



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update

We have just uploaded another 2345 records for Lawrence Undertakers on to the online database, so we now have all the records on line for the original set of information that Lawrences gave us.

They have recently given us some more records that they have found (about as many again as the first batch!!), which we will start to work on once we have completed our new project – Workhouses.

The Workhouses project is now underway and promises to be quite challenging for our team, but, of course, they are quite up to it ! The records that they have to transcribe are old, dating back to the 1750s and very varied in their content and layout. Transcription on the earliest files has begun and we hope to work through to the later ones – in the mid 1800s, as soon as possible.

If any member feels that they would like to join the team on this challenging project, we will be happy to have them – just contact Peter Lord at projects@cfhsweb.com.

Government Consultation on storage and retention of will documents

Members may be aware of recent government proposals to cease permanent storage of historical paper wills, due to the cost of retention. The proposals recommend all wills older than (say) 25 years being digitised and the original document destroyed.

Family History Societies, including ours, have put forward objections to these proposals and the Family History Federation (FHF) have submitted a lengthy rebuttal of the government plans.

If you would like to read the FHF document, please email systems@cfhsweb.com and we will send you the submission in PDF format. It makes interesting reading.

New records available—baptisms Congregationalist Church, Norwood Green

Transcription of the baptisms which took place at Norwood Green Congregational Church between 1883 and 1924 is now available freely online on the [South Bradford Local History Alliance website](#).



Dates for the Diary

**Hybrid meeting—Thursday
28 March 2024 at 7.30 pm**

**Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister Street, off
Winding Road, Halifax**

***‘Making the Most of a Will’ by John Titterton
(Virtual)***

While researching which of two brothers was the father of his ancestor William Titterton, born around 1739, John learnt that wills can play an important part in finding the solution.

The presentation will discuss what can be learnt from the different parts of a will and highlight the other documents and records which may also be found accompanying the will (or instead of it), and explain how these may lead to the search for other documents.

The talk will include a discussion about the contents of three or four wills and how it is possible to combine information from each to build up a larger family tree. He will also discuss problems with in-laws.

As a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and a lecturer on Heraldry for courses run by the Society of Genealogists, John is more than well qualified to give guidance in this field of family history research.

Admission £1 (Members free)

Contact us

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Future CFHS meetings—2024

Thursday 25 April 2024—7.30 pm

***‘AGM followed by demonstration of latest set of
Society data—Undertaker Records’, Peter Lord***

The Society project to transcribe records from a major Halifax undertaker, is coming to an end. This has involved some changes to the Society online database to give members maximum benefit from the new data. Peter Lord’s presentation will try to show how to make the best use of the new information and how to match it with other data already available on the database.

Society of Australian Genealogists

The Society of Australian Genealogists are running a series of lectures, and although they are being run in Australia, some of the subjects are relevant to UK researchers. To attend, you must register but as most sessions are recorded, registrants receive the recording even if they cannot attend live at the scheduled time.

Saturday 2 March 2024 12.30—2.30 (AEDT)

**Scottish Research Group, led by Diana Pecar,
Elizabeth Gordon and Sally Skulte**

Counties of interest—West Lothian, Edinburgh and Roxburghshire

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