

POSTCARD CONNECTIONS

TASK:

If you could be anywhere now... where would you be? Would this be your favourite place? Who would you be with? It could be in Saltaire, in Bradford or it could be anywhere in the world... it could be in the past, in the present or in the future.

Design and write a postcard for a friend or family member. If it is safe for you to do so, you could post it to them or perhaps you could take a photograph of it and send it to them, online.



The above photograph on the left, is of Saltaire, Bradford from the early 20th Century.

The one on the right shows a famous American resort on the southern shore of Utah's great Salt Lake. Saltair opened a pavilion in 1893 but was damaged and almost destroyed, by fires, three times in the 20th century. It has been completely rebuilt and many of the original pavilion posts still stand today on its picturesque spot overlooking the lake. Perhaps it got its name from the Salt Lake.

There is also another Saltaire in New York.

It is a village on Fire Island; the southern part of the town of Islip in Suffolk County, New York. Founded in 1910 it was badly damaged in the Hurricane of 1938. It was completely restored in early 2009 and today it is a very popular beach resort.

The Australian connection:

Sir Titus Salt's nephew George Whitlam Haigh appears to have been the first of the family to go to Australia, very soon after his marriage to Harriet in 1842.

His brother John Frederick Haigh (also a nephew of Sir Titus) also went to Australia in 1849.

After some years as a shepherd on a South Australian sheep run the size of Lancashire, John Frederick Haigh started his own sheep property, Tiatuckia, and in 1856 acquired some alpacas from his uncle, Sir Titus Salt.

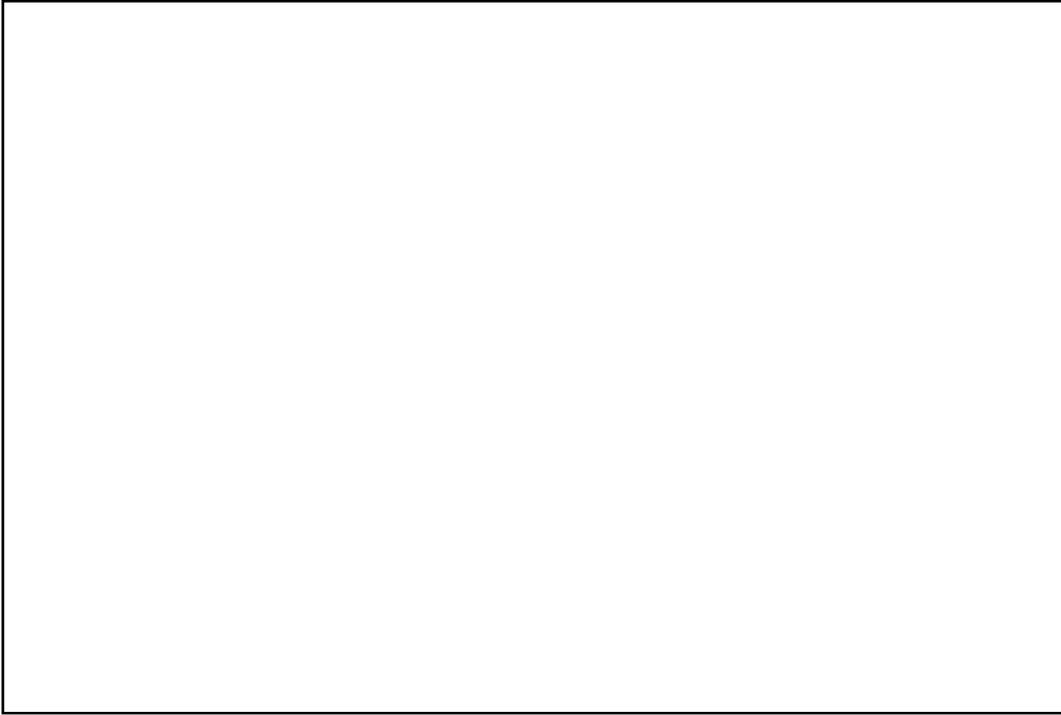
Port Kennedy, City of Rockingham,
Western Australia



These were perhaps the first alpacas in Australia. Some people think the town of Saltia in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia was named after Sir Titus. But there is strong evidence that it is based upon an Aboriginal word for the area.

There is also a Saltaire Way in Rockingham, in Western Australia... and one long-standing stud alpaca in New South Wales is named Purrumbete Sir Titus Salt! Listed in the IAR (International Alpaca Registry) as imported from Chile, it has become common knowledge that a 1993 shipment of Peruvian Alpacas crossed the border into Chile, and were exported as Chilean Alpacas. Sir Titus Salt was one of these.

FRONT - picture



BACK - writing

