

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout Further Steps Quarter Sessions

Quarter Sessions

- Justices of the Peace were required by law to meet four times a year to deal with a wide variety of cases
- They could try local **criminal** cases, not civil cases, treason or forgery
- These latter would be dealt with by the Assize judges
- Quarter Sessions originated in a law enacted in 1326 and met in the first weeks after the feasts of St Michael, the Epiphany, Easter and the translation of St Thomas the Martyr
- In 1830 these dates became the first week after 11th October, 28th December, 31st March and 24th June

Where and what

- Most Quarter Sessions records are found at local record offices and mainly date from the 18th and early 19th centuries
- Beside criminal cases they also dealt with local licences and bonds

I've got a little list.....

- Theft
- Assault
- Riot
- Poaching
- Murder
 - Don't forget – in the 18th century these charges could result in the death sentence or transportation

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Item
Reference number	QJC/1a
Title	Entry in calendar of prisoners
Date	16/08/1806
Description	Prisoner forename: Ralph Prisoner surname: Seddon Age: 34 Offence: Wilful murder of Thomas Ainscow Taylor Hundred: not given Place: Chorley Date of offence (if given): 28 May 1806 Verdict if given (based on annotations on the printed calendar): Sentence if given (based on annotations on the printed calendar): Notes: Magistrate: John Silvester

- Calendars of prisoners with sentences
- Depositions in criminal cases
- Indictment books giving names of offenders, offences and dates of conviction
- Lists of prisoners and papers relating to their release

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Item
Reference number	DDHE/77/80
Title	Calendars of Prisoners
Date	3 Apr. 1826
AccessStatus	Open

- Recognizance Books – bonds kept by the Clerk of the Peace to make sure defendants, prosecutors or witnesses appeared – otherwise a heavy fine
- Court of Petty Session registers
- Coroner’s reports – very patchy
- Insolvent debtors

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Item
Reference number	DDCM/4/11
Title	Order made in the Court for Relief of Insolvent Debtors that Henry Heys, a prisoner in the gaol of Lancaster Castle for debt, should be examined at the Sessions held at Manchester on the 10 Jul. 1821.
Date	2 Jun. 1821
AccessStatus	Open

- Lists of Deputy Coroners
- Constabulary pay lists and crime returns
- Gamekeepers’ certificates
- Victuallers’ recognizances

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Series
Reference number	QSB
Title	Recognizances
Date	1583-1839
Description	<p>QSB/1 Recognizance rolls: 1605-06, 1623-43, 1646-58, 1660-1834 Though consisting principally of bonds for appearance at Sessions to answer charges or to prosecute, other matters are to be found in these bundles, such as informations, depositions, highway diversion papers and plans, calendars of prisoners, and (to 1648) petitions</p> <p>QSB/2 Recognizance books: 1583-84, 1796-1839 These are in the nature of an index to the Recognizances themselves.</p> <p>QSB/3 Alehouse recognizances: The Act of 5-6 Edw. VI c. 25 (1552) required licensed victuallers to enter into a recognizance of good behaviour, which was to remain on record at Quarter Sessions. By 26 Geo. III c. 31 (1753) the Clerk of the Peace was also to keep a register of the bonds. This system was terminated by the Act of 9 Geo. IV c. 61 (1828).</p> <p>Returns (Hundred by Hundred, with varying completeness) 1619-21, 1627-37, 1641-42, 1646-52, 1654-57, 1660-62, 1665, 1667, 1669, 1672, 1677, 1681, 1683-84, 1690, 1692, 1701, 1717, 1720, 1727-42, 1744, 1746-48, 1750-68, 1770-1813, 1815-28</p> <p>Registers 1822-29</p> <p>QSB/4 Various</p> <p>QSB/5 Items from destroyed bundles of recognizances, 1835-70</p> <p>QSB/6 Roll of recognizances of recusants</p>
Access	Please look at details of items within this collection for information about any restrictions on access or contact us for more information.
AccessStatus	See items

- Returns of persons using weights and measures
- Enrolment of deeds and wills of papists' estates
- Declarations of allegiance by Roman Catholics and Protestant non-conformists, declarations against transubstantiation
- Registration of boats, barges and other vessels used on navigable rivers

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Item
Reference number	QSB/5/11
Title	Oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and declarations against popery, and of Christian faith, taken by William Cooke
Date	13 Jun 1848
Access	This material is available to view at Lancashire Archives. See our website or contact us for more details.
AccessStatus	Open

- Lists giving names of pauper lunatics in parishes
- Poor relief – paupers and removals of poor
- Annual returns of Freemasons’ Lodges
- Hair Powder tax certificates
- Bastardy orders

Repository	Lancashire Archives
Level	Item
Reference number	PR 2898/9/9
Title	List of hair powder certificates for Melling
Date	1795
Access	This material is available to view at Lancashire Archives. See our website or contact us for more details.
AccessStatus	Open

(The above are examples of what might be found in the Lancashire Archives and below is some more)

LICENCE

Reference number PR 3132/11/4
Title Licence for T.B. Harrison, Headmaster, to occupy the School House, Mawdesley, with an agreement as to payment or rates, 25 Aug. 1953
Date 1953 1 Sep
Access Status Open

Reference number PR 3057/2/11
Title Marriage licence for Paul Crossland and Jean Allen
Date 1974
Access Status Open

Reference number DDX 1119/13/3
Title Copy Licence to Wilson Gale, esquire, to assume the name and arms of Braddyll
Date 20 Sep 1776
Access Status Open

MARRIAGE BOND

Reference number ARR 11
Title Marriage Bond
Date 03/02/1761
Description Groom surname: Doods
Groom forename(s) William
Groom age: 21
Groom occupation/status: Mariner
Groom marital status: not given
Groom domicile:
Place 1: Whitehaven
Place 2: St. Bees
Place 3: Cumberland
Bride surname: Williamson
Bride forename(s): Jane
Bride age: 21
Bride marital status/occupation: Spinster
Bride domicile:
Place 1: Whitehaven
Place 2: St. Bees
Place 3: Cumberland
Place of marriage:
Church: Trinity Chapel
Place 1: Whitehaven
Place 2: St. Bees
Place 3: Cumberland

Notes: Bondsman William Irwin of Whitehaven, St Bees, Waggoner.
Access Status Open

BOND OF OBLIGATION

Reference number DP/443/2/6/3
Title Bond of obligation for £160 between Margerie, Marie and Katherine Wrennell of Wrightington, sisters, and John More of Eccleston, yeoman
Date 14 Jun 1655

THEFT

Reference number DDKE/2/5/59
Title Examination: Isaac Whittaker apprehended at Manchester - his theft of ducks and poultry from William Sympson at Two Yates nigh Altringham, co. Chester, and of two iron ridgwiths from George Leather and William Smith of Bollington, co. Chester
Date 18 Feb 1730
Access Status Open

ASSAULT

Reference number DDKE/2/5/21
Title Information: Ann wife of Richard Withington of Salford - assault on Ann Withington by Thomas Oldham of Salford, maltster
Date 18 Sep 1723
Access Status Open

RIOT

Reference number DDKE/HMC/439
Title Inquisition taken at Altcarr concerning the riot there on 2nd Feb 1681.
Date 20 Feb 1682
Description Inquisition taken at Altcarr before Richard Windall, Mayor of Liverpool, and John Entwisle, Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, by Silvester Sutch of Ormeskirk, gentleman, William Male of Maghull, gentleman, Laurence Hulme of the same, gentleman, John Tatlock of Melling, gentleman, Humphrey Greaves of Scarisbrick, gentleman, Laurence Baron of Sefton, gentleman, Bryan Fleetwood of the same, gentleman, James Farrer of Ormekirk, gentleman, John Berey of the same, gentleman, John Heyes of the same, gentleman, Henry Barton of the same, gentleman, James Goare of Lydeate, gentleman, Gabrel Greaves of Ormskirk, Thomas Pye of Aughton, gentleman, Roger Parr of Sefton, gentleman, Roger Pye of Aughton, gentleman, Richard Hodgkinson of the same, gentleman, James Blackbeach of the same, and Thomas Harrison of Lytherland, gentleman, jurors, by whom there is returned a true bill against Thomas Tickle of Altcarr, yeoman, John Sutton, senior, yeoman, Edward Tickle, husbandman, Ralph Starky, miller, Thomas Massam, husbandman, John Wilson, husbandman, Thomas Lunt, husbandman, John Reynold, senior, husbandman, James Reynold, labourer, John Speakman, husbandman, Richard Linnaker, servant to Margery Tickle, Ellen Speakman, widow, and the servant of Thomas Massam, whose name is not known, all of Altcarr, for riot, assault, and a rescue of the goods and beasts of John Sutton and Margery Tickle, made on 2 February, upon John Smethurst, George Flitcroft, John Hardman, George Hatton, Henry Morres, James Ashcroft, James Nicholson, and James Fazakerley, who were authorised by virtue of a writ of Laurence Rawstorne, sheriff of the County of Lancaster, to seize the goods of the said John Sutton and Margery Tickle, being persons mentioned in a schedule annexed to the said writ.
Access Status Open

POACHING

Reference number DDCL/1188/29
Title Josias Cartmell, Commonsides, Lytham - has taken Lawrence Fenton of Great Marton in act of poaching a hare.
Date 30 Aug. 1840
Access Status Open

MURDER

Reference number CBWA/1/391
Title Posters and Handbills
Date 23 Mar 1857
Description St Helens, Lancs. - information required about a murder - reward £5
Access Status Open

Reference number DDCM/1/48
Title Orders for the commutation of death sentences to transportation
Date 4 Apr. 1837
Description William Cookson (administering poison), Thomas McDaniel, William Jones, James Whetmore (robbery), John Ogden, Thomas Harrison, James Faulkner (burglary), Thomas Mooney (maliciously stabbing). Transported for life. Evan Bell, John Sefton, John Woods (robbery) William France, John Jones (burglary). Transported for 14 years. Rachael Atkinson (attempting to murder). Transported for 7 years. John Harrop, William Forrest (burglary). 18 months hard labour. John Taylor (burglary) 6 months hard labour.
Access Status Open

CALENDAR OF PRISONERS

Reference number DDX 537/8
Title Calender of crown prisoners confined at Lancaster Castle
Date 20 Mar. 1841
Description Calender of crown prisoners confined at Lancaster Castle
Access Status Open

DEPOSITIONS

Reference number DDKE/Box 76/80
Title Deposition of James Battersbey of Wigan, bricklayer relating to disturbances at the Wigan election of Members of Parliament
Date c1697-1698
Access Status Open

INDICTMENT

Reference number QJI 1 1863 OCT
Title Indictment Roll
Date 1863
Access Status Open

RELEASE OF PRISONERS

Reference number QSP/528/8
Title Lancaster -- release of prisoners.
Date c1680
Access Status Open

RECOGNIZANCE BOOKS

Reference number QSB/1/1828/Jul/pt 6/5
Title Recognizance
Date 14 May 1828
Description Recognizance for Samuel Chapman, Pawnbroker, Matthew Whalley, Labourer and Richard Beswick, Constable, all of Heaton Norris to give evidence concerning a Bill of Indictment preferred against Henry Hibbert for stealing two books, the property of Leeds Richardson of Heaton Norris, Innkeeper.
Sureties: None
Access Status Open

PETTY SESSION REGISTERS

Reference number QSP/3567/13
Title Return of penalties imposed by Justices at Ashton under Lyne Petty Sessions
Date 27 Oct 1858
Access Status Open

CORONER'S REPORTS

Reference number DDHD/CR/20/31
Title Samuel Knowles, age 67, inquest no. 12
Date 15th June 1915
Description Verdict: Acute alcoholic poisoning
At 8am on the 14th June, Samuel Knowles was found deceased in his home (1 Water Street, Lancaster). The coroner's report states that he died of alcoholic poisoning, he was known to drink rum and methylated spirits. He was 67 years old when he died.
Access Status Open

INSOLVENT DEBTORS

Reference number DDCM/4/9
Title Letters [5] concerning Henry Heys of Common Bank, Chorley, and insolvent debtor, formerly a tenant of the Rev. Streynsham Master.
Date 8 Sep. 1820 - 13 Jan. 1821
Access Status Open

DEPUTY CORONERS

Reference number LCC/DEM/EX/SA/C
Title Appointments and revocations of Coroners and Deputy Coroners
Date 1974-
Related material For previous appointments and revocations of coroners and their deputies see CDD
Arrangement Records in this Subseries have been drawn from the existing series of Appointments and Revocations of Coroners and Deputy Coroners (ref LCC/5/9) and supplemented with the Declarations and Appointments of Coroners and Sheriffs (ref CC/CDD) 1974 - 1981 which had previously formed part of the pre-1974 County Council catalogue. These items have been arranged chronologically.
Access Status see items

CONSTABULARY

Reference number DDX 519/199
Title Index of Police Officers
Date Mar 2000
Description Index of officers who served in Accrington Borough Police from its formation in 1881 to its amalgamation with Lancashire Constabulary in 1947, compiled by R Dobson and A Prince
[The original declaration book from which this was compiled is available under the reference MBAC acc 8798; the index includes additional information from other sources]
Related material DDX 519/199 and entire box MBAC acc 8798 missing. Copy of DDX item among Locals Studies pamphlets, R32.
Access Status Open

Reference number DDX 2743/MS8940
Title Lancaster Castle: returns, forms, circulars and correspondence
Date 1787-1853
Description Includes letters and reports regarding convicts prior to their execution, pauper lunatics being held at the Castle, deserters from local regiments, convicts released on bail, salary being paid to the keeper of the Castle, requests from Whitehall for information on various prisoners, returns giving numbers of prisoners being held, list of debtors and their petitions for release, gaol accounts, instructions for keeping a prisoner charged with high treason; gaol deliveries giving name, crime, verdict and sentence, list of jurors, cause paper, possible job vacancies at the Castle, a possible charitable asylum for those released from gaol.

Access Status Open

GAMEKEEPERS

Reference number QDG/2/4
Title Certificates of Gamekeepers
Date 1784
Access Status Open

VICTUALLARS' RECOGNIZANCES

Reference number DDKE/2/13
Title Alehouse recognizances
Date 1655-1748
Access Status Open

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Reference number QSP/2958/7
Title Return of forfeitures levied for using defective weights, false balances and measures in Ormskirk Division
Date 2 Dec 1831
Access Status Open

PAPISTS' ESTATES

Reference number DDGE(M)/1211
Title Sir William Gerard Baronet to; The Clerk of the Peace of the County of Lancashire; Registration of the Estates in conformity to the Act of Parliament passed in this year for registering the Estates of Papists -
Date 1715
Access Status Open

Reference number DDIN 64/147
Title Certificate of Commissioners for Papists' Estates
Date 17 Sep. 1723
Description That an annuity of £200 is registered as payable to Mary Blundell of Ince Blundell widow, out of the estates of Robert Blundell in Ince Blundell, and that £70.16.0, a proportion of £175.1.8 levied on such estates, is to be discharged.
Access Status Open

DECLARATIONS OF ALLEGIANCE

Reference number QSB/5/11
Title Oaths of allegiance, supremacy, and declarations against popery, and of Christian faith, taken by William Cooke
Date 13 Jun 1848
Access Status Open

REGISTER OF BOATS & BARGES

Reference number QDV/16/4
Title Register of Boats, Barges and Vessels pursuant to Statute 35th Geo. 3rd
Date c.1795
Description Sankey to St. Helens
Sankey to Liverpool
Manchester, Bolton and Bury
Manchester to Stourport, Worcestershire
Manchester to Birmingham
Manchester to Runcorn
Manchester to Wheelock, Cheshire
Worsley to Stone, Staffordshire
Worsley and Manchester to Runcorn
Manchester to Worsley

PAUPER LUNATICS

Reference number PUL/35/1
Title Register of pauper lunatics
Date 12 Apr. 1865-19 Sep. 1922
Access Status OPEN

POOR RELIEF

Reference number DDCL/319
Title William Rossall alias Ball of Great Marton, shoemaker -- to Thomas Crookall and John Cookson, yeoman, Overseers of the Poor of Lytham, 2 cottages in Great Marton in trust for relief of poor rates. Witn. John Whalley, James Ball, Alexander Park. Seal.
Date 28 Oct. 1799
Access Status Open

REMOVAL ORDERS

Reference number DDNW/9/11/27
Title Removal Paper for Winnifred Hall, singlewoman, out of Newton with Scales, into Ribby with Wrea
Date 13 Sep 1826
Description being with child, and chargeable to the Township of Newton with Scales, but legally settled in Ribby with Wrea
Access Status Open

FREEMASONS' LODGES

Reference number QDS/2/1
Title Returns of members of Freemasons' Lodges
Date 1799 -1837
Access Status Open

HAIR POWDER

Reference number PR 2898/9/9
Title List of hair powder certificates for Melling
Date 1795
Access Status Open

HEARTH TAX

Reference number DDKE/2/16/3
Title Hearth tax returns for Blackrod
Date Sep 1664
Access Status Open

WINDOW TAX

Reference number DDKE/Box 110/2
Title Account of window tax for the year 1767 for the township of Little Hulton
Date 1767
Access Status Open

BASTARDY ORDERS

Reference number PR 3021/2/17/31
Title Bastardy order
Date 23 Jul 1832
Description Order for Richard Lowe of Culcheth, labourer for illegitimate female child of Betty Dixon of Culcheth, singlewoman.
Access Status Open

FILIATION ORDERS

Reference number QSP/2037/65
Title Lathom. Order of filiation and maintenance of Betty, bastard child of Samuel Whiteley of Ormskirk, attorney, and Margaret Ashcroft, singlewoman
Date 4 Jul 1775
Access Status Open

How to find them

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- Here is a search on TNA site for records at Lancashire Archives



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Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY QUARTER SESSIONS. PETITIONS. Lancaster, Epiphany, 1652/3. Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.

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Date: 1652
Reference: QSP/73/13

Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY QUARTER SESSIONS. PETITIONS. Lancaster, Michaelmas, 1652. Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.

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Date: 1652
Reference: QSP/69/11

Manchester -- relief for John Tonge, chapman, aged 76.

Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.

This record is held by Lancashire Archives

[See contact details](#)

Title:	Quernmore -- relief for Jane Chapman.
Reference:	QSP/69/11
Date:	c1652
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Language:	English
Related Material:	See QSP/73/13

Next.....

- If you advance further in and put in the names you are interested in you will get pages like these
- This is actually from a different website but there is a lot of information in this sheet

<http://home.clara.net/balshaw/people/extrinfo/qsession.htm>

Note in 1797 the Filiation order for Henry Riddiough

Quarter sessions entries for Ormskirk and the surrounding area (Balshaw and Riddiough).

These are a few of the entries relating to the Balshaws and Riddioughs in the Ormskirk area, along with the reference information relevant to the Lancashire Record Office at Preston.

1661/2 Thomas Balshaw and Hugh Worthington of Scarisbrick elected constables at Wigan quater sessions, Epiphany. QSP219/68.

1678 John Balshaw of Walton-le-Dale, a carpenter, was mentioned in connection with maintenance by him of the daughter of Henery Denny. QSP 483/16.

1797 Henry Riddiough of Ormskirk. Order of filiation and maintenance against. QSP2389/50.

1803 Thomas Balshaw of Liverpool. Notice of appeal of Thomas Balshaw against refusal to transfer alehouse licence from premises in Paradise St to premises in Tintern St. QSP 4150/27.

1808 Gilbert Balshaw of Ormskirk was mentioned in an order of filiation and maintenance.

1818 15th June. John Riddiough of Ormskirk, a sadler. Order of filiation and maintenance of bastard daughter of John Riddiough, sadler and Mary Hunter, singlewoman. QSP2739/73.

1820, 29th May. Toxteth Park. Copy of notice of conviction of Abraham Bellis, Overseer of the Poor, for binding David Sanderson, an apprentice to John Riddiough of Ormskirk, whipmaker and hairdresser, contrary to statute. QSP2771/61.

1824 Order of filiation brought by Margaret Balshaw of Ormskirk, singlewoman. QSP 2835/79.

1829 Henry Ridiough. Coroner's account for IPM on Henry Ridiough at Edge Green. QSP 2909/93.

1836 Ralph Balshaw, Inspector of Weights and Measures for Ormskirk Division, account of expenses for . . . QSP3052/82.

1837 Ralph Balshaw, Inspector of Weights and Measures for Ormskirk Division, account of expenses for and payment of salary to . . . QSP3062/65.

1838 Ralph Balshaw (junr.), Inspector of Weights and Measures for Ormskirk Division, account of expenses for . . . QSP3077/88, 3083/84 and 3089/86.


1839 Ralph Balshaw, Inspector of Weights and Measures for Ormskirk Division, account of payment to for one quarter's salary . . . QSP3094/94 and 3099/86.

1839 Ralph Balshaw (deceased). QSP 3109/93.

1839 Thomas Balshaw, 23rd February. Warrant for apprehension of, for theft of 100lb lead. Preston, Easter. QSP 3102/28.

For Lancashire QS

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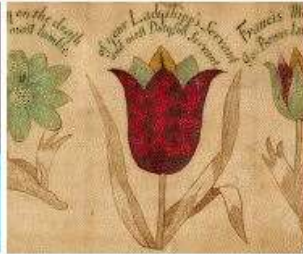
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Glossary	Reference number	DDBO/100	
Send us feedback	Title	Conveyance by bargain and sale for £700	
	Date	15 Aug. 1808	
	Description	(i) Thomas Wilson of Poulton, gent. (ii) William Myerscough of Stalmine Moss Side, husb. (iii) Nicholas gardner of Stalmine Moss Side, husb. (iv) James Bourne of Stalmine esq. -- property as DDBO 97, 6ac.1r., and assignment as DDBO 97, 1ac.25 ³ / ₄ p. -- recites will of James Myerscough, 25 Feb. 1785, lease and release as DDBO 98, and declaration of trust as DDBO 99. Witn: Robt. Buck, Richd. Bickson, Thos. Briggs, Chas. Hull. Seals.	
	AccessStatus	Open	

Petitions

- And these are the documents the index refers to
- First the petition made to the Justices.....

Removal

-then the removal order

Bastardy

- Bastardy orders could be made against men for the maintenance of illegitimate children they fathered on single women
- The mother was examined and asked to name the father, sometimes during the actual birth, so that the welfare of the child would not fall on the parish

Bastardy examination

- Copies of two examinations
- Bastardy orders could be made against men for the maintenance of illegitimate children they fathered on single women
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Shant, — To wit. The Voluntary Examination of
Phoebe Mitchell of the parish of
Chicklett in the said County

single Woman, taken on Oath before
Me, one of his Majesty's Justices of
the Peace, in and for the said County
— this *Fifth*
Day of *February* in the year of
our Lord 1794.

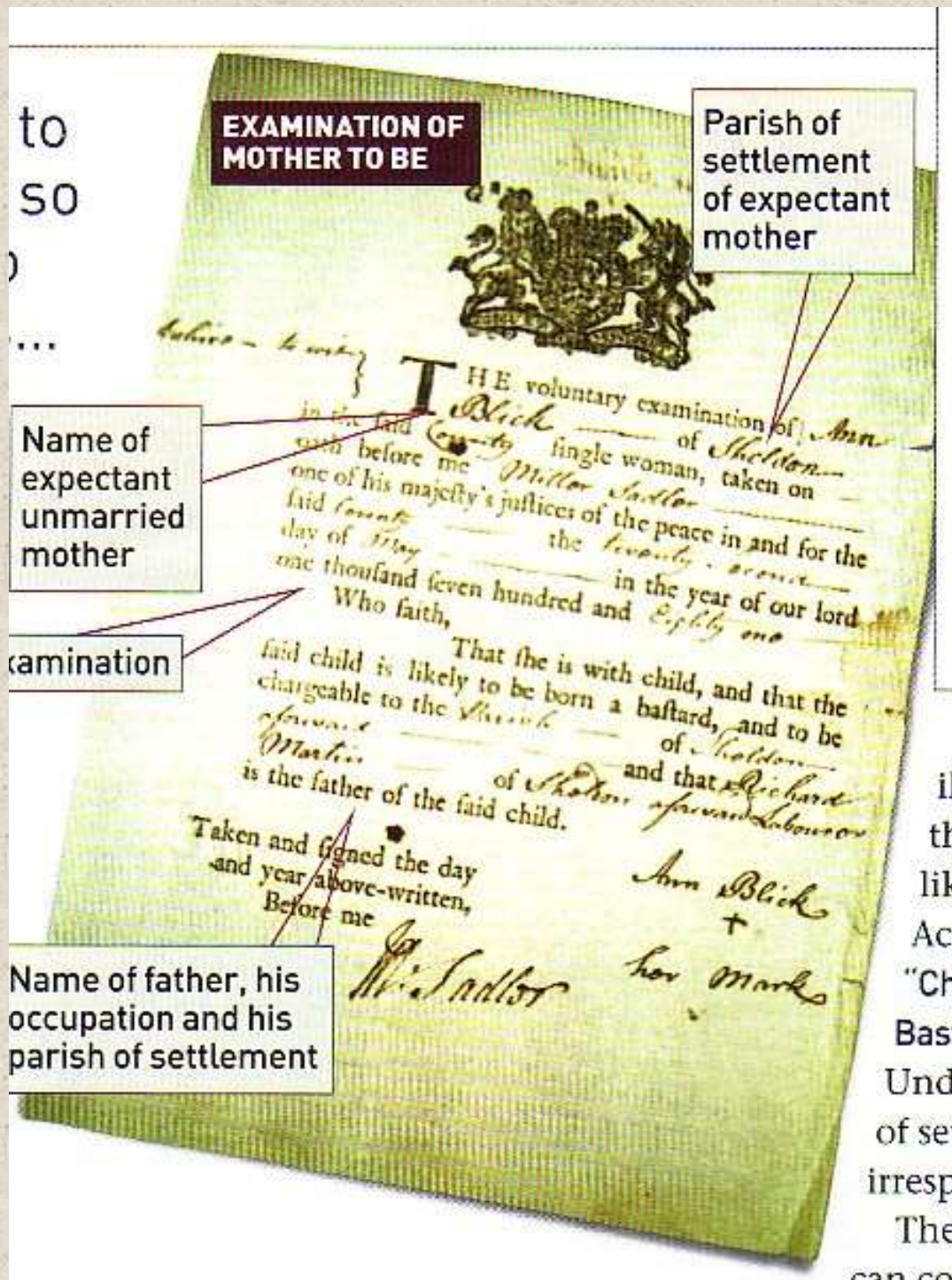
THIS Examinant, on her Oath, doth declare,
That she is with Child, and the said Child is
likely to be born a Bastard, and to be chargeable
to the said Parish of *Chicklett*

— And the said *Phoebe Mitchell*
doth charge *John Mearns* of the
Parish of Chicklett the said *John Mearns*
with having gotten the said Child on her Body
with which she is now pregnant, and *doth*
humbly request that she may be

Sworn and subscribed
by the said *Phoebe Mitchell*
the Day and Year first
above written, before me

W. Hougham

Phoebe Mitchell
John Mearns



Petition to the Justices

- The Parish officers petitioned the Justices of the Peace for maintenance from the alleged father
- The Justices made orders for maintenance and the costs of the birth against the reputed father

BUCKS, } AT the General Quarter Session of the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the
 (to wit.) } King, holden at Aylesbury, in and for the said County, on Tuesday
 in the first Week after the *Ascension of our Lord*
Jesus Christ (to wit) the *twelfth* Day of *July*
 in the *first* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE
 the *fourth* by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of GREAT
 BRITAIN and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year
 of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and *seventy five* Before



The *Justices* *Richard Smith* of *Buckingham* and
Thomas *John Smith*
John *Richard* *John*
 and others their Fellows, Keepers of the Peace, and Justices of our said
 Lord the King, assigned to preserve the Peace in the County aforesaid,
 and also to hear and determine divers Felonies, Trespasses, and other
 Misdemeanours done and committed in the said County, and so forth:

It appearing to this Court this present Session, as well upon the Complaint of the
 Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the *Parish* of *Woodrow*
 in this County, as upon the Oath of *Mary* *Stace* of the *Parish*
 of *Woodrow* aforesaid, single woman, that on the *thirteenth*
 Day of *April* last past, she was delivered of a *Female* *Bastard* Child,
 in the said *Parish* of *Woodrow* and that *John* *James*
 of the *Parish* of *Woodrow* in the said County of *Bucks*
James is the Father thereof; and the said *John* *James*
 being now present in Court to answer the said Complaint, and shewing no sufficient
 Cause why he shall not be adjudged the Father thereof, It is thereupon adjudged by the
 Court this present Session, that all the said Premises are true, and that the said *John*
James is the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child; And it is ordered by the
 Court this present Session, as well for the Relief of the *Parish* of *Woodrow*
 as for the Maintenance and Sustentation of the said Bastard Child, that the said *John*
James do forthwith, upon Notice of this Order, pay or cause
 to be paid unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the *Parish* of
Woodrow aforesaid, for the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of
 Two Pounds for Lying in Expences, (the same being in the Judgment of the said Court,
 the reasonable Expences incident to the Birth of the said Child,) and the Sum of *seven*
shillings for and towards the Expences which the said *Parish*
 hath been put to on account of the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child until this
 present Session; and also the further Sum of *one shilling and sixpence*
 weekly and every week, from this present Session, so long as the said Bastard Child shall
 continue chargeable to the said *Parish* of *Woodrow*.
 And the said Court having ascertained on the Oath of *Robert* *James*
 that the Costs sustained by the said *Parish* of *Woodrow*
 of apprehending and securing the said *John* *James* and of the Order
 of Filiation in this behalf, do amount to the Sum of *three pounds ten*
shillings and eightpence: It is further Ordered by the said Court, that the said
John *James* do pay unto the said Churchwardens and
 Overseers of the Poor of the said *Parish* of *Woodrow* the further Sum of
two pounds six shillings and twopenny
 for their reasonable Costs sustained by them as aforesaid. And it is also Ordered by the
 Court, that the said *Mary* *Stace* do likewise pay or cause to be
 paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers, the Sum of *six pence*
 weekly and every week, from this present Session, during so long
 Time as the said Bastard Child shall continue chargeable as aforesaid, unless she shall
 nurse the same herself.

Right Court
Windsor

Aug 29th 1775
James

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on him to marry the woman, with the parish paying for the marriage licence in some cases. Before changes to the law in 1743/4, an

ORDER OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR EXPENSES OF BIRTH AND MAINTENANCE

Summary of information taken from the previous examination of the mother

Details of the mother, reputed father, their parish(es) of settlement, and parish to which the child is chargeable

Statement that paternity was considered proven

Amount of costs to be paid in connection with the birth and maintenance of the child up to the date of the order

Amount of maintenance to be paid to the Churchwarden and the Overseers of the parish as long as the child is chargeable to that parish

Amount payable - could be a lump sum or weekly payment

A weekly sum also had to be paid to the parish by the mother in case she became unable to care for the baby herself

Signature or mark of father

Date

(No. 21.)
COUNTY OF
Worcester
to wit.
The Order of *William Villars and William Ricks Esquires*
two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
residing next unto the
in and for the said County, one whereof is of the Quorum, and both
Limits of the Parish Church within the *Parish of Sheldon*
in the said County of *Worcester* made the *20th* Day of *June*
in the *Seventy fourth* Year of the Reign of his said Majesty King *George the Third*
concerning a *Female* Bastard Child, lately born in the *Parish of Sheldon*
afore said, of the Body of *Maria Harrell*
single Woman.
WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the said Justices, as well as upon the complaint
of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the said *Parish* that the
as upon the Oath of the said *Maria Harrell* that she
of *Sheldon* *Parish* on the *Fourth* Day of *April*
the said *Maria Harrell* now last past, was delivered of a *Female* bastard child, at
in the said *Parish* of *Sheldon* and that the said bastard child is now charge-
able to the said *Parish* of *Sheldon* and likely so to continue; and fur-
ther, that *George Hunt* in the said County of *Worcester*
did beget the said bastard child on the body of her said *Maria Harrell*
is now
AND whereas, the said *George Hunt* should not be the
present before us, in pursuance of our summons for that purpose, but hath not shewed any
sufficient cause why he the said *George Hunt* should not be the
reputed father of the said bastard child *but on the contrary hath confessed*
himself before us to be the Father of the said Bastard Child
WE, therefore upon examination of the cause and circumstances of the premises,
as well upon the Oath of the said *Maria Harrell* as otherwise,
do hereby adjudge him the said *George Hunt* to be the
reputed father of the said bastard child. And thereupon we do order, as well for the
relief of the said *Parish* of *Sheldon* as for the better
cause to be paid to the said church-wardens and overseers of the poor of the said *Parish*
of *Sheldon* or to some, or one of them, the sum of *Two Pounds*
for and toward the lying-in of the said *Maria Harrell*
and the maintenance of the said bastard child, to the time of making this our order.
AND we also hereby further order that the said *George Hunt*
shall likewise pay, or cause to be paid to the church-wardens and overseers of the poor of the
said *Parish* of *Sheldon* for *Two shillings*
the time being, or to some or one of them, the sum of *Two shillings*
weekly and every week, from the present time, for and towards the keeping, sustentation,
and maintenance of the said bastard child, for and during so long time as the said bastard
child shall be chargeable to the said *Parish* of *Sheldon*
AND we do further order that the said *Maria Harrell* for the time being,
shall also pay or cause to be paid to the said church-wardens and overseers of the poor of
the said *Parish* of *Sheldon* the sum of *Two pence*
weekly or every week, so long as the said bastard child shall be chargeable to the said
Parish of *Sheldon* in case she shall not
her self and take care of the said child herself.
Given under our hands and seals the day and year first above-
written.

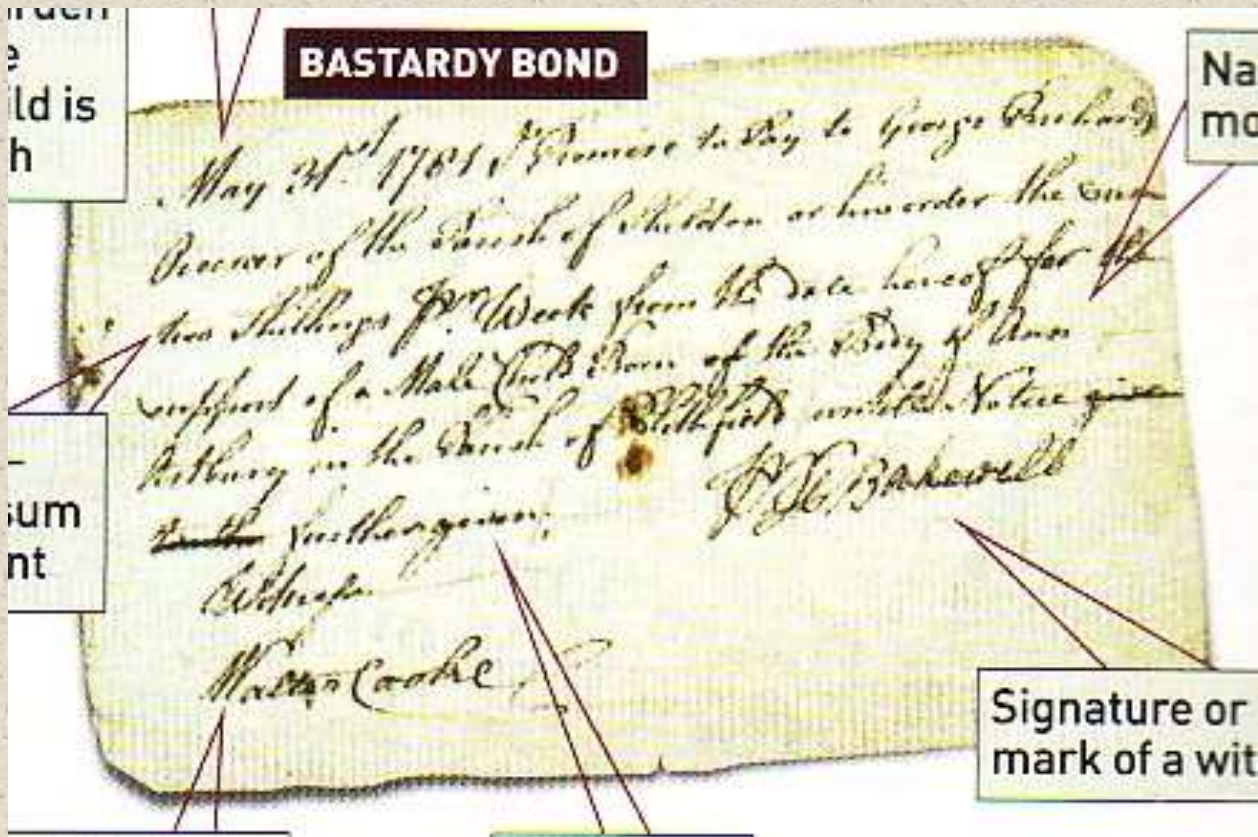
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the
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Sheldon
Worcester

Bastardy bond

- The father entered into a bond to indemnify the parish against any financial loss



Criminal Cases

- This is an extract from an Indictment book for Cambridge Quarter Sessions.
- Unfortunately the records for the gaol have not survived so I cannot get a physical description of either of the defendants

CAMBRIDGE RECORD OFFICE.

QUARTER SESSIONS - EASTER 1852.

THE QUEEN V MANTLE & RUSE.

This day an indictment was preferred by Thomas Day against Edward Mantle and David Ruse late of the parish of Soham in this county labourers for sheepstealing. Which Indictment was found by the Grand Jury to be a True Bill And the said Edward Mantle and David Ruse being both present here in court and having heard the said Indictment reade & severally pleaded not guilty thereto and put themselves upon the County but upon Trial were convicted Wherupon it is considered by the Court and ordered that the said Edward Mantle and David Ruse be severally imprisoned in the House of Correction for this county and there kept to hard labor for the space of eighteen calendar months and that they pass three months of such imprisonment in solitary confinement, a fortnight at a time.

Ancestry.co.uk

- Fortunately some of Lancashire Archive Quarter Sessions records are now online at Ancestry.
- These are mainly Removal orders and Filiation orders.
- This is by a long way not the complete set.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.co.uk search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ancestry' logo, 'HOME', 'TREES', 'SEARCH', 'DNA', 'HELP', 'EXTRAS', 'UPGRADE', and user account information. The main heading reads 'All Lancashire, England, Quarter Session Records and Petitions, 1648-1908 results for Henry Riddiough'. Below this, search filters are shown for 'Henry Riddiough' and 'Ormskirk'. The search results table shows one entry: Henry Riddiough, 13 Sep 1797, Ormskirk, Petitions. A 'Lancashire County Council' logo is present in the top right, indicating an association with Lancashire Archives.

View Record	Name	Event Date	Quarter Session Place	Record Type	View Images
View Record	Henry Riddiough	13 Sep 1797	Ormskirk	Petitions	

County of
LANCASTER,
(to wit.)

The Order of *William Hill Esquire and Nicholas Riddough* ^{Chap.}
two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, (one
whereof being of the Quorum) and both residing next unto the Limits of the
Parish Church, within the Parish of Burnesburh
in the said County, made the *thirteenth* *Day of September*
in the *thirty sixth* *Year of the Reign of his said Majesty*
King George the Third, concerning a *female Bastard Child, lately born*
in the Township of *Burnesburh* *aforsaid, of the*
Bo. of *Jane Holland* *single Woman.*

WHEREAS it hath appeared unto us the Justices, as well upon the Complaint of the
Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Township of *Burnesburh*
as upon the Oath of the said *Jane Holland*
that she the said *Jane Holland* on the *twelfth* *Day of August* last past
was delivered of a *female Bastard Child, ar* *Burnesburh, aforsaid*
and that the said Bastard Child is likely to become chargeable to the said Township of
Burnesburh and further, that *Henry Riddough*
of Burnesburh aforsaid did beget the said
Bastard Child on the Body of her the said *Jane Holland*

And whereas *it hath been proved upon Oath that the said*
Henry Riddough hath had due notice to appear before
us to shew cause why he should not be adjudged the father
of the said Bastard Child but hath neglected so to do
We therefore, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Premises, as
well upon the Oath of the said *Jane Holland* as otherwise, do here-
by adjudge him the said *Henry Riddough* to be the reputed Father of
the said Bastard Child. And whereupon we do order as well for the better Relief of
the said Township of *Burnesburh* as for the Sustentation and Relief
of the said Bastard Child, that the said *Henry Riddough* shall
and do forthwith, upon Notice of this our Order, pay, or cause to be paid, to the said
Church wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Township of *Burnesburh*
or some one of them, the Sum of *one Pound sixteen shillings*
for and towards the Lying-in of the said *Jane Holland*
and the Maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the Time of making this our Order.
And we also hereby further order, that the said *Henry Riddough*
shall likewise pay or cause to be paid, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor
of the said Township of *Burnesburh* for the Time being, or to
some or one of them, the Sum of *one Shilling and three pence* weekly and every
Week from the present Time, for and towards the keeping, Sustentation and Maintenance
of the said Bastard Child, for and during so long Time, as the said Bastard Child shall be
chargeable to the said Township of *Burnesburh* And we do further
order, that the said *Jane Holland* shall pay or cause to be paid
to the said Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Township of *Burnesburh*
for the Time being, or to some or one of them, the Sum of
one shilling and three pence weekly and every Week, so long as the said Bastard Child
shall be chargeable to the said Township of *Burnesburh* in Case
she shall not nurse and take Care of the said Bastard Child herself.

Given under our Hand and Seals, the Day and Year first above written.

Sept. 23 1796 *Sealed*

Henry Riddough

Nich. Cocher

Wm. Hill

Wm. Hill

The Appeal of the Inhabitants of the Township of Hesketh
 in the said County _____ to
 the Order made by *Henry Sawnden Fitzgerald and Richard Edward Alison*
 Esquires two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace and Quorum in and
 for the said County of Lancaster, under their Hands and Seals, bearing Date the *Twenty*
third Day of *May* last, for the removal of
Mary Ann Ashworth, the wife of George Ashworth and their
three Children, namely, Ann, Harriet and Mary
 poor person(s) out of the Township of *Chorley* in the said County of
 Lancaster, into the Township of *Hesketh* aforesaid, the same Order
 is by this Court *respeted* was adjourned until the next General Quarter
 Session of the Peace here to be holden by adjournment.

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