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 :-

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. Softening or Effluence :- this is for the skin chiefly.
2. Kneading or Petissage :- this nourishes the deep muscles.
3. Rubbing or Friction :- often used about the belly.
4. Hitting or Tapissage :- 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 Calamine instead or paint with iodine in the early stage.

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 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.

“Rabbot 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 Ostrich.
2. All creases, or cracks 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 Collodium, 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 HRRA/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 HRRA)

North Lancashire Leonard Cheshire Home (ref DDX 2876)

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

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](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 HRRA), 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**

Disability 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 '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/](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](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*, prosthete* [prosthetic, prosthetics], subhuman, sign language, simpleton*, stammer, stutter, wither

Backward:
Search term 'backward':
Log book (mixed)
SMLA/2/4
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':
Book of news cuttings
DDX 76/9
 principaly 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

Correspondence
PR 3196/2/10

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

RK Dec 2012
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
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

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

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

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

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
"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

Certificate under the National Scheme for Disabled Men
[1920]

Holme Hostel for the disabled
11 Jan 1984 - 23 Mar. 1987

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

Bacup Inskip League of Friendship – uncatalogued accession
Register of disabled members 1958-1973

"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

RK Dec 2012
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':

**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'**
Draft resolution of the Trustees of Heysham's Charity for the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum'

Letter from the Charity Commission declining to approve a sale to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by the Heysham's Charity

Names of a committee who reported on a proposed sale of property to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by the Heysham's Charity

Letter from the Charity Commission relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity

Copy of a declaration by James Hartley relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity

Draft letter to the Charity Commission relating to the sale of land to the 'Northern Counties Idiot Asylum' by Heysham's Charity

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/transfered 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
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

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''

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

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.
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

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

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
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

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

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

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
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

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

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

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 mantained wholly in their own
quarters, and to be imployed 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

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

RK Dec 2012
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;

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,

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 invalided or wounded, Blackburn is full of them now"; ... says a Joe Baron has come home invalided from the militia.
24 Sep 1901

Report of Lancaster League of Help, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Invalid Childrens Aid Association
Sep 1939 - Oct 1945

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***:'*

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':

RK Dec 2012
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"

Remedial:
Search term 'remedial*':
SMFU/4/5/5

Curriculum specific publications

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.
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**:

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
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" (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 carryed himselfe 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

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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,
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
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Copy of form of certificate for admission to Asylum for Blind, Liverpool, re: Margaret Jackson

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

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

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

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 1794 to 1875

PR 3161/14/70  Programme for musical service in aid of St Dunstans 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, Blackeburne - 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

DDX 2550/accession 9959/roll 10  Preston and North Lancashire Deaf and Dumb Society Building Plans
Preston and North Lancashire Deaf and Dumb Society, New Social Rooms, Edgar Street, Preston 1934

DRB ACC8453  Diocese of Blackburn
Licences for Divine Service at the Chapel of the Spoken Word, the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Preston 1935-1939

PR 2941/3/17  Correspondence concerning the installation of an Acoustiton headphone system for deaf participants in the Church Congress at Southport 1926
PR 3053/14/16  Accounts for a whist drive for the East Lancashire Deaf and Dumb Society, organised by the Guild
16 Dec 1922

PR 3103/2/4  Licence for performance of divine services in mission room for deaf and dumb
1904

RCHY/1/5/37  Circular letter from Bishop O'Reilly
Circular letter from Bishop O'Reilly, Bishop's House, Liverpool requesting donations in aid of the Institution of St. John of Beverley for the Deaf and Dumb
1875 9 Jul

SBBy/2/9  Blind, Deaf and Dumb Schools Committee and Manual Instruction Committee
24 Mar. 1897 - 26 Mar. 1903

SBBy/3/2  Contributions to Deaf 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

Dumb:
Search term 'dumb':

DDKE/9/60/8  Letter from W Croft, from Mr Parker's at Clitheroe - refers to a poor dumb creature who can neither write nor read
[Sep] 1686

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**Hearing:**
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PR 3274/4/38
Faculty to introduce hearing aids, microphones and amplifier
In memory of the parents of William and Isabelle Woods
1948

**Lame:**
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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

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
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 likelyer 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

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

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

Penance certificates and papers

Certificate by Joseph Ritson, minister, Thomas Wyly and Gearad Benn, churchwardens, that William Johnson Egremond 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

29 Oct 1739

QJI/1/1751/Q2/41

**Indictment**

Court: Manchester
Accused: Arcabas (otherwise Archipus, otherwise Archibald) Taylor of Haslingden (labourer)
Date of offence: 25 May 1751
Indictment: left Mary Norwich (a poor judigent 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 four, are all cruelly bruised and wounded, and though not mortally, yet their 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
Fulwood Institute for Blind Welfare and School for Partially-Sighted
Annual reports
1958-1970

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

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

File relating to public health
Including Sanitary Inspector's monthly reports 1918, and correspondence concerning a case of cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1918, and anthrax cases, 1913
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