

**Welcome to the e-newsletter of**

**NORTHUMBERLAND &**

**DURHAM**

**FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

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**Hello everyone**

I am sorry that this newsletter is a little late, it has been a busy few months and holiday time is upon us all.

The society is holding a **Family History Course for Beginners**

Five Wednesdays, Venue: Society's Library & Research Centre 7th Floor Percy House, Percy Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4PW.

The aim of the course is to enable the participants to learn how to extract information from the basic records and develop skills to link one record to another in order to advance knowledge of their ancestors, to understand how to record the information acquired through research and then build a family tree.

Week 1	18 September	Introduction to course and Civil Registration.
Week 2	25 September	Census Returns 1841-1911
Week 3	2 October	Parish Registers
Week 4	9 October	Trade Directories, Electoral Registers & Newspapers
Week 5	16 October	Wills

Fee £25.00 in advance

Time 10.30 – 12.30, 30 minutes for lunch 1-2.30 using the facilities with support.

Booking and payment in advance are required. Send your contact details and payment to Joyce Jackman NDFHS 7<sup>th</sup> Floor pPercy House Percy Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4PW. Phone 0191 26121659 or e-mail enquiries [chairman@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:chairman@ndfhs.org.uk)

Please note that Joyce Jackman may not be present to answer your call.

It is planned to hold a Beyond the Basics Course in the Spring of next year, covering such topics as, Estate Records, Older Handwriting, Manorial Records, Parish Chest records.

**All 1851 & 1891 Census Index Booklets for Northumberland and Durham – Reduced to £2.00 each**

**OTHER SPECIAL OFFERS: Will be printed in the Autumn Journal**

## APPEAL

Please consider becoming part of our team of inputters, data will be sent electronically to you.

Requirements are: Microsoft Excel .pdf and picture viewer, if you are interested please contact Gerry Langley [sales@ndfhs.org.uk](mailto:sales@ndfhs.org.uk)

**The society is still seeking people to fill the role of the following officers:**

Membership, Sales, Events, Publicity and e-newsletter editor.

### BRANCHES - SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

#### ALNWICK

**Bailiffgate Museum, Alnwick, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month 7.30 pm**

3 September 2019, The Newbiggin Genealogy Project, Speaker: Hilton Dawson

#### NEWCASTLE

**Brunswick Methodist Church, Northumberland Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7BJ, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in month, 2 pm**

4 September 2019, Tudor Daily Life in the Borders, Speakers: Deborah Bell & Margaret Tindall

#### TYNEDALE

**Community Centre, Gilesgate, Hexham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month, 7 pm**

12 September 2019, Members Forum: Secrets, Lies and Don't Tell the Children

#### WANSBECK

**Pegswood Community Hub, Longhirst Road, Pegswood, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in month, 1.30 pm**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2019, Victorian Low Fell, Speaker: Anthea Lang.

The Officers in the other branches will be perfecting their Speakers Programmes for the year.

### Will – names in a Will

**John Trumble** of Yetlington, Parish of Whittingham, Yeoman, Proved 15 November 1796

Sister **Isabela Brewis** Five pounds, each of her children **Elizabeth, Margaret, Thomas and John** 10 shillings and sixpence each. **Mary Burton** of Yetlington the Chest of Drawers by my beside, **John Elsander**, the cock at the bed I slept in. **Ann Hunter** wife of **Michael Hunter** of Yetlington the sum of one guinea. To **John Burton** ten shillings and sixpence. **Mary Thompson** of Alnwick ten shillings and sixpence. **Elizabeth Hudson** of Snitter ten shillings and sixpence. **Jane Hevenson** of Yetlington one guinea. **Margaret Gray** of Glanton, servant to Miss Pearson the sum of one guinea. **Eleanor Coulter** of Sharperton five pounds. **Robert and Thomas Wardhaugh** one guinea each. Christopher Avery of Yetlington and Robert Blacklock of Callaly House my Executors.

## Know Your Parish - Kirkharle

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The parish of Kirkharle, one of the smallest in the country, is bordered by the parishes of Hartburn, Kirkwhelpington, Throckrington and Kirkheaton. It consists of two separate and detached townships, Kirkharle, which includes the hamlet of Great Law, and the small settlement of Hawick, about four miles distant. Kirkharle hamlet consists of four large imposing farm houses, the old vicarage, and a few houses and cottages set amidst rich agricultural pasture with thick wooded plantations of oak, beech and sycamore.

In 1821 there were only 32 families in Kirkharle township, and only 22 persons living in Hawick. The name Kirkharle was in all probability derived from the name "Herla". Walter de Bolbeck, founder of the Abbey at Blanchland, in 1175 received revenue from the church of Herla, Herla meaning boundary or line between West of Little Harle. The name is still preserved in the name Harelaw. In 1359 the parish was named or spelt Kirkharll; in 1456 Kirkherell; in 1578 Kirkharlowe; until it eventually became Kirkharle.

Although the Bolbecks were originally of Blanchland, they owned the Kirkharle estates which eventually, through marriage, passed to the de Harles in 1365, and afterwards became the property of the Strothers of Glendale. On the marriage of Joanna Strother, who had inherited the estates, the property was conveyed to William Loraine, whose ancestor Robert had come over with William the Conqueror. A little to the south-west of the church is a stone pillar bearing the following inscription.

"This new stone was set up in place of an old stone by Sir William Loraine, Bart, in 1728. In memory of Robert Loraine his ancestor who was barbarously murdered in this place by the Scots in 1483; for his good services to his country against their thefts and robbery; as he was returning from the church alone, where he had been at his private devotions".

The Loraines were of Eyestones in Essex in 1268, and had related branches in Roxburghshire and East Lothian. James Loreyn, who had vast Scottish estates, was awarded an annuity by the English King Edward III for his allegiance. Sir Neil Loraine was a Knight of the Garter in 1349.

Although many of the Loraines were baronets and the family minor nobility, it was a Kirkharle boy whose family were of yeoman stock who gained international repute as the greatest English landscape gardener, William Brown of Ravenscleugh Farm, Elsdon, was the father to three sons, all born at Kirkharle. John a land surveyor and a Loraine tenant at Great Laws, married Jane, daughter of Sir William in 1743. In his "Evidence of Bacon Grey Pedigree" of 1903 Sir Lambton Loraine refers to this marriage of his related ancestor Jane to plain Mr John Brown as this "strange marriage". Young Lancelot, on leaving school, gained employment as an assistant gardener to Sir William, who himself was responsible for planting thousands of trees and restoring the church. Developing his gifts through his mentor Sir William, Lancelot later entered the service of the famous Northumbrian family the Shaftoes (remembered in the Tyneside song "Bobby Shaftoe"), and in 1739, at the age of 23, left his native county to work for Lord Cobham at Stowe. Soon afterwards he was appointed head gardener at Windsor and Hampton Court. Sir Lambton Loraine's ancestor, Sir Charles, son of Sir William, became Sheriff of Northumberland, and then only a few years later Lancelot "Capability" Brown was High Sheriff of Huntingdon and Cambridgeshire.

The Church at Kirkharle is dedicated to St Wilfred, who was buried at Hexham Abbey. The masonry of the oldest part of the church is good, and does not seem to be earlier than the time of Henry IV. About that time it is said to have been in a state of great decay and to have been repaired under the instructions of Joanna, the Strother heiress who married William Loraine. Thomas Loraine, on being advanced to the dignity of a baronet by Charles II, newly timbered his church with Irish oak and covered it with lead. The

vicarage, in the patronage of the Loraines, was noted in Pope Nicholas' taxation in 1291 at £5-9-6d a year. In the list of Vicars John de Kirkeby is named as the first in 1350.

There are many Loraines buried within the compact little church, and there are also other Loraine memorial tablets. Some of the inscriptions are very informative, for example:-

"Here lyes the body of Richard Loraine, Esq., who was a proper handsome man of good sense and behaviour: he dyed a bachelor of an apoplexy walking in a green field near London, October 26<sup>th</sup> 1733, in the 38 year of his age".

On another grave Dame Ann, second wife of Sir William, buried 24 September 1756 is described as "a comely person of good aspect and stature, a neat and prudent housekeeper." A memorial tablet to 'Capability Brown' was unveiled in the church on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1983, the bi-centenary year of his death. In the churchyard there is a headstone to John Harle, buried 1887, no doubt a descendant of the Harles of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries.

### **Websites:**

GRO Ireland. BMD 1864 – 1921 and the Republic of Ireland from 1922, Church of Ireland records for Kerry, Western Cork and Dublin

[www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)

Index to Merchant Navy Masters & Apprentices 1824 – 1910

From the BT150 records at National Archives

[www.TheGenealogist](http://www.TheGenealogist)

Adoption Search Reunion: First port of call for anyone searching for, if making contact with, birth and adopted relatives, or researching an adoption that took place in the UK

[www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk](http://www.adoptionsearchreunion.org.uk)

Measuring Worth: Valuations of British money, from 1270 to present.

[www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/](http://www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/)

Search for Theatrical Ancestors: A large body of online data is brought together here to help you find out more about your theatrical ancestors

[www.ellenterryyarchive.hull.ac.uk/star](http://www.ellenterryyarchive.hull.ac.uk/star)

Joyce Jackman, e-Newsletter Editor

Feedback is welcomed and do not be shy, if you wish to contribute please get in touch.

A Reminder:

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1 of July 2019.

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.