



Lobley Link 2012



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Julia and I wish you all another very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Less than 6 months now until retirement – and, in theory, more time for hands-on research in Archives and libraries. However, Julia may have other plans!

As you will read in this year's newsletter, much research has been undertaken online, but not where I would like to do it – in person, at archives. However, I suppose that I ought to give my employer a few more months of support before they support me!

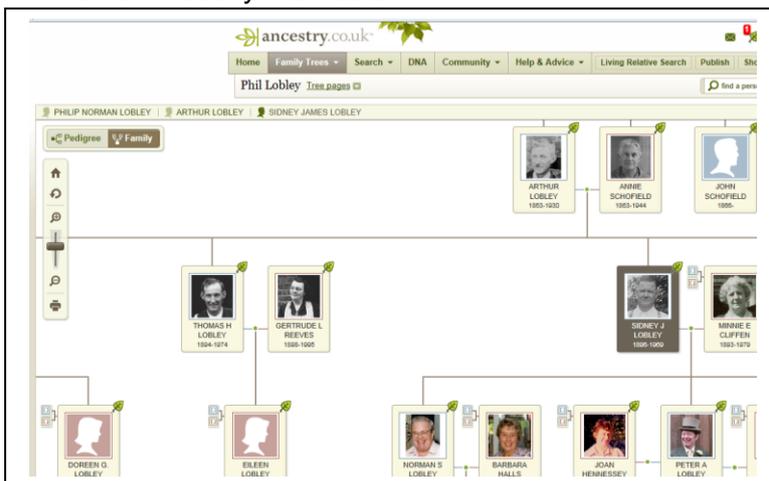
As well as a couple of stories, I've a question to put to my correspondents out there on whether you would like to see more Lobley family trees online and, if so, how best to make them available.

A Merry Christmas to everyone.

Phil and Julia

What do you think?

As you will know, I have been an enthusiastic user of Ancestry.co.uk for many years. In the last 12 months, I have also made extensive use of the Ancestry Family Tree facility. This allows Ancestry subscribers to upload family trees, attach and display relevant photographs and to link to sources such as Census information. Once uploaded, the information can be made automatically available to other Ancestry members.



Any Ancestry member may set up a number of trees online and may share them online with non-Ancestry members.

I think this is an excellent means of displaying family trees and for jogging the memories of those who might not otherwise have thought they could help in research.

This set me thinking. My existing website is due for a serious makeover. The only tree that I have online is my own, using a relatively basic (and now probably outdated) web-site bolt on. I could add photographs to that tree, to make it come more alive – but that would involve a lot of cutting and pasting. Alternatively, I could make my Ancestry Family Tree available to all my Lobleylink correspondents, and then begin the process of adding unrelated Lobley family trees to my online collection.

Please let me know what you think over the Christmas period and, if positive, I'll choose a few volunteers to trial the process.

Some Yorkshire sources

Tracks in Time is project undertaken by West Yorkshire Archive Service to conserve, capture digitally and provide free online access to the historic tithe maps which together span the modern Leeds Metropolitan District. Those of you who live, or who had ancestors who lived in the area will find this fascinating.

www.tracksintime.wyjs.org.uk/index.htm

I've been using this site for many years. Dedicated to Calverley and surrounding parishes on the outskirts of Bradford, it is a mine of information. There are 1,150 references to Lobleys!-

www.calverley.info/

Black Sheep in the family!

More snippets from the British Newspaper Archive at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk (but now also available on Find My Past)

These relate to my own Lobley ancestors in Essex, not far from where I still live.

Essex Standard: 23rd May 1851

One of the Chelmsford Crown Court reports from earlier that week.

George Lobley, 31, labourer, convicted of stealing two pig's chaps, the property of Elizabeth Wright, at Great Burstead, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

George Lobley was the brother of my great, great grandfather Jacob Lobley. A thatcher, he had married Susannah Hubbard in 1847. They already had two children by early 1851. This was, perhaps, a one-off opportunistic theft from a customer, as George survived his ordeal and he and Susannah had six more children. George died in 1931.

NB: 'pig's chaps' are pig's cheeks.

Chelmsford Chronicle: 11 March 1864

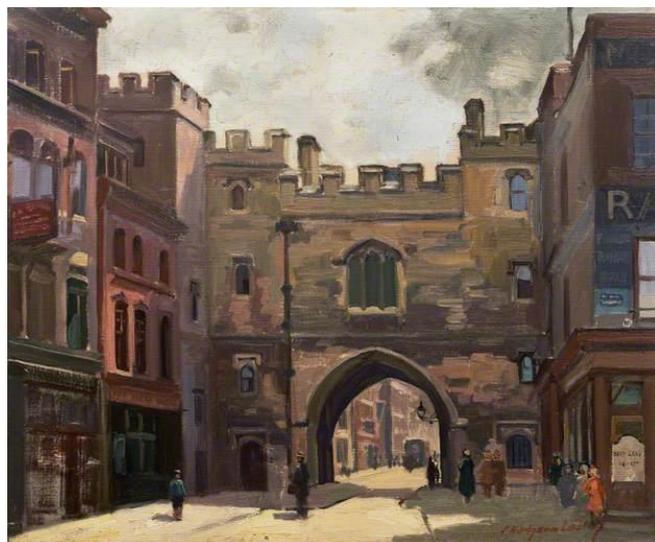
A report from the Brentwood Petty Sessions

hard labor.—David Lobley, for stealing two hen's eggs from Mr. Snow, of North Benfleet, was fined 10s.

There were three David Loblays in Essex alive at that time. One was in the Army in India. Another, a son of Jacob Lobley above, was only 3 at the time. The most likely candidate for the heinous crime was 13 year old David Lobley – the third child of the pig's chaps thief, George. It was the untimely death of this David Lobley in 1875 that I reported last year.



Yet another painting by John Hodgson Lobley



The Grand Priory of the Order of St John of Jerusalem in England, St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, EC

Found at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings/>

This BBC site aims to make available the entire UK collection of oil paintings. Nice to see some Loblays already on show!

This one was painted c1918, according to the website. It was donated to the Imperial War Museum in 1919 by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

St John's Gate dates from 1504, when it was the south entrance to the Priory of the Knights of St. John. In later centuries it became, variously, the workplace of Samuel Johnson, the home of William Hogarth and a tavern, before becoming the headquarters of both the Order and of its subsidiary – St John Ambulance. You will be aware, from previous newsletters that John Hodgson Lobley served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the First World War. This probably had a bearing on the choice of this subject matter.

Until next Year...

Phil Lobley