

### Thomas Berry Horsfall



An insight into his life and family.

His business and political career and his generosity to the communities of Colton & Rugeley.

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Thomas Berry Horsfall's father Charles was born in Huddersfield.

Charles became a very successful businessman and politician living in Liverpool, one of the world's then major ports.

He ran a fleet of ships importing 40% of Britain's Palm Oil from West Africa. Used for manufacturing Candles, Soap & Grease.

### Charles Horsfall



Charles Horsfall 1776 -1846 Thomas Berry Horsfall's father

Keen Botanist

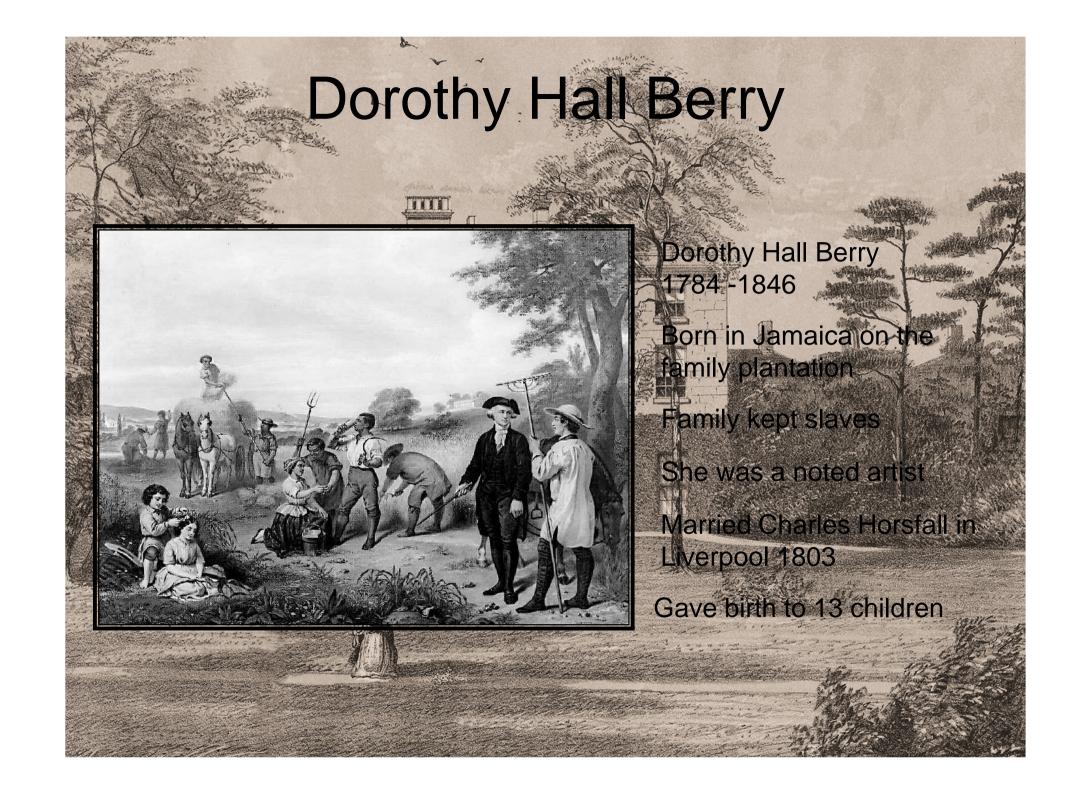
Lord Mayor of Liverpool 1832-33

Major Palm Oil trade with West Africa

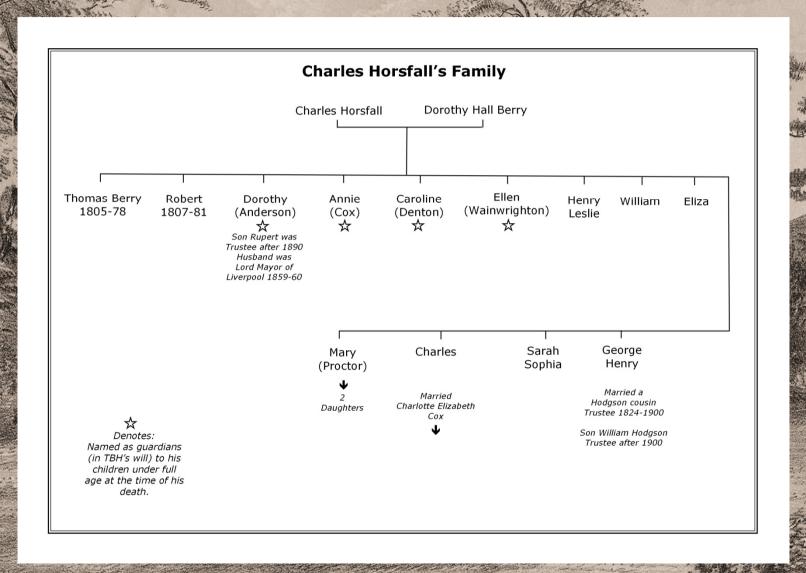
Charles and his family greatly involved in Liverpool political life

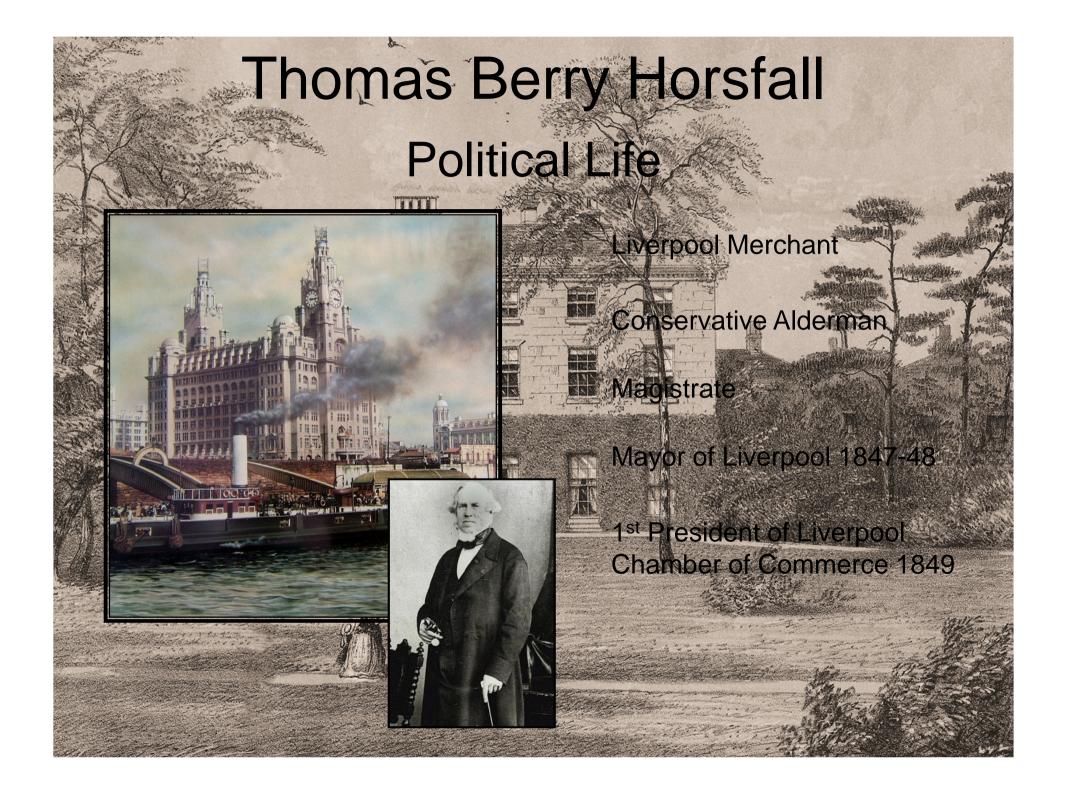
Married 1803 & fathered 13 children

Charles Horsfall 1776 -1846



### Charles Horsfall's Family





# Thomas Berry Horsfall Political Life



Spoke 177 times in Parliament on many issues

Elected MP for Derby 1852
Declared void 1853

Agent faced bribery charges

Elected MP for Liverpool 1853 - 1868

Favoured Parliamentary & Customs & Excise Reform

Opposed Duty of foreign corn & all necessities of life & Tax on Income – but not Property

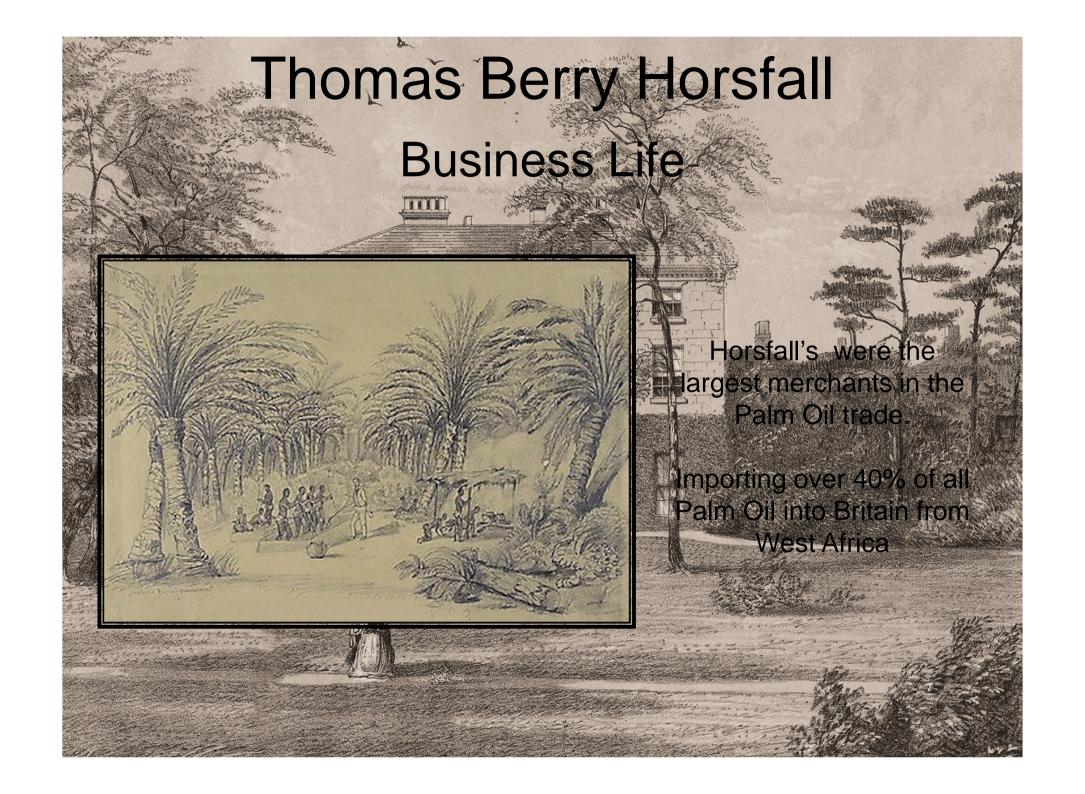
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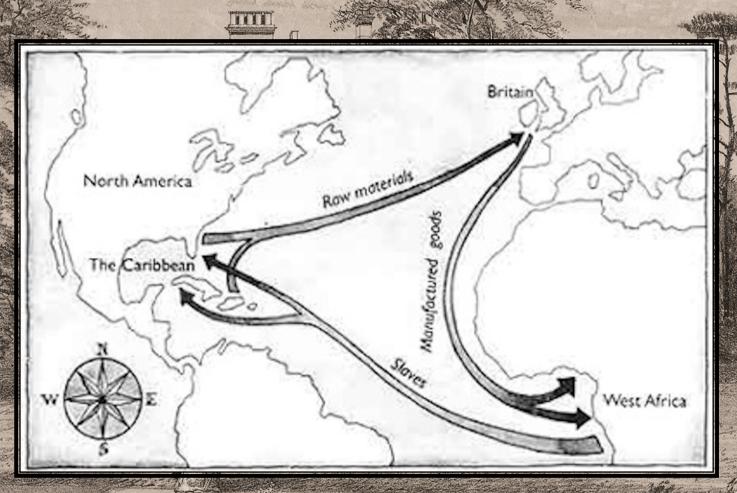
1857 became Deputy

Lieutenant of Liverpool

High Point in Political Life
October 1848 with
presentation of Silver
Cradle to his wife Mary
marking birth in January
1848 of daughter Mary Cox
during Thomas Berry
Horsfall's Mayoral years



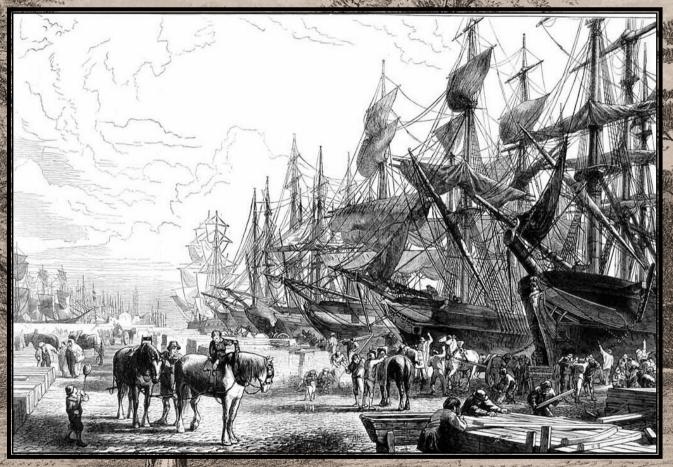
# Thomas Berry Horsfall Business Life



In 1830 Horsfall carried 11,189 casks of oil in 10 Journeys

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Business Life



In 1855 Horsfall launched a new ship the 'Charles Horsfall'.
Built of wood in Aberdeen it was 182' long 32'5" broad & 18'4" deep able to carry 798 tons.





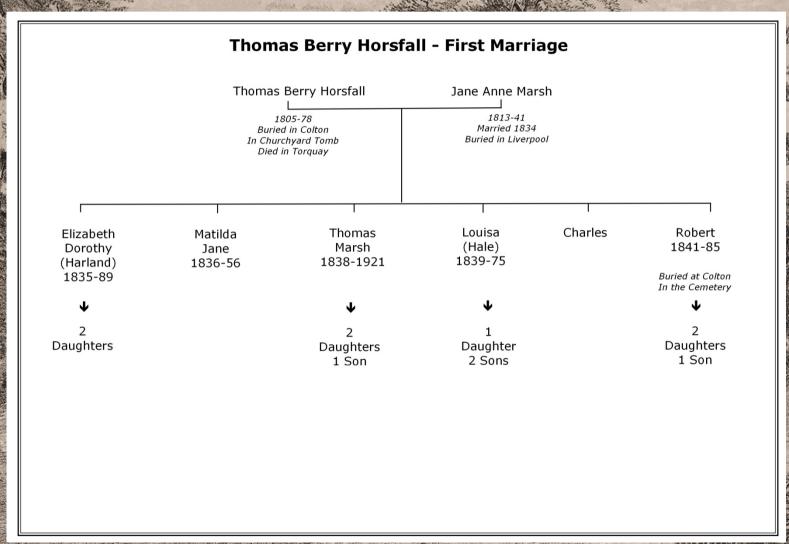
Thomas Berry Horsfall
married
Jane Anne Marsh
born 1813
on 30th May 1834 at
Lianidloes

The daughter of Thomas

Edward & Elizabeth

Marsh

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## Thomas Berry Horsfall His first born daughter



Elizabeth Dorothy married Edward Harland, Vicar of Colwich & lived at Bishton Hall. She used Colwich Vicarage as a girls' orphanage

### Thomas Berry Horsfall His Second Marriage

### PEDIGREE

OF

### COX OF DERBYSHIRE.

COMPILED FROM PARISH REGISTERS, AND FROM OLD
DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF

WILLIAM COX,

OF BRAILSFORD.



Arms—Argent, three Moor Cooks, Proper.

CREST—On a wreath a Game Cook, Proper, ducally crowned, Or.

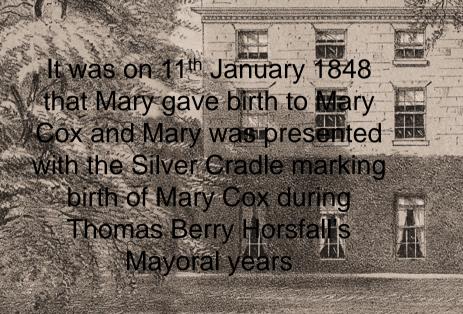
Motto—Vigilantia prestat.

BEMROSE & SONS, PRINTERS, DRRBY; AND 23, OLD BAILEY, LONDON.

1881









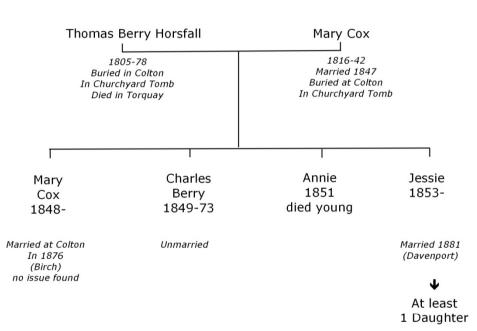




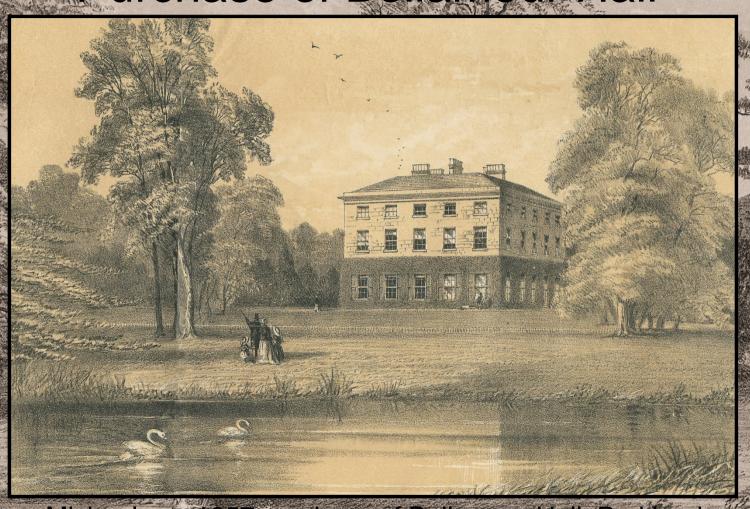
Mary died July 1862

# Thomas Berry Horsfall His Second Marriage





## Thomas Berry Horsfall Purchase of Bellamour Hall



Michaelmas 1857 purchase of Bellamour Hall, Parkland & Farmland of approx 75 acres completed

### Thomas Berry Horsfall

### THE EDINBURGH GAZETTE, JULY 1, 1859.

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### ADMIRALTY, May 12, 1859.

### Corps of Royal Mariaes.

Gentleman Cadet St Andrew St John to be Second Lieutemant. Gentleman Cadet Charles Rowley Brand to be

Second Licettemant.
Gentleman Cadet Edward Willoughby Grenville
Byam to be Second Licetemant.
Gentleman Cadet John Ignatius Morris to be

Gentleman Cadet John Ignatius Morris to b Second Lieutenant, Gentleman Cadet Gerald Altham Heseltine to b

Second Lieutemant.

Gentleman Cadet Henry Seton Bourchier to b

Second Licetonant.
Gentleman Cadet John Holland to be Second

Gentleman Cadet Henry Luxmoore Stirling to

Gentleman Cadet Edward Benjamin Steele Perkins to be Second Lieutenant. Gentleman Cadet William Murray Swinton to be

Second Lieutenant.
Gentleman Cadet George John Airey to be Second

Gentleman Cadet Francis Fosbery Evans to be Second Lieutenant.

Gentleman Cadet Robert William Francis Holt to be Second Lieutenant.

### May 17, 1859.

Gentleman Cadet Robert Hoare Dwyer to be

### ADMIRALTY, June 17, 1859.

Corps of Royal Marines.
Gentleman Cadet Alexander George Anson

Second Lieutenant.
Gentleman Cadet Robert Calder Allen to be
Second Lieutenant.
Continue Caden Alfred Wilman Lieutenant.

Gentleman Cadet Alfred Wilmot Johnston to be Second Lieutenant.

### Commission signed by the Queen.

2d or Edmonton Royal Rifle Regiment of Middlesex Militia.

Captain Edward Missenden Love, late 60th Rifles, to be Adjutant, vice Bowie, resigned. Dated 13th April 1866.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the

Thomas Berry Horsfall, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 7th June 1859.

tenant. Dated 7th June 1859.

Thomas Salt, the younger, Esq. to be Deput Lieutenant. Dated 7th June 1859.

Lieutensnt. Dated vin June 1859.
Clement Thomas Sneyd Kynnersley, Esq. to be
Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 7th June 1859.
Henry Ward, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant.
Dated 7th June 1859.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Amelius Whimper to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 22d June 1859.

Francis Cramp, Esq. to be Deputy Lieutenant Dated 22d June 1859.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lioutenant of the

### Victoria Rifles

Captain Edward Clifford to be Major, vice the Earl of Perth, resigned. Dated 13th June

Lieutenant Abraham Trew to be Captain, vice Clifford, promoted. Dated 13th June 1859.

4th or Royal South Middlesex Regiment of Militia.

Thomas Hunt, gent. to be Ensign, vice Burrell, resigned. Dated 19th May 1859.

1st or Royal East Middlesex Regiment of Militia.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commissions in this Regiment, held by Ensign Richard Hall and Lieutenant Alexander James McGregor.

### Victoria Rifles

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission in this Corps held by Captain Henry Cook.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.

### Kent Militia Regiment of Artillery.

First Lieutenant William Bartram to be Captain, vice Mitford, resigned. Dated 25th June 1859.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey.

Camberwell or 1st Surrey Company of Volunteer Rifle Corps.

John Boucher, Esq. formerly of the 5th Dragoon Guards, to be Captain. Dated 14th June 1859.

Rolla Rouse, Esq. to be Lieutenant. Dated 15th June 1859.

Croydon or 2d Surrey Company of Volunteer Rifle Corps.

James Hunter Campbell, Esq. Colonel Bengal Artillery, retired, to be Captain. Dated 16th June 1859.

Adam Steuart, Esq. to be Lieutenant. Dated 17th June 1859. John Thomas Hyde, Esq. to be Ensign. Dated 18th June 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham.

North Durham Regiment of Militia. enry Droz Gaynor, Esq. to be Captain, vice Bramwell, resigned. Dated 13th June 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Pembroke.

1st Company of Pembrokeshire Volunteer Rifles.
Colonel the Honourable Robert Fulke Greville to
be Captain. Dated 23d June 1859.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen.

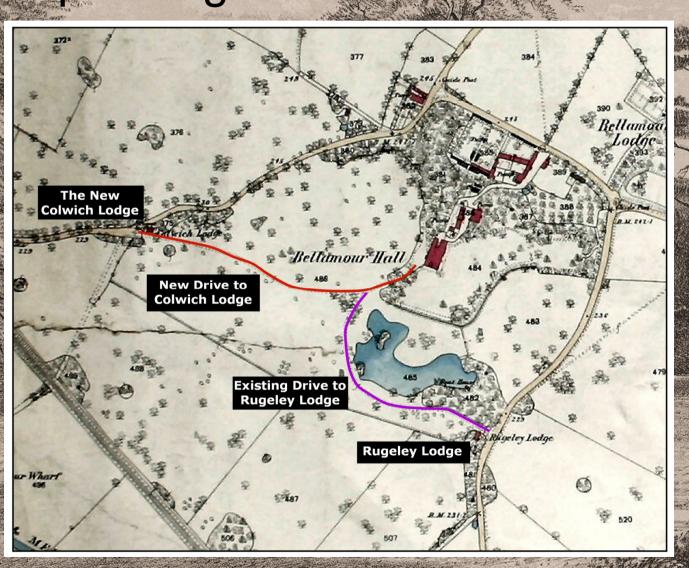
### Royal Aberdeenshire Highlanders.

Charles Fraser, gent, to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Macfarlane, promoted. Dated 224 June 1859. In 1859 Thomas
Berry Horsfall was
made Deputy
Lieutenant of
Staffordshire

By this time he had embarked on a programme of acquisitions and exchanges designed to significantly expand the Bellamour Hall Estate

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Expanding the Bellamour Estate Land Acquisitions and Exchanges Original Bellamour Hall Estate Purchased from Greene Purchased from Burt Purchased from Bamford Purchased from ANC 615 Rosevillas, Lucy Berry and Field Cottages purchased by Horsfall

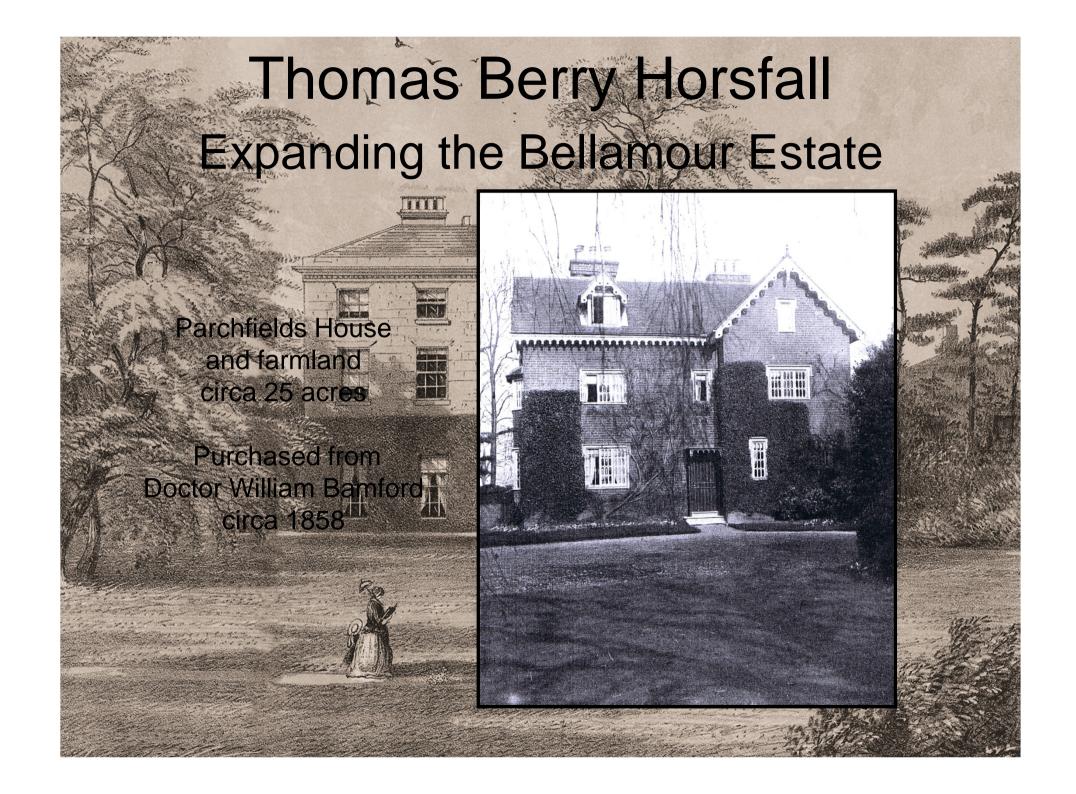
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Colton House & Pleasure Gardens acquired 5th April 1859



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Purchased land & built Rose Villas, Lucy Berry & Field Cottages





Thomas Berry Horsfall married Sophia Leeke born 1839

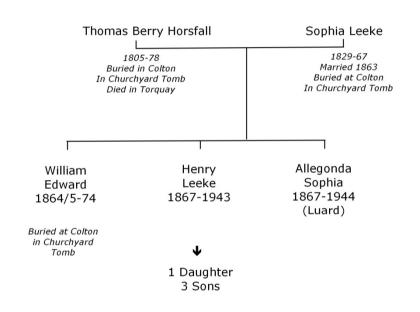
Daughter of William Leeke

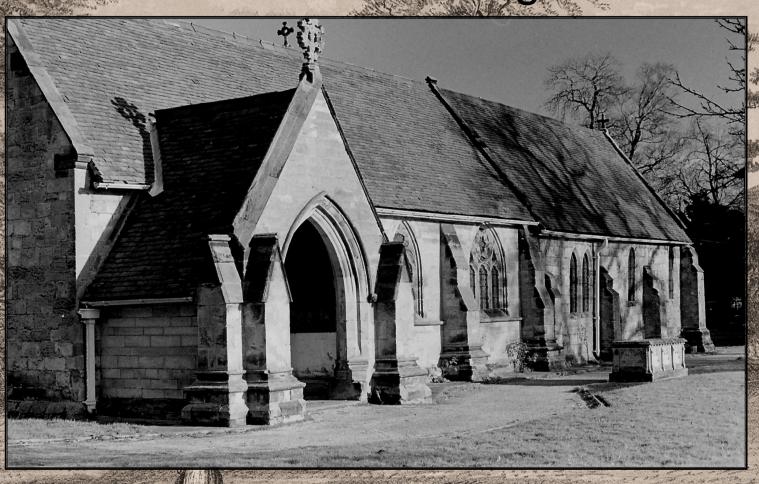
of Holbrook in circa 1863

They had three children

Holbrook

### **Thomas Berry Horsfall - Third Marriage**





Sophia died 2 weeks after the birth of her twins and was buried in the Horsfall Tomb on 1st March 1867

### Extracts from St Mary's School Log Books

21 Dec. 1863.	Many children absent begging wheat for St. Thomas' Day. (On St. Thomas' Day it was a custom in many villages for poor people to beg from door to door. This was called "going a-gooding" or Thomasing.)

29 May Holiday in the afternoon - Oak Bough Day. Anniversary of Charles 1864. II escaping after the battle of Worcester by hiding in an Oak tree. Often called Oak Apple Day).

1 Nov. Rector gave the children half holiday as it is the custom in the village for the children to go round the houses of the nobility for apples on All Saints Day.

1 March Burial of Mrs. Horsfall. Black ties given to allthe boys and Mrs. 1867. Harland distributed black ribbons to the girls. Half day holiday.

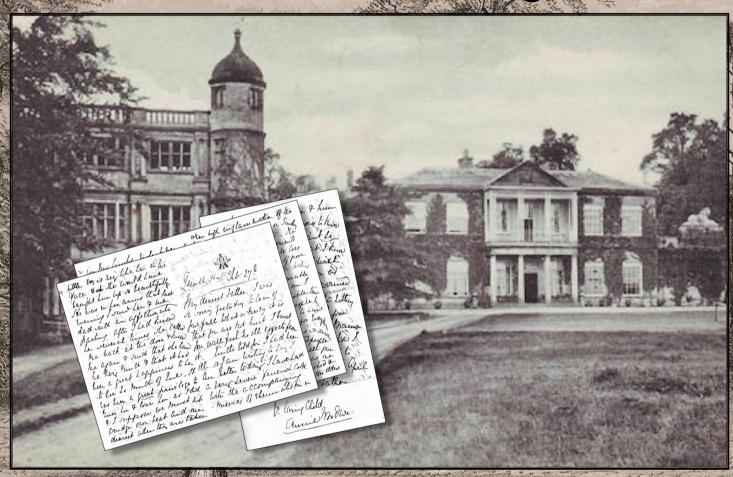
8 Dec. Dinners sent from Bellamour Hall for the first time this winter. 1871.

14 March Made enquiries about the Aults who had been absent for a week and 1867. found that they had no shoes to come to school in.



James Tyrer a Liverpool Merchant, Ship Owner & friend of the Horsfall's was a tenant at Tixall Hall. His great niece Annie Woodward was born & lived at Tixall





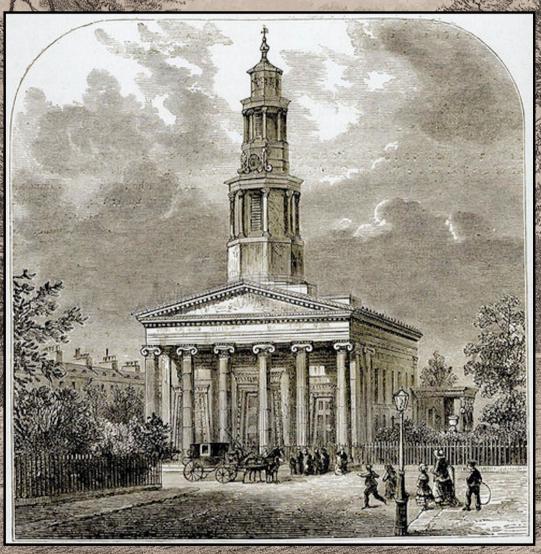
Annie was a close friend of Sophia and wrote to her father from Tixall Hall following Sophia's death

### Thomas Berry Horsfall



2 months after Sophia's death Annie married Hopton Scott Stewart, they had 3 children. Their 1st born daughter later married Henry Leeke Horsfall (one of the twins born immediately prior to Sophia's death)

### Thomas Berry Horsfall His Fourth Marriage



Thomas Berry Horsfall
married
Lucy Martha Nolan
born 1846
daughter of Thomas &
Annie Nolan
Nee Ryan

Saint Pancras Church In December 1870

They had four children

Saint Pancras Church

# Thomas Berry Horsfall His Fourth Marriage

### **Thomas Berry Horsfall - Fourth Marriage**

Thomas Berry Horsfall

1805-78 Buried in Colton In Churchyard Tomb Died in Torquay Lucy Martha Nolan

1846-1920 Married 1870 Buried at Colton in the Cemetery

Lucy Beatrice Nolan 1872-1943 Annie Gwendoline Nolan 1873- 1949 Eva Kathleen Nolan 1874-1932 Gertrude Berry Nolan 1876-1957

Buried at Colton in the Cemetery. Died at Lavender Lodge Colwich Buried at Colton in the Cemetery. Died at Hove Sussex Buried at Colton in the Cemetery. Died at Southwick Sussex Buried at Colton in the Cemetery. Lived and died in London





The four daughters

Lucy Beatrice Nolan Known as 'B'

1872 - 1943

Annie Gwendoline Nolan

Known as 'Gwen'

1873 - 1949

Eva Kathleen Nolan

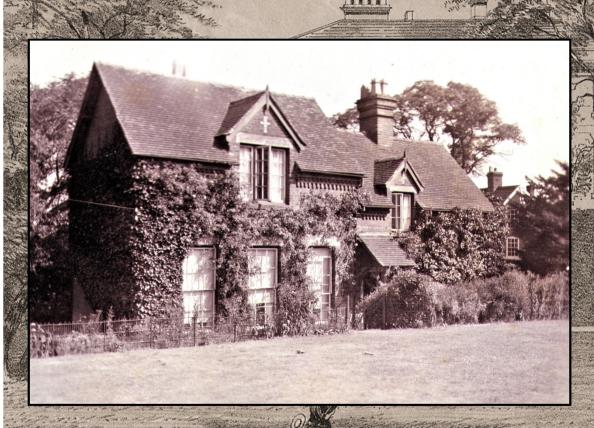
Known as 'Evy'

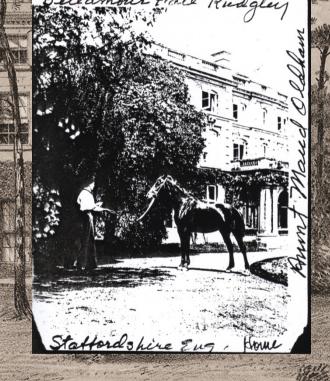
1874 - 1932

Gertrude Berry Nolan Known as 'Truda' 1876 - 1957

The four sisters & their dog 'Boy'

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Lucy Beatrice Nolan Horsfall – 'B'





'B' purchased Lavender Lodge At Colwich following her mother's Death in December 1920

She was also a very keen horsewoman 'B' died at home in 1943

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Annie Gwendoline Horsfall – 'Gwen'





'Gwen' was a very accomplished artist – a talent no doubt inherited from her grandmother Dorothy.

Gwen died in Hove, Sussex 1949

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Eva Kathleen Nolan Horsfall – 'Evy'



Evy died at Southwick, Sussex in 1932

# Thomas Berry Horsfall Gertrude Berry Nolan Horsfall – 'Truda'



Truda was baptised at St Mary's Colton on 4th April 1876 her father gifted this offertory plate to the church to mark the occasion.

Truda died in London 1957





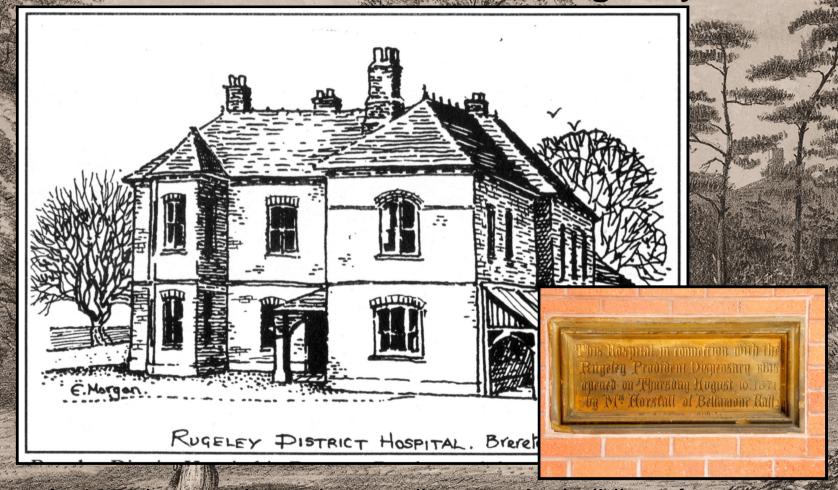
In 1862, on land purchased from Burt he built the village school





Circa 1862 the Reading Room provided for villagers as a Meeting place, Workingmen's Club & Institute and Library.





In 1871 he was the major contributor to the building of Rugeley District Hospital opened 10th August 1871





In 1874 he gave part of Dog Kennel Field to become new the new Cemetery

Pictured the Thomas Berry Horsfall Memorial in the New Cemetery

Rose Villas

Lucy Berry Cottage

Field Cottage

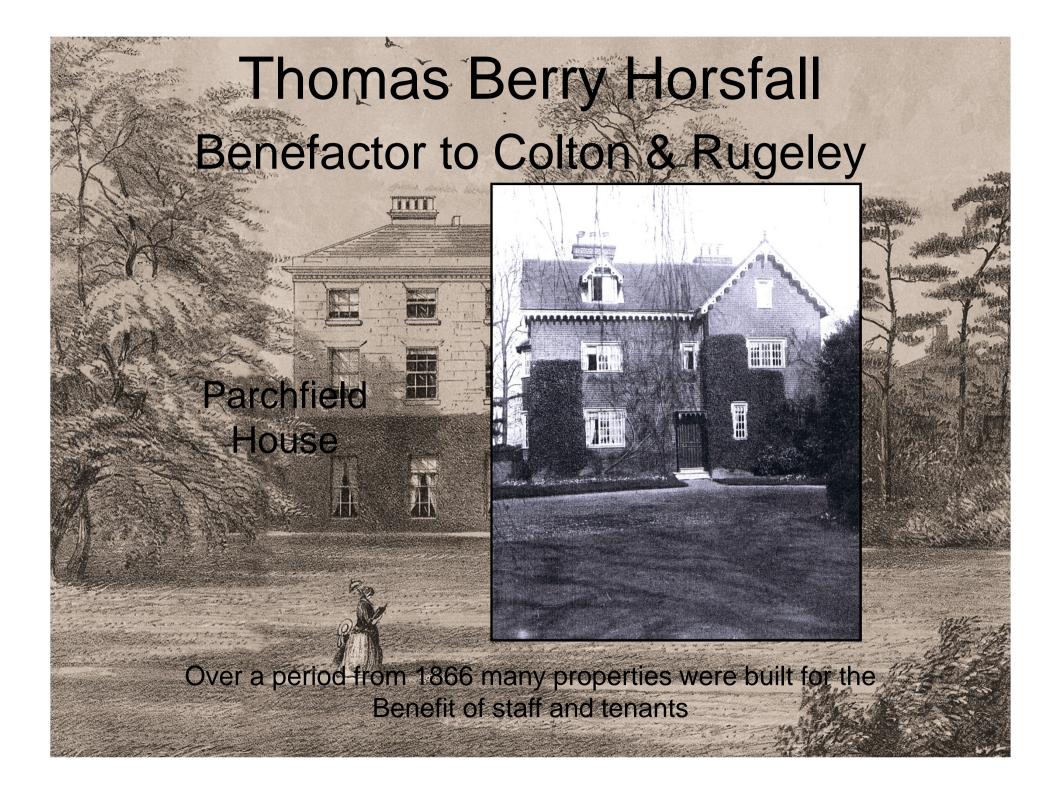


Over a period from 1866 many properties were built for the Benefit of staff and tenants



Elm Cottage

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Eva's Cottages

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Thomas Berry Horsfall Also invested in the local infrastructure He became a

He became a shareholder in the Rugeley Gas Works

and the growing Railway networks

In 1921
Henry Leeke Horsfall
and his heir Thomas
transferred ownership of
the Reading Room to
Lichfield Diocese Trust.

The owner of Bellamour Hall Estate to be a trustee or his representative

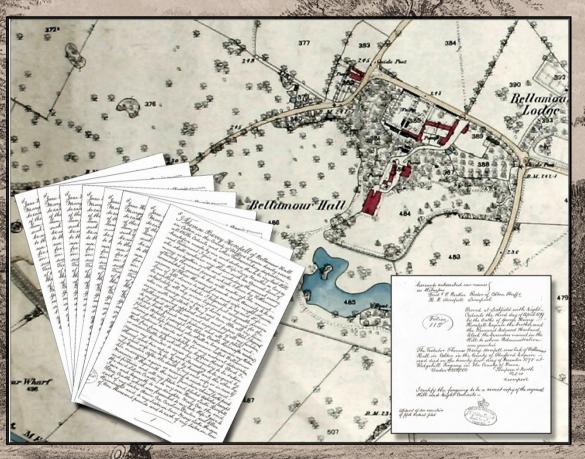


### Thomas Berry Horsfall His death and his Will



Thomas Berry Horsfall died at Torquay on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1878 aged 73 years. He was buried in the family tomb at St Mary's Colton

### Thomas Berry Horsfall His death and his Will



His Will is dated 15th August 1873 and runs to 19 pages with eight Codicils accounting for a further 11 pages

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Beneficiaries recorded in his Will

#### **His Widow**

- •For life Bellamour Hall Estate & £3,000 per anum.
- The carriages, horses etc, furniture, prints, pictures etc and silver (except the Silver Cradle).
- •Also to receive rents, Insurance and repairs to be paid from his estate.
- •Following her death all would pass to Henry Leeke Horsfall.

#### Mary Cox Birch

The Silver Cradle and £20,000

#### Sisters

•Annie Cox, Caroline Denton, Ellen Wainwright and sister in law Mary Leeke £1,000 each

#### Sisters in law

•Jane Hay, Charlotte Elizabeth Horsfall and Annie Margaret Nolan £500 each

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#### Nieces

•Flizabeth & Mary Louise Procter £500 each

#### Niece in law

•Sophia Moss £500

#### **Henry Leeke Horsfall**

•Two properties in Derbyshire

#### **Employees**

- Butler John Barclay and Mary Ahn Harcroft nurse (a servant) £100 each
- •All servants, if served for three years, a years salary

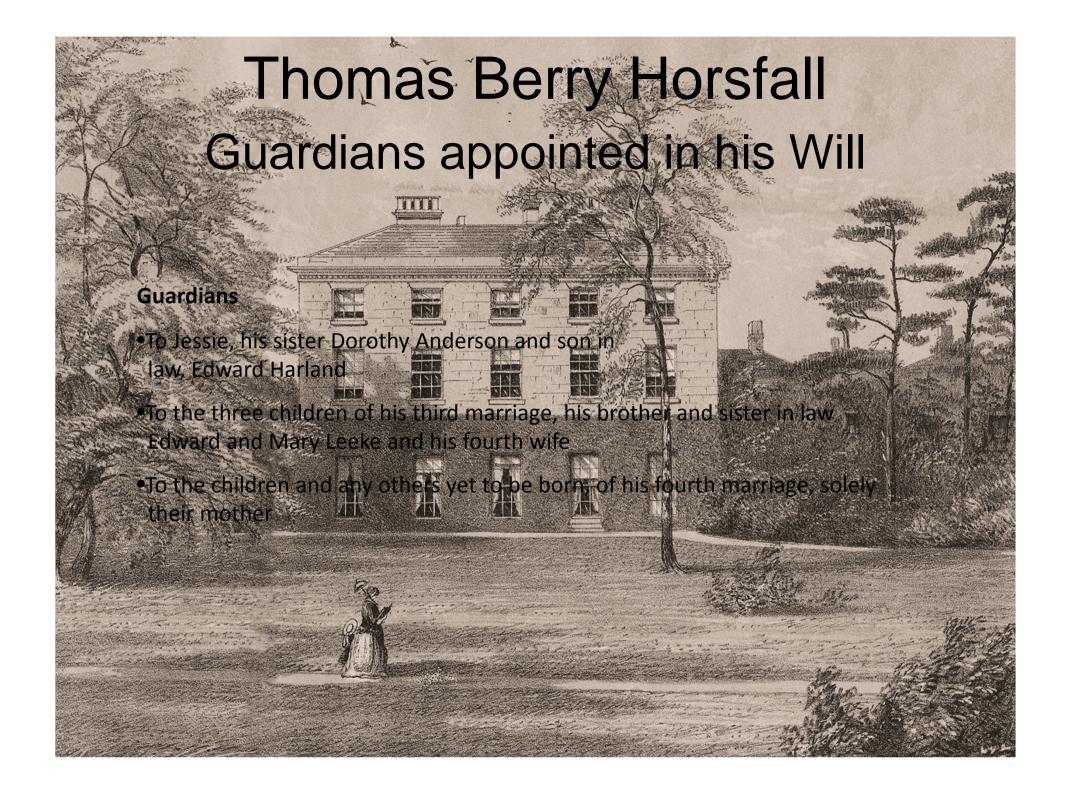
#### His Children

- All daughters legacies to be free of their husband's control
- •E.D. Harland and L Hale had each received £12,500 marriage settlements and each to receive £7,500.
- •T.M.H. had received £12,00 already, so to receive £8,000 as long as not bankrupt or outlawed

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Beneficiaries recorded in his Will

#### His Children

- •Robert had already received £4,098-6s-8d for his Paper Mill, now to receive the balance of £20,000
- Mary Cox H. Already mentioned
- •Jessie £20,000 on attaining her majority. Also the same to William Edward, Allegonda Sophia and Henry Leeke Horsfall. i.e. such money necessary to be invested to achieve £20,000 at 21 years of age
- •Youngest B, Gwen £5,000 to be invested to achieve £20,000 at 21 years and the same for any children yet to be born



### Thomas Berry Horsfall Codicils appended to his Will

- Re the death of son William Edward in 1874 to be held in residue of estate except for £300 for the education of Henry Leeke Horsfall. Dated 1875 Butler as witness.
- If Henry Leeke Horsfall died before Thomas Berry Horsfall his share to be added to that of Mary Cox H's, Jessie's & Allegonda's. Dated 1875 Butler as witness.
- Following Louisa's death her legacy, now £10,000 (not as before £7,500) to be shared by her three children. Dated 1875 Butler as witness.
- Declaration that the codicils do not affect the rest of the Will. Dated 1875
   Reverend F.P.Parker & Footman as witness.
- •Thomas Marsh Horsfall's legacy revoked now in favour of his children.

  Trustees to have power and discretion with regard to it's application. Dated

  1876 Doctor Monkton of Rugeley as witness.

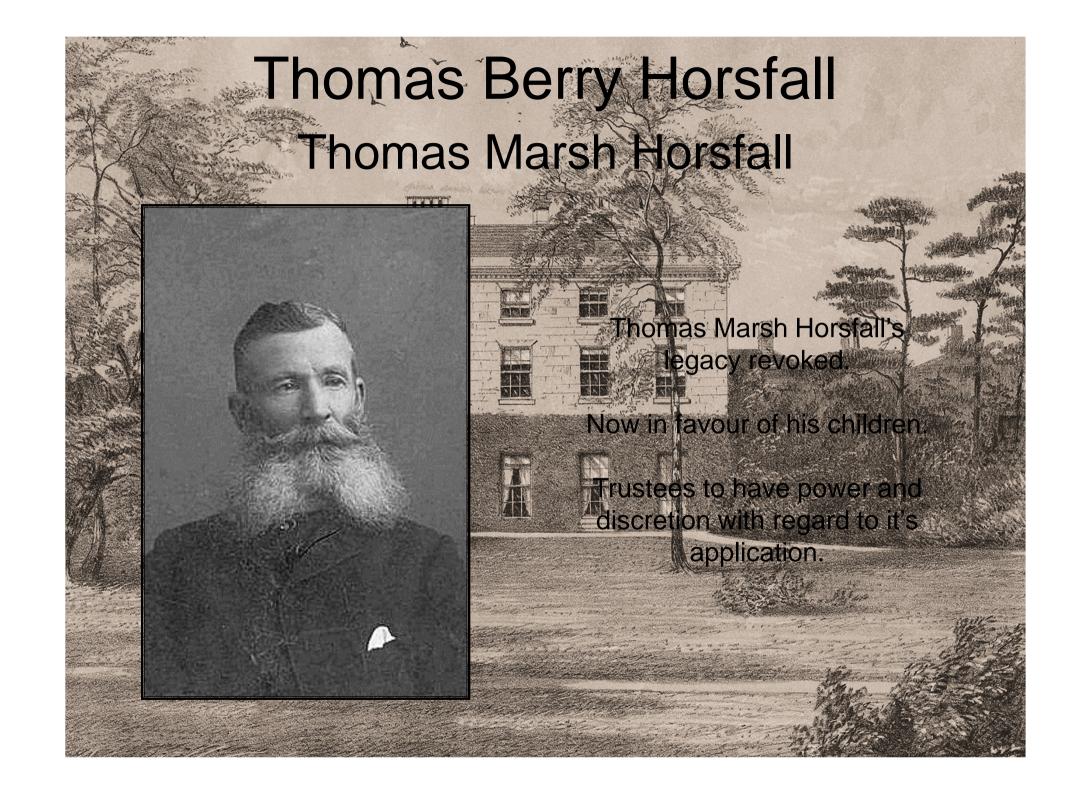
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- •Thomas Marsh Horsfall now only to benefit to start business in America or the British Colonies not in Great Britain or Ireland. Can only return to Great Britain or Ireland with the express permission of the Trustees. Dated 1876 Witnessed by George Morrall the Bailiff and Thomas Arnold Joiner.
- •Re M.C.H. and Jessie. M.C.H. about to marry, future husbands to have a life interest in their legacies. If there is no issue each £20,000 to be returned to the residue estate. Dated Doctor Monkton and Edward Barnett, a Footman, as witnesses dated 1876.
- •Annie Margaret Nolan now deceased. Her £500 to be in favour of her sister Henrietta Ellis Nolan. Dated 1877 H.D. Horsfall Liverpool & Reverend F.P.Parker as witnesses.

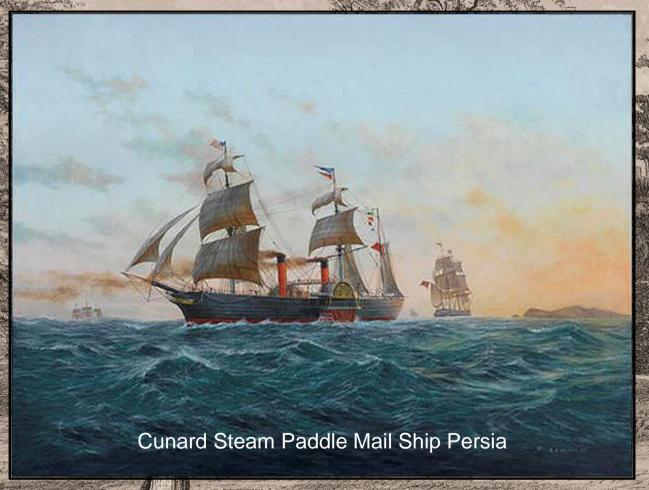




£1,000 in 1873 in today's value would be £100,000



### Thomas Berry Horsfall Thomas Marsh Horsfall



Educated at Harrow, emigrated to U.S.A. in 1866 on the Persia. Married twice second wife also English from Leeds, three children. He died in Arkansas.



The four daughters organised many parties and concerts



#### BELLAMOUR.

Saturday Afternoon, August 17th, 1901,

Programme of Vocal Music

BY THE

Lichtield Cathedral Quartette,

MESSRS. RICHARDSON, MASON,
HOBLEY AND COLEMAN.

#### Programme.

PATRIOTIC ("Here's life and health GLEE ("Here's life and health to England's King")

PART SONG ... "Annie Laurie" ... Cantor

GLEE..." Hark the Nightingale is singing"... Skallon

HUMOROUS GLEE..." The Goslings" ... Bridge

GLEE "Napolitaine" (Alto solo & chorus) Nelson

PART SONG ... "Home, Sweet Home" .. Cantor

Madrigal ... "Come, let us join the roundelay" Beale

Humorous Glee ... "Simple Simon" ... Macey

Part Song ... "The Long Day Closes" .. Sullivan

Glee ... "The Soldier's Love" ... Küchen

Part Song ... "Good Night" ... Coleman

GLEE ... "The Lifeboat" ...

GOD SAVE THE KING.



Programme from one of the many Concerts arranged by the sisters



Gwen inherited her Grandmother's artistic talents



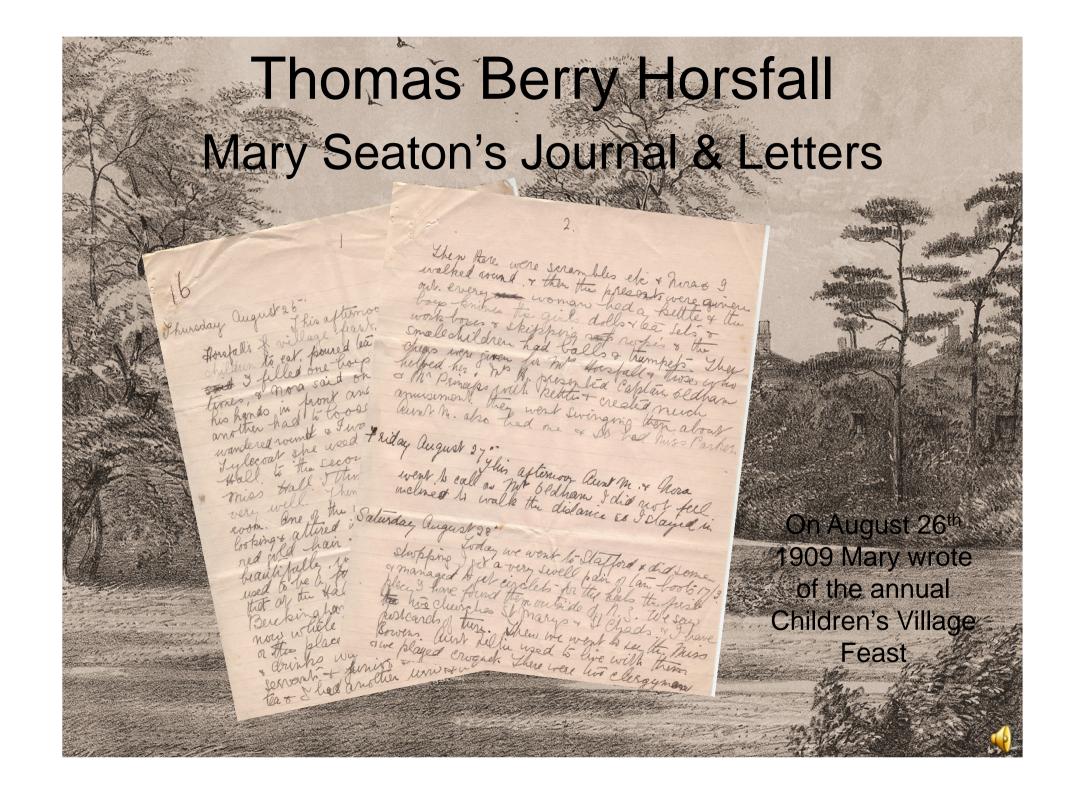
May Day Parade & celebrations at Bellamour Hall

Mary Seaton was the Grand Daughter of Abdiel Seaton, Rector of St Mary's Church Colton.

Abdiel's eldest son emigrated to New Zealand where he started a new life and family.

His daughter Mary journeyed alone by ship from New Zealand to England in 1909 and spent a 18 months staying at her aunts house, Colton Cottage, visiting relatives and travelling in England, Ireland & France.

During this time she formed a strong relationship with the Horsfall family and recorded her experiences in her daily journal and letters to her mother and father.



### Thomas Berry Horsfall Mary Seaton's Journal & Letters

night in Sc she ment + & boles were che I get to the cher of there of Bedham did the Clave before all will look for lu cractini been packing a wright 9 am Saturday Right. at about half Show my roo

Lassie finishe Friday Betober 10. that she had to may dear mim & Dad. Here I am back in Collow oclock when she again. I arrived in Lordon on Islednesday I left the next afternoon, & waited at the botel while Intol cor here at 2. Scales & Lassie were set then when they came lack we talked & I met him bamersles, she with the harry sands her kind regards to Told there of there tu postopic blokle came to downer relations of more for 3/6 + one -Thyroday we won't down to the albert dock post mistres. o thick yellow for at diverpool st. Satise very dark before the lamps were life. Sand Elsie Joseph. (W. Wathan I himpshe is now). me the change nearly belives right. She is a

disturbed his Salundar October 2!

8 get to the clear Twas too Tried to finish last night: after

1 get to the clear the boat off we came back to bourn

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1 wish It was wanted convas & brushes & a hunter were all

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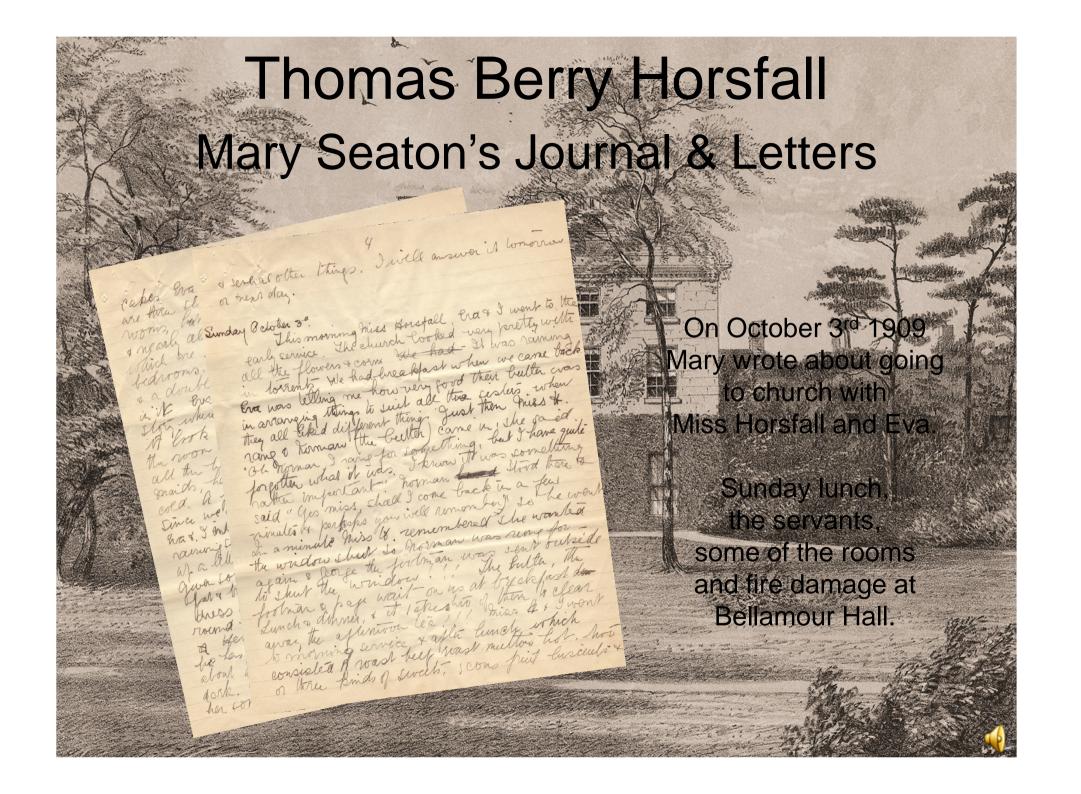
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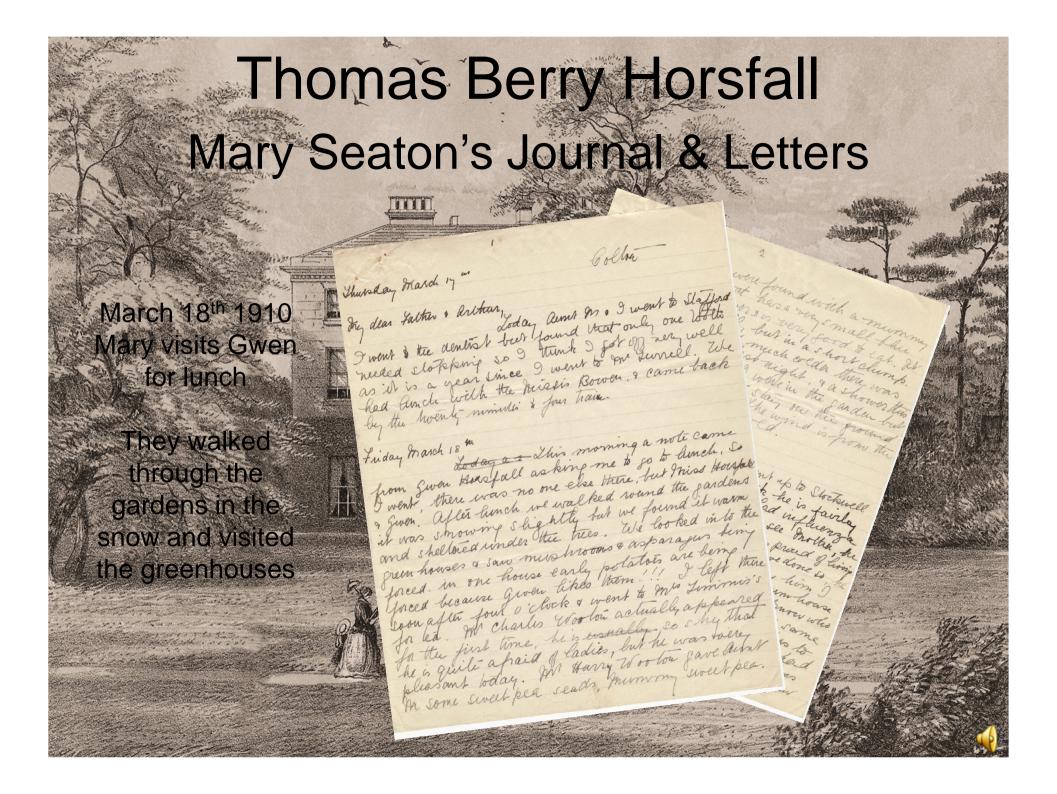
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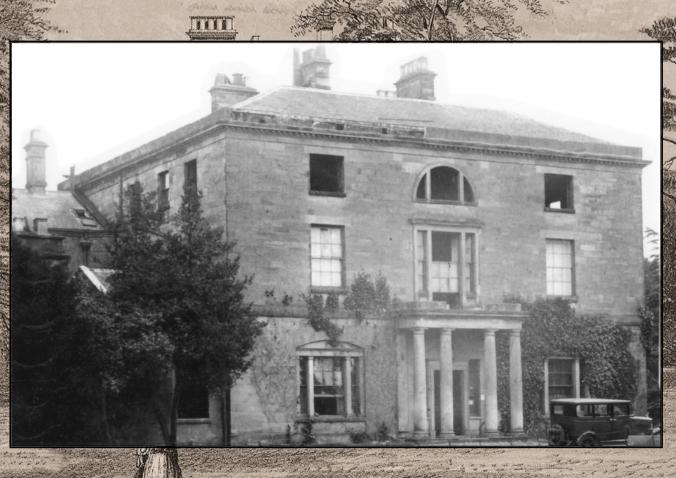
On October 2nd
1909 she wrote of
staying overnight at
Bellamour and
taking the
Brougham Carriage
to Bishton Hall with
Gwen











Mary commented in her journal of seeing the fire damage caused to the third floor during December of 1901.



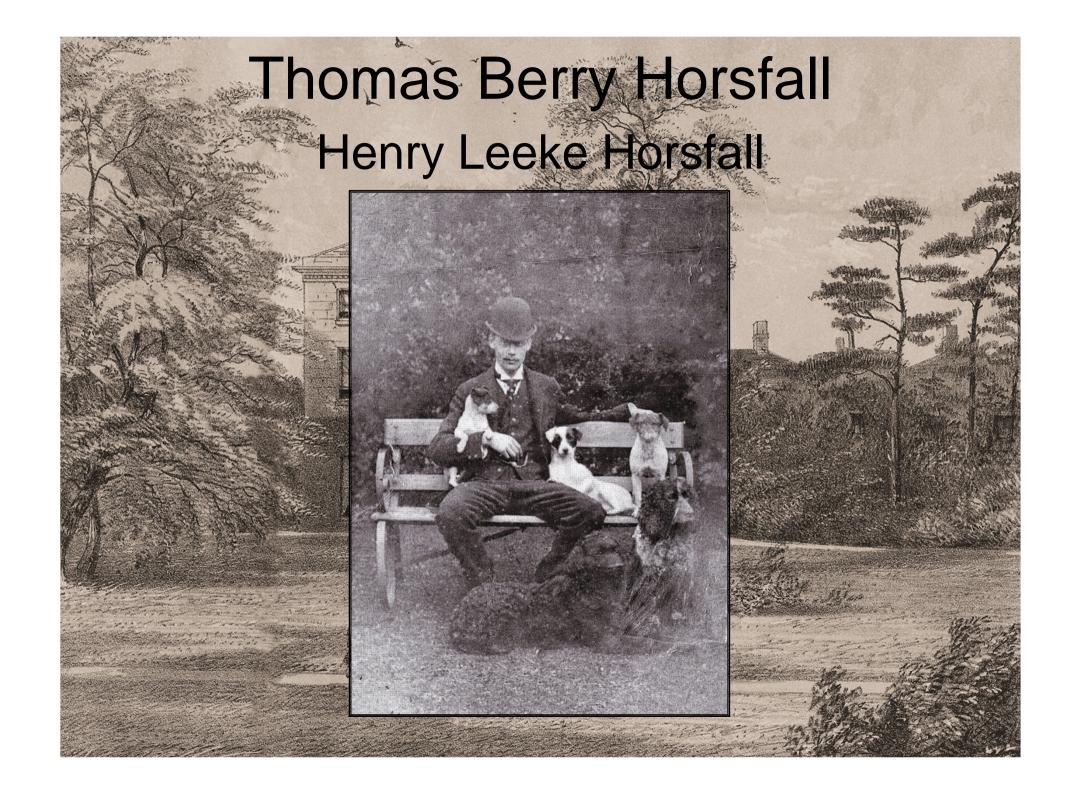
Mary's mother joined her daughter for the later months of her stay at Colton and August 1910 she visited Mrs Horstall and George Morrall

On 26th August 1910 Mary Seaton and her mother left Colton for the journey home to New Zealand

Mary commented in her journal that Miss Horsfall waved to them from the gate as they left Colton at the start of their long journey home

### Thomas Berry Horsfall Dedication of the War Memorial 1922





# Thomas Berry Horsfall The Sale of Bellamour Hall Estate

By Instructions from H. L. HORSFALL, Esq

#### STAFFORDSHIRE,

On the borders of Cannock Chase, in a picturesque and beautiful part of the County, One Mile from Rugeley, Seven from Stafford, Eight from Lichfield, and Three-and-a-quarter hours' journey from London by L. & N. W. Main Line.

#### particulars, Plan & Conditions of Sale

OF THE

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL & AGRICULTURAL

#### **PROPERTY**

KNOWN AS THE

#### Bellamour Ball Estate,

Extending to an area of

#### 391½ Acres,

Comprising The Manor or Reputed Manor of Colton; The capital stone-built Mansion distinguished as Bellamour Hall, standing in a well timbered Park, having Two Entrance Lodges, extensive Pleasure Grounds, Lawns and Ornamental Water and Boat House, and productive Gardens; The Home Farm and Plantations; a delightful Georgian Residence known as Colton House; Residence and Land called "Parchfields"; New House Farm; several Small Holdings, Dwelling Houses and Accommodation Lands, in or near the Village of Colton,

TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY

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On SATURDAY, the 4th June, 1921, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon precisely

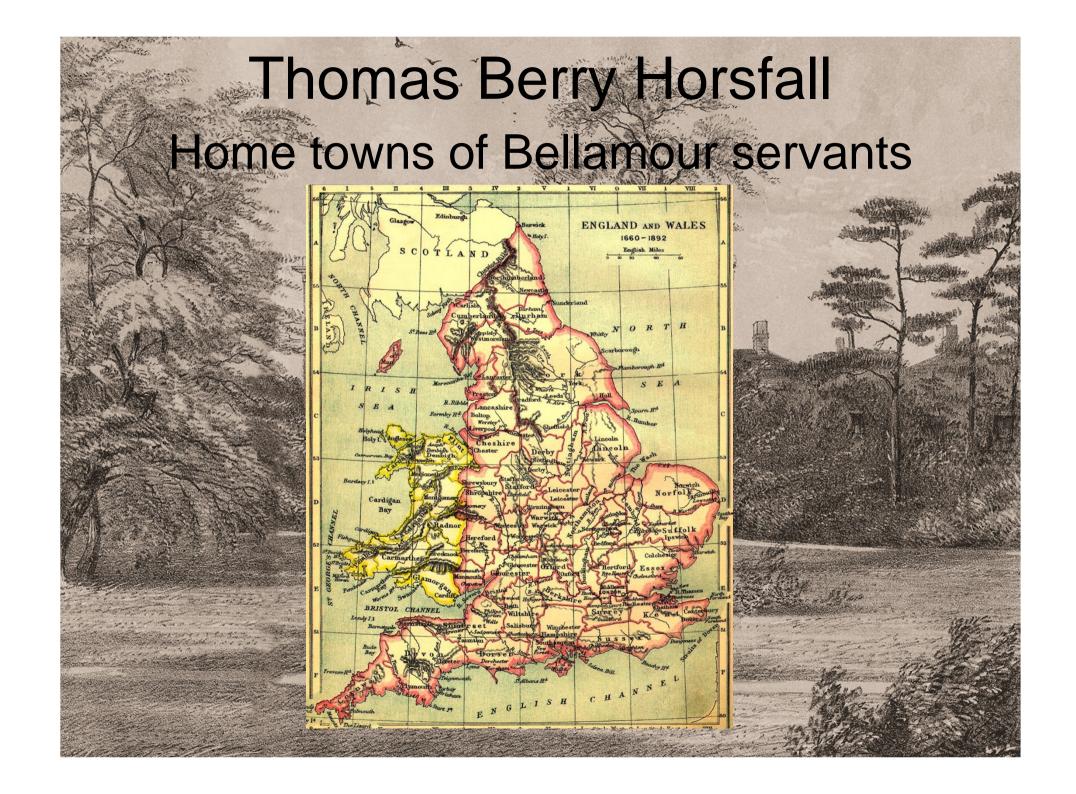
Either as a whole or in a number of convenient Lots as within described.

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