

Meeting Report – October 2024

‘Census Surprises & Records Revelations Part 3’

The meeting started with praise for Our Jenny’s remarkable new book, *‘Knutsford – Our Streets Through Time’*, recently published and flying off the shelves. A superb work and clearly a labour of love. Some copies were signed 😊

Karen O opened the batting with a mention of another of her colourful Reade forebears, Henry Cooper Reade, army surgeon, brother of Lovick Loftus Reade, who was featured in our September meeting. She discovered that he is featured in a National Portrait Gallery oil painting, entitled ‘Queen Victoria’s first visit to her Wounded Soldiers’ by Jerry Barrett, 1855. Reade is the standing figure, red jacket, fourth from the right – the star of the show! Shortly after this visit, Staff Surgeon 2nd class Mr HC Reade was promoted to 1st class, later becoming Medical Officer in charge of Brompton Military Hospital, Chatham. In April 1856, following her fourth visit to Brompton Hospital, Queen Victoria described Reade in her journal as a ‘particularly sensible, intelligent man’.



Nice one, Karen, what a great ancestor to have, hanging in the National Portrait Gallery with royalty!