

**Welcome to the e-newsletter of  
the  
NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM  
FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY  
Issue 2 - October 2016**

**HELLO EVERYONE**

The trustees of the society are delighted that the e-newsletter has been received with such enthusiasm by the members.

The trustees are looking for a newsletter editor the following is the Job Description, applications to [chairman@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@ndfhs.org.uk)

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

1. The Editor will be expected to edit and design the layout of the newsletter.
2. This role is open to any member regardless of where they live in the UK or overseas.
3. The letter is expected to be sent via PDF, in mid January, mid-April, mid July and mid-October.
4. The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, April, July and October.
5. The content of which should be the following: Notices of meetings, library acquisitions and news about new datasets etc. Members are invited to submit items for inclusion. This could include members' interests and queries, interesting snippets of information and strays. There is a limit of 150 words with a photograph, if appropriate.
6. All submissions of items for inclusion must be in the form of WORD, RTF or ODT file and will be sent to a designated site. Photographs or other images should be attached separately as JPG files.
7. Items to be sent to [ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk)
8. Editor will be given password access to the above email address

## **GEORDIE FRIENDS**

Unfortunately too few members have shown an interest in joining Geordie Friends, and it has not been possible to match anyone with a member living nearby. This is your last chance to sign up. So why not send your details to [geordiefriends@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:geordiefriends@ndfhs.org.uk)

## **MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS    PROJECT IMAGES UPDATE**

The Society is taking part in a national project to record every gravestone in the United Kingdom and local volunteers are photographing graveyards and cemeteries in Northumberland and Durham. These images and transcriptions are available on our computers at Percy House. The transcriptions are not yet available online but we are able to provide copies of the images.

We have just added some more images to our database and they are now available online. The PDF document now contains 21,480 names (October 2016).

They can be accessed by going to our website and selecting Resources, then Research centre resources, or go straight to the webpage at:

<http://www.ndfhs.org.uk/research-centre-resources/>

## **BERWICK RECORD OFFICE**

Berwick Record Office has now completed its move to Berwick Library at Walkergate Building, Walkergate, Berwick TD15 1DB.

The majority of records are stored off site so anyone requiring access should contact the record office in advance to order the material that they require.

Contact details

Tele: 01289301865

Fax: 01289 330540

E-mail: [berwickarchives@woodhorn.com/berwick-record/](mailto:berwickarchives@woodhorn.com/berwick-record/)

Further details at: <http://www.experiencewoodhorn.com/berwick-record/>

Contact our Sales Officer,

[sales@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:sales@ndfhs.org.uk)

**New to the shop**

**5 NEW ALAN GODFREY MAPS**

Cox Green & Washington Stn. 1895

Penshaw 1895

Shiney Row & Bournmoor 1895

Fencehouses & New Lambton 1895

Stanhope 1895

All priced £3.00 plus .75p postage

0-0-0-0-0

**We are offering all our Parish Register  
booklets as files on CD or by email.**

We will slowly include these items in the online shop and catalogue, but if you have a preference please enquire. We're happy to oblige.

Minimum CD price £5.50 plus .75 post.

Minimum email price £2.00. – Just ask.

**EXAMPLES**

Church Bank Willington Quay Mls. CD £5.50  
p & p 75p



The Newcastle (Castle Ward) Wills Index should be available for sale before Christmas.

## Blyth Library

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, the Joyce Wakenshaw Bequest Sub Committee along with trustees and others attended the re-opening of the completely refurbished Family History and Local History section of Blyth library. It is a culmination of many months of planning in partnership with the Joyce Wakenshaw Sub Committee, library staff and others from Northumberland County Council. This library is to be one of the hubs in Northumberland for Family and Local History. I am sure that Joyce would have been delighted that her last wishes are being carried out in such a manner.

## Percy House

Percy House has been sold to the Kier Construction business and as far as we can ascertain there are no plans to change the use of the building

### **NEW TO THE LIBRARY AT PERCY HOUSE**

<b>HELP 258</b>	<b>Dating Old Photographs, 1840 – 1950.</b>	<b>R. Pols. 2016</b>
<b>HELP 259</b>	<b>Tracing Your Ancestors through Local History Records.</b>	<b>J. Oates, 2016.</b>
<b>AR.121</b>	<b>In the Wars, Stories from 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.</b>	<b>A. Wright</b>
<b>CMG 4 (13)</b>	<b>Durham Miners Strike 1863 - Illustrated London News</b>	

### **FAMILY TREE/HISTORY ADDITIONS**

<b>FH. 293</b>	<b>Dobson</b>	<b>Washington, Crook, USA, Canada.</b>
<b>FH. 294</b>	<b>Ritson</b>	<b>Durham, Yorkshire</b>
<b>002</b>	<b>Jewitt</b>	<b>No locations recorded</b>

### **PROBATE INDEX**

Present coverage:-

**Chester Ward West**, covering North West Durham (18,446 names)

**Castle Ward East**, covering South East Northumberland and parts of East Newcastle (30,738 names)

Available to view in our Research Centre at Percy House

**Why not start thinking about Christmas presents and buy one of the above probate indexes from our Sales Department, they are available at a very reasonable price.**

## Weird Wills & Eccentric Last Wishes

Mr Davis of Clapham, London, left a sum of five shillings

“to Mary Davis, daughter of Peter Delaport, which is sufficient to enable her to get drunk for the last time at my expense”

## **BRANCH MEETINGS DIARY**

### Alnwick

1<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30, Bailiffgate Museum – Sir Edward Grey and his Family, Speaker: Mike Fraser

### Belmont

16<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm, Belmont Community Centre – tba.

### Blyth

15th November, 7pm, Briardale Centre, Briardale Road, Cowpen –Hartley Pit Disaster 1862, Speaker: Ken Hutchinson

20<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm, do do do -Christmas Poem & Prose,

Speaker: Alison Thoburn

### London

12<sup>th</sup> November, Society of Genealogists- Capability Brown., Speaker: Steffie Shields

### Newcastle Branch

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2pm, Brunswick Methodist Church - Crime and Punishment in old Newcastle, Speaker: Anne Smith

### North Northumberland

19th November, 10am, Bell View Resource Centre, Belford – Sir Charles Trevelyan, MP of Wallington – the upper-class Northumbrian Socialist, Speaker: Mike Fraser

## **NEW** North Tyneside Branch

1st November, 1.30 pm, North Shields Customer First Centre, Northumberland Square, North Shields- The Parish Chest, Speaker: Joyce Jackman

## South Tyneside

19<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 pm, St Hilda's Visitor Centre, Market Place, South Shields – 'Always Remembered' A film presented by Dorothy Hall from the North East War Memorials Project.

16<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm, St Hilda's Visitor Centre, Market Place, South Shields – 'Dolly – A North Shields Legend', Speaker: Susan Lynn.

## Tynedale

10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, Community Centre, Gilesgate- Members Forum: Gone but not forgotten:funerals, tombstones, legacies-or vanished

8<sup>th</sup> December,7pm, Community Centre, Gilesgate – Xmas Quiz-Please contribute a plate to a shared buffet.

## Wansbeck

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30 pm, Pegswood Community Hub, Longhirst Road – More to a needle than meets the eye, Speaker: Barry Mead.

7th December, 1.30pm, do do do Christmas Quiz.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **ANCESTORS FROM IRELAND**

General Register Office of Ireland offers free access to Birth, Marriages & Deaths at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

Births from 1864-1915, Marriages from 1882-1940, Deaths 1891-1965. Researchers can download an image of the full register page.

### **ANCESTORS FROM SCOTLAND (DIGGING DEEPER)**

Kirk Sessions are being released soon find out more about this at:-

[www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/church-court-records-online](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/guides/church-court-records-online)

Baptism Register, St Michael & All Angels, Newburn

25<sup>th</sup> March 1837 (Susan Maria crossed out) Richard to Samuel Goodwin and Susannah Maria Barrett of Newbiggen, Gentleman. Signed S.J. Shafto, Curate.

This child was baptised in the name of Susan Maria but proving to be a male is now named by its parents Richard Edward. Signed John Reid, Vicar, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1837

**A reminder** that deadlines for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, April, July and October.

Items must be in the form of WORD, RTF or ODT file, to be attached to an e-mail and sent to [ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:ndfhsnews@ndfhs.org.uk) Photographs and other images should be attached separately as JPG files.

**LASTLY**

**Do not forget that Subscriptions are due by the end of the year.**

Details of how to pay are wrapped round the Autumn Journal.

Please save us time and expense in having to remind you by

Paying promptly

**And if you have already paid, MANY THANKS**