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1752 SATURDAY JULY 4th READ'S WEEKLY JOURNAL OR BRITISH GAZETTE (LONDON)

We are informed from Great Ayton near Guisborough, Yorkshire that a mad cat has lately bit two Women, a Horse and also several other creatures, at some Miles Distant from the place it belonged to. This cat was bit by a mad dog two months ago. As it is found by experience, this malady (which is much more terrible in the Human Species than death itself) begins mostly in Dogs, it would certainly be for the good of the public, if the Legislature would lay proper taxes upon these creatures in general, for that then numbers might be lessened; and at the same time oblige every Person who keeps a Dog to have them wormed under a severe penalty. Worming a dog is to take away a small sinew which lies under the Tongue, and may be done best at quarter old. After this Operation, when they happen to grow bad (which is not near so often as when un-wormed) they lose the use of their under jaw, which prevents them from biting other creatures.

1753 MAY 10 - 12th LONDON EVENING POST

On Sunday last William Smith, of Great Broughton near Stokesley, was brought to the Castle at York on suspicion of poisoning his father-in-law, Thomas Harper, of Ingleby Manor, William Harper and Ann Harper, the son and daughter of the said Thomas Harper. It being a custom in that part of the County for the better sort of Farmers to make a large Cake for their Good Friday's Dinner, the deceased Thomas Harper had invited some of his neighbours that Day, five of whom very luckily did not go, for that the only Persons who eat any of the Cake were the three deceased, a butcher, and a maid servant; the latter found fault with the taste of it, and would have persuaded her Master there was something in it that was wrong, but the old man laughed at her for saying so. However, soon after they were all ill, and Thomas Harper, the father died at Six, his Daughter at Nine, and his Son lingered until Six in the morning. The Coroner's Jury brought in their verdict "Wilful murder by persons unknown", Smith then not being suspected; but on Easter Day he absconded, and was advertised, and several Persons sent out different ways to apprehend him. Yesterday se'n-night about one o'clock in the morning he was taken near his own father's door about two miles from Ingleby, and carried the same day to Great Ayton, where he was examined by Justice Scottowe and Justice Beckwith, but would then confess nothing; whereupon he was remanded back to Ingleby in the care of Henry and Samuel Hebburon and John and James Watson, to whom he confessed that Night, that he had put Arsenic into some flour of which the Cake was made for the family's Dinner on Good Friday; and that six weeks before he had put arsenic in the oatmeal used for thickening the broth. On Saturday he acknowledged the fact before the said justices and added that when he absconded his intention was to have gone to Ireland and proceeded as far as Liverpool; but his mind misgiving him, he resolved to return back, and was taken as above mentioned. He is about twenty two years of age, and has one child by his wife, a daughter of the deceased Thomas Harper.

1753 AUGUST 16th LONDON EVENING POST

At York Assizes on Monday Afternoon, William Smith, of Broughton, Farmer, was tried before Mr Serjeant Eyre, for poisoning his Father-in-Law, Thomas Harper, (and William) and Ann Harper the Son and Daughter of the said Thomas. The witnesses for the Crown (persons of undoubted reputation) by an uniformed and regular chain of circumstances, fully proved the Prisoner guilty of the horrid crime laid to his charge. There were several Persons examined on his Behalf, but they spoke only in regard to his general Character. The Jury having brought him in guilty, the Judge, in a very pathetic Manner, addressed himself to the Prisoner, laid before him the horrid and unnatural Offence for which he was convicted, and then passed Sentence upon him, according to the late Act of Parliament. His Behaviour from the Time from his First commitment to his very conviction, was most audacious and abandoned; absolutely denying the Fact, though upon his first Apprehension he readily confessed all Circumstances of the charge.

1771 JUNE 22 - 25th LONDON EVENING POST
Bankrupts: - John Liddel, Great Ayton, Dealer

1771 JUNE 22 -25th MIDDLESEX JOURNAL or CHRONICLE of LIBERTY

Bankrupts: - John Liddell, of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, Dealer, to surrender July 8, 9, August 3 at the House of Anthony Summers, in Stockton, in the county of Durham.

1772 JANUARY 8th GAZETTE & DAILY ADVERTISER

Certificates to be allowed to Bankrupts:-

John Liddell, of Great Ayton, in Yorkshire, dealer and chapman; on or before the 28th inst.

1772 APRIL 18th GENERAL EVENING POST (London)

Days appointed for making Dividends of Bankrupts Estates to Creditors.

John Liddell, late of Great Ayton, Yorkshire, dealer and chapman; the 15th of May at 10 in the forenoon, at Anthony Summer's, Innkeeper, (*Green Dragon*) in Stockton on Tees, Durham.

1773 OCTOBER 9th LONDON EVENING POST

TO BE SOLD – A FREEHOLD ESTATE, in Great Ayton in Cleveland in Yorkshire; consisting of a convenient dwelling house, gardens &c. and all other suitable conveniences, and several closes of very good arable, meadow, and pasture, containing by measurement, 147 acres and upwards, either together or in the following Lots:~

Lot 1. Five closes tenanted by George Cummins farmer containing 37 acres and 3 roods, upwards.

Lot 2. Three closes tenanted by George Cummins containing 22 acres and upwards.

Lot 3. One close tenanted by Thomas Williamson, containing & acres and upwards, and two other closes by Mr Skottowe, containing together 17 acres and upwards.

Lot 4. Three closes tenanted by Mr Skottowe, containing 23 acres and upwards.

Lot 5. The dwelling house, gardens, barn, and other conveniences and 7 closes, containing 50 acres and upwards, occupied by Mr Skottowe.

NB. If the premises be not sold by private treaty before the 13th day of November next they will be disposed of by auction at a future opportunity. Enquire of Mr Skottowe; at Great Ayton; Mr Sanderson, at Staithes, near Whitby, or Mr Matthews at Stokesley, all in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

1774 DECEMBER 3RD LONDON CHRONICLE

BANKRUPTS:- JOHN RICHARDSON, of Great Ayton in Yorkshire, TANNER, to surrender Dec 14, 15, Jan 14 at the house of John Watkin, Inn-holder, in Stokesley in Yorkshire. Attorney, Mr John Preston, in Stokesley.

1775 JULY 18TH LONDON EVENING POST

ALL THE MANOR OR LORDSHIP OF HANDALL in the parish of Lofthouse.

Further particulars AUGUSTUS SKOTTOWE Esq. of Great Ayton.

1788 MARCH 8 -11TH LONDON GAZETTE

The King has been pleased to grant to John Patton; of Stokesley, in the County of York, Gentleman; and Heirs Male of his Body, His Royal Licence and Authority to take upon him and them the Surname of Masterman, and also to bear the Arms of Masterman, in compliance with the request of Matthew Masterman, of Great Ayton., in the County of York, Gentleman, uncle of the said John Patton; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms, and recorded in the Heralds Office; and also to order that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in his College of Arms.

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- 1805 Sept 7th OXFORD JOURNAL
Died At DULWICH. Thos. Skottowe Esq. eldest son of the late Augustin Skottowe of Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- 1805 Dec.5th MORNING CHRONICLE.
TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT AT GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND in Yorkshire a FREEHOLD ESTATE consisting of a modern- built dwelling house fit for the reception of a genteel family consisting of two good parlours, drawing room, eight sleeping rooms, two kitchens, with other conveniences, stables &c. together with about 40 acres of land at present let to 2 yearly tenants at 115L 10s per annum, free of land tax and part free of hay tithe. It is remarkably pleasantly situated , convenient for the adjacent markets of Stokesley Guisborough & Stockton and only 10 miles from the sea; it is a genteel neighbourhood and on a turnpike road. For particulars inquire of F.SMITH, Chemist, Haymarket, J. BACKHOUSE & CO., Bankers, Darlington or ISAAC MARTIN of Great Ayton.
- 1805 Dec. 14th YORK HERALD
Great Ayton Nov.30 1805
That the partnership subsisting between PHILIP HESELTON and DANIEL MASTON of Great Ayton, in the County of York, manufacturers of linen cloths, under the firm of "Heselton and Maston", was this Day dissolved by mutual consent.
All debts due and going by the same firm, will be received and paid by the said Philip Heselton
- 1806 Feb. 12th MORNING CHRONICLE
PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED; - Philip Heselton and Daniel Maston of Great Ayton Yorkshire, manufacturers of Linencloth. Nov. 29 1805.
- 1806 Nov. 29th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT. The complete and improvable freehold estate called GREENHOWHILL, situated at Great Ayton, near Stokesley, in the County of YORK, consisting of 230 acres more or less of arable, meadow and pastureland, and to be entered upon the usual times in the Spring of 1807. The premises possesses local advantages of the first estimation to a gentleman desirous of residence in a genteel neighbourhood, in one of the finest and healthiest parts of North of England, as the situation to erect a Mansion house is equal to any in Cleveland, the ground is being moderately elevated and commanding rich and just picturesque views of the most admired duties of Cleveland. A general belief prevails that a valuable bed of coal runs through the estate, which if found, though it was of a inferior quality, would unquestionably prove an almost incalculable benefit to a purchaser, from the great want of this valuable article in Cleveland.
The estate is situated 10 miles from Stockton, two from Stokesley, and six from Guisborough, all good market towns and 7 miles from Cleveland port, a place well-known near the mouth of the River Tees well known for its granaries and other conveniences for the shipping of corn, landing of line to all which places there are excellent rooms. The land tax is redeemed.
Robert Langburne of Great Ayton will show the premises: and of whom further particulars may be had, and also of Mr Roddan, land surveyor, Richmond.
- 1806 July 21st MORNING CHRONICLE
The very desirable FREEHOLD ESTATE called FIELD HOUSE FARM situated at Great Broughton in Cleveland, Yorkshire, consisting of a good farmhouse, four stall stables, excellent cow houses and barn with 104 acres of very rich arable and meadow land, the whole free of Tithes and Land Tax, in the possession of two tenants, who have notice to quit on May-day next, at the very low rent of £ 351. 10s per annum – for particulars apply to Isaac Martin of Great Ayton; Jonathan Backhouse & Co. Darlington, Joseph Wind on the premises and Frederick Smith & Son, Chemist, 59 Haymarket.
- 1808 November 5th YORK HERALD

LAND NEAR STOKESLEY

To be let for a term of years, by Private contract, at the Swan Inn in Stokesley on Thursday the 10th day of November at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The farm containing 172A, 1R, 6P of land, situate within little Ayton on or about 2 miles from Stokesley, now in the application of Mr William Barker.

Also another farm containing 162A, 3R, 33P of land, situated within great Ayton, about a mile from Stokesley, at present in the occupation of Messrs. Eldings

Also six closes of land, called TAME INGS, containing together 55A 2R 27P situated within Great Ayton are now occupied along with the last mentioned farm.

The respective tenants will show the premises; and further particulars may be had in application to Mr Hickson, of Wood House, near Guisborough.

1810 June 12th THE HULL PACKET & ORIGINAL WEEKLY COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER

GREAT AYTON NEAR STOKESLEY – TO BE SOLD

A most desirable RESIDENCE & FREEHOLD ESTATE with GARDEN, large excellent ORCHARD and forty acres of rich and valuable land.

The house consists of 2 Parlours, 18ft. by 17; a Dining Room and Drawing Room 24ft. by 17; Kitchen, Wash House; Pantries, &c., good cellars, Dairy and seven Sleeping Rooms.

At a convenient distance from the house are stables for 6 horses, double & single Coach House, cow houses and barns, and every required convenience for a farmer. The premises are well supplied with water and in most perfect repair.

The house is beautifully situated in the centre of the Grounds; near the pleasant village of Great Ayton commanding most extensive prospects, in a country abounding with game and within 3 miles of grouse shooting. Ayton is 2 miles from Stokesley, 5 from Guisborough, 10 from Stockton, and only 10 miles from the much frequented bathing places of Redcar & Coatham – A servant in the house will show the estate, and for further particulars, enquire of ISAAC

LEAMAN Esq. of Barton near Malton or of EMPSON MIDDLETON Esq., Newcastle.

IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DISPOSED OF, will be sold by AUCTION on TUESDAY 3RD JULY at the Swan Inn, Stokesley at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

1811 March 9th YORK HERALD

FARMS TO LET

Two farms to let in one: one of them called GREENHOWHILL, containing 110 acres or thereabouts of rich arable in grassland; the other called MOOR FARM, containing about 126 acres or thereabouts of land (exclusive of land indented to be planted) Of very useful suit, a considerable part of which is well adapted to the turnip and grass seed husbandry..

The farm is situate near the village of Great Ayton, three miles from Stokesley, 10 from Stockton and eight from Cleveland Port; they are divided from each other only by a road, and there is a farmstead upon each. The Greenhowhill farm may be entered at Lady Day next. And the other farm at Lady Day 1812.

The tenant at Greenhowhill will show the premises and further particulars may be had on application to John Tuke, land agent, York.

1813 April 17th YORK HERALD

WM. ELDEN'S CREDITORS

THE CREDITORS of WILLIAM ELDEN, of Great Ayton, in Cleveland, Butcher, who have already come in under the Assignment of his Effects, made in February 1812, or shall come in under the same, on or before the first day of May next, and accept provision thereby made in full of their respective debts, may receive a first and final dividend of Mr Joseph Donaldson of Great Ayton aforesaid, at any time after the said 1st day of May. Great Ayton April 13, 1813

1813 July 31st (Sat) THE LEEDS MERCURY

Great & Little Ayton, and Easby, in Cleveland.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

At the House of Mr Howson, Innkeeper, in Stockton, in the County of Durham, on Wednesday, the 25th Day of August, 1813 at 12 o'clock

SEVERAL Very Valuable and Desirable FREEHOLD ESTATES, situate at Great Ayton, Little Ayton and Easby, in the most fertile and beautiful part of Cleveland, in the North Riding of the County of York, in the Five following Lots; vis.

LOT 1. That PART of the FARM, now occupied by George Thompson, lying in the North-West End of the Town of Great Ayton and containing 33a 1r 1p or thereabouts, with the Farm-house and buildings thereon.

LOT 2. The other PART of George Thompson's FARM, lying on the North-East Side of the Town of Great Ayton, and containing 33a 0r 12p or thereabouts.

LOT 3. A DWELLING HOUSE, Stable, Yard, and Orchard, in Great Ayton, now in the occupation of Mr Thomas Loy, Surgeon; and another DWELLING HOUSE, Stable, and Garden, adjoining now in the occupation of Thomas Cook.

LOT 4. A FARM in several Townships of Great Ayton, Little Ayton, now in the occupation of William Farmaby, and containing 111a 1r 16p or thereabouts; the Part in Little Ayton being exempt from Hay Tythe.

LOT 5. A FARM in the several Townships of Little Ayton and Easby, now in the occupation of John White, and containing 92a 3r 16p or thereabouts; the Part in Little Ayton being exempt from Hay Tythe. The Lands in the Township of Great Ayton have an unlimited Right of Common on Great Ayton Common, and those in Easby on Easby Common.

The Land-Tax has been Redeemed, and the Tenants will show the respective Lots occupied by them. Printed particulars may be had at the Place of Sale; of Mr Kingston, Auctioneer, Stockton on Tees; and at the principal Inns in

the Neighbouring Market Towns; and also Mr A Reed, Land Surveyor, Sedgfield, and Mr Griffith, Solicitor, Durham: at whose Offices Plans of each Lot may be inspected.

1817 Jan 11th LONDON GAZETTE

BANKRUPTS;

T. YORK of Great Ayton Yorkshire, Tanner. Jan 29 and Feb 22 at the Cock Inn Guisborough Yorkshire, Attorneys Messrs Lawes and Cowburn, Temple.

1817 February 8th YORK HERALD

By order of the assignees of Thomas York of Great Ayton in Cleveland, Tanner, a bankrupt.

To be sold by auction, by Marshall and Watson, auctioneers, at the home of Mr William West, the Crown Inn, in Great Ayton aforesaid, on Thursday the 27th day of February 1817, between the hours of two and four in the afternoon (subject to conditions then they produce).

All that freehold MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, in the town of Great Ayton aforesaid, with the Tan Yard, Bark Houses, Bark Mill, sheds, stables, and other conveniences there to belonging, and immediately adjoining and therewith lately occupied by the said Thomas York.

And all the FREEHOLD CLOSE of GRASSLAND, in the township and near the town of Great Ayton aforesaid containing three acres on thereabouts, lately occupied by the said Thomas York

The tanning and skinning conveniences are contiguous, in good condition, and eligibility situated within 2 miles of Stokesley, six of Guisborough, and 10 of Stockton, and well adapted for carrying on an extensive trade. Immediate possession may be had. For further particulars apply to Mr Joseph Barker, Hutton Rudby or Mr Paul Coverdale of Mickley; or the office of Henry Clarke solicitors, Guisborough.

1818 November 14th LANCASHIRE GAZETTE

DIED:- On Saturday last, in the 79th year of his age, HENRY RICHARDSON Esq., of Great Ayton in Cleveland.

1819 April 10th YORK HERALD

DARLINGTON & STOCKTON RAILWAY BILL

1820 July 1st NEWCASTLE COURANT

AYTON in CLEVELAND; TO BE SOLD by private contract,

A Commodious FREEHOLD MANSION HOUSE, Situate in Great Ayton in the North Riding of Yorkshire, consisting of a Dining Room twenty-six feet by eighteen, and twenty –four in the Bow, a Drawing Room of the same dimensions, a Hall, two Parlours, a good Kitchen, Servants' Hall, and other offices on the ground floor; seven Bed chambers with Closets, and five Garrets. A Coach House, Stables, Barn, and other Out-offices, necessary for a Gentleman's Family. A Pleasure and Kitchen Garden, with good Walls and Fruit Trees together with about eighty acres of good Land of which a considerable proportion is of the first Quality, and all Freehold, contiguous to the House, and free of Hay Tythe. Ayton is a pleasant healthy and dry Situation, in a fine sporting Country, is two miles distant from the Market Town of Stokesley, five from Guisborough, ten from Stockton and Yarm, and twelve from the Sea, and is in the centre of a genteel Neighbourhood and accessible by excellent Roads. For Particulars, enquire of Messrs. Clarke and Grey, Stockton; or of Mr Worman, Solicitor, York. A person is appointed on the spot to show the Premises.

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.

1820 November 25th YORK HERALD

Capital OIL MILL, Messuages, Cottages, and Land GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND.

On Friday the fifth day of January 1821 at three in the afternoon.

Will be ordered the sale by auction, at the house of William West, innkeeper, in Great Ayton, the following freehold property, together in lots as shall then be determined. (Unless previously disposed of in which case sufficient notice thereof will be given)

A substantial watermill, in Great Ayton aforesaid, with excellent machinery now used for crushing seeds and manufacturing oil, seed cake, etc. by Messrs. Heselton and Rowntree. The situation is very eligible for a corn mill and a supply of water ample. A well built and commodious Messuage situate on the High Green, in Great Ayton aforesaid, comprising a Dining Room, 22' x 14'; a Parlour, two Kitchens, Store Rooms on the ground floor, five good lodging rooms on the first floor, and four attics; with a stable of three horses and other outbuildings; and the garden and orchard adjoining containing 1R and 16 p of land, well stocked with fruit trees, in the occupation of the Rev. William Deason.

A MESSUAGE or Dwelling House with a large Hay Barn, Cow House, Stable and other requisites, out buildings and several CLOSES of RICH LAND, containing about 28 acres (exclusive of the Mill Dam and other land covered by water) situated in Great Ayton aforesaid in the occupation of William Brown: these lands, with the exception of two acres in tillage, and 1A 2R in thriving plantations, are in grass.

And six cottages, with gardens etc. occupied by John Jobson, Thomas Connel, and others.

This property is very compact and is situate in a pleasant part of the village of Great Ayton; the buildings are all good, and in excellent repair; the land is free from Hay Tithe, the Land Tax of all is redeemed, and if the premises shall be divided into lots the lands shall be distributed in such manner as should appear eligible.

The premises may be viewed by permission of the respective tenants, and any further particulars or description required, will be furnished on application (if by letter, post-paid) to Mr William Rowntree of Risebrough, near Pickering, the owner: Mr William Brown of Great Ayton aforesaid: or Messrs. Powell and Harker's Office, in Stokesley.

1822 January 19th LONDON GAZETTE

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

P Heselton and W Rowntree of Great Ayton Yorkshire; oil manufacturers.

1823 September 13th YORK HERALD

GAME KEEPING LICENCES

HUTCHINSON, William. By Elizabeth Slinger for Gt. & Lt. Ayton.

1824 July 13th YORK HERALD

Sale of FREEHOLD ESTATE at Stanley Houses.

1827 January 30th THE HULL PACKET

DEATHS;

Lately of Great Ayton near Stokesley at an advanced age, much deservedly respected, Fotherley Pannell, MD.

1827 June 30th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND

to be sold by auction at the house of William West, the sign of the Crown, in Great Ayton in Cleveland, in the County of York on Friday the 20th day of July 1827 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. By William Watson auctioneer in the following, or such other lots as may be agreed at the time of the sale, and subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced.

LOT 1. A neat commodious freehold Dwelling-house, suitable for the residence of a genteel family, situated on the green of the pleasant village of Great Ayton aforesaid, with three stalled stable and other out offices contiguous thereto and a good garden, well stocked with fruit trees lying behind the same, containing, by ad measurement 1R and 15P, or thereabouts, and lately occupied by the Rev. W Dearson. (See Nov. 25 1820)

LOT 2. A freehold close of rich grassland, containing by admeasurement 4A 3R 11 P or thereabouts including a plantation in the middle part thereof, stocked with larches, oaks, Ashes etc situate at a convenient distance from the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, commonly called HIGH DIKES, and now in the occupation of Philip and Joseph Heselton.

LOT 3. Two freehold cottages, and a Garth or parcel of rich grassland, and two gardens behind the same containing by admeasurement 1A 0R 25P or thereabouts, situated in the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, and now in the occupation of James Leng and John Waller.

LOT 4. A freehold cottage and the garden, well stocked with fruit trees, containing, by admeasurement, 1R 1P or thereabouts, situated in the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, and now in occupation of John Heckle.

LOT 5. A freehold cottage, with a weaver's shop, situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Thomas Sturdy.

The Land Tax upon the whole of the said premises are redeemed.

Philip and Joseph Heselton, of Great Ayton aforesaid, will, on application, appointed a person to show the premises; of whom and also of Mr Soweby, Solicitor, Stokesley, further particulars may be had.

1827 September 15TH YORK HERALD

GAME LICENCE ; - Heselton, Joseph Great Ayton

1827 October 6th NEWCASTLE COURANT

TO BE LET a neat DWELLING HOUSE, situate at Great Ayton in Cleveland, with a Barn, Stable, and other conveniences, and an Orchard adjoining now in the occupation of William Proctor Esq.

1827 June 13th LEEDS MERCURY

THE COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS;

The matters of the prisoner hereinafter named (the same having been filed in court) are appointed to be heard as follows at the Court House at York, in the County of York on the ninth day of July 1829 at nine o'clock in the morning. ROBERT FEATHERSTONE Late of Great Ayton near Stokesley in the North Riding of Yorkshire, Tailor, Draper, Grocer and Tea Dealer.

1828 November 22nd NEWCASTLE COURANT

GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND

TO BE LET- And entered upon May-day next.

A neat and Substantial DWELLING HOUSE with requisite Outbuildings and good Garden and Orchard attached and 50 acres of rich LAND, in a high state of cultivation, and principally in old grass lying contiguous thereto. The above premises are pleasantly situated within the Township, and within a quarter of a mile of the village of Great Ayton in Cleveland, 2 miles from Stokesley, and ten from Stockton. The Closes are of an appropriate size, lie within a ring fence, adjoining excellent roads and a stream of water runs through the centre of the ground.

Mr John Richardson, of Langbaurch, near Great Ayton will on application direct a person to show the Premises and further particulars may be known of him, or of Mr Garbutt or Mr Palmer, Solicitors, in Stokesley

- 1830 April 24th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS REDCAR v. GREAT AYTON
This was an appeal against an order of removal of a pauper named James Shaw and his family. Mr Alexander appeared on the part of the appellants, and Mr Wailes for the respondents. The latter called a young woman, who stated she was niece to Mr Wilson, Shoemaker, of Redcar, and that about 1818 the pauper hired to her uncle, and served him 2 years, receiving 1s 6d per week for the first year and two shillings a week for the second. The Appellants called Mr Wilson, who swore that no such hiring or servitude occurred; that the hiring was a weekly one; and the pauper was at liberty to leave whenever he pleased; and that his niece had repeatedly said she knew nothing of the matter -- Order confirmed.
- 1830 November 20th YORK HERALD
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION - By Mr T Watson auctioneer.
At the house of Mr Thomas Wilson, the full tree Inn, in great Ayton near Stokesley, at three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday the 30th day of November 1830 (subject to such conditions as will be then and there produced) a freehold estate called BANK FARM, situate in the township of Great Ayton aforesaid containing about 108 acres of arable, Meadow, and Pastureland, with Dwelling-house, Barn, Stables, and other necessary outbuildings erected thereon, and to be entered on Candle Mass, Lady Day or May Day next
Mr Edward Barr, the tenant, will show the premises and the further particulars inquire of Mr W Brown of Great Ayton. Ayton October 30, 1830
- 1831 April 29th LONDON GAZETTE
BANKRUPT:- FRANCIS SANDERSON, late of Great Ayton Yorkshire, Shoe-maker.
- 1831 March 10th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES.
Lately in Great Ayton in Cleveland Mr W. Kitching, hat manufacturer, Stokesley to Mrs Botterill, of the former place.
- 1831 September 17th YORK HERALD
GAME CERTIFICATE: WILSON, Joseph, Great Ayton
Persons who have obtained GAME CERTIFICATES for the year 1831 at the rate of £3 13s 6d.
- 1832 May 8th LONDON GAZETTE
PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED
BOTTERILL and Co. Great Ayton, Yorkshire. Tanners.
- 1833 January 5th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS
THURSDAY January 3
THOMAS SKEENE (39) late of Stokesley, stood charged with having stolen from the person of Mark Baker, of Great Ayton, a pocket book, containing a £5 note and two sovereigns.
Mr ALEXANDER, appearing for the prosecution, and Mr TEMPLE for the defence. At the request of the prisoner's counsel, all witnesses were ordered out of court.
Mr ALEXANDER in stating the case to the jury, said that this case had excited a considerable degree of interest in the neighbourhood of Stokesley, why it should have done so he knew not.
The prosecutor is a respectable farmer, residing at Great Ayton, near Stokesley. The prisoner also rented a small farm in the neighbourhood. On Saturday night the 24th of November last, the prosecutor was at Mr Smith's, the Black Bull Inn, at Stokesley, along with several other persons, amongst whom was the prisoner. A wager was proposed between him and Mr Kay of Ayton, and the prosecutor took out his pocket book to deposit a five pound note. The prosecutor, however only took out 5s. Soon afterwards, the prisoner called him to the door, and was followed by the prosecutor's servant, who saw the prisoner with one hand on the prosecutor's shoulder, and his other near his left hand waist coat pocket. The prosecutor then went to Mr Anthony Pearson's to order a bushel of malt, and on his return to the Bull, ordered his horse, and went home, in company with his servant. On the next morning, he found that he had been robbed of his pocket book containing a £5 note and two sovereigns. A fortnight afterwards, the prisoner paid the note, the number of which the prosecutor had noted in a memorandum book, to a Mr Thomas Stephenson, who paid it to his brother, Mr Daniel Stephenson, of Stokesley, publican.
A great number of witnesses were then called, from whose testimony it appeared that the prosecutor having sold a number of cheeses at Yarm fair, for which he received eight or ten £5 notes, the numbers of which he entered in a memorandum book. One of these notes he had in his pocket book, when at the Black Bull, Stokesley, on the 24th November, of which he was robbed that night. The prisoner, he declared, called him to the door, and his servant stated that he saw him in such a situation as to enable him to rob his master. Other witnesses stated the prisoner and

the prosecutor were together at the door, some of them stating that the prisoner called the prosecutor there, and others *vice voce*.

The prosecutor stated that he put down all the notes which he received at Yarm fair. They were the Darlington District Joint Bank Company, and the number of the note he lost was 614 – The evidence to bring the robbery home to the prisoner was, that he was at the door of the inn with the prosecutor on the night of the robbery; that on the 23rd November, £8 was due to his landlord for rent, when he promised to pay in a day or two; and that, on the 8th December, he paid his landlord, Mr Thomas Stephenson, bricklayer, a £5 note, No. 614 of the Darlington and District Bank Company, the very note of which the prosecutor had been robbed, which note had been paid to Mr Daniel Stephenson, of the Chequers public house, at Stokesley, who gave it to the prosecutor. Mr Barker declared, that on the night of the robbery he never was with any woman in Bridge lane, and he spoke to no one until he arrived at Mr Pearson's. He was certainly rather fresh. Mr Kay, of Ayton, deposed to the prisoner calling the prosecutor to the door, and Mr Fiddler, miller, of Stokesley, stated that he saw the prosecutor go to Mr Pearson's and was sure he didn't go down Bridge lane. The prosecutor admitted that he had told several respectable individuals that he did not know the number of the note, but said the reason of saying so was, that he was afraid, if it were known he was aware of the number of the note, it would be burnt. He denied most positively of having been in company with a female, in Bridge lane, that night. – The prisoner in his defence said that he was clear of the charge, and that he knew nothing about the matter. Several witnesses were called for the defence, amongst whom were Mr T Botterill and Mr Barr, agents of the bank, who stated that there are more notes than one of the same number, but with different letters. Margaret Sweeting, William Calvert, Margaret Stephenson, Henry Wilson, and Christopher Armstrong, stated that on the night of the robbery, between seven and eight o'clock, they saw the prosecutor in Bridge lane, evidently in liquor, in company with a woman. –

Dr Loy, and Mr Joseph Jackson, of Ayton, who had known the prisoner for more than two years, gave him an excellent character for honesty.

The Chairman summed up the evidence with great precision, and the jury after being absent two hours and a quarter, returned a verdict of Guilty. – The chairman, in passing sentence on the prisoner, said, that the Court and the Jury had sifted everything in the case to the bottom. No one who had heard the trial could doubt his guilt, and the defence which he had set up was not at all creditable to him or his witnesses. The prosecutor had recommended him to mercy; and taking into consideration that he being in liquor, he had disarmed himself, in great measure, from protecting his own property; the judgement of the Court was, that he be confined, to hard labour, for the space of three calendar months.

1833 July 6th YORK HERALD

WEDNESDAY July 3

HANNAH MAC LOUGHLIN. (52) charged with having stolen a bonnet, the property of Joseph Featherstone.

Mr ALEXANDER stated the case. The prosecutor is a miller at Great Ayton, near Stokesley, and also keeps a beer shop. On the morning of the 19th of June last, the prisoner who goes around the country with small wares, went into the house and got a glass of beer, she was left in a room with a little girl, who saw her take Mrs Featherstone's bonnet from a buffet, place it beneath her shawl, and walk off with it. She was followed to another public house kept by Mrs Shepherd, and accused of the robbery, which she denied. Her shawl was then raised and the bonnet taken from under it.

In her defence, the prisoner said, "Your Honour, Sir, I gave stuff for the two bonnets to a woman called Jenny. I gave her a lot of needles, your honour, my Lord. I was full of trouble that morning, having been robbed of all I had."

The Jury found her Guilty; and the Chairman, in passing sentence, said that it was only a year and a half since she was convicted of felony at Sowerby. It was evident that she was an incorrigible thief, and had she been younger, the Court would certainly have transported her. The sentence of the Court was, that she be imprisoned to hard labour for the space of three calendar months, and at the expiry of that term, to be placed in solitary confinement for one month.

1834 February 13th BRADFORD OBSERVER

Lately at Great Ayton, near, Stokesley, Mr. R. Benton, jun. farmer, to Miss Barker, daughter to Mr Barker, farmer, of the same place.

1834 February 15 SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT & YORKSHIRE ADVERTISER
PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED

Edward Pease, jun. and Joseph Weatherall, of Stockton, Durham, wholesale grocers and tea dealers, and of Great Ayton, Yorkshire, oil manufacturers.

1834 March 29th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON, Near Stokesley, Cleveland.

TO BE LET, A good and most respectable FAMILY RESIDENCE, (stone built) situate at that high part of this retired pleasant village a convenient distance from several market towns, the seaside, etc; containing breakfast, dining, and drawing - rooms, and other requisite conveniences: 9 or 10 bedrooms; a large garden, coach house, stabling for six horses, and other outbuildings, with about 19 acres of land immediately adjoining.

For further particulars apply to P and J Heselton, of Ayton.

1834 September 20th YORK HERALD

WIND CORN MILL, At CLEVELAND PORT, on the River TEES

TO BE LET, and entered upon at Martinmas next, or at any convenient time, All that capital WIND CORN MILL, known by the name of Cleveland Port Mill, situated in the Parish of Ormesby in Cleveland, in the North Riding of the county of York, now in the occupation of P and J Heselton, who are declining business, and belonging to William

Brown Esq. The said Mill is nine stories high, five Wands, with sheet iron sails, four pairs of French stones, two cylinders, one Bolting mill, and every necessary gear of working the same, all in complete repair, with convenient Granaries adjoining, and calculated to do a great business at an easy expense, is situated in capital Corn country, and contiguous to a good Wharf, where vessels of considerable burden load and unload their cargoes. Cleveland Port is situated 5 miles below Stockton, 8 ½ miles from the market towns of Guisborough and Stokesley, and within 2 miles of the new town Middlesbrough and Haverton Hill.

For further particulars by P.J. Heselton at Ayton near Stokesley or to J.P. Sowerby, solicitor, Stokesley

1835 September 19th YORK HERALD

PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBTAINED GAME CERTIFICATES AT £3 13s 6d EACH:-

CARLIN, Richard
GAR BUTT, William
HUTCHINSON, William
JACKSON, Joseph
TWEDDLE, Horatio

1836 August 6th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON NEAR STOKESLEY -a public meeting of the ratepayers of Great Ayton was convened on the evening of the 28th ult. when an address was prepared and agreed to (which is now in course of Signature) thanking W. Mauleverer Esq. of Arncliffe Hall, for his indefatigable exertions in supporting the interests of the ratepayers, testifying approval of his recent conduct at the Sessions, and requesting his aid in causing a more efficient investigation into the charge of the mal-appropriation of the stores of the North Riding. We understand that several other parishes are preparing addresses to the above active and intelligent Magistrate, and all seem united in earnestly soliciting his continued exertions to curtail all unnecessary expenditure in the management of the Ridings business. What will the 'dignified' chairmen think of these addresses?

1836 September YORK HERALD

PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBTAINED GAME CERTIFICATES AT £3 13s 6d EACH:-

CARLIN, Richard
JACKSON, George (1837 Oct 21)
NODDINS, John (1837 Oct 21)
TWEDDLE, Horatio
WETHERELL, Thos. junior
WILSON, Thomas

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

1837 Aug. 12th LEEDS MERCURY

DEATHS; JOSHUA BOWRON of Great Ayton near Stokesley, one of the Society of Friends.

1837 Nov 11th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON & EASBY, IN CLEVELAND

To be SOLD by AUCTION in 22 Lots, at the house Mr William Naylor, the sign of the Golden Lion, in Stokesley, in the County of York, Thursday the 23rd day of November, 1837, one o'clock in the afternoon.

All those valuable FREEHOLD ESTATES, situate at great Ayton and Easby, in Cleveland aforesaid, consisting of a MANSION- HOUSE, several Closes of good land attached.

Also several other DWELLING HOUSES, with gardens, an oil mill, and several farm and closes of land, in a high state of cultivation.

GREAT AYTON and EASBY are each 3 miles from the market town Stokesley, and 10 or 11 from the ports of Stockton and Middlesbrough.

Mr Philip Heselton or Mr Robert Gilbert, of Great Ayton, Joseph Heselton, of Ormesby, will, on application, appointed a person show the premises; and printed particulars may be had, and plans of the farms seen, on application of Mr Sowerby, solicitor, Stokesley.

- 1838 March 10th YORK HERALD
 INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT March 5th
 The CHIEF COMMISSIONER sat in the Magistrates Room, and proceeded to examine the following insolvents.
 GEORGE STOREY, Blacksmith, of Great Ayton, near Stokesley, was discharged forthwith.
- 1838 April 7th YORK HERALD
 JAMES MILLS 21, was charged with having on 29 March, feloniously, by menaces, demanded money of Mr John Barker of Great Ayton. The prisoner said he came from North America, and desired the court to take notes of what the prosecutor said. Mr Temple was for the prosecution. On the morning in question, the prisoner came to Mr Barker, who was in his fields, and said he was a shipwrecked sailor, and wanted relief. He replied that he had no copper in his pocket, or he would have given him some; the prisoner said what was copper for eight men; Col. Hildyard had giving him five shillings, and Mr Barker one shilling; they had no trouble when they went to gentleman -- it was only such d -- d straw-yard fools as him that they could make no sense of. He produced what he called a pass paper, and said he could compel something, adding, "if you do not I will fetch my companions, we'll do for you, and mash you to pieces". He used similar threats several times, when Robert Bales came up; prisoner struck at Mr Barker, and then they took him to the house, where, after much resistance, he was secured and given into the charge the constable. The witnesses were acutely cross-examined by the prisoner; at the conclusion of each of which he said -- "you may go, I have no more to say to you" -- Guilty. To be imprisoned two years of hard labour. The prisoner said he would have thanked them very much if they had transported him; but he would *stiffen* Barker when he got out.
- 1838 Sept. 9th LEEDS MERCURY
 GAME CERTIFICATE LIST FOR 1838

SMITH,	George,	Little Ayton
SCARTH,	John,	Great Ayton
- 1838 Sept 28th YORK HERALD
 PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBTAINED GAME CERTIFICATES AT £3 13s 6d EACH
 CARLIN, Richard
 GARBUTT, William
 JACKSON, Joseph
 SCARTH, John
- 1839 April 13th YORK HERALD
 MARY SIMMONS(27) pleaded guilty to having, on 25 March stolen, the property of James Bow, of Great Ayton. The prisoner was a vagrant, and entered the house under the pretence of asking for alms. To be kept to a hard labour three calendar months.
- 1839 July 20th LEEDS MERCURY
 YORKSHIRE SUMMER ASSIZES – NISI PRUIS COURT Sat 13th
 ROAD INDICTMENT
 The Queen v. Great Ayton – Mr Alexander (with whom was Mr temple) said that this was an indictment for the non-repair of a highway, but in consequence of a technical defect in the indictment he should offer no evidence upon it. A verdict was consequently taken of *Not Guilty*.
 Mr Cresswell was for the defendants. It was understood that another indictment would be preferred.
- 1839 September 28th YORK HERALD
 PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBTAINED GAME CERTIFICATES AT £3 13s 6d EACH
 CARLIN, Richard
 JACKSON, Joseph
 SCARTH, John
 TWEDDLE, Horatio
 WETHERELL, Thomas. Junior
 WILSON, Thomas (Nov.9)
- 1840 Feb 15th YORK HERALD
 DEATHS; Lately, at Great Ayton in Cleveland, much respected, at the advanced age of 96, Mrs Mary Garthwaite.
- 1840 July 29th THE STANDARD, LONDON
 GREAT FLOOD AT STOKESLEY
 the vale of Cleveland and the town 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 be easily calculated; the sheet of water carrying away meadows, pastures, and corn crops, and the immensity of the torrent, in its progress, bearing along with it bridges, and doors of houses, furniture, and corn stacks, etc. We are informed, on good authority, that a Tanner, near Great Ayton, has stained damages amounting from £1000 to £1500, and several farmers from £200 to £500 and not to name the injury sustained by the inhabitants of Stokesley, who have nearly all had their first floors immersed in water – York Herald
- 1840 August 2nd (Sun) 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

1840 September 26th LEEDS MERCURY

GAME CERTIFICATE LIST FOR 1840

SMITH, George,	Little Ayton
WELFORD, John,	Little Ayton
JACKSON, Joseph,	Great Ayton
SCARTH, John,	Great Ayton
TWEDDLE, H	Great Ayton
CARLIN, Richard,	Great Ayton

1841 January 9th YORK HERALD

GAME LISTS 4TH PUBLICATION

Persons Who Have Obtained Game Certificates for the Year 1840. General Certificates at £4.0s 10d each;- , GRAHAM, James Clark.

1841 March 13th YORK HERALD

DEATHS;- On the 5th inst. at Great Ayton, of consumption, after a lingering illness, which he bore with great patience, Mr John Foss Dinsdale, in the 25th year of his age.

1841 July 3rd YORK HERALD

Wednesday June 30. The Court opened this morning at nine o'clock. After the officers of the Riding, etc, had been called over the following gentlemen were sworn on THE GRAND JURY:-

Isaac Brown, of Great Ayton, grocer.

Richard Carlew, of Great Ayton, brewer.

William Garbutt, of Great Ayton, farmer.

Thomas Wilson, of Great Ayton, innkeeper.

Along with 19 others.

1841 July 17th YORK HERALD

NISI PRIUS COURT Wednesday July 14 - Before Lord Chief Justice DENMAN

THE QUEEN v THE INHABITANTS OF GREAT AYTON

This was the case relative to preparing part of a road from Stokesley to Guisborough, which has had to be kept in repair by the inhabitants of the township of great Ayton.

Mr Dundas and Mr Temple were for the prosecution. Mr Creswell and Mr Watson for the defence.

Mr Dundas stated the case. It was an inquiry as to whether or not the township of Great Ayton was liable to repair 163 yards of highway. By custom townships were placed, in relation to their highways, in the same. In this case, within the parish there are three townships, situation as parishes, and were bound to repair by custom. Great Ayton, Little Ayton, and Nunthorpe. These townships are bound to repair the highway within each of them. Within this district each particular township was liable to repair the highway within it, which but for the present prosecution, would be repairable by the parish at large. These are the conditions in which Great Ayton at present stands He would establish to their satisfaction that the present was a highway, and that it had never ceased to be a highway. That part of it was out of repair there could be no question; and it would be admitted that the township is liable by law to repair it. The controversy would be whether or not it was a highway; the highway, or that portion of it in question was a length of road of about 163 yards, which led from Stokesley to Guisborough. In the olden time there could be no doubt that that portion of the road formed a portion of the highway which led from Stokesley to Guisborough. During the last half century there had been an alteration in the state of the road, and in lieu of part of that road there had been laid down by some person or persons, and adopted by the public, another road, which is now the highway from Stokesley to Guisborough. Notwithstanding the public have chosen to get a new line of road, and notwithstanding that the people of the township has permitted the public to enjoy it, the old highway, unless put an end to by some lawful means, would still exist, and require repair. There has never been an end put to the old highway: but for the convenience of the township they have taken part of the old line and joined it to the new line. They have put on a great piece of the new road, and then they have joined to that a piece of the old road, of which this 163 yards is a portion, and have let it go out of repair altogether, to the inconvenience of persons who have property there, and who have a right to have the same road maintained and kept in order for them, as their predecessors have had the whole length of the road formerly repaired by the township.

After several witnesses had been examined for the prosecution, who endeavoured to prove that some 50 or 60 years ago the road had existed as a public highway, the judge said if the jury did not think there was a case to show that there was an old road, they need not go any further. If they thought there was evidence to show that the road had existed the proceedings might go on.

The case was proceeded, and Mr Creswell rose to speak in defence. He said it was startling that the state of things which had existed for 50 years should now be disturbed. There had been no right of road for 50 years. The land then might have been bought and sold 20 times over. And now all a particular farmer for his benefit, and his landlord's

comes forward and insists upon a public road where no road had existed. His friend admitted that a part of the road had not existed for the last 50 years. If the road did not exist, there could be no part of it; therefore his friend must allow that he was claiming to establish that highway which he had admitted had not existed for the last 50 years. What was the consequence. If the jury found a verdict of guilty they would have to say upon their oaths that a road existed from Stokesley to Guisborough in the direction pointed out. All the witnesses admitted that for the last 50 years back there never had been a road on which any man had travelled with a horse and gig. How was the existence of a highway to be proved? It had not been shown that it was established by act of Parliament; but they said it was a highway because the public had used it, and they attempt to make out that some 50 years ago some of the public did use it. The first witness was a very old man, and remembered the road from Stokesley to Guisborough; he had seen persons go that way on horseback and on foot, but had never seen any person go with carriages or cart. He remembered that there was a gate before the common was taken up: it was a carriage gate. Major Rudd put a small gate there; this was 30 years ago. Suppose that had been highway, what would have been the consequence when Major Rudd put a small gate down? The public would have indicted him; and therefore, by the admission of the inhabitants of the district for the last 30 years, that Major Rudd had a right to put his gate there, and the public had no right to interfere with him. Another of the witnesses said that he knew the road over the moor, and had seen carts and wagons go over it. He said he had seen George Wilson and James White go over the road once, and he had gone over twice himself. And because four carts had gone over the moor some 30 or 40 years ago, were they prepared to say that it was a highway, no person interrupting it to this hour. The learned Counsel then remarked upon the testimony of other witnesses, and to contend it that the whole of the evidence that there never was a public highway in the direction in question for carts and carriages. He would call all witnesses whose memory extended still further back than that of the witnesses that had been called, and should show that the gate from Mr Currey's farm to the moor was a mere hand-gate, admitting a horse to pass through but not a cart. He would show them that after Mr Currey married he made a cart gate for his convenience to go to Hutton Knowles. When Major Rudd came, he found that the public were intruding on the road, and therefore he immediately stopped up the carriage gate, 30 years ago, and left a hand gate open, and it had been simply a horse road from that time to this. Nothing could be more preposterous than to go on the old notion -- once a high road, always a high road ; and that there was a high road because two or three people used it.

Several witnesses were then examined, who proved that the road in dispute was simply an occupation road. After which Mr Dundas replied, and the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

1841 October 2ND YORK HERALD
GAME CERTIFICATES for 1841 List 1 General certificates at £4 0s 10d
 JACKSON, Thomas. TWEDDLE, Horatio. WRIGHT, Matthew

1842 February 5th YORK HERALD
GAME CERTIFICATES for 1842 List 1 General certificates at £4 0s 10d
 CARLEN, Richard JACKSON, Joseph.

1842 October 22 YORK HERALD
 NORTH RIDING GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS.
 Grand Jury includes:- William NIGHTINGALE, farmer.
 James SHAW, farmer and 22 more.

1843 April 8 YORK HERALD
 EAST RIDING SESSIONS - Great Ayton v. Driffeld
 Mr Archibald was for the appellants: Mr Bain for the respondents. In this case the churchwardens and overseers of Great Ayton were the appellants, and the churchwardens and overseers Great Driffeld were the respondents, and the appeal was against an order for the removal of a pauper named Prince, his wife, and four children, to the former parish. Respondents set up a settlement in the parish of Great Ayton, by parentage, which was admitted by the appellant parish, who, *contra*, raise a subsequent one in Great Driffeld by the rentage of a tenement in that parish in the year 1831. Mr Archibald stated the case. In the year 1834, there was a person of the name of John Body, who was a Shoemaker, residing at Great Driffeld. He occupied the tenements belonging to Mr Atkinson, of Driffeld, for which he paid £12 a year. In the early part of the year Body had made up his mind to go, along with his family, to America, and then the pauper, John Prince, who was a journeyman in Body's service, and had realised a little money, expressed a wish to commence business for himself. He and Body entered into some negotiations, and the pauper finally agreed to take Body's stock- in- trade, household furniture, and house -- the former at a fair valuation, the latter at the same rate and rent as had been paid by Body. These arrangements came into operation on 6 April, 1831. Body, however, was not ready at that time to take his departure, and he was allowed by the pauper to occupy the house for about a month, the pauper during that period occupying the shop and carrying on his business. At the expiration of that period Body sailed for America, and then the pauper came into full possession of the tenement, which he occupied for more than a year, when Mr Atkinson levied the rent by distress; the goods were sold under the distress, and Mr Atkinson's rent was paid out of the proceeds, which, Mr Archibald submitted, was a payment of rent within the meaning of the Act of Parliament. These were the facts of the case. Presuming that his learned friend might take an objection to the under-rating, he (Mr Archibald) would at once meet it, and he submitted the case of the Queen and All Saints, Wainfleet, was one in point, and that the decision given in that case, applied exactly to the one now under consideration. In that case a woman rented seven acres of land from year to year at the yearly rent of £8-4s- 6d., Which tenancy in 1812 her son took up at the same rent, and he regularly paid the same; the court held that as the renting appeared to be general, and as the son had been above a year in possession and paid the rent regularly, the presumption was that there had been tenancy for a whole year and that he had consequently gained a settlement. Mr Archibald then called the pauper in support of the facts above stated, and Mr Bain replied thereon,

contending that the renting of the house had not been proved under Atkinson, that he had never been acknowledged by Atkinson as tenant, and that he had never paid to Mr Atkinson a farthing of rent. Mr Atkinson, of Drifffield, was called and proved that he had never acknowledged the pauper as his tenant. Mr Foster, of Drifffield, solicitor Mr Atkinson, proved the service of notice to quit, addressed to John Body and not to the pauper. Mr Archibald then replied and the bench held that the order must be quashed.

1843 October 20th NEWCASTLE COURANT

TO TANNERS & COURIERS --TO BE LET At Great Ayton near Stokesley, Yorkshire. An excellent TANYARD, belonging to the late Isaac Martin, of Manchester, containing 92 pits, 46 of which are under cover, with Drying sheds, Bark Chambers, Bark Mill, and other conveniences &c. also a stream of water passing through the yard, of a superior quality for the process of tanning. The above premises are situated 10 miles from the seaport of Stockton on Tees. Also to be LET a small TANYARD, particularly calculated for a Currier containing 86 pits, 32 of which are under cover, and in the same yard may be had, if required, a complete CURRIER'S SHOP (capable of accommodating 10 or more men at work) with water, store & necessary sheds and all requisite conveniences. Also if wanted a large and commodious DWELLING HOUSE with garden, stabling for 4 horses, Gig and Cart houses &c. The above may be let separately or altogether.
For further particulars apply at No. 63 Oldham Street Manchester, and Elizabeth Martin, Great Ayton, near Stokesley.

1844 October 19th YORK HERALD

NORTH RIDING SESSIONS

THOMAS M^CGINTY (30) was charged with having, on 21st July last, at Great Ayton stolen a quantity of masons' tools, the property of John Bellwood. Mr Wharton conducted the prosecution. The prosecutor and the prisoner are journeyman stonemasons and at the time in question they were working together in the erection of a house at Great Ayton. On the 20th the prosecutor placed his tools under a stone in a shed near the building, and on the following morning he found that they had been disturbed. From information he received he caused the prisoner to be apprehended. He at first denied that he had any tools, but several were found along with his bundle, and from these the prosecutor selected 5 out of 6 he had lost. The prisoner then admitted that he had taken the tools, but added that he had done so by mistake, being intoxicated at the time, and having deposited his tools unknowingly in the same place as that selected by the prosecutor. The jury having found the prisoner not guilty, he was further charged with having at the same time and place, stolen two masons' chisels, the property of William Coulson, also a brother workman engaged upon the building in question. The fact is so similar that it is needless to detail them. The tools were found in the possession of the prisoner at the same time as those which would challenge by Bellwood. The prisoner's defence was that these two tools had been among the others which he took by mistake. The prosecutor, however, proved that they were put into a box, with which no person but himself had any business to interfere. -- Guilty. To be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for two months.

1844 November 9th YORK HERALD

CRICKET PLAYING:- GREAT AYTON, NEAR STOKESLEY.

A Friendly match at cricket came off between nine of the best players in the high part, and nine of the best players in the lower part of the village of Ayton, on Monday, the 4th instant, in a field in the occupation of Mr John Dunning, and was attended (notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather) by a large and highly respectable concourse of spectators, from the adjoining neighbourhood, which terminated in favour of the "Low Enders" in one innings. The following is the return: -- High Enders first innings 11; second ditto, 30; total 41. Low Enders first innings, 72.

1844 December 7th YORK HERALD

TO BE LET, and entered on at the usual terms in the ensuing spring, the following farms, in Cleveland, in the County of York: --

a FARM situated in the township of great Ayton, in the occupation of the said John Jackson, containing 73 acres.

a FARM at Aireyholme, in the township of Great Ayton, in the occupation of Mr Joseph Jackson, containing 287a 2r 21p.

The respective tenants will show the several farms.

Sealed proposals to be sent on or before the 21st day of December addressed to Mr Sauer B, solicitor, Stokesley.

The Lessors will not bind themselves to take the highest tender.

1845 August 30th YORK HERALD

TO BE LET ON A LEASE, for a term of yours, or offered for sale by private contract, that old established oil mill, with machinery, boilers, cisterns, and other appurtenances, used for the last 40 years, for seed crushing, and refining of Oils, etc. etc. with water power. The mill is advantageously situated at the Western extremity of Great Ayton, in the centre of the district of Cleveland, about 2 1/2 miles from Stokesley, five from Guisborough, eight from the market town of Middlesbrough, and 10 from Stockton on Tees.

Further particulars may be known on application to Messrs. P and J Heselton, of Ormesby, the owners.

1845 September 6th YORK HERALD

MARRIAGES- on Tuesday the 26th, at Great Ayton by the Rev George Ibbotson, Mr Richard Clough Germain, of Ampleforth, to Miss Margaret King, of Great Ayton, and sister to Mr John King, of Helmsley, surgeon.

1846 April 18th YORK HERALD

- A match for one sovereign each, between Mr Horatio Tweddell and Mr William Hauxwell, both of Great Ayton eight birds each, was won by the latter, who killed five; Tweddell killing 4.

- 1846 December 19th YORK HERALD
PIGEON SHOOTING - a spirited match took place at Great Ayton in Cleveland, on Friday the 11th inst., Mr John Hauxwell and Mr William Hunton having challenged the celebrated shooters, Mr Richard Carlen and Mr William Hauxwell, for one pound a side, three birds each, 21 yards rise. The two first named gentlemen proved victors, by killing all their birds, but the two crack shooters killed two each. After which the party repaired to the Red Lion public house where an excellent dinner was prepared by the hostess, Mrs Hauxwell.
- 1847 January 30th YORK HERALD
EXTRAORDINARY PIG. - On the 21st instant, Mr John Welford, farmer, of Little Ayton, near Stokesley, slaughtered a fine hog pig, of the large breed, of his own and feeding, which weighed 43st. 3lb., fat or lard 4st. 10lb., and was only 21 months old. It will be remembered by the readers of the *York Herald*, that the same individual slaughtered one last February of the same age, and of the same breed, which weighed 46st. 13lb., fat or lard 4st. 13lb.; consequently his pigs must be of a superior kind.
- 1847 May 22 YORK HERALD
TO CORRESPONDENTS - the paragraph entitled "*honesty rewarded*" is too personal for insertion. If the "poor needy man" who found the £40, and restored it to the owner was really only *rewarded* with "Oh thank you", the rich gentleman undoubtedly deserves to be exposed.
We have received a note purporting to be a challenge from Thomas Peart, of the Great Ayton Cricket Club, to play Edward Fell, of Easby, for one pound or two pounds whenever the latter may think proper, but as the communication wants the signature of the writer, it cannot be published.
- 1847 December 4th YORK HERALD
TITHE COMMISSION NOTICE.
The Tithe commissioners of England and Wales hereby give notice, that a copy of the draft of Apportionments of the rent charge agreed to be paid in lieu of tithes, in the township of Great Ayton, in the County of York, has been deposited at the house of Mr Thomas Wilson, innkeeper, in the said township, for the inspection of all persons interested in the Lands or Tithes of the said township.
And the commissioners further give notice, that pursuant to the act for the commutation of tithes, a meeting will be Holden for the purpose of hearing any objections to the intended apportionment by any person interested as aforesaid, and that such meeting will be held at the said Thomas Wilson's, innkeeper, in the said township, on Tuesday the 14th day of December, 1847, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
Signed by order of the board,
J.E.HOVENDEN, secretary. 9 Somerset place, Somerset house, London.
- 1848 January 8th YORK HERALD
CLEVELAND
GREAT AYTON- SUDDEN DEATH on the first, an inquest was held before Mr Parr Weymouth Burrell, deputy coroner, on view of the body of Marmaduke Carreary, an old man aged 69 years. It appeared from the evidence adduced that the deceased was a resident of Guisborough, and had been in the habit for many years past or visiting his relatives and friends in the neighbourhood of Ayton, at this period of the year, and receiving from them small contributions. On the morning of 31 December, he was passing through Airyholme farm under Roseberry topping, and was observed at 12 o'clock at noon by a labourer, to be walking along in a tottering state. After four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, he was discovered dead upon the farm. The medical gentlemen who examined the body gave an opinion that the deceased had died of apoplexy. Verdict, "died by the visitation of God"
- 1848 July 1st YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS (NORTHALLERTON) -- DENNIS M^cDONALD (16), pleaded guilty to having, on 17 May, at Little Ayton, stolen a knife and a comb, the property of Robert Moore. -To be imprisoned for 2 months to hard Labour.
- 1848 July 15th YORK HERALD
WANTED as MASTER of the Parochial school of Ayton, in Cleveland, one who is fully competent to instruct in the various branches of a good English education; a sober, religious man and a member of the Church of England. About £40 will be paid for teaching 13 boys, besides payment from all the other scholars he may obtain. The office of assistant overseer, with £10 per annum, may be held with the school, if the person be satisfactory.
Address, by letter, post-paid, A.B. Post Office Great Ayton, Cleveland.
- 1848 July 20th BRADFORD OBSERVER
YORKSHIRE SUMMER ASSIZES
UTTERING COUNTERFEIT COIN AT GREAT AYTON
PATRICK HORNBY (30), was charged with having, on 1 July, at Great Ayton, uttered counterfeit coin, at the time knowing it to be counterfeit. Mr Hall and Mr Hill prosecuted; the prisoner was undefended. It appeared that the prisoner went to a public house at Great Ayton, near Stokesley, kept by a person named Hauxwell, where he asked for a glass of gin, for which he offered sixpence in payment, and who received three pence in change. Afterwards he obtained another glass of gin, and he then gave a shilling. Both these coins were discovered to be counterfeit, but on the prisoner giving good money, he was allowed to depart. The prisoner subsequently visited another public house in the occupation of Mrs Waller, where he got a glass of ale and another glass of gin, for which he tendered two bad

shillings. A bag which contained 27 bad Coins was found behind a water cask, and which the prisoner said was his property. -- *Two years imprisonment.*

1849 November 10th YORK HERALD
Persons who have obtained GAME CERTIFICATES for the year 1849.
General Certificates at £4 0s 10d each.
Carlin, Richard Nightingale, William Garbutt, Joseph

1850 January 26th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON- the trustees of the late Mrs Proctor, of Great Ayton and Selby, have, this week, distributed to the poor of Great Ayton and Little Ayton, in Cleveland, the sum of £40, agreeably to her will, and which has been most gratefully received this inclement season.

1850 October 5th YORK HERALD
Persons who have obtained GAME CERTIFICATES for the year 1850.
General Certificates at £4 0s 10d each.
Atkinson, Benjamin Carlin, Richard Garbutt, Joseph Graham, Bradshaw B.

1850 November 23rd YORK HERALD
DEATHS:-
On Thursday the 7th inst., at Great Ayton, Cleveland, deeply regretted by all who knew her, aged 50, Mary, widow of the late Mr Robert Gilbert.

1851 January 2nd NOTTINGHAM GUARDIAN
ECCLESIASTICAL AND COLLEGIATE PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.--ROBSON, Rev. G., to Great Ayton

1851 February 25th MORNING POST
HOUSE OF COMMONS, Monday:- Mr P. Wood presented petitions from the inhabitants of Great Ayton and Northallerton, praying for the repeal of the paper duty.

1851 June 14th HUDDERSFIELD CHRONICLE
YORKSHIRE UNION OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTED
12 New Mechanics' Institutes admitted—List includes Great Ayton Mechanics' Institute.

1851 August 4th MORNING POST
TERRIFIC THUNDERSTORM IN YORKSHIRE.

YORK -- the thunderstorm which visited an extensive portion of the county on Tuesday last, did no injury in this city. The storm came on about three o'clock and a heavy rain. The lightning was succeeded by long, heavy claps of thunder, but the intervals between the flash and the reports was such that the violence of the storm was in some (*4 unreadable words*). Soon after it had abated, the melancholy report reached this city that at Whittington, about three miles from York the storm had been attended with fatal results. It appeared that Mr John Johnson, a farmer, had been occupied making hay when the storm came on: he and those who were assisting him, to the number of nearly a dozen took refuge in a barn, and they had scarcely entered when a flash of lightning struck the building, and Mr Johnson dropped down dead from the injury which the electric shock had upon him. A child was also slightly injured, but the other parties providentially escaped unhurt.

RIPON -- during the afternoon of Tuesday last the city of Ripon and the neighbourhood was visited by a horrific storm of Thunder and lightning. The morning was extremely close and sultry throughout, but quite free from rain. About noon heavy clouds rose from the South East horizon and thunder in that direction was heard until almost 2:30 o'clock, when the storm burst forth with terrific fury; flash succeeded flash in startling brilliance and the simultaneous explosions of Thunder were of the most terrifying character. A little after three o'clock a large ball of fire, having a blue appearance, and tinged with red was seen to descend and fall in the vicinity of Low Skellgate, and was immediately followed by a tremendous peal of thunder, resembling a salvo of artillery. At this period, the cottage occupied by a widow named Sherwood and situate in Messrs. Williamson's yard Low Skellgate was struck by the electric fluid. The damage done to the property was not extensive, and we are happy to add the poor woman at the time was absent. This elementary warfare continued to rage with great violence for nearly 2 hours, when it gradually cleared away.

STOKESLEY -- on the afternoon of Tuesday last the town of Stokesley was visited by a terrific thunderstorm, accompanied by a very heavy fall of rain, which has done considerable damage to the heavy crops of wheat in the neighbourhood. The electric fluid struck a tree in the garden of Mrs Elizabeth Taylor, of this place, and passed through the branches leaving the tree with the appearance of its having been penetrated by a cannon ball. The fine statue of Oliver Cromwell, erected in Mrs Taylor's garden, escaped the fury of the elements. A young horse, the property of Mr -- Balfour, farmer of Great Ayton, whilst grazing in a field of Mr James Phillips, of Taunton, was killed by the lightning.

HOWDEN -- on Tuesday the 29th, about two o'clock, a tremendous thunderstorm broke right over this town rain falling in torrents; electric fluid struck a tree, between Laxton and Saltmarsh, dividing it in the middle, and hurled it on the ground. Fortunately no person was near the tree at the time. The electric fluid also struck one of the chimneys of Knedlington Hall: some pieces of brick and slate were detached, broken into fragments and hurled upon the ground. The final ash tree in the park was struck by the light beam, causing a considerable rent in the middle: it shivered all the bark upon it to ashes, and detached a very large branch.

BEVERLEY -- on Tuesday, the 29th, a very terrific is thunderstorm visited displays, and continued without intermission five hours. The heavy rain was incessant, and such vivid lightning has rarely been witnessed in this neighbourhood; but we have not as yet heard of any accident or damage done.

DRIFFIELD -- the weather has lately been very sultry and close and on Tuesday the rain fell very heavily for several hours accompanied by awful thunder and lightning. At (*unreadable name*), a young woman in the service of Mr G Goodlass was struck with the electric fluid, and slightly injured. Several trees in the neighbourhood were much shivered. At some of the farmhouses in the Dales, the water ran through the houses like a rivulet.

MARSKE---The fearful thunderstorm burst over this town, but so it did considerable damage to two houses, providentially no lives were lost. Mr Joseph Littlefair, farmer, was struck with the electric fluid, but is now recovering.

HULL--On Tuesday afternoon, between four and five o'clock, the whole was visited by a thunderstorm of unusual violence. The sky had previously become overcast, and a dark cloud which was very much more apparent than that produced by the eclipse of the previous day settled upon the town. For upwards of two hours the tempest raged furiously, the electric cloud appearing to break directly overhead. The lightning was extremely vivid and so continuous the streets scarcely ceased to be illuminated. The flashes were noticeable as being tinted with a pinkish hue, which produced a very singular effect on the objects lighted up by them. The storm, commencing in the South gradually veered round to the North East, but later returned again to approach the town, and to recommence with renewed violence. The rain at the same time fell in torrents. By seven o'clock the tempest abated, and during the evening the air cleared, and the stars shone forth in a cloudless sky.

1851 August 16th YORK HERALD
STEPHEN ROWNTREE ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by indenture bearing date the 11th day of August, 1851 STEPHEN ROWNTREE of Middlesbrough, in the County of York, butcher and flour dealer, assigned of his personal estate and effectsPORRETT? of Easby, in the county of York, miller, and WILLIAM HORNSEY, of Great Ayton, in the said County, Miller, In Trust, for the equal benefit of all the creditors of the said Stephen Rowntree, who shall execute the said Deed, or signify their assent thereto, *and Notice Is Hereby Given*, that the said Indenture is deposited at the Office of Mr THOS. NEWSAN, in Middlesbro' aforesaid, Solicitor, for the perusal and signature of the Creditors of the said Stephen Rowntree, and that such of his creditors as shall not execute the same, or testify their assent thereto, in writing, on or before the 11th day of October next, will be excluded from all benefits to be derived therefrom. *Middlesbrough, 15th August 1851.*

1851 August 23rd YORK HERALD
CRICKET MATCH;- GREAT AYTON v. HUTTON RUDBY

A match of cricket took place between the above clubs on the 14th inst. and was won by the former. The Hutton Rugby party gained the choice of innings, and placed their opponents at the wickets. After some steady playing, particularly on the part of Galloway and Watson, they succeeded in scoring 61. The batting of Ellerby was also first rate, and the bowling of Smith on the Ayton side, and of the Hutton Rugby players, is said to have been very good. The following is a list of the game, which was received to date for insertion in our last number: --

FIRST INNINGS			SECOND INNINGS		
AYTON					
Ward	b by Parlour	0	Not Out		1
Watson	b by Garbutt	27	b by Parlour		2
J Smith	ct. by Garbutt	1	B by ditto		0
Galloway	ct. by Meynell	11	ct. by Wake		1
Ellerby	b by Parler	1	ct. by Garbutt		26
Heaviside	b by ditto	6	b by Garbutt		6
W Smith	b by ditto	0	ct. by Garbutt		3
J Smith	b by Garbutt	0	hit wicket		2
G. Garbutt	ct. by Garbutt	5	ct. by Garbutt		2
Braithwaite	b by Garbutt	5	b by Garbutt		4
York	Not Out	0	b by Garbutt		1
Byes etc.		5	Byes etc.		7
TOTAL 61			TOTAL 49		
HUTTON					
Sedgewick	ct. by W. Galloway	7	b by Smith		0
Bainbridge	ct. by Smith	1	b by ditto		0
Parlour	b by ditto	3	run out		0
T. Garbutt	ct. by Watson	14	b by Heaviside		0
Meynell	ct. by Heaviside	0	Not Out		7
Honeyman	b by Smith	9	b by Heaviside		0
Wake	b by ditto	6			
Jackson	b by Braithwaite	8			
Ward	Not Out	0			
Hebron	b by Smith	0			
Byes etc.		11	Byes etc.		0
TOTAL 46			TOTAL 7		

1851 August 23rd YORK HERALD
CRICKET MATCH – HUTTON v. AYTON

On Monday last, a game of cricket is played between these two clubs, which terminated in favour of Hutton. The batting of Hebron, and Sidgewick was good, as was the bowling of Parlour. The wicket-keeping of Meynell was worthy of every commendation. The following is the score: --

FIRST INNINGS SECOND INNINGS

HUTTON

Garbutt	b by W.Smith	6
Ward	b by ditto	9
Parlour	b by ditto	0
Honeyman	hit wicket	3
Sidgewick	ct. by Ellerby	16
Meynell	b by Smith	7
Bainbridge	b by ditto	6
W.Jackson	ct. by Braithwaite	8
R.Jackson	b by Heaviside	2
Hebron	Not Out	5
Kendrew	b. by W.Smith	1
Byes etc.		21

TOTAL 84

b by W.Smith	8
b by ditto	3
b by ditto	0
ct. by York	5
b by Heaviside	0
b by ditto	0
b by ditto	6
b by ditto	2
ct. by Braithwaite	10
Not Out	12
run out	3
Byes etc.	15

TOTAL 65

AYTON

Watson	ct. by Garbutt	11
York	b by Parlour	2
Jb Smith	ct. by Parlour	4
Ellerby	ct. by Meynell	5
Braithwaite	c by Kendrew	6
J.Smith, jun.	Not Out	4
Garbutt	ct. by Jackson	4
Heaviside	b by Parlour	0
W.Smith	ct. by Jackson	1
J Smith	b by Parlour	0
Ward	Ct by Garbutt	0
Byes etc.		1

TOTAL 43

b by Palour	1
ct. by Ward	4
leg before wicket	8
st. by Meynell	16
b by Parlour	1
b by Garbutt	6
Not Out	12
b by Parlour	0
ct. by Sidgewick	3
b by Parlour	3
b by ditto	
Byes etc.	12

TOTAL 66

1851 November 29th YORK HERALD

MIDDLESBROUGH AND GUISBOROUGH RAILWAY Incorporation of company, for making a railway from the Middlesbrough and Redcar railway, near Middlesbrough, to or near to Guisborough, with branches to the Cleveland Hills, and making arrangements with the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next session, for an act to incorporate a company, for the purpose of making and maintaining the railway hereinafter mentioned, or some of them, with all proper works and conveniences connected therewith, and approaches thereto respectively; that is to say, the railway commencing by a junction with the Middlesbrough and Redcar Railway, at a point 420 yards distant from the east end of the Middlesbrough station of the Middlesbrough branch of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, in the township and parish of Middlesbrough, in the North Riding of the County of York, then passing in, through, or into the several parishes, townships, and extra parochial places following, or some of them, that is to say, Acklam, Middlesbrough, Marton, Ormesby, and Newton, Ayton, Morton, East Upsal, West Upsal, Nunthorpe, Tunstal, Great Ayton, Little Ayton, Hutton Low Cross, Pinchingthorpe, and Guisborough, all in the said North Riding, and terminating in a field in the township and parish of Guisborough aforesaid, belonging to Frederick Greenwood, Esq, in the occupation of Joseph Ord, and adjoining the highway leading from Guisborough aforesaid, to Kildale in the said North Riding.

A Railway commencing, from and out of the last mentioned, intended railway, in a field, in the township of Hutton Low Cross aforesaid, and parish of Guisborough aforesaid, belonging to Mr Henry William Thomas, as Lessee under the Archbishop of York, and the occupation of Richard Moon, situated near to a farmhouse, called Bows Dale, thence passing in, through, or into the several parishes, townships, and extra parochial places following or some of them, that is to say, Guisborough, Newton, Ayton, and Hutton Low Cross, Pinchingthorpe, Great Ayton, and Little Ayton, all in the said North Riding, and terminating in a field belonging to Thomas Dixon, William Hartas and Philip Heseltine, Trustees under the will of Elizabeth Proctor, deceased, and in the occupation of Richard Bailes, and situate in the township of Great Ayton and aforesaid and parish of Ayton aforesaid. A railway commencing from and out of the first mentioned intended railway, in a field in the township of Hutton Low Cross aforesaid and parish of Guisborough aforesaid, belonging to the said Henry William Thomas, as Lessee under the said Archbishop of York, and in the occupation of the said Richard Moon, and situated near to the said farmhouse, called Bows Dale, thence passing in, through, or into the parishes, townships, and extra parochial places of Hutton Low Cross and Guisborough aforesaid or one of them, and terminating in a field belonging to the said Henry William Thomas, and in the occupation of Reuben Leng, and situated in the township of Hutton Low Cross aforesaid, and parish of Guisborough aforesaid. AND IT IS PROPOSED, by the said intended act, to take powers for the compulsory purchase of lands and houses, for the purpose of the railway works, so intended to be authorised as aforesaid, and also for the levying of tolls, rates, and duties, for or in respect of the use of the said intended Railways and Works, and to grant exemptions from such tolls, rates, and duties.

AND IT IS ALSO INTENDED, by such Act, to vary, repeal, or extinguish all existing rights or privileges in any manner connected with the lands and houses proposed purchase, or taken, all which would in any manner impede or interfere with the construction, maintenance, or use of the said intended railways and works, and to confer other rights and privileges.

And it is further intended, by such act to take power to alter, stop up, or divert, whether temporary or permanently, all Turnpike and other roads, railways, tramways, aqueducts, canals, streams, and rivers, within and or joining to the aforesaid parishes, townships and extra parochial, or other places, or any of them, with which it may be necessary to interfere in the construction of the said intended railways and works.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that maps, plans, and sections, of the said intended railway works, together with books reference to such plans, and also a copy of this note, as published in the London Gazette, will be deposited on or before the 13th day of November in the present year, Clerk of the Peace for the North Riding of the said County of York, at his office in Northallerton, in the said North Riding, and that a copy of so much of the said plants, sections and books reference as relates to each of the parishes, in or through which the said intended railway and works are proposed be made, and also a copy of the said Gazette notice, will be deposited on or before the said 13th day of November, with the parish clerk of each such parish, at his residence.

AND IT IS FURTHER PROPOSED by the said intended Act, to enable the company, thereby to be incorporated, and the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, to enter into and carry into effect such agreements as they may think fit, in respect of the working use, by the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, of the said intended railways, and the regulation and management of such company, or otherwise, of the traffic on or over the said intended railways, or any of them or any part thereof, and the payment, and also the diversion of appointment between the said companies, of tolls, rates, and duties, received in respect of such traffic; and so far as may be necessary for such purposes, to alter, amend, extend, and enlarge the powers and provisions of the acts of parliament following, or even of them, relating to the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company,(that is to say). "The Stockton and Darlington Railway consolidation of Acts, Increase of Capital, and purchase of the Middlesbrough Dock) Act, 1849" and the "Stockton and Darlington Railway Act 1851"

Dated the 12th day of November, 1851. MEWBURN, HUTCHINSON, AND MEWBURN, SOLICITORS TO THE BILL

1852 March 24th MORNING POST
LAW NOTICES – THIS DAY COURT OF CHANCERY, LINCOLN'S INN
Appeals motion – Richardson v. Ayton (No information about nature of matter involved)

1852 April 3rd YORK HERALD
MANOR OF NEWTON.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, together with the Court Baron of THOMAS KITCHINGMAN STAVERLEY Esq, the Lord of the Manor of Newton, in Cleveland, in the County of York, to be holden on Monday the 19th day of April, in the year 1852, the boundaries of the said manner of Newton will be perambulated, and that such perambulation will commence at Bridle Gill, and proceed from hence by way of the manors of Little Ayton and Great Ayton, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon of the same day.
JNO. P. SOWERBY Steward for the said Manor. Stokesley April 1st 1852
(there are also notices for Kildale & Busby on the same page)

1852 May 29th YORK HERALD
YARM- The challenge of the Yarm club to play any club within 20 miles, not having been excepted, we are informed that arrangements have been made for a match between the Great Ayton and Yarm club's, some of the best players of the latter being debarred, the game comes off at Yarm on Monday next. The Yarm club have being at considerable trouble and expense in preparing and improving their ground, which is now in beautiful condition.

1853 January 15th YORK HERALD
NOTICE; ORDNANCE SURVEY OF ENGLAND. Maps open for inspection at the Mechanics' Institute Stokesley.
(Important for Parishes & Landowners as Boundaries are set down after consultation with persons appointed by the Justices therefore may become evidence of boundaries in Law.)

1853 February 19th LEICESTER CHRONICLE
BANK RETURNS ; PAGET AND KIRBY Listing includes; WILSON, Joseph, Great Ayton, Gentleman.

1853 February 19th YORK HERALD
PIGEON SHOOTING; A Match at pigeons, which has caused great interest for some time, came off in a field at Broughton Bridge, on Tuesday, the 8th between Mr Wilson, of Great Ayton, and Mr Weighill, of Ingleby Cross, at double rise, 5 rises each (eighteen yards rise and eighty boundary), when a large amount of money was pending. The Aytonians before shooting commenced, were confident in being victorious. However, instead of their party killing all his birds, as was expected, he only killed one half; when Mr Weighill, who is an old shot, killed 8 out of 10, in gallant style. Little or no money was bet on the field, although a large number of people was present. After several other sweeps had been shot for, a large number of Mr Weighill's friends, and of the other party, adjourned to Mr Weatherill's, the Golden Lion, and partook of good substantial dinner, which was provided for that occasion. The gun which Mr Weighill shot with was a small piece purchased of Mr W Gale, Gun-maker Northallerton, and reflects great credit upon him as workman in that capacity.

1853 APRIL 23RD LEEDS MERCURY
To SEED CRUSHERS and parties connected with the oil trade generally – ON SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT at the High Oil Mill, Great Ayton, late in the occupancy of Sanders and Co.
A COMPLETE SET OF MACHINERY for expressing oil from Linseed; an excellent copper vessel for refining rape oil, capable of holding upwards of 400 gallons, eight large lead cisterns, and two leaden oil pumps, a good beam and scales, for weighing one ton and upwards with a complete set of four-stone and other weights; a wrought iron crane, with winch, racks, blocks and chains complete, and in good condition; also a wooden pump, dry and liquid measures, with various other articles used in the oil trade. Parties with spare water or steam power, and favourably situated for carrying on a lucrative business have an opportunity of commencing by a small investment of capital. For further particulars apply to George Dixon at Friends' Agricultural School, Great Ayton

- 1853 April 27th THE STANDARD (London) –
DEATHS-
On the 25th inst., in his 83rd year, Thomas Richardson, of Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton.
- 1853 April 30th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES-
On Thursday the 21st inst., at Great Ayton, by the Rev. G. Robson, Mr William Moon, farmer, Taunton, to Miss Mary Jane Moon, daughter- in-law to Mr Wm. Hornsey, farmer and miller, Great Ayton.
- 1854 January 21st YORK HERALD
DEATHS-
On Friday the 6th inst., at Great Ayton in Cleveland, Yorkshire, Matthew Watson Esq. aged 94 years, much respected.
- 1854 February 25th LEICESTER CHRONICLE
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK –listings include:- Wilson, Joseph, Great Ayton. Gentleman.
- 1854 September 9th YORK HERALD
DEATHS-
On the 22nd inst., at Whiby, suddenly, aged 63 years, Phillip Heselton, Esq., late of Cleveland Lodge, Gt Ayton.
- 1854 October 7th SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
GAME LISTS FOR 1854 – General certificates at £4 -0s -10d.
Atkinson, John, Gt Ayton; Carlen, Richard, Gt Ayton, Hart, W., Gt Ayton; Taylor, Wm., Gt. Ayton.
- 1854 November 11th YORK HERALD
MIDDLESBROUGH & GUISBOROUGH RAILWAY- Notice of PARLIAMENTARY ACT to enable branch from “1,000 yds. outside Nunthorpe station ---- to terminate by a junction with an authorised line of The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway”
- 1855 June 2nd YORK HERALD
DEATHS- BARKER, on the 28th ult., at Gt. Ayton, Mr John Barker, late of Easby Firs, aged 76.
- 1855 August 18th YORK HERALD
CLEVELAND AGRICULTURAL SHOW – Mr R. Haymer won many of the classes for horses.
Coach Horses “Beat Mare; Best Colt; *Hunters* “Best One year old; Best 2 yr old Gelding”
- *Note he was the judge at Yarm Annual Foal Show.*
Draught Horses; “Best colt” went to Mr John Sayer.
- 1854 October 7th SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
GAME LISTS FOR 1854 – General certificates at £4 -0s -10d.
Atkinson, John, Gt Ayton; Carlen, Richard, Gt Ayton, Hart, W., Gt Ayton; Tweddell H.N., Gt Ayton.
- 1855 October 13th YORK HERALD
DEATHS-
SNOWDON- On Monday, the 8th inst., at Gt. Ayton, Mr James Snowdon, Blacksmith, of that place, aged 85 years. Deeply regretted.
- 1856 August 23rd YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, By Messrs. Appleton, Kitching and Appleton, on Thursday the fourth day of September 1856, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of Mr William Wetherill, the Golden Lion Inn, in Stokesley, subject to conditions to be then read, in the following lots: -
LOT 1. All those two messuages or dwelling houses situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, together with the gardens behind the same, now in the occupation of William Havelock and George Moody.
LOT 2. all those two messuages or dwelling houses, also situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, together with the gardens behind the same, containing 1r 15p., or thereabouts. Now in the several occupations of Mr John Tweddell and Miss Appleton.
LOT 3. All that messuages or dwelling house with a garden thereto belonging, situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, now in the occupation of Miss Harris. And also, all that productive garden or orchard, adjoining, containing by estimate one acre, or thereabouts, now in the occupation of Eleazer Brown.
LOT 4. all that cottage or tenement, situated at Great Ayton aforesaid, together with the garden thereto belonging, containing 1r 10p; and also all that garth or parcel of ground, containing 1r 24p, or thereabouts, now in the occupation of Isabella Heckle. A portion of the garden is held for the residue of the term of 980 years, granted by an indenture of lease dated 18 May 1687.
The Land Tax on all the above premises has been redeemed.

The respective tenants will, on application, show the premises, and further particulars may be had on application at the offices of Messrs. J.P. and J.C. SOWERBY, Solicitors, Stokesley.

1856 November 15th YORK HERALD

TO RAILWAY CONTRACTORS, WHEEL WRIGHTS, FARMERS &c.

OAK TREES FOR SALE, by PRIVATE CONTRACT, at GREAT AYTON, which will be sold in Lots to suit purchasers. Also a quantity of FELLOES, SPOKES, and GATE POSTS.
Apply to MR CHRISTOPHER SHEPHERD, Great Ayton, Cleveland.

1857 March 7th YORK HERALD

IN CHANCERY -In a Matter of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament Holden in the 19th and 20th years of the reign of her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to facilitate Leases and Sales of settled Estates". In the matter of Manors or Lordships of Great Ayton, and Little Ayton in the County of York appointed and devised by the Will of ELIZABETH, the wife of WILLIAM PROCTOR, late of Selby in the County of York, Merchant. Pursuant to the said Act, and to the General Orders of the Court, and to an Order dated the 24th day of February 1857, made by the Vice- Chancellor Sir John Stuart. Notice is hereby given, that Isaac Brown of Ackworth, near Pontefract in the County of York, Gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, Lady Elizabeth Thornhill, spinster, Henry Wilson, of Kendal in the County of Westmorland, schoolmaster and his wife, late Ann Thornhill spinster, Henry Lister Thornhill, of Highbury, in the County of Middlesex, Underwriter, and Alfred Henry Thornhill, Gertrude Louisa Thornhill, Walter Alan Thornhill, Arthur Stanley Thornhill, and Percy Lister Thornhill, and five infant children of the said Henry Lister Thornhill, by the said Henry listed Thornhill, their father, and next friend, and Thomas Dixon of Guisborough, in the County of York, Gentlemen, William Hartas, of Danby Dale, near Castleton, in the same county, Gentleman. Walter Trevelyan Thompson, of Guisborough aforesaid, Surgeon, and George Esthill Peacock, of Wood Hill House, in the parish of Ugthorpe, in the said County of York, Farmer, on the 16 day of February incident, presented a petition to the Lord high Chancellor of Great Britain, (to be heard before, the Vice Chancellor Sir John Stewart for the purpose of enabling the petitioners, Thomas Dixon, William Hartas, Walter Trevelyan Thompson, George Esthill Peacock, or other of the trustees or trustees for the time being of the Will of the said Elizabeth Proctor under the 10th section of the above-mentioned act of Parliament, to grant Mining Leases of the land comprised in the said Manors or Lordships, as in the said petition in particular mention and set forth, and for consequential directions or that His Lordship would make such further or other order in the premises as to His Lordship should seem meet.

And notice is hereby further given, that the petitioners may be served with any Order of the Court or Notice relating to the said petition, at the office of Messrs. Bell Brodrick and Bell, 9 Bow Church Yard, Cheapside, London.

Dated the 24th day of February 1857. ROBERT WILLIAM PEAKE, Chief Clerk.

1857 June 27th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, By Appleton, Kitching and Appleton on Friday, July 10, 1857, at four o'clock in the afternoon at the House of Mr Joe Watson, the Buck Inn, in Great Ayton, in the County of York, (in one lot or in such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale, and subject to such conditions as will then be produced.) All that old established and well accustomed Inn called the Buck Inn situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, now in the occupation of Joseph Watson, together with the Three- Stalled Stable and Brewhouse in the Yard behind; and also that Cooper's shop occupied therewith.

And all those FOUR MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES, now used as seven Tenements, and in the several occupations of William Galloway, William Whittaker, John Johnson, Mary Garbutt, John Watson, Isaac Carter, and John Bean.

Also, all that COTTAGE, in the yard behind the last mentioned houses, now in the occupation of James Leife.

And also all those TWO COTTAGES, adjoining the above mentioned Inn on the South, together with the gardens behind the same, now in the occupation of Jeffrey Bulmer and Mary Richardson.

Robert Waugh, of great Ayton, will show the property, and further particulars may be had on Application at the office of I. P. and J.C. SOWERBY, solicitors Stokesley.

Stokesley, June 18th, 1857

1857 August 22nd YORK HERALD

DEATHS;- HESELTON – On the 17th inst. At 27 Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, London, Joseph Heselton, Esq. formerly of Great Ayton, Cleveland, aged 64.

1857 October 8th BRADFORD OBSERVER

Persons who have obtained GAME CERTIFICATES for the year 1857. General Certificates at £4 0s 10d each:- Atkinson, John Carlin, Richard Garbutt, Joseph Graham, Bradshaw B.Hart, William Jackson, John Tweddell, H NWilson, Joseph.

1858 January 9th YORK HERALD

SESSIONS REPORT- POWDER MAGAZINE - Mr Price made an application to the court, in behalf of Mr James Taylor, for leave to erect a Powder Magazine at Nunthorpe, in the parish of Great Ayton, in Cleveland. The application was granted on the understanding that the site of the building is not to be nearer the highway than 50 feet.

1858 August 21st YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - On Saturday, before Jas W. Pennyman, and George Marwood Esqrs. - Anthony Pearson, of Stokesley, was charged by John Lowther, Great Ayton, with opening his house for the sale of beer before

12:30 clock a.m., on Sunday, the 8th inst. Fined 6d and costs -- William Eccles of Great Ayton, was charged by Elizabeth Cail, of the same place, with wilfully damaging some apples in her orchard. Fined 4d and costs -- Humphrey Sanderson, of Great Ayton, is charged by the said Elizabeth Taylor, with the like offence. Fined 4d and costs.

1858 October 28th LEEDS MERCURY
OCTOBER 24TH Farewell service and Testimonial for Rev. Henry Hustwick of the Independent Chapel on his moving to STANNINGLEY

1859 February 26th YORK HERALD
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS - On the 18th inst., Mr Alexander Carrall Maingay, Great Ayton, near Stokesley was admitted a member of the College, he having passed the necessary examination for the diploma.

1859 September 24th YORK HERALD
MANOR OF GREAT AYTON
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THE COURT LEET, and View of Frankpledge, together with the Court Baron of THOMAS DIXON, WILLIAM HARTAS, WALTER TREVELYAN THOMPSON, and GEORGE ESTHILL PEACOCK, Esquires, Lords of the Manor of Great Ayton, in the County of York, to be holden on Thursday the sixth day of October, in the year 1859, the BOUNDARIES of the said Manor of Great Ayton, will be PERAMBULATED and such perambulation will commence from a Gate which divides the intake, in the occupation of George Breckon, from Ayton Moor, and is called or known by the name of the Gribdale Gate, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day.
WILLIAM FAWCETT, Steward to the said Manor *Yarm, 21st September 1859*

1859 November 12th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON
SERIOUS ACCIDENT -- on Saturday night, the 9th of November, the named John Henry Heavisides, aged 15, son of Mr Heavisides, boot and Shoemaker, was attempting to discharge a pistol, when finding it did not fire easily, he took hold of the barrel, with his left hand. From some unknown circumstance it was discharged, and the contents entered the poor fellow's left hand. His companion, W Sanderson, was close by, had a narrow escape of being shot, as the contents whizzed close past his face, slightly grazing it. N. A. Loy Esq. MD, was in prompt attendance, and amputated that part of the hand, which was essentially necessary. We are happy to state that the sufferer is progressing favourably.

1859 December 24th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON
MARWOOD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL - The pupils of the above school were examined in the various branches of a sound commercial and general education on Wednesday last, when prizes were awarded to the most proficient in Latin, mathematics (practical), penmanship, Scripture, history, English literature, and geography. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner highly creditable to the instructions they have received from the Master, Mr S Hunter.

1859 December 31st YORK HERALD -- Sale Notice for Stanley Houses.

1860 May 12th YORK HERALD
TO IRON MASTERS AND OTHERS NORTH RIDING OF YORKSHIRE,
GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND, VALUABLE MINERAL ESTATE, FREEHOLD.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the Golden Lion Inn Stokesley. On Friday the 25th day of May 1860, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon (for three precisely) by Messieurs Kitching and Appleton, auctioneers, subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced. A VALUABLE FREEHOLD ESTATE of arable and grassland, with the house, outbuildings, and premises thereto belonging, situate in the parish of Great Ayton in Cleveland, in the North Riding Yorkshire, and commonly called the COCKSHAW FARM, containing, by a recent measurement 59A 1R 4P, or thereabouts vis: --

	A	R	P
HOMESTEAD	5	3	12
LITTLE FIELD	1	1	15
BOG FIELD	5	1	16
HILL FIELD	4	0	30
HALL FIELD	4	3	2
COCKSHAW FARM	36	2	8

The Tithes are commuted at £2 9s 4d and the land tax is eight shillings per Annum.

The Estate contains large quantities of Ironstone and Alum shale; also Cement Stone and Jet and also an extensive and valuable stone quarry. A long drift has been made into the hill, whereby the strata quality of the Ironstone may be ascertained.

The Estate is situate about 4 miles from Stokesley, 4 miles from Guisborough, 1 mile from the village of great Ayton. The Middlesbrough and Guisborough Railway has a station at Nunthorpe, about 5 miles from the Estate: the Yorkshire and Cleveland branch of the North Eastern Railway has a station at Stokesley; and the North Eastern Railway Company has obtained an Act of Parliament for forming a branch line railway, which will pass about half a mile from the property.

Mr G Breckon, the tenant, will show the Estate, and for further particulars apply to Mr Henry Glaister, Solicitor, Stokesley, or Messrs. Murphy and Sharman, Solicitors, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

1860 July 21st YORK HERALD

DEATHS- HUNTER-On Saturday, the 14th inst., at Great Ayton, aged 2 months, Hannah, the youngest daughter of Mr Hunter, M.C.P., Marwood Grammar School.

1861 Jan 12th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*

GREAT AYTON - BRITISH SCHOOL -- on Monday last, the children of the British School were presented with an excellent tea treat by the ladies committee, notwithstanding the very inclement weather, assisted in serving out the good things, which had been provided. After tea, the ladies also kindly distributed oranges, apples, etc., which added greatly to the children's enjoyment. The whole affair was truly gratifying both to the givers and receivers.

1861 April 13th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS REPORT

Wm. MITCHINSON (21), THOS. PEARSON (24) and JOHN MITCHINSON(55) were charged, the two former with having, on 27 January, at Little Ayton, stolen two geese and two chickens, the property of Elizabeth Boyes; and John Mitchinson charged with having feloniously received the same. Mr Simpson was for the prosecution, and Mr Shepherd defended the prisoners. Mrs Boyes, the prosecutrix, is a widow residing at Little Ayton, and on the evening of Saturday, 26 January, her poultry were all safe. The following morning, in consequence of the missing geese, a gander, and two chickens, she gave information to the police. The prisoners occupied two huts at Kildale. William and John Mitchinson, father and son, lived together, and Pearson resided in an adjoining hut. William Mitchinson and Pearson left Appleton's public house at Great Ayton. About 12 o'clock on the night of 26 January, and they would have to go home by way of Little Ayton. On the Wednesday following, the huts were search by the police, and in that occupied by the Mitchinsons a dressed goose was found between the bed and the mattress, and there was a bag of feathers on the top of the bed. Two goose wings were also discovered, and the colour of these and the feathers corresponded in colour with those belonging to the geese which had been stolen. John Mitchinson, on being asked where he got the goose, said he had bought it at a Guisborough market on the Tuesday before, but on his way to the lockup he stated he did not steal the goose, adding "Our Bill brought it home last Saturday night". The defence was that the goose had not been identified as being the property of the prosecutrix, and that there was no evidence upon which the jury could convict the prisoners, more especially, as regards Pearson, against whom there was not the smallest evidence. The jury acquitted Pearson, and found the other two prisoners **-guilty**. They were sentenced to be each imprisoned three months, with hard Labour. The elder prisoner said he felt quite innocent.

1861 April 20th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*

GREAT AYTON --THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRM OF OVEREND, AND GURNEY, BILL BROKERS, -- amongst the many firms of gigantic proportions, whose small beginnings are still remembered by living persons, is that of the celebrated firm, Overend Gurney, and Co. Few of our readers are perhaps aware that, near the close of the last century, the founder of this firm entered upon his commercial life in Sunderland. The following particulars have been furnished to us by a gentleman of this town, and may be relied upon as correct: -- Mr Thomas Richardson; we believe, was born about 1770, at Great Ayton in Cleveland, where our informant has seen his parents, residing in a cottage, such as is inhabited by ordinary working man. Mr Richardson, in his youth, came to Sunderland, and served his apprenticeship with a member of the Society of Friends, named Walker, a grocer. After serving his apprenticeship, Mr Richardson then proceeded to London. He there obtained a situation with Messrs. Smith and Holt, Bill brokers, also members of the Society of Friends, where he remained for some years, at a salary of £40 a year, and his board. Being desirous of marrying, he solicited from his employers an advance of salary, but this they declined to give him, and he left their employment. Having acquired a knowledge of the trade of Bill Brokering, and on being acquainted with Mr Overend, the then clerk in the bank of Messrs. Roberts Curtis and Co., he made an arrangement with Mr Overend, that he was to leave his situation and set up in business as a bill broker, Mr Overend to receive half of the profits and to allow Mr Richardson half of his salary as a banker's clerk, and to assist him in over- hours. The trade of a bill broker in those days was different to what it now is. Merchants entrusted their bills to the brokers, who carried them round to the bankers or capitalists, and got them discounted upon the best terms, charging a small commission for their trouble; the broker himself did not endorse the bills, and thus avoided any responsibility. The great requirement for the business of bill brokering was a character for uprightness and integrity. The business soon increased so much that Mr Overend was obliged to give up his clerkship to join his partner. Among those with whom they transacted business, where Messrs. Gurney of Norwich, who found it convenient to employ Messrs. Richardson and Overend in finding employment for their large balances. Mr Richardson, in the course of these transactions, found it necessary to travel frequently between Norwich and London taking down bills and returning with cash. Messrs. Gurney soon perceived that it was a business likely to prove remunerative and sometime after this Mr. Samuel Gurney joined the two partners, and this was the origin of the well-known firm of capitalists, whose daily transactions are to an enormous amount. We understand that at one time, they accommodated Government to the amount of 2 millions sterling, on exchequer bills. -- *Sunderland Times*.

1861 October 5th YORK HERALD

DEATHS- BLACKBURN,--On Sunday, Sept. 29th at Great Ayton, of consumption, aged 21, Mr Thomas Blackburn jun. nephew of Mr William Braithwaite, Butcher.

GARBUTT --On Tuesday, Sept. 24th at Great Ayton, of consumption, Mr James Garbutt aged 24 years.

KITCHING, -- Sept. 30th, at Great Ayton, aged 7 months, James, twin son of Mr Henry Kitching, Carrier.

- 1861 October 26th YORK HERALD
 GREAT AYTON, In Cleveland in the North Riding of the County of York.
 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr William Wetherill, the Golden Lion Inn, in Stokesley, in the County of York, Messrs. Kitching, Appleton and Kitching, Auctioneers, on Thursday, 14 November, 1861, at 2 for 3 o'clock in the afternoon, in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of the sale, and subject to such conditions, as shall then and there be produced and read: --
 LOT 1-All those MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES, situate in the Front Street, of Great Ayton aforesaid, and a MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE, Stable, Granary, Cart shed, and other conveniences in the yard belonging thereto, and also a large Garden, lying behind the same, all which premises are now in the several occupations of Richard Wood, John Wright, J Davison, J Bowser, and Elizabeth King.
 LOT 2 - All that MILLWRIGHT'S SHOP, JOINERS SHOP, stable, situated immediately opposite Lot 1, and in respective occupations of George Shepperd, John Kilvington, and William Snowden, and also for that garden lying near Lot 1, and now in occupation of the said John Kilvington. The Garden is subject to annual payment of one shilling to the Lords of the Manor of Ayton.
 LOT 3 all that MESSUAGE or DWELLING HOUSE. Now used as a Temperance Hotel, with the Joiners' Shop adjoining thereto, situated in Great Ayton aforesaid, and also the two Stables and Shed, situated in the yard behind the same; and also those 2 Closes or Parcels of GRASSLAND, containing by admeasurement five acres, or thereabouts, together with half of the Cow-house standing thereon, which said Closes are bounded by the highway leading from Great Ayton to Easby, and are in the occupation of Mr Wright and Mr Kitching.
 LOT 4-- all that Close of Meadow or PASTURELAND, containing by admeasurement 4 acres, or thereabouts is, situated at the West End of Lot 3, together with the remaining half of the Cow-house, now in occupation of the said Richard Wood.
 The whole of the property is Freehold, the Tithes of this have been commuted, and the Land Tax redeemed.
 Mr Kilvington will show the premises, and further particulars may be had on application to the said Mr Kilvington and Mr Williamson Thomas, Low Haile, Hurworth, Darlington; or the offices of Messrs L.,J., & T Sowerby, Solicitors, Stokesley. *Stokesley, 14th October, 1861.*
- 1861 November 23rd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
 GREAT AYTON; TEETOTALISM,-- On Tuesday evening last, Mr Gibson, surgeon, Middlesbrough on Tees, delivered a lecture on total abstinence, in the British School, illustrating the subject with several excellent diagrams. John Richardson Esq., of Langbaurch, for many years staunch friend of teetotalism, occupied the chair. The attendance was respectable, and the whole gave general satisfaction.
- 1862 January 18th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
 GREAT AYTON; BRITISH SCHOOL FESTIVAL -- On Friday last, 134 pupils of the above school were regaled with an excellent tea, provided for them in the schoolroom, by the following ladies, who are members of the committee, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Graham, Mrs Loy, and Mrs Richardson. The children underwent a short examination in the presence of several ladies and gentlemen, which was highly satisfactory. After tea, the children were addressed by John Richardson Esq., and by Mr Dixon, the headmaster.
- 1862 April 5th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
 STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS --
 On Saturday, am before J. Marwood, J.W. Coates, and J. Wilson, Esqrs.,
 John Appleton, of Great Ayton. Labourer, was charged with having been drunk on the 15th ult. Fined 12s 6d and 7s 6d costs.
 Thomas Tindall, Great Ayton, Labourer, was charged with driving without reins, on 28 February. Fined 8 shillings and 7s 6d costs. (*Same page Beck Hole Iron Works + Grosmont*)
- 1862 April 12th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
 GREAT AYTON; Co-OPERATIVE SOCIETY - We are informed that the second quarter's receipts for goods amounted to the sum of £125. 11s. 8½d, the profits being £11 1s 8½d. After paying 5% on paid-up shares, and a dividend of **2s in the pound*** on members' purchases, there remains a surplus of £1.19. 8¼d to be otherwise disposed of. ** this seems too high!!*
- 1862 June 14th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
 GREAT AYTON; WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL -The anniversary of the Wesleyan Sabbath was held in the British School, which was decorated, on Whit Sunday. The meeting was opened in the afternoon by the Rev Mr Kay, Independent Minister, Stokesley, and an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev G Smith, Circuit Minister, after which the children recited selections of sacred poetry. We understand that the collections were similar to those of last year. On Monday, the children and teachers, joined by the Bilsdale Wesleyan Sabbath school, partook of tea, the number of 150, in a large room, belonging to Richard Carlen Esq. kindly lent for the occasion.
 STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS; On Saturday, before Geo. Marwood and J.W. Penniman Esqrs., John Brown, a strolling Labourer, was charged by Jane Shaw with having stolen a shirt at Great Ayton, on the 30th ult. Committed to the house of correction 10 days' hard Labour
 Harriet Appleton, servant in husbandry, was charged by her master, Thomas Watson, with having absented herself from her employment. To pay 11s 4d costs and returned to her master service.
- 1862 June 20th NEWCASTLE COURANT
 MR MOSES PYE'S SALE APPOINTMENTS

JULY 1ST RAILWAY PLANT

Consisting of Rails, Cranes, Winches, Wagons, Carts, Timber, Iron, Blacksmiths' tools &c.
At Great Ayton, near Stokesley at 1 o'clock promptly.

- 1862 June 21st MORNING POST (LONDON)
PETITION TO PARLIAMENT – SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS –By Mr. MORRITT, from Great Ayton, Yorkshire- for a permanent liquor law to check the sale of intoxicating liquors.
- 1862 June 21st YORK HERALD
At GREAT AYTON, near STOKESLEY, on Tuesday, July 1, 1862, all the Valuable Railway Plant, consisting OF MALLEABLE IRON RAILS, CRANES, WINCHES, WAGONS, DUBBING CARTS, MORTAR MILL, TIMBER, PLANKS, DEALS, BURROWS, BLOCKS AND FALLS, NEW AND OLD A.M., OLD METAL, CHAINS, BLACKSMITHS TOOLS, QUARRY MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, etc.
Sale to commence at one o'clock PROMPT. A list of horses, containing names, colours, heights, and ages, is now ready; catalogues of the plant would be ready on Monday, June 23 and may be obtained on application to Mr Smith, Golden Lion Hotel, Stokesley, Mr Towns, Killinghall, Ripley, or at the office of the Auctioneer, 26 Spring Terrace, North Shields, and 28, Groat Market, Newcastle. *Newcastle, June 13, 1862*
- 1862 July 19th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON; NOT SO GOOD AS HIS NAME on Saturday last, Joshua Goodson, who had served in the 39th Regiment of Infantry, at Gibraltar, and in the Crimea, Canada, and Bermuda, was committed by George Marwood, Esq, of Busby Hall, for trial at the York sizes, for having burglariously entered the dwelling house of Bridget Kaven and stolen a quantity of wearing apparel. He is said to have committed several other felonies within a few hours.
- 1862 July 22nd SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
YORKSHIRE ASSIZES- JOSEPH GOODSON , burglary in the house of Briget Kaker*, at Great Ayton, in the North Riding. Fifteen months' hard labour. **note discrepancy in spelling from previous report.*
- 1862 August 9TH LEEDS MERCURY
DEATHS:- CARLEN – July 27th at Great Ayton aged 46 Mr Richard Carlen Brewer & Spirit merchant.
- 1862 August 13th LEEDS MERCURY
HOUSE TO LET (Previous occupant James Eastham) – “Apply to Thomas Graham Esq. AYTON HALL” *Also a reference to a daily Post passing through the village.*
- 1863 February 28th YORK HERALD DEATHS-
DUNNING- Feb. 20th, at Great Ayton, in Cleveland, Mr. Thomas Dunning, corn miller, aged 47 yrs.
- 1863 April 11th YORK HERALD DEATHS-
DONALDSON- April. 7th, at East Farm, Great Ayton, Jane, the beloved wife of Mr John Donaldson, aged 23.
- 1863 April 11th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS- 2nd COURT –The Rev Canon Cust, Chairman.
WILLIAM ANDERSON, (20), and GEORGE JOHNSON, (15) were charged with having stolen a coat, belonging to Thomas Hartas Peacock, at Great Ayton, on 16 February last. Mr Simpson prosecuted. The prosecutor is a farmer, and whilst leading some timber, he placed his overcoat in a stable, from which was stolen by the prisoners, who were followed to Guisborough. They had, then the stolen coat in their possession. -- Guilty. To be imprisoned for three months each.
- 1863 May 2nd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS.
John Dixon, of Great Ayton, Miller, William Jackson, of Hutton, butcher, Richard Garbutt, of Faceby, Miller and John Oates, of Hutton, grocer, were each charged by Superintendent Smith with having unjust beams. The former defendant was fined 12 shillings and the three latter one pound each, including costs.
- 1863 June 6th YORK HERALD LOCAL NEWS-
PETITION OF PARLIAMENT –by Mr Morrirt and others in favour of closing Public Houses on Sundays.
- 1863 July 25th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON – ALARMING FIRE -On Saturday morning last, the inhabitants of this quiet village were disturbed by an alarming fire on the premises of Miss Martin, which destroyed several stacks and a shed. It appears that the fire originated by the striking of a Lucifer match by a little boy, who had resorted thither with the view of playing about the stack-yard. No sooner had the hay and straw ignited, that a cry of “fire”, was circulated, which attracted swarms of villagers to the spot, all of whom were ready and willing hands to do their best to extinguish the flames, which unfortunately were fanned by a strong breeze. Mr William Snowden, Iron monger, of this place, gallantly exerted himself in rescuing the property and preventing further calamity from the red hot ashes, which were driven furiously in all directions, and it is to his noble conduct, combine with the tiring exertions of all present, that the fire was brought to

a close. We are sorry to say that very little was saved, and the loss will fall upon the owner. This sad catastrophe ought to be a warning to parents not to place matches within the reach of their children.

- 1863 August 15th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS- -- before George Marwood, and Isaac Wilson, Esqrs.
Joseph Marley and David Pearson, two juveniles, of Great Ayton, were charged by Mr William Blaskett, inspector of railways, with placing an obstruction on the rails at Great Ayton, on the 29th day of June last. Case dismissed for the want of evidence.
- 1863 September 19th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON – TEETOTALISM- On the evening of the 11th and 12th inst., largely attended meetings took place in the British School, John Richardson Esq., of Langbaugh Hall, in the chair, when lectures were delivered by Mr Jabez Inwards, of London.
- 1863 October 3rd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON – THE BIBLE SOCIETY -On Wednesday evening, the 23rd ult, the yearly meeting of Ayton branch took place in the Friends' Meeting House. Joseph Pease, Esq, occupied the chair, and riveted the attention of the large company for an hour with an admirable address, after which the Rev J D Miller, district secretary, gave an interesting account of the operations of the society in France, Italy, and other places. A collection at the close was liberally responded to, altogether upwards of nine pounds had been raised before the meeting by Lady collectors.
- 1863 October 17th YORK HERALD
GREAT AND LITTLE AYTON IN CLEVELAND.
FREEHOLD LANDS, DWELLING HOUSE, SHOP, ETC.
Messrs. KITCHING & SON are instructed by the Executors of the late Mr Richard Carlen, deceased, TO SELL BY AUCTION, at the house of Mr John Watson, the Buck Inn, Great Ayton, in the County of York, on Thursday, 29 October, 1863, at three o'clock precisely subject to conditions: --
LOT 1-A substantial and commodious stone built DWELLING HOUSE, used as a Temperance Hotel; a joiner's shop attached thereto; together with the two stables, carts house, and other convenient outbuildings in the yard all situated in the centre of the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, and in the occupation of Mr Henry Kitching, as Tenant.
LOT 2-all those two Closes of very superior OLD GRASSLAND, adjoining each other, containing by admeasurements 5 acres and 1 rood, together with half of the cow-house standing thereon. The Closes are near to the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, adjoining the highways leading to Easby, and are also in the occupation of Mr Henry Kitching, as Tenant.
The whole of the property is Freehold, Tithe Free, and Land Tax redeemed, and may be viewed on application to the tenant.
Possession of the land on 6 April next, and of the dwelling house, shop, and outbuildings on 13 May next, at which respective times (or earlier if wished) the purchases are to be completed.
Further particulars of Mr William Hauxwell, of Great Ayton; and of Mr John Jackson, solicitor Stokesley.
- 1863 November 21st SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
The Rev. George Greenwood conducted the marriage of Mr James Thompson & Miss Elizabeth Bulmer.
- 1863 December 3rd 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.
- 1863 December 12th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON –BURIAL OF A LOCAL POET -- on Sunday morning last, the body of Mr William Martin was interred in the Friends' burial ground, when an impressive address on death and immortality was delivered over the grave, by Isaac Sharpe Esq., of Middlesbrough- on- Tees. Mr Martin was well known as a writer of verses of great chastity and, was endeared to a wide circle of friends in the Northern counties by his kind disposition and gentlemanly manners. His funeral was attended by a large number of acquaintances from a distance, especially by the "brothers of the mystic tie", Mr Martin, being one of the founders of the past masters of the Cleveland Lodge, and an earnest Mason.
- 1863 December 12th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON –MARWOOD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL - On Wednesday the 23rd, the pupils attending the school were examined in the various branches of a sound English education, together with Latin and mathematics, when prizes were awarded to the most proficient in the respective classes. The manner in which the pupils quitted themselves elicited the praise of those present.
- TEMPERANCE LECTURE- Two excellent temperance lectures were delivered in the British school room, Great Ayton, on the 21st inst., by Samuel Bowley Esq. of Gloucestershire, and C. Fox Esq., of Falmouth. The chair was ably filled by John Richardson, of Langbaugh. The meetings were well attended.
- 1863 December 12th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - December 5th Before Isaac Wilson and George Copley, Esqs., -- Joseph Clarke, of Little Ayton, was charged by William Martin Briggs, surveyor of excise, with using a gun for the purpose of killing game without a licence, at Little Ayton, on 8 October last. The case was fully proved, and the bench imposed a fine of £10 including costs.

1864 January 2ND LEEDS MERCURY
TANYARD TO LET – Elizabeth Martin

1864 January 3RD LEEDS MERCURY
ADVERTISEMENT – To be sold cheap one TENTERHOOK WILLEY 32 inches wide. Cylinder 43 inches diameter etc.

1864 January 23rd YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES; WILSON – MURRAY At the parish church Great Ayton, on the 18th inst. by the Rev J. Ibbotson, Mr Joseph Wilson, grocer, Great Ayton, to Sarah 2nd daughter of Joseph Murray Esq. Whitby.
DEATHS: BULMER – On Sunday last, at Great Ayton, Mr William Bulmer, aged 86 years.

1864 February 20th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*-
GREAT AYTON – TEMPERANCE;- On Wednesday evening last, the Rev D.W. Purdon, Independent Minister, from Guisborough, delivered a practical lecture in favour of Total Abstinence, in the British school, where Mr Ralph Dixon, teacher, occupied the chair.

1864 February 20th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*-
GREAT AYTON – LECTURE- The lecture was delivered on Tuesday evening, the 20th, at the British school rooms, by Mr Henry Fawcett, B.A., headmaster of the Preston Grammar School, Stokesley, on "Ancient & Scripture wines" being an examination of, and answer to, two lectures delivered by Mr Jabez Inwards. Mr George Dixon was in the chair. In such a teetotal population, no arguments, however forcible, were likely to be unopposed; but the difficulty consisted in finding on the adverse side one who could compete in scholarship with Mr. H. Fawcett. Mr Ralph Dixon, however, volunteered to refute the evidence adduced in a lecture to be delivered on the following evening.
PRESENTATION OF A TESTIMONIAL- The parishioners of Great Ayton, in order to evince their regret at the Rev George Robson's resigning the curacy, which he has held during the last 13 years, subscribed very munificently towards the purchase of a valuable testimonial of their esteem, consisting of a silver ink stand and pocket communion service, which was presented in the name of the contributors by James Eastham Esq., Ayton house, and Mr Stephen Hunter, on the 29th. The pupils attending the Marwood's Girls' School. Also presented him with a beautiful church service, bound in maroon morocco, elegantly mounted.

1864 February 20th THE LEEDS MERCURY
TO TANNERS.- To be LET At Great Ayton, near Stokesley, Yorkshire, an excellent TAN YARD, lately occupied by William Martin, containing 90 pits, of which 64 are covered with drying sheds, bark Chambers, stables, and other conveniences, &c. There is a stream of water passing through the yard, of superior quality for the process of tanning. The above premises are situated 10 miles from the seaport of Stockton, and 9 miles from Middlesbrough on Tees. Apply to Elizabeth Martin, Great Ayton, near Stokesley.

1864 March 26th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*-
GREAT AYTON – FUNERAL SERMON;- On Sunday evening last, a sermon was preached in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, by the Rev W Saul, in reference to decease of the late Mr J Whorlton.

1864 April 2nd YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*-
GREAT AYTON -- LECTURE: -- the lecture was delivered on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., at the British school rooms, by Mr Henry Fawcett, B.A., the headmaster of the Preston Grammar School Stokesley. On "Ancient and Scripture Wines", being an examination of, and answer to, two lectures delivered by Mr Jabez Inwards. Mr George Dixon was in the chair. In such a teetotal population, no arguments, however, forcible, were likely to be unopposed; but the difficulty consisted in finding on the adverse side one who could compete in scholarship with Mr H. Fawcett. Mr Ralph Dixon, however, volunteered to refute the evidence adduced in a lecture to be delivered on the following evening.
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1864 April 9th YORK HERALD *DISTRICT NEWS*-
GREAT AYTON –
THE BRADFIELD FLOOD -- on Wednesday evening last, a lecture was delivered on this disaster, in the British school, by Mr John Hall, of Sheffield. There was a moderate attendance and Mr G. Dixon, officiated as chairman. The collection was made at the close in aid of the sufferers, which will be increased by private subscriptions.

TEETOTALISM -on the evening of the 30th a meeting took place in the British School, John Richardson Proctor Esq., of Shields, in the chair, when Mr. R. Dixon, master of the North of England Agricultural School, gave an excellent lecture in support of several of the wines of the Scripture being un-intoxicating. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr Dixon, for his instructive address at the close.

- 1864 February 17th LEEDS MERCURY
Returns for Bank lists "HAUXWELL, WILLIAM Great Ayton, near Stokesley. MILLWRIGHT."
- 1864 July 2ND LEEDS MERCURY
TRIAL OF PRISONERS (NORTH RIDING SESSIONS AT NORTHALLERTON)
FOUR MONTHS IMPRISONMENT Nicholas York stole a watch, the property of John Hauxwell at Great Ayton.
- 1864 April 23rd YORK HERALD
TO CORRESPONDENTS -Having last week declined to insert a long letter respecting the lecture on "Ancient and Scripture Wines", recently delivered at Great Ayton, we cannot with any degree of justice insert Mr Dixon's on the same subject. Besides, this dispute is of a purely personal nature, and altogether uninteresting to the general newspaper reader.
- 1864 October 8th LEEDS MERCURY
MARRIAGES; RICHARDSON – COUMINEY
October 6th at the Friends' Meeting House, Great Ayton, Henry, son of John Richardson Esq. Langbaugh Hall, to Emma, second daughter of L.F. Couminey Esq. Surgeon, Great Ayton, formerly of Stokesley.
- 1864 October 15th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- George Wade of Great Ayton, Labour, was charged by Timothy McManus, of Stokesley, with assaulting him at Great Ayton, on the 26th inst.. Fined 15s 6d, and 14s 6d costs: In default 21 days hard Labour.
- 1864 October 22ND LEEDS MURCURY
Mr **William Mudd** of Great Ayton, Yorkshire, has been appointed Curator of the **Botanic Gardens Cambridge**. In addition to his horticultural skill he is well known both in this country and on the Continent as a Botanist. He is the author of our best work on an obscure tribe of plants, the "**Manual of British Lichens**".
- 1864 October 29th LEEDS MERCURY
DEATHS; JACKSON- Oct. 18th at Great Ayton in Cleveland aged 72 years Elizabeth Jackson, wife of Mr John Jackson, farmer.
- 1864 December 17th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON –ROBBERY;- A robbery of the most daring and impudent nature was discovered at Mr John Peacock's corn mill, Great Ayton, on Monday morning last. The mill is situated in front of the grinder's house, and, as he was proceeding to turn the water to the wheel, he found the door unbolted, and on closer examination it was discovered that a thief or thieves had gained an entrance, by means of a long ladder, through a window at the back part of the building, thence by two flights of steps to the office. The money drawer had been broken open, and a box containing eight shillings and seven pence, and an old coat, taken away. The box has since been found, minus its contents, in a corner of one of the rooms. There is no doubt the robbery has been perpetrated by someone well acquainted with the building, and who knew where the cash lay, as no other locks were broken.
- 1864 December 31st YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON –
MARWOOD GRAMMAR SCHOOL -The pupils attending the school were examined on the various branches of sound and Liberal education. Thursday, the 22nd inst., when prizes were awarded to the most proficient in the respective classes. It is very gratifying to find whilst the children exhibited high attainment in secular learning, their knowledge of the Scripture drew forth encomiums of praise from the ladies and gentlemen who were present.
MESMERISM-on Friday evening, Miss Poole gave one of her mesmeric performances in the British School, to a respectable audience. After a few passes, her patients dropped into a complete state of como, or mesmeric sleep, when she caused them to perform some most extraordinary feats, and would have continued her entertainment much longer had the room not been so uncomfortably hot.
- 1865 January LEEDS MERCURY
DEATHS; GILSON – Jan 27th at Great Ayton aged 76 yrs, Mr James Gilson, MARINER
- 1865 February 13th LEEDS MERCURY
Returns for Bank lists:- DALE, Thomas, Great Ayton, near Northallerton, FARMER
DALE, William, Great Ayton ~~ GENTLEMAN
HAUXWELL, William, Great Ayton, near Stokesley, MILLWRIGHT
- 1865 April 1st LEEDS MERCURY

- 1865 May 13th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES – SMITH – KIRTLEY -On the 11th at the Independent Chapel, Great Ayton by the Rev. Isaac Brierley, Mr John Smith, head gardener to Messrs. Bell Brothers, Saltburn-by-the sea, to Miss Sarah Ann Kirtley, of Nunthorpe. This being the first marriage solemnised in the above place, an illustrated and splendidly bound Bible was presented to the bride.
- 1865 May 15TH LEEDS MERCURY
 DEATHS;- RICHARDSON, May 9th at Great Ayton, aged 48. Mr John Richardson TANNER
- 1865 August 5th YORK HERALD
ACCOUNT OF CRICKET MATCH – AYTON v. SKELTON at Skelton.
- 1865 November 4th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
 GREAT AYTON –
 A CHILD LOST AND STARVED TO DEATH -On Tuesday afternoon week, a poor boy seven years of age, of weak intellect, was missed by his mother from under the window, where she had seen him amusing himself with some playthings a few minutes before, and on looking for him he was nowhere to be found. As night approached, the alarm increased, and the police, aided by a score of men, went in search of him, but not being able to find any traces of him, handbills issued next morning, giving full descriptions of the poor lad and his dress. About 11 o'clock on Friday forenoon, he was found dead in a furrow of a field, about half a mile from the village. The inquest was held on the body the same day, at the Buck Hotel, before Thomas Sowerby Esq., deputy coroner, and a verdict returned of "found dead from exposure to the cold". The poor child had previously had a paralytic stroke, which rendered him unable to rise without assistance when laid down.
- 1866 January 13th YORK HERALD – REFERENCES TO "Cattle Plague" and heavy fines for bringing animals to Markets, or moving them to different parts of the country. Etc.
- 1866 January 27th YORK HERALD
 STOKESLEY AREA- Up to the end of last year, the total number of cattle attacked by the plague. In two petty sessional divisions of Langbaurch North and Yarm, was 85, of which number 38 had died, 26 recovered, four had been destroyed, and the remainder were under treatment; the petty sessional division of East and West Langbaurch had happily escaped the contagion. This, we regret to state, is now no longer the case with the two last named divisions: Mr Robert Booth, of Ingleby Arncliffe, having had 10 head of cattle attacked, of which number three have died, and Mr G Potts, of Great Ayton, having had six attacked, of which one had been destroyed.
Other articles make reference to vaccine.
- 1866 February 10th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
 GREAT AYTON – PRESENTATION -On Tuesday evening last, the Postgate schoolroom was filled by a very respectable company, to witness the presentation of a valuable gold watch to Mr George Dixon, late master of the North of England Agricultural School, who was about to leave the village early on the following morning, for an absence of some years in America, where he is about to superintend the establishment of schools for the Poor freedmen. Mr Stephen Hunter, M.C.P, was elected chairman and called upon Mr George Markham Tweddell F.S.A., Newc., who presented the testimonial in the name of the subscribers, many of whom, like himself, had known Mr Dixon for about a quarter of a century, and all of whom had known him long enough to appreciate his worth. Mr Tweddell took a retrospect of Mr Dixon's labours in Cleveland, and expressed a warm wish for his success in his underpaid labours amongst the freedmen. Mr Dixon returned thanks, in a very feeling speech, and the meeting was one of an interesting character.
- 1866 February 17th YORK HERALD
 STOKESLEY AREA -The following is the return for Langbaurch West division for the week ending February 9th : -- Mr Booth Ingleby Arncliffe, has had one died, making his total loss 15 head. Mr Potts, Great Ayton, 1 attacked, 1 died -- his total loss to above date being 9 dead. Mr Mortimer, Seamer, 2 attacked and 2 died, making his total in all 15. The plague has extended during the week to the stock of the two following gentlemen: -- Mr Dowson, of Ingleby Cross, has had three cases during the week, of which one has been fatal; and Mr Garbutt, of Hutton Rudby, seven beasts attacked, of which one has died, -- making a total loss in this petty sessional division of 41 head.
- 1866 April 21st YORK HERALD
 THE BANKRUPTCY ACT
 JOSEPH WATSON, late of Great Ayton, in the County of York, Innkeeper, and now of Great Ayton aforesaid, Labourer (wife carrying on the business of dressmaker at Great Ayton aforesaid), having been adjudged bankrupt on the 19th day of April, 1866, is hereby required to surrender himself to Fred Perkins, a registrar of the County Court of Yorkshire, holden at Stokesley, at the first meeting of creditors, be held on the 11th day of May 1866, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, at the County Court office, Stokesley. Mr T. Simpson, of Yarm, is the Solicitor acting in the bankruptcy. At the meeting, the registrar will receive the proofs of the debts of the creditors, and the creditors may choose any assignee or assignees of the bankrupt's estate and effects or persons having in their possession any of

the effects of the said bankrupt, deliver them to the Registrar, and all debts due to the bankrupt, must be paid to the registrar. FRED PERKINS, Registrar.

1866 April 25th

LONDON DAILY NEWS

BANKRUPT ; Joseph WATSON, Great Ayton Yorkshire LABOURER.

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, cart-wrights, 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,	numbered
436 LARCH TREES	numbered
307 ASH TREES	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.

1866 May 15th

LEEDS MERCURY

THE ORIGIN OF OVEREND GURNEY & Co. (*Connection with Thomas Richardson, of Great Ayton*)

- This firm hold its origin to a Yorkshire member of the Society of Friends, Mr Thomas Richardson, was born in Great Ayton, near Roseberry in the Cleveland district. Mr Richardson was the son of humble parents, and when a young man proceeded to Sunderland toward the close of the last century, where he served his apprenticeship as a grocer with a Friend named Walker, in the Low Street. On the completion of his indentures his desire turned to the Metropolis, but, being in humble circumstances, he had no means of proceeding further until the captain of a collier ship took compassion on him, and gave him a free passage to London. Here, through the recommendation of some Friends, he obtained employment in one of the banks, where he gradually advance. Subsequently, during the time of the Continental war, he commenced as a bill broker - banking establishments with money to speculate employed him to obtain good bills for them, and he acting as the media of communication between the capitalists. The remuneration was something like 8%, the broker not endorsing the bill, so as to make himself liable it was 1st a question of confidence repose in the broker by the capitalists that he would obtain good bills for the money. Amongst other banks for whom Mr Richardson acted was that of Messrs. Gurneys' at Norwich who were the depositories of much of the money of the agriculturists: they saw that the bill broker in was a highly remunerative business, and negotiations were concluded for one of the family, Mr Samuel Gurney, joining Mr Richardson, along with Mr Overend, and the firm ultimately became Overend, Gurney and Co. on the subsequent retirement of Mr Richardson. The latter was a plain, simple, but extremely shrewd Yorkshireman. He died about 10 years ago. Amongst other benevolent acts, he was one of the principal founders of some excellent schools in his native village of Great Ayton.

1866 May 18th

NEWCASTLE COURANT

THE MONETARY CRISIS - SUSPENSION OF OVEREND GURNEY & Co. LIABILITIES of £10,000,000

The panic culminated on Thursday in the most important and serious stoppage ever announced in the city of London. Overend, Gurney and Co. (Limited) where on Thursday afternoon, held to close their doors. Their liabilities amounted to about £10,000,000 of which £6,000,000 is to depositors who hold bills as security, and £3,500,000 is to uncovered depositors. The paid-up capital is £1,500,000 the nominal capital being £5,000,000 in shares of £50 each, on which £15 has been paid, and the closing price on Thursday evening of the shares, which 6 months ago were at nearly 10 premium, was 8 3/4 discount. As the sum of £500,000 was paid to with the old firm for the goodwill on the constitution last August of the limited company, that some must now in any case be regarded by the shareholders as irretrievably lost, but it may be hoped that the assets in hand will go far to prevent a total exhaustion of the remaining £1,000,000 of paid-up capital, since, as recently as the past week or two, the manager is firmly believe that at the meeting about to be held they would be able to sure profits sufficient to cover all losses, including that from the fraud of Pinto, Perez and Co., and to admit of the declaration of the dividend. The breakdown has been the result of a run of speculative sales of the shares. The general public regarded the company with favour and, although it was well known that the old firm, whose property not many years back was reckoned by millions, had greatly dissipated their resources by a series of improvement advances, it was believed that those of the partners who remained to manage the new concern would henceforth conduct the business with an especial amount of caution, owing to their full consciousness of the mistakes by which they had suffered in the past. That they have faithfully endeavoured to do so is still the general opinion, but every circumstance has been against them. The frequent recurrence of disasters affecting the assets of the old firm constantly affected the reputation of the new one; the notorious failure of Overend Watson and Co., the railway contractors, operated injuriously from the similarity of name; the heavy fraud of Pinto, Perez & Co., The general breaking up of the Finance Companies, and the hourly expectation of a European war, were all calculated to try them to the utmost. But there is no reason to doubt they would still have works through had it not been for the persistent sales of their shares on speculation. As soon as these operations had brought the quotation to a discount,

the depositors began to take alarm, until at length the train this morning became too sharp to be resisted. Application was made to the Bank of England, but the governors felt it would be there in a crisis like the present to help one establishment, unless they were prepared to help all that might be compelled to come upon them. There was no time to take any other step, such as making a call on the shareholders or seeking assistance either from creditors or kindred establishments, and moreover, the pending difficulty had become sufficiently known to render any palliative useless. Accordingly suspension was resolved upon, and the following circular was immediately issued:-

Overend, Gurney & Co. (Limited) London E.C. May 10th

Sir, - we regret to announce that a severe run on our deposits and resources has compelled us to suspend payment, this course is being considered, under advice, the best calculated to protect the interests of all parties. Mr Turquand, of the firm of Messrs. Coleman, Turquand, Young & Co. and Mr Harding, of the firm of Messrs. Harding, Pulein, Whinney & Gibbons, who are now died in auditing the accounts will prepare a statement of the affairs of the company, to be laid before the shareholders at a meeting, which will be fixed for as early a date as possible. I remain your obedient servant, WILLIAM BOIS, Secretary.

- **Whole page of articles about Banks behaving recklessly, fraudulently, etc.**

BARNED'S BANKING COMPANY, the statistics of BARNED'S Banking Company (limited) are so startling that they have actually "shocked" the Master of the Rolls, an official who maybe suppose to be pretty familiar with folly and fraud in their wildest phases. It appears that about a year ago certain parties trading as bankers at Liverpool, under the name of BARNED & Co., Took it into their heads that it would be to their advantage to sell their interest in their business for £160,000; and as Messrs. BARNED & Co. New exactly what their business was then worth, it is probable that they did not make a very bad bargain. Certain other parties, who were minded "to promote" a banking company (limited), agreed to pay the above named sum of the business, and easily found people to back them in the transaction. It is possible that both vendors and promoters may have made a good thing out of the sale of BARNED'S Bank; it is quite clear that the unlucky shareholders have made a desperate bad thing of it. So reckless did the managers of the company plunged into the deepest and most turbid waters of speculation, that within 11 months from the date on which £160,000 was paid for the banking business it failed for £3,500,000. The managers and shareholders of the bank now wish to be allowed to wind up the concern privately, but the Bank of England is a creditor for £300,000, and will not hear of that, so the Master of the Rolls has directed it to be wound up compulsorily, in order that the folly and fraud by which such an enormous financial disaster has been so speedily brought about may stand on record, a warning to future fool's pool are over anxious to part with their money, for the benefit of "promoters" of limited liability companies.

A WARNING TO SPECULATORS

the *Telegraph*, writing on the late disaster in the financial world lays down some good moral truths, which it would behove city men to ponder:- "we cannot but cherish a lingering hope that the lessons of 1866 will not be wholly lost. Business has its mysteries, with which only those who have been practically initiated into City life can ever expect to be familiar; but there are certain broad principles to which no one, man or woman, need be blind. Not to enter upon what might be termed the ethics of speculation, we would simply recall that trite Maxim that "high interest means bad security." To that sweeping rule there may possibly be some exceptions; but they can be known only to those will are practically conversant with business. There are ample means of investing money where it will return a moderate but certain interest, and be absolutely safe; and if small capitalists, disregarding these modest and secure investments, prefer to engage in speculative operations which they cannot be expected to understand, there will, on every future crisis, be at least as sad tale of distress as that which has been occasioned by the panic of last week".

- 1866 June 2nd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;-
George Maude (sen), bricklayer, Great Ayton, charged with allowing his pony to stray on the highway, was ordered to pay 5s 6d., the costs.
Parker Wood, tinker, Great Ayton, charged with a similar offence, was fined 1s and 8s 6d costs.
- 1866 June 23rd YORK HERALD
COUNTY FIRE OFFICE, 50 Regent St. London. Mr. George Dixon listed as Cleveland Agent.
- 1866 September 2nd LONDON DAILY NEWS
BANKRUPTS; James Shepherd, Great Ayton Yorkshire, JOINER.
- 1866 November 10th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND.
THE GROCERS AND DRAPERS -- TO BE LET, and may be entered upon at Martinmas next, or such other time as may be agreed upon, that well-known old established, Draper and Grocer's shop, recently new fronted, with a commodious warehouse attached, situated in the best and most commanding position on the High Green, in the flourishing village of Great Ayton in Cleveland, where the above businesses have been carried on for about a century, and now in the occupation of Mr Joseph Wilson, who will give satisfactory reasons for leaving.
The stock, which is not very extensive, is to be taken at invoice prices; and arrangements may also be made for taking the fixtures.
The above offers an opportunity rarely to be met with, as it is in the best accustomed and oldest established shop in the village. Further particulars may be had of Mr Joseph Wilson, on the premises.

- 1866 November 24th YORK HERALD
DEATHS;- DIXON – On the 19th inst. at Ayton Hall, Great Ayton, aged 2yrs. 7months, Charles Alexander, youngest son of Mr John Dixon.
- 1867 January 12th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS –
MARY ANN MAUDE and WALTER MAUDE, Great Ayton were charged with threatening to do Ellen McNay some bodily injury on the 30th ult. at the above place. Bound over to keep the peace for 6 months in £10 and £6 each.
- 1867 January 19th YORK HERALD
SLACK'S BLUESTONE* QUARRIES -- Broken and unbroken, for road metal, paving-stones, etc, supplied by Thomas Brown, Great Ayton, near Stokesley. Sent by rail to all parts. *An alternative name for "Whinstone"
- 1867 February 15th THE ESSEX STANDARD
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND – Persons of whom the Company or Partnership consists.
Includes:- CALEN, Mrs Ann; DALE, William, Gentleman; HAUXWELL, William, Millwright.
- 1867 March 16th YORK HERALD
DEATH OF MRS RICHARDSON -A very large circle of the members and friends of temperance will hear with deep regret of the death of Mrs Jno. Richardson, of Langbaugh Hall Great Ayton, was a liberal patron of this and many other similar societies.
- 1868 January 11th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -Mr John Jackson elected as new Clerk for the LANGBAURGH DISTRICT.
- 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 of 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.
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.
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.
Note attached:- Lot 1 is sold subject to the payment of £6 pr year to the poor of Great Ayton
Lot 6 is subject to the life estate therein of ANN BLACKWELL, she being now 72.
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
- 1868 March 28th LEEDS MERCURY
A reference is made to a "ROSEBERRY VILLA" at a '5 minute walk from Great Ayton'.
- 1868 March 28th YORK HERALD
Valuable Freehold Villa residence, with large productive garden, together with two useful cottages, situated near Great Ayton, in the County of York.

MR WILLIAM PYBUS is instructed by the Mortgagees to sell by auction, at the Golden Lion hotel, Stokesley, on Saturday, April 4, 1868, at three o'clock in the afternoon, precisely, subject to such conditions as will be then produced, all that desirable Freehold VILLA RESIDENCE, known as Roseberry Villa, formerly in the occupation of the late Major Rudd, with about an acre and a half of productive garden ground attached; also those two ornamental cottages adjoining. The Villa contains two sitting rooms, smoke room, entrance hall, four bedrooms, kitchen, pantries, yard, and requisite out- offices; adjoining the house is a useful and ornamental tower, containing two large rooms, commanding a beautiful view of the surrounding country. The cottages each contain five rooms, in front of which there is a small flower garden.

The Villa and cottages are of recent erections, in capital order, and are conveniently situated on the road from Stokesley to Guisborough, and about five minutes walk from Great Ayton. Part of the garden ground fronting the road to great Ayton is suitable for the erection of another Villa.

May be viewed by applying on the premises to Mr Joseph Watson; and further particulars may be had of the AUCTIONEER, Bridge road, Stockton, and Station street Middlesbrough; and of Messrs. Mather and Cockcroft, solicitors, Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.

1868 April 4th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION -Two additional trains daily now run between Newcastle and Middlesbrough through to Whitby via Great Ayton and the Castleton line. By this arrangement, the distance between Middlesbrough and Whitby, has been lessened by some 16 miles.

1868 June 4th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

GREAT AYTON - A CHILD FOUND IN THE STREET. At Great Ayton, on Friday morning week, about five o'clock, a male infant, about two months old, wrapped up very clean, and a bottle of milk by its side, was found in the open street. The "little stranger" was conveyed to the workhouse, and the police have instituted enquiries for the discovery of its inhuman mother.

1868 August 1st YORK HERALD

DEATHS;- PEASE – On the 29th ult. At Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, John Pease Esq., aged 71. (Given as 75!)

1868 August 1st MANCHESTER TIMES

DEATH PEASE – On the 29th in his 71st year at his residence CLEVELAND LODGE, Great Ayton after a short illness, John Pease of East Mount Darlington.

1868 August 5th LEEDS MERCURY

An account of the funeral of John Pease.

1868 August 8th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

FUNERAL OF MR JOHN PEASE. -- The funeral of Mr John Pease took place on Wednesday, Darlington. The body of the deceased gentleman was brought from Cleveland Lodge, near Great Ayton, by special train, arriving at Darlington. About 2:30 in the afternoon. Between 20 and 30 carriages, belonging to the friends of the deceased gentlemen, followed the single mourning coach from the Stockton and Darlington station to the Friends' Burying-ground, behind the Meeting House in Skinnergate. There the body was committed to the grave with the simple rights of the ceremony served by the Society of friends, which consisted of short addresses from Mr William Ball, of Ryedale, and Mr Joseph Bevan Braithwaite, of London. There was no pall covering the coffin, which was of oak, with the simple inscription, "JP died 7th month 29th 1868. Aged 71". The shops in the town were closed during the ceremony. Besides the carriages, which accompanied the funeral procession, there were the members of the town Council, the representatives of the various commercial interests in which the members of the Pease family are engaged, the workmen from the railway and the Shildon shops, etc., together with a large number of the tradesmen of the town, all classes and sections of the inhabitants came, concurring in paying honour to the deceased.

1868 August 19th LIVERPOOL MERCURY

Rev. M Rowntree, late curate of Great Ayton to vicarage of Newton in Cleveland.

1868 August 22nd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

GREAT AYTON

CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY-the anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Chapel of this place was held on Sunday, August 9, when three sermons were preached to attentive congregations by the recently appointed superintendent of the Stokesley district, the Rev J. Laverick. On Friday evening last, a fruit banquet was held in the chapel. The chair was taken by Mr Peacock, a member of the Wesleyan denomination, and addresses of an instructive character were delivered by the Rev's F. Watson, J. Charlton, J Laverick, and Mr Wilson. The fruit, of which there was an abundant supply, was served up at intervals during the proceedings. This being the first service of the kind which has been held in Ayton, a large number of friends at once evinced their interest by contributions of fruit, by their presence, and in doing justice to the good things provided. The financial result is £6.

1868 September 5th LEEDS MERCURY

Great Ayton in Cleveland in the county of York – to be SOLD by TENDER, the following freehold PROPERTY; - A PUBLIC HOUSE, known by the name of the Green Tree, in the occupation of Mr George Hayden; together with the SHOP forming part of the same, now occupied by Mr Ralph Phillips. Also TEN MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES

near and adjoining the last mentioned property, eight of which are in several occupations of William Pearson, Robert Johnson, John Bradley, Ralph Phillips, Mrs Wilson, Jane Hardy, Margaret Mankin and Matthew Oxendale and two are unoccupied; together with the butcher's shop, stables outbuildings and gardens adjoining and belonging. The above premises are situate in the High Green of Great Ayton aforesaid. Also those FIFTEEN MESSUAGES or DWELLING HOUSES situate in Park Square, Great Ayton, aforesaid, thirteen of which are now in the several occupations of Henry Wightman, William Brown, Hanna Longstaff, John Paylor, James Ridge, George Pearson, William Eaton, Thomas Scales, Joseph Burton, William Hart, Parker Wood and John Wilson and two are unoccupied, together with the STABLES, COACH HOUSE; GARDENS and OUTBUILDINGS thereto belonging. Also a PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND situate near the village of Great Ayton aforesaid, containing about one acre and now let in allotments as garden ground.

The DWELLING HOUSES are substantially built, and let to respectable tenants. A good business has been carried on in the Public House for a number of years.

Great Ayton is pleasantly situate, being close to the Cleveland Hills and about half a mile from the railway station.

The dwelling houses may be tendered for separately or any number together. For viewing the premises, and for further particulars, apply to Mr Joseph Wilson, California, Great Ayton; or Mr Allan Mitchell, Great Ayton. Tenders are to be delivered on, or before the first day of October next to Messrs J.C. & T. SOWERBY Solicitors, Stokesley.

1868 October 17th LEEDS MERCURY

WANTED A SCHOOLMASTER, for the British School Great Ayton, Salary upwards of £50 per annum. Applicants to be forwarded immediately. Ralph Dixon. Great Ayton via Northallerton.

1868 October 31 LEEDS MERCURY

LEEDS CORPORATION "The proceedings of the highway committee as to obtaining the supply of Whinstone from Cliff Rigg Great Ayton were approved of"

1868 December 31st LEEDS MERCURY

DEATHS; LOY, Died 28th age 84. Elizabeth, relict of Thomas Loy MD of Great Ayton.

1869 January 2nd THE STANDARD (London)

Yesterday six of the directors of the late firm of OVEREND, GURNEY, and Co. Were Charged at the Mansion House, before the Lord Mayor and Alderman GABRIEL, with having conspired together to defraud the shareholders by issuing false and fraudulent statements by which the said shareholders were " defrauded to the amount of 3 million sterling". Mr Lewis, having opened the case for the prosecution in a lengthy speech, the hearing was adjourned until today, when the magistrates will sit in one of the law courts Guildhall.

1869 February 20th BRISTOL MERCURY

LISTINGS for NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK
HAUXWELL; William.
DALE, William.

Great Ayton,
Great Ayton

MILLWRIGHT
GENTLEMAN

1869. May 31st LEEDS MERCURY.

LEEDS TOWN COUNCIL.

"It will also be proposed that the Corporate Common Seal be affixed to a contract with Mr A.M. CHILD for the construction of the necessary works for obtaining Whinstone, at Great Ayton. At the sum of £2717 17s 3d"

1869 July 3rd YORK HERALD

NORTH RIDING SESSIONS; On Grand Jury; Mr D. Bottomley, shopkeeper; Mr J. Watson, Inn keeper.

1869 August 13th LONDON GAZETTE

BANKRUPTS;- COCKERILL, HENRY, Great Ayton, Butcher.

1869 November 13th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – On Saturday before J. Emerson Esq., and Major Elwon, Wm. Brown, sayer, of Gt. Ayton, charged with drunk and riotous conduct, was fined 5s & 8s costs.

1869 December 11th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Jas. P. Redshaw, Gt. Ayton, bricklayer, charged by Chas. Smith, beer-house keeper, Gt. Ayton, with using threatening language towards him on the 29th Nov. was bound over to keep the peace.

1870 January 1st YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

GREAT AYTON

CONCERT- A vocal and instrumental concert was given in the British School room on Tuesday evening last by the Ayton string band. The room was crowded to excess with a highly respectable audience, comprising most of the *elite* of the village. The room was beautifully decorated with evergreens, and the arrangements being completed in every respect, added greatly to the interest of the concept. The programme was well gone through, the following being the principal features entertainment was a success, and when we take into consideration

all of the performers are matters, it cannot be too highly commended. Mr Augustus, Hudson, Middlesbrough, presided at the pianoforte.

- 1870 January 2nd YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING SESSIONS. BRIDGE-MASTER'S REPORT
"The whole of the 100 yards of road on the Stokesley side of Great Ayton bridge was quite open to the water, and the sides of the road had irregularly crumbled away. He had to request the court to allow him to place rails in the usual manner to protect the public."
- 1870 January 29th YORK HERALD
Advert for G.M.TWEDDLE'S "THE BARDS AND AUTHORS OF CLEVELAND & SOUTH DURHAM AND THE VICINITY"
- 1870 February 19th LEICESTER CHRONICLE
RETURNS FOR NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK Persons of whom the company or partnership consists.
Only 2 from Gt. Ayton now listed; DALE, William, Gentleman. HAUXWELL, William, Millwright.
- 1870 February 26th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-
GREAT AYTON
TEMPERANCE - The Rev W. T. Adey, of Darlington, delivered, in the British School rooms, on the 18th inst. an interesting lecture on "evil spirits, and how to cast them out". The chair was filled by the President, John Richardson Esq., who introduced Mr John Blow, of Nocton, near Lincoln, to give his farewell address, he being about to retire from public life, in consequence of bodily infirmities. He stated that he had lectured 22 winters, in which he had visited 530 towns and villages in England, delivered 2,300 lectures, and obtained 11,500 signatures. Votes of thanks and a hearty cheer for the veteran brought the meeting to a close.
- 1870 March 5th NORTHERN ECHO
To Let AYTON GRANGE – a very convenient house at LANGBAURGH with two sitting rooms, kitchen, and four lodging rooms, storerooms & attics &c. Rent very moderate, for particulars apply to JOHN RICHARDSON, Langbaugh Hall, Great Ayton via Northallerton.
- 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 GEARGE 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.
- 1870 March 12th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED IMMEDIATELY a young man (aged 22 or 23) as GROOM and COACHMAN – apply to Wm. SNOWDON Great Ayton.
- 1870 April 23rd YORK HERALD
FOR SALE; 2 houses on High Green – 1 late in the occupation of Mrs Mary Smith, deceased.
(With descriptions) The other in the occupation of Mr Brown.
- 1870, June 3rd LEEDS MERCURY,
SUDDEN DEATH AT GREAT AYTON.
Yesterday, as Mr Henry Richardson, Ormesby, was driving in his trap to Great Ayton a horse and cart was standing in the middle of the road (the horse having arrived at the gate leading to the quarry, whether it had been accustomed to go for Whinstone). Mr Richardson called out to the man, who he suppose was asleep, but to his surprise he found him laid dead in the cart, with the reins tightly grasped in his hand. Mr Richardson obtained assistance and the deadly body was removed to the Buck Inn, Great Ayton, to await the coroner's inquest. The man was an old servant of Mr Thomas Hustler, of Acklam Hall, and was nearly 60 years of age.
- 1870 June 4th YORK HERALD
TO CONTRACTORS, QUARRYMEN, AND OTHERS.
TENDERS Wanted by the Leeds Corporation for WORKING their WHINSTONE quarry at Great Ayton, and for loading the stone into the railway trucks on their siding, at the rate per tonne, including the renewal of all plant, and keeping it in good repair. The quantity to be not less than 1000 tons per week, or 4000 per month, under a penalty.

They also require a separate Tender for the removal of further baring and inferior stone, and all rubbish that may be lying on the stone, or accrue in the workings. They also require a separate Tender for working down the gully cutting to the level of the top of incline, the supplying and properly fixing the drop machinery, roads, etc., etc., connected there with.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the engineer, Mr Thomas G Hardie, Great Ayton. Tenders to be sent in on or before 14 June next, addressed to "The Chairman of the Highways Committee, Town Clerk's Office, Leeds," endorsed "Tender for work at Great Ayton" -- by order C.A. Curwood, Town Clerk.

1870 June 25th YORK HERALD

FREEHOLD PROPERTY GREAT AYTON.

ON SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, about three acres of Freehold land situated in the village of Great Ayton, in the North Riding of the County of York, with several buildings erected thereon, comprising brick and tile sheds, engine house, joiners shop, carts shed, six stalled stable, granary and loft, etc., also 10 TENEMENTS, the latter producing a gross rental of one pound and six shillings per annum.

Further particulars may be known on application, Isaac Sharp, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough; or to John Dixon, School Mill, Great Ayton, aforesaid, who will, on request, show the premises.

1870 June 27th NORTHERN ECHO

J.THISTLETHWAITE – Offers new dwelling house for sale. (and another to let) –*summary*

1870 June 29th EVENING GAZETTE

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - SATURDAY - before G Marwood, J. Emerson, and G. E. Copley Esqrs.,.

THEFT- George Ward, Great Ayton, labour, was brought up in custody of P.C. Dove, charged with stealing a drainer's clog from a quarry at Ayton, on or about the 7th May, the property of George Pearson, of the same place. In this case, the prosecutor declined to appear against the prisoner, who was consequently discharged. The Bench remarked, that the prosecutor would have to pay the expenses, which amounted to 14 shillings. The prisoner had been three days in custody.

1870 July 13th GLASGOW HERALD

COMMERCIAL NEWS – The dissolution of the partnership between Messrs. Elliot and Garbutt, TANNERS, Gt. Ayton.

1870 July 22nd NORTHERN ECHO

MARRIAGE ; PREST – SMURTHWAITE – July 19 at the Independent Chapel, Great Ayton. By the Rev. Isaac Brierley, Mr John Prest, of Bavaria, United States of America, to Margaret, daughter of Mr John Smurthwaite, of Guisborough.

1870 July 30th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS-

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS –Marshall Rutter, Guisbro' butcher, charged by William Dixon, of Great Ayton, Surveyor of Highways, with riding upon the footpath at the township of Great Ayton on the 18th day of July, was fined 1s and 12s costs.

1870 August 6th YORK HERALD

FREEHOLD PROPERTY GREAT AYTON.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, ON THURSDAY the 18th day of August 1870, at the British School Room, Great Ayton, three o'clock in the afternoon, subject to the conditions to be then and there produced. Mr Watson auctioneer:

LOT 1 A block of SIX COTTAGES and GARDENS behind the same producing a rental £25

LOT 2 Four TENEMENTS and GARDENS annexed, adjoining Lot 1, producing a rental of £10

LOT 3 about three acres and a quarter FREEHOLD LAND and buildings erected thereon, comprising brick and tile sheds, tile kiln, engine house and chimney, joiners shop, cart shed, six stalled stable, granary, loft etc., except. Also an 8 horse-power, engine and a boiler, saw bench and saws, pug mill, gears, etc. to be offered in lots as may be agreed upon at the sale.

LOT 4 All that excellent stone built and compact FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSE, with the fruit and flower garden, and outbuildings attach, the property of Mr George Dixon, and formerly occupied by him, replete with conveniences embracing sitting rooms, nine bedrooms, attics, kitchen, pantry, wash house, and other erections. Situated on the road leading from Ayton to Guisborough. A portion of the purchase money can remain on mortgage, if desired.

Further particulars on application to Mr John Dixon School Mill, Great Ayton; or to Mr Isaac Sharp, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough; or the auctioneer.

The above property is all Freehold, and situated in one of the most healthy villages in Cleveland, within a few minutes walk of Ayton railway station, where three trains arrive daily from Middlesbrough and Whitby. Lot four is a fairly compact, and in every respect a suitable dwelling for a retired merchant, who wishes to prolong life in the pure atmosphere of Ayton.

1870 August. 13th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS- Benjamin Darwin, Waggoner, Stokesley, was charged with obstructing the Highway at Great Ayton by leaving his horse and wagons standing thereon for half an hour without anyone in charge on the 23rd inst. Fined three shillings and seven shillings costs -- Richard Sayer, Great Ayton, farmer, is charged with permitting nine cows and one horse to stray upon the Highway at Great Ayton, on the 24th inst., he having been twice previously cautioned. Fined five shillings and nine shillings costs -- Robert Wilson, James Simpson, William Kitching, William Laws, Joseph Bow, John Hudd, Walter Maude, Robert Jackson, Russell Smith, George Pearson, William

Watson, James Dean, and Henry Lowther, all of Great Ayton, youths, were charged by George Potts, Great Ayton, farmer, with Trespass in a grass field in his occupation at the above place on Sunday the 24th. Dismissed on paying three shillings and six pence each costs -- James P Redshaw, Great Ayton, bricklayer, was charged by Matthew Oxendale, with threatening to assault him at Great Ayton, on the 4th inst. Bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for six month.

- 1870 August 16th YORK HERALD
PERMISSIVE BILL CONFIDENCE AT GREAT AYTON.
At the recent conference, held in connection with the Gala at Ingleby Manor, it was resolved to form in Cleveland an Association of support of the "Permissive Bill" of the United Kingdom Alliance, for the suppression of the liquor traffic. On Friday afternoon last, meeting of delegates from various parts of Cleveland met in the Agricultural School, Great Ayton, to determine upon the laws by which the association should be regulated and the Rev Mr Warnes, Primitive Methodist Minister, from Whitby, was called to the chair. Mr Edward Barker, from Whitby, moved –
1. that the association be called "the Cleveland and district permissive bill electoral Association"
Basically it's aim was to organise voting for whichever candidate would support the Bill irrespective of Party.
Mr George Dixon was involved.
- 1870 Sept 9th EVENING GAZETTE
Cricket match between Middlesbrough Alexandra and Ayton reported.
Score; Middlesbrough 249 Ayton 112
- 1870 Oct. 3rd NORTHERN ECHO
BIRTHS; CRAGGS, September 18th the wife of Mr Richard Craggs, of Ayton Hall, Gt. Ayton, a son
- 1870 Oct. 22nd NORTHERN ECHO
To LET at Great Ayton in Cleveland. Three acres of land which has been used as a market garden.
Apply John Richardson.
- 1868 Oct 22nd YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
GREAT AYTON - MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.-On Wednesday, the 19th, an inquest was held before Mr Samuel Spry, Deputy Coroner, at the Royal Oak Inn, Great Ayton, touching the death of John William Fairburn, aged four years and three months, son of Thomas Fairburn, pointsman, of the above place. It appears from the evidence laid before the jury that about 4 pm on this day, the deceased was with his father, near the foot of the Leeds Corporation quarries incline, and was sent to warm himself at the stove in the cabin situated at the foot of the incline. A Quarry man named James Tindall was at the foot of the bank and saw two trucks breakaway down the incline. He at once sent a youth to the cabin to get the deceased out, while he himself ran to a switch, a distance up the incline, to throw the trucks off the line, but before he reached it they dashed past him, the stones flying in all directions, some of which were thrown against the cabin and stuck the deceased on the forehead, throwing him to the opposite side of the cabin. When the deceased was found parts of his body had been forced through the side of the wooden structure. The unfortunate little fellow died in a few minutes. The youth sent to rescue the child also received several severe injuries. The cause of the trucks getting away was not clear from the evidence. They could not have been properly coupled, or perhaps not at all. One witness named Burnett, a breaksman, stated that he saw Thomas Tindall, whose duty it was to couple, in the act of doing so, but could not say whether had coupled them properly or not. The Jury returned a verdict of "accidentally killed."
- 1870 Dec.6th NORTHERN ECHO
To be disposed of with immediate possession – a valuable GROCERY, DRAPERY and MILLINERY BUSINESS at Great Ayton. The present stock may be taken at valuation. Good business premises. Apply to Mr Arthur Cooke, Great Ayton.
- 1871 April 5th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING QUARTER SESSIONS - £20 awarded out of the Rates for erecting rails at the side and improving Gt. Ayton road bridge. – *response to report from the Surveyor of Bridges at Epiphany Sessions.*
- 1871 April 29th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
STOKESLEY – POLICE; before G. Marwood, G. Copley, and J. Emerson, Esqrs.
Hutchen Richardson, of the township of Great Ayton, farm servant, charged by George Bell of the same place, farm servant, with committing wilful and malicious damage to a machine shed at the farm occupied by William Balfour, Great Ayton on the 16th inst., was ordered to pay 2s damages and 10s costs.
- 1871 July 8th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS
GREAT AYTON – CAMP MEETING; Last Sunday, the primitive Methodists, conducted their annual open-air service on the village green. The Rev John Laverick, and Messrs. E. Garbutt, John Hugo, Isaac Bainbridge, and Samuel Nettleton, were the Preachers. There was an excellent attendance, and in the evening there was the usual lovefeast in the Chapel.
- 1871 July 29th EVENING GAZETTE

At Great Ayton, a few days ago, was picked up, in a field belonging to John Peacock, Miller, a mushroom, of which the following are the dimensions: -- circumference 3'6"; outside diameter, 1' 2".

1871 August 5th YORK HERALD
IN CHANCERY THORNHILL v. COOPER

TO BE SOLD, Pursuant to a decree of the court, with the probaton of the Vice Chancellor, Sir John Wickens, by Mr Henry Watson, at the Black Lion Hotel, at Stockton on Tees, in the County of Durham, on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, 1871, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the following lots: --

LOT 1, All that valuable farm of rich and productive arable and grassland, with the farmhouse and necessary farm buildings and conveniences erected thereon, situated partly in the township of Great Ayton, and partly in the township of Little Ayton, in Cleveland, in the North Riding of the County of York, now in the occupation of John Coward as tenant thereof, and containing in all 38A 2R 7P, or thereabouts, to be the same, more or less.

LOT 2. All of those seven closes or parcels of valuable arable, grass and woodland, containing in the whole 53A 3R 22P, or thereabouts, situated in the township of Little Ayton aforesaid, and now also in the occupation of the said John Coward.

About one acre and a half of this lot are believed to be underlaid by a valuable bed of the celebrated Cleveland Ironstone. These closes lie in a ring fence.

LOT 3. All that close or parcel of land, situated in the township of Little Ayton aforesaid, and now also in the occupation of the said John Coward, containing 5A 0R 2P, immediately adjoining the highway leading to Ayton and Stokesley, and also close to the Ayton railway station, on the Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Ingleby, and Whitby branch of the North Eastern Railway.

The field is well adapted for building purposes, and the demand for sites is daily increasing. To gentlemen who may desire to live at a distance from their place of business this lot offers most eligible investment.

LOT 4 All that valuable farm, of arable and grassland with the farmhouse and necessary farm buildings and conveniences thereon erected, situated in the township of Little Ayton aforesaid, and now in the occupation of John Helm as tenant thereof, and containing in the whole 66A 1R 60P or thereabouts, be the same, more or less. With the exception of one small field this farm lies in a ring fence.

The whole of the lots offer most eligible investments to intending purchasers. The situation of the property -- immediately under the Cleveland Hills -- is most inviting. And in as much as the property is very accessible either by road or railway, and the view extends over the beautiful vale of Cleveland, a rare opportunity is presented to anyone desirous of building a mansion, of doing so in one of the most convenient and picturesque localities in North Yorkshire. The Cleveland and Bilsdale packs of hounds hunt the country in the immediate neighbourhood. The Ayton railway station immediately adjoins the property, and the above-mentioned branch of the North Eastern Railway passes through a portion of it. The Stokesley Station, on the Whitby in Castleton branch of the same railway is only 3 miles distance.

A considerable sum of money has been expended in the drainage and improving of the several lots. The land tax is redeemed, and the parochial rates are moderate.....

1871 Nov. 14th NORTHERN ECHO

TO SEED CRUSHERS -- FOR SALE a pair of millstones and the bottom stone, rollers and all the machinery of an oil mill in good working order. A stock of seasoned Beech wedges.

-Apply to Wm. Hauxwell, Millwright Great Ayton.

1872 Jan. 6th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

GREAT AYTON -- Leaving presentation to Rev. M. Rowntree, who had been curate under Rev Joseph Ibitson for the last 7 years. Moved to Living at Newton.

1872 Feb. 17th BRISTOL MERCURY

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER LIST-

DALE, John	Great Ayton	GENTLEMAN
HAUXWELL, William	Great Ayton	MILLWRIGHT
HAUXWELL, John	Yarm	MILLWRIGHT

1872 Feb. 24th LEEDS MERCURY

ARCHBISHOP YORK:- REV. GEORGE ALEXANDER JOHNSTON BA. To the Curacy of Great Ayton.

1872 March 9th YORK HERALD

BIRTHS- HAW. -- on the 4th, at Great Ayton Railway station, the wife of Thomas Haw, of a daughter

1872 March 16th (SAT) LEEDS MERCURY

WILL OF JOSEPH PEASE ----- £350,000

1872 March 14th THE STANDARD (LONDON)

THE WILL OF THE LATE JOSEPH PEASE, ESQ. OF DARLINGTON

The WILL of the late Mr Joseph Pease was proved in the district Registry of the Court of Probate, at Durham, on Saturday last. The will is very voluminous, and extends over 180 Chancery folios. The personality is sworn under £350,000. Probate has been granted to his executors, who are his sons. All his annual and other subscriptions, whether for the meetings, schools, or other religious or charitable institutions under the management of the Society of Friends, to which he was a subscriber, for the 12 months preceding his death, to be continued to be paid, free of

legacy duty, for 12 months after his decease. The list that follows includes 7 Friends' Schools of which the North of England Agricultural College is one.

1872 April 16th EVENING GAZETTE

POLICE NEWS – BASTARDY ARREARS. John Everett, Shoemaker's apprentice at Great Ayton, aged 19, was charged by Hannah Marley with non-payment of bastardy arrears, amounting to £3. 8s 6d. This is the second child, the defendant has had fathered upon him. In reply to the bench, he said he could not pay, as he got nothing a week, "but his boots and his meat". His uncle said defendant was an orphan, and he kept and clothed him since he was six years old. A distress warrant was granted, failing payment of money, or two months imprisonment.

1872 May 22nd EVENING GAZETTE

PERMISSIVE BILL MEETING AT GREAT AYTON - in the British School, also AGM of Ayton Temperance Society

1872 June 18th LEEDS MERCURY,

Borough of Leeds- WANTED, by the highways committee of the Council of this Borough, a competent person to undertake the superintendence of the stone quarry at Great Ayton. His duties will be to prevent the stone of an inferior quality being loaded into the railway trucks by the contractor, to overlook the workmen employed, and generally to protect the interests of the corporation. The person appointed will be required to reside at great Ayton. Salary £160 per annum -- any other information may be obtained from Mr Thomas Wigglesworth, highway office in Whitehall Road. Applications with testimonials to be sent in on Tuesday the 25th instant addressed to the chairman of the highways committee, town clerk's office Leeds and endorsed "quarry superintendence." By order, Capel A Curwood, Town Clerk.

1872 July 6th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Before Messrs. Geo. Marwood, James Emerson and Isaac Wilson. Mary Wardell was charged by Harriet Baum with assaulting her at Great Ayton. Fined 8s and 12s costs, or 14 days.

1872 September 7th YORK HERALD DISTRICT NEWS

BOARD OF GUARDIANS – The contributions from the various Parishes:- Great Ayton £89; Little Ayton £17 10s.

1872 September 24th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON, IN CLEVELAND. TO BREWERS, SPIRIT MERCHANTS, AND OTHERS. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, all that old established and well accustomed public house, known as the BUCK INN, with stabling and all other conveniences thereto belonging, with or without 10 COTTAGES immediately adjoining the same. The property may be viewed and particulars had on application to Mr John Watson, the owner, on the premises.

1872 October 14th EVENING GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON; The Rev John Thompson, late of Ratcliffe Bridge, North Manchester, has accepted the call to pastorate of Great Ayton Independent Church. He will commence his duties on the third Sunday in October.

1872 October 15th EVENING GAZETTE

THEFT OF PIGEONS On Saturday, at Stokesley petty sessions, William Shaw, of Nunthorpe, and Henry Wilson, of Great Ayton, Shoemakers, were charged with stealing two tumbler pigeons, of the value of four shillings, the property of Thomas Elliot, of Great Ayton, on Saturday the 6th. The prisoner Shaw was apprehended on Tuesday the 8th inst. at the residence of his father, with the stolen pigeons in his possession, and the prisoner Wilson, the same day at Great Ayton, each was sentenced to 21 days hard Labour, under the Criminal Justice Act.

1873 January 17th NORTHERN ECHO,

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.

1873 January 31ST NORTHERN ECHO

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN AYTON BUTCHER AT INGLEBY

Yesterday an inquest was held by Mr S Spry deputy coroner, at the house of Mr C Puslett at Ingleby on the body of William Braithwaite, of Great Ayton, butcher 62 years of age, who was found dead under the following circumstances on Wednesday morning. Deceased that morning went to Ingleby Station for a load of coals which he obtained, and about ten o'clock he started for home, apparently in his usual health. After 10 minutes after this he was found by a drayman named George Wetherill, quite dead, and lying on his face across the road about 100 yards from the station. It appears the deceased, for six years past, had been subject to fits, and of late had had them very frequently. Dr Loy, of Great Ayton, was of the opinion that the exertion used by the deceased loading his cart had brought one of these attacks on, and no doubt caused his death. A verdict to this effect was returned by the jury.

1873 February 21st NORTHERN ECHO

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

- 1873. February 27th NORTHERN ECHO**
 CLEVELAND TILERY, Great Ayton, near Stokesley -- unreserved sale of engines and machines, the property of George Dixon.
 Mr. William Gibson has received instructions to sell by auction, upon the above premises, on Thursday the sixth day of March 1873. The whole of the engines and machinery and a wooden blacksmith's shop, to be removed off the premises.
- 1873. February 27th NORTHERN ECHO**
 FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDINGS FOR SALE -- GREAT AYTON, near STOKESLEY.
 TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, on the above premises on Thursday the sixth day of March 1873.
 All that parcel of Freehold LAND, containing by measurements about three acres, be the same, more or less, with the Tile Kiln, Tile Sheds, Stables, Engine House, and other buildings erected thereon.
 A plan of the land, and the boundaries thereof, may be seen on application to Mr William Dale, Spring Hill, Great Ayton, to of the auctioneer, Stokesley, or to Mr Isaac Sharp, 16 West Terrace, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, one of the trustees for the aforesaid property. Issued Great Ayton, February 24, 1873.
- 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 January 14th NORTHERN ECHO**
 ADVERT J. THISTLETHWAITE requires Apprentice (Drapery & Grocery Trade)
- 1873 March 12th NORTHERN ECHO**
 BROOKSIDE FARM, Little Ayton near Stokesley
 Mr. H. Watson IS INSTRUCTED BY Mr John Helm (who is declining farming) to OFFER BY AUCTION on Tuesday March 25th 1873 the following farming stock, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Implements, Gears, &c. comprising:-
 BEASTS;- 2 Cows to calve in April, 1 Drape Cow, very fresh; 8 Yearling Steers, 1 Yearling Heifer, 4 prime 2 year old bullocks; 2 year old Heifers, 1 Roan bullstirk.
 SHEEP;- 18 Moor and half-breed Ewes in lamb, 4 Leicester Hogs, 1 half-bred Hog.
 HORSES;- First class Cleveland Mare, by King William; in foal to Blodwin; three year old Coaching Colt, by a thoroughbred mare; Two year old Coaching Filly, by Holly Fox, D by King William;
 SWINE;- 5 strong Store Pigs.
 IMPLEMENTS, GEAR &c. 2 coup carts, 1 long cart, Reaping Machine, Rolly, Corn Drill, Iron Plough, Ly 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.
- 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 2¹/₂% 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.
- 1873 March 24th NORTHERN ECHO**
 TO PAINTERS –WANTED, A BRUSH HAND
 Apply to GEORGE GRIERSON, Great Ayton
- 1873 March 31st NORTHERN ECHO**
 STOKESLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS:-
 ROBERT BAKER, Great Ayton WILLIAM GARBUTT, Little Ayton
- 1873 April 14th LEEDS MERCURY**
 FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR STOKESLEY. On Thursday evening a fatal accident occurred to a man named Thomas Rickatson of Guisborough, who was travelling the Stokesley district with a stallion known as "Victor" a powerful, strongly built horse. He left Stokesley about 6 o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded on the highway to Great Ayton, a distance of 3 miles, riding on a pony, and leading the horse "Victor". When near Great Ayton, it appears he had fallen off the pony, and the stallion, a very heavy animal, had stepped on him and broken his neck. He was found by a

boy named Binks, of Stokesley, who went for assistance to Mr John Donaldson near whose farmstead the accident took place.

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”

1873 April 16th **NORTHERN ECHO**
Tenders invited for TAKING DOWN AND REBUILDING the church at Great Ayton
- ROSS & LAMB, Architects

1873 April 22ND **NORTHERN ECHO**
TENDERS; REBUILDING NEW CHURCH at Great Ayton
- ROSS & LAMB, Architects

1873 April 29th **LEEDS MERCURY**
STOKESLEY COUNTY COURT –At this court on Friday before Mr E. R. Turner, judge, the cause was heard of Kelly v. Manager of the Leeds Corporation Quarry. The action was to recover £1 value of the Directory of the North and East Ridings, supplied to the defendant. The defence was that the money was paid when the order for the book was given. The defendant failed to satisfy the judge that the money had been paid, and the verdict was given for the plaintiff with costs.

1873 June 6th **NORTHERN ECHO**
A five room house & garden to let. J. Hebron

1873 June 16th **NORTHERN ECHO**
For immediate sale a ¼ acre of GARDENLAND. Suitable for building – Mr HENRY PEACOCK

1873 June 30th **NORTHERN ECHO**
TO CARTERS- for the leading of stone and other building materials required for the erection of a New Church

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. Terms and Testimonials on application. BA. POST OFFICE 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.

1873 August 12th **DAILY GAZETTE**
MIDDLESBROUGH POLICE COURT –*DRINK* --Robert Wilkinson, Great Ayton, miner, was charged by DC Stones with drunk and riotous conduct at Great Ayton, on 23 July. Fined 5s and 8s 6d costs. Henry Shaw, Great Ayton, quarryman, was charged by DC stones with similar offence, at Great Ayton, on the 25th July last. Fined 5s and 8s costs.

1873 August 16th **YORK HERALD - DISTRICT NEWS**
LANGBAURGH WEST DISTRICT HIGHWAYS BOARD -..... the following sums were reported to be undated, namely, Great Ayton £130, Little Ayton, £14.....

1873 September 10th **DAILY GAZETTE**
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS.-- *DRINK*-Elizabeth, Rutly, of Great Ayton, married woman, was charged by PC Stones, of Great Ayton, with drunk and disorderly conduct, on 30 August last. Fined 10 shillings and costs 8 shillings, or in default 14 day's hard Labour.

1873 August 23rd **NORTHERN ECHO**
WANTED for a Church in Great Ayton near Middlesbrough – 6 first class STONE WALLERS used to square snecked rubble (softstone). 36s. per week – Apply to Foreman at works.

1873 September 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.

1873 Sember 8th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED 2 or 3 GOOD JOINERS – HARBOTTLE BROTHERS. BUILDERS

1873 September 15th LEEDS MERCURY

STEALING PRIZE PIGEON FROM AN AGRICULTURAL SHOW

At the North Riding Petty Sessions, Whitby, on Saturday, Henry Wilson Shoemaker of Ayton, near Stokesley was charged with having stolen a valuable pair of cream- coloured barb pigeons from the Whitby Agricultural Show on the 27th ult. The pigeons were exhibited by Mr Henry Yardley, of Birmingham, a noted breeder, who valued them at £20. They took the 1st prize in their class. They were missing from the pens between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it is surprising how the prisoner succeeded in making off with them, as policemen and care-takers were stationed around. The Secretary of the Society (Mr Stonehouse) offered a reward of £5 and the prisoner was apprehended and pleaded guilty, but the pigeons have not been recovered. The Chairman said the prisoner was convicted only last October of stealing 2 tumbler pigeons at Great Ayton, and sentenced him to 2 months imprisonment with hard labour.

1873 October 28th LEEDS MERCURY
WANTED 4 first class soft stone WALLERS accustomed to square snecked rubble.
Apply to the foreman New Church Gt. Ayton

1873 October 30th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED 2 or 3 good QUARRYMEN. Good wages, apply GEO. GRIERSON, Builders, Gt. Ayton.

1873 November 11th NORTHERN ECHO
TO LET HOUSE & GROCERS SHOP – The stock may be taken at valuation.
For particulars apply to MR. HORNBY Great Ayton.

1873 December 20th YORK HERALD- *DISTRICT NEWS*
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -- On Saturday last, before Messrs. George Marwood, James Emerson, and Isaac Wilson,
Robert Wilkinson (senior), miner, Great Ayton, had three charges preferred against him; two by Mr R Dixon innkeeper, Great Ayton and one by PC Stone. Mr Dixon charged the defendant with assaulting him on the 29th, and with refusing to quit his house on the following day. The constable charged him with drunken and riotous behaviour. Wilkinson was fined £4 including costs. Mr Dixon also charged Robert Wilkinson Jr., with refusing to leave his house on 29 November. Fined £1 1s, including costs. The same complainant charged Thomas Wilkinson with assaulting and beating him on the same day. This defendant was ordered to pay a similar sum to his brother; the father and two sons being relieved of a little surplus cash to the amount of £6 2s. The elder Wilkinson has had four previous charges entered against him. PCs Stones, charged John Wright, with drunken riotous behaviour at Great Ayton, on the 6th instant. The defendant was also charged by the same officer with resisting him in the execution of his duty, and with damaging his clothes. Ordered to pay £2 7s, including costs

1874 January 10th YORK HERALD- *DISTRICT NEWS*
SEASONAL BENEVOLENCE -- Albert Ward Esq., of Newton under Roseberry, with his wonted benevolence, has given to each of the deserving poor of the parish, a handsome Christmas box, as well as feasting the schoolchildren, and providing an excellent repast for the church choir and church decorators.

1874	February 14 th	LEEDS MERCURY	
		NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK lists.	
		DALE, John	YORKSHIRE FARMER
		DALE, William	GENTLEMAN
		HAUXWELL William	MILLWRIGHT
		HAUXWELL John	MILLWRIGHT
		Care of John Donaldson	
		Great Ayton	
		Yarm	

1874. February 21, NORTHERN ECHO
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.

1874 March 6th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED 2 or 3 good PAVER DRESSERS, good wages and constant work guaranteed –
Apply to M. BRADLEY Whinstone Quarries Great Ayton.

1874. March 9th NORTHERN ECHO
For sale BRICK MACHINE, IRON PUG MILL, with drawing gear complete, double action TILE MACHINE with 2 inch
dies and frames etc. Apply J. T. Post Office

- 1874 April 4th YORK HERALD- *DISTRICT NEWS*
STOKESLEY – The new GUARDIANS ... includes Great Ayton Robert Baker
- 1874 April 7th NORTHERN ECHO
ELECTION OF OVERSEERS:
Great Ayton William Hauxwell & Jas Pearson
Little Ayton E. Peacock & James Boyes.
- 1874 April 9th YORK HERALD- *DISTRICT NEWS*
CONGREGATIONAL TEA PARTY AT GREAT AYTON -- on Monday afternoon, the annual tea Festival of the Independents of the village took place in the British School, at which about 180 guests were present. The store of useful and ornamental articles received a fair share of patronage. In the evening a public meeting in the chapel was presided over by Mr J.S. Calvert, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. J Parnaby, J Sidebottom, W Browne, J Glasson, T Davy, and J Fielden.
- 1874 April 17th YORK HERALD- *DISTRICT NEWS*
BOARD OF GUARDIANS – The contributions from the various Parishes:- Great Ayton £175; Little Ayton £34
- 1874 April 24th NORTHERN ECHO
MESSRS HODGESON & FARROW are favoured with instructions to SELL BY AUCTION on Thursday 23rd April 1874 the whole of the STOCK IN TRADE, TOOLS &c. belonging to the Late Mr Christopher Shepherd MILLWRIGHT, Joiner &c. comprising Ash and Palm Tree planks, Oak and Deal Scantlings Joiners' Benches, pick axe and hammer shafts &c. Locks Nails Screws. Coffin Tire and a great variety of Bench & Moulding Planes. Hollows and Rounds as good as new: Saws, Augers, Chisels, Gouges, 3 braces & bits, Plough & bits, Large clamps, extra length Capital bush engine, Adzes, Axes, Hammers &c. A 2 horse portable Thrashing Machine nearly new. Household Furniture &c.
- 1874 April 25th NORTHERN ECHO
Young man wanted as GROOM and GARDINER – apply John Richardson, Langbaugh Hall
- 1874 May 1st NORTHERN ECHO
Mr J. THISTLETHWAITE has a 7 ROOM HOUSE & GARDEN to Let.
- 1874 May 5th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED at May term, a good plain COOK, who will have a kitchen maid to assist her. Respectable references required – address, Mrs BROWN, Langbaugh Hall, Great Ayton, Northallerton.
- 1874 May 12th NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON –TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, two DWELLING HOUSES and GARDENS, situate at the corner of Arthur street and William street, at Great Ayton and now in the occupation of Thomas Glover and Foster Dodsworth.- Mr Glover will show the property, and further particulars can be obtained from him, or at the offices of Mr WILLIAM C TREVOR, Solicitor, Guisbrough. 6th May 1874
- 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
- 1874 May 16th NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE – Double Action TILE-MAKING MACHINE with 9in. dies &c.; IRON PUG MILL – Apply, JOHN DIXON, Brick Yard, Great Ayton.
- 1874 May 19th NORTHERN ECHO
TO HOUSE PAINTERS – WANTED a BRUSH HAND – Apply to R. WATSON, Great Ayton
- 1874 June 21st NORTHERN ECHO
SMALL SPRING CART FOR SALE – Apply T. HOWE. Great Ayton Station
- 1874 July 11th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED, a PONY between 18 and 14 hands high. Must be perfectly gentle to ride and drive.
– Apply H. RICHARDSON, Great Ayton
- 1874 July 16TH NORTHERN ECHO
- | | POPULATION | AREA | RATEABLE VALUE |
|-----------|------------|------|----------------|
| AYTON | 1515 | 3145 | 6881 |
| BROUGHTON | 6494 ?? | 716 | 5420 |
| STOKESLEY | 1877 | 1744 | 7524 |

YARM	1340	1135	5178
MIDDLESBROUGH	28864	2300	97225
STOCKTON	28021	8032	99775

1874 August 13th NORTHERN ECHO

FOR SALE- A handsome Bay Harness MARE 8 years old, 16 hands high; perfectly gentle
– Apply to HENRY RICHARDSON, Langbaugh Hall, Great Ayton.

1874 August 15th YORK HERALD- DISTRICT NEWS

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -- on Saturday, before George Marwood, D Brown, and James Emerson, Esqrs, David Simpson, of Great Ayton, grocer, charged William Wood with an assault on 1 August. Fined 5 s and costs 13 s.

1874 August 20th 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. A new church is in the course of erection at that place, and is so far on its way towards completion that the workmen are engaged with the steeple, the greater part of which has been built. Two of these workmen were named WILLIAM BUMBY and EDWARD LITTLE and at the time of the accident were engaged on a scaffold at the west side of the steeple. The main support of the scaffold was a thick plank stretching out of the stonework of the steeple, and whilst Bumby and Little were lifting a large stone and placing it into its proper position, the plank snapped in two, and the scaffolding with the two men fell to the ground. On some of the workmen hastening to their assistance, they found Bumby on his back, and the stone resting upon him. The poor fellows were at once removed to their respective homes in the village, where they were afterwards attended by Mr Pearse, assistant to Dr Long, of Ayton, and Dr Edmondson of Stokesley.

Bumby was found to be suffering from a broken spine and a slight fracture of the skull, and Little also from a slight fracture of the skull. The latter soon began to show favourable symptoms but Bumby never rallied and expired on Monday. At the inquest which was held by Mr Sowerby of Stokesley, it was shown that there was a knot across the plank where it had snapped in two but from its thickness it was thought quite safe for its purpose as a support for the scaffold.

The jury, after hearing the whole of the evidence, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death"

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.

1874 August 25th 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 **Great Ayton**

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.

1874 September 29th NORTHERN ECHO

DISHONEST TRADING

Jeremiah Thistlethwaite, a grocer at Great Ayton, in Cleveland, has been fined £1 and costs by the Stokesley Magistrates for using a false weight. Inspector Holmes stated that he found it at least 8 drams against the purchaser. The defendant, four years ago, was convicted of a similar offence.

1874 November 2nd DAILY GAZETTE

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DRUNK AND INTOXICATED -- William Metcalfe, quarryman, Great Ayton, was charged with being drunk on 11 October. Defendant denied being drunk, but confessed to being intoxicated. When asked the difference, he said a man was intoxicated when he had one glass, but it depended upon how much a man could take before he was drunk. He, the defendant, had had four glasses. The bench remarked that if one glass intoxicated man, four would make him very much intoxicated. Defendant was therefore find 5s and 8s costs

1874 November 5th NORTHERN ECHO

TO TAILORS – WANTED Immediately a steady good workman. Constant Employment. Liberal Wages – Apply to JOHN PANSON. Tailor, Great Ayton.

1874 November 10th NORTHERN ECHO

SWEDE TURNIPS for sale 40 Tons. J. THISTLETHWAITE

- 1874 November 17th NORTHERN ECHO
SWEDE TURNIPS for sale 30 Tons. J. THISTLETHWAITE
- 1874 November 20th NORTHERN ECHO
SWEDE TURNIPS for sale 80 Tons. J. THISTLETHWAITE
- 1874 December 18th DAILY GAZETTE
ANOTHER MONUMENT TO CAPTAIN COOK -- a communication from HMS Scout states that a monument has been erected on one of the islands of the Pacific to the memory of Captain Cook, who was killed by the savages of Owhyhee 95 years ago. The ceremony took place on 14 November, in the presence of Major Wodehouse, the English Commissioner, and the Captain and officers of the Scout. The monument is an obelisk, 25 feet high, and mounted on a base 8 feet square. It is of concrete, bears the following inscription: -- "in memory of the great circumnavigator, Capt James Cook R.N., Who discovered of these islands on 18 January 80 1778; and fell near the spot on 10 February 1817 78. This monument was erected in November 18, 1874 by some of his fellow countrymen". We scarcely need to add that in his native district the memory of Captain Cook is cherished. The remains of the house in which he was born are carefully preserved Marton; the house in which he was educated at Great Ayton is pointed out, with becoming interest; and on one of the most prominent hills of the Cleveland range the monument of the brave navigator may be seen throughout the district.
- 1875 January 30th LIVERPOOL MERCURY
PETITION FOR LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT.
J.W.BAINBERGER of Great Ayton & Middlesbrough MERCHANT
- 1875 February 1st NORTHERN ECHO
COOK required, Mrs RICHARDSON, Hambleton Hills, Great Ayton
- 1875 February 17th PLYMOUTH AND CORNISH ADVERTISER
NATIONAL PROVINTIAL BANK RETURNS amongst those listed :-
DALE, WILLIAM HAUXWELL, JOHN, HAUXWELL, WILLIAM
- 1875 March 3rd NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED Immediately Two good JOINERS – apply HARBOTTLE BROTHERS, Great Ayton.
- 1875 March 6th YORK HERALD
BOARD OF GUARDIANS; Contributions for the next half year;- Great Ayton £241, Little Ayton £41, Stokesley £257....
- 1875 March 8th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES On 6th inst. at Stokesley, Mr Robert Watson of Great Ayton, painter, to Miss Kate Turner, of Middlesbrough late of Ayton.
- 1875 March 12th SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
His Grace the Archbishop of York has licensed John Hughes, clerk, to the curacy of Gt. Ayton and to officiate in the chapel at Nunthorpe, in the Parish of Gt. Ayton.
- 1875 March 16TH NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE – A superior double action TILE MACHINE also IRON PUG MILL with drawer gear complete.
Apply Mr HEBRON Great Ayton.
- 1875 March 29th YORK HERALD
Temperance Festival – "The Langbaugh Lodge" & others - the evening meeting in the Wesleyan Chapel presided over by John Richardson Esq.
- 1875 March 31st DAILY GAZETTE
CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY AT GREAT AYTON
- 1875 March 31st YORK HERALD
CONGREGATIONAL TEA MEETING - On Monday afternoon the Independents of this village held their annual tea festival and bazaar in the British School, where upwards of 150 guests partook of tea. A public meeting was afterwards held in the chapel, presided over by Mr J. S. Calvert, of Middlesbrough and was suitably addressed by Revs. Howard, J. Sidebottom, J. Parnaby, W. Brown, J. Holroyd, and J. Glasson, interspersed by several of Sankey's sacred songs by the choir.
- 1875 April 1st NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED – APPRENTICE WANTED to dressmaking business – apply to MISS M. WALKER, Bridge Street, Great Ayton.

- 1875 April 5th NORTHERN ECHO
 APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS AT STOKESLEY:-
 Ayton, Great; WILLIAM HAUXWELL and JAMES PEIRSON
 Ayton, Little; JAMES BOYES and JOHN ATKINSON
- 1875 April 2nd YORK HERALD
 FOR SALE "WHITEHEADS" DOUBLE- ACTION TILE MAKING MACHINE; also a superior IRON PUG MILL, with Drawing Gear complete – Apply Thistlethwaite, Great Ayton.
- 1875 April 21st YORK HERALD
 PIGEON SHOOTING MATCH – took place on Mr William Kewisley's fields, near the Stokesley Station for £25 a side. The competitors were Francis Wrightson, of Stokesley, and Joseph Wilson of Great Ayton who came off victorious by 2 birds.....
- 1875 APRIL 21ST NORTHERN ECHO
 FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT – A 50 acre FARM situated 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.
- 1875 April 23rd YORK HERALD
 MARRIAGES; CURRY—LOY, On the 22nd inst. at the Parish Church, Great Ayton, by the Rev. J. Ibitson, vicar, Henry J Curry Esq., of White House Stockton on Tees, to Mary only daughter of Dr Loy, of Great Ayton.
- 1875 April 24th YORK HERALD
 GREAT AYTON- MARRIAGE OF MISS LOY - on Thursday, the romantically situated village of Great Ayton, locally known in days gone by, as "Canny Yatton" nestling at the foot of the famed Roseberry Topping was all *en fete* in honour of the marriage of Miss Mary Loy, (daughter of Dr Loy, who is highly esteemed in the village and neighbourhood) to H.J. Curry Esq. of White House Stockton on Tees. Flags were displayed from several of the houses, and the wedding was a matter of congratulations on the part of a large circle of friends. The day was beautifully fine, suggesting the old adage, which draws a happy augury from a brilliant wedding morn. The grand old church was crowded with the villagers and visitors. Carpet was laid from the churchyard door to the porch. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev J. Ibbotson, the vicar. The bride's maids were Miss Loy and Miss M Loy, of Pickering, cousins to the bride; Miss Maingey, and Miss Simpson, of York. The groomsmen were Mr M. Dodds, of Stockton on Tees; Dr T. Loy, cousin to the bride; Mr G. Curry, brother to the bridegroom, and Dr F.W. Pease, of Ayton. In the bridal party, were Mr and Mrs W Curry, of Morton Carr, Nunthorpe; Mr and Mrs T Curry; Mr and Mrs Knott, of Saltburn; Mr Wilcox, of Stokesley; and Mr T. Loy, of Stokesley. The bride's dress was a white satin with fall, the pannier of ostrich feathers, with the customary wreath of orange blossom. The bridesmaids were attired in white silk with white muslin over, and in their bonnets -- which were also white -- they wore wreaths of "forget-me-nots". During the service the choir sung marriage hymns from "Ancient and Modern" and Mendelssohn's wedding March was played on the organ at the close. Children strewed flowers on the path of the newly married pair as they left the church. Afterwards, a sumptuous wedding breakfast was provided at the house of Dr Loy. Wedding presents, which were numerous and costly, were much admired. Amongst these was a silver tea and coffee service, in handsome oak case, which bore the following inscription "presented to HJ Curry Esq. On his marriage by the tenantry of the various states for which he is agent, and a few personal friends. Stockton on Tees, April 22, 1875." A large sized silver salver, beautifully engraved, and bearing the monograms of the bride and bridegroom was presented to them by Mr Joseph Dodds MP. A revolving series of silver dishes was also presented by Mr Matthew Dodds. A beautifully illustrated family Bible was the gift of the Rev J Ibbotson. The other presents were of a varied character, from friends in various parts of the country. To celebrate the auspicious event, Dr Loy generously presented a number of ribbons, and handkerchiefs, and other things for competition amongst the young in races sports except, which took place in the afternoon. The newly married couple left Ayton for the South amid a shower of rice and old slippers, greeted by the cheers of all their friends. Later in the day, the villagers came in for a share of the respected doctor's hospitality.
- 1875 April 26th NORTHERN ECHO
 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.
 A similar notice sent to Great Ayton, where provision is required for 100 infants.
 The premises of the BRITISH SCHOOLS are stated to be satisfactory, and might afford the accommodation required if they were placed under the charge of certificated teachers, and conducted as Public elementary Schools, but whether this will be done is at present in question.
- 1875 May 3rd NORTHERN ECHO
 PAINTER WANTED – apply Robert Watson, Great Ayton.
- 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.

1876 May 18TH NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON NEW CHURCH – opening service to take place on Friday.

1876 May 20th NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON NEW CHURCH
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

1875 May 31st YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Robert Merryweather & James Tomlinsong of Great Broughton, butchers, were summoned for furious driving at Great Ayton and were each fined £1 and costs.

1875 June 1st THE DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS –
DRINK- John Streeton, of Great Ayton, Gardener, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the 29th April. Fined 10s and costs.
UNLICENSED DOGS – John Fawcett, Stokesley; William Armstrong; John Stephenson, James Grainge, Thomas Readman, Ayton; Henry Cockerill, Ayton; Geo Pearson, Ayton, Wm. Best Hutton Rudby, were summoned under the Dog Act for not complying with an order issued by the Justices on the 27th March last, and were each fined 2s 6d and costs.

1875 June 4th YORK HERALD
DEATHS – SANDERSON – On the 29th at Great Ayton in his 75th year, Mr Humphrey Sanderson, many years a belt – maker at Bolckow & Vaughan's Works, Middlesbrough.

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, vis:-
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 Banthams; 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.

1875 June 22nd YORK HERALD
ACCIDENT TO A MINERAL TRAIN - Yesterday a powerful engine, belonging to the Corporation of Leeds, with wagons laden with road material from Great Ayton, ran off the line, near the Northallerton station. The workmen were laying down new rails, and through some misunderstanding in signalling, the engine was allowed to pass forward, nor could it be brought to a stand before an opening within the rail was reached, and the result was the engine was cast on its broadside, and partly buried in the earth, causing the main up-line to be blocked during the afternoon. The Down-line, however, was clear, and the traffic was worked on that line between Northallerton junction and Brompton. A staff of workmen was dispatched from Darlington, who got the engine and wagons on the rails in the evening. The damage will not be so serious as might have been anticipated, and no one was injured.

1875 June 23rd NORTHERN ECHO
TEMPERANCE GALA IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL GROUNDS (JULY 6TH)

1875 July 10th YORK HERALD
TEMPERANCE GALA AT GREAT AYTON - On Tuesday afternoon, the members of the Langbaugh Lodge of Good Templars held their first public tea party in the Agricultural School grounds. There were a large number of visitors, who had an excellent tea. A public meeting was held in the evening, presided over by Mr John Richardson, of Langbaugh Hall, and addressed by the Rev. J. Hadfield, Mr M. Littlefair, of Sunderland, and Mr J.S. Calvert, of Middlesbrough.

1875 August 11th NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE - 40 TONS of well won CLOVER and MEADOW HAY. JEREMIAH THISTLETHWAITE

- 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 3pm.
- 1875 August 26th NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE 2 acres of SWEDES; 888 CABBAGES; 30 tons of PRIME HAY.
- 1875 Sept 23rd YORK HERALD
CRICKET- GREAT AYTON V. STOKESLEY AMATEURS On Monday, at Ayton, a game was played between the above clubs, which resulted in an easy win for the Aytonians who beat the visitors in one innings with one run to spare. (score list in paper)
- 1875 October 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE BAY MARE 3 years £80 JEREMIAH THISTLETHWAITE
- 1875 November 8th NORTHERN ECHO
REOPENING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, GREAT AYTON –
The Chapel was reopened, after undergoing considerable alterations & repairs, on Friday evening, with a lecture on the “Pilgrim Fathers”....
- 1875 November 11th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON IN CLEVELAND – CONGREGATIONAL TEA PARTY - On Monday afternoon, the Independents held a public tea in the British School, on the occasion of the re-opening services of their chapel, which has just been re-seated with open stalls, beautifully, and a first-class new harmonium introduced. Suitable addresses were given by the Revs. J Atkinson, J Glasson, W Brown, and J Hadfield, interspersed with anthems &c. sung by the choir. Mrs Hadfield presiding at harmonium. All the services were well attended.
- 1875 November 24th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED – a middle aged MAN to help on a Farm. Apply John Dixon’s Flour and Sawmill, Great Ayton
- 1875 December 14th NORTHERN ECHO
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – only one case on Saturday – a young man named Thomas Oxendale, being charged with assault under peculiar circumstances on a boy, named Thomas Haw, at Great Ayton – it was decided to adjourn it for further evidence. Haw appears to have been fighting with another boy, and getting the best of it, Oxendale, who had been an onlooker, laid hold of him and gave him a thrashing.
- 1875 December 15th NORTHERN ECHO
DEATHS GREENWOOD, Charles Edwin aged 21. Son of the late Rev. George Greenwood. (*see below*)
- 1875 December 24th NORTHERN ECHO
EDUCATION: – HIGH GREEN GREAT AYTON, Northallerton.
Mrs & the Misses GREENWOOD (widow and daughters of the late George Greenwood, Wesleyan Minister) beg to say that the duties of their establishment will be resumed (D.V.) Jan 21st 1876.
There will be a few vacancies for Borders. Terms on Application.
- 1876 January 1st NORTHERN ECHO
BANKRUPTCY:-
RE. WILLIAM MARTIN, of Great Ayton and Elsewhere CONTRACTOR
(advertising for creditors).
- 1876 January 5th NORTHERN ECHO
QUARTER SESSIONS
Effect of the Floods (report of the BRIDGEMASTER)
“ The quarter has been marked by a series of unusually heavy floods, and in the North Riding the valleys of the Swale, Wiske, Esk, with their several tributaries, have more especially suffered but the County bridges as a rule have escaped injury, the exceptions being few and unimportant. At Stokesley, the Police Station, in common with a considerable portion of the Town, was flooded to a depth of nearly 3 feet. A portion of the bridge at Great Ayton was washed down, but the bridge was uninjured.”
- 1876 January 29th NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE. 5 ton stack of HAY at Rye Hill Farm, apply MRS CALVERT on premises.
- 1876 January 29th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED a young lady as WEEKLY GOVERNESS to teach 2 boys. Acquirements French, Music & Drawing – address MRS RICHARDSON Hambleton Hills, Great Ayton.

- 1876 February 7th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - Refusing to quit; Richard Dixon, Buck Inn, Great Ayton, charged Joseph Wilks, quarry-man, with refusing to quit his premises when ordered to do so. Defendant was ordered to pay costs 7s.
- 1876 February 24th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED a good GENERAL SERVANT – apply GEORGE DIXON, WHITE HOUSE, Great Ayton.
- 1876 February 25th NORTHERN ECHO,
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, who had been killed, whilst at work at the Leeds Corporation Quarries on the previous day. The deceased was adjusting a rope on the drum when his hand became entangled, and he was drawn against the machinery and severely crushed. Two of his fingers were completely severed from his hand. The deceased was attended by medical gentlemen, shortly after the occurrence that he was so seriously injured that he only survived a few hours -- a verdict of "accidental death" was returned.
- 1876 March 1st NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE;- WOODVILLE HOUSE 6 rooms, kitchen, stables & cow byre. Large garden replete with fruit trees – Apply N.B. WEBB 58 Wilson Street, Middlesbrough.
- 1876 March 4th NORTHERN ECHO
THE “B” OF ALL “B’s” GREAT AYTON – A GRAND SPELLING BEE will be held at the BRITISH SCHOOL on the 20th March. Prizes 1st 30s, 2nd 15s, 3rd 10s, 4th 5s, Competition fee 1s.
- 1876 March 10th YORK HERALD
LOCAL PETITIONS - On Wednesday in the House of Commons , Mr Pease presented a petition from the Darlington Board of Guardians against the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays; by Sir Selwin Ibbetson, from Great Ayton, against the Burials Bill.
- 1876 March 20th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Thomas Jefferson, P.C. charged Robert Wilkinson, quarryman, with drunk and riotous behaviour at Great Ayton, on 11th March. Fined 11s 6d and 9s 6d costs.
- 1876 March 22nd YORK HERALD
SPELLING BEE AT GREAT AYTON – On Monday evening, a spelling bee took place in the British School, presided over by the Rev. R. W. Butterworth, Mr Calvert, of Middlesbrough, officiating as interrogator, and Mr Ralph Dixon as referee. There was a crowded audience. Miss Greenwood presided at the piano, and Messrs. Miles and Richer enlivened the evening with songs. In the adult class Miss Jessie Braithwaite was first, Mrs H. A. Ayrton second, Mrs Joseph Gomersal third, and Mr J. W. Cummings fourth. In the juvenile class Masters O. Wooler, first, J. Wake second, J Walker third, and George Elliott fourth.
- 1876 March 30th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES: GRAHAM – CRUMMEY; On March 27th at the parish church, Great Ayton, by the Rev. Joseph Ibbotson, vicar, W. R. Graham Esq., Osmotherley Villa, Linthorpe, to Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Crummey, Manor House, Great Ayton.
- 1876 April 28th THE DAILY GAZETTE
ANOTHER FATAL QUARRY ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON -- on Wednesday afternoon, while George Hopper was working the face rock a fall of stone took place from the top of the quarry. The man who was working alongside Hopper, being close to the face of the rock, had a marvellous escape, the falling stones knocking off his hat, and grazing the back of his head. Hopper was less fortunate. The stone falling on him with great force, broke one leg below the knee and other leg at the thigh, one of the arms being almost smashed, his face being also badly cut. Hopper was at once carried to his house at California, Great Ayton, where he was attended by Dr Loy, and his assistant. Dr Merryweather's assistant from Guisborough, and another doctor from Stokesley having been called, the arm was amputated, and the leg bones set. He died at 4am on Thursday, after suffering great pain. Deceased was a young man, and unmarried. This afternoon, an inquest was held by Mr Coroner Sowerby, of Stokesley.
- 1876 April 28, NEWCASTLE COURANT
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 in removing some wagons, when the engine left the rails and ran over an embankment. Thomas Heavisides, the engine man, stuck to his post, and fell underneath the engine as it rolled over. The firemen jumped off and broke his leg in falling. Assistance was rendered as soon as possible, and when Heavisides was rescued it was found that his temples and left side were much crushed. He was taken home and attended by Dr Loy, but is not expected to survive. The other man was taken to the Infirmary in Middlesbrough.

1876 April 28th NORTHERN ECHO
LEAYAT HOUSE, GREAT AYTON. Apartments to let. Dinners and Teas supplied to excursionists and others.
M. CLEMINSON, Proprietors.

1876, April 29 LEEDS MERCURY
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. The falling stones broke one of his legs below the knee and other leg at the thigh. His arm was also much injured. The arm was amputated, and the bones of the legs set, but he died on Thursday, after much suffering. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

1876 April 29th NORTHERN ECHO
DAMAGES FOR SHOOTING A DOG
An action to recover the sum of £10, the value of a dog which was alleged to have been wantonly shot at Great Ayton on the 6th of March last, was heard before Mr. E.R. Turner, Judge, at the Stokesley County Court, yesterday. The case, which was tried by a jury, excited considerable interest, and the Court was crowded during the hearing of the suit. The Plaintiff, for whom Mr Dale, of York, appeared, was William Farndale, a joiner, living in Great Ayton, and defending was Thomas Hogg, a clerk, nineteen years of age, residing at Nunthorpe, who was represented by Mr Fawcett of Stockton. The shooting of the dog was admitted. The dog was described as a black & tan retriever, a quiet, docile, and harmless creature, much thought of by the plaintiff, and everyone who knew it. It was 6 years old, and had never shown any symptoms of rabies. On the night of the 6th ult. it accompanied its master to the BUCK HOTEL, where it remained an hour and a half, being patted and fondled in the meanwhile by several persons in the house; and it was alleged that on its way home by itself it was deliberately shot, and had its head nearly blown from the body.
The defence was that the dog had shown a ferocity on the road, which left no doubt in the minds of several persons that it was mad. It attacked a Mr Hauxwell, who however was fortunate enough to get out of the way, and it fell into a ditch by the roadside, where it lay frothing at the mouth, and attempting to bite anything near it. This led the defendant, after a short consultation, with several persons standing round, to borrow a gun from Mr Hauxwell, and shoot the poor animal.
- A number of witnesses were examined on both sides – a veterinary surgeon, who examined the body of the dog, found no symptoms of rabies – his Honour held that no one had the right to shoot a dog, even supposed it were mad, unless it was necessary to do so to protect themselves. In the present case he thought the dog had been shot unwarrantably, and recommended the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff, for the amount claimed. – The jury, after deliberating some minutes, returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £5 and costs to be paid at 8 shilling a month.

1876 May 20th NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON NEW CHURCH
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

1876 May 22nd THE DAILY GAZETTE
OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AT GREAT AYTON - The village of Great Ayton, near Middlesbrough, now possesses a church of which it may be proud, a beautiful structure having been opened for public worship for the first time on Friday last. Pretty as the village is itself, in the midst of natural scenery that is quite uncommon, the new church, with its lofty spire, towering above the trees and houses, adds another feature to the scene that one views when within a mile or two of Ayton. The village is one of those places, which has grown rather rapidly during recent years, and now boasts of something like a 1000 inhabitants. A Church that affords accommodation for little over 200 worshippers could hardly be thought, therefore, to meet that want of the people of the village. The old church of Ayton, would be one of the earliest buildings that was ever raised in the village, and certainly it is one of the oldest that now remains. In the churchyard Captain Cook's mother and some of his brothers and sisters are buried. The architecture of this ancient edifice is Norman, and the building exhibits many peculiar characteristics of the churches in those days, especially inside, where the high-back pews, the deeply recessed windows let in the massive walls, and other features attract the notice of strangers. On 17 June, 1795, William Wilson, Esq. died in his 80th year, after living, a retired life in the neighbourhood of Ayton 26 years. He is spoken of as being a great philanthropist, a man of strict integrity as a magistrate, and in daily life a person of exemplary piety; in the Chancel of the old church there is a tablet to his memory. Opposite to this is a tablet in memory of Richard Dixon Esq., of Stockton, who died June 14, 1850, aged 80. Near the pulpit is one to the memory of Thomas Skottowe Esq., Lord of the Manor, departed this life on 9th February 1771, in his 75th year, and to that of his wife who died 20 years earlier. The tablet was raised by the deceased's son. The newly constructed church, which is to supersede the old one, bears a striking contrast to the ancient Norman edifice near which it stands. Its style of architecture is pure Gothic, and it is handsome in design, having a lofty tower. The architects are Messrs Ross and Lamb, Darlington. The plans of the church were drawn about 10 years ago, but the depression in our staple industry served to prevent the work being carried out as it was then hoped to carry it out, and consequently building operations were suspended for several years. Although badness of trade had the effect of keeping back subscriptions from parties directly interested in the erection of the new church, yet the Rev. J Ibbetson, who has been in the district for the past 50 years, continued to solicit aid towards the ultimate accomplishment of the end in view, and succeeded in raising some £1400, which was handed over to the building committee. Besides this amount, several gentlemen have contributed magnificently, including George Marwood Esq., of Busby Hall, the patron of the living, who has erected the chancel at his own cost; Isaac Wilson, Esq., of Nunthorpe

Hall; W.R.I Hopkins Esq., Grey Towers; James Emerson, Esq., Easby and the Rev J Ibbetson, vicar of the parish. A stained glass window was obtained by subscription, and has been placed at the east end of the church in memory of Mr Marwood, whose crest is placed at the top. In the porch at the West End of the church are eight beautiful stained glass windows, bearing scriptural texts, which have been provided by the inhabitants of Great Ayton. The cost of the building is between £400 and £500, which is much more than the estimate made 10 years ago. The cost of the church itself is covered, but there are certain portions of furniture required in connection with it, and a wall will be erected to enclose the graveyard.

The contractors for the work were as follows: -- Masonry, Mr William Martin, Stockton; Carpenter and Joiner work, William Heckle, Great Ayton; Painting, Messrs. Davison and Son, Darlington; Plasterer Mr J.J. Hope, Darlington; slating Mr T Sanderson, Middlesbrough. Mr Liversey acted as clerk of the works. The building of the church was commenced at Midsummer 1873. The Nave 63 feet in length by 44 feet in width, including the aisles. The length of the chancel is 28 feet, the width being 20 feet. Accommodation is provided for 356 adults and 88 children, making a total of 444, exclusive of the choir, who are provided with seats in the chancel. The vestry is placed on the south side of the chancel, the corresponding space on the opposite side being occupied by the organ chamber, the instrument having been removed from the old church. Above the organ chamber is the tower, surmounted by a spire. Walls are constructed of hammer dressed sneck rubble stone, ashlar quoins, the windows being mounted and richly traceried. The nave is arcaded fine bays, with moulded arches, carried on columns of red stone from quarries in the neighbourhood. The columns are alternately, circular and octagonal in form, the capitals being richly moulded and carved. The roof of the nave is of the hammer beam construction, with moulded and carved ribs and braces resting on moulded and carved corbels, the ceilings being formed throughout of diagonal boardings and the panels are richly stencilled, and are made of pitched pine. The seats, which are open and un-appropriated, are constructed of pitched pine, varnished, having moulded backs and ends. The shape of the pulpit is octagonal, and it is made of richly moulded and polished oak, with carved elm panels. The church is heated by means of Halen's hot air apparatus. The opening services on Friday afternoon were held under very favourable circumstances. The weather was delightful, and a large number of people, including the villagers and others from the district, attended church. The Rev J Ibbetson, the vicar, and the Rev Mr Dixon, of Upleatham, read the prayers. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Mr Tooney, of Ingleby and the second by the vicar. The Venerable William Hey, Archdeacon of Cleveland, preached the sermon. He took his text from the words contained in the third chapter of the Corinthians, 11th to 15th verses. He said that the day was a memorable day in the annals of that parish. For the first time they had met in the new church that had been licensed for this celebration of divine worship, and hereafter, as they hoped, to be permanently dedicated by consecration of the worship of God for the present generation and for future generations. He could not but congratulate them upon the event, and that there were those amongst them were taking part in raising such a beautiful and commodious edifice to supply the spiritual wants of the parish. The building told its own tale, and preached its own sermon. They could see its fair proportions, how it symbolised the spiritual Church of Christ in its detail. They have now that beautiful church to supply their wants, and he hoped they would that day, by their contributions, help to supply portions of the furniture that it was necessary to obtain. He then asked them to turn their thoughts from the material church in which they were assembled to the spiritual Church, which it symbolised, and to the building up of which it was subservient. All churches and edifices were worthless unless they contributed to the maintaining and elevating and widening of the spiritual life within. He allowed that the meaning of the words of the text were not, at first sight, very plain. They were addressed by Paul to the Christians of Corinth. Many taught that primitive purity never existed in the church, except in imagination. He maintained that the church had never been free from evils, errors and temptations. Here was the real, genuine work for God be done and finished, led by Paul, but besides it were almost all those things, even at that early period, which have tended in after times to impede the words of God and injure his church. Speaking of Corinth, an eminent writer said -- here was lingering superstition, vain speculation, a disposition to the lawless perversion of Christian liberty etc.. Such evils as these drew from the Apostle the severe rebukes that we read in the Apostles to the Corinthians. The Venerable Archdeacon said when Christians speak of Christ, they mean the historical Christ, and not the man who modern speculators would put in his place - the Christ suffered and died, and now intercedes for all men. He was the only foundation of the Church. Therefore the great doctrines of the fall of man, and the corruption of man's nature were of the utmost importance, and the means whereby we obtain the benefit of the atonement were all included in the one foundation. In these days, when there were so many fancies and speculations we had much to guard against, and watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation.

The collection was made at the close of the sermon, amounting to £23..4s..6d. Archdeacon Hey preached again in the evening, when there was a large congregation. Special services were also held on Sunday.

- 1876 June 8th **NORTHERN ECHO**
FARM BUILDINGS, AYTON – TO BUILDERS –TENDERS are required for the RESTORATION and REBUILDING of the TILE SHEDS FARMHOUSE, Great Ayton, for the Trustees of the Late George Jackson Esq. WETHERILL & MOSES Architects & Surveyors.
- 1876 June 26th **NORTHERN ECHO**
J. Thistlethwaite has for disposal splendid white LEGHORN CHICKENS (Fowler's strain) for 5s to 10s each. Also a few tons of good Hay. Great Ayton, Cleveland.
- 1876 July. 24th **NORTHERN ECHO**
GREAT AYTON TEMPERANCE GALA. AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL GROUNDS Tues 25th
- 1876 July 26th **DAILY GAZETTE**
LIQUIDATIONS ; T. Wilson, Great Ayton, Butcher.

- 1876 , August 2, NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON. RETAIL GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE with immediate possession, in good mining locality. Stock taken at valuation. -- Apply W. M. BALES, Grocer, California, Great Ayton –
- 1876 August 3rd NORTHERN ECHO
TO LET, an eight roomed HOUSE, at Little Ayton; Large garden, five minutes walk from Great Ayton Station – apply to THOMAS CHAPMAN Woodbine Villas, Little Ayton.
- 1876 September 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
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.
- 1876 September 4th NORTHERN ECHO
TO DRAINERS & OTHERS. Tenders for the cutting of about 470 yds. of 12 inch Drain at Gt. Ayton. For further particulars apply to Wm. H. Dixon, Surveyor, Great Ayton.
- 1876 September 16th THE WEEKLY GAZETTE
THE ATROCITIES BY THE TURKS. *Public Meetings took place at North Ormesby; Hartlepool & Great Ayton*
MEETING AT GREAT AYTON: A crowded meeting of the inhabitants of Great Ayton was held on Wednesday evening, in the British School, for the purpose of expressing their indignation at the cruelties perpetrated by the Turkish army in Serbia and Bulgaria. Chaired by Mr James Taylor. Mr J.B.Hodgkin, in an eloquent speech, moved "that this meeting regards with feelings of horror, disgust, and indignation the conduct of the Turkish army towards the Christian inhabitants of Serbia and the area, and calls upon our government to protest in such a manner as to prevent in future the perpetration of such outrages". He held that the cold-hearted indifference, which had been shown by the Earl of Beaconsfield and Lord Derby had already brought a stain on the English nation, which would not be readily wiped out; and the hope that, if action was not taken immediately to stop the atrocities, the English people would show that they would soon have those gentlemen removed from their present positions. The resolution was ably supported by Mr William Jones, and on being put, was carried unanimously.
MR RALPH DIXON moved;- "That this meeting strongly urges her Majesty's government to take such steps as may be needed to secure the provinces of Bulgaria, Herzegovina, and Bosnia separate political administration from the Turkish government, which has proved to be so unable or unwilling to secure to its Christian subjects within its provinces the liberty and civil rights to which they are entitled". Mr J. Naughton, seconded; the resolution was carried.
- 1876 September 25th NORTHERN ECHO
NOTICE;- I ROBERT BAKER will not be answerable for any debt or debts my wife ELIZABETH BAKER may contract after this date Sept 22. 1876. ROBERT BAKER, pig jobber, Great Ayton.
- 1876 September 26th NORTHERN ECHO
GREENFIELD HOUSE, GT. AYTON, CLEVELAND. BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
Conducted by Mrs & the Misses GREENWOOD (Widow and daughters of the Late Rev. George Greenwood). Vacancies occur for 2 or 3 borders. Duties resume WEDNESDAY October 4th 1876.
- 1876 September 27th NORTHERN ECHO
TO LET, at Great Ayton, a SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, with Five Bedrooms, &c. Rent £18 per annum. Possession at Martinmas, or early next month, as desired
– Apply to ALEXANDER & HENMAN, Architects, Zetland Buildings, Middlesbrough.
- 1876 October 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED MAN TO SELL MILK – OLD ESTABLISHED BUSINESS. Would occupy 2 hours morning & evening. -Apply MRS WATSON, GREEN LANE HOUSE, Great Ayton
- 1876 October 9th NORTHERN ECHO
TO LET at Mayday- an old established SHOE SHOP where good business has been carried on for years. House & workshop situate in the most central part of Gt. Ayton. -- Apply to DAVID BOTTOMLY.
- 1876 October 26th NORTHERN ECHO
An evening's entertainment was held in British School for Bulgarian Relief Fund.
- 1876 November 10th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON -- GOOD TEMPLARS.- Last Friday evening, the following were to install officers for the ensuing quarter of the Langbaugh Lodge of the independent Order of Good Templars and was: P.W.C.T., Mr J Easton; W.C.T., Mr Pearson; W.V.T., Mr Souther: W.S., Mr Bowers: W.C., Mr Broadbridge: W.F.S., T Easton; W.T., Mr R Dixon; W.M., Mr Raynton; D.M., Mrs kitchen; O.G., Mr Ludlow, L.G., Mr Gasbute; installed by Mr Telford, D.G.W.C.T. The lodge is making steady progress. The number of members in good standing being 123.

- 1876 November 17th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON PRIMITIVE METHODISM - On Wednesday afternoon, the Primitive Methodists of Great Ayton, held a fruit banquet in a Chapel in aid of the circuit fund, which was efficiently presided over by John Peacock, Wesleyan lay preacher, and suitably addressed by the Rev F. Purvis, and Mr Allison, hired lay preacher. The Chapel was crowded.
- 1876 November 23rd NORTHERN ECHO
HELP FOR BULGARIA. Mr Jeremiah Thistlethwaite of Great Ayton in Cleveland on reading the appeal in the Northern Echo on the 21st inst. immediately made up a parcel and forwarded by rail several pairs of blankets, woollen scarves and a piece of warm serge as a contribution to the next Darlington remittance of help for the oppressed Bulgarians.
- 1876 November 24th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED a HOUSEKEEPER or WIFE aged from 40 to 50 years.
- Apply personally to WILLIAM LAWS, Labourer California Great Ayton
- 1876 December 9th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED immediately 2 good BRICKLAYERS – apply to GEO. GRIERSON contractor, Gt. Ayton
- 1877 January 17th YORK HERALD
BREAKING INTO THE RAILWAY STATION- the railway station Great Ayton has been forcibly entered and £5.10s worth of boots and shoes were stolen therefrom, which were under transmission to Mr Hutton, of Ayton. The office drawers were turned up, but only a small trifle of money was got. The thieves had dropped one slipper on the road in decamping.
- 1877 January 25th NORTHERN ECHO
Mr STREETHAM in practice in Great Ayton, formerly assistant to Dr Jackson.
- 1877 February 28th LIVERPOOL MERCURY
PETITION FOR LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT – T.WILSON Gt. Ayton BUTCHER
- 1877 March 13th NORTHERN ECHO
Consecration of the New Church
- 1877 March 28th NORTHERN ECHO
Little Ayton, near Stokesley – TO FARMERS, JOINERS and TIMBER MERCHANTS.
MESSRS. HODGSON AND FARROW are favoured with instructions from the Trustees of the Late Mrs Elizabeth Proctor to SELL BY AUCTION, on Friday March 23rd 1877, 1,200 LARCH TREES in Lots of 25 each in Little Ayton Low Wood. The Sale commences at the above-named Wood at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.
- 1877 March 28th NORTHERN ECHO
MRS BENNETT'S HOUSE on Newton Road is for sale.
- 1877 March 31st WEEKLY GAZETTE
The Rev. E. H. Reynolds, lately of Lichfield, has accepted the care of the Great Ayton Congregational Church, and commenced his ministry in that place of worship on Sunday last.
- 1877 April 4th DAILY GAZETTE
Anniversary tea in British School Room: 180 people partook on Monday 2nd.
- 1877 May 7th YORK HERALD
SANITARY MEETING – Attention was called to the water supply at Great Ayton. It was proposed to substitute pumps for dip wells at Ayton as the water would be less liable to be polluted.
- 1877 May 23rd NORTHERN ECHO
LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT:- J. SMITH Gt. Ayton, SHOEMAKER
- 1877 May 24th YORK HERALD
REMOVAL OF CATTLE WITHOUT LICENCE- At the Stockton Petty Sessions a man named George Potts, a farmer of Great Ayton, is charged with removing cattle from his farm in Ayton, in the North Riding to Wolviston, in the County of Durham, without a license. It appears however that he had no desire to evade the law, and a fine of 6d only with the costs 12s was therefore imposed.
- 1877 June 6th NORTHERN ECHO
A GOOD BRUSH HAND Apply to R. WATSON, Gt. Ayton

- 1877 June 7TH NORTHERN ECHO
WATCH STEALING IN GREAT AYTON
On Saturday, at Stokesley Petty Sessions, George Young, of Great Ayton, charged William Woodmansey, hailing from the vicinity of Pickering, with stealing a silver watch from his house at Ayton on the 17th May last. It appears that the prisoner had been seen near Young's house on the day when the watch was missed, and he had pawned the watch for 10s 3d to Lewis Phillips, a Jew keeping a pawnbroker's shop in Cleveland Street, Middlesbrough, who on Saturday objected to sign his evidence on the plea that it was the Jewish Sabath. The prisoner then sold the ticket to John Hall, lodging house keeper, Stockton, for 2s.6d and the watch chain for 6d. Sergt. Severs, Stokesley, said he apprehended the prisoner at Pickering, and when charged with the offence, the prisoner said he had nothing to say against the charge; he had been drinking three or four days, and did not know what he was doing.
- The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced for 1 calendar month to Northallerton house of correction with hard labour.
- 1877 June 9th WEEKLY GAZETTE
FASHIONABLE WEDDING - On Thursday morning, a large assemblage gathered at the church of St Cuthbert's Darlington, to witness the marriage of Mr T. Streeter, surgeon, Great Ayton, to Miss Ada Mary Fry, daughter of Mr Charles Rutter Fry, of Darlington. The Rev T.E. Hodgson performed the ceremony in the presence of a considerable congregation.
- 1877 July 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
TEMPERANCE GALA – AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL GROUNDS, GT. AYTON. Tues. July 24th 1877
- 1877 August 1st LEEDS MERCURY
LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT :- GEORGE GRIERSON, GREAT AYTON, BUILDER.
- 1877 August 4th NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE, a four-horse THRASHING MACHINE, nearly new with Skeleton Drum and Shakers
- apply to J.W.HAUXWELL, Machine-wright, Great Ayton.
- 1877 August 4th NORTHERN ECHO
WANTED – TWO BANKERS HANDS, - apply to M.S. Great Ayton, Station.
- 1877 August 27th YORK HERALD
BOARD OF GUARDIANS - the meeting on Saturday, the letter was read from the Local Government Board, calling attention to the fact that Messrs. Loy and Young, public vaccinators of Great Ayton, and Yarm, have not limited vaccination at their stations to the times appointed. The Guardians were requested to ask Messrs. Loy and Young for a written explanation, a copy of which is to be sent to the Local Government Board. The Board suggest that owing to the small number of children requiring public vaccination in Yarm, the attendance in future be confined to the months of April and October.
- 1877 August 30th THE DAILY GAZETTE
MISSIONARY MEETING AT GREAT AYTON - On Wednesday evening, the annual meeting in connection with the London Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Chapel, when the building was crowded to overflowing by a most appreciative audience. William Jones, Esq. of Undercliffe, Great Ayton, presided over the meeting, and an excellent address vindicated the character work of Christian missions.....
- 1877 September 7th NORTHERN ECHO
FEVER AT GREAT AYTON – LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE NORTHERN ECHO
Sir, Gt. Ayton is just now suffering from an epidemic of malignant scarlet fever, and the dilatoriness of the sanitary and medical authorities in taking any steps to arrest the spreading of this frightful disease is lamentable. So far as I can learn, not the slightest attempt has been made to disinfect the dwellings of those attacked, nor has the medical officer of the district thought it necessary to make his appearance – two children who died on Monday being only buried today.
Naturally a most healthy village, Ayton is, owing to the narrow-mindedness and stupidity of the bulk of its inhabitants, poisoned by its own sewage, and owing to the absence of a Local Board or other competent authority, a class of dwelling exists and is still being built, totally unfit for human habitation and destitute of the commonest sanitary appliances. The water supply is entirely derived from wells and springs, most of which are unprotected from contamination by either sewage or surface filth. At a parish meeting in which a few sanitary improvements were suggested by some of the newcomers to the place the opposition was almost unanimous, and one "wiseacre" summed up his own and the bulk of the inhabitants' opinion by the remark, "Why t' place was gud eneuf for our granfaythess and granmithers and its quite gud eneuf for us, and if these furiners don't like it, why they can gan somewhere else"
Perhaps the present epidemic will cause the inhabitants to "waken up", otherwise the Local Government Board will most probably feel compelled to take some very stringent measures to arouse them to a sense of their responsibility in a matter affecting solely their own health and the lives of their children. That the publicity of the real state of affairs through your columns will move them is the wish of, yours faithfully,

1877 September 10th NORTHERN ECHO
THREE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR re "Fever Gt. Ayton"

1877 September 12th NORTHERN ECHO
More letters to the editor .re. "Fever in Gt. Ayton"

1877 September 15th NORTHERN ECHO
More letters to the editor .re. "Fever in Gt. Ayton"

1877 September 15th NORTHERN ECHO
LOST & FOUND: Left in the Railway Carriage, when travelling between Ayton & Stockton on the 13th Sept last a Lady's Manuscript ALBUM, containing several person's names, by whom it may be identified – any person forwarding the same to MISS JACKSON Friends' School, Great Ayton, will be suitably rewarded.

1877 September 18th THE DAILY GAZETTE
SCARLET FEVER AT GREAT AYTON, SIR - the villagers of Great Ayton have been distressed by the appearance of scarlet fever, which, after visiting most of the neighbouring towns and villages, has at length been introduced into our village, and has terminated fatally in five cases. A Mr Lennard, who has lately come to reside in Ayton, has taken advantage of this outbreak to make erroneous statements about the sanitary condition of the village. Chief of them appears to have almost altogether escaped refutation. Mr L says that Great Ayton is, "poisoned by its own sewage". If so, it would be an extremely unhealthy place; but the contrary is the truth. There are very few villages in our country, of a similar size to Ayton, which can boast so great a freedom from epidemics or have so low a death rate as Ayton. It is exceptionally well situated for obtaining copious supplies of pure air and pure water, and for getting rid of impurities. Visitors flock to it as a healthful resort and frequently make remarks about its cleanliness and good order. Many of its inhabitants have attained ages of between four and five score. The population has increased so rapidly that our attentive sanitary authorities have considered it necessary to lay down extensive main drains, and the ratepayers have borne the increased burden with good grace. Of course, such a work could not be completed without the escape of noxious effluvia in cleansing and diverting the existing branch drains, and it is unfortunate that fever has been introduced just on its completion. Now in the face of these facts, Mr L presumes to state that "Ayton is, owing to the narrow-mindedness and stupidity of its inhabitants, poisoned by its own sewage". The erroneousness of Mr L's direct attacks on the medical and sanitary authorities has been fully shown by their official denial. The trouble is, with an influx of townspeople, who, if there be any truth in Mr L's letters, rich and poor alike, try to avoid sanitary measures, and to ruin health of the bulk of the inhabitants, perhaps it will be necessary to form a local Board to look after these people. We are content to leave this question in the hands of those "principal inhabitants" of whom Mr L, during his short and inconstant residence, has contrived to form so poor an opinion. Trusting that we shall never more hear of an attempt to befoul the character of Ayton and its inhabitants, by such statements, I am, yours truly,
AN INHABITANT Gt. Ayton September 15, 1877

1877 October 2nd THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON- SIR, I have just received a letter from a gentleman, intimately acquainted with Great Ayton, bearing on the of the health place in the past, and as it contradicts some of the assertions made by some of the parties who have replied to my letters, respecting the present sanitary condition of the village, I append a copy of the same and may add that I am not personally acquainted with the writer -- yours truly,
J.M. Lennard Jr. Sept. 22nd 1877

SIR, seeing that your laudable endeavour to call attention to the unsafe sanitary conditions of the village of Great Ayton has involved you into a "teapot tempest" of hostile, intemperate, and unjustifiable opposition, I offer the following observations on the subject: --
I have been acquainted with the village of Great Ayton, close upon half a century, and never considered it anything but an unhealthy village, and for the following reasons: --
It has always been subject to visitations of endemic as well as epidemic fevers. In 1822, or thereabouts, a terrible eruption of typhus fever prevailed, in which not only the labouring classes but some of the most respectable inhabitants suffered greatly -- of the latter, notably the family of the late Philip Heseltine, Esq.
In 1832, or approximately, a devastating outbreak of typhus again swept the village, and in certain localities proved very fatal. In 1864 or 1865 an alarming outbreak of typhoid fever prevailed at the West End of Ayton, which was directly traceable to a fearful amount of putrid animal refuse collected close to the beck. Passing over several visitations of less importance between 1832 and 1864, we come to the fatal outbreak of scarlet fever, which occurred in 1871, confined almost entirely to the streets extending from the stone bridge to the end of Easby lane. Then again, in the autumn of 1876, several cases of typhoid fever occurred between the end of the stone bridge and Mr Hauxwell's shop. It is a significant fact that neither of the old and experienced medical gentlemen in Ayton have come forward to uphold the vaunted salubrity of the village; and your juvenile, assailable, Mr Streten, certainly can in no wise be taken as a sanitary authority in Ayton, as he has been only a very few months there, and his bombastic announcement, must be taken as after the celebrated proclamation of the three London tailors, which began "We the people of England". Ayton is blessed this year at least, with, "an abundance of beautiful spring water, which does not require filtering before it can be used". It comes from the clouds; but unfortunately the middens and sump-holes get hold of it before the assiduous sanitary committee can get their buckets ready. The vaunted drainage arrangements, perhaps had better stand over for the present.

- 1877 November 30 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
- 1877 December 12th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - on Monday evening, the Great Ayton Mutual Improvement Society gave one of their weekly entertainments in the Independent Chapel at that place, consisting of essays written especially for the occasion. Rev E. H. Reynolds opened the proceedings with a short prayer, and introduced Mr Ralph Dixon, who read a very able essay, entitled "A few thoughts on the past and present, ending with questions of international arbitration". The essay dealt with the recent rapid flight of time, and the rate at which we are living, quoting new words from the old adage of "Tempus Fugit", "Time flies not; it is we who fly". He alluded to the rapid strides made in civilisation during the last 60 years, especially noticing the event of discovery of the powers of confined steam and its application to so many purposes, both by sea and land, and its introduction into manufactures, giving employment to thousands of our industrial population. Printing, he added, has reached its present perfection by its use. Education has made wonderful progress; but at the same time, left a large margin for improvement. The drink traffic was spoken of as not being dealt with via our government in a proper spirit. Christian people are spending their best energies in lopping off the branches, whilst they tenderly spare the evil route, which produces such fruits. But side-by-side with the improvements in modern times there had grown a huge military system, which threatened to sap the foundations of the world's prosperity, there being in Europe 10 million able-bodied men withdrawn from useful labour, and maintained at an enormous cost. International arbitration was next spoken of, due references being made to the Alabama Claims and the Canadian Fisheries, regretting that recent events were not settled by having recourse to arbitration in preference to the wholesale slaughter now going on,
- 1877 December 18th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY - A lecture was given on Monday night in the Congregational Chapel in Ayton, before the members of the society, on "Oliver Goldsmith and his times" by the Rev Mr Roberts, of Guisborough. The chair was taken by the Rev EH Reynolds, the president of the society. The lecturer gave a very graphic account of early life and education of Goldsmith, and his wanderings on the continent; his extreme poverty, and his struggles to earn a living by writing articles for the "*Monthly Review*", a London Journal. The lecturer quoted Macaulay to show the misery in which literary men of that day lived. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was given to Mr Roberts and Mr Reynolds.
- 1877 December 22nd THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON – A concert was given at the above place in aid of the brass band on Wednesday evening. Though the sweet rendering of Miss Ganner and the farcical character songs of Mr Fred Wake were highly appreciated, Miss Varley delighted everyone by her beautiful and touching songs, especially in "Mother Kiss Me In My Dreams" and then "All The Time My Fadder Lay Bad". Mr William Fawcett gave the "Honest Miller" very satisfactorily. Messrs. Wilkes, Watson, Jackson, and Fawcett delivered well their part songs and choruses; the band rendered a number of pieces.
- 1877 December 31st THE YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS - the fortnightly meeting was held on Saturday morning, Mr James Coulson presiding. It was resolved that an enquiry and attendance officer be appointed for the Union, as recommended by the School Attendance Committee, at salaries of £5 and £50 respectively. Mr Barker proposed, and Mr Smith seconded, that there should be two guardians for Great Ayton instead of one. The motion was carried, and the clerk ordered to make the necessary application to the Local Government Board.
- 1878 January 28th THE YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS - the fortnightly meeting was held on Saturday, Mr Emerson in the chair. A warm discussion on the election of the School Enquiry Officer took place. No action was taken, it being determined, to await instructions from the Local Government Board. The letter was read from the Board respecting the application of the ratepayers of Great Ayton for an additional Guardian. The Board was indisposed to take any step which would increase the number of guardians.
- 1878 February 4th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.
An entertainment took place on Saturday evening in the British School – It was well attended (*further details*).....
- 1878 February 23 LEEDS MERCURY
BANKRUPTS; RICHARD BULMER, GROCER, Great Ayton.
- 1878 May 8th THE DAILY GAZETTE
MEETING AT GREAT AYTON - on Tuesday night, a crowded meeting was held in the Friends' Meeting House, Great Ayton, to consider the question of the policy of the Government. Mr J Peacock was called to the chair. He was supported by Mr J B Hodgkin. Mr R Dixon. Mr Taylor E.H. Reynolds, Rev. Mr Hughes, Mr Thompson and Mr Adamson. Mr Jones moved the first resolution, which was as follows "Resolved, that this meeting earnestly desires the maintenance of peace between England and Russia, and urges Her Majesty's Government to adopt a conciliatory

attitude in all their negotiations, and to strive by every means in their power to avert the terrible evils which must follow a declaration of war" - Mr R Dixon, in seconding the motion held the present government was a government in favour of war, and the thought that all the great men of the country who were in favour of war should go and fight themselves. (Loud applause). Some persons said that the government meant peace, but there was not a nation in Europe thought that England meant peace. -- An amendment was moved by Mr Thompson, expressing confidence in Lord Beaconsfield, and the foreign policy of the Government. The speaker held that Mr Gladstone was as much to blame for the present state of affairs as any other man. He (Mr Gladstone) had neglected his duty, while in office, and now he was trying to prevent Earl Beaconsfield from doing his. -- Mr J.B. Hodgkin, supported the motion, had been advertised to take the chair, but the meeting desired an independent chairman. The chairman on putting the amendment and the resolution, declared the meeting was equally divided. He could not tell which had the majority. -- The proceedings throughout were of a turbulent character. A correspondent who was present writes:- "on the resolution being put to the meeting. The chairman said the votes were about equal, but it was evident the War party had the majority. This closed one of the most interesting meetings ever held in Ayton. Hitherto, a domineering section have had all their own way in public matters -- they were evidently surprised and bewildered that they should be bearded in their own den and beaten in their own stronghold, notwithstanding that they had drummed up old and young to swell their votes, and it is to be hoped we shall hear less of the hole-and-corner meetings hitherto held under domination of the Darlington clique and their organs"

REPORTED ALSO IN:- THE HUDDERSFIELD CHRONICLE May 9th & 11th; THE ESSEX STANDARD May 10th.

- 1878 June 3rd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY- SANITARY AUTHORITY- Gt. Ayton is to have the California main sewer continued through Park Square.
- 1878 August 19th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - On Saturday, before Messrs. G Marwood, D Brown, Jas. Emerson, and H Wynne Finch, PC Clark, Great Ayton, charged George Dent, the owner of the mail cart driven from Northallerton to Great Ayton, with using a horse when in unfit state on the 6th inst. James Coulson, veterinary surgeon, described the state of the animal, and Mr Longstaff, postmaster, Ayton, considered the horse ought not to have been used. Defendant said the wounds were not so bad as described, and called on Mr Binks, veterinary surgeon, who thought a great deal of exaggeration in describing the wounds had been used, though at the same time he considered the horse unfit for work. The bench fined defendant 2s..6d, and £2..0s..6d costs.
John Johnson, quarryman, Ayton, was fined 5s and 8s..6d costs for being drunk while in charge of a horse and gig at Hutton on the 14th inst. The same defendant is also fined 1s..6d, and 8s..6d costs for being drunk on 3rd inst.
- 1878 Sept 16th THE DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSION - On Saturday, Elizabeth Rutley, Great Ayton, a married woman, was sent to Northallerton house of correction for a fortnight, with hard Labour, for being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton.
- 1878 Sept 23rd THE STANDARD
CHURCH NEWS – Preferments & Appointments Rev. J Collin to the vicarage of Great Ayton Yorkshire.
- 1878 Sept 30th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - Robert Knott, charged with being drunk while in charge of a dog-cart at Great Ayton on 26th inst. was fined 15s including costs.
- 1878 October 10th DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS AND AYTON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.
Sir - about a year ago, the ratepayers of the Parish, in obedience to a mandate from Stokesley Board of Guardians, elected seven gentlemen as a School Attendance Committee for putting in force in Ayton the Education Act of 1876. After this time, however, there has been nothing done, in consequence of the guardians disagreeing amongst themselves about the appointment of a school warden for the Union. As a member of the committee I protest against this waste of time, and would urge that steps be taken to lay the whole matter before the authorities in London.
-- I am, sir, yours faithfully, E.H. Reynolds Great Ayton Oct. 9, 1880.
- 1878 October 14th DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - On Saturday. the sessions were held in the Town Hall, before Messrs George Marwood, H. Wynn-Finch and Douglas Brown – Geo. Dent, Osmotherley, mail cart contractor, was charged by PC Clark with being drunk while in charge of the mail cart on Sunday the 22nd ult. at Great Ayton. He was also charged with assaulting the police. Mr Teale of Middlesbrough appeared for the defendant. The defendant was fined £4..11s..6d including costs.
- 1878 November 11th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Robert Wilkinson Great Ayton, was fined £1 and 8s..6d costs for being drunk and disorderly at Ayton on the 13th April last.
- 1878 November 14th SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
At Stokesley Petty Sessions, on Saturday, Robert Wilkinson, of Great Ayton, was charged by Police constable Clark with being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton on Sunday, October 30th. Defendant, who did not

appear, had been causing an uproar in the street, and gone into the Wesleyan Chapel and created a disturbance there, annoying the congregation. He was fined £1 and 8s..6d costs.

1878 December 6th THE DAILY GAZETTE

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS – This examination will take place on Monday 16th and will be continued throughout the week. The total number of candidates this year is 3955 boys, 2480 girls, of whom 39 will be examined at Middlesbrough High School under the presidency of the Rev W. H. Lowe MA., Christ College Cambridge. Of the Middlesbrough candidates 17 are pupils of the Middlesbrough High School, 7 of Coatham Grammar School, 1 of Guisborough Grammar School, 2 from Marwood School, Great Ayton, 1 of Pemberton School, Middleton St George, 1 of the Rev J.W. Southern's School, Saltburn, 1 of Miss McPherson's school Saltburn, 3, of Miss Smith's School Norton, 1 of Miss Maughan's School, Stockton. One private study.

1878 December 13th YORK HERALD

AN IMPUDENT VAGRANT - on Wednesday Thomas Roberts, a tramp, was charged with vagrancy. On Friday last a girl named Dinah Helm, daughter of Ward Helm, of Great Ayton, aged 15 years, was going from her home towards Stokesley when she was met by the prisoner, who asked her for a penny. She said she had not any, when he said he would feel her pocket, as he must have one. The girl ran away, and prisoner chased her down the road, and was in the act of seizing her when Mr Thomas Dobson, of Ayton, drove up, and the prisoner at once made off. He was apprehended at Guisborough the following night by PC Clark, of Great Ayton. Prisoner was committed to Northallerton, for one nth with hard Labour.

1878 December 21st THE DAILY GAZETTE

ALLEGED BAD FARMING IN CLEVELAND - at Stokesley County Court on Friday, before Mr E.R. Turner, Judge, Alfred Kitchen, Stokesley, brought an action against John Atkinson, Great Ayton, to recover £14 14s damages for wrongful a sowing wheat stubble, containing 5 acres 1 rood, with barley when the same should have been left for the incoming tenant to sow. Mr Fawcett, of Stockton, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Skidmore, Barister, Darlington for the defendant. Mr Fawcett stated that the defendant occupied a farm belonging to the plaintiff at Little Ayton, upon which he entered in 1872 under a verbal agreement that he should farm on the 3 course system, which was the custom of the country. His tenancy expired under notice to quit in the spring of this year. The fields in question were two, one of 4 and the other of a little over 5 acres. The 4 acre field was in the year 1874 fallow, in 1875 wheat, and 1876 oats, and in 1877 showed again have been fallow, but instead of fallowing it defendant sold it with peas, which was a white crop. That had the effect of impoverishing the land, in consequence of which the incoming tenant could not take an away-going crop in 1878, as he was obliged to fallow it. With respect to the 2nd field, the defendant had taken a crop of barley after wheat, which, though it was correct as to cropping, he had no right to do, for the incoming tenant should have sown it. Defendants therefore got a crop more than a should of have done. Evidence was given in support of this statement, which was in the main admitted by defendant, and his Honour gave a verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed with costs.

1878 December 21st NORTHERN ECHO

VYNER TERRACE, OXBRIDGE ROAD, STOCKTON ON TEES –

-- DAY and BOARDING SCHOOL for YOUNG LADIES, to be conducted by the Misses GREENWOOD (daughters of the late Rev George Greenwood, Wesleyan Minister). The Misses Greenwood beg to intimate that they intend (D.V.) to open an establishment for Young Ladies at the above address after the Christmas vacation, the year are being divided into 3 terms. Full particulars given on application. The domestic arrangements will be under the care of Mrs Greenwood. P.S.-the missing is Greenwood have successfully carried on a school at Great Ayton, Northallerton, for the past 6 years.

P.S. Mrs Greenwood gives Private Music and Singing Lessons.

1878 December 31st THE DAILY GAZETTE

WANTED a strong active GIRL as GENERAL SERVANT to a small family. Apply Rev. E.H. Reynolds.

1879 February 13th THE DAILY GAZETTE

LECTURE AT GREAT AYTON. -On Tuesday the lecture was given on behalf of the Workingmen's Institute in the British School by Mr A.G.Cameron, of H.M.'s Survey, on "The Geology of Cleveland". During his highly instructive discourse lecturer stated that the present winter had demonstrated the agency of water in an exceptional manner, the floods having deepened the beds of streams and borne much water-worn *debris* into the Tees, shoring how rivers form a rich alluvial valleys and Islands. The lecturer gave a description of the Whinstone Dyke, the chief source of industry to the inhabitants of Ayton. In conclusion, Mr Cameron ventured to predict a very prosperous future of the district on account of its mineral wealth. The meeting was presided over by the Rev J Collin, Vicar.

1879 February 15th NORTHERN ECHO

California, Great Ayton, in the County of York.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by Messrs. HODGSON AND FARROW, at the Oak Tree Hotel, Great Ayton, on Friday the 28th day of February 1879, a freehold new and substantially built DWELLING HOUSE and grocer's SHOP, with the fixtures, yard, and outbuildings thereto belonging, occupying a frontage of 70 feet, situate in Cleveland Street, California aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Mr Charles Airey, the owner, who is retiring from business.

1879 February 17th THE DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON -the Rev EH Reynolds is delivering a series of popular lectures on "The Reformation" on Wednesday evenings in the Congregational Chapel. The last lecture delivered on Wednesday, and which is the 3rd of the course, was on "The early life of Martin Luther."

1879 February 20th NORTHERN ECHO

WANTED, an INVALID CARRIAGE.—Send description and price to RALPH DIXON, Great Ayton, Northallerton.

1879 February 22nd BERROW'S WORCESTER JOURNAL

COPY OF RETURNS, Pursuant to 7 and 8 vict., cap. 32. *Name of Firm*: LLOYDS BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hauxwell, William, Great Ayton, near Stokesley, Millwright;

Jackson, Miss Sarah, Great Ayton, Yorks:

Longstaff, Joseph, Great Ayton, Northallerton, Yorkshire, Postmaster.

1879 February 26th THE DAILY GAZETTE

CONCERT AT GREAT AYTON. - On Friday evening last the members of the Great Ayton Choral Society gave a grand evening concert, under the leadership of Mr J.H. Davies, of Middlesbrough, in the British School-room before a large and fashionable audience. The programme was as follows:-pianoforte duet, "Zampa," Mrs Reynolds and Miss Sanderson; duet and chorus, "Hale Judea, happy land;" song "Reaper and the flowers," Miss Williams; song, "Nazareth," Mr A Keith; duet, "Gathering Flowers," Miss Williams and Miss Davies; lullaby, "Oh hush thee my baby," choir; song "The Village Blacksmith," Mr Moon; song, "he was despised," Miss Davies; the grand chorus "Hallelujah Chorus," choir; pianoforte solo, "selections from Faust," Mrs Thompson; song, "the Cuckoo," Miss Williams; glee, "come let us all a Maying go," choir; song, "Barney O'hea," Miss Davies; song, "Hearts of Oak," Mr Moon; glee, "O, who will o'er the downs so free?" Choir; song, "Polly," Mr Keith; song, "Oh Erin, my Country," Miss Williams; glee, "sleep while the soft evening breeze is blowing," choir; "God save the Queen." The choruses and glees was sung by the choir with greater precision and taste, the "Hallelujah Chorus" especially being particularly well rendered. This is Reynolds and Miss Sanderson's duet "Zampa," and Mrs Thomson's "selections from Faust," were very skilfully played, the latter receiving a hearty *encore*. Miss Williams was most favourably received, and upon being brought back to the platform after singing "The Cuckoo," pleasingly gave "The Squabbling Couple." The sacred solo "Nazareth" was well rendered by Mr Keith, as were also the 2 songs sung by Mr Moon. Miss Davies' humorous rendering of "Barney O'Hea" gained for her a hearty *encore*; and the easy and efficient manner in which Mr Hermitage sang "he was a careless man" literally "brought down the house." Mr Fordham, organist of Guisborough Parish Church, very efficiently presided at the piano and harmonium.

1879 March 10th NORTHERN ECHO

FOR SALE, good double purchase HAND CRANE, suitable for free stone quarry; also double purchase WINCH; cheap, - apply to JOSEPH BURTON, Great Ayton, Northallerton.

1879 March 15th NORTHERN ECHO

TO LET, at Great Ayton, a DWELLING HOUSE, stable, carriage house, and garden with or without for or 8 acres of grassland. - Apply to Messrs. SNOWDON, Iron Mongers, Great Ayton, Northallerton.

1879 April 2nd NORTHERN ECHO

TO LET BY TENDER, at Great Ayton, 1st class butcher's SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 8 rooms, with garden, stable, Hunger-house, and other conveniences. To be entered upon May Day next.

-- Apply, Messrs. J. DONALDSON and R.J. SAYER

1879 April 15th THE DAILY GAZETTE

On Sunday last, the anniversary services in connection with the Congregational Church, Great Ayton, were held, when two sermons were preached by the Rev E. H Reynolds, the pastor. The subject of the mornings discourse was "The Doctrine of the Resurrection", and that of the evening "The Great Attraction". During the services the choir very efficiently sang several anthems. The attendance was good, and the collection amounted to over £7. On Monday at two o'clock the memorial stones of the new schoolrooms were laid by W Hinmers, Esq. JP, Manchester, son of one of the former ministers; John Richardson, Esq., Langbaugh Hall, Ayton; Mr Ralph Dixon, on behalf of J.B. Hodgkin, Esq., Cleveland Lodge, Ayton, who was unavoidably prevented from being present; and by the Rev E.H. Reynolds. A large company was present, and listened with great interest to an excellent address, by Mr Hinmers. At the close several bricks were laid by friends connected with the Chapel, and contributions were announced amounting to £250, which included £55 from Mr Hinmers, £20 from Mr Richardson, £20 from Mr Hodgkin, £5.05s from William Bulmer Esq. Mayor of Middlesbrough, and £5 from Mr Peter Donaldson, Ripon. The large and efficient Roseberry Brass Band, under the leadership of Geo. Stevens, ably performed selections of music before and after the ceremony. At one o'clock a sale at work was opened in the British School Room, superintended by Mrs Reynolds, and the Misses Lincoln; and at 4:30 a public tea was held in the same place. Trays were given by Mrs Hodgkin, Mrs Eeles, Mrs Willans, Mrs Harbottle, Mr Hutton, Mr Richardson, Mrs Isaac Wilson, and Mr Short, and presided over by Mrs Eeles, Mrs Harbottle, Mrs Willans, Mrs Henry Hudson, Misses Lidbitter, and Mrs Crosby. About 200 sat down to an excellent tea, including many from Middlesbrough, Guisborough, Nunthorpe, and Stokesley. In the evening a public meeting was held in the chapel, presided over by the Mayor of Middlesbrough, who is a native of Ayton. The chapel was crowded. Excellent and thoughtful addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. Roberts, Guisborough, and the Rev. W. Whale, Middlesbrough, and Ralph Dixon Esq. Ayton. On the motion of the Rev E.H. Reynolds, seconded by Mr John Harbottle, a hearty vote of thanks, passed to the chairman, speakers, etc. The sale of works was continued today and this evening, a controversazione will be held in the British School-room.

- 1879 April 28th THE DAILY GAZETTE
A reduction of 10% in the wages of the men employed at Messrs Bradley's Langbaugh Quarries, Great Ayton, has been issued.
- 1879 May 3rd YORK HERALD
DEATHS:- CHARLTON.- April 28th, aged 44 years, Hannah, wife of William Charlton, blacksmith, Great Ayton.
- 1879 May 3rd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY -- IMPORTANT DOG LICENSING CASE. - On Saturday, before Mr Marwood, and Mr Emerson, Inspector Severs charged George Dixon, farmer and land agent, Great Ayton, with keeping a terrier dog without a licence on the 14th inst. It appears that Mr Dixon, kept a cur dog also, and held exemption papers for both. Mr Collingwood, supervisor, Stockton on Tees, said on receiving a declaration from Mr Dixon, that he kept the two dogs for use on his farm, he granted the exemption. Mr Dixon said he kept the dogs for attending the cattle. The cur dog would only follow his man, the terrier was of great service to himself. He only used it on the farm. The act did not specify the kind, breed, or size of dog for which exemption could be claimed. He had no wish to defraud the Revenue. The Bench were of the opinion that the Act never contemplated that terrier dogs should be exempt licence, and fined defendant 12s..6d, including costs. Defendant intends to appeal against the decision.
- 1879 June 2nd YORK HERALD
Local Government Board have conferred upon the Rural Sanitary Authority urban powers in respect of the contributory places of Stokesley, Great Ayton, Broughton, Hutton Rudby, and Yarm, but thought it not desirable to put urban powers in force with respect to Swainby.
- 1879 July 3rd NORTHERN ECHO
FOR SALE: Two good DWELLING HOUSES, known as "WOODBINE VILLAS" situate at Little Ayton, standing in an acre of ground, laid out as gardens, and well stocked with fruit trees. The Houses contain seven rooms and large Attics each; ten minutes walk from the Railway Station and can be sold together or separately – Apply THOMAS CHAPMAN, on the premises.
- 1879 July 26th THE DAILY GAZETTE
"THE HILLS AND VALE OF CLEVELAND, AND OTHER POEMS" - under this title. Mr James Milligan, of Great Ayton, has issued a new addition of his production; and the fact that the new edition has been called for and largely "subscribed" before publication affords the most practical evidence, that his poems have found many readers and admirers throughout the district and even far beyond it.
- 1879 August 7th THE DAILY GAZETTE
CRICKET- MIDDLESBROUGH v GREAT AYTON - -In Fine and splendid weather this match was played at Great Ayton on Monday. The batting of J Holt, H.W.F. Boldison, J. Ross, G. Wilkes, and W. Watson was very good. The bowling of J. Holt and H.W.F.Boldison for the amateurs and of the brothers Kitchen was excellent. Towards the finish of the second innings of the Great Ayton 11 the game was very exciting, as they tried to run the score off and win, but they could not do it against the bowling of J Holt and H.W.F. Boldison, and it resulted in victory for the visitors by 16 runs.

MIDDLESBROUGH AMATEURS							
1 ST INNINGS				2 ND INNINGS			
HOLT	c. Hooper,	b J.H.Kitchen	24	LBW c. Winn	b. Joseph Kitchen	7	
McLEAN	c. Bottomley	b.J.H.Kitchen	0		b. Joseph Kitchen	8	
HIRD		b. J.H.Kitchen	2		b. Joseph Kitchen	0	
BOLDISON	c. Wilks	b. J.H.Kitchen	22		b. J.H.Kitchen	6	
BRAITHWAITE		b. Joseph Kitchen	0		b. Joseph Kitchen	0	
BOSHER	Run Out		0		b. J.H. Kitchen	1	
FOSTER		b. J.H.Kitchen	0		b. J.H. Kitchen	2	
MAISHALL		b. Joseph Kitchen	2	Not Out			
PEEL	Run Out		0		b. J.H. Kitchen	0	
ELLERTON		b. Joseph Kitchen	2		b. Joseph Kitchen	1	
ROSS	Not Out		0		b. Joseph Kitchen	14	
EXTRAS			6	EXTRAS		8	
			TOTAL	58	TOTAL		48

GREAT AYTON							
COLLINS		b. Boldison	4	c. Peel	b. Holt	0	
PEARSON	c. Holt	b. Braithwaite	2		b. Holt	6	
J.K. KITCHEN		b. Boldison	5		b. Holt	1	
WINN	hw	b. Braithwaite	4		b. Holt	0	
WATSON		b. Braithwaite	1	c. Braithwaite	b. Boldison	13	
HOPPER	c. Maishall	b. Boldison	3	Run Out		5	
G. WILKS		b. Boldison	6	c. Bosher	b. Holt	14	
Joseph KITCHEN	Run Out		0	Not Out		5	
HARBOTTLE	c. Hird	b. Boldison	0	c. Ross	b. Holt	2	
J. WILKS		b. Braithwaite	0		b. Boldison	3	
BOTTOMLEY	Not Out		3	c. Ellerton	b. Braithwaite	7	
EXTRAS			3	EXTRAS		5	
			TOTAL	29	TOTAL		61

I have used the spelling as printed, however, I suspect "Kitchen = Kitching" and "Maishall = Marshall"

- 1879 August 19th NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;-at Stokesley petty sessions on Saturday Thomas Simpson, quarryman, was fined £1 and costs, or in default months imprisonment, for being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton. -- William Brown, of Ayton, was ordered to pay costs for being drunk on August 3rd. -- Isaac Richardson, was fined 1s and costs for allowing a waggon and cart to stand at the beck side, where they caused an obstruction.
- 1879 August 22nd YORK HERALD
DEATHS- BELL -On the 19th inst at Great Ayton, Charles Henry, the infant son of Charles and Ethel Bell, of Langbaugh Hall.
- 1879 Sept 5th NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
TURNIPS For Sale - offers are invited for a few tons of Swedes, yellows and whites; on rail at Ayton station. George Dixon, Land Agent, Great Ayton.
- 1879 Sept 16th NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
BRICKLAYERS - Wanted, a few good bricklayers, apply W. Pearson, Great Ayton.
- 1879 Sept 25th NORTHERN ECHO
THE CLEVELAND AUCTION MART GUISBOROUGH
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 Forrester'
LOT 3 - Brown Colt, rising 4 years, by 'Speculation' dam 'Young Hottenburgh' g.d. 'Golden Forrester'
LOT 4 – Brown Filly, rising 3 years, by 'Bondsman' dam 'Young Hottenburgh' g.d. 'Golden Forrester'
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 'Shot 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.
- 1879 October 31st NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ANOTHER FATALITY AT GREAT AYTON;-some time during last night, Henry Peacock, late stationer and newsagent, was drowned in the River Leven at Great Ayton. His body was found early this morning under the stone bridge. His death furnishes another sad argument for the necessity of lighting up the village.
- 1879 Nov. 22nd NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ELECTION OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER FOR GREAT AYTON,- the poll for the assistant overseer-ship, of Great Ayton, was taken yesterday, and has resulted as follows: -- John Dixon 132; John Henry Garbutt, 105; Thomas Heavyside, 76; J.G. Wilson, 1.
- 1879 Nov. 26th THE DAILY GAZETTE
THE VICAR OF GREAT AYTON AND HIS PARISHONERS. -The Vicar, of Great Ayton who caused some offence to his parishioners by removing a reading desk from the church and replacing it by another has restored the original and taken away the new one. Consequently, peace once more reigns at the foot of Roseberry.
- 1879 Nov. 29th THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, CLEVELAND. -- TO LET AS A GOING CONCERN.- BREWERY, about three quarters plant, 7 quarter Malt kiln, spirit store, dwelling house, and all conveniences in connection therewith, situated at Great Ayton near Stokesley, Cleveland; also 10 ¾ acres of grassland.
Further particulars on application to Richard Carlen, Great Ayton, Northallerton.
- 1879 Dec. 2nd THE DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. OPENING OF LECTURE HALL AND SCHOOLROOM.
On Monday evening, a new lecture Hall, school, and classroom were publicly opened at Great Ayton. They have been erected for Sunday School purposes in connection with the Congregational Church, and for the holding of lectures and social meeting. In the past all these have had to be carried on in the chapel, which was not only very inconvenient for the purpose, but was also damaged by the children. The new building, which is built upon a plot of ground adjoining the chapel, stands out prominently, and has a fine appearance, being an ornament to that part of the village in which it is situated. Ayton now possesses, public buildings that would do credit to any small or medium-sized town. Its church, chapels, the Friends' Meeting House, Agricultural School, and British and Marwood Schools will bear comparison with any similar structures in the neighbourhood; and its halls, and Gentlemen's and Villa residences, its natural scenery, of Mountain, Hill, and Dale, and its woods, streams, and charming lanes mark it out

as one of the pleasanter spots in the North of England. With all its advantages, however, it has, until now, lacked one thing -- namely, a good public room that could be used for all good and moral purposes. Sectarianism and party feeling have always run high in Ayton, and the buildings now in existence, have been erected with the strange provisos, that meetings of a political and polemical character should not be held in them. It has therefore been left for the Rev E.H. Reynolds, to inaugurate a new state of things for "Canny Yatton" and the work could not have fallen into better hands. Mr Reynolds is a liberal minded gentleman, of broad views in religion and politics, and an earnest worker in all philanthropic movements. The building opened on Monday, has been erected entirely through his exertions. It comprises a handsome room on the first floor suitable for a hall for lectures and social gatherings and concerts and general school purposes, and capable of seating 250 people, and on the ground floor, a large sized classroom and commodious vestry, capable of holding 60 to 70 people, and another room, that may be used either as a classroom or a caretaker's room, fitted with all the appliances necessary for social meetings, with a small chamber attached. The stone and brick work has been done by Mr W Pearson, and the joinery work by Messrs. Harbottle, of Great Ayton. The architect is Mr Samuel Musgrave, of Hull. The cost of the structure will be about £500 towards which about 300 has been obtained. The opening meeting on Monday, was preceded by a social tea in the lower room, attended by several of the friends of the place. At the public meeting the chair was taken by Henry Richardson Esq. of Langbaurch Hall, and Mr William Jones, of Ayton and Middlesbrough, delivered an address upon the benefits derived from public lectures and meetings. Mr John Peacock and Mr Ralph Dixon, also spoke. Through the inclemency of the weather Mr Arthur Pease and other speakers were prevented from attending. Mr Geddes, the new master of the British School, sang solos from the "Creation" and the "Messiah" in a masterly manner, and the choir sang four appropriate pieces of sacred song composed for the occasion by the Rev E.R. Reynolds. The organist of the chapel - Miss Sanderson - efficiently presided at the harmonium.

1880 January 2nd THE DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON -- DEATH FROM BURNING. On Wednesday, an inquest was held before Mr J.C. Sowerby, coroner, at Great Ayton, on the body of Elizabeth Souter. Deceased, who was 18 years of age, had been standing, about nine o'clock on Monday morning, on the fender in front of the fire in her father's house, when her dress caught light. She ran out into the street, where a neighbour put a hearth rug round her and extinguished the flames. She was then taken into her house, when it was found that nearly all her clothes were consumed. She lingered in great agony until noon on Wednesday, when she died. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death".

1880 February 14th THE DAILY GAZETTE

YORKSHIRE CONGREGATIONAL UNION - the annual meeting of the Whitby and Middlesbrough District were held in the Congregational Chapel, Great Ayton, on Thursday. On the evening previous the Rev. Bagnall Baker of Cotherstone, preached in the lower lecture Hall.....

1880 Feb. 18th YORK HERALD

DEATHS – DIXON- On the 13th inst. at Great Ayton, aged 40, Mr Richardson Dixon.

1880 March 11th THE DAILY GAZETTE

SUNDAY CLOSING MEETING AT GREAT AYTON -- on Wednesday evening last, a public meeting was held in the new Lecture Hall, Great Ayton, in behalf of the interest of the Association for Stopping sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays. There was a good attendance.....

1880 March 29th THE DAILY GAZETTE

NOMINATION OF GUARDIANS- The following gentlemen have been nominated for election as Guardians of the Middlesbrough Union - William Jones, Great Ayton, chemical manufacturer;.....

1880 March 29th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – Appointment of Overseers for the coming year;-
AYTON, GREAT, Wm. Hauxwell and Wm. Harbottle; AYTON, LITTLE, Wm. Garbutt and Saml. Spretnall.....

1880 June 29th THE DAILY GAZETTE

A SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENARY IN CLEVELAND -- on Monday, the centenary demonstration of the Primitive Methodists Sunday Schools in connection with the Stokesley Circuit took place at Great Ayton under Roseberry Topping, when, favoured by fine weather, there was a large attendance and visitors. The Sunday scholars, Stokesley, Hutton Rudby, Ayton, Broughton, and Faceby united at Great Ayton, and, headed by the Ayton Old Brass Band, marched in procession to a field at Little Ayton, kindly lent by Mr T Moore. Here the whole of the scholars joined in singing some sacred songs, after which addresses were delivered by the Revs. C.J. Tetley, W. Shipley and J. Hawkins, and Messrs. Hull and Hornsby. Tea was provided, and afterwards various amusements were heartily indulged in by the children, the proceedings being enjoyed by all present.

1880 June 29th YORK HERALD

CRICKET;- BROWN'S WANDERERS v. GREAT AYTON.
At Great Ayton on Saturday. Score:
Brown's Wanderers –

Great Ayton --

W. Vowell	b. Heaviside 0	J. H. Kitching	c. Ingram	b. H. Brown	6
W. Ibotson	b. J.H.Kitching 1	D. Pearson		b. C. Brown	6
H. Brown	c. Haswell	b. J.H.Kitching 5	G. Ford	b. H. Brown	7

W. Brown	c. J.H.Kitching	b. Haswell 5	C. Haswell	b. W. Ibotson 4
J. Ingham	c. Haswell	b. Heavisides 0	T. Heavisides	b. H. Brown 0
C. Brown		c & b. J.H.Kitching 8	J. Moore	b. C. Brown 3
W. Hardy		b. J.H.Kitching 3	H. Bradley	c. Ingham
T. Hetherington		b. Heavisides 10	W. Hopper	Thrown Out Ingham
T. Craddock		b. J.H.Kitching 5	J. Kitching	b. Ibotson 1
J. Brown	c. Pearson	b. J.H.Kitching 0	W. Winn	not out
T. Williams –	not out	0	W. Watson	Run Out
EXTRAS		5	EXTRAS	5
		TOTAL 40		TOTAL 38

1880 July 21st

YORK HERALD

LIST OF AGENTS: THE YORK & WEEKLY HERALD can be obtained from, or advertisements forwarded by:-
Great Ayton:- Mr. W. SNOWDON, Newsagent.

1880 October 25th

NORTHERN ECHO

WILFUL DAMAGE AT AYTON. -At Stokesley Petty Sessions on Saturday, Richard Farndale and John Johnson were charged with committing wilful damage to the tools and stone in a mine belonging to Roseberry Iron Company, at Great Ayton, on Sunday, October 3rd. -- Mr Smith (from the office of Messrs. Dodd & Co., Stockton) appeared to prosecute and said the company did not wish for a heavy penalty, but having suffered considerable damage and annoyance from the defendants and other trespassers, had brought the present case. -- The case was proved by a labourer named Robert Brown who had been set to watch the mine on the day in question. -- The bench said as the only object was to deter defendants and others from trespassing in the mines, they would only ordered them to pay the costs, 13s, and be more careful in future.

1880 Oct. 27th

YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON -CLOSING OF THE CHURCHYARD,-the vicar and churchwarden have received notice from the Home Office, respecting the closing of the Churchyard on 1st October 1881, in the following terms:- That it is the intention of the Home Secretary to apply for an order in Council for the discontinuance of burials forthwith wholly in the Parish Church, and in the Churchyard after 1 October 1881, except in now existing vaults and walled graves, and burials to take place in these only on condition that every coffin buried therein is separately enclose by stonework or brickwork, properly cemented.

1880 November 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 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

1880 Nov. 26th

YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON - LAND SLIP:- at one of the eight holes at Great Ayton, from which the Leeds Corporation obtain their supply of paving "sets" and smaller road metal, a slip of the earth has taken place on so extensive a scale as to have closed it entirely at present. It is estimated that about 20,000 tons of earth have fallen into the quarry, the slip being attributed the action of the recent heavy rains in the strata. A subcommittee of the Leeds Highway Committee has been appointed to visit Great Ayton to decide as to the means to be adopted for re-opening the hole.

1880 Dec. 27th

SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT

BANKRUPT;- T Madderson, Great Ayton, Yorkshire, steam plough-man and millwright.

1881 January 1st

LEEDS MERCURY

LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT ;- WILLIAM PERCIVAL ELLIOT, Of Portrack Lane, Stockton & Great Ayton

1881 January 3rd

THE DAILY GAZETTE

WIFE ASSAULT AT GREAT AYTON - at Stokesley petty sessions on Saturday. William Charlton of Great Ayton, was charged with assaulting his wife Eliza Charlton, on 21 December. From the evidence, it appeared that the parties do not live happily together, and defendant had intercepted his wife's letters, and on her remonstrating with him he had used bad language, struck her, giving her a black eye, and afterwards turned her to the door, -- defendant enumerating a long string of grievances occasioned by his wife, and said he might have hit her with his elbow. -- The bench considered the case proved, find defendant 15 shillings including costs.

1881 January 3rd

YORK HERALD

LIQUIDATION:- W.P. ELLIOT, Portrack Lane, Stockton-on-Tees and also of Great Ayton, Grocer.

1881 January 21st

THE DAILY GAZETTE

ACTION AGAINST NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY;- Joseph Wilkes, a stone dresser, residing at Great Ayton, brought an action at the Durham Assizes, Thursday against the North Eastern Railway Company to recover compensation for injuries received at Stillington station on 27 September, 1879. -- Mr Cave Q.C. and Mr Edge for the plaintiff; and Mr Digby Seymour, Q.C. and Mr Sutton for the defendants. -- The jury found for the plaintiff, and gave £450 damages. -- His Lordship, however, stayed judgement, and gave the plaintiff leave to move for a new trial.

- 1881 January 22nd THE ESSEX STANDARD
MARRIAGES:- COLLIN – JUDD - Jan. 12th at the Parish Church Rickling, by the Rev. G.H. Palmer, Rector of Mixbury, Oxon, cousin of the bride, assisted by the Rev J. Colin, Vicar, father of the bridegroom, and the Rev R Maul, Rector of Ricklinghall, Suffolk, uncle of the bridegroom, the Rev John Collin, Vicar of Great Ayton, Yorkshire, to Mary Louisa fourth daughter of John P Judd, Esq. of Rickling, Essex.
- 1881 Feb 24th THE DAILY GAZETTE
WILKS v. THE NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY -- in this case, which came before Mr Justice Manisty and Mr Justice Field on Tuesday in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, Mr Cave, QC, with whom was Mr J Edge, moved the court for judgement. The plaintiff Joseph Wilks, of Great Ayton, obtained a verdict for £450 at the last Durham Assizes for personal injuries caused by the negligence of the Company on a level crossing at Stillington Station, near Stockton, under the circumstances detailed in Wednesday's paper. Mr Justice Manisty then deferred delivery and judgement until the question of whether there was any evidence to go to the jury had been argued before the court *in banco*. Upon the hearing on Tuesday, the Court ordered judgement on the verdict to be entered for the plaintiff.
- 1881 Feb. 28th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS: -- on Saturday, before Mr Marwood, Major Hay, and Mr Sawyerby, the following cases were heard: -- James Taylor, Great Ayton, gentlemen, for whom Mr Jameson, solicitor, Stokesley, appeared was charged by PC Mooring with keeping two dogs without licences, on the 10th instant. Mr Jamieson said there was no intention of evading the revenue for so small a sum as 7s..6d. Fined 5s and 8s..6d costs. Wm. Ward, Great Ayton, was also fined for a similar offence committed on the 10th inst. Joseph Simpson, Great Ayton, was charged with keeping a dog without licences, on the 10th inst. In this case, the dog had been immediately destroyed. Defendant was fined 7s..6d and 8s..6d costs.
- 1881 June 15th YORK HERALD
HIGHWAY BOARD -the monthly meeting of the Langbaurch West Highways Board was held on Saturday, Mr John Peacock presiding. On the motion of Mr Brunton seconded by Mr Ellerby, it was agreed that the Board make a new wall adjoining the river at Great Ayton, towards which the inhabitants of Great Ayton had subscribed upwards of £50, and that Mr Grierson's tender to build the wall for £115 be accepted.
- 1881 June 14th THE NORTH-EASTERN EVENING GAZETTE
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT GREAT AYTON: -- special religious services were commenced on Monday at Great Ayton, and will be continued during the week, under the auspices of the Society or Friends. A tent has been erected on the village green, and on Monday afternoon, a mother's meeting was held, conducted by Mrs Hannah Pumphrey, which was followed in the evening by a public meeting. The following ladies and gentlemen are expected to take parts in the services during the coming week: -- Dr James C. Thomas and Mary Whittall Thomas, of Baltimore, U.S.; Mr Edwin and Mrs Hannah Pumphrey, Sunderland; and Messrs. William Robinson, Scarborough; Isaac Picard, Harrogate; Frank Diamond, Neath; J.B. Hodgkin, Darlington; and E. Robson, Coatham.
- 1881 July 27th YORK HERALD
SUICIDE AT GREAT AYTON: --at Great Ayton, on Saturday, an elderly woman named Ann Jackson, wife of Robert Jackson, had quarrelled with some members of her family during the morning, and as she was missed in the afternoon a search was made. She was found hanging from the staircase in her house, her neck being dislocated. An inquest was held on Monday, and a verdict of "temporary insanity", returned.
- 1881 August 1st THE NORTH-EASTERN EVENING GAZETTE
TEMPERANCE GALA AT GREAT AYTON. -- On Saturday, a "blue ribbon" demonstration was held at Great Ayton in which upwards of 1000 persons took part. Mr J.B. Hodgkin, Great Ayton, presided at the open-air public meeting, and interesting addresses on the value and importance of temperance were delivered by Messrs. F Thorpe, York, Mr J Smith, Leeds, and other gentlemen. The choir from Darlington, was present, and agreeably diversified the proceedings.
- 1881 August 6th YORK HERALD
A DISHONEST LODGER. -- Yesterday, a youth named John Roberts Salton, belonging to Middlesbrough, was brought before Mr J.P. Sowerby, at Stokesley, charged with stealing a purse containing 13 shillings in money from William Appleton, of Great Ayton, on the 3rd inst. Prisoner had lodged in Appleton's house on the night of 2nd August, and on leaving the house next morning had taken the purse from the chimneypiece. On the application of inspector Stones the prisoner was remanded until today, Saturday.
Follow up:- August 24th He was committed to Northallerton House of Correction for 28 days with hard labour.
- 1881 Sept. 8th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

An order appears in the *London Gazette* for the discontinuance of burials in the churchyard of Great Ayton.

- 1881 Sept. 9th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION- after completing the work of their great Jubilee Congress at York they commenced to make a series of very enjoyable excursions on Thursday morning to see places and objects of scientific, historic, or commercial interest in the different parts of the country. One group of about 30 came by train to Great Ayton including the Lord Mayor of York to view the basaltic dyke and Roseberry Topping, guided by Dr Veitch, the energetic president of the Middlesbrough Field Club. (*More details in paper*)
- 1881 October 17th YORK HERALD
"AWKWARD FOR THE COO". - On Saturday morning a valuable cow, belonging to Mr Garbutt, Great Ayton, strayed upon the Middlesbrough and Battersby Junction branch railway, and was killed by a passing train.
- 1881 October 21st THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Amongst the *nominations for the North West Ward, Middlesbrough Municipal Elections:-*
William Jones, Undercliffe, Great Ayton, chemical manufacturer.
- 1881 Nov. 5th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Mr James Milligan, of Great Ayton, has received the following letter from Mr Gladstone's secretary, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the third edition of the "Hills and Dale, of Cleveland"...."10 Downing Street, Whitehall, 31st of October, 1881. Sir, -- I am directed by Mr Gladstone to express to you and thanks for the poems you were good enough to send him. -- I am Sir, your obedient servant, Horace Seymour. -- Mr Jas.Milligan."
- 1881 November 5th NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON -TO LET, HOUSE and GARDEN, pleasantly situated, sheltered from East, 300 feet elevation, gravel subsoil; 24 minutes run by rail off Middlesbrough. - GEO. DIXON, White House, Great Ayton.
- 1881 November 5th YORK HERALD
TO LET by TENDER, and maybe entered upon 12th day of May, 1882 (Tithe Free), FARM, known as " Tree Briggs Farm." near Great Ayton, in Cleveland, containing 86a. 3r. 20p. or thereabouts, with 2 good COTTAGES and GARDENS, &c. Also 5 acres of excellent GRASSLAND, between the above farm and Stokesley, with sheds &c. Written proposals will be received by W.O. GARBUTT, Great Ayton (or will also show the premises), up to Saturday, November 12th 1881. Mr Garbutt does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.
- 1881 November 7th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
PATRONISED BY HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN. THE 3RD EDITION OF MELLIGAN'S POEMS (greatly enlarged), containing 3 engravings -portrait of the author, and " Two Views Of the Hills and Vale of Cleveland." " " Price Two Shillings and Sixpence. Maybe had of Mr E Wilkinson, refreshment rooms, marketplace, Middlesbrough; Mr W Frankland, bookseller, high Street, Stockton; Mrs Hodgson, stationer, Guisborough; Mr W Snowdon, stationer Mr H Peacock, stationer; and Mr G.H Garbutt, Post Office, Great Ayton.
- 1881 November 9th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
WEST HARTLEPOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONERS. The ordinary monthly meeting confirmed the following contracts, which included:-whinstone broken and unbroken William Winn, Great Ayton, and the executors of the late R. Summerson, Cockfield, in equal shares.
- 1881 December 19th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
FATAL ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON. On Saturday, an accident, resulting in the death of a man named William Wilson, occurred in the Langbaugh Quarries, Ayton. The deceased was in the act of barring some stone when a large piece of rock fell on him, striking him on the lower part of the body. He died in a few hours. He leaves a wife and family.
- 1881 December 29th YORK HERALD
J. THISTLETHWAITE, Great Ayton is in WANT of an APPRENTICE to the Grocery and Drapery Business
- 1882 January 7th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON:- the price of gas at this place is 7s..9d per thousand feet.
The Great Ayton brass band has held their annual ball this week, which proved a great success.
Mrs John Peacock gave a coffee supper to the Wesleyan Sunday scholars and singers on Wednesday evening.
The Roseberry Ironstone Mine still continues closed.
- 1882 January 14th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ELECTIONS: -- on Friday evening and enthusiastic meeting was held in the lecture Hall, Great Ayton, for the purpose of supporting the candidature of Mr Rowlandson. Mr William Jones, occupied the chair. -- Mr James Taylor dealt with the Irish question; and Mr Isaac Wilson MP, delivered a sterling speech on behalf of Mr Rowlandson. -- Mr James Sowerby then pointed out that the Liberal candidate had no paid agents or hired vehicles. -- Mr Peter Digney delivered one of his characteristic speeches; and addresses were also delivered by Mr Hodgson, John Peacock, and

the Rev E. H Reynolds. -- Mr George Dixon, in a few practical remarks, appealed to the tenant-farmers to support Mr Rowlandson, their candidate, and pointed out the anomaly of a Parliament so largely composed of landlords taking part in the laws affecting the relations between themselves and their tenants, and also the misrepresentative character of the present, Highway Boards, which allowed the farmer, who had to pay the highway rates, no voice in Administration. The following resolution was carried unanimously: --" That this meeting welcomes the opportunity afforded by the present contest for securing the return to Parliament of a Liberal tenant-farmer, and pledges itself to use every legitimate effort to place Mr Samuel Rowlandson triumphantly at the head of the poll." Three cheers were then given for Mr Rowlandson, and the meeting, terminated.

- 1882 February 4th NORTHERN ECHO
TO LET, in Great Ayton, 7½ acres GRASS LAND, also, a 7 roomed HOUSE.
- apply, T. THISTLETHWAITE, Great Ayton.
- 1882 February 28th NORTHERN ECHO
DISEASE PROOF SEED POTATOES, Sutton's Magnum Bonum, improved; enormous croppers.
- G DIXON, White House, Great Ayton.
- 1882 March 14th THE LEEDS MERCURY
WANTED, a young lady, as ASSISTANT to a confectionery business. Must understand a brick oven,
- apply Mrs Cleminson, Great Ayton, *via* Northallerton.
- 1882 March 17th YORK HERALD
LOCAL PETITIONS, -- on Wednesday in the House of Commons, petitions were presented by Mr Milbank, from Guisborough Society of Friends, in favour of abolishing opium traffic in British Burma; also from Great Ayton and Guisborough, in favour of repeal of Contagious Disease (Women's) Act.
- 1882 March 21st NORTHERN ECHO
Great and Little Ayton Near Stokesley
TO TIMBER MERCHANTS, MINE-OWNERS, CARTWRIGHTS & FARMERS
MESSRS. HODGSON & FARROW will OFFER FOR SALE BY AUCTION --Friday March 24th 1882
1,300 LARCH and SCOTCH PINE FIR TREES, of different sizes in LOTS to suit Purchasers.
Terms: credit upon approved joint security until January 21st 1883.
Sale to commence at 12.30 at Gribdale Gate. For particulars see poster.
- 1882 March 27th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY AND DISTRICT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION -a general meeting of the Stokesley District Teachers' Association, was held in the British School at Great Ayton, on Saturday, Mr Wrothwell, President in the chair. There was a very fair muster of members present and the gathering was altogether a most harmonious and enjoyable one. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read out by the secretary (Mr Bywell), and adopted. Mr Geddes (Vice President) read a very interesting paper on the methods of teaching music in schools. With the aid of statistics and the opinions of her Majesty's inspectors, recorded in the Blue Books, he reviewed at length the popularity and suitability of the principal systems of music taught in schools. vis:-.....
- 1882 March 28th YORK HERALD
APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR (LANGBAURGH WEST DIVISION);-
Ayton , Great – J. Donaldson & Geo. Dixon. Ayton, Little – S. Sprentall & B.P. Garbutt.
- 1882 March 29th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
DEATHS:- PEACOCK – On the 28th inst. at 10 West Terrace North Ormesby, Jane Peacock, Widow of the late John Peacock, aged 65 years. Interment at Great Ayton.
- 1882 April 24th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ASSAULTING A CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER AT GREAT AYTON. -- At Stokesley Petty Sessions on Saturday. Thomas Brown, William Brown, George Wilks, and John Henry Vitching were charged by the Rev EH Reynolds, Congregational minister, with assaulting him at Great Ayton on 11 April, and Thomas Brown was further charged with using threatening language at the same time and place. Thomas Brown, George Wilks, and John Henry Vitching were also charged with being drunk and disorderly. -- Mr Reynolds said a bazaar and sale of work had been held in the lecture hall at his chapel on Easter Tuesday, and after closing the doors the defendants, who were also intoxicated, came outside with a drum and bass instruments and made a great disturbance and on his remonstrating them they struck him several times, T Brown threatened to "do for him". -- Several witnesses were examined on all sides, and conflicting testimony was given, some saying the members of " Jumbo's Band" as they were locally called, were sober and parading the street, though playing no tune -- The bench considered the case proved, and bound Thomas Brown over to keep the peace six months. In his own recognisance of £10 and fined Thomas Brown 26s, William Brown, 28s..6d, George Wilks, 39s..6d, and John Henry Vitching, 39s..6d, including costs.
- 1882 June 16th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CLEVELAND LAND AND PROPERTY IN THE MARKET. -- On Thursday, an important sale by auction took place at Great Ayton, Mr T.W. Hornby, of Stockton, being the auctioneer. 14 lots were offered, the whole being in the

neighbourhood of Great Ayton. A Freehold close of land called "Long Well Field" or "Five Acres", now in the occupation of Mr Richard Wood, and containing 5a. 1r. 38p., was knocked down for £560. A valuable Freehold farm, with good dwelling house, hind's cottage, and farm buildings, called "the Grange" now in the occupation of Mr Henry Richardson, containing 47a. 2r. 14p. 27 acres of which are good, old grassland, was sold for £4100. The other lots were all withdrawn. For six Freehold closes the land, four of which are in grass, called "Miller's Fields", adjoining the highway leading from Great Ayton to Stokesley, containing 23a. 1r. 11p., now in the occupation of Mr John Peacock, £2000 was bid, the reserve price being £2100. It is understood that the lot was afterwards sold privately. There was a good attendance. Mr J.C., and T. Sowerby, solicitors, Stokesley, acted for the vendors.

1882 June 17th YORK HERALD

COUNTY COURT, GUISBOROUGH -- yesterday, before Mr Turner, William Bainbridge sued John Jackson, of Great Ayton, for the recovery of a Greyhound pub. Plaintiff said the defendant agreed to take a black pup to bring up, for which he gave him a fawn coloured pup for his trouble. The latter named died, and defendant refused to give up the other. His honour made an order on the defendant for £5.

1882 August 14th YORK HERALD

LIQUIDATIONS:- Henry Peacock, jun., of Great Ayton, late stationer, now out of business.

1882 August 25th YORK HERALD

INGLEBY GREENHOW DAY SCHOOL -- On Tuesday this school had its annual treat at Ingleby Manor, kindly given by Lady De L'Isle and Dudley..... The Great Ayton Brass Band was in attendance under the able leadership of Mr Grierson.

1882 October 2nd YORK HERALD

NEW POST OFFICE -- a new post office has been opened in the main thoroughfare at Great Ayton. The want of more facilities has been greatly felt, and the new premises have been passed by the Government Inspector. Mr Joseph Longstaff is the Postmaster.

1882 October 19th YORK HERALD

QUARTER SESSIONS AT NORTHALLERTON: -- FALSE PRETENCES AT GREAT AYTON. Henry Blackett(15), labourer, was charged with obtaining, by false pretences, from John Norris, at Great Ayton, on 7 August last, a quantity of apparel, etc, with intent to cheat and defraud William Heavisides. Mr Lawson prosecuted. -- Guilty -- one months imprisonment.

1882 Nov. 22nd YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON - NEW POST OFFICE --. At last the inhabitants of Great Ayton, have obtained what has been a long felt want - a post office, conveniently situated, well built, and finished externally and internally in a style highly creditable alike to the builders and the village. The office is replete with all that is conducive to the comfort of the public, and at the same time to that of the Postmaster, Mr J.H. Garbutt. The usual postal work has been going on in the new building for a week or so, affording trials sufficient to testify that the arrangements are admirable and complete. (*comment; In the article of Oct. 2nd My Joseph Longstaff was named as Postmaster?*)

1883 Jan. 6th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION AT GREAT AYTON: -- to the editor of *The North Eastern, Daily Gazette* -- dear Sir, -- with the entrance of the New Year we who live at Great Ayton would like to see some change in the matter of railway accommodation. We consider that, taking into account the size of the village, having a population of 1,700, we do not receive fair treatment at the hands of the railway company, and the general feeling is that this state of things is owing to the influence of one or two individuals desirous of keeping Ayton, as it has been hitherto -- a quiet village; a calm retreat away from the turmoil of towns -- the village as of yore, and untouched by the wave of prosperity, no matter how close it may be. Now, sir, we think is ought to be altered. Here we are 8 miles from Ironopolis, and we might as well be fifty. Those having business in Middlesbrough must get it completed by six o'clock, that being the last train available. Our impression is that if we were treated to a later train, also an extra morning train, businessmen would then be able to come and go without inconvenience, and Ayton, would become, what it ought to be, a suburb of Middlesbrough. Further, we notice that whilst smaller villages are included, as a rule, in excursions to Middlesbrough, Leeds, Newcastle, etc -- as, for example, the half-day excursion next Tuesday -- we are always left out in the cold, unless it be a *blue ribbon Gala Day*, when a special train could actually be run. Hoping you will aid us to get out of comatose, condition, I am etc. RUS.

1883 January 19th MORNING POST

THE LORD CHANCELLOR has bestowed the vacant living of Whaplode, Lincolnshire, on the Rev John Collins, Great Ayton vicarage, Northallerton Yorkshire. The living is worth £700 per annum, with house and grounds. It was recently offered to the Rev F. Fenn, principal of Trent College, Nottingham, and refused.

1883 January 26th NORTHERN ECHO

LANGBAURGH HALL.- TO BE LET, from 13 May next, from year to year, or on the lease for 8 or 5 years, the above FAMILY MANSION, comprising Entrance Hall, 8 Reception Rooms, Butler's Pantry, Kitchen, Scullery, Dairy, Cellar, 8 Bedrooms, and 2 Attics; and in the rear all requisite Out Offices, including two Coach Houses, 8 Stalled a Stable, Granaries, hayloft That, Loose Box, with Kitchen Garden, large Orchard, and 10 acres of superior grassland divided into 2 fields. The situation of the house is admirable, with South aspect, is well sheltered, and

stands in a small park studied with fine oak and other trees. The house is distant half a mile from the village of Great Ayton in Cleveland, and one and a quarter from the railway station. Cards to view may be had at my office, where all offers in writing are to be addressed not later than Wednesday, 14 February next.

- Henry J Curry, Land Agent, Stockton on Tees.

- 1883 February 1st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
PROMOTION OF A CLEVELAND CLERGYMAN. - The living of Whaplode, Lincolnshire, which was several weeks ago offered to the Rev John Collin, Vicar of Great Ayton, Northallerton, has been excepted by that gentlemen, who will not, however, take up his residence there for some little time. The Rev gentleman was educated at Emmanuel College Cambridge, and received his MA degree in 1873. Before his appointment he was for some time to read at All Saints Church, Middlesbrough. The gross income of the living of Great Ayton amounts to only £130 per annum, and the net revenue is under £100. The revenue of the living of Whaplode, however, amounts to nearly £700 per annum, with a splendid house and grounds. It has previously been refused by 2 clergymen, and since the death of the late Vicar the services have been conducted by the Rev F Hult, headmaster of Moulton Grammar School, who was a candidate for the living. Mr Colin was appointed to Great Ayton by the Archbishop of York in 1878.
- 1883 February 12th NORTHERN ECHO
PERSECUTION IN BILSDALE – FRIENDS’ MEETING HOUSE WRESTLED FROM ITS CONGREGATION – TWO CENTURIES OF OCCUPATION DISTURBED – FOURTH APPEAL TO LORD FEVERSHAM – INFLUENTIAL PROTEST. *More detail in article.*
- 1883 Feb. 12th YORK HERALD
LORD FEVISHAM, AND THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE IN BILSDALE - a VERY long article outlining all the grievances follows.
- 1883 Feb. 28th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON- on Monday evening, the choir of the Congregational Chapel, Great Ayton, gave Burnham's, lively and attractive Service of Song, illustrative of Spurgeon's "John Ploughman" in the lecture hall. The racy and witty extracts were read by Mr Field, headmaster in the Friends School, and Mrs Reynolds, accompanied the pieces on an American organ. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the audience.
- 1883 Feb. 28th YORK HERALD
NORTH YORKS IN CLEVELAND MINERS ASSOCIATION.-It has been decided to hold the next annual gala and demonstration of this Association at Broughton. On Wednesday, June 6..... the men employed at the Roseberry mines, and the Flint quarries at Great Ayton have been accepted as members of the Association.
- 1883 March 26th NORTHERN ECHO
TO CLOSE A TRUST ESTATE –
All the valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTY known as BANK FARM, situate at Great Ayton, near Middlesbrough and within a short distance of Ayton Station, containing about 100 acres land, partly planted with Larch & other trees, well grown. The Whinstone Dyke runs through the entire length of the property and the stone is of good quality. The Cleveland Iron Stone Seam is believed to underlie the Eastern portion of the Estate. There are also several good building sites. There are good farm buildings on the property, and the whole is let on an annual tenancy - For price and further particulars, apply to G. Esthill Peacock, Little Ayton Near Northallerton or E.H.Crosland Chartered Accountant, 21 Harrington St. Liverpool.
- 1883 March 30th YORK HERALD
ELECTION OF GUARDIANS;- Great Ayton – W.Winn, Little Ayton - S. Spretnall
- 1883 April 10th YORK HERALD
APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS the following have been appointed by the Magistrates:-
Great Ayton - G Dixon & W Harbottle. Little Ayton – J Fletcher & J Dunning
- 1883 May 17th NORTHERN ECHO
TO BE LET BY TENDER
11 acres of good GRASSLAND until 30th November next, situate near the Manor House, Great Ayton to be grazed with sheep or cattle. T.H. Peacock will show the land. Tenders in writing to be sent to G.S.Peacock, Little Ayton, on or before 19 inst.
- 1883 June 13th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT GREAT AYTON -- Thomas Bulmer, an ex-driver of the Northallerton mail cart, living at Great Ayton, was brought the Stokesley workhouse on Monday night suffering from a severe wound in the throat, inflicted by himself. The unfortunate man had been drinking some time past. About four o'clock on Monday afternoon, a neighbour saw him bleeding profusely from a wound in his throat. Dr Loy, was summoned, and after dressing the wound, sent the injured man on to Stokesley, where he was attended by Dr Forbes and assistant. Hopes are entertained for his ultimate recovery.
- 1883 June 30th YORK HERALD

ECCLESIASTICAL NEWS.- YORK DIOCESES. The Rev Richard Maraden Withington, BA., has been licensed to the perpetual curacy, of Great Ayton in Cleveland with Easby, vacant by the cession of the Rev John Collin. M A, patron, his Grace the Archbishop of York.

- 1883 July 9th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE SEWERAGE WORKS AT GREAT AYTON - on Saturday, at a meeting of the Stokesley Sanitary Committee, a letter was read from the Local Government Board recommending that in the new sewage works at Great Ayton the sewage should be passed over an open space of ground. Owing, however, to the ground being on a dead level, such a scheme is impracticable. It was therefore resolved to use large open tanks, as was previously agreed on.
- 1883 July 16th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
FATAL ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON. -- An accident which has terminated fatally, occurred at Great Ayton, on Wednesday last. A coal dealer named John Edmundson, whilst going on his rounds in the village on the day named, had his horse (which was a young one), frightened by a passing bicycle. The horse ran away, and the deceased, jumped off the cart, and in so doing he fell, the wheels, passing over him. The doctor was quickly in attendance, when it was found that his ribs were broken into his lungs. He lingered until Thursday afternoon. He leaves a widow and a large family. An inquest was held on Friday afternoon, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. A man named Rudd, residing Stokesley, whilst attempting to stop the horse, was seriously injured.
- 1883 July 18th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
PRESENTATION AT GREAT AYTON. -- On Monday evening, a large number of attenders of the Parish Church, Great Ayton, met in the garden of Mr James Taylor, Ayton House, which had been lent for the occasion to present the Rev J.C. Hanson, late curate, of Ayton, and Easby, with a farewell gift subscribed for by the parishioners of both places. The gift consisted of a pocket communion service, and an ink stand in solid silver suitably engraved. The gathering commenced at six o'clock with the social tea in the garden, after which the J Emerson, of Easby Hall, presented the testimonial in a speech expressing his admiration of Mr Hansons character and work, and of his regret at his leaving. Mr Isaac Wilson, MP., Also spoke of the affection and respect Mr Hanson had won. -- Mr Hanson, in accepting the present, suitably replied. -- The Ayton Brass Band was in attendance, and greatly enlivened an occasion full of interest and pleasure.
- 1883 July 30th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS. -- Before the Stokesley Bench on Saturday, charges preferred by the police against Joseph Wilson, landlord of the Oak Tree Inn, Great Ayton, for permitting drunkenness, and for being himself drunk and disorderly on the 16th ult., were dismissed. Mr W R Fawcett appeared for the defendant.
- 1883 July 30th YORK HERALD
ORDINATION BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.-..... William Henry Leak, of St Aidan's College, Birkenhead, nominated curate Great Ayton with Easby and Nunthorpe.
- 1883 August 28th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON SHOW - the annual show of goats, pigs, poultry, farm, dairy, and garden produce was held at Great Ayton, on Saturday, in a field adjoining Ayton Hall, kindly lent by Mr Butler. The entries numbered a hundred more than last year, and there was a large attendance of visitors. Ayton brassband was in attendance, and enlivened the day's proceedings with a selection of popular airs.etc. etc.
- 1883 Sept. 24th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY -- BREACH OF EXPLOSIVE ACT -- at Stokesley, on Saturday, George Bradley, quarry owner, was charged by Superintendent Hutchinson with unlawfully keeping 54lb. of dynamite and 170lbs. of blasting powder in unlicensed premises at Great Ayton, on the 1st ult., And also keeping in unlicensed premises, at Newton, a quantity of explosives, namely, 200 detonators, without a certificate from the chief of district police. He was ordered to pay a fine of 10 shillings and costs for each offence. -- George Agar, William Prodhams, Thomas Robinson, quarrymen, were cautioned and ordered to pay costs for keeping various quantities dynamite and detonators in cottages and other unlicensed premises.
- 1883 October 1st THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SEWAGE MATTERS AND GREAT AYTON- at Saturday's meeting of the Stokesley, Sanitary Authority a letter was read from the Local Government Board regretting the Guardian's inability to comply with the Government Inspector's suggestions, in reference to the new sewage works at Great Ayton, and recommending four tanks to be constructed instead of two. It was resolved to let the matter stand over until some effective system could be devised.
- 1883 December 3rd THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -- six quarrymen applied for leave to keep a small quantity of dynamite and detonators on their own premises. Applicants are employed by Mr Wynne, of Great Ayton, who cannot supply them a proper store for explosives before 1st January.- Superintendent Hutchinson opposed the application.-The magistrates decided to let each man keep two pounds of dynamite, until the first of next month.
- 1883 December 15th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

STOKESLEY COUNTY COURT -the Rev R.Withington, Vicar of Great Ayton, Sued, Jacob Nichol, Great Broughton, for one half years rent Glebe land due April 6. Verdict for plaintiff.

1883 December 22nd THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON, BRITISH SCHOOLS. -- The fifth annual concert of these schools took place on Thursday evening. Mr John Peacock presided. There was a very large attendance of the parents and friends, who evidently appreciated the musical treat presented to them by the pupils. Conspicuous amongst the items for effectual and tasteful rendering, were the anthem on the 100th psalm, "Beautiful World," "Village Choristers", the glee. "See our Oars", the girl's song, "Let Us Speak Well of Our Brother", and "The British Grenadiers". "Auld Lang Syne" was rendered in true Scottish style, much to the delight of the audience. Mr N Dixon read the report of the school, showing school to be in flourishing condition in point of numbers. During the course of the evening, the vicar (Rev Mr Withington) made a few remarks appropriate to the parents and children. The medallists for the year were Miss Annie Metcalfe and Master Thomas Bradley. The usual distribution of prizes for regular attendance took place, and the most successful and interesting meeting was brought to a close by the singing the national anthem. The room was very tastefully decorated, and there was an excellent display of work of the pupils in the shape of writing, drawing, and mapping, which reflects great credit alike on teachers and scholars.

1883 December 29th YORK HERALD

DEATHS - LENNARD - on the 22nd inst. at Cliff Ridge house Great Ayton, Annie Elizabeth, wife of Mr J.M. Leonard, Jr, aged 35.

1884 Jan. 12th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

SERVICE OF SONG AT GREAT AYTON.- On Friday evening the members of the Great Ayton Band of Hope, numbering about 200, gave a service of songs entitled, "Buy your own cherries", to a very large and appreciative audience. The connective readings were given in good style by Mr James Taylor, of Ayton house. Many of the children also gave songs, duets, and recitations stop great praise is due to the Taylor family (especially Miss Ethel Taylor), who is Secretary to the Society, for the great pains they have taken in training the children.

1884 Jan. 14th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

STOKESLEY POLICE CASES. -- On Saturday, John Swalwell, was fined 2s-6d and costs for being drunk on licensed premises, and Joseph Wilson, landlord of the Royal Oak Inn, Great Ayton, for permitting the drunkenness, was fined 17s-6d.

1884 Jan.17th THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

FORMATION OF A CLEVELAND BAY HORSE SOCIETY.- On Wednesday afternoon, an important meeting of gentlemen interested in encouraging and maintaining a valuable breed of horses, known as Cleveland Bays was held at the Black Lion Hotel, Stockton on Tees. About 100 gentlemen were present. *Including* Robert Pearson, Great Ayton.....

The HONORARY SECRETARY, pro. Tem. (Mr WS Dixon). Having read the notice convening a meeting, said he had received letters from several gentlemen regretting their inability to be present. One was from the Right Honourable James Lowther. ME, who hoped that a successful meeting will be held, in his view, the main point to urge upon owners of pure bred Cleveland Mares was, under no circumstances, to "cross" them with thoroughbred or other stock for, at any rate, several years to come. It was only by keeping the breed pure that lost ground could be made up, and an adequate stock of Mares of the old Cleveland breed be established in the country. THE CHAIRMAN said that he felt a most distinguished complement had been paid him in calling upon him to preside and he believed it was because he was so much interested in the breed of horses call Cleveland Bays. He was a lover of horses, second to none in England, and he knew from experience that their best horses spring from the foundations of the old Cleveland Bay mare. That being the case, he felt sure it was high time a step like that was taken. It appeared to him that they were entirely unanimous in that thought that a stud book ought to be established for Cleveland Bays, and that an effort should be made to encourage the breed in this country, and particularly in Yorkshire, where it was so well known. The Cleveland Bay, was eagerly sought after by foreigners, as they knew by past experience. He regretted that the foreigners had got a large quantity of their best mares, and the time had come when they ought by every means in their power to induce gentlemen who breed horses in this country to retain the Mares in their possession. MR Geo. C, WHITWELL said it was necessary, in the first place, to secure the services of some gentlemen as honourable secretary, who had considerable knowledge on the subject, and he thought all present would agree with him that no one was better fitted for the post, and their friend Mr W.S. Dixon. For some time past, Mr Dixon had taken great interest in this matter, and he (the speaker) felt certain that the work in his hands would be skilfully and efficiently carried out. Mr M.B. DODDS, in seconding the proposition, said that Mr Dixon had important facts relating to the breed at his finger ends, and he hoped they would have the benefit of his assistance. The motion was then put and unanimously carried. Mr W.S. Dixon said he had great pleasure in accepting the office, and no effort would be wanting on his part to contribute to the success of the society established that afternoon. He had been in correspondence for some months past, with several gentlemen, in reference to the breed Cleveland Bays, and he took that opportunity of thanking them for the information which had been courteously and kindly furnished him, and without which it would have been impossible him to have proceeded so far in the matter as he had done. Every man, who knows the horse had said they were doing the right thing in taking steps to establish a stud book. As to the Cleveland being half bred horses, they were a pure bred old English breed particular to the North Riding, Cleveland, and the East Moor Dales. They were very much crossed about 1820 to produce flash London carriage horses, and had gradually disappeared and got into the hands of foreigners since railways came in and post horses and coaches went out of fashion. He referred to the names of some of the old stallion's "Farmers' Friend", "Farmers' Glory", "The

Golden Farmer", and "General Benefit" -and concluded by hoping that the efforts of the society would result in the breed becoming again the farmers' friend, as well as the farmers' Glory and would contribute little to that almost historical personage - the golden farmer, and also contribute to the general benefit.

Earl CATHCART, then propose the first resolution-" at in the opening of this meeting it is desirable to establish a stud book for the registration of the pedigrees of Cleveland Bay horses". As some of them would know, he had been interesting himself in writing on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of several gentlemen, respecting half bred horses, and the opinions he had received all combine in lamenting and regretting that the Cleveland horse was not encouraged, as he should be, and that the breed was likely to become extinct.....

1884 Jan 28th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS -on Saturday. James Davison was fined two shillings and sixpence and costs for neglecting to send his son to school, -- James Geld on breaching the Food and Drug Act, was fined £1.05 shillings, including costs. Inspector Stones, visited defendants store at Great Ayton, on the 13th ult. And purchased 1½lb of butter, a sample of which had since been analysed, and found to contain 60% of foreign fat. Defendant alleged, in defence, that he sold the compound as butterine.

1884 Feb 28th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

PRESENTATION AT GREAT AYTON -Mr William Short, for many years head gardener at Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, was on Wednesday presented by a number of his friends with a handsome family Bible and reading stand on the occasion of his leaving the village. The presentation was made by Mr William Dale.

1884 March 17th YORK HERALD

MR JACKSON, of Great Ayton Northallerton, has sold his prize Shire bred cart stallion at a big price to Mr H Freshney of Grimoldby, Louth, Lincolnshire. It is with deep regret the Cleveland district lose such a valuable sire, his stock always being prize takers whenever exhibited.

1884 March 20th YORK HERALD

DEATHS – DIXON – on the 18th inst. at the High Green, Great Ayton, Sarah Ann, daughter of George Dixon, Raby Lodge, Hampton, Virginia, U.S.A.

1884 March 31st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

TO LET – Spring Hill, Great Ayton, SEMI DETACHED DWELLING HOUSE. Seven rooms; low rent. J Thistlethwaite, Great Ayton.

1884 April 25th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

EXTENSIVE SHEEP STEALING NEAR STOKESLEY.

ARREST OF A GREAT AYTON FARMER. For some time past, sheep stealing has been carried on extensively in the North Riding. About the middle of February 28 sheep, out of a flock belonging to Mr James Fell, farmer, Borough Greens, Easby, near Stokesley, were missed from Easby Wolds. A reward was offered, but up to a few days ago no clue to the thief was obtained. It was ascertained that the sheep was sold in Darlington market on 10th March. The police were then put on the track of the man who had sold them, and information was received that he had left Stokesley, on Good Friday, and that he had been dealing in poultry there. Police Constable, Barmby, of Great Ayton, was sent in search of the man, and followed on his track from Pickering, Whitby, Malton, Kirkbymoorside, and York, and from thence to Scarborough, where the Constable obtained assistance of the North Riding police, and the man was chased and arrested by Police Constable Heald on Thursday. Prisoner acknowledge that he was the person wanted, and he was handed over to police constable Barmby to be conveyed to Stokesley. The name of the accused is Richard Dresser, farmer, of Great Ayton, where he enjoyed the reputation of being a quiet and inoffensive man.

1884 April 26th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON.

FRANCHISE MEETING -- on Monday evening, a crowded public meeting was held in the lecture room, Great Ayton, to consider the Franchise Bill, the chair was occupied by Mr J.H.Bell. After speeches from the chairman and Dr Purves, Mr S Rowlandson moved: -- "that this meeting, desires to express its entire confidence in the Government, and the hope that it may pass the measure for the extension of the franchise this session; also that Sir Charles Dilke's Bill for the reform of county government and the relief of local taxation may not be delayed by party opposition." Mr J Peacock seconded the motion, which was carried. Hearty votes of thanks to Dr Purves, and the chairman, ringing cheers for Mr Rowlandson, for Mr Gladstone, and the Liberal cause, ended in most enthusiastic meeting.

SCARBOROUGH

CLEVER CAPTURE OF A SUPPOSED SHEEP STEALER-

in February last 28 moor sheep were missed from Easby Moor, Stokesley, they being the property of Mr James Fell, and a reward of £10 was offered for information of their whereabouts. About 10th March a lot of sheep, answering the description, was sold by auction in Darlington market, and a singular circumstance cause suspicion to fall upon William Dresser, farmer, of Great Ayton, who occupied land adjoining to that from which the sheep were missed, from the fact that on Good Friday he disappeared from his home, leaving wife and children and farm. Information of the loss of the sheep had been circulated through the riding, and subsequently a description of Dresser. On Monday enquiries in the Scarborough locality led to the suspicion that he was hanging about Pickering, and Kirkbymoorside, and Sgt Dennis, stationed at the former place, reported to Superintendent Spence the fact that he had seen a man on Monday, whom he was satisfied answered the description. Superintendent Spence, to make sure of not getting the

wrong man, asked the superintendent of the Stokesley division to send a man, who knew the suspect. Accordingly, PC Almgill of Great Ayton was sent, and on Thursday Superintendence Spence directed the officer to visit Scarborough. Whilst Almgill was investigating, one locality, Sgt Heald, of Great Ayton had its eyes open in another, and traced the man into an eating house in Cross Street, where he was captured. In moving about the town, Dresser endeavoured to avoid detection by carrying a butter basket on each arm, and a small hamper in front of him. Within the last few days he has, it is believed, been visiting Pickering, Helmsley, and York markets. He was removed by train to Stokesley.

- 1884 April 26th YORK HERALD
EARTHQUAKE AFFECTS EAST ANGLIA – GREAT SHOCK – SEVERAL LIVES LOST. BUILDINGS DAMAGED
- 1884 May 2nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MR GLADSTONE, AND OBSTRUCTION. The Premier, in reply to a resolution of the great Ayton Liberal Association, requesting the Government press the Franchise Bill, observes that he is glad that Yorkshiremen are taking note of the obstruction in the House of Commons which impedes legislation.
- 1884 May 10th LEEDS MERCURY
YORKSHIRE SPRING ASSIZES –LEEDS TOWN HALL CROWN COURT (Before Justice Hawkins)
SHEEP STEALING (AT LITTLE AYTON)
W.M. DRESSER (40) farmer, was charged with having stolen 28 sheep, the property of James Fell, at Easby, on or about 7th March 1884. Dr Purvis, prosecuted and Mr Skidmore defended. Dr Purvis stated that the prisoner occupied a few acres of grassland at Little Ayton, in the North Riding, and the prosecutor held a farm at Easby, about a mile from where the prisoner lived. The prosecutor has the right of pasture on Easby Moor, and at the end of February he had 135 sheep grazing there.
They were marked in various ways for the purpose of identification. Early in March he found that 30 of the sheep were missing, and although a reward of £10 was offered for their recovery nothing was heard of them until the 7th March. Eight were traced to Darlington, where they had been sold by auction. Seven more were traced to Seaton, and nine to Marske. From enquiries made at Darlington it was ascertained that the sheep had been sold by the prisoner's instructions he having brought them to the Market. – For the defence it was pointed out that the prosecutor had not missed his sheep from the 14th February until the 8th March, and there was nothing to disprove the prisoner's statement that he had bought them from a man named Walker, not knowing that they had been stolen. Mr Skidmore did not call any witnesses. The Jury found a verdict of GUILTY. Sentence was deferred.
- 1884 May 10th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON.
A SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO A DRIVER - a serious accident occurred to the driver Frank Wetherell, at Great Ayton, on Friday week. He was leading coal from the railway station, when his horse took fright and ran away. Wetherell jumped off the cart to stop the horse, but was immediately knocked down, and a wheel of the cart ran over him, crushing him in shocking manner.
- 1884 May 16th YORK HERALD
A PAINTER & PAPERHANGER'S BUSINESS to be disposed of. A first rate chance for a steady man. A small valuation to take. Apply W. WATSON, Norton or R. WATSON, Great Ayton.
- 1884 May 19th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CRICKET – STOCKTON CLARENCE v. GREAT AYTON
Played at Great Ayton on Saturday . Score:- *Stockton Clarence*- G. Kirk, 56; H. Bower, 19; J. Beal, 11. TOTAL 124
Great Ayton – Davison 12; W. Laws, 24; TOTAL 83
- 1884 May 28th YORK HERALD
DEATHS – GARBUTT – On the 24th inst. at Great Ayton aged 38, Elizabeth, wife of John Henry Garbutt, postmaster.
- 1884 June 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SUDDEN DEATH AT GREAT AYTON -the wife of Samuel Rutley, cab proprietor (late of Middlesbrough) died suddenly on Sunday night at Great Ayton. Her husband had been from home, and on his return the deceased, who appeared to be in her usual health, laid down on the couch, whilst he read the newspaper. After 11:30, supposing her to be asleep, Mr Rutley asked her if she was not ready to go to bed. Receiving no answer, he tried to wake her, but found she had passed away. An inquest will be held.
- 1884 June 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CRICKET – THORNABY IRONWORKS v. GREAT AYTON
Played at Ayton. Score:- *Great Ayton* – TOTAL 57 *Thornaby Ironworks* – TOTAL 65
- 1884 July 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MEETING AT GREAT AYTON - SPEECH BY MR T FRY, M.P.
On Monday evening, a public meeting was held on the High Green at Great Ayton, to consider the recent action and present position of the House of Lords, with special reference to the Franchise Bill. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Mr J.B. Hodgkin, chairman of the Ayton branch of the North Riding Liberal Association, took

the chair, and was supported by Mr Theodore Fry, M.P.; the Rev W. Whale, of Middlesbrough; Mr R. Rowland, secretary of the Cleveland Miners' Association; and Rev E.H. Reynolds, Great Ayton; Mr J. Peacock, Great Ayton; and Mr George Dixon, Ayton.

- 1884 July 23rd SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
THE AGITATION IN THE COUNTRY - An open-air demonstration was held last night at Great Ayton, North Yorkshire, the resolutions were passed urging government to refuse to make any concession for the sake of conciliating the majority of the House of Lords.
- 1884 Aug 8th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
BANKRUPTCY EXAMINATION OF STOCKTON - Mr Humphrey Sanderson Fletcher, who until lately carried on business as a butcher at Great Ayton, appeared before the Registrar at the Stockton Bankruptcy Court this (Friday) morning to undergo his public examination..... the statement of affairs filed by the debtor showed a deficiency of £224. This deficiency, the debtor said, is caused to a large extent through he and his family having for two periods of six months, to live on the money they received. He was out of employment during the periods referred to. The remainder of the deficiency arose from loss of business. He began business as a butcher in 1868, with about £20 capital. Having kept no detailed accounts of his receipts and expenditure, he was unable to say when he first began to lose money. Until about March 1881, he was in business as a regular butcher. Since then, he had been a "meat seller" part of the time, and had done a little in the egg and buttered tray, and I'd also tried to earn something as a bricklayer's labourer. He believed that up to the time he discontinued the regular butchery trade, he paid everybody as his debts were due, except the amounts he had borrowed. All the debts shown in his statement of affairs, except a doctor's bill for £4.14 shillings were incurred before he gave up the butchering business. Mr John Donaldson, farmer, of Great Ayton, who was down as a creditor £130, lent him the money in 1875. All of it went into the business. He had not been able, however, to pay anything off within the last three years. All the other moneys that he had borrowed, were put into the business. At the time he gave up the butchering trade he had a number of small book debts, which he had since got in. All of them amounted to about £10. He also had a pony and trap. He sold the pony for £18, and had lived on the money. He was forced to file his petition in consequence of receiving an eight days writ from Mr Cummings, to whom he owed £22.....
- 1884 August 9th YORK HERALD
MARRIAGES – HARBOTTLE – CAIN – On the 7th inst. at Trinity Church, Darlington, John George, eldest son of William Harbottle, of Great Ayton, to Mary Cowper, Daughter of C. Cain, Crown Street, Darlington.
- 1884 August 11th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
FLORAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS - GREAT AYTON - The annual gala in connection with the Great Ayton Temperance Association was held on Saturday afternoon in the beautiful grounds in which stands the Agricultural College. The gala was in every way a great success and large numbers paid for admission at the gate. A cricket match was played on school grounds between the clubs at Great Ayton and Marske, and a variety of juvenile sports were conducted under the management of Mr J Hebron. There was also an interesting exhibition of bees, with hives and other appliances, and spectators had the privilege of witnessing the somewhat unusual sight of a swarm of bees on the wing, and seeing them hived. Samples of honey were shown by Mr W Crisp, the operator, who delivered short descriptive addresses. The Ayton brass band attended during the afternoon. Later at Blue Ribbon meeting was held and addresses were delivered by Mr J. B. Hodgkin, the Rev R. M. Whittington, MA., Mr R Rowland and Mr E Mc Cullock.
- 1884 August 25th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON SHOW -The pleasant village of Great Ayton in Cleveland was *en fete* on Saturday, on the occasion of its annual show of goats, pigs, poultry, farm, garden, and dairy produce. The weather was beautifully fine, a special train from Middlesbrough and Stockton brought a large number of excursionists, many of whom, after visiting the show, went to Roseberry Topping and the heather clad heights of Easby, on which there is a monument of Captain Cook, the celebrated navigator. The exhibition was an improvement on last year, and would have been a great success, but the fact of the farmers being in the midst of harvest operations
- 1884 September 27th YORK HERALD
REVISION COURTS - STOKESLEY.- Mr D MacLachlan revised the lists of persons entitled to vote in Great Ayton, Hutton and Stokesley districts, yesterday. The Liberals sustained objections against the Honbles. Philip, Algernon, Henry, and William Sidney, sons of the Lord de Lisle and Dudley. The Liberals were represented by Messrs. J. C. Sowerby And Cross, and the Conservatives by Messrs. MacKay, Metcalfe and Jamieson.
- 1884 October 31st YORK HERALD
RESULTS OF THE NORTH RIDING REVISION - . The following is a tabulated return the result of the late revision of the North Riding list of voters as correctly as can be ascribed according to the returns received from the respective polling district;-
GREAT AYTON 5 Liberal claims sustained
 17 Tories struck off current register
 8 Tory claims sustained
 4 Liberals struck off current register
NEW £12 OCCUPIERS;- 6 Liberals & 3 Tories
Liberal gains 13, Tory gains 0.

- 1884 Nov. 11th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, TEMPERANCE MISSION -a series of meetings have just been held in Great Ayton in connection with the Blue Ribbon Gospel Temperance Movement.....
- 1884 Dec.12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE - MEETING AT GREAT AYTON. - On Thursday evening. Dr Langford delivered an excellent a lecture on "the land and the people" at the lecture Hall, Great Ayton, under the auspices of the North riding Liberal Association. There was a crowded audience, and the proceedings -- which partook somewhat of the character of a public meeting -- were very enthusiastic. The chair was taken by Mr Ralph Dixon, who, in a few appropriate words, introduced the lecture. -- Dr Langford -- who is one of the ablest liberal lecturers of the day.- dealt with this subject in a most interesting manner, pointing out the gross unfairness and the manifold national disadvantages arising from the existing state of the land laws. The subject, he said, was one that would certainly have to be grappled with courageously at no very distant day. The essence of political economy was "the greatest good of the greatest number", but under existing circumstances this great end could never be attained. It was therefore the bounden duty of every Englishman to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the facts and prepare himself to give a decisive opinion through the ballot box when time arrived.....
- 1885 February 23rd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - on Saturday. Mary Pickering, of Great Ayton, was bound over to keep the peace for three months, a charge of assault preferred against her by Martha Ealor was dismissed with costs. -- Elizabeth Leather, was fined 13 shillings or in default, seven days, for stealing a quantity of horsehair, property of Edward West of Kildale. -- Edwin Nelson of Swainby, for neglecting to send his daughter to school, was fined five shillings, including costs.
- 1885 March 14th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
LIBERAL MEETING AT GREAT AYTON;- on Friday night a meeting of the Liberals of Great Ayton polling district was held in the lecture Hall, Great Ayton -- Mr J.B. Hodgkin presiding -- for the purposes of forming a branch for the district of the Cleveland Liberal Association, when Messrs J.B. Hodgkin, George Dixon, F. Hutton, James Fell John Nichols and James Taylor were elected as representatives on the Central Council. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. Resolutions were passed approving the object of the Association and pledging those present to support it heartily ...
- 1885 April 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
POLLING DISTRICTS IN THE CLEVELAND DIVISION
At the recent Court of Quarter Sessions for the North Riding the Justices very wisely determined to invite opinions from persons possessing local knowledge on the proposed plan of polling districts for the new divisions of the Riding. The object which it is desired to attain is simply this;- to secure for every voter a polling station within a distance of 3 miles of his residence. The statute prescribes that this shall be effected as far as may be reasonably possible, but there is also the limiting proviso that no special polling place need be provided where the number of voters is less than 100. We hope, however, that the Justices will interpret both the proviso of the statute and its limitations very freely, and will endeavour to afford the new electors the fullest opportunities of voting. There is, we believe, every inclination on the part of the authorities at Northallerton to do so. According to the scheme which has been prepared there will be nearly 90 polling places in the Riding, instead of only 60 or 70 as a present. It would be better, perhaps, if we confine our attention on this occasion to the Cleveland Division, with which we are chiefly concerned. Very little difficulty is experienced in parcelling out the division so as to have polling districts of reasonable dimensions, and such as will afford great facilities to the electors for recording their votes. We give below a sketch of the Division as we think it should be made, and as provisionally approved by the Court of Quarter Sessions, but persons residing in the various districts will no doubt be able to suggest some further improvements from local knowledge. Our object in publishing the list is to enable electors to form an opinion on the subject, feeling sure that any suggestions they may make will be gladly received and carefully considered by the North Riding Justices before they finally dispose of the matter. Appended are particulars of the scheme:-

GREAT AYTON DISTRICT: total 2,663 Electors;-
Easby- 136; Great Ayton- 1,754; Ingleby etc. 391;- Little Ayton 101; Newton- 116; Nunthorpe- 165
Note; Stokesley town had 1,802 electors.
- 1885 May 23rd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
RAILWAY COMPANIES AND THEIR RATES. - At Stokesley County Court yesterday, John Jackson, Great Ayton, was sued by the North Eastern Railway Company for £7.12s for the carriage of an entire horse from Great Ayton to King's Cross and from Stokesley to Castle Eden, at the rate of 4½d per mile. Defendant held that the company could only charge a rate of 3d per mile, and paid £5 1s 9d and costs to court. According to Act of Parliament it appeared that the rate chargeable on the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Branch for any description horse was 4d; on the North Eastern proper, 4½d and on the Great Western, 3d per mile. -- His Honour allowed those extra rates, plaintive having to pay 10s 4d extra into Court.
- 1885 May 26th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MR HENRY FELL PEASE AT GREAT AYTON;-yesterday evening, Mr Henry Fell Pease, the Liberal candidate for the Cleveland Division at the next election, presided at a lecture at Great Ayton on "The moral insufficiency of secularism,

with special reference to Bradlaugh's teaching". The lecture, which was by the Rev W.W. Howard, Middlesbrough, was in connection with the Great Ayton, Congregational anniversary,

- 1885 May 26th **NORTHERN ECHO**
SALE OF WORK AT GREAT AYTON -SPEECH BY MR H.F. PEASE - in connection with the Great Ayton Congregational Church, the annual Whit Monday sale of work and tea were yesterday held in the lecture Hall of the church, on behalf of the funds of the church and school. The sale of work, which was highly successful, was presided over by Mrs Reynolds, Mrs MJ Nelson, and Miss Dobson. About 100 partook of tea in the upper room, the following ladies being in charge of the tables:- Mrs Williams, Mrs Gray, Miss Harbottle, Mrs Plews, Mrs Wilson, Mrs J Harbottle, Miss Catterson, and Miss Farndale.
In the evening the chapel, which has been newly decorated, was well filled on the occasion of a lecture by the Rev WW Howard F.S.Sc. of the Zion Love Memorial Church, Middlesbrough, on on "The moral insufficiency of secularism, with special reference to Bradlaugh's teaching".
MR H FELL PEASE, J.P., of Brinkburn, Darlington, presided, and in introducing the lecturer said when day so kindly invited him to attend a lecture he felt it would be a pleasure to do so, and make the acquaintance of those residing in Ayton, with whom he had not hitherto been acquainted
- 1885 June 6th **THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
GREAT AYTON -VILLA RESIDENTS (furnished) TO LET, for one or 2 months, apply Roseberry Villa, Great Ayton.
- 1885 June 11th **NORTHERN ECHO**
TO LET, Furnished For 2 or 3 Months from 10 July. HERDHOLT, a detached VILLA, with gardens Vegetables and Fruit. Fine view; close to the village of Great Ayton; 10 minutes walk from the station.
- For particulars, applied to J.A. Purves, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.
- 1885 June 16th **NORTHERN ECHO**
STRAWBERRIES. - To Greengrocers and Others. To let, the ' SEASON'S CROP' 1,168 lineal yards, adjoining railway.-- Apply, George Dixon, White House, Great Ayton.
- 1885 August 10th **NORTHERN ECHO**
GREAT AYTON FLOWER SHOW -the annual gala and flower show in connection with the Temperance Society, Great Ayton, was held on Saturday afternoon in the beautiful grounds of the Friends' North of England Agricultural School. During the afternoon cricket match took place. The one tennis, quoits, and other games were also carried on. The flower show was held in the boys' large schoolroom, and a large and varied assortment of flowers, fruits, and vegetables from the village and neighbourhood were shown. The specimens of vegetables were exceedingly good.
- 1885 August 24th **NORTHERN ECHO**
ROLLEYMAN, or in Warehouse. – Young man wants situation (21). – Thomas Bradley, California, Great Ayton.
- 1885 August 31st **THE NORTHEASTERN GAZETTE**
STOKESLEY GUARDIANS. - The Work-house Master reported to the Guardians on Saturday that during the previous week 55 vagrants had been relieved. This is the largest number aided in a single week since 1882. - It was resolved that plans of the proposed alterations in the vagrant wards and of a new Labour yard should be forwarded to the Local Government Board for approval. -The Clerk laid before the Board and estimate of expenses for the half year ending Lady Day next. The total estimated amount to be £2122 being at the rate of 5 1/2d in the pound. The calls in the principal parishes are:- Stokesley £164; Yarm £165; Great Ayton £160; and Kirklevington £139.
- 1885 September 5th **NORTHERN ECHO**
LIBERALISM AT GREAT AYTON - SPEECHES BY MR HF PEASE AND MR JB HODGKIN. Last night, a large audience assembled in the lecture Hall, Great Ayton, when an address was delivered to the new electors by Mr W Waring, of the National Reform Union. The chair was occupied by Mr JB Hodgkin, the Mayor of Darlington, who, amongst others, was supported by Mr H F Pease, J.P. the selected liberal candidate For the Cleveland Division; Mr I Wilson MP, Mr G Dixon, the Rev BH Reynolds, Mr J Peacock, Mr J Harbottle senior, Mr H Kitching, Mr R Dixon, Mr Dunning, Mr Wilson, Mr J Dixon, Mr Jackson, Mr JH Taylor, &c. &c.
The CHAIRMAN, who was received with the greatest cordiality, said the new electors would shortly be called upon to use their newly acquired rights.
- 1885 September 8th **NORTHERN ECHO**
Mr James Milligan, late of Great Ayton, and the present located at Sheepscombe, near Stroud, in Gloucestershire, has just issued a 4th edition of his " Hills and Dales of Cleveland and other poems" which is " dedicated by the commission to Sir Geoffrey Whitwell Pease, Bart., M.P., Hutton Hall, Cleveland, Yorkshire, as a mark of gratitude for his former kind patronage to his humble servant and author."
- 1885 October 2nd **THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
CLEVELAND AND THE COMING ELECTION
The results of the revision of the voters lists for the Cleveland division, are very satisfactory from a Liberal point of view. It appears from the statistics, which had been supplied to us by Mr A. Mills (secretary of the Cleveland Liberal Association), that the Liberals succeeded in sustaining 496 of the claims which they made, and also sustained five

objections. On the other hand, the Conservatives sustained only 199. There are numerous claims, and 27 objections. The net Liberal gain will thus be seen to be 275 on the whole division. It is interesting also to note is the numerical effect, which the extension of the franchise has had in various parts of the newly formed constituency.

Great Ayton No. of Voters – Last Year - 196 This Year – 541 (increase 343)

- 1885 Nov. 7th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
The first Blue Ribbon Meeting of this winter's campaign in connection with the Great Ayton Gospel Temperance Union was held in the lecture Hall last evening. The chair was taken by Mr George Dixon Jr. and addresses were delivered by the Rev T Robson, vicar of Marske, and others.
- 1885 Dec 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CLEVELAND DIVISION – DECLARATION OF THE VOTE – GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY
Great Ayton 459 voters cast *Total returns:- Pease 6,948; Dawnay 2,845 . Liberal Majority 4,103*
- 1885 Dec 28th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SAVAGE ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN - before the Stokesley Magistrates on Saturday. Thomas Wilkinson, Robert Wilkinson, and Thomas Ingledew, quarrymen, and John Pearson, butcher, were charged with assaulting PC Harnby at Great Ayton, on Christmas Eve. About midnight Harnby found three of the prisoners drunk and creating a disturbance. He ordered them home, when Robert Wilkinson struck him a violent blow, which was repeated by Pearson and Ingledew. Thomas Wilkinson then came up and knock the Constable down. Harnby, however managed to rise, and drawing his truncheon used it with considerable effect, but he was soon overpowered and was again thrown to the ground, where the two Wilkinson's jumped upon him, inflicting severe injuries. Fortunately, a Broughton butcher named James Tomlinson, drove up, and dispersed the Constable's assailants. He afterwards conveyed Harnby and Pearson to the Police Station, at Stokesley. The medical man was summoned and found the officer suffering from a lacerated wound on the right temple, and from other injuries. The other three prisoners were subsequently apprehended. The two Wilkinson's was sentenced to 2 months hard labour, with 14 days additional in default of payment of costs; Pearson and Ingledew were fined £2 and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.
- 1886 January 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
TO BE LET from May Day 1886. RYAN HILL FARM, (adjoining Great Ayton station, NER) containing about 95 acres, of which 52 acres of grass. The tillage is good turnip soil. W Robinson, Woodman, Great Ayton, RSO, Yorks, will show the farm and written offers will be received by Mr E. H Saunders, Hutton Grange, Guisborough, up to the 23 January 1886. The proprietors do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any offer.
- 1886 January 14th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
WANTED; SITUATION as Working House-keeper to Working Man. Mrs Mountain, Great Ayton, Northallerton.
- 1886 March 20th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON – DETACHED HOUSE AND GARDEN TO LET; two bay windows in front; pleasant situation. Apply J. Thistlethwaite.
- 1886 April 13th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
TO LET, WOOD VILLE, with coach house, two stalled stable, and kitchen garden, vacant May Day; rent moderate. Apply H. Cockrill.
- 1886 May 13th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MEETING AT GREAT AYTON, a public meeting of the Liberals of Great Ayton was held yesterday evening in the lecture Hall. Mr James Taylor was in the chair, and after giving a sketch of Irish history and dealing with the Bill now before Parliament moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr Harry Kitching, and carried with enthusiasm, without a single dissension: -- "that this meeting approves of the principle of Home Rule for Ireland, believing it will result in benefit to Ireland and in more cordial and friendly relations with this country than have ever existed before; and it honours William Ewart Gladstone for the noble effort he is making amid discouragement and difficulty to extend a great measure of justice to Ireland in a spirit of generous confidence in her people."
- 1886 June 19th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MISCELLANEOUS SALES:-
SPLENDID LADY'S SADDLE or, GENTLEMAN'S SADDLE, SECOND HAND LIGHT SPRING ROLLEY, LIGHT CHAIN HARROW -- a Scruffer -- J. Thistlethwaite, Great Ayton
APARTMENTS:-
GREAT AYTON – APARTMENTS TO LET – sitting room and two bedrooms, well furnished; pleasantly situated; terms moderate. Apply Mrs Graham, Waterfall Terrace.
- 1886 June 22 YORK HERALD
CRICKET;- GREAT AYTON v. MARTON at Great Ayton (full score sheet given)
- 1886 August 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
TO LET, Great Ayton, small HOUSE, with or without garden. Geo. Dixon, White House, Great Ayton

- 1886 September 8th THE MORNING POST
MARRIAGES:- LENNARD - HOUSEMAN – On the 7th inst. at St. Andrew's, Durham, by the Rev. Hyde E. Walker, M.A. John Milner Lennard of Great Ayton to Jane, widow of the late E. C. Houseman, Surgeon, Scarborough.
- 1886 October 30th YORK HERALD
CRUELTY TO HORSES AT MIDDLESBROUGH:- -- yesterday, at the police caught, Robert Drinkhall, carrier, of Great Ayton, was charged with cruelty to a mare by overworking her on the 16th inst. Mr G Barnsley prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Robert Fuller, the officer of the society stationed at Redcar, and Mr Barker, veterinary surgeon, proved the case, and the defendant was fined 50 shillings, including costs, or a months imprisonment
- 1886 November 12th THE STANDARD (LONDON).
DEATHS:- LOY – November 10th at Great Ayton, William Augustus Loy M.R.C.S., aged 57 years. Internment on Monday, the 15th instant, in the churchyard Great Ayton, at 12.30. Friends will please accept this invitation.
- 1886 December 20th NORTHERN ECHO
TIMBER FOR SALE – The Trustees of the Mrs Proctor invite tenders for 28 good OAKS growing on MANOR HOUSE FARM, Great Ayton occupied by James Pierson who will show timber and conditions of sale; Also 15 well grown ASH TREES and 1 BEECH in Little Ayton Low Wood. John Fletcher, farmer near Ayton Station will show timber and conditions – Tenders to be sent on or before 10th Jan. 1887 to John Peacock, Miller, Great Ayton, Northallerton. The Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the highest of any tenders.
- 1887 January 5th YORK HERALD
TRAP ACCIDENT AT STOKESLEY:- whilst driving from Kirby to Stokesley, on Monday, Mrs Jno. Peacock, of Great Ayton, her sister and the Misses Breckons were thrown out of their trap on the road, near Stokesley. Coming in the opposite direction they met with a cart, the driver of which would not give way, the consequence being that the horse driven by Mrs Peacock, a high mettled animal, ran away at a tremendous speed, and on reaching the cemetery the trap turned completely over, the occupants being underneath. The unfortunately ladies, apart from the severe shock, are very severely bruised, and it is almost a mystery how they escaped with their lives, as the trap -- a four wheeled vehicle -- is smashed beyond repair.
- 1887 March 7th YORK HERALD
DEATHS:- LOY; - On the 4th inst. at Great Ayton, Hannah, relict of the late W. A. Loy M.R.C.S., aged 59 years.- Will be interred in the old churchyard this day (Monday) at 2.30pm.
- 1887 March 15th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SUDDEN DEATH AT GREAT AYTON- William Calvert, gas house manager, died suddenly at his residence, Great Ayton, on Sunday. The deceased was a prominent member of the Wesleyan body. On his return from Chapel he seated himself in his chair, and complained to his wife of feeling very ill. He died in a few minutes. -- An inquest was held yesterday, when a verdict of "death from heart disease" was returned.
- 1887 April 5th YORK HERALD
APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS – Ayton Great – William Harbottle and James Peirson
Ayton Little - John Lowther and Thomas Chapman
- 1887 June 1st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:- on Whit Monday the annual tea in connection with the Congregational Church, Great Ayton was held in the lecture hall, when a goodly number sat down to an excellent repast, the tables being presided over by Mrs and Misses Willans, Mrs Gray and Mrs J. T Bottomley, Mrs Crosby and Mrs Wilson, and Miss Harbottle and Mrs Alfred Dixon. In a small room and there was a sale of work under the charge of Mrs Reynolds, Miss M Nelson, Mrs Walter Hutton, and Miss Wood. In the evening a meeting was held in the Chapel, presided over by Mr Alfred Sykes, of Huddersfield, and addressed by the Rev's. JP James, and H Crane, Middlesbrough; Rev B Dale, Halifax and Mr W Anderson, of Cleckheaton. The choir of Grange Road Church Middlesbrough, greatly enlivened the meeting by singing a number of items, part songs, etc: the solos and songs of the Misses Thomson, and Messrs. Gamble being highly appreciated by a large audience that crowded the building to overflowing. Mr P Calvert presided at the harmonium, and also read Sim's pathetic story "Billy is dead and gone to glory". After a few words from the Rev EH Reynolds and Messrs Hogg, Joss Willans, and W Hutton, the meeting closed
- 1887 July 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
DEATHS:- OXENDALE – On the 2nd inst. at High Green Great Ayton, Matthew Oxendale aged 70.
- 1887 August 29th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY BOARD OF GUARDIANS - At the meeting on Saturday, the clerk laid before the board his estimate of the expenses for the next half year. The total amount of contributions required is £2146 being at a rate of 5½d in the pound. The principal calls of Stokesley, £194; Great Ayton £176; Yarm £175; Kirk Levington £140; Whorlton £111; Ingleby Greenhow £107; Broughton £103; and Hutton £100.

- 1887 October 19th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
DEATH OF THE REV J IBBETSON, DARLINGTON. -- There died yesterday at Darlington the Rev Joseph Ibbetson at the very an advanced age, approaching, it is said, towards 90. The reverend gentleman has not had any charge for some years past, having lived in retirement at Darlington. Previous to that he was for a long period vicar of Great Ayton in Cleveland. As long back as 1824 -- 63 years since -- he was curate at Darlington
- 1887 November 2nd YORK HERALD
DEATHS;- HUTTON, - October 30th at Great Ayton, William Hutton, aged 85 years.
- 1887 December 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SUICIDE AT STOKESLEY - on Saturday, a known woodman named Eleazer Brown, residing at Great Ayton, was found by his wife suspended by the neck with a rope attached to the bedpost and quite dead. Deceased was 60 years of age, and was left in bed by his wife about a quarter to eight. She returned after three quarters of an hour and found him hanging. He had been depressed in mind for some time, owing to his inability to pay the interest on the mortgage on some property owned by him at Great Ayton.
- 1888 March 17th YORK HERALD
DEATHS;- CARLEN. -- On the 14th inst. Richard Carlen aged 34.
- 1888 May 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
FAILURE OF A NORTH RIDING MILLER - yesterday, a private meeting of creditors of Mr John Peacock, Miller, Great Ayton, and Middlesbrough, was held at the offices of Messieurs Faber and Fawcett, solicitors, Stockton, Mr Dennes, corn merchant, Stockton, presiding. The statement submitted showed the liabilities to amount to £12,000, and his assets to £4200. He attributed his failure to the depression in the milling trade up to August last, and also to want of capital. He was decided to assign the estate for the benefit of the creditors to Mr Frank Brown, accountant, and secretary of the South Durham and North Yorkshire Traders Association, with a committee of inspection.
- 1888 August 10th YORK HERALD
CHURCH BAZAAR AT GREAT AYTON -a Bazaar and sale of work was opened yesterday afternoon, by Lady de L'Isle and Dudley, of Ingleby Manor, in the village Hall, Great Ayton, for the purpose of raising funds for the church improvements.....
- 1888 November 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SHOCKING AFFAIR AT GREAT AYTON -- on Saturday morning, and elderly woman named Mrs (Sarah) Bradley was so severely burnt through her dress taking fire that she died during the afternoon. As she was removing the kettle a burning stick fell out of the fireplace and ignited her clothes. An inquest will be held today.
- 1888 October 13th NORTHERN ECHO
BY MR WILLIAM TEMPLE -- Little Ayton in Cleveland near Ayton Station.
Mr W. Temple is favoured with instruction from Mr G. E. Peacock to SELL BY AUCTION on Monday October 15th 1888 his valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS and effects. Including Fat & Grazing Cattle, valuable Cart Mares, Harness and other Horses; 67 Cross-bred Ewes, Fat Shearlings and Lambs; a large collection of Farm carriages, implements of Husbandry, and other effects. Also the EATAGE of 70 acres of grassland, full of meat. Sale at Half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, prompt.
- 1888 December 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON SHOW, DECEMBER 27TH -- poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cats goats, eggs butter and bread, open. Liberal schedule, 11 special silver medals given in addition to first prize. Single bird. Judges;- Poultry James Dixon, pigeons, JW Blair; Rabbits John Ingledew. Entries close December 6. The secretary F BOTTOMLEY, Great Ayton Yorkshire.
- 1888 December 15th YORK HERALD
NEWTON UNDER ROSEBERRY CHURCH ORGANS FUND. -- A few months ago, a fund was commenced by Miss Corney, and Miss Bradley for the purpose of providing a new organ at the little church at Newton under Roseberry. Amongst others who contributed towards it were Miss Staverley, Ripon, (Lady of the Manor) Sir Joseph Pease, MP, Mr A E Pease, MP, Mr Vincent Hamlyn, Mr R Hill, Mrs Butler, Mr J Emmerson, Mrs Bradley, Miss Corney, and Mr Kitching, and a successful concert, which was held the other night in the village Hall, Great Ayton, added £15 more to the amount collected, and enabled the promoters of the movement not only to purchase a capital instruments free of debt, but to carry over a handsome surplus for future use. The formal opening of the organ is expected to take place at Christmas. The Concert was one of the most successful ever held in Great Ayton. An excellent program was gone through, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Amongst those who took part were Miss Selena Lewis, Mr Ernest Meryweather, Miss Ida Taylor, Rev Rudolph Downie, Mrs Downie, Miss Bradley, Clara Bradley, Mr Stewart, and Mr M W Prior.
- 1889 February 8th YORK HERALD
Yesterday the first meeting of the North Riding County Council was held at the Courthouse, Northallerton. All the 60 County Councillors were present. The list being as follows:- Includes William Winn (Great Ayton)

- 1889 March 21st YORK HERALD
 AGRICULTURAL NOTES - Mr George Dixon, of White House, Great Ayton, Yorkshire, writes as follows to the *Field*: -
 - I should be glad if you could spare me a little space for a few scraps of information, from my own experience, which may perhaps be of service to some farmers who may, not unreasonably, shrink from the risk which seems to be involved in stacking valuable crops, (which represent a more or less considerable portion of their income) in a green state for the purpose of making ensilage. Owing to the very unfavourable seasons of 1888, I was almost compelled to make into ensilage about 70 tonnes (green) of seeds and clover, and about 50 tonnes (green) of oats and woodland grass. My experience enables me to endorse much that has been recently advanced on the subject, having met with very satisfactory success. After convincing myself that the Pearson roller system was the least expensive -- both as regards the first cost and subsequent process of working -- I purchased one of their large size rollers, and proceeded to make two stacks on two different parts of the estate. The roller having the advantage of being very easily removed from one part to another, and, without resorting to any other pressure than that afforded by the roller in the course of stacking, had been amply repaid by the very excellent quality of ensilage I have secured, with comparatively little waste. I am forwarding you a small sample, by the accompanying post, and should be glad of your opinion on its quality. Although it was my first attempt, the cost of making will not compare unfavourably with those of winning hay in an average season; and having now consumed about half of the two stacks in the feeding of both lean and fat cattle, milk cows, horses, and sheep. I find all alike, ravenously fond of it. -----
- 1889 March 23rd YORK HERALD
 PATENTS;- GEORGE DIXON, of Great Ayton, "for improvements in mathematical drawing instruments".
- 1889 April 12th YORK HERALD
 ELECTION OF GUARDIANS -Stokesley Union; Little Ayton - John Fletcher; Great Ayton, William Winn
- 1889 April 20th YORK HERALD
 NEW LOCAL PATENTS:- GEORGE DIXON, Great Ayton: "Improvements in the process, apparatus, and appliances for preserving animal or vegetable products or other substances, liquids, matters, or things whatsoever".
- 1889 June 10th NORTHERN ECHO
 LANGBAURGH WEST HIGHWAYS BOARD.
 The monthly meeting of the Langbaugh West Highways Board was held at the Angel Inn, Stokesley - the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the obstruction to the highway by a bridge at Little Ayton was read and adopted and a resolution passed that the clerk write to the Trustees of the Lord of the Manor requesting that the bridge in question be removed, as in its present state it is both an obstruction to the highway and the stream, and also dangerous -Mr Hind's motion that the stone- leading be let by tender was lost 23 voting against it and 7 for it. The Board refused a request of a meeting of rate payers at Great Ayton asking the Board to take over certain roads in the Brick Yard in California, and also to erect a footbridge.
- 1889 August 19th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
 STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- at Stokesley petty sessions on Saturday. Thomas Simpson, quarryman, was fined £1 and costs, or in default a months imprisonment, for being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton.
 - William Brown, of Ayton was ordered to pay costs for being drunk on August 3. - Isaac Richardson, was fined one shilling and costs for allowing a wagon and cart to stand at the beck side, where they cause an obstruction.
- 1889 September 17th YORK HERALD
 STOKESLEY REVISION COURT. -Mr John Scott Fox, Barrister, held a Court at Stokesley Town Hall Yesterday to revise the lists for the polling districts of Stokesley, Whorlton, Great Ayton, Hutton Rudby, and Kildale.Mr W.A. Bulmer again appeared for the Conservatives, and Mr A. g. Mills for the Liberals. There was very little contentious matter, the lists having been well made out by the various Overseers. The Liberals made and sustained six new claims, and the Conservatives two, the Liberals sustaining 5 objections to Conservatives on the old register. Seven Conservatives were struck off the old register on Overseers' objection, and four Liberals. This shows a liberal gain on the day of 12.
- 1889 October 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
 THE CENTRAL LIBERAL CAMPAIGN - MEETINGS AT KILDALE & AYTON Full Report
- 1889 October 28th NORTHERN ECHO
 GROWING TIMBER FOR SALE BY TENDER
 About 224 Ash trees, 77 Sycamores, Beeches and Limes and 5 good Larches. May be seen in the Low Wood on Mr John Fletcher's farm near Great Ayton station. The woodman in attendance will show the timber until Saturday November 2nd.
 Conditions of sale may be obtained from Archibald Cowe, Woodsman, Great Ayton, John Fletcher, Little Ayton, John Peacock, Sleights, Whitby, or from T. James Thomsom Millfield Iron Works, Stockton on Tees; to the latter of whom Tenders for the lot or each description of timber separately must be sent on or before Tuesday the 5th November.
- 1889 October 31st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

ANOTHER FATALITY AT GREAT AYTON;-- sometime during last night, Henry Peacock, late stationer and newsagent, was drowned in the River Leven at Great Ayton. His body was found early this morning, under the stone bridge. His death furnishes another sad argument for the necessity of lighting up the village.

- 1889 November 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ELECTION OF ASSISTANT OVERSEER FOR GREAT AYTON - The poll for the assistant overseer ship, of Great Ayton, was taken yesterday, and has resulted as follows: -- John Dixon 132; John Henry Garbutt 105: Thomas Heaviside 76; John T Wilson, 1.
- 1890 January 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
HUNTING APPOINTMENTS NORTHERN ECHO THURS .JAN 2ND 1890
FOXHOUNDS, EARL OF ZETLAND'S, Great Ayton Thurs Jan 2nd 11.00 a.m.
- 1890 January 4th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON POULTRY SOCIETY --The third annual show in connection with this society was held on Tuesday at Great Ayton
- 1890 January 6th NORTHERN ECHO
TREAT FOR ELDERLY OF70+ **NCNews**
- 1890 January 20th NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON RAILWAY SERVICE
MR EDITOR – I'm delighted to hear a "Visitor" noticing the want of fair play shown towards our village. We seem to have no gentleman in the place with any push in this matter or there would be more trains and better station accommodation. Had the late Mr Thomas Richardson, the founder of the Friends' School been living, he would have pushed it as he did Middlesbrough and it would have paid for the trouble. We have the finest village in the district with any quantity of nice walks; a perfect paradise for the naturalist, with great variety of plants, insects, shells, &c., tumuli, old Roman roads and encampments, and the curious whinstone dyke; also the busiest little station on the line, keeping two conveyances running to meet every train without any help from the railway company, who will not even deliver our parcels. If Ayton only had the chances their pet places such as Saltburn, Redcar, &c., have, it would thrive. We want to sing
"Help a worn and weary brother pulling hard against the tide". And not "Rome, Rome! Thou art no more as thou hast been",
- Your old friend, JOHN DIXON Great Ayton, Jan. 17. 1890
- 1890 January 31st NORTHERN ECHO
HUNTING – FOXHOUNDS GT. AYTON
THURS 6TH FEB 11.00am SAT 8TH FEB 11.00am
- 1890 January 31st NORTHERN ECHO
3. LECTURE BY GEORGE DIXON **NCNews**
"On Tuesday evening, Mr George Dixon, of Great Ayton gave a lecture on "Our Wild Flowers; Where to grow them, and how to study them" in the Literary Institute, Brotton. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams and specimens
- 1890 February 4th NORTHERN ECHO
PUBLICATIONS:-
HOW TO GET RICH – Price Seven pence by Post –Vigilans, care of J. Thistlethwaite, Great Ayton, R.S.O. Yorks.
- 1890 February 4th NORTHERN ECHO
SITUATIONS:-Girl (respectable) Wanted – Apply, Mrs Wilkinson, Ayton Mill, Great Ayton
- 1890 February 12th THE NORTH EASTERN GAZETTE
COTTAGES (7) with gardens at Great Ayton; net rental £39 10s.
- Apply Robinson, 9, Bentinck –terrace, Coatham, Redcar
- 1890 February 15th THE NORTH EASTERN GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON – Four roomed cottage and garden to let; rent £5; immediate possession. Apply J. Hebron.
- 1890 February 20th NORTHERN ECHO
CONCERT AT GREAT AYTON
On Monday the Primitive Methodists of Great Ayton held a concert in the Village Hall for the purpose of raising funds for their new organ which has been added to the church through the exertions of Mr James Wilkes, one of their leading men. The place was well filled, and amongst the audience was noted the Revs. R.M. Withington (vicar) and T. Clark-Smith (curate). The programme, an admirable one, consisting of sacred and miscellaneous pieces and a performance on the new organ by Dr. Jones, of Stokesley, was excellently rendered. The entertainment was brought to a close by the Ayton String Band playing "God Save The Queen"

- 1890 March 5th NORTHERN ECHO
SCHOOL NON ATTENDANCE
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.
- 1890 March 14th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
RECITAL AT GREAT AYTON - last night, Mr Edward, T Smith, "The second Gough" gave one of his popular recitals in the village Hall, Ayton. His rendering of "The road to Heaven", and Gough's oration "for the sake of others", fairly took the audience by storm. The chair was occupied by Mr James Taylor, who having heard J.B.Gough, could testify to the excellence and fidelity with which the lecture was rendered.
- 1890 March 15th GLASGOW HERALD
1.REVIEW OF BOOK ON CAPTAIN COOK BY MR BESANT
- 1890 March 15th THE TIMES
SHOW OF HUNTERS AT ISLINGTON
Class iv Three year old geldings. Entry by Messrs Ward, Great Ayton
- 1890 March 22nd NORTHERN ECHO
GREAT AYTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
The annual parish meeting was held at the Old Schoolroom, Great Ayton on Thursday evening, - Messrs Wm. Harbottle and Wm. Donaldson were re-elected overseers. Mr Foster having resigned his office as way-warden, Mr Henry Kitching was elected in his place – Messrs Hunter and W. H. Thistlewaite were elected auditors in the place of Messrs Geddes and Stewart.
- 1890 April 1st YORK HERALD
SALE of TIMBER on MRS PROCTOR'S ESTATE, LITTLE AYTON, near STOKESLEY.-The Trustees invite TENDERS for 4000 small larches, as they lie, 861 Oaks and 112 Ash trees, Sycamores. &c., growing in the Low Wood on Mr John Fletcher's farm, near Great Ayton Station. The growing trees are all numbered. The whole may be seen on application to be woodman on the spot. Separate tenders will be received for the 4000 larches, 861 Oaks and 112 Ash trees, &c. or for the 2 latter together, to be sent to T JAMES THOMSON, Bank Chambers, Zetland Rd Middlesbrough on before Thursday, 10 April, from whom conditions of sale may be obtained; all from the woodman, Mr A Cowe, Great Ayton.
- 1890 April 14th THE NORTH EASTERN GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON- To Be Sold or Let, Rosebery Cottage, containing dining, drawing, and breakfast rooms, kitchen, scullery, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, and WC; stable, coach-house, and a good garden; also a 6 roomed House to Let, pleasantly situated. -- Apply Geo Bradley, Great Ayton.
- 1890 April 17th THE NORTH EASTERN GAZETTE
GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted for 1st May; aged over 20; wages £16.
- Apply Miss Stuart, High Green, Great Ayton.
- 1890 April 24th YORK HERALD
LIST OF AGENTS OF WHOM THE YORKSHIRE DAILY AND WEEKLY HERALD MAY BE OBTAINED OR ADVERTISEMENTS FORWARDED:-
GREAT AYTON – Mr Snowden and Mr Bottomley, News Agents..
- 1890 April 29th THE NORTH EASTERN GAZETTE
GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted; aged about 18. -Apply to Mrs Geo Bradley, Roseberry cottage, Great Ayton.
- FREEHOLD Land. - For immediate Sale, cheap, nearly 3¾ acres of Good Land, about 10 minutes walk from a railway station; bounded north and east by public highway and south-west by a pleasant running stream; also, 2 acres grass Garth. -- Apply John Dixon, Great Ayton.
- 1890 May 27th (Tues.) NORTHERN ECHO
LITTLE AYTON BRIDGE
TO STONEMASONS, ENGINEERS, IRONFOUNDERS and others –TENDERS are invited for the Langbaugh West Highways Board for the Mason Work and Materials, and also for Supplying and fixing the Girders and other Iron Work required for the proposed new girder bridge at Little Ayton, near Great Ayton in Cleveland. The Tenders may be either for the Entire Erection or for thr Mason Work and Iron Work separately. The lowest of any Tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and Specifications can be seen at the office of Mr W.H. DIXON, Surveyor, Kirby in Cleveland – Sealed Tenders (endorsed "Tenders for Little Ayton Bridge") to be sent to the undersigned on or before Thursday, the 12th day of June next ---Wm. RICHARDSON, Clerk to the Highways Board, Stokesley -23rd May1890
- 1890 June 30th (Mon) NORTHERN ECHO

AYTON OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MONDAY in the village hall, GREAT AYTON on FRIDAY, July 4th at 6.30 p.m. tea at 5.30. Old Scholars invited to attend.

1890 July 7th (Mon.) NORTHERN ECHO

GREAT AYTON FRIENDS' SCHOOL –

The general meeting of the above school was held on Friday. A special train arrived at 10am and departed at 8.40 pm
.....list of activities, classroom displays, speeches etc

1890 July 27th (Mon.) NORTHERN ECHO

LIBERALS MEETING AT CLEVELAND LODGE –

The 600 Liberals who visited Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, on Saturday, at the kind invitation of Mr J.B. Hoskin

1891 January 3rd YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON POULTRY SOCIETY:- the fourth annual show of this society was held on Tuesday last, in the village Hall and British Schools, Great Ayton, and was in all respects a capital, exhibition. The society began in a humble way, there being only at first show a few entries confined to the Cleveland district, but the exhibits on the present occasion, numbered 677, an increase of 38 on last year, and included some Crystal Palace winners and many noted birds from various parts of the kingdom. A sum of £60 was given in prizes, which enabled a few classes to be added, and the show all-round was admittedly one of the best that has been seen in the district. The show this year was under the presidency of Mr JC Bell, and credit is due to the active committee of local fanciers and Mr F Bottomley, secretary, for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. The judges were:-for poultry, Mr James Dixon, Bradford; pigeons, Mr JW Blair, Middlesbrough; and for rabbits, cats, and covies, Mr Oscar Moses, Darlington.

1891 January 6th NORTHERN ECHO

CLEVELAND LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

1891 May 22nd NORTHERN ECHO

DEATHS; DUNNING on the 19th inst at Little Ayton. John Dunning aged 73 years. To be interred at Great Ayton on Friday 28th inst at 2 o'clock. Friends please accept this invitation.

1891 June 1st NORTHERN ECHO

DEATHS; FLETCHER. On May 29th at Little Ayton John Fletcher aged 61, to be interred at Great Ayton on Monday June 1st. Cortege leaving residence at 2.30.

1891 JUNE 1ST (Mon) NORTHERN ECHO

SUICIDE AT GREAT AYTON

Quite a sensation occurred in Great Ayton on Saturday when it became known that Mr John Fletcher, of Little Ayton, had committed suicide by cutting his throat. The deceased was highly respected in the district, and had for many years occupied a large farm. His cheerful disposition and jovial bearing were known to a large circle of friends. During the last week or so, however, his manner was noticed to be somewhat strange. No definite reason is known for the rash act. An inquest was held in the evening, when a verdict of "Temporary insanity" was returned.

1891 June 1st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

SAD SUICIDE OF AN AYTON FARMER. On Saturday night, an inquest was held at the Royal Oak hotel, Great Ayton by Mr Carrick, coroner, into the circumstances attending the death of John Fletcher, 61, farmer of Little Ayton, who died on Friday night from alleged self inflicted injuries. -- From the evidence adduced, it appeared that the deceased, who had occupied a farm at Little Ayton, and was highly respected, had been in a low state of mind for nearly a year. On Thursday, he went away from home and on returning late at night, his clothing was found to be soaked with water to above his waist, but he would give no account of where he had been. On the following afternoon a Mr Robson came into the house and had a chat with deceased, when he talked quite rationally. After lying down a short time on Mr Robson's departure, he went upstairs, and on his wife following, she was horrified to see her husband cutting at his throat with a pocket knife, and allowing the blood to flow from the wound into a utensil he had in his left hand. Dr Stuart was called in, Mrs Fletcher having in the meantime bound up the wound with the towel. The doctor remained with Fletcher until he died. During his stay in the bedroom he saw deceased put his fingers in the wound and attempt to pull at it. He had no hesitation in saying that the wound was self-inflicted. -- A verdict that deceased committed suicide, whilst temporarily insane was returned. The affair is rendered all the more painful by the fact that the deceased's eldest son, John William, was about to be married and was to have taken the farm. Deceased, having decided to retire into private life at Great Ayton.

1890 June 16th NORTHERN ECHO

At LANGBAURGH WEST HIGHWAYS BOARD –Saturday, the report of the committee appointed to consider the erection of a Bridge at Little Ayton was read and approved – Mr Young proposed, and Mr Clarke seconded –“That the tender of the Stockton Forge Iron Company for the Ironworks at £240 and of T. Clarkson, Stokesley, for the mason work at £146.10s be accepted, and the Clerk obtain information of when the site can be obtained” – The report of the committee appointed to visit Ayton was read and approved, and the clerk was instructed to add to the main road scheme the probable cost of the work required in Guisborough Lane, and the Surveyor received instructions to obtain tenders for walling and railings for the High Street.

- 1891 June 22nd (Mon.) NORTHERN ECHO
A JUBILEE AT GREAT AYTON
There will be an interesting gathering at Great Ayton on Thursday and Friday next, the occasion being the celebration of the jubilee of the Friends' School.
- 1891 June 26th NORTHERN ECHO
FRIENDS SCHOOL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
- 1891 June 30th NORTHERN ECHO
AYTON OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
.....in the Village Hall, GREAT AYTON on FRIDAY, July 4th at 6.30 p.m. tea at 5.30. Old Scholars invited to attend.
- 1891 July 1st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SUICIDE AT GREAT AYTON;-- a painful case of suicide is reported to have taken place at Great Ayton yesterday. A coal dealer, Samuel William Binlow was found suspended by a rope in the garret of his dwelling house, quite dead. Deceased, who was highly respected in the neighbourhood, on Monday accompany Primitive Methodists children on their annual excursion to Saltburn. No reason can be assigned for the rash action. He leaves a widow with no children
- 1891 JULY 11TH (Sat) NORTHERN ECHO
FRIENDS IN COUNCIL. CONFERENCE AT GREAT AYTON
- 1891 July 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN AYTON LAD. -- This afternoon at the Stockton County Police Court *****, aged 16, of Great Ayton, was charged with attempting to commit an outrage upon, Annie Pattison, aged five years, at Long Newton, on the 18th inst. Prisoner was a farm servant in the employ of Mr and Mrs Pattison, and on the day named he was in the cow byre, when he sent Elizabeth Pattison, aged 7, for her sister, and took the child into an adjoining grass field, where, it was alleged, he committed the offence. Dr Bradshaw, Stockton, examined the child, and the prisoner admitted the offence to him. -- Committed for trial at the next Durham Assizes.
- 1891 July 28th YORK HERALD
DARLINGTON LIBERALS AT GREAT AYTON.-- On Saturday, the members of the Darlington Liberal Association held their annual picnic in the pleasant grounds of Cleveland Lodge, Great Ayton, the residents of Mr J.B. Hodgkin. Between 500 and 600 persons joined the excursion. Glorious weather prevailed, and notwithstanding the heat, many climbed the heights of Roseberry Topping and Easby hill, on which Captain Cook's monument is erected ,.....
- 1891 August 1st (Sat.) 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.
- 1891 August 20th (Thur.) NORTHERN ECHO
NEW VOLUMES
Reference to George Dixon's book on the history of the Friends' School written to celebrate it's jubilee.
- 1891 Nov. 19th (Thur) NORTHERN ECHO
RECHABITISM IN CLEVELAND –
A public meeting was held on Tuesday night in the Lecture Hall, Great Ayton, to inaugurate a branch of the Independent Order of Rechabites. Bros. G.H. Lennard and Robt. Bell, jun. attended as a deputation to advocate the claims of the Society. There was a very large attendance, and the meeting was enthusiastic throughout. The Rev. G.H. Reynolds presided, and in introducing the speakers, said he believed the Rechabite Society aimed at the social and moral improvement of the people, and it was work upon which they could ask for Divine blessing. Bros. Lennard and Bell then addressed the meeting, and explained the benefits which were offered by the Order, and urging all abstainers to associate themselves with this movement, which was doing so much for the promotion of thrift and sobriety amongst the working classes. At the close of the meeting preliminary arrangements were made for the opening of a Tent of Rechabites in Great Ayton.
- 1891 Nov. 28th (Sat) NORTHERN ECHO
'SUNDAY CLOSING' MEETING NCNews
On Thursday evening, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the lecture hall to advocate the necessity of closing public houses on the Sunday. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E.H. Reynolds, - The Rev. T. Whittaker, ex president of the Primitive Methodists Conference, attended as a deputation from the parent society and gave an eloquent and instructive address, which was frequently applauded. – The Rev. R. M. Withington, MA (vicar), and

Messrs Geo. and Ralph Dixon, J. Gunter, H. Hunter, Jas. Wilks, W.Davison, E.Johnson, J.Robson and Jos. Nichols also took part at the meeting, and the resolutions were all passed unanimously.

1891 December 30th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON POULTRY SHOW; -- the fifth annual show of Poultry, pigeons, rabbits, cats, covies, &c. in connection with the Great Ayton Poultry Society was held in the Village Hall and British School, Great Ayton yesterday afternoon. For so young an institution the show was excellently patronised, the exhibit is being viewed by a constant stream of fanciers throughout the whole of the afternoon. The entries numbered 733, which, as compared with last year, showed an increase of 24, and as compared with the previous year, an increase of 59.

1892 JANUARY 5TH NORTHERN ECHO
SAD ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON

A man named John Wright walked into the BUCK HOTEL, Great Ayton, on the evening of 29th inst. The family were at tea, and Mrs Martin, the Landlady, thinking she smelt something hastened to the parlour, where she found the unfortunate man lying on the fire badly burned about the arms and spine. She dragged him from his perilous position, and after his wounds had been dressed he was sent to his lodging in a cab, and afterwards to Stokesley. It was not supposed that any fatal result would accrue from the accident, but unfortunately he died yesterday from injuries received. Deceased was about 55 years of age and worked at the Langbaugh Quarries for Messrs. George and Henry Bradley of Great Ayton. It is supposed that he must have fallen in the fire when asleep.

1892 January 11th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

TEMPERANCE WORK AT GREAT AYTON - on Saturday afternoon, a tent or branch of the Cleveland District Independent Order of Rechabites was instituted in the Congregational Church vestry at Great Ayton by the district officers, Mr T Grange, P.D.C.R.; Mr R Bell, Jr, P.D.C.R.; Mr I Hind, D.S.; And Mr J Clarke, I.T.S. The tent was named "Roseberry" and had every prospect of becoming a useful auxiliary to the temperance movement in the town. The new re-elected officers were duly installed by the D.C.R.

1892 March 14th YORK HERALD

LANGBAURGH WEST HIGHWAYS BOARD - Purchase of steam roller. After petition from 60 ratepayers, of Great Ayton.

1892 March 30th YORK HERALD

APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS;- *Great Ayton*;- Henry Bradley, Cornelius Garnett
Little Ayton;- Thomas Petch, Robert Stockdale

1892 April 9th NORTHERN ECHO

GREAT AYTON – The Primitive Methodists held a bazaar and sale of useful and fancy articles in the village hall. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Winn, of Cliffe House. There were selections of vocal and instrumental music at intervals. A public tea was provided. The proceeds are to go towards building a new Chapel, which is very much needed.

1892 April 18th LEEDS MERCURY

On Saturday a cyclist belonging to Middlesbrough died at Great Ayton from overexertion.

1892 April 19th NORTHERN ECHO

VOLUNTEER SHAM FIGHT

The 1st Durham Rifle Volunteers held their annual sham fight on Monday, the venue of the conflict this year being the famous Roseberry Topping. Early in the morning intelligence reached Middlesbrough, the headquarters of the Battalion, that the enemy, whose main body was encamped at Northallerton, were sending reinforcements to Guisborough of which they were already in possession. In point of fact the reinforcing party had made Great Ayton the previous day, and it was in preventing their further progress that the engagement took place. The invaders were represented by Stockton (A, B & C Companies) and Darlington (D & C Companies) and these a force of 350 men, were under the command of Major Priestman, of Darlington. They proceeded to Great Ayton by special train, arriving shortly before noon in a blinding snow storm, which detained them for fully an hour. In the meantime the defending force (G & H Companies Middlesbrough) had proceeded to Hutton Gate by special train, and had taken possession of an impregnable position on the brow of a hill, from which, however, they were ordered to retire by Col. Sadler, who acted as umpire and who declined to allow either side an unfair advantage. The Middlesbrough Companies numbered 106 strong, and were in the command of Major Johnson. As soon as the two forces came within range of each other a sharp engagement took place, but the decision of the umpires as to which side was victorious has not yet been announced. Before and after the engagement the men were regaled with the same refreshments.

1892 April 20th NORTHERN ECHO

BY MESSRS. HODGSON & FARROW, Little Ayton near Great Ayton Railway Station
To TIMBER MERCHANTS, FARMERS and OTHERS

MESSRS. HODGSON & FARROW are favoured with instructions from the Trustees of the Late Mrs Elizabeth Proctor, TO SELL BY AUCTION on Friday 22nd April 1892, 600 LARCH TREES (Some of excellent growth). The Trees are felled and Lotted (to suit purchasers) in Fletcher's Low Wood, near Great Ayton Railway Station. Also will be sold immediately after the above, about 40 Lots of very good FIREWOOD (OAK).

The timber may be viewed on application to the Woodsman, Mr Archibald Cowe, California, Great Ayton, and for further particulars apply to T. JAMES THOMPSON Esq. Bank Chambers, Zetland Road, Middlesbrough, or the AUCTIONEERS, Stokesley. Sale to commence where the timber is laid at 1 o'clock. Auctioneer Office Market Place, Stokesley

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.

1892 April 23rd YORK HERALD

EASTERTIDE Monday was observed as a general holiday in Middlesbrough and Cleveland. The morning was mild and fine, and all that could be desired for the country trips and excursions that had been arranged. At about noon the wind, which had been Southerly, swung round to the North, and after a heavy thunderclap snow fell in large flakes until the ground was covered with 3 inches of snow. The weather subsequently improved, and became during the afternoon, beautifully fine. One of the principal events of the day in the district was a sham fight on the moors between the Darlington, Stockton, and Middlesbrough Companies of the first V.R. Durham Light Infantry. The Stockton and Darlington Companies under the command of Major Priestman formed the attacking force, and the Middlesbrough companies under Major Johnson the defending force. The attacking force marched from Great Ayton railway station, over the moors into the district of Guisborough, and on reaching the back of Roseberry topping, they met the companies under Major Johnson, and an interesting fight was witnessed, both sides finally claiming victory. Colonel Sadler, Captain and Adjutant Golightly, and Lieutenant Ward Jackson, of the 3rd Yorkshire Regiment officiated as umpires.

1892 June 6th NORTHERN ECHO

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS –On Saturday- before Mr J. P. Turton, and Mr A.E.Kitching –
Mr Richardson on behalf of the Landlord of the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton, asked for leave to erect a tent in front of his hotel on Whit-Monday. The Bench stated that they had no authority to grant leave.

1892 July 15th NORTHERN ECHO

AYTON 475 ELECTORS

1892 July 30th LEEDS MERCURY

We are informed that the estate comprising the mansion known as the MANOR HOUSE, and other extensive property at Great Ayton, in Cleveland, is shortly to come onto the market owing to Chancery proceedings.

1892 August 12th YORK HERALD

A CLEVELAND ESTATE ON THE MARKET -Mr T.W. Ormesby yesterday offered for sale at Stockton, by direction of Mr Justice Chitty, the Court of Chancery, a valuable freehold residential estate situated at Great Ayton in Cleveland. The estate which contains over 82 acres, comprises, a mansion known as the Manor House, with gardens and orchards; a farmhouse known as Topcliffe House, the usual outbuildings; a Hind's house, and over 73 acres of grass and six acres of arable land. Mr Hornby having enumerated its various features, described the estate is one of the prettiest in Cleveland. There was a numerous and influential company, and Mr Frank Brown, Stockton, bid £2,500 first, followed by a bit of £3,000 from Mr Foster, of Ayton. Mr Brown then bid £3,500, and there being no further advance it was withdrawn under the Court's sealed orders, particulars of which had not been divulged. For the estate in two lots there were no bids.

1892 September 26th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - on Saturday, before Mr J.J. Emerson and Mr A.E. Kitching, Mr Thomas Alderson charged Johnson Harwood, with trespassing on his land on the 27th ult. in pursuit of coneys. Mr Thomas appeared for the defendant. The case was dismissed. -- Christopher Oliver, Great Ayton, was charged by Mr Frederick Miles with keeping a dog without a licence. Fined 2s 6d and 10 shillings costs. -- William Rafferty, was fined five shillings for neglecting to send a child to school.

1892 Oct. 3rd NORTHERN ECHO

RECHABITISM IN CLEVELAND – A juvenile branch or “Tent” of the order was successfully initiated on Saturday evening in the Congregational Schoolroom, Great Ayton, by R Bell D.S.J.T. assisted by Mr John Hind, D.S. The new “Tent” was named “Captain Cook” and Mr Jas. Simpson was elected superintendent.

- 1892 October 10th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- on Saturday for Messrs, J.P. Sowerby, J.J. Emerson, A.E. Kitching, and W. Brown, John Simpson was charged by PC Dunville with being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton. On October 1 and fined 2s 6d and costs.
- 1892 December 5th YORK HERALD
THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT, IN CLEVELAND;-- Miss Balgarnie of London, delivered an address on Friday night to a very large audience in the village Hall, Great Ayton on woman's work in the Temperance cause. A branch society of the Women's Temperance Union was formed, and a resolution passed urging the government to bring in a measure to empower the people to deal with the liquor traffic in any district. -- Mrs Ralph Dixon, and the Rev E.H. Reynolds, (secretary) also spoke.
- 1892 December 6th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS, -- on Saturday, before Messrs. E.H. Wynne Finch and A.E. Kitching, James Wilson Britton, Royal Oak Hotel, Great Ayton, was fined £2 and 14 shillings costs for permitting drunkenness on his premises on 19 November. -- William Laws, Great Ayton, was charged by PC Dunville with being drunk on licensed premises, on 19 November, and find 20 shillings and 10 shillings costs. -- Frederick Jefferson, farmer, Great Ayton, charged by PC Dunville with allowing his cattle to stray on the highway, was ordered to pay the costs.
- 1893 January 13th (Fri) MANCHESTER TIMES
DEATHS;- HINMER- On 7th Jan at her residence in Nottingham, Henrietta, daughter of the late Rev. W. Himner, Great Ayton, Yorks, aged 75 years.
- 1893 January 20th LONDON GAZETTE
BANKRUPT; ROBERT HUMPHREY Great Ayton TAILOR.
- 1893 February 27th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS: -- on Saturday, before Viscount Falkland, Mr J.P. Sowerby, and Mr William Brown, - William Marley, Great Ayton, for being drunk and disorderly, was fined one shilling and 10 shillings costs. -- William Laws Great Ayton, was fined 10 shillings and 10 shillings costs for a similar offence.
- 1893 March 15th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT KILDALE QUARRIES:- yesterday William Johnson, of Great Ayton, met with a somewhat serious accident. He is employed at the Kildale Quarries, belonging Messrs. Winn and Bradley and was with others in the engine house at dinner time. Johnson was sitting on a rail which suddenly gave way and precipitated him against the crank of working engine.
- 1893 April 1st NORTHERN ECHO
STOKESLEY UNION GUARDIANS - ELECTIONS
LITTLE AYTON – J. LOWTHER GREAT AYTON – W. WINN
- 1893 April 17th YORK HERALD
AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE;- on Friday evening an amateur performance of the comedy "Tomboy", by Mr R. Blakeborough, was given in the British Schools, Great Ayton, in aid of the Mission to Seamen. The room was crowded. The performance was a great success, and a great credit is due to Miss Winn (the honorary secretary to the Mission to Seamen) for the excellent company she succeeded in bringing before the Ayton people.
- 1893 April 24th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- ON SATURDAY, on Saturday, before Viscount Falkland and Messrs. J.P.Sowerby, J.J. Emerson, and Philip Braithwaite, -Robert Wilkinson, Great Ayton, charged with being drunk on licensed premises was fined 20 shillings and costs -- James Martin, landlord of the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton, was charged with permitting drunkenness. Fined 40 shillings and costs
- 1893 April 25th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF A QUARRYMAN:-- an alarming accident occurred at noon yesterday in the Whinstone Quarry, Great Ayton, belonging to Mr William Winn. A quarryman named Abraham Bradley was engaged in driving a drift, when a prop gave way, and buried him amongst the *debris*. All hands were requisitioned to extricate the unfortunate man, and though they got near enough to hear his cries, they were unable to rescue him from his perilous position until the lapse of several hours, when, remarkably enough, it was found that he was little the worse for the accident, his feet only being somewhat severely crushed by the weight of the *debris*.
- 1893 May 8th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- ON SATURDAY, on Saturday, before Viscount Falkland and Messrs. J.J. Emerson, and Philip Braithwaite and A.E.Kitching. - Thomas Wilkinson, Great Ayton, was charged by Mr James Martin, landlord of the Buck Hotel, of being drunk and refusing to quit on the 21st ult. Find 10s and 16s 6d costs.
- 1893 May 20th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

INTERESTING ACTION REGARDING BARBED WIRE FENCING:- at the Stokesley County Court yesterday. George Coatesworth, Great Ayton, Sued, John Dixon, Great Ayton, for 10 shillings, damage done to a topcoat caused by defendant wilfully placing barbed wire adjoining the public footpath. Plaintiff stated that he was walking up the High Street, Great Ayton, and on allowing some people to passing in front of the defendant's house, tore his coat with some barbed wire placed on palisading in front of defendant's garden. -- Defendant produced a plan to show that he was well within his rights to place them where he did, but his Honour said that he had no right whatsoever to use such dangerous fencing in close proximity to the public footpath. -- He found that the plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs.

1893 June 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

WANTON CRUELTY TO A BULL BY THORNABY YOUTH:- at Stokesley petty sessions on Saturday. Patrick Flannigan, Thornaby on Tees, was charged with cruelly ill treating a bull belonging to Mr John Robert Foster, farmer, Great Ayton. Inspector Cape, S.P.C.A., appeared for the prosecution. -- From the evidence, it appeared that on Whit Monday defendant, with several others, had gone over to Great Ayton, and they were crossing a field in which a young bull was grazing. Defendant left his companions, took a catapult out of his pocket, charged it with a steel punching, and deliberately shot the bull, hitting it on the eye, and cutting it clean out. Three young men belonging Great Ayton, who saw the attack seized him, and handed him over to PC Jarvis. -- The Chairman said it was a most malicious and wanton act of cruelty, and sentenced defendant, (who did not appear) to two calendar months imprisonment with hard labour, without the option of a fine.

1893 June 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

THE PRESERVATION OF FOOTPATHS AND OPEN SPACES AT GREAT AYTON; -for some time past efforts have been made to prevent shows, stalls, etc, standing upon the Village Green. Last night a largely attended meeting was held in the lecture hall, to protest against this and other encroachments. -- The Rev E. H. Reynolds presided, and in doing so said that the future of Ayton depended upon it becoming a residential suburb of Middlesbrough and Stockton, and unless the footpaths and other spaces were preserved much of the charm of the place would be gone. -- Several spoke of the late efforts to curtail privileges that people have enjoyed for generations, and also of the unhealthy state of the beck through the water being turned into a different channel. -- The meeting agreed to form an association in Ayton, to resist the alleged encroachments, and appoint a committee to organise the same, and also arrange for a meeting upon the High Green, when it is hoped to obtain the services of Mr F Haydn Williams, of Whitby, and others -- a connection was made to defray the preliminary expenses, and Mr Watson Davison was appointed treasurer.

1893 July 3rd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

PRESERVATION OF VILLAGE GREENS:- on Saturday evening, a largely attended meeting was held on The Green, Great Ayton, to protest against the recent action of the trustees of the Lord of the Manor (a minor) in prohibiting shows, stalls, etc from standing on a High Green. The Rev EH Reynolds, (Independent) presided, and was supported by the Rev Haydn Williams (Unitarian), the champion of public rights at Whitby, and other local gentlemen. -- the chairman, in opening the proceedings, referred to the object of the meeting, and said that there was a feeling in the village that the recent action of the trustees was but the commencement of further encroachments upon the rights of the people, and it was well that they should give notice to those fears and express their protestations on the subject. He did not think that they as Englishmen should allow their rights to be infringed upon. Personally, he did not like the noise of shows, and would rather not have them in their midst, but he would bear with them, rather than any liberties of the people should be taken away. The meeting was quite an open one, and it would be perfectly competent for anyone to move an amendment approving of the action of the Trustees. Mr Reynolds then read a letter from the member for Cleveland. (Mr H.F. Pease MP) and on the subject, in which he said that without presuming to understand the merits of this particular case, he thought the day was passed when one individual could frustrate the wishes of the village population with regard to open spaces, which they had by long usage a vested right to occupy. He hoped their protest, would prove successful. -- Mr Mark Pearson moved that the meeting of the inhabitants of Great Ayton assert its rights to the free and continued use of the village green, and protest against the action of the trustees of the Lord of the Manor in attempting to curtail its usefulness as a recreation ground for the people by interfering with the time-honoured custom of allowing shows etc. to stand upon it. Mr Pearson said he had been a native of Ayton, all his life, and could remember that for the last 45 years the Green had been free to all comers, shows and everything else. But now it appeared that the trustees wanted to take away the right, and they, the villagers, should fight for their rights. If the Green were taken away from them, would the trustees find another place where the children and others might enjoy their recreation? (A voice: no fear!). The next thing the trustees would want to do would be to fence the green round. -- Mr George Simpson seconded the resolution. -- Mr Watson Davison supported and said that when the shows came to the green they brought joy and happiness to the rising generation. The Rev Haydn Williams, also supported the resolution, and said that his action at Whitby had already taught Lords of the Manor in more places than one that they must think twice before they attempt to filch the land of the people. He had been in the south of England lately, and their people had expressed their thanks to him for the effects which had resulted from the influence and example that had been set at Whitby. The question of the land laws and village rights were now before the public in a manner that would cause most important reforms in future, and the following lines, would the longer hold good --

The law imprisons man or woman
who steals a goose from off the common,
which leaves the larger fellow loose
who steals the common from the goose. (Laughter!)

He could tell them, from very close study of the law and a familiar interest in it, that the people who were born with a birthright -- the village green -- possessed a birthright that was inalienable, and could not be taken away from them. If any Lord of the Manor might suppose that his manorial rights extended to the village green, he was exceeding the limits of his power, and was doing an illegal action if he attempted to put up obstructions. Mr Williams then cited two cases in proof of his argument. The present case was as clear as could be, and there was not the slightest fear that the Green would be taken from them. What could be more instructive to the children than a wild beast show illustrating the different forms of animal life, etc? And for them to allow the trustees of the Lord of the Manor to invade in any way the rights that they had inherited from the past would prove them to be cravens and not worthy of being Britons. The Lord of the Manor has certain rights to the wasteland of the manor, but a distinction must be drawn between wastelands of the Manor and the village green, which was dedicated to certain specific uses in which the interests of hundreds, and in some cases of thousands, of people were involved. The invasion of the birthright, which hundreds or thousands of people had inherited from their ancestors, the law would never allow. His belief was that the moral influence of that meeting would go forth, and they would never hear any more of those noxious orders. The resolution was then put, and carried unanimously with much enthusiasm. It was understood that copies of the resolution would be sent to the Lord of the Manor and the trustees.

- 1893 July 3rd YORK HERALD
AN AYTON TRADESMAN'S AFFAIRS:-- today at the Stockton Bankruptcy, Robert Humphrey, lately a tailor at Great Ayton, said he owed £256. 6s 3d and the estimated his assets at £62 4s 2d, leaving deficiency of £194 2s 1d. He commenced business at Ayton six years ago, and previously to that he was for a few months in business at the village near Thirsk. Bad trade and sickness in his large family were the causes of his insolvency. He tried to build up a business but failed. The examination was adjourned.
- 1893 August 3rd YORK HERALD
PROPERTY SALE AT GREAT AYTON;-- at the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton Messrs. Hodgson and Farrow offered by public auction on Monday, two lots of valuable leasehold property, situated at Great Ayton. The properties are held for the un-expired residue of a term of 900 years, created by an indentured dated June 1, 1751, subject to a ground rent of sixpence per annum. For lot 1, a dwelling house, containing drawing and dining rooms, five bedrooms, with garden in front. Mr John Turner started the bidding at £200, and after some keen competition. It reached £305, when it was withdrawn. Lot 2, the dwelling house adjoining the above, contained two sitting rooms, three bedrooms, &c., was started at £100, and after some spirited bidding, was knocked down to Mr Turner for £205. Mr W.L. Carrick, acted as solicitors for the vendor.
- 1893 August 7th NORTHERN ECHO
STOKESLEY GUARDIANS – Planned Alterations to the GRANGE, APPROVED
- 1893 October 2nd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY- RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.-- At the meeting of this authority, on Saturday, Mr William Winn presiding, it was decided that notice be given to the owners of ash pits, etc, adjoining the river Leven, that the same be raised above the level of the river. A case of scarlet fever was reported at Great Ayton, a case of typhoid fever at Stokesley, and a case of smallpox at Hutton Rudby. It was decided that the authorities of the Bradford Fever Hospital be written to informing them that a case of smallpox had occurred at Hutton Rudby through their having allowed a nurse in their institution to leave without having her clothes disinfected. Notice was given that Dr Yeoman be reappointed medical officer.
- 1893 December 14th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
LIBERALISM IN CLEVELAND:- a public meeting was held in the village hall, Great Ayton, last night under the auspices Ayton branch of the Cleveland Liberal Association.-Mr J.B. Hodgkin, presided, and apologised for the absence of Mr H.F. Pease, MP., who had been detained by his parliamentary duties, but intimated that Mr Pease hoped next week to have the opportunity of meeting his Ayton constituents.- Mr J.P. Fry, JP., Moved;- "that this meeting expressed unabated confidence in Mr Gladstone, and the government, thanking them heartily for their efforts to carry out much-needed legislation in spite of great obstruction, and assures them of its hearty support".
- 1893 December 18th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
LECTURES ON AGRICULTURE, so far as Cleveland is concerned, seems to be increasing in popularity. The High School, Middlesbrough, has been the scene of Mr Haydn's Saturday morning lectures for Middlesbrough. Now, however, the farmers of Great Ayton, are moving in the direction of having a similar series of instructive lectures, which will deal principally with the best methods of cultivating small farms. Such an active forward movement as this cannot fail to have the desired effect of making people take more interest in the cultivation of the land than they now do. It is, perhaps, one of the best ways to get the people "back to the land." Mr Haydn's lectures are thorough, and his treatment of whatever subject he takes up shows a masterly grasp of the essentials. He goes to the root of the matter at once, and imparts instruction, which can be put into practice without delay.
- 1893 December 29th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON, POULTRY AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY:-- the seventh annual exhibition of the society was held at Great Ayton yesterday. There were 1020 entries, or 200 more than last year, and the show was a most successful one

- 1894 February 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE AYTON TRAIN SERVICE -- Last night a public meeting was held in the lecture hall at Great Ayton. Mr W.H.A.Reynolds, presiding, to discuss the present local train service. At present there are only five trains each way between Great Ayton Middlesbrough. The first train from Ayton leaves at 8.57, and arrives at Middlesbrough at 9.17, and the last train from Middlesbrough to Great Ayton leaves at 6.05, and arrives at Great Ayton at 6.25. -- It was decided to petition the board of directors for an earlier and later train.
- 1894 February 26th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Letter from HUGH GILZEA-REID, Langbaurch Hall, Great Ayton, Yorkshire. supporting above. (However, he calls Great Ayton "an attractive suburb of Middlesbrough!")
- 1894 MARCH 1ST NORTHERN ECHO
THE GREAT AYTON TRAIN SERVICE
At Wednesday's meeting of the General Purposes Committee, Alderman Archibald presiding, the Chairman referred to the poor train service between Middlesbrough and Great Ayton, and said he was glad to see that a petition had been forwarded to the railway directors from Ayton.
Ayton was a most desirous residential place but at present it was very inconvenient to get to and from the village at night-time. -- It was unanimously decided to support the petition of Great Ayton ratepayers.
- TO THE EDITOR OF THE NORTHERN ECHO -- Sir -- having been a regular visitor to Great Ayton for several years, I still think it one at least of the loveliest places in the British Isles, and therefore delighted that some of its residents are moving in the direction of increasing the train service, with the view to enabling others to avail themselves of its many natural attractions. In this respect the residents are exhibiting a kindly regard for the welfare of others, which the great N.E.R. Company will emulate with much speed. In a trifling matter such as the putting on of one or two additional trains the company will not hesitate a moment.
There are many businessmen obliged to remain at Middlesbrough simply because the train accommodation for Great Ayton does not exist. I do not doubt that in a short time the company would be the gainer by an increase of traffic. I am not speaking at random when I say there are many Middlesbrough gentlemen who would gladly avail themselves of the train accommodation, for I have made it my business to personally institute enquiries.
I am sincerely yours, A VISITOR
- 1894 March 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
HEAVY SENTENCE ON VAGRANT AT GREAT AYTON - at the Stokesley Petty Sessions on Saturday Thomas Simpson, of Great Ayton, labourer, was charged under the Vagrancy Act with sleeping in the outhouse on the 9th inst, at Great Ayton, he not having any visible means of subsistence, and not being able to give a good account of himself, Simpson was committed to Northallerton goal for six weeks imprisonment with hard labour.
- 1894 March 29th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
At the Middlesbrough General Purposes Committee meeting yesterday. The Town Clerk was able to state, from a letter received from the North Eastern Railway Company, that the petition in favour of railway accommodation, Great Ayton, was receiving the careful consideration of the Company.
- 1894 April 2nd NORTHERN ECHO
STOKESLEY GUARDIANS -- Medical Officer reported 3 cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Typhoid fever at Yarm, and 1 case of Diphtheria at Great Ayton.
- 1894 April 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY; -- a letter from the Local Government Board, accompanied by copies of two petitions, signed by 116 inhabitants of the village of Great Ayton, was laid before the authority relating to the sewage disposal of the village and the contamination of the River Leven flowing through the same, when it was resolved to request the Great Ayton Parochial Committees to report to the next meeting of the Authority what scheme, they propose to adopt, with reference to the disposal of the sewage of the village. --
- 1894 May 23rd NORTHERN ECHO
BANKRUPTCY:- JAMES MARTIN, The Buck Hotel, LICENSED VITUALLER
- 1894 June 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
A VIOLENT AYTON BUTCHER;- on Saturday, at the STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS, John Pearson, of Great Ayton was summoned by Police Constable Jarvis for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting police at Great Ayton on the 20th ult. -- For the former offence £1 and 11s..6d Costs, or in default, one month. And for the latter offence a fine of £1 and 5s..6d costs, or another month was imposed. A paper was put in showing 25 previous convictions against him.
- 1894 June 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
FAILURE OF AN AYTON HOTEL PROPRIETOR:-this morning had Stockton Bankruptcy Court, before Mr Registrar Crosby, James Martin, lately, landlord of the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton, in Cleveland, was examined. He said that he owed to secured creditors £2,675, and he estimated the value of the security at £3,000, leaving a surplus of £325. His unsecured liabilities amounted to £512 and his assets, including the surplus from the security, amounted to £405.11s

2d, leaving a deficiency of £107.7s .6d. Debtor commenced business in April 1891, with about £20 capital. Previous to this time, he was a Brewer's traveller. He bought the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton in 1893 for £2,530, which sum he borrowed on mortgage. A solicitor at Driffield advanced £2000 and two firms of Brewers advanced the rest. Debtor attributed his insolvency to excessive legal charges in connection with the purchase of the Buck Hotel, excessive rent and heavy expenses for advertising the house, and also to heavy expenses owing to the illness of himself and his wife. He had never been solvent since commencing business. -- The examination was adjourned.

1894 June 18th NORTHERN ECHO

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS – On Saturday before Messrs. E.H. Wynne- Finch, A.E.Kitching and P. Braithwaite, Mary Ann Harker, Frances Swales, and James Swales, mushroom gatherers were charged with damaging a meadow in the occupation of Mr Wm. Wilson, doing damage to the extent of 7s 6d. Ordered to pay 9s 2d each.

Charles Armstrong was charged with unlawfully assaulting Sarah Jane Kitching, daughter of Mr Kitching, Little Ayton. Complainant said that on the 8th inst she was sent to Stokesley on business and as she was returning she met with defendant near the schools. He said something to her as he passed. When crossing the bridge she saw defendant coming along the footpath. He walked past her, and when he got to the cricket field he walked slowly until she got up to him. They then walked along the lane together until they reached the gate leading to the house. He followed her into the field and caught hold of her, but she got away. She got a yard or two further when he caught her again. She set the dog upon him and got from him, but had not got more than 20 yards before he got hold of her the third time and threw her down. She screamed, and again set the dog on him, and he jumped up and ran away. Fined £1 and 15s 6d costs.

1894 June 26th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

LETTER TO EDITOR RE. AYTON TRAINS:- Permit me to draw the attention of your readers to the increased railway facilities granted to Great Ayton. For long time past, we have suffered through the inadequacy of our train service, and the development of the village has been thereby greatly retarded. People who have occasionally taken up their residents amongst us have been compelled to leave, on account of the inconvenience of the trains. Now this is all altered. Middlesbrough tradesmen desirous of taking a their residents in this charming locality can now get to their places of business before 8:30 in the morning: and at times when they are not required so early, by a second train reaches Middlesbrough a little before 9:30. Then in the evening, if they cannot catch the 6.10 train there will be a train leaving at 8.30, which will give them ample time to wind up or their business at the end of the day. What a boom this will be to business men of Middlesbrough and Stockton:..... E.H.REYNOLDS

1894 June 27th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

FATAL TRAP ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON - A LADY KILLED. Last night Captain Britton, Royal Oak Hotel, Great Ayton, was driving some friends from Middlesbrough, and when near Great Ayton the dogcart came in contact with the bank of the road and was overturned. The occupants were thrown into the road. All were severely shaken and Mrs Nellie Chapman, aged 26, wife of Mr Albert Chapman, builder, 34, Westwood Street Middlesbrough, sustained concussion of the brain. The Unfortunate lady never regained consciousness, and died this morning.

1894 June 28th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

FATAL TRAP ACCIDENT NEAR GREAT AYTON.-- Last evening, Mr Lowther Carrick, coroner, Stokesley, held an enquiry at the Royal Oak hotel, Great Ayton, into the circumstances attending the death of Mary Ellen Chapman, (26), wife of Mr Albert Chapman, builder, 34 Westwood Street, Middlesbrough, and daughter of Capt Murray, of Church Street, Middlesbrough, who was killed by being thrown from a trap on the previous evening. -- James Wilson Britton, Royal Oak Hotel, Great Ayton, stated that he was driving a dogcart from Middlesbrough in company with Mr and Mrs Coulson and deceased. They arrived at the corner at the top of California, about eight o'clock. Witness was driving in the front, and had Mr Coulson, his son-in-law, by his side. The two ladies were at the back of the trap. He was driving at a rate of not more than 6 miles an hour, but on turning the corner. The horse whipped round rather sharply, the result being that the trap was thrown over, and the whole of its occupants thrown into the road. Witness got up, but found he had little use in his left arm, (which he had in a sling). Mr Coulson was no worse, but Mrs Coulson was bruised and badly shaken, and deceased was lying on her side unconscious. He lifted her head up and got her into a sitting position. Other assistance arrived, and on a small trap being obtained to convey her to the Royal Oak. She recovered consciousness. He asked her how she was, and she replied, "Middling". She did not seem to take any notice of what was going on about her. Witness was perfectly sober and capable of driving at the time. He had been used to horses and driving. The horse and trap belonged Charles Howell, Middlesbrough. He could only account for the horse whipping round the corner quicker than he expected because its saw a straight road before it. He had known the deceased for the past 20 years. She was the wife of Albert Chapman, Joiner, of Middlesbrough. It was deceased's intention to ride back in the trap, with Mr and Mrs Coulson. -- A juryman remarked that he passed Mr Britton, on the road prior to the accident, and he was driving very slowly. -- Henry Coulson, clerk of Middlesbrough Post Office, and residing in Milton Street, Middlesbrough said Mr Britton was driving at the rate of about 5 miles per hour. So far as he remembered, that trap was about in the middle of the road, and on turning the corner that trap came round rather quickly, and the wheel running up the stone, the trap was overset, and they were thrown out. Witness and his wife, and Mrs and Mr Britton were able to get up, but deceased was not. Mr Britton was perfectly sober, and in witness's opinion he considered he was quite competent to manage a horse and trap. -- Dr Schmitz, assistant to Dr Stuart, of Great Ayton, said he was called to the Royal Oak. He found Mrs Chapman in a collapsed condition, and unconscious. There was a cut on the back of her head and on the right side. It was three quarters of an inch long, but not deep. The bone around about was depressed. He cleaned the wound, and putted a bandage about her head. Her pulse was stronger on the occasion of the second call two hours later, but on calling the third time he found her breathing hard, and much worse. That was shortly after 11 o'clock. He could not say that she was then dying. He was informed that she died about three o'clock. Death was due to the bursting of a blood vessel, which caused damage on the surface of the brain. -- The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death", and added that they

were of the opinion that Captain Britton was in no way to blame. -- a juryman spoke very strongly against the laying down of large stones at corners of roads, and the Coroner intimated that he would privately see the proper authorities on the matter.

- 1894 July 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
BLOCKED SEWERS IN CLEVELAND;- the monthly meeting of the Stokesley Rural Sanitary Authority was held on Saturday, Mr William Winn presiding. -- The inspector reported a case of scarlet fever in Stokesley, and one at Yarm. The inspector was ordered to clean out the bed of the river Leven at Stokesley, also to open out the main sewers at Great Ayton and Yarm, which were stopped up.
- 1894 July 16th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
LIBERAL PICNIC AT GREAT AYTON - The Liberals of Darlington held their annual excursion on Saturday, the place chosen for this year's visit being Great Aytonaccount of day & speeches.
- 1894 July 19th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS;- Yesterday, at a meeting of the North Riding Technical Instruction Committee, held in the new county offices -- Col. J.D. Legard in the chair -- the committee had before them the examiners report upon the competitive examination for local exhibitions and boarding scholarships, which were held on 26 May last when 217 candidates competed. The examiners report was to the effect that the papers of answers showed a decided improvement upon last year, and which had been an improvement upon the year previous. Generally, the drawing paper and the English composition papers were very well done. The following scholarships were awarded:-
CLASS B (AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS), tenable at Yorkshire College, Leeds, for 15 weeks course in agriculture and agricultural chemistry, value £30 each --1. J.E. Nichols, High Green, Great Ayton
- 1894 July 31st YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- Thomas Simpson, Great Ayton, charged by PC Jarvis with sleeping in a hayrick, on the 27th inst., and being without any visible means of subsistence, was sentenced to Northallerton Goal for one month, with hard Labour.
- 1894 August 21st YORK HERALD
MIDDLESBROUGH -CHILDREN'S OUTING;- yesterday 200 children were taken to Great Ayton for a day's outing, under the auspices of the Cinderella Club. Middlesbrough Corporative Club gave five pounds towards the funds raised the purpose.
- 1894 August 24th YORK HERALD
GREAT AYTON SHOW. Fine weather favoured the eighth annual show of the Great Ayton, livestock, horticultural, and industrial society, which was held on Wednesday. A large number of people from Middlesbrough and the surrounding district, journeyed to this pleasant Cleveland resort and patronised the show. The exhibits were displayed in two large tents in the old cricket field, which had been placed at the disposal of the society by Mr W Winn. The entries numbered over 700, including the horticultural department, which was a new feature of the show.
- 1894 September 3rd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CAPTAIN COOK'S MONUMENT. - Captain Cook is a name to conjure with. Boys hold him in the highest respect, and navigators the world over reverence it. Columbus and Cook stand out in the annals of maritime enterprise as pioneers in the discovery of countries which have proved advantageous to England. They have proved benefactors to the whole world, and it is with pride Cleveland claims the latter, as one of her sons..... Cook was born, not far from Middlesbrough -- the youngest child of England's enterprise -- in a humble cottage on the Marton Estate, near the Middlesbrough entrance, at Four Lane Ends. The monument to Captain Cook, which towers over Great Ayton, "like a silent monitor to heaven", on Easby hill, is a prominent feature in the Cleveland scene. It is a hollow obelisk of sandstone, 12 feet at the base and 51 feet high, and the Gothic door, which once stood there, has been destroyed or taken away, and the top metal tablet is slipping away behind the second portion of the inscription quite obliterating the letters. The last coat of paint has made matters worse, for it has clogged up the letters of the last line completely, and the next coat would probably threaten the line above. Surely it would be a simple matter for some Village Hampden in Cannie Yatton to start a fund to have this small matter put right. Description is as follows: -- erected in memory of the celebrated circumnavigator, Captain James Cook, F.R.S., a man in nautical skill, scarcely inferior to any, and in zeal, prudence, and indefatigable exertion superior to most. Regardless of personal danger, he opened an intercourse with the inhabitants of the Society Islands and other parts of the Southern Hemisphere. He was born at Marton, in this neighbourhood on 27 October 1728, and was massacred at Owhyhee 14th of February 1779 (the last line of the top tablet is obliterated, but we are able to supply the context. Here it is" to the unspeakable grief and disappointment of his country")
2nd Plaque " As a mark of respect for and admiration of the character and labours of this truly great man, who served his apprenticeship to sea from Whitby, this monument was erected by Robert Campion, Esq., of Whitby, and Lord of the Manor of Easby. The foundation stone was laid by him on 12 July 1827 being the anniversary of the date on which Captain Cook commenced his last voyage, and on the birthday of the founder; and it was finished 27th of October 1827, being Captain Cook's birthday, and wanting only one year to complete the centenary."
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Ends with suggesting fund to repair monument. -- response from Jeremiah Thistlethwaite Sept 12th donated 10s 6d.

- 1894 September 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
A DANGEROUS TURN NEAR GREAT AYTON - a serious trap accident occurred at Great Ayton yesterday to a Mr Brecon of Easby, by his trap overturning at the corner at the top of California, he himself sustaining serious injuries. A fatal trap accident occurred at this corner a few months ago, when a Mrs Chapman, Middlesbrough, sustained injuries which proved fatal. The curve is very sharp and unexpected. Many cyclists have come to grief at this point.
- 1894 September 17th NORTH -EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Mr John Dixon, Southbrook, Great Ayton E.S.O., has for sale IN THE ABOVE VILLAGE, 3 Freehold Cottages, with large garden and a joiners shop.
- 1894 September 19th YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY REVISION COURT -CLEVELAND DIVISION
Mr J. Scott Fox, Barrister at law, attended at the Town Hall, Stokesley, yesterday, to revise the lists of voters for the polling districts of Great Ayton, Hutton Rudby, kildale, Swainby, and Stokesley, of the Cleveland Division. Mr O'Connell Jones appeared for the Liberals, and Mr W.A. Bulmer represented the Conservatives and Unionists.
- 1894 September 20th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
TRAP ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON:- on Tuesday evening, Mr Joseph Smith, veterinary surgeon, Stokesley, was driving from Great Ayton, with his little boy, and on turning the first corner after leaving the village the horse shied, and taking too sharp a turn, upset the trap, throwing them both out. Some workmen who happened to be near the place went to their assistance, and conveyed them to the Buck Hotel. Dr Stuart was called in, and he found Mr Smith very severely cut about the head and face, but the little boy had escaped with a few bruises. The doctor having dressed Mr Smith's wounds, he was conveyed home in a cab.
- 1894 October 2nd BIRMINGHAM DAILY POST
PRESENTATION TO MR A.E. PEASE.- Last night, at his residence, Great Ayton, Mr Alfred Edward Pease, late Member for York, was presented, on behalf of the Liberal party in York City, with an illustrated address recording their profound regret at the severance of his political connections with the city, which he had represented from 1885 to 1892. The address referred to the harmony which existed between Mr Pease and the Liberal Association. Mr Lockwood, MP, declared that no constituency ever had a more honourable or honest representative, and Mr Pease's defeat was a great loss both to the Liberal party and to him. Mr Pease admitted that his defeat was a severe blow.
- 1894 October 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
PUBLIC HOUSE ACCOMMODATION AT GREAT AYTON:- At the courthouse, Northallerton. A meeting of the North Riding County Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday, Capt. Turton presiding. -- Mr W Richardson, solicitor, Guisborough, made an application to declare Great Ayton, a populous place within the meaning of the Licensing Act, which would thus enable the licensed houses to be kept open until 11 o'clock, instead of 10 o'clock at night. Mr Richardson pointed out that great inconvenience was caused, especially in the summer months, the visitors and others passing through the town, and also to the licensee holders, as the houses virtually had to be kept open for the accommodation of those visitors until 11 o'clock, and also to those residents in the place, who came in with the last train, either from Stokesley or Pinchinthorpe, and were unable to obtain refreshments, as it was hardly possible for them to get into the place before 10 o'clock. He also pointed out that the population of Great Ayton according to the last census, was 2075, and that there were 24 local board districts in Yorkshire which had less population than that, but were by virtue of the Licensing Act, populous places. The committee refused the application.
- 1894 October 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ASSISTANT MISTRESS Wanted; infant and sewing; tonic-sol-fa; £40. Address testimonials Master, Great Ayton British School.
- 1894 October 18th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
VIATOR writes "the need of some sort of Local Government was never more clearly exemplified than at the present time in the (supposed) truly rural village of Great Ayton. Here is a place with nearly 2060 inhabitants, carefully separated from its railway station, by a road a mile long. This road, and an attempt at a footpath, are covered, whenever it rains, with slimy mud, and the inhabitants, who travel by scores, had to traverse it. The road is narrow, and carts and carriages make incursions onto the footpath and wear it down to the angle of the roof of a house, and this slippery slope for the pedestrian is the means of access to the railway station. Now, sir, when you consider that the railway company have in response to persistent petition lately added four additional trains to Great Ayton does it does seem strange, when the expenditure of a few shillings in the carriage of ashes from Ironworks in Middlesbrough would remedy the evil so far as the footpath is concerned, that we who are compelled to pay "highway rate" should town-ward and home-ward have to plodge our weary way, as we now do?"
- 1894 October 22nd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- On Saturday, before Messrs. JP Sowerby, JE Kitching, and P Braithwaite, William Laws and Joseph Wilkes, were charged by PC Jarvis with being drunk and disorderly at Great Ayton on the 13th inst. Laws was fined £1 including costs, and Wilkes 14s, including costs. Mr William Richardson defended.- John Pearson, Great Ayton was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the Buck Hotel on the 7th inst. and fined £2 including costs, or in default, one month.

- 1894 November 3rd BERROW'S WORCESTER JOURNAL**
The action of Mr Walter Besant in calling public attention to the decay of the old monument erected to Captain Cook, R.N., the great circumnavigator, at Great Ayton, Yorkshire, has resulted in the restoration fund being swelled by contributions from a number of naval officers, but still, there is a considerable sum wanted before the work can be undertaken. This monument is the only one in all England erected to the memory of a sailor who gave Great Britain more territory than any other Englishman.
- 1894 November 5th YORK HERALD**
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;-- Jonathan Brown, Great Ayton, was fined 7s, and 13s costs, for being drunk and refusing to quit the Royal Oak Hotel on the 19th ult. -- Francis Readman, Great Ayton, was charged by PC Jarvis, with keeping a dog without a licence -- fined 2s 6d and 9s 6d costs.
- 1894 November 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
LIBERAL MEETING AT GREAT AYTON:- Yesterday evening a meeting was held in the Village Hall, presided over by Mr J Pease Fry, J.P., -- the chairman said that meeting was the concluding one of a series their members had been holding and he trusted when the election time came again Great Ayton would be to the fore in once more returning Mr Pease.- The Rev EH Reynolds, moved: "That this meeting heartily approves the policy of Her Majesty's Government, and thanks them for several beneficial measures which have become law during their tenure of the office, especially for the Parish Councils Act, but is of the opinion that the power to veto bills exercised by the House of Lords should be curtailed. This meeting further expresses its undiminished and unabated confidence in Mr Henry Fell Pease as the Member of Parliament for this division".
- 1894 November 15th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
FATAL MINE ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON:- whilst David Pearson, (43) and William Watson, (28) were yesterday working in Slack's quarry, the quantity of stone fell upon their heads, killing them instantly. Both men were married and leave widows and families.
- 1894 November 17th YORK HERALD**
AIREYHOLME FARM, GREAT AYTON ---TO BE LET From the Spring Terms of next year, the above desirable farm, (so celebrated 15 years ago for the fine quality of cheese, and the many prizes taken by Mr James Peirson, the then tenant), extending to 261 acres or thereabouts; two thirds of which is grazing, the remainder, principally turnip and barley soil. The house and buildings are substantial, with covered foal yard, and plentiful supply of tap water laid on. -- Great Ayton station is half a mile from the homestead. Mr Martin, the present tenant will show the farm, and all offers in writing (Tithe free) may be addressed to me up to 1 December. Henry J Curry, land agent, Stockton on Tees.
- 1894 November 20th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
FATAL QUARRY ACCIDENT AT GREAT AYTON -INQUEST:-An adjourned inquest was held at the Royal Oak Inn, Great Ayton, yesterday, before Mr W.L.Carrick, on the bodies of William Watson, and David Pearson, who had been killed in Mr Winn's whinstone quarries at Great Ayton by a fall of stone on Wednesday last. Mr Plummer, Government Inspector, and Mr Winn were present.-William Johnson and George Stevens, who were working with the deceased at the time of the accident, said they were clearing away stone which Stevens had worked the previous day, when about hundredweight of stone fell from the roof, killing Watson instantly and Pearson in a few minutes. The roof was 30 feet high and the portion which came away was flat and then arched at each side.-In summing up the coroner remarked that the jury, in his opinion, could only come to one conclusion, respecting the accident. Two Government Inspectors of mines had visited and examined the place, and they had reported to him to the effect that there had been no laxity on the part of Mr Winn, and that the place had been properly looked after. To have a roof arch in the way that had been described was the proper method in working places of that kind. They were too high to be timbered in the way done in other mines. He therefore thought that the only verdict they could come to, under the circumstances, was one of accidental death.- The foreman of the jury said he would like to say that he thought Mr Winn, the owner of the quarries, had done his utmost to make the place safe for the workmen. Mr Winn said that since the accident he had determined that no one should go in until the place was thoroughly overhauled and made safe.- A verdict of "accidental death" was then returned.
- 1894 November 26th NORTHERN ECHO**
IN PARLIAMENT – SESSION 1895
NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY Amendment Act.
--- "Certain Land in the Township & Parish of Little Ayton situate on the west side and adjoining the Company's North Yorkshire & Cleveland Railway at Great Ayton Station."
- 1894 December 11th NORTHERN ECHO**
DISTRICT COUNCILS – CANDIDATES FOR THE STOKESLEY UNION
EASBY & LITTLE AYTON (1):- J.DIXON (Farmer), J.W.FLETCHER (Farmer)
GREAT AYTON (3):- W.WINN (Quarry owner), G.DIXON Sen. (Land Agent), G.DIXON Jun. (Land Surveyor), M.B.SEVERS (Clerk), F.ROBSON (Farmer), J.PURVIS (Gentleman), W.HUTCHINSON (Gentleman), T.H.PEACOCK (Farmer), R.H.SIMPSON (Gentleman), Rev.E.H.REYNOLDS, F.MILES (Exise Officer), R.WOODWARD (Farmer). J.R.FOSTER (Farmer), H.KITCHING (Gentleman).
Monday (yesterday) was the last day for nominations for Parish Councils)

- 1894 December 11th YORK HERALD
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT. - URBAN AND RURAL DISTRICT AND PARISH COUNCILS.
-- **Great Ayton Parish Council** - Thomas Blackburn, butcher; Margaret Cleminson, confectioner; Ralph Dixon, schoolmaster; Ralph Philips, gentleman; Jeremiah Thistlethwaite, grocer; William Henry Thistlethwaite, grocer; and Thomas Eeles, gentleman, **have withdrawn**.
- 1894 December 22nd YORK HERALD
ENTERTAINMENT AT GREAT AYTON;-- The 16th annual concert given by the children of the British School took place on Thursday evening. There was a large company present, the chair being occupied by Mr H Kitching, a trustee of the school. The singing and conduct of the children during the entertainment reflected great credit on the headmaster, Mr R.J. Geddes and his staff. There were over 40 scholars who have made 95 per cent, of attendance, and three (Mary Ridge, Sarah Lambert, and Frank Martin) 100 per cent, the two former making a similar percentage last year. The singing of the National Anthem and the three hearty cheers for the chairman concluded a most pleasant evening.
- 1895 January 2nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE PARISH COUNCILS ACT;- Several interesting features have arisen in connection with the first meetings of District Councils. Many reached near deadlock in trying to elect officers. The first meetings of the Parish Councils were held on Monday, when Chairman, Vice-Chairman, clerks, and treasurers were elected. Some of the results follow; Great Ayton; Mr George Dixon Junr., chairman; Mr R.H. Simpson, vice-chairman; Mr John Dixon, clerk; and Mr Watson, Treasurer.
- 1895 January 4th YORK HERALD
A hedge sparrow has built a nest behind the village Hall, Great Ayton, in Cleveland, and there are now four eggs in it.
- 1895 January 14th YORK HERALD
SEVERE WEATHER - SERIOUS GALES AND SNOWSTORMS - FATAL ICE ACCIDENTS (News from across the region).
A RAILWAY BLOCKED - the Middlesbrough and Great Ayton line to Battersby is blocked with snow.
- 1895 February 1st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CLEVELAND LIBERAL ASSOCIATION;- the annual meeting of the Great Ayton District Liberal Association was held yesterday at the village Hall, Great Ayton. Mr J.P. Fry, JP, presided over a good attendance of members. Mr F O'Connell Jones, the General Secretary, was also present. The financial statement showed a good balance in hand, it was decided to forward to check for £15 to the Central Association.- Mr J.B. Hodgkin, was elected chairman for the current year, Mr J.P. Fry, Vice Chairman, Mr George Dixon Junr. Hon. Secretary; and the following were appointed representatives of the Council of the Cleveland Liberal Association: -- Messrs, S Hutton, Jas. Fell,, H. Orton, Fred Robson, J Nichols, J. A. Pease, W. Pearson, William Heavisides, Jno. Dixon, J.J. Harbottle, J. Robson, W. Cockerill, J. Cail, W. Davison, E. Harbottle, J.B. Hodgkin, J.P. Fry, and George Dixon Junr., the three latter also being appointed representatives on the executive committee
- 1895 February 2nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CLEVELAND LIBERAL ASSOCIATION ; - GREAT AYTON POLLING DISTRICT. Sir,-I notice in your issue of last evening, a report of the annual meeting of the above, in which these words occur:- " it was mentioned that at the recent local election six Liberals, and one Tory had been returned on the Parish Council". Allow me to explain that such a statement has no political significance whatsoever. There was a mutual understanding that politics should be vigorously eschewed in our parish elections, and the loyal way both parties adhere to the arrangement is evident by the fact that whilst there happens to be a majority of Liberals on the Parish Council, there is majority of Conservatives on the District Council, as representatives from our Parish. Disintegrating differences are sufficiently rife, without introducing them into parish affairs, and I trust that date is far distant when our village work will have to be carried out on political lines. Yours etc, George Dixon Jr. White House, Great Ayton, Feb. 2nd 1895.
- 1895 February 4th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - it was proposed Parochial Committees should be appointed for parishes having a Parish Council, and that the clerks to the Parish Councils be asked to act as clerks to the Parochial Committees. It was resolved that the plans relating to the drainage scheme of Great Ayton parish should be referred to the Parochial Committee of the parish for them to report upon.
- 1895 February 7th YORK HERALD
NORTH RIDING QUARTER SESSIONS – APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATES :
William Winn as Chairman of the Stokesley Rural District Council.
- 1895 February 13th YORK HERALD
THE REPRESENTATION OF CLEVELAND;- On Monday a public meeting in support of the candidature of Col. Ropner for the Cleveland Division was held in the village hall Great Ayton. Mr J.J. Emerson, of Easby Hall, presided, and was supported by Col. Ropner, Mr H Pike Pease, Mr Purvis, Mr Simpson, Mr A. Bulmer, and Mr W.A. Bulmer. Despite the severity of the weather there was a good attendance --.....
- 1895 February 15th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

THE GREAT FROST - LARGE TREES SPLIT BY THE FROST - Mr John J. Emerson, of Easby Hall, Great Ayton, states that such is the effect of the frost, that several large trees of 100 years growth have split, the cleft in each case, being from the ground to the height of from 10 to 15 feet, and fully 6 inches into the side of the tree. All the trees affected were of the same kind, namely, English elm. Easby is about 350 feet above sea level.

- 1895 March 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CLEVELAND WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION;- A well attended meeting was held at the village Hall, Great Ayton yesterday afternoon to form a branch of the Cleveland Women's Liberal Association for the Great Ayton polling district.- Lady Fry and Mrs Henry Fell Pease attended, and spoke on the subjects and utilities of such associations.- The committee of 12 ladies was then formed,
- 1895 March 7th (Thur.) NORTHERN ECHO
FAILURE OF A GREAT AYTON MILLER
Wm. Wilkinson, Grange Mill, Great Ayton, miller, was examined on Wednesday in the Teesside Bankruptcy Court. His filed accounts showed his net liabilities to be £715 17s 10d and net assets £115 11s 6d so he was deficient £600 6s 4d. He began business in 1887 (previously he was a Journeyman) as a miller, with £300 at Ayton Mill but in 1891 he removed to Grange Mill, where he remained till he filed. He attributed his failure to bad trade. Five days before he filed he sold £70 of book debts to Richard Peacock, Albert Road, Middlesbrough, accountant, for £20. The furniture in the house belonged to his wife and mother-in-law. He owed £420 for money borrowed, of which he got £285 from his wife in February 1893. He speculated with it in wheat, and lost it, wheat dropped 8d per stone – the examination was adjourned.
- 1895 March 27th THE SHEFFIELD & ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT
CONGREGATIONALIST AT BARNESLEY:- on Sunday services were held in connection with the settlement of the Rev EH Reynolds, late of Great Ayton, Cleveland, as Pastor of the Sheffield Road, Independent Chapel.
- 1895 May 4th YORK HERALD
PRIMITIVE METHODISM. DARLINGTON AND STOCKTON DISTRICT MEETING..... they have given their sanction for the building of a Chapel and schoolroom at Great Ayton, (Stokesley Station), according to plans etc, prepared by Mr G Race, C.C., Of Westgate, . -----
- 1895 May 14th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Mr John Snowdon, of Great Ayton, cab proprietor (brother of Mr William Snowden of that place, Ironmonger) attained the 85th year of his age on Sunday, and has, for all those years, resided in one house.
- 1895 May 21st YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- On Saturday, before Messrs, J.P. Sowerby, A. E. Kitching, P. Braithwaite, and William Winn.-- William Laws charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the Buck Hotel, Great Ayton, on the 10th inst, was fined £1.13s..6d costs. -- A charge of assault referred by Laws against August Heack, ostler at the Buck Hotel, was dismissed.
- 1895 July 25th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
CAPTAIN COOK'S MONUMENT ... An interesting ceremony will be performed tomorrow at Great Ayton, on the occasion of the completion the restoration of Captain Cook's Monument on Easby Hill.....
- 1895 August 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Band of Hope gathering at Great Ayton -- On Saturday 245 members of the Great Ayton Band of Hope, and many willing helpers, paraded the village, singing suitable hymns at intervals. On arriving at the beautiful grounds of the Friends' School, they partook of a very good tea, provided free by the committee. Games etc were continued to 7 o'clock. The weather was all that could be desired, and the good behaviour of the children was the comment of the whole village.
- 1895 August 12th NORTHERN ECHO
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- On Saturday, before Messrs. J.P. Sowerby, J.J. Emerson, and P. Braithwaite, George Brett, an excursionist from West Hartlepool, was charged with wilfully damaging fruit trees in the garden of Mr J.P. Fry at Great Ayton on the 29th ult. Fined 10s and 17..6d Costs.
William Kitching, Great Ayton, charged with being drunk and disorderly and also with unlawfully assaulting PC Jarvis on the 7th inst., was fined 5s and 9s..6d costs for the first offence and £2 and 5s..6d costs for the assault.
- 1895 August 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
GREAT AYTON SHOW:- the ninth annual sure of the Great Ayton, Livestock, Floral, Horticultural, and Industrial Society was held yesterday. There were 700 entries in all, an increase of about 100 on the number last year. The weather was beautifully fine, and there was a large attendance.
- 1895 September 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS :- ASSAULT AT GREAT AYTON:- At Stokesley, on Saturday, Eleazor Brown, Great Ayton, was charged with assaulting Mrs Alice Maude Mary Manners on the 5th instant.- It was stated that plaintiff's husband had placed some boxes in a shed under the care of defendant. On the day in question, plaintive had gone

for a box containing some of her clothing, but defendant refused to give it up, and when she attempted to take it he struck at her. - Find one £1 including costs.

1895 September 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

AYTON as a health resort! And why not? The celebrity of Great Ayton is well known to many of the dwellers in Cleveland, but the same of the place as a resort for those seeking health is not far known. The little village nestling on the sunny side of Easby hill and Roseberry is not known to anything like the extent that Redcar or Saltburn can be said to be. And yet in its way it is as important as those from a health resort point of view. The fact is that to the majority of people, numbers of the quiet sequestered villages of Cleveland are not known even by name. Facts and figures, however, go to prove that in not a few of them rest, recreation, and health are all obtainable at no great outlet. The fact that since 1842 there has been no serious outbreak of disease at the Friends' School at Great Ayton, though the family numbers nearly 100, goes to prove that there is more than the usual measure of healthfulness to be obtained by residents in or near the village.

1895 September 12th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON - THE MAIN SEWERAGE SCHEME.- The parish council of Great Ayton, and the chairman of the district council, acting together as the Parochial Committee, has for some time had under their consideration the subject of a thorough scheme of main sewage for the village. In order to ensure the greatest efficiency they offered a premium of 25 guineas for the best competitive scheme, and in response the following gentlemen entered:- Mr HW Taylor, P.A.S.L., Newburn on Tyne; Mr F Bearsley, M.I.C.E., Westminster; Mr H Bertram Nicholls, C.E., Birmingham; Mr W Spinks A.M.I.C.E., Leeds; and Mr R E W Berrington, C.E, Wolverhampton. The committee decided to avail themselves of professional help in the adjudication, and Mr T.W. Stainthorpe, A.M.I.C.E., (Engineer and Surveyor to the Eston Urban District Council) was selected. He recommended that the premium should be awarded to the competitor under the nom de plume "Salus" and on the breaking of the seals. This proved to be Mr H. W. Taylor, of Newburn on Tyne. Mr Stainthorpe's report was unanimously adopted, and Mr Taylor's scheme, at an estimated cost of £2990 (including the plant for the Ives' patent system of filtration), will doubtless, after receiving the necessary sanction of the Local Government Board, be carried out with as little delay as possible. Great Ayton, the "Ayton Magna" of Doomsday, with a population of some 2000, stands on the Leven, a small tributary of the Tees, near the head of the Cleveland Valley. It is one of the few villages that can boast of two village greens, the area and character of which have been uninterruptedly maintained since the reign of James I. The little chamber, where the Parish Council holds its meetings is historic ground, for it was here that the famous Captain Cook, received his school education, and little more than a mile distant, within the shadow of Roseberry Topping, from the summit of which young Cook caught his first glimpse of the mighty ocean, with which his life was destined afterwards to be so intimately associated, stands a simple Homestead, where he commence life as a farm boy. Some 2 miles to the south-east of the village is the monument commemorating his achievements, and the old Parish Church, bearing evidence of Saxon origin, was doubtless the one to which he was wont to repair for public worship, and in the churchyard rests all that is mortal of his parents. There are numerous evidences of the salubrity of Great Ayton, and its desirability as a health resort. Bulmer's "North Yorkshire" says: " few villages possess so many educational advantages as Great Ayton," notwithstanding which it has no School Board and imposes no rate for educational purposes. In fact, its rates in the aggregate, including those for county, highway, sanitary, poor, and burial purposes, have only averaged two shillings and three half-pence in the pound for the past two years. Thanks to the Whinstone Dyke, which runs through the parish and constitutes its staple industry, it's macadamised roads, with which it is well intersected, are the very Elysium of the wheelman and among the best in the three kingdoms. Wow!

1895 November 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION IN THE NORTH RIDING - A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK.

A decided advance has been made in technical instruction throughout the North Riding during the season 1894-5 - the Agricultural Committee's report for the past 12 months is especially satisfactory. Each branch of the work, with one exception, has shown a marked tendency to assume that permanent character necessarily lacking during the earlier years of the work of the Department. Whilst the work is assuming a more educational aspect, popular interest is being kept up. The classes for elementary teachers have shown some falling off in popularity and usefulness, though probably attributable to accidental causes. The expense of their college work and general organisation was defrayed by subscriptions from landowners and others, and by the grants made by the Board of Agriculture. The lectures given to farmers and others in the country districts have been more successful than heretofore. In almost all cases, great interest was taken by those attending, and in many cases a number of earnest and diligent students had been obtained. A new departure was taken during the winter of 1894-5 by the institution of short courses of lectures in poultry keeping, and they proved a most popular feature of the work. The extent of the work was greater than in any previous year. The number of courses given in the season 1891-92 was 43, 1892-93 was 45, 1893-94 was 52, and 1894-95 was 64, and the average attendance per lecture gradually increase from 35 to 51 over that period. At Great Ayton, the average attendance at 10 lectures on "Manures" by Dr James Clark was 47; at Loftus, the 10 lectures by Mr RW Haydon " Soils and Cultivation" was 18; at Stokesley, 10 lectures by Lieutenant Colonel Steeton on veterinary science, secured an average attendance of 44; at Swainby, 10 lectures on "seeds, grasses, clover, and pastures" secured an average attendance of 32; at Hutton Rudby, Dr James Clark's lectures on "Manures" secured an average attendance of 49; at Marton, the lectures on "Manures" by Mr RW Haydon, had an average attendance of 24; and lectures by Mr E Brown and Mr J Blakey-Bowker on poultry keeping had an average attendance of 41. The work at the Victoria University was good. Mr John Cryer, of Shipley, who began at the classes for teachers, has obtained a silver medal and life membership of the Royal Agricultural Society of England. The travelling, dairy school had been very successful. At Great Broughton, Hutton Rudby, Great Ayton, Bilsdale, Kildale, and Ingleby Greenhow lectures on butter-making and cheese-making by Miss Downes were highly appreciated, and the classes were well attended both by pupils and spectators. The following local teachers have obtained the Victoria University certificate

on agriculture:- GH Harries, Carlton in Cleveland; William Hunter, Great Ayton; GW Stevens, Coatham; WF Thomas, Saltburn; R Turner, Osmotherley. Cheese-making and butter-making have been attended to in Wensleydale, Swaledale, and Masham by Mr Hugh Marr. The expenditure in cheese-making instruction has been £102, 100 farms having been visited, 241 persons is instructed, and 543 visitors present. The total expenditure for the elementary teachers' classes during the financial year 1849 -- 5 has been £1057. Classes on cooking and laundry work, dress cutting, etc., has also been held in Cleveland. The total expenditure of the year on technical instruction has been £5763, and is well within the estimate. Mining lectures are to be delivered in Brotton, Guisborough, Skelton, and South Eston.

1895 November 6th THE STANDARD

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED:- Ward and Moody, Great Ayton, grocers & drapers.

1895 December 10th YORK HERALD

STACK FIRE AT GREAT AYTON:- About 5:30 am yesterday morning. Mr Woodward, Manor House, Great Ayton, discovered one of his haystacks on fire. The Stokesley Fire engine was sent for, and there being a good supply of water the fire was soon got under. It is not known how the fire originated, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Fortunately for Mr Woodward, the damage is covered by insurance.

1895 December 11th YORK HERALD

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN COUNCIL - CAPTAIN COOK'S MONUMENT:- Ald JF Wilson drew attention to the minute of the Park Committee with reference to an old tablet taken from Captain Cook's Monument on Easby Hill, and offered to the Park Committee. The following letter, offering the tablet, was sent to the park committee:- "Gentlemen, - in the name of Mr. J.J. Emmerson, of Easby Hall, Easby, Great Ayton, I have pleasure in offering you a tablet recently taken down from the Captain Cook Monument on Easby Hill, Great Ayton. If enclosed in an oak frame with plate glass front and fixed in the recessed wall next to main gate, Linthorpe Road, it would be an object of interest to thousands. Captain Cook is the greatest historical character this district has produced. He was born at Marton, worked in Great Ayton. From a poor boy, he won his way to the highest honours ever received from the King, or a grateful nation. The tablet, if placed in the position indicated, would be out of the way, and occupy a prominent position -- yours truly, John Kealey."

The committee decided" that Mr Emerson, be informed the committee do not consider the tablet suitable for the park, but that the Free Library Committee might consider it suitable for the museum. If he will offer the same to them".

Ald. Wilson said that as he understood the decision of the committee, it was that the committee accept the offer, and that if afterwards found unsuitable for the park, Mr Emmerson be asked to allow it to be placed in the museum. Ald Hugh Bell thought the minute as it stood a very reasonable one. The Monument to Captain Cook on the top of Easby Hill was not held in very high esteem and the tablet upon it was very unsuitable. It had little to do with Captain Cook. To accept such tablets was only filling up the park or museum with records which were of no more value than scrap iron. If there had been some relic of Captain Cook offered to Middlesbrough they would gladly have accepted such a memento. Alderman Taylor thought it would be ungracious, if they did not accept the tablet. An amendment was moved that Mr Emmerson, be informed that the Committee did not consider the tablet suitable for the Park, and on being seconded, 17 voted for and 14 against, and it was declared carried.

1895 December 28th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON, BRITISH SCHOOL - the 17th annual concert took place in the presence of large companies of parents and Mr William Winn presided the headmaster, Mr Geddes, stated that during the past year, school had been open 302 times up to the end of November, and three scholars (girls) had made 100% of attendances, 36 girls 95% and 19, 90%. Mr Winn presented the prizes, and the usual votes of thanks and singing the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

1896 January 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

There is every prospect of a Good Templar Lodge being formed under favourable auspices at Great Ayton. The meeting held last night for that purpose pointed to the fact that practical interest was being taken in the matter. It is not often that such an encouraging reception is given to those who desire to institute a Templar Lodge as was shown at Ayton last night, when no fewer than 14 enrolled themselves as members.

1896 April 7th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT GREAT AYTON:- The final anniversary sermons of the old Primitive Methodist Chapel at Great Ayton were preached on Sunday by Mr J Swales of Easby.

1896 May 18th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- On Saturday, Joseph Wortley and James Smith, hawkers, were charged by PC Jarvis with allowing 6 horses and a mule to stay on the highway at Great Ayton on the 27th ult. Fined 5s and costs.

1896 May 27th YORK HERALD

FRIENDS' SCHOOL, GREAT AYTON - an interesting gathering of old pupils, parents, and friends took place at this school on Whit Monday. The magnificent weather and the lovely grounds ensured a complete success for the alfresco entertainment provided by the present pupils. Amongst the events were a match with Stockton Reserves in the new cricket field, gymnastic displays in the well equipped gymnasium, by both boys and girls (a boy jumped 5ft high, and a girl 4ft 4 inches) swimming races in the school bath, tennis on the girls' new court, athletic sports and games filled up

the evening. About 70 guests sat down to lunch, and Mr Arundel, the recently appointed headmaster, took the opportunity of welcoming those present. A most enjoyable day was spent by all.

1896 June 5th YORK HERALD

Thunderstorms again prevailed, of greater or lesser severity, in Yorkshire yesterday. At Great Ayton, a Stonebreaker named Brown was struck by lightning and instantly rolled over dead. John Fleet, hind to Mr Thomas Greenhill, farmer, Newsham, Thirsk, on returning from ploughing yesterday evening, was killed by lightning. One mare was also killed outright, and another horse had its shoes torn off. During a thunderstorm which prevailed in Cleveland on Wednesday night, Mr Hirst, of West Hartlepool, who was driving a pleasure party near Great Ayton, was struck by lightning. He was seriously injured.

1896 June 5th YORK HERALD

A MAN KILLED AT GREAT AYTON:- Yesterday afternoon there was a renewal of the thunderstorm in Cleveland. Though not by any means so severe as on Wednesday night, it was unfortunately attended with loss of life at Great Ayton. Immediately opposite the railway station at that place are large stores of whinstone, which is brought down in tubs from what were known as the Leeds Corporation and Bradley's Quarries, and broken up into road metal, ready for removal by rail to the various towns in the North of England, where it is used. A Stone-breaker, named J Brown, was working on a large heap between two and three o'clock, when he was struck by the lightning and instantly rolled over dead. The occurrence was witnessed by Mr Mansfield, guard of the Middlesbrough passenger train, which was approaching Great Ayton station, and also by several passengers. The clothes of the poor fellow were set on fire by the lightning, but the flames were speedily extinguished by his fellow workmen. Brown, who lived at Great Ayton, and had been employed for a long time about quarries, was a widower and leaves two children.

1896 August 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

BAZAAR AT GREAT AYTON:- A two day bazaar, was yesterday held in the village Hall, Great Ayton, by Mrs Wynne Finch in the presence of a fashionable attendance. The proceeds of the bazaar are to be given to the curates' fund and the new organ fund in connection with Christ Church. The hall was very prettily decorated and the following ladies, presided over the stalls:- Mrs Kitching, Mrs Withrington, Mrs H Pike-Pease, Mrs Butler, the Misses Bradley, the Misses Carlen, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Smith, Miss Watson, Miss Corney, Mrs Simpson, Mrs Warner, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Bulmer, Mrs A Bulmer, Mrs Winn, and Miss Stuart. Various entertainments took place in the afternoon and evening, and included Yorkshire sketches by Mr R Blakeborough, and selections of music on the crystal harmonica by Mr Frank Moser, of Hurworth on Tees. The Ayton Brass Band played at intervals.

1896 August 20th YORK HERALD

GREAT AYTON SHOW:- Yesterday, the 10th annual show of the Great Ayton Livestock Floral and Horticultural Industrial and Horse and Foal Society was held in a field near the village, but was unfortunately attended with wretched weather, rain falling heavily the whole afternoon. The state of the elements naturally militated against the attendance. Towards evening, when the weather improved, many of the villagers and excursionists visited the exhibition.

1896 September 2nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

John Stockdale (32) had ascended a ladder and was engaged in repairing some gas piping at a house at Great Ayton on Monday, when the ladder broke and he fell to the ground. His injuries were such as to cause almost instant death. Deceased leaves a wife and four children.

1896 November 16th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- On Saturday, before Messrs, J.P. Sowerby, A.E. Kitching and P Braithwaite, Charles Dodd, charged by PC Jarvis with being drunk in charge of two horses at Great Ayton, on the 6th inst., was fined £1 including costs.

1896 December 5th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

CLEVELAND LIBERALISM:- The annual meeting of the Great Ayton branch of the Cleveland Liberal Association was held yesterday in the village Hall, Ayton

1896 December 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

A Local Government Board enquiry was held at Great Ayton yesterday, before Col Hasted, RE, with regard to the obtaining of a provisional order for the compulsory purchase of 2 ½ acres of land, and approach thereto, near to East Angrove Farm, for the purpose of the disposal of sewage from the village of Great Ayton.- Mr Barnley, solicitor, stated the case for the petitioners. -- Mr Barker gave evidence against the scheme, and was cross-examined thereon by Mr Barnley.-The inspector afterwards visited the proposed disposal area, in company with Messrs, Barnley and Carrick and would report to the Local Government Board in due course.

1897 January 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

THE UNIONIST CAMPAIGN MEETING AT GREAT AYTON:- A well attended meeting in support of the candidature of Col Ropner was held in the village hall Great Ayton yesterday. Mr J.J. Emmerson presided

1897 January 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

LIBERAL MEETING AT GREAT AYTON:- a large and representative meeting was held at the village Hall, Great Ayton. Mr JP Fry, presided, and was supported by Sir Joseph W Pease, Bart., M.P., Ald Joseph Richardson, J.P., Mr John Havelock, Rev TJ Cox, and Mr Harry Walker.

- 1897 June 28th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Between Friday night and early on Saturday morning, a burglary, was effected at Great Ayton station. An entrance was gained by forcing the shutter, and breaking the window of the booking office. 32 penny stamps and 66 halfpenny ones as well as nine shillings and five pence in money was stolen.
- 1898 February 10th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – *Following the death of William Winn, (who has represented Great Ayton since formation of County Council)* – Mr Alfred E Kitching of Ayton Firs has been nominated.
- 1898 February 21st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- On Saturday William Telford Brown, Labourer of Great Ayton, was fined 19s.6d. including costs for being drunk and disorderly. He was further fined £1.15s.6d for an assault on PC Jarvis.
- 1898 February 21st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
The Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire has appointed Mr Herbert Pike Pease, of Undercliffe, Great Ayton, a Deputy - Lieutenant, Her Majesty having approved of the appointment.
- 1898 September 8th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
AYTON HARRIER'S PUPPY SHOW. The Puppy Show of these hounds was held at Ayton House on Tuesday. In consequence of the death of Mr Arthur Pease, MP, no show luncheon was given to the supporters of the hunt. Mr H.W. Selby-Lowndes, M.F.H. (Bilsdale Hounds) acted as judge. The awards were as follows:- DOGS- first prize, 'Monarch', walked by Mr Shaw, Great Ayton; second prize, 'Warrior', walked by Mr Fenwick, Great Ayton; BITCHES - first prize 'Victory', walked by Mr Fletcher, Little Ayton; second prize, 'Vengeful', walked by Mr Kitching, Great Ayton; third prize, 'Songstress', walked by Mr Robinson, Rye Hill, Great Ayton.
- 1898 September 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ELECTION NOTES;- Considerable feeling is being imported into the contest by the controversy which has arisen regarding a display of High Churchism attributed to Mr Pike Pease in an interview he had some time ago, with Primitive Methodists in Great Ayton. Mr Pease, it is only right to say, has denied the accuracy of the account of the interview which has been published, and has pointed to help he has given to Nonconformists elsewhere as practical proof that he cannot regard help to dissent as sin. The Primitive Methodists, however, firmly maintain the substantial accuracy of the report, which has been made, and there can be little doubt all classes of Nonconformists will be excited by the statement of their grievance against the Unionist candidate. Further explanation will be needed from Mr Pease before he can be expected to undo the effect of this demonstration against his candidature made by the Primitive Methodists, whose religious devotion, as is well known, is as conspicuous as their political zeal.
- 1898 September 12th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
A full account of the reported interview given at the end of a Primitive Methodist Service.
- 1898 September 15th THE DUNDEE COURIER & ANGUS
THE UNIONIST CANDIDATE (Darlington Seat) - Mr Herbert Pike Pease, Unionist candidate is 31 years of age. He is the second son of the late member. He was educated at Brighton College and was afterwards, at Trinity College Cambridge. He married some four or five years since, the daughter of the Dean of Lichfield, and lives at Undercliff, Great Ayton, in Cleveland. On leaving college he was engaged in the office of the Normanby Ironworks, near Middlesbrough, of which he has lately been the Managing Director. These works were the property of himself and his late father. Mr Pease, like his father, is tall and of commanding mien. He took some part in recent elections, both when his father contested Darlington, and also in other local contests.
- 1898 September 23rd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
VALUE OF GREAT AYTON PROPERTY:- yesterday at the Royal Oak Hotel, Great Ayton, Mr E.H. Harbottle offered for sale by public auction three important lots of Freehold property, being part of the estate of the late Mr John Hebron. Messrs. Buchannan and Richardson, of Guisborough, were solicitors for the vendors, the first lot comprising seven dwelling houses in Mount Pleasant, Ayton. A spirited competition ensued. The property was knocked down to Mr E.H. Sockett, Middlesbrough, at £1205. The second lot consisted of four dwelling houses behind Mount Pleasant. Mr York, of Great Ayton, was declared the purchaser at £101 per house. The third lot was three adjacent houses which were also sold to Mr York at £91 per house.
- 1898 September 27th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
Bay Pony, 13 hands, 8 years, quiet, free goer; price £8. Hutton Shoe Warehouse, Great Ayton.
- 1898 September 27th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
WELCOME HOME TO MR. PIKE PEASE, M.P. Yesterday Mr Pike Pease, Member of Parliament for Darlington, and his wife were accorded a most hearty welcome by the villagers of Great Ayton on their return home. The horses were un-harnessed, and 30 or 40 men dragged the carriage a mile to the village green, where Mr Geddes expressed his

pleasure at being able to take part in the ovation, and desired to associate the Unionist party there with the victory, which was once an Ayton as well as for Darlington.

- 1898 October 28th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
LIBERAL REUNION AT GREAT AYTON -- SPEECHES BY MR A. E. PEASE, M.P., AND MR J.P. FRY. The annual social Reunion held under the auspices of the Great Ayton branch of the Cleveland Ladies' Liberal Association was held yesterday. There was a large attendance in the village Hall, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The reunion took the form of a tea, and a musical evening, and during the interval in the programme an address was delivered by Mr Alfred E Pease, M.P. for the Cleveland division. Mr J.Pease Fry (president of the Ayton Branch of the Liberal Association), presided, and he was supported by Messrs, G Dixon (the secretary), F Watson (assistant secretary). M, Wenyon, Halliday, Pearson, Arundel, and Robson
- 1898 November 10th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
THE CZAR'S PROPOSAL - ADDRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE SOCIETY A well attended meeting of the inhabitants of Great Ayton and district was held in the village hall, Great Ayton yesterday for the purpose of considering the Czar's Rescript proposing an international conference on armaments. Sir J Pease, Bart, MP, president of the Peace Society, presided, and was supported by Mr H Pike Pease, MP ????????? Rev J Hetherington, vicar of Great Ayton, J.W. Roundtree, Esq. of York, Mr J.E. Kitchin, Mr J.J. Emmerson, Easby Hall ???????? and others*very faded copy!*
- 1899 January 2nd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY -SANITARY COMMITTEE:- Cheques were drawn for £150 to Messrs. Cruddas & Son, the contractors for the Great Ayton sewerage works, and £10.11s 5d to Mr McLiquham, the clerk of the works, and Messrs. Jameson and Richardson's bill of costs was ordered to be taxed. - It was proposed by Mr Simpson, and seconded by Mr Barker, that the Clerk be instructed offer Messrs. Lucas, Hutchinson, and Meek, solicitors to Mr H Kitching, the sum of £15 15s. in full for all charges in connection with the business between him and the Council. -- A letter was rendered from Mr D Normington asking what compensation would be allowed for detriment to property caused by sewage works in spoiling a building site at the south end of a field behind the Recess at Great Ayton.-The Clerk was instructed to request Mr Normington to allow the matter stand over till or other claims (if any) are before the Council. -
- 1899 January 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS;- On Saturday, the charge was preferred by George Edward Johnson, of Great Ayton, Labourer against Simpson Swalwell, miner, of the same place, for assaulting him at Great Ayton on the 27th ult. Defendant was fined 2s..6d and 16s costs. Inspector Imerson reported an outbreak of sheep scab on the farms of Mr George Bradley and Mr Dunn, both of Newton.
- 1899 January 30th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
STOKESLEY RURAL COUNCIL;- A resolution was read from the Great Ayton Parish Council as follows:- "that a request be sent from this Council to the Rural District Council, calling their attention to the disgraceful condition, of Arthur Street, and John Street in California, Great Ayton, with a view to having the roads dedicated to public use, and put into proper repair." It was resolved that until the owners of the property come to some arrangement, no steps be taken in the matter.- Mr McLiquham was appointed assistant surveyor to superintend the connections of drains at Great Ayton. At a salary of £2..10s per week for such period as the Council may require him, subject to his consenting to accept the appointment on these terms.
- 1899 March 8th YORK HERALD
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:- GREAT AYTON (7 required) All the old members were elected, viz., Geo. Dixon, Wm. Thos. Donaldson, Robert Ferrie Geddes, John Nichols, Wm. Pearson, Fredk. Robinson, Jno.Thos. Wilson.
- 1899 March 21st THE STANDARD (LONDON)
THE WILL OF MR. ARTHUR PEASE M.P. Personal Estate £239..5s..8d. (all details given of bequests)
- 1899 May 13th NORTHERN ECHO
(EMERSON LETTER)
- 1899 May 18th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE
ORGAN OPENING AT GREAT AYTON:- Yesterday, under the auspices of Christ Church, Great Ayton, the Bishop of Beverley dedicated the new organ for the church, which has been built by the J Burns, Bramsley. The Bishop delivered an appropriate address, and at the conclusion of the ceremony a public tea was held in the Marwood School. There was a large congregation in the evening, when Mr Felix Corbett, of Middlesbrough, rendered an excellent organ recital, which brought forth the best qualities of the organ.
- 1899 May 22nd YORK HERALD
STOKESLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:- Mr H. W Taylor attended and reported the completion of the Great Ayton sewerage and sewage disposal works, and stated that the contractor would be responsible for keeping the works in order for four months, and that retention money at 10%, viz., £380, had been kept off his contract. The clerk

read the report of Mr Taylor on the subject of the Council's liability or non-liability for the alleged interference to Mr Moody's water supply through sewerage operations and on the proposition of Mr Simpson, seconded by Mr G Dixon, it was unanimously carried that the matter be left entirely in the hands of the Clerk. The Council deny any liability in connection therewith.

1899 June 9th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON SEWERAGE WORKS:- the main sewerage and sewage disposal works for Great Ayton have just been finished. About 3 miles of sewers were laid, part of them being in very wet and unstable ground. Continuous steam pumping was necessary to sinking the shaft for the precipitation tank, the bottom being over 28 feet below the normal subsoil water level, but despite this difficulty the tank is perfectly watertight. The purification of the sewage will be effected by chemical precipitation in a deep vertical tank, the effluent from which is distributed over land on the Ridge and furrow system. The contract was let to Messrs. Cruddas and Son, of Guisborough, who have carried out the work most satisfactorily, and successfully. The total amount of contract is about £4000. Mr Harry W. Taylor A.M.I.C.E., of Newcastle and London, was the engineer, having won the scheme in open competition about three years ago. Great Ayton is every year becoming more and more a favourable health resort, advantage being taken of the weekend and of tourist facilities afforded by the N.E.R. Co. Nestled at the foot of the Cleveland Hills, it is sheltered from the North and East winds, and the surrounding walks and country are charming. It was largely on account of the wish to place Ayton above suspicion in regard to sanitary matters, that this scheme was undertaken. Many other so-called health resorts would do well to copy the example.

1899 June 22nd THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

AYTON FRIENDS' SCHOOL -The annual general meeting of the Friends' School, was held in the Meeting House, High Green, Great Ayton, today, Mr H Kitching, J.P., presiding over a good attendance of parents and friends. The proceedings were commenced at 1030, immediately on the Friends' arrival from Middlesbrough, by special train. A devotional meeting was held, which was followed by the Scripture examination. The Annual General Meeting commence at 12, when the secretary presented his annual report, which was in every way a satisfactory one. It was reported that there had been no sickness of infectious or serious nature, either with the scholars or staff, and a great thankfulness was expressed, as it showed the careful manner in which the pupils were looked after. The electric lighting system was working in an excellent manner, and is now complete. The boy's workshop had been increased, as the number of scholars deemed this necessary. A new cricket pavilion, through the kindness of several friends, had been erected, and proved a useful addition. The results of the examinations by the South Kensington Science and Art Department were of a much more satisfactory character than in years past. It reflected great credit upon both the Masters and scholars. The number of boarders had considerably increased, and the highest average in the history of the school had been attained, which was 92, including day scholars. The John Pease Fry scholarship was awarded under the kind terms of the gift to master Thomas E B Pontefract, of York. The financial position of the school was much the same as in 1895 --6. To bring the school to a state of perfection it was stated that the men teachers wanted more suitable sitting-room accommodation, the roofing and heating of the swimming baths, and increased girls' bedrooms. It was reported that the hope had been expressed of connecting school drainage with the works in the village. The generosity of the friends was appealed to, to enable these items to be gone on with. The donors of pictures and a Bible herbarium, Messrs. S.M. Fry, George Dixon, senior and H Kitching, were heartily thanked. It was stated that a vigorous out of school life was evidence by the interest in natural history, literary association, debating society, the new workshop, woodcarving, photography, basket and mat making and athletics, which were all participated in. The accounts had been examined by Mr C.J. Watson, chartered accountant, and found correct. Since the commencement of the school there had been 1758 scholars passed through the school, 953 boys and 805 girls. The members in the School at present were made up of eight members of the Society, 39 children of parents who were directly descended from Friends or Attenders of Meetings, and 45 of no connection with Friends. The school staff was very efficient. Mr F R Arundel (head master), Mrs A.K. Arundel (mistress of the family), Mr James Clark (assistant senior master) and Miss Wilhelima F Hobson (senior assistant mistress), all filling their posts in a very adequate manner. -- At the conclusion of the meeting a swimming contest took place in the splendidly arranged baths. Dinner was then partaken of in the dining room, after which the girls and boys went through their gymnastics in a very creditable manner. The Friends then adjourned to the Meeting House, when Mr William Dodshon, J.P., presided over an entertainment, which consisted of pianoforte duets by Helen Smithers and Amy Beachman, and a recitation "The Open Sky," Arthur Reed. Recitation, the fourth class, "The Pied Piper" John A. Peterson. Extracts from natural history diaries, T.E.B. Pontefract and A Graham; violin solo, Mabel Watson; a French recitation from "The Blue-Stocking", the characters being taken in a very able manner by Mrs Nellie Dixon, Amy Beachman, Lily Hughes, and Master Hugh Pontefract. Recitation by Samuel Lithgow and the fourth class, and a pianoforte *so/o* by Nellie Dixon. Miss Whitwell then distributed the prizes and medals. Among the recipients were master Arthur and his football team, Wilfred Derwent, and William Dixon for the mile handicap. Tea was held in the village Hall, and the girls then gave an exhibition of Swedish drill in uniform. A very enjoyable day was to most of the parents all too soon brought to a close. The school breaks up on Saturday week, and previous to that date the scholars will be hard at their examination.

1899 July 24th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS:- on Saturday, before Messrs. J.P. Sowerby and P. Braithwaite, Edwin Johnson, of Great Ayton, coal dealer, was fined 5s and 8s.6d costs under the Weights and Measures Act for not having carried a stamped weighing machine on his cart, as provided by the Act, at Great Ayton on the 14th inst.

1899 August 17th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON ANNUAL SHOW:- The 13th annual livestock, horticultural, and industrial show? was held at the old cricket field, Great Ayton, yesterday. There was a decided increase in the number of entries over last year, when the

total number was 687: this year, however, the total is 823, an increase of 136. the pretty little village was all agog with visitors this afternoon with several wagon loads full of holiday makers, in addition to railway excursions having arrived in the village This year's surpasses all the preceding years, and it is pleasing to note that the villagers had displayed more interest in the annual function this year. There was not a single hitch during the whole day, the weather being gloriously fine and the field in splendid condition. There were also the usual show attractions, and the visitors had every opportunity of spending a very enjoyable day.

1899 September 30th YORK HERALD

FUNERAL OF MR. ISAAC WILSON, OF MIDDLESBROUGH. On Monday, amid signs of widespread sympathy and regret, the remains of Mr Isaac Wilson, ex-MP for Middlesbrough, were interred at Great Ayton. The cortege left Nunthorpe Hall, the residence of the deceased gentleman, shortly after two o'clock and proceeded by the main road to Great Ayton, some 2 miles distant, is

1899 October 9th YORK HERALD

STOKESLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL -The Clerk reported that the Local Government Board would hold an enquiry on the subject of the proposal to borrow a further sum of £1100 for the purpose of the Great Ayton Sewerage scheme on the 20th inst., at 11:30 am, in the village hall at Great Ayton. It was unanimously resolved, on the proposition of Mr Thomas, seconded by Mr Simpson, that the sum of £40 be paid to Mr J.H. Donaldson in full satisfaction of all claims for compensation for tenants' damage, cause by the Great Ayton sewerage scheme. The letter having been read from Mr T. J. Clapham, on the subject of his defective drainage at Great Ayton, and the difficulty of connecting with the main drains, it was pointed out that there was no difficulty, and further, that the property was not built in accordance with the plans approved. The clerk read a letter from Mr H.W. Taylor stating that he had ordered the alteration of the branch sewer draining the school and Mr Dixon's property at Great Ayton.

1899 October 21st THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

GREAT AYTON DRAINAGE:- yesterday, Mr W.O.E..Meade-King, one of the Local Government Board inspectors, held an enquiry at the Parish Hall, Great Ayton, into an application by the District Council for permission to borrow £1100 for the sewage works, and sewage disposal of Great Ayton. - Mr Richardson (Clerk to the District Council) said that the population of Ayton was about 2000. The loan was asked for to extend over a period of 30 years nominally, but practically, to determine at the same time as a loan, which was negotiated, about a year ago. The actual cost of the previous works, was £5646.19s.8d. The cost of the works, which this loan was for, would be £1646.19s.8d.This had been found out after it was resolved to ask for the £1100. The increased estimate was owing to several items being more than was estimated, the principal being about £400 for house connections. The Law charges were also greater, as were the salaries of the engineer and clerk of works. -The inspector said it would require another resolution, and the additional sum might be granted without a further enquiry, but he could not say. There was no opposition, and this closed the enquiry, after which the inspector viewed the sewage works.

1899 November 6th THE NORTH EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE

DEATH OF AN OLD AYTON MAN. There has just passed away at Great Ayton one who has for many years been one of the best-known characters in the village in the person of WILLIAM SNOWDON. Mr Snowdon, who was 76 years of age, was probably one of the oldest residents in Great Ayton, and, for years which outnumber the recollection of most of those who knew him, had been the driver of the bus which plied between Ayton station and the village. No figure was better known in the village than his and no one knew better than him the local history of the village and its inhabitants. For some considerable time latterly, he has not followed his vocation, younger men having taken his place, but most of those who have lived in the village will remember him, and learn with sympathy of his death, which took place on Friday.

1900 January 6th YORK HERALD

INSURANCE AGAINST COMPENSATION CLAIMS. - at the meeting of the Stokesley Rural District Council, Mr T. G. Fawcett presiding, a letter was read from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the letter containing the resolution of this Council on the subject of light locomotives. A letter was read from the Law Union, and Crown Insurance Company, quoting a premium of £15 for insurance of this Council against compensation for injuries to workmen in their employment subject to modification on evidence that the Council's claim experiences during the past four years has been satisfactory. Letters were read from the Public Works Loan Board and the Local Government Board respectively that the rate of interest, at which the former were empowered to grant loans would be 3%. Per annum. A letter was also read from the Local Government Board, accompanied by sanction for further loan of £1580 for purposes of sewerage and sewage disposal Great Ayton. -- It was unanimously resolved. The bill of costs for Messrs. Richardson & Jameson, in connection with the Great Ayton sewage scheme be paid, subject to taxation by the Clerk of the Peace.

1900 January 15th YORK HERALD

MEETING OF GUARDIANS, the tender of putting in of new water pipes at the workhouse of Mr William Layfield, Great Ayton, at £18-12s-6d was unanimously accepted.

1900 January 23rd NORTHERN ECHO

STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS - On Saturday. George Ed Johnson, William Bulmer and George Simpson, all Great Ayton, were charged by Mr William Calvert, Farmer, Great Ayton with wilfully committing damage to a fence on his farm on the 8th int. They were fined 1s 6d and ordered to pay nine shillings damages and 19s-6d costs.

- 1900 January 23rd **NORTHERN ECHO**
GREAT AYTON VOLUNTEERS (TRANSVAAL WAR)
The three Gt. Ayton members of the 1st V.B.P.W.O. Yorkshire Regiment – Private G.H. Johnston, Jas. Hoggart, and G.E. Johnson – who last week passed their medical examinations received orders on Saturday night to join the service company at Richmond yesterday. Although the time at their disposal was short a few friends of the men got together and originated a scheme for presenting each volunteer with some suitable memento of Ayton friends. In charge of Mr Wm. Hopper the movement was so readily responded to that on Sunday Evening each man was presented with a silver-mounted pipe in case, a pouch well filled with tobacco and a substantial purse of money. The presentations were kindly made by Mrs Watson of the Royal Oak Hotel; who concluded with some very appropriate remarks by wishing the gallant young fellows, on behalf of their numerous friends, God-speed and safe return. Private G.E. Johnson responded on behalf of himself and his fellow-volunteers and said they were each anxious and willing to do anything for Queen & Country.
On Monday morning a large crowd of friends and well-wishers accompanied the men to the station, the route being enlivened by the singing of various patriotic songs, and hearty cheering to the waving of flags which someone had thoughtfully provided. The train steamed off to the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” and enthusiastic cheers.
- 1900 January 26th **YORK HERALD**
HORSE BREEDING;- two important meetings in connection with horse breeding have been held in York City. At the meeting of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society recently, Mr G. C Whitwell paid a high tribute to the Cleveland Bay, alluding to it as the best breed in England. No one is prouder of the breed than Mr A. E. Pease, the member for Cleveland, and Mr A. J. Dorman, of Grey Towers, Great Ayton, is also always anxious to do anything you can to interest breeders in other counties in the famous North Yorkshire breed. Yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Coach Horse Society, it was decided to send stock books of the breed to the Royal Agricultural Society at Bohn, who were anxious to have copies. The society has made a donation for special prizes for the Royal Agricultural Show to be held at York this year, and it was decided to offer prizes to the Yorkshire Society for the Yorkshire coaching classes. Mr E. C. Meysey –Thompson’s excellent suggestion for the members to entertain the leading dealers to dinner to elicit their views and criticisms was adopted, and the silver medals won during the year were distributed.
- 1900 Feb 19th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
A concert in aid of the funds of the Great Ayton Congregation Church was given yesterday in the village Hall.....
- 1900 Feb 19th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
- 1900 March 10th **NORTHERN ECHO**
YORK ASSIZES – CIVIL COURT - AN AYTON LIBEL CASE.
Before Judge Day in the Civil Court, Mr Moody, grocer Great Ayton, brought an action against Mr Metcalfe Miller of Great Ayton, for alleged libel. Mr Scott- Fox and Mr Kemp instructed by Mr Carrick, Solicitor, Stokesley represented the Plaintiff, and Mr M.Milvain, QC., and Mr Manistry instructed by Mr. J.W.R. Punch of Middlesbrough represented the defendant.
The alleged Libel was contained in an anonymous letter said to have been written by the defendant to Messrs. Milner, millers of Darlington, and casting aspersions upon the plaintiff’s financial standing.
It ran as follows ;-
“ York – Dear Sir, As a friend; you are sending goods to S.R. Moody at Great Ayton. I would advise you to be very careful, as you may get badly bit, yours S and W”
Mr Scott-Fox said for the last six or seven years the plaintiff had carried on business as a general warehouseman, and amongst other branches he did a considerable business in feeding stuffs amongst farmers. The defendant Mr Metcalfe had carried on business as a Miller for many years, and Mr Moody, who, although he had been in the town seven years, came after the defendant, might be regarded by Mr Metcalfe as trespassing to some extent on his ancient preserve. There was no quarrel between the parties until July last, although 1 or 2 causes of friction had arisen between them. Mr Moody, had for a long time done considerable business with Messrs. Milner and Company of Darlington. His relations with them had been friendly, but in September he received from them letters and telegrams the tone of which he certainly resented, letters which indicated that he was not able to pay his way. When Messrs. Milner went over to see him they told him that they had received an anonymous letter attacking his Credit in Great Ayton. The Plaintiff asked to be allowed to see it. Messrs. Milner accordingly sent him the letter they had received.
The defence was an absolute denial of the authorship of the letter. A great deal of evidence was called on both sides, including several handwriting experts.
Mr Milvain then addressed the jury for the defence, pointing out that the evidence went to show that the defendant did not know Mr Milner, to whom the letter was written and did not know that Moody traded with Milner- there was no motive shown why Metcalfe should write such a letter; there was no evidence of competition between the parties and there was nothing to bear out the statement of Mr Scoff-Fox that there was friction between the plaintiff and the defendant.
Mr Scott-Fox, for the plaintiff argued that the fact that the defendant did not know Milner and that he had not been in York, whence the letter was sent, tended to show the case which he, if he were the writer of the letter, had taken to conceal his identity. The learned counsel pointed out that the parties were in fact rivals in trade, and went on to deal with the character of the handwriting, on which he said the case really depended.
His Lordship summed up, pointing out that the matter of handwriting was essentially one for the Jury, and it was for the plaintiff to make out the case. Circumstances outside the handwriting seemed to point rather to the fact that the defendant did not write the letter.
The Jury, after an absence of 15 minutes, found for the plaintiff damages £10. Judgement was given for that amount.

- 1900 May 14th **NORTHERN ECHO**
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS- At the Stokesley Petty Sessions on Saturday, Wm. Skelton, tramping vagrant was charged by Inspector Imerson with begging at Great Ayton on the 11th inst. Sentenced to a month's imprisonment.
- 1900 May 19th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
GREAT AYTON - news of the relief of Gallant Little Mafeking was received at Great Ayton, just before 10 o'clock last night. The crowd soon gathered on the High Green, and after hearty cheering, a move was made to parade the whole of the village. The large crowd, whose members were swollen on the march, made the night lively by the strains of "Rule Britannia" and vociferous cheering, and everyone in Ayton was speedily aware of the glad tidings. A bonfire was lit on the High Green, and the number of rockets and fireworks were let off, whilst a merry peal was run on the church bells. It was well into morning before the village got over it burst of enthusiasm at the relief of the gallant Baden - Powell and his brave men.
- 1900 May 28th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
The 97th quarterly session of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire District Lodge of the Good Templars Order was held at Great Ayton, on Saturday. The chair was occupied by Brother A.K. Milner, the D.C.T. There was a good attendance of officers and representatives from all parts of the district. Several members received the District Degree. -- The official reports showed 1,204 adult and juvenile members in 35 lodges and temples,.....
- 1900 June 6th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
BLACKSMITH – Young Man Wanted at once; used to country work and a good shoer. J Bradley, Great Ayton.
- 1900 June 7th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
AN AYTONIAN UNDER FIRE. - In a letter to his parents, who reside at Great Ayton, George Edward Johnson, of the 19th Yorkshire Regiment, states he has been under fire twice. He expects soon to be home again and states that his uncle from Middlesbrough is located in the next tent. They were all then ready for the march to Pretoria, and the writer expresses conviction that the war will soon be over.
- 1900 June 11th **NORTHERN ECHO**
STOKESLEY PETTY SESSIONS- on Saturday;-
George Greirson Builder, charged James Moran, Thornaby metal dresser, with assaulting him at Great Ayton on the 27th May. Defendant was fined 2s 6d and £1 1s costs.
John Barr, of 97, Charlton Terrace, Guisborough, charged by John Watson, Great Ayton Innkeeper, with assaulting him at Great Ayton on 20th May, was fined 5s 6d and 14s 6d costs.
- 1900 June 12th **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
AYTON OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the above was held at the school, Great Ayton, before a large company of old scholars and friends. The President (Mr Alfred Watson, Norton) occupied the chair. The financial statement was read, following a balance in hand of £5.05s 6d. The secretary's report was also read, and showed the number of members present on the books to be 315. It was also reported that a branch of the above association was being organised in Sunderland. The following officers were elected for the ensuring year, viz: -- Pres, Mr C. L. Cummings (Sunderland) ; secretary, (re-elected the third year in succession), Mr H. I. Fowler, 5 Templar Street, Stockton; Asst Sec, Mr Richard Edwin Watson, of Norton; financial Sec, Miss Annie Pedley, 7, Farrer Street, Stockton; treasurer, Mr William Harding, J.P., Darlington.
- 1900 June 13th **NORTHERN ECHO**
MEDICAL – Indoor Qualified Assistant wanted for country practice North Yorkshire, Apply with testimonials and salary required to Dr Stuart, Great Ayton, Yorks.
- 1900 June 22nd **THE NORTH-EASTERN DAILY GAZETTE**
At the annual general meeting of Friends' School, Great Ayton, which was held yesterday, a noticeable feature was the prominence which is given to all outdoor exercises and sports. Football, cricket, etc., are all encouraged, whilst an excellent gymnasium and swimming bath are at their disposal, and the whole of the scholars quickly become expert swimmers and gymnasts. Regular lessons are given on the study of Nature in all its variety, and the boys are encouraged in their walks to take a practical interest in its beauties. For this purpose a Field Club has been organised and prizes are being awarded for the best collections. The boys are encouraged to live as much as possible in the open air and reap the benefit of the splendid situation of the school.
- 1900 July 16th **YORK HERALD**
STOKESLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL:- the clerk read a letter from Messrs. Lucas, Hutchinson, and Meek, stating that Mr Henry Kitching had not the charter relating to the mill race at Great Ayton.
- 1900 Aug. 21st **NORTHERN ECHO**
GREAT AYTON SHOW – The 14th annual show of the Great Ayton Live Stock, Floral, and Horticultural Society, which takes place on Wednesday, is likely to prove the most successful event since the commencement of the society. There is already a record entry in all classes, viz., 1,050, made up as follows:- Poultry 170, Rabbits 150, Pigeons 210, dogs 47, horses and foals 74, horticultural 250, besides the entries for the Brass Band Contest and other events. The Secretary,

Mr D. Bottomley, is untiring in his efforts for the welfare of the show, and given fine weather, there is every prospect of the event being a most successful one.

REPORT OF RESULTS PAPER ON AUG. 24TH

- 1900 Oct. 3rd **NORTHERN ECHO**
BOLCKOW / DORMAN WEDDING HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH, GT. AYTON
- 1900 Oct 10th **NORTHERN ECHO**
FOOTBALL COMPETITION. In the "Auckland Chronicle" and "South Durham & Cleveland Mercury" competition no competitor predicted the result of the whole of the games played last Saturday but one coupon sent in by Mr. THOS. PEARSON 3 Frankfield Place, Gt. Ayton contained nine correct results. Mr. Pearson therefore, unless any appeal is received accompanied with a deposit of 10s 6d before Saturday next, will receive £2-10s and one of Messrs. Harrison & Sons 50s English lever Watches.
- 1900 Oct. 16th **NEWCASTLE WEEKLY COURANT**
AYTON BUTCHER STEALS BULLOCK – at a special sitting of the Middlesbrough County Magistrates yesterday. Wm. Wood, Butcher, Great Ayton was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment for stealing a red bullock, value £14 -5s. the property of Mr Creasor, butcher, from a field at Linthorpe Middlesbrough, on the 10th inst. The prisoner was prosecuted by the Middlesbrough Butchers' Association.
- 1900 NOV. 10TH **NORTHERN ECHO**
WELCOME HOME GREAT AYTON VOLUNTEERS- A meeting was held in Great Ayton on Thursday evening, in order to discuss the best means of welcoming home the Ayton volunteers from Africa. The chair was taken by Sergt. W. Stevens. Various suggestions were put forward, and it was eventually decided that the village be canvassed for subscriptions, and the fund raised utilised to provide each of the gallant young fellows with a medal, bearing a suitable inscription, as a memento of the occasion, and that the cash remaining be divided amongst them. A strong force of canvassers were enlisted, and the work to be taken in hand at once.
- 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.
- 1900 Dec. 21st **NORTHERN ECHO**
Bradley Bros. Ltd. has been registered with a capital of £15,000 in £1 shares, to take over the business of "Bradley Bros" whinstone, ironstone, and limestone merchants, quarry and mine owners, paviors, etc. at Great Ayton, Newton, Kildale, Ingleby Barwick and Stockton On Tees. The subscribers are:- J. Hedley, Coatham; G. Bradley, Newton, T. Bradley, Stamford; W.H. Bradley, Great Ayton; E.E. Bradley, Newton, W.G. Gibson, Kildale; and F.W. Chadwick, Scarborough. The first directors are John Hedley, Frederick W. Chadwick, George Bradley, Thomas Bradley and Michael H. Bradley. Qualification, £500; remuneration to be fixed by the company.
- 1900 Dec. 21st **NORTHERN ECHO**
GREAT AYTON BRITISH SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT
- 1900 December 21st **NORTH EAST NORTHERN GAZETTE**
FLOWERS. Flowers – Cut Flowers at the gardens, Ayton House, Great Ayton.