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## GREAT AYTON IN NEWSPAPER REPORTS – PRE 1900

I think these give a fascinating insight into the everyday life of a remarkable village. Although showing many of the usual characteristics of a rural community Ayton differed from neighbouring villages in that, being initially made up of multiple Manors, there was a greater opportunity for the artisan worker and independent land-owner to establish greater influence than usual.

Early in the 1690s the Quakers were well established in the village and as they were excluded from more traditional occupations, they became part of a country-wide network who directed their energies towards trade; it is not surprising, therefore, that their business acumen meant that, in this area, they became very influential in the industrial development of Teesside: it was through these very strong links that many of the new innovations such as gas were introduced into the village at an unusually early date for a 'rural village'.

The presence of rich mineral deposits has also had a very great influence: not only were there the usual raw materials for building: Sandstone, Sand & Gravel, (as well as Clay for brick making) but also the exploitation of Alum deposits in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and Jet and Whinstone in their turn, meant that from very early on Ayton had an industrial base; and finally the coming of the railway in 1864, along with the establishment of three Ironstone mines, not only boosted the diversity of non agricultural activity in the village but changed its size and population mix.

It is revealing to read accounts of "Insufficient late transport" "political meetings" and, of course, the perpetual battle against the evils of drink. Despite the best efforts of the Quaker and Methodist stalwarts organising "Blue Ribbon" and other initiatives there was still the list of offenders hauled up before the magistrates at Stokesley each Saturday Morning!

Accounts of industrial and other accidents, such as the collapse of the wooden scaffolding during the building of the spire at Christ Church, highlight personal tragedy and bring home how hazardous earning a living could be at no great distance in the past.

The perusal of the following pages must leave us with a greater understanding of those who shaped the village we enjoy today.

Peter Morgan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1865.

Price, Unstamped, 2d. Stamped, 3d.

### Miscellaneous.

#### DECLINING BUSINESS.

WOODHEAD, 37, MARKET STREET  
respectfully announces that he is  
SELLING OFF his STOCK of STATIONERY  
at a great reduction from the marked prices; and as he is  
leaving his present premises at the end of the present  
month, an early call and inspection of his stock is  
advised.  
Merchants, Tradesmen, and others will find this a  
valuable opportunity for securing cheap bargains in  
Stationery, Envelopes, and Account Books, &c., &c.

HARTLEY, CABINET MAKER AND  
UPHOLSTERER, announces that, in consequence  
his Shop being required for street improvements, he

### Miscellaneous.

#### SCOTTISH NATIONAL ART UNION.

#### SUBSCRIPTION ONE SHILLING.

*Drawing, 28th January, 1864.*

PATRON—The Hon. John Blackie, Jun., Lord Provost  
of Glasgow.

LIST CLOSES 29th JANUARY, 1865.

As the entire sum available this Season will be expended  
on prizes—Should there be

20,000 Subscriptions, there will be 300 Prizes.

30,000 do. do. 400 Prizes.

And so on in proportion to the number Subscribed for.  
SAMUEL HILLHOUSE, Secy.

Bradford. Mr. J. E. Allen, Post Office, Wakefield Road.  
Messrs. Briggs and Mansforth, North Parade

### Legal Notices.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that I, MATTHEW  
PEARSON, of Fearnley Street, Otley Road, will  
not be answerable for any debts that ELY PEARSON  
contracted since August, 1863, or may contract.  
Jan. 18, 1865. MATTHEW PEARSON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Part-  
nership lately subsisting between us, the under-  
signed, HANNAH OGDEN and ALFRED OGDEN,  
carrying on business at Bradford, in the county of York,  
as Woollen Drapers, Hatters, and Hosiery, under the  
style or firm of "Michael Ogdien and Company," has  
been dissolved by mutual consent, and that all debts due  
to and owing by the said firm shall be received and paid  
by the said ALFRED OGDEN, by whom the said business