

## **A story of an extended Lancashire family**

Martin Hargreaves has contacted the Federation to ask if anyone would like to see the archived history of the Shepherd family of Nelson family for three or four generations from about 1880 - 1980.

His Great Grandma and Great Granddad had four children and all four family branches are well documented. His Grandfather, John Shepherd, and mother didn't throw too much away and the family history includes photographs, letters, postcards wedding and funeral documents, newspaper cuttings ,etc.

One of the seven files could be of interest to social and political historians. John Shepherd was a "Man of Nelson" whose life is a part of the town's social and political history circa 1910 - 1974. He was a weaver, conscripted soldier, local socialist pioneer, member of a socialist drama group, International Labour Party member, Labour party member and Chairman , teacher, headteacher, town councillor for many years, alderman and, for one year, the Mayor of the town. The archive includes flyers for a meeting chaired by John Shepherd when Keir Hardie came to the town in 1911, a Social and Democratic Federation flyer, mayoral record of invites and visits and mayoral medals to name just a few records of this man's life.

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