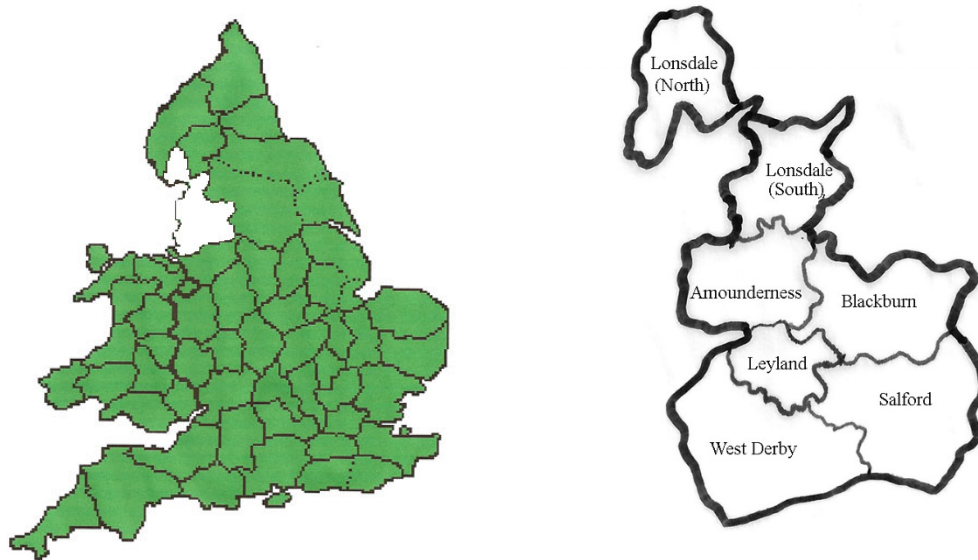


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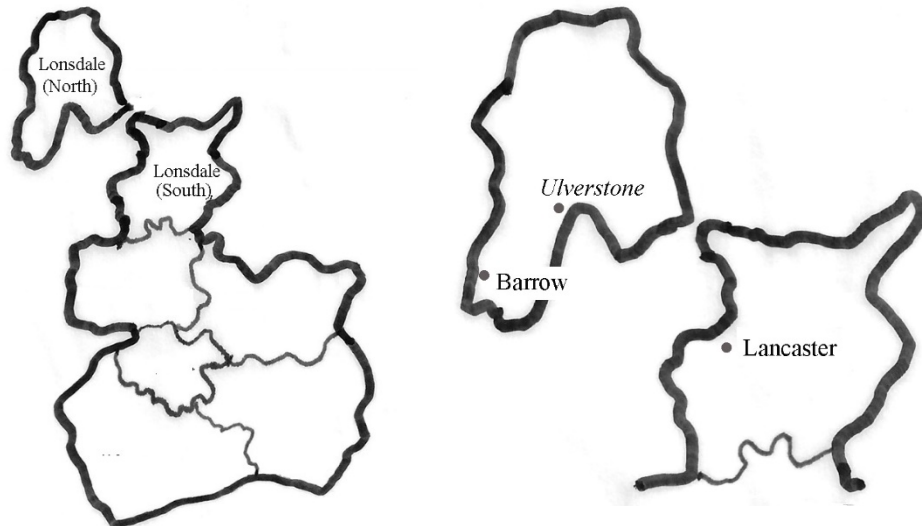


Lancashire is a large county in north-west of England, bordered by the sea to the west. The counties of Cumberland and Westmorland lie to the north, the West Riding of Yorkshire to the east, and Cheshire to the south.

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 LONSDALE in Lancashire



Lonsdale is the most northerly of the six hundreds of Lancashire. At Morecambe Bay it is divided into two parts, often referred to as North and South 'of the Sands'.







In 1834 inspectors were appointed for the North and South divisions, based in Ulverston and Lancaster. The county police force took over responsibility in 1845. The growth of Barrow-in-Furness led to the establishment of a new Barrow division in 1875. In 1890 a police officer who had qualified as an inspector of weights and measures was appointed to cover both parts of the hundred.

Lancaster was an ancient borough, and inspectors were appointed there from 1834 onwards. Several of them were officers of the borough police force, and this arrangement continued until the force was wound up in 1947. Barrow became a municipal borough in 1867, and a Weights and Measures Authority in 1881.

No specialist scale makers were recorded in the area until Avery set up branches in Lancaster and Barrow in the early 1900s.

North Lonsdale was transferred from Lancashire to the new county of Cumbria in 1974.

A: Inspection in the Lonsdale hundred by the county of LANCASHIRE

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	6 sets of standards verified, three for 'the county' [164-5, 176]. Lonsdale probably shared standards with Amounderness.		Inspectors 1835: <i>Lonsdale North (Ulverston):</i> Alan B. Salmon (1835-52)
1834	Inspectors appointed for Lonsdale North of the Sands and Lonsdale South of the Sands.	 VR LS	<i>Lonsdale South (Lancaster):</i> John Simpson (1835-44) Isaac Robinson (1844-45)
1840	Lancashire Police force set up. The police took over inspection gradually; George Armitage was one of the first inspectors to be appointed from the police.	 VR LN	Richard Willock was appointed Examiner in the South division in 1836, but dismissed in 1845, to allow for Armitage's appointment; on appeal, Willock was reappointed Examiner. Despite the 1849 ruling that he should be discharged by 31 May 1849, he was recorded as still being active in September of that year [PC 8/9/49].
1873	Set of standards reverified for use in North Lonsdale [1517] but stored at Barrow-in-Furness.	 VR LS	
1875	The new division of Barrow-in-Furness formed.		Police as inspectors 1845-90 [QSR; Newspapers]
1879	Numbers issued: 88 North Lonsdale 89 Barrow-in-Furness 90 South Lonsdale		<i>Lonsdale North</i> George Davidson (1852-57) William Cooper (1858-69) George Holden (1869-78) Thomas Whiteside (1878-90)
1881	Barrow becomes a separate WMA; No.89 withdrawn [AR].		<i>Lonsdale South</i> George Armitage (1845-56) James Clegg (1856-66) Richard Jervis (1866-77) Richard Moss (1877-90)
1890	After the formation of the County council, the inspector was a qualified police officer. There was one inspector for the whole of Lonsdale, but both numbers 88 and 90 remained in use.	 VR B in F  VR 8 8  VR 9 0	<i>Barrow-in-Furness (from 1875)</i> William Barker (1875-81) Qualified inspectors Alexander Smith (q1890/1-1903) PC Fryer (acting IWM) J. Blackshaw (1904-12-) [MR 04: 146]




¶ Details from two brass weights, verified in Lonsdale South (of the Sands). The half-ounce weight was verified in the reign of William IV (1830-37). The two-ounce weight bears both the non-uniform mark, from the period (1837-79), and the subsequent uniform number for the Division; in the centre is also the mark of Lancaster.



¶ Two brass two-ounce weights, verified in Lonsdale North (of the Sands) (1837-79). The weight on the right also bears the uniform number for the division, together with a faint imprint of the mark of Westmoreland, No 1 division (1857-1903).

B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the Lonsdale hundred of LANCASHIRE

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Barrow-in-Furness	MB:1867 CB:1888		[89] 279	s:1881 [1715] 1890 [2120] n:1881-1974

The Dalton Court Leet annually appointed two ‘inspectors of weights and measures’ and this practice continued up to 1889.

The county police continued to carry out inspection after the formation of the borough in 1867, using the mark shown above. When numbers were issued in 1879, the number 89 was allocated to Barrow. It was used only briefly because in 1881 the borough became a WMA, acquiring its own standards, and number 279 [AR].


The borough police force was established in 1881 and was probably responsible for WM duties from its inception. In 1892 and 1896 [AR] the inspector was J. Hartley. John Berry (CC 1907-39) was designated as chief inspector, although he was not qualified. He was “assisted” by J.P.K. Watson (1901-09) [MR 09:165]. W. Thomas Taylor (q1908 in Lancashire) worked in Barrow, from 1910 [MR 10:76] through 1922 [Hbk]. John Casson (q1914) was the chief inspector by 1936, through 1942. T. Barnes was listed as Chief IWM in 1950, but resigned from the Society of Weights and Measure Inspectors that year [MR 50:261].

Subsequent inspectors were: R. Gale (1964-72-) [MR 64:3].



¶ Detail from a brass 4-ounce weight, probably used when

the county still carried out inspection in the borough.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Lancaster	AncBo MB:1835		416	s:1827 [395] n:1882-1974

In 1827, new standards had been delivered to James Bradshaw and Richard Willis, the bailiffs, appointed annually at the Court of Election for the Borough of Lancaster. The examination of the weights and measures was actually done by the ‘pecksealers’, appointed by the Court Leet [LG 3/11/27].

John Walker, gentleman, was appointed inspector in 1835. At that time, it was queried if weights stamped in Lancaster could be legally used outside the borough, since the IWM for the Lonsdale hundred had not yet received a set of standard weights and measures [LG 3/1/35]. The following year, John Simpson, the inspector for the hundred but acting as IWM for the town and county of Lancaster, was asking for a set of stamps for the Corporation; the county set would serve for all [LG 7/5/36]. But Mr Marshland was appointed as IWM by the Town Council in 1837 [LG 30/9/65], although the power to appoint rested with the Borough magistrates; they preferred to approach the County Magistrates to allow John Simpson to act on their behalf. On Simpson’s death in 1844, Isaac Robinson, a cabinet maker, was appointed IWM for the hundred and the town [LG 13/4/44].

The following year, inspection within the hundred passed to the police. Lancaster continued to be served by the county until 1877, when the then Superintendent of the County Police, Richard Jervis, was transferred away.

The borough now had the power to appoint and Thomas Pye, the Chief Constable became the IWM [LG 20/10/77], acting until ill-health led to his dismissal in 1881 [LG 22/1/81]. Frederick Webb succeeded to the posts of Chief Constable and IWM [LG 29/1/81]; he was followed by Frank Ward (CC 1884-1902), listed as inspector in 1892 and 1896 [AR], but unqualified.

To act in Ward’s stead, in 1889, Inspector Luke Talbot was appointed IWM and Inspector of Hackney Carriages but moved to Kendal in January 1890 [LG 28/6/90]. Ward acted as IWM for that year and remained the IWM in name; first John Braidwood [LG 28/2/91] and then Walter Thornton [LG: 29/8/91] were appointed as superintendent of the fire brigade and IWM, subject to passing the BoT exam. Thornton duly qualified the next January but resigned later that year [LG: 29/10/92]. Robert Parkinson was then promoted to Inspector of Police and Assistant IWM, subject to his passing the BoT exam [LG: 5/11/92]. In 1894, Parkinson was promoted to IWM, to allow him to sit the exam [LG 26/1/94]. And so the pattern seems to have continued as the next record of anyone passing the BoT exam from Lancaster borough comes in 1902.

Responsibility remained with the borough police force. Charles E. Harriss (CC 1902-33), who had qualified in 1898/9 in Oxford, was appointed in 1902 from Kendal [MR 02:308]; he was succeeded in 1933 by Henry J Vann. William Thompson (CC 1937-47) was listed as an inspector in 1922 and 1939. The police force was wound up in 1947.

A.F. Bambridge acted as the civilian inspector (1947-70) [MR 70:76] and was succeeded by J.A.H. Hill [MR 70:75].

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That the Peck-sealers for the Borough and Town of Lancaster will attend at the TOWN-HALL, on TUESDAY and FRIDAY, between the hours of ten and twelve o'clock in the forenoon, in each week, until the 20th day of December next, for the purpose of stamping, according to the Imperial Standards, such Weights and Measures as may be brought for that purpose; and that after the 20th day of December next, if any person shall sell by any weight or measure, contrary to the provisions of the said Act, the same will be seized, broken, and disposed of, according to law. And that if any maker of weights or measures shall make any weight or measure, contrary to the said Act, he will be prosecuted.

And it is particularly requested, that all persons who sell any goods, wares, merchandize, or other thing, within the said Borough and Town, will forthwith have their weights and measures adjusted by the said Standards, and in future abstain from selling by any other measure than the said Imperial Standards; and that persons will purchase only by the said Standard Measures. Dated the first day of November, 1827.

By order of the MAYOR,

HIGGIN, Town-Clerk.

¶ Notice from the *Lancaster Gazette*, 3, 10, 17 November, 1827.



¶ Details from two one-ounce bronze weights, with the initials RW under a fleur-de-lis and a crown, respectively. The initials could refer to Richard Willis who was one of the two bailiffs who received the standards for Lancaster in 1827.



¶ Details from two brass weights stamped in Lancaster. The first shows the non-uniform mark (1827-1882), together with the uniform number (1882-1901); the second shows the number 416 from Victorian (1882-1901) and Edwardian (1901-10) times – and also carries the mark of the County of Rutland.

POLICE APPOINTMENT.

WANTED a CHIEF CONSTABLE for the Borough of Lancaster; age not to exceed 35, salary £150 a year, with uniform, and a house connected with the Police Station, rent and taxes free, with gas, water, and firing. The duties include those of Inspector under the Weights and Measures Act, the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, and the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act.

Applications with Testimonials to be sent to the Town Clerk on or before THURSDAY, the 20th inst. Town Clerk's Office, Lancaster, 6th January 1880.

¶ Advertisement from the *Lancaster Guardian* of 8 January 1881, p.4, for a Chief Constable, following Pye's dismissal through ill-health. (The dating indicates that noting the change of year had not yet become automatic!]

C: Trade in the Lonsdale hundred of Lancashire

BARROW in FURNESS	
Avery	W & T Avery were established by 1908. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67, Preston Street <1908> • 73, Preston Street, Dalton Road <1910> • Market Street <1965>.
Pooley	H. Pooley & Son, Ltd had a branch here by 1910. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25, Dalkeith Road <1910-11>.
Blackshaw	J.E. Blackshaw traded as an ironmonger: the scale side of the business was acquired by Avery in 1937 for c. £850.

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Huthersall	W. Huthersall advertised his repair and adjustment services for scales and weighing machines for a six-month period, following the Weights and Measures Act of 1889. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Street <1890-91>.
Avery	Samuel Smith set up the Avery branch in 1901 [<i>LG 20/11/1953</i>]. He managed the branch until he left to set up his own business in 1919. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atkinsons Yard, Market Street 1901-1912> • 66, Market Street <1949-65>.
Pooley	H. Pooley & Son Ltd had a repairing shop established by 1908. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNR Railway Yard <1908-11> • 3, Cavendish Street <1910>.
Smith	The business of S. Smith & Son was set up in 1919 by Samuel Smith, formerly manager of the Avery branch. and his son Alfred. Samuel Smith died in 1953 at the age of 82 [<i>LG 20/11/1953</i>]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ? 1919-36 • 60, Penny Street 1936-56>.
Croft and Ewan	In 1941, Croft and Ewan Ltd, North Road, advertised that they held a new stock of weighing machines [<i>LG 26/9/1941</i>].

NOTICE.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

SCALES and WEIGHING MACHINES RE-
PAIRED and ADJUSTED according to the Act,
by Practical Workmen, at

W. HUTERSALL'S,
Ironmonger, Plumber and Tinplate Worker, &c., &c.,
CHURCH STREET, LANCASTER.

¶ Advertisement that appeared in the *Lancaster Guardian* from 4 October 1890 to 7 March 1891.

ATTENTION SHOPKEEPERS !!

WE ARE IN BUSINESS TO GIVE YOU OUR
BEST ATTENTION

Weighing Machine Specialists Shop Fittings Slicing Machines Price Tickets "Frozt-ed-aer" Refrigerators	S. SMITH & SON (Est. 1919) 60, PENNY ST., LANCASTER Tel. 2927	FOR XMAS 1954 Skewers all sizes in stock. Do you require 2 dozen or 22 dozen? We can supply them.
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WHY NOT CALL IN OUR SHOWROOM WHEN PASSING ?

12 November – 24 December 1954

ATTENTION SHOPKEEPERS !!

WE ARE IN BUSINESS TO GIVE YOU OUR
BEST ATTENTION

Specialists in the Supply, Maintenance and Repair of all classes of Weighing Apparatus.	S. SMITH & SON (Est. 1919) 60, PENNY ST., LANCASTER Tel. 2927	Shop Fittings Slicing Machines Price Tickets Glass Cases "Frozt-ed-aer" Refrigerators
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WHY NOT CALL IN OUR SHOWROOM WHEN PASSING ?

7 January – 22 April 1955

**SHOPKEEPERS !! This is your
Shop**

BEANSTALK
SHELVING UNITS
3 tier complete £3 14 6.




REGINA
CASH REGISTERS
Junior £38/0/0.

S. SMITH & SON
(EST. 1919).

60, Penny St., Lancaster. Tel. 2927

Specialists in the Supply, Maintenance and Repair of all
classes of Weighing Machines and Complete Shop Outfitters.

13 May – 28 October 1955

SHOPKEEPERS !! This is Your Shop

Semi - Automatic
Scale, 20lbs., with
Price - Computing
Chart to 6.-




Gravity Feed Slicing Machine—
£105 or Easy Terms.

S. SMITH & SON
(EST. 1919).

60, PENNY STREET, LANCASTER — Tel. 2927.

Specialists in the Supply, Maintenance and Repair of all classes of
Weighing Machines and Complete Shop Outfitters.

11 May – 6 July 1956

¶ Four advertisements from the *Lancaster Guardian*'s "Guide for Thrifty Shoppers", in the years following the death of the firm's founder Samuel Smith.

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UM Ulverston Mirror and Furness Reflector 1860-1885.

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