

Handlist 13: Diaries and Journals

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1. DIARIES AND JOURNALS

Listed chronologically

- 1636-75 William Bankes, MP for Newton-in-Makerfield, inc. Convention Parliament, May - July 1660
(DDBA uncat box 19)
- 1671-1709 Diary and letter-book of the Revd. Thomas Brockbank, vicar of Cartmel, 10 Apr. 1671 - 26 Dec. 1709
(DP 290)
[Printed in Chetham Society vol. 89, 1930]
- 1689-91 Book containing journal of Richard Abbott, pp. 1-45
[printed in Chetham Society 1st series, vol. LXI]
(DDX 661/1)
- 1694-1747 Memoranda Books of James Parker of Bagganley, including accounts, family notes, recipes and sermon notes (mostly "Mr Ellison's text" in church each week)
(DDHK 9/1/77-78)
- 1695-96 Anon [of Wigan], photocopy of a diary containing notes on local affairs in Wigan and Lancashire, Jul. 1695 - Jan. 1696
[Searchroom Library, E7; original in Atkinson Library, Southport]
- 1702-28 Nicholas Blundell of Little Crosby
(DDBL acc. 6121)
- 1705-68 Thomas Greene, memorandum book 1705-61; memorandum book - journey to London etc. 1729; diary and notebook 1756-64; diary 1768
(DDGR Box F.1)

- 1720 A Journal of the Life of John Gratton (London, 1720)
(DDX 1785/2)
- 1723-1800 "Barcroft" diary, 1723-43, continued in another hand listing
family events, 1748-1800 (latterly kept by a brother of Ambrose and
John Barcroft)
(DDB acc. 6685 box 148)
- 1734-1807 Cragg of Ortner, Over Wyresdale, family memoranda book,
being mainly the diary of Timothy Cragg
(DDX 760/1)
- [?1748, 1749
or 1751] Journal of a tour of Ireland by Thomas Langton, gent., of
Kirkham
(DDX 190/111)
- 1762-81 Diaries, correspondence and memoranda books of Elizabeth
Shackleton of Alkincoates, Colne [before 1765 Elizabeth Parker; after
1779 of Pasture House]
(DDB 81/1-39, 81/70-76)
- 1764-81 Transcripts of the diaries of Elizabeth Shackleton of Padiham
(DDX 666)
- 1765 Journal of Sir William Farington's continental tour, 17 Jan. - 23
Jul. 1765
(DDF 14)
- 1765 Journal of Sir William Farington's travelling servant, 17 Jan. - 2
Jun. 1765
(DDF 15)
- 1774-94 &
1786-1842 John Dickenson III of Birch Hall, Rusholme (including memoranda)
(DDX 274/18-30)

- 1776 Photocopies of two pages from the diary of Henry Poole, giving a description of Birchley Hall, Billinge (DDX 1046/1)
- 1776-82,
1792-1810 John Dickenson II of Birch Hall, Rusholme (DDX 274/13-17)
- 1777-1833 Dolly, wife of George Clayton of Lostock Hall (appointments, memoranda and accounts) (DDX 510/1-38)
See also LRO Annual Report 1979 for extracts and supplementary material
- 1779-1852 Nature diary for Furness with notes on flora, fauna and weather (Ref.?)
- 1784 William Farington's "Travelling Journal, Switzerland, August 1784" (DDF 16)
- 1784 (?) Abraham Hargreaves, gent., of Heirs House, Colne, containing notes on weather and meetings/business matters concerning his estate and mill in the Colne/Barrowford area (For his will, proved at York on 1 May 1804 see DDBD 60/85) (DDSP acc. 2950 Box 1)
- 1784-92 Richard Pilkington of Horwich, 1 May 1784 - 1 Jan. 1792 (DDPI 6/1-2)
- c.1786 Travel diary of Margaret Pedder, from Lancaster to London and back, n.d. [c.1786] (DDPD 25/16)
- 1788-1820 Copy notebook containing the journal of Revd. Bryan Waller in London and Lancashire, 1788-99, with a few entries to 1820, n.d. [c.1954] (DDX 3/114)

- 1788 William Sneyd (Sneyd Family of Ashcombe, Staffs.)
(DDTY 2/4/2)
- 1789-90 Copy of James Irving's journal when shipwrecked on the coast of Barbary [Morocco] and held for ransom by natives, 3 May 1789 - 26 Oct. 1790
(DDX 1126/1/1)
See S Schwarz, *Slave Captain: The Career of James Irving in the Liverpool Slave Trade* (1995)
- 1790 Diary of a tour of north Wales, Liverpool, Chester and Shropshire by William Cross
(DDX 841/3/1)
- 1790 The Complete Pocket-Book or Gentleman's and Tradesman's Daily Journal for the year of our Lord 1790, of James Hargreaves of Lancaster, including references to land in Bulk, tree nurseries and planting at Skerton and Tatham Moor in Spen, trade with Jamaica and the first meeting of "the Coal Company" on 10 May 1790
(DDX 1778/1)
- 1797 Diary (of John Machell?) of a tour including Chester, Shrewsbury, Bristol, Salisbury, Reading, Banbury and Warwick, May - Jun. 1797
(DDMC 34/46)
- 1797-98 Richard Pilkington of Horwich, 19 Mar. 1797 - 7 Apr. 1798
(DDPI 6/5)

1799-1811	<u>Papers relating to Major General Daniel Hoghton</u>
?1799 or 1804	Diary of a journey from Madras to Bombay, India (DDHO 470)
post 1802	Diary of a journey from Calcutta to Harwich (DDHO 471)
1807 Aug.	Journal of Copenhagen (DDHO 472)
1810-11	Diary of the Peninsular War (DDHO 473)
n.d. [c. 1800]	Journal and draft letters during a tour of Europe - Germany, Austria, Russia etc. - with several rough ink and pencil sketches (DDB 74/42)
1801	Transcripts of the diary of James Browne, ensign in the 44th (East Essex) Regiment, 8 Jan. - 8 Mar. 1801, with transcripts of letters to his mother in Ashton-under-Lyne and Rochdale concerning his service overseas, 1798-1801 (P 112/1)
1801, 1803, 1804	Thomas Eccleston of Scarisbrick, esq. (DDSC 19/49-51)
1804-05	Journal of a violin tutor to the Sefton family, including a visit to Quorn Hall, Leics. [typescript] (DDM 11/74)
1804-64	Pocket books, mainly without signatures, which apparently belonged to Edward Parker and Thomas G Parker [The entries in most cases are only sporadic] (DDB 81/40-64)
1805	"A Journal or Short Account of a Tour through Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England in 1805" by William Blundell (DDBL 53/1)

- 1806-08 Richard Pilkington of Horwich, 5 Oct. 1806 - 23 Oct. 1808
(DDPI 6/3)
- n.d.
[c. 1808] "Journal of what I see and experience in a journey to London"
(DDB 64/14)
- 1808 Travel diary and sketch book of Charles St Clair's tour of
Scotland, taking in Edinburgh, Cupar, St Andrews, Dundee,
Perth, the Highlands, Glasgow and Lanark, and including
sketches of St Andrews, Melville Castle, Inverary, Hawthornden
etc, 26 May - 14 Jun. 1808
(DDPD 22/13)
- 1808-34 "This Journal began Augt. 6 1808, having settled all my accounts
with Charles Tempest Esq., formerly my Guardian, and now
proposing to keep all my accounts myself, the idea of this journal
is to assist me by thus retaining such things as might otherwise
escape my memory" [?William Blundell]
(DDBL 53/2)
- 1809-29 Thomas Hawkshead of Heskin, including details of visits to
Filey, Oxford and London, Manchester, Lancaster and Tranmere
(DDHK 9/5/159-169)
- 1811-13 "A Lancashire Farm Diary", Apr. - Aug. 1811, Oct. 1812 - Dec.
1813 [photocopy, concerning land owned by the Lightbody family at
Garston, Liverpool]
(SR library)
- 1812 Journal of a tour in Hampshire, etc.
(DDX 274/9)

- 1812-1918 Peel family of Knowlmere, Clitheroe
- Including Mrs Jonathan Peel, 1812-13 (Box 41), ? Peel, 1817 (Box 38), John Peel, 1835-55 (Boxes 19, 38), Mary Peel, 1839-76 (Boxes 19, 38, 41), Robert Peel, 1858, 1862-67 (Box 41), and Mary Alice Peel, 1861-1918 (Box 41)
(DDPL acc. 2649 Boxes 19, 38, 41)
- 1814-76 George Whitby of Hawarden, Flint [contains miscellaneous genealogical notes and memoranda concerning the Whitley, Hall and Sneyd families]
(DDTY 2/4/3)
- 1815-26 John Sneyd (Sneyd Family of Ashcombe, Staffs.)
(DDTY 2/4/2)
- 1817 Journal of a tour to Paris, John Dickenson and Sir William Anson
(DDX 274/11)
- 1817-19 Richard Pilkington of Horwich, 30 Mar. 1817 - 29 Apr. 1819
(DDPI 6/4)
- 1817-32 Benjamin Shaw (1772-1841), textile mechanic of Preston: "Memorable Events", itemising family events, 11 Aug. 1817 - 17 Oct. 1830, and "Memorandoms" of events in Preston and area, 1822-32
(DDX 1554/3)
- 1818 Journal of a tour from Acton Burnell to France, Germany and the Netherlands, commencing 30 Mar. 1818, by William Blundell
(DDBL 53/3)
- 1819 Journal of a tour to Scotland
(DDX 274/12)

- 1821 Journal of a tour from Crosby to the Netherlands, commencing 4 Apr. 1821, by William Blundell (DDBL 53/4)
- 1821-31 Journal of R Battersby of Bedford, Leigh[?], Methodist, 9 Jun. 1821 - 27 Jul. 1831 (DDX 167/1)
- 1822 Richard Hodgkinson's [of Atherton, agent to Lord Lilford] journey to Crowland to stay with his friends Mr and Mrs Blundell, 15-25 Aug. 1822 (DDX 211/33)
- 1823 Diary and Account Book of J Bannister, Stamp Office [?Preston] (DDPR 138/25)
- 1824 Journal, anonymous (DDGR Box F.1)
- 1824 Diary of Thomas Wilson the younger of Poulton-le-Fylde, containing entries relating to his solicitor's business around Poulton and the Fylde, including probate and testamentary memoranda (DDX 1320/1/3)
- 1824 Photocopy of the diary of Peter Brown, describing his journey to and stay in London (P 163/1)
- 1824-90 Diaries of William Dickson (1796-1884) and Joseph Briggs Dickson (1809-89), solicitors of Preston (DDX 2464 acc 9665)
- 1826 Almanack and diary of Mrs Whitaker of Simonstone (DDWH 3/116)

- 1826-40 Official acts and important events in the County of Lancaster, 2 Mar. 1826 - 12 Dec. 1840 (DDX 123/41)
- 1827 Diary of Thomas Satterthwaite of Lancaster (d. 1849): "Memorandum of a Tour in Westmoreland, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Cheshire, & Lancashire. 1827" With comments on towns, halls and sites visited on the journey – Kirkby Lonsdale, Sedbergh, Leyburn, Masham, Ripon, Studley Park and Fountains Abbey, York, Newby, Harrogate, Aldborough, Brimham Rocks, Boroughbridge, Wetherby, Doncaster, Hatfield, Worksop, Barlborough, Chesterfield, Chatsworth, Bakewell, Haddon Hall, Matlock and Buxton, with a summary only of his mileage from there home to Lancaster Includes a few pen drawings as illustrations, eg prospect of York Minster, sketches of Brimham Rocks, Barlborough Hall and antiquities thereat In diary form, 26 Jun – 24 Sep 1827
- 1827-52 Lawyers' diaries, 1827, 1830-38, 1840-52 (DDPB uncat.)
- 1828-39 Diaries of Robert Jackson, solicitor, of Lancaster: printed almanacs, including the usual arcana. The author's entries are sporadic and rather uninformative, being apparently generally records of appointments and engagements, and professional memoranda. (DDX 116/22/1-6)
- 1829 Diary of a Grand Tour (to France and Italy), May - Oct. 1829 (DDTA Box 9)
- 1829-37 Frances Jacson (1754-1842) of Somersal Herbert, Derbyshire, 14 Mar. 1829 - 5 Oct. 1837 (DX 267-278)
See A B Shteir, "Botanical Dialogues", in Eighteenth Century Studies (1990)
- 1830-31 Mrs Greene Bradley of Slyne House: a tour to Chester, north Wales and Dublin etc.

(DDGR Box F.1)

- 1831-40 Joseph Francis Tempest of Broughton Hall, Skipton-in-Craven, 28 Nov. 1831 - 20 Sep. 1840; J F Tempest, born 1804, was the 4th son of Stephen Tempest, and these diaries end the day before his marriage to Frances Bridget Hercy of Berks. (see Burke's Peerage and Baronetage, 26th edition (1864))
(DDX 1061/1-12)
- 1832-50 Diaries of appointments and general occurrences, Trafford Park (presumably stewards' diaries)
(DDTR Box 19)
- 1834 Extract from Revd. Samuel Merrill's diary, 25 Dec. 1834
(DDX 21/7/8)

- 1834 Two anonymous journals
(DDGR Box F.1)
- 1834-36 "Notes of Sundry Tours made by Wilkinson Mathews", 5 Aug.
1834 - 24 Oct. 1836
(DDF 18)
- 1834-54 William Blundell of Little Crosby, esq., 1 Jan. 1834 - 26 Jun.
1854
(DDBL 53/8-16)
see also DDX 109/21 for extracts, 1845
- 1835 Diary of Thomas Satterthwaite of Lancaster (d. 1849): Diary
covering journey from Lancaster to London via Blenheim Palace
and Park and Oxford ("No University has finer structures; but
after Blenheim, everything appeared little": p.8); then from
Boulogne to Paris and on to Geneva, thence via Lake Como to
Milan and Genoa; after suffering cholera quarantine in the
Lazaretto at Leghorn, to Pisa ("like most other continental towns,
it has seen its best days. There is the same deadness and want of
spirit which we have remarked almost every where out of
England": p.61); Florence ("impossible to describe the number of
interesting things to be seen": p.68); returning by sea to
Marseille, then via Avignon, Lyon, Paris and Calais; mentioning
occasional – perhaps permanent - travelling companions Messrs
Howitt and Nash
Includes pen drawings illustrating scenes and costumes
May – Nov 1835
- 1835 William Sneyd (Sneyd Family of Ashcombe, Staffs.)
(DDTY 2/4/4)
- 1835-36 Journal of the Carlist War in Spain - experiences of Capt. Charles
Townley in northern Spain with the British Auxiliary Legion, 19
Jul. 1835 - 31 Jan. 1836
(DDTY 2/5/1)
- 1836-56 Day-book of Richard Roper of Kirkby Lonsdale, attorney, 20
Oct. 1836 - 8 Aug. 1856
(DP 351)

- 1838-40 Edward Cooke of Preston, concerning his stay in County Down, Northern Ireland, managing the mill and other estate of a deceased relative, 27 Aug. 1838 - 3 Nov. 1840
(DDX 576/1/1-2)
- 1839-53 Extracts from the diary of James Francis Anderton, esq., of Haighton House, made by his son, Wilfrid F Anderton
(DDX 1084/16; see also below, 1844)
- 1840 Journal of a voyage from Gravesend to Sydney, Australia, 23 Jul. - 15 Nov. 1840, by F Smythe
(DDBL 53/5/A)
- 1840-50 Diaries of George Brown, R.C. Bishop of Liverpool
(RCLV Box 56)
- 1841-42 Journal of John Blundell during his stay at Thirsk [N. Yorks.], 16 Aug. 1841 - 31 Dec. 1842
(DDBL 53/5/B)
- 1842 Journal of a three-month tour through Germany, the Tyrol, north of Italy and Switzerland, by Agnes M A Smythe
(DDBL 53/6/B)
- (1843-49) Journal of the surgeon at Lancaster Castle (?James Pearson Langshaw), including details of patients and an index of names (photocopy: see also MF 1/24)
(P 134)
- 1844 James Francis Anderton, esq., of Haighton House
(DDX 1084/18; see also above, 1839-53, and WCW Oct 1853)
- 1844 A journey to the Lakes, north and south Wales and return to Bristol (illustrated)
(DDX 1282/4)

- 1844-46 Margaret Clarke of Swarthmoor [Ulverston]
(DDX 1622 acc. 5692 box 2)
- 1845 Extracts from the diaries of William Blundell, esq., of Little Crosby, referring to railways
(DDX 109/21)
see also DDBL 53/8-16
- 1845-46 Journal of a voyage from Southampton to Egypt, 5 Nov. 1845 - 31 Mar. 1846, by William Blundell, junior
(DDBL 53/6/A)
- 1845-47 Diary of a visit by an unidentified priest from Lancaster to various towns in Yorkshire (1845-46), and to Whalley and Mitton (1847), with architectural notes on churches
(RCLN 14/3)
- 1846 "Mrs Bird" of Upholland
(DDX 664/13/11)
- 1846-89 Nicholas Blundell
(DDBL 53/17-56)
- 1847-48 Journal of the honeymoon of Nicholas and Agnes Blundell, from Acton Burnell to France, Italy, Switzerland and Germany, 9 Nov. 1847 - 8 Aug. 1848
(DDBL 53/7)
- 1847-48 Diary and accounts of Roger Jacson, including details of a sailing voyage with a cargo of cotton from Canton to Macao, and business dealings in the area of Shanghai, with accounts of "cash lost or won at Cards or by Bets 1847"
(DX 342a)
- 1848 Diary of the Revd. Thomas Floyd (1820-75), vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge
(DDFL 14/2)

See LRO Annual Report 1973

- 1848-49 Anonymous farm diary
(DDS acc. 1778)
- 1850 Journal of a tour in Ireland by Alfred Barnes, 18 - 31 Jul. 1850
(DDX 75/124)
- 1852 Photocopy of the diary of Charles James Darbishire of Rivington,
JP (1797-1874)
- 1852-98 Extracts from the diary of James Darlington
(PR 2954/18)
- 1853 Diary of Joseph Bradley of Preston, solicitor
(DDX 2453/1)
- 1853-61 Journal of Captain Thomas Henry Mitchell, Governor of New
Bailey Prison, Stanley Street, Salford
(DDX 1441/1)
- 1853-63 Thomas Pedder of Preston and Finsthwaite, largely a record of
appointments kept and payments made (incomplete)
(DDPD 50/1/1-7)
- 1854-67 Diary of Cuthbert Grundy [later of Blackpool] at Owen's College,
Manchester: the first part is largely reminiscences of earlier
school life, the diary proper apparently starting c.1863 and
containing much information on boat races and other sporting
(and intellectual) activities
(DDX 207/114)
- 1855, 1872,
1886 Agnes Blundell
(DDBL 53/57-59)
- 1855-68 (Visitation) diaries of Alexander Goss, R.C. Bishop of Liverpool

(RCLV Box 43)

- (1856-57) Anonymous journal of farm work undertaken on an unnamed farm at Heysham (photocopy)
(P 149)
- 1856-64,
1872-75 John Ward (*alias* John O'Neill) of Low Moor, Clitheroe, weaver
(DDX 28/299, DDX 636/2-3)
- 1856-1921 Manchester and Salford Reformatory for Juvenile Criminals,
Governor's journals, 1856-94, diary 1894 and diary (Camp Time
June 1921)
(DDX 1791/5/1-7, 5/9)
- 1857-76 Lawyer's Companions and diaries
(DDD 217-237)
- 1857-84 T G Parker, 1857-58, 1860, 1861-70, 1874-78, 1881-84
(DDB acc. 6685 box 96)
- 1860-62 Diary of William Henry Hope in Ceylon
(DDFL 13/10)
- 1860-89 Daily journal of Edward Harrison esq., solicitor of Preston and
Southport, recording business and family affairs, Apr. 1860 - 14
May 1886, 1 Oct. - 14 Dec. 1889, with a record of the Preston
Guild 1882
(DDX 1471/1)
- 1862 Diary and accounts of Mr and Mrs J Carr's visit to Southport,
1862; J F Carr's diary and accounts while at Harrogate 1862
(DDB acc. 6685 Box 196 and 197)
- 1862, 1866 Diaries of James Foster of W & J Foster Ltd., Preston
(DDX 438/4-5)

- 1862-67, 1874 Thomas William Sneyd (Sneyd Family of Ashcombe, Staffs.), in India, Kashmir, Tibet and England
(DDTY 2/4/7 - 13)
- 1863 Cuthbert Grundy's journal of a tour in the Netherlands with his brother Jack, illustrated with views of places and sketches of people and paintings seen, 18 May - [June] 1863
(DDX 207/18)
- 1863-87 Alderman Richard Pedder of Preston and Finsthwaite, consisting of appointments diaries, 1863-77, and general diaries (largely accounts of cash spent), 1871-87, both including notes on the weather
(DDPD 50/2/1-28; see also DDPD 49)
- 1866 William Blundell of Crosby (1851-1909), pupil at Beaumont School, Windsor
(DDBL 53/60)
See LRO Annual Report 1973
- 1866 [Mine surveying] work diary of Peter Pickup of Burnley
(DDX 502/3)
- 1868-72 Journal of Hubert (or Herbert) Fletcher esq. of Atherton Collieries, Manchester, 13 Apr. 1868 - 5 Dec. 1872, containing details of mining operations and site visits at Crombouke, Seven Feet, Chaters, Lovers Lane and Arley pits
(DDX 991/2)
- 1869 Francis Parnell (1799-1884) of Blackpool, benefactor of Rawcliffe St Methodist Church, Blackpool, and later Mayor of the town, recording domestic and professional occurrences, including a visit to London, written in Blackwood's Shilling Scribbling Diary
(DDX 1997/2)
- 1869 Journal of Cecilia Ann Shaw's holiday in Belgium
(DDS acc. 1175)

- 1869-73 Henry Cooke of Preston and the Indian Public Works Department, covering his early working life in Preston, studying for civil engineering examinations in London, voyage to India with descriptions of Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, Galle [Sri Lanka], and the King of Delhi's palace, and daily work surveying for a canal in the Punjab, with a note by his father as to his death in Preston at the age of 21, suffering the effects of malaria, 1869, 1870 - 1873
(DDX 576/2/1-2)
- 1869-90 Memoranda of Nicholas Blundell
(DDBL 53/61)
- 1870 John Blundell's tour of "various towns in the North of France to inspect the Hospitals and give such assistance as might be required" on behalf of the Red Cross, during the Franco-Prussian War, 1870, and including a description of the battlefield of Sedan, 15 Sep. - 1 Oct. 1870
(DDBL acc. 7863 box 1)
- 1871 Robert Hannay of Springfield, Ulverston, including comments on the weather, social and business events (business uncertain), and an account of trips to Glasgow, Dublin and Belfast
(DDX 1622 acc. 5692 box 2)
- 1871-84 Francis Nicholas Blundell of Crosby
(DDBL acc. 7863 box 1)
See also Mary Blundell, 1879
- 1872-92,
1901-24 Henry Marshall, continued by his son, Dr John Willis Marshall
(DDX 1820)
- 1874, 1876 George H Hollingworth of Hollinwood, colliery manager's pocket book, almanac and diary, including memoranda as to his work surveying mines etc., 1874, 1876
(DDX 127/98-99)

- 1875-76 Photocopy of the diary of Thomas Kenyon of Chipping, a 10-year-old schoolboy; possibly a writing exercise, 29 Nov. 1875 - 15 Jan. 1876
(P 151/1)
- 1875-97 Diaries of the Scarisbrick Estate Office
(DDSC 88/1-23)
- 1877-1900 W J Dickson of Kirkham, solicitor
(DDD 193-216)
- 1878-83 Unidentified [Parker family of Browsholme]
(DDB acc. 6685 box 57)
- 1879 Honeymoon diary of Mary Blundell in Paris, including details of her wedding [to Francis Nicholas Blundell: see also F N Blundell, 1871-84] and the journey by boat and train from Ireland to Paris *via* London, 18 Nov. - 18 Dec. 1879
(DDBL acc. 7863 box 1)
- 1879 Diary of Cornelius A Beckett of Lancaster during his emigration to Australia, Nov. - Dec. 1879
(DDX 2159/1)
- 1881-1900 Notebooks and diaries on the travels and explorations of H J Weld in Abyssinia and Europe
(DDWW 3/14/1)
- 1882 Unidentified [Parker family of Browsholme]
(DDB acc. 6685 box 64)
- 1882 Diary of a voyage from Liverpool to Spain and Portugal
(DDX 241/52)
- 1882-83 Diary by an unidentified Colne man of a trip from Colne to Sydney, Australia, to arrange the affairs of his deceased father,

- including observations on Malta, Port Said and the Suez Canal, Ceylon, Adelaide and Melbourne, 11 Oct. 1882 – 21 Feb. 1883 (DDX 752/34/1)
- 1884 Teachers' diary and pocket book (DDBD 61/24)
- 1884-85 Diary (with transcript) of James Ingham of Wheatley Lane, weaver, 31 Dec. 1884 - 21 May 1885, with an address by him to Wheatley Lane Gospel Temperance Society and Band of Hope (DDX 1745/1-2)
- 1884-85 Beatrice Burn Murdock (DDB acc. 6685 box 151)
- 1885 Anonymous [Parker family of Browsholme] (DDB acc. 6685 box 54)
- 1885 Diary of James Ingham of Wheatley Lane, Old Laund Booth, weaver (DDX 1745/1)
- 1887-89 Blundell of Crosby Estate steward's diaries (DDBL acc. 7863 box 2)
- 1887-95 Extracts from the diaries of Dilworth Abbatt, author of Quaker Annals of Preston and the Fylde 1653-1900 (1931) (DDX 1132/3/10)
- 1890-1928 John Bamber (1848-c.1928) of Whittle le Woods, cloth looker at Kem Mill, Whittle le Woods: diaries recording daily events including the weather, reflecting J.B.'s involvement with Wesleyanism in the township, and his interest in national events, notably the several wars in the period (DDX 1841/1/1-44)

1892 Halsall)	Diary of work on a farm (probably that of John Cropper in (PR 5055/4/1)
1894	Journals of the Revd Samuel Edward Collinson's visit to Cairo 1894
1895	"From Blackpool to Mexico" (extracts from Alderman John Bickerstaff's diary published in the <u>Blackpool Herald</u> , 2-22 Feb. 1895) (DDX 318/5)
1895-98	John Parker Astin, Assistant Missionary at the Brunswick Town and Temperance (United Methodist) Mission, Burnley, 8 Sep. 1895 - 31 Dec. 1898 (DDX 888/3)
1897	T Barrow, probably an assistant in the Scarisbrick Estate Office (DDSC 88/24)
1897, 1905-07	Diary, authorship unknown (DDX 1841/3/2)
1897-1931	Miscellaneous pages from the diary of Col. J W R Parker, 1897, 1924, 1927-28, 1931 (DDB acc. 6685 box 167)
1898	Journal of part of a Canadian tour by B H Ransford, Clerk of Works, of Worsley, and his daily life on return (DDX 1055/1/16)
20th cent.	Diaries of the Dalton family of Thurnham Hall, including a bundle of diaries relating to Spain, 1936; diaries of Alicia Dalton; and diaries of E F Dalton (DDDA acc. 5185 boxes 4C, 5D and 7C)
1900	Boer War diary of Private Sep Marsden (DDX 2251 acc. 8806)

- 1900-01 Photocopy of a memoir of Fred Grimshaw of Haslingden, concerning his service as a Private in the East Lancashire Regiment in South Africa during the Boer War, 1900-01 (P170)
- 1900-01 Diaries of Col. J W R Parker, on active service in South Africa (5 items, two closed until 2002)
(DDB acc. 6685 boxes 64, 84 & 95)
- 1901-28 Miss Rachel M Irwin (1859-1951) of Manchester, Shatton Hall, near Cockermouth, Reigate and Middlewich, 30 Dec. 1901 - 1 Jul. 1928
(DDX 217/1-22)
- 1902 Henry Frederick (Harry) Bamber, son of John
[see above, 1890]
(DDX 1841/2/1-2)
- 1902-42 George Ashworth of Bacup, worker in weaving mills, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1907, 1932, 1942, containing programmes and newscuttings of sporting fixtures and concerts; the entries include sports results, earnings, weekend trips, meetings with girlfriends, and periods when he was laid off work
(DDX 1237/2/1-6)
- 1903-04 James Fogg of Bank House, Thatto Heath, 12 Sep. 1903 - 3 Dec. 1904
(DDX 794/4)
- 1904 Diary of a member of the Sweetman family on their visit to Rome, 9 Mar. - 28 Jul. 1904
(DDBL acc. 7863 box 1)
- 1908-09 Diary of events of Selina Cooper, noted suffragist
(DDX 1137 acc. 4630)

- 1908-59 Diaries of Samuel Howarth Moorfield (c1880-1961), of Wigan and Ormskirk, lecturer in engineering, 1908, 1910, 1918 - 1920, 1925 - 1930, 1932 - 1958; containing almost exclusively financial information - a record of daily expenditure, and monthly accounts, with a few mentions of his church activities, motoring (mainly costs) and gardening (DDX 1484/1/1 - 38)
- 1912-73 Diaries of Thomas Hope Floyd (1896-1973) of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, including service on the Western Front, 1917-18, and in World War Two, and political matters, 1 Jan. 1912 - 21 Feb. 1973 (DDFL 1/1-28)
See LRO Annual Report 1973
- 1913 Personal diary partially entered up, ownership unclear, with some newspaper cuttings (PR 3077/14/2)
- 1914-15 Diary of Cpl Joshua Kelsall, recording his experiences on active service in France with the Rifle Brigade, including trench warfare and the Christmas truce, 1914-15 (DDX 2084/1/1)
CLOSED [TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE IN THE SEARCHROOM]
- 1914-18 Diaries of war experiences of Captain F N Blundell, cavalry officer, in England, France and Ireland, 1914-16, 1918 (DDBL accs. 6519, 9690)
- 1914-19 Book of reminiscences of life at the Auxiliary Military Hospital, Moor Park, Preston, by Nurse E F de Trafford (DDX 637/1)
- 1914-43 Diaries of Eliza Ila Floyd (1868-1946) (DDFL 13/8/1-9)
See LRO Annual Report 1973

- 1915-19 War diaries of George Ashworth of Bacup, as sick bay rating, including service at Gallipoli, visit to Egypt 1915-16; in Plymouth area, short visit to Irish rebellion 1916-17; voyage to Far East round Africa to Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong 1917-18; in Vladivostock with Allied Intervention Forces, visits to China, Japan, Korea etc., return home through Suez Canal 1918-19
(DDX 1237/3/1-8)
- 1915-1963 Business and personal diaries of Arthur Proctor Cartmell of Preston (1873-1967). A P Cartmell was part of John Cartmell and Sons of Preston, joiners and undertakers
(DDX 1223/3-6)
- 1916-18 Diary of an unknown soldier of the 6th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, on active service in Mesopotamia, 1916-18
(DDX 2256/1)
- 1916-18 First World War diary of Private Robert Ingham of Accrington, on active service in Greece and Turkey
(DDX 1862 acc. 10419)
- 1916-19 First World War diary of Gunner Robert Chadwick of Accrington: 'The Story of a Wasted Life from July 31st 1916 to March 6th 1919', on active service in France
(DDX 1862 acc. 10419)
- 1917-18 Official diary of "A" Battery, 330th Brigade R.F.A. (T.F.), 25 Feb. 1917 - 27 Sep. 1918
(DDX 152/9)

- 1917-18 Diary of J Hanslip of Burnley, gunner on board the tramp steamer *SS Plawsworth*, owned by the Dalglish Shipping Co, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, describing sailing on her maiden voyage from Falmouth *via* Gibraltar, Malta, North Africa, the Suez Canal, Aden and Colombo [Ceylon] to Rangoon [Burma] with a cargo of coal, returning to London with coconut oil and other cargo, 19 Sep. 1917 - 10 Feb. 1918; the writer describes evasive action to dodge submarines and takes an interest in places visited and ships seen, giving weather reports and much information about the convoy system in wartime
(DDX 1312/1)
- 1917-27 Mr T Newton of Preston, LMS gateman and ticket collector
(DDX 2195/1)
- c.1918 Diary of ?, Assistant Chief Constable, Lancashire Constabulary, n.d. [c.1918]
(PLA acc. 5335)
- 1918 Diary of Mrs E M Hodkinson's voyage from England to Australia, 1918
(DDX 2093/12)
- 1918-70 R G Shepherd of Preesall, journalist
(DDX 479/1/1 - 1/59)
- 1919-1969 Diaries of Rita Harris Dutton of Windermere, formerly of Grantham (Lincs.) and St Helens, schoolteacher
(DDX 1127/1/1 – 1/16)
- 1921 Personal diary of Thomas Stone of J and R Stone and Co Ltd, Park Collieries, Garswood
(NCST 21/6)
- 1923 Diary of Miss Doris Lamb of Lancaster (b.1905), written into a Boots printed Commercial Diary, detailing social and domestic incidents and mundanities, with much mention of church- and cinema-going, housework, work in Miss Pickup's [ladies'

- outfit?] shop, sighings and attractions, and a family wedding
(24 Oct.), 1923
(DDX 1901/1)
- 1926-27,
1936-37 Burnley municipal diary and year book
(DDX 1903 acc. 7037)
- 1927 Diary of Francis Nicholas Blundell's Canadian tour looking at
resettlement options
(DDBL acc. 7725 Box 9)
- 1927 Diary of John Hindley's journey from Liverpool to Cape Town,
21 Jun – 11 Jul 1927, and of his continuing journey to
Australia, 21 Aug 1927 and New Zealand, nd, including copies
of letters home, 12 Jul, 27 Jul and 2 Sep 1927
(DDX 2275/2)
- 1927-45 Diary of Edward Hanson [of Lytham?],
19 Apr 1927 – 22 Jun 1945,
mostly observations on birdwatching; begun as "President" of
the "Free Ornithologists Club" with a few entries in 1927, then
continuing from April 1932 "being Random Thoughts, Notes
and Observations on Nature, and Birds in Particular"; trips to
Shropshire, the Lake District and the Cotswolds are mentioned;
a poem and a transcribed letter to "Alan" date from later in
1945 and 1946
(DP 515/1)
- 1928 Diary of a public health or slaughterhouse inspector in the
Preston area, 1 Jan. - 31 Dec. 1928
(DDX 1743/2)
- 1928 Diary of Captain F N Blundell's tour to Denmark, Sweden and
Holland on behalf of the Imperial Economic Committee 1928
(DDBL acc. 9602)
- 1929 Diary of Captain F N Blundell's visit to Ireland 1929
(DDBL acc. 9602)

- 1929-30 Diary of Peter Rushfirth of St Anne's on Sea, while a day schoolboy at Arnold School, Blackpool, containing baldly factual reports of his doings, including frequent cycle rides, family car trips, churchgoing, cinema and fairground visits and other schoolboy pursuits, annual holidays in north Wales, with mentions of girlfriends and daily weather reports
1 Jan 1929 – 31 Dec 1930
(DDX 519/216/6)
- 1930-32 Detective Officer Dyke of Burnley Borough Police
(PLBU 25/2)
- 1930-56 Annual business diaries of J J Somerville, barrister, of Liverpool and Preston
(DDX 766/1/1-27)
- 1930-72 Miss Irene Burke of Pleasington (d. 1972)
(DDX 1884)
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- 1930-79 Diaries of William Henry, Baron Pilkington (formerly Sir Harry, 1905-83), of St Helens [see DNB Supplement 1981-85 for biographical details]
(DDPK acc. 9880)
- 1932 Miss Mary Alice Hackey JP of Litherland (a former suffragette, Miss Hackey heard committal proceedings as a JP in several famous Liverpool trials between c. 1920-35)
(DDX 1057/1)
- 1932-35 (?Business) diaries of John Welch of Galgate, Lancaster, solicitor
(DDX 1845)
- 1932-76 Diaries of Edward Robinson of Preston, artist
(DDX 1388/2/1-34)

- 1933 Revd. Charles Gale Townley of Townhead
(DDTY 2/7/7)
- 1934-39 Gardening diary of Harry Winter, containing information as to weather, planting, and other activities as head gardener at the Silcock family's home at Aughton Springs, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Jan 1934 – Jan 1939
(DDX 2595/1)
- 1935 Henry Moulding, schoolteacher, Poulton-le-Fylde, recording a camping holiday in Dunnerdale, Cumbria, 15-25 Aug. 1935
(DDX 2247/1)
- 1935-60 Preston and District Boy Scouts' Association District Commissioner's diary and reference books, Aug. 1935 - 21 Mar. 1960
(DDX 1440/7-10)
- 1940 Appointments diary distributed by Gaskell and Chambers, manufacturers of hotel bar fittings, Preston
(DDX 1206/3)
- 1940-45 Journal/photograph album of Frank Thompson of Lytham relating to his wartime service in various parts of UK (1940-44), and album of his time in India 1945
(DDX 2463 acc 9664 box 6)
- c.1940-42 Duty diaries of P.C. Warbreck, Lancaster Borough Police, c.1940-42
(PLA acc. 6436)
- 1941-42 War diary of 126 Base Unit (inc. posting to Archangel)
(DDB acc. 6685 box 77)
- 1941-68 J H Richardson of Preston and Bare, builder, with transcripts, 1941-59, 1962, 1965-68, 1974-75
(DDX 1976 acc. 7371, 7828, 7849, 7907, 7962, 8015, 8214)

- 1942-44 Joseph Ratcliffe (naval service in Algeria and Sicily)
(DDX 2223 acc. 8663)
- 1945-77 W B Cochrane (incomplete series)
(DDX 1242 acc. 4822)
- 1947-48 Travel diaries of Miss Edna Beard of Blackburn - holidays to
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(DDX 2170/1/1 - 1/2)
- 1947-51 Anonymous diary of walking in the Lake District
(DDX 2170/2/1)
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(DDX 2434/1)
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(DDX 350/50)
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(2 vols., **CLOSED UNTIL 2024**)
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CLOSED UNTIL 1 JANUARY 2016
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