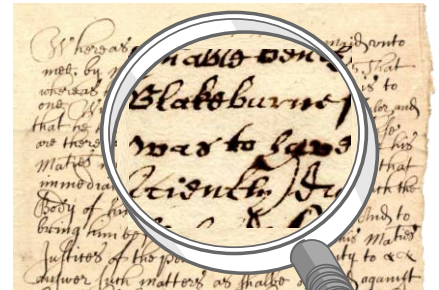


News from the Archives

Newsletter of Lancashire Archives



 **Archive Service**
update

I'm not sure that this particular April will be the happiest for anyone, but one of our archivists will be visiting Bolton-le-Sands Library on 25 April and we will hold the first of our 6 creative writing workshops on the same day. These are being provided free of charge by the generosity of the Friends of Lancashire Archives and will focus on archives relating to the Peterloo massacre. We hope to publish some of the writing in a future edition of this newsletter.

The art inspired by archives workshops in February were so well received that we have been asked to host another. This will be on Saturday 13 July from 10am-1pm and take inspiration from Horrockses textile designs, experimenting with two printmaking techniques to create repeat or one-off designs. Further details will be available soon.

Jacque Crosby
Archives Service Manager



Henry "orator" Hunt was at the centre of the Peterloo storm. This signed print is one of the items our creative writers will be using for inspiration (DDX 113)

What a Picture



DDX 3251/2

Photographs have always been a fascinating part of our collections and we have everything from the glamorous (Miss Great Britain at Morecambe) to the mundane (many, many bridges). We have daguerreotypes from the very earliest days of photography, the digital formats of today, and examples of everything in between. At its inception, photography was as much alchemy as science, and no one knew what might work best. There was obviously a lot of trial and quite a bit of error going on.

In a group of documents brought in by a local family a few weeks ago we found an excellent example of this 'try it and see' attitude. A small photograph, measuring 8cm by 6.5cm, shows six fine gentlemen, and several seem to share family features as well as some splendid facial topiary. They could be members of the Abbot family of Bretherton and we think the photograph dates from about 1870. What makes it especially intriguing is that the image is on copper, something we've never seen before. We know that photographic images were

produced on metal (called tintypes), and that this was often done by itinerant photographers at fairs or seaside resorts because the process was relatively fast and cheap. What is incredible is the quality of the image and the survival of this scrap of social history, commemorating perhaps a family outing, or a special day.

The metallic base layer of this image contrasts with the soft cloth used by John Mercer of Great Harwood for some of his experimental photographs. The inventor of the mercerization process was obviously interested in printing images on cotton fabric and his attempts, from around 1850, some in vibrant colours, are part of the Mercer Museum Collection within the Clayton-Le-Moors Urban District Council archive (UDCL/8).



UDCL/8/19

Kathryn Newman
Archivist

Family History Friday 12 Apr
12.30 pm talk:
Parish collections - not just baptisms, marriages and burials

Read All About It

Preston Chronicle

If you want to *read all about* Preston, Leyland or Longridge, you now can at Lancashire Archives. A wonderful microfilm collection of local newspapers for these places has just arrived, the drawers are being labelled as I type, and we are looking forward to encouraging people to find out about Preston and the surrounding area in old newspapers.

Formerly at the Harris Library, there are 21 titles, from 1740 to 2017:

The Clarion	Dec 1891- May 1897
Farmers Guardian	1965-Jun 2004
Lancashire Daily Post	1893-1948
Lancashire Evening Post	Oct 1886- 1892, 1949-2017
Leyland Advertiser	1945-Aug 1947
Leyland Guardian	Aug 1947- Dec 2017
Longridge and Ribble Valley News	2004-Oct 2014
Longridge News	1969-2003

Preston Argus	Sep 1897- Dec 1898, 1900-1908
Preston Chronicle	1812-1893
Preston and Leyland Citizen	2005-2008
Preston Citizen	2003-2004
Preston Guardian	1844-1910, 1912-1964
Preston Herald	1855-1896, 1899-1918
Preston Journal and Crofts Lancashire General Advertiser	1807-1812
Preston Journal, Preston Weekly Journal, True British Courant	Jan 1740-Jan 1753
Preston Pilot	1831-1877
Preston and Leyland Reporter	2005-2007
Preston Reporter	2003-2004
Preston Review and County Advertiser	Jun 1793- Mar 1794
Preston Sentinel and Lancaster County Advertiser	Apr 1821- Mar 1822

You might have a niche academic interest to explore or, like a member of staff here, simply want to find a piece of your own past. Apparently, in 1982, the Lancashire Evening Post covered her winning a trip to the Hollands pie factory in Baxenden. She came away with a big a box of pies and enjoyed a ride in a pie van round the chippies of Preston. It's what every young girl dreams of.

David Tilsley
Archivist

Flooding at Fleetwood



As we head into spring it is sometimes easy to forget the dark and damp times of winter. A dramatic reminder arrived as part of a splendid collection donated by the family of Francis H Crapper, at one time Police Superintendent of Kirkham Division. Superintendent Crapper was at the helm on 31 October 1927 when a combination of gales and extremely high tides devastated Fleetwood where his division was based.



The collection includes an incredible scrapbook documenting the disaster in which six died, half the streets flooded and the entire town was cut off by road and rail or days. The scrapbook is a fantastic record, including press cuttings and photographs,

telling the tale of disaster, resilience and support from across the country. Superintendent Crapper is praised for his work organising rescue efforts, providing accommodation and other resources for the thousands displaced, and for starting a relief fund. In the Kings Birthday honours of June 1928 he was awarded an MBE for 'devoted and meritorious service', and this honour is recorded in the album. (DDX 3187/9/3)

Kathryn Newman

Archivist

Who do you think they were?

Apart from a Lancashire connection, what do the following people have in common? Richard Arkwright, Lawrence Binyon, Nicholas Blundell, Humphrey Chetham, Kathleen Ferrier, Edmund Robert Harris, John Horrocks,, John Lennon, Joseph Livesey, the Pendle witches, Benjamin Shaw and James Williamson. No idea? The answer is that they are all recorded in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

This amazing national record contains over 60,000 biographies of people who died in or before 2012. What's more, it's available online **free of charge** if you have a Lancashire Library card. Just go to the website and enter your library membership number. <http://bit.ly/researchhistory>

**Our next Saturday opening is
13 Apr 2019
and we are closed
19 and 22 Apr 2019**

**ANY
COMMENTS?**

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