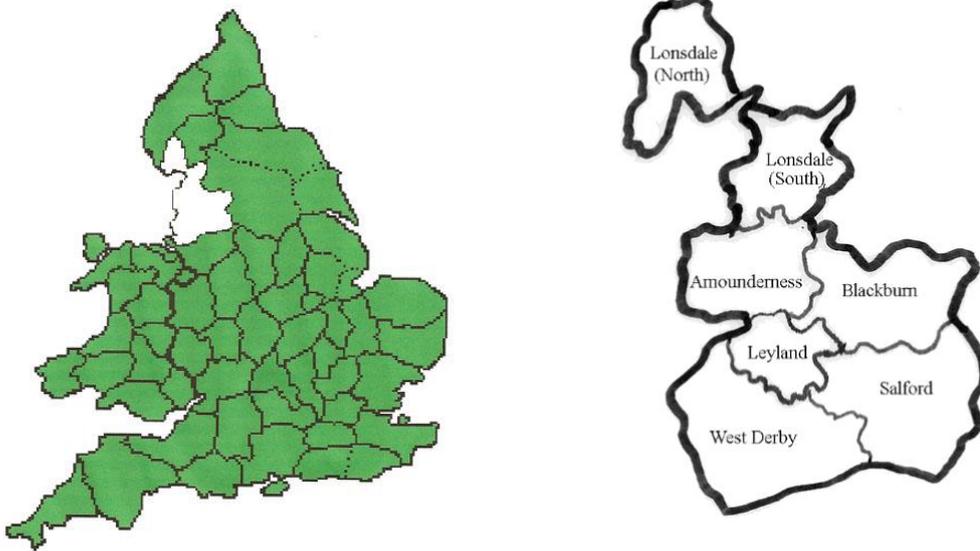


# LANCASHIRE

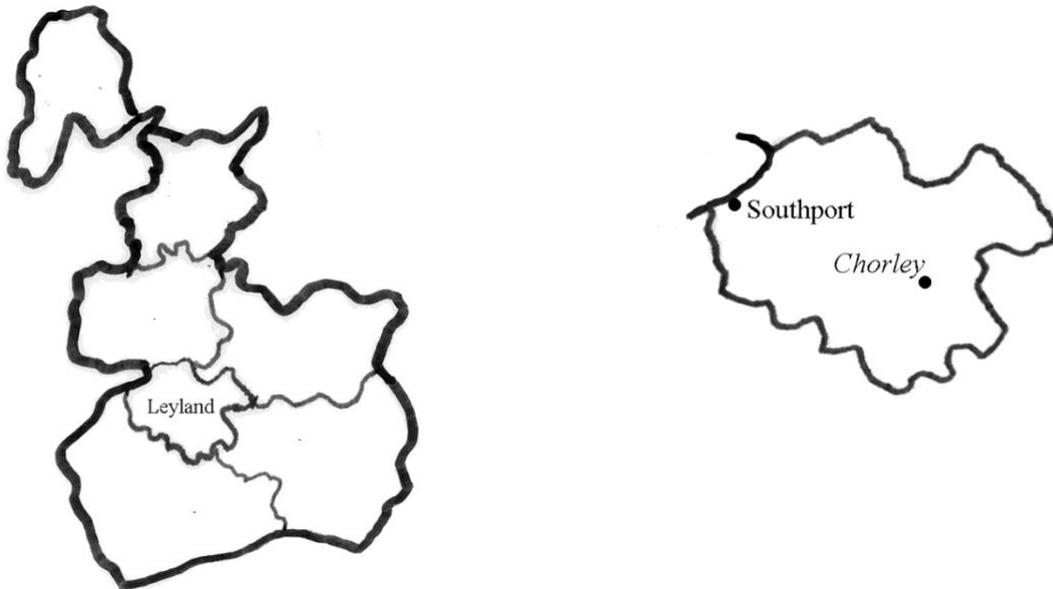


Lancashire is a large county in the north-west of England, bordered by the sea to the west. The counties of Cumberland and Westmorland lie to the north, the West Riding of Yorkshire to the east, and Cheshire to the south.

In the nineteenth century the county was transformed. It began as a mainly agricultural region but became an area with many large urban regions and a variety of industrial occupations. This transformation led to frequent changes in the administrative structure, both in the county-at-large and in the towns and cities.

Because of the complex and changing structure, the information about weights and scales is presented here in six sections. The sections correspond geographically to the six ancient hundreds of the county, as shown in the map above. (The hundred of Lonsdale was divided naturally into two parts, North and South 'of the Sands', but it was administered as one unit.) It must be stressed that, although the administration of the county was based on these geographical areas, the individual hundreds did not have independent jurisdiction.

## The hundred of LEYLAND in Lancashire



Leyland is the smallest of the six hundreds of Lancashire. It is bordered by the hundreds of Amounderness, Blackburn, Salford and West Derby, with a small coastal strip on the west.

From 1835 onwards the hundred was a single Weights and Measures district. The county police force took over the duties of inspection in 1840, and this situation continued after 1890, when the police officer responsible was required to be qualified as an inspector of weights and measures.

The inspector was based in Chorley, a large town but not a borough. In 1866 the seaside resort of Southport became a Municipal Borough, and it took over the responsibility for weights and measures in 1881. There were no other separate jurisdictions.

The trade in scales and weights relied mainly on firms in the adjoining hundreds, although Wilcock's the ironmongers of Chorley were actively involved from around 1880. Southport became a County Borough in 1906 and several firms, large and small, had branches there.

### A: Inspection in the Leyland hundred by the County of LANCASHIRE

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	Leyland shared one of the three sets of standards [164-5, 176] issued for the county of Lancashire.		
1834	One inspector appointed for Leyland hundred.		<b>Inspectors 1835-48</b> Nathaniel Brownbill (1835-38) high constable Alex. Bannerman (1838-49)
1840	Lancashire Police force set up. The superintendent of the Leyland division was the inspector from 1849 to 1889.		<b>Police as inspectors 1849-89</b> [QSR; Newspapers] James King (1849-56) John Beetham (1857-88) George Norris (1888-89)
1879	No. 97 issued.		
1890	After the formation of the County Council the inspector was a police officer, qualified as IWM.		<b>Qualified inspectors 1891-</b> Charles Clubb (q1891-1895) E. Finlay (1895-1908) William J. Carine (1908-1911) W.G. Brook (q1908) (1911-1928-)
1891	Leyland temporarily combined with the Ormskirk district of West Derby hundred, office in Chorley.		
1896	Leyland a separate district, office remained in Chorley.		W. Simmons (-1939-) J.W. Thwaite (-1950-)



¶ Detail from a 4 oz bronze weight, the WR over L mark dating from 1835-37, and one from a 2oz brass weight, which additionally shows the VR over L mark. The crown is distinct from those used in the verification mark for the borough of Louth in the Parts of Lindsey, Lincolnshire.

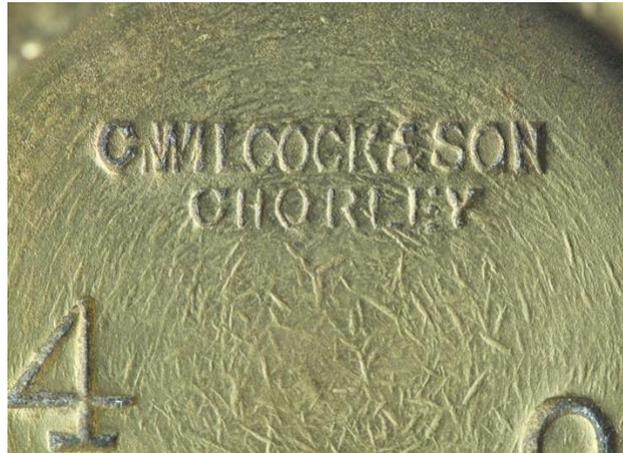
## B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the Leyland hundred of LANCASHIRE

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
<b>Southport</b>	MB:1866 CB:1905	None	281	s:1881 [1717] 1882 [1734] 1891 [2222] n:1882-1974
<p>The growth of Southport as a seaside resort led it to becoming a Municipal Borough in 1881, but standards were not acquired until 1881 [AR 1882] . The number 281 was issued at that time. Samuel Kershaw, the head constable and superintendent of the Fire Brigade was appointed as the Inspector and was still acting as such in 1890 [S].</p> <p>W.F. Fox qualified 1889/90 in Manchester and was in Southport by 1892 [AR]. He retired in 1921, when J. R. Hoyle (q1915/20-1935) was promoted to chief. J.A. White, chief from 1935 to 1948 [MR 48:161], was seconded during the war to the Ministry of Food, and his assistant A. de Caux act ed in his stead. De Caux then served as chief between 1948 and 1973 [MR 73:51].</p>				



¶ Detail from an 8 oz brass weight, showing the verification number for Southport.

### C: Trade in the Leyland hundred of Lancashire



¶ Detail from a 4 oz brass weight, from the period when the firm of Wilcock was trading in Chorley as Chas Wilcock & Son.

<b>CHORLEY</b>	
<b>Wilcock</b>	<p>The family firm of Wilcock was established in 1878 and is still in business as a hardware shop (2020). For at least the period 1932-40, the company traded as Chas. Wilcock &amp; Son. The firm also had a branch in Preston (Amounderness hundred).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5-7-11 Newmarket Street &lt;1905-61&gt;</li><li>• 110, Market Street &lt;1932-40&gt;</li><li>• 19, Union Street &lt;1932&gt;</li><li>• 49-51, Chapel Street &lt;2019&gt;.</li></ul>
<b>Hough</b>	<p>Joseph Hough was listed as a scale and weighing machine maker and repairer, working at 11, Halliwell Street, in 1936 and 1940 [BP].</p>

<b>SOUTHPORT</b>	
<b>Lander</b>	Alexander C. Lander was listed as a scale maker, working at Princes Street, between 1893 and 1897 [S].
<b>Avery</b>	W & T Avery Ltd were listed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22a, Wesley Street &lt;1908-10&gt;</li> <li>• 2, Wright Street &lt;1930-51&gt;</li> <li>• 30, Union Street &lt;1955-65&gt;.</li> </ul>
<b>Pendlebury</b>	In 1936, G. Pendlebury was listed as a scale maker [S], at Knob Hall Lane.
<b>Berry &amp; Warmington</b>	In 1939, Berry and Warmington, scale manufacturers, of Liverpool, advertised that they had a service department at King Street [S].

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J Johnson's Official Directory of Southport and Birkdale ST715 1876  
M Mannex's Directory of Southport ST712 1866  
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Sl Slater's Directory of Southport and Birkdale ST739 1878-1901.

##### *Newspapers*

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LEP Lancashire Evening Post 1895  
MC Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser 1895  
PC Preston Chronicle 1838-1879  
PH Preston Herald 1863-1908.

#### *Original Documents*

##### *Lancashire Archives (Preston)*

- CC/CCW/1 Standards records.  
CC/CCW/4 Verification Books;  
QSP/xxxx/yy Papers relating to IWMs for the various Hundreds: 1821-90.

Many other documents are listed in the online catalogue.