

Horton School



Pupils and teachers at Horton School.



Horton School taken before a large extension built. (see opposite photograph). Note the Village Stocks in the foreground.



Horton School, after the alterations, see picture opposite.

Opposite- The Former Horton Free Grammar School in St Oswald's Churchyard, when it was a Post Office. Probably taken between the two World Wars.



Church Cottage SD 810721

The house began as a simple two-storey building facing (liturgical) south which had neatly-moulded stone window frames with flat mullions. This would date from c 1720 or so. The schoolroom was added as a wing in front of the east end of the house, with the result that new windows had to be made in the original east gable, which have since been enlarged. The school appears to have had one tall stone framed window looking south, rather high up; but this has had its sill raised and a second window made under it, suggesting that a floor has been put in to divide it into upper and lower storeys for domestic use.

This is a pretty house of considerable historic interest because the school is an early endowment (J ? Armistead, 1720?).



Larger photograph in file.

HOUSE RECORDS
RECORD OFFICE
COMPTON
ROAD

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Conditions of agreement

for letting a farm situate at Gub-
bott in the parish of Horton in
Rubblesdale the property of the
Trustees and Governors of the Free

Grammar School at Horton.

The Term five years commencing
us to the Lands both Meadow and Pasture on the
first day of March and the Messuage and
Building on the twelfth day of May both next
next ensuing. The rent to be payable on the first
day of June yearly or as soon after in each year
as demanded the first payment to commence and
be made on the first day of June next but if not
specially demanded to be so paid the same to
be paid and payable half yearly at the usual
Festivals of Whitsuntide and Martinmas in each
year the first payment to commence and be made
at Whitsuntide one thousand eight hundred
and fifty-four and to be always considered due
and payable as a leading and advanced half
yearly rent in case the said rent is not required

to be paid in one sum as aforesaid. The tenant to pay the
Scots rent and all parochial and other Taxes now or
hereafter to be imposed upon the said premises and
to serve all offices and keep the Buildings and fences in
good and tenantable repair (except the main Walls and
principle timber of the Buildings) and leave them in
such repair at the end or other determination of the said
term. No part of the Farm to be ploughed broken
up or converted into tillage at any time during the
said term or the course of husbandry altered by
converting Meadow Land into Pasture or Pasture Land
into Meadow without the express consent in writing of
the Landlords first obtained under a penalty of twenty
pounds an acre to be recovered by distress as rent in
arrear and no part of the Meadow Land to be mown
twice in any one year under a like penalty.

In case the Hay or other produce being taken in
distress it shall be lawful for the Landlords to sell
the same to be eaten on the premises and the purchasers
shall bring their Cattle and have the use of the Barns
and Sheppens for that purpose and have a right of
Watering their Cattle and all usual privileges for that
purpose without remuneration to the tenant. The tenant
to spread and bestow all the compost and manure arising

and to be produced from the Hay and Grass growing upon the said premises upon some part of the Meadow Ground yearly during his occupation thereof and leave the manure which shall be urset out on quitting upon some convenient part of the premises for the use of the owners or their oncoming tenant. The tenant not to cut down any Wood nor any more underwood than may be necessary for the repairs of fences and not to let or assign or part with the possession of all or any part of the premises or of the winter catage thereof at any time during the term without the consent of the owners or their Agent in writing first obtained and shall not during the last year of their occupancy depasture a greater number of Cattle on the said Farm and premises than usual. In case of the death Insolvency or Bankruptcy of the Tenant or respective tenants or of there being no sufficient distress on the premises the demise to cease at the end of the then current year or immediately on the happening of such event at the option of the owners and upon giving a written notice to the tenants or leaving the same at their last usual place of abode. No part of the Land to be depastured with Horses during the last year of the said term. The tenants to give up

possession of the lands at the determination of the said term on the first of March and the messuages and Buildings on the twelfth day of May as hereinbefore specified and to keep the Roads and Watercourses adjoining the said Lands in good order and repair. The tenants will be required to sign these Conditions and any other Article or Lease which may be afterwards required such Article or Lease to be at the joint expence of the owners and tenants.

Robert Swithenbank and William Swithenbank as trustees under the Will of the late James Chamley having offered the sum of One hundred and thirty pounds per Annum for the above premises are here accepted the takers thereof at that sum subject and pursuant in all respects to the above Conditions.

As witness the hands of the parties the 15th day of November 1853.

Witness }
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John J. [unclear]
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1853 Nov 15

HORTON SCHOOL FOUNDATION DEED

THIS INDENTURE made the Twenty fifth day of January In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and five And In the Twelfth of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God over Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith Etc. BETWEEN John Armitstead of Dubcoat In the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale In the County of York Yeoman of the one part and Chris Litton of Hill Top Anthony Dowbiggin of Newlard house Bryan Heselden of Brecken bottom and Robt Foster of Newhouses all in the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale and said county of York of the other part herein hereafter In and by these presents Nominated and Appointed Trustees and Governors for the several uses herein after mentioned and declared of and concerning a certain School situate and standing and being in Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid and there commonly called Horton School And of and concerning such school masters as shall from time to time be elected and chosen to educate teach and Instruct children and youth there WITNESSETH that the said John Armitstead for and in consideration of Ten Shillings to him in hand paid by the said Chris Litton Anty Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster or some of them at or before the Execution of these presents the Receipt whereof the said John Armitstead doth hereby acknowledge and And for the settling and assuring of all and singular the Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises herein and hereafter mentioned to and for such and the same uses intents and purposes and In such manner and form as the same are herein after In and by these presents mentioned and expressed to be limited and Settled and by divers other good causes and valuable considerations him the said John Armitstead hereunto also moving HATH given granted conveyed aliened bargained sold Released and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant convey alien bargain Sell Release and confirm unto the said Chris Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster and to their Successors herein after Named for ever In their actual possession now being by virtue of a Bargain and Sale to them made for one whole year by Indenture of Leave bearing date the day Next before the day of the date hereof and by force of the Statute for Transferring Uses into Possession All that one Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances of him the said John Armitstead situate lying and being with in the Township and precincts or Liberties of Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid In the said County of York and commonly called or known by the Name of Dubcoat aforesaid with all and singular Houses Edifices Barns Building Orchards Gardens Folds and Backsides thereunto belonging And also one other Messuage or Dwelling House commonly called Andrew House And also all and Singular the Closes Closures and Parcels of Arable Meadows and Pasture Ground commonly called and known by the several Name and Names of Andrew Close the Cattle Close the Lanitmyre the Lanitmyre head the Backside the Cripple Barr the New Close with the house therein standing And one parcel of ground lying on the East side of the Ribble called Hellgill head the Close brow and the low well lying on the south side of Bottom Close and one close called Calfe Close formerly purchased of Richard Procter and Ellin his wife the over Stainbarr with one Barn therein standing the lower Stainbarr the Widdows Flat the Greataber the Kirkmiredale the Kirkbankdale the Brown Haws Two Closes called Hellgillmire the Nether Close the Stones Close the New Closes with two field houses standing therein (recently) belonging to Bryan Howson and the Nether Close with one ancient firehouse therein standing And also Twenty One Beastgates or Herbage of Grasing for Twenty one Made Beasts to go feed and pasture in Upon and throughout all these stinted pastures commonly called Dubcoat Scarr High Moor Pennygent Moughton Bank Gwassrigg and Swarthmoor and so much ground and soyle upon the said pastures so antiently did and now doth proportionally amongst the owners and occupiers thereof belong and appertain unto Thirty five shillings Antient Rent ther All which said premises are situate lying and being within the Township precincts or liberty of Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid In the County of York and now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said John Armitstead or his assigns

or his Assigns together with all and singular ways waters watercourses hedges fences walls ditches woods underwoods and timber trees moors wastes mosses Commons Common of pasture and Turbary Right Liberties and privileges Hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging on in Any wise appertaining or there withall now or commonly used occupied or enjoyed and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof And all the Estate Right title Interest Use trust possession property claim and demand whatsoever of him the said John Armitstead of in and to the said premises and every part and parcel thereof And also all Deeds Evidences and Writings touching or anywise concerning the said premises or any part thereof which are now in the power or custody of the said John Armitstead and which he can by without suit at Law

TO HAVE and TO HOLD the said Messuages or Tenements Closes Closures or parcells of arable Meadows and pasture ground Cattlagates and all and Singular other the Lands and Premises herein before mentioned and Intended to be hereby Granted and conveyed with these and every of their appurtenances and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof Unto the said Chris Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster and their Successors hereafter named for ever In trust to and for the Several Uses Intents and Purposes and with and under the Limitation Powers charges and Agreements herein now after mentioned In and by these Presents mentioned limited and expressed and to and for no other Use Intent or purpose whatsoever And the said John Armitstead for the consideration aforesaid Hath Demised Granted Bargained Sold Assigned and Set over Unto the said Chris Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster and to their successors hereafter named ALL that one third part In Three equal parts to be divided of all that Herbage Pasturing soil of ground Turbary and bitt of mouth In Upon and throughout the South end of Fawcett Moor and Pennigent whether the same be divided or Undivided as the same is now marked out Marked bounded and Sett forth All which said Premises are lying and being within the Township precincts or liberties of Horton in Ribblesdale aforesaid And now in the tenure and occupation of the said John Armitstead or his Assigns together with all and Singular ways paths pastures waters watercourses moss Turbary thatch Bent Ling Stones Rights Members and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining or therewithall now or commonly used occupied or enjoyed and all the Estate Right title Interest term for years Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of him the said John Armitstead of In and the said Premises and every part and parcel thereof and also all Deeds Evidences and Writings touching or in any wise concerning the said Premises or any part thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said third part In Three equal parts to be divided of all the said Herbage Pasturing Soil of ground and Bitt of Mouth In upon and throughout the said Fawcett Moor and Peneghtall and Singular other the Premises hereinbefore mentioned and intended to be hereby granted and Demised with the appurtenances Unto the said Chris Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster and their Successors hereafter named for and during all the rest Residue and Remainder of a certain Term of Five Thousand Years which had its commencement on or about the Twenty Fifth day of February which was in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Three and from immediately after the end expiration of the said Term of Five Thousand Years then for and during all such further Term and Number of years as shall be then to come and unexpired In the said Leasehold Premises or any part thereof in Trust to and from such and the same Uses Intents and Purposes as are herein hereafter In and by these Presents mentioned and declared as well of and concerning the same as of the said Freehold Messuages Land and Premises herein before mentioned and to and for no other Use Intent or Purpose whatsoever That is to say that they the said Chris Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Bryan Heselden and Robt Foster and their Successors shall and will permit and suffer the said John Armitstead and his assigns to receive and take the Rents Issues and Profits of all and Singular the said Premises as well Freehold as Leasehold to his and their Sole and Proper Use

..... for and during the Term of his Natural Life

And from and immediately after the determination of that estate the said trustees and governors and their successors shall and will withall convenient speed choose and elect a fit and able schoolmaster to teach educate and instruct youth and children in the said school now situate standing and being in Horton-in-Ribblesdale aforesaid called by the name of Horton School whom the said John Armitstead does hereby will and declare and shall be a single and unmarried man and in Priest's or Deacon's Orders and from and immediately after such schoolmaster shall be so elected and chosen as aforesaid the said trustees and Governours and their successors shall and will annually employ and dispose of the rents issues and profits of all and singular said freehold premises to and for the sole use benefit and advantage of such schoolmaster as aforesaid and his successors for ever and also shall and will annually employ and dispose of the rents issues and profits of the said leasehold premises for such and the same uses of the above said for and during the remainder of the said term of five thousand years and all such other term and terms of years as shall be then to come and unexpired in the said leasehold premises or any part thereof and that the same shall from time to time be paid to such schoolmasters and his successors as aforesaid at the two half year's payments by even and equal portions the first payment to begin and be made within six months next after the decease of the said John Armitstead and that the said school shall be only free for such children and youth as shall be resident and inhabitants within the parish of Horton-in-Ribblesdale aforesaid And not elsewhere And it is hereby further declared and agreed upon by the said John Armitstead that when as often as any of the Trustees or Governours shall happen to die then and in such case the survivors of him or them so dying shall and withal convenient speed nominate elect and choose a new trustee or trustees governor or governors to supply the place room and stead of him or them so dying so that the whole number of Trustees and Governours may be kept always kept up for the further and better advancement of the said school and the more effectually regulating and ordering the same according to the true intent and meaning of these presents and it is hereby further declared that such person and persons as shall from time to time be elected and chosen in the room and stead of the present Trustees and Governours or any of them so dying as aforesaid shall be good and substantial inhabitants within the parish of Horton-in-Ribblesdale aforesaid and not elsewhere and when and as often as the said school shall become vacant of schoolmaster as aforesaid the said Trustees and their successors shall and will withal possible speed elect and choose another master in such manner and form as aforesaid And lastly the said John Armitstead doth hereby further order will and declare that it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees and their Successors to receive and take out of the rents and issues of all and singular the said premises or any part thereof all such reasonable charges and expenses so they or any of them shall from time to time lay out expend or be put to for or upon account of their or any of their transacting and performing the trust in them reposed anything having before contained to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding And the said John Armitstead for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant promise and grant to and with the said Chris. Litton Anthy Dowbiggin Brian Heseldon and Robt Foster and their Successors by these presents that the said John Armitstead and all and every other person and persons whatsoever having or lawfully claiming or which shall or may have or lawfully claim any estate right title or interest of in or to all or any of the said premises by from or under him the said John Armitstead shall and will at any time hereafter upon the request of the said Chris. Litton Anthy. Dowbiggin Brian Heseldon and Robt. Foster or their Successors do make acknowledge levy suffer and execute or cause to be done all and every such further and other act and acts conveyances and appurtenances in the law whatsoever for the further better and the more perfect assuring conveying and assigning of all and singular the said premises as well freehold as leasehold that is to say the said freehold premises with their appurtenances unto the said Chris Litton, Anthony Dowbiggin Brian Heseldon and Robert Foster and their successors for ever

And the said leasehold premises to them and their successors for and during the then remainder of the said term of five thousand years and all other such further term as shall be then to come and unexpired in the said freshold premises in trust to and of such uses as the said premises are in and by these presents limited and settled and for no other use whatsoever as by them or any of them therein or any of theirs Counsel Learned in the Law shall be in behalf lawfully advised tendered or required in witness whereof the parties first above or above named to those presents indentures have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

John Armitstead

Copied by me Ezra Slinger the sixteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord 1816 witness my hand

Ezra Slinger

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

William Iveson
James Burton
Willm Bentham

Memorial of the within written deed was registered at Wakefield the nineteenth day of February seventeen hundred and twenty five at two in the afternoon
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A CHURCHYARD COTTAGE

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Mr. Downham suggested a number of alterations to the property.

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They were to "elect a fit and able Schoolmaster to teach and instruct youth and children in the school situated in Horton in Ribblesdale called Horton School, such Schoolmaster to be a single, unmarried man, in priest's or deacon's orders..... the school should be free for such children and youth only as should be resident and inhabiting within the parish".

Latin and Greek, the "dead languages" were taught by a master and an usher. Horton School had "considerable celebrity as a classical school".... all children learned English, writing and arithmetic.

"Here lie the earthly remains of John ARMISTEAD formerly of Dubcote, a man revered alike for his piety and uprightness to whose pre-eminent love of letters the endowing of Horton School with lands and monies worth approximately £400 gives abundant testimony" d 26 May 1726

Richard THORNTON is commemorated on a brass, now in the church as

"A short time ago schoolmaster here for the district an honest man fleeing from the law anxious to prove his innocence"

Died 29 August 1744

A brass, now in the church, commemorates

"Robert MASON formerly of Birkwith who traded profitably in wool and Elizabeth his wife" 1722

Horton Grammar School was in what we know as Church Cottage.

About 1854 new school buildings were erected on Common land on Horton Green. There were two schoolrooms, both looking south west. In about 1859 a small covered playground was made. In 1908 the buildings were extended as the numbers on roll averaged 120.

The Schoolmaster received a fixed stipend and also all the Government grants. These were awarded following the HMI's inspection each May according to the childrens' performance. This was known as "payment by results" and was a constant source of anxiety to the schoolmaster.

Another grant was made according to the numbers on roll. Of this the schoolmaster received 2d per head on the actual attendance - no wonder the log books are pre-occupied with attendance figures and chasing up families who persistently failed to send their children to school, and with the weather which kept children away because of floods, snowdrifts, violent storms etc.

In 1866 an enquiry showed that no children were receiving classical instruction , but in 1870 the Schoolmaster, Rev W Tomlinson described the school as a "semi-classical" one as five boys were learning Latin - of these, it appears, two were his own sons.

From 1866 onwards moves were made to change the school to an Endowed Elementary School -these were protracted owing to disagreements between the trustees, the master and the Education Department's Endowed Schools Commissions - finally Rev W Tomlinson accepted a retirement pension and Horton Free Grammar School opened as Horton Endowed Elementary School in 1878.

HORTON from the turn of the century

The development of the railway and of the quarry brings many more families to Horton.

1884 HMI Report

The children should be taught to hold their pencils correctly . . . Children should be trained not to speak to each other while they are at work.

1885 HMI Report

The slates in the first standard should be uniform in size and ruling: on such poor material as one child had, viz: cardboard, and that torn, good writing is almost impossible.

1889

The class subjects deserved the double Grant I should like to see the Infants taught with rather more spirit.

(Poor Effie Darley, pupil teacher - she seems to have gone to pieces every time the HMI came to report and got worse and worse comments from him!!)

Emerging from the log books too is a constant pattern of epidemics and illness. We noted these from the early books: 1878 - 1929.

Whooping cough - the school closed for 13 weeks, October 1890 - January 1891 because of an epidemic.

Scarlet fever: diphtheria: pleurisy: mumps: measles - 6 weeks closure in November 1891 - typhoid fever: scarlatina: influenza: chicken pox: chorea: inflammation of the lungs.

The deaths of school children were not an uncommon entry in the log book.

In March 1907 the Foredale children were excluded until August because of scarlet fever.

In 1896 the headmaster writes: "Whooping cough and measles at Helwith Bridge, diphtheria and whooping cough at Horton. I disinfected the offices with CaCl_2 , whilst I have placed carbolic acid in the room".

March 1902

Phyllis Cook, aged 8 . . . died from "Diphtheretic croup". The scholars were taken under the playshed to watch the funeral procession start for the church. They sang two hymns".

June 22 1895

Today the children had a Maypole Festival at Douk Ghyll which was thoroughly enjoyed. The children assembled at school at 3pm and headed by the Giggleswick Band, they marched to Douk Ghyll where refreshments and sports were provided.

1898

Mr Foster (Douk Ghyll) at school and promised to send the children of the upper standards to the Settle Exhibition at his expense.

Object lessons for 1891

Slate: Basket Umbrella Orange
Elephant Reindeer Kangaroo Whale
Eagle Cow Sheep Horse Dog Cat
Chalk Table Knife Coal Money and six
conversational lessons

Singing Sewing Geography (1891
"We intend to do Europe") History
Drawing Mathematics Science English
Religious Instruction.

1898

"Slow progress is being made in the
upper standards with the new class subject
- Grammar".

1895

Took the afternoon lessons in
different order to Time Table - made
chlorine gas.

1899 HMI

"The children are in good order and
thoroughly well taught! maximum
grants have been awarded for the eighth
consecutive year".

January 1895

"Heavy fall of snow again occurred. Very few came to school in morning so they amused themselves round the fire until afternoon, when, a few more arriving, I opened school with 40 present".

February 1900

"A blinding storm prevailed and the roads were soon filled with snow. Two youngest having set off without an adult, I, with three others went in pursuit when it took us two hours to proceed two miles".

November 1901

"One of the mildest days I have ever experienced during my 14 years sojourn in the North. A perfect hurricane raged all day with a deluge of rain . . . many dried their clothes round the fire".

1906 HMI

Good report "reflects great credit"
etc but

"There is however a tendency to do
too much for the children
Recreative exercise should be regularly
taken for a minute or two at change of
lessons"

- this with 105 children in 2
classrooms!!

1908

A lengthy report recommends visits
to a good infants school to see new
methods, also "the use of slates and slate
pencils are undesirable a few small
gardens for the children might be formed
in the new playground".

Children also stayed away for other reasons like hay timing: grouse shooting - some being illegally employed on the moors: 'hiring' day: lambing season: sheep washing: Settle Fair: trips to Morecambe New Inn Fair.

Official holidays were taken and also holidays and $\frac{1}{2}$ holidays were given by the governors or sometimes visitors. The governors granted holidays for beagles, harriers - watching the hunt start. 'Rent day' and 'dole' money handed out and polling day also caused the school to be closed. A half holiday was given also for "nutting".

1911

At one time children from Helwith Bridge were provided with transport - a wagonette. If this did not arrive - the children refused to come to school - went on "strike" in fact.

Studfold children then also went on "strike" because no transport was offered to them!

1911

Evening school opened - 22 students.

1914

Cookery class for adults, 2.30 in school.

December 1914

"Recruiting meeting held in main room" - this was the occasion of an argument over the use of the piano, the head teacher attempting to remove and keep the key! The vicar came and intervened. The headteacher comments "Vicar paid a visit . . . the first since March 2 1894!"

1916

Singing class "some unauthorised person made a fire though the temperature was 55°".

1912

"John Thompson, aged four, placed a stone up his nostril. The "foreigner" was skilfully removed by the senior assistant".

1917

14 dozen eggs brought by the children were despatched to London for wounded soldiers.

1917

A holiday was granted on December 20 "to commemorate the part distinguishably played by W R Division in General Byng's advance and successful attack on the "Hindenburg" line. A short address was delivered by the Headteacher and after the singing of the National Anthem the school was dismissed".

The endowments granted in the will of John ARMITSTEAD and a further sum bequeathed by Thomas HESELTINE in 1751 were re-allocated at the change of school in 1878. As £130 was awarded as a yearly retirement pension to Rev W Tomlinson it was not until 1916 that recommendations put forward in 1866 for using the funds to create an exhibition (scholarship) for pupils was implemented.

. . . . a scholarship of £30 pa tenable for 3 years at Giggleswick School and open to boys under 13 years and in attendance at one of the 3 schools in the township

A similar one under the same terms for girls tenable at Settle Secondary School was awarded at first for £20, then £30.

1918

Redmayne's Exhibition (scholarship) was extended to 3 years for boys and also for girls.

He was fiercely opposed to other groups using the school building and reacts very strongly to the singing class - an adult evening class - and their social events, causing various people to be summoned on one occasion after a concert. His complaints include "door left off hinges", "smell of stale tobacco", "unauthorised using of piano", or "lighting of fire" "yard and shelter in a filthy state after a concert".

The school however gave regular entertainments for the village. These were usually to raise money for school equipment, for example: harmonium, desks, scientific apparatus etc. Also for Prize Fund for good attendance!

George Allen Pitts
late teacher at
Ingleton School
married Florence Harris d. Dec 1989
from The Golden Lion

The Infamous
William Edward Pitts
Headteacher Horton
School until 1929



Victor Edward
Pitts - late
'banker' at
Martins / Barclay's
Settle

HORTON SCHOOL HOUSE c 1909

George Pitts of
Werrington Peterborough

1909

William Edward Pitts
married 14th Feb 1890

↳ Martha Allen of
Lamb Parrock

Cowgill Dintdale
was Pupil teacher - Cowgill School
→ 1929



Photograph outside Horton School, circ. 1854-57.

HORTON FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The bearded gentleman is Rev HOLDEN. He first lived in Church Cottage (the Grammar School) and took church services as well as teaching. The picture must be one of the first outside the new school (1854). In 1857 Rev W B TOMLINSON was appointed schoolmaster. In the 1871 census, William Holden, assistant schoolmaster, aged 70, lived at New Inn.

HORTON SCHOOL in about 1931

Back Row:

Alan Shuttleworth, Reg Trusler, Kenneth
Whaites, Tom Jowett, Don Goodwin, ??,
Ronnie Goodwin, ??, - Winder, Lawrence
Potter, ??, George Yates, Frank Potts, Bill
Hepworth, Eric Goodwin, ??, ??, Arthur
Yates

Middle Row:

Ida Thistlethwaite, ??, Marjorie Metcalfe,
Winnie Silverwood, Edith Hodgson, ??, Amy
Yates, Cissie Hunt, ??, ??, Margaret
Sarginson, Nora Mason, ??, Elsie
Silverwood, Dorothy Goodwin, ??, -
Hepworth, ??, ??

Front Row:

Jean Hodgson, Mollie Litchfield, B
Metcalfe, Peggy Quinney, Rhoda Hunt,
Kathleen Johnstone, Maud Bairstow, Elsie
Mason, Colin Towler, Lilian Nelson
Jean Thistlethwaite, Irene Johnstone, Doris
Baines, Hilda Redmayne (?)
Violet Shuttleworth, Annie Potter





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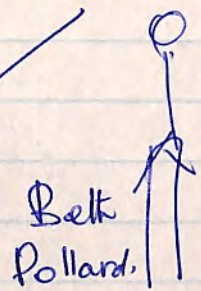
Taken by footbridge
opposite Horton School
approx 1936/37.

IRVINE
JOHNSTONE
LILIAN
NELSON
MOLLY
LITCHFIELD
MAY
BARSTON
JEAN

JORIS
BAINES
MARY
SUMMERS
BETTY
BOLSTON
OLIVE
STAPLETON
THRELETON

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CARR. X X X

Marion
NELSON



Beth
Pollard

Hepworth
Mollie
FRANKLAND
JOAN
SARGINSON
Meg
Cockshott
Joan
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Dear Head,

Since the death of my Grandma, last December, odd family photographs have been turning up. The enclosed photocopy is of William Edward Pitts, the infamous headteacher of Horton until 1929.

My school has copies of photographs a Mr Wyatt, headteacher as long as the older village generation can remember, and equally infamous for the beatings he gave out. I thought that you may like this photocopy so that you can put a face to the handwriting in the school log, punishment book or Governors' minute book.

I know very little about him, except what has been recently emerging.

He moved from Werrington, near Peterborough, to Cowgill (Dentdale) school as a newly qualified teacher. There he met Martha Allen of Lamb Parrock Cowgill. They married on 14th February 1890 and at some later time move to Horton. I am told that he liked his whiskey, which often accounted for the scrawling handwriting, and was brought before the Carlisle courts for kissing an assistant mistress some say behind the blackboard, others on the train to Carlisle. (I'm still, at 43, too young to be told the real details about the black sheep of the family, incase I too am corrupted.)

I'm told, by a lady two doors from the Pen-y-ghent cafe, that he was a very good teacher, strict but friendly. This same reputation extended to the local rugby and football leagues, which he refereed.

My Grandfather was George Allen who married Florence Harris, from the Golden Lion.

Despite living in Giggleswick, until going to College, and beating Pen-y-ghent, for George Perfect, it is only now, in walking the Dales with my son, that I have come to know Horton. The photograph now makes the walk from Brakenbottom rather personal and I look at the school, which is similar to mine, and think how some part of history is repeating itself. But then William Edward didn't have LMS or the National Curriculum, nor advisors coming to visit and not even a phone. Just time to teach children.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Crompton

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE SCHOOL.

Unveiling of a Roll of Honour

BY

Col. R. F. Roundell, M.P.

MARCH 26th, 1920.

.. PROGRAMME. ..

1. Pianoforte Solo Mr. G. A. Pitts
2. Anthem..... "O taste and see"..... Scholars
3. Part-Song... "Bells of St. Michael's Tower"..... Scholars
4. Patriotic Song..... May Buxton
5. Soli and Chorus..... "Noel"..... Scholars
6. Monologue..... Major E. G. Whittaker
7. Song..... "Love's Garden of Roses".... Winifred Willets
8. Part-Song... "Ah! Could I with fancy stray"..... Scholars
9. Solo and Chorus... "The marvellous Work"..... Scholars
(From the Creation)
10. **Unveiling Ceremony.**
11. "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah..... Scholars
12. Monologue..... Major E. G. Whittaker
13. Song "Big Lady Moon"..... Winifred Willets
14. "Soldiers Chorus" from Faust..... Scholars
15. Hymn "Sun of my Soul"..... Scholars
16. Part-Song..... "Sharp, Jack Frost"..... Scholars
17. Votes of Thanks

— THE KING. —

Edmondson & Wilson, Printers, Settle.

- Nov 1879 Aaron Mitten a boy in St II died this morning. He was at school last wk.
- May 1881 Recitation - Gray's Elegy - 100 lines
- Feb 1881 Eliz. Charnley of Standard I is dead - several children absent for funeral.
- March 1881 Severe weather - an almost empty school.
- April 1881 Lambing - attendance in upper standards not good
- Aug 1882 Only 21 present as the hay is not yet gathered.
- April 1883 Punished 3 boys for throwing ink at each other.
- June 1884 School Report - slates, reading etc.
- March 1886 Holiday as roads impassable
- Nov 1887 Bridge over Ribble blown down - H. Bridge children absent
- March 1888 Bad weather. Impossible for children to attend school

Extracts from Horton in Ribblesdale School Log Books. Mary Metcalfe

1878 Mon May 20th Opened Horton Free Grammar School, as an elementary school. 58 children present.

Mon June 17th Several children asked for leave of absence, as farmers had started haytime.

Wed July 3rd 4 weeks Holiday

Mon Aug 5th Commenced School again. Several new starters

Aug 22nd Measles epidemic - School to close for a fortnight by order of the Sanitary Authority

Oct 15th J.W. Foster Esq came to the School this a.m. and gave a sovereign towards the harmonium.

Nov 5th Guy Fawkes - half day holiday according to the usual custom.

Nov 27th Being School Rent Day, there was the usual holiday.

Dec 16th Weather dreadfully severe, attendance much thinner.

Dec 19th Closed School for Xmas vacation, that is 2 weeks. Re-opens 6 Jan 1879.

1879 Jan 6th. Commenced school again. Weather very bad, attendance very thin.

Jan 21st Still very severe weather

Feb 3rd Weather continues severe

Feb 10th Selside children leave this week, as their own school is to open on 17th

Feb 25th Shrove Tuesday Half day holiday

Mar 10th Gave concert, made £4-6-0 towards harmonium

Mar 17th Weather remains severe, many children absent

June 2nd Whit Monday, holiday in the afternoon and tomorrow

June 11th Punished 3 boys who played truant this afternoon and had to be brought to school. Names are placed on Black List.

Aug 11th Commenced school this morning after 5 weeks holiday. As a large quantity of hay is still ungathered, the attendance is very thin, there only being one boy in each of the upper classes.

Oct 8th Holiday in the afternoon in accordance with a promise made at Easter.

Oct 15th commenced with fires.

Nov 5th half day holiday

Nov 21st Aaron Mitton, a boy in standard II, died this morning.

Nov 24th attended funeral of Aaron Mitton.

Dec 19th Xmas holidays commence. Left off at Noon, as school has to be prepared for an entertainment to raise money to buy books and maps.

1880 Jan 23rd Received new reading books for standards I and II and new maps as required by HMI

Feb 27th Mr Chamley School Attendance Officer paid his first visit to the school.

Mar 1st Several boys absent. It is the 'Hiring' day in the district, consequently some of the bigger boys may be hired and so lost to the examination in May.

Mar 24th Holiday Thursday afternoon Vale of Lune Harriers visiting the village.

Apr 7th POLLING DAY HOLIDAY

Aug 7th 27 present, due to hay not being in.

Aug 20th Half Holiday - SETTLE SHOW

Aug 30th With exception of Standard VI, only children not commenced school are the Morphets of the Lion.

Sep 3rd Very warm in School this week, much troubled with wasps.

Oct 28th Weather so severe an almost empty school.

Nov 19th Holiday Wednesday afternoon because of re-opening of the Church after restoration.

Dec 20th Holiday in the morning - School being used to distribute Xmas Dole money.

1881 Feb 25th Elizabeth Chamley, one of our scholars, is dead. Was buried yesterday, several children were absent in consequence.
 Apr 19th It being lambing season the attendance in the upper standard is not good.
 May 16th Several children absent from illness. Scarlet Fever has broken out. Recitation Gray's Elegy 100 lines
 May 18th Governors held a meeting in the classroom and audited the accounts.
 July 8th Holiday Monday afternoon owing to the Fair.

1882 Feb 24th Chamleys of Newlandhouse are absent. They have typhoid fever in the house.
 Jun 13th Dr Senior came this morning and asked that the children might be given a holiday in the afternoon to mark the marriage of Miss Foster. (This was Miss Florence Foster who married W.H.L. Marriner of Keighley; her father was John William Foster who died 1879.)
 Dec 5th Half the children absent due to a severe snow storm.
 Dec 6th Storm increased
 Dec 7th Roads blocked - gave holiday.
 Dec 14th Children absent owing to Whooping Cough and severe weather.

1883 Apr 18th Punished 3 boys for throwing ink at each other.
 Aug 6th Commenced school after 5 weeks holiday. Attendance very thin, some children being engaged in the hayfield.
 Oct 22nd Commenced fires. Stormy weather.

1884 Feb 7th Owing to severity of weather and the prevalence of Mumps the attendance is greatly below average.
 Mar 21 Admitted 5 new scholars.
 Mar 28th Attendance is now greater than it has ever been before.
 Apr 1st Scarlet Fever has broken out in the village. John Bentham who lives opposite the school is suffering from it.
 May 2nd Commenced new Register. Average for last year 71.
 May 13th Attendance pretty good, some children absent a day or two owing to sheep washing.
 Aug 15th Several children absent owing to Whooping Cough.
 Sep 24th Received drawing grant £2-6-6.
 Oct 24th A half holiday in order to attend the funeral of Mr Jackson, one of the Governors of the school.

1885 Feb 13th Got a supply of foolscap, also a Map of the world on Mercator's projection in accordance with the suggestion of HMI
 Aug 24th 60 children present.
 Sep 18th Received a note from Mr Cuzins to say his son is delicate and cannot attend regularly.
 Nov 12th The Attendance Officer visited the school this morning and copied the attendance of all the children for the last 10 weeks.

1886 Jan 18th Weather is fearfully stormy and attendance is bad.
 Mar 2nd Obligated to give holiday - roads are impassable.
 Apr 12th Very stormy today, more than 20 children absent.
 May 31st Average attendance for past year 65.5 against 72. 15 weeks never free from snow.
 Aug 30th Owing to changes in the village a dozen children have left, making a lower attendance.
 Dec 17th School Treat - holiday.

1887 Jan 12th Weather severe, impossible for children to come from a distance.

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1887 cont.)

Mar 21st Several children left the village, including 3 Mittons.
 Jun 1st Mr Neville examined the school.
 Jun 3rd T.G. Ropper Esq inspected the School.
 Jun 24th Jubilee Week - half the week holiday.
 Aug 25th Settle Agricultural Show - holiday.
 Aug 31st Weather so very wet, impossible for children to come from a distance.
 Sep 22nd A whole day holiday for teachers to go to the Manchester Exhibition.
 Nov 1st Weather very stormy. A bridge over the Ribble blown down. Children from Helwith Bridge and Lime Works absent in consequence.

1888 Jan 10th Jacksons of Foredale have Scarletina in the house.
 Feb 1st 3 girls late this morning, a thing that rarely occurs.
 Mar 14th No school. Bad weather.
 Apr 13th Admitted 3 Children from Greenfield.
 Apr 20th Weather still severe for the time of year.
 Aug 6th Several children absent on a trip to Morcambe.
 Aug 14th Received a parcel of school stationery including 2 maps.
 Oct 1st A severe snow storm. Commenced fires in school.

1889 Feb 21st Notice of P.T. Examination at Skipton.
 Feb 26th Several new scholars, but as usual there are 6 or about who do not know a letter of the Alphabet.
 Aug 27th Wildmans leaving the village.
 Sep 27th Gave the usual half holiday for nutting.
 Oct 7th Weather so dreadfully rough it was impossible for children to get to school.

1890 Jan 14th Weather very bad. No children in school.
 Jan 23rd School has been closed owing to severe storm.
 Feb 4th Have bought the boys a football.
 Feb 28th Holiday owing to our entertainment in the schoolroom on behalf of the Village Reading Room.
 Mar 7th Half the school absent owing to illness from Influenza.
 Mar 12th Weather so stormy on Monday and Tuesday and so many children ill that we did not open the school.
 Mar 28th Attendance sadly spoilt by the children from Foredale Works.
 Apr 3rd Tomorrow being Good Friday there will be holiday, also on Easter Monday afternoon.
 May 5th Several new scholars have been admitted and the attendance has improved.
 May 26th Holiday (Whitsuntide)
 Aug 18th L.A. Darley ceases to be on the school staff and Mrs Darley ceases to be sewing mistress. They are replaced by Miss H. Walker who commenced duties this morning.
 Sep 1st Many children are absent from colds. Weather very bad. Rain falling in torrents every day. A large quantity of hay is still ungathered.
 Sep 22nd Whooping Cough is very prevalent. 3 out of 17 infants present.

1891 Jan 5th. I, Edward Pitts, took charge of the school this morning. It has been closed from Oct 3rd until now by order of the Medical Officer of Health.
 Jan 20th. Several children still suffering from Whooping Cough - 49 present.
 Jan 29th Received some new books from Leeds today. Still waiting for Literary Readers and Historical Readers. A Mapbook and Blackboard have been added to the school materials. The Vicar and 2 Managers visited school today.

1891 cont.)

Feb 2nd 57 children present today.

Feb 9th Betsy Morphett returned to school today after many months absence.

Mar 3rd A very stormy day which reduced the attendance.

Mar 16th Admitted 2 new scholars today, William and Ben Boyd. 63 children present.

Mar 23rd I found the school in a very dirty state, as the desks and forms had not been dusted.

Apr 2nd Received a parcel of Books from Yorkshire Penny Bank. I intend to open a Transfer Bank in connection with School.

Apr 6th I opened a Transfer Bank and 40 children deposited £4-12-2.

May 11th Lily Morphet away today with influenza. I ordered her brother not to come to school until she was better.

May 27th 67 children present.

Jun 30th I was obliged to fetch Heseltine to school this morning.

Jul 2nd Managers meeting held in classroom at 10-30 am, all the children 63 in number crowded into the large room. Mr Foster came to me and 'ordered' me to send the children home at once (10-30). I told him that I had marked the registers and could not send them away without cancelling the attendance. So he left me. At 2-40 he came to school again and in a most insulting manner and with disgusting language asked why the children had not had a holiday.

Jul 9th Governors meeting held. Made a complaint of Mr Foster's conduct at the school on 2nd inst. Poor attendance today. We break up for the hay harvest.

Aug 17th We commence school after 5 weeks.

Aug 19th Settle Fair has taken several boys off school.

Aug 25th Exceedingly stormy morning. Rain fell in torrents and the Beck and Ribble overflowed their banks, flooding the meadows and roads which prevented the children coming to school this morning. I opened school this afternoon but had only 35 children present. (note: At Seathwaite, Cumbria, the enormous amount of 10 inches of rain fell in the two days 24-25 August 1891).

Aug 26th Holiday today. Trip to Morecambe and Lancaster.

Aug 28th Another very wet morning. 45 children present out of 74.

Aug 31st Has the Govt. Education Fee Bill has been accepted by the Managers the children did not pay any School Fees this morning.

Sep 15th A wash basin has been provided for the school, and also a good number of towels.

Oct 30th A holiday in the afternoon. Confirmation at Settle.

Nov 16th The Medical Officer of Health has ordered the school to be closed on account of Measles.

Dec 28th Reopened school this morning after being closed for 6 weeks.

Dec 29th Re-admitted Alice Jackson aged 10 years.

1914 Nov 2nd The staff having consented to contribute 2½% of their salary to the West Riding Relief Fund, 11/9 was forwarded to Wakefield, this being a second moiety.

Dec 2nd Recruiting meeting held in school in evening.

1915 June 9th Sent P.O. stamps - value 15/3 - the scholars' contribution to the Over-Seas Club Penny Fund.

Sept 1st Dr A Phillip MD DPH in No 1 Division had a fatal seizure immediately upon entering as a Lieutenant in the RAMC.

Nov 4th School Attendance Officer, Corp. J.M. Morphet, 6th WRR, fell in Flanders. (Note: no Morphet on Horton War Memorial, so presumably he was not a Horton resident.)

1916 Feb 28th Three Governors met the Head Teacher at school to determine upon 'blinds' for the building to conform with the lighting restrictions.

1917 Feb 2nd Mr Threlfall, a Board of Education Inspector, addressed the children on War Saving.

Mar 9th Visits were paid by 2nd Lieut G.A. Pitts, Privates Kindle and R. Dixon - old scholars.

Apr 5th Despatched 14 dozen eggs brought by the children to London for wounded soldiers.

Nov 12th Pte Fred Morris, RAMC; Seaman Alec Morris AB; Gunner J. Wildman - old boys - paid a visit on being on home leave from the Front.

Dec 21 This day was an additional holiday to commemorate the part distinguishably displayed by the WR Division in General Byng's advance and successful attack on the 'Hindenburg' Line. A short address was delivered by the Head Teacher, and after singing the National Anthem the school was dismissed at 10 o'clock.

1918 Feb 22nd The Head Teacher was absent with leave to visit his sick officer son who has been in hospital for ten months. . .

Mar 28th Forwarded 8 dozen eggs to National Egg Repository, London.

June 14th Distributed notices, handbills re War Weapons Week.

Aug 19th Received a visit from Pte R.H. Milman on leave from France. (It was Tom Milman who was killed).

Nov 8th At 11-45 received a telegram to close the school immediately. (No reason given in the Log Book).

1942 cont.)

May 8th Miss Dodds came from Wakefield to see parts of the school suggested as a centre connected with school canteens.

5th June Mr Sugden and Mr Bradley from Wakefield called to see the premises suggested in connection with a school canteen.

22 June. Dr Hills visited the school this morning and conducted routine medical inspection. Harry Hopkinson, Arthur Hodgson, Dora Sarginson, Helen Thistlethwaite and Thomas Millman are not to do P.T. or games in school because of the condition of their hearts.

25th June Notification that Dora Sarginson has been awarded a County Minor Scholarship today.

Wed 11 Nov At 9-30 the children went along to church to take part in the form of National Prayer and Dedication for the 3rd anniversary of the outbreak of war. Very suitable for Nov 11th.

Mon 30 Nov. Have discovered several cases of scabies in school children examined have been sent home. I await the nurses visit.

1943 March 5th Mrs Taylor sent to Selside. Head teacher managed infants with aid of a senior girl.

Apr 5th I, Olive Smalwell, supply staff, having received instructions from County Hall, Wakefield, to take charge at the school commenced duty at 9-0 am today.

May 7th Violet Quinney and Sydney Metcalfe have left. Millicent Colvey admitted for one week. £3-10-0 has been sent to the Overseas League Tobacco Fund, for the children's Empire Day gift to the Forces.

June 4th Harry Hopkinson (Bradford evacuee) turned 14 years of age is suffering from heart trouble. He will not attend school any more. I have removed his name from the register. There are now no evacuees in the school.

Sept 1st I commenced duty as Head Teacher of this school this morning - Donald Wardell.

Sept 7th A collection of rose hips was made by the children and handed to Miss King (WVS)

Nov 29th Contractors began work in spare room for school canteen.

1944. Feb 11th 32 pairs of wellington boots, gifts of American Red Cross, have been distributed to the children.

Mar 29th Nine children from Selside School admitted.

Apr 4th I proceeded to Education Offices, Settle, to be present at the interview of a Cook for the School Canteen.

Apr 24th Children from Selside returned to their own school.

Jun 19th Miss D. Goodwin (Cook) and Mrs Metcalfe (Helper) began duty in School Canteen 8-0 am.

Jun 20th Visited Food Office, Settle and Divisional Education Office regarding opening of School Canteen.

Jun 23rd School Canteen opened. Dinners served to 46 Horton children, 2 teachers and 2 kitchen staff.

Aug 14th Canteen dinner served at 1-15 due to inefficiency of coal stove. School work resumed at 2-15 pm.

Dec 12th Canteen dinner for 60 children at 12-45 pm due to faulty stove. The newly-appointed Vicar, Rev J.H. Renton M.A. visited the school.

1945 May 8th and 9th School closed for two days national holidays to celebrate Victory in Europe.

Sep 25th Visit of Dr Melhuish 10-40 am to noon. Lecture on the value of milk as food.

1946 Jan 28th Miss Beth Pollard appointed temporary teacher in the school. Taking Standard II and III under supervision.



Early photograph of School members.



Pupils at Horton School.

(SC9) HORTON SCHOOL

Back Row:

Mabel Thistlethwaite, Lottie Fletcher,
 Connie Nowell, Annie Lambert, Jack
 Lambert, ??, George Millman, Nora
 Thistlethwaite

Front Row:

Jacky Nowell, Maud Thistlethwaite, Renee
 Holland, Mary Lambert, Marie Mole, Maisie
 Hunt, John Fletcher, ^{ON} ??, ^{FLOOR} ??, - Lambert

About ~~1932~~



Horton School

Back Row

Gladys Yates; Maud Bairstow; Alan Carr; ^{TOM LITCHFIELD} Eddy Wiseman; Brian Blow; Olive Stapleton; Margaret Millman ^(Sanderson) ^{Police man's son.}

Middle Row

Lillian Nelson; Miss Carex; ^y Miss Myers; Jean Thistlethwaite; Mary Summers.

Front Row

Colin Towler; Violet Quinney; Peter Calkeld.



BACK ROW left to right

1. Alan SHUTTLEWORTH 2 Roy TRUSLER 3 Ken WHAITES 4. Tom JONETT,
5. D. GOODWIN 6? WINDER. 7 R. GOODWIN 8. GEORGE MORPHET 9. ? 10? 11?
12 GEO. YATES 13 FRANK POTTS 14 Brian HEPWORTH 15. DAVID DAW
16 Ronnie MASON 17. Arthur YATES

MIDDLE ROW.

1. Ida THISTLETHWAITE. 2. J. WHAITES 3. Mary METCALFE
4 Winnie SILVERWOOD 5. Edith HODGSON 6. BETTY CALKELD
7 AMY YATES 8. Jessie HUNT 9. A. STUART 10. E. QUINNEY 11 Mgr SARGINSON
12. Nora MASON 13 ? 14 Fannie SILVERWOOD 15. D. GOODWIN 16?
17. M. GARNETT 18 M. WHAITES 19?

FRONT ROW

- 1 Laura HODGSON 2 ? 3. B. METCALFE 4 Peggy QUINNEY 5 Rhoda HUNT
6 Kathleen JOHNSTON. 7. MAUD BAIRSTOW 8 ELSIE MASON. 9 ?)
10. William NELSON 11 Jean THISTLETHWAITE 12 Irene JOHNSTON
13 Doris BAINES 14. Vera HEPWORTH 15. VERA SHUTTLEWORTH
16 Annie POTTER







HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
1960

Top row From Left To Right.

Stephen Wilcock, Helen Hargreaves, david Mellin.
Mrs Davidson, Andrew Thompson, Robert Millman, Lynne Wilson,
Debbie Pearson, Robbie Jackson, Jack Floyd,
Tina Harrison, Janet Humphrey, Ann Huddleston, Antony Dixon,
Mr Barker, Robert Waterson, Josie Parnell, Diane Lund, Jacky Ca-
mpbell, Mrs Claughton,
Mark Humphrey, Rachel Campbell, Susan Humphrey, Beth Floyd,
Nicki Waterson, Joanne armstrong, Antonia James, Stuart Emsley
Gillian Dixon, Dwanne Jackson.

PHO.





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John
Neselpane
white shorts

Early Horton School Football Team.

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Jack
hankert
2nd from
right.