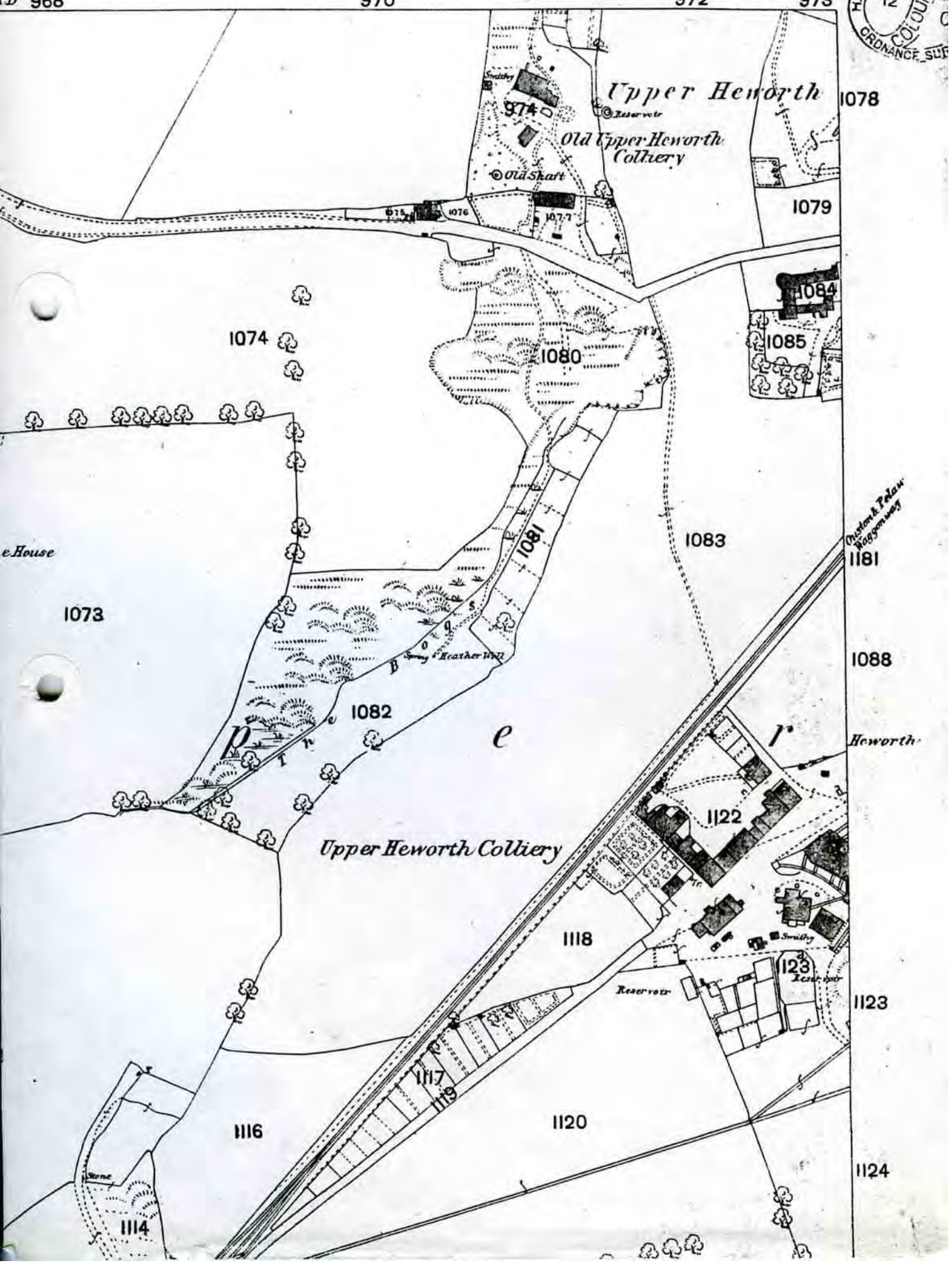




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HEWORTH 8/3
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Another old Landmark gone.

by John Oxberry.

"In climbing the steep road leading from High Lanes to Heworth Colliery recently, I noticed the disappearance of another of my boyhood's landmarks, Cleasby's Farm. It later became known as Stephenson's Farm, when a Felling butcher of that name was the tenant.

It stood on the steepest part of the hill, on the right hand side going up, nearly at High Heworth. I remembered its association with the Rev. John Hodgson, who lived there for several years while he was incumbent of Heworth Chapel.

He came to Heworth in 1808, and in 1810 married Bridget Jane Kell, daughter of Richard Kell, quarry owner of Heworth Shore. At first they set up home in a cottage in Nether Heworth, then in 1815 moved to High Heworth Farmhouse, which they rented from the Wylam family.

In the spring of 1816 Hodgson headed his correspondence, "Upper Heworth", and it was beneath this roof, that he wrote the early chapters of his great work, "A History of the County of Northumberland."

The first volume was published while he lived at High Heworth, and I know of no resident of Heworth who gained or deserved a higher reputation as a historian and scholar of antiquities in the north of England.

He did not live to complete his monumental work- a task beyond his power as he grew older and his health slowly failed. But his long and fruitful research and recording of Northumbrian history, is a literary achievement which should not be forgotten in this parish."

Heslop's Local Advertiser August 1939.

The farmhouse referred to above, did not vanish completely. A new red brick farmhouse was built on the site of the old stone house, which was much more comfortable for the farmer, Mr. Thornton, than the old one, which was probably at least 200 years old when it was pulled down. The ancient steading, byres and barns were left for several more years of use, until the building of council houses on the farmland at the end of the 1960s had taken up all the workable fields. High Heworth Farm was certainly a medieval farm, known in early times as Over Heworth, and then Upper Heworth.

On the 1844 tithe map of Heworth Chapelry, John Wylam was leaseholder of High Heworth Farm, its land given as 163 acres, hay and small tithes payable: 16s. annually.

J.M.H.

Expenses at High Heworth Farm

April					
13	To	Expenses Wages etc	3	"	"
18	"	do	1	10	"
22	"	J & J. Maughan. Cow.			21 " "
"	"	do do			12 10 "
23	"	Mr. Bewick's for Barley & W			3 18 "
"	"	Wages. W.S.	2	"	"
26	"	James Cooper 2 Horses.			40 19 "
29	"	J & J. Maughan 2 cows			39 5 "
30	"	Wages W.S.	2	"	"
May 3	"	Expenses W.S.	2	"	"
4	"	Wages	6	"	"
"	"	James Cooper. Grey Pony.			15 15 "
11	"	Expenses	3	1	"
14	"	do	5	10	"
"	"	Gr	25	1	"
"	"	By W. Stephenson returned by Mrs Stephenson	4	17	6
			14	3	6
14	"	Expenses Farm House	2	"	"
20	"	Wages	3	"	"
23	"	1 Batch of Embroidery	"	2	6
26	"	J & J. Maughan. Cow.			14 " "
28	"	Wages &c	4	"	"
31	"	Sued Potatoes			5 " "
		{ Farm Servants. Insurance. Emb. List. Law accident Co. }	"	12	6
June 4		Wages etc.	2	13	"
10		Mr. Dalphin. Cart			
11		Wages. Bricks & Lotion	1	5	"
18		do.	6	10	"
26		do	4	"	"
July 1		Mr. Dalphin. Black Cow.			20 " "
2		Wages	4	"	"

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Box 2

HIGH
HEWORTH

TWO VIEWS
OF
HIGH HEWORTH
FARM HOUSE
IN 1987.



SOUTH SIDE

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NORTH SIDE.

HEWORTH 316
Box 2
25 FEB
1974
J. H. Hewitt
at



POWER LINES TO HEWORTH COLLIERY. FROM HIGH LANES. 1974

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- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Viewing essential

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This three bedroom home comprising entrance hall, lounge with open fire exposed and wood flooring, breakfasting kitchen, rear porch, bathroom/wc, three bedrooms, allotment to front and rear yard with outbuildings.

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We are delighted to offer for sale this extremely well presented detached house on this residential estate offering family sized accommodation comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge, separate dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen with appliances, first floor landing, with Di Humidifier system, three bedrooms two with fitted wardrobes, bathroom and separate wc. Garden to front with pedestrian access only beyond enclosed rear garden, block paved to rear plus garage, viewing essential.



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- Gardens front & rear
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**HIGH HEWORTH
Barnton Road**



**Offers in the region of
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An individual detached house set within a very desirable estate offering an extent of accommodation which can only be appreciated through an internal inspection. Many appealing features include the provision of two large single garages adjoining the property and several workshops/storage rooms. Brief accommodation comprises: entrance lobby, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, refitted with modern style units, workshop, garden room, two additional storage rooms and a storage/strong room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, twin driveways, rear patio. With both a gas heating system and majority double glazed windows installed. Early viewing of this exceptional home is required to avoid disappointment.

NEW

**HIGH HEWORTH
Westfield**

**Offers in the region of
£169,950**



A beautifully presented three bedroom detached family home occupying a substantial corner plot. Only through an internal inspection will the standard of accommodation on offer be appreciated. With double glazing and a gas central heating system brief accommodation comprises: entrance hall, lounge through diner, breakfasting kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom with separate w.c. mature gardens to the front, side and rear with a single detached garage (currently used as an office/studio). Viewing comes highly recommended.

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WHITEHILLS Yewtrees

A beautifully presented two/three bedroom semi detached house with attic room. With gas central heating and upvc double glazing comprises: porch, lounge, breakfasting kitchen, conservatory. First floor: two bedrooms, bathroom/wc. Second floor: attic gardens and garage.

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Highfield Court

Splendid modern link bungalow, maintained, presented and improved to a very high standard. This tastefully detached property is gas centrally heated, alarmed and double glazed. Briefly comprising: entrance lobby, impressive 19' lounge/dining room with feature fire surround and very impressive inset living flame coal effect gas fire which is remote controlled, lovely conservatory, kitchen with comprehensive range of units, night hall, two bedrooms both with built in wardrobes and fully tiled bathroom/wc. Outside there is a dedicated parking bay, well stocked rear garden and a front garden. Guaranteed to impress. Viewing is essential.

Offers around £110,000

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HOUSES - WHITEHILLS

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WHITEHILLS ESTATE

We are delighted to offer for sale this well presented mid terrace house with many attractive fixtures and fittings - the accommodation comprises: entrance porch, lounge separate dining room, kitchen with appliances, first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom/wc. Garden to front and to the rear with single garage. Viewing considered essential to appreciate the standard of accommodation on offer.



Oakwood

£92,000

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NEW



WHITEHILLS Cedarway

This three bedroom end terrace property comprises living room, dining kitchen, bathroom and benefits from ducted heating, double glazing, gardens to the front and rear and a detached garage to the rear.

£109,950

WHITEHILLS



CELANDINE WAY

- Detached House • 4 Bedrooms
- 21ft Lounge • Dining Room

Ref: S26/560/427

Around £192,500 LOW FELL 0191 4825553

GATESHEAD



We are pleased to bring to the market, this three bedroom semi detached house, located on this very popular residential estate. The property comprises of lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom/wc, conservatory. Single garage, gardens front and rear. Gas central heating, double glazing. Viewing strongly recommended.

Firtrees, Whitehills Estate

Offers over £110,000

GATESHEAD



- Oakwood, Whitehills
- Extremely well presented mid link
- Entrance porch to lounge
- Separate dining room and kitchen
- Three bedrooms two with robes
- Bathroom/wc with shower
- Garage and gardens to front and rear
- Gas fired central heating via combi
- Viewing essential

£135,000

WHITEHILLS Firtrees



Offers over
£110,000

An attractively presented three bedroom semi detached family home set within this highly sought after estate. With pedestrianised front entrance and enclosed rear garden this property should prove ideal for families with young children. Brief accommodation includes: entrance hall, lounge with archway to dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and single garage. Gas heating system and double glazed windows installed. Fitted carpets to remain. A pleasant home requiring early viewing to avoid disappointment.

An extended semi detached house extremely well presented with many attractive fixtures and fittings, the accommodation comprises entrance lobby, lounge with wooden flooring, double doors leading to the dining room and conservatory beyond, fitted kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, and bathroom/wc, garage to rear in block, gardens front and rear, viewing essential to appreciate the standard of accommodation on offer.



Cedarway, Whitehills

Low Fell (0191) 4876850

£113,500

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Rubbings of memorial headstones in St. Mary's Churchyard, Heworth.

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WARDLEY

COLLIERY



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**HEWORTH
 COLLIERY.**

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THE ADA PIT
 SHAFT SUNK IN
 1890's.

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ADA PIT LEFT.
 JOHN PIT - RIGHT.



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JOHN PIT - SHAFT
 SUNK C. 1820.
 TO LOW MAIN.

Kelly's Directory 1894.

Colliery Owners.

John Bowes & Partners: (Bowes-Lyon)

Springwell Colliery.

Wardley "

Felling "

Usworth "

Marley Hill "

Kibblesworth "

Robt. Lumsden, Manager.

Wm. Lee, Manager.

AGENT:-
MAJOR ALFRED S.
PALMER

Joicey Collieries:

Beamish. Colliery.

West Pelton. "

New Pelton. "

Tantobie. "

Annfield. "

Tanfield. "

Perkins & Partners.

Urpeth.

Ouston.

Pelaw Main & Pelaw Main Staithes.

Allerdean.

C.W.C.Henderson & Co.

Heworth Colliery.

John Simpson Manager, High Heworth Ho.

Deckham Hall "

Sheriff Hill " (Fanny Pit).

Harton Coal Co.

Boldon Colliery.

Marsden "

Harton "

Hebburn Coal Co.

Hebburn Colliery.

Washington Coal Co.

Washington F Colliery.

Biddick. "

Stella Coal Co.

Blaydon Burn Colliery.

Blaydon Main "

Emma "

CLARA VALE "

COLLIERY ENGINEERS:

HEWORTH COLL. JAMES ARNELL

HEBBURN " THOS. C. HAIR

OLD FOLD " HENRY DUNCAN



Heworth Colliery

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Mail: Webmaster

Summary

Location:

Heworth
3 miles [5 km] SE of Newcastle

Map Ref:

(Sheet 88) NZ284605, 54° 56' 18" N, 1° 33' 24" W

Maps:

1928 from *Reid's Handy Colliery Guide*

1951 from the *Guide to the Coalfields* (Colliery Guardian)

Opened:

1700's

Closed:

29 Jun 1963

Pits:

Ada Pit

Fanny Pit

Owners:

John Pit, locn: (Sheet 88) NZ283605

???? - Mr. Blackett

1850's - J. B. Pearson & Co.

???? - Henderson, Anderson & Co.

???? - Owners of Heworth Colliery.

???? - Heworth Coal Co. Ltd.

1947 - National Coal Board (N.C.B.)

Output:

1896 - Coal: Gas, Steam.

1902 - Coal: Gas, Steam.

1914 - Coal: Gas, Steam.

1914 - Fanny - Coal: Gas, Steam.

1921 - Coal: Gas, Steam.

1930 - Coal: Gas, Household, Manufacturing.

1940 - Coal: Gas, Household, Steam. (400000 tons)

1947 - Coal: Gas, Household, Steam. (250000 tons)

1950 - Coal: Gas, Household, Manufacturing.

1955 - Coal: Gas, Household, Manufacturing.

1960 - Coal: Gas, Household, Manufacturing.

1964 - Coal: Gas, Household, Manufacturing.

Employment:

Year	Pit	Total	1000	2000
1896		1,332		
1902		1,517		
1914		1,764		
1914	Fanny	179		
	Total	1,943		
1921		1,394		
1921	Fanny	618		

Total	2,012	
1930	1,095	
1930 Fanny	460	
Total	1,555	
1940	1,356	
1945	815	
1947	845	
1950	846	
1955	666	
1960	610	
1964	279	

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Seams Worked: 1894 - High Main, Yard Coal, Bensham, Five Quarter, Hut
 1914 - High Main, Yard, Bensham, Six Quarter, Five Quar
 1914 - Fanny - High Main, Yard, Bensham, Six Quarter, Fi
 Beaumont
 1921 - High Main, Yard, Bensham, Six Quarter, Five Quar
 Hodge, Tilley
 1930 - Brockwell, High Main, Yard, Bensham, Five Quarte
 Metal Coal
 1940 - Hutton, Beaumont, High Main, Yard, Bensham
 1950 - High Main, Metal, Bensham, Six Quarter, Five Quai
 Beaumont
 1955 - High Main, Bensham, Five Quarter, Three Quarter
 1960 - High Main, Bensham, Five Quarter, Three Quarter,
 1964 - High Main, Bensham, Five Quarter, Three Quarter,

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Notes: 1763 - Boring operations from the surface were in progr
 depth of the High Main Seam.
 1950 - Metal seam discontinued

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Description

Summary Disasters Names Loc

Description

Coal is worked at the Heworth colliery, which is believed, judging from p
 High Main seam in 1762, to have been sunk about the middle of the last
 about three miles south east from Gateshead, and the royalties are leased t
 Commissioners. The present winding pit was sunk in 1819 to the Hut
 Beaumont in 1876. A new shaft has lately been sunk near the winding
 facilitate the working. The seams met with in this royalty are the High Main,
 Coal, 3 feet 3 inches ; Bensham, 4 feet 8 inches ; Five Quarter, 3 feet ; H
 and the Beaumont, 3 feet 7 inches. The respective depths are 81 fathoms to

the Yard Coal, 118 to the Bensham, 128 to the Five Quarter, 138 to the Beaumont. There are 1000 men and boys employed at this colliery, which day, which are shipped at the colliery's staithes on the Tyneside at Pelaw.

Whellan's 1894 Directory of County Durham

Disasters

Summary Description Names Loc:

Disasters (5 or more killed)

5th Sep 1826 Explosion, 5 lives lost ([Show Names](#))

5th Sep 1826 Explosion, 5 lives lost ([Show Names](#))

Names

Summary Description Disasters Loc:

Names of those killed at this colliery

Please note that this collection of names is by no means complete!

In Memoriam

- [P] Bailey**, William, 05 Sep 1826, killed in the 1826 explosion
- Bell**, John, 24 Apr 1899, aged 28, Hewer, Deceased was working at the shaft where some stone band and coal fell upon him. The stone shaft was not down or securely timbered [Inspection made & inquest attended]
- Bell**, John, 21 Feb 1902, aged 19, Putt, while coming outbye with a cart of limbers, on a road with an uneven roof, his head was crushed by a fallen timber
- Bellerby**, Thomas, 04 Jan 1889, aged 15, Token Lad, crushed by tub or
- Bray**, Richard, 15 Jul 1906, (*accident*: 20 Jun 1906), aged 48, Stonemason
- Brown**, George, 13 Dec 1921, aged 33, Hewer, fall of coal
- Brown**, Joseph, 22 Oct 1886, aged 36, Hewer, fall of stone, *Buried*: St. Mary's, Heworth
- Burnham**, J., 16 Aug 1938, aged 40, Hewer
- Burns**, Thomas, 27 Oct 1921, aged 42, Cutter
- [P] Bygate**, Samuel, 29 Nov 1957, aged 49, Screen Engineman, it is surmised he was caught in the machine, horrifically mangling him; address: Ruskin Road, was the last man killed at Heworth Colliery (Source Newcastle Journal)
- [i] Carter**, Joseph, 06 Feb 1931, (*accident*: 04 Feb 1931), aged 46, Heworth, received, *Buried*: St. Mary's Churchyard/Cemetery, Heworth
- Charlton**, Leslie, 04 Jan 1922, aged 15, Driver, crushed by tubs which fell from the St. Mary, Heworth
- Cooper**, William, 27 Apr 1882, aged 13, Chain Carrier, fell down shaft
- Corbrick**, George, 19 Apr 1902, (*accident*: 10 Apr 1902), aged 32, Stonemason, height of a rolleyway in the Beaumont seam, a balk had been cut across the height, and then a small shot was fired, and while deceased was returning to put in timber, another fall took place
- Cullen**, James, 12 Sep 1923, aged 33, Cleaner Out

- Davidson**, John George, 04 Jan 1910, aged 14, Driver, crushed by Heworth
- Davidson**, Richard, 24 Feb 1904, aged 14, Trapper [*More information ..*]
- Dawson**, John Robert, 14 Jan 1904, aged 30, Hewer, *Buried: St. Mary's Church, Heworth* [*More information ...*]
- Ⓟ **Dean**, William, 17 Jun 1955, aged 34, Overman, fall of stone, ad Heworth
- ① **Dodds**, Elias, 12 Feb 1946, aged 24, Putter, *Buried: St. Mary's Church, Heworth*
- Ellis**, Robert Turnbull, 01 Oct 1904, aged 30, Stoneman [*More information ..*]
- Farrell**, -, 06 Mar 1930, drowned [*More information ...*]
- Fenwick**, George, 04 Aug 1880, aged 35, Shifter, killed by a fall of stone, Heworth
- Fenwick**, James, 19 May 1918, aged 26, *Buried: St. Mary, Heworth*
- Fenwick**, James W., 13 Sep 1915, aged 50, *Buried: St. Mary, Heworth*
- Fleming**, W., 28 Apr 1944, aged 16, Banksman
- Forster**, John, 25 Feb 1834, the corf in which they were ascending slipped
- Foster**, G. S., 27 Sep 1929, aged 38, Hewer
- Gair**, John, 16 Sep 1890, aged 68, Shifter, fall of coal
- Gardner**, Joseph, 13 Jan 1899, aged 54, Hewer, A stone fell from without any warning. The deputy set a prop under the stone and the deceased had just set another, when the accident occurred. *Buried: St. Mary, Heworth*
- Gilchrist**, John, 25 Feb 1834, the corf in which they were ascending slipped
- Gofton**, John Kay, 24 Feb 1904, aged 20, Putter & Hewer, fall of stone, Heworth [*More information ...*]
- ① **Goodfellow**, John Thomas, 04 Feb 1937, aged 23, Ropeman, Churchyard/Cemetery, Heworth
- Graham**, T., 13 Sep 1934, aged 48, Cutter
- Gustard**, J. B., 01 Mar 1934, aged 24, Onsetter, fall of stone
- Guy**, Robert, 25 May 1921, (*accident: 25 Feb 1921*), aged 43, Stoner received
- Hale**, R. H., 04 May 1944, aged 18, Shaft Lad
- Hannen**, John, 01 Aug 1882, aged 21, Joiner, crushed by boiler canting position
- Harker**, R. G., 05 Sep 1929, (*accident: 16 May 1924*), aged 27, Filler received
- Hawkins**, John, 06 Mar 1876, aged 14, Driver, crushed by tubs
- Hopes**, James O., 07 Sep 1921, aged 27, *Buried: St. Mary, Heworth*
- ⊕ **Hunter**, Joseph, 05 Sep 1826, Pitman, killed in the 1826 explosion
- Hymers**, John Noble, 15 Jul 1929, aged 31, Filler, Fatally injured, *Buried: St. Mary, Heworth*
- Jefferson**, James, 05 Jun 1928, aged 23, Cutter
- Johnson**, John Arthur, 03 Jun 1914, aged 20, Wagon Lad, five empty tubs being drawn up an incline by a stationary engine and rope; it was found that the rope had been uncoupled to brake the wagons running by the incline; he was seen on the opposite side of the railway from where the wagons were being drawn up, and a few minutes later was found dead; no one saw the occurrence, and it is presumed he was trying to get on to one of the wagons whilst they were in motion, or was trying to get on to one for a ride
- Kennedy**, George, 24 Sep 1904, (*accident: 14 Sep 1904*), aged 40, Filler, the tub in which he was working was broken in the pit on 10th September, 1903, and he was off work; He resumed work as a wasteman, and then returned to his usual work; about a week afterwards he was taken ill in the pit and it was found that he had overreached himself while working. He was taken home and died.

- suffering much pain, but free from any external marks of injury. He was taken to the Infirmary, where he died. A post-mortem examination was made which I was not present as the Coroner gave me no notice, and due to the bursting of a duodenal ulcer
- Kent**, George William, 15 Aug 1900, aged 14, Driver, He was driving a full tubs, when by some means he fell off the limbers and fell between a large stone lying near the rails and the front wheel of the tub, made and inquest attended]
- Large**, John, 23 Sep 1902, aged 49, Hewer, while driving a wide place pillar in the Five Quarter seam, a large fall of roof occurred at the nearly parallel to direction of the place and the fall came away bottom was shot up along the fast side, and this may have weakened some of the props which were canted ; it was deceased's first shift
- Lee**, T. A., 01 Aug 1878, aged 68, Shifter, fall of stone
- Lotam**, Thomas, 17 Jul 1879, aged 19, Putter, crushed by tubs
- Lowe**, John George, 18 Nov 1924, aged 15, Driver, crushed between two tubs
- Lumsden**, Thomas, 25 Feb 1834, the corf in which they were ascending
- Mains**, J., 25 Jun 1930, (*accident*: 01 Aug 1929), aged 30, Hewer, died
- McParlane**, Michael, 08 Jun 1902, (*accident*: 02 Jun 1902), aged 17, received some injury to his arm on the 2nd June while lifting a tub, completed his shift and walked home ; he was seen by three men with injury to arm ; he took ill on the 6th June and died on the 8th June. Examination was made and the doctors reported at the adjournment that the death was due to congestion of the lungs, the result of no accident
- McSparrow**, Peter, 30 Sep 1895, aged 17, Putter, deceased was an experienced man, although not warned specially by the deputy, should have known the top of the tub, although he had about one foot of space; he fell on the inbye side of the baulks, and had evidently put up his head and twisted around on the tub
- Ⓟ **Milburn**, Charles, 07 May 1952, aged 17, Haulage worker, he was carrying a tub and a brake, address: High Well Gardens, Stoneygate, Fellin Post May 16th 1952)
- Ⓟ **Mossop**, James, 10 Nov 1955, aged 27, Miner, fall of stone, address: 4, Gateshead Estate, Gateshead (Source: Gateshead Post December 9th 1955)
- Murdock**, Percy, 31 Oct 1913, aged 21, Hewing Putter, deceased was working on a rolleyway to make a travelling way, when a fall of stone buried him between two parallel breaks; props and lids were used instead of running gear
- Murphy**, Peter, 24 Sep 1880, aged 50, Hewer, fall of coal
- Murphy**, William, 26 Mar 1895, (*accident*: Oct 1894), died from heart failure, was alleged, by a slight accident to his leg, in October 1894, between the two is of too doubtful a nature to justify me in classifying it as an accident [fatality reported during the year but not classified as a coal accident]
- Nattrass**, J., 06 Mar 1930, aged 33, Filler, drowned [*More information ...*]
- ① **Noble**, Henry, 21 Jun 1871, aged 29, Stoneman, fall of stone, *Buried*: Buried in the pit
- Parsons**, John, 06 Aug 1893, aged 52, Shifter, died suddenly on the job, his work; the cause, according to the medical evidence, was from an aneurism, and not from an injury which it was stated after his death
- Place**, Joseph L., 23 May 1922, (*accident*: 27 Nov 1922), aged 14, Driver, fell from tub and roof timber
- Purdy**, Thomas, 05 Jul 1906, aged 36, Hewer [*More information ...*]
- Race**, John, 07 Dec 1905, (*accident*: 22 Nov 1905), aged 59, Shifter [*More information ...*]
- Ramsden**, Thomas, 17 Mar 1911, aged 16, Wagon Lad, fell in front of a tub

- Rayne**, James, 25 Feb 1834, the corf in which they were ascending slip
Rigby, T., 30 Jul 1931, (*accident*: 11 Jun 1931), aged 40, Hewer, fi
injuries received
Ritchie, George William, 17 Mar 1879, aged 24, Hewer, crushed by tubs
Robson, William, 27 Jul 1918, aged 55, *Buried*: St. Mary, Heworth
[P] **Rodgers**, William, 27 Dec 1836, aged 36, fell down shaft, *Buried*: St. I
Dec 1836 [*More information ...*]
Rowan, John, 05 Nov 1890, aged 17, Putter, got his head crushed betw
[S] **Scott**, John, 05 Sep 1826, aged 33, Master Wasteman, killed in the 1
St. Mary, Heworth
Sharpe, -, 06 Mar 1930, drowned [*More information ...*]
Shipley, George, 06 Dec 1882, aged 14, Coupler, crushed between tubs
Simpson, P. S., 26 Jul 1943, aged 27, Haulage
[i] **Smith**, William, 04 May 1914, aged 61, Stoneman, Deceased was e
broken baulk in bad ground. The new baulk had been set, when t
Several middle props were set, and also additional side props
steadied, the middle props were being taken out, when the place
tons of stone fell. The timber was probably not tight. There was ;
the road, which was 13 feet wide, *Buried*: St. Mary's Churchyard/C
[P] **Southwell**, John, 05 Sep 1826, killed in the 1826 explosion
[P] **Storey**, Edward, 27 Dec 1836, aged 26, fell down shaft, *Buried*: St. M
Dec 1836 [*More information ...*]
Stubbs, William, 08 Feb 1922, (*accident*: 04 Feb 1922), aged 59, Labc
two trucks
Summers, M., 24 Apr 1943, (*accident*: 27 Apr 1936), aged 28, Shi
received
Taylor, Abraham, 05 May 1896, aged 37, Hewer, He was killed by
occurring in a "broken jud" quite unexpectedly. The place very s
considered in good working order by the deputy [Inspection made
[P] **Tulip**, John, 05 Sep 1826, aged 7, killed in the 1826 explosion, *Buried*: S
[P] **Turnbull**, Richard Gardner, 17 Jun 1955, aged 41, fall of stone, A
Gateshead
Urwin, Michael, 29 Jun 1899, aged 16, Driver, When crossing from the
pony on to some full tubs, he was knocked down by a full tub fi
had run amain in consequence of neglect to put in a sprag [Enc
attended]
Urwin, Robert, 09 Oct 1925, aged 34, Hewer
Usher, Thomas, 02 May 1912, aged 52, Hewer, stone from the roof
props owing to old breakers caused by the first working into
working close to an old "bordroom," the pillars being won longwa
timbered
[P] **Walker**, Thomas, 15 Feb 1829, (*accident*: 13 Feb 1829), fell down shaft
Walker, William Thomas, 10 Oct 1877, (*accident*: 20 Sep 1877), aged
while kirving
Walton, Thomas, 26 Apr 1887, aged 51, Stoneman, fall of stone
Wardle, John, 03 Jul 1886, aged 31, Rolleywayman, fell down shaft
Watson, J., 06 Nov 1937, aged 14, Landing Lad
Watson, James, 16 Nov 1909, aged 16, Pony Driver, fell from cage whil
West, R., 04 Oct 1939, aged 17, Shaft Lad
White, George, 15 Nov 1905, (*accident*: 20 Apr 1900), aged 59, D
timbering a longwall place in the Beaumont seam, he had set
sawing a piece off another preparatory to setting it when a post s
feet and 9 inches thick fell from the roof relieved by slips and inj
never able to work again. An inquest was held and the Jury

accidental death [fatality reported during the year but not classified as a
Williamson, Edward, 03 Nov 1869, aged 17, Putter, fell down staple of
Wilson, Richard, 18 Jun 1897, aged 14, Flatter, He is supposed to have
 two tubs of the full set coming outbye on to a bankhead, and
 between them, as he was found between the wheels of the fourth
 having been dragged [Enquiries made]
Winning, Hugh, 21 Dec 1927, aged 48, Deputy

99 names found

If you know of any fatalities missing from the above list then please contact
 we will add them to our database.

For those names marked ⓘ we have a digital photograph of the tombstone
 page for further details.

Some of the names of mining fatalities on this page have been kindly provided
 the Coal Mining History Resource Centre and are marked with ⓘ, further details
 by contacting Ian by email at ian.winstanley@blueyonder.co.uk

Some of the names of mining fatalities on this web site have been kindly provided
 from his research into early newspapers (primarily of the Newcastle Area) and

Go to ... more information on some of the fatalities shown above

The following unnamed fatalities are listed in the Mines Inspectors Report
 collection is not complete!

Date	In Shaft	Explosion	Choke Damp	Falls of Stone and Coal	Sundries	Total	Inspectors Remarks
30 May 1851	-	-	-	-	1	1	Rollies
08 Mar 1853	-	-	-	1	-	1	
31 May 1861	-	-	-	-	1	1	riding on full tubs contrary to rules
16 Nov 1863	-	-	-	-	1	1	crush of tubs
26 Feb 1864	-	-	-	1	-	1	fall of stone
20 Apr 1864	-	-	-	-	1	1	crush of tubs

Local Collieries

Summary Description Disaster

Collieries and Pits within 5 miles (8km)

In the following table the value given for the distance (miles/kilometres) from
 "as the crow flies" and are provided as an indication only.

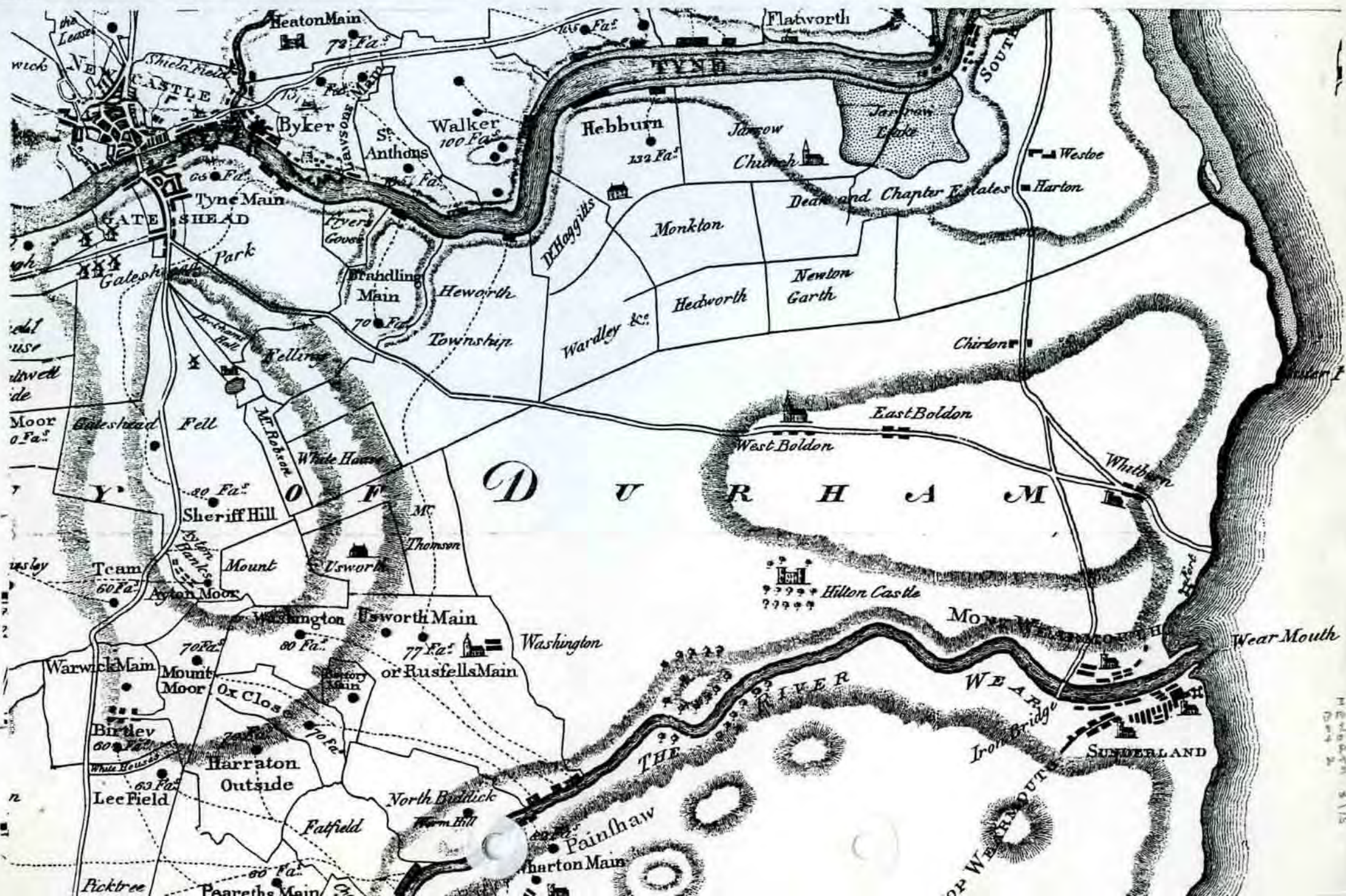
Colliery	Location	Distance	Op
10 Feet Pit	nr. Coundon	4.3m / 6.9km	
<u>Alfred Pit</u>	Jarrow	4.1m / 6.7km	

<u>Allerdean Colliery</u>	Lamesley	2.2m / 3.6km	
<u>Ann Pit</u>	Gateshead	2.0m / 3.2km	
<u>Ann Pit</u>	Walker	2.5m / 4.0km	
<u>Aubone Pit</u>	Benwell	4.5m / 7.2km	
<u>Bakers Quarry</u>	High Spen	4.0m / 6.4km	
<u>Basin Pit</u>	Longbenton	4.8m / 7.7km	
<u>Beams Wheels Pit</u>	Whickham	3.1m / 5.1km	
<u>Beaumont Pit</u>	Benwell	4.6m / 7.5km	
<u>Beaumont Pit</u>	Elswick	4.0m / 6.4km	
<u>Benton Colliery</u>	Longbenton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
<u>Benwell Colliery</u>	Benwell	4.6m / 7.5km	
<u>Betty Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.3m / 3.7km	
<u>Betty Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.2m / 3.6km	
<u>Bewicke Main Colliery</u>	Birtley	3.5m / 5.7km	
<u>Big Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.1m / 6.6km	bef.
<u>Bigge's Main Colliery</u>	Wallsend	4.0m / 6.5km	
<u>Billet Pit</u>	Elswick	4.0m / 6.5km	
<u>Billy Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.1m / 6.6km	bef.
<u>Blackburn Fell Drift</u>	nr. Sunnyside	4.7m / 7.6km	Jul
<u>Blackhouse Colliery</u>	Birtley	3.0m / 4.9km	
<u>Boldon Colliery</u>	Boldon Colliery	4.0m / 6.5km	
<u>Borehole Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.1m / 3.5km	
<u>Brandling Main</u>	Felling	1.3m / 2.1km	
<u>Brandling Pit</u>	Gosforth	4.8m / 7.7km	
<u>Centre Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.4m / 2.3km	
<u>Chance Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.2km	
<u>Chapel Pit</u>	Gateshead	2.8m / 4.5km	
<u>Charlotte Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.3m / 7.0km	
<u>Charlotte Pit</u>	Benwell	4.8m / 7.7km	
<u>Charlotte Pit</u>	Walker	3.0m / 4.9km	bef.
<u>Chartershaugh Colliery</u>	Harraton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
<u>Chaytor's Haugh Colliery</u>	Harraton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
<u>Church Pit</u>	Wallsend	4.0m / 6.4km	bef.
<u>Corn Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.8m / 3.0km	
<u>Corner Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.3km	
<u>Dean Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.8m / 3.0km	
<u>Delight Pit</u>	Byker	2.7m / 4.4km	
<u>Derwent Crook Colliery</u>	Low Fell	1.9m / 3.1km	bef.
<u>Doll Pit</u>	Gateshead Fell	1.3m / 2.2km	
<u>Dolly Pit</u>	Harraton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
<u>Dolly Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.2m / 6.8km	
<u>Dunston Colliery</u>	Dunston	3.6m / 5.9km	
<u>Dunston Garesfield Colliery</u>	Dunston	3.6m / 5.9km	
<u>E/Deep Pit</u>	Jarrow	4.1m / 6.7km	
<u>Edward Pit</u>	Wallsend	4.0m / 6.4km	bef.
<u>Ellison Main Colliery</u>	Wrekenton	0.8m / 1.4km	bef.
<u>Elswick Colliery</u>	Elswick, Newcastle	4.2m / 6.8km	bef.
<u>Emidy Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.6m / 2.6km	
<u>Engine Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.5m / 4.0km	
<u>Fanny Pit</u>	Gateshead Fell	1.0m / 1.7km	
<u>Farewell Pit</u>	Byker, Newcastle	1.5m / 2.5km	Bef.

Farnacres Colliery	Whickham	3.5m / 5.7km	
Felling Colliery	Felling	1.3m / 2.1km	
Flat Pit	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.3km	
Follonsby Colliery	White Mare Pool	1.6m / 2.6km	
Fortune Pit	Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne	3.7m / 6.0km	
Fortune Pit	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.5m / 7.2km	
Frederick Pit	Usworth	2.3m / 3.8km	
Friar's Goose Colliery	Friar's Goose, Gateshead	1.4m / 2.3km	
Gellesfield Quarry	High Spen	4.7m / 7.6km	
George Pit	Lamesley	1.8m / 2.9km	
George Pit	Low Fell	2.0m / 3.2km	
Glamis Pit	Kibblesworth	3.6m / 5.9km	
Glebe Colliery	Washington	3.0m / 4.8km	
Green Pit	Lamesley	1.8m / 2.9km	
Hall Pit	Lamesley	1.7m / 2.8km	
Hall Pit, Fatfield	Fatfield, Washington	3.7m / 6.0km	
Harraton Colliery	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.1m / 6.6km	bef.
Heaton Colliery	Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne	3.7m / 6.0km	
Heaton Quarry	Newcastle-on-Tyne	3.4m / 5.5km	
Hebburn Colliery	Hebburn	3.5m / 5.7km	
Hedge Pit	Chartershaugh	4.6m / 7.5km	
High Pit	Willington Quay	4.5m / 7.3km	
Hill Pit	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.2km	
Howdon Marine Quarry	Wallsend	4.6m / 7.5km	
Hylton Quarry	Sunderland, Tyne & Wear	5.0m / 8.0km	
Isabella Pit	Wrekenton	0.8m / 1.4km	bef.
Jane Pit	Walker	2.1m / 3.5km	bef.
Jarrow Colliery	Jarrow	4.3m / 7.0km	
Jesmond Colliery	Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne	3.8m / 6.2km	
John Pit	Felling	1.2m / 2.0km	
Kibblesworth Colliery	Kibblesworth	3.6m / 5.9km	
Kibblesworth Grange Drift	Kibblesworth	3.3m / 5.3km	
King Pit	Walker	2.6m / 4.2km	bef.
King Pit, Wrekenton	Wrekenton	0.9m / 1.5km	
Lady Pit	Dunston	3.5m / 5.7km	
Lamb Pit	Lamesley	2.5m / 4.0km	
Lambton Pit	Penshaw	5.0m / 8.0km	
Landsale Pit	Lamesley	1.5m / 2.4km	
Lane Pit	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.2km	
Lawson's Main Colliery	Byker	2.7m / 4.4km	
Letch Pit	Lamesley	1.6m / 2.6km	
Little Pit	Washington	4.1m / 6.7km	
Long Benton Colliery	Longbenton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
Low Pit	Willington Quay	4.5m / 7.3km	
Low Urpeth Colliery	Urpeth	4.5m / 7.2km	
Meadow Pit	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.2km	
Mexico Pit	Farnacres, Gateshead	3.0m / 4.9km	
Middle Pit	Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne	3.8m / 6.2km	
Mill Pit	Elswick, Newcastle	4.0m / 6.5km	
Mill Pit	Lamesley	2.2m / 3.6km	
Mount Moor Colliery	Springwell	1.7m / 2.8km	bef.

<u>Mushroom Colliery</u>	Newcastle-on-Tyne	2.3m / 3.8km	
<u>Nanny Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.0m / 3.3km	
<u>Nelly Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.2m / 3.6km	
<u>New Pit</u>	Howden	4.6m / 7.5km	
<u>New Pit</u>	Longbenton	4.3m / 7.0km	
<u>Nightingale Pit</u>	Byker, Newcastle	1.5m / 2.5km	Bef.
<u>North Biddick Colliery</u>	Washington	4.1m / 6.7km	bef.
<u>North Elswick Pit</u>	Elswick, Newcastle	4.8m / 7.8km	
<u>North Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.9m / 3.1km	
<u>Norwood Colliery</u>	Dunston	3.5m / 5.7km	
<u>Ouston Colliery</u>	Ouston	3.6m / 5.9km	bef.
<u>Oxclose Colliery</u>	Washington	3.9m / 6.3km	bef.
<u>Painshaw Colliery</u>	Penshaw	4.9m / 7.9km	
<u>Penshaw Colliery</u>	Penshaw	4.9m / 7.9km	
<u>Ravensworth Ann Colliery</u>	nr. Birtley	2.0m / 3.2km	
<u>Ravensworth Betty Colliery</u>	Lamesley	2.3m / 3.7km	
<u>Ravensworth Grange Opencast</u>	Kibblesworth	3.8m / 6.2km	
<u>Ravensworth Park Drift</u>	Lamesley	2.8m / 4.5km	
<u>Red Barns Opencast</u>	Hebburn	1.9m / 3.1km	
<u>Red Barns Opencast Extension</u>	Hebburn	1.8m / 3.0km	
<u>Redheugh Colliery</u>	Gateshead	2.8m / 4.5km	
<u>Restoration Pit</u>	Byker, Newcastle	2.0m / 3.3km	Bef.
<u>Rickleton Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.6m / 7.5km	
<u>Rising Sun Colliery</u>	Wallsend	4.9m / 7.9km	
<u>Rising Sun Pit</u>	Wallsend	4.9m / 7.9km	
<u>Robert Pit</u>	Kibblesworth	3.7m / 6.0km	
<u>Row Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.3m / 6.9km	
<u>Rush Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.2m / 3.6km	
<u>Rush Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	3.7m / 6.0km	
<u>Russell's Wallsend</u>	Wallsend	4.0m / 6.4km	bef.
<u>Scrog Pit</u>	Harraton	4.6m / 7.5km	bef.
<u>Sheriff Hill Colliery</u>	Wrekenton	0.8m / 1.4km	bef.
<u>Shipcote Colliery</u>	Gateshead	2.0m / 3.3km	c.
<u>Shiphouse Pit</u>	Harraton, nr. Chester-le-Street	4.1m / 6.6km	
<u>Spital Tongues Colliery</u>	Jesmond	4.2m / 6.8km	1
<u>Spring Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.6m / 2.7km	
<u>Spring Pit</u>	Lamesley	1.5m / 2.4km	
<u>Springwell (Vale Pit)</u>	Springwell	1.7m / 2.8km	bef.
<u>Springwell Colliery</u>	Springwell	1.0m / 1.7km	17 Jan
<u>Springwell Quarry</u>	Springwell	1.1m / 1.8km	
<u>St. Anthony's Colliery</u>	Byker, Newcastle	1.5m / 2.5km	Bef.
<u>St. Lawrence Colliery</u>	Newcastle-on-Tyne	2.3m / 3.8km	
<u>Stable End Pit</u>	Chartershaugh	4.6m / 7.4km	
<u>Stormont Main Colliery</u>	Wrekenton	0.9m / 1.5km	
<u>Street Pit</u>	Lamesley	2.1m / 3.4km	
<u>Team Colliery</u>	Gateshead	2.0m / 3.2km	
<u>Thomas Pit</u>	Low Fell	2.0m / 3.2km	
<u>Tinker Row Quarry</u>	Marley Hill	4.6m / 7.4km	
<u>Trial Pit</u>	Farnacres, Gateshead	2.9m / 4.7km	
<u>Tyne Main Colliery</u>	Friar's Goose, Gateshead	1.4m / 2.3km	
<u>Union Brickworks Clay Pit</u>	Birtley	3.1m / 5.0km	

WILLIAM CASSONS 1804 PLAN OF TYNE AND WEAR COLLIERIES, WAGGONWAYS AND STAITHES SHOWS THE WAGGONWAY FROM RUSSELLS MAIN AT WASHINGTON AND USWORTH CROSSING HEWORTH TOWNSHIP TO BILL QUAY STAITH.





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HEWORTH COLLIERY - THE WASHERIES. WHITEHILL.

HEWORTH COLLIERY.

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THE ADA PIT. HEWORTH COLLIERY.

"A STEAM PUMPING ENGINE, ONE OF WILLIAM BROWN'S WAS WORKING AT HEWORTH COLLIERY IN 1759." (ANNALS OF MINING.)

"HIGH HEWORTH COLLIERY WAS SUNK TO THE LOW MAIN (SEAM) IN 1821, AT A DEPTH OF 870 FEET."

"DEC. 25TH 1836 - THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION OF FOUL AIR IN THE $\frac{5}{4}$ SEAM AT HEWORTH, WHEREBY ONE MAN WAS SEVERELY BURNT."



Hillcrest

High Heworth.

MINERS' COTTAGES - LATE 19TH CENTURY. TOP OF HIGH HEWORTH LANE.

Ouston Waggonway. Surveyed by John Bell 1820

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Table of figures.

	Distance in Feet	Fall in feet & ins.	Rise in feet & ins.
Pit to Rowletch Burn	4366	76. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$.	—
To foot of Turnpike Inc. Plane.	976 $\frac{1}{4}$	Dead Level	
Turnpike Inc. Plane	627	—	17. 8.
To foot of Birtley Inc. Plane	128 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Birtley Inc. Plane	680	—	86. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
To foot of Blackhouse Inc. Pl.	1142	—	1. 5.
Blackhouse Inc. Plane.	1194 $\frac{1}{4}$	—	122. 1.
To foot of Eighton Banks Inc. Pl.	6131 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	65. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Eighton Inc. Plane.	1003	—	113. 6.
To head of Heworth Inc Plane	7992 $\frac{1}{2}$	51. 5.	—
Heworth Inc Plane	4012	227.	—
To head of Tyne Inc. Plane	7940 $\frac{1}{2}$	105. 2.	—
Tyne Inc. Plane	674 $\frac{1}{2}$	74. 1.	—

Mr. Geo Kirtley

"A field & quarry at Whitehill called Thieves Close.
cont. 17 acres 1 rod at £70 per annum by agreement
of 2nd Sept 1812, for any period the Bewicke Main
Coal Co. may choose to hold it, and
determinable by them with
6 months notice.

Sheriff Hill Waggonway.

Thieves Close
17 acres 1 rod

Whitehouse
Carriageway.

Stack
yard

Stables

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Excavation

Waggonway.

Quay

Garden

Cottage

Stone

Well

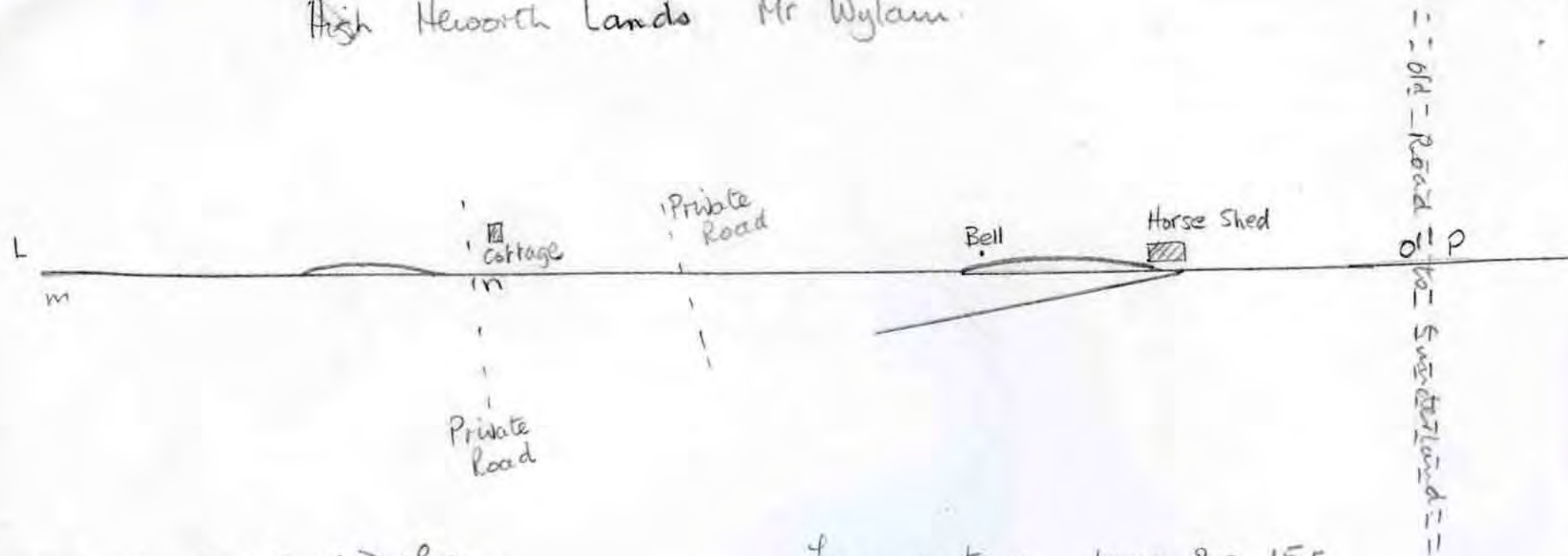
Stone

Richard Scruton Esq

2 acres 3 rods.

Ouston Waggonway.

High Heworth Lands Mr Wylam.



Wayleaves. D & C. of Durham.

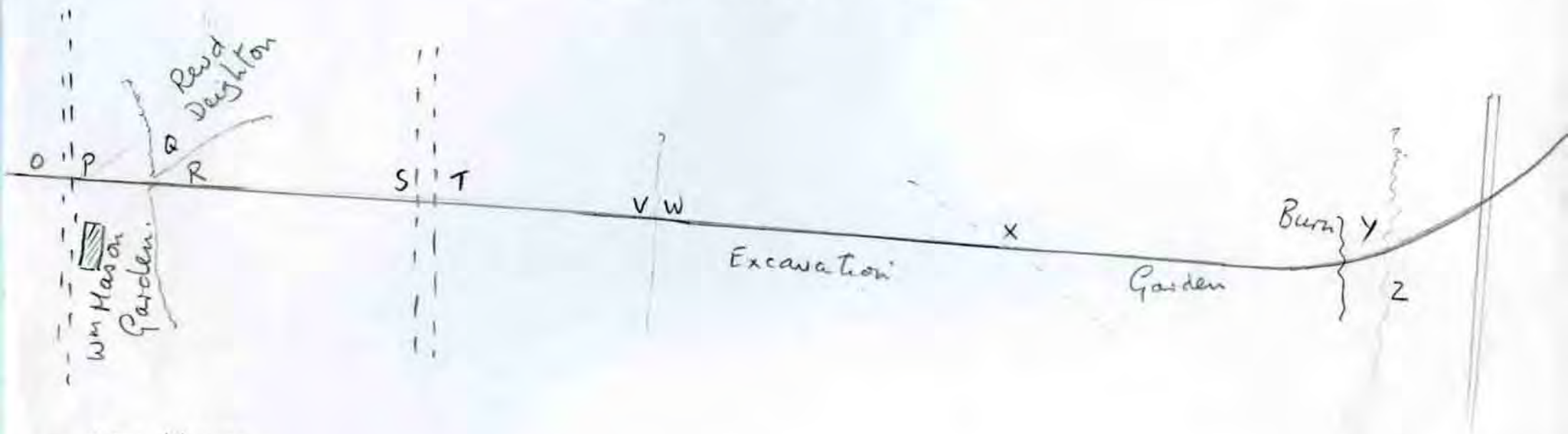
over lands in High & Low Heworth
to the R Tyne. Certain Rent £200
per annum to cover 1200 Tens of 418
Bolls and 3/6^d per Ten for overleading.

Term 21 years.

From m to n 1 acre 2 p. 15 r.
n to o
late Mrs
Hoods. 1 acre 2 p. 32 r.

Heworth Lands.

Belonging to William Mason. Rev. Mr Deighton & John Russell Esq.
under Deans Chapter.



P Wm Mason

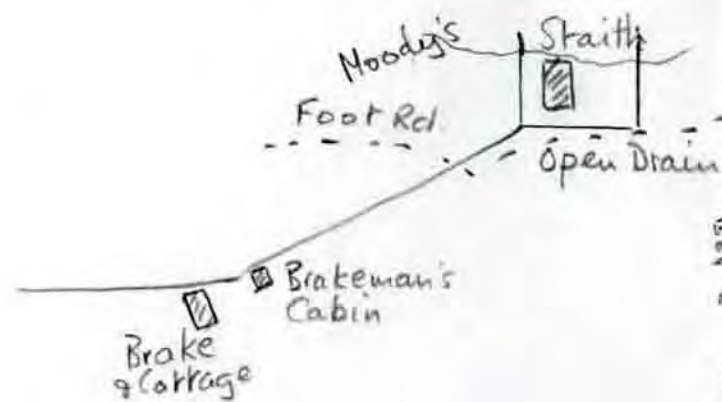
Q Rev Deighton

R to S John Russell Esq. Geo. Cummins tenant

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W to X " " "

X to Y " Wm Stephenson tenant.





Pelaw Main Collieries wagon No.690 (ex North Eastern Railway) at Starrs in 1948. Note the angled sides (D.G. Charlton)

Route 314. Pelaw Main Railway (1809-1958).

This important colliery railway began life on 17th May 1809 with a wagonway from Urpeth Colliery to the Tyne at Bill Quay (route 143). In 1828 the Birtley Iron Company was formed and the ironworks became the focal point of the system. Collieries connected to the PMR were Ouston A (264535), Ouston B (266545), Urpeth Busty (249536), Urpeth C (243545), South Pelaw (264523) and Bewicke Main (254556). See map 26 for locations.

From Birtley wagons were hauled up the eastern side of the Team Valley by two stationary engines, one near Birtley church and the other at Black Fell. In 1904 the former engine was retired and the whole section worked as one long bank. The section between Black Fell and Eighton Banks west incline was worked initially by horses, but later by rope haulage (after 1821). From Whitehill a self-acting incline took wagons to the Heworth Engine which then lowered the wagons to the Bill Quay Staiths.

At Whitehill a second line joined, from Team Colliery (257586), Ravensworth Ann Colliery (previously called the Betty Pit at 265579), Ravensworth Park Drift (242588), Norwood Coking Plant, opened in 1913 (238613), and Dunston Staiths.

In 1947 the NCB took over the system and in 1955 connected it to the Bowes Railway. The remainder of the sequence is covered under route 301.

The arrival of so many new steel wagons meant that many of the older wooden wagons could be scrapped. Others were sent to nearby collieries — indeed, a number loaned to Tanfield Lea and East Tanfield Collieries were scrapped there. Fifty more were transferred to South Medomsley Colliery, and were scrapped there after it closed in 1961.

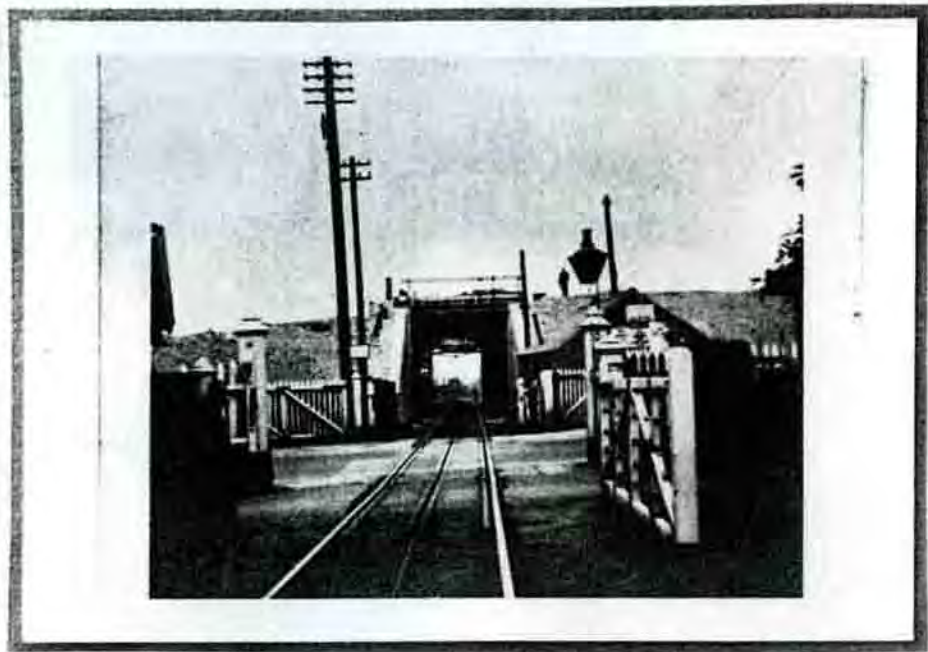
When the Bowes and Pelaw Main Railways were united in 1959 there were about 1,200 former Pelaw Main 10-ton wooden wagons in use. Most were former North Eastern Railway wagons, and were known to the men as "Trebles", probably from the size of coal they once carried. Many of these were considered to be not worth repairing and were brought to Springwell and scrapped. However, between April and August 1962 seventeen of them were added to Bowes Railway stock and given numbers made vacant by wagons which had been scrapped. Several of these wagons had been purchased from the NER by the Heworth Coal Co Ltd, so they were well-travelled. The remainder were confined to the Pelaw Main branch and retained their former numbers; the last seventy-four were scrapped in the Ravensworth Ann Colliery yard in 1968-1969.

In October and November 1963 the Railway received thirty-eight 10-ton wooden wagons from Derwenthaugh, in part replacement for the 21-ton wagons loaned five years earlier. These too were repainted and given vacant Bowes numbers, as were sixteen similar wagons received from Crookhall Washery between January 1966 and March 1967. Many of these ran only for a few years; nine Pelaw Main, thirty Derwenthaugh and six Crookhall wagons only remaining by October 1974.

To replace the ageing side-tipping "Lincoln" wagons, Marley Hill was sent a batch of twenty side-tipping steel wagons from Morrison Busty Colliery in October 1968. Quite unlike any other NCB wagons in County Durham, they had inside steel frames and the whole U-shaped box tipped sideways when the appropriate catch was released. In appearance they resembled a cross between the old "black waggon" and a side-tipping quarry tub. They had their own numbering scheme, suffixed by 'D', this being the particular Group in No.6 Area whence they came. They were confined to the Marley Hill section and none ever went to Springwell for repairs.

When traffic at Marley Hill ceased in July 1970, no less than 240 wagons were isolated there. The 103 steel 13- and 14-ton hoppers were retrieved by road, while three wagons were set aside for the North of England Open-Air Museum — 10-ton wagons Nos.1077 (Bowes "Stripey") and 1285 and 1319 (both ex-Crookhall). In addition, Nos.97 and 1041, together with loco coal wagons Nos.1450 and 1457, were transferred to Morrison Busty Colliery, where they were scrapped after the colliery closed in 1973. The remaining wagons at Marley Hill were scrapped during 1971.

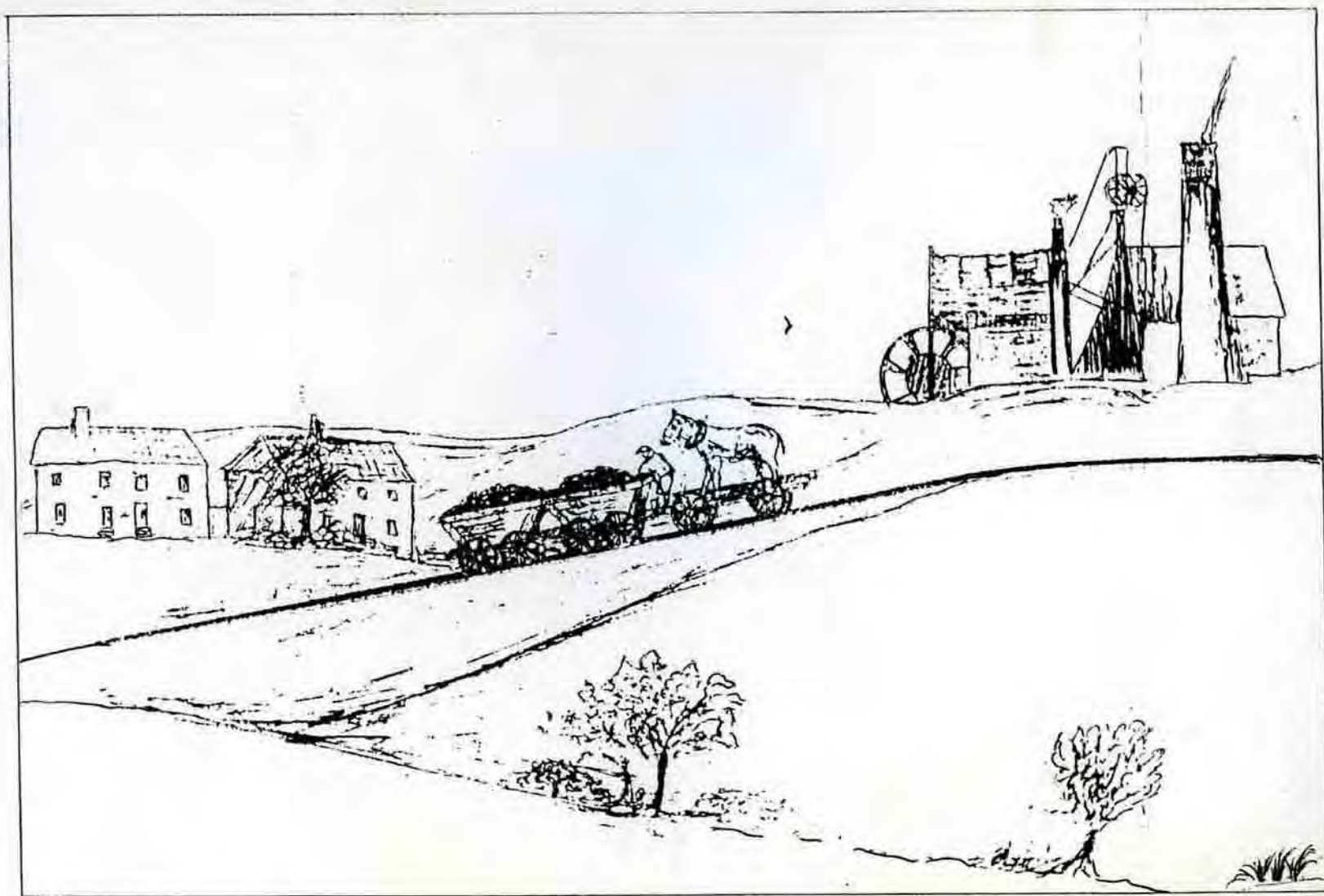
PELAW MAIN COLLIERY WAGGONWAY RAN THROUGH HEWORTH FROM 1808 TO 1960.
I CAN REMEMBER WAGGONS LIKE THE ONE PICTURED ABOVE. JMH.



LEVEL CROSSING ON SUNDERLAND ROAD FOR HEWORTH COLLIERY WAGONWAY. 1958

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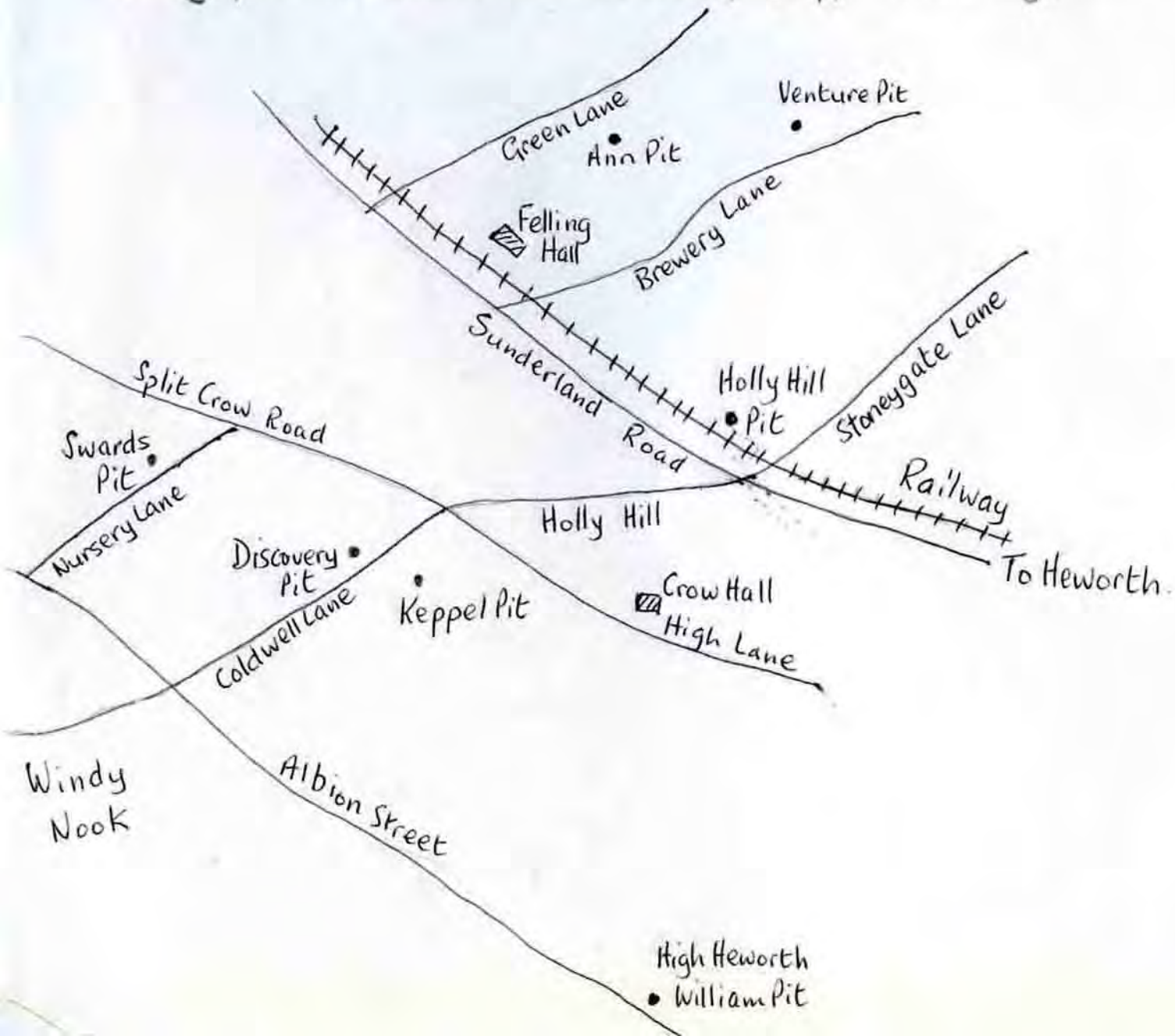


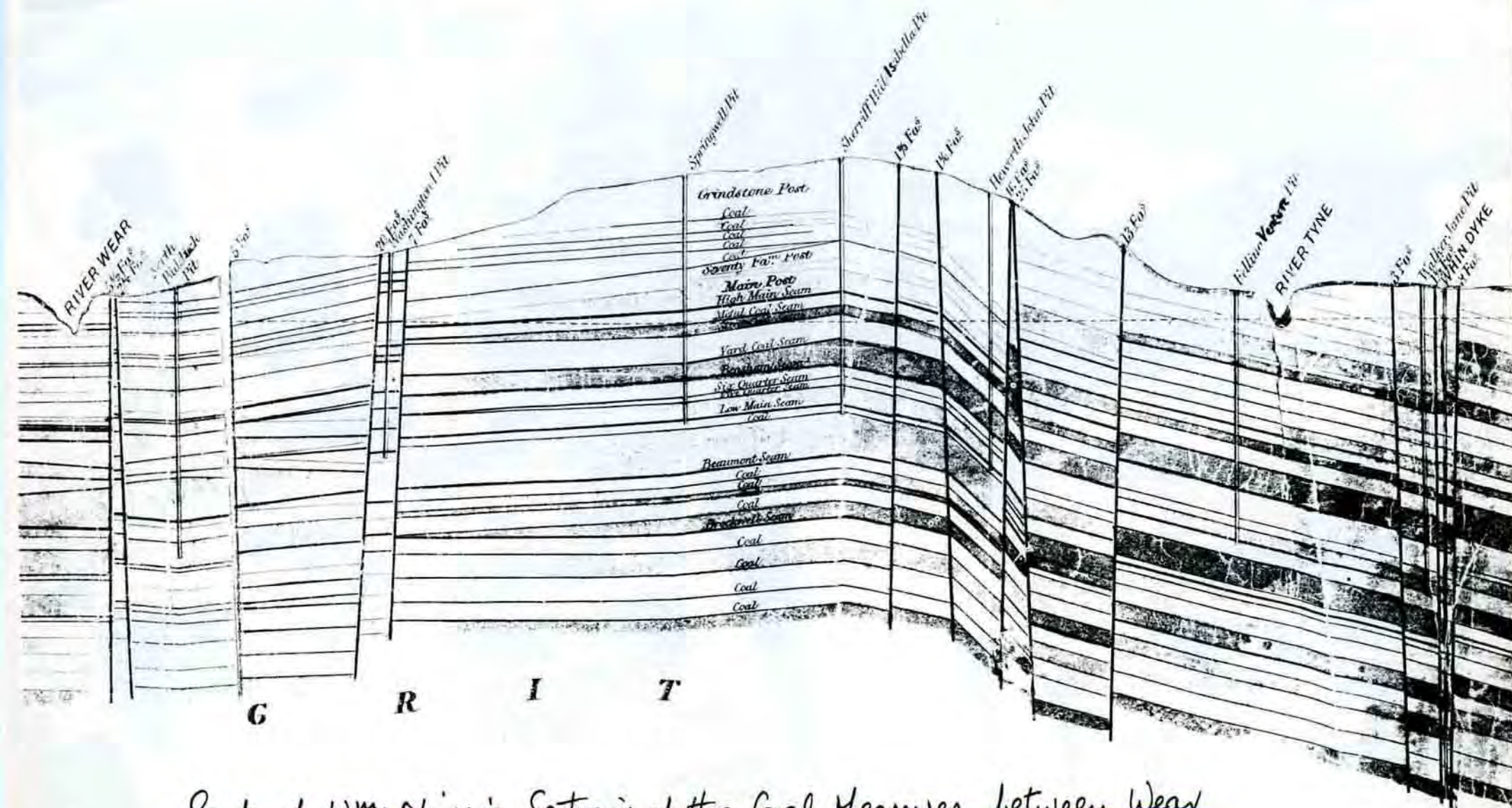
'RIDING' THE HORSE DOWN THE WAGGONWAY. IT WILL PULL UP THE EMPTY WAGGONS. DRAWING BY C.C. TAYLOR.

This was the style of waggonway from The old High Heworth P.R. down to Heworth Shore Staith - also Sheriff Hill Line

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Early pits in Heworth Township (appr sites of.)





Part of Wm. Oliver's Sections of the Coal Measures between Wear and Tyne. 1862.



PIT HEAD AND PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL.
DERELICT AND AWAITING DEMOLITION, C. 1963.

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Heworth miner (still black with coal-
dust in the doorway of his house
in Fourth Street with his children
probably c. 1914

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HEWORTH ADA PIT
LOOKING TO SPRINGWELL
TREES SURROUNDING THE 'OLD HALL'
OR WHITE HOUSE IN BACKGROUND.

HEWORTH COLLIERY

JPGS
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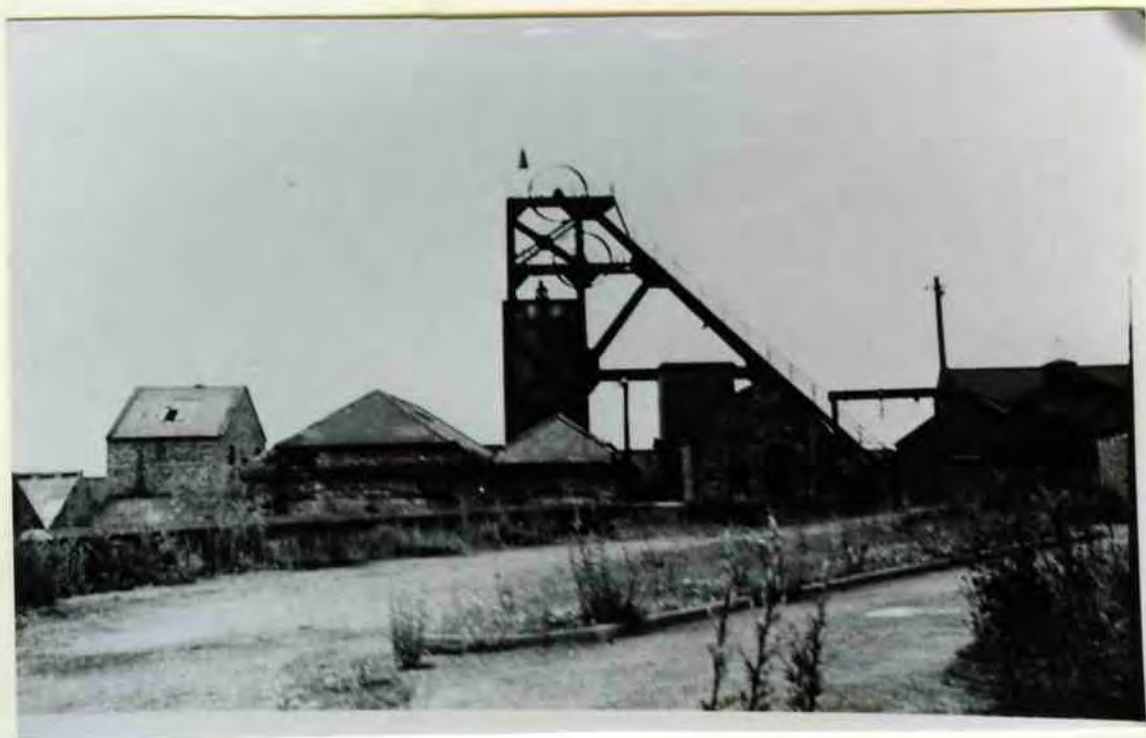
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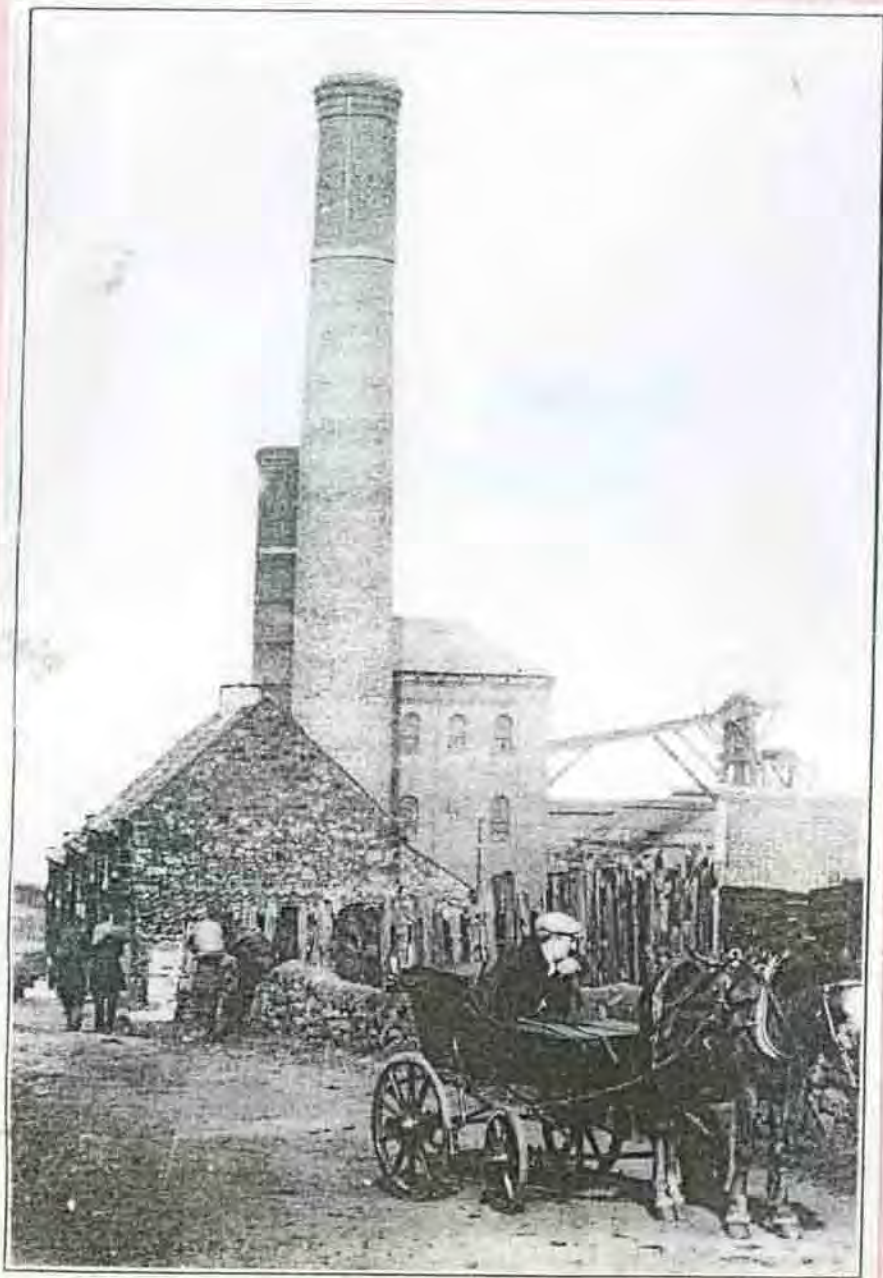
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OUTSIDE HEWORTH COLLIERY YARD. 1917. WILSON ROCKET
IN A PONY CART MADE BY MINERS AFTER A ROOF FALL
CAUSED AMPUTATION OF HIS LEGS.

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The Demise of the Durham Coalfield

(continued)

Further to my article of the Durham Coalfield, I well remember the Durham Miners Gala when 134 banners floated by with nearly as many bands, some hired in for the occasion with even an American army band amongst them, gaining tremendous applause as to their marching performances. Each band halted at the County Hotel balcony to play the miners hymn tune "Gresford" for the benefit of the VIP's present. I well remember the Easington disaster with the Easington banner heavily draped and not a dry eye in sight.

As the policeman knew everyone in the village and reported any misdemeanor to the parents, the matter closed there with the necessary punishment inflicted. I have depicted the closure of the mines but no doubt readers can also recall the demise of their own industries, such as our famous North East shipyards.

It will be very hard to remember the North East without its coalfields and ship building industries.

Maurice Grainger
St Andrew's

It is worth noting that this lovely hymn tune was written by the late Robert Saint of Hebburn and named "Heworth" after the first band to play it, however the very sad news came through the following day of the Gresford colliery disaster when 265 miners were entombed in this small mining village in Denbighshire and at that time the worst disaster in the history of mining. This was 22 September 1934 and this famous hymn tune became "Gresford".

The Durham mining villages were always a very close knit community and help was never very far away. People did not lock their doors and when going away always left the key hanging on a string behind the letter box. I suppose in those days people had very little to steal and more to give. The most respected people in the community were the minister, the schoolmaster, the local policeman but most of all, your parents.

THE BIG MEETING

A book is being prepared, with the above title, telling the story of the Durham Miner's Gala, from the memories of the participants. If you, or anyone you know, has a personal anecdote to contribute, please get in touch with Miss Eileen Carnaffin, at the Local Studies Dept. Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Road, Tel:- 4773478.
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Dear Mrs Dolan,

I am researching the history of Heworth Colliery. My father worked for 32 years at the Colliery , starting work at the Fanny Pit at the age of 14 in December 1926, transferring to Heworth Colliery proper in the early Thirties when the Fanny Pit closed. I have fond memories of being a Durham Miner's son. I went several times to Durham Gala in the Fifties with my family. I also recall attending one or two of those marvellous annual sports events which the Heworth Colliery Miners used to hold on the playing fields opposite Windy Nook Primary School. When I retire in about 7 years it is my ambition to write a history of the Heworth Colliery Community. I have already managed to unearth some rare photographs taken at the Colliery in 1950. They were commissioned by the Picture Post , the photographer being Bert Hardy. They are available from the Hulton Picture Archives. I include photocopies of several of them. I wonder if your Society has any photographs of the Heworth Colliery Community ?

What would be really useful would be an oblique aerial photograph of the Colliery taken in the 50's or early sixties. I am awaiting photocopies of aerial photographs from the National Monument Centre but I am not hopeful that the Colliery will be clearly distinguishable. According to the Durham Mining Museum , the new pit baths were opened at the Colliery in May 1959. A newspaper article which includes a photograph on the opening ceremony is supposed to exist but thus far I have failed to find it despite my perusing the Gateshead Post , Evening Chronicle , Journal , and Sunday Post. Sadly the bath house (now used as a research centre) is about all that is left of the Colliery

I include a photocopy of an article from the Gateshead Post in June 1957. I recently contacted the Evening Chronicle to try to buy the original photograph but they do not have the negative. On the photograph is J Hall , Secretary of the Heworth Lodge. His name keeps cropping up in my researches. My father remembers him as a fine man who worked tirelessly for the Heworth Colliery Miners. It is mentioned that he was also a Felling Councillor. The 1957 article lists children with the surname Hall participating in the sports events, a girl M. Hall and a boy K. Hall. Does your Society have any records of Mr Hall and whether he had children who are contactable?

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I include a photocopy of a rare and brilliant photograph of the Heworth Lodge at the Durham Miner's Gala in the fifties. The original is available from Beamish Musuem. Thus far I have been unable to fix an exact year on the photo. The black cloth draped across the top of the banner indicates that at least one miner had been killed in the Colliery since the previous Gala. Therefore the year could have been 1952 , 1955 , 1956 , or 1958. (the dates of Heworth Miners killed since 1945 are in the Book of Remembrance at Durham Cathedral).

In one of the Hulton Pictures I have indicated the stone casing of the Heworth Colliery War Memorial on the front of the Lamp Cabin . To the right of the Lamp Cabin is the Headgear of the John Pit. The War Memorial was unfolded in a ceremony on the 16th July 1922 to commemorate the 120 Heworth Colliery Miners killed on the battlefields of France in World War 1. Many of the fallen had enlisted in the Durham Light Infantry and in the Northumberland Fusiliers. At the Ceremony was a Major J. English , the agent for the Colliery. I assume this was the same Major English who was second in command of the 9th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry. Has anyone in your Society any information on Major English, eg the date of his death. He was such an exceptional figure that detailed obituaries must exist, as they might of his wife, Beryl English, who was so supportive of the Heworth Colliery families during World War 1.

Currently I am busy gathering information on the three sons of Elizabeth Wood: Andrew Wood , George Wood and Thomas Wood , all killed in World War 1 , and whose names are on the Heworth Colliery War Memorial. Has anyone from your society any idea where the Heworth Colliery War Memorial is kept ?

Yours Sincerely



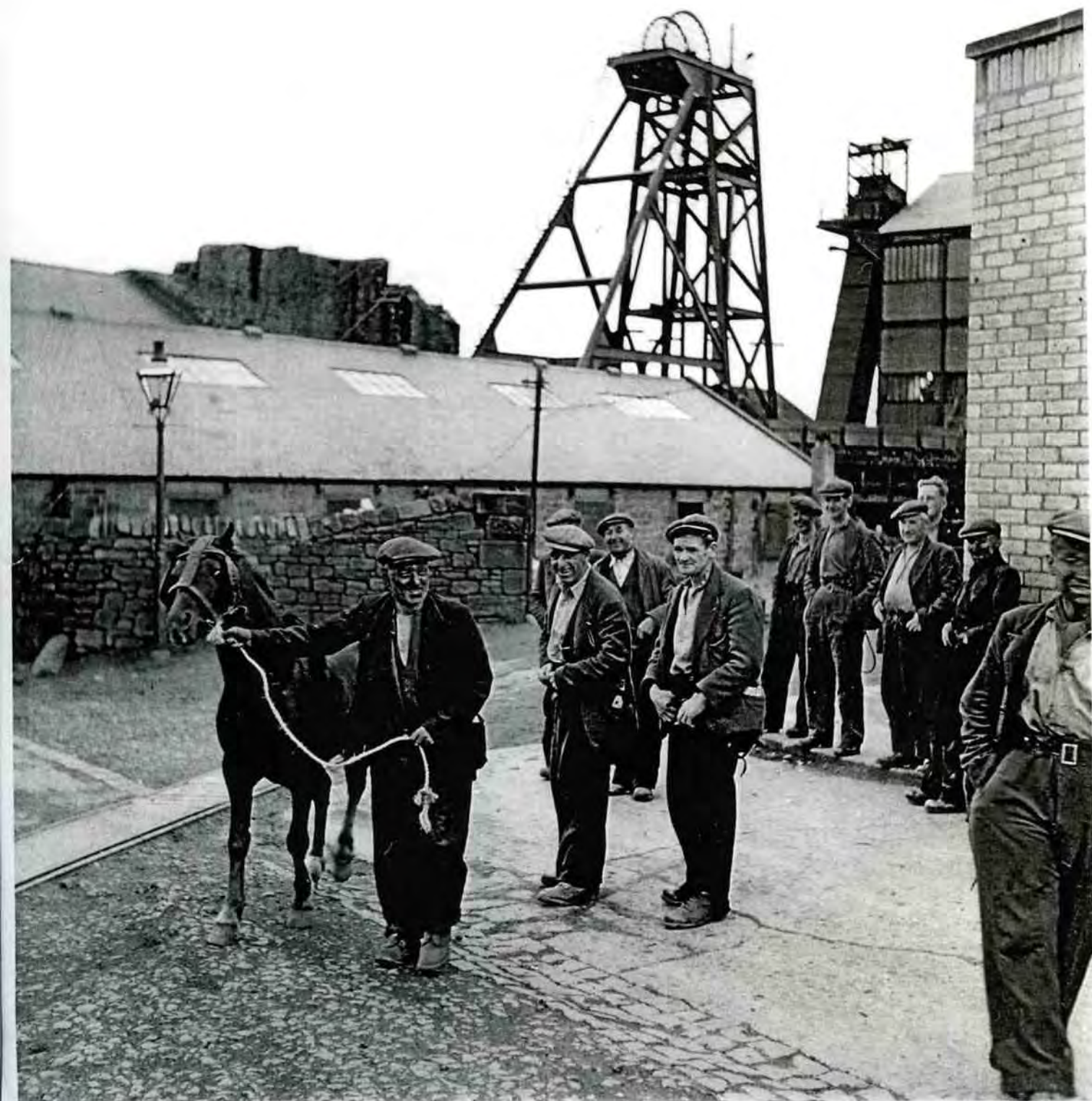
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HEWORTH COLLIERY



Heworth Colliery Staff
outside North Leam
House late 1920s-30's

L TO R - SMITH, ? A. BAGGALEY, CASE, J. HUTTON, K. HALL A. STEPHENSON
J. O'CONNELL. R. BROWN

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Heworth Colliery Staff
garden of North Leam
House - home of Major
John English, the
Colliery's Agent.
Early 1920's.



BACK ROW - L TO R. PATERSON. J. TURNBULL (SUPERVISOR) R. BROWN (ENGINEER) WARDLE. ?
CASE. FRONT ROW - L TO R. B. ARNELL. ROBINSON. M. BROWN. ALEX STEPHENSON.



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Heworth Colliery Staff & families
in grounds of North Leam House
1920's-30's.

PHOTOS FROM MISS E. BROWN.

FELLING CHIEF AT COLLIERY SPORTS



WHEN he opened the annual sports organised by Heworth Colliery Welfare Committee on the Welfare grounds on Saturday, Coun. O. C. Henderson, chairman of Felling Council, paid tribute to the committee for the interest they took in the youth of the district.

Coun. Henderson suggested that the event could be expanded in future years and he thought it would be

a good idea if it was held in conjunction with Felling Flower Show.

He commented on the splendid work and enthusiasm of the committee and said they were to be congratulated on providing such valuable prizes. Total value of the prizes exceeded £200.

PRIZES PRESENTED

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Hudspeth, daughter of the manager of Heworth Colliery.

In the picture Coun. Henderson, wearing his chain of office, is seen with officials of the Colliery and members of the sports committee, surrounded by some of the children who took part in the sports.

Included in the picture are the manager of the colliery, Mr. G. Williams; Coun. C. Roberts, a member of the committee; Mr. P. Connor, secretary of the Welfare Committee; Mr. J. Hall.

Heworth Colliery branch secretary of the N.U.M., and Mr. J. Anderson, treasurer.

RESULTS

The following are the results: Potato Race, Boys (5-7 years): 1. D. Gartland; 2. J. Bone; 3. I. Lister. Girls: S. Ritson; 2. S. Moon; 3. V. Hopkins.

Sack Race, Boys: 1. G. Turnbull; 2. D. Dingley; 3. M. Bone. Egg and Spoon Race, Girls (7-10 years): 1. J. Ritson; 2. M. Hall; 3. T. Connolly.

60 yards, Boys (10-12): 1. A. Austin; 2. K. Hall; 3. L. Anderson. Girls: 1. C. Moon; 2. M. Watson; 3. J. Wintersper.

60 yards, Boys (12-15): 1. J. Fryatt; 2. L. Copeland; 3. E. Moon. Girls: 1. S. Hibbert; 2. E. Hamilton; 3. H. Laidler.

100 yards, Boys (12-15): 1. J. Fryatt; 2. L. Copeland; 3. E. Moon.

Boys Pillow Fight (9-11): J. Johnson, D. Earl; (12-15): E. Moon, J. West.

ADULTS' EVENTS

80 yards: 1. R. Archer; 2. E. Cusack; 3. W. Burrell.

220 yards: 1. A. Cook; 2. W. Burrell; 3. E. Cusack.

Veterans' Race: 1. T. Carey; 2. T. Dingley; 3. J. Stephenson.

Women's Egg and Spoon Race: 1. Mrs. L. Johnson; 2. Mrs. Earl; 3. Mrs. Reay.

Obstacle Race: 1. Anne Crooks; 2. A. Richardson; 3. W. Burrell.

Darts Handicap: 1. T. Carey; 2. S. Williamson; 3. R. Southern; 4. J. Johnson.

FELL RUGBY PLAYER'S WEDDING

A MEMBER of Gateshead Fell Rugby Club's first team was married on Saturday to a Lobley Hill girl.

He was Mr. Angus Watson, of Dunston, who married Miss Maureen Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gray, of 42 Chiltern Gardens.

The Rev. A. C. Robertson conducted the ceremony at All Saints' Church, Lobley Hill. Mr. Donald Gray, the bride's brother was best man.

BRIDESMAIDS

Miss Pauline Randle, the bride's friend, was chief bridesmaid. Other attendants were Joan Watson, the bridegroom's sister, and Sheila Gray, the bride's niece.

Maureen wore a white gown of lace and net, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The bridesmaids were dressed in lemon taffeta and carried bouquets of sweet peas.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. The honeymoon is being spent in London.

Gateshead YWCA garden party

In the Bewick Road gardens, opposite Herdman Hall, on Wednesday, the Gateshead Y.W.C.A. will hold a garden party.

The event, which will be opened at 3 o'clock, will include side shows, stalls, fortune teller, etc. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d.

From front page, col. 4

Doctor's report on the health visitor

...ions which have arisen since conditions had been so great

TUCKERS DARTS LEAGUE

Results for Monday June 3

'A' DIVISION

Ship, Wrek.	2	Black Horse	1
Malting H.	2	Ship, T.M.	0
RASC Club	1	Gr'ncroft C.	2
Beaconsfield	2	Causeway	0
C. & Horses	2	No Game	—
Whickham	1	Springwell	2
Deckham H	2	Com., Tan.	0
Cromwell	2	Quarrymans	1

		P	W	L	Pt
Greencroft Club		30	26	4	52
Ship, Wrekenton		30	23	7	46
Causeway		30	20	10	40
Beaconsfield		30	20	10	40
Springwell		30	20	10	40
Ship, Tyne Main		30	20	10	40
Cromwell Inn		30	17	13	34
Malting House		30	17	13	34
Whickham House		30	17	13	34
Commercial, Tan.		30	14	16	28
Black Horse		30	13	17	26
R.A.S.C. Club		30	11	19	22
Deckham Hotel		30	11	19	22
Coach & Horses		30	6	24	12
Quarrymans A.		30	5	25	10
Glasgow House					Withdrawn

'B' DIVISION

Burton Hse.	2	Deckham H.	1
Nags Head	1	Ship, Wrek.	2
Bird Inn	2	RASC Club	0
Glasgow H.	0	Com., Ghd.	2
Causeway	0	Beaconsfield	2
Springwell	2	No Game	—
Miners A.	2	Woolsg'ton	0
Gardeners	2	Cromwell	1

		P	W	L	Pt
Beaconsfield		30	27	3	54
Deckham Hotel		30	22	8	44
Bird Inn		30	21	9	42

Team Valley league

CRICKET

Burgess	95	Burgess	36
Smiths	79	Forgrove	65
Forgrove	37	Arm. Cork	59

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Forgrove	5	3	0	2	9
Huwoods	3	3	0	0	9
Burgess	5	2	0	3	6
Arm. Cork	3	1	0	2	3
Smiths	4	1	0	3	3

NET BALL

Burgess	23	Burgess	16
Barrans	8	Barrans	15
Fibreboard 'B'	13	Arm. Cork	2
Osram	16	Wad'tns 'A'	17
Wad'tns 'B'	10	De La Rue	14

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Fibreboard 'A'	5	5	0	0	10
Adams Powel	5	3	1	1	7
De La Rue	6	3	1	2	7
Waddingtons 'A'	6	3	1	2	7
Barrans	6	3	0	3	6
Forgrove	4	3	0	1	6
Fibreboard 'B'	6	2	1	3	5
Osram	5	2	1	2	5
	5	2	0	2	4



HEWORTH COLLIERY WAR MEMORIAL.

"TO THE HONOURED MEMORY OF THOSE MEN OF
HEWORTH COLLIERY, WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR
KING AND COUNTRY, IN THE GREAT WAR."

1914 - 1918.

ERECTED BY THE HIGH HEWORTH WORKING PARTY.

"THEIR NAMES LIVE FOREVER."

THE MEMORIAL WAS BESIDE THE LAMP-CABIN,
WHERE THE MINERS SAW IT EVERY DAY.

PHOTO: MRS IVY INNES.



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1914-18 WAR MEMORIAL AT THE PITHEAD HEWORTH COLLIERY.
NAMES CANNOT BE READ. PHOTO ORIGINAL - MRS IVY INNES.

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1926 SOUP KITCHEN DURING GENERAL STRIKE. ORGANISED BY COLLIERY P.M. CHAPEL

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MAJOR ENGLISH, AGENT FOR THE HEWORTH COAL COMPANY, AND COLLIERY STAFF, OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE, NORTH LEAM, IN THE 1920S.

FLASHBACK FOCUS ON GATESHEAD'S WORKING PAST ...

Dramatic changes over the years

From farm work

to heavy industry

A 'HARD' town. That was how a reporter for *The Guardian* described the place as he set the scene for the National Garden Festival of 1990.

Maybe he was more used to the glitter of London and maybe — just maybe — he had a point.

For those who live, work, play and try to make things happen in the town, Gateshead is hardly a "hard" place, although, over the centuries and particularly in more recent times, Gateshead people have had a lot to put up with.

Flourished

Through it all they have continued to meet the constant changes presented by industry and the commercial world. And that could explain why, somewhere along the line, outsiders might get the impression that people here are more resilient than most.

How dramatic have the changes been? A step back in time provides an answer.

A walk along High Street into High Street West in the 1870s would have taken promenaders past Shipcote Farm

It was one of the many farms that had flourished since the 13th and 14th centuries.

Farmers recognised, early on, that they were on to a good thing in Gateshead. The high-yield quality of the land enabled them to produce almost every kind of domestic crop and provided fertile grazing ground.

By 1901, however, a newspaper reporter — this time working for a local paper — noticed that farming was on its way out to make way for what would soon become one of North East England's busiest town centres.

He wrote: "Less than ten years ago, residents in the then well-grown district of High Street West, (as it was then known), and Durham Road, after a short walk, came out amidst cornfields and leafy lanes."

But haymakers, mowers and other farmworkers had had their livelihoods removed as Gateshead grew to meet pressing commercial and industrial challenges.

The effects of the Industrial Revolution were paying huge dividends to early industrialists.

They recognised a quality workforce and they knew how to exploit it when they offered a range of new jobs supplying thrusting agriculturalists new labour-saving equipment and the nuts and bolts to make heavy industry tick.

Lime kilns, chemical producers, potteries, ironworks and fish processing plants, among others, had all been long-established and, with new advances in engineering, all

combined to offer a fertile source of work to those seeking new trades.

Employers also offered opportunities for an influx of workers from elsewhere, many of whose descendants have continued to live in Gateshead.

In the mines, however, conditions had been appalling in early years.

And early pit safety was nothing to be proud of as Gateshead's own crop of pit disaster memorials prove.

A pit accident here in 1621 was one of the first in Britain, killing two.

Reminders

And the Stoney Flatt pit explosion at Bensham, on October, 1705, was the first major mining disaster, killing 39 men, women and children.

In succeeding decades industry, domestic consumers and shipowners depended greatly on the output of County Durham's mines and Gateshead played a key role, not only in the production of the raw material, but in the shipping of 'black gold' from the many coal staiths dotted along the Tyne's south bank — known as coals from Newcastle.

Gateshead still has a firm industrial base and hi-tech industries have arrived.

And the only reminders of the town's mining past are the winding wheels sited as monuments to those who gave their lives to the trade.



HEWORTH'S Ada Pit was a feature of the landscape. The building to the right of the winding shaft is the pit chapel *F.L.H.S. PHOTO*



EMMA Colliery provided hundreds of jobs for miners from Ryton to Barmoor. The pit was built in 1823 and rebuilt in 1840 and 1850. It survived until 1968. Above, is Heworth Colliery Football Team, date unknown



Pints and pubs!



THE Swan Inn at Heworth was one of Gateshead district's finest purpose-built pubs. This picture dates from 1961



THE Railway Hotel at Birtley provided "good stabling" according to a sign over the front door. The landlord of the day was Alex Stewart



COMMEMORATING one of Gateshead's most famous sons, the Ravensworth Arms at Heworth, run by James Burns, was a modest establishment

PUB life has always been important to the working men of Gateshead.

Historian Frank Manders, in *A History of Gateshead*, hits the nail on the head:

"Most of the occupations of the nineteenth century had the effect of driving men into the inn or beer house; miners and chemical workers swallowed dust which had to be washed away; glassmakers and foundry workers were dehydrated at the end of the day."

The Temperance Movement failed to dampen whetted appetites for beer and the pub remained a key social centre in pre-television days.

Family life, indeed, often revolved around pub-inspired activities well into the 1930s.

The arrival of the club movement in the 1860s soon gave publicans a run for their money, once the earliest town clubs overcame temperance restrictions.

But the pub or club was not the working man's exclusive retreat.

There were numerous "long rooms" including John Freeman's Grey Horse, Mrs Calvert's Half Moon and William Methuen's Duke of Cumberland.

The number of pubs gradually declined as other diversions, including music hall and later the moving pictures, attracted crowds to theatres and cinemas.

From a total of 125 pubs in 1905, the number had dwindled to 98 by 1929.



THE pub was often a focal point for community activities — everything from football and cricket matches to family outings by charabanc. These athletic types were taking part in a charity football match at Whickham's Bay Horse Inn in 1905

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FRONT OF EAST VIEW TERRACE - a row of 10 houses
for Deputies and Overmen, slightly away from pit
head & 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th streets. They had long front
gardens separated from house by a footpath. At the
top were allotments (South end).

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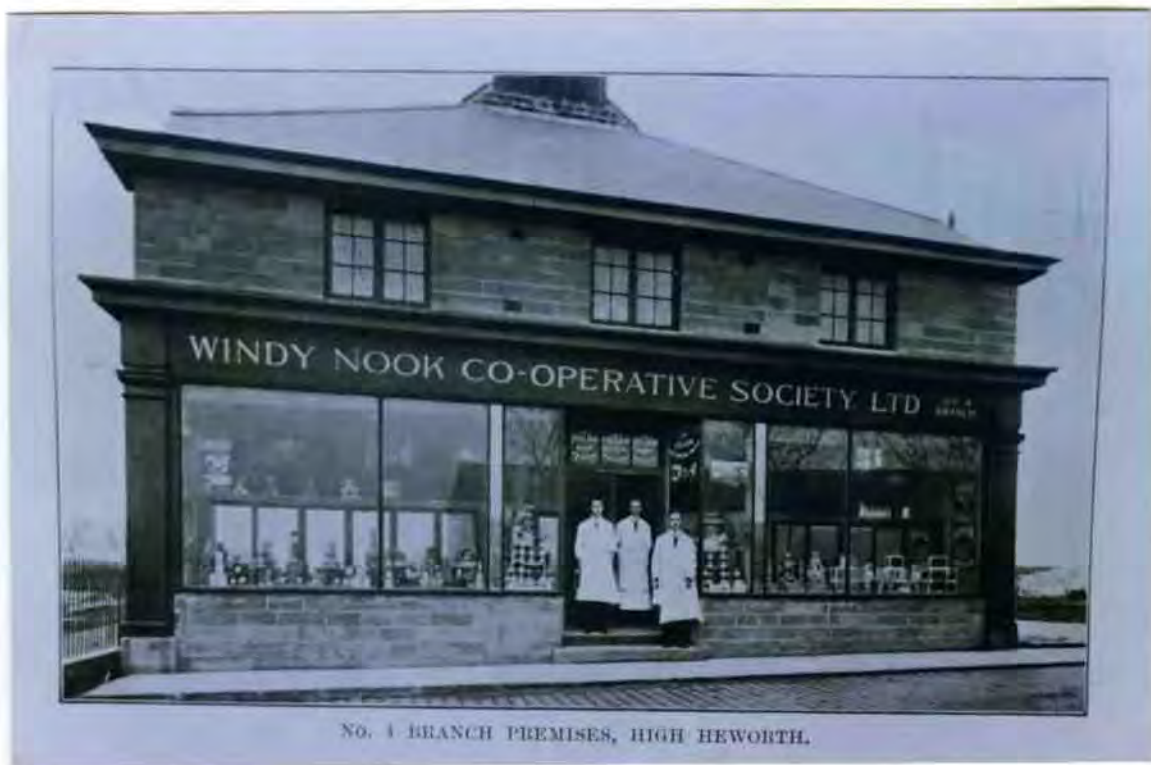
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BACK OF EAST VIEW TCE. AT THE BOTTOM CAN BE SEEN
THE DETACHED COLLIERY MANAGER'S HOUSE FACING NORTH. ALL
THE BACK YARD WALLS STILL HAVE COAL HATCHES AND
BELOW THEM ASH CLOSET OPENINGS TO EMPTY SAME.



THE HIGHLY POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL 'STORE' FOR THE COLLIERY OPENED IN 1923 IN THE FORMER HIGH HEWORTH HOUSE AN EARLY 19TH CENTURY HOUSE OF THE WYLAHS, GENTLEMEN FARMERS. THERE WAS AN EARLIER HOUSE ON THE SITE USED BY COLLIERY AGENTS WHEN WYLAH'S BUILT NORTH LEAM.

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THE OLD HIGH HEWORTH HOUSE AFTER THE CO-OP STORE CLOSED C.1978. NEW OWNER BUILT NEW DETACHED HOUSE IN ITS GROUNDS. THE FRONT ONLY WAS THE SHOP AND THE REAR REMAINED A HOUSE. PHOTO. 1989.



HOME VISIT: Bryan Robson and Pauline Hogarth revisit Heworth House, their birthplace, now a church.

Return OF THE TWINS TO HIGH HEWORTH

Anna Ralph joined Bryan Robson and Pauline Hogarth on an emotional visit to their North-East birthplace.



"UP here, look Pauline," says Bryan, hurriedly climbing the stairs. "This is where Nana Dodds used to take Paddy for a bath."

He can hardly contain his excitement. For the first time since 1940, Bryan Robson is walking around the house in High Heworth, where he was born. The scenery might have changed, there are roads and houses where there were once fields, and even the house, Heworth House, is now a church, but the memories made here are vivid.

It's also the first time Pauline Hogarth, Bryan's twin, has been back to the home where they lived with their grandparents, Isaac and Lizzie Dodds. Pauline's memory isn't as good as her brother's, but as she walks from room to room, fragments of her childhood are brought to life and greeted with a smile.

The building, nearly 200 years old,

stands on top of High Heworth hill. It used to share the landscape with nothing other than a few miner's cottages and Heworth Pit; its chimney was visible from the bottom of the vegetable garden. Today, the vegetable garden has been replaced by a vicarage and Heworth House has become the Whitehills Christian Fellowship. When Bob Faldon, the minister, heard that Bryan and Pauline were travelling up from London to revisit their childhood home, he kindly agreed to show them around.

"That's where the front door used to be," Bryan, 67, says, pointing to a bricked up area to the side of the church. "And there, this used to be our front garden. At the end of it, there were horses. Yes, look, there still are." He stands for a moment, looking out over the common grazing land and smiles at a familiar sight. His memory is sure, impressively so, since Bryan and Pauline left the house when they were just four-years-old to join their parents in London, and never returned.

"Our mother became ill shortly after we were born, with tuberculosis," Pauline explains. "So we returned to Heworth House to live with our grandparents while she recuperated." The twin's parents, Thomas and Nellie - known locally as Tot

and Nelli - lived at Heworth House for some time after they were married before moving with Bryan and Pauline to a home of their own in a quiet suburb of London.

But when Nellie became ill the children were sent to live in Heworth and she was transferred to a tuberculosis sanatorium in Midhurst, West Sussex, where her condition worsened.

"After reading a report of her tragic situation in a Newcastle newspaper, a radical young surgeon said he would help," Bryan explains. "He must have seen it by chance, or have been visiting the area."

Fortunately, the 'radical young surgeon' was none other than Clement Price-Thomas, a gifted thoracic surgeon of the time, who went on to operate on King George VI. After successfully removing part of the King's lung, Clement was knighted.

"He saved her life," Pauline says. "He removed her left lung, and it took two years but she recovered eventually."

But by the time Thomas and Nellie returned to Heworth House to collect their children, Bryan couldn't remember his mother.

"Yes, it's sad, but in those early years it was Lizzie who was our mother," he says. "She was a wonderful woman, loyal, affectionate, and North-East to her roots."

Sitting at the back of the church, where Lizzie once skinned the rabbits, Bryan and Pauline are absorbed in memories, now flooding readily to the surface.

"It was like living in the middle of *Wuthering Heights*, you know," Bryan says. "There was nothing but fields everywhere. I remember we used to ride on the back of Paddy, my grandmother's Collie dog. And I remember the sound of my feet on the drive way, crunching on the gravel and moss."

"And Nana was always cooking griddle cakes," Pauline smiles.

Bryan remembers one occasion, his third birthday, vividly. "We'd been to see my father's father, he had a toy shop in Bensham. We always called him Grandpa Bensham."

"I was bought a clockwork spider which seemed huge and terrifying. But my grandmother told me not to be frightened of it. Then, when we got home, we let it crawl up the sofa and it scared my Aunt Eadie and Aunt Maggie to death. My grandmother laughed until she cried."

Many of the rooms in Heworth House have been changed over the years. An extension was built shortly before Bryan and Pauline lived there, which housed the Windy Nook branch of the Co-op, managed by their grandfather, Isaac.

More recently the building was used as a factory to make pease pudding before it was finally converted into a place of worship in 1984.

High Heworth itself was a tiny village when Bryan and Pauline played in the gardens of the house. A landscape with ale-houses, a quarry, a colliery, and farms has been largely replaced with a big housing estate mixed in with a few remaining stone-built cottages.

Many years after the twins left Heworth, Bryan's mother told him that the house had been demolished, but he now thinks this is because she had visited herself and been upset by the changes.

"I had no reason not to believe her. Then, in 1996, I was here with friends and saw it on a map," Bryan says. "I came back with my wife but didn't go inside. It's so wonderful to be able to do that now, and with Pauline too."

"Yes, we might have lost our North-East accents," says Pauline. "But not our roots." anna.ralph@ncjmedia.co.uk



HAPPY DAYS: Bryan, left, and Pauline help clear snow from the entrance to Heworth House.



FOND MEMORIES: Bryan and Pauline with their mother, Nellie, at Heworth House.



FLASHBACK: Heworth House as it was when Bryan and Pauline lived there.

HEWORTH COLLIERY

The only man who didn't abandon ship stayed alive

HARD, rugged, trustworthy — all the characteristics of the Durham miner that writer after writer has tried to build, a myth upon.

All these things the miners were—by necessity, it was their way of life.

Here in this page we see a picture of the local boys of Heworth High Lanes, in 1910. Among them are miners who worked at Heworth Colliery.

In the centre of the picture (in the straw hat), is Mr. R. Davis, of Felling Shore.

He worked as a mate on a passenger paddle ferry that plied between Newcastle and North Shields. One day the boat was rammed and began to sink. All hands abandoned the ship, leaving the only man who could not swim—Mr. R. Davis—on board.

However as fate would have it, all who had abandoned ship were carried away by the current and drowned. The only one saved was—Mr. R. Davis.

On his left is Mr. Tommy Foster, the champion quoit player of Tyneside. He worked as a "keeker" at Heworth Colliery.

On the right of Mr. Davis is Mr. W. Roonan, whose job it was to ride the coal wagons on the line between High

a FELLMAN reader recalls . . .

Lanes and Bill Quav Coal Staithes.

The small boy on the bottom left of the picture was about the same age then as Mr. A. Davis, of 18 North View Terrace, Felling, who brought in the photo. He is the son of the straw-hatted man.

The way they teach music

FOR one whose musical ability is limited it is interesting to note how the conception of the teaching of music has changed over the last 100 years.

Even after singing virtually became a compulsory subject in 1870, following the Forster Education Act, people generally had a narrow viewpoint on musical tuition.

Twenty years after the Act, there were angry letters and editorials in newspapers describing as "indefensibly extravagant" and "strikingly absurd" the decision of School Boards to provide their schools with pianos costing £25 each.

However, a very different situation exists today. It is



described in the annual report of Mr. Clifford Barratt, Music during the spring. Of course, in the round-up

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	_____ has been awarded to _____ <i>Annie Robson</i> _____ who was examined by _____ HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTOR on <i>April</i> 18<i>83</i> and passed in the _____ Standard. IGNED _____	
		

THE "VICTORIA" CERTIFICATE, NO. 2. ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL
The North of England School Furnishing Co. Ltd.
NEWCASTLE & DARLINGTON

MY GRANDMOTHER, ANNIE ROBSON LEFT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL WHEN WINDY NOOK BOARD SCHOOL OPENED .1883.

WESTFIELD HO.



Westfield House once faced Albion Street but now has that road behind it, since it was re-aligned (1960s). At the edge of the Westfields it was once the home of the Arnells.

James Arnell was Heworth Colliery Engineer. See story about his daughter, Eleanor Arnell.

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1882.

Rev. J. Steel has promised a new set of reading books for St. II. (Sequel to No. 2) as the present ones are in a very dilapidated condition. Closed school at half past three as Sunday Scholars are to have their usual summer treat.

Aug. 30. School Board Officer called for a list of absentees. P. J. does not intend to go on as a teacher - Rev. J. Steel promised to appoint another in her place. P. J.'s lessons not prepared at all thoroughly.

Boys' offices in a very dirty condition - sent word to school-cleaner to see after them.

Sep. 4. Admitted Edith Stephenson and Annie Robson.

Good school - 74 present.

George Donnison left this school without giving any reason.

Sep. 5. Admitted Isabella Jewers. Ordinary progress.

Sts. IV, V and VI grouped together for Geography (Europe). Ordinary Routine.

Sep. 8th

Sep. 11th

Received from the Rev. J. Steel twenty Reading Bks. for 'Standard II. (Sequel to No. II.)'

Sep. 14.

Wet morning - attendance not so good - 56 present.

Sep. 15.

Rev. J. Steel visited school. Ordinary progress.

Sep. 20 18.

Rev. J. Steel visited school and distributed certificates and prizes to those children who passed last examination.

High Heworth National School Log Book

1870. March 59 Pupils. + 13. + 3

Aug 17th. Wm Stephenson admitted.

3 weeks holiday 5/9/70 - 26/9/70.

Oct 10th. Night School started.

Oct 31st. Fireplace built at lower end of Schoolroom.

Weekly religious service tool Wed. am. Visiting Preacher.

" " " Wed evening - for adults.

Dec 22nd Curate, Rev. J. L. Jones gave notice to Mrs Taylor, Sewing Mistress whose place was to be taken by the Master's sister!! SNOW.

Mr Lovatt Master. Mrs Lovatt Assistant.

1871. Feb 27th. Wardle chm absent due to Smallpox in family.

Apr 17th. Dryden " " " " " " "

May 10th. Whiskip " " " " " " "

May 16th. Horpeth chm " " " " " " "

May 22nd Yelton " " " " " " "

June Inspector's Report:- "A difficult place" "Evidence of careful teaching"
Buildings satisfactory. Creditable order. Most work only fair or moderate.

The Lovatts resigned. Mrs Taylor re-engaged as Sewing Mistress
Rev. M. Plummer signed examination results.

July Thomas Wardle punished for truancy with younger Schlings.

Aug Attendance low as some of chm were haymaking.

" 7th Hgt Bailey absent - Smallpox.

Weather very hot.

64 Scholars at School on Aug 15th

" 31st. Oliver family have smallpox.

Sept 4th Commercial Night School - 17 attended.

" 6th. Punished two boys for having 1298 mistakes in Dictation.

" 7th " This afternoon Thomas Kirkup told me a series of lies; this not being the first occasion on which he has lied, I gave him a severe caning and spoke to the other chm about the Sin of Lying "

" 21st Stephenson family have smallpox.

27th. " Annie Stephenson's elder sister died this morning of Smallpox "

Oct 3rd. " Annie Stephenson's sister died of smallpox this morning. "

Contd.

1871 Oct 16th. Place chn & Gibson chn very ill with Scarlet Fever.

" Thos Arnell & Maggie Bailey ill of Smallpox

Oct 18th. "Matthew Place died this afternoon of Scarlet Fever."

Nov 2nd "Miss Wylam's wedding today."

" 17th Attendance then due to heavy Snow.

Dec 4th Then " Snow 8 inches deep.

Dec 18th Winter chn & Kirkup chn absent. Smallpox in family.

Dec 21st - Break up for Christmas. 2 weeks.

1872.

Jan 8th. Nicholson family withdrawn - will not pay 3d a wk.

29th Dolly Turner has measles. Joseph Stoker - Smallpox

" Mrs Grand absent - daughter very sick

Feb 20th Stoker family withdrawn because of refusal to have them at

" School while Smallpox in household.

" Mr Plummer called.

March Better weather - better attendance

" 20th Bitter cold. Snowfall. Attendance then

22nd Severe storm - poor attendance

School Inspected

29th Good Friday. - Holiday until April 5th

April 18th "Punished Polly Hall for telling lies."

25th St. Mark's Day - chn attend St. Mary's for service at 11am

May 1st St Philip & St James Day " " " " " "

Inspectors Report - Only the Second Standard did fairly well.

Infants need benches suited to them. Boys Lavatories need better drainage. (floor!) Most work is mechanical repetition.

Some diversity necessary - Singing - Exercises. Otherwise chn will become stupid. "

Mr C.M. Grand. Master Mrs Grand. Mistress.

May 9th. Ascension Day. Chn at church, am

June 7th. "This afternoon we were visited by a very severe thunder-storm which frightened a great many of the children."

June 21st Wm Dixon has a badly broken leg.

28th. "Poor attendance because it is Newcastle Race Week."

Contd.

1872. July

A period of very hot weather.

" 16th Revd George O'Brien appointed Curate - acting Manager of this School - came this morning. Took Scripture.

" 22nd Another bad thunderstorm.

Aug 1st. Thos. Kirkup punished for swearing.

" 13th. " This afternoon Miz Wylam invited the chn to take tea in her grounds, after which they had games in the field. "

" 26th " School then today on account of a Miner's Demonstration on Boldon Flatts. "

Sept 5th. Half-holiday. Mistress very ill.

12th Rev. O'Brien took lessons. Mistress exceedingly ill!

Oct 3rd " Nearly all the Wardley chn absent on account of a strike at the Colliery. "

17th Holiday to allow School to be cleaned.

Nov 8th Good attendance at present.

14th " I gave Robert Waggott a severe thrashing for playing truant on Tues. Wed. & Thurs. mornings. "

Dec 9th. " The Hebble family have left. Their parents are afraid of the waggons " "

1873. Jan. Large number of Wardley boys admitted to the Night School.

" 24th A heavy fall of snow. Poor attendance. The Musgraves were withdrawn because " Elizabeth was asked to pay for George Place's Slate which she had carelessly broken. "

Feb 2nd Great quantity of snow. Av. attendance only 47 this week.

Feb 26th " My time-table was burnt through being blown onto the fire's embers in a sudden draught. I must have another before the Inspection in March " "

Mar. 21st Attendance good -- average 75 this week.

Inspector's Visit - " A frame should be procured for the Time-table to prevent further accidents to it. "

31st. The half-time attenders keep increasing but are good at coming.

April 25th Sixteen chn from Wardley have left on account of a

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girl being killed on the Waggonway, up which the children from Wardley come."

April 28th Admitted 6 children.

May 2nd The Baileys absent on account of their Mother's death.

Smallpox in the family of George Brown.

Inspection Report. - The children read too fast. The infants are still backward - by no means up to standard. The Grant is reduced by $\frac{1}{10}$ under Article 32b for faults of this nature. Mr Grant's certificate cannot be issued till he receives a favourable report."

May 23rd Good attendance. (79)

June 3rd "This afternoon Miss Forster, White House, gave the scholars tea in her garden, after which they played Cricket, Football etc till the evening. 120 chn were present."

" 19th. 3 weeks holiday.

July 23rd "This morning we had an exceedingly heavy thunderstorm before 9.00 am. A great many children did not come, not one from either Wardley or Windy Nook."

Sept 12th "Several children absent as it is blackberry picking time."

- 17th Very wet weather.

24th "This afternoon Patrick McParlin (Night Scholar) got his arm broken down the pit."

26th Nelson's & Wraiths not coming from Wardley when winter sets in - too far.

Oct 3rd "A new school having been opened this week in Wardley Colliery, all children from there have left this school."

Oct 17th Poor attendance - average 55.

" 22nd "John Powell was punished for insolence and bad conduct. He took his Slate home, threatening not to come again."

Nov. 7th Many children are ill, only 48 present. Much sickness.

" 10th No night school - Master unwell

Dec 16th - "A perfect Hurricane which caused much damage in the Colliery prevented many children from attending in the morning."

1873. Dec 25th. Christmas Day - No School.

26th Boxing Day - " " until Jan 3rd.

1874. Jan 9th. "So many children are ill - fever - that it is difficult to teach proper lessons. No sewing. Sarah Grand (master's daughter) has fever.

22nd/23rd. Holiday to have the school cleaned.

31st. Still a prevalence of Scarlet Fever.

Jane Thompson, 2nd Class, has died.

Feb 9th. Dorothy Thompson died yesterday.

Mar 6th. Master and Mistress sent in their Resignations to leave on June 6th.

Mar 10th. A very stormy morning. Damage to the roof.

Inspection Report - Very poor. Condition of the School not up to expectations. Attainment very low. Not explained by illness & poor attendance. Instruction is not as required. Grant reduced by $\frac{2}{10}$. No certificate for Mr Gand. The Managers must give serious attention to the condition of the School.

June 15th. After a week's holiday a new master took charge - Mr James Lawson with Mrs Lawson as mistress.

June 19th. "Remodelled the Classes today. Children have improved in discipline."

June 30th. Commenced to punish for late attendance.

July 3rd. Burnt a lot of old rubbish.

" 10th Held examinations with poor results. Increased attendances.

July 21st 75 present today.

July 28th Very wet - a fearful thunderstorm.

Aug 3rd Punished 4 girls for going out of playground during forenoon recreation.

" 6th. I find the reading, writing & spelling of III Class very bad indeed - even shocking. Miss Forster called.

Sept 3rd. Many children out gathering blackberries or working in Harvest fields.

Oct 6th Good attendance (86)

" 13 Over 90 chn present.

16th. There is a fall in attendance - Pay Day at the Colliery is the cause.

Nov 16th - Very cold weather. Some mishaps on ice.

26th Bitter cold - Chn arrived starved.

Dec 2nd Got new books - Collins Readers.

3rd Man came to repair Harmonium.

15th. Saw Mr Plummer Paid for new books.

17th Thin attendance through intense cold.

" 21st Severe Snow storms Very few at School.

22nd - Continued severe weather. A mason came to repair fireplace.

24th Very few at school - holiday for Christmas until January 8th.

1875.

Jan 8th - Opened in severely bad weather - hard frozen snow.

" 21st. So cold, but had to put out the fire on account of its smoking. It is not satisfactory.

22nd. Children absent due to bad weather continuing.

School closed due to the illness of the Master - Rheumatic Fever.

March 15th Resumed School after illness. Few present.

April 15th Punished Anne Beiston for repeated disobedience.

" 27th Gibson children away from school in consequence of the elder brother being seriously hurt by the waggon.

" 29th The Gibson's boy died.

May 4th. Pit working badly - affecting the attendance.

12th. Mr Plummer sent his Church Warden, who is also Parish Clerk, with the Papers from Education Department returned, to be properly filled up (solely the Manager's own fault). I filled them up.

Mrs Plummer grumbling as usual. She wants all & nothing but Scripture Taught, yet expects a good Grant!

1875. June 1st. Admitted 8 chn today though the Pit is not working, so many have left the place.

" 3rd. News that the Pit will work again after a series of alterations.

9th. A very wet day. The Band practised in the school room at night.

15th. Being Quarter Day, Mr & Mrs Lawson sent in their Resignations today.

(Insert in page -

" Mr Lawson did not resign. He was dismissed ")
Signed. M. Plummer.

June 18th. "Invited by Mr. Dove to take a situation in Newcastle, and accepted on condition of a satisfactory settlement with my present Managers, of which there is much doubt."

June 25th. Wrote to Mr. Plummer.

June 28th - Copy of Inspection Report. Still very poor results & conditions - "The order is indifferent and the children very unintelligent." But the master is not criticized as much as the Management. Especially about the bad condition of the School toilets - "offices". The report ends:-

"The Managers are requested to specify without delay the grounds of their dissatisfaction with Mr Lawson, & to state whether they intend to retain his services."

(Matthew Plummer, Vicar, & his Churchwardens were the Managers).

July 27th. John Sanderson, Certificated Master, took Temporary Charge. Revd M Plummer visited in the afternoon.

Aug 2nd. Few children brought their School Pence.

6th. Older boys show improvement in writing on paper.

Standard I are doing better in simple subtraction.

Infants reading must have special attention.

Aug 10th. Revd. Plummer visited in the afternoon. He sent several children home for their School Pence.

Aug 16th. Chn kept close at work. No playtimes given. Some have returned after long absences. Much to learn over again. Some improvement in bringing in Pence.

Aug 18th. School Pence for Past 4 Weeks:- £2.12s 8d.
Averaging 13s 2d per week.

School Pence for the first 4 weeks of quarter were £1.10s 4d. Averaging 7s 7d per week.

Aug 19th Measles are very prevalent.

School closed for Harvest Holiday, after which it will be re-opened by a Permanent Master.

Signed John Sanderson.



THE NO 45 IN STAND 4 WAS THE HEWORTH COLLIERY BUS.⁸⁵

By the early 1950s some 150 buses an hour were leaving Newcastle's Worswick Street bus station at peak time. In this 1954 view can be seen a United Bristol (extreme right), then four Northern General Guy double-deckers with, between them, a Sunderland District Leyland Royal Tiger and a Northern General Tiger Cub. Destinations served include Darlington, Easington, Heworth Colliery, Durham, South Shields and Marsden. G. H. F. Atkins

Heworth Colliery Welfare

THE OPENING CEREMONY

The Heworth Colliery Miners Welfare Hall and Recreation Grounds were formally opened on Saturday, March 30th. Before a large gathering, Mr. H. E. Anderson, Managing Director of the Heworth Coal Company, performed the opening ceremony, following with a speech of a very pleasing character. Sounding a personal note, he alluded to the very difficult period of finding ways and means to carry on financially at the time the Welfare Scheme was first decided on. The existence of the Colliery Company was uncertain, and he had some apathy to the miners plan. Now, on looking on the fine building and environments, everyone would agree it all had been worth while.

These sentiments drew sympathetic references from later speakers, particularly Mr. Will Lawther, Durham Miners' Association, next introduced by the Chairman, Major John English. Mr. Lawther made a first-rate impression on many listeners who heard him for the first time. He told of the many benefits that had accrued for the miners and their families from the various Welfare Schemes all through the mining centres of the country, and now that Mr. Anderson was so pleased with Heworth Welfare result, he suggested a body of eminent coal owners be taken around, to see that these efforts were able to produce the results intended. They might then be persuaded to restore the 4d. per ton reduction in July last again to 1d. per ton on all coal drawn from the mines which obtained from 1922 to the latter date.

Mr. Peart, of Durham Enginemen's Association; Mr. Gibson French, Durham Deputies' Mutual Aid Association; and Mr. Hall, Durham Mechanics' Association, all spoke well and enthusiastically of the now acknowledged necessity for such centres for mental and recreative activities.

Councillor W. Greenhaff, President of Heworth Miners' Lodge, moved a vote of thanks to all those gentlemen who had taken their parts in erecting the building and laying out the grounds, and all on the platform who had assisted in the opening. He especially deplored the absence of Mr. Peter Lee, through illness. Mr. Lee, he explained, had carried out some intricate financial difficulty with the Central Committee in London to a successful conclusion, at one time when the scheme was definitely held up. He hoped he would soon be back to normal health again.

Councillor J. T. Stirling, seconding, paid tribute to Mr. W. P. Parkin and Mr. Charles W. Hall, who were in attendance, for help given in details. He was pleased the previous speakers had all praised the Welfare Hall and he was convinced himself that such a fine place, on the fringe of one of the best building estates in the country, would in no way detract from the amenities of that estate, and with the help of all concerned in its upkeep, hoped to make it a greater asset still.

The structure is built with a small parti-coloured brick, which looks very effective. A wide balcony running along the South and West sides on which seats are to be placed to afford a raised and clear view of tennis courts, six in number, and bowling and putting greens. Inside, the main hall, to be used for dances, meetings, etc.; with curtained stage, heightened walls in cream colouring, is simple but impressive, and a real credit to the architect. An annex with French windows opening to a short terrace can be used for teas, Old Age treats, etc. An up-to-date kitchen, Committee room, tennis and bowls requisite rooms, complete the building.

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Miss Ellen Wilkinson at Felling

"The actual reduction of purchasing power of the American workers shows that you cannot get a New Deal under an Old System—and that is my message to Mr. Lloyd George," said Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the prospective Socialist candidate for Jarrow, when speaking at Felling on March 24th.

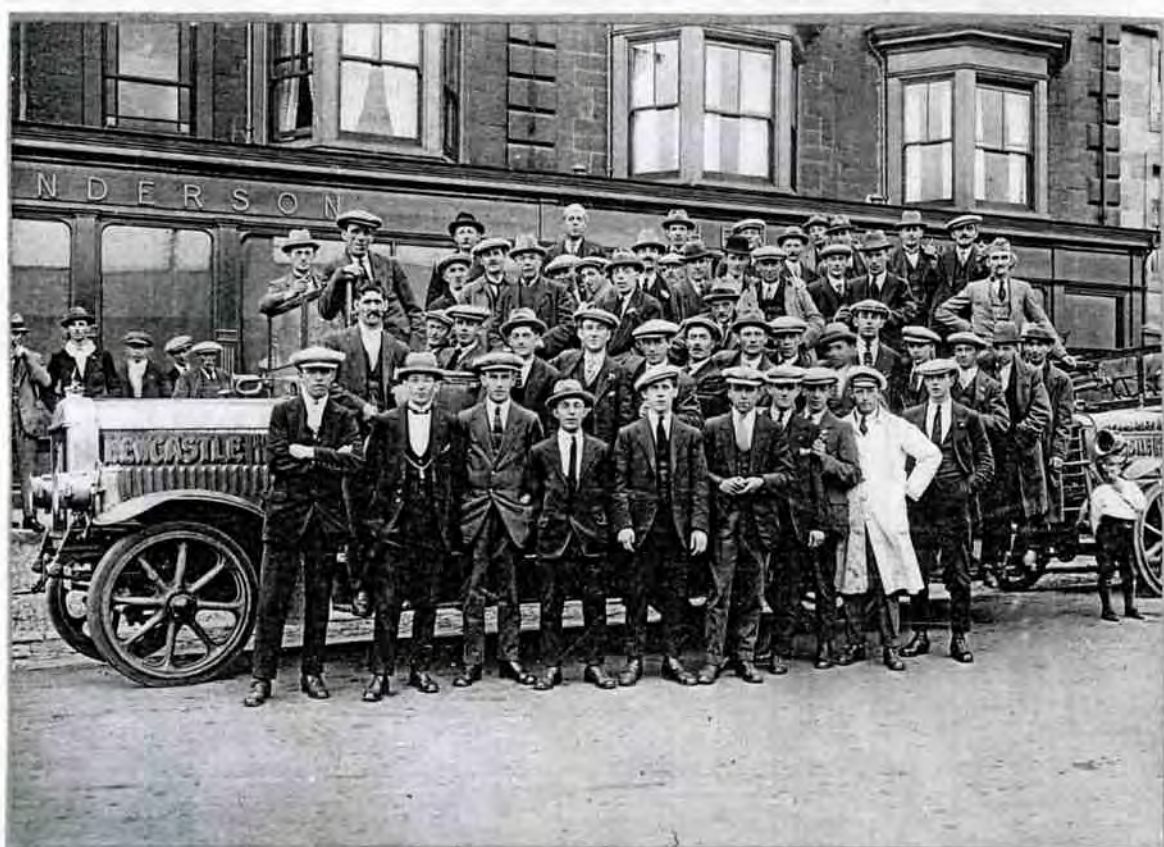
Miss Wilkinson has just returned from a lecturing tour in America, and, apparently, is not impressed by the New Deal of President Roosevelt. She gave figures which showed that in the first 21 months of the New Deal there were 46 million-dollar income men as against 20 before. The metal trades showed a 300 per cent. increase in profits because of work on munitions, but the workers' wages had been reduced and there were 5.4 more unemployed. Excessive profits had come from excessive speeding up in the motor industry and in the production of armaments. "Roosevelt's New Deal still leaves the mass of the people without enough money to buy back what is produced," she asserted.

Miss Wilkinson alleged that because there was not such a good Labour movement in America to protect the unemployed they were not so well treated. Within a stone's throw of the "millionaires' square mile" unemployed were burrowing in the ground on vacant lots, sleeping out in a temperature below zero, and keeping themselves warm by burning boxes begged from shopkeepers.

The only way out, apart from the Socialist way, was war, she suggested, and then asked, "What would war mean in terms of work for Jarrow? It would mean one year or two years hectic work, and then a worse mess than now," she declared.

Mr. C. Toberty presided over the very largely attended meeting in the Imperia Cinema.

FROM HESLOP'S LOCAL ADVERTISER.
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High Heworth Institute Chara-banc Outing

To CATCLEUGH, KELSO and WOOLER, August 5th, 1923.

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SOME MEMBERS OF HEWORTH COLLIERY MINERS' INSTITUTE.



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The sight of a banner entering the City of Durham on Gala Day draped in black, brought a lump to the throat and a tear to the eye of many of the thousands of onlookers. They were aware of the significance of the practice, which dates back to 1832, of remembering a colleague who has lost his life in the colliery. The magnificent portrait of James Keir Hardie (1856-1915) adopted this sombre fringe in 1952. But could Hardie have envisaged such human suffering, when he prepared the first nationalisation of the mines bill in 1893? Hardie represented West Ham at Westminster in 1892. The following year he formed the Independent Labour Party and became the first Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party in 1906. The signing of the Coal Nationalisation Act is depicted on the rear of the Heworth banner.

The Demise of the Durham Coalfield

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Further to my article of the Durham Coalfield, I well remember the Durham Miners Gala when 134 banners floated by with nearly as many bands, some hired in for the occasion with even an American army band amongst them, gaining tremendous applause as to their marching performances. Each band halted at the County Hotel balcony to play the miners hymn tune "Gresford" for the benefit of the VIP's present. I well remember the Easington disaster with the Easington banner heavily draped and not a dry eye in sight.

As the policeman knew everyone in the village and reported any misdemeanor to the parents, the matter closed there with the necessary punishment inflicted. I have depicted the closure of the mines but no doubt readers can also recall the demise of their own industries, such as our famous North East shipyards.

It will be very hard to remember the North East without its coalfields and ship building industries.

Maurice Grainger
St Andrew's

* It is worth noting that this lovely hymn tune was written by the late Robert Saint of Hebburn and named "Heworth" after the first band to play it, however the very sad news came through the following day of the Gresford colliery disaster when 265 miners were entombed in this small mining village in Denbighshire and at that time the worst disaster in the history of mining. This was 22 September 1934 and this famous hymn tune became "Gresford".

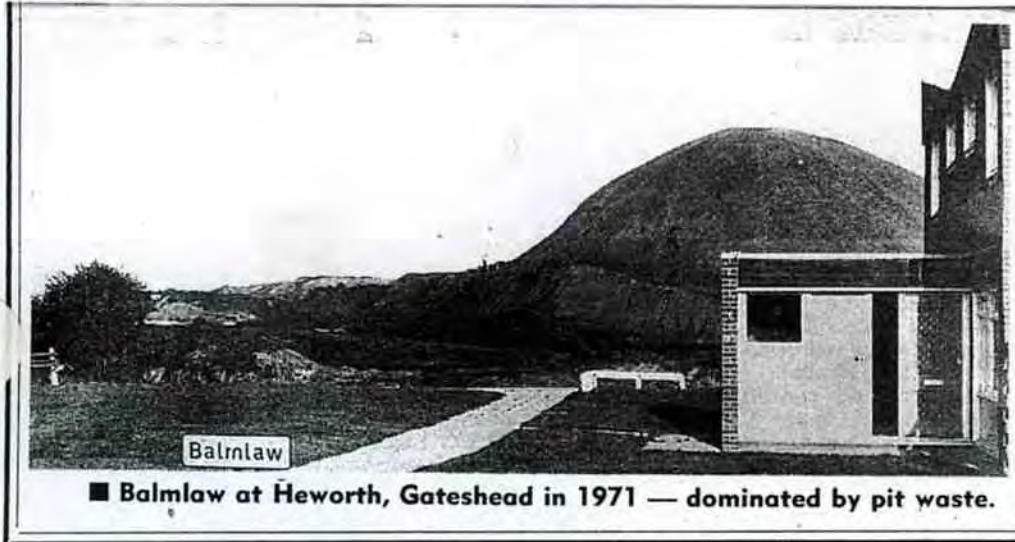
The Durham mining villages were always a very close knit community and help was never very far away. People did not lock their doors and when going away always left the key hanging on a string behind the letter box, I suppose in those days people had very little to steal and more to give. The most respected people in the community were the minister, the schoolmaster, the local policeman but most of all, your parents

GROUPVINE 1993.

* A reference here to Heworth Colliery.

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HIGH HEWORTH



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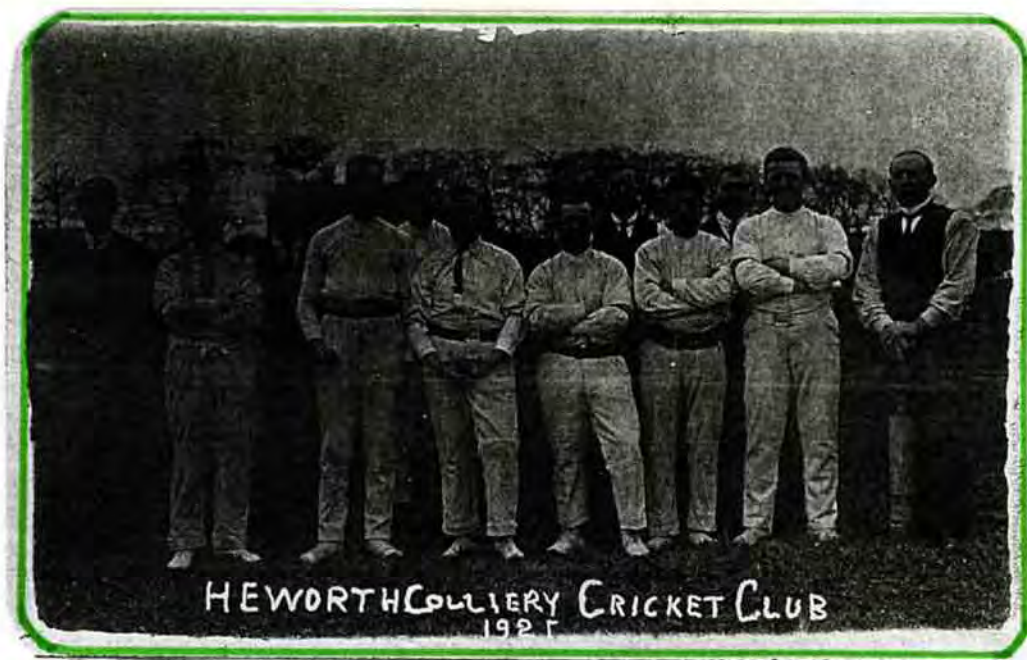
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THE FIDDLERS THREE Albion Road, Felling Scottish & Newcastle

GATESHEAD gets a lot of stick being Newcastle's smaller brother, but during my travels I have always been pleasantly surprised by what the pub scene has to offer.

And after a couple of hours round the shops on a Saturday morning with the better half, she decided it was time to give the old jalopy a run and off we set to Gateshead and what seemed like the top of the world at The Fiddlers Three at Windy Nook.

Windy Nook's name obviously derives from its position - if the wind blows here I can imagine it gets a bit draughty.

The thought of those howling winter gales lashes up from the mouth of the Tyne - brrrr. Give me a warm July day any time.

With a stretch of green belt land to the rear of the pub you can imagine yourself out in the country instead of only a couple of miles from the centre of Newcastle.

And the views from the pub car park were a revelation.

The roofs of the houses of Felling, Heworth, Pelaw, Bill Quay and



Hebburn fall away before you towards the river Tyne and out to the North Sea in the distance.

The bar was not a particularly large room but with the clever use of mirrors and coloured glass partitions to break it up, it feels an awful lot bigger than it is.

Warm

The centre point of the room is an old-style fireplace - could it possibly be original? - complete with an old black boil-on-the-fire kettle.

And I saw something I have not seen for many a year. A group of three people sat quietly playing cards in the corner, oblivious of anything that was going on around them.

Our quiet Saturday lunchtime was interrupted by the arrival of a wedding party whose reception was being held in the attached a la carte restaurant.

The sight of family and friends in their finery brought a splash of colour to the day and boy did the ladies go to town with their costumes, hair styles and wedding hats. Well done one and all!

But the food at the Fiddlers Three was its crowning glory.

The menu, under the title bar snacks - but these were not snacks unless your name was Desperate Dan - lists nine main courses all under £3.

Deep fried golden scampi at £2.50, individual beef steak and leek pie (£2.45), roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing (£2.45) and cartwheel of Cumberland sausage Lyonnaise (£2.45) are only a sample.

Blackboard specials on our visit were beef and mushroom hot pot, roast pork, chicken chasseur and creamed turkey pie.

My companion tried the beef and mushroom hot pot - a dustbin lid sized plateful served with boiled and roast spuds, diced turnip, cabbage and peas. Excellent fare.

My creamed turkey pie with large chunks of turkey in a rich sauce under a flaky pastry lid served with potatoes and three veg was good solid pub grub at its best.

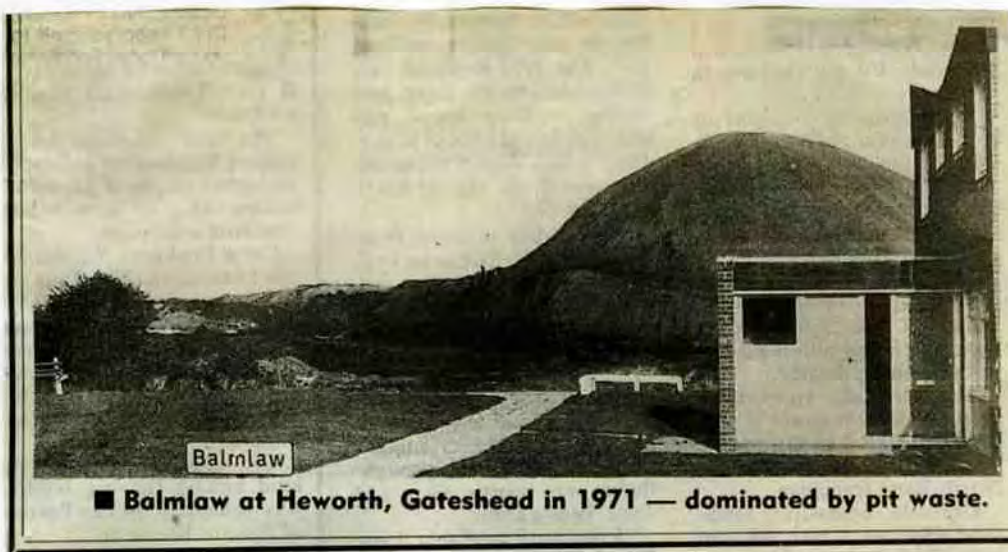
No funny gimmicks, no continental cuisine, just good old fashioned English cooking par excellence.

The menu also boasted freshly made sandwiches - tuna, cheese and onion, pastrami with salad, ham and coleslaw, beef, tomato and onion and chicken salad all in home baked bread.

THE FIDDLERS THREE IN HIGH HEWORTH OR IN WINDY NOOK (I PREFER HIGH HEWORTH) WAS ONCE THE RAVENSWORTH ARMS, POPULARLY "FINNIGANS" AFTER A LANDLORD, A MINERS' PUB FOR HEWORTH COLLIERY.

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■ Balmlaw at Heworth, Gateshead in 1971 — dominated by pit waste.

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■ Balmlaw at Heworth, Gateshead in 1991 — green once again.

TOP PICTURE SHOWS HEWORTH COLLIERY SLAG HEAP
BEFORE LANDSCAPING.



Saltwell Towers (Beamish Museum)

WHITE HOUSE, Heworth

On a hill above Heworth, with views of the Tyne and Wear estuaries, White House was of no particular style or character, with gables and wings added haphazardly. A sundial on the south side was dated 1680. White House was a leasehold estate under the Church of Durham. In the 17th century it was owned by of the Jennisons, staunch Roman Catholics; in the late 17th century it was bought by Edward Colville, Newcastle butcher, grazier and importer, whose daughter married Lord Ossulton, later Earl of Tankerville. It passed to John Stafford of Monkwearmouth, and in 1820 Richard Carnaby Foster, his son and grandson. They had interests in farming, quarrying, shipping and coal. By 1900 the house was threatened by the encroachment of Heworth Colliery pit-heap. The last occupant, to 1938, was Thomas Maltby Clague, chemist and antiquary. In 1939-45 it was used to store potatoes and turnips. In 1957 the Church Commissioners sold it to Felling Council for the Leam Lane estate; by 1960 it was derelict, and was demolished soon after.



White House, Heworth (RCHM England)

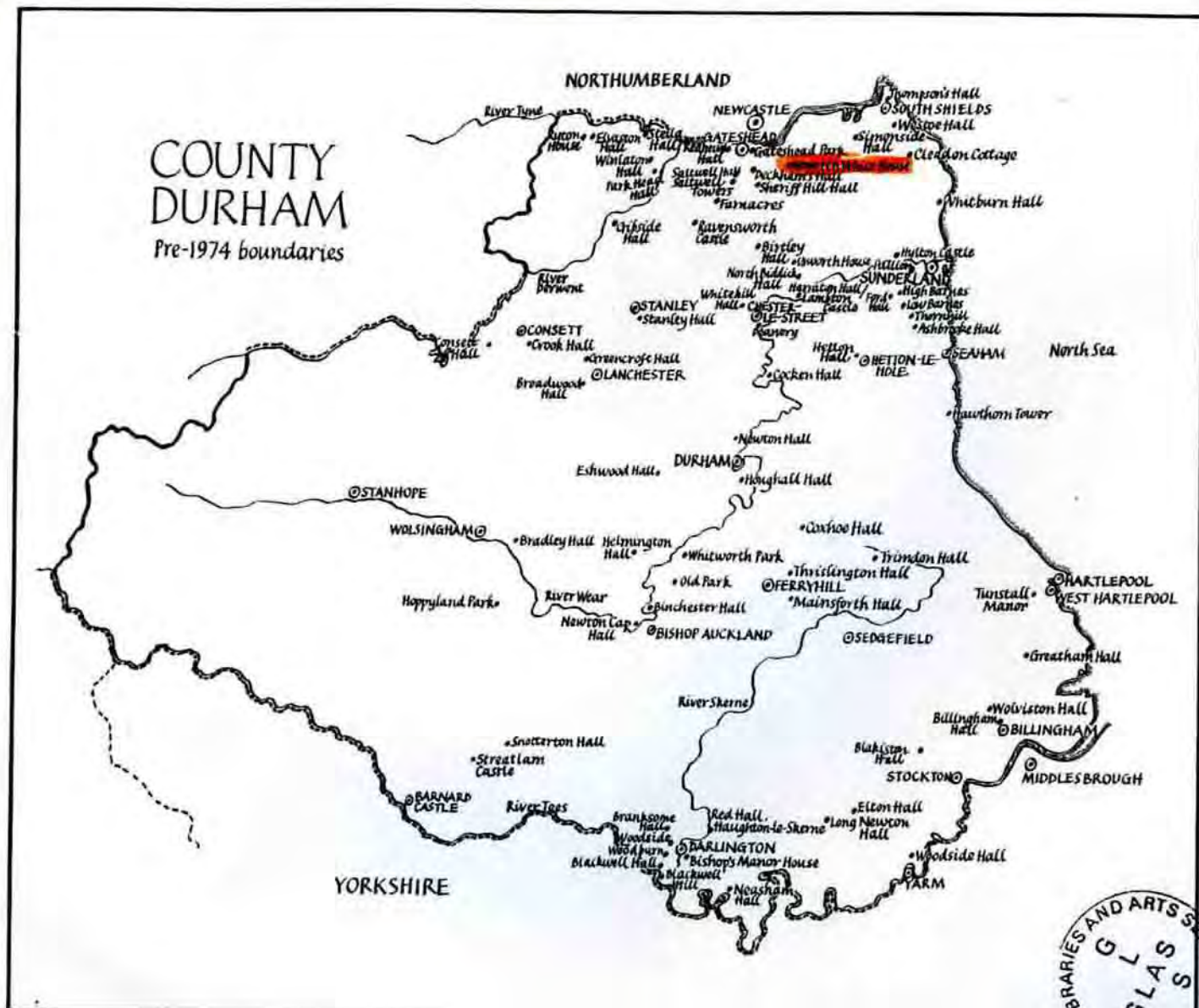


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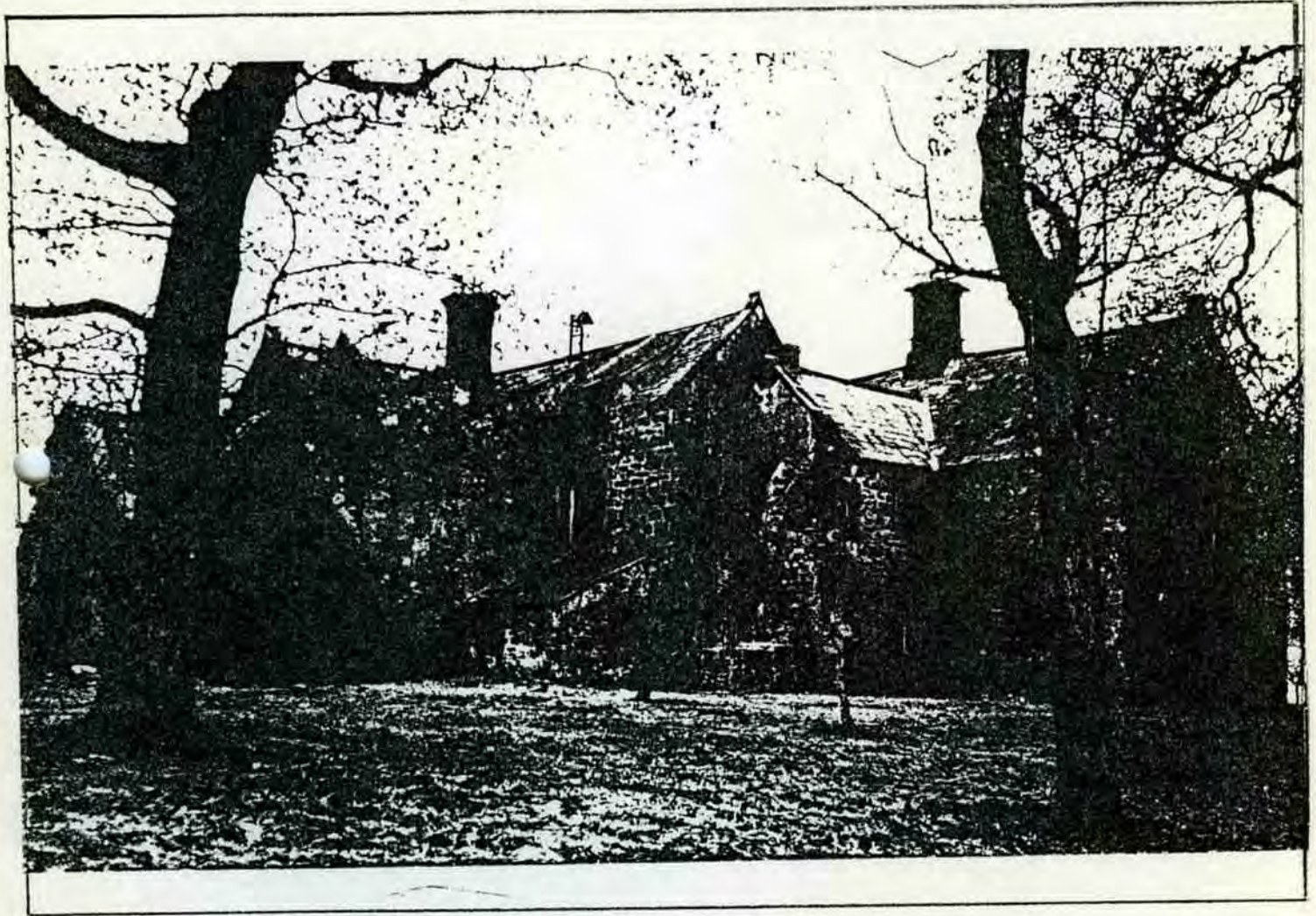
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THE DERELICT WHITE HOUSE (THE OLD HALL) AT
UPPER HEWORTH, FROM THE SOUTH-EAST. THE HOUSE
FACED NORTH. DATING FROM THE 17TH CENTURY.

WHITE HILL.

WHITE HOUSE
FARM

HIGH
HEWORTH.

Rubblings of place names from grave stones in Heworth Churchyard.



WHITE HOUSE (OLD HALL) UPPER HEWORTH. 17TH CENTURY. HERE DERELICT.

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X-ray pioneer lived at High Heworth

THE White House, High Heworth, and near Wrekenton, was an ancient structure in a romantic setting. But like so many of the handsome homes of yesterday it has gone with the ever changing scene.

Today, a patch of rubble marks the spot and the once beautiful view to the east is now adorned with the numerous houses of the Leam Lane Estate.

The White House stood empty for many years and vandals and decay brought about its doom. In the late 1930's it was occupied by a number of families who soon left because of strange noises. They declared the place was haunted.

The last sole resident was Mr Thomas Maltby Clague who lived there until 1933 when he moved to another old-world home in Cornwall.

Mr Clague, although not a native of Gateshead, was a leading personality who made his home in this wooded beauty spot with a pleasing view of the Tyne and Wear.

He was an authority in the world of pharmacy and a pioneer in X-ray technique. Thomas Maltby Clague, we learn, in his younger days was apprenticed to

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a chemist in Douglas, Isle of Man.

He then went to London where he was an assistant in a prominent firm making pharmaceutical preparations.

From the great city he went to Leamington Spa attracted, no doubt, by the mineral springs there.

By this time Thomas Clague had advanced far in his business approach to chemistry and he joined with Barnard Simpson Proctor as Proctor Son and Clague with premises in Grey Street, Newcastle.

In 1912 he joined his business with that of George Weddell and the firm's name became Mawson and Proctor Ltd.

Says his potted biography: "He took a prominent share in pharmaceutical matters of the city and was a pioneer in X-ray work on the North East Coast."

X-rays were first discovered in 1895 by Wilhelm Konrad Von Rontgen, a German physicist, who named them so to express his lack of knowledge on their nature. Nevertheless, he had made an outstanding discovery that was to prove of

great help in medical research.

Many followed in this field which in the early days was attended by much risk because repeated exposure to the new rays caused a cancerous disease.

Thomas Clague was highly respected in the North East for his unselfish and untiring work in X-ray progress.

He had many business interests including a directorship of Cerebos Ltd. In cultural life he showed a keen interest in the world of books and was for many years vice-chairman of the Newcastle Public Libraries Committee.

A local historian he was in constant demand as a lecturer on Old Newcastle and district.

During a very busy life he lived at the White House and in his day the grounds were a joy to behold. An ornamental lake was surrounded by rhododendrons and a variety of flowers.

The lengthy drive wound its way through well-kept woods to a lovely lawn on the east side of the house. Here was serenity with a glorious view of fields and trees all around dotted only with the occasional farmstead.



How sad the picture is today. Recently I looked upon the green, slimy patch of water that was once a lake where swans graced its rippling surface.

The drive is overgrown and can only be detected by an avenue of trees. And among those trees youngsters climb and swing. Nettles predominate among the mass of weeds that now replace the colourful display of flowers.

There is still quite a number of fine trees and a weeping willow stands close to the site of the vanished house as though bowed in grief at the forlorn scene.

Mr Clague left Gateshead for Looe, in Cornwall, where he died August 18, 1938.

I remember the White House only as a gaunt building defying the ravages of time, but, nevertheless, it still had an air of superiority and an old-world appeal.

In dreamy contemplation one could see a much more romantic edifice and the great people who once dwelt within its walls.

WHITE HILL

GRAVE-STONE RUBBING. HEWORTH CHURCHYARD.



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THE "OLD HALL", WHITE HOUSE, FRONT, FACING NORTH, EMPTY. PHOTOGRAPHED BEFORE DEMOLITION IN 1960.



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THE "OLD HALL", WHITE HOUSE, BACK, BEFORE DEMOLITION 1960. A MEDIEVAL HALL HOUSE IN POOR STATE.

The White House, Heworth, and an eighteenth century romance

This building was situated on an estate leased from the Priors of Durham. It occupied the highest ground between the vallies of Wear and Tyne, on the lines of the ancient causeway of the Fell Dyke and commanded excellent views over the Tyne Valley.

The house was respectively the seat of the Jennisons, the Colvilles, the Staffords, Richard Scruton Esq., and thence to the Carnaby Foster family. It was demolished when derelict to make way for part of the Lean Lane Estate in 1960. It was said to be connected by an underground passage to High Heworth Farm and thence to a chapel of ease on the site of St. Mary's Church, Heworth, once owned by the monks of Jarrow Monastery. The legend is very old but no proof of this underground passage exists. The house once had a lake with extensive and beautiful gardens and groves. There was a stone summer house.

The story goes that Edward Colville, Esq., of White House had made a comfortable fortune as a butcher and grazier in Newcastle towards the end of the seventeenth century and had become accepted in "good" society. Camilla, his youngest daughter, once attended an Assize Ball in Newcastle and attracted the attentions of the young Lord Ossulston, eldest son of the Earl of Tankerville. Having danced a minuet, he was so charmed with the lady that he called upon her at White House the next morning to pay his respects. He began to visit often and Mr. Coville, aware of the wide social gulf between the families, forbade the Earl's heir his house. The young Lord Ossulston, undaunted, waylaid Miss Colville when she went out and contrived several times to meet her at parties and in Church.

Mr. Colville at last sent his daughter to reside with a relative in the Netherlands whence she was conveyed secretly in a vessel belonging to a friend, one Captain Aubone of South Shields. Ossulston however discovered her whereabouts and followed her to Rotterdam, and so troublesome were his attentions that Camilla was prevailed upon to return home with all speed. Once aboard for the homeward voyage however, Captain Aubone found to his dismay and annoyance that Ossulston had also been smuggled onto the ship by a friendly sailor (and with Camilla's connivance). Eventually, during the voyage, the Earl's son won over the Captain to favour his suit, and upon his arriving at South Shields remained in the Captain's home as a guest until he was able to persuade Mr. Colville to grant his request of Camilla's hand in marriage.

They were married at St. Paul's Church, Jarrow, and remained at White House (from which it may be supposed that the Tankervilles did not look too kindly on the marriage).

In 1722 the Earl of Tankerville died and Camilla and her husband became Earl and Countess of Tankerville of Chillingham Castle in Northumberland. Camilla became one of the ladies in waiting to Queen Caroline, consort of King George II. She adapted herself to the role of peeress with dignity and spirit and was known as one of the most beautiful ladies of the English Court. She had three children. Her husband, Charles, 2nd Earl of Tankerville died on March 14th, 1753, of an apoplexy at the Green Man, a coaching inn on the edge of Epping Forest while travelling to London. Camilla died on the 8th of October, 1775, at the age of 77 years. The present Earls of Tankerville are her descendants.

Edward Colville, her father, died 13th June, 1750, at the great age of 105 and is buried in the family tomb of All Saints Church, Newcastle. Another of his daughters, Susanna Colville of White House, married a wealthy Dutch merchant and died in 1783 at the age of 92, having outlived her husband, her ten brothers and sisters and having buried ten children.

Two photographs (front and rear views of White House) have recently been donated to our Society by Mr. J.E. Hall of Thorneygarth.

15th Nov. 1797. Dean and Chapter Tithes.

Mr. Stafford's Lands at White House.

<u>Inclosure.</u>	<u>State.</u>	<u>Acres.</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Total.</u>
High Calf Close	Grass	11+	40s.	£22.0.0
High Shank	"	10+	40s.	£20.0.0
The Park	"	9+	40s.	£18.0.0
Garth	"	- 1	-	£1.0.0
Mansion House	-	1+	-	} £10.0.0
Gardens	-	2+	-	
High Field	Grass	10+	40s.	£20.0.0
Quarryman's Close	"	11+	30s.	£16.10.0
Low Calf Close	"	10+	40s.	£20.0.0
Shank	"	7+	35s.	£12.5.0.
Stable End Field	"	7+	40s.	£14.0.0
Dovecote Close	Grass	8+	40s.	£16.0.0
Middle Field	"	8+	30s.	£12.0.0
Thief's Field	"	8+	25s.	£10.0.0
Six Acre Close.	"	6+	25s.	£7.10.0
Pea Well Field	Oats	7+	25s.	£8.15.0
Low Well Field	Grass	11+	20s.	£11.0.0

Allotment:

Mountfield	Oats	15+	10s.	£7.10.0
Quarry field	Broken Grnd.	28+	5s.	£7.0.0
Quarry Hill field	Fallow	11+	10s.	£5.10.0
Black Hill field	Pasture	27+	10s.	£13.10.0
Bogg field	Oats	11+	6s.	£3.6.0
Leam field	Wheat	12+	10s.	£6.0.0
Leam Road field	Oats	19+	10s.	£9.10.0
Waggonway	-	1+	-	-
		<u>251+</u>	<u>£271.6.0</u>	

This Indenture made the *Twenty First* Day of September in the eighth year of the reign of his present Majesty King George the Second in the year of our Lord 1734. Between Alfred Lawson of Gateshead in the County of Durham Esq^r of the one part and John Colvill of Whitehouse in the said County Gent of the other part Witnesseth that the said Alfred Lawson for diverse good causes considered and allows him therunto moving hath devised granted & to farm letten & doth by these presents devise grant & to farm let unto the said John Colvill. All that messuage Burgage or Econom^y place or wharff late in the possession of Francis Rudston Esq^r situate being in Gateshead aforesaid in a street or place there called Hilgate and also all that other messuage Burgage or tenement and a parcel of ground therunto belonging now or late in the possession of Patrick Robson situate being in Gateshead - aforesaid at or near the foot of a certain other street or place there called ~~the~~ Bottle bank and also all that parcel of waste ground called the Kings Walls situate lying and being in or near Hilgate in Gateshead aforesaid late in the possession of the sd Francis Rudston & by him used as a Back yard & together with all houses edifices Cottages buildings garth gardens waste grounds lands tenements liberties privileges profits commodities advantages & incumbrances appurtenances whatsoever to the sd premises or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the said Econom^y and premises to the said John Colvill his Exors^s admors^s and assigns from the thirtieth day of August now last past for and during & unto the full end & term of five years from thenceforth next ensuing & fully to be compleat & ended. Yeilding and paying therefor yearly during the said term the rent of a pecker Corn yearly on the thirtieth of August only if the same be lawfully demanded In witness whereof the parties abovesaid to these presents inter- & changeably have set their hands and seals the day & year first above written.

Signed & sealed first and then delivered upon the premises in the presence of us

Loftus Barby

Matthew Simpson

John Colvill

WHITE HOUSE

FARM,

HEWORTH,

Rubbing of Henderson family memorial in Heworth churchyard.

White House Estate.

HEWORTH
Oct 2
1810

To be sold by Auction.

(Thomas Smith, auctioneer)

On Thursday the 4th Day of October next, at the House of Mr Peter Forster, Queen's Head Inn, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, precisely at One o'Clock in the Afternoon,

All that valuable Estate called WHITE HOUSE, situated in the Township of Heworth, in the County of Durham, within three Miles of Newcastle upon Tyne, comprising the Mansion House, Gardens, and Shrubberies, with suitable attached and detached Offices, a large and commodious Cold Bath, with a fine Spring of Water and Dressing Room, attached; extensive Stables &c; a good Farm House, Hind's House, with Barns, Payers, Stables &c and every other requisite Convenience; together with 260 Acres, or thereabouts of rich Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Land. The Mansion House is delightfully situate in the Centre of the Estate, commanding extensive views of the Sea, Rivers Tyne and Wear, and the circumjacent Country, and is at present in the Occupation of Anthony Nichol, Esq, with about 42 Acres of Land, and the Remainder in the Occupation of Mr Wm Moor, on Leases which expire at Mayday 1814.

The Estate is held by Lease for 21 years under the Dean and Chapter of Durham, the principal Part of which is free of Tithes, paying a small Modus in Liew thereof; it abounds with Game, and is situated in a fine sporting Part of the Country, being within a very short Distance of the Lamiton Fox Hounds and several Packs of Harriers. There is a good Freestone Quarry on the Premises, at present unlet. Mr Moor will show the Estate; and for further Particulars apply to Mr Scruton, Solicitor, Durham, or to John Stafford Esq. Monkwearmouth.

N.B. Should it be required by a Purchaser, a Part of the Purchase Money, (not exceeding one-half) may remain on Security of the Premises for a few years.

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