

WELCOME TO THE E-NEWSLETTER
OF THE
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FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
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Hello everyone,

How the world has changed since the last news letter, no one could have envisaged how all our lives were going to change within a few weeks. To those members who may be grieving because this virus has taken loved ones from them, our thoughts are with you.

Take care and stay safe. It is all uncertain when everything will go back to any kind of normality.

Our Library and Research Centre will not open until it is safe to do so. Even then, social distancing and personal hand and relevant PC sanitising will have to be applied. Visits to the Library and Research Centre will be by appointment only.

All the events have been cancelled or postponed. Our Conference has been postponed until June next year. The AGM has been put back to possibly, the middle of October this year, more about this in the Autumn Journal. Governance of the Society is functioning with trustees via electronic means.

At the moment, searching for new premises is on hold. The Beyond the Basics Course was curtailed after the third week. Attendees have been invited to attend the fourth week of the course next year.

Role Vacancies. Sales Officer contact: chairman@ndfhs.org.uk

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Membership Secretary contact: chairman@ndfhs.org.uk

SALES

If you wish to purchase any items from the Sales Catalogue, many can be sent to you via an attachment on an e-mail. Items for sale are being accessed remotely. So please, look at the Sales Catalogue.

NEWCASTLE METHODIST DISTRICT ARCHIVES

Felling Methodist Church in Gateshead – an area John Wesley himself visited, is the new home of the archives for the Newcastle Methodist District. Previously held at a Wallsend church that has closed, the new premises are bright, airy and much more accessible by all means of transport. There is a space to display items from the collections that have rarely, if ever, been seen by the public, including Sunday School banners, plaques, photographs and a range of artefacts that help to show the rich Methodist heritage. The archive explores more than 265 years of diverse Methodist heritage in towns and villages across Tyne & Wear, County Durham, Northumberland and further afield.

Felling Methodist Church is located on Coldwell Street, Gateshead NE10 OHH, electronic access www.methodistarchivenewcastle.weebly.com

Extracted from Brunswick News- February – March 2020

WORDSEARCH - FAMILY HISTORY

A bit of fun

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Clues: words can be forwards, backwards, diagonal.

Ancestors

Parish

Web

Burial

Poll

Census

Probate

Estate

Register

Genealogy

Testator

WILLS PROJECT

Our Co-ordinator is unable to access Palace Green Library at the moment and work will resume when it is possible to visit the library again.

Will – William Robson, West Auckland, Durham, Yeoman

Ellen Robinson- Housekeeper, all household furnishing and effects.

Daughter **Mary Lucas**, wife of John Lucas Cassopin, Durham, Blacksmith –Rents from properties for her own use and not husband. Son, **Mathew Robson**, two copyhold tenements. Daughter, **Margaret Smith** wife of John Smith, St Helens Auckland, Pitman, rents from properties. Daughter, **Elizabeth** wife of John Dalton, rent from properties. Granddaughter, **Jane Nelson** daughter of the said Mary Lucas ten pounds, Grandson **William Storey** ten pounds, Granddaughter, **Mary Ann Jane Storey** of Stockton. Grandson, **John Storey** of Bolam, ten pounds, Grandson, **Robert Storey** of Heighington, ten pounds.

Residue shared equally between the Testator's five children.

Note:

Durham Archives and Special Collections have made available, amongst others, the digitised images of Durham Wills dated 1540 – 1570.

The following data has been added to the Society's database

| TYPE | PARISH | DATES |
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| Baptisms | Bywell, St. Andrew | 1668-1812 |
| Baptisms | Corbridge, St. Andrew | 1716-1747 |
| Baptisms | Crookham, Presbyterian | 1764 -1764 |
| Baptisms | Denton, St. Mary | 1813- 1839 |
| Baptisms | Hurworth, All Saints | 1561-1799 |
| Baptisms | Kirk Merrington, St. John the Evangelist | 1579-1602 |
| Baptisms | Newcastle upon Tyne, St, John | 1590-1667 |
| Baptisms | New Hartley, Our Lady & St. Joseph RC | 1870-1902 |
| Baptisms | Pittington, St. Lawrence | 1574-1622 |
| Baptisms | Swinburne, St. Mary | 1828-1859 |
| Baptisms | Widdrington, Holy Trinity | 1698-1812 |
| Baptisms | Wooler, St. Mary | 1764-1812 |
| Marriages | Cambois, St.Peter | 1866-1905 |
| Monumental Inscriptions, | Heworth, St Mary | |
| | Rothbury, All Saints | |

QUIZ

A bit of fun- good luck

1. When was the General Register Office established?
2. Which famous landscape designer came from Kirkharle?
3. St Oswald Durham has parish records dating from the year they were first required to be kept by Thomas Cromwell. Which year?
4. Where is the Northumberland church dedicated to the Holy Paraclete?
5. An Act of Parliament in the regnal year of 41 Geo 111 led to the 1801 census for England, Wales and Scotland. What was the estimated population of the country?
6. Which heroine is buried at St Mary's Church Bamburgh?
7. From the MIs of All Saints, Newcastle: Sacred to the memory of William Robson wharfinger who departed this life on the 5th May 1849 aged 79 years. What does a Wharfinger do?
8. Her under hviler det jordiske of Ingebreth HANSEN kjobmand i Christiansand somdode ombord i sluppen Christine Captn E HANSEN paa en reise derfra til Newcaste den 13 April 1839 i sin alders 35.

What is the nationality of this seaman buried at All Saints, Newcastle?
9. Only one part of the Northumberland 1821 census survives. Which Newcastle parish is it?
10. Which cleric (1734-1826) was Bishop of Salisbury and later the Bishop of Durham?

Answers in the next e-newsletter.

BRANCHES

As might be expected, all Branch Meetings have, for the time being, been cancelled.

Many of you will be aware that large libraries are making available to their members either FMP of Ancestry or both access at home through their library membership

Internet Archive has launched the National Emergency Library, containing over 1.4 million e-books that are usually restricted to institutional passwords and paywalls. These are freely available during the Covid-19 crisis until 30 June 2020.

The National Archives UK are making available FOC digital images for a limited time.

Family Search is making available digital images of various relevant records that have not so far been indexed.

Please look around websites, many digitised resources are being made available at this time.

The editor apologises about some of the websites from the last issue of the letter, not working, despite copying them from a publication. All websites will be tested in the future before being mentioned in the news letter.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this letter.

Joyce Jackman, e-Newsletter Editor.

Feedback is welcomed.

A reminder:

The deadline for submission of items for inclusion in the newsletter will be the 1st 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