

First are extracts from a diary / journal kept by Jane Duckworth who was brought up in Rimington. Jane married Francis Saunders. The diary was kindly lent to me by her son, the late Bill Saunders of Gisburn.

Later are extracts from the 1809 accounts diary of Thomas Taylor of Gills in Rimington. He later moved to Twiston.

#### Jane's Diary.

*Mr. Luke Duckworth married to Alice Simpson Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1897*

*Mrs. Varley & A. Duckworth come to Rimington for the first time. July 27<sup>th</sup> /99 Miss Lizzie Duckworth went & took them a long walk to Sawley & Chatburn a proper ta ta. But we'll have it out with her when she comes to Coln.*

*Went to Liverpool on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1899 spent a most enjoyable time went to New Brighton on the Saturday & to Brunswick Chapel on the Sunday went to Anfield Cemetery on the Sunday afternoon came back on the Tuesday afternoon Left Liverpool @ ten minutes past four & landed at Rimington at twelve minutes past six.*

#### *Christmas 1899*

*All very quiet here nothing going on at all Mr. Cunliffe got his order to join the army a sad Christmas for them*

#### *Tuesday De 26<sup>th</sup>*

*A party was held at Stoops House at which the following ladies and gentlemen were there Miss Duckworth Miss Loynd & W. Loynd Mr. T. Briggs Miss Duckworth [another] Mr. R. Starkie Mr. J. Harrison Miss L & A Robinson Mr. W. Jackson & Miss Jackson Mr. R. Tomlinson*

#### *Monday New Years Day 1900*

*The Annual Teaparty & meeting was held at Stopper Lane. Mr. J. Armistead came to play. Mr. Bracewell Chairman Mr. Duerden Mr. Duxbury & Mr. Clegg Speakers Miss Duxbury sung. Recitations were said by the children a most enjoyable evening was spent. A very nice Supper was provide after the meeting of which a good many partook.*

*Mr. J. Cunliffe Signalmen Rimington went to join the Army on Dec 29 1899 he started from Rimington Station by the 7.39 train for Plymouth from there he will go to South Africa there was between fifty and sixty to see him off. They gave him a right hearty send off & he recited to them a piece of poetry & made a short speech. The young men of the village have got a subscription for his wife and children of about five shillings a week*

*Whit Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> 01*

*Thirteen of us from Stopper Lane Chapel went to Whitewell, on a picnic went from R'ton to Clitheroe by the 4 minutes to eight train & then Garlick drove us to White Well had a lunch there & had a walk round & looked inside the Church & sung. Then we drove forward to Dunsop Bridge Catholic Chapel & had a look inside there a beautiful place, a splendid monument outside we then drove forward to Newton, & then had a look round there & walked by the river Hodder to Slaidburn, had a look inside the Church, Chapel, & Reading Room, had our tea at Hark to Bounty & then had a walk round Slaidburn called at Mr. Hodgsons and sung for them also Mr Fletcher then we returned home by Waddington Fell all drank at Wallaper Well, came through Waddington back to Clitheroe caught the 20 minutes to ten train to Rimington We all spent a very enjoyable day*

*Started pulling the old public down April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901 laid the foundation stone for new one May 13<sup>th</sup> 01*

*Cunliffe returned from South Africa June 7<sup>th</sup> 1901 a good many went to the Station to meet him*

*Fred Parkinson died of Typhoid Fever Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1901 Aged 17 years was buried at Gisburn Church Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1901. [Farm servant at Lower Gills 1901 Census. Aged 16 in the burial register.]*

*Mrs Falshaw died at Waddington Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1901 buried at Gisburn on the 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*Newby Reading Room Concert was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 1901. Artistes Miss L. Whittam (Colne) Miss Hodgson (Colne) Miss Thwaite (Horton) Humerist Joe Driver (Trawden) A very enjoyable evening was spent*

*George Washington died the last hour of the day, the day of the week, the last week of the year, the last year of the century.*

*The South African War ended (Sunday) June 1<sup>st</sup> 01 A great number of people stirring on the Monday. Mill were stopped & people having a holiday all rejoicing at the good news. [Newby Mill was believed already closed by now so maybe this was the wind saw mill that was stopped.]*

*Herbert Hartley married Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1903*

*Commenced to take down Newby Mill May 4<sup>th</sup> 1903*

Extracts from the accounts diary belonging Thomas Taylor, Farmer, of Gills (Higher Gills) in Rimington, for the year 1809. Source History of Twiston, Chetham Society Library.

Jan 7 John Harrison sale. Corn made at Rimington Mill

Jan 8 Paid Henry Walker 7s returned by Mr Cottam for Property Tax

Jan 11 Recd of Thos Calverley by notes and cash £10.10.0 - it was lent cash

Jan 31 Borrowed from Thos Calverley by notes £5.4.0 - Feby 5<sup>th</sup> Balanced this acc.

Feb 5 Thos Calverley's P. Tax for Matchers Farm for ½ year paid May 4 1808 15s 0d

Re[c]d T.C's ½ yr rent for M. Fm £9.15.0

Feb 6 Mr Jno Shaw had a draft at two ..... to pay Mr Peart for Jno Harrison & Thos Calverley's Rent ½ yr £32.15.0

Feb 22 Recd of Thos Calverley by 2 notes £2.1.0s

Mar 13 Sent Thos Calverley in one Skipton Bank note £5.5.0; April 10 Re[c]d the same

Apr 11 Sould Thos Briggs one English Cow at £16.5.0; recd of Thos Briggs by a Bill for the same £16.5.0.

Apr 11 Sould Richd Bulcock a Gray Horse, £10.0.0., Rec for do £10.0.0.

May 3 Recd of Thos Calverley in part for Matchers Rent £7.0.0.

May 25 Thos Calverley has 28lbs of Bacon. Re'd of Thos Calverley towards his Bacon £1.1.0.

Jun 13 A[r]gued with Stephen Calverley for 40 Ewes at 3s 6d each and 10s 6d for Tup

Jun 17 Robert Whipp, Blackmos[s] had £2.1.0 towards buying a load of meal.

July 25 Sould Wm Waddington, Butcher, Blackburn, 2 Scotch Cows, at £12 each, to be delivered in ten days time.

July 30 Wm Walker, Slater, Downham, had a note in part for wages £1.1.0. -10 Oct Benj Walker had 2 notes £2.2.0

Aug 8 Sould Thos Preston 2 Scotch Cows at £11.5.6. each, £22.11.0. recd same time £22.10.0

Aug 14 Burnley Bruery Alle Caske delivered by Henry Walker

Aug 28 Lent to Thos Calverley in Bank of England note £5.0.0: Oct 11 Dr to Thos Calverley 5s on Ellis Ratcliffe's acct 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Ballanced

4Sep 8 Isaac Varley began to work at Lower Gills - he had been 2 days before

Sep 20 Sent James Hartley's wife of Barley by Richd Hartley £1.1.0. on old Nany Bulcock's account.

Oct 8 Tar sould in Oct 1809 - John Bulcock 4 galls 12/-, Henry Walker 2 galls 5lbs 7/10 ½ Ails Walker 5lbs 1/10

Oct 11 John Varley, Twiston had 2 Scotch Cows to keep at 8d per week: 15 Nov they came home, same time settled for their keep.

Oct 17 Paid Thos Calverley for a Geld Cow £10.5.0.

Nov 15 4 Beas ? Went to Jno Varley, Twiston: Dec 13 they came back

Thos Calverley had 2 of Mr Bell's Hiffers & I rec £11.11.0

Dec 21 Agreed with Jno Varley of Twiston to Fetch 100 yards of Slate from Richd Elliot to Matchers at 9d per yard

Dec 26 Agreed with Jno Varley to fetch the Howing work from Rich Elliot to Matchers at 3d per foot