



Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society

Press Release

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British Library Preserves Website for Posterity

The Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society is pleased to announce that the UK Web Archiving Consortium has selected its website (www.lfhhs.org.uk) to be preserved for posterity.

The Consortium, headed by the British Library and the National Archives in London, selects websites they consider to be of research value and reflecting national culture or events of historical importance.

President of the Society, Tony Foster said "*We are delighted our website has been selected to be part of the UK's national website archive*"

The site was built in 2002 by the Society's Webmaster, Fred Moor, who has been making websites in Lancashire since about 1995.

Mr. Moor said, "*The accumulated knowledge of the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society includes the story of hardworking Lancashire cotton people. During the industrial revolution, they changed the face of the UK and the way we organised society. It seems curiously appropriate that knowledge of those times will be preserved using the Internet revolution that is changing the face of the UK and the way we organise society today.*"

The Society's website includes a section about Lancashire, details of the Society and its activities, and a shop where people can buy books, microfiche and CDs written or produced by members of the Society. It also includes hundreds of indexes to family history records in Lancashire that have been transcribed and compiled by Society members.

Today, the Society is starting to develop branch websites within its overall umbrella. These will give access to specialised local knowledge of areas within Lancashire, and Steve Williams of Chorley Branch is leading the way with the development of the Chorley Branch pages.

Society Chairman Stephen Ward said "*Having our website archived by the British Library is a great accolade that recognises the work our members put in. It also means that as we continue to develop the website over time, the periodically archived copies of our site will show its development. This will itself become a social record of the times in which the website was made.*"

The website can be seen at www.lfhhs.org.uk

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INFORMATION FOR EDITORS

The Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society was founded in 1973 as the Rossendale Society for Genealogy and Heraldry (Lancashire).

It is a Registered Charity, a member of the Federation of Family History Societies, and has approximately 3,000 members worldwide.

Today it has 11 branch meetings that take place in Lancashire, together with specialist Heraldry Group and Irish Ancestry Group meetings. It also has a branch in London, covering London and the South East.

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