

Memories of Malton and Some of Its Inhabitants in the 'Sixties and Onwards.

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SAVILLE STREET

Perhaps Saville Street is the most altered street in Malton, though it is not of the length of some of the other streets in the town. On the right hand side as you look towards the Market Place from Yorkersgate, the shop now occupied by Messrs. Blair and Sons, was then tenanted by Mr. Robert Nelson as a saddler's shop. The Temperance hotel next door had Mr. Kidd for a tenant, and the adjoining house and shop by Mr. Thomas Calvert, a tailor, who did a good business in ready-made clothing. On Mr. Calvert's removal to the premises at the bottom of the street, Mr. John Sedman took over the vacated premises, and part of the house was sub-let to Mr. John Estill, solicitor, as an office. Between this property and the Wesleyan Chapel lived a herbalist named Douthwaite, who also had public vapour baths. The two chapels – Wesleyan and Congregational – are the same as in 1860, though internally both have had structural alterations made. Adjoining the latter was the Public Dispensary. The opposite side of the street has been almost entirely rebuilt. Formerly the sites now occupied by the Farmer's Dairy Company, Smiths (dyers), Coverly and Yates, was the Angel Inn and its stables. To enter the inn by the front door you had to mount three or four steps, and the stables extended to the road leading to the back way to the Royal Oak. From this road access was given through an archway to the back of the Angel Inn, yard, and stables. Prior to 1860 the Angel Inn was tenanted by my maternal grandfather, Robert Groves, who also drove his "fly-boat" twice a week to Hull. My father and mother were married from this inn, and I have often heard my mother speak of the exciting times they had at the inn during the time the Malton and Scarborough Railway was under construction, for there was a lot of men employed in excavating, etc. Mr. "Dick" Barker followed my grandfather as landlord. At the other side of the road leading to the Royal Oak was a butcher's shop belonging to Mr. Tom Morrell, and later by Mr. William Blanchard. There were two or three small shops one of which was occupied by Mr. George Fields, who carried on a combination of toy shop and barber. Then there was a wall extending to the top of the street, which encircled some gardens belonging to Mr. Frank Langbourne.