

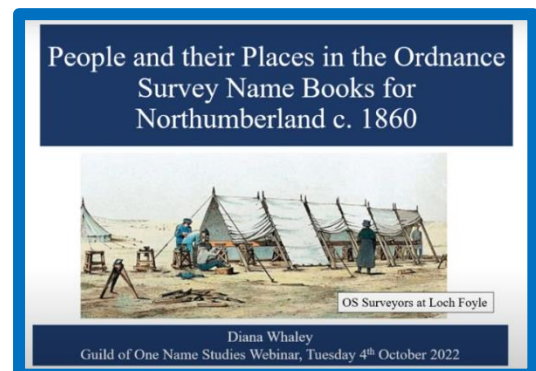
## Northumberland & Durham Regional Newsletter – May 2024

This is an occasional newsletter aimed at **Guild of One-Name Studies** (<https://one-name.org>) members who are in the **Northumberland & Durham Regions**.

It is also available to others who are interested or researching in the regions, or surnames that have their origins in the regions. Written by Julie Goucher (<http://anglersrest.net>) and does not reflect the views of the Trustees of the Guild of One-name Studies.


Hello everyone, this is a long overdue newsletter and I plan to share a variety of resources for those researching in the two north east regions. I have also made this available to others who are interested in the regions, either those researching more generally, or those whose surnames have their origin typically in the region.

- The biggest news for us is the opening of **The Story** (<https://thestorydurham.org>) on 14 June 2024. This is the long-awaited Record Office for the County of Durham:
  - Comprising of 6 miles of archives, which span 900 years of local history,
  - Permanent & temporary exhibitions
  - Durham Register Office with a wedding & civil ceremony area for 100 people
  - Archive of the Durham Light Infantry which unites the archive and object collection for the first time since 1996.
- For those that might have missed it, the **Northumberland Name Books** webinar hosted by the Guild of One-Name Studies with Diana Whaley. The recording is available to non-members of the Guild and can be found at <https://one-name.org/northumberland2/> (image here is from the presentation, copyright of Dr Diana Whaley)
- **Annual Big Meet** takes place on **Saturday 13 July 2024**. The big meet takes place on the second Saturday in July and has been held since 1871, it is the biggest celebration of trade unions & community values - <https://www.friendsofdurhamminersgala.org/> As someone from the south east of England I am fascinated with the community spirit of the mining communities, because whilst mining has left the communities and mining is no longer an employment opportunity, the spirit does live on. My husband has mining ancestors, from both here in the north-east and in Derbyshire.



One of the first heritage type visits we did when we first moved the County Durham was to visit the building known as the **“Pit Parliament”**, this is opportunity that appears to be

repeated each year as part of Heritage week – though the building is currently undergoing a period of refurbishment. If you have never been, I do recommend it - <https://redhillsdurham.org/>

- **Northumberland & Durham FHS** – <https://ndfhs.org.uk> The research centre is currently closed whilst the Society moves to new premises. Membership is a very reasonable £15 a year, with some resources available to non-members and more to members. The Society has a Facebook group. (image here is from the NDFHS Website).
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- **Northumberland Archives** - <https://northumberlandarchives.com/> with access to their catalogue and a variety of projects.
  - **Durham County Local History Society** <https://www.durhamweb.org.uk/dclhs/>
  - **Tyne and Wear Archives** - <https://twarchives.org.uk/>
  - **Tyne and Wear Museums** - <https://www.twmuseums.org.uk/>
  - **Durham Book Festival** – More details will appear on <https://www.thisisdurham.com/whats-on/durham-book-festival-2024-p1121221> and the Festival will take place **11-13 October 2024**.
  - **Home Guards Durham** – <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/durham-home-guard-records-1939-1945/> These are not just available at TNA, but available to be downloaded – you can create an account on TNA website which enables you to download free of charge 100 records a month. Home Guard records for areas NOT in County Durham can be accessed via the MOD website and are subject to a fee being payable.
  - **Podcasts** with links to the Northeast
    - **Tales from the Rails** <https://talesfromtherails.podbean.com/> 200 years of Stockton and Darlington Railway.
    - **Tales from the Trowel** <https://talesfromthetrowel.podbean.com/> Archaeology News of the North-East.
  - **Durham Mining Museum** - <http://www.dmm.org.uk/> which is a fantastic resource, freely available. It also includes mines outside of Northumberland and Durham. Including mines in Cumberland, Cleveland and even Derbyshire.

- **GENUKI** – <https://www.genuki.org.uk/> an excellent resource and starting point for researching in the United Kingdom and the Island of Ireland
  - **Northumberland** - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/NBL>
  - **County Durham** - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DUR>
- **Durham University** - <https://libguides.durham.ac.uk/asc-family-history>
  - Wills <https://familyrecords.awh.durham.ac.uk/nei/data/simple.php>
  - Marriage Licences - <https://libguides.durham.ac.uk/asc-family-history/marriagelicences>  
With access to the digital images at FamilySearch
- **North-East Surnames**

There are several members who are researching names, with studies registered, that have a significant presence, or origin in the north-east of England. These are just those that have crossed my path, but I would recommend checking the Guild website to see what surnames might be registered.

Surname	Registrant
CHICKEN	<a href="mailto:chicken@one-name.org">chicken@one-name.org</a>
DAGLISH	<a href="mailto:daglish@one-name.org">daglish@one-name.org</a>
FEATHERSTONE	<a href="mailto:featherstone@one-name.org">featherstone@one-name.org</a>
TICKLE	<a href="mailto:tickle@one-name.org">tickle@one-name.org</a>
RISDALE	<a href="mailto:ridsdale@one-name.org">ridsdale@one-name.org</a>
DINSDALE	<a href="mailto:dinsdale@one-name.org">dinsdale@one-name.org</a>

Until next time,

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