (various refs HR*)*: Up to the 1980s, many disabled people spent their lives in institutions. We hold the records of a number of hospitals including the Royal Albert Hospital, Lancaster (ref HRRRA), Calderstones Hospital (ref HRCA), Brockhall Hospital (ref HRBC), Lytham Cottage Hospital (ref HRLY), and Rossendale General Hospital (ref HRRG).
- *Community Health Councils (ref CHC)*: Community Health Councils were set up by central government following re-organisation of the National Health Service in 1974. Their purpose was to represent the interests of the public in local National Health services and act as an independent watchdog for the NHS. The councils were made up of volunteers from various walks of life. They monitored National Health Services by carrying out research; visited NHS establishments to check on standards and recommend improvements; represented local public interests when changes to services were proposed; made their own proposals for improvements in services. They also provided advice and assistance to the public regarding local services and patient rights, and assisted and supported people with complaints about any NHS service.

- *Insurance Committee records (refs IC*)*: Insurance Committees were set up under the National Insurance Act 1911 to administer health insurance. The local administration of the Act, particularly in regard to the organisation of the "panel" system was placed in the hands of insurance committees. They had the duty of arranging medical benefit through local practitioners; and also sickness, disablement and maternity benefit for post office contributors, i.e., those who were not in any approved society. See also Preston Medical Committee (ref MCP)
- *Friendly Societies (various refs)*: these organisations existed to provide support (often to male members aged 18-30) in times of sickness, infirmity or burial in return for a weekly fee. We hold the records of a number of Friendly Societies including John Taylor's Friendly Society, Clitheroe (ref DDX 418), Walton-le-Dale Friendly Society (ref DDX 516), Garstang Friendly Society (ref DDX 1096/1), St Michaels-on-Wyre Friendly Society (ref DDX 1286), Independent Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity Friendly Society) (ref DDX 1804).
- *Charity records (various refs)*: despite the state taking a greater role in the provision of services to disabled people, many charities still exist to provide additional services or act as a campaigning organisation. We hold the records of Galloway's Society for the Blind (ref DDX 1767), Ashton Society for the Blind (ref DDX 432), the North Lancashire Leonard Cheshire Home, Garstang (ref DDX 2876), Thornton Cleveleys District Nursing Association (ref DDX 1975), and the Blackburn Personal Service Society (ref DDX 1772). See also records of the Charity Commissioners (ref AC).
- *Veterans' associations (various refs)*: These records are likely to be of limited usefulness although some of their members may have become disabled through conflict - as shown by a photograph of the DCM League taken in 1934 (ref DX 2064) which features a blind man. However, local organisations such as branches of the British Legion record payments made to injured servicemen and their families in times of major conflict, e.g. British Legion, Burnley Branch (ref DDX 1101/15).

Employment records

Disablement may occur through work. Some business collections contain accident books, sick club documents, or compensation records although many of these incidents are not necessarily instances of disablement e.g. the National Cola Board (ref NC ACC4972), Storey Brothers & Co, Lancaster (ref DDSY ACC10224 23 and 24), and the Port of Preston (ref DDPP/11/3).

Many collections of court records contain registers or files relating to the Workmen's Compensation Acts, particularly Accrington County Court (ref CYAC/2), Blackburn County Court (ref CYBN), Blackburn Hundred Petty Sessions (ref PSBL/4), Chorley County Court (ref CYCH/2), Rossendale Division Petty Sessions (ref PSRD/5/1), and St Helens Borough Petty Sessions (ref PSSH/3). Employers' associations such as the South-West

Lancashire Coal Owners Association (ref DDX 381) were set up to safeguard coal owners' interests in cases of claims for compensation in respect of injuries to, or the deaths of, workmen. In the same way, trade unions were interested in protecting the interests of their members such as the Lancashire Footwear Manufacturers Association (ref DDX 1187)

Other useful sources:

- *Census*: from 1851, the census included a column for specifying whether someone was blind, deaf or 'idiot'. By 1871 this information had expanded to include if 'Deaf-and-Dumb', 'Blind', 'Idiot', 'Imbecile' or 'Lunatic'. In 1911 these terms were replaced by the more general term 'Infirmity'. The census can be searched by the name of an individual or by address. Copies of 1851-1901 censuses are available to use on microfilm at Lancashire Archives. Alternatively you can search Find My Past or Ancestry free of charge in the searchroom of Lancashire Archives or in Lancashire Libraries.
- *Newspaper reports*: you may also be able to trace developments in the history of an institution by looking at newspaper reports. This is likely to be particularly important where records have not survived or are patchy. British Library 19th Century Newspapers (<http://newspapers11.bl.uk/blcs/>) are available to access free of charge in the searchroom of Lancashire Archives or in Lancashire Libraries. As the British Library site only contains a select few newspapers over a set period of time, you may wish to look at the newspapers for your local area which are typically available on microfilm at local libraries. Select your library from the drop down box and scroll down to section 11 <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries/services/local/guide.asp>

3. Specific document sources

The following references are in collections other than those mentioned above.

Where search terms have given no relevant results, this has been indicated in the relevant section. Some searches have been undertaken using the stem of a word with a wildcard (*) to maximise the returns. Little effort has been made to search non-modern spellings therefore you may wish to undertake further searches that are outside the scope of this guide.

Within each section, the items have been listed in document reference order. You will need to quote this reference if you wish to view the original documents when visiting Lancashire Archives. To save space and to emphasise the relevant part of the entry, some particularly lengthy entries have been trimmed down. The use of ellipsis (...) marks this. Please refer to LANCAT, our online catalogue, or our paper catalogues for further details of these collections. Please be aware that references to the same document may be picked up multiple times by different search terms.



Letters Patent of Henry VIII granting the custody of Richard Hulton, an idiot, to his wife Elizabeth and his kinsman, Thomas Hulton (ref DDHU/53/12)

GENERAL TERMINOLOGY

The terms used in this section are those that may have been used to refer to disabled people as a group in the past or ideas/policies that have been applied to disabled people.

The following terms have been searched and results are displayed below: backward, defect/defective, deficient/deficiency, deformity, disability, disabled, disablement, fatuity, feeble, handicapped, idiot, imbecile, impotent, invalid, maim, mobility, non compos mentis, paralysis, remedial, special education, special needs, sterilisation

The following terms give some relevant results but have not been included for reasons of space:

Crutch ('crutch*'), disorder ('disorder'), epilepsy ('epileptic*'), MS ('sclerosis'), orthopaedic ('orthop*'), palsy ('palsy'), spastics ('spastics')

Search terms giving no relevant results include: abnormal, blue badge, bsl, cretin*, degenerative, disfigur*, eugenic*, fool, hook, hooked, impair*, mongol*, moron*, prosth* [prosthetic, prosthetics], subhuman, sign language, simpleton*, stammer, stutter, wither*

Backward:

Search term 'backward':

SMLA/2/4

Log book (mixed)

Apparently boys initially, then girls also after Sep 1875; some information on infants included, also a note about backward children at front of book
Apr 1874 - Aug 1890

Defective:

Search terms 'defective', 'defect', and 'defects':*

DDX 76/9

Book of news cuttings

(principally Australian) on medical subjects, especially vaccination, the first World War (including articles by Professor Berry on 'Newer Imperialism'), cricket, tennis, and (1932) on sterilization of mental defectives
1909-1916, 1932

PR 3196/2/10

Correspondence

re use of vestments at services at Calderstones, "the new institution for mentally defective persons"
bndl
1921

Deficiency:

Search terms 'deficient' and 'deficiency':

DDX 76/10

Book of news cuttings

At first mainly political (including further instalments of `Newer Imperialism') and later mainly concerned with mental deficiency

1916-1934

DDX 1655/1

'Twelfth Annual Report to the Lancashire Inebriates Acts Board and Mental Deficiency Acts Committee with Financial Statement for the 15 months ending 31st March 1916'

of the Lancashire Inebriates Reformatory, Brockhall, Langho, near Blackburn

1 item

1915-1916

Restricted access for 100 years

PSDa/13/8

Papers relating to the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938, including case reports and notes, and detention order

1947-1950

Disability:

Search term 'disabil':*

DDKE/HMC/1069

The Method for settling the Poor, taken at [Kanvair], in the County of Flint.

"...3. The allowed poor were divided into 3 classes:--(1) Persons of age, able to worke. (2) Children fit for service. (3) The impotent poor, disabled by youth, old age, or any other disability...
23 Nov 1698

DDX 177 ACC11231
Box 1

Survey of Supported Employment in the North West

Employment Services for people with learning disabilities

1995

DDX 971/1/11

Letter from the Ministry of Pensions to Alfred Wilde, informing him of his disability assessment

1920 8 May

DDX 1863/acc7325/box
49-50

**Correspondence; Sickness and Invalidity
Society**

Correspondence re-lectures to be held 1915 - 1918; Sickness and Invalidity Society: Notice of Committee Meetings Apr 1915, Jun 1914, Accounts Jul 1912 - Jan 1914, Benefits paid for sickness, disability and maternity Aug - Dec 1916, Statements of grants paid to wives and dependents of members serving in forces 1915 - 1918; Colne, Nelson, Burnley and Blackburn billiards league, results and correspondence 1915-1921; File on institute entertainments incl. booking of artists, flower and vegetable show 1915-1938
20th cent

PLA/14/19

Pensioners' Books

These volumes also provide personal details and particulars of causes as well as 'Nature of Wounds, Injuries and other Disabilities'. Indexed

SMWA/3/Acc10492/Box3

**Brownedge St. Mary's Royal Catholic School
(later Brownedge St Marys RC High School and
Sports College)**

...5. European Schools and Colleges Competition, [including work in the community with people with disabilities], 1987 - 1 volume

Disabled:

Search term 'disabled':
DDKE/5/256

**Petition: Churchwardens and overseers of
Burnley to Sir Raphe Ashton and the rest of the
commissioners - relief of John Whittaker,
disabled by a fall of earth in the King's mines at
Theeveley**

Rec. Soc. schedule 104.
nd c1632-1633

DDKE/HMC/1069

**The Method for settling the Poor, taken at
[Kanvair], in the County of Flint.**

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23 Nov 1698

DDSP/77/6

"European War 1914"

Including correspondence from other local authorities and central government; including the County Relief Committee; circulars; list of "Occupations for maimed Soldiers and Sailors" and other material relating to the employment of disabled soldiers and sailors; Daylight Saving pamphlets, Belgian Relief Fund; war damage and air raids; printed notice regarding the importance of restricting the consumption of meat due to shortages

1 file

1914-1919

DDX 875/4/6

Certificate under the National Scheme for Disabled Men

[1920]

DDX 1010

Holme Hostel for the disabled

11 Jan 1984 - 23 Mar. 1987

DDX 2309/1/23

James Townley

Award notice of war disablement allowance from 26 Oct 1945 at 8s 8d per week on the grounds of bronchitis and adherent pleura, with official forms and leaflet on war pensions for disabled ex-servicemen; also includes undated letter from Ministry of Pensions regarding issue of the King's Badge for persons disabled as a result of war service, and a further award notice dated 25 Jul 1947 regarding revised rates of disablement allowance following a medical examination 8 Oct 1945

DDX 2696 ACC10413

Bacup Inskip League of Friendship – uncatalogued accession

Register of disabled members 1958-1973

DDX/2807/7/3

'Final Sketch Plan of proposed public toilets for South Ribble District Council'

showing male, female, and disabled toilets. With notes on fixtures to be used

1 item

Sep 1978

DDX/2860/ACC10981 **Papers of Bren Cook, youth worker --
uncatalogued accession**
'Policies on the employment of disabled people',
1999 produced by LCC;

MBN/14/acc10805 **Higher Croft Methodist Church, Blackburn –
uncatalogued accession**
copy of lease of trustees to Blackburn Disabled
Friendship League, 1973;

PR 3069/4/58 **Faculty concerning pews, church lounge,
kitchen area, disabled toilet, chancel screen
and ramp**
1984

Disablement:

Search term 'disablement':

DDX 1115/5/26 **Papers relating to Blackburn and District
Disablement Committee including minutes;
secretaries' reports and Ministry of Labour
publications and circulars**
Mar 1963 - Sep 1965

DDX 2309/1/23 **James Townley**
Award notice of war disablement allowance from
26 Oct 1945 at 8s 8d per week on the grounds of
bronchitis and adherent pleura, with official forms
and leaflet on war pensions for disabled ex-
servicemen; also includes undated letter from
Ministry of Pensions regarding issue of the King's
Badge for persons disabled as a result of war
service, and a further award notice dated 25 Jul
1947 regarding revised rates of disablement
allowance following a medical examination
8 Oct 1945

DDX 2309/1/25 **James Townley**
Final award notice of disablement gratuity and
weekly allowance from 7 Jul 1948
21 Jun 1948

Handicapped:

Search term 'handicapped':

DDX/177/30/21

**Programme of the visit of Her Royal Highness
The Duchess of Kent**

To Carr Hill County Secondary School, Kirkham; St Joseph's Hospital, Preston; Urban District Council Offices, Huyton; Huntley and Palmers Biscuit Factory; Huyton Quarry Manor Old People's Hostel; Rainhill Hospital and Home for Mentally Handicapped Children of the National Association for Mental Health, Orchard Dene, Rainhill on 22nd and 23rd July 1958.

1 item

1958

DDX 492/4/3

**Designed 1954; made later and sold in London
for the benefit of mentally handicapped
children**

1971

DDX 492/5/3

**Designed 1954 and later sold for the benefit of
mentally handicapped children**

1971

DDX 1291/19

**Blackburn and District Society for Mentally
Handicapped Children and Adults (MENCAP)
Year Book**

1987

DDX 2081

Miscellaneous records

Yearbooks of Morecambe and Lancaster Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults (Mencap)

1972-92

PR 2972/10/2

**Copy of agreement to permit use of hall by
Borough as Social welfare centre for
handicapped**

1951

SMWA/3/Acc10492/Box4

Box 4

..5. "Project Respond" - various projects including, creche for shopping mothers, ramp for

wheelchairs, mechanical aids for the handicapped (1981); community service, working with a special school (1987); improving the environment, sandpit, floating platforms (1986) - 3 volumes

Idiot:

Search term 'idiot':*

DDHU/53/12

Letters

Patent of Henry VIII granting the custody of Richard Hulton, an idiot, to his wife Elizabeth and his kinsman, Thomas Hulton. Paying yearly £10. Seal.

20 Jan. 1532/3

DDK/1413/1

The King to Thomas Earl of Derby, Sir George Stanley, Knight, Lord Strange, Sir Thomas Woolton, Knight, and others.

Commission to enquire of the idiotcy of Richard Hilton, son and heir of William Hilton, Esquire, returnable in the Chancery of Lancaster.

20th Novembers, 9 Henry VII., A.D. 1493

20th November 1493

DDX 752/87/6

A "True list of all LUNATICS, IDIOTS, and other Persons of Unsound Mind, chargeable to the Common Fund of the Burnley Union.."

With names and ages, addresses of those living with relatives and lists of those at the County Asylums at Lancaster, Prestwich and Whittingham, with weekly cost and length of time supposed to be of unsound mind

1 sheet

1877

DDX 2743/MS1102

Draft answers to questions on the application of the Trustees of Heysham's Charity relating to the approval for the sale of part of Greaves Estate to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum'

2 items

1865

DDX 2743/MS1103

Copy of questions and answers on an application for approval of the sale of land by Heysham's Charity to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum'

1 item
1865

- DDX 2743/MS1106 **Draft resolution of the Trustees of Heysham's Charity for the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum'**
1 item
8 Aug 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1115 **Letter from the Charity Commission declining to approve a sale to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by the Heysham's Charity**
1 item
26 Oct 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1116 **Names of a committee who reported on a proposed sale of property to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by the Heysham's Charity**
1 item
27 Oct 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1119 **Letter from the Charity Commission relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity**
With notices
1 item
4 Nov 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1120 **Copy of a declaration by James Hartley relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity**
1 item
24 Nov 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1121 **Draft letter to the Charity Commission relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity**
1 item
24 Nov 1865
- DDX 2743/MS1122 **Copy of letter to the Charity Commission acknowledging authorization to sell property to**

**the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by
Heysham's Charity**

1 item

2 Dec 1865

DDX 2743/MS1123

**Letter from Mr Sharp asking Swainson and Son
of Lancaster for an abstract of title to land to be
sold to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by
Heysham's Charity**

1 item

5 Dec 1865

DDX 2743/MS1125

**Draft abstract of the title of the Trustees of
Heysham's Charity to part of Greaves Estate,
Scotforth, Lancaster to be sold to the 'Northern
Counties Idiot Asylum', 1725-1865**

1 item

1865

DDX 2743/MS1127

**Draft queries on title of Heysham's Charity to
an estate to be sold to the 'Northern Counties
Idiot Asylum'**

1 item

Jan 1866

DDX 2743/MS1142

**Copy of a draft of a conveyance of part of
Greaves Estate, Scotforth, Lancaster to the
'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's
Charity**

1 item

25 Apr 1866

HRW 12/1/02736

Reception Order

Patient's details:

first name(s): John

surname: Jarvis

occupation: no occupation

age: 10

of/transferred from/chargeable to: transferred from
Walton Workhouse

previous address: 47 Uxbridge Street, Wavertree,
Liverpool

notes: includes a letter from Whittingham stating
that John should be discharged to the idiot asylum

at Lancaster. Dated 5 Jan 1880
2 Aug 1879

PR 3189/2/23

Caveat entered by "- Penington and the Overseer of Little Leigh" against any marriage licence being granted to Mary Urmson of Little Leigh or Aston on the ground of "idiotcy or imbecility of mind"
1826

SMLR/1/2/2

The Ripley Celebration Fund
Illuminated address recording a meeting of the subscribers to the Fund and their agreement that the surplus be used for the founding of an "Idiot Asylum for the Northern Counties" in the neighbourhood of Lancaster
5 Dec 1864

Imbecile:

Search terms 'imbecility', and 'imbecile'*

DDX 162/04/15

**Prescot Union Workhouse [Prescot]
Lancashire: No. 3, plan F, first floor plan and front elevation of general hospital and imbecile wards, first floor plan of boys' and girls' dormitories, and sections. Scale: 1" to 8'**
Type: Workhouse
Client: none given
Signed by: Culshaw and Sumners
Other people mentioned: none given
Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington Road at Whiston in 1842-3.
1 plan
Sep 1871

DDX 162/04/17

**Prescot Union Workhouse [Prescot]
Lancashire: No. 3, plan E, ground floor plan of general hospital and imbecile wards, and ground floor plan of boys', girls' and infants' dayrooms, school rooms and dormitories. Scale: 1" to 8'**
Type: Workhouse
Client: none given
Signed by: Culshaw and Sumners
Other people mentioned: none given
Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington Road at Whiston in 1842-3.

1 plan
Sep 1871

DDX 162/04/18

**Prescot Union Workhouse [Prescot]
Lancashire: No. 3, plan G of general hospital
and imbecile wards, back elevation, section,
second floor plan and roof plan. Scale: 1" to 8'**

Type: Workhouse

Client: none given

Signed by: Culshaw and Sumners

Other people mentioned: none given

Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington
Road at Whiston in 1842-3.

1 plan

Sep 1871

DDX 162/34/16

**Prescot Union Workhouse, Lancashire: Plan C,
no. 3, back elevation and second floor plan of
general hospital and imbecile wards, elevation
of outbuildings. Seal of Local Government
Board attached. Scale: 1" to 8'**

Type: Workhouse

Client: none given

Signed by: W Culshaw and Son

Other people mentioned: Sam Warburton

Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington
Road at Whiston in 1842-3.

1 plan

Oct 1871

DDX 162/34/17

**Prescot Union Workhouse, Lancashire: Plan B,
no. 3, front elevation and first floor plan of
hospital and imbecile wards, first floor plan and
sections of boys' and girls' dormitories. Seal of
Local Government Board attached. Scale: 1" to
8'**

Type: Workhouse

Client: none given

Signed by: W Culshaw and Son

Other people mentioned: Sam Warburton

Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington
Road at Whiston in 1842-3.

1 plan

Oct 1871

DDX 162/34/18

Prescot Union Workhouse, Lancashire: Plan A, no. 5, ground floor plans of general hospital and imbecile wards and boys', girls' and infants' day rooms, school rooms and dormitories. Seal of Local Government Board attached. Scale: 1" to 6'

Type: Workhouse

Client: none given

Signed by: W Culshaw and Son

Other people mentioned: Sam Warburton

Prescot Union workhouse was built on Warrington Road at Whiston in 1842-3.

1 plan

Oct 1871

DDX 162/69/50

Toxteth Park Workhouse: Lavatories and bathroom to imbecile wards, plans, elevations and sections. Scale: 1" to 6'

Type: Workhouse

Client: none given

Signed by: Culshaw and Sumners

Other people mentioned: John Hook [bricklayer]

Toxteth Park workhouse was on the southwest side of Smithdown Road, adjoining the eastern side of Toxteth Park cemetery. The buildings have been demolished.

1 plan

Dec 1867

ARR/10/3/p84

Curation Bond

Curation bond for [Isabella] Suart, spinster to care for her father John Suart through his mental imbecility, his wife Prudence having died

See also WRW/R379b/32 PRUDENCE SUART, WIFE OF JOHN 21 MAY 1805

Jul 1805

ERR/10/3/p75, 77, 90-91

Administration papers

Administration and curation bonds for June Thompson of Greysouthern, Brigham widow to administer the goods of John Piper of Greysouthern, Brigham, yeoman and to be curatrix of Ann Piper widow of John, during her mental imbecility, together with an appointment of administrator

See also WRW/R278A/29 JOHN PIPER, YEOMAN 11 DEC 1806

1806

PR 3189/2/23

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1826

Impotent:

Search term 'impoten':*

CBP/79/36

Will of Bartholomew Worthington of Preston, shoemaker

Principal bequests as follows:

...3. His wife, within one year of his death, is to cause to be built upon the town's waste near Fishergate Barr one almshouse containing two lower rooms and one upper room for poor, impotent and decrepit persons to inhabit and after the death of his wife and death of the persons placed there by her, the Mayor of Preston to place in their rooms as he shall see fit according to the intention of the donor...

18 Dec 1663

DDKE/HMC/133

Letter from: Thomas Mort to George Rigby, Clerk of the Peace - concerning relief for James and Margaret Mather of Astley.

There is in Astley one James Mather (?) and Margaret his wyffe, beinge a verie poore, aged, and impotent couple: and my father, in his lyfe tyme, did, in charitie, give them house roome in a peece of buildinge (called a kitchin) belonging to a house of his; they beinge soe poore that they are not able either to pay rent or keep it in repaire. I could never else bee content to give them houseroom, still soe I might not incurre anie danger thereby; but if I cannot doe it without danger, I must turne them upon the parish to provyde them house room." Begs the Court will grant him licence "for a cottage," to continue for as long as "poore people of the parish of Leigh should inhabit therein."

Jan 1631-1632

DDKE/HMC/1069

The Method for settling the Poor, taken at [Kanvair], in the County of Flint.

'...3. The allowed poor were divided into 3 classes:-
-(1) Persons of age, able to worke. (2) Children fit for service. (3) The impotent poor, disabled by youth, old age, or any other disability...

"The impotent poor were also quartered among the parishoners, each in his own neighbourhood, the parish being divided, as before, into as many parts as there were impotent poor, and some places into larger divisions, where 2 or 3 poor are to be quartered together.

"As it sometimes happened, where more than one impotent poor were in the same family (sic), none of the impotent poor are to wander out of their limits, but are to be maintained wholly in their own quarters, and to be employed in anything they are capable of, by their benefactors.

"By this means the parishoners find some service done them, even by many of the impotent poor, and more then they had before from all the numerous company of beggars putt together. The impotent poor are about 20."

23 Nov 1698

DDPD/26/18

Assignment by Leonard Tailyor, son of Rolande, of Fynsyke, to his sister Margret Tailyor - messuage and tenement which was Rolande Taylyer's, at Fynsyke - in return for a convenient bedroom in the house during life of L.T., as he was impotent and lame and not able to labour.

20 Jul. 1588

Invalid:

Search term 'invalid'*

NB It is not clear from some of these entries whether 'invalid' refers to a permanent condition or temporary illness.

ARR 11

Marriage Bond

Groom surname: Singleton

Groom forename(s): John

Bride surname: Rauthmell

Bride forename(s): Margaret

Notes: Bondsman Joseph Dodgson of Lancaster, Flax Dresser. 'Also Margaret Goodday (Wife of John Goodday and Aunt of the said Margaret Rauthmell) appeared personally, and she and the

said John Singleton jointly made oath that George Rauthmell, Father of the said Margaret Rauthmell was in Lancaster aforesaid within the space of a year last past and knew of the said intended marriage, and did give his consent thereto, but that he being an invalid soldier and a pensioner of Chelsea Hospital, these deponents do not know where he now resides'.

04/02/1760

DDBL/acc6519/1918/12

Letter

...heard from Governors yesterday, he is going to be invalided from the army, but hopes to get another job in the Spring; ...

13 Jan 1918

DDKE/1/1/155/20

Letter from George Kenyon, Hoylake, to Lady Kenyon at Lincoln's Inn, London

...your last letter we hoped brought a tolerable account of the patient invalid, who's illness has lasted beyond all conception; ...

3 July 1798

DDKS/37/8

Autograph Letter Signed of Elizabeth Gaskell to Lady Kay-Shuttleworth, at Plymouth Grove

... offering support as a "corresponding member" of the Establishment for Invalid Gentlewomen; ...

7 Apr 1853

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1853

DDPK/33/32

Papers relating to the St. Helens Crippled Children's and Invalid's Aid Society

1939-1944

DDWH/4/23

N. Bishop, Roby to Mrs. Whitaker, Roe Field near Clithero

Testimonial for a servant who is leaving - riotous election at Preston - their farm is prosperous - Sarah again an invalid

26 Oct. 1812

DDX 1193/8

Invalid soldier with young brother

Aug 1917

DDX 1863/acc7325/box
49-50

**Correspondence; Sickness and Invalidity
Society**

Correspondence re-lectures to be held 1915 - 1918; Sickness and Invalidity Society: Notice of Committee Meetings Apr 1915, Jun 1914, Accounts Jul 1912 - Jan 1914, Benefits paid for sickness, disability and maternity Aug - Dec 1916, Statements of grants paid to wives and dependents of members serving in forces 1915 - 1918;

DDX 1863/acc7325/box
56

Minute Books and Rules; Miscellaneous

Weekly committee meetings, 4 Sep 1912 -8 Jul 1914, 4 Sep 1918 -27 Oct 1920;
Rules ... 6. Nelson and District Powerloom Overlookers' Trade Union and Sickness and Invalidity Society; revised 1912,

DDX 2381/2/14

Letter

Letter from T.H Haworth "Attendant Workhouse Blackburn"
... says with the football season restarting Blackburn Rovers had beaten Manchester City 1:0 the previous Saturday, refers to seeing at the match "a lot of soldiers, men who had been invalidid or wounded, Blackburn is full of them now"; ... says a Joe Baron has come home invalided from the militia.
24 Sep 1901

DDX 2744/6/8

Report of Lancaster League of Help, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Invalid Childrens Aid Association

Sep 1939 - Oct 1945

W/RW/C/R275B/34

Probate records

Testator's name: CHARLES BURNEY
Occupation/status: INVALID SOLDIER
Minor place: Not given
Township: WHITEHAVEN
Parish: ST. BEES
County/Country: CUMBERLAND
Other information: None

Contents: A,

Where:
A = Administration bond
18 JUL 1807

Maim

Search term 'maim':*
DDHK/2/1/1

Papers of James Parker as High Constable for Leyland Hundred

Bundle of papers of James Parker as High Constable for Leyland Hundred, including records of relief for plague victims and maimed soldiers, papers relating to poor relief,
16 Aug 1616 - ca.1724

DDKE/9/14/4

Letter from Ed Bridgeman, Sonkey - concerning the collection of money for the relief of maimed soldiers and the prisoners in the Marshalsea
8 Jul 1632

DDKE/9/15/36

Letter from Adam Morte - asking if he has been appointed treasurer for the maimed soldiers
9 Jun 1633

DDKE/9/16/14

Letter from Sir Gilbert Hoghton, Walton - request to signify to Mr Radcliff that William Willson of Bleasdale is entitled to a pension as a maimed soldier
12 Aug 1633

DDKE/9/21/39

Letter from Nich Mosley, Ancoats - asking if he was elected treasurer for the maimed soldiers
30 Jul 1638

DDKE/9/39/27

Letter from Humphrey Marler, Manchester - asking for copy of sessions order appointing him Treasurer for Maimed Soldiers
1 May 1668

DDKE/Box 122/1/f.141

Richard Holland to Richard Assheton, High Sheriff of Lancashire - Manchester.--For answer to the late letter from Council touching the execution of the Act for the relief of aged and maimed soldiers, states that the sum directed

was duly rated on the different parishes, but that, as yet, no soldiers have come to demand the benefit of the Act, with proper certificates from the "generalls or captaynes" under whom they served, though divers soldiers not so furnished have applied for relief.

Calendar of a page from a memorandum book
reference DDKE/Box 122/1
26 Oct 1593

DDSP/77/6

"European War 1914"

Including correspondence from other local authorities and central government; including the County Relief Committee; circulars; list of "Occupations for maimed Soldiers and Sailors" and other material relating to the employment of disabled soldiers and sailors; Daylight Saving pamphlets, Belgian Relief Fund; war damage and air raids; printed notice regarding the importance of restricting the consumption of meat due to shortages

1 file
1914-1919

DDX/2510/1

Copy formulary for tax collection in the County of Lancaster, 1583, listing and defining six taxes to be collected:"The Subsidy, The Fifteen, The Ox Ley, The Maimed Soldiers Ley, The Prisoners Ley and the Soldiers or County Ley";copy made by Thomas Mayoh of Haslingden Grain

1768

PR 2030

Letter: Rich Houghton to the Churchwardens of Poulton

Asking for payment of the money £7.7.4 for the relief of maimed soldiers
9 Aug. 1674

PR 2863/4/16

Padiham subscription for maimed, widows and orphans of Trafalgar

5 Dec. 1805

Non compos mentis:

Search term 'mentis':

DDGE(E)/451

Mr Robert Gerard's Case (re Sir Thos Gerard Baronet non compos mentis); Mr Booth's Opinion - and Directions

Jan 29 1770

Paralysis:

Search term 'paraly':*

DDX/177/30/25

Programme of the visit of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

To Maghull Grammar School; Town Hall, St Helens; Cowley Hill and City Road Works, Pilkington Brothers Limited; St Helens YMCA; Lytham St Annes Town Hall; Infantile Paralysis Fellowship's Northern Lantern Hotel; Blackpool Town Hall; Imperial Hotel; Mary Macarthur Holiday Home for Working Women, Poulton Le Fylde; Accrington Town Hall and St Christopher's Church of England Secondary Modern School on 27th, 28 and 29th November 1958.

1 booklet

1958

RCHY/5/1/92

To JH commenting on witnesses Peggy Winterbotham and Thomas Charnock, young Mr Armistead, whether Mrs Ellershaw might give evidence, also mentioning Mr Shepherd, Mr Fenwick and F[ran]k Pearson, Howson of Giggleswick, Lord Stanley, John Winterbotham and mentions Mr Sharp's "paralytic attack" and

Remedial:

Search term 'remedial':

SMFU/4/5/5

Curriculum specific publications

For example 'Modern Trends in School Needlework', 'Remedial Work', 'Education of the Average Child 14 - 16' and 'Education after 15' 1955 - 1988

Special education:

Search term 'special education' also some entries for 'special needs' and 'special school'. For a list of special school records held here, please see the Useful Collections section.*

CBP/8/acc7842/box2

Minutes and Registers

Advisory Board (re special needs): minutes 1950-1960.

SMWA/3/Acc10492/Box4 **Box 4**

...5. "Project Respond" - various projects including, creche for shopping mothers, ramp for wheelchairs, mechanical aids for the handicapped (1981); community service, working with a special school (1987); improving the environment, sandpit, floating platforms (1986) - 3 volumes
...7. Booklets: "Special Needs in Ordinary Schools", in-service training day, 1988;

Sterilisation:

Search term 'sterili':*
DDX 76/9

Book of news cuttings

(principally Australian) on medical subjects, especially vaccination, the first World War (including articles by Professor Berry on 'Newer Imperialism'), cricket, tennis, and (1932) on sterilization of mental defectives
1909-1916, 1932

PR 3189/2/23

Chester, ¹⁴ May - 1826

Revd. Sir,

A Caveat has been this day entered by
Penington and the Overseer of Little Leigh in the
County of Chester - against any Licence being granted
for the Marriage of any Person _____ of
_____ in the County of _____ with
Mary Urmsion of Little Leigh or Aston in
the County of Chester - on the Ground of
Idiotcy or Imbecility of mind,

I am,

Revd. Sir,

Your obedt. Servt.

Wm. Ward

Caveat entered by "- Penington and the Overseer of Little Leigh" against any marriage licence being granted to Mary Urmsion of Little Leigh or Aston on the ground of "idiotcy or imbecility of mind" (ref PR 3189/2/23)

THE BODY

The terms used in this section relate to particular body parts.

The following terms have been searched:

Arm, blind, cripple, deaf, dumb, hand, hearing, lame, learning difficulties, leg, limb, sight, skin, spinal

Search terms giving no relevant results include: club foot, curvature, dwar, hunch*, paraplegic*, quadripl*, retard*, spine*

Arm:

Search term 'arm':

DDBL/acc6519/1918/36

Letter

...Blundell tells his mother about the new Ass Salrage[?] officer, a man named Pumphrey who married Iris Bell, such an awfully nice man who lost an arm in 1916...

3 Mar 1918

DDKE/HMC/246

Notes on English Ships involved in sea battle with the Dutch, in the handwriting of Roger Kenyon.

...Captain Bacon, killed, Capt : Hollis lost an arm, a dozen of ours, binding up their shattered members.
Jun 1666

RCHY/5/1/22

To JH asking him to write and reporting that Mr Sharp has had his arm amputated

183[4]

Blind:

Search term 'blind*'

DDFO/14/162

Lease

Rev. Thomas Bold, Pudsey Dawson, and Peter Leicester, merchants, all of Liverpool. Endorsed: Blind Asylum

1 Mar. 1799

DDKE/HMC/1024

Letter from: Roger Kenyon to Guicciardini Wentworth - details of those who have not taken the oath and three new Justices who have taken the oath.

... "Mr. John Walmsley, who, I doubt not, but you may remember; hee was Henry Roe's clerk, and after served Sir Richard Hoghton, who had a daughter married to a rich man who dyed and left his wife very rich, but stone blind. Mr. Walmsley

was since called to the barr, and haveing carried
himselpe so long since as to be well liked by that
lady, shee hath since marryed him. She is a
constant Conventicler, and hee also uxoriouse."
Draft.

13 Sep 1696

DDKS/26/8/37

Letter

Enclosing letters (missing) typed by Miss Sharples,
a blind shorthand typist at Nelson, hoping FC may
be able to find her work, and reporting on Margaret
Dougall's injury

1921 23 Dec

DDSA/30/1/16

**Award: Gawen Braithwaite, esq., and Robert
Curwen, gent., between George Gilpin, esq.,
bro. of Elizabeth, wife of Myles Sands and
Christofer Sands - re payments made by C.S.
for maintenance of his blind brothers according
to 1 and settling and preservation of estate
devised by 1 -**

5 Mar. 1628/9

DDSP/17/1

**Grace Stansfield's draft petition for an
allowance from William Hetherington's charity
for the blind (established 1774)**

Born Trawden. In the form of a completed
questionnaire.

1 item

Oct 1824

DDT/123

**Mary Busher of Lancaster, widow, -- husband
Ambrose B., of Lancaster, bookseller, decd., 16
Nov. 1796, leaving daughters Ann, (who died 9
Mar. 1806, aged 16), and Sarah, (who died 9
Nov. 1814, aged 21). To brother-in-law Thomas
B., of Kendal, whitesmith, house in Market
Street, Lancaster, in the tenure of John
Patrickson and Margaret Hathornthwaite. To
Ann, widow of brother Thomas Pearson of
Appleby, surgeon, and now wife of Mr.
Harrison, 5 Grays Inn Passage, Holborn,
annuity of £20. To Lancaster Dispensary and
Asylum for the Blind at Liverpool £20 each.
Residue to brother Francis Pearson. Executor,**

**F.P. Witn. John Dowbiggin, Isaac Woolridge,
Tho. Hudson. Dated 18 Mar. 1817.**
(Copy). Probate. 31 Jan. 1820

DDX/177/30/30

**Programme of the visit of Her Royal Highness
Princess Alexandra of Kent**

To Runcorn-Widnes Bridge; Queen's Hall, Widnes;
Crossens Pumping Station; Town Hall, Bolton and
Nuffield House, Training Centre of the Guide Dogs
for the Blind Association on 21st and 22nd July
1961

1 booklet

1961

DDX/438/3/3

Advertising literature

Comprising 3 brochures for 'W & J Foster's Gold
Medal Knitting Machines'; a small printed colour
leaflet for the 'Victoria Automatic Knitter' with a
black and white image of blind girls working with
knitting machines on the reverse; a charity concert
programme with an advertisement for 'J H Foster
and Co., Hosiers and Drapers'
c 1907 - c 1920

DDX 1109/27

**Letter from John Read, the Quadrant,
Knightsbridge**

to Adam Cottam, Whalley - death of writers
brother; the writer wishes to leave his income of
£164 annually at the Bank of England for the
benefit of the poor and Free School of Whalley:
desires Mr. Cottam and his neighbour Mr. Taylor to
consider the best way of achieving this: writer is
"near four score years old and almost blind"
12 Aug 1809

DDX 1123/5/1/2

Letters received

Including National League of the Blind re blind
workers' strike (31 Jul). Appears also to include
some letters to the UTFWA.
1923

DDX 1123/5/1/14

Letters received

Including the General Federation of Jewish Labour
in Palestine; the National Institute for the Blind; and
the Communist Manifesto, by Rhys Davies MP

1935

- DDX/1291/64 **Fulwood Institute for Blind Welfare and School for Partially-Sighted**
Annual reports
1958-1970
- DDX 1637/1/44 **To Miss Robinson, Blackpool, from her mother [unaddressed], social and domestic chatter, and mentioning further leeching for her father's blindness, summer/autumn 1822 [dated by Susanna Robinson]**
nd
- DDX 1899/ACC
10769/box 13 **Joan Gardner Collection**
Includes map showing the area in Lancashire allotted to the Preston Industrial Institute for the Blind, n.d.;
Some records are closed
- DDX 2491/1337 **Halifax Society for the Blind, Laidleys Walk, Fleetwood**
Architectural drawing
n.d.
- DDX 2571 ACC10157 **Miscellaneous documents**
Letter re-Homes for the Blind Fulwood, 1931
- DDX 2720/88 **MacKeith, Dickinson and Partners Ltd, Chartered Architects, Blackpool**
Plans of Princess Alexandra Home for the Blind, Bosworth Place, Blackpool
1961, 1972-1975
- DDX 2743/MS1686 **Letter from Assistant Overseer of Poor at Liverpool School for the Indigent Blind at Liverpool**
1 item
7 May 1833
- DDX 2743/MS1692 **Copy of rules of admission into School for the Blind, Liverpool, drawn up on 9 Feb 1813**

1 item
9 Feb 1813

DDX 2743/MS1693

Copy of form of certificate for admission to Asylum for Blind, Liverpool, re: Margaret Jackson
1 item
28 Oct 1817

DP/421/3/2

Mostly General Lancashire and Family
Much on Preston Industrial Blind Institute
1871-1874

HRW/12/1/01466

Reception Order
Patient's details:
first name(s): Annie
surname: Venables
occupation: none
age: 44
of/transferred from/chargeable to: of Liverpool Workhouse
previous address: School for the Blind, Hardman Street, Liverpool
notes:
22 Aug 1876

HRW 12/1/04566

Reception Order
Patient's details:
first name(s): Ann
surname: Bray
occupation: housewife
age: 36
of/transferred from/chargeable to: transferred from Walton Workhouse
previous address: Blind Asylum, Brunswick Road, Liverpool
notes:
17 Dec 1883

PR 1876/4

Removal orders and other papers
...9. Letter to the overseer of the poor for Broughton regarding the maintainance of Mary Syddall, "quite blind and helpless", from ?Thomas Moserop, overseer, Little Bolton, 1713...

- PR 2725/21 **Copy of justice's order for the maintenance of the blind wife and four children of Thomas Fairhurst, serving as a substitute in the militia**
5 Apr. 1779
- PR 3035/8/6 **Covering letter for Annuity Warrant under Rev. William Hetherington's Charity to the Blind of Christ's Hospital, London, sent to the Incumbent and payable to an un-named blind person**
1902
- PR 3134/4/3 **Details of receipts and expenditure from the offertory, 8 Jun.1794 - 4 Jan. 1875, with a note (inside back cover) of alms collected for Liverpool Blind Asylum, 1797**
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1794 to 1875
- PR 3161/14/70 **Programme for musical service in aid of St Dunstons Blind Hostel**
1921
- QDC/3/80 **Manchester, Henshaws Blind Asylum (for 1853)**
1855
- QDC/3/81 **Manchester, Henshaws Blind Asylum (for 1854)**
1855
- QDC/5/31 **Manchester, Henshaws Blind Asylum**
1857
- RCLV ACC9712 **Archdiocese of Liverpool**
reports (3) of the Catholic Blind Asylum, Brunswick Road Liverpool 1865-1867;
- SBBY/2/9 **Blind, Deaf and Dumb Schools Committee and Manual Instruction Committee**
24 Mar. 1897 - 26 Mar. 1903

SBBY/3/1 **Contributions to Blind School, Elizabeth Street**
Volume
29 Sep. 1897 - 31 Mar. 1928

UDWH/8/1 **Committee for provision of education to blind
and deaf children**
Dec 1897 - 2 May 1900

WCW c188 **Probate of Richard Rydrig, Formby, Blindman**
1671

Cripple:

Search term 'cripple', 'cripples', 'crippled':

ARR/34/75

Thomas Johnson

Son of Thomas Johnson of Kirby Lonsdale 1693;
attended Kirby Lonsdale School; between 1714-
1735 he was an Usher at Kirby Lonsdale School;
ordained Deacon at Chester 1735; Curate to
Hutton Roof 1735-1766; he is a cripple and walks
on crutches for one mile to Hutton Roof Chapel; he
had six children; date of death unknown
1693-1766

DDPK/33/32 **Papers relating to the St. Helens Crippled
Children's and Invalid's Aid Society**
[Wilson was the society's secretary and Miss E.M.
Pilkington its treasurer]
1939-1944

DDX 978/1/28/4 **Memories of crippled singer placed as shop
assistant: Ivy Gwynne**
c. 1908

Deaf:

Search term 'deaf':

DDBL/acc6519/1918/118

Letter

... they went for tea at the Down House, which was
depressing, but Willie was concerned they had
nothing to do and kept offering rounds of golf or
fishing, he is now so deaf it is difficult to talk to
him...

29 Jul 1918

- DDKE/9/50/32 **Letter from James Bolton, Blackburne - on behalf of his brother-in-law James Wrigley who is indicted for perjury, and he is deaf**
21 Jul 1679
- DDKS/37/10 **Autograph Letter Signed of Elizabeth Gaskell to Lady Kay-Shuttleworth, at Plymouth Grove**
...EG unable to help with the Deaf and Dumb Memorial Amenities, stating that "charity must begin at home"; ...
18 Nov [1862]
- DDX 519/80 **Annual Reports**
Blackpool and Fylde Adult Deaf and Dumb Society annual reports
1935-1936
- DDX 1334/1/7 **Hoghton Tower, doorway and statue in garden; Penwortham Church; Royal Cross School for the Deaf, Preston (George Devey); Preston roofscape including the Town Hall, Parish Church, Harris Library etc., taken from St James's Church tower, 1904**
5 items
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- PR 2941/3/17 **Correspondence concerning the installation of an Acousticon headphone system for deaf participants in the Church Congress at Southport**
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- RCHY/1/5/37 **Circular letter from Bishop O'Reilly**
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- SBBY/2/9 **Blind, Deaf and Dumb Schools Committee and Manual Instruction Committee**
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Search term 'dumb':
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18 Nov [1862]

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Hand:

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DDBL/acc6519/1918/11

Letter

... dined with dear old Gerald Dally, cheery as ever
but grey and has lost the use of his right hand; ...

11 Jan 1918

Hearing:

Search term 'hearing':

PR 3274/4/38

Faculty to introduce hearing aids, microphones and amplifier

In memory of the parents of William and Isabelle Woods
1948

Lame:

Search term 'lame':*

DDKE/9/38/18

Letter from Waldive Lagoe, Manchester - suffering from lameness, is on a new course of physic, and sending a bed-tick

4 Jun 1667

DDKE/9/45/18

Letter from Jane Hauton, London - asking for help as she is very sick and lame - also note from Anne Letstar asking Roger Kenyon to help the poor woman

3 Mar 1674

DDKE/9/47/13

Letter from Martyn Holbecke, Neriden near Coventrye - on behalf of a poor lame cobbler, a tenant of the earl of Derby

20 May 1676

DDKE/9/57/18

Letter from W Hulme - sending an information a poor lame old woman

20 Aug 1683

DDKE/9/116/25

Letter from R Bradley - wants to know where he and George Kenyon will meet Mr Broome; R Bradley is so lame he cannot walk to the meeting

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DDKE/Box 122/1/f.196

"The Conference or Commyssone between the Quene of Scottes and the Lordes, concerninge her examination."

Contains brief mention of her lameness

DDKE/HMC/915

Account of the Arrests of Philip Langton and Mr. Blundell.

...

"30 July, 1694.--... But the old gentleman, Esquire Blundell, who for more than thirty years hath been very lame, when they saw what a man hee was, they did not think fit to carry him with them. And at young Mr. Blundell's return, his horses, though of small value, being taken, he went (in hope of his aid to get his horses agane) to his neighbour Mr. Norris, who committed him to the care of Mr. Mawdit, then Mayor of Levepoole (now Mr. Norriss's brother-burgess in Parliament, for Leverpoole), with whom Mr. Blundell must stay till Captain Baker's comeing thither the next day, and then hee, instead of his father (as the likelier man of the two, though he also is very lame), was then sent to Chester Castle a prisoner, and thence, with the rest of the prisoners, taken to London."

1694

DDPD/26/18

Assignment by Leonard Tailyor, son of Rolande, of Fynsyke, to his sister Margret Tailyor - messuage and tenement which was Rolande Taylyer's, at Fynsyke - in return for a convenient bedroom in the house during life of L.T., as he was impotent and lame and not able to labour.

20 Jul. 1588

DRCH/37/15/13

Testimonial

Testimonial by the inhabitants of Blackley (3 years resident) as to the character of Nicholas Wallwork (47 signatories); this and DRCH/37/15/12 enclosed in a letter by John Flitcroft at Blackley to Mr Harper and mentioning Mr Wallwork's lameness, 28 Sep 1775

22-28 Sep 1775

ERR/22/130

Penance certificates and papers

Certificate by Joseph Ritson, minister, Thomas Wyly and Gearad Benn, churchwardens, that William Johnson Egremont who had been

presented for non-attendance at church, had come to church and agreed to do so in the future; however as he is lame and cannot support himself he asks to be excused the court fees

English
29 Oct 1739

QJI/1/1751/Q2/41

Indictment

Court: Manchester
Accused: Arcabus (otherwise Archipus, otherwise Archibald) Taylor of Haslingden (labourer)
Date of offence: 25 May 1751
Indictment: left Mary Norwich (a poor judgment and lame person) at the workhouse in Pilkington without any authority
Witness(es): 1. Mary Wilson; 2. Ellen Hall
Verdict: fined 1 shilling, committed to the House of Correction for three months and then to find sureties for his good behaviour for three months or to remain in the House of Correction for a further three months
Others mentioned:
Jul 1751

Leg:

Search term 'leg':
DDBL/acc6519/1917/56

Letter

... sorry that John has to wait for his leg to be fitted, and Donald has had back luck too, although he believes that for D this is the best thing; ...
13 Apr 1917

DDKE/HMC/245

Letter from: ----- to Sir Roger Bradshaw - report of sea battle with the Dutch.

"...Sir William Clerk his Secretarie, hath lost a leg.
..."
5 Jun 1666

DDX/2886/1

Colne Highway surveyors' account book

Colne Highway surveyors' account book contains details of payments to individuals working on the roads (workers not usually named) or supplying materials for use including one woman (Ann Riley), and 'man with wood leg' (entry Aug 1832), and various entries for men from the poor house (names not included); also includes 'A view and

Statement of the Road within the Town & Township
of Colne' 1835

See also 'Account Book - Surveyor of the
Highways for Colne', 1767 - 1827 (ref
DDBD/14/35/1)

1 vol

29 Aug 1831 - 2 Apr 1838

Limb:

Search term 'limb':*

DDKE/HMC/433

**Letter from: William Hayhurst to Roger Kenyon,
in London - report of injuries and treatment
received by George Flitcroft and James
Nicholson and others during a riot in Altcar.**

Peel.—"...The rest of them, being fower, are all
cruelly bruised and wounded, and though not
mortally, yett'tis feared they can never have the
right use of their limbs... "

Seal.

12 Feb 1681-1682

Sight:

Search term 'sight':*

DDKE/HMC/1442

**Letter from: Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, to
Lord Kenyon - concerning an injury to his son
and intentions to travel to Hastings.**

Kew.--"Naturally, both the Duchess and myself
have been in the greatest misery about our darling
boy, who originally met with an accident, about two
weeks ago, and give (sic) himself a violent blow on
the left eye, which occasioned him much pain; but
he perceived no consequence from it for the first
24 hours, and made light of it, nay, he even went
out and shot a rabbit, and wounded another; but
towards the evening of the 2nd day, he lost the
vision of his left eye. We all go, in a few days,
to Hastings, and I trust, by the aid of that
salubrious air, and under Divine Providence,
whose mercy is so great, that he will take pity of
our beloved child, and restore him the blessing of
sight--the greatest blessing of all. Though he is my
child, yet, I must say, never did I see any one bear
his misfortune with greater patience or resignation.
Never has he uttered one single murmur, and,
knowing him as you do, his activity of mind and
body, you must own it is a severe trial." Holograph.
3 Nov 1832

DDX/1291/64

Fulwood Institute for Blind Welfare and School for Partially-Sighted

Annual reports
1958-1970

DDX 2550/accession
9959/box 74

School for the Partially Sighted Preston

Papers relating to the School for the Partially Sighted, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston, including plans for new wing, nd, dining room extension, lavatory and cloakroom accommodation, 1946 by G H Broadbent, architect
1946

Skin:

Search term 'skin':
DDX 719/26

Letter

Catherine writes to Robert about the death of her husband James. He had been suffering from Bright's disease and Diabetes and died on 2nd Oct. He was wasted to skin and bones and both knew that he was not going to make it. He was a good husband and father and left a good home. Bob has returned so he and the boys can look after the farm, but the younger children, Jim and Sarah, are still at school. Asks of her sister Sarah, who the last she heard was in Southport
14 Oct 1897

Spinal :

Search terms 'spinal':
DDX 1357/2/1/6

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10 Apr. - 11 Dec. 1913 and 31 Jan. - 30 Nov. 1918

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