



St. Bridget's

Brigham



Individuals

Some of the subscribers of the
Butterfield Restoration

Rev. John Wordsworth



‘John Wordsworth (1803-1875), the poet’s eldest son, paled by comparison with his siblings, his extended family, and the children of his parents’ friends. Three of his cousins, sons of William’s younger brother Christopher, earned Cambridge fellowships and prizes, and became headmasters and bishops. John was never more than a parish priest. Hartley Coleridge, who once called John “laborious as an ass,” for all his failings had charisma and talent, and his younger brother Derwent was once described by Dean Stanley as “the greatest master of language in England”. John was equally overshadowed by the girls; the “brilliant and breathtaking” Sara Coleridge, Hartley’s and Derwent’s younger sister; and John’s own younger sister Dora. Dora charmed the Cambridge cousins and Hartley alike, and wrote a much-praised Portuguese journal full of pathos, humour and descriptive power.’

Edward Waugh



Edward Waugh was born around 1817 in Irthington near Brampton and died on 26 March 1891 at the age of 74, in Papcastle. A prominent citizen and working as a solicitor in the county of Cumberland, after being admitted in 1840, Edward also served as an officer of the Cockermouth, Keswick, and Penrith railway company, in the capacity of solicitor. In Cockermouth there is a plaque to Edward Waugh as he was the last representative of the 'Ancient Borough' of Cockermouth, it was erected by subscription in 1893. Waugh served as MP for Cockermouth from 31st March 1880 until he left parliament on 18 November 1885.



Edward L. Waugh

Isaac Fletcher



Born in 1827 in Greysouthen to John Wilson Fletcher and Mary Fletcher. Isaac Fletcher became a Liberal MP for Cocker mouth in November 1868. Sadly however he shot himself in 1879, and although there were unclear motives, there is speculation that he had become heavily in debt. Isaac was very involved in astronomy and other scientific pursuits, including meteorology. Isaac also built an observatory at the family home of Tarn Bank in Greysouthen. He described himself as 'A non-conformist by birth, and a Churchmen by choice'. He assisted anyone who needed his help and he was a champion for the people of the borough and county. He would happily preside over a congregation of non-conformists as he would over a church. Isaac donated £225 to the restoration project.

Joseph Brown



‘Joseph Brown, b. 15th March 1814 in Brigham, d. 21st June 1904, Cumberland. A grocer in Cockermouth. Served on the grand jury of a court case regarding the assault of Thomas Garraway and David Garraway at a Whitehaven colliery. He and his wife Anne Hewetson had 7 children; Isaac, Margaret, John, Amy, Mary Ann, Dora Eliza, and Elizabeth. He and Anne were married on May 26th 1840 in Crosscanonby. He and his family spent many years living in Holmewood, next to the present day Harris Park on. He was also a clerk in the Congregationalist chapel in Cockermouth.’

Joseph Newton



‘Joseph Newton, master shoe maker, born and living in Eaglesfield, just a few doors down from the Fox family. Joseph was baptised in Brigham Church on February 8th 1824. In the 1851 census he is recorded as a master shoemaker employing 42 men. His wife, Hannah Watson, was the daughter of the family he stayed with whilst he was an apprentice.’

Richard Cass



‘Richard was a tailor, baptised on 8th October 1820 at Brigham Church, he married Catherine Walker in March 1851 at Brigham Church at the age of 40. In 1861 Richard and his family were living in Lowhouses, Brigham working as a tailor and draper. However, in 1871, he had taken on 50 acres of farm land. As well as working as a farmer, he also worked/served as parish clerk. In 1891, Richard and his family were living in Ashley house in the village of Brigham. After being buried on May 25th 1897, he was recorded as having been a Parish Clerk for 30 years, Chorister for 66 years and a Bell Ringer for 40 years. (See Church Register for more information). His probate was awarded to his widow, Catherine Cass, to the value of £613 6s 6d.’

Richard Harbord

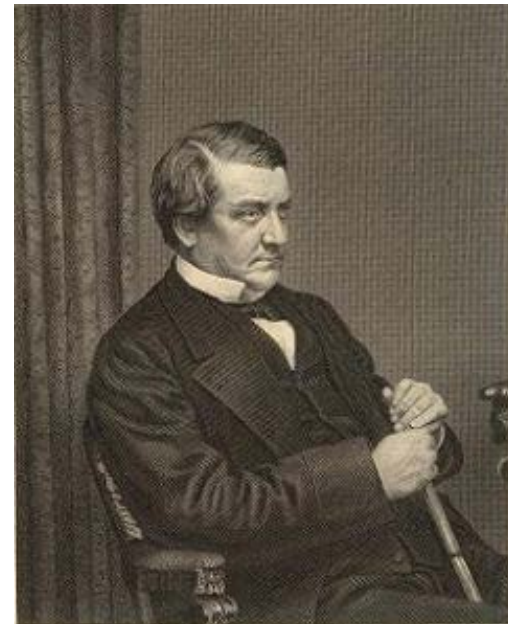


‘Also financed the renovation of the Lorton Church. Richard Harbord was a warehouse owner in Liverpool. Married Eleanor on 17th November 1825, and then established themselves at 98 Upper Parliament Street, Liverpool. Below is a picture of Lorton Park, where he and his family lived. In the 1861 census he was described as being a gentleman. He was also a justice of the peace.’



Lord Naas, Richard Bourke

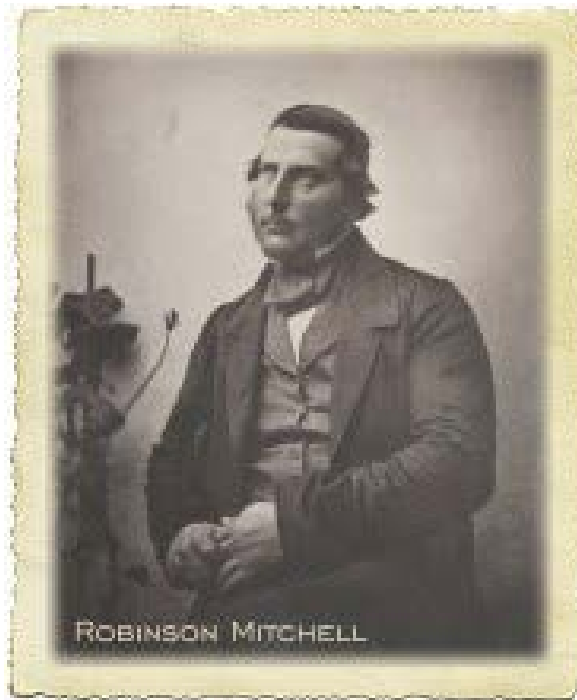
‘Richard Southwell Bourke, the 6th Earl of Mayo, styled himself as Lord Naas between 1842 and 1867. A statesman and politician who was from Dublin, Ireland. He represented Cockermouth as conservative MP between 1857 and 1868. A statue of Lord Naas was erected on 19th August 1875 in Cockermouth.’



Robinson Mitchell



‘Land agent and auctioneer in Cockermouth. Pioneered and established the auctioneering system we have today. Married Mary Leathes (1821-1899).’



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Brigham Village & St. Bridget's

Some additional information about
life in Brigham

Electricity Installation



- Installed in the Church in March 1923
- Costs came to £139
- Work completed by T. S. Bell & Co.

Harris Family Pew



“Whitehaven Castle 9th October 1875

To the trustees of the estate of the late John Harris Esquire,

Gentlemen,

As agent of and for this purpose authorised on behalf of the Right Honourable Henry Earl of Lonsdale Lay Rector impropriate of the Rectory of Brigham in the county of Cumberland and in c?????tion of your contributing out of the money belonging to your testators estate the sum of three thousand pounds towards the restoration of the parish Church of Brigham and of your agreeing to the payment of the yearly rent or acknowledgement hereafter mentioned I hereby undertake and agree that a new pew shall be forever hereafter appropriated and set apart for the use of the owners and occupiers for the time being of the capital inessuage(?) or mansion house afor belonging to your said testators estate situate at Greysouthen in the said parish and known by the name of Greysouthen house in place and stead of the pew but hereto by arrangement with the said Earl and his predecessors in title lay rectors as aforesaid for many years used by the owners and occupiers of the said message PROVIDED ALWAYS that the yearly rent or acknowledgement of five shillings as hiterto paid to the said earl as lay Rector as aforesaid in respect of the said pew formerly used as aforesaid shall for ever hereafter continue to be paid and payable by the owners and occupier for the time being of the said message to the said Earl his heirs and assigns Rectors for the time being of the said Rectory in respect of the new pew so told appropriated and set apart; the said new pew to be placed as nearly as may be of the same dimension as the said pew hitherto used and occupied as aforesaid.

I am gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

Rallisae Robinson”

The Railway in Brigham



- Originally operated by the Cockermouth and Workington Railway company
- Opened on 28th April 1847
- Closed on 18th April 1966

1867 Boundary Commission



“The Borough of Cockermouth consists of:-

The several Townships of Cockermouth, Eaglesfield, Brigham, Papcastle, and Bridekirk that detached Portion of Township of Dovenby which lies between the respective Townships of Papcastle, Bridekirk, and Cockermouth.

The population in 1861 was 7,057, showing an increase of 1,035 since 1831.

The number of inhabited houses in 1861 was 1,543.

The number of Electors on the Register of 1865-66 was-

£10 occupiers: 356

Double entries: 20

Actual number: 336

The total number of Male Occupiers in 1866 was 1,571, of whom 1,163 were at a rental below £10.

This borough, being included in Schedule A. of “The Representation of the People Act, 1867,” will return only one Member after the end of the present Parliament.

The area included in the Borough is very considerable, comprising no less than 8,467 acres. The Town of Cockermouth is situate nearly in the centre of this area. It has no Municipality, but the Township of Cockermouth is under the Local Government Act. The population has been decreasing since 1861. There are no houses with a town population adjoining the present borough on any side.

The commissioners do not recommend any extension of the present boundaries.”

Census



Brigham Parish Census Returns 1821-1901

TOWNSHIP	AN. PARISH	1821	1831	1841	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901
Blindbothel	Brigham	112	106	100	128	116	90	81	75	89
Brackenthwaite	Brigham	140	130	116	140	115	107	118	118	116
Brigham	Brigham	390	503	490	446	504	745	790	818	723
Buttermere	Brigham	136	89	84	78	101	105	127	97	87
Cockermouth	Brigham	3790	4536	4940	5775	5388	5115	5353	5464	5355
Eaglesfield	Brigham	405	411	371	309	304	268	258	248	222
Embleton	Brigham	391	442	408	421	363	339	347	376	368
Greysouthen	Brigham	416	555	330	633	758	747	690	545	481
Lorton	Brigham	353	388	394	449	456	399	397	377	326
Mosser	Brigham	102	94	107	76	88	83	76	89	75
Setmurthy	Brigham	188	182	181	167	166	171	173	139	160
Whinfell	Brigham	107	122	132	108	86	111	115	95	76
Wythop	Brigham	100	121	125	119	87	90	114	112	109
Total		6630	7679	7778	8849	8532	8370	8639	8553	8187

Some other Religious Sites



Brigham

- Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, 1851.

Greysouthen

- Friends Meeting House, erected 1742.
- Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, erected 1833.

Eaglesfield

- Friends Meeting House, erected 1693.
- Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, erected 1845.

Cockermouth

- Christ Church, erected 1865.
- All Saints Church, medieval origins.
- Friends Meeting House, erected 1688.
- Congregationalist Chapel, erected 1651.
- Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, erected 1841.
- Primitive Methodist Chapel, prior to 1841.
- Presbyterian Meeting House, erected 1774.
- Latter-day Saint Meeting House, 1851.
- St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, erected 1856.

Stained Glass Windows



‘A subscription was raised by the workmen of the late Mr. Harris, of Greysouthen, for the purpose of placing a memorial window of that gentleman and his beloved wife in the sacred edifice.’

Carlisle Journal – Friday 15th April 1864

Lecture at Brigham



‘Lecture at Brigham – On Tuesday evening, the 30th ult., J. H. Lowther, Esq., of Brigham, delivered an interesting lecture on “Success in Life,” in the Sunday School of that place, to a numerous and highly respectable audience, the Rev. John Wordsworth, vicar, in the chair. Mr. John Nawells filled up the pauses in the discourse by music on the harmonium, accompanied vocally by Mr. Richard Cass and Mrs. Scurr, of Brigham. At the conclusion a collection was made, the proceeds being devoted to charitable purposes by the lecturer.’

Carlisle Journal – Friday 16th April 1858

Church Choir



‘Brigham – On Thursday last, Mrs. J. Fawcett, sen., of Brigham, entertained the Church Choir of that place with a tea and supper. Mrs. Scurr (the village nightingale) choir leader, Miss E. A. Scurr, and Miss D. Shepherd, were all in excellent voice, and several beautiful pieces of sacred and other music were sung with thrilling effect. Among the vocalists and listeners were Mr. Jonathan Faulder, parish clerk, Miss Elizabeth Relph of Parton, Mr. Alexander Shepherd, sen., and J. Askew, Brigham. The lasses were all blithe, and the lads “nae blate,” and a very pleasant evening was spent.’

Carlisle Journal – Friday 5th April 1861

High Brigham

