

Unravelling Ayton's Past

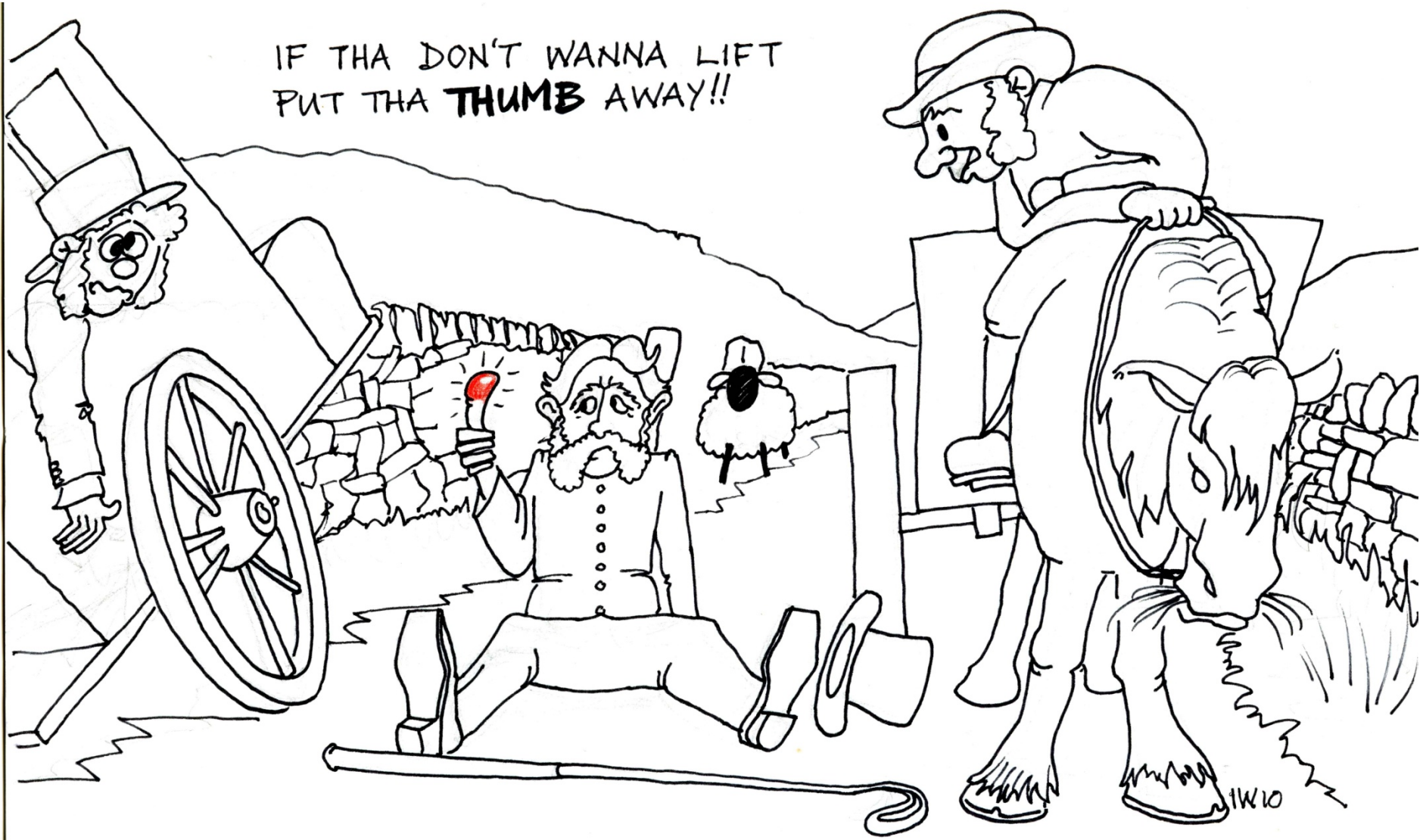


Great Ayton

AS SEEN THROUGH 19TH CENTURY NEWSPAPER ARTICLES.

By Peter Morgan

Cartoon by Jan Wilson



Explanations will come later!

The following letter gives us an insight into the foundation of a very small tannery in Great Ayton by a family which in the 19th century had spread this activity to numerous sites in the North including a very extensive operation on Tyneside. The Richardsons had become one of the major tannin families in England.

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It must have been a very unusual occurrence for such an event in a provincial Northern Village to be recorded in a London Newspaper.

BROUGHTON MURDER CASE

MAY 1753 – The London Evening Post

- **On Sunday last William Smith, of Great Broughton near Stokesley, was brought to the Castle at York on suspicion of poifoning his father-in-law, Thomas Harper, of Ingleby Manor, William Harper and Ann Harper, the son and daughter of the said Thomas Harper.**
- **Initially taken to Great Ayton, where he was examined by Justice Scottowe and Justice Beckwith, but would then confefs nothing;.....**

TRIAL OF WILLIAM SMITH

AUGUST 16th 1753 – The London Evening Post

.....found GUILTY At York Affizes

Further details can be read on the accompanying 19th century Newspapers Site.

LAW AND ORDER

MODERN DEVELOPMENTS

- 1715 THE RIOT ACT - INCREASED THE POWERS OF MAGISTRATES
- 1756 HENRY FIELDING ORGANISES THE “BOW STREET RUNNERS”
- 1829 SIR ROBERT PEEL’S ACT WAS PASSED “TO IMPROVE POLICE IN AND NEAR THE METROPOLIS”
- 1838 ACTS ESTABLISHED COUNTY CONSTABULARIES (Initially Optional)
- 1856 COUNTY POLICE FORCES MADE COMPULSORY

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(IN TOWNS THESE WERE SOMETIMES ASSISTED BY WATCHMEN AT NIGHT)

CONSTABLES WERE UNPAID ORDINARY CITIZENS - A VERY UNPOPULAR TASK WHICH WEALTHIER PEOPLE PAID OTHERS TO PERFORM WHEN IT WAS THEIR TURN!

A Tannery Accident?

1863

3rd December

LEEDS MERCURY

DEATHS:

MARTIN - On **Nov. 30th** at Great Ayton aged 38 years
Mr William Martin, TANNER & CURRIER formerly of Manchester.

WILSON - On **Nov. 30th** at Great Ayton suddenly, aged 53,
Mr John Wilson, TANNER & CURRIER.

1864

2nd January

LEEDS MERCURY

TANYARD TO LET – Elizabeth Martin.

Two tanners, of widely differing ages, dying on the same day suggests an accident but there was no report of an inquest being held 'over the bodies'.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMBER 1

1866 May 5th - LEEDS MERCURY

Great Ayton in Cleveland – An extensive and important sale of truly valuable Oak, Larch and Ash timber, **suitable for shipbuilders, railway wagon builders, timber merchants, contractors, cartwrights, and mining purposes.**

Mr R H ROBINSON has the honour to announce that he has been selected by George Jackson Esq. of Tanton Hall, to offer for public competition, upon the **Eyreholme Estate at Great Ayton**, near Stokesley, on Friday, the eleventh of May 1866 at one o'clock in the afternoon, in such lots as may be agreed upon the time of sale of the following TIMBER, consisting of;

400 OAK TREES

436 LARCH TREES

307 ASH TREES

all numbered

The Oak trees are now standing and growing, are of large dimensions, and suitable for ship builders, railway wagon builders, and others.

The Larch is now laying in Lots as above, and is suitable for mining purposes.

The Ash is also laid in Lots.

The whole of the timber must be removed before the 28th day of July next. Three months credit will be given on approved security. Mr William Ridge, Woodsman, of Great Ayton will on application show the timber; and further particulars may be had of Mr. Skeen, New Inn, Stokesley.

Eyreholme is within half a mile from Ayton Station on the North Eastern Railway.

The Railway came in 1864 and proximity to it became an important commercial consideration.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMBER 2

- **1870 March 5th NORTHERN ECHO**

- **TIMBER FOR SALE at Little Ayton**

- To be sold by TENDER the following lots of TIMBER now standing on the estate belonging to the Trustees of Mrs Proctor, deceased, situate at Little Ayton, near Stokesley in Cleveland. Namely;-
- LOT 1. **12 Good OAK TREES** mostly large standing in the Low Plantation.
- LOT 2. About **100 SMALL OAKS**, standing in the West End of Lynns Hill Wood.
- LOT 3. **150 LARCHES**, more or less, mostly large and of excellent quality, standing at the bottom of Larch Bank, and adjoining Cock Shaw Lands.
- LOT 4. **10 LARGE ASH TREES** belonging to JOSEPH CROSLAND Esq. Standing on BANKS FARM occupied by MR T. HUTCHINSON who will show the same.
- Each Lot to be tendered for separately. Tenders to be sent to MR GEORGE ESTHILL PEACOCK, Little Ayton, Northallerton, on or before Monday the 21st day of March 1870. The owners do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender.
- The timber may be viewed, and further particulars obtained, on applying to MR JOHN FLETCHER, Little Ayton, or the said GEORGE ESTHILL PEACOCK, Little Ayton.

AND YET MORE TIMBER

- **1873 March 15th** **NORTHERN ECHO**
- Little Ayton, near Stokesley in Cleveland.
- TO TIMBER MERCHANTS, CONTRACTORS & OTHERS;
- MESSRS. HODGSON & FARROW are favoured with instructions from the Trustees of the Late Mrs Elizabeth Proctor, to offer for SALE BY AUCTION on Tuesday March 18th 1873 -520 LARCH and 10 SCOTS FIR TREES, of large size and sound quality.
- The above trees are felled, and lotted to suit purchaser, in Larch Bank; adjoining Cockshaw Intake and Little Ayton Moor, and about 1 mile from Ayton Railway Station.
- Credit will be given upon approved security with 10% deposit on 2½% allowed for cash. For further particulars, apply to Mr. G.E.Peacock Farmer, Mr J. Fletcher, Little Ayton, or Mr.Thos. Hutchinson, Ayton Banks. The Sale to commence where the timber lies at 12.30pm.

PRIVATE EDUCATION

1873 JULY 26TH

NORTHERN ECHO

TO PARENTS OF DELICATE CHILDREN – A LADY who lives in a Country Village a few miles from Middlesbrough, is wishful to take one or two DELICATE CHILDREN to BOARD and EDUCATE with a few others which she already has.

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Mrs Greenwood is 52, her daughters 20 & 16. Despite her son having Just died it was necessary to get back to earning a living in one of the few ways open to genteel ladies

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are advertising the setting up of a DAY & BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES to start January 1880 at STOCKTON (10 Vyner Terrace, Oxbridge Road)

Lucy & Alice are teaching and their mother is in charge of the Domestic Arrangements.

JULY 1880 they had moved to 36 WESTBOURNE St.

also offering Private Tuition in Music, Singing & Drama.

The 1881 census finds them all living at 36 Westbourne Street, Stockton.

The mother Emma, is now 67 (in receipt of an Annuity) ie. She has been able to retire.

The daughters, Lucy (26) and Alice (22) are still teaching and amongst their boarding scholars are Sarah Winn (10) and Percy Winn (4), from Great Ayton.

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LAST ADVERT 1884 – Mentioning expansion of facilities.

Education in Ayton has always benefited from the generosity of local benefactors.

The Postgate School was founded in 1704 by Michael Postgate. “for eight poor boys” subsequently flourished to serve 20+.

Another major benefactor of education in the village was Thomas Richardson. He had made a fortune in London where he developed a new system of transferring assets between capitalists called “Bill Brokering”. On retiring , he returned to the village and generously sponsored many activities.

Initially an Infants School in 1830 but when the Society of Friends (Quakers) mooted the setting up of a North of England Agricultural College he donated £5000 towards the £6500 purchase price of the estate of Philip Hesleton, thus ensuring its establishment at Great Ayton.

“STATE” EDUCATION

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SCHOOL BOARDS IN CLEVELAND

Notice issued by the Education Dept. of Local Government Board intimating that if 250 places are not provided at Guisborough within 6 months an order would be made for setting up a SCHOOL BOARD.

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The School Boards were the product of the 1870 Education Act. These Boards were elected by local people. They had to build new schools out of the rates if those provided by the voluntary societies were inadequate.

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1890 March 5th (Wed.)

NORTHERN ECHO

SCHOOL NON ATTENDANCE

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WED. MARCH 5TH 1890

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – David Pearson, of Great Ayton, was summoned for neglecting to send a child to school, and a fine of 5s was imposed. –

BACKGROUND:-

1870 ACT set up FREE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION – “BOARD SCHOOLS”

EDUCATION had been compulsory for 5 - 10 year olds since 1880

THE *REAL* ORIGIN OF THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL

1837 April 8th LEEDS MERCURY

To be LET for Year to Year or on lease for a term of years, or to be SOLD by PRIVATE CONTRACT, and may be entered upon immediately. A substantial built **MANSION or DWELLING HOUSE, and Garden, with the Stables, Coach House, and other good out-offices and conveniences.** Situate in the square of the healthy and pleasant village of Great Ayton in Cleveland in the County of York, and suitable for the residence of a respectable family; together with twenty acres of LAND principally in grass, immediately adjoining thereto.

The Land Tax has been redeemed and the land is well wooded and fenced and has a good stream of water passing through it. The premises may be seen, and further particulars had on application to the **present occupiers Phillip and Joseph Heselton.**

1837 April 22nd LEEDS MERCURY

TO BE LET from year to year on a lease for a term of years, or to be sold by Private Contract, an old established **OIL MILL**, situate at Great Ayton in Cleveland in the County of York, with water power from a well supplied stream, together with the machinery complete, Cisterns and Coppers for Boiling and Refining Oils, and all other requisites for carrying on the Business of Seed Crushing, also a few acres of land if required.

The premises may be seen on application to the present occupier **Phillip and Joseph Heselton** or JOHN PAGE SOWERBY, Solicitor, Stokesley April 3rd 1837

TEXTILE INDUSTRY

1806 FEBRUARY 12TH

MORNING CHRONICLE

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

Philip Heselton and Daniel Maston of Great Ayton Yorkshire, manufacturers of Linencloth. Nov. 29 1805.

1864 JANUARY 3RD LEEDS MERCURY

ADVERTISEMENT – To be sold cheap one TENTERHOOK WILLEY 32 inches wide. Cylinder 43 inches diameter etc.

*The Textile industry (Linen) which had flourished during the 17th and 18th centuries has faded away by the mid 19th century.
(Dan's Book)*

1851 CENSUS only lists ONE Linen Weaver – George Sowler

1820 August 31st

THE MORNING CHRONICLE

ANGROVE HALL & LANDS in the County of York

-TO BE SOLD, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause **Garbut against Tipping** with the approbation of Samuel Compton Cox, Esq. one of the Masters of the said Court, at the Black Swan Inn at Stokesley, in the County of York, on Friday the 20th day of October next, between the hours of one and two of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.

In one Lot, - **the capital MESSUAGE or MANSION HOUSE called ANGROVE HALL, with sundry Farms and Lands, comprising in the whole 574 acres** and upwards situate in the Parish of Great Ayton and Stokesley. In Cleveland, in the County of York – Printed particulars may be had (**gratis**) at the said Master's Chambers in Southampton-buildings, Chancery Lane, London: of Messrs. Williams, Brook and Powell, New-Square, Lincoln's Inn. Messrs Powell and Harker, Solicitors, Stokesley **where a map of the Estate may be seen; and the principal Inns at York, Stockton on Tees, Whitby, Guisborough and Stokesley.** N.B. A person will be appointed to show the estate.

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1873 FEBRUARY 21ST (FRI)

NORTHERN ECHO

TO PAINTERS; WANTED A YOUNG MAN -- Apply ROBT. WATSON Great Ayton

1873 MARCH 5TH

LEEDS MERCURY

TO TANNERS – Wanted a good Beam and Yard man. Liberal wages and constant work.

Apply John Jackson, Great Ayton

1873 AUGUST 9TH

LEEDS MERCURY

TO MILLERS – Wanted a man as a GRINDER. Liberal wages and a permanent situation guaranteed to a steady man. Apply to JOHN PEACOCK Great Ayton.

INVENTIVENESS

1874 MAY 9TH

BIRMINGHAM DAILY POST

NEW PATENTS – ALEXANDER C FRAZER, New Barnett, Herefordshire and WILLIAM WATSON, Great Ayton Yorkshire, improvements in treating and utilising sewage. dated NOV 7, 1873

It is interesting that this is 20+ years before Ayton had its own sewage scheme.

1877 NOVEMBER 30TH

BIRMINGHAM DAILY POST

PATENT -- Thomas Madderson and Benjamin Wilkinson Great Ayton. Improvements in the construction of a machine for cutting and dressing paving stones and setts Dated May 30, 1877

Whinstone (sometimes called 'Flintstone' because it had to be knapped to shape it) from the igneous Cleveland Dyke was an important industry even before the railway. However the coming of the railway enabled this important road material to be readily transported to major conurbations such as Leeds where it was used in the form of 'setts' to produce the characteristic 'cobbled' streets of the industrial towns of Northern England.

EVIDENCE OF VILLAGE EXPANSION

1873 Sept. 6th

NORTHERN ECHO

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the house of Joseph Wilson, the ROYAL OAK INN, at Great Ayton, on Thursday September 25th 1873 at 2 for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

MR HENRY WATSON, Auctioneer.

LOT 1 All that freehold close of rich GRASSLAND situate at the High End of Great Ayton aforesaid, containing 8a.3r.8p. more or less, now in the occupation of George Potts.

LOT 2 All that freehold close of rich GRASSLAND adjoining the last Lot, containing 5a.0r.20p. more or less, also occupied by George Potts . The above property being close to the town of Great Ayton and within a few minutes walk of the station on the North Eastern Railway, is admirably adapted for building sites.

For further particulars apply WILLIAM HAUXWELL

1875 APRIL 21ST

NORTHERN ECHO

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT – A 50 acre FARM situate near Great Ayton and close to Great Ayton Railway Station, admirably adapted for building purposes. The nature of the soil – sand & gravel, the inclination of the land, the supply and quality of the water, the aspect and the prospect are not equalled in the Cleveland district for Villa Residences

Price and further particulars from Mr AMOS HINTON, Middlesbrough

1873 JUNE 16TH

NORTHERN ECHO

For immediate sale a ¼ acre of GARDENLAND. Suitable for building
– Mr HENRY PEACOCK

1876 MAY 3RD

NORTHER ECHO

VILLA SITES FOR SALE in the best part of Great Ayton –Apply to
Messrs ARMFIELD and BOTTOMLY Architects, 1 Zetland Rd. Middlesbrough.

1876 MAY 8TH

NORTHERN ECHO

TENDERS – TO BUILDERS. TENDERS required for various works ,
alterations, and additions to properties in Great Ayton for Mr HUTTON & SON.
ALEXANDER & HENMAN, ARCHITECTS.

*By this time the presence of the railway was causing the promotion of Great Ayton as a
desirable place of abode for the better off business-man of Middlesbrough.*

*Later newspaper articles press for earlier and later trains to make transport more
convenient for such residents.*

INCREASE IN BUILDING CAPACITY

1873 October 30th

NORTHERN ECHO

WANTED 2 or 3 good QUARRYMEN. Good wages, apply GEO. GRIERSON, Builders, Gt. Ayton.

1873 September 8th

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COTTAGES AT GREAT AYTON. Builders desirous of tendering for the erection of a PAIR OF COTTAGES and a SINGLE COTTAGE at Great Ayton for J.B.Hodgkin Esq. may inspect his drawings & specifications at the offices of GEORGE DIXON No 6 Exchange Place. Middlesbrough.

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AND WHAT ON EARTH ARE HOGS?

LAMB → HOGGET (HOG) → SHEARLING

(A YOUNG SHEEP THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN SHORN)

IF FEMALE it is a GIMMER

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IMPLEMENTS, GEAR &c. 2 coup carts, 1 long cart, Reaping Machine, Rolly, Corn Drill, Iron Plough, by Waller, 2 Pairs of 4 bull'd Harrows, 3 horse Drag, Iron Chisel Harrow, Iron Scuffler, Winnowing Machine, Straw Cutter, Stone Roller, scales and weights, sheep troughs, beasts chains, Cart ropes, Half-bushel measure, Stack stobs, Sacks & pokes, Rakes, forks, Spades, Hacks, Hoes, Scythes, Sickles, Gripes, Shovels, Steel forks and other hand implements. Plough and cart gear for 3 horses. Dairy utensils, including cheese press, and some bits of furniture.

Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, Cleveland Sale Office, Guisborough, Redcar & Stokesley.

RYE HILLS FARM

1875 June 5th

NORTHERN ECHO

RYE HILLS FARM, NEAR GREAT AYTON. MR WATSON is instructed by Mr William Calvert, who is declining farming, to SELL BY AUCTION, on Monday, June 7th 1875, the whole of his STOCK and other effects, viz:-

22 BEASTS, - 1 Cow due to calf before the sale; 1 drape cow, 1 Roan Cow calven 3 weeks; 1 Red and White Cow, been calven a fortnight, 1 Red and White Cow being calven two days; 1 Roan Cow to calve in August; 1 Fat Bull, two years old; 4 two year old Heifers, 1 two year old Steer, 3 Steers coming three years old; 3 yearling Heifers, 2 yearling Steers, 2 Calves.

HORSES - 1 Bay Mare, aged, an excellent harness mare; 1 Grey Mare, aged; 1 Brown Horse, aged; 1 Yearling Filly, by *Barnaby*.

SHEEP – 10 Scotch Ewes and Half-Bred Lambs.

POULTRY- 40 Hens and Cocks, 4 Bantams; 1 Goose, Gander and Goslings.

SWINES – 1 Gilt in pig, 1 Gilt, geld.

Also a variety of implements, Gears, part of the Household Furniture and Dairy Utensils.

Sale punctually at 11 o'clock.

HORSE POWER

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Friday Nov 18 1873 Northern Echo – Farm sale at Lazenby included amongst the horses a 2 year old colt and a 3 year old colt both sired by “VICTOR”

1879 Sept. 25th

NORTHERN ECHO

THE CLEVELAND AUCTION MART GUIBOROUGH

**MR. H. WATSON is instructed by MR.G.E. PEACOCK of Little Ayton Northallerton to
SELL BY AUCTION on Tuesday September 30th 1879 the following:-**

7 HORSES from his prize Mares

**LOT 1 – Cleveland or Coaching Mare by ‘Barnaby’, dam ‘Young Hottenburgh’ g.d.
‘Golden Forester’**

LOT 2 – Bay Colt Foal, by ‘Lord of the Manor’ g.d. by ‘Golden Forester’

**LOT 3 - Brown Colt, rising 4 years, by ‘Speculation’ dam ‘Young Hottenburgh’ g.d.
Golden Forester’**

**LOT 4 – Brown Filly, rising 3 years, by ‘Bondsman’ dam ‘Young Hottenburgh’ g.d.
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**LOT 5 – Pure Carting Bay Colt, rising 3 years, dam by ‘Liverpool Blaze’ g.d. by
‘Short Legs’ g.g.d. by ‘Old Lincoln’**

LOT 6 – Brown Filly, rising 2 years own sister to Lot 5.

LOT 7 – Brown Filly Foal by ‘Merry Tom’, dam by ‘Blaze’ g.d. by ‘Short Legs’.

**The Auctioneer considers it unnecessary to comment upon the quality of the above
Superior Horses as the numerous prizes for horses Mr Peacock has obtained at
various agricultural shows speak for themselves. Sale at one o’clock. The horses will
be on inspection 1 week previous to the sale.**

The Cleveland Sale Offices Guisborough, Redcar & Stokesley. Established 30 years.

ADVANCES IN AGRICULTURE

1874 AUGUST 24TH

NORTHERN ECHO

WANTED –a PLAIN COOK, for a small family. References required; also state age and wages.- Address Mrs LOY

WANTED, a steady, active MAN to assist with steam thrashing machine, one who has been accustomed to such work –Apply to ED. WARING, Great Ayton, Northallerton.

1874 AUGUST 25TH

NORTHERN ECHO

WANTED – Men to assist steam thrashing machine. ED. WARING

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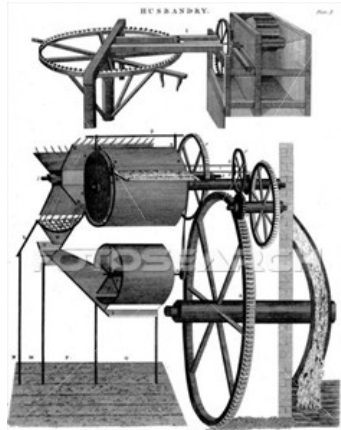
1874 SEPTEMBER 10TH

NORTHERN ECHO

FOR SALE – A two horse portable THRASHING MACHINE in good working order with blast & shakers by WEIGHILL OF PICKERING – Apply to GEO. SHEPPERD Great Ayton.

IN NATIONAL CONTEXT

**THRASHING
MACHINE
PATENTED
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USING HORSE POWER

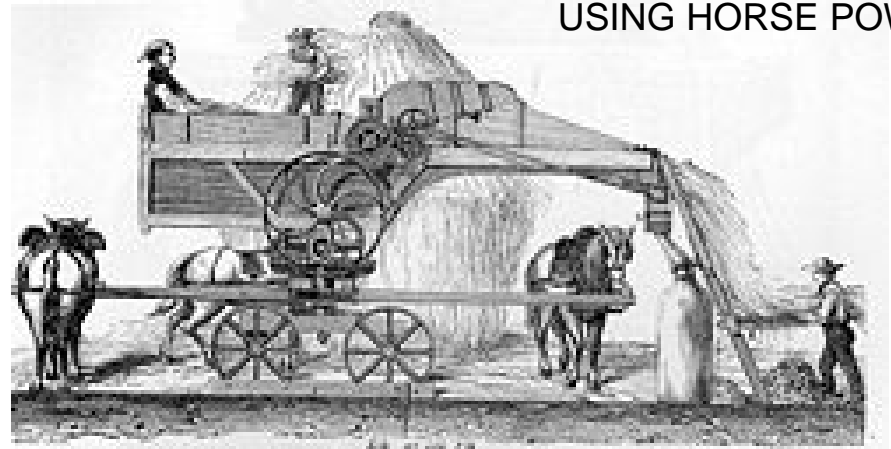


Fig. 111. — Machine for thrashing and cleaning grain, used in Scotland.

FARM SCENE 1870 – courtesy of Science Photo Library

The first Steam Engines to be used on farms were NOT self propelling – they had to be actually pulled to the farms by horses!

**HIGH PRESSURE
PORTABLE STEAM
ENGINES ON FARMS
from about 1830**



Circa 1860



SCIENCEPHOTOLIBRARY

REGULATIONS

1882 *Monday November 6th* NORTHERN ECHO

BREACH OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT

Robert RUTHERFORD was cautioned and ordered to pay 7 shillings cost by the Stokesley Justices on Saturday for working a Steam Thrashing Engine on Ox Hill Farm, Whorlton, on the 23rd October at a distance of only 10 yards from the Highway.

THE THRASHING MACHINE ACT 1878

This required some sort of PROTECTED FEED to reduce accidents.



ANOTHER “ADVANTAGE” OF THE RAILWAY!

1880 Nov. 20th

NORTHERN ECHO

TO BE LET with possession on the 13th May next, **BROOKSIDE FARM** situate at Little Ayton, in the North Riding of the county of York, containing 663/4 acres, 41 of which are good sound Tillage and the remainder Old Grass. The House is pleasantly situated, with a delightful view of the Cleveland Hills. The Farm Buildings have been recently enlarged, and are in a good state of repair. The tillage land is drained throughout. The Farm is distant $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Great Ayton Station and conveniently situated for obtaining **manure from Middlesbrough**. The Tillage land can be entered upon the January next, Pastureland on the 6th April, and the Meadow land with the House and Farm Buildings on the 13th May – For further particulars apply to MR JOHN HELM, Harland Hill, Little Ayton, who will show the Farm.

JEREMIAH THISTLETHWAITE - GROCER

1873 JANUARY 14TH NORTHERN ECHO
ADVERT J. THISTLETHWAITE requires Apprentice (Drapery & Grocery Trade)

OR LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR?

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1890 Feb. 4th (Tues.) NORTHERN ECHO

PUBLICATIONS: HOW TO GET RICH – Price Seven pence by Post –
Vigilans, care of J. Thistlethwaite, Great Ayton, R.S.O. Yorks.

Just to the North of the village lies the Cleveland Dyke which was formed during geological activity about 58 million years ago. (This vertical sheet of igneous rock can be traced from its source at the Isle of Skye almost to the sea near Ravenscar.)

Its hard nature has resulted in the prominent ridge or Long Hill ('Langbaurgh') which gives its name to the administrative area. We know this extremely hard Whinstone was exploited in the 18th century for local roads but the coming of the railway in 1864 opened greater possibilities.

Whinstone, like Flint, can be 'napped' into rough cubes called 'setts', these were ideal for constructing highly durable road surfaces, perfect for the streets of the rapidly growing industrial towns of Yorkshire.

Leeds corporation saw the opportunity of securing a supply!

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BOROUGH OF LEEDS -- TO QUARRYMAN, CONTACTORS AND OTHERS.

TENDERS wanted by the corporation of this borough for **WORKING** their **WHINSTONE QUARRY** at Great Ayton, and for loading the stone into the railway trucks on their siding at a rate per ton, together with the renewal of all plant and keeping it in good repair for the term of five years. That quantity, not to be less than 800 tons per week or 3200 ton per month, under a penalty.

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OTHER QUARRIES ALSO OPENED

Northern Echo January 17th 1873.

TO CONTRACTORS, CARTERS &c. WANTED about 9,000 tons Whinstone, carting from Slacks Wood to Great Ayton station (about three quarters of a mile) at the rate of about 25 to 30 tons per day - for further particulars apply W. Winn and Son, Great Ayton.

EVIDENCE FROM CENSUS

1851 Several FLINT QUARRY WORKERS are listed (includes Michael Bradley)

1861 MICHAEL BRADLEY (living at Quarry House) Employs 4 men in Flint Quarry

WILLIAM WINN employs 5 in Flintstone Quarry

ACCIDENTS INEVITABLY FOLLOWED

Northern Echo, February 25th 1876.

SHOCKING AND FATAL ACCIDENT IN CLEVELAND.

- on a Saturday afternoon, an inquest was held at the Oak Inn Great Ayton by the coroner for this district (Mr Sowerby) on the body of a young man named JOHN JOHNSON, aged 19

Newcastle Courant, April 28th 1876.

A SERIOUS QUARRY ACCIDENT IN CLEVELAND.

On Saturday morning, an accident of a serious nature occurred at the Great Ayton quarries in Cleveland. Two men were engaged with the small locomotive

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Leeds Mercury, April 29th 1876.

FATAL QUARRY ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon, an inquest was held at Great Ayton upon the body of George Hopper, who on Wednesday last was killed by a fall of stone in a quarry.....

.....

AND FLOOD DAMAGE

1840 August 2nd (Sunday) THE ERA

Great flood at Stokesley in the vale of Cleveland and the town of Stokesley in particular have been visited this week by the largest flood ever known in the memory of the oldest resident – The amount of damage done is not as yet ascertained nor can it easily be calculated; the sheet of water carrying away meadows, pastures and crops, and the immensity of the torrent, in its progress, bearing along with it, bridges, roofs and doors of houses, furniture, hay and corn stacks etc. We are informed, on good authority, **that a tanner near Great Ayton has sustained damages amounting from £1000 to £1500** and several farms from £200 to £500 not to name the injury sustained by the inhabitants of Stokesley, who had nearly all had their first floors immersed in water.

YORK HERALD

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Many legal actions were based on whether or not a certain road was actually a 'Highway'.

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WILLIAM GARBUTT, Little Ayton

TOURISM IN GREAT AYTON

1876 APRIL 28TH

NOTHERN ECHO

LE AYAT HOUSE, GREAT AYTON. Apartments to let. Dinners and Teas supplied to **excursionists** and others. M. CLEMINSON, Proprietors

1892 APRIL 23RD

LEEDS MERCURY

DEATH OF A CYCLIST FROM OVER EXERTION

On Saturday last Thomas Easby aged 22 of Ormesby Rd. Middlesbrough, expired at the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton, under distressing circumstances. He formed one of a party of cyclists who, on Good Friday had a run from Middlesbrough to Saltburn and thence to Broughton via Guisborough and Great Ayton. After tea at Broughton the party made their way homeward, but on reaching Great Ayton they decided to rest awhile, the distance covered up to that point being about 40 miles. All partook of refreshments, and the deceased subsequently lay down on a sofa and complained of feeling chilly and cramped. Drs Smart and Robson were called in, but notwithstanding their efforts he gradually sank, and expired at nine o' clock on the following morning. The death of the deceased is attributed to cramp of the heart accelerated by over exertion and cold. The deceased was a well known cyclist and had won several prizes.

SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND

1868. FIRST CYCLE RACE

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Composed by HERMAN PERLÉ.

This is the correct publication of "Sweetheart I love none but you" as sung by me in "Miss Philadelphia Co." Will M. Armstrong.



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WANTED 4 first class soft stone WALLERS accustomed to square snecked rubble. Apply to the foreman New Church Gt. Ayton

CHRIST CHURCH

1875 AUGUST 17TH

NORTHERN ECHO

MR J BRADLEY of Stockton on Tees begs to announce that he is instructed to SELL on FRIDAY 29TH AUG 1875 on the premises of the New Church, Great Ayton, the whole of the SCAFFOLDING PLANT and the BUILDING PLANT and MATERIALS used by the constructors in the erection of this Church. Sale to commence at 3 pm.

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A breakdown of who did what in construction of new church.

Eg. The MASONRY WORK by Mr William Martin, Great Ayton

The JOINERY WORK by Mr William Heccle, Great Ayton

BUT NOT WITHOUT A HUMAN COST

1874 AUGUST 20TH THURS. NORTHERN ECHO

FRIGHTFUL SCAFFOLDING ACCIDENT IN CLEVELAND

An accident which has since resulted in the death of one of the injured men, occurred a few days ago at Great Ayton, in Cleveland. The circumstances of the affair are of a most painful nature.

.....The deceased, who was 30 years of age, was a native of Ayton, and unmarried. Little was a younger man, is also unmarried, and a native of Carlisle. We understand he is progressing favourably.

You can find the full details from the full collection of pre 1900 newspapers now on this website.

WEALTH THROUGH TRADE

1868 MARCH 6TH

THE NEWCASTLE COURANT

GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK.

At the House of Mr George Hayden, the “GREEN TREE” Inn, in Great Ayton aforesaid, on Thursday 19th day of March, 1868 at two for three o’clock in the afternoon. (Subject to such Conditions as shall be then and there produced,) Mr R. H. ROBINSON AUCTIONEER.

LOT 1. All those FIVE CLOSES or PARCELS of RICH ARABLE MEADOW AND PASTURE LAND. Situate in or near the village of Great Ayton. Now in occupation of Mr Henry Richardson. Also a Close or Parcel of land and FIVE Dwelling Houses and gardens. Now in several occupations of Mary Wilford, Thomas Waller, Christopher Parkinson, John Nichols, Ann Blackwall, and the Executors of the late Miss Martin.

3 MORE LOTS

LOT 2. All those THREE MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES in High Green, together with the Yards, Gardens and Outbuildings behind the same now in the respective occupations of Robert Lister, Richard Lamb, and Elizabeth Martin's Executors.

LOT 3. All that MESSUAGE, DWELLING HOUSE & SHOP situate at West End of the Village of Great Ayton aforesaid, late in the occupation of William Myers. Also all that MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE adjoining thereto in the occupation of Miss Gibson together with a large garden & the outbuildings behind the same.

LOT 4. All those SEVEN MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES situate in the Village of Great Ayton aforesaid, now in the several occupations of Robert Fawcett, Simpson Fawcett, John Wren, Edward Wilks, Bridget Kavin, William Brown, and Robert Fawcett. Also that COACH HOUSE, now in the occupation of Messrs. J & W Snowdon. And also those GARDENS thereto adjoining now in the several occupations of C Shepherd, R Shepherd and the Executors of the late Miss E Martin.

AND THE REST!

LOT 5. That TANYARD, BARK MILL, DRYING SHEDS, and other BUILDINGS situate in the Village of Great Ayton aforesaid, now in the occupancy of Messrs Elliot & Garbutt.

ALSO all that CURRIER'S SHOP, WAREHOUSE and other conveniences thereto adjoining, now in the occupancy Mr W Sanderson.

LOT 6. All that MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE situate in the Village of Great Ayton aforesaid now in the occupancy of Thomas Sawkill.

LOT 7. All that CHAPEL or BUILDINGS situate in the Village of Great Ayton aforesaid now in the occupancy of the Trustees of the Primitive Methodists connexion.

Great Ayton is three miles distant from Stokesley, eight miles from Middlesbrough, and ten miles from Stockton. The property can be viewed on application to Mr Wm. Sanderson, of Great Ayton and further particulars can be had on application to Mr R H Gilbert. Thornton-le-Moor, near Thirsk; or at the offices of Messrs. J. C. & T. SOWERBY, Solicitors, Stokesley.

Stokesley, February 27th 1868

SUMMARY

ELIZABETH MARTIN'S ESTATE CONSISTED OF:-

17 HOUSES

A SHOP

A CHAPEL (Primitive Methodists)

5 FIELDS

A TANYARD

BARK MILL

DRYING SHEDS

CURRIER'S SHOP

WAREHOUSE

*SHE ATTACHED THE FOLLOWING
CONDITIONS:-*

Lot 1 is sold subject to the payment of £6 per year to the poor of Great Ayton.

Lot 6 is subject to the life estate therein of ANN BLACKWELL, she being now 72.

SHOPS

1900 NOV. 23RD

NORTHERN ECHO

CO-OPERATIVE MEETING AT GREAT AYTON – The village hall, Great Ayton was well filled on Wednesday evening in order to hear addresses by representatives of the Middlesbrough Co-operative Stores, who are trying to establish a branch in Ayton. The speeches were intently listened to, and at the close of the meeting a good number gave their names as intending members. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened at intervals by song, violin solos, recitations, etc., which were greatly appreciated.

MONETARY CRISIS May 1866

(WORST SINCE 1825)

SUSPENSION OF OVEREND GURNEY & Co.

LIABILITIES

£10,000,000

MORE FAILURES: SUSPENSION OF THE BANK CHARTER ACT

PANIC & TUMULT IN THE CITY

MASTER OF THE ROLLS “SHOCKED” BY BANKS’
SPECULATIONS

BARNED’S BANKING COMPANY FAILS FOR £3,500,000

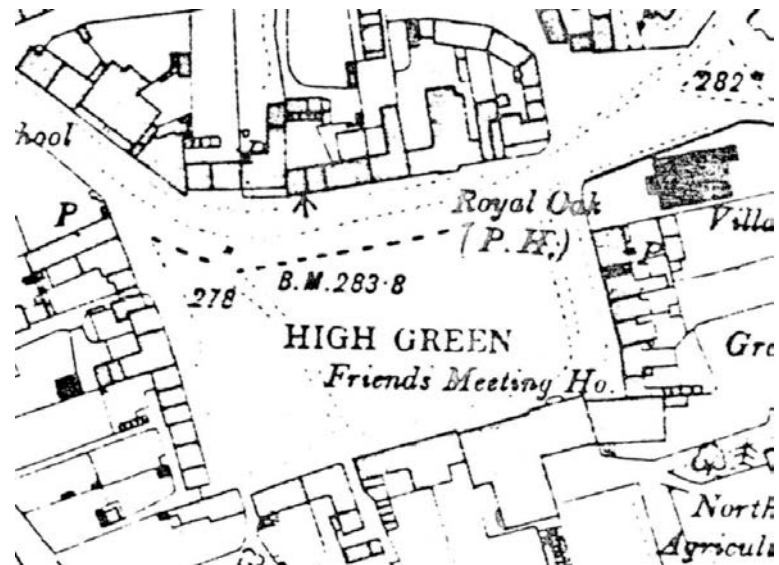
You can read full accounts are given in the Newspapers – it all seems very familiar!

AN INN BY ANY OTHER NAME

1856 ORDINANCE SURVEY MAP “OAK TREE”



1894 ORDINANCE SURVEY MAP “ROYAL OAK”



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1868 September “GREEN TREE INN for Sale” –occupied by George Hayden

1871 CENSUS “GREEN TREE INN” occupied by George Haisdon (*Hayden?*)

1873 September An auction to be held at the House of Joseph Wilson
“THE ROYAL OAK”

1894 ORDINANCE SURVEY MAP “ROYAL OAK ”



And now the explanation!

SAT. AUGUST 1ST 1891 NORTHERN ECHO

CARRIAGE ACCIDENT

Narrow Escape of Mr J.B. Hodgkin. On Thursday, about a dozen ladies and gentlemen connected with the Great Ayton district of the Society of Friends braved the elements and made the annual pilgrimage to the meeting house at Laskill, Bilsdale. On the return journey, when near Chopgate, an accident occurred to the carriage which was driven by Mr J.B. Hodgkin, with whom was Mr Ralph Dixon, school superintendent, and a groom. The horse, which was one of high mettle, shied at a sheep which was tied to a gate, and bolted. Mr Hodgkin stuck manfully to the ribbons until the vehicle ran against a heap of stones, when the occupants were precipitated violently to the ground. Happily nothing serious happened, though Mr Hodgkin besides receiving some slight contusions, sustained an injury to his thumb.

WHY LINK WITH LASKILL?

1883 NORTHERN ECHO ARTICLES

FEB. 12TH THE QUAKER APPEAL

FEB. 12TH PERSECUTION IN BILSDALE

*A LETTER FROM THE GUISBOROUGH MONTHLY MEETING – Signed by:-
Joseph Pease, Ralph Dixon, J.B.Hodgkins, Geo. Dixon, W.Jones, & Henry Richardson*

FEB. 19TH LORD FEVERSHAM'S REPLY

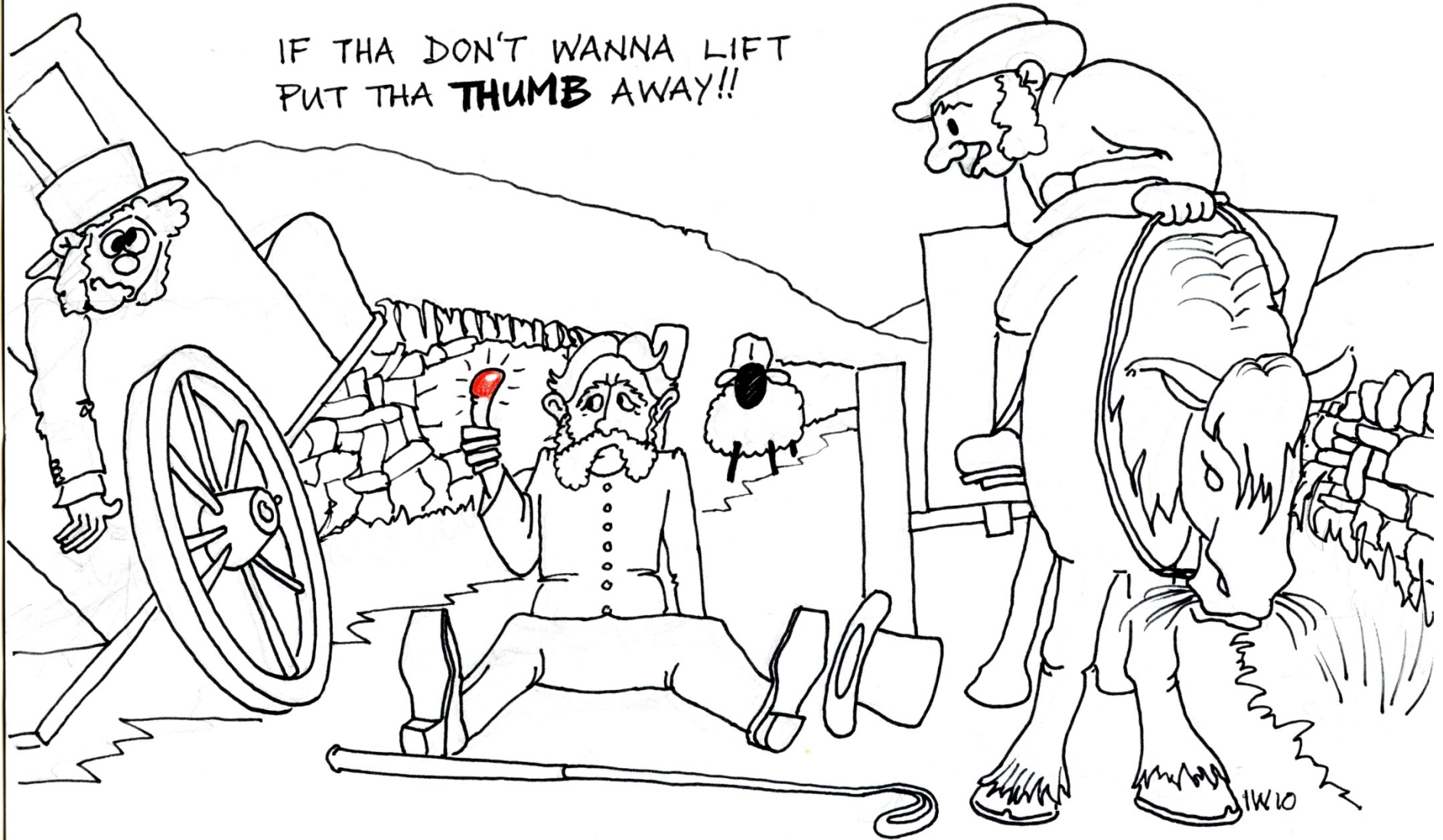
FEB. 19TH LORD FEVERSHAM & THE CLEVELAND
QUAKERS.

FEB. 27TH THE PERSECUTION IN BILSDALE

MARCH 5TH LORD FEVERSHAM & THE SOCIETY OF
FRIENDS

1889 JULY 18TH A GOOD ENDING

IF THA DON'T WANNA LIFT
PUT THA **THUMB** AWAY!!



The End