
William Henry Douglas Flack 1852-1936

“A Burnley Worthy”

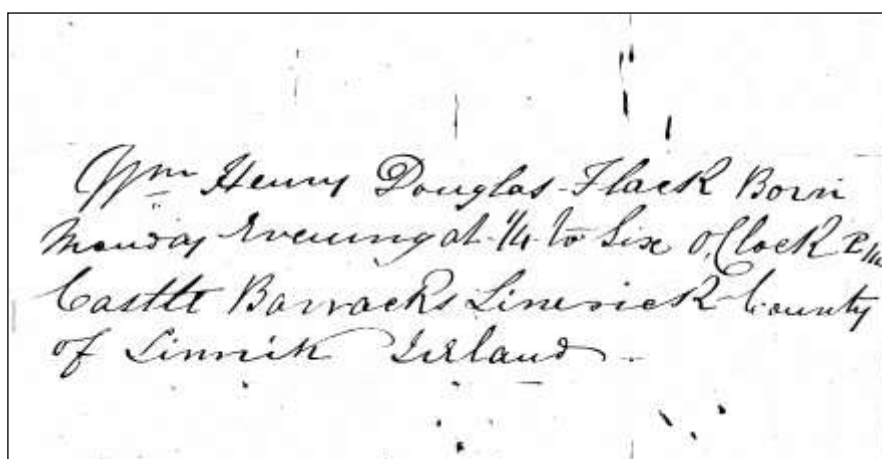
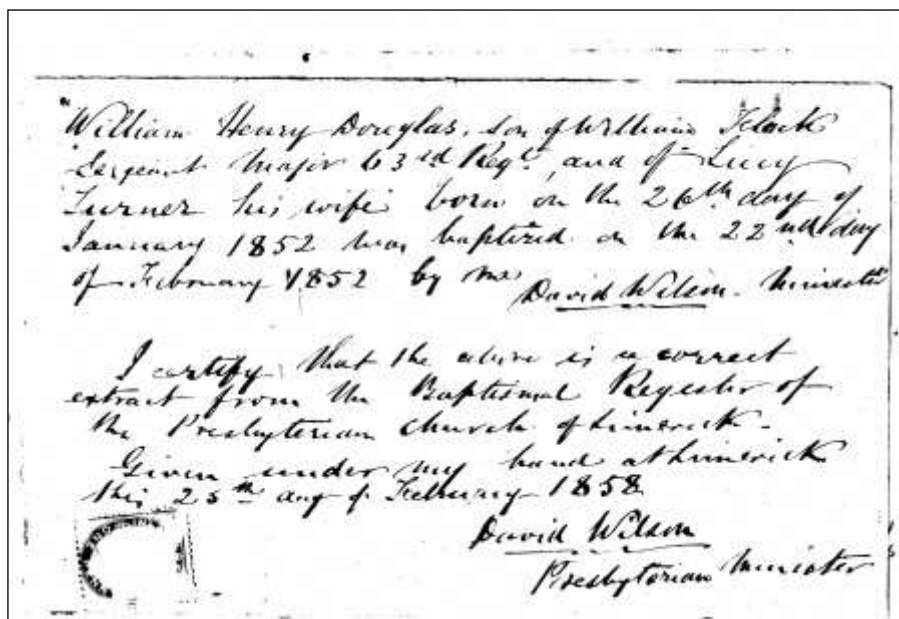
By Dr Edmund (known as “Ted”) Flack. JP



The Life and times of William Henry Douglas Flack, JP – A Burnley Worthy

In many ways William Henry Douglas Flack, eldest son of Captain William Flack and Lucy Flack, formerly Moran, nee Turner was a product of the times in mid Victorian, industrial Burnley. He probably came to England sometime in late 1852 or early 1853, aged about one years old, with his father and mother who travelled with him from Ireland shortly after his father took his discharge from the 63rd Regiment of Foot in Dublin on 22 September 1852.

William Henry Douglas is recorded on his baptism certificate as having been born at Castle Barracks Limerick on 26 January 1852 and baptised at Limerick Presbyterian Church by David Wilson, the Minister on 22 February 1852. No birth registrations were required at that time in Ireland.



William Henry Douglas's daughter, Lucy Flack said that "My father's early life was spent at Aldershot", however by the time his next younger brother, William George John Flack, was born on 4th February 1854, when William Henry Douglas would have been just 2 years and 1 month, the family was living in Burnley, Lancashire.

5TH ROYAL LANCASHIRE.	
[EMBODIED.]	
Head Quarters, Aldershot.	
LIEUT.-COLONEL COMMANDANT.	
Charles Townley, DL, JP.	16 Mar. 53
MAJORS.	
John Townley, DL.	14 Apr. 53
Alen Chabre (16), JP. late	
Capt. 17 Lancers.	15 Aug. 54
CAPTAINS.	
James Greenwood.	19 Apr. 53
John Weld, DL.	19 Apr. 53
John Joseph Middleton.	20 Apr. 53
Thomas Goulburne Parker, DL.	21 Apr. 53
Edward Petre.	21 Apr. 53
George Deeks Skingley.	22 Apr. 53
William Lister Sugar, JP.	22 Apr. 53
John Pickup Lord.	23 Apr. 53
Frederic Broadbent.	23 Apr. 53
Daniel Grant Breerton.	16 Feb. 54
Antony Buck Creek.	16 June 54
Edward Dwyer.	23 July 55
LIEUTENANTS.	
Arthur Holden.	16 Feb. 54
Abraham Alfred Tweedale.	29 Feb. 54
Thomas Dunbar Quilman.	18 Nov. 54
James Edw. Ford.	25 Jan. 55
Richard Fenton.	1 Feb. 55
Thomas Arthur Mills.	21 June 55
Fred. Jas. S. Brockhurst.	22 June 55
John Bomford.	21 June 55
Richard P. Hadley.	9 July 55
Fred. A. C. Macdonald.	10 July 55
Charles Miller.	24 July 55
ENSIGNS.	
James Nolan.	26 Jan. 55
Cornelius Russell Cruise.	2 Feb. 55
Alfred Lawless.	27 Feb. 55
Wm. Henry Ogden.	15 Apr. 55
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Anthony Sidney Bicknell.	21 June 55
Samuel Mitchell S. Brockhurst.	22 June 55
Richard Horley.	22 June 55
Robert de Visme.	9 July 55
James Gunning Plunkett.	26 July 55
Fra. Edw. Haxard.	27 July 55
Walter Sydney Tucker.	28 July 55
Adj. & Capt. — Chas. Hamilton	
Fenton, (6) late Capt. 9 F.	16 Mar. 53
Captain.	18 Apr. 53
Paymaster. — John Holder,	
late Lt. 12 F.	12 Jan. 55
Qr.-Mstr. — William Flack	
	12 Jan. 55
Surgeon. — Edward Jackson,	
MD.	19 Feb. 55
Asst. Surg. — Henry Hancock,	
MD.	15 Apr. 55
Blue Facings.	
Agents, Messrs. C. R. & W. McGregor.	

Perhaps the most likely explanation is that his father Sergeant Major William Flack was required to travel back to Aldershot when the 5th Royal Lancashire Militia was embodied at Aldershot in April 1854. The records show William Flack as the Quarter Master in Aldershot from 12 January 1855. He then probably travelled back to Burnley with the 5th Royal Lancashire Militia to Burnley Barracks to continue in the role of a civilian militia Quarter Master when the Regiment deployed to Burnley.

When Lucy Louisa Catherine Flack was baptized on 27th July 1856, at Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves, the address of her parents was recorded as “New Barracks” Burnley. When Frederick William Cadmore Flack was baptized at Holy Trinity on 23 May 1858 the address was recorded as “Barracks Burnley”.

When William Henry Douglas was nearly nine years old, a newborn brother, Augustus William Charles Flack, was baptised on 9th December 1860, at Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves, Lancashire, the baptism certificate records that his father and mother were resident at “Pendle View” and that his father was a Quarter Master 5th Lancashire Militia.

By 1861 the family was living at 3 West Gate, Habergham Eaves, close to the junction with Accrington Road, Holy Trinity Church and Burnley Barracks where his father was based.

Changing times in the British Army

The social and political events at the time of the “embodiment” of the 5th Royal Lancashire Militia in early 1855 need to be briefly canvassed so as to have some understanding of William Henry Douglas’s family’s early years. During the latter half of the 1850s there were four sets of events that are likely to have influenced the lives of those associated with the military. First was the outbreak of war against the Russians in what became known as the Crimean War. The Crimean War was a military conflict fought between October 1853 – March 1856 in which Russia lost in a war against alliance of France, the United Kingdom and the Ottoman Empire.

Dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war was growing with the public in the UK and in other countries, aggravated by reports of fiascos, especially the humiliating defeat of the Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava. In January 1855 widespread unrest was finally put down using troops and police.

The second issue was the speculation of a war with Prussia. The ingredients which sparked World War 1 in 1914 were already in place 5 decades before. While it was the fate of Belgium which ultimately led Britain to war in August 1914, it was the role of Denmark which almost caused the British to declare war on Germany in the summer of 1864.

At the centre of the international dispute was a territorial dispute between Denmark and the German Confederation over the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein. On 1 February 1864 Prussian forces crossed the border into Danish-controlled Schleswig. Denmark declared war on the German Confederation and the Austrian Empire. As the war progressed and diplomatic efforts became frustrated, the British Prime Minister, Lord Palmerston, actively considered Britain's involvement. Preparations for possible British military involvement contributed to the uncertainties of the time.

The third was the repeated outbreaks of social and political unrest in the industrial midlands of England caused by a mixture of Chartism, demands for better working conditions and the influence of radical Protestantism. The 5th Royal Lancashire Regiment occupied new barracks in Burnley as a part of the domestic security measures taken by the government following repeated outbreaks of industrial and political unrest.

The fourth issue, although probably limited in its relevance outside the military, was the Indian Mutiny, which occurred between 1857–58, and the major reforms in the organisation of the Army that followed. It began in Meerut among Indian troops (sepoys) in the service of the British East India Company, spreading to Delhi, Agra, Kanpur, and Lucknow. One of the results of the Indian Mutiny was the disbandment of the British East India Company and its East India Company army and the amalgamation of the Indian Army with the British Army in 1861.

Together these issues caused significant changes in the culture of the British army which up until this time had remained relatively unchanged since the Napoleonic Wars.

Industrialisation of Burnley

In 1872, Burley was described as follows:

Burnley stands on the river Burn, immediately above its influx to the West Calder, 22 miles N of Manchester. The Leeds and Liverpool canal is adjacent; and railways go in three directions, toward Skipton, Todmorton, and Blackburn. The town itself is almost wholly modern; has undergone vast increase since the latter part of last century; and owes its character to the rise and enterprise of manufactures. It is built chiefly of freestone; and presents a fair appearance. The town has a head post office, two railway stations, a telegraph office, a banking office, four chief inns, a mechanics' institute, and a public reading room; is a seat of petty sessions and county courts, and a polling-place; and publishes two weekly newspapers. A weekly market is held on Monday; and fairs on 6 March, Easter-Eve, 10 July, and 11 Oct.

Woollens were the first great manufacture; but cottons are now the staple. There are three worsted mills, and about thirty cotton mills. There are also calico printing-works, corn mills, iron foundries, brass foundries, machinery-works, rope-walks, tan-works, and breweries. Much trade is carried on likewise from neighbouring collieries and freestone quarries. The town was enfranchised by the reform act of 1867, and sends one member to parliament. In 1851 the population was 20,828 and by 1861, 28,700. Houses, 5,085. The township is of less extent than the town, which extends into the township of Habergham-Eaves. Acres, 1,839. Real property, £71,779; of which £10,136 are in mines. Pop., 19,971. Houses, 3,515.¹

The Irish Potato Famine led to an influx of Irish families during the 1840s, who formed a community in one of the poorest districts. At one time, the Park district (modern-day town centre, around Parker St.) was known as Irish Park.

¹ John Marius Wilson, Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales (1870-72)

In 1848 the East Lancashire Railway Company's extension from Accrington linked the town to the nation's nascent railway network for the first time. This was another significant boost to the local economy.

A black-and-white photograph taken in 1952, showed it then had two platforms, two tracks, a footbridge and a covered stairway down from a ticket office. Opened in 1848 under the name Burnley Westgate it was intended to be only a temporary terminus for the East Lancashire Railway's extension from Accrington. Indeed, as soon as the line was extended through to Colne, the station was closed as planned and local duties were taken over by Burnley Central.



Burnley Barracks Station

However, when the area around the defunct station began to fill with factories, workshops, workers' houses and, most importantly of all, a cavalry barracks, it was hastily reopened in 1851 and renamed Burnley Barracks to reflect its new-found purpose. The picture shows that there were still several substantial buildings near the station in 1952, suggesting that some of the buildings associated with the barracks were not cleared until comparatively recently.

The Cotton Famine of 1861–1865, caused by the American Civil War, was also a difficult time for the town. However by 1866 there had been a resumption of trade which led to a quick recovery and, by 1866, the town was reputed to be the largest producer of cotton cloth in the world.

Quarter Master William Flack appears to have established himself well in the Burnley social scene. In 1868 the Burnley Advertiser reported the results of the Burnley Conservative Club Committee pre-selections for the national elections, listing William Flack of Rose Cottages, Accrington Road as one of those that voted. One of the more notable officers to have spent time stationed with William Flack at the barracks was General James Yorke Scarlett, who led the successful charge of the Heavy Brigade in the Crimean War. He too is listed as a member of the Burnley Conservative Club.

This was the town that William Henry Douglas grew up in and in which he went to school.

William Henry Douglas's Education

According to two obituaries published at the time of his death, one stated William Henry Douglas -

*"attended the Carlton Road School and the Burnley Grammar School, where he was head boy for two years..."*²

² See the copy of the Obituary on page 26

and the other added further detail including stating that -

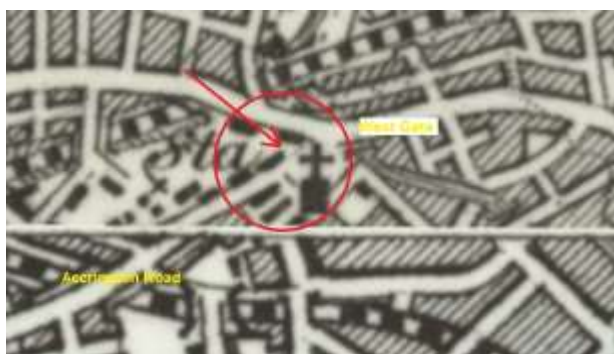
“he was educated at the well-known Carlton-road School, under the late Mr. W. Milner Grant, and also at the Burnley Grammar School during the headmastership of the late Rev. James Butler, D.C.L. and Mr. T.T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S. At the Grammar School, Mr Flack held the enviable position of head boy for the years 1869-70 and his name still appears among there chronicled on the roll of successful students.”³

From the available histories, it appears that the Carlton Road School and Burnley Grammar School were private schools associated with the Church of England, although there is some suggestion that Burnley Grammar also was open to those who could not pay but who could win a scholarship. Neither school continues to exist, although the tradition of the Carlton Road School is maintained in the recently established Holy Trinity Primary School. Burnley Grammar ceased operations in the early 20th Century, although the building remains.



Family Life

William Henry Douglas had seven brothers and sisters. The 1861 Census return show William Henry Douglas living at home with his family at “3 West Gate, Habergham Eaves” and at 3 Rose Terrace, Accrington Road, Habergham Eaves in the 1871 Census.



Although it is difficult to be sure, it appears from modern maps that these two addresses may refer to the same location. The 1900 era map on the left shows that there was a strip of buildings directly opposite Holy Trinity Church in Accrington Road. It seems likely that this was what later became known as “Rose Terrace” but which could also have been an address in West Gate prior to the erection of the terrace.

³ See “The Burnley Express”, dated 11 March 1936, page 2.



The above picture is a modern view of Accrington Road, opposite the Holy Trinity Church, showing that the row of terrace houses opposite the Church has been removed. The building on the left, behind the trees is thought to have been once the residence of the Vicar of Holy Trinity.

Prior to the building of the modern Westway main road, an address in “West Way” may have also been known by an address in Accrington Road.



The 1871 Census return show that when William Henry Douglas was now 19 years old, that he was living at home at 3 Rose Terrace Accrington Road, Burnley with his mother, father and his other six brothers and sisters.

- * His oldest sister, Francis Elizabeth, born 4 November 1847 at Chatham Barracks⁴, would have been 23 years old. She is recorded as “Unmarried” in the 1871 Census, living at home with her parents, with no occupation recorded. Two years later, in 1874 she married John Moore a school teacher at the Holy Trinity School nearby;

⁴ A copy of Francis Elizabeth Flack’s baptism record is included in the Annex.

- * His older sister, Mary Ann June (or Jane), born on 29 December 1849 at Newcastle on Tyne, would have been 22 years old when William Henry Douglas started work. She is recorded in the 1871 Census as a pupil living-in at the Durham Industrial Training Collage for Women where she was training as a teacher;
- * William George John, born 4 February 1854 in Burnley was 17 years old and is recorded in the 1871 Census as a "pupil teacher", living at home with his parents as were:
- * Lucy Louisa Catherine, born 8 January 1856 in Burnley was 14 and also recorded as a "Pupil Teacher" and
- * Frederick William, born 7 March 1858 in Burnley, aged 13 , a "Scholar", and
- * Augustus William, born 10 November 1861 in Burnley, aged 11, also a "Scholar".

His working life in the Bank

According to his obituary, William Henry Douglas left school at 18 years old and

"entered the service of the Manchester and County Bank in January 1870 as a junior clerk at the Burnley Branch."

It is not possible from the available records to determine why William Henry Douglas chose banking as his career but he did so at a time when the banking sector was rapidly expanding in the greater Manchester area. The Manchester & County Bank Ltd was established in York Street, Manchester, in 1862. Another joint stock bank was projected in Manchester in 1862 as Northern Counties Bank Ltd but the promoters considered that there was not scope for two new banks and joined forces with the proposed new Manchester & County Bank.

The new consolidated bank prospered and branches were soon opened at Preston, Blackburn and Burnley. The head office moved to 55 King Street, Manchester in 1879 and acquired Saddleworth Banking Co of Dobcross in 1866, Bank of Stockport in 1872 and Bank of Bolton Ltd in 1896. By 1877 there were 19 branches and 12 sub-branches.

William Henry Douglas Flack married Eliza Alice Parker on 10 December 1874. The Burnley Advertiser published the following [misspelled] notice:

Burnley Advertiser - Saturday 12 December 1874

MARRIED.

FLACK-PARKER.—On the 10th inst., at Holy Trinity, Habergham-Eaves, by the Rev. H. A. Crosbie, M.A., Mr. **William Henry Douglas**, eldest son of Mr. Wm. **Flack** Rose-terrace, to Miss Eliza Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. Richard Parker, Hollin Cross, Burnley.

Eliza Alice Parker was the daughter of Richard Parker a well-known wine and spirits merchant in Burnley. He was on the Board of Commissioners and joined the Burnley Town Council when the Borough was incorporated. He was at one time chairman of the Markets Committee and was made Alderman.

William Henry Douglas' career in the Manchester & County Bank Ltd can be summarised as follows:

- Joined Burnley Branch as Clerk in 1870
- Promoted to Chief Cashier in 1879
- Manager of the Nelson branch in 1884
- Manager Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield branches 1909

The following article appeared in the Burnley Express in 1909:

BURNLEY, NELSON, AND COLNE BANK CHANGES. **SOME BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.**



Photo: *Evans.*
MR. N. P. GRAY, J.P.,

who is retiring from the management of the Manchester and County Bank, Burnley, and whose career spanned in last Saturday's issue.



MR. W. H. D. FLACK.

Mr. W. H. D. Flack, of Nelson, who succeeds Mr. N. P. Gray, J.P., in the management of the Burnley Branch of the Manchester and County Bank, is by no means a stranger to Burnley. He is the eldest son of the late Captain Flack, of Burnley, and has resided in Burnley and district for more than fifty years. Mr. Flack was educated at the Carlton-road School, Burnley, under the late Mr. W. M. Grant, and also at the Burnley Grammar School, during the headmastership of the late Rev. James Butler, D.C.L., and Mr. T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.S. At the Grammar School Mr. Flack held the valuable position of head boy for the years 1860-70, and at the present time his name appears amongst those mentioned on the roll of successful students. Leaving school, at the age of eighteen years, he entered the service of the Manchester and County Bank as a junior clerk, this being at the Burnley branch. Subsequently he was for many years chief cashier under the management of Mr. Gray. During his residence in Burnley Mr. Flack took great interest in the old Burnley Choral Society, and was a member of the orchestra of that society for several years, this being at the time it was under the conductorship of Mr. James Pollard. Later Mr. Flack assisted in the organisation of the Burnley Choral Union, and remained a member of this until his removal to Nelson.

It was when a separate branch of the Manchester and County Bank was opened at Nelson in 1884 that Mr. Flack was placed in charge under Mr. Gray, and he remained in that capacity until his recent appointment as manager of the Burnley and district branches. The Nelson branch has made rapid strides. The first premises occupied were in Scotland-road—now the office of the Marston Building Society—and from this place the business was transferred to the building erected by the bank in Manchester-road, and at present occupied by the Yorkshire Penny Bank. In 1902 the bank again removed to the newly-erected, magnificent building in Leamington-road, which was designed and constructed under the supervision of Messrs. Waddington, Son, and Dunkerley, architects, of Manchester.

Mr. Flack has taken a deep interest in Church work in connection with St. Mary's Church, Nelson. He acted as treasurer of the scheme for the erection of the handsome tower and spire and completion of the church. Up to Easter last, when he retired, he had for several years held the position of Vicar's warden. A younger brother of Mr. Flack is at the present time Vicar of St. Chad's Church, Wolverhampton, and another, who died in 1899, was also in the service of the Manchester and County Bank, being, at the time of his death, in charge of the Padham section. Mr. Flack is well-known and highly esteemed in the district.



Photo: *A. Greenwood.*
MR. S. ROBERTS.

Mr. Smith Roberts, who succeeds to the management of the Nelson branch, is the son of the late Mr. William Roberts, of Netherfield House, Nelson, who established the business now carried on under the style of Messrs. Wm. Roberts and Sons, Ltd., Phoenix Foundry, Nelson. Mr. Roberts was likewise a pupil of the late Mr. W. M. Grant, and entered the service of the bank in his fifteenth year. Since then he has served in every capacity in the office in association with Mr. Flack. For several years he acted as treasurer to the Nelson Cricket Club, and was also the secretary to the successful bazaar held under the club's auspices.

He also evinces a deep interest in St. Mary's Church, and last Easter was appointed Vicar's warden. Mr. Roberts is also treasurer of the Nelson Golf Club, and has won local fame as a player.

The succession of Smith Roberts to the manager's position is of interest from a family history perspective since Smith Roberts was to become the step father of Alice Mary Cockshutt and subsequently father in law to William Henry Douglas' son, Dr Frederick Henry Douglas Flack when Alice married Frederick "Harry" Flack on 22 January 1914.

It is also of interest in that Alice Cockshutt (Smith Robert's step daughter) had been brought up in a Catholic family in an era when there was still considerable social discrimination against Catholics, particularly among those who were associated with the Masonic Lodge.

Probably a most successful fact of the evening was held on Thursday night in the assembly room of the "Mechanics' Institute." There was a very large attendance, many of the *bliss* of the town and neighbourhood being present. The room, not perhaps one of the best adapted for a hall of this description, was most elegantly and artistically decorated for the occasion by Mr. Williams, of Manchester. Mr. Williams has had the charge of two halls in this town, and has given entire satisfaction. The style of the decoration was not only superior to, but in great contrast with the general order of embellishment adopted as regards the interior of the building. The slabs of the windows were draped with curtains, and the capitals were encased in the palm-leaf, each hanging by its own cord, and was certainly a novel feature. Then under the old system. In front of the stage platform were ranged a variety of most valuable plants, which added very considerably to the general effect. On the left was a splendid hall, which received flaming most power. The appearance of the interior of the building when the proceedings were at their zenith, was certainly the military uniforms and the insignia of the freemasonry surrounding admirably with the variegated and tasteful dress of the ladies. The ball was in connection with the Lodge of Silent Temple (126). Bro. Wm. Dargle, W.M., and those were brethren present from the Silent Temple and the Lodge of Light from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Lodge of the Holy Spirit, W.L.M. The Lodge of the Holy Spirit, during the last year, subscribed to the Masonic charities a sum of 90 guineas.

The following gentlemen obtained as masters of the lodge—Bro. John Rawlinson, P.M.P.P.O.F.; Bro. Nelson Walworth, P.M. P.P.O.A.B. E.I. The stewards were—Bro. Edward Knight, Worshipful Master; Bro. John Bellard, S.W.; Bro. R. J. Lawless, P.M.P.P.O.S.W.E.I.; Bro. J. W. Allen, P.M.; Bro. R. Parker, F.N.; Bro. W. Walmley, Bro. Thos. West, Bro. John Goodham, Bro. Wm. Smith, Bro. Harcourt's Hall, Bro. John Allen, Bro. Wm. Leigh, J.W.; Bro. T. T. Reed, J.D.; Bro. Jas. Dent, I.W.; Bro. Wm. Marston, S.D.; Bro. H. G. Collins, O.D.; Bro. A. G. Phil, Bro. E. McKinnon, O.D.; Bro. Baskin, most gentlemen who attended their duties most carefully, and it may be credited to have conducted the same, small degree, to the members.

The ball. Up to 11 o'clock most of the brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their office, and after that hour many of the women and their Maids, Royal Arch, Knight Templar, Blue Lodge, and other degrees. The refreshment department was under the management of Mr. Sawcliffe, of the Bull Hotel, and we can safely say that the wine of the arrangement commensured with the catering work of the most satisfactory manner. There was a general absence of stiffness and formality during the night's proceedings, too often witnessed in gatherings of this description, and this tended to add much to the pleasure of the persons present of those who patronized the fair. For the most part we were in attendance at the Bull Hotel, and had seen in which the various exercises of music were performed, to wit, the grand commutation, followed by a list of the ladies and gentlemen who were in attendance at the ball—Mr. and Mrs. John Knowles, Mr. Martin Brown, Mr. E. Robson and Miss Rawcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gresham, Mr. J. T. Barnard, jun., Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dent, Mr. Tom Wright and Miss Key, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, Mr. Richard Smith, and Miss Ogden, Mr. Robert Lacey and Mrs. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Mr. V. H. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. and Mrs. W. H. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pugh, and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sawcliffe, Mr. Stratford, Captain Smith, Mr. Doolley, Mr. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. Gresham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitaker, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Rathbone and Miss E. Rawcliffe, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. W. Dent and Miss Kellum, Mr. W. Lord and Miss Canfield, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. W. G. Pugh, and Miss Pugh, Mr. F. Flack and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gresham, Miss Whitaker and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. John Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Gresham (Gladstone), Mr. Lester, Mr. Brown, and Miss Fitch, Mr. H. Moore and Miss Mary Conklyn, Mr. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Moxley, Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Giblin, Mr. and Miss West, Mr. J.

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WOOD TOP CHURCH SCHOOLS.—It may be remembered that some months ago a bazaar was held in the Mechanics' Institute in aid of the church work in the parish of St. John's, Wood Top, at which about £400 was realised, and from which a large number of articles remained unsold. A sale of work, consisting of these goods, was, on Saturday, held in the school, and was eminently successful. The stock was temptingly displayed on one large stall, which was erected along two sides of the school, over which Miss Gerratt and Miss Flack, assisted by the Sunday school teachers, presided. The sales proceeded very briskly until shortly after four o'clock, when a tea party was held, attended by about 200 persons. The ladies who had charge of the trays were—Miss Fletcher, Miss Grimalshaw, Miss Flack, and Miss Jobling. The tea was followed by a "promenade entertainment"—somewhat of a novelty in Burnley—which passed off in a highly satisfactory manner. The following was the programme:—Glee, "Rose of Allendale," St. John's Choir; song, "Maladies and medicines," Mr. Mark Riley; quartette, "Crabbed age and youth," the choir; song, "Why do summer roses fade?" Miss Fletcher; song, "Still I love thee," Mr. E. Bentley; song, "Be quiet, do, I'll call my mother," Mr. Riley; glee, "Call John," the choir. Miss Gerratt accompanied, and Mrs. William Henry Flack gave one or two pianoforte solos with great effect. We understand that the anticipations of the promoters of the sale of work have been more than trebly realised, the actual amount realised, as the proceeds of the day's entertainment, far exceeding all expectations. In the evening, Mr. Threlfall disposed of a number of articles by auction, and realised good prices.

But there was sadness in William Henry Douglas' family life as well. His grandmother, Elizabeth Flack, had died 25th May 1865, when William Henry was 13 years of age and had been buried alongside his little sister, Isabella Eugene Flack, aged 8 months, in 1863.

The Burnley Borough Council Cemetery records show that William Flack, Quarter Master of Rose Terrace Accrington Road, purchased Grave Number 9268 Plot C on 25 January 1863 in order to bury Isabella Eugene Flack.



The older inscriptions on the face of the grave stone are poorly preserved, however it appears that when Lucy Louisa Catherine Flack died in 1912 she was interred in the more recently purchased and nearby grave with her sister Eliza Alice Flack, a memorial inscription to her was added to the older gravestone of her mother and grandmother.

More tragedy had followed when he was 24, in August 1876, his younger brother, Augustus William Charles Flack also died, aged just 15.

Two years later, on 25 June 1878, William Henry Douglas's mother, Lucy Flack, formerly Moran, nee Turner died at home in Burnley, aged 58.

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF DEATH

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE
Application Number: 1801795-2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT		THE BURNLEY UNION	
1878 DEATH in the Sub-District of Burnley		in the County of Lancashire	

No.	Name and relation to deceased	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and address of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
1	Lucy Flack, formerly Moran, nee Turner	F	58				25 June 1878	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, this 18th day of November 2009.

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THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

William Henry Douglas' mother, Lucy, had led an extraordinary life. Her father had died in Portugal whilst serving with the 63rd Regiment of Foot in 1827. She had left England with her mother Catherine and brothers who were members of the Band of the 63rd Regiment when the Regiment was posted to Australia in 1829. She had married Francis Henry Moran in Hobart in 1838 and stayed on with his Regiment, the 21st Fusiliers, when the 63rd left Australia for India in 1834. In 1839 she and her husband travelled with the Regiment to Dinapur in Bengal, India. But brief joy and repeated tragedy were to follow Lucy.

Francis Henry Moran was born on 29 September 1842 and baptised on 30 October 1842 in Dinapore. But just a month prior to the birth of their son, her husband of just four years, 917 now Sergeant Francis Henry Moran died. It is probable that their friends in the Regiment organised a collection for Lucy so that the young widow and her 2 year old son Francis Henry could travel via Madras to re-join her family with the 63rd Regiment, now stationed in Bellary in Central India, some 2,000 kilometres away. It was in Bellary that Lucy met and subsequently married Colour Sergeant William Flack in January 1844. (The original Church of England marriage register is reproduced in the Annex.)

AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE SA 076451
Application Number: 00071001

CERTIFIED COPY OF
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Special Provisions) Act 1957

MARRIAGES solemnized at Bellary in the District of Madras in the year of Our Lord 1844

When Married	Names of Parties Christian	Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name & Surname	By Banns or Licence
On this seventeenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty four	William Flack	Moran	30	Bedeviled	Colour Sergeant	Bellary	William Flack	By Licence
	Lucy	Moran	24	Widow	Widow		John Turner	

This marriage was solemnized between us
 William Flack
 Lucy Moran

Names of Witnesses Present
 In presence of us
 P.A. Turner
 J. Stewart
 S. Stewart

By Whom Married
 Signed Henry Taylor
 Chaplain

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of the original copy of an entry made in a Service Department Register.
 Given at the District Registrar's Office, under the Seal of the said Office, the 26th day of November 1999

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Lucy and her new husband William were to have a child of their own whilst in Bellary but both Francis Moran and their new born girl, Elizabeth were to perish in the outbreak of Cholera that took the lives of more than 150 members of the Regiment and their families in the spring of 1845. Tragically, Lucy's two children, Francis and Elizabeth, Lucy's 56 year old mother, Catherine and her brother, Peter Augustus Turner, "Leader of the Band" aged 29 were amongst those died in the epidemic. And so on the 20 April 1847, after 8 and half years in India, a now pregnant Lucy with her Sergeant Major Flack husband returned to England. After a brief return to Ireland where William Henry Douglas was born, the family moved to England.

After so after 30 years of married life in England, so ended the life of Lucy Flack. A truly remarkable life but one marked by hardship and tragedy.

William Henry Douglas's family life was not without great sadness and loss too. In 1862, when he was 8 years old, his newborn sister, Isabella, died at 8 months. His 31 year old younger brother, Frederick William Charles Flack, had also died.

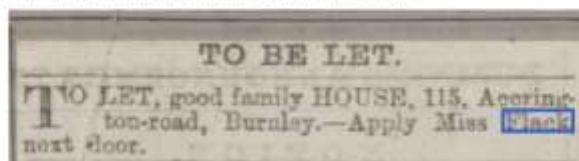
From the Burnley Express dated 23 February 1889, page 6.

Death of Mr. Fred W.C. Flack – We regret exceedingly to have to chronical the decease of a gentleman well-known in banking circles in Burnley and district. Mr. Flack would have been 31 years of age on March 7th, and for over 17 years had been in the service of the Manchester and County Banking Company. During the past three years he has acted as clerk in charge of the Padiham Branch of the Bank and gave it every satisfaction in that capacity. The deceased was the youngest surviving son of Capt. William Flack, who resided with his father at 113 Accrington Road. Capt. Flack came to Burnley in 1852 as Quarter-master of the Militia and retired from the service with the rank of Captain. Other brothers of the deceased are the Rev. W.G. Flack, Curate of Darleston, Staffordshire, and Mr. W.H.D. Flack, manager of the Nelson Branch of the Manchester and County Bank. Mr. Flack was at his post at Padiham on Tuesday last week, but did not feel well and on returning home he was compelled to take to his bed. Dr Parsons was called in on Wednesday morning and pronounced his patient suffering from severe inflammation of the lungs. Untiring nursing and skilled medical aid were bestowed upon him and up to 11 o'clock on Friday night he was considered to be progressing favourably towards recovery. Then a change for the worse and in about one o'clock on Saturday morning he passed away to the deep sorrow and affliction of the many people who had his acquaintance. The deceased did not take any prominent part in public affairs. He was for a time a Sunday Schoolteacher at St John's Schools, Wood Top, but of late had attended Holy Trinity Church and last year was appointed a church warden with Mr. Robert Mann. As such he took a very active interest in the raising of funds for providing a peal of bells and by none will his sad decease be more regretted than the Vicar, officials and congregation of Holy Trinity. The funeral takes place at the cemetery to-morrow morning and will be conducted by the Rev. J.M. Evert Owen.

Following the death of Frederick William Charles, in 1890, William Henry Douglas and his family moved out of their home of some 35 years in Accrington Road and moved to 13 Brierfield Road, Burnley. The 1891 Census records William Henry Douglas, his wife Eliza A Flack, their daughters Clara and Lucy and their son Bertram living across the road from the location of the Burnley Branch of the Bank where William worked. The following advertisement suggests that they had owned at least two of the houses in Rose Terrace in Accrington Road.

Burnley Express - Saturday 06 September 1890

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On 19 May 1900, William Henry Douglas's wife, Eliza Alice Flack, nee Parker, died at home in Burnley. She was buried in Burnley Cemetery on 23 May 1900 in plot purchased near the grave his father had purchased and in which were buried his grandmother, Elizabeth Flack, his mother and father, William and Lucy Flack, his sister Elizabeth Eugenie, and his brother Augustus William Charles.

Community Services

The available records indicate that William Henry Douglas Flack was actively involved as a volunteer in a wide range of Burnley community organisations including:

- Burnley's Masonic "Silent Temple" Lodge
- Wood Top Church Schools
- The Burnley Choral Society
- St Mary's Church of England, Nelson as Vicars Warden
- St Stephens Church of England, Burnley
- Holy Trinity Church of England, Habergham Eaves
- Victoria Hospital, Burnley serving as Honorary Treasurer from 1909 until 1933;
- Burnley Chamber of Commerce
- Police Courts Mission
- Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society
- Member of the Licensing Committee for Burnley, as well as serving as a Justice of the Peace on the Magistrate's Court from 1913 to 1933.

By 1901, William Henry Douglas and the remainder of his family living at home, had moved to Brierfield and were now living at 62 Hollin Bank Villas. His sister Lucy Louisa Catherine, now aged 44, looked after the two younger children Mabel (6) and Lucy (14) and his daughter, Clara Alice, aged 21, helped when she was not working as a school teacher.

In 1907, Clara Alice Flack (known as "Clarice") married Percy Johnson.



Clara Alice Johnson, nee Flack

The following press clippings illustrate the breadth of his activities and civic interests:

THE BURNLEY NEWS. WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 3. 1913.

SURPRISE PRESENTATIONS.

BURNLEY'S RECORD SHOW.

DISTINCTIONS FOR SIR JOHN THURSBY AND ALDERMAN E. KEIGHLEY.

COUNTY SOCIETY'S APPRECIATION OF LOCAL EFFORTS.

The final meeting of the Local Committee formed in connection with the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society's show held at Burnley this year, was convened in the Town Hall on Monday afternoon, when the Society's Council evidenced in a very tangible manner their appreciation of the enthusiasm displayed by the principal local officials in their endeavours to achieve the record success which the exhibition attained. The recipients of these handsome tokens were Sir J. O. S. Thursby, Bart., the President of the Royal Lancashire Society during the past year, the ex-Mayor (Alderman E. Keighley, J.P.), Chairman of the Local Committee, the Town Clerk (Mr. Peregrine Thomas), the Hon. Local Secretary, and Mr. H. Clark and Mr. W. H. D. Flack, J.P., Joint Hon. Local Treasurers.

he was enthusiastic and put his heart into the work, that spirit became infectious, and everyone else did the same. (Hear, hear.) To the Burnley Corporation they were very much indebted for draining the ground, laying on the gas and water, and for the many other things they did to help forward the success of the show. It used to be at one time that town and country were more or less antagonistic, but he did not think anyone held that opinion today, but all agreed that one depended on the other. If agriculture was prosperous, then it was good for the towns—if business and manufactures were prosperous, it was good for agriculture. (Hear, hear.) After all, agriculture was still the biggest industry they had in this country, not even excepting the cotton trade which was, of course, their special branch.

SIR JOHN THURSBY'S RESPONSE.

Sir John Thursby, in response, said he had been passing through a period of presentations lately, and he was afraid it was one of the most difficult tasks for him to make personal thanks on such an occasion. He felt that the distinctions conferred on the ex-Mayor and himself were not so much personally to them as a general recognition of the work of all connected with the Burnley Show, and the wonderful success it attained. He remembered when, along with Alderman Keighley and Councillor Irving, the invitation was extended to the Royal Lancashire to visit Burnley, thinking that perhaps they were taking on a greater responsibility than they imagined, but as soon as they got to work and recognised the hearty support they were receiving from everybody and every class, every diffidence departed and they were encouraged to look forward to a good result. Favoured as they were with such beautiful weather, such an excellent site, and so many exhibitors, he thought it would be difficult for any other town to beat their record. They hoped, of course that other places would beat it, and that at Liverpool next year they would meet with considerable success and be able to show an equally good balance sheet. After four unfavourable years it was very satisfactory indeed to still find the Society in such a position of financial stability. (Amused.)

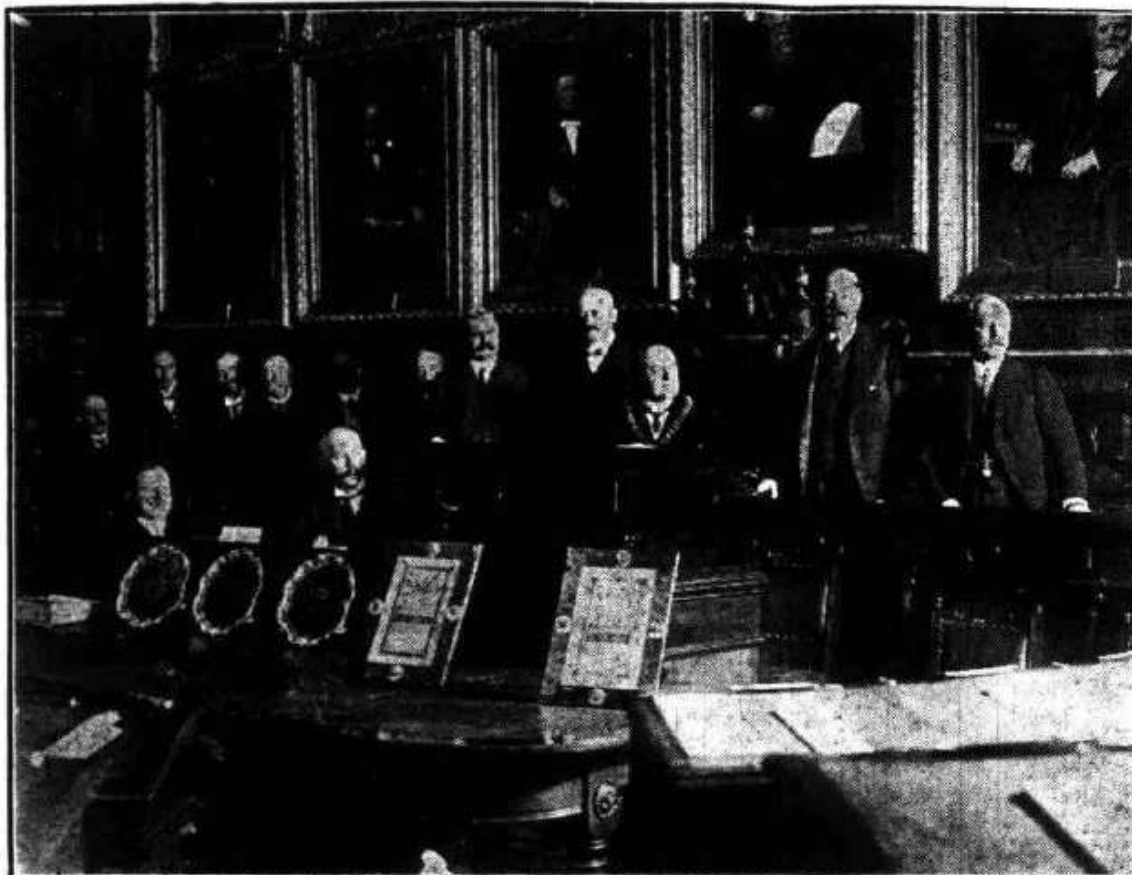


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VICTORIA HOSPITAL

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Hospital Board of Management was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, Alderman C. Thornber, J.P., presiding. There were present Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J.P., Mr. S. Blakeborough, J.P., Mr. W. H. D. Flack, Mr. B. Simpson, Mr. W. T. Fullalove, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. William Heyes, Mr. J. H. Schofield, and Mr. Walter Mather, Drs. Rodgers, Sinclair, and Watson. Maintenance accounts for the month of May amounting to £352 7s. 1d. were examined and authorised to be paid. The monthly report presented by the house surgeon, Dr. Roberts, showed that 204 in-patients and 260 out-patients had been treated. Twelve deaths had occurred, six of these within twenty-four hours of admission, and the daily average number of beds occupied was 77. On account of the Fair Holidays, the next meeting of the Board of Management will be held on July 3rd, instead of July 10th. The following house visitors were elected for the month: Messrs. Edward Parkinson, Walter Tout, J. W. Bridge, Edward Matthews, Joseph Mulhender, Joshua Proctor, and J. J. Rawson.

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**VICTORIA HOSPITAL
FOR BURNLEY AND DISTRICT.****Special Appeal for Contributions**

Towards Extension Fund and Increased Endowment and Maintenance.

Estimated Cost of Proposed Extensions	£30,000
Received or Promised	£29,400
Still Required	£600

Donations are also earnestly solicited towards the Endowment Fund.

New and additional Annual Subscriptions are now urgently needed.

Contributions may be paid through any of the Local Banks, or sent direct to the undersigned.

W. H. D. **Flack**, Hon. Treasurer,
Manchester & County Bank, Burnley.
W. T. FULLALOVE,
Craven Bank Chambers, Burnley, Hon. Secy.
F. A. HARGREAVES,
7, Grimshaw-street, Burnley.

List of Contributions to Extension Fund up to January 9th, 1914.

Amount previously acknowledged	£	s.	d.
Messrs. S. Thompson & Sons, Publishers	25	0	0
Mr. Connelley and Mrs. Robert Noller, Fiddiam (about district, making £250)	25	0	0
Mage and Son, Brierley, (donors)	10	0	0
Messrs. Thomas Proctor & Son (donors)	10	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grey	10	0	0
The Church-street Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Publishers)	10	0	0
Captain J. Gordon Douglas (and an annual subscription of £5 5s.)	10	0	0
Flack , Hon. Treasurer	10	0	0
Flack , Hon. Secy.	10	0	0
Messrs. James Proctor, Ltd. (donors district, making £50)	10	0	0
(and an increase of annual subscription from £1 1s. to £2 5s.)	10	0	0
Messrs. Thomas Proctor & Son, Fiddiam (donors district, making £40)	10	0	0
Mr. Thompson (Burnside Hall)	10	0	0
George Foster, Esq.	10	0	0
Mr. Marshall	10	0	0
Robert Baskin, Esq. (donors)	10	0	0
R. Heyworth, Esq.	10	0	0
Walter Wright, Esq.	10	0	0
Burnley Local District Association, Ltd.	10	0	0
Conditional promised donations	10	0	0
Total	29	4	0

The COUNTY BANK
THE MANCHESTER & COUNTY BANK LTD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL - £5,460,200
PAID-UP CAPITAL - £1,092,040
RESERVE FUND - £725,000

TOTAL ASSETS - £21,650,354

Head Office - 55, King Street, Manchester.
Foreign Dept. - 59, King Street, Manchester.

LOCAL BRANCHES:

BURNLEY: 10, Grimshaw St.
BURNLEY: 119, Colne Road.
BRIERFIELD: 16, Colne Road.
PADIHAM: 47, Burnley Road.
COLNE: 1, Church Street
NELSON: 6, Leeds Road
BARROWFORD: 143, Gishorn Rd.

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81st BIRTHDAY GIFT.**£50 TO BURNLEY HOSPITAL.**

Mr. W. H. D. **Flack**, J.P., hon. treasurer to the Burnley Victoria Hospital, has received £50 from the Rev. W. Lancaster Taylor, of Sadberge, St. Annas-on-Sea, the gift being accompanied by the following message:—

"To the Burnley Victoria Hospital Committee, I, **William** Lancaster Taylor, M.A., Clerk in Holy Orders, only son of John Taylor, sizer, Calder Vale, Burnley, on my 81st birthday, March 31st, 1921, gave to the Burnley Victoria Hospital, at whose foundation stone laying by the Duke of Clarence I was present, the sum of fifty pounds to augment its Endowment Fund, thus helping it to increase its usefulness and scattering its blessings amongst its teeming population in Burnley and Trawden, where the major part of my life has been spent, and where my little capital has been acquired."

The Rev. W. Lancaster Taylor, who has been a frequent contributor to the "Express" on old Burnley topics, was for 12 years Vicar of Trawden, from 1875 to 1887.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.³

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BURNLEY.

THE LUNACY ACTS, 1890 TO 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Justices of the Peace for the County Borough of Burnley have appointed the persons whose names, places of abode and occupations or professions are mentioned below, to act as Visitors of Licensed Houses within the said County Borough pursuant to Section 177 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, and Clerk to the Visitors, pursuant to Section 178 of the said Act respectively:—

VISITORS.

EDWIN WHITEHEAD, Esq., 2, Thursby Road, Burnley, Cotton Manufacturer.

JAMES MACLANACHAN FERGUSON, Esq., Ridge House, Burnley, Medical Practitioner.

WILLIAM HENRY DOUGLAS, Esq., "Brookside," Burnley, Retired Bank Manager.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR, JOHN WILLIAM CLEGG, Esq., 94 and 96, Rosegrove Lane, Burnley, Medical Practitioner.

CLERK TO THE VISITORS.

THOMAS MELLER, Esq., "Greenlands," Burnley, Solicitor and Clerk to Justices.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACT, 1813.

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THE LUNACY ACTS, 1890 TO 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Justices of the Peace for the County Borough of Burnley have appointed out of their own body the following persons to exercise the powers conferred by the Lunacy Act, 1890, upon the Judicial Authority, namely:—

DICKINSON, Esq., "Healey Mount," Burnley.

JAMES MACLANACHAN FERGUSON, Esq., "Ridge House," Burnley.

GEORGE STRINGER PULLON, Esq., M.D., Hood House Street, Burnley.

LAWRENCE BROTHERTON, Esq., "Brookside," Scott Park, Burnley.

ARTHUR BABON, Esq., "Montford," Brierfield.

ROGER HARGREAVES, Esq., 281, Manchester Road, Burnley.

JAMES ALFRED SAMPSON, Esq., 30, Emily Street, Burnley.

HENRY DOUGLAS, Esq., "Brookside," Burnley.

EDWIN WHITEHEAD, Esq., 2, Thursby Road, Burnley.

SHARP THORNBUR, Esq., 3, Glen View Road, Burnley.

MRS. MARY HOLDEN, "Oakdene," Higher Brunshaw, Burnley.

MRS. MARY KAY, "Towneley Villa," Burnley.

MRS. FLORENCE ANNETTE OGDEN, B.A., "Sunnyside," Reedley Crescent, Burnley.

MRS. MARY LIZZIE HEDGES, 44, Cleveland Road, Burnley.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR (JOHN WILLIAM CLEGG, Esq.), 94-96, Rosegrove Lane, Burnley.

STILL ANXIOUS.

LOSS OF £3,500 AT HOSPITAL.

SUGGESTED WORKPEOPLE'S LEVY.

Perhaps no happier event takes place in the Victoria Hospital than the New Year's Day presentation of certificates and training school badges and the distribution of presents to the patients and staff, and yesterday afternoon's ceremony, which was held in the children's ward, was a most cheerful gathering. It was good to see the smiling faces of the patients and the nurses as they waited to be called upon. There was a very large assembly of visitors, including many members of the Town Council and representatives from other districts.

Mr. W. H. D. Flack, the hon. treasurer, who presided, said his first duty was to wish all a very happy and prosperous New Year. Their presence showed their interest in the Hospital, and the Board were delighted to see so many present on such an adverse day in regard to the weather.

Hon. Secretary's Report.

At the outset of his report, Mr. F. A. Margreaves (secretary) said he had received a letter from the Right Hon. Lord Shuttleworth, president of the Hospital, regretting that owing to absence from home, neither he nor the Hon. Mrs. Kay-Shuttleworth were able to be present. He also regretted they had not with them that day Mr. Edmund Halsestead, chairman of the Board of Management, who left in November for a world tour. They hoped he would return much benefited.

He had received the following letter from Mr. W. H. Hartley, of Farnborough—

"As a trustee and now one of the older generation among the friends of the Hospital, I venture to offer a word of greeting and good cheer to the inmates and staff of all grades. It affords lively satisfaction to my wife and myself to note the onward march of the Hospital in endeavouring to increase its usefulness, and we hope the progress towards perfection may be maintained. There are two thoughts to which if I had been able to be with you, I should have liked to give expression; keen sympathy with our old and highly respected honorary surgeon, Dr. Sinclair, in his illness, and earnest hopes for the welfare of our Chairman and best wishes for his safe return, together with warm acknowledgments of your own services too well known to need announcement." He (Mr. Margreaves) desired to express personal regret at the illness of Dr. Sinclair. The latter was resident medical officer from 1890 to 1893, and was appointed on the honorary medical staff in 1898. One could not speak too highly of his very valuable services during the 26 years he had acted as the honorary medical and surgical staff. They also missed the late Mr. Samuel Makeborough, J.P., who was for many years a member of the House Committee and Board of Management. Mr. Makeborough strongly advocated the claims of the Hospital to support, and, said he took a great interest in its welfare. The late Mr. William Hey, for many years, was also a valued member of the House Committee and the Board of Management as the representative of the friendly societies.

The matron (Miss Alexander) and nursing staff had carried out their duties under difficult conditions in a very praiseworthy manner, and honorary surgical and medical officers were again entitled to their warmest thanks. Seven nurses had passed the final hospital examination, and would be presented with certificates and badges. The gold medal for 1926, presented by Mr. Halsestead (chairman) had been awarded to Miss Catherine Fagan, who also won the first prize, gaining 87 per cent. of the total marks, and the prize for obtaining the highest number of marks on the month list, 28 per cent. The second prize was won by Nurse Leary with 74 per cent., and the third prize by Nurse Baines with 73 per cent. Twelve nurses sat for the preliminary State Examination, and one failed, but had since been successful. Eight nurses sat for the final State Examination; one failed, in one subject, but would enter again in February, 1927. These results were most satisfactory.

EXPRESS AND ADVERTISER, JANUARY 2, 1926.

Many improvements had been made in the Hospital buildings. The new operating theatre block had now been completed, and was up-to-date in every respect and fitted with the most modern apparatus and equipment. That special block had been erected out of the fund representing the handsome bequest of £5,000 by the late Mr. Caleb Thorneber, J.P., and by the generous benefactions of Mr. William Witham, J.P., of Burnley, to cover the cost of constructing the John Witham operating theatre. The two new theatres and the additional accommodation provided would fill a long-delt want, and add greatly to the usefulness of the institution. Details of the various benefactions to the Hospital during the past year would appear in the annual report, but he desired to make reference to some of the principal bequests and gifts which had been made during the year.

The Board was grateful to Mr. Walter Southern, solicitor, Burnley, as surviving executor and trustee under the will of the late Miss Ellen Jane Dixon, of Burnley, for his kindness in including the Hospital among the institutions which have benefited under the distribution made by him of the residuary estate of the late Miss Dixon. The amount allocated by Mr. Southern to the Hospital represented £2,000 for the Endowment Fund, and £1,000 in augmentation of the Nurses' Assistance Fund, making together the sum of £3,000. They had received £1,200 in 1925, bequeathed by Miss Margaret Jane Farrer, late of 12, Lightbaird Park, Burnley, for the general purposes of the institution, and a sum of £1,000 under the will of the late Miss Josephine Charlotte Thorneber, of Brighton, daughter of the late Mr. William Thorneber, of Colneville House, Burnley, also to be applied for general purposes. The continued interest in the Hospital Festival Competition resulted in £400 being handed over, and £250 the proceeds of the Sunday School League Musical Cup Competition.

A sum of £150 had been received from the Burnley Sheep Dog Trial Society, and at the request of that society for the benefit of the Hospital had now exceeded £500. It had been decided to name, in perpetuity, one of the cots in the children's ward the "Burnley Sheep Dog Trial Society Cot," and a brass tablet would be placed in the ward recording the fact. He (Mr. Margreaves) was informed by Alderman Roger Hargreaves, who had taken such a great interest in the sheep dog trials, that they would receive £100 next week as the result of a contributory scheme by the members of the Burnley branch of the National Farmers' Association and the men in their employ.

The Board of Management, whilst fully appreciating all the financial support, continued to be anxious about its finances. The accounts were not yet completed, but it was estimated the ordinary income would fall short of the ordinary expenditure by about £2,500. If the work of the institution was to be carried on, a largely augmented income must be secured, and although it had not been found convenient to launch the scheme of a weekly collection from wage-earners towards the maintenance of the Hospital, it was hoped progress in this direction would be made in the near future, and that they would have the earnest co-operation of all classes of workers in the area served by the Hospital. The

extension of voluntary hospitals through loans of funds would be a disaster of the first magnitude. It is no plan for the staff of Burnley and goodwill display itself more than at the presentation, and especially so at Christmas time. They had, through the kindness of many friends, been able to add to the enjoyment of upwards of 100 patients who had been obliged to spend Christmas in the institution. Gifts of money and presents in kind had been received, and their friends from Burnley, Colne, and other districts gave an excellent musical programme. The members of the staff had made the whole most really and attractive. Mr. Robert Shepherson, who had been an in-patient for several months, sent a very appreciative letter, on behalf of the patients, to the local Press, expressing gratitude for the kindly and thoughtful deeds.

The Board earnestly hoped for a continuation of public interest, and the support of the donors, so that the work of the Hospital might

go forward with increased efficiency and usefulness. (Applause.)

Mayor and Public Support.

Mr. Flack then distributed the certificates and badges to the successful nurses, and this was followed by the distribution of presents to the patients and all members of the staff by the Mayoress (Mrs. James Sutcliffe).

A vote of thanks to the Mayoress was moved by Dr. Jackson, who remarked that her presence was an incentive to the matron and the staff in getting up that presentation. Their work was very arduous and at times difficult to perform. (Applause.)

The motion was seconded by Mr. R. S. Bardsley, J.P., who hoped Mrs. Sutcliffe would be a frequent visitor at the Hospital, and would increase public interest in the institution.

The vote was carried by acclamation.

Replying on behalf of his wife, the Mayor (Councillor J. Sutcliffe, J.P.), thought they in Burnley might do something to clearing off the £2,500 loss on the year's work. In the mills and workshops last year they collected £1,200, but he estimated that if the principle which had been adopted in Preston, Blackburn, Colne, Nelson and Accrington, of all workpeople contributing one penny per week and employers making a small contribution, could be adopted in Burnley, it would be very beneficial. In the area served by the Hospital, the workpeople alone, by such a scheme, could raise over £12,500 per year. He invited the heads of the employers' association and the heads of trade union organizations to meet at the Town Hall to discuss the matter and perhaps formulate a scheme. He felt sure everyone would gladly fall into line and provide that small sum ungrudgingly. The nurses were engaged in a noble work, and the Burnley residents were proud of the work being carried on at the Hospital. Two who gave of their time and service were Dr. Jackson and Dr. Watson. (Applause.)

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Flack, Mr. A. Baron, J.P., said they could not forget Mr. Flack's long association with the Hospital and the work he had done. He (Mr. Baron) had been struck by the many expressions of gratefulness from those who had been inmates, and how highly they had spoken of the work. It must be gratifying to the staff to feel their work was so much appreciated. (Hear, hear.)

The seconder was Mr. W. Mather, of Brierfield, who remarked that Mr. Flack had a very high sense of duty and took the business of the Hospital very seriously. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Flack, responding, said it should be widely known that that institution provided a school for the teaching of nurses, and that there was in existence a national register so that nurses trained there, and who passed the qualifying examination, were enrolled and accepted. Those who had experience knew what a task it would be providing between 4,000 and 5,000 men each week, and that amounted for some of the very large bills they had to pay—(laughter)—and they had to rely upon a generous public for the wherewithal to keep the institution going. (Applause.)

Afterwards the visitors were served with tea, and later they made an inspection of the two new operating theatres, which were described in the "Express" last week.

Burnley News

- Wednesday 11 January 1928

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Burnley Express - Saturday 10 July 1926

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TWO HOT HEADS.

BUT MEN LEAVE COURT TOGETHER.

"It was a matter of two hot heads letting a bit of steam off. It will not occur again. Do your best for us, we are out of work, and have no money. We are very good friends now," said **William Thomas Atkinson** (48), 7, Irene-street, who appeared in the Burnley Police Court yesterday week along with **James McNulty** (48), 60, Bedford-street, charged with disorderly behaviour in Back Temple-street at 5-30 on the previous night.

Chief Constable Fairclough said that it was "a real fight," and both men were bleeding on the face. The defendants had been friends for a good number of years, but had quarrelled. They were both under the influence of drink.

Dismissing the case on payment of costs, 4s. each, and giving them 14 days in which to pay, the Chairman (Mr. W. H. D. **Finck**) said that the Bench were glad that the men were good friends again. The reconciled pair left the Court together.

NEGLECT OF CHILDREN.

Bookmaker's Clerk Given a "Last Chance" at Burnley.

Scathing remarks were addressed by Mr. W. H. D. **Finck**, chairman at the Burnley Police Court, yesterday, to **William Cunningham**, a bookmaker's clerk, who gave his address as the Salvation Army Hut, Strangeways, Manchester, and who appeared on an adjourned summons which charged him with leaving his five children chargeable to the Burnley Union.

Mr. C. Brown, relieving officer, stated that defendant had made no effort to make a payment for his five children who were still chargeable in the institution. The children were being relieved at a cost of 12s. per week for each child. The children had been visited regularly and he (Mr. Brown) had instructions to ask for defendant's committal to prison. The total cost of relieving defendant's family amounted to £21 7s. 6d.

Cunningham, who appeared in Court well dressed, stated in reply to the Magistrate's Clerk that he had nothing to say why he should not be committed.

The Magistrate's Clerk: Do you intend to make an effort to pay as soon as possible?—Yes.

Are you in work?—No.

Is your wife working?—No.

Then how are you living?—I am clerking for bookmakers, but there is nothing doing just now.

The chairman (Mr. **Finck**): We have the feeling that you are not doing your duty as your best in this matter. You are going up and down the country as a clerk for bookmakers, living well yourself—for evidently from your appearance you are not suffering. This is the very last chance we shall give you. We will remand the case for three weeks, and you had better do something in the meantime.

Defendant: I shan't be able to do anything in three weeks.

The chairman: If you can go about clerking for bookmakers you can keep your children. You are not suffering yourself, and we are not going to allow your five children to be kept at the expense of the ratepayers. You will be bound over to appear in three weeks, and you had better do something before then, as this is your last chance.

The case was then adjourned for three weeks.

PROBATION CONDITIONS BROKEN.

BILLIARD HALL'S ATTRACTION FOR YOUTH.

"This is the very last opportunity you will be given," said Mr. W. H. D. Flack, the presiding magistrate, at the Burnley Police Court, yesterday, to John Lynch (18), living with his grandparents at 3, Norton-street, who was brought before them at the instance of Mr. Jones, Probation Officer, charged with having committed a breach of his probation in not having reported himself weekly.

Lynch said that he had been unsuccessful in his efforts to get work other than that of selling evening newspapers, by which he earned 12s. to 14s. a week. He gave his earnings to his grandparents. He had no definite reason for not reporting himself.

Mr. Jones said that the youth's conduct had not been satisfactory during the probation. He had not kept out of billiard halls.

Lynch: I have not been there often; and then only when I have finished selling my papers, or have gone there to deliver them.

Mr. Flack: Now you are making excuses. You will have to do as you are ordered.

The Clerk: The alternative is three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Flack: You are not to go into a billiard hall, even to deliver papers.

The youth promised to adhere in future to all the conditions of the order, and his case was further adjourned for a month.

Burnley News - Saturday 02 February 1929

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BURNLEY CLINIC FUND.

Mr. W. H. D. Flack, treasurer of the Victoria Hospital Board of Management, in seconding the vote of thanks, said that Lord Shuttleworth, in intimating that he was prepared to start the Hospital cancer clinic fund with a gift of £1,000, had written of the deep concern the problem of cancer was causing him. The Hospital managers were so impressed by Lord Shuttleworth's example, and by the urgency of the whole matter that they passed a resolution that they would be responsible for the purchase of £5,000 worth of radium. This would provide something like half a gramme. They had been fortunate in obtaining further promises of financial help—two of £500 each; another of £250; one of 100 guineas; and another of £150. The total now subscribed was now close upon £3,000.

Mr. Jones asked what the public of Burnley were to do to back up the effort. An appeal would be issued in a short time. The Hospital ought to have at least £7,000 to see the cancer clinic properly established, and he hoped the generous public would provide this great source of hope and relief for suffering people in their midst.

Mr. A. A. Bellingham mentioned, as a precedent for Dr. Watson's appearance before the club, that Sir J. Mackenzie, the great heart specialist, during his practice in Burnley, was at one time secretary of the club. The doctors of the town had often been among its strong supporters.

Mr. H. Topham (H.M. Inspector of Factories) mentioned that in course of his duties he had had to inquire into a number of cases of cancer, and one thing that always struck him was that many of them could have been prevented becoming serious by early consultation with a doctor.

Mr. Eastwood and Mr. R. T. Whitehead also contributed to the discussion, and the vote of thanks to Dr. Watson was cordially carried.

Dr. Watson, in expressing his thanks, mentioned he had visited the South London Hos-

MR. W. H. D. FLACK RETIRES.

58 Years With the Manchester
and County Bank.

THE NEW LOCAL MANAGER.

This week-end will see a change in the management of the Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield branches of the Manchester and County Bank, Ltd. Mr. W. H. D. Flack, J.P., who has been manager at Burnley since 1909, and



Mr. W. H. D. FLACK.

length of service is the Bank's senior official, retires to-day. He will be succeeded by Mr. Smith Roberts, who has been manager of the Nelson branch since Mr. Flack came to Burnley. Educated at the Burnley Grammar School, Mr. Flack entered the service of the bank in January, 1870, and he has therefore completed nearly 55 years' service. During this period Mr. Flack has been in charge of each of the local branches of the bank at Colne, Nelson, Padiham and Brierfield. On the retirement of Mr. N. P. Cox, J.P., in 1909, he was appointed manager of the branches in Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield. In addition to the duties associated with his official capacity, Mr. Flack has unstintingly devoted his time to the service of local institutions. He has been hon. treasurer to the Burnley Victoria Hospital since coming to Burnley, and he has also acted as treasurer and vice-president of the Burnley Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Police Court Mission, and several other local institutions of a philanthropic character. In 1913 Mr. Flack was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the borough, and in his magisterial capacity he is a member of the Licensing Board.

His successor, Mr. Smith Roberts, is a native of Nelson, being a son of the late Mr. Wm. Roberts, of the well-known engineering firm.



Mr. S. ROBERTS.

Mr. Roberts has spent the whole of his banking service at the Nelson branch, the staff of which he became associated with in 1887. For nearly 25 years he served under Mr. Flack before succeeding him as manager, and after a period of 13 years he again fills the place previously occupied by his chief. Like Mr. Flack, Mr. Roberts is interested in outside organisations. He has been treasurer of the Nelson Cricket Club, the Nelson Golf Club, and the Nelson Borough War Savings Association. For a period of seven years Mr. Roberts has resided at St. Annes, but he intends to take up residence locally as soon as possible.

Mr. Smith Roberts will be succeeded at Nelson by Mr. William Farrar Hyde, of Radcliffe.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "COBANK, MANCHESTER."
TELEPHONE NO: CITY 8780 (4 LINES.)

The Manchester & County Bank Limited

HEAD OFFICE:
55, KING STREET,

Private.

Manchester 14 July 1922.

Dear Mr. Flack,

I have pleasure in informing you that the Directors at their meeting today acceded to your request to be allowed to retire, & they have granted you a Pension of £850. per annum to commence on the 1st October next.

In conveying this intimation to you I should like, on behalf of the Directors and myself & all my colleagues to express the hope that you may enjoy for many years to come the leisure you have so well earned by your valued service to the Bank extending over so many years.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly

J. W. Weightingale.
Joint Manager.

W. H. D. Flack Esq.
Burying.

By this time, his replacement as regional manager, Smith Roberts was also his son-in-law, Smith Robert's step-daughter, Alice Mary Cockshutt, having married Frederick Henry Douglas Flack in 1914. The following photograph was taken at the wedding.



As can be seen from the press clippings above, that while William Henry Douglas retired from the bank, but he did not give up his voluntary roles in the community. It meant that he was able to devote more time to fundraising particularly in the role of Honorary Treasurer for the Victoria Hospital.



During a visit to Burnley in 1995, the Administrator of the Hospital was able to locate the portrait-sized picture of William Henry Douglas in the Hospital's temporary foyer during hospital renovations and to allow a photograph of it to be taken.

William Henry Douglas continued to serve on Victoria Hospital's Board until 1932 when ill health prompted him to retire. The following photograph of the Honorary Treasurer at his desk in the hospital was taken at about that time.



There were also holiday trips to Blackpool and the Isle of Man. This author's father, Dr Henry Edmund Douglas Flack told the story that during a family holiday train trip to Blackpool in which his grandfather, William Henry Douglas and his uncle, Reverend William George and his wife Ada were travelling together, the group met some old acquaintances of William George John from his youth.

The story goes that one of the old acquaintances asked "Is that ye George? and when the enquirer got a rather reluctant nod from the Reverend, the acquaintance said "Ee bah gum, an ye a vicar an all". Apparently in his youth "George" had been known as a "bit of a lad" and they were amused to meet him these years later "with his collar on back to front".

There were also trips to the Isle of Man. It's not clear what brought them for holidays to the Isle of Man, although it seems likely that William Henry Douglas's older sister, Francis Elizabeth, who had married John Moore, a native of the Isle of Man, may have introduced the family to the Isle.

The following photographs were taken in the Isle of Man.



Photographs taken in the Isle of Man.

Photo on the Left - Alice Mary Flack and her step-father, Smith Roberts with several children, two of whom are probably Henry Edmund Douglas Flack (behind his mother) and his younger brother Bertram Anthony Flack (on Smith Robert's knee).

Photo on the Right – Alice Flack with Henry Edmund Douglas on the railing and Bertram Anthony on her knee.

The following is a copy of a letter from Victoria Hospital Burnley sent to the author dated 1 December 1980 that summarises William Henry Douglas's voluntary service and contribution over 24 years.



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VICTORIA HOSPITAL

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BURNLEY
BB10 3HP

NPF/CMD

1st December, 1980.

Mr. E.H. Flack,
72, Audley Street,
PETERSHAM, 2049,
New South Wales,
Australia.

Dear Mr. Flack,

Mr. William Henry Douglas Flack

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your great-grandfather and his associations with Victoria Hospital.

Mr. W.H.D. Flack was, in fact, a trustee of our Hospital and held office as Honorary Treasurer from 1909 until 1933, being responsible for raising and managing voluntary contributions for the Hospital. He was a Justice of the Peace (i.e. local magistrate) and Manager of the Manchester and County Bank Limited, Burnley, - this bank no longer exists.

In the Annual Report of the Hospital for 1930 it was recorded :-

"It is now twenty-one years since Mr. W.H.D. Flack, J.P., accepted the Office of Honorary Treasurer to the Hospital. The Board felt it was fitting that a tablet should be placed in the main corridor of the Hospital to record the long and excellent services Mr. Flack has so willingly given during that period."

The "tablet" is still on display on the Hospital's main corridor.

The Annual Report for 1932 records :-

"During the latter part of the year the Board have been deprived of the valuable and devoted services of Mr. W.H.D. Flack, J.P., the Honorary Treasurer, owing to illness, and desire to express sympathy with him and the hope that he may soon be restored to health."

The final record of your great-grandfather in the Annual Reports appears in 1935 :-

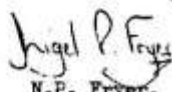
"It is with deep regret that the Board must also record the death of Mr. W.H.D. Flack, J.P."

Mr. Flack was appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Hospital in 1909 and held that position until 1933. Throughout his long association with the Hospital, Mr. Flack was untiring in his devotion to its interests, and although a few years ago, owing to advancing years and failing health, he found himself compelled to retire from active participation in its affairs, his affection for the Hospital and interest in its work remained as strong as ever.

The Board desire to record with gratitude the great services which Mr. Flack rendered to the Institution for a period of twenty-four years."

I hope that the above extracts are of interest to you and will prove of help with your research.

Yours sincerely,


N.P. Fryer,

Sector Administrator.

The following picture is said to have been taken at a family gathering at Brookside, near Burnley in 1932.



Top row L to R. Henry Edmund Douglas Flack; Gordon Johnson, Frederick Henry Douglas Flack
Seated. L to R. Alice Flack; Mabel Flack; William Henry Douglas Flack; Clara Alice Johnson; Lucy Flack
Sitting. Bertram Anthony Flack.

On 10th March 1936, William Henry Douglas Flack died at Brookside. The Burnley Express posted the following Death Notice the next day.

Burnley Express - Wednesday 11 March 1936

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FLACK—On March 10th, at "Brookside,"
Burnley, **William** Henry Douglas **Flack**
J.P., in his 85th year. Interment at
Burnley Cemetery, Thursday, at 11-30
a.m.

Both of the major Burnley newspapers published obituaries as follows.

The Burnley Express Newspaper on 11 March 1936

A BURNLEY WORTHY. DEATH OF PROMINENT TOWNSMAN.

AN ACTIVE CAREER.

The death of Mr. William Henry Douglas Flack, J.P., of "Brookside," Burnley, marks the passing of a gentleman who for upwards of half a century has been closely identified with the commercial, social and church life of the town. Mr. Flack, whose demise occurred yesterday, had been in declining health for over two years, but throughout his long illness he maintained undiminished interest in everything concerning the welfare of the borough and its inhabitants. His work always cheerfully and devotedly ren-



LATE MR. W. H. D. FLACK.

dered, on behalf of various philanthropic institutions in the town, especially his long and valuable services as honorary treasurer of the Burnley Victoria Hospital, will long be remembered with gratitude by the residents of Burnley and district.

Mr. Flack, who was born in 1852, was the eldest son of the late Captain Flack, of the 5th R.L.M., and had lived in Burnley and district practically all his life. He was educated at the well-known Carlton-road School, under the late Mr. W. Milner Grant, and also at the Burnley Grammar School during the headmastership of the late Rev. James Butler, D.C.L., and Mr. T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S. At the Grammar School, Mr. Flack held the enviable position of head boy for the years 1869-70, and his name still appears among those chronicled on the roll of successful students.

Leaving school at the age of 18, he entered the service of the Manchester and County Bank in January, 1870, as a junior clerk at the Burnley branch. Subsequently, he was for many years chief cashier under the management of the late Mr. N. P. Gray, J.P. During his first residence in Burnley, Mr. Flack took great interest in the old Burnley Choral Society, and was a member of the orchestra of that society for several years, this being at the time it was under the conductorship of Mr. James Pollard. Mr. Flack assisted in the organisation of the Burnley Orchestral Union, and remained a member of this until his removal to Nelson.

It was when a separate branch of the Manchester and County Bank was opened in Nelson in 1884 that Mr. Flack was placed in charge, and he remained in that capacity until his appointment as manager of the Burnley and district branches. The Nelson branch made rapid progress during his management. The first premises occupied were in Scotland-road, and from this place the business was transferred to a building erected by the bank in Manchester-road. In 1902 the bank again removed to the present premises in Leeds-road.

Splendid Work for Hospital.

On the retirement of Mr. N. P. Gray in 1909, Mr. Flack was appointed manager of the branches in Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield. In addition to the responsible duties involved by his position as bank manager, which were eminently satisfactory to both the bank and its clients, Mr. Flack devoted considerable time to the service of local institutions. He succeeded Mr. N. P. Gray as honorary treasurer of the Victoria Hospital for Burnley and district in 1900, and held that position for 23 years, during which long period he rendered valuable service to the hospital, and his untiring efforts contributed largely to the welfare and efficient financial government of the institution. He laboured wholeheartedly in furthering the interests of the hospital, and his splendid work was greatly appreciated not only by his colleagues on the Board of Management but by the public throughout the whole of the area served by the hospital.

Owing to advancing years and illness, Mr. Flack decided to relinquish his active association with the Board of Management of the hospital, and in January, 1933, he intimated by letter to the chairman, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J.P., his decision to resign from the position of honorary treasurer. His resignation was accepted with great regret by all his colleagues on the board who appreciated the distinction with which Mr. Flack had carried out his duties.

Many Activities.

Mr. Flack was always ready to give generous help to any deserving object. He was honorary treasurer and vice-president of the Burnley Chamber of Commerce, honorary treasurer of the Police Court Mission and several other institutions of a philanthropic character. He was one of the joint honorary local treasurers on the visits of the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society to Burnley.

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Mr. Flack was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Burnley in August, 1913, and until his health began to fail he was one of the most regular attenders on the magisterial bench. He was for many years a member of the Licensing Committee; a Justice appointed to exercise jurisdiction under Lunacy Acts and the Mental Deficiency Act; a visitor appointed under the Mental Deficiency Act; and a member of the Gas Committee of the Justices.

Mr. Flack took a deep interest in church work. While at Nelson he was connected with St. Mary's Church, and acted as honorary treasurer of the scheme for the erection of the handsome tower and spire. For several years he held the position of vicar's warden. Since his return to Burnley he had been associated with St. Stephen's Church and later for a great many years with Holy Trinity Church, where he was greatly esteemed by the congregation. In many ways he was connected with the social, commercial and church life of the town, and the active enthusiasm with which he discharged his multifarious duties won for him the respect and admiration of all sections of the community.

Mr. Flack leaves one son, Dr. F. H. Flack, now in retirement at Southport, and three daughters. One son, also a doctor, died a few years ago.

The funeral will take place in the family vault at the Burnley Cemetery to-morrow morning at 11.30.

LATE MR. W. H. D. FLACK, J.P. FUNERAL OF RESPECTED TOWNSMAN.

WIDESPREAD SORROW.

With quiet ceremony, but with widespread manifestation of sorrow, the interment of Mr. William Henry Douglas Flack, J.P., one of Burnley's most prominent citizens, of "Brookside," took place in the Burnley Cemetery last Thursday.

Mr. Flack, whose death last Tuesday was reported in Wednesday's "Express," was 84 years of age and a native of Burnley. He was educated at Carlton-road School and the Burnley Grammar School, where he was head boy for two years, and later entered the service of the Manchester and County Bank, becoming chief cashier at the Burnley branch. In 1884 he was appointed manager of the Nelson branch, and in 1909 was promoted manager of the Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield branches.

He took a keen interest in many Burnley institutions, such as the old Burnley Choral Society, the Burnley Chamber of Commerce, the Police Court Mission, and other organisations of a philanthropic character, but his especial interest was centred in the Victoria Hospital. He became honorary treasurer for the hospital in 1909, and held that position for 23 years, during which period he rendered invaluable service in all sections of the institution's administration. Owing to advancing years and ill-health, Mr. Flack relinquished his official connection with the hospital in 1933, but he maintained his keen interest in its welfare to the time of his death.

Widely Respected.

Mr. Flack was placed on the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Burnley in August, 1913, and he was for many years a member of the Licensing Committee, a Justice appointed to exercise jurisdiction under the Lunacy Acts and the Mental Deficiency Act, a visitor appointed under the Mental Deficiency Act, and a member of the Gas Committee of the Justices.

An ardent churchman, Mr. Flack was actively associated with St. Mary's Church whilst resident in Nelson, and upon returning to Burnley he had been identified with St. Stephen's Church, and latterly with Holy Trinity Church.

Mr. Flack's influence in the social, commercial and religious life of the town won for him the respect and admiration of all sections of the community, and heartfelt sympathy will be extended to his son and three daughters, by whom he is survived.

The Rev. B. E. Hughes, B.D., conducted the service in the Cemetery Church, and the mourners were: Dr. and Mrs. Flack, Miss Flack, Miss M. Flack, Mr. Douglas Flack, Mr. Gordon Johnson, Dr. Haworth, Miss Moore, Miss Nightingale, Mrs. Bassett, and Miss Hart.

Public Representatives.

Amongst those present at the Cemetery service were: Mr. S. Roberts (former manager of the County Bank, Burnley), Mr. P. Oldman (representing the District Bank, Burnley), Mr. E. Gough (late of the District Bank, Colne), Mr. G. H. Bolton (Colne), Mr. A. Pilling (representing District Bank, Nelson), Sir Amos Nelson, Mr. J. Stutard, Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. Pendlebury, the Misses Walton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spencer and Miss Grant, Mr. G. S. Ritchie, Mr. R. Ashworth, Mr. F. A. Hargreaves, J.P., and Mr. R. Place, J.P. (representing the Burnley Victoria Hospital), and Mr. F. Thomas, J.P.

(representing the Burnley and District Workpeople's Hospital Fund). The Burnley Borough Justices were represented by Mr. H. Dent, Mr. A. Green, Mrs. M. L. A. Heap, Mr. W. Heys, Mr. R. Landless, Alderman H. R. Nuttall, Mrs. F. A. Ogden, B.A., Mr. J. Proctor, Mr. R. B. Watson, Mr. F. Thomas, Mr. W. J. C. Perkins (Clerk to the Justices), and Superintendent Edwards.

Floral Tributes.

Floral tributes were sent by the following: His children; Percy; Peggie; Gordon; Florrie and Robert; Edie; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Gough; Mr. and Mrs. Smith Roberts; Captain and Mrs. T. H. Grey; Thomas Shaw; Dr. and Mrs. Dixon; Mrs. May; Mrs. Collinge and Mrs. Walmley; Dr. Hodges; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stutard; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ritchie; Donald and Elspeth; Major and Mrs. Roberts; Parton (his gardener); Mrs. Sellers Kay; Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Robert Jackson; Mr. and Miss Holmes; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hargreaves; Ethel and Percy; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril B. Spencer; Doris Whitaker; Nan Nelson; J. H. and the Misses Walton; Bessie Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dickinson; Mr. and Mrs. E. Halstead; Mr. J. E. Wheatcroft; Mrs. Harry Procter; Mr. Tom Mellor; Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Haworth; Mr. W. J. C. Perkins (Borough Justices' Clerk); John T. Dent and family; Mr. R. S. Bardsley; Miss Roberts (Nelson); Mr. G. H. Bolton; Frank and Evelyn Smethurst; Miss Girling; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thorner; Mr. and Mrs. Veevers, Olga and Vivien; Marjorie and George; Dr. and Miss Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Southern; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Maudsley; Violet and Jack; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fullalove and May; the Matron and nursing staff, Victoria Hospital; the Board of Management, Victoria Hospital; Burnley and District Workpeople's Hospital Fund; the manager and staff, County Bank, Burnley; County Bank, Nelson; directors of the Burnley Cricket Club; directors of Butterworth and Dickinson, Ltd.; the Ancient Order of Foresters; W. H. Harrison, Ltd.; Burnley and District Chamber of Commerce.

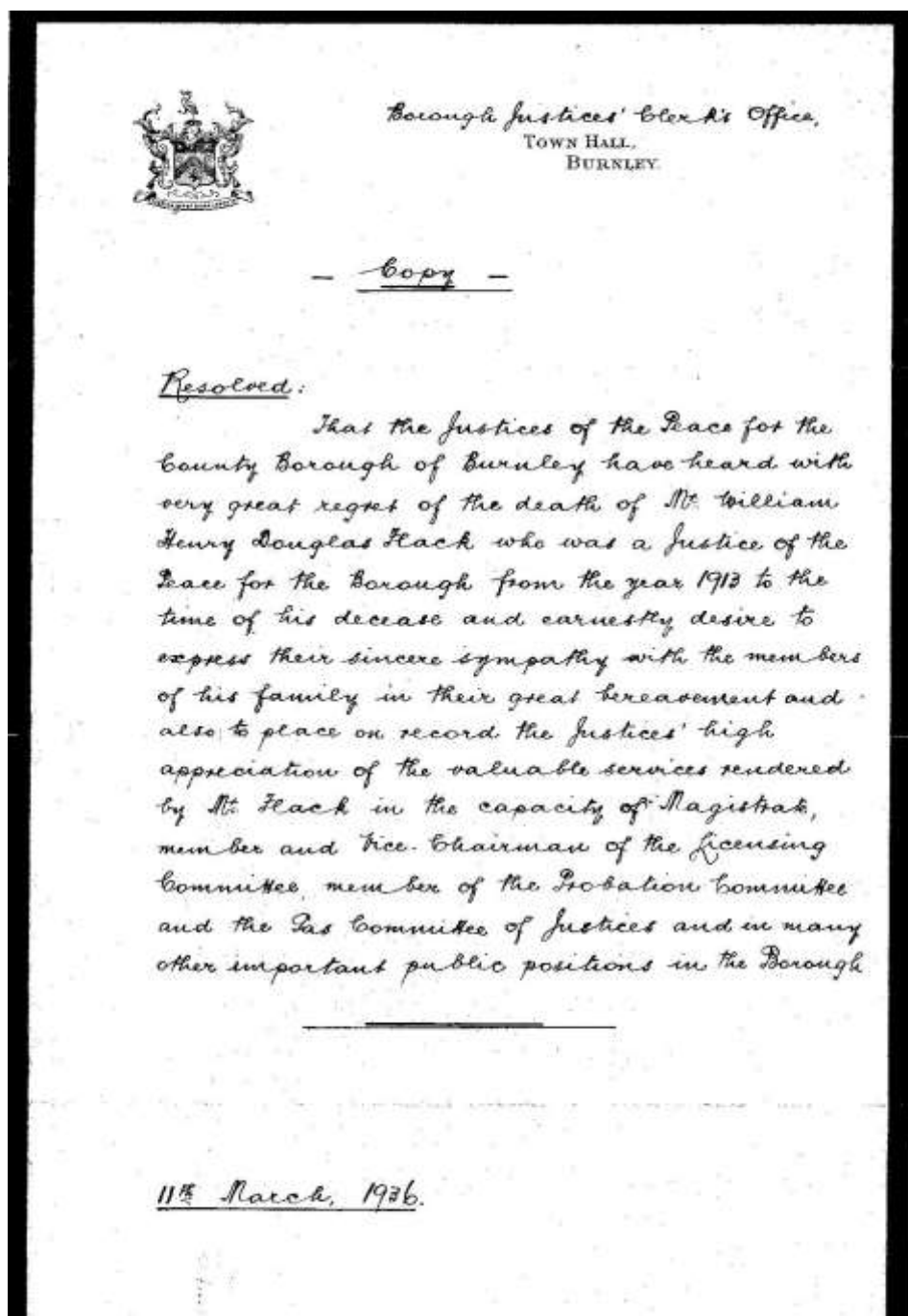
The arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Hudson and Kidner, Burnley.

Mayor's Tribute.

Reference to Mr. W. H. D. Flack's service to the town was made by the Mayor of Burnley at the Burnley Police Court last Wednesday morning. The Mayor (Councillor George Parkinson) said Mr. Flack was a gentleman who had spent a tremendous amount of his leisure and his valuable time in connection with the welfare of Burnley. They would ever remember him for the great work which he did for the Burnley Victoria Hospital, and the present state of that institution was due in no small measure to his energies and interest. He carried out the duties of treasurer of the Hospital for many years, but not only was he interested in the Hospital but he also found time to devote himself to many other branches of public welfare. He had served as a magistrate over a long period of years, and he was always most attentive to his duties and discharged them in an extremely efficient manner.

"We in Burnley can ill-afford to lose a gentleman of the calibre of Mr. Flack, and we all very deeply lament his passing," concluded the Mayor.

The Burnley Justices of the Peace sent a letter of condolences containing the following resolution:



The following entry appears in the 1936 Directory of Probate, page 386:

FLACK William Henry Douglas of Brookside **Burnley** died 10 March 1936 Probate **London** 9 April to Lucy Flack and Mabel Flack spinsters. Effects £8036 12s. 3d.

In researching William Henry Douglas Flack, his family and his career, one can't help wonder at the extraordinary story of achievement it was for him to begin life as the son of an Irish army sergeant, to grow up in the midst of the industrial revolution in Burnley, and to achieve both the financial and social success that he did. Truly a "Burnley worthy".

Annex A.

MARRIAGES solemnized at the Chaplains Stations within the Archdiocese of Buenos										
When Married	Names of Parties		Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Residence	By Name or License	Names of Witnesses Present	By whom Married
	Christian	Bourgeois								
15 January 1864	John Henry	Elizabeth Elizabeth	22 18	Bachelor Spinster	Boyle & Co. & Co. Boyle & Co. & Co.	Chinatown Chinatown	Benjamin Boyle John Boyle	James John	Henry Boyle Margaret Boyle J. J. Anderson	W. L. Lottwell Chaplain
15 January 1864	William Elizabeth	Isabella Isabella	21 15	Bachelor Spinster	Private U.S. Army Private U.S. Army	Chinatown Chinatown	John Isabella Joseph Isabella	James John	W. L. Lottwell J. J. Anderson	W. L. Lottwell Chaplain
15 January 1864	James Thomas	Rebecca Rebecca	24 26	Widower Spinster	Merchant Merchant	Chinatown Chinatown	James Rebeck Thomas Rebeck	James John	J. J. Anderson J. J. Anderson W. L. Lottwell	W. L. Lottwell Chaplain
15 January 1864	James James	Isabella Isabella	23 24	Bachelor Widow	Boyle & Co. & Co. Boyle & Co. & Co.	Chinatown Chinatown	James Boyle James Boyle	James John	J. J. Anderson J. J. Anderson	W. L. Lottwell Chaplain
17 January 1864	Henry Henry	Isabella Isabella	22 18	Bachelor Spinster	Private U.S. Army Private U.S. Army	Chinatown Chinatown	Henry Isabella Henry Isabella	James John	W. L. Lottwell J. J. Anderson	W. L. Lottwell Chaplain
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