



Handlist 44: Sources for the history of the Preston Guild Merchant

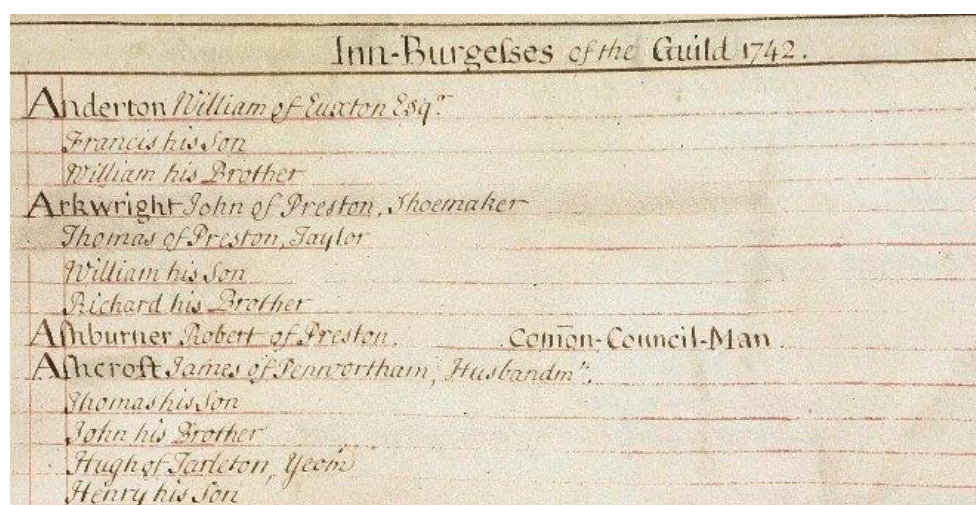
Preston was granted the right to hold a guild merchant by the charter of 1179. For a discussion of when the first guild was actually held see Crosby, *The History of Preston Guild*, chapter 1.

The first extant guild roll dates from 1397; there is one for 1415 and one for 1459. There is then a gap until 1542 from when the series is complete. The 1459 roll was not deposited with the rest in 1991 and was thought to be lost (though it had been transcribed in 1884 by W A Abram). However it was later found and deposited in 1997. Abram refers to another roll for 1500 (p. xxii) but states that 'there is no trace of it' and so it had been lost by 1884.

The rolls record the names of all the members of the Guild, i.e. in-burgesses and foreign burgesses. (For a description of the different categories of membership, see Crosby op. cit). People were admitted to the Guild at various times, but once every twenty years the formal court of membership renewal was held. At that time formal orders were passed by the Guild mayor and these are recorded on the rolls, with the words of the oaths to be sworn by the members.

Much other information about the Guilds before 1835 may be found in the records of the unreformed Corporation, while for those after 1835 the minutes of the Borough Council and its Guild Committees are very helpful.

The early guild rolls (1397-1682) have been transcribed in volume 9 of the *Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire*, while the later ones (1702-1972) are available on microfiche. Searchers should therefore use these in order to reduce the risk of damage to the originals.



CNP 2-1 Guild Roll 1742

Preston Borough Council – official Guild records	Reference Number
Guild rolls, 1397-1972	CNP 2/1/1-24
Applications for admittance to Guild, 1902-1952	CNP 2/2/1-6,
Bonds and certificates of admittance, 1520-1796	CNP 2/3/1-3
Stamp books, 1702-1822	CNP 2/4/1-9
Receipt books, 1882-1922	CNP 2/5/1-3;
Guild rolls: draft and working copies, 1782-1902	CNP 2/6
Guild rolls: fair copies, 1802-1862	CNP 2/7
Official Record of Guild, 1902-1952	CNP 2/8
Official Record of Preston Guild Merchant, 1972	CBP 12/8
Letter books, 1880-1923	CNP 2/9
Correspondence files, 1900-1952	CNP 2/10
Newscuttings books, 1899-1972	CNP 2/11
Other papers relating to specific Guilds, including correspondence and ephemera relating to catering, decorations and illuminations, a pyrotechnic display illuminated addresses, ceremonial keys, musical and other entertainments, processions, programmes , 19 th cent - 2012	CNP 2/12-19; CNP 5
The White Book – proceedings and orders of the Common Council of Preston, 1608-1781	CNP3/1/1
Preston Council Proceedings, 1765-1835	CNP 3/1/4-5
Preston Borough Council Guild Committee minutes, 1862-1922	CNP 5/1-2
Guild sub-committee minutes 1950-53	CBP 53/18
Printed facsimile of the 1199 charter	DDPR 138/106
Orders made at the 1582 and 1602 Guilds	DDX 123/26
Orders made at the 1602 Guild	DDX 123/27
Guild orders relating to election procedures, 1662, 1682, 1722	DDX 123/9
Guild orders relating to election procedures, 1742	DDX 123/10
Notes of Guilds 1562-1822 relating to methods of election	DDX 123/32
Observations on byelaws made at the Guild	DDX 123/25
Election call book of In-burgesses, 1761	DDX 549/3
Lease of property adjacent to the Town Hall, 1764 [refers to buildings erected for the 1762 Guild]	DDPD 11/49
Rules to be observed in the borough court of Preston, c1800	DDX 8/88
Contract for erection of obelisk	DDX 88/4
<i>Memorials of the Preston Guild</i> , W. A. Abram, 1882	DDX 1587/1
Preston Guild; Preston Guild: Treasurer's letter book 9 Aug 1882-5 Jan 1903; four volumes containing reservations for Series, Costume Ball 3 Sep and the Guild Ball 5 Sep and the 1st and 2nd miscellaneous concerts 2 and 4 Sep 1902	DDX104 /ACC10410
File of items which appear to have belonged to Harold Parker, former Preston City Councillor; Including a postcard and correspondence relating to 'the 'Pieces of History' quilt produced	CBP/ACC118 04/123

for the 1992 Guild; 1923 - 1994

File relating to various Guild celebrations; Including a catalogue for S.B. Watts & Co. Theatrical Costumiers and Wig Makers, Manchester; posters; estimate from Alf. H. Greenwood for the production of a Guild Roll, with enclosed samples of leather, parchment and vellum; Draft minutes of various Guild Committees

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04/126

Trade Organisations

Reference Number

North Lancashire Textile Employers Association 1882 Guild Cttee

DDX
1116/6/1

North Lancashire Textile Employers Association 1902 Guild Cttee

DDX
1116/6/2

North Lancashire Textile Employers Association 1922 Guild Cttee

DDX
1116/6/3

North Lancashire Textile Employers Association 1952 Guild Cttee

DDX
1116/6/4

Preston and District Power Loom Weavers etc minutes, 1821-1883

DDX
1089/1/3

Preston and District Textile Trades Federation minutes, 1919-1924

DDX
1089/19/2

Preston and District Textile Trades Federation minutes, 1938-1965

DDX
1089/19/4

Preston Textile Trades Committee Guild photographs 1922

DDX 504/3-4

Preston Textile Trades Committee Guild photograph, 1952

DDX 1361/5

Preston Textile Trades Committee photographs of processions, 1952

DDX
1361/6/1-3

Plan of Trades procession, 1952

DDX/1089/26
/5

Photograph of AE Roberts and Co's exhibit, 1952

DDX 480/18

Priority Evaluation Game used at Preston Guild Industries exhibition, 1972

NTC/5/1/1

Preston Guild Float; 4x photographs of the Baxi Float at Preston Guild 1992. 'Keeps the UK Homes Tropicallly Warm'.

DDBAX/7/4/2
/26

Photographs of Preston Guild floats and decorations; Images include a Guild arch constructed from cotton bales, which was built outside the Horrockses factory at Stanley St, the interior of a weaving shed which has been decorated with flowers and flags, and two decorated floats. 1882

DDHS/77/3

Churches

Reference Number

Order of procession of Sunday Schools, 1862

DDPR/138/10
7c

Preston Sunday Schools Association Guild papers,

DDX 926

1902,1922,1952	
Preston St John: printed material and ephemera, 1902-1952	PR 2845/25/1-3
Preston St Peter: plan of Church of England procession, 1922	PR 2952/2/7
Preston St Augustine RC: letter re 1952 Guild procession	RCPA 1/34
Preston St John: printed brochure for flower festival, 1972	PR 2845/25/4
Plan for Church of England procession, 1972	PR 2951/2/7
Guide to Preston Guild Church of England procession	DDX 923/2/7
Free Church Federal Council papers concerning 1972 Guild	DDX 923/1/1;3; FCPR
Preston Guild Sunday Ecumenical Service programmes, 1972	DDX 923/2/9
Christians Together souvenir programme for Preston Guild, 1992	PR 3305/14/12
Other organisations	Reference Number
Balance sheet of William Wilson, esq., Treasurer of the Preston Guild Fund, 1842	DDCM/11/2
Preston branch of Typographical Association: Guild Committee minutes 1881-1882	DDX104 acc 9666
Printed poster with mock-medieval legend advertising the services of Robert Parkinson, printer, of 50 Bridge Street, Preston, for Preston Guild printing needs	DDX 724/2
Satirical Bill - Isaac Moses, a dealer in second-hand clothes and characters. In connection with the Guild. 13 Sep 1822	DDPR/128/4
Sketch of triumphal arch at the County Offices, Preston Guild, 1882	CC/CCV 31
Lancashire Constabulary: Preston Guild papers	PLA acc 6401
Preston Historical Society's tableau for the Guild, 1952	DDX 1388/4/3
Girl Guide movement: papers relating to the Guild, 1972	DDX 1105/4/20
Association of Cruising Enthusiasts (ACE):Lancaster Canal: Preston Guild Canal and Vintage Festival papers 1992	DDX 2527
"Guild Bye Laws ... 1542 ... and some subsequent Orders of Council", bound together with various Preston Guild Merchant oaths, proceedings, memoranda and rentals to 1641; book of accounts of Grimshaw and Palmer [solicitors] relating to Preston Guild 1822 c.1680 - 1822	DDX104 /ACC10705
<i>Note:</i> School logbooks for Guild years often include valuable reference to activities, processions etc.	SMPR
Events	Reference Number

Robert Parker's assembly ticket for Preston Guild, 1742	DDB/74/40
Preston Guild Handbook, 1762	DDMC/34/15
Handbills, programmes, rules, pamphlets etc for 1822 Guild	DDPR 138/91
Handbill from the Guild races, 1822	DP 300
Programme for 1842 Guild with interesting note about its origin	DDX 1462/11
Account of the Preston Guild Race Fund, 1842	DDPR/138/51
Handbook and details of the 1862 Guild	DDPR 138/107a-c
Financial account for the visit of the Hallé orchestra, 1862	DDCM 11/3
Tickets for the procession view 1862	DP 376/1
Menu for banquet given by R Townley Parker, Mayor, 1862	DDX 2309/3/21
Seed's programme for Preston Guild commencing 4 Sep 1882	DDX 130/1
Guild programmes, tickets and ephemera, 1882	DDPR 138/111
Treasurer's letter book, 1882-1903; 4 volumes containing reservations for balls and concerts, 1902	DDX 104 acc10410
Entry card for the "Leaping Competition" at Preston Guild Show, 1922	DDX 1223/22
Photographs of the Guild pageant, 1922	DDX 1462/7-8
Scrapbooks and photographs of the Guild, 1922 and 1952	DDX 1437/9-11
Preston Guild Official Handbook and Programme, 1972	DDX 923/2/4
Preston Guild Table Tennis Tournament: results and correspondence 1972	DDX 1959/41
Preston Guild lectures ,1992	DDX 2197/1
Slides showing the 1992 Guild celebrations; Including the Guild Court, processions, pageants and other celebrations	CBP/ACC118 04/128
175 b&w photographs by Arthur Winter of the 1922 Guild Historical Pageant (numbers range from 46145 to 45914)	CBP/ACC118 04/95
23 b&w photographs of pupils taking part in the 1952 Guild School's Pageant	CBP/ACC118 04/96
57 b&w photographs of the 1922 Guild Historical Pageant (including opening ceremony)	CBP/ACC118 04/97
Private records with references to or accounts of Preston Guilds	Reference Number
Letter from Thomas Walsh to Roger Kenyon 1682	DDKE/ HMC/472
Diary of Dolly Clayton of Lostock Hall, 1802	DDX 510/6
Diary of Dolly Clayton of Lostock Hall, 1822	DDX 510/28
Letter of acceptance from the Earl of Derby to the Guild dinner, 1822	DDPR 130/9
Diary of James Foster of Preston, 1862	DDX 438/4

Journal of Nicolas Blundell, 1882	DDBL 53/50
Photograph album of 1882 Guild	DDX 504/2
Reference to 1882 Guild in journal of Edward Harrison of Southport	DDX 1471/1
Shuttleworth family's attendance at Preston Guild, 1922	DDKS/26/9/4 9, 55
Diary of T Newton of Preston, 1917-1927	DDX 2195/1
Memorabilia	Reference Number
Pamphlets and souvenir documents relating to Preston Guild 1762 - 1977	DDX 1149/3
Poem , 1782	DDX 398/47
Poster, 1802	DDPR 138/89
Song for [?] 1802 Guild	DDPR 138/90
Cuttings and other miscellanea, 1802 and 1822 Guilds	DDPR 138/88
A new song on the Preston Guild, 1822?	DDPR 138/92
Pamphlets, bills etc ,1842 Guild	DDPR 138/95
Ballad, 1842 Guild	DDPR 138/96
Ballad and advertisements, 1842	DDPR 138/97
Advertisement for the Guild with correspondence, 1842	DDPR 138/100-01
Printed statements on the 1842 Guild, by the Press Printers	DDX 398/46
Scrapbook, 1842	DDPR 138/98
Newspaper account of the Preston Guild, 1842	DDPR 138/99
Newspaper account of events in the Guild, 1842	DDPR 138/102
Newspaper account of suppers and balls, 1842	DDPR 138/103
Printed account of the 1862 Guild by Dobson	DDPR 138/108
Printed account of the 1862 Guild by Longworth	DDPR 138/109
Guild programmes and verses on the Guild 1882	DDX 130/1-5
Poster showing a tree representing Preston Guild flanked by the Town Hall and the Railway Bridge. Printed in colour 1882	DDX 50/5
Photograph album of Preston Guild including Costume Ball	DDX 504/2
Scrapbooks	DP 421
Collection of official guides and programmes 1882-1952	DDX 1132/3/2
Commemorative programme for Preston Guild, 1902 (tissue paper)	DDX 2614/2/1
<i>Preston Guild</i> , a dialect poem by Thomas Singleton, 1902	DDX 1639/3
<i>The Coming Guild Merchant</i> , poem by M A Loxham, 1902	DDX 374/9
Printed programmes etc. concerning the 1902 Preston Guild	DDB/ACC668 5 Box 104 b4
Papers re 1922 Preston Guild	DDB/ACC668

	5 Box 119 b1
Paper serviettes, souvenirs of 1902 and 1922 Guilds	DDX 762
Paper serviette, souvenir of 1922 Guild	DDX 709/1
Preston Guild badge 1922	DDX 1144
Scrapbook and photographs, 1922	DDX 1437/10
Guild souvenir issues of <i>Preston Guardian</i> and <i>Lancashire Evening Post</i> , 1922 and 1952	DDX 658/44-45
<i>Preston Herald</i> Guild supplement 1922	DDX 1563/1
Preston Guild programmes and catalogue, 1922-1952	DDX 2632
Scrapbooks compiled by a participant in the 1952 Guild	DDX 2712
Scrapbook of newspaper- cuttings and photographs, 1952	DDX 1437/11
Preston Guild postcards 1992	DDX 2704
Colour photograph showing both sides of an 1862 Guild medal depicting Preston Town Hall and a Margerison's soap "guild medal" showing the Duke and Duchess of Albany	CBP/ACC118 04/92
2 b&w photographs of a model of Preston Town Hall clock tower and scroll sent to New Zealand and Australia as part of the celebration of the 1952 Preston Guild.	CBP/ACC118 04/93
Preston Guild Historical Pageant, Avenham Park 1922 - set of postcards numbered 1-117 (incomplete)	CBP/ACC118 04/83

The Harris Community History Library, on the first floor of the Harris Museum and Art Gallery, holds a wealth of information on Preston Guild, including books and pamphlets which reveal the long history of the Guild Merchant; and ephemera, newspapers and photographs which illustrate the ceremonies, processions and entertainments held during each celebration.

Check the catalogue at <http://lclcat.lancashire.gov.uk/TalisPrism/> and the image archive at redrosecollections.lancashire.gov.uk/

Enquiries are welcome:
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The Harris Museum & Art Gallery in the Market Square Preston holds collections relating to the Guild. These include programmes, menus, posters, tickets, printed verses, handbills and photographs. Visit the Glass and Ceramics Gallery on the first floor of the museum to see Preston Guild commemorative ceramics

Enquiries are welcome:
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References to Preston Guild can be found in a variety of other sources outside Lancashire.

The Access to Archives website: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a contains many references to material held in other record offices and libraries in the North West as well as in The National Archives.

For example:

TNA WO5/35 notes that Lord Mark Kerr's regiment of dragoon were ordered out of Preston for the duration of the Guild '(a sort of Jubilee)' in August 1742 and sent to Wigan. (note courtesy of Thomas Steele from Lancashire Parish Register Society vol 170 p xx)

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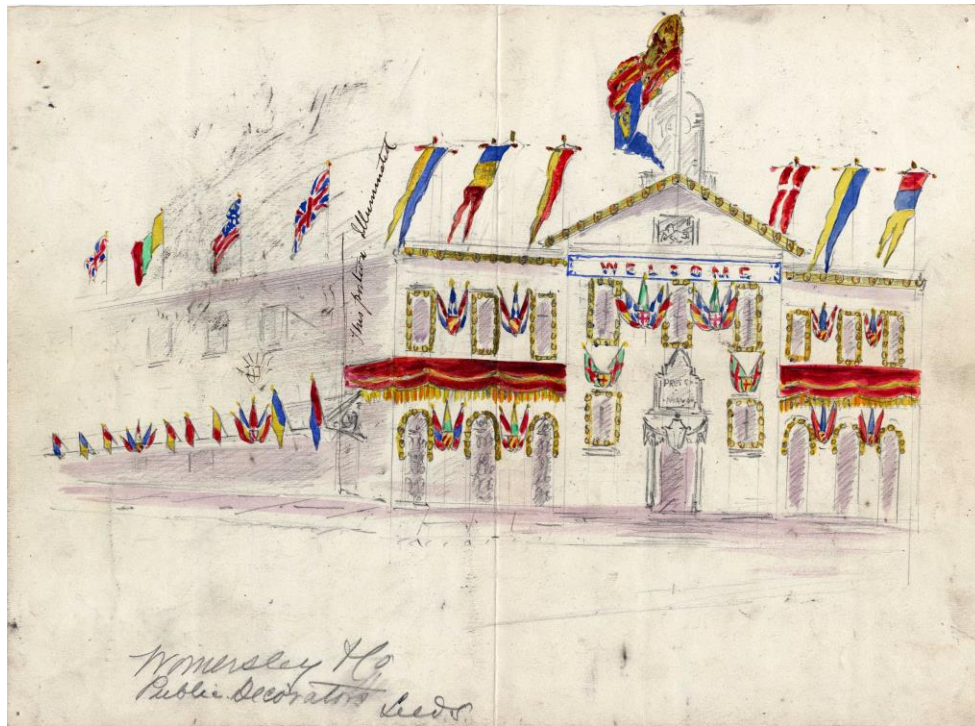
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Crosby, A.G. *The History of Preston Guild*, 1991 which contains an extensive bibliography [new edition forthcoming for 2012 Guild].

Other books and publications are held in the Local Studies collection at the Record Office.

Pamphlet boxes 64, 64a and 65 in the Lancashire Record Office searchroom contain printed material and ephemera relating to the 20th century Guilds.

Check the Lancashire Library catalogue at
<http://lclcat.lancashire.gov.uk/TalisPrism/>



CNP/2/13/16 – From letters of Womersley and Co., Leeds, public decorators enclosing estimates and designs for the decoration of the Corn Exchange, 1882