

The Walls Interviews

A Workers' History of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal

This generously illustrated 100-page A4 booklet published by the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society in 2025 is based on papers left by Norman Walls, son of Benjamin Curry Walls, founder in 1921 of the canal carriers in his name. Edited by the Canal Society's President, Mike Clarke, it contains a history of the company and interviews with its boatmen and others - available from the Society at:- www.leedsandliverpoolcanalsociety.co.uk*

Several of the men interviewed are recorded in our main tree, Canal Family 1, including:-

Tom Draper born Burscough 1902, the Foulridge Tug Master. Also his cousin:-

Tom Draper born Burscough 1926, boatman.

Joe Bridge born Shevington 1904, boatman on L&L Canal and Aire and Calder Navigation.

John Cheetham born Burscough 1911, boatman and Leeds lock-keeper.

Joe Salt born Church 1902, boatman and canal bank ranger.

Tom Robinson born Burscough 1899, boatman.

Tom Webster born Downholland 1897, boatman.

James Pemberton born Lathom 1905, Burnley Section canal inspector.

Daniel Forshaw Turner born Bank Newton 1897, canal carpenter at Apperley Bridge.

James William Lawson born Burscough 1913, boatman and canal maintenance man.

* *The Walls family tree is in Canal Family 9.*