

THE RISING OF THE NORTH 1569-71/2

The Rising of The North was instigated by a group of Roman Catholics, rebelling against the Church of England. One certain Richard Norton of Threshfield, who owned quite a lot of land, was one. He along with several friends and his men, mostly tenants and workers were involved in several skirmishes.

It was at Threshfield Rise, a large wooded area, that Edmund Taylor of Fawber was slain and his body being brought back to Horton by friends, in June 1571.

How many men went from Horton to aid Richard Norton is not known, also even if any other men lost their lives is also not known.

Richard Norton had his estates confiscated. Two men of Threshfield were hung - William Whitaker and a Robert Airey. The third man, a Christopher Ratcliffe was pardoned, he being a gentleman.

N.B. Threshfield Rise Wood is still there today and is adjacent to a camping site.

During the Civil War (1642-1645) some of Cromwell's army camped in the Ribbleshead area after a battle at Middleton Head, near Kirkby Lonsdale. The officers stayed at Ingman Lodge (Lodge Hall) and some inscriptions scratched with a diamond on a piece of old window glass are thought to have been done by some of them.

The war against Napoleon (1793-1815) was a titanic struggle whose repercussions were felt even in Horton. The cavalry corps to which Bryan Heselden of Brackenbottom subscribed will have been raised to defend the country against the threat of French invasion. The Craven Muster Roll was prepared in 1803 and listed all the men in the village, showing who would be called upon to go to war first.

Tuesday September 6th 1859

Present at drill.

Lieut^t Walter Morrison
Ensign John Tugoby.

Privates

Joseph Birkbeck

George Stausfeld

Thomas Redmayne

Fredrick Thomas Clapham

Thomas Clapham.

John Burrow

Thomas Stackhouse

William Carr

William Myers

Robert Haygraves

Robert Calvert

James Hindby

Thomas Procter

^{John} Thomas Taylor

William Grime

John Ellorshaw

Paul M'Kay

Thomas Mallison

1. Memorandum

Jan'y 10th 1860.

The North Craven Volunteer Rifle Corps began to drill on Sept ber 6th 1859, commencing with only one drill a week, on the Tuesday. It was subsequently proposed that a second drill, ^{day} should be established on the Saturday in order to afford persons who might be disposed to join the corps, but whose business ~~was~~ would not permit them to attend the drill on the market day.

The proposal was adopted, and since the month of October there have been two drills in each week, - the Tuesday and the Saturday, with one exception, when the customary drill was intermitted in consequence of the sudden death of, and from respect to the memory of, one of the most respected members of the corps.

By the Act 44th George III cap 57 it is provided that a volunteer shall be deemed effective, and entitled ^{claim} the various immunities and privileges attached to the service in a volunteer corps, who has in each four consecutive months in the year attended drill on eight separate days. The first four consecutive months since the first drill of the corps having terminated on Jan'y 6th 1860, a table is appended showing the number of drills attended by each member of the corps since Sept ber 6th 1859. As however the services of the corps were not accepted till Sept ber 12th 1859, as a subdivision, the drills are reckoned up to Jan'y 10th 1860.

Mr. Brayshaw also has a copy (dated Settle, June 14, 1794) of the "Enrolment and Subscription for raising Volunteer Corps of Cavalry within the West Riding of this County for Internal Defence." It runs:—

"At an adjourned Meeting for the Wapentake of Staincliff and Ewecross, held at this Town, for the purposes abovementioned, a liberal Subscription was entered into, and several Gentlemen enroled themselves for personal Service. To afford Persons who are desirous of coming forward a further Opportunity of entering their Names, this Meeting is adjourned to Kighley, at the Golden Fleece, on Wednesday, the 25th day of June Instant, at 12 o'Clock at Noon. That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman for his Conduct on this Occasion.—THOMAS GARFORTH, Chairman."

The Subscription at Skipton was as follows:

	£	s.
Thomas Lister, Esq., Gisburn Park.....	200	0
(High Sheriff of the County of York)		
Thomas Garforth, Steeton	50	0
William Wainman, Carhead	100	0
James Wiglesworth, Townhead	31	10
Henry Wiglesworth, Townhead	21	0
C. Knowlton, Kighley	10	10
John Coulthurst, Gargrave	50	0
Thomas Slater, Clerk, Carleton	5	0
Reginald Heber, Clerk, Marton	5	5
H Croft, Clerk, Gargrave	5	5
Thomas Marsden, Clerk, Kildwick	5	5
W Carr, Clerk, Bolton Abbey	5	5
Thomas Paley, Langcliff	10	10
David Swale, Settle	10	10
* Bryan Hesleden, Brackenbottom	10	10
Jeffrey Tennant, Yockenthwaite	10	10
Thomas Mason, Eshton	5	5
Richard Holmes, Linton	21	0
Martin Richardson, Clitheroe Castle ...	20	0
Dorothy Richardson, Gargrave	21	0
Edward Capstack, Barnoldswick	5	5
Thomas Brown, Grassington	10	10
Mrs. Batty, Thorp	21	0

CRIMEAN WAR. 1856.

HORTON PARISH.

The Peace Festivities of this parish took place on Friday 27th. There were the usual rustic games and a dinner for the men, and tea for the females, on the green in front of the school.

A procession was formed headed by Austwick Brass Band, to the New Inn and back, and the dancing on the Green sward was kept up until the shades of evening compelled a dispersion. The tables were supplied by the innkeepers of Horton, New Inn and Selside.

from The Settle Chronicle.

...this anniversary was a most successful one.

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.—The fourth annual festival of the young and vigorous Temperance Society established in this sequestered nook of Ribblesdale, was held on Wednesday, June 13th. The weather was exceedingly unfavourable for the occasion; but the numerous company assembled were determined to make the best of it. A tent had been erected but the high wind rendered it useless. The large shed adjoining the grammar school was kindly lent for the public tea-party, and as an especial mark of politeness, the ladies and children were allowed to adjourn into the school, where fires had been lighted for their comfort. The valuable aid of the Band of the North Craven Rifle Corps had been readily secured to enliven the festivities. The company walked in procession to Brakenbottom, New Inn, and through the village of Horton, and returned to tea about four o'clock. Upwards of 200 persons, notwithstanding the wetness of the day sat down to the liberal repast. A public meeting afterwards was held in a barn belonging to Mr. Craven, kindly lent for the purpose. Mr. Francis Twisleton, the president of the society, occupied the chair. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Hardy from Bolton-le-Moors, Mr. Thomas Harvey, Mr. Oates, Rev. B. Kinney, and Mr. Harrison, from Settle; and Mr. Kay from Wray.